

# THE BELLS OF SAINT MARY'S



MARCH 2017

## Mission Statement

**"Celebrating God's Love Found in The Word, People and Creation"**



## **168<sup>th</sup> Annual Diocesan Council**

The 168<sup>th</sup> Annual Diocesan Council was held in Galveston on February 9th-11<sup>th</sup>. Representing Saint Mary's were Karen Logue, Senior Warden, and Dani Mikel. Aside from the committee reports and financial report, the theme of the council was creating missional congregations that benefit the community. Many speakers, including Bishop Doyle, provided motivational and inspirational plenaries on the theme. As we move Saint Mary's in this missional direction, we will be receiving guidance and assistance from Canon Ryan and her staff.

REMEMBER  
THAT YOU ARE DUST  
AND TO DUST YOU  
SHALL RETURN  
GENESIS 3:19

## **Ash Wednesday**

Our Ash Wednesday service will be March 1<sup>st</sup> beginning at 6:00 pm. Father Preston Weatherly will be officiating at the Eucharistic Mass. Ash Wednesday is the beginning of the Lenten Season. Please plan on attending this special service marking this important Holy Day in the life of the Episcopal Church. If you need a ride to the service, please call the church (979-345-3456) or Karen Logue (979-417-4338)



# News from the Vestry

The vestry met Sunday, February 19<sup>th</sup>, after the Sunday service. Some of the topics discussed were the church directory, upcoming events that involve the community, and parish events. Lifetouch sent a mock copy of the directory which Karen proofed and returned to them with her corrections. The final directories should arrive in the next 4 to 6 weeks. We will be receiving 40+ copies which we will distribute once they arrive. On the topic of missional service, two events were discussed. One is a game night for all ages with light snacks. The first game night is scheduled for Wednesday, April 19<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 to 8:00. The other event is reaching out to our First Responders in West Columbia. Details on that are still being worked out. If you would like to help in the planning of these two events, please let a vestry member know. Your input is very important to their success. The upcoming parish activities discussed were a baby shower on March 19<sup>th</sup>, an appreciation hospitality hour on March 26<sup>th</sup>, and our parish brunch on Mother's Day, May 14<sup>th</sup>. Please mark your calendars. More details about the vestry meeting can be found in the minutes posted on the bulletin board.



## Donations for the Military

In our parish hall there is a container by the door for donations to the West of the Brazos Military Support Group. Rees Sweeny, a member of our congregation, is involved in this organization. This organization supports all military branches and sends packages throughout the year to our service personnel overseas. Please consider picking up a few extra items in your weekly shopping to donate to this worthy cause. You can leave the items in the container at church and Rees will pick them up. Let's make this an ongoing outreach program for our church. There is a list of items on the bulletin board above the container. Please take one. Cash donations are also accepted.

### A FEW SUGGESTED ITEMS

writing tablets, pens, disposable razors, hand lotion, small packages of Q-tips, wash cloths, Chap Stick with sun block, toilet paper, magazines, soap bars, crossword puzzles, white socks

Shrove Tuesday  
Pancake Dinner



## Shrove Tuesday

Our Annual Pancake Supper will be Shrove Tuesday, February 28<sup>th</sup>, at 5:00 and go until the food runs out. Just as last year, this event is one of the outreach programs sponsored by The Brotherhood and is open to the public without any charge.

### Message From Marvin Miller



#### SPACE SCOUTS

*(From the book "Our Daily Bread")*

Many of the first astronauts were first Boy Scouts. The Scouts are good at capturing the imagination of young boys and instilling discipline to reach their goals --- even if it meant reaching for the stars.

On July 20, 1969, the Boy Scouts were busy celebrating at a conference. During the gathering, the Scouts were delighted to hear from Eagle Scout Neil Armstrong, who sent them greetings from space. One of their own had grown up to realize a wonderful dream!

