



THE MESSENGER

News from our church community

October 2025

"For everything there is a season, and a time for every purpose under heaven"

Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

Everyone is welcome here.



GREETINGS FROM FR. MICHAEL

WEEKEND SERVICES

SATURDAY

5:00 PM | HOLY EUCHARIST

SUNDAY

8:00 AM | HOLY EUCHARIST

10:00 AM | HOLY EUCHARIST

SUNDAY LIVE-STREAM LINKS
PUBLISHED IN THE WEEKEND
E-NEWS FOR THE UPCOMING
WEEKEND SERVICE.

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Dear Friends in Christ,

October is always a month of change. The air turns crisp, the leaves turn fiery red and gold, and the rhythms of life shift as we move deeper into the season. Change in the church can feel much the same—full of both gratitude for what has been and anticipation for what lies ahead.

This month, we give thanks for the arrival of our new Music Director, Dr. Mijin Choi. She brings both skill and spirit, and I am excited to see how her gifts will help lift our worship and strengthen our life together. Please join me in giving her a warm St. Mary's welcome.

At the same time, we prepare to say farewell to Pastor Russ, who will retire at the end of the year. Russ has blessed us with his ministry, his care, and his steady presence. Over the next few months, we will have the chance to celebrate him and give thanks for his faithful service among us.

As the seasons turn, may we be reminded that God is faithful in every transition, bringing new life and fresh grace.

In Christ's love,

Michael +



"Music and melody is language and can tell the story and reflect the scriptures. Music is prayer." - Dr. Choi

Welcome Dr. Mijin Choi, Minister of Music



This weekend we welcome Dr. Mijin Choi as our new Minister of Music. Mijin brings not only talent and skill but also a collaborative spirit that will help our community keep making music a special element to our worship services. Read her full bio on our website, and read on for some fun facts we learned when we sat with Mijin for a personal chat.

Now that you've had the opportunity to meet with members of the choir, what are your initial impressions of the group, and what are your thoughts on creating a renewed music program at St. Mary's?

Meeting the choir was a joy. Their enthusiasm and dedication to both music and ministry are apparent. I can see that they genuinely enjoy singing together. It is also clearly a very supportive group. This comes through in their interactions with each other and the ways in which they have welcomed me and offered to help. I'm excited to grow with them by exploring new repertoire and introducing varied musical styles. I truly take to heart the words of Psalm 149: "Sing to the Lord a new song, His praise in the assembly of His faithful people." I believe every service offers a new opportunity to express our faith and build community.

What are your thoughts on the Emmaus Way services, and how do you plan to incorporate special music for these different types of worship?

I attended the Celtic service on September 20th, and it was a beautiful experience. The candlelight and music created such a sacred atmosphere. Taizé and Celtic services will be new for me as a musician, but I look forward to learning. I would also love to explore a cappella music in these services to deepen the meditative feeling.

Do you have a message you would like to share with the congregation about joining our choir?

Please join the choir as you are! Bring your voice and an open mind. I truly believe music is one of the most powerful ways we worship God, and I would love for you to be part of that. I am open to all forms of participation, not limited to singing, but also including things like dance and instruments.



Mijin gets to know the choir members

When did you begin playing piano?

I started piano lessons at age 8 and have had a close relationship with music ever since. I grew up in a small apartment and in our building was a very active piano studio. I would go there every day and hang out. It became like a second home for me.

What is your favorite worship hymn?

"There's a Dear and Precious Book (My Mother's Bible)", music by Charlie D. Tillman, is very close to my heart. My mother was the first person to become a Christian in my immediate family, and this was her favorite hymn. I heard her sing it every day, and it continues to remind me of her faith and love.

You're invited to a potluck dinner, what will you bring?

I always check what others are bringing first, then I decide what to cook! I prefer using fresh, organic ingredients.

Ministry Update: St. Mary's Vestry

St. Mary's Vestry is a ministry of leadership and listening— it's about helping the congregation live more fully into God's call. If you were ever interested in serving our parish in this ministry, read on to learn more about the work and responsibilities of vestry members.

What is the Vestry?

