

**Annual Meeting of the Congregation**

**The Church of Saint Mary the Virgin  
in the City of New York**

**The Sixth Sunday of Easter  
May 6, 2018**

# AGENDA

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Sunday, May 6, 2018

- I. Call to Order, Opening Prayer
- II. Nomination: Delegates  
to the Diocesan Convention,  
Friday and Saturday, November 9–10, 2018,  
Crowne Plaza White Plains–Downtown  
66 Hale Avenue  
White Plains, NY 10601
- III. Submitted Reports to the Congregation
- IV. Treasurer’s Report
- V. Investment Committee Report
- VI. The Rector’s Report
- VII. Adjournment

## MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES AS OF JANUARY 1, 2017

The Reverend Stephen Gerth, *president, ex officio, February 1999*  
Mr. Steven Heffner, *December 2015 – December 2019*  
Mr. Brendon Hunter, *December 2016 – December 2020*  
Mr. Adam C. Morrow, *December 2016 – December 2020 \*\**  
Mrs. J. Grace Mudd, *secretary, January 2014 – December 2017 \**  
Ms. Mary Robison, *December 2016 – December 2020*  
Ms. Marie Rosseels, *vice-president, December 2014 – December 2018*  
Dr. Leroy Sharer, *December 2014 – December 2018*

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## THE PARISH CLERGY, DECEMBER 31, 2017

The Reverend Stephen Gerth, *rector*  
The Reverend James Ross Smith, *curate*  
The Reverend James C. Pace, *assistant*  
The Reverend Park Bodie, The Reverend Paul Burrows,  
The Reverend Dr. Matthew Daniel Jacobson,  
The Reverend Peter Ross Powell, The Reverend Alison J. Turner, *assisting priests*  
The Reverend Rebecca Weiner Tompkins, *deacon*  
The Reverend Canon Edgar F. Wells, *rector emeritus*

## THE PARISH MUSICIANS, DECEMBER 31, 2017

Dr. David Hurd, *organist and music director*,  
Mr. Lawrence Trupiano, *organ curator*.

## THE PARISH STAFF, DECEMBER 31, 2017

Mr. Christopher Howatt, *office manager*  
Ms. Kristie Raynor, *bookkeeper*  
Mr. Harka Gurung and Mr. Jorge Trujillo, *sextons*

\* J. Grace Bruni was married to Jason Mudd in February 2017. Since that time, she has been listed in parish documents as Mrs. J. Grace Mudd.

\*\* Mr. Adam Morrow was accepted into a degree program at Cambridge University in 2017 and moved to the United Kingdom in the fall of 2017. He submitted his resignation to the members of the Board of Trustees at the Board's meeting in June 2017.

# Minutes of the 2017 Annual Meeting of the Congregation of the Society of The Free Church of Saint Mary the Virgin

The Annual Meeting of the Congregation of the Society of the Free Church of Saint Mary the Virgin was held in Saint Joseph's Hall on Sunday, May 7, 2017.

The Reverend Stephen Gerth, rector, called the meeting to order at 12:51 pm, commencing with a prayer. The Rector, who chaired the meeting, appointed Mrs. J. Grace Mudd, secretary to the Board of Trustees, as recording secretary for the meeting.

Copies of the 2017 Annual Report were distributed. The Rector noted that members of the Board of Trustees are listed on page three; he then asked the Trustees who were present to stand. Mr. Clark Mitchell's term ended in December 2016. Mr. David Jette also resigned from the Board in August 2016, since he was moving to Peterborough, New Hampshire.

Two delegates and two alternates are to be recommended to the Board of Trustees for election to represent Saint Mary's at the 241<sup>st</sup> Convention of the Diocese of New York, to be held November 11, 2017, at Cathedral Church of Saint John the Divine. The Rector called for nominations from the floor. Marie Rosseels and Mary Robison were nominated, and MaryJane Boland and Robin Landis were nominated to be alternates. These names will be referred to the Board for election at the next meeting.

The Rector then gave an overview of the various reports submitted to the congregation in the Annual Report; each report was followed by a round of grateful applause. The members of the parish clergy were each introduced and thanked, as were parish staff members. The Rector announced that Mr. Christopher Howatt had been hired as the parish's office manager as of February 16, 2017, and a new bookkeeper, Ms. Kristie Raynor, had also recently been hired. The Rector welcomed Deacon Rebecca Weiner Tompkins back from Nashville, and thanked the clergy of the parish: Fr. Petr Ross Powell, who travels from Connecticut with his wife Barbara to be with us; Fr. James Conlin Pace, especially for his hospital visits and using his medical expertise to translate what is happening with parishioners in the hospital; and Fr. James Ross Smith for everything he does at the parish. The rector also thanked the Sisters from the Community of Saint John the Baptist and Dr. David Hurd, the parish's music director, for the wide range of gifts and hard work they bring to the parish.

The Rector reminded those present that the AIDS Walk was coming up soon and suggested that they should pledge early and pledge often. The homeless ministry has inaugurated drop-in days and volunteer Clint Best has put out a basket with scarves, hats, gloves, and such in the winter, which was so popular that it had to be refilled many times over. Staff and volunteers alike have been working hard to balance safety and hospitality so that we can continue and expand this work.

The webpage has also been renovated and upgraded and the Rector offered special thanks to Reha Sterbin and Sister Monica Clare, C.S.J.B, for their work on that project. The Flower Guild has also been expanding in new directions, welcoming new member Peter Agnone Ruane, and hosting a Sunday coffee hour to show the work that has been done and offer tours of the flower room downstairs for the curious. A calendar featuring the Guild's floral designs is in the works.

Thanks were offered to the legions of readers and the ushers whose warmth and smiles provide a welcome to everyone who comes to Saint Mary's. The servers were thanked as well; there is a new sacristy leadership team led by MaryJane Boland, Brendon Hunter, and Marie Rosseels. The Rector also thanked everyone who has taught classes in the Christian Education program, and especially Fr. Smith for making all the arrangements and teaching, as well. José Vidal was thanked for his work in the Visual Arts program, keeping a steady flow of excellent art exhibited in Saint Joseph's Hall. The Rector thanked the Stewardship Committee for their work and reported that 91% of the annual goal had been met, but there is still time to pledge, for anyone who hasn't.

The Treasurer's report was commended to the parish. It was noted that the cost of doing business continues to rise with new expenses such as paying regular water rates, and continuing expenses like insurance, whose rates continue to rise. Adam Morrow is forming an investment committee and anyone interested in that work should be in touch with him. There is much work that has been done and still needs to be done to comply with recent laws including creating a formal investment policy, conflict of interest policy, and employee handbook.

The Rector offered his report, noting especially the new roof on the rectory and work done by so many staff and volunteer members of the parish.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:23 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
J. Grace Mudd, *Recording Secretary*

## **Reports from Other Parish Clergy and Staff**

### **From the Curate**

As I write this in my office at home on Saturday afternoon, May 5, 2018, the sounds of David Hurd playing the organ are traveling through the windows and the walls up here on the fourth floor of the Parish House, only a few yards from the organ pipes. It's funny, in some ways those sounds are so intensely associated in my mind with church, with Anglicanism, with religion, and with all its formalities. So many thousands of Anglican bishops, priests, and deacons, down through the centuries, have sat at their desks writing

their sermons—in small village rectories, on cathedral closes, and in Times Square—while the organist practiced Sunday’s music. For me, that sound is a pleasing sound, an orderly sound, and a reassuring one. All of which is odd, because the sound of the organ is often not all that orderly. Often it roars and rushes. It can be wild and peremptory. Sometimes it demands attention, and then, suddenly, it grows quiet and sings, almost to itself, as if we weren’t even there. The order of the organ’s art is sometimes hidden and disguised.

Just now, Dr. Hurd is playing the organ, not for practice, but to demonstrate its power and range to the visitors who have come for our Sacred Sites Open House. We don’t know who those visitors will be, or how many there will be, or why they have come. Getting ready to host those visitors has been, therefore, a bit of a risk. But David Hurd and the members of the staff, and the members of the parish who have volunteered to welcome those visitors seem to believe that it is a risk worth taking; and that says something important about this parish’s mission—like organ music, both orderly and full of surprises—as we come round to another Annual Meeting.

As many of you know, I continue to be, in many ways, a generalist here at Saint Mary’s: I celebrate Mass, I officiate at the Daily Office, I preach, I hear confessions, baptize, marry, and bury the dead. I visit and anoint the sick. I teach. I talk to people, formally and informally. I try to listen. I try not to start talking while other people are still talking. This is sometimes hard. I work a good deal on communication here at the parish: I edit bulletins; I create e-mail blasters; I take signs to the printer; I edit correspondence; I help to edit the weekly newsletter; sometimes I write articles for the *Angelus*. These days I try to keep up with what’s going on here in the area of communication. It is a growing and increasingly important part of what we do and I try to do my part, helping others, who are discovering new ways to make what we do better known, which, in the end, is the work of evangelism. I recruit teachers for the adult-education program. I am a member of the Stewardship Committee, and, very occasionally, help out with the capital campaign. I work with others on outreach—I am always grateful for others’ ideas and leadership in this area—with the homeless ministry, the AIDS Walk, and the St. Clement’s Food Pantry, among other things. In this area, I often serve as liaison between the lay leadership and the parish staff. On Sunday mornings, I work with the servers, sacristans, sextons, and my clergy colleagues to get ready for services. This is something I also do during the week, working especially with the sextons and Sister Laura Katharine. I talk frequently with the rector. We discuss things and try to solve problems. He does a lot of looking ahead, examining calendars, and schedules, trying to anticipate what needs to be done, and I try to help with all that when I can. And, at the end of the day, all of this, is, I think, ultimately aimed at trying to achieve what we have set out to do: to keep open doors so that we can welcome others who are seeking Christ, even though that may not be how they would describe their seeking.

As I reflect on the past year, much is the same. Other things have changed. I am aware that we face certain challenges—growth, financial stability, evangelism, a changing neighborhood, maintaining the physical plant, and dealing with change. The departure of the sisters in the next few months will be hard for many of us and we will need to find ways—not to replace them—but to do some of the things that they have done. They will be sorely missed. But as I grow older I have come to realize that there is no changing the past. There is no way to force the future to bend to our wills. But there are ways to be faithful and hopeful as well and that, I think, with God’s help we can manage to do.

