



Annual Meeting of the Congregation

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in the City of New York

Sunday, May 3, 2009

AGENDA

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- I. Call to Order, Opening Prayer
- II. Minutes of the March 2, 2008
Annual Meeting
- III. Election: Delegates to the 233rd Convention
of the Diocese of New York,
November 21, 2009,
The Cathedral Church of Saint John the Divine
- IV. Submitted Reports to the Congregation
- V. Treasurer's Report
- VI. The Rector's Report
- VII. Adjournment

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CHURCH OF SAINT MARY THE VIRGIN
IN THE CITY OF NEW YORK, JANUARY 1, 2008

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THE PARISH CLERGY

The Reverend Stephen Gerth, *Rector*,
 The Reverend Matthew Mead, the Reverend James Ross Smith, *curates*,
 The Reverend John Merz, *assisting priest*,
 The Reverend Jedediah Fox, *assisting deacon*
 The Reverend Canon Edgar F. Wells, *Rector emeritus*.

THE PARISH MUSICIANS

Mr. James Kennerley, *organist and music director*,
 Mr. Lawrence Trupiano, *organ curator*.

THE PARISH STAFF

Mr. Aaron Koch, *business manager*,
 Mr. Mario Martinez, *sexton*,
 Mr. Antonio Sanchez, *sexton*,
 Mr. Hector Rojas, *building mechanic*
 Mr. Timothy Zimmerman, *sexton*.

Minutes of the 2008 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, March 2, 2008. The meeting commenced at 12:50 pm with a prayer. The Reverend Stephen Gerth, Rector, was in the chair and a quorum of members in good standing was present.

Ms. Susan Wamsley was selected to be recording secretary for the meeting. The minutes of the 2007 meeting were adopted as submitted with Ms. Linda Bridges motioning and Mrs. Brenda Morgan seconding.

The first order of business was the election of two Delegates and two Alternates to represent The Church of Saint Mary the Virgin at the Diocesan Convention to be held at the Sheraton Hotel in Mahwah, New Jersey, on November 14 and 15, 2008. Mr. Steven Heffner nominated Mr. Randy Morgan and Ms. Linda Bridges seconded the nomination. Ms. Linda Bridges nominated Mr. Sean Cassidy and Ms. Gloria Fitzgerald seconded the nomination. Ms. Grace Treiman and Mr. Michael Innis-Jiménez were nominated as Alternate Delegates and accepted by acclamation.

The staff and clergy of the parish were introduced to the congregation.

The Rector led the congregation in an overview of the printed Annual Report that was distributed at the meeting. Thanks and applause were given for the reports of The Reverend James Ross Smith, Curate for Parish Life and Outreach and The Reverend Matthew Mead, Curate for Liturgy and Education. The Reverend Mead also received accolades for his hard work and leadership on the renovation of the Mission House. Sister Deborah Francis, C.S.J.B., and Sister Laura Katherine, C.S.J.B., provided a report on their first year in residence in the Mission House. Mr. Robert McCormick, Organist and Music Director, provided a report on the music program including the progress of the new volunteer choir. Ms. Sandra Schubert provided a report on the work of the parish office. Liturgy statistics of the parish during 2007 were also included in the annual report. All reports were received with thanks.

Reports from the parish guilds: Saint Andrew's Guild, Saint Mary's Gift Shop and Visual Arts Program, Saint Raphael's Guild, the Archives Committee and the Flower Guild were received with thanks. Members of the guilds were introduced and given applause in appreciation for their work. Special appreciation was noted for Mr. Dick Leitsch for his development of the Archives Committee and for Mr. Dale Bonenberger and Mr. Rick Austill for their tireless work on the Flower Guild.

Mr. Steven Heffner, Treasurer, delivered a summary of the Financial Report, calling it a positive start on the Board of Trustees' five-year plan to bring the parish to financial stability. The Investment Committee report showed an 8% increase in the endowment assets. Both reports were received with thanks.

The parish was reminded to join the Legacy Society during the report on Bequests and Funds. The evensong and reception honoring members of the Legacy Society will be held on Monday, December 8, 2008.

The congregation, led by Mr. Thomas Jayne, vice-president, extended thanks and applause to the rector, The Reverend Stephen Gerth for his leadership and also to the curates, The Reverend James Ross Smith and The Reverend Matthew Mead, for a year of hard work. Thanks and applause were also offered to Sister Deborah Francis, C.S.J.B., and Sister Laura Katharine, C.S.J.B., as well as to building mechanic, Mr. Hector Rojas, and to the parish sextons, Messrs. Reuben Awuni, Mario Martinez, and Antonio Sanchez.

The Rector's Report was presented by The Reverend Stephen Gerth, Rector. In addition to remarking on notable events of the year and thanking everyone for their continued efforts, he spoke about his decision to change from his previous extemporaneous sermon style to written sermons as an attempt to connect more fully with the congregation, calling pastoral connection the most fulfilling part of his vocation. His report was received with thanks.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:20 pm and concluded with a final blessing, led by The Reverend Stephen Gerth, Rector.

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan Wamsley
Recording Secretary

Reports from Other Parish Clergy and Staff

From the Curate for Parish Life & Outreach

Pastoral Care

In 2008, in addition to my work as a celebrant and officiant at the parish's liturgies, I continued to work with Fathers Gerth and Mead to provide pastoral care through hospital visitations, pastoral counseling, pre-marital counseling, the Sacrament of Reconciliation, and spiritual direction.

Membership

In 2008, we welcomed 13 new members and lost 11 persons to transfer to other churches (most of whom transferred because they had moved to areas from they were no longer able to travel to Times Square on a regular basis), giving us a total active membership of 203 (and another 50 members who have been less than active the past two years; the total official membership stands at around 600). In addition to our official members we continue to be blessed by many friends and visitors, who choose to support the parish and its mission. We have around 400 neighbors (whose official membership is at another church). We have 291 clergy friends, 16 weekday friends, 651 national and 70 international friends.

I continue to work on a project to correct and update our computer database and our parish registers. This has been giving us a more accurate picture of our membership and continues to provide us with essential tools for fundraising, record-keeping, and evangelism. More accurate records also help to reduce the amount of time spent processing requests for information from the national church, the Diocese of New York, and from current and former members and their relatives.

In 2008, I began producing a brochure entitled "Life at Saint Mary's", which is now, in 2009, in its third seasonal edition. I am grateful to my predecessor, Father John Beddingfield, whose idea it was to publish such a brochure and who provided me with the basic template. The brochure has proven to be useful for new-membership recruitment, since it combines into a single piece what had previously been a collection of informational tools concerning the parish's history, its schedule of services, the guilds, stewardship, etc. I now use the brochure to respond to those visitors seeking information about joining, or supporting, the parish. I have also continued our practice of producing postcards publicizing our Christmas and Holy Week services. The postcards are mailed with our Christmas and Easter appeal letters and are distributed to the local hotels.