The vestry is the legal representative of the parish with regard to all matters pertaining to its corporate property. The name dates back to the 1600's and refers to the room where clergy vested and where (male) parishioners meet to conduct the business of the church.

What are a Vestry's responsibilities?

The Vestry members help define and articulate the vision of the congregation, support the church's mission by word and deed, select a rector, ensure an effective organization and planning, and manage the church's resources and finances.

How does the Vestry work?

Vestry meetings are held monthly, led by the rector and open to parish members. Minutes are published the following month. Work is divided among Committees: Building and Grounds, Finance, Welcome, Outreach, Liturgy, Strategic Planning, and the Executive Committee (Wardens and Treasurer) which meets twice a month to plan agendas, and ensure a partnership with the rector.

Who is on the Vestry?

Vestries range in size and term limits, but at St. Mary's we seek to have nine members, each of whom serve a three-year term. Senior and Junior Wardens, Clerk and the Treasurer serve 1-year terms, for up to six years. **Note:** The term Warden refers to the keeper of the keys and dates back to the 17th century.



St. Mary's Vestry Members from left to right: (Standing - back row): Sarah Nixon, Sue Davy, Judy Quinn, Arlene Antonicelli and Marian Ferguson. (Seated - front row) Emory Anderson, Jean Fahey, Jane Martin, Lallie Lloyd and Wes Blair. Missing from photo: Keith Harris and Conor Moynihan

Should I consider serving on the Vestry?

Yes! If you care about St. Mary's, its people, and its future, then you might be a great fit for the Vestry. Vestry members are parishioners who commit to guiding the spiritual and practical life of the church. They meet monthly with the rector to pray, discern, and make decisions about ministries, property and finances of the parish. If you feel a nudge that this might be for you, we encourage you to pray about it, ask questions, and talk with Fr. Michael or a current vestry member.

What are the qualifications to serve on the vestry?

To serve on the vestry you must be a confirmed or received member of the Episcopal Church; a regular participant in worship at St. Mary's; a financial pledging giver; and be willing to serve faithfully, collaboratively, generously and prayerfully with others. Many who have served on the Vestry describe it as one of the most meaningful ways they've been able to give back to a church that has given so much to them.

"The rewards [of working on the Vestry] are both personal and communal. Personally, you will deepen your faith as you grow in prayer and leadership. You'll gain a fuller understanding of how the church works and how your gifts can strengthen its mission. Communally, you'll have the joy of helping St. Mary's remain strong, welcoming and forward-looking."

-Marian Ferguson, Sr. Warden



Why Stewardship Matters

We have just begun our 2026 Stewardship Campaign - Giving, Growing, Building - as we continue to grow our faith community. You should have already received communications from our Wardens and Fr. Michael with information you can use to consider your financial pledge and/or promise to share your time, talents, and treasure with us.

We are a blessed parish with so many people enthusiastically involved in the betterment of our church and the people we impact in our community. How are you being a steward of our parish?

Giving, Growing, Building.

These three words capture who we are and who God is calling us to be. When we give, we grow as disciples. When we grow, we build the church God dreams for us—a church of welcome, compassion, justice, and hope.

-Father Michael

Stewardship at St. Mary's comes in many forms, not just an annual financial pledges, but through the hours of care and service provided with love by dedicated parishioners.

Why does such stewardship matter? Giving of your gifts, your experience, your talent and time helps us to fulfill our mission as disciples of Christ. It also rewards us personally as we build connections and strengthen friendships within the community that is St. Mary's.

How can you become more involved? Have you taken the spiritual gifts inventory?

A Volunteer Journey

By Sarah Nixon



I'd like to share part of my stewardship story. I started volunteering at Angels' Treasures Thrift Shop when it first opened in 2020. I was relatively new to the church, and I also lived over the bridge, so being on campus right here in Barnstable and working alongside the other volunteers was a fabulous way to combine connecting with the community and serving an important ministry. Funds were raised and friendships were formed. The structure of committing to work one day a week was also significant in that it provided me with a routine and sense of purpose. Wednesday was my St. Mary's Day.

