St. Mary's Episcopal Church | February 23, 2025 PRAYERS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

IN OUR PRAYERS PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

We pray for Stephen, the Interim Archbishop of Canterbury; Sean, Presiding Bishop; Mark, Gayle and Bud, our Bishops; and for all bishops and other ministers;

We pray for all those involved in mission: the Church in Jerusalem; for the Church and the people of Haiti; San Lucas in Honduras; St. Mary's and St. Andrew's in Tanzania, St. Matthew's Cathedral in Renk, South Sudan; for the Episcopal parishes of Abingdon in White Marsh and Santa Maria in Falls Church;

We pray for the care of our planet and for peace in the Middle East, Ukraine, Sudan, and throughout the world;

We pray for Reynolds Young, Louisa McClanahan, Mildred Busch, and Phyllis & Rupert Treadway. We pray for all who work for the federal government in this time of uncertainty;

We commend to your mercy all who have died, especially Allen Corry (a friend of the Kreutzer family and others) and the Rev. Tim Dols (former Rector of St. Peter's, Arlington), that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.



Thank you! Thank you to the anonymous giver of gift cards in the offering plate. If you would like these designated for a specific ministry or distributed in a certain manner, please add a note for Kelly, Finance Mgr. Your anonymity will be preserved and thank you.

Thank you to Ridgely Benjamin for hosting the St. Mary's fellowship night last week. Slides in Merrow Fellowship Center show the happy occasion!

Welcome, Bishop Harris!

We welcome Bishop Gayle E. Harris today at the 10 am service for baptisms, confirmations and receptions. Congratulations to all.



St. Mary's Art Show Celebrating Mary through Image and Word

Opening & Reception Sunday, March 2 at 6:00 pm

View fellow parishioner's work in Merrow Fellowship Center on this special occasion.

Mardi Gras is Shrove Tuesday; March 4 in Paca Hall is the place to be!

This is not only Fr. Andrew's last Shrove Tuesday as Rector at St. Mary's but it is also the eve of his actual 40th Anniversary with us. He began his ministry at St. Mary's on March 5, 1985. It will be a special occasion for sure. The Vestry will be cooking up a feast! Make reservations for the 5:45 or 6:30 pm seating on the Parish Hub.

Check out the Lenten Offerings Insert Register for events on the Parish Hub

Vestry Nomination Box in Paca Hall

There is a small black box on the table in Paca Hall for vestry nominations. Please make sure nominees are in good standing and agree to run. Although there is no guarantee of being chosen, we hope all who desire to run will do so. A slate will be formed by March 15 and the vote will take place on April 27, in person at the Annual Meeting.

Today We Welcome Bishop Harris!

A reception after the 8 am service will be held in Paca Hall in her honor.

The Rt. Rev. Gayle E. Harris joined the Diocese of Virginia as Assistant Bishop in 2023. She was previously elected Bishop Suffragan of the Diocese of Massachusetts in June 2002 and was ordained and consecrated in January 2003.

Born in Cleveland, Ohio, Bishop Harris was the first Black woman to receive a Master of Divinity degree from the Church Divinity School of the Pacific in Berkeley, California. She was ordained to the priesthood in 1982 in the Diocese of Newark (New Jersey), where she served as Assistant to the Vicar at Grace Church (Van Vorst) in Jersey City. She then moved to Washington, D.C., where she worked as Diocesan Urban Resident at St. Philip the Evangelist Church from 1982 to 1984. She was priest-incharge of Holy Communion Church from 1984 to 1992, also serving at that time as Nave Clergy at Washington National Cathedral.

While in the Diocese of Washington, Bishop Harris served on a range of diocesan leadership committees, including: the Standing Committee (President); the Nominating Committee for Bishop Suffragan; the Search Committee for Dean of Washington National Cathedral; and the diocesan Committee on Budget and Finance. She also served two terms on both The Episcopal Church Committee on Church Structure, and the Program, Budget, and Finance Committee.

In 1992, she was called as rector of St. Luke and St. Simon Cyrene Church in Rochester, New York, where she served until her election as Bishop Suffragan of the Diocese of Massachusetts.

Prior to her election as Bishop Suffragan of Massachusetts, she served the Diocese of Rochester as a Dean and was a member of the Commission on Ministry, the Worship and Liturgy Committee and Companion Diocese Task Force. She was twice elected as Deputy to the General Convention of The Episcopal Church (1997, 2000).

Bishop Harris completed service in 2006 as a member of the Joint Nominating Committee for the election of the former Presiding Bishop of The Episcopal Church. She is a past Vice Chair of the Church Pension Fund Board of Trustees, where she served on the Finance Committee, the Governance Committee, the Executive Committee, the Benefits Policy Committee, and the Social and Fiduciary Responsibility in Investments Committee.



The Rt. Rev. Gayle E. Harris

Bishop Harris is a former chair of the House of Bishops' Pastoral Development Committee and a former member of the House of Bishops' Planning Committee and the Standing Committee on Interfaith and Ecumenical Relations of the Church. Bishop Harris also served on The Episcopal Church's Task Force on the Theology of Money and was a member of the Board of Directors of the Church Investment Group. Bishop Harris is also the former Convener of the Episcopal Bishops of African Descent.

Bishop Harris received an honorary Doctor of Humanity degree from the New England School of Law and an honorary Doctor of Divinity degree from the Church Divinity School of the Pacific.

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St. Mary's Weekly Calendar (online at stmarysarlington.org/events-calendar)

Sun., Feb. 23 Epiphany VII	8:00 am 8:30-11:30 am 9:00 am 9:15-9:45 am 10:00 am 11:00 am 2:00 pm 5:00 pm	Holy Eucharist, Rite II, said Nursery is open (Downstairs Nursery) Coffee Hour with Bishop Harris Sunday School & Youth Forums St. Mary's Choir (Choir Room/Nave) Holy Eucharist, Rite I, with music Coffee Hour Walking the Mourner's Path (Vestry) Holy Eucharist, Rite II, said
Mon., Feb. 24	6:30 pm 7:00 pm	Sacred Ground Discussion (Paca Hall) Finance Committee Meeting (Vestry)
Tues., Feb. 25	7:00 am 11:00 am Noon 7:30 pm	Men's Online Book Study Staff Meeting Noonday Prayer (Chapel) Centering Prayer (Zoom)
Wed., Feb. 26	7:00 am 6:30 pm 7:00 pm	Holy Eucharist (Chapel) Treble Choir Study on 1st Corinthians with Canon Heard (Vestry)
Thurs., Feb. 27	11:00 am 6:30 pm 7:30 pm	Holy Eucharist, with healing (Chapel) Boys and Girls Choir Adult Choir Rehearsal
Fri., Feb. 28	Noon	Fri. Book Group (Zoom)
Sat., Mar. 1	8:30 am 10:00 am 10:00 am	Altar and Flower Guilds (Nave) Mission Trip Tools Training with St. Joseph's Ministry The Wild Rehearsal (MFC)
Sun., Mar. 2 Last Sunday after Epiphany First of Month Brown Paper Bag Collection	8:00 am 8:30-11:30 am 9:00 am 9:15-9:45 am 10:00 am 10:15 am 11:00 am 11:30 am 11:30 am 2:00 pm 5:00 pm 6:00 pm	Holy Eucharist, Rite II, said Nursery is open (Downstairs Nursery) Coffee Hour Sunday School & Youth Forums St. Mary's Choir (Choir Room/Nave) Holy Eucharist, Rite I, with music Wilderness Church (Zachary Taylor Park) Coffee Hour Outreach Committee Meeting (Vestry) Faith Filled Families Training (Paca Hall) Walking the Mourner's Path (Vestry) Choral Evensong (Nave) Art Show Opening & Reception

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THE DIOCESE AND THE VESTRY

The Right Reverend E. Mark Stevenson The Right Reverend Gayle Elizabeth Harris The Right Reverend James Joseph "Bud" Shand

Colleen Mason (2025) Sr. Warden David Smith (2025) Register Jim Bicksel (2025) Alec Hicks (2026)

Melissa Wiley (2026)

Bishop of Virginia Assistant Bishop of Virginia Visiting Bishop

Chris Jennings (2026) Jr. Warden Suzanne Stroup (2027) Campbell Hutton (2027) Michael Devine (2027)

FULL-TIME AND VOLUNTEER STAFF

The Reverend Andrew T.P. Merrow	Rector
The Reverend Janettarose L. Greene	Associate to the Rector
The Reverend Dr. Kate Sonderegger	Priest Associate
The Reverend Canon Victoria Heard	Part-time Priest Associate
The Reverend Deacon Greg Williams	VTS Seminarian
Tom Welch	VTS Seminarian
Dr. Gregory Hooker	Music Minister
Matt Gabay	Volunteer Associate Organist
Gariné Adams	Wilderness Worship Leader
Jackie Ly	Youth and Family Formation Minister
Rosanna Esposito	Minister of Community Life
Derek Greten-Harrison	Parish Administrator
Andrea Meier	Communications Minister
John Bednar	IT Specialist
Jane Shafran	Facilities Manager
Prosper Daziorlor	Assistant Facilities Manager
Kelly Marcellus	Finance Manager
Deborah Gandy	Volunteer Treasurer
Dennis Carter-Chand	Part-time Outreach Coordinator

Ushers	& am	Thank You for Serving Today	5 pm	
	Bill Ticknor		Mike Poth	
LAYREADERS	Ruthie Evers	David Palmer, Zella Mantler	Bentley Andrews	
	John Burnham	Stephen Cook	Shep Barge	
CHALICE	Cynda Tipple John Burnham	Russ Randle Stephen Cook	Shep Barge	
ACOLYTES AT 10 AM Ajay Allman McKay Deegan Elizabeth Polizzi Katherine Polizzi Charlie Hotra				