I continue to work with the Saint Andrew's Guild, whose members have been extremely helpful in the work of recruitment and publicity. Grace Treiman has volunteered many hours to help with the parish-register project. Marie Rosseels has taken on the task of overseeing postcard distribution both at Christmas and at Easter, with help from Grace and MaryJane; and Grace, Marie, and MaryJane Boland have recently agreed to help me with follow-up on new member inquiries. They and a number of other parishioners, acting in more informal ways, have provided essential help this year in greeting newcomers and visitors, and helping the clergy to provide a friendly and hospitable atmosphere at our Sunday Coffee Hours and our Feast-Day receptions. This of course remains an extremely important ministry. Terry Carlson has also donated his time and talent in order to help with publicity. It was Terry who designed this year's Holy Week postcard and he has advised me on

a number of other publicity efforts. The production of the Holy Week postcard was made possible by the generous gifts of the Saint Andrew's Guild and its members.

Mission & Outreach

I am happy to be able to report that in 2008 we have been able to form a reconstituted Mission & Outreach Committee here at Saint Mary's. The Committee, whose membership is fluid (anyone who is interested can come to the Committee's meetings), has now met several times and is proceeding under the following set of guidelines and assumptions: as a Committee we are open to new ideas and the possibility of new projects; leadership for those projects should, for the most part, come from the lay members of the Committee with logistical support coming from myself and other staff members; we hope to encourage and raise up leadership for the Committee from the members of the parish; we should be willing to try different things, but also be able to honestly assess projects that are working or have attracted a significant amount of volunteer support and those which haven't; we aim to support a range of projects, while trying to maintain a balance among projects that are local, national, and international. At present the Committee and its members have been working on the San Juan Evangelista in Honduras project (I am grateful to Rebecca Weiner Tompkins for continuing to provide leadership on this project); Hope for South Africa/Hope for Richmond, South Africa (Committee members Sister Deborah Francis, C.S.J.B. and Dr. Michael McNett traveled to Richmond on a mission trip in February 2009 – more on that in next year's report); the AIDS Action International toy and gift drive; the AIDS Walk; the toy donation to the New York Foundling Hospital; education in the areas of justice and advocacy; and the new partnership with the Episcopal Church of Saint Clement Food Pantry. The response from the parish for the latter effort has been most encouraging and we have now been able to make food donations to the Food Pantry on a regular basis as well as several significant cash donations.

In 2008, I received donations amounting to \$739.00 to my discretionary fund and made disbursements amounting to \$890.00. The disbursements were a.) to parishioners with special needs; b.) visitors to Saint Mary's requesting money for food or transportation; c.) The Saint Clement's Food Pantry; d.) The Monastery of the Order of the Holy Cross in Grahamstown, South Africa, in support of its school; e.) The AIDS Walk; f.) AIDS Action International's Toy and Gift Drive.

If you would like to know more about the Committee's work please speak to me and please refer to the Angelus for notices about upcoming meetings.

Stewardship and Giving

I worked with the Rector and the Stewardship Committee to coordinate stewardship, both the annual pledge drive and our ongoing efforts in the area of development. As of April 14, 2009, we have received pledges for 2009 which total \$473,820.00 just 8.7% short of our goal for the year. We are, of course, concerned that we have not reached that goal; however, we are pleased that at a difficult moment 34 households either pledged for the first time or pledged again after a gap of one or more years and nearly 10% of households increased their pledge for 2009 over the amount pledged for 2008. I would like to thank MaryJane Boland, Chair of the Stewardship Committee, for her tireless efforts on this year's campaign, and Steven Heffner, who provided MaryJane and me with the gift of his advice, his time and his computer skills. If you are reading this report and have not pledged for 2009, but would still like to do so, please contact me or speak to MaryJane or Steven. We still believe that we can reach our goal of \$518,970.00 by year's end with the help of our generous friends and members.

Parish Life & Hospitality

I continued to oversee a number of efforts in the area of hospitality. Along with Hector Rojas, I purchase supplies for Coffee Hour, feast day receptions, and other events. I have been consulting with Jim Dennis, Chair of the Saint Lawrence Guild, who has provided me with much help and excellent advice. I have recruited several parishioners, including Jim, who have prepared food for various receptions during the past year (Heather Peskin's help in this regard deserves special mention, though many other parishioners have volunteered their help in the kitchen during the past year. I am extremely grateful to all of them. At some point in the future, when the Parish House kitchen has been renovated, I hope to be able to work with Jim Dennis and others to reconstitute the Saint Lawrence Guild and at that time we will be able to acknowledge the efforts of so many parishioners whose labors too often go unsung). I have also continued Larry Green's successful efforts to recruit donors willing to sponsor our feast day receptions and am happy to report that the costs of all of the 2008 receptions were covered through the gifts of generous members and friends of the parish, removing a significant burden from the operating budget. I have also worked with a number of parishioners to provide hospitality at a number of special events, including the Liturgical Conference in September 2008, the Legacy Society reception, and the meals for the staff, acolytes, Flower-Guild members and other volunteers at Christmas and Easter. It should also be noted that, beginning in autumn 2008, we have invited parishioners and friends of the parish to donate pastries and other food items for our Coffee Hours and receptions. The response has been generous, enthusiastic and heartfelt. Such a response has been enormously helpful in this time of budget cuts and belt-tightening.

I have continued to work with the Saint Raphael's Guild of Ushers. I will not duplicate Mr. Handy's fine report concerning the Guild's efforts in 2008. However, I would like to mention that almost all of the members of the Guild attended an after-Mass luncheon & work meeting in our apartment in September and I was greatly impressed with the experience, commitment, and wisdom of the Guild's members. The ushers comprise an unusually dedicated and reliable group of volunteers, who provide an essential ministry here at Saint Mary's. I am happy to report that Mr. Handy and I have recruited several new members to the Guild in 2008: the new members have responded skillfully and enthusiastically and the existing members provided their new colleagues with very patient and helpful training. I must not fail to thank Mr. Handy for his very able leadership once again this year. He and all the members of the Guild have made it possible for me to provide some staff oversight and to act as a conduit for communication between sacristy, the narthex and the ushers' table without the need to become a micro-manager.

In conclusion, I continue to greatly enjoy my work here at the parish and am very grateful to the Rector and Father Mead for their friendship, advice, and support, and to the members and friends of the parish who have taught me so much. In the most recent number of *U.S. News & World Report*, jobs as parish clergy are listed as good jobs in a growth area and one of the attractions of such work, the survey indicates, is "job satisfaction". I could not agree more and I thank you.

Respectfully submitted,
The Reverend James Ross Smith
Curate for Parish Life and Outreach

From The Curate for Liturgy and Education

As my title suggests, there are two distinct areas that take up the bulk of my time when I am not at the altar or making pastoral visits: Liturgy and Education.