I feel a particular need this year to express my gratitude for this parish, its clergy, staff, members, volunteers, and friends.

In the Christian Education and Spirituality report below, I mention those who taught this year and those who continue to offer spiritual direction and lead our Centering Prayer group. I am enormously grateful to all of those people, who work so selflessly and who give of their time, knowledge, and expertise so generously. It makes me very happy when I walk past Saint Benedict's Study on Sunday morning or hear the gong in the Atrium on Friday nights, and realize that committed, attentive prayer and study are taking place at that very moment.

I am grateful to all those who work so hard and so creatively, not just to lead, but also to expand our outreach efforts. In the reports of the AIDS Walk Team and the Homeless Ministry below you can read the names of those who volunteer for those ministries. I am inspired by their work. They make me believe that Saint Mary's can continue to find ways to fulfill the Anglo-Catholic ideal: worshipping God in the beauty of holiness and serving those in need. This work is not easy. Our resources are not unlimited. But the creativity, ingenuity, and commitment of our volunteers always gives me hope. I am particularly grateful to Sister Monica Clare, Clint Best, MaryJane Boland, Grace Fernandez, Clark Mitchell, Marie Rosseels, and José Vidal for their leadership of the Homeless Ministry and the AIDS Walk Team.

I am grateful to my colleagues on the Stewardship Committee: Marie Rosseels, chair; MaryJane Boland, and Steven Heffner. Their common sense, creative ideas, financial skills, and determination inspire me and teach me new things. This work is difficult, but it is of great importance.

I spend a lot of time in the sacristy, the chancel, and at the altar. I know how much work it takes to serve those who come to Saint Mary's to worship. Thank you to MaryJane Boland and Marie Rosseels for laundering the small linens, not a small job here at Saint Mary's. Often when I lay hands on the small loaves of bread at the altar, I remember the work that was done by our bakers, MaryJane Boland, Brendon Hunter, and Clark Mitchell. Thank you for helping this parish to feed the faithful. I enjoy working with all of our skilled and faithful acolytes and MCs. We have a good time together, I think. Your ministry makes a real difference. A special word of thanks is due to the acolyte leadership, MaryJane Boland, Brendon Hunter, and Marie Rosseels—the system is working and I am grateful.

José and I are sad that Sister Laura Katharine and Sister Monica Clare will be leaving us soon. Change is inevitable but it is not always pleasant. I am very grateful to Sister Laura Katharine for all the work she does so faithfully and so well as sacristan. Her work is very much "behind the scenes," and so she does not always get the credit she deserves. I will miss her very much. I will miss our conversations in the sacristy on Thursday mornings and Saturday afternoons. She has taught me many things about what it means to live in community. Saying goodbye to Sister Monica Clare will be difficult for me and José. She works in the office next to mine. We work together on many projects. She makes me laugh. She gives me insight into human nature and she has taught me to be more hopeful, even optimistic. She has become a particular friend to José and we both wish her well as she begins this new stage of her life "in religion." We hope that she will come and visit often—and we will try not to ask her to employ too much of her computer expertise on our behalf.

I am not a member of the board of trustees, though I am invited to sit in on most meetings. I try not to say too much, but I try to answer questions that come my way. I am reassured by the practical and faithful leadership I witness there. I am grateful to Father Gerth, Steven Heffner, Brendon Hunter, Clark Mitchell, Grace Mudd, Adam Morrow, Marie Rosseels, Mary Robison, and Dr. Leroy Sharer for supporting my work. This year they were supportive of me, and my husband, José Vidal, in some particularly helpful and practical ways. I am very grateful.

Since I am involved in a number of different areas of this parish's work and ministry, I am particularly dependent on the help of the music director, the members of the staff and of our parish volunteers. Dr. David Hurd; Chris Howatt, office manager; Kristie Raynor, bookkeeper; Stefano Esposito, Harka Gurung, Mario Martinez, Shalim Peña, Jorge Torres, and Juan Sierra, sextons; and parish volunteers Clint Best and Gypsy da Silva have all been much-valued colleagues, an important part of everyday life here at Saint Mary's. I am grateful to them all for their help, their reminders, their good humor, their knowledge, their expertise, and for saving me from making more mistakes than I already do. I am very grateful.

During the past year I have often turned to Father Park Bodie, Father Paul Burrows, Father Matthew Jacobson, Father Pete Powell and Mother Alison Turner for assistance and advice. The members of the clergy at Saint Mary's are actually quite varied in their points of view, backgrounds, and experience. I enjoy working with these priests and have learned much from them. They were all very helpful when my husband, José Vidal, had surgery last fall. Their willingness to jump in do my work for me while I was away was a great gift to me, to Father Gerth, and to the parish. It has been a particular pleasure watching Father Matthew Jacobson during his transition from seminarian to assisting priest. It is good to have him as a colleague.

Father Gerth, Father Pace, and I all live here at the parish and I enjoy our collegial relationship very much. I continue to learn from them both these experienced priests and I value their leadership, friendship, advice, and support.

Finally, 2017 was stressful in some particular ways for me and particularly for my husband José, who had cardiac surgery in October. The care and concern of the staff, the resident clergy, the clergy spouses, and the members and friends of the parish during that time was moving to us both. It made a huge difference. The clergy and parishioners of Saint Mary's fed us, visited us, brought us Communion, gave us advice, calmed us down, prayed for us, changed José's surgical dressings, offered José a place to stay so he didn't have to climb the Parish House stairs, were patient with my distractedness, and encouraged us both. Thank you. I will remain forever grateful.

Respectfully submitted,

James Ross Smith, *Curate*



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## From Deacon Rebecca Weiner Tompkins

I write this report knowing that, sadly, I will have to miss the Annual Meeting for the first time in sixteen years. That fact epitomizes my situation as deacon at this point, since, for now, I am spending the bulk of my time away from Saint Mary's for health and other related reasons. However, as more than a year of this back and forth has already been taking place, my role as deacon is not just staying in a kind of stasis, let alone dwindling, but is evolving and will continue to do so. In fact, even when we at Saint Mary's don't change either our location or our roles there is always forward movement. That is how we grow our life in Christ, on the path he has shown us.

I wrote a Lenten reflection entitled "The Same Old Story" in March for online publication that centered on the idea of reading the usual things in Scripture and sitting in the usual pews, which began: "Another week, another miracle: Mark gives us his account of a very similar situation to the selection of five days ago. As previously, Jesus turns meager amounts of bread and fish into a feast for those who follow him. Do we take for granted the repeated power of Jesus through our scriptural readings? We've heard and seen and sung it all before"; the reflection ended in this way, "When we believe and act with our faith regarding whatever seems impossible, but is as fresh and amazing and possible as someone walking on water, or feeding a crowd from a meal for a few, or radically challenging injustice and division, we bring back our first surprise at what Jesus does over and over, like it never happened before. As we are still here, truly so is He, with the same old story, yet always new."

I remain as the deacon of our church, yet sometimes from a distance, and the repeated serving I do when in New York centers on liturgy and worship through service at the altar and being present at parish-related activities, such as the Homeless Clothing ministry or my colleagues' Christian Ed. Classes, or diocesan responsibilities such as the annual convention or Holy Week gatherings.

When away I am still able to provide pastoral care via email or phone, with many parishioners and when I return that connection with the members of the congregation is just as strong, if not stronger because of our years together. I am grateful for that along with the ongoing support and understanding from my fellow clergy, the rector, the curate, and the assisting priests, and the sisters.

I continue to teach in the Adult Formation program, last May my course was "RISING/ROSE/RISEN: Readings on Resurrection from Scripture into Poetry." This May 13 and 20 it will be "The Dove Descending: bird, fire, wind, water, cloud, and light-depictions of the Holy Spirit in readings from scripture and beyond."

As I continue to try to be of service and contribute from afar, a new development has been that I've begun writing some reflections for The Angelus, not of a personal report nature as those in early 2017, i.e., "From the Deacon: Break Ahead" but of a more theological nature, including "On Home" (12/15/2017); "Abide in Love (2/23/2018); "Following Jesus"

(3/30/2018); and “Walk in Light (4/20/2018). I look forward to writing more of such articles.

I intend to be at St Mary’s for some time after the May classes briefly in June and longer in July.

My health issues are mostly stable and I do what I can to be in New York when possible and serve the parish and the congregation and community that I love, with all my attention and heart and spirit. For the church season beginning Fall 2018, New York City housing arrangements for my time here is my biggest practical issue, as I no longer have my Brooklyn place and I am trying to figure that out, working on how to be in two places, and to not just be the far away deacon serving in a minimal way.

I trust that with God’s help the process of adjusting to life changes will be easier and more clear as to the best ways I can be a vital part of St. Mary’s now and in the future.

Respectfully submitted.

Rebecca Weiner Tompkins, *Deacon*

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## From the Community of Saint John Baptist

*From Sister Monica Clare, C.S.J.B.*

I’m continuing to provide graphic design and website design and maintenance for both the parish website and the Capital Campaign website, and I also take photographs for our website, the *Angelus*, and printed promotional materials and signs. During the past year I’ve begun to organize the efforts of several talented parishioners who also contribute photographs of liturgies and events at Saint Mary’s for the *Angelus*—including most recently Ricardo Gomez, whose stunning images have greatly enhanced our visual presence.

This year I helped set up the Shop Saint Mary’s page on our website. Father Smith and José Vidal package and ship all the orders we receive. Another extremely fun project this year was the Saint Mary’s 2018 calendar. The Flower Guild provided the majority of photos, I designed the calendar and did the final layout to send to the printer, and a team of proofreaders made sure we got all the feasts right!

The Homeless Ministry at Saint Mary’s has expanded greatly in the last year. It began many years ago with Father Gerth allowing the homeless and poor to rest in the pews whenever the church is open, expanded to several of us volunteers handing out clothes and hygiene bags to the people in our pews, then formed into a regular monthly drop-in day that has been happening every month since April 2016.

Parishioner Clint Best found a suitable room in the Mission House basement for the Clothes Closet and he used clothing racks found around the church, tables from around the church, and shelves purchased with donations to furnish the room. He and Grace Fernandez

organized the clothing into categories and they, along with several other volunteers, continue to fold and organize the donations that come in on a daily basis.

Social workers from the Breaking Ground Initiative visit the people in our pews once a week and they sometimes come to our drop-in days to connect our guests with social services. Volunteers from the New York Legal Aid Group also attend our events to provide free legal assistance to our guests. The Times Square Alliance provides officers for security at our drop-in days. We provide clothing, toiletries and connection to social services for between 75-100 people per month. That number includes not only the people who attend our drop-in days but also the people who show up at the church on a daily basis asking for help. Another partner who has contributed an enormous amount to our ministry here is the Saint Francis Food Pantries and Shelters. All I have to do is email Joe Sano and The Very Reverend Francis J. Gasparik, OFM Cap. and ask “May we please have 200 toothbrushes, 200 toothpastes and 200 deodorants again?” and boxes magically appear at Saint Mary’s the next day. They are an incredibly generous organization.

This year has brought a wealth of new volunteers from the parish, from friendships, from press coverage of the Clothes Closet, and from the OneSpirit Interfaith Seminary on 36<sup>th</sup> Street – but we always need more people to help as our ministry grows. I especially want to thank José Vidal, Marie Rosseels, Sharon Stewart, Eloise Hoffman, Brendan Burnett, Anne Baptiste, Mother Alison Turner, and the Reverend Debby Schlein for being regular fixtures at the drop-in days.

This past winter, OneSpirit Interfaith Seminary organized a clothing and toiletry drive which included an Amazon Wish List so people could donate new items to our Clothes Closet. Father Smith requested coats from the New York Cares coat drive and much to our astonishment and delight, we got 200 coats to help us through the winter.

We see miracles every day in this ministry. All of the homeless who were regular fixtures on the steps of the church last summer have now found housing in New Jersey. A man came up into the choir before Evening Prayer one night last fall and profusely thanked us for helping him connect with Breaking Ground, who found him housing, got him into a rehab program and helped him find a job. There are many, many other stories like this from the people who are touched by the seemingly small amount that we do here at Saint Mary’s.

It is not possible to do this what we do without the continued generosity, volunteer hours and prayers from all our friends. We are grateful beyond measure. Every person we help says “Thank you so much.” and I am passing that “Thank you” along to you all.

*Sister Laura Katharine, C.S.J.B.*

I shall begin with a short article I wrote for a fairly recent issue of our Community Newsletter. Saint Mary’s is unique in a number of ways. One example of this is how things get done, behind the scenes, in the sacristy. It would take me several long paragraphs to explain how all this functions. The term “Altar Guild” is a bit of a misnomer at Saint Mary’s, because, unlike many parishes, there is really no formal Altar Guild here. Yet, there does exist a layered, complex division of responsibility and labor that allows us to make sure that

what needs to be done does get done. The rector, Father Gerth, ultimately oversees and guides this complex system.

Therefore, the sacristy work here at Saint Mary's is actually done by members of the Flower Guild, the servers, the clergy, the sextons, and myself. [*Editor:* Sister Laura Katharine provides important oversight to all this, in addition to taking care of a large number of daily, weekly, and seasonal tasks.] The umbrella is a wide one. Each of us has specific tasks and responsibilities. Among these tasks are the following: planning, organization, and scheduling, often requiring paper work ("soup to nuts"); setting up for and cleaning up after all services; and then there is "everything else," the miscellaneous category (another kind of "soup to nuts"). But we are a groups whose members have many and varied gifts and multiple talents and all of that becomes the glue that holds things together. All of these people and talents that come together to form our "Altar Guild" are rather like the different sections of an orchestra. We do try to be a well-oiled and finely-tuned orchestra, but, occasionally we have to deal with the unexpected glitch. And then we have to scramble. Then it's rather like opening night, as we scramble backstage to get things ready.

My part in this may be interpreted as mostly in the "miscellaneous department." The work "backstage" is seen by few, but the results are seen by the congregation as the Church seasons change and feasts come and go. Yet all of the work is essential. Mostly, I work, think, and prepare in different "time frames," daily, weekly, monthly, seasonal, in other words the church calendar. This is the "guardian of time and color." It rules what has to be done and when. Perhaps, since I have been doing sacristy work since Holy Week of 1982, I am used to living within these time frames. Another experience of time is this: I've learned to leave a lot of extra time to complete any task. Time estimates are often wrong, and there are always surprises and difficulties. Even candles can be ornery! Laundry and ironing problems are frequent and various. There are times during the year when there are three or four vestment changes in as many days. (By the way, Saint Mary's is very fortunate to have drawers for storage, as this is an important tool for caring for and conserving our vestments.)

The one new piece for me this year was inventing the Candle Sale. The idea for such a sale occurred to me for two reasons: we had an excess of used and no longer usable candles stored in the basement; and the doors in the cabinet where we store our frontals are much in need of repair. I thought that we might use the proceeds from a Candle Sale to fund repairs to the doors. We have not raised the entire amount needed, but we have made a good start: the Sale managed to raise there was overload for storage of non-usable candles in the basement and I was becoming more aware that the frontal doors are deteriorating rapidly and need repair. This may not be done soon, but the Sale netted us \$983.50 which is a really good start. Speaking of sales, there will be one more coming up soon. TBA!

This may be a bit extraneous to the report, but, in some ways we live two somewhat different lives here at Saint Mary's. We each have our specific tasks and responsibilities. In addition, we are present at the liturgies, other parish events, and Bible Study. We serve in different ways at the liturgies as readers, officiants at the Daily Office, cantor at Evensong, and as chalice bearer. It is a privilege and a joy for us to be a part of such a rich life of prayer and worship and to do so as members of a particular religious community, the Community of Saint John Baptist. And as religious we also live another life, as members of that

community. We set aside time for private and intercessory prayer. We say Compline together, and we have a retreat day each month. As Head of House, I have certain responsibilities. We live by our community's Rule and Customary, which means, for example that we keep silence in the convent from 8:00 PM until we go downstairs for Morning Prayer the next morning. In addition we need to do all the things that everyone else must do: buy groceries, cook, clean, do laundry, feed the cat, etc. It is an interesting challenge trying to do all these different things. It's hard to believe that we are now in our twelfth year here at Saint Mary's.

Respectfully submitted,

Sister Laura Katharine, CSJB  
Sister Monica Clare, CSJB

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## From the Organist & Music Director

As organist and music director at The Church of Saint Mary the Virgin in the past year, it has been my privilege to select much of the liturgical choral music, to conduct the Choir of Saint Mary's, and to play the organ in accordance with the established practices of the parish. The Choir of Saint Mary's is usually constituted as an octet of highly skilled professional musicians, expanded to nine or ten voices from time to time as the demands of the repertoire require. The choir's normal yearly season begins in October and ends at Corpus Christi, a week following Trinity Sunday. The choir sings at Solemn Mass on Sundays and several principal feasts, including Assumption, All Saints, Conception of Mary, Christmas, Epiphany, Presentation of our Lord, Annunciation and Ascension. Ash Wednesday and the liturgies of Holy Week also are sung with a full complement of choristers. In anticipation of those major feast days which are observed with Solemn Masses, Evensong is sung by smaller ensembles of choir members. In addition to the medieval plainsong propers regularly sung at Solemn Mass, the choral repertoire offered has strongly featured unaccompanied Mass settings and motets from the European Renaissance masters and the English Tudor composers. In addition to this core repertoire, nineteenth-, twentieth-, and twenty-first century compositions—including compositions of living American composers—also have been represented amply in the choral cycle. The regular roster of the choir this season has been Charlotte Mundy and Elaine Lachica, sopranos; Sharon Harms and Martha Cargo, altos; Gregg Carder and Christopher Howatt, tenors; and Jeremy Hirsch and Mark Risinger, basses. This roster has remained intact from the previous year, and the core choir is an hospitable group. An extended family of additional fine singers provided coverage for regular choir members when absences were necessary. I am appreciative of the dedication of all these fine musicians, some of whom have been called upon occasionally to sing additional special services on short notice. I am also appreciative of Clark Anderson, Larry Long, Dr. Timothy Pyper, Stephen Rumpf, and Dr. Thomas Schmidt, who have provided seamless coverage for me at the organ (and choir podium) when I needed to be away. It has been my pleasure this season to share the musical leadership at weekly Sunday Solemn Evensong and Benediction with a group of dedicated cantors, namely Sister Monica Clare, Grace Mudd, Dr. Mark Risinger, and Dr. Leroy Sharer.

On some occasions in the past year, St. Mary's has benefitted from the artistry of visiting choirs, including the Choir of All Saints' Church, Austin, Texas, under the direction of Gregory Eaton, and the Boy and Girl Choristers of Saint Bartholomew's Church, NYC, under the direction of Dr. Jason Roberts.

The Aeolian-Skinner organ at Saint Mary's, in its splendid acoustical setting, is an installation of international renown. Organ recitals preceding principal feast days in the past year have been played by Mr. Stephen Rumpf (New York City), Mr. Patrick Kreeger (Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church), Dr. Keith Reas (Saint Paul's Episcopal Church, Chattanooga, Tennessee), Dr. Claudia Dumschat (Church of the Transfiguration, New York City), Dr. Bálint Karosi (Saint Peter's Lutheran Church, New York City), Dr. Jennifer Pascual (Saint Patrick's Cathedral, New York City), and me. These short programs have provided a varied sampling of major organ repertoire, performed by distinguished artists from near and far. The organ at Saint Mary's is also sought out for significant recording projects, one of which is currently in process. Lawrence Trupiano, as curator, has maintained the organ superbly, making it a joy to play and hear as it supports singers at worship, or provides solo voluntaries and recital repertoire.

Trumpeter Christopher Bubolz has contracted brass quartets for Saint Mary's celebrations of Corpus Christi, Christmas Eve and Palm Sunday. The skilled musicians he has brought together for these occasions have added beauty and festivity to the occasions for which they have played.