I also have a passion for cooking and entertaining which fits nicely into many of our hospitality events including the Veterans' Breakfast in November, the Garden Party Luncheon in the spring, and making sandwiches for the feeding aspect of the Here, Now Worship services in Hyannis. These have been other opportunities to make new friends, serve and find purpose.

Every one of us is blessed with gifts and talents. Please share those with us! Perhaps you might even discover a hidden talent or new interest by jumping in and getting involved with a new ministry. There are so many opportunities to connect and serve here. I'm confident that you'll discover the joys and rewards of weaving yourself into the fabric of the St. Mary's family.

Learn where your talents lie using the spiritual gifts inventory online at <https://spiritualgiftsquiz.org>



Episcopal 101- A Class for Newcomers and Seekers

Are you curious about the Episcopal Church? Wondering what we believe, how we worship, or where we fit in the wider Christian tradition? Join us for Episcopal 101, a welcoming and conversational class designed for anyone who wants to learn more about our church.

Using the book *Walk in Love* by Scott Gunn and Melody Wilson, this series is especially helpful for those preparing for Confirmation, Reception, or Reaffirmation of Faith, but all are welcome - whether you're brand new, have been attending for years, or simply want to refresh your knowledge.

Bring your questions, your curiosity, and yourself - no homework, no tests, just good conversation and community.

Sunday, October 5, 12, 19 | 11:30 AM | Walden Conference Room | Facilitator: Fr. Michael

A Guided Pilgrimage Tour of
England's Cathedrals
April 10 - 19, 2026

 Rev. Canon Michael Horvath
Pilgrimage Host

Space is limited. Register today!
Download a brochure at portal.myfaithjourneys.com
Group Number 26020

 Faith Journeys

There is still space available for joining this exciting tour event. Contact Fr. Michael at michael.horvath@stmarysbarnstable.org

Advent Study Series: Waiting in Hope

It's never too early to plan for the church's holiday season! This Advent, join us for a special four-week study exploring the history and meaning of this sacred season through the lens of our Anglican tradition.

Together we will discover how Christians through the centuries have marked this time of waiting, longing, and hope — from the fasting practices of the early church, through the rich ceremonies of medieval England, to the reforming vision of Thomas Cranmer, and the ways Anglicans around the world celebrate Advent today. Each session will weave together scripture, history, art, and music, giving us a deeper sense of what it means to prepare for the coming of Christ.

**Tuesdays in Advent (December 2, 9, 16, 23) | 11:30 AM -12:30 PM
Walden Hall Conference Room**

- Week 1: Advent Before Anglicanism – Roots in the Western Church
- Week 2: The Sarum Rite and Medieval English Advent
- Week 3: The Reformation and Anglican Advent
- Week 4: Advent in Today's Anglican Communion

Come ready to learn, reflect, and prepare your heart for the coming of Christ. All are welcome — no prior knowledge required!



Calendar of Events | October 2025

Saturday, October 4

9:30 AM | Companions of the Society of the Holy Cross
4:00 PM | Blessing of the Animals | Patio
5:00 PM | Taizé Service with Eucharist | Church
6:00 PM | Taizé Reception | Walden Hall

Sunday, October 5

8:00 AM | Holy Eucharist | Church
9:00 AM | Monthly Fellowship | Walden Hall
10:00 AM | Children's Church | Church
10:00 AM | Holy Eucharist | Church
11:15 AM | Fellowship Hour | Walden Hall
11:30 AM | Episcopal 101 | Walden Conference Rm
4:00 PM | 1891 Society Reception | Rectory

Monday, October 6

3:00 PM | Education for Ministry | St. James Room
6:45 PM | Cape Cod Chorale | Walden Hall

Tuesday, October 7

8:00 AM | Men's Fellowship | Walden Hall
11:30 AM | SMART Discussion: Understanding White Christian Nationalism | Walden Conference Room
3:30 PM | Garden Committee Meeting | St. James Room

Wednesday, October 8

10:00 AM | Staff Meeting | St. James Room
3:00 PM | Bereavement Group | Library
6:15 PM | St. Mary's Choir Rehearsal | Walden Hall

