

# Announcements at St. Mary the Virgin

WELCOME VISITORS and GUESTS

December 16, 2018

We are delighted that you chose to worship with us.  
We hope to be in an ongoing and holy relationship with you in the days and years to come.  
Let us know how we may be of service to you.  
May God bless you and all whom you love.

Please fill out a **welcome card** and put it in the offering plate, or give it to one of the ushers or clergy. We are happy to add you to our email list so you can keep up with the programs, activities, and news of St. Mary's.

**Restrooms** are located at the end of the breezeway next to Fowler Hall.

**St. Mary's Nursery** is located off the same breezeway.

## THE WAY OF LOVE

Explore Love. Experience Love. Share Love.

### STEWARDSHIP 2019

In all that we do, and everything we are, St. Mary's seeks to immerse ourselves in the love of Jesus Christ and to be his agents of grace in the world. And this is only possible through your incredible presence and generous support. Thank you! We hope you will continue to be active agents of God's grace at St. Mary's through a financial pledge in 2019. Pledge cards can be found in the church or you may pledge online at [www.smvsf.org/2019-pledge](http://www.smvsf.org/2019-pledge). If you have **questions about pledging**, please **contact Rev. David Erickson** at [david@smvsf.org](mailto:david@smvsf.org).

## 2019 PLEDGE RETURNS

**\$672,182**

**As of December 12, 2018**

**# of Pledges: 159**

**Pledge Goal: \$850,000**

## FESTIVAL OF ADVENT

### LESSONS AND CAROLS,

A much-loved service at St. Mary's, *A Festival of Advent Lessons and Carols*, is today at **9:00** and at **11:00 a.m.** services. Lessons and Carols is a service of magnificent song and moving readings from the Holy Scripture offering time for reflection, meditation, and peace. The emphasis of our Lessons and Carols is on hope, anticipation, expectation, and renewal of the self in preparation for the coming of the Messiah.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL

There are no Sunday School classes today and not, in fact, until January 6 when we usher in the season of Epiphany with a visit from the Three Kings.

Meanwhile, remember to keep adding 'gifts' to your family's Reverse Advent Calendar Box. Does it have 15 gifts so far, one for each day of the Advent season?

The boxes can be returned to the tree inside the Parish Hall any time after Christmas.

**GIVING TREE:** The Giving Tree laden with 'ornaments' is up in the lobby of the Parish Hall and awaits your visit. Each ornament

represents an opportunity to give a Christmas gift to a resident of Canon Barcus House or another supportive housing project run by Episcopal Community Services. Please limit your gift giving generosity to \$50 at the most and return wrapped gifts no later than Wednesday December 19 with the ornament firmly attached. Mid-week deliveries can be made to the volunteer office.

At holiday events in the week before Christmas our gifts are distributed by volunteer elves to the grateful residents of the housing units. It's very important that all gifts, wrapped and labeled, be returned to St. Mary's for pick-up by December 19.

#### **YOUTH GROUP**

**TODAY:** Our **last** Youth Group of 2018 will be the much-anticipated **Christmadvent White Elephant Gift Exchange** in the Great Room from **5:30-7:30 p.m.** Bring a wrapped gift to open and to steal; gifts should be under \$20, and gifting is always encouraged. Dinner and holiday treats will be provided, and friends are always welcome.

**YOUTH MISSION TRIP 2019** Registration is now **OPEN:** Our trip to New Orleans is set: **June 18-26**, and registration is now open. Follow the link (in the Highlights email and on the Parish website) to sign up and make your deposit. Fuller information about the trip is on the parish website, and you can contact Mike Stafford with questions. All parish donations are welcome!

#### **OPEN CATHEDRAL**

St. Mary's will be preparing 100 lunch bags following the **11:00 a.m.** Lessons and Carols

service **today.** I invite you to lend your hands in assembling these lunch bags upstairs in the copy room at **12:00 noon.** Delicious breakfast treats for you will be available – so join in. Thank you for helping to feed those who would otherwise feel their hunger into the night. Contact **Deacon Nancy Bryan** at **(415) 608-8777** for questions.