I am very grateful for Christopher Howatt, office manager at Saint Mary's and member of the choir, who has provided immeasurable support for the administration of the choir and in other music-related matters. There is much fine music-making at St. Mary's that does not fall under my purview which Christopher ably administers. Ensembles which have performed regularly at Saint Mary's include the New York Repertory Orchestra, the Trident Ensemble, The Tallis Scholars, and New York Polyphony. Various other collaborations between Saint Mary's and other New York entities such as Lincoln Center and Miller Theater of Columbia University add to the prestige of Saint Mary's as a venue for fine music.

Respectfully submitted,

David Hurd, Mus.D., *Organist & Music Director*

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## Reports of Parish Guilds and Activities

### The AIDS Walk Team

Once again, in 2017, the Saint Mary's AIDS Walk effort was a huge success, thanks to the generosity of all of our donors and the tenacity of our small but committed team. In 2017, our group of sixteen walkers ranked number nine in overall fundraising—an amazing feat given the large groups who raise money for the AIDS Walk every year, many with much

bigger names and institutions behind them. The team raised a total of \$50,888 of the nearly \$5 million raised overall. More than 250 people supported us, from 23 states and 6 countries. Ten of our walkers raised more than \$1,000 each. Saint Mary's was by far the top team in fundraising among religious institutions.

Saint Mary's is deeply committed to the mission of GMHC, the organization that receives the proceeds from the AIDS Walk each year. The lives of those living with HIV/AIDS and those at risk of contracting HIV are greatly improved by the myriad services that GMHC provides. In 2017, Saint Mary's gave half of the Maundy Thursday offering to the AIDS Walk, as has been the custom for several years now. We see the AIDS Walk as one of our principal outreach efforts.

This year, we will walk on the Day of Pentecost, May 20, 2018. As in years past, our team will attend Mass, have lunch, and then do the full walk—several hours later than the actual walk, which takes place in the morning. This year, we would love to beat our own number from last year, but we still have a substantial amount to raise in order to make that happen. Please support us as generously as you can. Checks can be made out to AWNY (AIDS Walk New York) and given to one of the team leaders or to Father Smith (please give them to one of us rather than mailing them directly to GMHC; that will help with bookkeeping). You may also visit our team page and donate online: <http://bit.ly/SMVAIDSWALK>.

Respectfully submitted,

MaryJane Boland and Clark Mitchell, *Co-Chairs*

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## The Saint Mary's Homeless Ministry

Sister Monica Clare, C.S.J.B, discusses the Homeless Ministry above and so I will try not to duplicate what she says there in these comments.

As in 2016, much was accomplished during the past year. It was a time of growth, as Sister Monica Clare explains. We have continued to explore what we can do, given our resources and our limitations. We have discovered, I think, that the services provided at the drop-in days by our able, committed, and enthusiastic volunteers, and by our outreach partners, as well as the donation of cash, clothing, and toiletry articles by individual donors and our corporate and retail partners in Times Square have become a distinctive and important element in outreach to the homeless and those in need in our neighborhood. Though it is a work in progress, those working in the Mission House continue to develop an increasingly efficient system for delivering help to those in need.

Sister Monica Clare has thanked our volunteers, partners, and donors in her comments. I would like to second her words of gratitude. This support has been not only indispensable, it has also been incredibly encouraging. It has allowed us to feel that we are on the right track. However, what Sister Monica wasn't able to do in her comments was this: she wasn't able to thank herself and that is something I would like to do now. Along with parishioner, Clint Best, Sister Monica is one of the founders of this ministry. She has provided leadership and

encouragement at every step along the way. She has led our fundraising effort, looked both within the parish and without to recruit volunteers, worked in the Clothes Closet, developed relationships with our outreach partners, and provided counsel and pastoral care to our clients and our volunteers alike; and she always does this with patience and great humor, despite having many other demands on her time and while dealing with a number of physical and medical challenges this past year. She does all this by speaking and acting out of her deep faith: she believes that, somehow, we will not run out of things for our Clothes Closet; if we have faith (and if we work hard), she believes, donations will come, sometimes when we least expect it.

It is, therefore, with great sadness that I learned that, beginning sometime this summer or in the fall, Sister Monica would no longer be able to provide day-to-day support in this ministry. I very much hope that she will be able to continue to provide counsel and advice to me and others involved in this ministry from the convent in Mendham. We are lucky that she is fully “wired” and responds quickly, and often, to texts and e-mail!

During the coming year, we hope to be able to host at least one drop-in day per month. I also hope that we can regain some attention and energy to our support of the Saint Clement’s Food Pantry, which serves those who have housing, and access to a kitchen, but who are economically disadvantaged. I also hope that in the second half of 2018 that we will be able to secure some financial support from a local foundation.

If you are interested in this ministry, if you would like to make a donation, or if you would like to volunteer, we would be very happy to hear from you and to answer any questions that you might have. Donations by check should be paid to the order of the Church of Saint Mary the Virgin, with “Homeless Ministry” in the memo.

In conclusion, I would like to quote a hortatory slogan that has recently appeared on sign boards in our neighborhood, “At first they’ll ask you why you’re doing it. Later they’ll ask you how you did it.” This admittedly gung-ho slogan captures some things about this ministry: at first we wondered what might be done, but confidence, skill, and faith have grown and continue to grow. The faith, vision, and support of Father Gerth, Clint Best, Sister Monica Clare, Grace Fernandez, Marie Rosseels, José Vidal, Sharon Stewart, Eloise Hoffman, Brendan Burnett, Anne Baptiste, Mother Alison Turner, and the Reverend Debby Schlein, and our growing list of volunteers, donors, and supporters is making all the difference. I hope that during the coming year we will continue to learn, develop new partnerships, and continue to find ways to help those in need in our neighborhood.

If you would like to help with this ministry in some way, please speak to Clint Best, Marie Rosseels, José Vidal, Sister Monica Clare, or to me.

Respectfully submitted,

James Ross Smith, *Curate*



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## The Flower Guild: The Guild of Saint Thérèse of Lisieux

Some time ago, a parish friend (and occasional flower-guild volunteer) gave me a copy of the book *Flower Arrangement in the Church* by Katharine M. McClinton, published in 1945 by Morehouse-Gorham Co., New York. Apparently written specifically for the Episcopal Church (according to the dust cover) because it “has not heretofore had any thorough and complete guide for the priests and women of the Church who give so much time to the decoration of our altars”, it is safe to say that we have “evolved” since then, at least in some ways. While no longer the exclusive domain of women, the Saint Mary’s Flower Guild still upholds the general standards so eloquently expressed in that old guidebook (even though we may go a little overboard, occasionally).

The Flower Guild’s singular mission is to enhance the extraordinary interior of our Church with floral arrangements to the greater glory of God. For the weeks that a donation has been received, the members of the Guild take turns going to the flower market to buy flowers wholesale and then arrange them. Donors can either go online to the parish website (under the tab “Giving”, click on the link “Donation for Altar Flowers”) or contact the Finance Office directly to reserve flowers for a particular Sunday or Feast Day at a cost of \$250.00. Donations can be anonymous or with a personal dedication in the Mass bulletin (wording to be approved by the Rector).

What could even be better than flowers to celebrate the unique beauty of Saint Mary’s? Flower Calendar! 2017 saw the fulfillment of our dream of a calendar decorated with our own flower arrangements and exclusively designed for worship at Saint Mary’s. A lot of work went into this project (flowers were only the least of it) and we owe profound gratitude to all who helped make this happen, from photographers (MaryJane Boland, Sister Monica Clare, and Ricardo Gomez) to proofreaders (Gypsy da Silva and Father Jay Smith), but especially to Father Stephen Gerth and Sister Monica Clare for pushing it through to completion!

In 2017, we also welcomed a new member to the core group of flower arrangers, which formed in 2009. Peter Ruane has now joined the ranks of Rick Austill, Dexter Baksh, Scott Holman, Grace Mudd, and Marie Rosseels as a regular floral designer. Peter has already impressed us with his talent and team spirit and we are truly blessed to have him. While we generally work individually on arrangements during the year, we always come together as a team for Easter and Christmas decorating, with one member assuming the lead as “Flower Diva of the Year.” While we have reverted to that concept for 2018 with Grace Mudd taking on the role for the first time, Rick and Marie teamed up as “Co-Divas” in 2017. No egos were bruised; diva behavior was kept to a minimum, and friendships were strengthened! However, it remains important to rotate this role from year to year, not only to prevent burnout, but also to allow each member the opportunity to express his or her own ideas. The pressure can be intense, even for an experienced designer: coming up with a fresh design concept, deciding what to order, overseeing and participating in the creation of

multiple floral arrangements, all within a tight budget and immovable deadline. Even the most meticulous planning can be unraveled by Mother Nature and send us scrambling to “deal with it.” But, somehow, it always comes together beautifully in the end and we only feel the intense joy of this laborious creative process.

Although it may appear that we have everything under control, the Flower Guild can always use additional volunteers who can commit to making flower arrangements and/or help with decorating for the major feasts. Talent or prior experience are not prerequisites; we are all volunteers without prior experience in arranging flowers for such a large space and will be glad to teach you what we have learned or answer any questions you may have. While the work can be demanding and takes time, we feel truly inspired by our communal work and worship which reinforces the grace of God’s presence in our daily lives.

Last year, we were again fortunate to have extra volunteers for Easter and Christmas decorating, and the ensuing “undecorating” days: we are extremely grateful to all for their time, talents and willingness to do unglamorous “grunt” work when needed! We also greatly appreciate the gifts of Sister Monica Clare and Ricardo Gomez whose inspirational photographs document not only our work with flowers, but also parish life and mission; they can be viewed on the parish website, including the online *Angelus* newsletter, and on the usual social media sites. Additional thanks must go to our helpful sextons, to the members of the Altar Guild and to Chris Howatt, office manager, and Kristie Raynor, bookkeeper, for their logistical assistance throughout the year. Last, but not least, we thank the many individuals who donated flowers during 2017 for their continued support and generosity.

Respectfully submitted,  
Marie J. G. Rosseels, *Member of the Guild*

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## The Readers’ Guild: The Guild of Saint Bede

The Readers Guild is a dedicated group of parishioners who share with the parish clergy, sisters, seminarian, and altar servers in the reading of lessons at Sunday Mass and Evensong, Sung Masses, and at Evensong on the eves of principal feasts. The ministry of reading requires not only a commitment of time but a particular gift for public reading in a space like Saint Mary’s. All serve by the appointment of the rector. At the end of 2017, in addition to the members of the clergy, these persons were serving regularly as members of this Guild.