Thursday, October 9

8:30 AM | Books & Breakfast | Walden Hall

Friday, October 10

1:00 PM | Grief Group | Library

Saturday, October 11

9:00 AM | Garden Workday | Gardens
5:00 PM | Holy Eucharist | Church

Sunday, October 12

8:00 AM | Holy Eucharist | Church
10:00 AM | Holy Eucharist | Church
11:15 AM | Fellowship Hour | Walden Hall
11:30 AM | Episcopal 101 | Walden Conference Room
12:00 PM | Building Solidarity with Indigenous Communities 101 Course | ZOOM St. James Room

Monday, October 13

Parish Office Closed
3:00 PM | Education for Ministry | St. James Room
6:45 PM | Cape Cod Chorale Rehearsal | Walden Hall

Tuesday, October 14

11:30 AM | SMART Discussion: Understanding White Christian Nationalism | Walden Conference Room

Wednesday, October 15

9:00 AM | Executive Committee Meeting
10:00 AM | Staff Meeting | St. James Room
11:00 AM | Liturgy Lab | St. James Room
2:00 PM | Eucharist at Cape Regency
3:00 PM | Bereavement Group | Library
6:15 PM | St. Mary's Choir Rehearsal | Walden Hall

Thursday, October 16

8:30 AM | Books & Breakfast | Walden Hall
1:30 PM | OAT Committee Meeting | St. James Room
5:00 PM | Vestry Meeting | St. James Room

Friday, October 17

1:00 PM | Grief Group | Library

Saturday, October 18

5:00 PM | Emmaus Way Celtic Service | Church
6:00 PM | Emmaus Way Potluck | Walden Hall

Sunday, October 19

8:00 AM | Holy Eucharist | Church
9:00 AM | Monthly Fellowship | Walden Hall
10:00 AM | Holy Eucharist | Church
11:15 AM | Fellowship Hour | Walden Hall
11:30 AM | Episcopal 101 | Walden Conference Room
11:30 AM | VNA Presentation | Library
12:00 PM | Building Solidarity with Indigenous Communities 101 Course | ZOOM St. James Room

Monday, October 20

3:00 PM | Education for Ministry | St. James Room
6:45 PM | Cape Cod Chorale Rehearsal | Walden Hall

Tuesday, October 21

8:00 AM | Men's Fellowship | Walden Hall
11:30 AM | SMART Discussion: Understanding White Christian Nationalism | Walden Conference Room
6:00 PM | NAMI Meeting | St. James Room

Wednesday, October 22

10:00 AM | Staff Meeting | St. James Room
11:00 AM | Staff Planning Meeting | St. James Room
3:00 PM | Bereavement Group | Library
6:15 PM | St. Mary's Choir Rehearsal | Walden Hall

Thursday, October 23

8:30 AM | Books & Breakfast | Walden Hall

Friday, October 24

1:00 PM | Grief Group | Library

Saturday, October 25

11:00 AM | Celebration of Life, Anthony Leriardi | Church
5:00 PM | Holy Eucharist | Church

Sunday, October 26

8:00 AM | Holy Eucharist | Church
10:00 AM | Holy Eucharist | Church
11:15 AM | Fellowship Hour | Walden Hall
12:00 PM | Building Solidarity with Indigenous Communities | 101 Course | ZOOM St. James Room

Monday, October 27

3:00 PM | Education for Ministry | St. James Room
6:45 PM | Cape Cod Chorale Rehearsal | Walden Hall

Tuesday, October 28

9:30 AM | Faith Breakfast, Habitat for Humanity | Walden Hall
11:30 AM | SMART Discussion: Understanding White Christian Nationalism | Walden Conference Room
1:00 PM | Cape Cod Pharmacy Vaccine Clinic | Walden Hall
3:00 PM | Finance Committee Meeting | St. James Room

Children's Church Begins Sunday, October 5



It is exciting to welcome back our Children's Church program this Fall. This once-a-month Sunday morning (10 AM service) children's Christian formation class. Lessons incorporate learning, fun and friendship. Lessons are based on the Godly Play curriculum, which is appropriate for all ages. Please help us spread the word among your circle of neighbors, friends and family.