#### **THE WAY OF LOVE: LEARN PRACTICES FOR A JESUS-CENTERED LIFE 10:20-10:50 AM, GREAT ROOM**

**TODAY,** we will focus on **LEARN,** the second practice of Bishop Curry's The Way of Love: Practices for Jesus-Centered Life Adult Education sessions. We will explore tools and resources that can help us reflect on Scripture each day, especially on Jesus' way of life and teachings to better see how the Holy One moves in history and in our daily lives. The Nursery will be open to children of all ages during this time.

#### **VIGIL FOR ANNUAL INTERFAITH HOMELESS PERSONS MEMORIAL**

Please come to the Vigil for the Annual Interfaith Homeless Persons Memorial on Friday, **December 21, 2018** at **5:30 p.m.** at the **UN Plaza** (Hyde St. between McAllister and Fulton) in San Francisco. At the Vigil we will remember and honor all of the homeless individuals who have perished here in SF during the past year. It has always been a very moving and well-attended memorial service. Please come and bring a battery-operated candle! If you have any questions, please contact Deacon Tim Smith at **tim@smvsf.org."**

**JOIN THE CHRISTMAS PAGEANT!**

**Monday, December 24, 2018**

**Rehearsal at 12:30 p.m.**

**Petting Zoo from 2:00 p.m.-3 p.m.**

**Pageant at 3:00p.m**

All adults and kids are invited to participate in St. Mary's annual Christmas Eve Pageant, complete with a parade of animals and a multi-generational cast.

Rehearsal for speaking roles starts at 12:30 on Christmas Eve, and if your plans for the day are uncertain, there is an opportunity for children to be part of a flash mob of costumed angels and shepherds who will be joining the cast right before the pageant begins (come to the Great Room at 2:30 p.m. that day for costuming and for simple instructions).

Speaking and non-speaking roles are still available; we are also seeking volunteers to help with costuming, set-up and clean-up so we can put the church back together quickly for the 5:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Eucharist service.

If you would like to be in the cast or volunteer, please email both the **Rev. Marguerite Judson** ([marguerite@smvsf.org](mailto:marguerite@smvsf.org)) and **Mike Stafford** ([mike@smvsf.org](mailto:mike@smvsf.org)) by the end of the day on **Sunday, December 16.**

**ONLINE GIVING THROUGH BENEVITY**

Have you heard of Benevity, the online giving and volunteering platform? Does your employer use Benevity? Many Bay Area employers are turning to Benevity to facilitate and grow their corporate giving programs, and many local companies use Benevity to administer their charitable gift matching programs. Check and see if your

employer matches charitable donations made through the platform. The impact of your gift to St. Mary's may be doubled or possibly tripled!

<https://www.benevity.com/>

**VESTRY NOMINATED SLATE**

The parish by-laws require that the vestry is to nominate a slate of four people for the class of 2022. By January, this new class, if elected, will start on the St. Mary's vestry and the four members from the class of 2019 will retire. The vestry nominated slate for 2022, by acclamation, includes the following people:

- Cynthia Harper - attends the 9:00 a.m. service
- Sheila Santangelo - attends the 8:00 a.m. service
- Will Long - attends the 11:00 a.m. service
- Arthur Perkins - attends (mostly) the 9:00 a.m. service

**SELF NOMINATIONS:** The Vestry's procedure is to offer the opportunity for you to self-nominate until January 2. The form can be found at St Mary's website: [www.smvsf.org](http://www.smvsf.org). If no further nominations are put forward, the slate will be inducted as nominated above.

**EXPAND YOUR  
WEEKDAY OFFERINGS TO GOD:  
CENTERING PRAYER ON TUESDAYS  
AND MIDWEEK EUCHARIST  
EVERY WEDNESDAY**

Consider enriching your spiritual life by including one or both of two weekly offerings at St. Marys:

- Join us on **Tuesday mornings** from **10:15 to 11:15 a.m.** in the Chapel for Centering Prayer, a time to rest in God while silently being one in community.
- Join us **Wednesdays at 12:10 p.m.** for a midweek Eucharist. We are encouraging those who attend to bring lunch from home or the deli and gather together after the service for lunch in the office room.