Sr. Monica Clare, C.S.J.B.  
Clark Anderson  
Mary Jane Boland  
Gypsy da Silva  
Gloria Fitzgerald  
Julie Gillis

Joseph Kennedy  
Ricardo Miranda  
Charles Morgan  
Marie Postlewate  
Steve Potanovic  
Mark Risinger

Mary Robison  
Zachary Roesemann  
Marie Rosseels  
Dorothy Rowan  
Colin Sanderson  
Leroy Sharer

Respectfully submitted,

Stephen Gerth, *Rector*

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## Saint Raphael's Guild of Ushers

Members of the Saint Raphael's Guild are parishioners who volunteer to serve as ushers at regular parish services on weekdays at noon, on Sunday mornings, as well as at Evensong and Benediction on Sunday evening, at all Solemn Masses on holy days, and at a number of special services, events, and days, such as Ash Wednesday. The ministry of the usher is an important one in any parish, but it is particularly important here at Saint Mary's, where we welcome visitors from around the country and, indeed, from around the world. At present, there are 20 parishioners who volunteer their time on a regular basis to serve as ushers. Some serve almost daily, some serve at least once per month, some more, some less, as they are able. We are grateful to all of them for their commitment to this ministry.

The duties of an usher mainly involve welcoming and assisting anyone who comes through the church's doors to visit or to attend service. In addition to assisting persons in finding a seat and receiving a service bulletin as they enter the church, the ushers perform the service of collecting the money gifts, selecting those parishioners who will join the Offertory procession and present the bread and wine at the altar, and assist those who wish to receive Communion. Ushers also answer questions about the church and direct persons to the nursery and Church School, to adult-education classes in the Parish House, or to the rest rooms. The duties of the usher also include answering the many questions that our visitors have or finding someone who can provide assistance with a specific issue. In a way, they also serve informally as catechists and evangelists, since ushers often answer questions and enter into conversations about the church building, the sacraments, prayer, service, and church history. They are often asked to talk about the ways in which Saint Mary's is part of the wider catholic tradition.

Parishioners who serve as ushers are a dedicated group who give substantially of their time to help others to more fully participate in the services at Saint Mary the Virgin and to better appreciate our Anglo-Catholic heritage. During 2017, the members of Saint Raphael's Guild were as follows (the names of our newer members of the Guild are in bold):

Dexter Baksh, Suzanne Bodie, MaryJane Boland, Blair Burroughs, Edward Cabot, John Delves, **Tom Heffernan**, Eloise Hoffman, Babak Homayoonmehr, Dick Leitsch, **Teresa Leja**, Jason Mudd, Renée Pecquex, Steve Potanovic, Patricia Rheinhold, Mary Robison, Marie Rosseels, Dorothy Rowan, **Jennifer Stevens**, **Sharon Stewart**, and **Philip Webster**.

Additional support was provided by our part-time or freelance members, including Clint Best, Donald Harper, Agnes Heffner, Steven Heffner, Barbara Klett, Charles Morgan, Randy Morgan, and Suzanne Rochester. We are grateful to them for their willingness to pitch in and help when needed.

We continue to feel sadness and regret that some longtime members, and leaders, of the Guild are no longer able to serve, or only able to serve on a very limited basis, among them, Dick Leitsch, Randy Morgan, Abe Rochester, and Dennis Smith. We are grateful for their many years of service and for their continued encouragement and counsel.

We give thanks for the newer members of our guild, who have helped us to expand the Sunday usher teams to six regular members and to provide usher service in a more formal way at Evensong and Benediction and for holy-day liturgies.

Pat, Eloise, and Mary coordinate the usher guild and rota as a team, with Mary sending out notifications and requests, and Pat and Eloise keeping track of data and contacting new ushers. Anyone interested in serving as an usher, either on a regular Sunday each month or on holy days, is encouraged to speak with any current usher, with Pat, Eloise, or Mary, or any of the clergy. We'd love to chat with you more about this important ministry!

As in any of the other church guilds, members may serve for a time and then personal commitments change, and members may no longer wish to serve with their previous regularity. However, their past service is greatly appreciated and any continued participation that they might wish to offer is gratefully accepted. We would like to thank all members who serve in whatever capacity, including all who serve at a regular Sunday Mass, all who do not serve on the regular Sunday rotation, but who provide faithful service at Evensong and Benediction and all who serve on holy days.

We are grateful to Father Smith for his excellent leadership of the Guild, and for the opportunity to serve in this ministry.

Respectfully submitted,

Eloise Hoffman  
Patricia Rheinhold  
Mary Robison  
*Guild Leadership Team*

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## Saint Vincent's Guild of Acolytes

The Altar Servers are a very dedicated group of parishioners who give regularly and selflessly to the service of the altar. Work at the altar requires a spirit of service and cooperation that helps to form one of the strongest—but by no means exclusive—communities within our parish. New members are welcomed all the time. If you would like to know more or to join us, please speak with any server or any member of the clergy.

During 2017, these persons were serving regularly at the altar:

Penelope Allen  
MaryJane Boland  
Charles Carson  
Rami Eskelin  
Julie Gillis  
Brendon Hunter  
Rick Miranda

Clark Mitchell  
Grace Mudd  
Marie Postlewate  
Luis Reyes  
Marie Rosseels  
Peter Ruane  
Dorothy Rowan

Ronald Perez  
Santiago Puigbo  
Leroy Sharer  
Ingrid Sletten  
Reha Sterbin

As we prepare for this year's Annual Meeting, I am happy to report that Luis Reyes has joined the Guild. We are very happy that he has joined us.

Thank you for all you do in worship and in caring for the sacristy and the altar.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephen Gerth, *Rector*

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## Christian Education and Spirituality

In 2017, we were able to offer an array of classes in our Christian Education and Spirituality program for adults. In January, parishioner Dr. Charles Morgan led a series entitled, "Dealing with the Hard Stuff: Talking about Anger." In February, then seminarian Father Matthew Jacobson, led the class in a series called "Hagiography in the Early Church." On Sundays in Lent, Father Peter Ross Powell resumed his series, begun in November 2016, on the Acts of the Apostles. In Eastertide, Deacon Rebecca Weiner Tompkins once again brought poetry, theology, and spirituality together for her series, "Rising / Rose / Risen: Readings on Resurrection from Scripture into Poetry."

After the summer break, and to mark the anniversary in October 2017 of Martin Luther's Ninety-five Theses, we embarked on a series designed to look at the Reformation from a number of different angles. Resident iconographer and parishioner Zachary Roesemann got us started by showing us his newly written icon that had been commissioned by a Lutheran parish in Washington, D.C, an icon that employs Lutheran images and motifs. During the rest of October, parishioner Grace Mudd led a series on Reformation spirituality, theology, and culture, using the music of such composers as J. S. Bach and Felix Mendelssohn as a focal point. In November, Father Peter Ross Powell began his 2017–2018 series on the Gospel of Matthew. At certain points during the series, Father Powell used that gospel as a way to take about the themes of law, gospel, and grace, which were so important in the Reformation period. In December, parishioner and chorister, Mark Risinger, led the class in a presentation on J. S. Bach's *Passion of Saint Matthew*. His second presentation on the *Passion of John* was cancelled due to illness, but we hope to re-schedule that presentation at some point.

Last fall, then Deacon Matthew Jacobson led an inquirers' class. The class was not large, but the members were enthusiastic, and they have continued to turn to Father Matt for advice and to have their questions answered. This was the first formal inquirers' class we've hosted in a while and it's something I hope to repeat in the coming year. I appreciate Father Matt's willingness to develop this particular class for us.

Between January and May 2017, I led the Wednesday Night Bible Study Class and we read Saint Paul's Letter to the Romans. Between October and December 2017, we read a number of "difficult" scriptural texts as a way of exploring methods of biblical interpretation. My

goal was to make specific the different interpretive methods that we use in the class and which are used by preachers here at the parish.

Jennifer Knight, a good friend of the parish, and Sister Monica Clare continue to provide spiritual direction here at the parish. In March 2017, Sister Monica Clare led a very well-received Lenten Quiet Day.

Also in 2017, under the leadership of parishioners Blair Burroughs, Renée Pecquex, and Ingrid Sletten, the Friday Evening Contemplative Prayer Group met, providing those attending the end-of-week sessions with an opportunity to learn about and practice the methods of Centering Prayer. We hope that this group will grow, attracting friends and members of the parish, as well as those outside the parish. Saint Mary's is centrally located and the Prayer Group's leaders are experienced in the technique of Centering Prayer. I hope that this resource, like other things at Saint Mary's, can continue to be a ministry to the parish as well as to the wider community. Blair, Renée, and Ingrid continue to discuss ways in which to accomplish that mission.

We are blessed to have such a talented group of teachers, leaders and spiritual directors, willing to give of their time and expertise in order to educate us, inspire us, and encourage us to learn more about our faith so that we can live it more fully. I am grateful to all those who so eagerly answer my invitation to participate in this ministry. And I am grateful to all those who come to class, ask questions, and work hard to promote such interesting and useful discussion; and I am happy that Saint Mary's continues to be a place that so many regard as a place where they can come for prayer, worship, reflection, rest, and study. The "Open Doors" mission of this parish is reflected in important ways through these efforts.

Respectfully submitted,

James Ross Smith, *Curate*

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## From the Stewardship Committee

Saint Mary's 2018 stewardship campaign set a goal of \$425,000.00—the same target that had been set for the previous three annual campaigns. While that goal was in fact surpassed for 2016 and 2015, we are currently still at a shortfall of close to \$40,000.00 for 2018. We experienced a similar gap around this time last year during the 2017 campaign, but, in the end, we were able to overcome most of that shortfall and we are still hopeful that we will be able to do that this year as well.