All Saints'/All Souls' Table of Remembrance and Vigil

Friday, Oct. 31 and Saturday, Nov. 1 | 5 PM - 7 PM

As we remember the great cloud of witnesses and those who have gone before us, St. Mary's will host a Table of Remembrance on All Saints' and All Souls' Days. You are invited to bring a photo or small memento of loved ones no longer with us and place it on the table as a way of honoring their memory.

Each evening, we will hold a Candlelight Vigil in the church - a quiet time of reflection and prayer for all who grieve and for the faithful departed. Come, light a candle, say a prayer, and remember those who continue to live in God's eternal love.

Wednesday, October 29

9:00 AM | Executive Committee Meeting | Rector's Office
10:00 AM | Staff Meeting | St. James Room
3:00 PM | Bereavement Group | Library
6:15 PM | St. Mary's Choir Rehearsal | Walden Hall

Thursday, October 30

8:30 AM | Books & Breakfast | Walden Hall
11:00 AM | Celebration of Life, Pat Buttenheim | Church
5:00 PM | Trunk Or Treat | Church Parking Lot

Friday, October 31

1:00 PM | Grief Group | Library
5:00 PM | All Saints'/All Souls' Table of Remembrance and Vigil | Church



New! SMART Programs & Events

SMART Discussion Series: Understanding White Christian Nationalism

Tuesdays in October | 11:30 AM | Walden Conference Room

This October, beginning Tuesday, Oct. 7, St. Mary's SMART Forum will hold a four-part series discussing and considering the rise and potential impact of White Christian Nationalism - a movement increasingly present in public discourse and shaping aspects of American religious and political life.

If you are interested in learning more before you attend, there is a very informative 90-minute video, "God and Country," that is available to watch on Amazon Prime, YouTube, AppleTV, or Peacock (\$3.99 rental, if not a subscriber). For more information, contact Hub Mathewson at hubmathewson@comcast.net or Sarah Nixon at saggybeach@aol.com.

Building Solidarity with Indigenous Communities 101

Sundays, October 12, 19 & 26 | 12:00 - 2:00 PM on Zoom | St. James Room
Facilitated by Rev. Margot Critchfield

Indigenous Peoples across the globe are calling for solidarity to help protect their cultures, languages, waters, homelands, and more. A growing portion of the world is awakening to answer that call, but doesn't always know how. This introductory course explores some of the very basic do's and don't's when it comes to engaging with Indigenous communities and their causes. It looks at some of the conscious and unconscious ways that we have been trained to override Indigenous agency and sovereignty, and examines very successful case studies where white groups are working with Indigenous Peoples in good ways.

Please join in for this new Zoom offering from Re^Human, creator of Indigenous online courses designed to give people the tools and knowledge they need to heal our planet. Feel free to bring a brown bag lunch or something to share!

For more information and to register go to: <https://www.rehuman.earth/building-solidarity>.

Once you are registered, please RSVP to Margo at margotcritchfield@gmail.com to confirm your attendance.

2025 NET ZERO Conference

Sponsored by the Cape Cod Climate Change Collaborative, Net Zero will be held at the Emerald Resort Irish Village in Hyannis, on Oct. 14, from 12:30 to 5:30 pm. General admission is free.

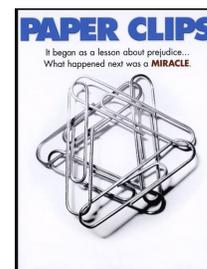


[REGISTER](#)

Climate impacts are here. The question is: what can we do now? Join local leaders, experts, and neighbors to explore real, actionable solutions, as we cover coastal resilience, skyrocketing homeowners' insurance costs, grid readiness, and the Climate Action Plan for Cape Cod. Whether you're looking to protect your community, safeguard your property, or strengthen your organization's response, you'll leave with the tools, connections, and inspiration to act. By being part of the conversation, you can be part of the solution.

Movie Theology Monthly Features Sunday, Oct. 19 | 3:00 PM | Walden Hall

Documentary film: Struggling to understand the enormity of the Holocaust, students at a Tennessee middle school collect 6 million paper clips to grasp the concept.





Looking for a new way to be active and learn more about maintaining your health? Walk with a Doc is a free community walking program with each event led by a local doctor and is open to people of all ages and abilities. The program allows participants to safely take a walk, learn about current health topics, and meet new people.

Walk with a Doc is a nonprofit that was started in 2005 by Dr. David Sabgir, a cardiologist in Columbus, Ohio. Initially aimed at helping patients get more physical activity, the benefits of the program go far beyond a simple walk! The opportunity to build friendships within the community, spend time in nature, and receive free health education in a relaxed setting is an all-in-one "prescription" for better health.

According to an article by Roberta Cannon, RN, Dr. Huston says, "The program is focused on the six pillars of lifestyle medicine which are: nutrition, movement, mindfulness, sleep, social connection and avoiding risky substance use."

For registration and information, contact the Sandwich Center for Active Living at [508-888-4737](tel:508-888-4737).

Program Details

1st Monday of every month
9:00-10:00 AM

Location:

Sandwich Center for Active Living (Lobby)

Lead Physician:

Kara Huston, MD, Emergency & Lifestyle
Medicine
Chapter # 35121

Contact Information:

Khustonmed@gmail.com
[Website](#) | [Facebook](#)

Aging With Grace

Program Offering by the
Visiting Nurse Association
of Cape Cod

Sunday, Oct. 19
11:30 AM
Library

The Visiting Nurse Association of Cape Cod will be hosting a presentation at the church on end of life care, palliative care, hospice, aging in place services and other services offered by Medicare. In addition, learn about public health nursing and wellness services offered by surrounding towns and how you can make Medicare changes during the Medicare open enrollment period which occurs Oct. 15 through Dec. 7. Please register by emailing Kathleen in the parish office at info@st.marysbarnstable.org.

Caring for the Community

At the Visiting Nurse Association (VNA) of Cape Cod, our goal is to provide comprehensive home health, hospice services and public health programs that enable individuals, from newborns to the elderly, to receive care in the privacy and comfort of their own homes and support through community services. Our highly trained professionals are dedicated to ensuring a smooth transition from a hospital, nursing home or clinic to home.

Our staff is dedicated to patient care and safety, in collaboration with physicians and healthcare professionals.

Learn more about the Visiting Nurse Association of Cape Cod at their website: <https://www.capecodhealth.org/medical-services/visiting-nurse-association/>

Member Highlights

Member Highlights is a new feature to introduce you to members with short Q & A formatted stories.

Meet Sara Jones

Q: *How long have you been members (of the church) and how did you choose St. Mary's for your church community?*

A: I joined St. Mary's in November of 2024 when I retired here from Nantucket, where I had lived for 55 years. I chose St. Mary's because of the preaching from the ministers here - I really liked the sermons I heard - but also because everyone I met here was so warm and welcoming.

Q: *You have already been involved in many activities at St. Mary's. Tell us what you've been doing.*

A: Well, I have always sung in a choir from when I was very young, so I joined the choir right away (I'm a girl tenor!). I volunteer in the parish office as an Office Angel on Thursday mornings and in the thrift shop in the afternoon. I just love the group of people who work there in the shop - Janis and her team are great. I enjoy merchandising and setting up the displays most of all. I'm also part of the Miracle Kitchen and Altar Guild ministries. Also, as an RN and Interfaith Chaplain, I serve on St. Mary's Pastoral Care team which goes out to minister to homebound people who are ill, disabled, grieving or struggling with situations in their lives.

Q: *You've been involved in church life since you were a little girl in Glenshaw, PA where your grandparents built the first Presbyterian church. How did that affect your life?*

A: Yes, my grandparents were involved in starting the whole town and built the church, and that's where I learned about church life. It was right next door and I was there all the time. That beginning was very important to me and who I have become today.



Sara Jones, St. Mary's Angel and Choir "Girl Tenor"

Q: *Which church season or holiday is your favorite and why?*

A: I love Easter because for me it represents the whole meaning of being Christian - that God sent his only son to save us from sin by being crucified on the cross. I also have amazing respect for his mother, Mary, who had so much faith in the redeeming power of God that she could stand by her son and be present when he was dying. It is very powerful and as a nurse and chaplain, it helps me be present for people.

Q: *You are invited to a potluck, what are you bringing?*

A: My Pillsbury Bake Off Award Winning Cranberry Surprise dessert!



Sara (second from right) helps organize goods for the thrift shop Tent Sale.

October Birthdays

Happy Birthday to all St. Mary's October babies! If we have missed yours, please reach out and let us know.

Sara Jones, Oct. 1
Charles Lewis, Oct. 2
Beverley LeBlanc, Oct. 4
George Syrov, Oct. 4
Betsy Lawlor, Oct. 7
Hub Mathewson, Oct. 7
Spencer Reed, Oct. 11
Skee Morton, Oct. 13
Barbara Armstrong, Oct. 15
Joy Hambly, Oct. 15
Blake Moquin, Oct. 17
Jud Phelps, Oct. 18
Roger Boocock, Oct. 20
John Damon, Oct. 20
Laura McCarron, Oct. 20
Suzanna Munsey, Oct. 25
Nancy Weyer-Haak, Oct. 25
Mary Ann Anthony, Oct. 25
Bruce Bertschmann, Oct. 26
Linda Gadkowski, Oct. 26
Ann German, Oct. 26
Connie McLean-Stead, Oct. 30
Edward Saling, Oct. 30

Happy
Birthday



St. Mary's Annual Trunk or Treat event offers a safe and fun environment for the community children and their families to enjoy this holiday tradition of dressing up, spending time together and collecting lots of yummy treats.

Please contact Sarah Nixon via email at saggybeach@aol.com if you would like to participate by bringing your Halloween-decorated car and passing out candy to the children. We are also asking parishioners to donate bags of candy for the event. It's destined to be a fa-BOO-lous event!





Blessing of the Animals

October 4, 2025 | St. Mary's Garden Patio
4:00 PM

Join us as we observe the Feast Day of St. Francis of Assisi with the Blessing of the Animals service.

All are welcome to bring your companion animals, leashed or crated please, and join us in honoring all Creation!



We pray for the natural world. Let us consider the Season of Creation, the Feast Day of St. Francis of Assisi and act upon their lessons. Help us to see and help our brothers and sisters, related, and not subordinate to, all You have made. We give thanks and ask Your blessings for our companion animals who often enlighten us to Your will and ways.

We pray for those who now live with You, and our beloved animal friends – Peanuts, Savannah, Hercules, Lexi, Moogie, Sparky, MacKenzie, Lady, Blackie, Duncan, Jane, Yani, Deacon, Mama J., Otis, Graham, Jane Doe, Chuck, Mickey, Chan, Max, Sam, Mr. Snickers, Charlie, Cutie, Abbey, Ezra and Robert. Let us see through them that God is with each of us.

- Prayer of the People



St. Mary's Staff

The Rev. Michael J. Horvath, Rector

The Rev. Dr. Russ Norris, Associate Pastor

Dr. Mijin Choi, Music Minister

Julienne Remie, Parish Administrator

Kathleen Macdonald, Office Assistant

Lynda Anello, Communications Director

Janis Umschlag, Thrift Shop Manager

Glenn Lungarini, Facilities Coordinator



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**Pastoral Emergency?
Call our confidential Pastoral Care Line
508.318.6646**

To schedule meeting space at the church, please email Kathleen Macdonald in the parish office for approval at kathleen.macdonald@stmarysbarnstable.org

St. Mary's Vestry

Vestry Officers

Marian Ferguson, Sr. Warden (2026)

Arlene Antonicelli, Jr. Warden (2026)

Wes Blair, Treasurer (2026)

Lallie Lloyd, Clerk (2026)

Members

Emory Anderson (2026)

Jean Fahey (2026)

Jane Martin (2026)

Keith Harris (2027)

Sarah Nixon (2027)

Judy Quinn (2027)

Sue Davy (2028)

Conor Moynihan (2028)