### **POCKET PRAYER CARDS**

We gather at St. Mary's Church on Sundays and for special events as we pray, sing, share Communion and fellowship together. As we leave St. Mary's, we begin a new week of work, play and all the parts of our busy lives. We need to remember, though, that God is with us, not just on Sundays, but every day and night, always. And to remind us of God's love and presence with us, we will have available "Pocket Prayers" to carry with you in your pocket, post somewhere at home or to share with a friend or stranger. They will be available on the Narthex table, and at the Newcomer's table following the Sunday services.

Any questions or suggestions, contact **Deacon Nancy Bryan** at **nhbsf@me.com**

### **FOOD AND TOILETRY DONATIONS**

**I want to offer my HUGE THANKS to all of you who have generously filled our Donations Basket located in the Narthex.** Each week, the items are checked and then delivered to a variety of agencies that are so thankful for the generosity of St. Mary's parishioners. The recent donations of cereals, canned goods and toiletries were delivered to Nina Pickerell, Deacon at Grace Cathedral, for the families she serves in the Bayview Hunter's Point district. Other deliveries have supported St. Paulus Lutheran Church on Polk St., Canon Barcus Family Residence, Delancey Street Residents and Edward II. Keep that basket filled!

*Thank you, Deacon Nancy Bryan*

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**LAY WORSHIP MINISTRY**

**Altar Guild:** *Gloria Galindo, Jerry Lehman, Lee Walsh, Wendy Moseley, Daphne Ball*

**Eucharistic Visitors:** *David Gibson, Steve White*

**Flowers:** *Steven Currier*

**8:00 a.m. service**

**Adult Acolyte:** *Georgene Keeler*

**Usher:** *Sheila Santangelo*

**9:00 a.m. service**

**Ushers:** *Jerry George, Rick Darwin, Wells Blaxter, Ryan Darwin*

**11:00 a.m. service**

**Ushers:** *Tom Austin, Ron Clark*

*\*Printed lay schedule is as of deadline time - Tuesday at noon.*

Scripture Readings for Next Sunday

**Fourth Sunday of Advent**

*Micah 5:2-5a; Canticle 15; Hebrews 10:5-10; Luke 1:39-45*

## We Pray For...

### *PARISHIONERS, RELATIVES and FRIENDS*

The Family of Pres. George H. W. Bush  
The Rev. Tim Smith  
Fred Okimoto  
Pat Martin Okimoto  
James Truher

### *CONTINUING PRAYERS*

*Each name listed under "Continuing Prayers" is included in individual prayers at the 12:10 p.m. Wednesday service.*

Mason Brown  
Bob Mittelstadt  
Matt Sowick  
Becca George  
Mary Vencill  
David Jeffrey  
Louise Burmaster  
Peresha & Priscilla Harris  
André Diedrichs  
Clare Herman  
Judy Carmichael  
Janet Faircloth  
Janice Aber  
Gerda Levy  
Mike Medlock  
Elaine Sims  
Mary Francis  
Ted Budach  
Andrea Reid  
Max Cabahug III  
Michael Flannigan  
Joanna Powell  
Nancy Cilley  
Keticia Danish  
Fred Martin  
Tayra Caine  
Charles G. Hall III  
The Rev. Corrie Lassen

Kristen Raymond  
Hattie and John Parkinson  
Bob LaFrenier  
Laurie Martin  
The Community at the Heritage  
The Community of St. Francis  
The Presidio Gate residents  
The CASA foster children  
San Francisco Night Ministry

### **RECENTLY DECEASED**

George Allen Roupe  
Sherry  
President George H.W. Bush  
Alla Zelenko  
Gloria Hocking  
Leonard Baxter  
Parker Hornbeck

### **GLOBAL CONCERNS**

For those who suffer from intolerable burdens of illness, hunger, poverty and depression during the holiday season.

### **THANKSGIVING**

For the volunteers and benefactors to this year's Tidings of Comfort and Joy.

### ***TO SUBMIT PRAYER REQUESTS***

Names may be submitted to our prayer request email at [office@smvsf.org](mailto:office@smvsf.org) or by filling out a **YELLOW** prayer card and placing it in the offering plate. Names will remain on the prayer list for **two weeks** and may be re-submitted.

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*Church Office Hours:*

Monday through Thursday  
9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

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**Ron Clark, Junior Warden**

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There is always a clergy person on call.

To reach him or her at off hours, call the office at **415.933.9050**.