Notwithstanding the challenge of running the annual stewardship campaign while the parish is still engaged in essential work of the Open Doors capital campaign, we appeal to the members and friends of the parish, both here in New York and around the country, to continue their support of the day-to-day work, worship, and ministry of Saint Mary's. We recognize that this dual effort requires significant sacrifices on the part of all those who love this parish and are committed to its work and ministry. Still, we believe that such sacrifices

are well worth it and cannot imagine life without Saint Mary's. Therefore, we urge all those who have not yet made a pledge for 2018 to do so as soon as they are able. We invite all those who have already pledged to consider increasing the amount of that pledge, if they are able. In addition, we ask that all those who have already pledged to remain current with their pledge payments, especially during the summer months, when we often face cash-flow problems. As always, we are profoundly grateful to all those who continue to support Saint Mary's and its ministries.

The Stewardship Committee consists of Steven Heffner, Brendon Hunter, MaryJane Boland, Marie Rosseels and Father Jay Smith. Throughout this year's campaign Clint Best, longtime parishioner and parish volunteer; Christopher Howatt, office manager; and Kristie Raynor, bookkeeper, have provided significant administrative support. We have worked closely with our parish friends—local, national and international. As of April 20, 2018, our overall pledged total was \$385,024.00. One hundred sixteen individuals or families have made a financial commitment; that is eleven fewer pledges than last year. However, twelve households have pledged for 2018 either for the first time or after some time away. Thirty-five pledgers increased their pledge while twelve needed to decrease the amount of their pledge.

If you have not yet pledged your financial support to Saint Mary's, we would like to remind you of two things: first, your pledge indicates your intent to provide support; if your circumstances change, you may always revise your pledge (up or down); and, second, it's not too late to pledge for 2018. Office Manager Chris Howatt could take your pledge over the phone (212-869-5830). The members of the Stewardship Committee also stand ready to answer your questions.

Respectfully submitted,

Marie Rosseels, *Chair*

## From the Treasurer

	ACTUALS		Budget
	2016	2017	2018
<b>INCOME</b>			
Pledge Fulfilment	\$443,885	\$404,802	\$425,000
Other Donations (Plate, Shrines, Feast Day Appeals, etc.)	\$204,026	\$252,730	\$256,633
Miscellaneous (Facilities Reimbursements, Special Events, etc.)	\$164,227	\$140,161	\$153,719
Investment Income	\$291,234	\$285,122	\$282,250
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$1,103,372</b>	<b>\$1,082,815</b>	<b>\$1,117,602</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>			
Personnel	\$584,419	\$679,369	\$692,991
Physical Plant	\$366,562	\$406,987	\$371,841
Programs (Liturgy, Music, Education, etc.)	\$172,625	\$140,551	\$130,540
Professional & Administrative	\$128,414	\$89,261	\$90,600
Diocesan Assessment	\$83,531	\$93,973	\$166,087
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$1,335,551</b>	<b>\$1,410,141</b>	<b>\$1,452,059</b>
<b>NET</b>	<b>(\$232,179)</b>	<b>(\$327,326)</b>	<b>(\$334,457)</b>

As has been the case over the past decade since we took serious action after the market crash of 2007–2008, the parish finances remain relatively stable but consistently precarious. We have enjoyed strong performance in our investments and a positive cash flow from our Open Doors Capital Campaign receipts. However, our budget deficit (the gap between our revenue and our expenses) has not improved demonstrably in the past few years and we’re experiencing smaller predictable income in the form of pledging.

Last year saw an increase in our budget gap, primarily due to increased personnel expenses. With the exception of physical plant expenses, which we hope will come down as capital projects increase the stability of the structure, all other fixed costs are likely to remain flat or rise. We have provided a small cost of living increase in compensation for clergy, staff, and musicians and a pay adjustment for one member of the clergy. Music will be slightly less expensive this coming year based solely on efficiencies without any changes to the scope of the program. We also plan to file an appeal with the Diocese for a reexamination of our assessment obligations which have nearly doubled this coming year under new Diocesan calculation formulas.

On the positive side, our new bookkeeper, Ms. Kristie Raynor, has been instrumental in implementing significant improvements in our financial planning, processing, and reporting. She has spent a majority of her first months “cleaning up” ledgers and accounts that had sloppy record keeping (nothing nefarious, just untidy). With her leadership, we have made the switch to accrual accounting from cash accounting which gives us a much better line of sight on where, how, and when money is spent – a change that will, in turn, allow us to budget better, forecast better, and spend more wisely. We have made improvements in our audit trails and financial procedures to tighten up processes and protect both funds and employees. The active participation of volunteers like Mr. Clint Best and our Assistant



Treasurer, Mr. Clark Mitchell, has contributed to a secure treasury and a hopeful outlook on the future.

Respectfully submitted,  
 Steven Heffner, *Treasurer of the Board of Trustees*

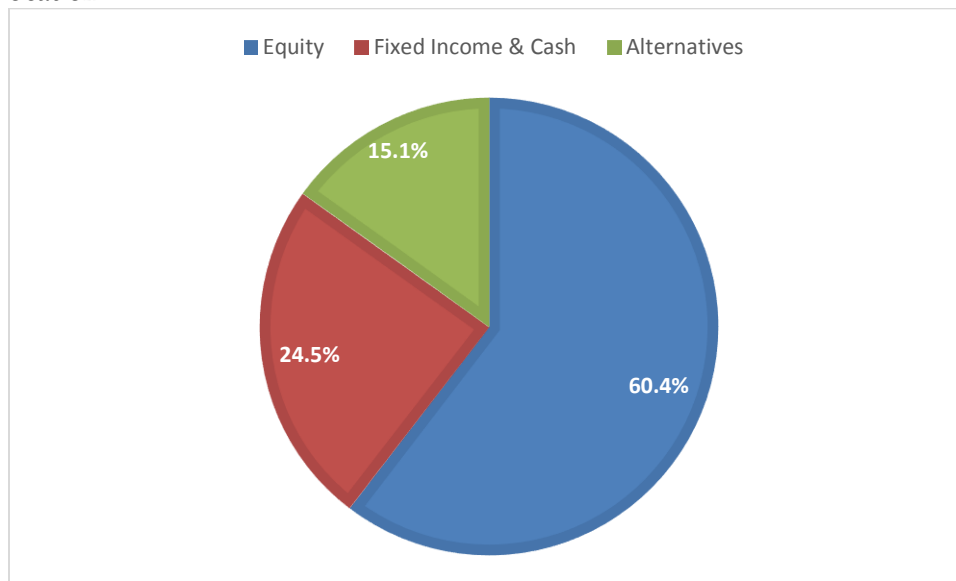
## From the Investment Committee

Account balances as of 31 December 2017:

	Balance (in 000s)
<b>Accounts with DIT</b>	
Parish Account	\$6,351
Harmon*	\$248
Gregory*	\$133
Organ*	\$270
Aideyan*	\$9
Total with DIT	\$7,011
<b>Accounts with US Trust</b>	
Stout*	\$544
Total with US Trust	\$544
<b>TOTAL INVESTMENT BALANCE</b>	<b>\$7,555</b>

\*Restricted Account

The Parish continues to use the Diocesan Investment Trust (DIT) as the main repository for our investment accounts. As of 31 December 2017, the DIT's portfolio had the following asset allocation:



Total returns on the DIT's portfolio for the 12 months ended 31 December 2017 were 16.59% compared with their custom policy benchmark of 15.08%. The DIT continues to be managed by Commonfund which, as a whole, performed at 16.87% for the year. Exact 2017 performance and asset allocation are not available for the US Trust account at the time of printing. However, the fund is generally nearly 100% fixed income and dividends are taken in cash and contribute to "investment income" in the Treasurer's operating reports.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the Investment Committee,

Steven Heffner, *Treasurer*

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## The Rector's Report

My first *Angelus* article of 2017, for Sunday, January 8, was called, "Closed Doors." Earlier that week, I had made two pastoral calls on the Upper Eastside. While making them in the middle of the afternoon, I walked by one Orthodox cathedral and four Protestant churches, two of them Episcopal parishes, whose doors were closed. I begin this annual report by telling you that I remain convinced that the open doors of this congregation for our neighborhood and our city should remain open every day of the year. Saint Mary's is a place of prayer, witness, and service because our doors are open. I thank you for the generosity of gifts, especially monetary gifts, that help to make this possible.

I had forgotten until I looked at the *Angelus* archive that January 1, 2017 began on a Sunday, which meant that December 25, 2016, was also a Sunday. I thank again all who helped keep to our regular Sunday morning on Christmas Day 2016. That said, we are the parish for Times Square. There was only one Sunday service, a Solemn Mass for the Feast of the Holy Name of Our Lord Jesus Christ on January 1, 2017. It was a very good Sunday, the very best way to begin the New Year.

There were many guests at Saint Mary's this past year. The Right Reverend Allen K. Shin, our suffragan bishop, was celebrant and preacher for the Solemn Mass on Epiphany. The Very Reverend Andrew B. McGowan, dean, Berkeley Divinity School, Yale University, was our preacher for the two Good Friday liturgies. The Right Reverend Mark S. Sisk, XV Bishop of New York, was celebrant and preacher for the Great Vigil of Easter. The Reverend Matthew Hoxsie Mead, rector, the Parish of Christ the Redeemer, Pelham, was our preacher for the feast of the Assumption. The Right Reverend Geralyn Wolf, XII Bishop of Rhode Island, was celebrant and preacher for the Solemn Mass on All Saints' Day. The Most Reverend Frank T. Griswold, XXV Presiding Bishop and Primate of the Episcopal Church, was celebrant and preacher for the patronal feast on December 8, the Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. It is a privilege for us to be able to welcome them to be with us in worship.

I was very glad to be able to have photographs in the this week's *Angelus* of our architects beginning the final phase of preparatory work for to prepare the documents for bidding the

work to conserve the Forty-sixth Street façade of the church. I now expect that this work will be bid this year and undertaken next spring and summer. I wish it were underway now, but we are “on line,” as we say in New York, to move forward. I know I am not the only person who wishes this work had already been completed. In the meantime, our board of trustees has decided to move forward with a ramp for the 47th Street entrance of the church. We are very hopeful that this can be completed before the winter.

