

# THE BELLS OF SAINT MARY'S



SEPTEMBER 2016

## Mission Statement

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



The Parish Potluck Brunch was a great success. Thank you to all who brought food and especially thank you to all who attended. We had a wonderful turnout and even Peter and Susan were able to attend. The food was delicious and the fellowship even better. Our next Parish Brunch will be in November.



## Thank You

The school supply drive was very successful thanks to all who donated items. Karen and Dani were able to deliver two huge boxes of supplies to West Columbia Elementary. In addition, the church through Community Assistance donated 50 backpacks and 10 lice kits. Mrs. Humbird, the principal, was very appreciative. Kindergarten classes were also gifted with puzzles made by Doc Burns.



## Update on Peter

Peter and Susan found out last week that a tumor is in the same spot as the last one. The oncologist and neurologist have decided radiation would be the best treatment. Peter has been fitted for a mask that will mark where the radiation will be directed. He will receive 5 weeks of therapy, 5 days a week, in Houston since Methodist has the machine designed for brain radiation. They may need help with transportation. If you would be able to help with driving, please call the church office (345-3456) and leave a message.

## Honoring Our Military



For Veteran's Day, we would like to honor those listed on the military prayer list by sending them a gift card. A basket will be set out the first Sunday of each month (June – November) at the entrance to the church for donations. We also need the addresses and updated information on the following **JOHN BROCKWAY, SHANE CASE, JUSTIN HUSSEY, KYLE LEDLIE, JASON LEWALLEN, ALEX MOLNAR, & RICKY WALLACE**. If you know this information or have a military person you would like included in the prayers please let Dani Mikel know.



## The History of Saint Mary's (Part I)

St. Mary's church began in 1951 when a handful of West Columbia Episcopalians who attended church at St. John's in Brazoria decided there was a need for an Episcopal church in West Columbia. After several early meetings in their homes, a petition was prepared and submitted to the Diocese to form St. Mary's Mission. The petition was approved by Bishop Quinn and the group began meeting on Wednesday nights in a local school auditorium while continuing to attend church on Sundays in Brazoria. Those early Wednesday night meetings were normally covered dish suppers followed by a speaker often supplied from the Brotherhood of St. Andrews of St. Marks in Houston. (parish brochure 1998)



## Bishop's Visit

Bishop Andrew Doyle will be visiting Saint Mary's on Sunday, October 30th for an evening service. The time has not been set but should be no later than 6 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.



## Community Assistance

During the month of August, the community assistance committee helped pay the rent for a needy family. They also purchased 50 backpacks and 10 lice kits for West Columbia Elementary. If you know of anyone in need, please contact Karen or Tracy.

**Brayne won the Mini Bareback Riding in Tucumcari, New Mexico. He qualified for the Mini Bareback Riding World Championship in Las Vegas and the Mini Saddle Bronc World Finals in Wyoming.**



**Maddie is a varsity cheerleader for the Columbia Roughnecks.**

**Aaron is on the Sweeny Bulldog Varsity Football Team.**

**Piper is a Junior Naturalist.**

**Ally is a junior varsity cheerleader for the Columbia Roughnecks.**

## **DATES TO REMEMBER**

September 4 – EYC meets at Holy Comforter (5:00)

September 6 – DOK (9:30 am)

September 11 – Brotherhood (7:30)

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September 18 - EYC meets at Holy Comforter (5:00)

September 25 – Brotherhood (7:30)

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## **SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS**

Jason Davidson – Sept. 6

Livingston Arana – Sept. 12

Rees Sweeny – Sept. 26

Marvin Miller – Sept. 28

Piper Roddy – Sept. 29



**Rector**

**Peter Conaty**

**Sr. Warden**

**Karen Logue**

**Jr. Warden**

**Dan Roddy**

**Clerk**

**Marvin Miller**

**Treasurer**

**Dani Mikel**

**Organist**

**Kathy Molnar**

## **SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES**

Karen & Ed Logue – Sept. 13

Roy & Brandi Weisinger – Sept. 28