I work directly with three of the guilds who help to make Saint Mary's the wonderful place that it is. Members of the Saint Vincent's Guild serve at the altar on Sundays, on feast days and throughout the week. We continue to bring in new servers and train new MCs ("masters of ceremony") and thurifers. Additionally, in the past year it has become the norm rather than the exception that we have servers at Low Mass. Life in the sacristy is bustling and fun. I owe all of the members of the guild my gratitude for their time, their commitment to Saint Mary's, and the joy that they bring to worship at the parish. As always, we continue to welcome those who wish to serve and help out at the altar to the guild.

Members of the Saint Bede's Guild read at all of our services. I saw a great increase in the number of regular readers, and I hope that the coming year will see the continued growth of our readers' guild. I would like to thank all of our readers for their time and efforts throughout the past year.

Some major repairs for liturgical furnishings were done by outside contractors this year, including the center sanctuary lamp and one of the large "burning bush" candle sticks.

Nursery was offered (nearly) every Sunday in 2009 by Ms. Laura Minor, a professional child care provider. Sunday School was led by Deacon Jedediah Fox and met most Sunday during the academic year beginning in September of 2008. The Sunday school was as large as 8 children (when we made Advent wreaths) and usually averaged 3-4 children. There were more children at church this year – notably at coffee hour – and I think that the increase is directly linked to offering events and programming for children and families. I believe strongly that the parish **SHOULD CONTINUE** to make children's formation a top priority. Sunday School for children is back at Saint Mary's, I believe our active support has helped all of us.

2008 saw a Sunday schedule change – moving Sung Mass to 9:00 AM meant that we now have an ideal time for Christian Education for both children and adults every Sunday morning at 10:00 AM. Due to budget cuts, the Sung Mass was eliminated at the end of 2008. However, I am pleased to report that freeing up the 10:00 AM time slot allowed for Sunday school and Adult Christian Education to meet at the exact same time, and classes met nearly every week of the academic year. For a number of years I had hoped to offer such a regular schedule, and I am thrilled that we were able to do it in 2008 and the first half of 2009.

Christian Formation and Education for adults at Saint Mary's had another good year. We continued to offer a Wednesday night Bible study nearly every week during the academic year. Our Sunday Christian Education program met every possible Sunday of the academic year. We continued offering the Christian Essentials Series. Attendance at all classes has been good. A number of the classes topped thirty people. Coffee and food was available at all Sunday classes. The plan for 2009 is to continue what we are doing.

Robert McCormick, our former music director, left to work at another parish at the start of the summer. James Kennerley was appointed interim organist and music director and shortly thereafter permanent music director and organist. It was a pleasure to work with the Father Gerth, Father

Smith and Mr. Kennerley. I think we are a great team, and it is an honor to be a Curate at Saint Mary's.

I have been blessed to be able celebrate and preach at Saint Mary's almost every day this past year. Serving the corporate Body of Christ and preaching the good news of Jesus thrills me to no end. I have had a wonderful year, and I look forward to the joys and challenges of the year to come. Thank you all for making this year so wonderful.

Respectfully submitted,
The Reverend Matthew Hoxsie Mead
Curate for Liturgy and Education

From the Organist and Music Director

I have had the enormous pleasure and honor of serving at Saint Mary's since August of 2008. Previously, I was director of the Choir of Men and Boys at Christ Church, Greenwich, Connecticut, and, before that, one of the organists at Saint Paul's Cathedral, London, UK. Originally appointed to my current position as interim, I was offered and accepted the invitation to the full-time post last November, in succession to Robert McCormick. Robert's work at Saint Mary's will surely remain one of the high points in the musical history of this wonderful church, and I reiterate our thanks for all that he has done. I am grateful, beyond measure, to Father Gerth, for entrusting me with my position. In addition, I thank my clerical, religious and lay colleagues; it is a joy to serve with them. With them, I hope to move Saint Mary's to new heights of musical and liturgical excellence.

A great deal of my work centers around the professional choir. Perhaps surprisingly, it is a constant challenge to recruit excellent professional choral singers. Very few have the musical and vocal skills to be successful in our choir, and as little as 5% of the singers that I audition are suitable. I thank all of our professional singers for their talent and dedication, as well as being a delightful group of people. There are other churches in the city that are able to pay higher fees to singers, so the commitment of ours, some of whom travel a great distance to be here, is appreciated all the more. I have continued to expand and diversify the repertoire of the choir with music ranging the course of some five hundred years, and have many exciting works planned for the future. Particularly notable performances this year were those of Maurice Duruflé's *Requiem* at the Feast of All Souls, and also at the Requiem Masses of Kevin Farley and the Reverend Dr. Charles Whipple. At Solemn Evensong on Easter Day, the choir performed William Byrd's *Great Service* evening canticles, a work for ten voice parts that is seldom performed because of its virtuosity.

As has been the case with so many church music programs, budgets have had to be cut. In November, I faced perhaps the biggest challenge that any music director could face: the music operating budget, which pays for the professional choir, was cut by 65% to \$31,000, and the position of Associate Organist, which has been fulfilled so dutifully by Robert McDermitt for over seven years, was also cut. Church archivist Dick Leitsch often provides me with interesting documents, one of which was a proposal by Music Director Raymond Nold, in 1933, to reduce the music expenditure. Even in the Great Depression, it would seem, music at Saint Mary's was never so greatly threatened as it is now.

It is my hope that the budget will be increased, but, in the meantime, I am completely determined that music will continue to flourish at the world-class level Saint Mary's deserves. In order to work

with the reduced budget, it appeared necessary to cut some of the core singers from the professional choir, replace the full choir with a Cantor for one Solemn Mass per month, and to reduce the number of singers at feast days. Through some inventive measures, we were able to keep all of the singers, and make up some of their lost income through singing as section leaders with the Saint Mary's Singers.

Robert McDermitt's departure meant that we no longer have music at the Sunday 9:00 AM Sung Mass, nor his conducting, accompanying and rehearsing skills (particularly as feast day choir rehearsals are cut short now that I play the recital beforehand). Some very generous gifts have enabled the choir to sing at the major feasts at Christmas and the Triduum, and also to have Robert play for the Sung Masses on Easter and Palm Sundays.

The volunteer Evensong Choir is now called "The Saint Mary's Singers". The group rehearses and sings for Solemn Evensong twice per month, as well as other special services such as Sung Mass on New Year's Day and Christmas Lessons and Carols, held for the first time last year. The choir performed world premières of two beautiful settings of the Benediction hymns *Tantum Ergo* and *O Salutaris* by composer Allen Hill. I'm hoping to commission more works in the future. We have a dedicated (and competent!) core of singers, many of whom are parishioners, and I am grateful to them for their commitment. I hope that this important venture will further allow us to expose and attract people to our wonderful church community. I am looking to increase membership in time for next year's choral season: all who can match pitch and love to sing are welcome to join!

Saint Mary's famous and inimitable Aeolian-Skinner organ, Opus 891-A, continues to receive meticulous care and regular tuning from curator Lawrence Trupiano. Numerous projects were started in 2008, including the outfitting of the front console in the chancel with "combination action," making it more readily usable for service playing. The organ celebrated its seventy-fifth birthday in 2008, and it is a testament to both the tremendous original workmanship and Mr. Trupiano's expert and constant care that the instrument is in such excellent condition today. Considerable funds are required for special projects, and John Rust, a great friend of Saint Mary's from Indiana, has made several large gifts for such work. I have many plans for the magnificent organ, including a concert series, and the establishment of an endowment to protect the organ for future generations. Former music director Kyler Brown performed a recital in December, and Paul Jacobs, professor of organ at the Juilliard School, recorded Olivier Messiaen's *Livre du Saint Sacrement* in January for release later this year. Several graduation recitals by students from the Manhattan and Juilliard Schools serve to further expose the instrument, and Stephen Tharp, one of the world's most distinguished concert artists, will give a recital in December of 2009.

The weekly organ recital series, offered each week before Solemn Evensong & Benediction (except during Lent) continues to be successful. This was, sadly, one of the first items to be cut from our budget, but I am extremely grateful for those organists who had already agreed to play this year for continuing to do so. I hope that this funding, too, can be restored, so that we can continue to expose our magnificent instrument to performers and audiences alike.

Visiting choirs for Evensong & Benediction, as well as for occasional Solemn Masses, continue to enrich our worship. 2008 and 2009 saw numerous choirs from the Tristate area, Germany, and several British choirs, including those of the Royal Military Academy at Sandhurst and Guildford Cathedral. The opportunity to sing in Saint Mary's incredible acoustic is a draw for many of these groups!

I am frequently asked if recordings are available of Saint Mary's professional choir. It is our hope that such a project will become a reality, although they are rather expensive to make. Recordings are an essential part of a music ministry, however, and I hope to make CDs of both the choir and the organ in the near future.

My experience as a recording engineer has enabled me to make CD-quality archive recordings of all major services at Saint Mary's. It is my intention that, in the manner of Saint Thomas Church, New York City, we will be able to upload recordings of the services to our website. Friends and those interested in the church, but are too far away to visit in person, will then be able to savor the magnificence of liturgy, preaching and music, for which Saint Mary's is famous, from their homes worldwide.

Several outside organizations present concerts in the church, and I am working to increase this. Such events bring in needed income, as well as providing the church with valuable exposure from large audiences and the press. Miller Theatre of Columbia University continues to present excellent concerts, including those by Clarion Choir and Orchestra, and the Tallis Scholars. Dates are already booked through 2010! I am working with an excellent community orchestra, the New York Repertory Orchestra, with the intention that they will rehearse and present their concerts in the church. This is an extremely exciting possibility, and I hope to have details finalized shortly.

There are two people I must thank who have provided quite extraordinary support to the Music Department. Jim Dennis, who for some time has led the Saint Cecilia Guild (which exists to support our music program), provides never-failing assistance and advice whenever required. His work is deeply appreciated.

The position of associate organist being cut, we said a very fond farewell to Robert McDermitt, on Christmas Eve. Robert was brought to Saint Mary's to work with Robert McCormick in September 2001. In addition to providing me with invaluable assistance, he played for the 9:00 AM Sunday Sung Mass, cantored for Evensong & Benediction, and assisted with the direction of the professional choir (as well as "other duties as required!"). Robert's position was part time: he has a successful and busy full-time position as a school music teacher. His talents and personality are greatly missed, and I am so grateful for everything he has done here.

I have many exciting thoughts and plans for our music ministry at Saint Mary's. For the present time, we must ensure that the necessary funding is provided to enable the highest musical standards to continue. Music programs are expensive, but vital for growth. According to the Parish Profile of 1998, many parishioners identified with the phrase: "Came for the music, stayed for the Mass". The parish's number one goal is growth. Music's power to draw and immediately capture attention, regardless of race, creed or social status, is one of the greatest 'draws' to any church. Whether it is in the form of a rousing unaccompanied hymn, angelic choral singing or the thundering organ, I hope we utilize music to ensure that Saint Mary's will continue to flourish.

Thank you to all of you for your support. I look forward to an inspiring 2009!

Respectfully submitted,
James Kennerley
Organist and Music Director

From the Community of St. John Baptist

We continue our participation at the Offices of Morning Prayer, Noonday Prayer and Evening Prayer and daily Masses through the week and on Sundays at Sung Matins, Solemn Evensong, one Said Mass and the Solemn Mass. Almost always we are able to be present for the major feasts of the year and special parish celebrations. We enjoy reading lessons and assisting with the liturgy at Offices and Masses.

Behind the scenes, we care for altar linens of all shapes and sizes, and albs and amices for the clergy. As there has been a change in office personnel since last November, we have been covering the office during the week for four mornings from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM.

Saint Mary's Guild is working hard, and we welcome anyone who is interested. There is work to be done! In the past few months, we have made important repairs of various items, a half dozen padded hangers for copes and chasubles and felt bags for patens and bowls. (In the spring of 2009 we will begin sewing two new sets of vestments for weekday Masses.)

This past year we have not been quite as active in Adult Education Program. We have offered Quiet Days in Advent and Lent. Sr. Laura Katharine continues to offer workshops on the Enneagram and we hope to expand this work in the fall of 2009 to Diocesan clergy.

Sr. Deborah Francis has several Spiritual Directees and does occasional parish visiting. In February, she had the opportunity, through the generous gift of a parishioner, to participate in a Community Development mission in South Africa called Hope in Richmond. She hopes to share this with the parish soon.

In the coming months, we look forward to new challenges and adventures as we continue our mission at St. Mary's.

Respectfully submitted,
Sr. Laura Katharine, CSJB
Sr. Deborah Francis, CSJB

Reports of Parish Guilds and Activities

The Saint Andrew's Guild

The Saint Andrew's Guild's goal is growth in membership, fellowship, and friendship for Saint Mary's. All it takes to be a member of our guild is a willingness to welcome people to Saint Mary's – at the back of the church, in Saint Joseph's Hall, or in the pews before or after Mass. We pledge ourselves to contribute to our welcoming environment. Will you join us? Will you come into Saint Joseph's Hall and greet one person you've never met before? Will you come to lunch one Sunday a month and invite a visitor to join us? Will you share your ideas with us? We love Saint Mary's, and we want to help newcomers and visitors to see why. We are working closely with Fathers Mead and Smith on ideas to introduce Saint Mary's to new people, and we welcome everyone's ideas.

Respectfully submitted,
MaryJane Boland, Marie Rosseels, Grace Treiman

The Flower Guild

The Flower Guild was founded to provide the Church with floral arrangements that enhance the extraordinary beauty of the church's interior. Our mission is in keeping with the phrase from the psalms, "worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness," that infuses the Anglo-Catholic tradition, a phrase that was very dear to the founding rector of the parish, Father Thomas McKee Brown.

On feast days and ordinary Sundays (except most Sundays during Advent and Lent), flower decorations on the main altar and in other areas of the Church depend entirely on private donations. The flower arrangements are done by volunteers; during most weeks, the first order of business is to make a trip to the city's flower district to pick out fresh flowers. Throughout 2008, this responsibility was taken up with great style and panache by Dale Bonenberger and Rick Austil. Christmas and Easter, however, require the help of many more volunteers and we are very grateful to all those who have given of their time and talent on those occasions. We would also like to include a special thank-you to our sextons, who have all been a big help to the Flower Guild throughout the year.

Unless a donation is made, there are no flowers on the altar. A donation of \$200.00 is required to arrange flowers on the main altar and at the Shrine of the Sacred Heart. A donation can be made by contacting the parish Finance Office at least one week ahead of time; this will ensure that a personal dedication can be included in the Mass bulletins. The wording of the dedication must be approved by the Rector. During 2008, we received many donations and we would like to thank all those individuals who contributed to flowers, for their generosity.

As this annual report is going to press, we are looking for a few more "regular" volunteers. For personal reasons, Dale needed to take a break from "flower duty" and has relinquished his leadership of the Flower Guild. On this occasion, we would like to thank him for his many hours of volunteer work over the past three years. Current guild membership, in addition to Rick, includes MaryJane Boland, Marie Rosseels, and José Vidal, with Rick, José and Marie alternating in doing the

flower arrangements. We are making a strong appeal to those members of the congregation who like working with flowers to join the Guild; please feel free to speak to any of us if you are interested in volunteering on a regular basis or would like to know more about it.

Respectfully submitted by
Marie Rosseels

Saint Mary's Gift & Book Shop and The Visual Arts Program

The Gift & Book Shop

The Gift Shop continues to welcome visitors to the Church of Saint Mary the Virgin. We have added some new products this year. There is a series which we call "Life at Saint Mary's." It consists of photographs on t-shirts documenting parish life. Right now we have only two images, but we plan to add more images to the collection. A second big change is the introduction of books for sale. Most of these books are donated by parishioners. Funds raised from the sale of books is given to support the parish's outreach programs. We would also like to thank Father Kent Johnson and Mrs. Rita Johnson for their generous gift of a number of icons that are now on sale at the Gift Shop. We look forward to welcoming future visitors to Saint Mary's by way of the Gift & Book shop.

Visual Arts Program

In the fifth program year of the Visual Arts Program (VAP), five exhibitions have been mounted in Saint Joseph's Hall. In January and February, abstract oil paintings by the artist Nomi were shown. During Eastertide, the "Transformation Series," a group of quilts and fabric assemblages by Lisa Denerstein charmed viewers with their strong symbolism. In the spring, black and white photographs by J-F Vergel and complex silk screens by John Penuelas took over the space with a great, and well-received, profusion. They also inspired an extremely lively opening party that introduced many people to Saint Mary's. During the summer and fall, the Visual Arts Program had the great privilege to sponsor a traveling exhibit of oil paintings by the Arkansas-based artist Randall Good. His "Way of the Cross" series sparked a lot of discussion, as did his entertaining August lecture on the figure of Mary throughout the series. The winter show for 2008 was an installation of hand-embroidered pieces from the Saint Mary's vestment collection, curated by Ms. Susan Wamsley.

We hope that these exhibitions and activities have helped to enrich the parish life at Saint Mary's. It is our goal to have people enjoy the visual arts that are brought into the building as exhibitions as well as to examine and cherish the rich treasures our building holds.

We would like to thank the clergy of Saint Mary's for their unfailing support of this program. We would also like to thank all of the artists and lecturers who have volunteered their time and talent. We deeply appreciate all of the parishioners who have helped by purchasing artworks and attending our events. We rely on the enthusiasm and support from the parish so we invite you to join in the work of the Visual Arts Program and help make 2009 another successful year!

Susan Wamsley and Jose Vidal
Committee Members

Saint Raphael's Guild of Ushers

Members of the Saint Raphael's Guild are parishioners who volunteer to usher at parish services on Sundays and at all Sung and Solemn Masses on Feast Days as well as at Evensong and Benediction. At present there are nineteen members who are serving on a regular basis. Although the schedule calls for serving only once a month, the actual number of times served is higher when Feast Days are included.

I have learned that the impression left with anyone visiting Saint Mary's, whether to attend a service or just out of curiosity can be set by the manner in which they are treated during the time they spend with us. First time visitors will return if they feel welcome and might even become members of the parish. Anyone who feels merely tolerated or ignored will have every reason to go elsewhere even though he or she might have been impressed or moved by our liturgy and music.

Most of us have served here for a long time or at former parishes and are able to provide an atmosphere where everyone can worship in peace and enjoy the music in comfort away from the hustle and bustle of our surroundings. It doesn't take long for a first-time usher to fall under the spell. We all know that our church can have that effect on one.

It has been a special pleasure for me (and I think I speak for all of us) this year to coordinate our activities with Father Jay. He has made our efforts much more satisfying and appreciated.

I want to take this opportunity to thank everyone once again – Father Smith, ushers, acolytes, trustees, and others, who helped in so many ways during our all-day Ash Wednesday operations. Because the “ashes only” visitors were greeted and blessed without having to wait on long lines, many found they had time to light a candle, kneel, or sit in a pew or even stay if Mass was being said or sung. I repeat, we all know “Smoky Mary's” can cast a spell.

Special thanks are also extended to all who helped at Christmastide and Eastertide. Worshipers seemed reluctant to leave after services, even though some of them were loner than usual.

The Guild has been the place to start if an individual wants to become a participant in the church's activities. Many members who initially served as ushers went on to serve and help in numerous ways and in time have become members of the Board of Trustees. In the years I have served as usher, twelve of us became trustees and presently five members of the Guild also serve as trustees.

The current schedule runs through June and a few spots will be open when we prepare the schedule for the next six months. I would like to sing up at least to more regulars and also draw up a separate listing of those volunteers who would be available when someone is absent or on Feast Days when extra help is needed.

This is an opportunity for you to meet and greet potential members and visitors from all over the world. Hardly a Sunday or Feast Day goes by that an interesting comment is made or a question asked. I was recently asked by a passerby, “Why have you stayed at Saint Mary's for so long?” My reply was, of course, “Join us for this service and I'm sure you'll see why.”

I'm available after most services, or one of the ushers will be pleased to find me. I'm always interested in talking about our activities. I am certain all of our members will agree when I say it has been an honor and pleasure to serve.

Respectfully submitted,
George Handy,
Chair

Parish Archives Committee

List of Bequests – The Annual Report closes with a list of people who have set up trusts and left bequests to the parish. Last year there were 53 names on that list. This year, it has expanded to 183 names. That happened because the old records of the Finance Office which have for many years been scattered in three separate locations of the cellar of the church are now being filed and catalogued. As that process continues, the names of even more people who have loved Saint Mary's and contributed to it even after their deaths will surely surface. We are glad to revive and honor their memories.

Parish Registers – The effort to copy the antique and sometimes crumbling Parish Registers to searchable files on computer disk continues. All of the Burial Registers have been copied. Volunteers have begun copying the Marriage Registers. Records of 1545 baptisms at Saint Mary's over the past 141 years have been typed to disk, and about a thousand more remain to be entered.

The number of people baptized at Saint Mary's is not as enormous as these figures suggest. In the early days here, baptisms were recorded in triplicate. Mistakes were made, so details sometimes vary from register to register. It is appropriate to record everything, then let genealogists and whomever else uses the records sort out any contradictions.

Archive Usage – Besides looking up information for the rector, curates, music director and finance office, the archivist answers many requests from people writing family histories and from other researchers. Two of the more interesting requests this year have come from a seminarian seeking details about how Saint Mary's served its parishioners during the Great Depression of the 1930s, and from a man writing a book about Christmas, 1945, and how America, including its churches, celebrated the first holiday season after the grim, bleak years of World War II.

Archive Rooms – Under the leadership of Father Mead, the fourth floor of the Mission House has been renovated. The Parish Archives have two rooms there, near the rooms housing the Music Archives, Vestment Collection and, soon, the Parish Library. We thank Father Mead, the hard-working sextons, and the band of feisty, hard-working and fun-loving parishioners who pitched in to help with the painting.

In the Angelus – As those who receive *The Angelus* by e-mail rather than through the Post Office know, a new, occasional feature of the on-line newsletter is "From the Archives," an item from the collection which is amusing, interesting, surprising, or just informative.

The Arrow – At long last we have received the disks containing the complete file of *The Arrow*, the monthly newspaper published by St. Mary's from October, 1891 through February, 1899. Those files will soon be made available to the parish.

Saint Mary's Parish Archives Committee eagerly solicits contributions. Any publications, letters, notes, photographs, sound recordings, films, books, or anything having to do with the Parish will be gratefully received.

Respectfully submitted,
Dick Leitsch
Parish Archivist

Treasurer's Report to the Annual Parish Meeting

2008 began with optimism that the Board's five-year plan to reduce our operating deficit was on track and that we were on solid footing to meet our challenge of reducing our deficit by 10% for the third year. In the first half of the year, we made progress on expenses by renegotiating our comprehensive property & casualty insurance policy, renegotiating our copier lease, insulating steam pipes in the basement, and by switching our staff medical insurance benefits to a more economical and flexible choice of plans. These efforts led to a 15% reduction in our reliance on our investments for 2008.

Turmoil in the financial markets in the second half of the year, however, forced us to rethink the anticipated glide-path of the five-year plan and to accelerate our deficit-reduction timeline drastically. It became clear that the continued use of resources from our investment accounts to cover our operating shortfall would mean selling off severely depressed equities and reducing our endowment at a precipitous rate. Therefore, we made several immediate and drastic cuts to our expenses, including reductions in staff, to eliminate all withdrawals from our investment accounts.

These austerities, while difficult, afforded an opportunity for the parish to restructure some of its administrative positions to create new efficiencies and leadership roles. Several part-time positions were consolidated and the new position of Business Manager was created to provide strong direction to the finance office. The changes were hard, and the treasurer cannot let this report go to press without mentioning the tireless work of the assistant treasurer Barbara Klett who single-handedly held the parish finances and office together during the turmoil of transition at the end of the year. We all owe her a great debt of gratitude.

With the tough decisions behind us and the new realities in mind, the 2009 budget was prepared with the continued understanding that the mission and priorities of the parish remain intact – that the church will remain open full time and that we will offer a full liturgical schedule, including a professionally anchored music program. I am pleased to report that the 2009 budget is allowing us to leapfrog forward on our deficit-reduction plans. Also, our Business Manager, Aaron Koch, is pioneering the new position with aplomb and already finding ways to improve the way we operate.

The story of this past year's finances at Saint Mary's, therefore, is one not wholly unfamiliar to us Christians: What appeared to be dire turned out to be transformative. I have no doubt that this coming year's challenges will also prove to be opportunities.

Respectfully submitted,
Steven Heffner, Treasurer
28 April 2009

	Actual 2008	Budget 2009
INCOME		
Pledges	\$478,742	\$500,000
Other Plate (Easter/Christmas, Donations, Special Offerings)	151,895	129,200
Repayments (Use of Facilities)	80,374	87,000
Ordinary Income Subtotal	710,984	716,200
Draw Down from Endowment	411,420	286,924
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$1,122,404	1,003,124
EXPENSES		
Personnel: Salaries	\$442,123	\$385,125
Personnel-Related Benefits	193,130	142,232
Administration (Advertising, Printing, Postage, Office, Prof. Fees)	105,286	86,450
Physical Plant (Insurance, Utilities, Maintenance, Tax, Security)	338,316	305,786
Miscellaneous & Special Purpose	6,499	2,000
Diocesan Assessment	43,726	49,181
Music	79,910	32,350
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$1,208,990	\$1,003,124

Investment Committee Report

Results for 2008

1. Balances & Allocations as of 12/31/08

- Total endowment of \$2.13 million, of which \$1.28 million is unrestricted (60%).
- Equities comprise approximately 60% of the total endowment, below the asset allocation guideline of between 70% and 80%. The investment committee has not rebalanced toward equities given Saint Mary's medium-term liquidity needs as well as the uncertain market environment. A change in guidelines to reflect changed circumstances (i.e. lower endowment balance and projected operating deficits) is being considered.
- At period end, the Diocesan Investment Trust held 75% of endowment assets, and US Trust held 25%.

Account Balances					
December 31, 2008					
(\$000s)					
	Domestic Equity	Int'l Equity	Fixed Income	Cash	Total
<u>Diocesan Investment Trust:</u>					
Parish Account	\$1,169	\$0	\$108	\$0	\$1,276
Air Rights	0	0	0	0	0
Harmon *	34	0	129	0	163
Gregory *	18	0	70	0	88
Organ Fund *	55	0	20	0	75
Aideyan *	0	0	4	0	4
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Total Diocesan Investment Trust	\$1,274	\$0	\$332	\$0	\$1,606
<u>U.S. Trust:</u>					
Stout *	\$0	\$0	\$493	\$28	\$522
Air Rights	3	0	2	1	6
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Total U.S. Trust	\$3	\$0	\$495	\$29	\$527
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Total All Accounts	\$1,277	\$0	\$827	\$29	\$2,133
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% by Asset Category	60%	0%	39%	1%	100%
Restricted (*)	\$106	\$0	\$717	\$28	\$851
Unrestricted	1,171	0	110	1	1,282

- **2008:** The total endowment decreased \$1,305 thousand in the twelve months ending December 31, 2008, or 38.0% of total beginning of period assets. Market performance was negative with equities, as measured by the S&P 500, decreasing 37.0% during this period.

Change in Account Balances YTD					
December 31, 2008					
(\$000s)					
	Domestic Equity	Int'l Equity	Fixed Income	Cash	Total
<u>Diocesan Investment Trust:</u>					
Parish Account	(\$1,172)	\$0	\$0	\$0	(\$1,171)
Air Rights	0	0	0	0	0
Harmon *	(24)	0	(5)	0	(28)
Gregory *	(12)	0	(3)	0	(15)
Organ Fund *	(26)	0	3	0	(24)
Aideyan *	0	0	0	0	0
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Total Diocesan Investment Trust	(\$1,234)	\$0	(\$5)	\$0	(\$1,238)
<u>U.S. Trust:</u>					
Stout *	\$0	\$0	(\$19)	\$5	(\$14)
Air Rights	(33)	(7)	(9)	(4)	(52)
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Total U.S. Trust	(\$33)	(\$7)	(\$28)	\$1	(\$66)
Total All Accounts	(\$1,267)	(\$7)	(\$32)	\$1	(\$1,305)
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Restricted (*)	(\$62)	\$0	(\$24)	\$5	(\$81)
Unrestricted	(1,205)	(7)	(8)	(4)	(1,224)

2. Relative Fund Performance:

- **Diocesan Investment Trust**

- The DIT Equity Fund decreased 40.3% versus a decline of 37.0% for the S&P 500 and a decline of 38.5% for a blended benchmark comprised of the S&P 500 and the Morgan Stanley Capital International World index. The DIT Income Fund increased 0.4% versus a 5.2% gain in the Lehman Brothers Aggregate Bond Index.

- **US Trust**

- The US Trust Fixed Income Fund increased 1.89% versus an increase of 5.71% for its benchmark (Barclays Aggregate Bond Index). The US Trust Equity Fund decreased 43.5% versus the aforementioned decline of 37.0% for the S&P 500.

3. DIT Change in Fund Managers

- **Commonfund Strategic Solutions**

- In 2008, the DIT Trustees undertook a comprehensive analysis of the management and structure of the DIT investment program. The Trustees determined that the current investment offerings were too narrow, too concentrated and overly simplistic, and that investment returns were unremarkable. With a goal of improved risk adjusted returns in the future, the Trustees researched several alternatives before deciding on Commonfund to manage the assets of the DIT.
- Commonfund has a long history as the largest money manager for nonprofit institutions, managing \$40 billion on behalf of 1,800 educational, healthcare, and religious organizations. The company has a very broad asset allocation offering, a rigorous process for vetting its investment managers, a strong long-term performance record, and a non-profit structure.
- The day-to-day investment decision of the new DIT Fund will be managed by the Commonfund Strategic Solutions team, which will act as an outsourced chief investment officer. This team will have the discretion to rebalance the portfolio within the investment guidelines established and monitored by the Trustees. This structure will provide a consistent, professional, dispassionate approach to managing the DIT Fund over the long-term.
- The initial target allocation of the DIT Fund is 50% traditional public equities, 22.5% fixed income, and 27.5% alternative assets including exposure to distressed debt, commodities and hedge funds. The asset allocation will be achieved through Commonfund funds that are diversified among a broad group of investment managers.
- The change will take effect on April 30, 2009.

Respectfully submitted,

Peter Dannenbaum
Chair

The Rector's Report

As I reflect on the year 2008 for our common life as a parish community and my own work as rector, I find myself thinking mostly about the maturity with which our lay leaders faced directly the financial crisis which has become another significant turning point in our nation's history. With no sense of panic but with a commitment to hold on to what is most important about the work we are called to do as a Christian community, our parish life was restructured. No area of our common life is unaffected. It was terribly hard to say good-bye to staff members who had served the parish well, some for many years.

I did not foresee so many changes as we began 2008. I know I can't begin to foresee all of the changes that may happen to us in this new year. But I do think we have seen the character of our parish community and our parish leaders in this generation. This character gives me great hope for our usefulness as a parish for the work of the gospel in the years to come. Let me begin by thanking the trustees for 2008 and our current board.

During 2008, we said good-bye to one musical director and met another. Months before Robert McCormick would be hired for the position he sought, I was sure he would be offered and would take the position. Of course I found myself listening more carefully, thoughtfully, to the music he made as choral director and organist last winter and spring. I wasn't sure the next musician would possess gifts of the same quality and depth; but I need not have worried. A new and important chapter in music at Saint Mary's is being written under organist and music director James Kennerley.

I believe we have called exactly the right person to follow Robert as organist and music director. It is a real gift to have James as colleague and parish musician. He is a joy to work with, a joy that is shared by all of his colleagues at Saint Mary's. With James's leadership, and in very challenging circumstances, there has been no break in the forward momentum of music at Saint Mary's. James is making it work. Music has always mattered and will always matter at Saint Mary's.

The Reverend Matthew Mead and the Reverend James Ross Smith are colleagues of the first rank. The church trains and supports its priests for many reasons. Daily they work hard to be worthy of the trust the Church and all of us put in them. I know I don't have to worry when we have guests at the altar or in the pulpit, be they Presiding Bishop Katharine Jefferts Schori, who was celebrant and preacher for the Feast of the Annunciation on April 1, 2008, or former Presiding Bishop Frank Griswold, who was celebrant and preacher for the Easter Triduum 2008. Matt and Jay are pastors to whom the parish turns for care and teaching. They work very hard. And the great joy that marks our common life at this point in its history is due in large part to their leadership.

We continue to enjoy a wonderful relationship with the Community of St. John Baptist, whose presence here seems so very right. It is a joy to have Sr. Laura Katharine and Sr. Deborah Francis stationed here. I am especially grateful for their willingness to help out in the morning in the parish office. Their knowledgeable backgrounds in the Church as religious and their time at Saint Mary's have combined to make them important colleagues to the parish clergy.

Looking back, it seems to me that there was no quiet month at Saint Mary's. The rhythm of worship and ministry is large enough that it doesn't take much to keep the throttle, if you will, at a very high speed. Certainly, 2008 seemed to end as an anxious year; but the financial crisis was well

underway in March when Bear Stearns collapsed. But all through the year, our doors remained open. Masses were said. Christian Education continued. Pastoral care and sacramental ministrations were given. People found ways to serve Christ through their parish community in visible ways, such as singers, servers, ushers and hospitality hosts. And people found ways to serve in mostly invisible ways, working on vestments and vessels, working quietly with flowers when no one else was around, helping in the parish office with registers and old records. I can't begin to thank everyone individually or even to make a full list of the range of ministries people just step forward to do at Saint Mary's. But you can see the love and commitment all around.

I want to conclude by paying a special tribute to someone without whom Saint Mary's would not be a strong parish such as it is today. There are certain rectors in the history of a parish whose work has been key. There are also certain lay leaders whose ministry and prayer have an enormous effect for good. The treasurer in his report has already mentioned the name of the person I mean, Barbara Larsen Klett. After over two decades of volunteer service as trustee, treasurer and parish administrator, Barbara has turned in her keys. If I had not been away in the winter of 2009, I would have found a way to engineer a celebration. In the decade I have been here, no one has been more supportive, or held my feet to the fire more helpfully, or had the courage to speak more directly to me than Barbara. And I have learned through these years that it's when I think I don't want to listen to her advice that I should listen mostly closely. You and I and all who have been a part of this parish community since Barbara came to Saint Mary's cannot begin to know all she has done. We cannot begin to thank her enough. But her name is written in the Book of Life, and her good deeds follow her.

On a personal note, I want to thank the parish community for its wonderful celebration of the twenty-fifth anniversary of my ordination to the priesthood in December and for the many generous gifts. I want to thank our parish leaders for the support they gave me through the difficult months of the fall of 2008 to take a sabbatical leave in the winter of 2009. A year from now, I will have occasion to thank all who made that sabbatical possible. But I think it is appropriate for me to say that while I was away, I tried very hard to be a good steward of the opportunity you, our leadership and my clergy colleagues gave to me. I return with a renewed sense of the mission and mercy of the call that in God's providence has brought us all here together in this generation. I can't help but be hopeful and thankful for God's love as his kingdom continues to unfold in our lives.

Yours faithfully,

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 L. Stout and Mabel T. 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 2008

Estate of Rita Marjorie Christiani

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

Estate of Lucille Riley

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

Received in 2007

Estate of Marion Freise

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

Estate of Wiley Washington Merryman, Jr., PRIEST

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

Estate of David Osgood

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

Received in 2006

Estate of Joan Touye

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

Received in 2005

Estate of John Alden Gable

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

Estate of Harold F. Lemoine

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

Estate of Edward David Miller

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

Estate of Roy Parks

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

Estate of Wendell Wray

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

Received in 2004

Estate of Marion Frantz

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

Estate of Florence Klaus

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

Estate of Newton Carlyle Spitz

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

Received in 2003

Estate of Elizabeth Sherwood

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

Received in 2002

Estate of John Graham Cadney

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

Received in 2001

Estate of Kenneth Marshall Allen

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

Estate of Jean Schmidlapp Humes

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

Estate of Helena Kingman

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

Estate of Richard Rodney Kirk, PRIEST

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

Estate of Dorothy D. Wynne

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

Received in 2000

Estate of Thomas Davies Haines

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

Estate of Margaret Rigler

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

Received in 1999

John Zippler Headley, 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 Margaret and Julien Kent Powers

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

Estate of Hallie Wilson

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

Received in 1998

Estate of Gertrude S. Butler, 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 John P. Gilligan, III

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

Received in 1997

Estate of Walter John Blaille

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

Estate of Frederick Evans Hughes

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

Estate of Margaret Minnie Solbach

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

Received in 1996

Estate of Nancy Thayer Batchelder

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

Estate of James William Cherry

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

Estate of Wally Hartlove, PRIEST

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

Estate of Mary Florence Langworthy

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

Estate of John Lloyd Rice, 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 Thomas Tucker Plant, PRIEST

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

Received in 1995

Estate of Timothy Campbell-Smith, PRIEST

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

Estate of Robert H. Chase

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

Estate of Tom Clarey

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 Ray Kirby, 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 William Lewis Kinter

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 Lata

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

Estate of Courtlandt Nicholl, 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 Thomas Waldron Phillips, PRIEST

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

Estate of Octavia Josephine Wall

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

Estate of Richard P. Whitmore

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

Received in 1994

Estate of Hattie Mae Gregory

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

Estate of Lily Lasham

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

Estate of Eugene O'Brien

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

Received in 1993

Estate of William Anderson

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

Estate of Josephine Brown

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

Received in 1992

Estate of Ruth M. Hinckley

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

Estate of John A. McNaughton

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

Estate of Mary Armory Turner

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

Received in 1991

Estate of H. Lee Hennig

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

Estate of Robert Cook Hunsicker, PRIEST

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

Received in 1989

Estate of David Monroe Collins

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

Estate of Larry T. Junk

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

Estate of Dorothea Waters Moran

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

Estate of Kathryn Mulholland

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

Received in 1988

Estate of Richard C. Johnson

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

Estate of Clasine van de Geer

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

Received in 1987

Estate of Peter McGrane

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

Estate of Anna Marie Schuman

This bequest was made by a member of the parish in memory of her son Robert Schuman, priest, sometime curate of the parish, and is to be used for the corporate purposes of the Society.

Received in 1986

Estate of Anna Skinkle Allen

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

Estate of Kenneth Mealey

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

Estate of H. Erich Schmidt

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

Estate of Gertrude Schrage

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

Received in 1985

Estate of Mildred G. Blakeslee

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

Estate of Phyllis Brackett

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

Estate of Walter Phelps Warren

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

Received in 1984

Estate of Gwendolyn S. Anderson

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

Bequest of Ruth Keith

This bequest was made by a member of the parish in honor of her mother Ruth English and is to be used for the corporate purposes of the Society.

Estate of Frances H. Ketchem

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

Estate of Robert Kennedy

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 Richrod

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

Received in 1983**Estate of Bernice Anderson**

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

Estate of Faith Cleaveland Booth

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 Bostwick

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

Estate of Constance Earle

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

Received in 1981**Estate of Adelaide Simpson**

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

Received in 1978**Estate of Robert Stewart Bunning**

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

Estate of Marie Crichton

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

Estate of Winona Claire Peterson

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

Received in 1977**Estate of Ralph L. Yokum**

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

Estate of Bradley M. Wells

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

Received in 1976**Estate of Edith Kellock Brown**

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

Estate of John Michael Hamilton

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

Estate of Margaret Brock Jones

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

Estate of Hugh A. McEdwards

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

Received in 1975

Estate of Mary Jane Purney

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

Estate of Elizabeth S. Thomas

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

Received in 1974

Estate of Leon W. Gibson

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

Received in 1973

Estate of Adelaide K. Kight

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

Estate of Berton W. Lowe

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

Received in 1972

Estate of Reginald J. Thompson

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

Received in 1971

Estate of Susan Dwight Bliss

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

Estate of Christopher C. Bolton

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

Received in 1970

Estate of Byron George Clark

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

Estate of Elizabeth L. Frank

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

Estate of Mary Edgerton Longley

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

Estate of Millicent McLaughlin

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

Estate of Aileen O'Connor

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

Estate of Kathleen Wilson

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Received in 1969

Estate of Matilda Erwin

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Estate of Constance V. Jackson

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

Estate of Charles Shepherd Lee

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

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 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.

