

THE BELLS OF SAINT MARY'S



NOVEMBER 2016

Mission Statement

“Celebrating God’s Love Found in The Word, People and Creation”



Photo Directory for Saint Mary's Episcopal Church

The vestry has approved the publication of a new photo church directory. **Lifetouch** photographers will be in the church parish hall on Monday, November 28th from 2:00 to 8:50 with sessions scheduled 10 to 20 minutes apart. The photo session is free and each participating family will receive a complimentary 8x10 portrait and a free directory. For this to be successful, each parishioner will need to participate. You are under no obligation to purchase additional prints although that option will be available. From check in to viewing the final prints will take approximately one hour if you are ordering additional prints. You can also include a pet in the portrait. Extended families can also schedule a separate session time and receive a free 8x10 of the family. There are certain requirements for the scheduling of extended families so check with Dani. Karen and Dani will be calling to schedule your session and answer any questions beginning this week, but you can also go on line and schedule your session at the following website.

<https://www.securedata-trans14.com/ap/stmarysepiscopalchurch3/index.php?page=10>



Bishop's Visit

Bishop Andrew Doyle visited Saint Mary's on Sunday, October 30th for an evening service. At this service, Piper Roddy was baptized, Aaron Mikel, Adam Schill, and Piper were confirmed, and AJ Mikel and Shyanne Roddy were received into the Episcopal Church. We welcome them into our church family. Thank you to all who attended, brought food, and shared your love, prayers, and support for our newest members.



Update on Peter

Peter has completed his radiation treatments and is now working on regaining his strength, coordination, voice, and vision. He went to the eye doctor and the tests show dramatic improvement in one eye. It is almost normal. He is still having difficulty with his peripheral vision, but it should improve. Both Peter and Susan are in physical therapy at the Kitty Nash Groce Memorial Rehabilitation Center. An MRI is to be done after Thanksgiving to find out the success of the radiation treatment.

Honoring Our Military



For Veteran's Day (November 11th), we would like to honor those listed on the military prayer list by sending them a gift card and notes from the congregation. A basket will be set out at the entrance to the church for donations on Sunday, November 6. If you have written any note cards to the servicemen please place them in the basket by November 6th. We presently have 9 servicemen. If you know a military person you would like included in the prayers please let Dani Mikel know.



The History of Saint Mary's Stained Glass Windows (Part 1)

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

St. Mary's Church today dedicates a truly outstanding work of art in the form of seventeen new windows in the nave and chancel areas of the church.

These windows, called faceted stained glass, are made of one-inch thick pieces of glass set in an epoxy matrix, a style which makes them extremely durable. The jewel-like colors of these windows give the church a beautiful setting in which to worship---to hear God's Word, to celebrate His sacraments, and to offer his praises.

The Nave windows depict a theme of the history of salvation starting with God's activity in the creation of the universe through to the consummation at the end of time. Each window is a perfect vignette of an important episode in this history. The windows on the west or Epistle side of the church deal with God's activity in regards to the Hebrew people, the historical drama set forth in the Old Testament. Windows on the east or Gospel side reach back through the Christian ages that focus especially on the coming of Jesus, centered in His life, death, and resurrection, and the church today.



Community Assistance

During the month of October, the community assistance committee provided aid to two individuals. We paid the past due electric bill for one and provided a gift card for the other to offset expenses due to her dialysis treatments. There is a thank you letter on the bulletin board in the parish hall. For privacy reasons the name of the individual has been removed. If you know of anyone in need, please contact Karen or Tracy.

Theata Miller's handmade quilt raised over \$1000 in the auction benefitting the Sweeny Police Department.

Ricky Wallace has been promoted to Staff Sergeant.

Abigail Roddy was named Student of the Month at West Columbia Elementary for the month of September.

Haley Cantrell competed in twirling in the Brazoria County Fair and received first place in one baton, two baton, presentation, and show twirl. She is also on the Principal's Honor Roll at West Columbia Elementary.

Aaron Mikel is on the Superintendent's Honor Roll at Sweeny High School.

Reesie Cantrell received the Honor Roll and Perfect Attendance awards at West Columbia Elementary.

Maddie Lane was inducted into the National Honor Society at Columbia High School.

Braylee Schill made the A/B Honor Roll at West Columbia Elementary.

Brayze is the Reserve World Champ Mini Saddle Bronc Rider and made the A Honor Roll at West Columbia Elementary.

Piper Roddy made the A/B Honor Roll at West Columbia Elementary.



Survey Results

On Sunday, October 9th, a survey was distributed to the parishioners in attendance. Nineteen surveys were returned. Based on the results, we will not have a service Christmas Day. The vestry will be arranging transportation to anyone who wants to attend the Christmas Eve service but does not drive at night. Tentatively, the Christmas Eve service is scheduled for 7:30 pm. We will have the exact time and more information on the service in the December edition of The Bells of St. Mary's.

DATES TO REMEMBER

- November 1 – DOK (9:30)
- November 5 – turn your clocks back before you go to bed
- November 6 – Brotherhood (7:30 am)
- November 6 – Morning Prayer
- November 6 - EYC meets at Holy Comforter (5:00)
- November 13 - EYC meets at Holy Comforter (5:00)
- November 20 – Brotherhood (7:30)
- November 20 – Vestry meets
- November 20 - EYC meets at Holy Comforter (5:00)
- November 27 - EYC meets at Holy Comforter (5:00)

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- Andrea Anderson – Oct. 31
- Bill Hosford – Oct. 31
- Charlotte Blount – Nov. 1
- Robert Mikel – Nov. 6
- Haley Cantrell – Nov. 6
- Brandi Weisinger – Nov. 7
- Brayze Schill – Nov. 15
- Jimmy Tillman – Nov. 17
- David Mikel – Nov. 18
- Jerry Davidson – Nov. 20
- Hunter Weisinger – Nov. 22



Rector	Peter Conaty
Sr. Warden	Karen Logue
Jr. Warden	Dan Roddy
Clerk	Marvin Miller
Treasurer	Dani Mikel
Organist	Kathy Molnar

NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

- Heather and David Mikel – Nov. 7
- Buck and Ingrid Traylor – Nov. 8