In some ways, the Christian home can be like a loving, spiritual Scout camp. The Bible encourages parents to provide a positive growth environment for children in the home. Parents are exhorted to "bring [children] up in the training and admonition of the Lord" (Ephesians 6:4). "To bring up" refers to nourishing children by providing resources for their physical, mental, and spiritual needs. "Training" includes concern about all aspects of a child's development. And "Admonition" speaks of providing direction by well-chosen words uniquely suited to each child.

Let's strive to make our homes a place where loving discipline enables the children in our charge to reach their full potential for God's glory.

*They are buds of hope and promise,  
Possessed by Him whose name is Love;  
Lent us here to train and nourish  
For a better life above. --- Crosby*



## **The History of Saint Mary's Stained Glass Windows (Part 4)**

This information is taken from **A Sermon In Glass** given during the dedication of the windows on Sunday, December 16, 1973.

### **The Nave Windows – East Side**

#### **Seventh Window – The Coming of Christ**

In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be lifted up and every mountain and hill be made low. Isaiah 40: 3-4

In the Prophecy window the circle represents the Lord and the blue path or highway of His coming. On one side the mountains and hills remain while on the other side they have been made level and plain.

#### **Eighth Window – The Birth of Christ**

Behold a virgin shall conceive and bear a son and his name shall be called Emmanuel. . . Matthew 1:23

The theme of this window is the Nativity, showing the manger, the Star of Bethlehem, and the crook of the shepherds who came to pay homage to the child.

#### **Ninth Window – The Death of Christ**

And when they came to the place which was called the Skull, there they crucified Him . . . Luke 23:33

This window represents the poignant scene of the crucifixion of Christ. The Cross of Calvary is encircled by a crown of thorns.



## Thank You Volunteers

There are many parishioners who have volunteered their time and talent to Saint Mary's, especially during Father Peter's absence. The vestry would like to thank them with a special hospitality hour following the 9:00 service on March 26<sup>th</sup>. Because of the following parishioners' tireless efforts, our church has continued to thrive. Some parishioners are unknown angels, so if your name is left off, please know your contribution and dedication to Saint Mary's has not gone unnoticed. (Members of the vestry are not listed since this is our thanks to you.)

*Andrea Anderson - reader, hospitality, decorations/setup for special parish meals*

*Theata Miller - altar guild, hospitality*

*Debbie Burns - altar guild director, reader, vice president of DOK*

*Charlotte Blount - altar guild, chalice, hospitality*

*A J Mikel - Brotherhood treasurer, helps the altar guild, hospitality*

*Haley Cantrell - acolyte, children's reader, special programs*

*Aaron Mikel - acolyte, chalice, helps the altar guild, special programs*

*Rees Sweeny - offertory*

*Kirby Rapstein - offertory, parishioner counter, vice president for Brotherhood*