Speaking of our board, most of you know that Saint Mary’s was incorporated under a provision of New York state law as a “free church.” Our corporate name is “The Society of the Free Church of St. Mary the Virgin.” Under New York state law, unlike most other Episcopal parishes, has a board of trustees instead of a vestry and, unlike Episcopal parishes with a vestry, we cannot raise money by renting our pews to our members—we are not, and never have been or can be independent of the Episcopal Diocese of New York.

Our board members, since December 12, 2005, the anniversary of the dedication of this church in 1898, have been elected for four-year terms, normally at the formal annual meeting of the board within the octave of the patronal feast, December 8. Board members must be off the board for at least one year before they can be reelected. All legal transactions of our parish can only be made by our board. Terms for board members are a recent part of our history.

In 2005, the board entered into a process of discernment about the parish’s future with the assistance of a consultant from our diocese. Because of the metropolitan and national diversity of our congregation, the board was led to the conclusion that we should retain a board of trustees, but that board members should have terms. Our board functions as an ordinary vestry in every way except in the election of members. The rector is always the presiding officer of a vestry—or board. Bishop Sisk was celebrant and preacher for Mass the night the trustees met to change the bylaws. He was present at the board meeting and spoke reassuringly of the change and of our future.

Let me continue by thanking the members of the board as of January 1, 2017. They were Grace Bruni, Steven Heffner, Brendon Hunter; Adam Morrow; Marie Rosseels, Mary Robison, and Leroy Sharer. Adam Morrow resigned from the board in June so that he could move to Cambridge University, UK, for a year of study—we expect he will be back with us soon. At its December 2017 meeting, the board received Grace Bruni’s resignation, her term having ended, with special thanks for her service as secretary. At this meeting Clark Mitchell was elected to a second term of service on the board. It is not a large board—we are not a large parish—but it is a strong board. I am very proud to serve with them.

In a parish like ours, almost every year there are changes in the church staff. In 2017 we welcomed a new bookkeeper Kristie Raynor and sextons Jorge Trujillo and Shalim Peña. One of the many things I look forward to when new people join our staff is knowing that they will bring unexpected gifts and talents to our common life. I thank them and their colleagues, office manager Christopher Howatt and sexton Harka Gurung for their hard work and the graces of their many gifts.

Those of us who are here during the week were reminded in the last couple of weeks of the privilege of our musical program. In preparation for the recording of a new CD by David

Baskeyfield, director of music at Christ Church, Pittsford, New York, the organ received a thorough tuning by our organ curator Larry Trupiano. I don't expect he will be in the room for the meeting, but he loves Saint Mary's organ, and he gives it more than his very best. Hearing a very talented guest musician play our organ so powerfully reminded me how accustomed I have become to the very high liturgical and musical standards set by Dr. David Hurd and his predecessors since becoming rector. Dr. Hurd, I thank you and the parish choir for the continuing excellence of music in worship—and for the great organists you recruit to play before our Solemn Masses on feast days. It's been a great year.

Deacon Rebecca Weiner Tompkins will be with us for the next two Sundays to serve and to teach in the adult forum. We miss her residence in New York, but understand that her health requires her to live elsewhere during the greater part of the year. She remains in regular contact with several parishioners who appreciate very much the pastoral care she gives.

Father Park Bodie, Father Paul Burrows, Father Matt Jacobson, Father Pete Powell, and Mother Alison Turner are assisting priests at the parish. Our service schedule is a demanding one, and their regular help is a great assistance for me and the other resident clergy. It says something wonderful about this congregation that these priests worship and look forward to serving among us. I am deeply thankful for their vote of confidence in the ministry and witness of this parish.

Many of you know that Sally and Robin Landis moved to New Haven, Connecticut, in January 2018. Since I arrived at Saint Mary's in 1999, Robin was the regular officiant for Daily Morning Prayer on Friday mornings. I want again to acknowledge his faithful contribution to the daily public prayer of this congregation. Our other lay reader is Marie Rosseels, currently vice president of the board of trustees, who in retirement manages to give so much of her time and talent to the parish. Marie is a regular officiant at Daily Evening Prayer. She is a great help in so many ways.

Two other regular volunteers I want to thank are Clint Best, who assists in the parish office, and Gypsy da Silva, a retired copy editor, who helps assure that our parish publications are the best they can be. Both give many hours to our common life, and for this we can be very thankful.

Now a few words about our resident clergy, assistant priest Father Jim and curate Father Jay Smith. I have been very blessed in the colleagues with whom I have had the privilege of working since coming to Saint Mary's. The parish is known for its strong clergy team, and, if I may say so, I think our assisting and resident clergy comprise a very strong team. In addition to being challenged by their great knowledge and many gifts, I genuinely and deeply enjoy working with all of them.

Father Park Bodie served for many years at Saint Thomas Church, New York City. He brings his wide experience in the church to us. No one makes me smile more about the challenges of ministry in midtown that he does. Father Pace and Father Jacobson bring medical professional backgrounds to their pastoral work. Father Burrows, retired rector of the Church of the Advent of Christ the King, San Francisco, another historic urban Anglo-Catholic parish, is a colleague who appreciates aspects of my work in a special way.

Father Pete Powell brings biblical scholarship to us, along with a very significant priesthood in both parish and non-profit ministry. Mother Alison Turner is just finishing a master of sacred theology degree at the General Theological Seminary. An educator and a priest, I have looked to her for advice, and she has given generously of her time.

I have written in the newsletter this week of the transition by the Community of St. John Baptist that will mean the closing of their house here later this summer. When I shared the decision of their order's superior with the board, I was able to assure them that this initiative came from their community not from us. I spoke a few days ago with Bishop Andrew Dietsche about the transition. He too was saddened by the community's departure, but welcomed our interest in exploring the possibility of another religious order having a house here. I ask for your continuing prayers thanksgiving and support for the sisters we have known who have all done so much for us and whom we will miss more than we can say.

On February 1, 2018, I began my twentieth year of service as your rector. Jon Alan Bryant, who was a member of the board of trustees that called me to serve as ninth rector of the parish, died on February 18, 2018. In retirement, he lived first in Connecticut and then in Washington, D.C. The Burial of the Dead was celebrated for him here on Saturday, March 10, and his ashes were reposed in the Lady Chapel Vault. Along with Jon, we have buried four other members of that board, George Blackshire, Gerald McKelvey, James Dennis, and Linda Bridges. In my mind I can see all of them in the regular places in the nave where they sat, along with many others who are also now in the nearer presence of God. As Christians, we live not only in the now of this world, but also in the now of the life of the world to come. I thank you for letting me serve here as a pastor, priest, and teacher. I look forward to seeing how the Lord may find us worthy of new ways to serve in the year and the years to come.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephen Gerth, *Rector*

# The Church of Saint Mary the Virgin Memorial Trust Funds & Bequests

## Permanent Funds

### **Katherine Lanier Standish Fund**

*This fund was established as a memorial to Katherine Standish. The proceeds of this fund are used by the rector of the parish to support the education of persons for the priesthood of the Episcopal Church.*

### **Alice Law Stout and Mabel Theodora Stout Memorial Fund**

*The Stout Fund is a trust fund established under the will of William L. Stout and was given to the parish to be used for the care of the poor, the sick and the needy.*

### **William Edward Jones Fund**

*This is the William Edward Jones Memorial Library Fund.*

### **Helen G. Cushman Fund**

*In October 1997 we received a \$5,000.00 donation from Phyllis Smith in memory of her sister Helen G. Cushman, granddaughter of Haley Fiske. The fund is to be used for outreach projects in the community.*

### **Charles Bertram Harmon Fund**

*This fund was established on the death of Mr. Harmon, a former parishioner. The purpose of the fund is to augment the music program of the church.*

### **Hallie Wilson Charitable Trust**

*This fund was established in 1999 by the bequest of our former parishioner and is to be used only for the corporate purposes of the Society.*

### **Estate of John Dexter Bush**

*This fund was established on the death of John D. Bush, a former parishioner. The purpose of the fund is to establish a permanent Organ Fund or, if said fund has no need of additional funds, for any musical purpose deemed appropriate.*



## Bequests

Received in 2016

### **Estate of Louise B. Garmy**

*This bequest is from a friend of the parish and is to be used for the corporate purposes of the Society.*

Received in 2015

### **Estate of Florence A. Klaus**

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### **Estate of Lawrence M. Appleby**

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**Estate of Christopher Adlington**

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Received in 2014

**Estate of Henry J. Piontek**

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Received in 2013

**Estate of Jennifer C. Boylan**

*This bequest is from a friend of the parish and is to be used for the corporate purposes of the Society.*

**Estate of Charles C. Cotton**

*This bequest is from a friend of the parish and is to be used for the corporate purposes of the Society.*

Received in 2012

**Estate of Dr. Carol Pepper**

*This bequest is from a member of the parish and is to be used for the corporate purposes of the Society.*

Received in 2011

**Estate of Joan E. Murphy**

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**Estate of Mary and Walter Gillespie**

*This bequest is from friends of the parish and is to be used for the corporate purposes of the Society.*

Received in 2010

**Estate of George H. Blackshire, TRUSTEE**

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**Estate of Jack Rice Cortner, TRUSTEE**

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**Estate of Stanley C. Kettle**

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**Estate of Harold F. Lemoine, PRIEST**

*This bequest is from a priest of the Diocese of Long Island and is to be used for the corporate purposes of the Society.*

Received in 2009

**Estate of Charles Everett Whipple II, PRIEST**

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**Estate of Rita Marjorie Christiani**

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**Estate of Dr. Anthony Ponaras**

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**Estate of Lucille Riley**

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**Estate of Marion Freise**

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**Estate of Wiley Washington Merryman, Jr., PRIEST**

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**Estate of David Osgood**

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**Estate of Joan Touye**

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**Estate of John Alden Gable**

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**Estate of Edward David Miller**

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**Estate of Roy Parks**

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**Estate of Wendell Wray**

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**Estate of Newton Carlyle Spitz**

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**Estate of Elizabeth Sherwood**

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**Estate of John Graham Cadney**

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**Estate of Kenneth Marshall Allen**

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**Estate of Dorothy D. Wynne**

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**Estate of John P. Gilligan, III**

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**Estate of Thomas Tucker Plant, PRIEST**

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**Estate of Anna Marie Schuman**

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**Bequest of Ruth Keith**

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Received in 1968

**Estate of James A. Eastman**

*This bequest was made by a friend of the parish and is to be used for the corporate purposes of the Society.*

Received in 1966

**Estate of Alice V. Gordon**

*This bequest was made by a member of the parish and is to be used for the corporate purposes of the Society.*

**Estate of Grieg Taber, PRIEST AND RECTOR**

*This bequest was made by the sixth rector of the parish and is to be used for the corporate purposes of the Society.*

**Estate of Gertrude C. Yorke**

*This bequest was made by a member of the parish and is to be used for the corporate purposes of the Society.*

Received in 1965

**Estate of Ada Clara Alice Beazley**

*This bequest was made by a member of the parish and is to be used for the corporate purposes of the Society.*

**Estate of Elsie Gertrude Dickey**

*This bequest was made by a member of the parish and is to be used for the corporate purposes of the Society.*

**Estate of Harlan S. and Elizabeth G. Perrigo**

*This bequest was made by members of the parish and is to be used for the corporate purposes of the Society.*

**Estate of Frederick Webb Ross**

*This bequest was made by a member of the parish and is to be used for the corporate purposes of the Society.*

Received in 1964

**Estate of Paul A. Fancher**

*This bequest was made by a member of the parish and is to be used for the corporate purposes of the Society.*

**Estate of Pauline Felton Winter**

*This bequest was made by a friend of the parish and is to be used for the corporate purposes of the Society.*

Received in 1963

**Estate of Annie Louise Arnold**

*This bequest was made by a member of the parish and is to be used for the corporate purposes of the Society.*

**Estate of Leonora Gray**

*This bequest was made by a friend of the parish and is to be used for the corporate purposes of the Society.*

**Estate of Stephen Waterman Mason**

*This bequest was made by a friend of the parish and is to be used for the corporate purposes of the Society.*

**Estate of Helen Harrison Morgan**

*This bequest was made by a member of the parish and is to be used for the corporate purposes of the Society.*

Received in 1962

**Estate of Sarah C. Hammer**

*This bequest was made by a friend of the parish and is to be used for the corporate purposes of the Society.*

Received in 1961

**Estate of Norman F. Cushman**

*This bequest was made by a friend of the parish and is to be used for the corporate purposes of the Society.*

**Estate of Clara Fiske Glover**

*This bequest was made by a friend of the parish in memory of her son William Fiske Glover and is to be used for the corporate purposes of the Society.*

**Estate of Marion H. Newcombe**

*This bequest was made by a friend of the parish and is to be used for the corporate purposes of the Society.*

**Estate of Alma D. Steele**

*This bequest was made by a friend of the parish and is to be used for the corporate purposes of the Society.*

Received in 1960

**Estate of Minerva K. Bromley**

*This bequest was made by a friend of the parish and is to be used for the corporate purposes of the Society.*

**Estate of William Copper Dickey**

*This bequest was made by a friend of the parish and is to be used for the corporate purposes of the Society.*

**Estate of Carrie F. Emmanuel**

*This bequest was made by a friend of the parish and is to be used for the corporate purposes of the Society.*

**Estate of James Edward Emmanuel, Jr.**

*This bequest was made by a friend of the parish and is to be used for the corporate purposes of the Society.*

**Estate of Marion Pratt Fouquet**

*This bequest was made by a member of the parish and is to be used for the corporate purposes of the Society.*

**Estate of Helen Stephanie Partridge**

*This bequest was made by a friend of the parish and is to be used for the corporate purposes of the Society.*



Received in 1958

**Estate of Mary I. Sonnenberg**

*This bequest was made by a friend of the parish and is to be used for the corporate purposes of the Society.*

**Estate of Albert C. Townsend**

*This bequest was made by a member of the parish and is to be used for the corporate purposes of the Society.*

**Estate of Floranell Waugh**

*This bequest was made by a member of the parish and is to be used for the corporate purposes of the Society.*

Received in 1957

**Estate of George S. Wallace**

*This bequest was made by a member of the parish and is to be used for the corporate purposes of the Society.*

Received in 1956

**Estate of James Carll**

*This bequest was made by a member of the parish in memory of his mother Mary Bond Carll and is to be used for the corporate purposes of the Society.*

**Estate of Louis Herbert Gray**

*This bequest was made by a member of the parish and is to be used for the corporate purposes of the Society.*

**Estate of Pauline Woodruff Titus**

*This bequest was made by a member of the parish and is to be used for the corporate purposes of the Society.*

Received in 1952

**Estate of Edith Hopper**

*This bequest is from a member of the parish and is to be used for the corporate purposes of the Society.*

Received in 1951

**Estate of Estelle Lightbourne**

*This bequest was made by a member of the parish and is to be used for the corporate purposes of the Society.*

**Estate of Amelia Isabel Pratt**

*This bequest was made by a member of the parish and is to be used for the corporate purposes of the Society.*

Received in 1950

**Estate of Louise Verplanck Richards**

*This bequest was made by a member of the parish and is to be used for the corporate purposes of the Society.*

Received in 1949

**Estate of Edward Bromberg**

*This bequest was made by a member of the parish and is to be used for the corporate purposes of the Society.*

Received in 1947

**Estate of Anna K. Hubbell**

*This bequest was made by a member of the parish and is to be used for the corporate purposes of the Society.*

**Estate of Sara S. Lawrence**

*This bequest was made by a friend of the parish and is to be used for the corporate purposes of the Society.*

Received in 1946

**Estate of Caroline Skidmore Willis Hewlett**

*This bequest was made by a friend of the parish and is to be used for the corporate purposes of the Society.*

Received in 1945

**Estate of Louise Eustis**

*This bequest was made by a member of the parish and is to be used for the corporate purposes of the Society.*

Received in 1944

**Estate of Nellie Keeling Mills**

*This bequest was made by a friend of the parish in memory of William Emory Mills and is to be used for the corporate purposes of the Society.*

**Estate of Charlotte Wegman**

*This bequest was made by a member of the parish and is to be used for the corporate purposes of the Society.*

Received in 1942

**Estate of Harriette Matilda Arnold**

*This bequest was made by a member of the parish and is to be used for the corporate purposes of the Society.*

**Estate of Henry Drucker**

*This bequest was made by a member of the parish and is to be used for the corporate purposes of the Society.*

Received in 1941

**Estate of Caroline J. S. Deane**

*This bequest was made by a friend of the parish and is to be used for the corporate purposes of the Society.*

**Estate of Raymond Nold**

*This bequest to the Organ Fund was made by a member of the parish who served as organist and music director from 1910 to 1940.*

Received in 1940

**Estate of Estelle Wright Camman**

*This bequest was made by a member of the parish and is to be used for the corporate purposes of the Society.*

Received in 1939

**Estate of Alan Ramsey Hawley**

*This bequest was made by a member of the parish and is to be used for the corporate purposes of the Society.*

**Estate of Dorothy Sutton Ward**

*This bequest was made by a member of the parish and is to be used for the corporate purposes of the Society.*

Received in 1938

**Estate of Jessie M. Leith**

*This bequest was made by a friend of the parish and is to be used for the corporate purposes of the Society.*

Received in 1937

**Estate of Harriett M. Aldrich**

*This bequest was made by a member of the parish and is to be used for the corporate purposes of the Society.*

**Estate of Abigail Burt**

*This bequest was made by a member of the parish and is to be used for the corporate purposes of the Society.*

**Estate of William V. P. Kip.**

*This bequest was a gift to the Endowment Fund by a friend of the parish. (Note: Mr. Kip.'s last name includes a period.)*

Received in 1936

**Estate of Florence L. Jones**

*This bequest was made by a member of the parish and is to be used for the corporate purposes of the Society.*

**Estate of Mary A. Ward**

*This bequest was made by a member of the parish and is to be used for the corporate purposes of the Society.*

Received in 1933

**Estate of Frances Guion**

*This bequest was made by a member of the parish and is to be used for the corporate purposes of the Society.*

Received in 1932

**Estate of Joseph Gayle Hurd Barry, PRIEST AND RECTOR**

*This bequest was made by the third rector of the parish and is to be used for the corporate purposes of the Society.*

Received in 1929

**Estate of Haley Fiske, TRUSTEE**

*This bequest was made by a friend of the parish and is to be used for the corporate purposes of the Society.*

Received in 1927

**Estate of Mary Wilmerding**

*This bequest was made by a member of the parish and is to be used for the corporate purposes of the Society.*

Received in 1926

**Estate of Laura Silliman Carey**

*This bequest was made by a member of the parish and is to be used for the corporate purposes of the Society.*

**Estate of Abraham Hatfield, TRUSTEE**

*This bequest was made by a member of the parish and is to be used for the corporate purposes of the Society.*

Received in 1925

**Estate of Beverley Chew, TRUSTEE**

*This bequest was made by a member of the parish and is to be used for the corporate purposes of the Society.*

**Estate of Florence Scott**

*This bequest was made by a member of the parish and is to be used for the corporate purposes of the Society.*

Received in 1922

**Estate of Isabella Clark Blanchard**

*This bequest was made by a member of the parish and is to be used for the corporate purposes of the Society.*

Received in 1921

**Estate of Caroline Foote Kellogg**

*This bequest was made by a member of the parish and is to be used for the corporate purposes of the Society.*

Received in 1915

**Estate of George Lawrence Pagram**

*This bequest was made by a member of the parish and is to be used for the corporate purposes of the Society.*

Received in 1895

**Estate of Ella Smith**

*This bequest was made by a member of the parish and is to be used for the corporate purposes of the Society.*

Received in 1894

**Estate of George W. Sutton, TRUSTEE**

*This bequest was made by a member of the parish and is to be used for the corporate purposes of the Society.*

Received in 1892

**Estate of Sara Louis Cooke**

*This bequest was made by a member of the parish and is to be used for the corporate purposes of the Society.*



## **Saint Mary's Legacy Society**

The Saint Mary's Legacy Society is an organization comprised of members and friends of the parish who have included Saint Mary's in their will, have provided for the parish through a life income gift, or have made provisions for the future of the church in some other way. The Legacy Society ensures that Saint Mary's will continue to welcome people to Times Square in Christ's name for years to come. For more information, please speak to the rector or contact the parish office.

