

# THE BELLS OF SAINT MARY'S



OCTOBER 2016

## Mission Statement

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



## Bishop’s Visit

Bishop Andrew Doyle will be visiting Saint Mary’s on Sunday, October 30th for an evening service. The service will begin at 5 pm. At this service, Piper Roddy will be baptized, Aaron Mikel, Adam Schill, and Piper will be confirmed, and AJ Mikel will be received into the Episcopal Church. Keep these parishioners in your prayers and make plans to attend this special service as we show them the love and support of our church family.



The parish meal will be a dinner following the service on October 30<sup>th</sup> to honor the newly confirmed and baptized and to welcome Bishop Doyle. The barbecue brisket and sausage is being donated as well as the cake. Additional sides and salads are needed. A signup sheet will be at the front of the church. As always, you do not need to bring anything to partake of the meal. Your presence is all that is needed as we celebrate this special day.



## Update on Peter

Peter has almost completed his radiation treatments. He is extremely fatigued and weak. He has postponed the speech therapy until after the treatments and he has regained some of his strength and stamina. Once the treatments are completed, an MRI will be done 3 to 4 weeks later to see if the radiation was successful.

Susan sent the following message: "If you could please announce for us the gratefulness that we feel and how thankful and appreciative we are for all the congregation is doing for us and for all everyone is doing at St. Mary's and for the love offering that everyone and every organization contributed to."

## 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, October 2 and Sunday, November 6. Also available during the month of October, will be notecards that you can take to write a message to them. Please return all notecards by November 6<sup>th</sup>. We presently have 9 servicemen. If you know a military person you would like included in the prayers please let Dani Mikel know.



## BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

We will be having the Blessing of the Animals on Sunday, October 9<sup>th</sup>, during our regular service. Since we cannot have animals in the church, if you would like to have a blessing for your animal(s), please bring a picture of your pet(s). Father Morgan will bless the animals along with a special gift for each animal. Help us to continue this very special tradition at St. Mary's.



## **The History of Saint Mary's (Part 2)**

“The church property was purchased and services were then held in a small frame house on the property. This small unairconditioned building was not adequate for the group’s needs. Soon, with the initial financial assistance of Kitty Nash Groce and then the hard work and financial support of the members, the church Sanctuary was built in 1953. Shortly thereafter the Parish Hall and Classroom facilities were erected. The congregation worked enthusiastically and soon the facilities were furnished. Several significant renovations to the facilities have been done since those early days. These included revisions to the altar and the woodwork wall behind the altar, addition of the stained glass windows, and the completion of the Chapel and waiting room near the Sanctuary entrance.

A Senior seminary student, John Donovan, traveled to West Columbia each weekend to conduct those first services. He was followed by Fr. Phil Leech, Fr. Ed Sterling, Fr. Charles Norfleet, Fr. Charles Roberts, Fr. Jim Morgan and Fr. Larry Walters. “ Our current priest is Fr. Peter Conaty.

(parish brochure 1998)



## **The Brotherhood of St. Andrew**

A worldwide ministry to men and boys in the Episcopal-Anglican Communion

### **St. Mary's Chapter of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew**

The Brotherhood of St. Andrew is a men’s group dedicated to sharing fellowship and studying scripture. We meet for a home cooked breakfast at 7:30 AM every other Sunday before church service. All men are most welcome.

For more information contact Marvin Miller via email at: [mgminspections@earthlink.net](mailto:mgminspections@earthlink.net)



## Community Assistance

During the month of September, the community assistance committee provided a gift card to one of the flood victims and made a donation to the Central EMS. If you know of anyone in need, please contact Karen or Tracy.

## People's Choir

The young people of St. Mary's will be singing a special song for Bishop Doyle's visit. There will be a practice after church on October 2, 9, 16, and 23. You do not need to attend all the practices to participate. A video, CD, and song sheet have been given to you to help you if you miss a practice. If you have any questions, check with Ms. Dani.



**Brayze placed in the top 5 in dummy roping in Wharton.**

**Maddie has maintained all A's this school year while being active on the Varsity Cheerleading Squad.**

**Abigail has started pre-kindergarten.**

**Ally has maintained all A's this school year while being active on the Jr. Varsity Cheerleading Squad.**

## Survey

On Sunday, October 9<sup>th</sup>, the vestry will be handing out a survey with the following questions. If you will not be at church that day, you can still voice your opinion by leaving a message at the church office or contacting a vestry member.

1. Christmas falls on Sunday this year. We will observe the traditional Christmas Eve mass at 8pm. Would you attend a service at 9am Christmas morning?
2. A company has offered to make a church directory including members photographs at no charge to the church if we have a minimum of 20 sittings. Each family would get a free 8X10 with the option to purchase additional prints. Should we do this?
3. We may not have 20 families in our congregation. We can have friends and other family members take advantage of this offer, and they would not have to be in the directory. Do you know of others you could ask?

## *DATES TO REMEMBER*

- October 2 – EYC meets at Holy Comforter (5:00)
- October 2, 9, 16, 23 – young people's choir practice
- October 4 – DOK (9:30)
- October 9 – Brotherhood (7:30 am)
- October 9 – Blessing of Animals
- October 9 – Confirmation Class
- October 9 - EYC meets at Holy Comforter (5:00)
- October 16 – Confirmation Class
- October 16 - EYC meets at Holy Comforter (5:00)
- October 23 – Brotherhood (7:30)
- October 23 – Vestry meets
- October 23 - EYC meets at Holy Comforter (5:00)
- October 30 – Bishop Doyle (5:00 pm)  
No morning service

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

## *OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS*

- Justin Hussey – Oct. 1
- Colleen Matocha – Oct. 9
- Rachel Davidson – Oct. 9
- Wade Roddy – Oct. 10
- Aaron Mikel – Oct. 13
- Bill Hosford – Oct. 31



## *OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES*