

St. Mary's Episcopal Church | January 12, 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 Christ Church in Luray 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, and for the peaceful transition of political leadership in our country;

We pray for Daniel Dut, Susan Williams, Louisa McClanahan, John Boswell, Mildred Busch, Phyllis & Rupert Treadway, and for those impacted by the wildfires in California;

We give thanks for the birth and continued healing of Charlotte Elise (George and Sue Covucci's granddaughter) and for the continued healing of Henry Hotra and Will Gabay. We also give thanks for the life and work of Jimmy Carter, 39th President of the United States;

We pray for those who have died, especially Rowan Hayden (friend of Jackie Ly), Sister Barbara Muth (aunt of John Muth and a Sister of Charity), and Patricia Phelan (cousin of Kate Muth), that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.



Today's altar flowers are given to the Glory of God and in thankfulness for the life of Cornelia C. Frey, by her daughter Barbara Sheffer.



Adult Faith Formation
Today at 9 am and 11 am
Three Adventures Await!

Gather in Paca Hall at both coffee hours to see a presentation about the Youth Mission Trip this summer, an opportunity to travel to Tanzania with others from St. Mary's and more about our summer retreat at Shrine Mont.

Coffee with Clergy for Newcomers
Today at 11 am

Downstairs in Merrow Fellowship Center

We want to get to know you! If you are a newcomer or are visiting today, you are invited for coffee with the clergy following the 10 am service. We will greet you downstairs in the Merrow Center.



The graphic features a dark brown background. On the left is a white coffee cup filled with dark coffee. On the right is a white coffee cup with a latte and a heart-shaped foam design. The text is centered and reads: "Coffee with Clergy FOR NEWCOMERS THIS SUNDAY AT 11:00 AM DOWNSTAIRS IN MERROW FELLOWSHIP CENTER We want to get to know you! Please come and introduce yourself and ask clergy any questions you have about St. Mary's."

Next Week at 9 am Adult Formation
The Rev. Dr. Missouri McPhee and
Donna K. Sweeting will present on
Children's Spirituality & Christian Parenting

See the January Messenger for more information.



Rev. Dr. McPhee



Faith-filled Families
Initiative at VTS



Donna Sweeting

NEW: 2025 Foundations of Faith Class is now being offered both Sunday afternoons & Monday evenings. Choose the series that works best for you!

Come and reflect on your faith within the community of St. Mary's the following dates:

**Sundays, 11:30 am – 1 pm
Jan. 12, Jan. 26, Feb. 2, Feb. 9.**

or

**Mondays, 7 – 8:30 pm
Jan. 13, Jan. 27, Feb. 3, Feb. 10**

A commitment to all 4 weeks of classes is asked.

ALL are welcome!

Register on the Parish Hub
stmarysarlington.org/hub



The St. Mary's Men's Online Bible Study with Henri Nouwen's Book resumes on Tuesday morning January 21, 2025 from 7 am to 8 am by Zoom

The study will run for seven sessions and conclude on Tuesday, March 4, 2025. The subject is The Parables & Henri Nouwen's book, *The Return of the Prodigal Son*. Contact Paul Douthit at psdouthit@yahoo.com or 202-841-0884 to join or for more details.

Walking The Mourner's Path Class

This group is a way to connect with others who are experiencing loss in a safe, confidential, and life-giving way.

Sundays, 2:00 pm – 3:30 pm

**Feb 9, 16, 23,
March 2, 9, 16, 23**

A commitment to all classes is asked due to the topic.

ALL are welcome!



First Letter of Corinthians Bible Study with Canon Victoria Heard begins Jan. 22, 7 pm – 8:30 pm

Canon Heard will lead a study on Wednesday evenings in St. Mary's undercroft on St. Paul's first letter to the church in Corinth. Corinth in the first century was an economically bustling city set between the two parts of Greece and the Adriatic and the Aegean seas. Paul had established a community of Christians there, but the church struggled with divisions about its direction and leadership as well as how to live as Christians amidst the surrounding Greek culture. The church had written St. Paul a series of questions. St. Paul had separately heard of the community divisions. His letter blends profound insights about the meaning of the Resurrection with practical counsel about church pot luck dinners, worship & family life.

Interested? Commit to meeting from 7 to 8:30 pm for eight weeks and explore how modern these issues of the ancient church still are today. Contact Canon Victoria at victoria.heard@stmarysarlington.org for questions. Sign Up on Parish Hub.



Join us for Evening Vespers
An evening of music, poetry & prayers
featuring the Wild Band
January 31, 6:30-8 pm
"Let my prayer be set forth in your sight as incense,
the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice." Psalm 141:2

**CANDLEMAS CHORAL EUCHARIST
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2 AT 5:00 PM**

**Chili Cook Off follows at 6:00 pm
Sign Up for Chili Cook off on Parish Hub**

Candlemas is a Christian feast day that celebrates the presentation of Jesus in the Temple of Jerusalem. It is celebrated on February 2, forty days after Christmas and is also known as a festival of light with the blessing of candles. The Nunc Dimittis comes from when Simeon's wish was fulfilled when he met the Messiah in the temple. (Luke 2:25-38).



St. Mary's Weekly Calendar

(online at stmarysarlington.org/events-calendar)

Sun., Jan. 12 Epiphany I	8:00 am	Holy Eucharist, Rite II , said	
	8:30-11:30 am	Nursery is open (Downstairs Nursery)	
	9:00 am	Adult Forum: Shrine Mont, Mission Trip, Tanzania Sunday School & Youth Forums	
	9:15-9:45 am	St. Mary's Choir (Choir Room/Nave)	
	10:00 am	Holy Eucharist, Rite I , with music	
	11:00 am	Adult Forum: Shrine Mont, Mission Trip, Tanzania Coffee with Clergy for Newcomers (MFC)	
	11:30 am	Foundations of Faith: Adult Confirmation & Reception Class (Vestry)	
	5:00 pm	Holy Eucharist, Rite II , said	
	Mon., Jan. 13	9:30 am	Path Forward Sandwich Making (Kitchen)
		7:00 pm	Foundations of Faith: Adult Confirmation & Reception Class (Sm. Conf. Room)
7:00 pm		Sacred Ground Discussion (Paca)	
7:00 pm		Vestry Meeting (Vestry)	
Tues., Jan. 14	11:00 am	Staff Meeting	
	Noon	Noonday Prayer (Chapel)	
	3:00 pm	Handcrafts Ministry (MFC)	
	7:00 pm	Tanzania Pilgrimage Interest Meeting (Zoom)	
	7:30 pm	Centering Prayer (Zoom)	
Wed., Jan. 15		MISSION TRIP REGISTRATION DEADLINE	
	7:00 am	Holy Eucharist (Chapel)	
	6:30 pm	Treble Choir	
	7:00 pm	Jr. & Sr. High Youth Group (Paca)	
Thurs., Jan. 16	11:00 am	Holy Eucharist , with healing prayer (Chapel)	
	6:30 pm	Boys and Girls Choir	
	7:30 pm	Adult Choir Rehearsal	
Fri., Jan. 17	10-11:00 am	Fri. AM Book Group (Zoom)	
Sat., Jan. 18	8:30 am	Altar and Flower Guilds (Nave)	
	8:30 am	MLK Jr. Day of Service, Volunteer Arlington	
	10:00 am	The Wild Rehearsal (MFC)	
	10:00 am	Women's Prayer Tool Kit	
Sun., Jan. 19 Epiphany II	8:00 am	Holy Eucharist, Rite II , said	
	8:30-11:30 am	Nursery is open (Downstairs Nursery)	
	9:00 am	Adult Forum: Donna Sweeting & Rev. Dr. McPhee on Children's Spirituality & Christian Planning Sunday School & Youth Forums	
	9:15-9:45 am	St. Mary's Choir (Choir Room/Nave)	
	10:00 am	Holy Eucharist, Rite II with Baptism , with music	
	10:15 am	Wilderness Church (Zachary Taylor Park)	
	11:00 am	Coffee Hour	
	5:00 pm	Holy Eucharist, Rite II , said	



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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

Bishop of Virginia
Assistant Bishop of Virginia
Visiting Bishop

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

Melissa Wiley (2026)

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
The Reverend Janettarose L. Greene
The Reverend Dr. Kate Sonderegger
The Reverend Canon Victoria Heard
The Reverend Deacon Greg Williams
Tom Welch
Dr. Gregory Hooker
Matt Gabay
Gariné Adams
Jackie Ly
Rosanna Esposito
Derek Greten-Harrison
Andrea Meier
John Bednar
Jane Shafran
Prosper Daziorlor
Janet Tasker
Deborah Gandy
Dennis Carter-Chand

Rector
Associate to the Rector
Priest Associate
Part-time Priest Associate
VTS Seminarian
VTS Seminarian
Music Minister
Volunteer Associate Organist
Wilderness Worship Leader
Youth and Family Formation Minister
Minister of Community Life
Parish Administrator
Communications Minister
IT Specialist
Facilities Manager
Assistant Facilities Manager
Interim Finance Manager
Volunteer Treasurer
Part-time Outreach Coordinator

❖ Thank You for Serving Today ❖

	8 am	10 am	5 pm
USHERS	Bob Waters	Jim Hahn; Darron Holley Gordon Thomas	Jay Hamilton
LAYREADERS	Russ Randle John Burnham	Jim Bicksel, Peggy Parker Stephen Cook	Shep Barge Janet Tasker
CHALICE	Russ Randle John Burnham	Jim Bicksel Stephen Cook	Shep Barge Janet Tasker

ACOLYTES AT 10 AM Charlie Hotra Greer Groeneveld Teddy Hotra
Sophie Deegan Haynes Deegan Claire Hoopengardner

VPOD AT 10 AM Mike Devine