

# WELCOME TO ST. MARY'S

ST. MARY'S ANGLICAN CHURCH, FAITHFULLY ANGLICAN SINCE 2012

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**Matthew 25:** <sup>35</sup> For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me,

## Sharing the Good

### News

**Early edition** – Due to the 1<sup>st</sup> of the month falling on a Sunday, I am aiming to send this newsletter out on Friday the 29<sup>th</sup>. Hope your Thanksgiving was a great one!

**Outreach** – This Sunday, December 1, is Food Pantry Sunday. We will be blessing our donations at Sunday's service before the food is delivered to the local food pantry. At the present time, the box is filled to the brim. It would be nice to see it overflowing!

**ACNA Prayer book** – We have received permission to use the new prayer book on a trial basis during Lent. Fr. Michael, who is the Dean of our deanery, gave us the following advice: I bought prayer books, but what I use at the altar is a print out from the PDF. I made a sign-up sheet for members of the congregation and asking them for \$20 for the pew edition and \$35 for the deluxe. I ordered a bunch of extra pew editions just to keep on a bookshelf, but people mostly ordered the deluxe edition. The leather is nice, but more importantly, the print is substantially larger, which is helpful for older people, in case any begin to attend our services. Following the trial use, we will make a decision about whether to continue to use it. New adventures for the new year.

**Bible Study** – Did you know that Bible study is held each Sunday at 9:30 in the Parish Center? During December, our Bible Study will focus on the first two chapters of Matthew. The four-part Bible Study will end on December 22. After a break from Bible Study on December 29 and January 5, our study of John will resume on January 12.

**Decorating for Christmas** – We will decorate following coffee hour on the 22<sup>nd</sup>. If you have poinsettias or other decorations that

## FR. TOM'S SCHEDULE

**Sunday** 9:30 AM Bible Study in Parish Center  
10:30 AM – **Mass**  
followed by coffee hour; Mass at Villas of Holly Brook at 2 PM on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays of the month

### Wednesday

**Office hours** 10 AM – 1 PM; 1:30 PM – **2:30 PM** at Villas of Holly Brook  
**1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday – 10 AM.** Church council mtg.

### Thursday

**Mass** at 1 pm at Villas of South Park; 1-3 PM at Villas of South Park

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you are will to share with your church family, please bring them with you that day.

**Christmas Services** – We will celebrate the Nativity of our Lord as a church family at 10 PM on Tuesday, December 24. Please join us and bring your families and friends.

**Have you signed up for a coffee hour in December yet?**

There are two spots left, so you can add your name on Sunday on the Bulletin Board in the Parish Center.

**Update: Board:** St. Mary's advisory board will meet Wednesday, **December 4**, at 10 am in the Parish Center. Members of the board are Fr. Tom, Vicar, Deacon Tom, Treasurer, and Graham McCoy. The board meetings are held on the first Wednesday of every month at 10 am. All are welcome, and your input is coveted. This month we will be discussing our upcoming trial use of the ACNA Book of Common Prayer. The date of the January meeting will be **January 8** due to the New Year's holiday.

**Thoughts from the Vicar, 4th edition: Food Pantry**

Wondering if you remember the Reverse Advent Calendar I sent you about two months ago? It was supposed to be the Outreach Project for December. But when we began to contribute to the Chatham Food Pantry on a monthly basis, that idea fell aside. Last week, on a whim, I went to Walmart with the RAC shopping list and bought everything that was on it. The total of the bill was \$30.63. If you choose to participate in this project, you can try to better my total cost. Or.... you can write a check for \$30.63 cents to the Diocese of Quincy and I will do the shopping for you.

I believe that our donations to the Food Pantry are a good response to the call the Jesus gives us in Matthew 25:35; to paraphrase, when we do it to the least of our brothers, we do it to Jesus himself. - Fr. Tom

## Parish Prayer List

**For those fighting cancer:** especially Margie, Jody, David, Muriel, Lois, Doreen

**For those in need of uplifting prayer:** especially the Kopf family, Bruce, Bonnie, Jerry, Donna, 30.63Diane, Candi, Jonas, Zac, Reise, CeCe, Allan, Donna, Kathy, Jack, Bishop Jack

**For those in long term care:** especially Grace, Harold, Carol, Marilyn, the residents at Holly Brook and South Park

**For the growth of St. Mary's Anglican Mission**

**For all persecuted Christians throughout the world and for those in danger because of their Christian faith:** especially Mahendra, Dipendra, Reshma, Tirtha, Purna, their families and Churches; all the pastors in Nepal, and for the Transformation Spiritual Church

**See page 3 for December readers' schedule, please.**

**Readers for December.** Below you will find the lectors for the month of December.

**December 1**

**OT – David**

**Psalm – Diane**

**NT – Kathy**

**Prayers - Sylvia**

**December 8**

**OT – Tressie**

**Psalm – Elisabeth**

**NT – David**

**Prayers – Diane**

**December 15**

**OT – Kathy**

**Psalm – Sylvia**

**NT – Tressie**

**Prayers – Elisabeth**

**December 22**

**OT – Sylvia**

**Psalm – Kathy**

**NT – Diane**

**Prayers – David**

**December 24 (Christmas Eve)**

**OT – Elisabeth**

**Psalm – Tressie**

**NT – David**

**Prayers – Sylvia**

**December 29**

**OT- Diane**

**Psalm - Kathy**

**NT – Elisabeth**

**Prayers - Sylvia**

**Coffee Hours**

**December 1 Langford**

**December 8 \_\_\_\_\_**

**December 15 McCoy**

**December 22 Hahn**

**December 29 \_\_\_\_\_**