*Reesie Cantrell - acolyte, children's reader, special programs*

*Ally Lane - acolyte, helps the altar guild, special programs*

*Brayze Schill - acolyte, children's reader, special programs*

*Piper Roddy - children's reader, special programs*

*Ed Logue - hospitality, cooks for special parish meals, helps the Jr. Warden*

*Donna Roddy - hospitality, decorations/setup for special parish meals*

*Maddie Lane - acolyte, chalice, special programs, helps with the altar guild*

## Thank You Volunteers (Continued)

*George and Doris Grosvenor - pancake supper coordinators*

*Braylee Schill - acolyte, children's reader, special programs*

*Doc Burns - made the Godly Play materials used during the Children's Lesson*

*David Mikel - chalice*

*Jennifer Schill - chalice, Discovery Program liaison*

*Shyanne Roddy - reader, assistant director for the children's lessons*

*Holly and Tommy Cantrell - hospitality*

*Tracy Lane - community assistance, president of the DOK, altar guild, reader*

*Mike Blount - altar guild*

*Abigail Roddy - special children's programs*

*Carol Jones - orders the notebooks for the Discovery Program at a discount*

*Brian Lane - head of our next quarterly parish brunch*

*Trace Roddy - special children's programs*

*Jennifer and Adam Schill - hospitality*

*Lou Crutcher - sets up for special parish meals*

*Shyanne and Wade Roddy - hospitality*

*Luke Davidson - special children's programs*

*Ashlie Weisinger - special children's programs*

*Hunter Weisinger - acolyte*

*Mary Stewart - hospitality*

*Bill Hosford - spiritual love*



## GRANDMOTHER SHOWER AND BABY SHOWER

All the ladies of St. Mary's are invited to a Baby Shower honoring Shyanne Roddy. We will also be having a Grandmother Shower for Andrea Anderson. A Grandmother Shower is given to first time grandmothers so they can have the things they need to keep at their house for the new grandchild. We will be honoring these two ladies on Sunday, March 19<sup>th</sup>, at 2:00 in the parish hall. Please make plans to attend and help celebrate these special events in their lives.



### Community Assistance

During the month of February, the community assistance committee provided aid to two individuals recommended by members of our congregation. One person needed help with the rent and the other needed help with the water bill. If you know of anyone in need, please contact Karen or Tracy.



### Camp Allen Event

There are many events that take place at Camp Allen. When the church office receives information about an event, it will be posted on the bulletin board. If you are interested in something posted, let Dani know and she will get you more information. Upcoming events in March are Abundant Living (6-8) and Family Camp Out (10 – 11)

Also if your child is planning on attending Camp Allen this summer, please let Dani know when you register. Saint Mary's pays the remaining balance after you pay the deposit for all our children/teens who attend Camp Allen's summer program.

Father, help me to see this holy season of Lent as a time of spiritual renewal, rather than a time of deprivation. Motivate me to reach a new level of experiencing your grace.

**Ben Anderson was baptized by Father Jim Morgan at Saint Mary's Episcopal Church on February 19<sup>th</sup>.**

**Ed and Karen Logue attended Cusillo at Camp Allen on February 23 – 26.**

**George and Doris Grosvenor were Karen's and Ed's Cusillo sponsors.**

**Piper Roddy received a second place and a silver medal at the Brazoria County Science Fair for her science project on the impact of music on the growth of bacteria.**

**At the National Cheer Championship, both her junior team and senior team placed first.**

**Aaron Mikel received his Eagle rank at the Court of Honor Ceremony in Sweeny.**

**Abigail Roddy's cheer team received a trophy for their performance at the National Cheer Championship.**



## January Financial Report

### Income

Offertory income - \$2340.00

Disability Insurance Income - \$4428.66

Total Income with interest - \$2342.23

### Disbursements

Total expenses - \$20,504.87



## **Notes From The Brotherhood**

The Brotherhood of St. Andrew is a men's organization at Saint Mary's that meets every other Sunday morning at 7:30. Their meetings include a breakfast, Bible study, and fellowship. It is very well attended by not only parishioners from St. Mary's but other churches as well. Last month they made a \$200 donation to The Senior Citizen Center. Their next meeting is March 12<sup>th</sup>.

## ***DATES TO REMEMBER***

February 28 – Pancake Supper (5:00)  
March 1 – Ash Wednesday service (6:00 pm)  
March 5 - EYC (5:00)  
March 5 – Confirmation Class  
March 7 – DOK (9:30 am)  
March 12 – Brotherhood (7:30 am)  
March 12 – Confirmation Class  
March 12 - EYC (5:00)  
March 19 – Confirmation Class  
March 19 – grandmother/baby shower (2:00)  
March 19 – EYC (5:00)  
March 19 – Vestry Meeting  
March 26 – Brotherhood (7:30 am)  
March 26 – Volunteer Appreciation  
March 26 – Confirmation Class  
March 26 – EYC (5:00)

## ***MARCH BIRTHDAYS***

Marglet Arana – Mar. 6  
Ed Logue – Mar. 9  
Doris Grosvenor – Mar. 20  
Tommy Cantrell – Mar. 22  
Theata Miller – Mar. 24  
Braylee Schill – Mar. 28  
Maddie Lane – Mar. 30  
RM Blount – Mar. 31



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## ***FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES***