

Annual Meeting of the Congregation

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

Sunday, May 1, 2011

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AGENDA

Annual Meeting of the Congregation The Church of Saint Mary the Virgin in the City of New York Sunday, May 1, 2011

- I. Call to Order, Opening Prayer
- II. Minutes of the May 2, 2010, Annual Meeting
- III. Election: Delegates to the Diocesan Conventions, October 29, 2011, and November 19, 2011 The Cathedral Church of Saint John the Divine, New York City
- IV. Submitted Reports to the Congregation
 - V. Treasurer's Report
- VI. The Rector's Report
- VII. Adjournment

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES AS OF JANUARY 1, 2010

Ms. MaryJane Boland, December 2006 - December 2010

Mr. James Dennis, vice-president, December 2008 – December 2011

The Reverend Stephen Gerth, president, February 1999

Mr. David Jette, secretary, December 2006 – December 2010

Mr. Robin C. Landis, December 2008 – December 2012

Mrs. Jane Daniels Lear, December 2006 – December 2010

Mr. C. Randolph Morgan, treasurer, December 2007 – December 2011

Mr. Dale Reynolds, December 2009 – December 2013

Ms. Marie J.G. Rosseels, December 2009 – December 2013

Dr. Leroy R. Sharer, December 2008 - December 2012

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2010

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Mr. Steven Heffner, December 2010 – December 2014

Mr. Thomas Jayne, December 2010 - December 2014

Mr. Robin Landis, December 2009 – December 2012

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Ms. Marie Rosseels, December 2009 - December 2013

Dr. Leroy Sharer, December 2009 – December 2012

Ms. Susan Wamsley, secretary, December 2010 - December 2014

THE PARISH CLERGY, DECEMBER 31, 2010

The Reverend Stephen Gerth, rector,

The Reverend James Ross Smith, curate,

The Reverend Rebecca Weiner Tompkins, deacon

The Reverend Canon Edgar F. Wells, rector emeritus.

THE PARISH MUSICIANS, DECEMBER 31, 2010

Mr. James Kennerley, organist and music director,

Mr. Lawrence Trupiano, organ curator.

THE PARISH STAFF, DECEMBER 31, 2010

Mr. Aaron Koch, business manager,

Mr. Miguel Gonzalez, Mr. Mario Martinez, Mr. Antonio Santiago, sextons.

Minutes of the 2010 Annual Meeting of the Congregation of the Society of the Free Church of Saint Mary the Virgin

The Annual Meeting of the Congregation of the Society of the Free Church of Saint Mary the Virgin was held in Saint Joseph's Hall on Sunday, May 2, 2010. There being a quorum of members in good standing, the Reverend Stephen Gerth, rector, called the meeting to order at 12:55 P.M., commencing with a prayer.

Ms. Linda Bridges was selected to be recording secretary for the meeting. The minutes of the 2009 meeting were adopted as submitted, on a motion by Mr. C. Randolph Morgan, seconded by Mrs. Brenda Morgan.

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 234th Convention of the Diocese of New York, to be held at the Cathedral Church of Saint John the Divine, New York City, on November 13, 2010. Ms. MaryJane Boland was nominated by Ms. Marie Rosseels; the nomination was seconded by Mr. Hardison Geer. Ms. Marie Rosseels was nominated by Ms. MaryJane Boland, seconded by Mr. José Vidal. Both were elected unanimously. As Alternates, Ms. Susan Wamsley was nominated by Mr. Robin Landis, seconded by Mr. Steven Heffner. Mr. Thomas Jayne was nominated by Mrs. Jane Daniels Lear, seconded by Ms. Violet Greene. Both were elected unanimously.

The Rector took the congregation on a brief tour through the written annual report that was distributed at the meeting. He began by paying tribute to the Reverend James Ross Smith as a major reason why the parish "is in such good shape."

The members of the Board of Directors who had retired in December at the end of their terms—Ms. Susan Wamsley, Mr. Peter Dannenbaum, and Mr. Steven Heffner—were thanked for their service. The current members of the Board—including the two members who had begun serving in January, Ms. Marie Rosseels and Mr. Dale Reynolds—were introduced to the assembly and given a round of thankful applause.

The Rector reported that the Reverend Rebecca Weiner Tompkins had celebrated the first anniversary of her ordination to the diaconate, and would be taking on the formation of the young children in the parish, through the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd. The Reverend John Merz, our assisting priest, was unable to be at the meeting, but the Rector mentioned his service with thanks. (The Rector Emeritus, the Reverend Canon Edgar F. Wells, was also unable to be with us for the meeting, because he was recovering from knee-replacement surgery.)

The Rector had special thanks for a number of people on the staff and in the congregation: For Mr. James Kennerley and his singers, for the consistently high level of their music, and for doing all that they do within the constraints of the post-2008 budget. For Sister Deborah Francis, CSJB, and Sister Laura Katharine, CSJB, for their tireless efforts around the parish, especially in the sacristy and in pastoral care. For the St. Vincent's Guild, St.

Andrew's Guild, the Flower Guild, the Gift Shop and Visual Arts Program, Saint Raphael's Guild, St. Bede's Guild, and the Parish Archives Committee for their necessary work, enthusiastically undertaken. The Rector asked Mr. Kennerley and the Sisters, and the members of each of the guilds, to stand for applause from the congregation, with special applause for Mr. George Handy—head usher, and also the Saint Marian of longest standing—and for Mr. Dick Leitsch, for all his help around the office.

The Financial Report for 2009 had been prepared by Mr. Heffner, who stepped down as treasurer in December; the report was presented by the new treasurer, Mr. Morgan. He applauded the efforts of everyone in the parish to "do more with less." He reported that as clerical and lay staff were reduced, the ones remaining had taken on extra duties, and parishioners had volunteered time to keep the church operating efficiently. Finally, bequests had helped greatly in making up the difference between income and expenditures. However, Mr. Morgan reminded us, we still have the goal of reducing our operating deficit (and therefore the amount we have to take from our endowment) to 5 percent of the total budget.

The Investment Committee report had been prepared by Mr. Dannenbaum, who stepped down as chairman of the committee in December. The report showed a significant rebound in our endowment over December 2008, with both the Diocesan Investment Trust and U.S. Trust outperforming the relevant benchmarks.

Both these reports, as well as the Rector's official report, were received with thanks.

The Rector concluded by reminding the congregation of the importance of bequests. We are still benefiting from the emphasis on bequests by the sixth Rector, the Reverend Grieg Taber. And most recently, we received substantial amounts of money from the estates of the Reverend Charles Whipple and of Mr. George Blackshire. A list of all memorial trust funds and bequests dating back to 1892 was included in the annual report.

Finally, the Rector pointed out that with all the difficulties of the past year and a half, our doors are still open every day, inviting people in to this place of worship and community.

There being no further business, the Rector asked for a motion to adjourn. Mr. Morgan so moved, seconded by Ms. Boland; passed unanimously. After a final blessing by the Rector, the meeting was adjourned at 1:25 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Bridges, Recording Secretary

Reports from Other Parish Clergy and Staff

From the Curate

Pastoral Care

In 2010, in additional to my work as a celebrant, preacher, and officiant at the parish's liturgies, I continued to work with Father Gerth to provide pastoral care through hospital and home visitations, pastoral counseling, and the Sacrament of Reconciliation. I also provided premarital counseling to members of the parish, non-members who were getting married at Saint Mary's, to couples at whose weddings I was officiating away from the parish, and to several couples who work in New York but whose weddings were taking place outside of New York City. This work had two goals: to provide pastoral care to the couples and to introduce a number of young people to Saint Mary's in the hope that they might someday make this their parish home. I also see two people for spiritual direction.

Communications

I now have the main responsibility for producing the bulletins for the parish's liturgies. I work with forms and templates created by my predecessors, Fathers Beddingfield and Mead, by the rector, and by Messrs. McCormick and Kennerley to provide user-friendly texts, which is an extremely important tool of evangelism in a parish that welcomes so many visitors to its liturgies. Beginning in 2009, I began working with a typesetter who has been re-setting a number of hymns, canticles, and some service music that is not contained in the *Hymnal 1982* in order to provide us with more legible and attractive texts. In addition to working with the service bulletins, I also regularly use our Constant Contact account to send out e-mail notices about liturgies, concerts, adult-education classes, and social events. I work with the rector and Mr. Kennerley on the publicity signs found at the church entrances and on the exterior walls of the church. These signs often need to be updated and I am very grateful to James Kennerley who has taken on the job of designing new versions of the signs that are professional, colorful, and attractive. I also try provide some support each week to Father Gerth, who almost always writes the weekly newsletter and I edit the newsletter myself when he is away from the office.

I have also been working with Dennis Raverty, a loyal friend of the parish, who has been producing posters advertising holy days, and the seasons of Advent, Christmas, Lent, and Holy Week. Both James Kennerley and Dennis have helped produce our Christmas, Lent and Holy Week postcards this past year and I am very grateful to them for their expertise and their help. The Toledo Museum (Ohio) graciously granted its permission for us to use the El Greco image on our Lent and Holy Week card this year and waived its standard usage fee. We are grateful to them for their generosity. We use those postcards in a number of ways, including mailings and distribution to local hotels. Marie Rosseels, MaryJane Boland and Grace Bruni have given of their time to distribute the postcards, almost always at busy times of the year, and I am grateful to them for their assistance.

Dennis Raverty, who is an art historian on the faculty of New Jersey City University, wrote an article on the murals in our Lady Chapel that appeared in the December 5, 2010, number

of *The Living Church*. The photographs used to illustrate the article were taken by photographer, Eddie Burns, who donated his time and expertise. We are grateful to both Dennis and Eddie for the generous donation of their time and skills. The murals, painted by Saint Mary's parishioner Elliott Daingerfield (1859–1932) are one of our parish's visual treasures. They are badly in need of repair and conservation. We have been using reprints of the article for publicity purposes and to spark interest in a conservation project. Dennis has been working with parishioner and former member of the Board of Trustees, Jane Daniels Lear, to research grants for renovation and conservation projects. We are grateful to Dennis for his commitment to the parish and for his fine work in the area of communications and publicity.

I have also been overseeing the production and organization of various publicity materials that are placed on the tables at the 46th and 47th Street entrances to the church. These materials include service bulletins, tour brochures, advertisements for musical events at the church, Christmas, Lent and Holy Week postcards, and a number of outreach-related materials. Parishioner, volunteer and archivist Dick Leitsch has helped me a great deal in this effort.

Parishioners who have experience or expertise in graphic design, advertising, or the social media and who think they might be able to help with our communications and advertising efforts should feel free to contact me.

Membership, Evangelism, and Hospitality

In 2010, we welcomed 5 new members and lost 3 persons by transfer to other churches, giving us a total active membership of 239 (and another 60 members who have been less than active during 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 500 neighbors (whose official membership is at another church). We have 385 clergy friends, 26 weekday friends, and 947 national and international friends.

During the past year, I began a project to create a database of our national and international friends so that we can begin to contact them by e-mail with news of the parish and to ask them for their financial support. Parishioners Grace Bruni and MaryJane Boland have volunteered many hours to help me create this database and I am very grateful to them for their assistance. This effort bore fruit in 2010 as we, for the first time, sent out an appeal to those whom we have started to call our "web-friends." Though it is hard to arrive at an exact dollar figure to track the success of this effort, we believe that we have managed to raise between \$5,000 and \$10,000 for the parish through this project and we plan to send out another appeal to our web-friends again this spring.

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.

I continued working with parishioners Chris Lee, Elizabeth Nisbet, and Dale Reynolds to produce ads for our childcare program, especially our church school. Chris, Liz, and Dale provided conceptual, design and financial support to this effort, signaling their determination to bring more families with children to Saint Mary's. I am very grateful to them for their support. Over the summer, we plan to produce a postcard that we can use to advertise the Church School, the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, and our child care on Sunday mornings. We hope to distribute the postcard in the neighborhoods surrounding Saint Mary's and we plan to ask parishioners to help us with this effort.

I continue to work with Father Gerth, Deacon Weiner Tompkins and Deacon Slone, the sisters, the Saint Andrew's Guild, and our ushers, all of whom have been extremely helpful in the work of recruitment, hospitality, and publicity. 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 holy-day receptions. This of course remains an extremely important ministry.

I continue to respond to inquiries for information about the parish primarily from visitors and from those who have learned about Saint Mary's from the Internet. This somewhat daunting task requires follow-up by phone, mail, and e-mail and careful record-keeping in the parish office. We also continue to try and produce interesting and informative materials for use in evangelism. I hope to be able to recruit one or two volunteers in the coming year to help me in this area (good organizational and computer skills will be needed).

In 2010, I continued my efforts to coordinate our parish's efforts in the area of hospitality. It is my responsibility to purchase food and drink for our Sunday coffee hours and evensong receptions. I worked closely in this area with our business manager, Aaron Koch, Dick Leitsch, our sextons, and José Vidal and I am very grateful to all involved for their help with setup, clean up, and ordering various supplies. I also continued my work with a core group of patrons, donors, and parish volunteers to organize our holy-day receptions. Those receptions, seven of them in 2010, I believe, can be surprisingly expensive. None of them in 2010 cost less than \$550.00 and several of them cost a good deal more than that. Once again, this very important ministry was funded by donations from a group of parishioners and friends of the parish. We are all in their debt because of their generosity. The holy-day receptions would not take place, and would not be the fine occasions that they are, without the help of a group of volunteers who continue to organize, design, and provide food for the receptions (some of these volunteers also provide help and support for our weekly receptions on Sundays). Among those volunteers are: Jon Bryant, Gypsy da Silva, John Delves, Jim Dennis, Violet Greene, Tom Heffernan, Scott Holman, Rosemary Kulp, Dick Leitsch, Brenda Morgan, Yvonne Noradunghian, Carol Pepper, Roberto Perez, and José Vidal.

Deserving of a very special mention is parishioner Heather Peskin who has continued once again this year to volunteer her time and her great gifts as a pastry chef to provide a variety of desserts for the receptions; she has also donated a considerable store of baking supplies to this effort. I am very grateful to her for her great generosity, help, creativity, patience and good humor, as well as the variety and very high quality of her creations. Violet Greene has

been helping Heather this year and I am very grateful to her for her creative assistance on these busy and hectic days.

Once again this year, I worked with an able group of volunteers and a large number of generous parishioners and friends of the parish to plan and organize Oktoberfest and Hymn Sing 2010 as well as the party for Super Bowl 2011. The members of the Saint Andrew's Guild, in particular MaryJane Boland, Grace Bruni, and Marie Rosseels provided much support in this area. Grace oversaw the planning and organizational efforts for the Super Bowl party. Parishioner Richard Theilmann helped with hospitality and also provided us with invaluable technical assistance. I am grateful to all who have worked long and hard in this area. We are also grateful to all those parishioners and friends of the parish who brought "potluck" to these events. Their donations were not only delicious and well-received, they also helped us control our hospitality costs.

Faced with a shortfall in our hospitality budget for 2010, several members of our Evensong congregation approached Father Gerth and asked him if they could make donations to offset the costs of our Sunday evening receptions. Those gifts have allowed us to move forward with those receptions without having to resort to asking for donations at the receptions themselves. We are grateful for these proactive and generous gifts.

I have worked with a number of parishioners to provide hospitality at several other special events, including the Legacy Society reception in the autumn, and the meals for the staff, acolytes, Flower-Guild members and other volunteers on Holy Saturday. I am very grateful to MaryJane Boland, Grace Bruni, Jim Dennis, Father Gerth, Scott Holman, Dick Leitsch, David Lapham, Darrell Lester, Clark Mitchell, and José Vidal who provided significant help and leadership in this area.

It should also be noted that, we continue to invite 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 this year with the Saint Raphael's Guild of Ushers. I will not duplicate George Handy's and Randy Morgan's fine reports concerning the guild's efforts in 2010. However, I would like to say, once again this year, that our 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 the new members recruited to the guild of ushers in 2010 have responded skillfully and enthusiastically, bringing energy and fresh ideas to the guild; and the longtime members have continued to work with their new colleagues to provide patient and helpful training. I must not fail to thank Mr. Handy for his very able leadership once again this year; and I would also like to express my gratitude to Randy Morgan who has acted as co-chair of the guild in Mr. Handy's absence. Randy has helped with a number of organizational matters, including scheduling, recruitment, and planning. George, Randy, 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. George, Randy, the Rector, and I are grateful to all those parishioners who serve as greeters and ushers on busy

days like Christmas Eve, Ash Wednesday, during Holy Week, and on those occasions when our forces at the doors, for one reason or another, are a bit thin.

During the coming year, we hope to move one or two ushers outdoors and onto the steps of the church at 46th Street before the Solemn Mass to answer questions and to invite passersby into the church.

Mission & Outreach

In 2010 I continued to oversee the parish's outreach efforts. Our primary outreach partner is the Food Pantry at the Church of Saint Clement. We continue to collect non-perishable food and gently used clothing for this effort as well as cash donations. The ongoing and sustained commitment by many of our parishioners, and many friends of the parish is very encouraging. Sister Deborah Francis, C.S.J.B., has been acting as our liaison with the Food Pantry during the past year. She, aided by our sextons, takes donated goods to Saint Clement's on Fridays and stays to assist in the effort of sorting, organization and distribution. She has become the real "face of Saint Mary's" at the Food Pantry and I am very grateful to her for her help in this area. I believe that we will need to continue to work in 2011 to sustain the energy around this effort as we move forward, since it is no longer a new effort.

Once again this year, we collected toys and other gift items to be donated to AIDS Action International and the Foundling Hospital.

Donations to my discretionary fund have also been used to make gifts to the following: St. Clement's Food Pantry, Episcopal Relief and Development (ERD), AIDS Walk New York, San Juan Evangelista (Honduras), The International Rescue Committee (IRC), the afterschool and scholarship program of Mariya u Mama we Themba Monastery in Grahamstown, South Africa, and The Mendham Borough Library, as well as to individuals in need, both visitors and members of the parish. I continue to hold a Book Sale on many Sunday mornings in order to raise money for my discretionary fund in order to support those efforts. I am very grateful to all those who have donated books to the Sale. If you would like to donate books for the Sale, please let me know. We sell a variety of books and our "inventory" is not limited to the theological or "inspirational." I must also say a heartfelt word of thanks to all those who have made cash donations to my discretionary fund this past year. Their generosity has been a very great help.

The offering made at the Maundy Thursday liturgy in 2010 was given to organizations serving the people of Haiti, especially Episcopal Relief and Development.

Another outreach effort undertaken here at Saint Mary's that deserves to be singled out is the parish's involvement in AIDS Walk New York. This outreach effort arose from "the grassroots," so to speak. It is an effort that was not conceived by, nor has it been organized by, the parish's clergy. Parishioner MaryJane Boland, has led this effort from the beginning (she organized the first Saint Mary's team in 2007). She has been aided by the active participation of a number of the parish's members and friends. The Saint Mary's Team has received substantial support from members of the parish and its neighbors and supporters. In 2010, there were 20 members; the team raised almost \$15,000, and ranked 50th out of 3,000 teams registered for the Walk, quite impressive for a parish of this size. Thank you to

MaryJane and all those who have worked to represent Saint Mary's on the Walk and have made this such a successful outreach effort.

Stewardship and Giving

I worked again this year with the Rector and the Stewardship Committee to coordinate stewardship, both the annual pledge drive and our ongoing efforts in the area of development. The results of the 2011 drive which began in September 2010 are as follows. The results are as of March 11, 2011:

Letters were sent to 772 current and potential pledgers, asking them for a pledge for 2011; a goal of \$454,000.00 was set by the Budget Committee, in consultation with the Board of Trustees and the Stewardship Committee. As of March 11, 2011, we have received pledges from 178 households; 27 of those households are pledging for the first time or after some time away from the parish; 47 households were able to increase their pledges from 2010; 66 households were able to make the same pledge that they had made in 2010; and 39 households needed to decrease their pledge from 2010.

Other statistics: 82.5% of those who pledged in 2010 returned this year, making pledges for 2011; 94.4% of our 2011 goal has been pledged to date; we still hope to receive the balance of our goal – \$25,369.00 – before the end of the year.

I would like to thank MaryJane Boland, chair of the Stewardship Committee, for her tireless efforts on this year's campaign. Her energy, optimism, and her organizational and financial skills kept the campaign moving forward, as always, in a highly efficient and productive manner. MaryJane was assisted this year by Steven Heffner and Marie Rosseels, whose many skills proved to be invaluable. Thank you to all three of these able and dedicated volunteers. The Committee was aided in significant ways this year by the advice of Father Gerth and Jim Dennis. We are grateful to them for their help. If you are reading this report and have not pledged for 2011, but would still like to do so, please contact me or speak to a member of the Committee.

In conclusion, I continue to enjoy my work here at the parish. I am grateful to Father Gerth, who continues to support my work here in so many different ways. He has taught me a very great deal about the priesthood and about parish ministry since I began working at Saint Mary's, especially since I joined the staff full-time in the autumn of 2007. His concern for me and for my partner, José Vidal, has been consistent and has made a huge difference in our lives. We are very grateful to him. I am also grateful to Father John Merz, Father Jim Pace, Deacon Weiner Tompkins, Deacon Rem Slone, Sister Deborah Francis, Sister Laura Katharine, James Kennerley, Aaron Koch, and our sextons, for their friendship, advice, help and support, and to the members and friends of the parish who have taught and helped me so much and have made my work here so fulfilling and so enjoyable. It is a great privilege to be able to serve at Saint Mary's; it is a joy to be able to celebrate the Eucharist here day after day, to teach, to preach, and to live in and with such a vibrant, interesting, and committed community. This community is a source of support and strength to me and my partner, José Vidal. I thank you for making him, and me, so welcome here at Saint Mary's and I look forward to living, working, and praying with you during the coming year.

Respectfully submitted,

The Reverend James Ross Smith, Curate

From Deacon Rebecca Weiner Tompkins

The first year of St. Mary's Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Atrium, Level One, for children ages three to six, has been a rich experience for all involved. With the invaluable assistance of co-catechist Deacon Rem Slone and the support of the Rector and Father Smith, Sister Laura Katharine, the flower guild, Mr. Jay Reynolds, a grandparent of one of our students, the parents, and our sextons we have successfully begun with the basics of Sofia Cavalletti's Montessori-based religious education program. Our group of five children is small in size but not in energy or expression. Of course we hope to grow and have plans to facilitate that growth. We will be removing the wall between the two rooms, formerly the offices above Saint Joseph's Hall, and redoing the floors, and adding a rug or two once the floors are done. Our materials and furnishing were bare-bones this year and it's essential we enhance and increase those things to function better and more fully. Of course we encourage gifts to enable the construction of a proper space, and acquisition of appropriate shelves and necessary equipment. I am honored and grateful for the opportunity to work with the children and continually learn from and share their deep and true sense of the meaning of Jesus in our lives. Those singing voices wafting down through the Atrium windows are a blessing to us all, and I hope the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd can become an intrinsic part of our parish, known not just to us but to the larger diocesan and church community and even beyond. Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca Weiner Tompkins, Deacon

From the Organist and Music Director

I write this report in the midst of very near memories of the finest Holy Week and Easter I have yet had the pleasure to participate in at Saint Mary's (and almost the twentieth that I have participated in as a church musician!). Despite the economic challenges of our time, with determination and commitment I am confident we will ensure that music at Saint Mary's remains at the very highest levels that the liturgy and the parish deserve. Growth is the parish's top priority, and music at Saint Mary's remains our greatest and most effective door-opener to potential parishioners and friends.

The majority of my work at Saint Mary's concerns the direction of and administering to the professional parish choir. The choir comprises nine core members, which are expanded

upon for services that require greater forces such as those at Christmas and Easter. Despite New York's reputation for artistic excellence, it remains a real challenge to find singers who are able to live up to the demands of our ensemble. Of the 83 that I auditioned in 2010, only four were suitable for our substitute list! I am extremely grateful to the present choir members for their unfailing support and hard work through these difficult times. Surely the wonderful results they are able to produce week in and week out speak for themselves, and working with this body of musicians on a regular basis remains the highlight of my professional career. My constant aim is to produce liturgical music on a world-class level to the greater glory of God.

The number of concerts produced by external groups has increased dramatically in the past few years, both as an extremely effective way to open our doors to potential members, and as a way to increase income through donations. Miller Theatre of Columbia University continues to produce around five concerts per year; 2010 saw two magnificent performances by the Tallis Scholars, for example, which always draw a full house. In January 2010 we celebrated the 400th anniversary of Claudio Monteverdi's *Vespers* of 1610 in a concert given by the Green Mountain Project, which I was fortunate to have been heavily involved with. It is hoped to celebrate this anniversary with a concert each January, and 2011 saw an immensely successful repeat, drawing a crowd of almost a thousand. Needless to say, many had to be turned away! While it is liturgical music that is the mainstay of this church, concert performances are an essential form of outreach, as well as an important opportunity for positive exposure via the press. The church's magnificent sanctuary has been the centerpiece of several *New York Times* articles this year.

Saint Mary's wonderful Aeolian-Skinner pipe organ, Opus 891-A, remains one of the jewels in the crown of the church, and a source of great pleasure and satisfaction to all who are privileged to perform on it. I am eternally grateful to Lawrence Trupiano, organ curator, whose continuing dedication to and care of the instrument, and of the church in general, is phenomenal. We are truly blessed by his involvement.

The refurbishment of the chancel console continues, amidst a sea of setbacks. After a successful orchestral concerto concert in December 2009, the console developed sudden problems following work on the basement lighting systems. Through much angst and frustration in testing and replacing virtually every part of the organ's electronics, we are now able to determine that poor electrical work in the basement was indeed the source of the problems. It is hoped that 2011 will see the restoration of the chancel console to full working order. My continued thanks go to John Rust, an extremely generous benefactor of the Aeolian-Skinner organ, who remains a great friend to the parish, its organ, and its music program.

I am deeply grateful for the many individuals who make a point of supporting the music program at Saint Mary's. Parishioner Charles Brand has spent many hours per week sorting and documenting the extensive music library following the move from the basement choir room to the Mission House. Jim Dennis is a constant source of support, and I value his work tremendously.

The future for music at Saint Mary's remains bright. We are blessed with the most supportive of liturgical traditions and an ideal acoustical backdrop, together with a city

renowned for its support of the arts. An essential mission of music in this church is to make known and to attract newcomers to the wonders and mystery of Christ. The parish's number one goal is growth. With your help, music will continue to attract and to inspire.

My deepest thanks go to the rector, my colleagues, and to all who support music in this wonderful place.

Respectfully submitted,

James Kennerley,
Organist and Music Director

From the Community of St. John Baptist

March 15, 2010 marked our being here at Saint Mary's four years ago. We continue to participate in, and sometimes officiate at, the daily services, read lessons at Masses and Offices, serve as chalice bearers, and visit the sick when needed. We have been made to feel very much a part of the ongoing life of the work of the parish in other ways too. We attend the staff meetings, take part in a wide range of parish events, are present at Adult Education whenever possible, and are "on-call" for any extenuating happenings. Behind these outward activities, we live the "religious life" fully, with some minor adjustments.

The sacristy work at Saint Mary's takes a great deal of time. It's a case where the high standard of our community meshes completely with the high standards of this parish. A whole range of work, from housekeeping and mending to conservation and care of valuable vestments and vessels comes our way. There is always the weekly laundry and ironing. And for those who do not know, there is no "wash and wear" fabric in use on the altar.

Our work in the sacristy is assisted by volunteers – and more are always welcome. We are a fun group. Our helpers include Charles Carson, Daniel Craig, Brother William Francis, Wayne Mahlke and the sextons.

Sister Deborah Francis has led our Wednesday evening Bible Study in 2010. Beginning last fall we have been reading the Apocrypha. These books have both an interesting and controversial history of use in the Church, and, they are not usually studied. Readings from Sirach, the Wisdom of Solomon and Tobit sometimes appear in the Daily Office. Anyone is invited to attend and no prior experience is necessary.

This year, Deborah Francis has also been working as a registrar at Saint Clement's Church Food Pantry, to which Saint Mary's parishioners have so generously contributed food and clothing. Many of the people who come are senior citizens caring for grandchildren and families with small children. It is wonderful to have the opportunity to work with volunteers and recipients. Fresh vegetables, meat and bread are also available, beyond just canned goods. The pantry is open each weekend of the month except the first.

In the new year, we will undoubtedly be both challenged and blessed as we continue to live and minister with you.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Reports of Parish Guilds and Activities

The Flower Guild

Ad majorem Dei gloriam ("To the greater glory of God"). The Flower Guild, also known as the Guild of Saint Thérèse of Lisieux, is passionate about its mission to provide the Church with floral arrangements that enhance the extraordinary beauty of its interior to the greater glory of God.

Flower decorations on the main altar and in other areas of the Church depend entirely on private donations; without a donation, there are no flowers. Donations can be made online or by contacting the parish Finance Office directly, at least one week in advance; this will ensure that a personal dedication can be included in the Mass bulletins (wording must be approved by the Rector). The standard donation is \$200. [You can do this online: On the Church's home page, under the title "Support our Mission," click on the link "Give or Pledge a Gift" and you will be directed on how to donate altar flowers.]

All members of the Flower Guild are volunteers; what we lack in professional experience, we make up for in enthusiasm. There is a lot more to "doing flowers" than what you see on the altar: trips to the city's flower district in the wee hours of the morning to pick out the best fresh flowers; keeping in stock the necessary supplies to "prep" the flowers; cleaning up after the arrangements are done; daily watering and eventually dismantling of the arrangements. While it is not all glamour, it still provides an enormously satisfying creative outlet.

During 2010, the Flower Guild consisted of 6 members with Rick Austill, Grace Bruni, Scott Holman, Marie Rosseels and José Vidal alternately doing the arrangements, while MaryJane Boland has kept a meticulous photographic record of our work (documenting it helps us analyze what works in a large space and plan for the big holy days). Since 2009, the leadership of the Guild has rotated to a different member each year, a task that was taken up with great style and artistic ability by José in 2010. At the close of the year, José decided to withdraw from the Flower Guild so he could devote more time to his other activities in the parish; we are all extremely grateful to José for his past leadership and for his many hours of hard work. Fortunately, we were able to fill the void rather quickly with the addition of a new member, Dexter Baksh.

At the start of 2010, we were given the use of the former Music Room (downstairs from the kitchen) and this has proved to be a real godsend. It has enabled us to organize much better; all our supplies are now in close proximity to the kitchen, where we usually make the flower arrangements, and the new location has greatly facilitated the moving and storing of the many boxes of decorations used for Easter and Christmas.

The Flower Guild meets on a regular basis to discuss future projects (minutes are kept of each meeting). Christmas and Holy Week require a lot of planning; decorations are carefully designed and large orders placed well in advance so we're not left out in the cold (where would we be without palms on Palm Sunday?). Also routine matters need to be addressed such as planning the monthly rotation schedule, purchasing supplies, keeping the Flower Room organized, and coordination with other areas of the Parish such as the Altar Guild and Finance Office.

Although it may appear that we have everything under control, the Flower Guild can always use extra help. Therefore, we make a renewed 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. Once you decide to join the Guild, we will teach you every step of the way and help you along with your first arrangements. Or we may even get lucky and recruit a member who can teach us some new tricks!

Finally, we would like to close this report with a heartfelt "thank-you" to all the extra volunteers who have given of their time and talent during Christmas and Easter decorating, especially Tom Heffernan; to Terry Carlson for his magical lighting designs; to Dick Leitsch for helping out daily with watering the flower arrangements; and finally to our sextons, who willingly lend their help to the Flower Guild throughout the year. Last but not least, we thank all the individuals who donated flowers during 2010 for their generosity and support.

Respectfully submitted,

Marie J. G. Rosseels

Saint Bede's Guild

Saint Bede's Guild of Readers is a dedicated group of parishioners who share with the parish clergy, sisters, seminarian and altar servers in the reading of lessons at Sunday Mass and Evensong, Sung Masses, and at Evensong on the eves of principal feasts. The ministry of reading requires not only a commitment of time but a particular gift for public reading in a space like Saint Mary's. All serve by the appointment of the rector. At the end of 2010, these persons were serving regularly as readers of this guild.

Charles Brand
LaVerne Cameron
Julie Gillis
David Jette
Brother William Jones, BSG

Robert Picken Mark Risinger Richard Theilmann Susan Wamsley

Respectfully submitted,

Stephen Gerth, Rector

Saint Raphael's Guild of Ushers

Members of the Saint Raphael's Guild are parishioners who volunteer to serve as ushers at parish services on Sunday and at all sung and solemn Masses on holy days, as well as at Evensong and Benediction. At the present time, there are twenty of us in the Guild who are able to serve on a regular basis.

Although the normal schedule requires members to serve only once a month, members often serve more frequently because of holy days and because of the need to fill in for ushers who are unable to work on a day for which they have been scheduled. We also receive assistance when needed from time to time from several members and friends of the parish who are not official members of the guild. We are very grateful for their help.

Four ushers have had to resign from the guild in recent months because of time constraints and other commitments. Stephen Eldredge, Scott Holman, Steven Potanovic, and Susan Wamsley, have all served as ushers ably and enthusiastically. We are very grateful to them for their hard work and for their commitment to this ministry.

In the past year or so we have welcomed several new members to the guild. Terry Carlson, Mary Gossy, Julia Heard, Rita Johnson, Rosemary Kulp, and Jason Mudd have all begun to serve as ushers. The Rector, Father Smith, and I are all very gratified that such hard-working and committed parishioners have agreed to serve in this ministry. I am very grateful.

Ushering usually means welcoming and seating anyone who comes through the church's doors to visit or to attend a service and directing visitors to the nursery and church school, the Mission House for adult education, or to the rest rooms. The duties also include answering the many questions which our visitors have or finding someone who can help. Remember that our visitors come to us from busy Times Square. To many, our church comes as a complete surprise. New York has become the "capital of the entertainment world" and Broadway is now "Coney Island North."

Some of our ushers are also members of Saint Andrew's Guild and they perform the duties of both guilds when they are scheduled to usher. Our goal of course is to encourage our visitors to stay and participate in whatever service is taking place. I think most of our ushers could write a book about conversations with our many visitors, about the questions asked and the reactions to our answers – and to the kind of friendly greeting our ushers try to give our visitors.

I think I can safely say that all of the members of our parish, including those who are involved in the parish as lay leaders and as members of the parish's various guilds, came through our church's five doors for the first time in search of something. They were looking for what we at Saint Mary's have offered since the parish was founded. The warmth and friendliness of our members and friends, as well as everything we do as a place of prayer dedicated to the worship and service of God, impressed them and convinced them to join us and, often, to become active in a variety of ways.

You can be certain that Saint Marians know how to greet and welcome our visitors. Our ushers are often the first to do so and they play a crucial role in this all-important ministry.

For all of these reasons, I wish to take advantage of this opportunity to thank all of our people for their cooperation in making our task a pleasant and satisfying one. There isn't enough room here to list everyone and a good deal of help comes from people I cannot name at this time. But this year, as most people know, I have been absent from the church for several months and a recent note in the weekly newsletter thanked the members of the guild for their help over the holidays "in spite of the absence of Mr. Handy." This, of course, was a very much appreciated compliment for me and for all the members of the guild. In any event, I want to give thanks to all the ushers and especially to those who took on my position of scheduling and coordinating our responsibilities. I hope, by the time of the Annual Meeting, I will be able to resume my duties as chair. Father Jay Smith has been especially helpful in coordinating our activities with the clergy and staff and he has been ably assisted by Randy Morgan. To them, to the members of the guild, and to all who support our work, all I can say is "thanks."

The current guild schedule runs through June 2011 and a few spots will be open when we put together a new six-month schedule which can help to fulfill the present additional responsibilities of "ushering." It would be helpful if we could get three or four people who are willing to commit themselves to such a once-per-month schedule. Of course, provision has always been made for trading Sundays whenever it is not possible or convenient to serve when assigned. Serving as an usher is very rewarding. It gives you the opportunity to meet both present and potential members in addition to visitors from around the world. I highly recommend it as a way to become further involved in the life of the parish.

One of the questions I have been asked after I have told our visitors how long I have been a member of Saint Mary's is "why have you continued to serve in this church for such a long time?" My reply: "Come to a service or a feast-day celebration and you'll have your answer."

Please never hesitate to ask questions. If I can't give you a satisfactory answer I'll refer you to someone who will be pleased to do so.

Respectfully submitted,

George Handy, *Chair*

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The following report was submitted by Mr. C. Randolph Morgan, who has been serving as Co-Chair of the Saint Raphael's Guild of Ushers during Mr. Handy's illness

Member of the Saint Raphael's Guild are parishioners who volunteer to serve as ushers at regular parish services on Sunday and at all Solemn Masses on holy days as well as at Evensong and Benediction. At present, there are 20 members who are regularly scheduled to serve on one Sunday during each month as well as various other members of the parish who regularly serve on holy days and at Evensong and Benediction.

The duties of an usher principally involve welcoming and assisting anyone who comes through the Church's doors to visit or to attend service. In addition to assisting persons in finding a seat and receiving a service leaflet/bulletin when they enter the Church, the ushers perform the service collection of money gifts and assist those who wish to receive Communion. Ushers also answer questions about the Church and direct persons to the nursery and Church School, to adult-education classes in the Mission House or to the rest rooms. The duties also include answering the many questions which our visitors have or finding someone who can provide assistance with a specific issue.

Parishioners who serve as ushers are a dedicated group who give substantially of their time to help others to more fully participate in the services at Saint Mary the Virgin and to better appreciate our Anglo-Catholic heritage. Currently, the members of Saint Raphael's Guild who are regularly scheduled to usher for Sunday service are as follows:

MaryJane Boland Mary Gossy Jason Mudd Linda Bridges George Handy Elizabeth Nisbet Steven Heffner Jon Bryant Mary Robison Terry Carlson Rita Johnson Abraham Rochester John Delves Rosemary Kulp Marie Rosseels Jim Dennis Julia Heard Miranda Dennis Smith Stephanie Felshin Randy Morgan

Special mention should be made here of usher and greeter Dick Leitsch. Dick is an honorary member of the Guild. Though not assigned to a particular Team, he often helps out on Sunday mornings in very useful ways. His participation is so welcome because he works as greeter and usher at the noonday services and at Evening Prayer on most days. His ability to make visitors comfortable and welcome is extraordinary and his knowledge of the workings of the parish, the ushers' table, the narthex, the nave, and the sacristy is extremely useful. We are grateful to him for his help.

There have been a number of recent changes in the membership of the Guild. George Handy who has served the Guild for many years, most recently as Director, has had to take a leave of absence from his regular duties due to illness, after a fall sustained while he was serving as usher during Solemn Mass. George has continued to support the work of the Guild as we grow and change. We are actively seeking new members as we wish to expand the weekly usher "teams" to six regular members from the current target number of four members and to more formally structure usher service for Evensong and Benediction and for holy days. Anyone interested in serving in this important function is encouraged to speak with any current usher or with Father Smith or me.

As in any of the church guilds, members serve for a time and then personal commitments change and members can no longer serve with the regularity that they have in the past. However, their past service is greatly appreciated and any continued participation which they might wish to offer is gratefully accepted. We would like to thank the following members who served faithfully in the past: Steven Eldredge, Scott Holman, Steven Potanovic and Susan Wamsley. In addition, we would like to thank all those members who do not serve on the regular Sunday rotation but who provide faithful service at Evensong and Benediction and on holy days.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles R. Morgan, *Co-Chair*

Saint Vincent's Guild of Acolytes

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

At the end of 2010, these persons were serving regularly at the altar:

Penelope Allen MaryJane Boland Renate Brand Grace Bruni Charles Carson Daniel Craig Julie Gillis **Emily Helming** Scott Holman Robin Landis Richard Leitsch Wayne Mahlke Clark Mitchell Jananie Nair Yvonne Noradunghian Santiago Puigbo Leroy Sharer Marie Rosseels Stephen Shull Sharon Singh Reha Sterbin Andrew Smith

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

Respectfully submitted,

Stephen Gerth, Rector

From the Treasurer

The Church entered the 2010 year understanding that the recessionary economic period in which we found ourselves beginning in 2008 would continue throughout the year at the very least. This meant that all expenses would have to be carefully monitored and that fiscal restraint would dominate the management of the Church's resources throughout the year. Staff salaries were not increased because inflation from 2009 to 2010 had been stable.

Throughout the course of 2010 as was the case during 2009, we lived in an environment in which we the meaning of living with less became a more pressing reality. Our Business Manager, Aaron Koch, found numerous ways in which to accomplish the tasks assigned at a lower cost. However, in the late Spring and Summer of 2010 it became apparent that we would have to address some long deferred structural issues when portions of the Church facings fell to the 46th Street sidewalk. Fortunately, no one was injured but the Rector immediately arranged for scaffolding to protect pedestrians and the Trustees engaged architects to assess the magnitude of the problem that we face. The scope of their project is to assess the entire fabric of the Church and its major systems – the roof, the walls and support structure, the plumbing and electrical systems, etc. This project was delayed by the cold winter but we expect that it will be complete and reported to the Trustees in May.

The unaudited results of the Church's operations during 2010 and the budget for 2011 are as follows:

	Actual	Budget
	2010	2011
REVENUE		
Pledges	\$448,640	\$470,700
Other Donations (Easter/Christmas, Donations, Special Offerings)	146,616	151,200
Music Contributions	55,542	57,300
Rental of Facilities Revenue	77,969	78,000
Contributions to Special Funds	91,068	93,600
TOTAL REVENUE	\$819,834	\$850,800
EXPENSES		
Personnel: Salaries & Benefits	\$478,769	\$416,800
Administration (Printing, Postage, Office Expense, Prof. Fees)	104,824	103,600
Physical Plant (Insurance, Utilities, Maintenance & Repairs)	431,017	441,600
Program	25,754	28,200
Music Expenses	89,565	91,000
Diocesan Assessment	44,272	90,000
Expenses in Special Funds	40,464	40,500
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$1,214,664	\$1,245,039
Deficit (Paid From Church Funds)	\$394,830	\$360,900
Deficit as % Church Funds (Endowment & Cash)	10.3%	7.9%
Church Funds on 12/31/2009 and 12/31/2010	\$3,838,425	\$4,585,589

The Church engaged a new auditor that specializes in Church and other not-for-profit accounting and it received a favorable opinion from its auditor for operations during calendar years 2008 and 2009 during 2010. We expect that regular annual audits will be performed in the future and the 2010 audit engagement will begin this month.

The Trustees have set a goal of withdrawing no more than 10% of the endowment to cover Church operational expenses. The endowment has received several generous bequests during 2010 which facilitated our progress from 2010 to the 2011 budget. However, true progress toward this goal will depend upon our success in raising the amount of member contributions in the form of pledge and donations.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles R. Morgan *Treasurer*

The Rector's Report

On January 1, 2010, our parish community, for the first time since I've been rector, began the year with only two members of the clergy. I want to begin my report to you by recognizing the gifts and work of my colleague, James Ross Smith. Father Smith needs no introduction for this report. He is a wonderful pastor, priest and teacher. He brings compassion and common sense to all of his work and ministry. And I'm not the only one with a smile around here. He and his partner José Vidal enrich our community in so many ways. As we continue to live through the so-called Great Recession, Jay's gifts and his giving of his time, talent and treasure for the work of this parish has been among the best blessings of a year that has included many graces.

Not to be overly focused on the clergy, after looking through our weekly newsletters for the year, I would remind you and me that the Right Reverend Frank T. Griswold, XXV Presiding Bishop and Primate of the Episcopal Church, was celebrant and preacher here on Good Friday, at the Easter Vigil and on Christmas Eve. That alone makes for a special year. But there was more. On Sunday, August 15, 2010, the parish community celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of ordination to the priesthood of the Reverend Edgar Fisher Wells, rector emeritus. That was a very special day in the life of the local and wider parish community. The Right Reverend James W. Montgomery, IX Bishop of Chicago, was with us. Our preacher was the Reverend David Wood, parish priest, Grace Church, Joondalup, Perth, Australia. It was glorious.

The year, however, has not been without its challenges. Learning to do less because we have fewer staff members to manage our facility and programs has been an ongoing issue. As rector, I like to say "yes" when asked if we can do something or be host for something. I've learned not to agree to something quickly anymore. We are living in a time of limited resources. It takes a thoughtful effort to use these resources as wisely as possible.

The biggest challenge facing us is the repair and conservation of our church plant. On Easter Day 2010, I came down from the rectory for a rehearsal for Evensong and discovered pieces of stone had chipped from the West 46th Street façade of the church. No one was injured. The "sidewalk shed" scaffolding that is still with us was up in a few days. But, this is New York, and many things take time.

Parishioner Peter Pennoyer put us in touch with Jan Hird Pokorny Associates, an architectural firm who are leaders in historic building preservation. The board of trustees commissioned the firm to conduct a facilities survey of the interior and exterior. Their report has just been received by the trustees who will be meeting with the authors of the report this coming Wednesday, May 4. Some specialized survey work remains to be done. I hope to be able to post their report online after it is presented to the board.

2010 saw the formal inauguration of a new formation program for younger children at Saint Mary's, the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd. Thanks to the commitment and efforts of our deacon, the Reverend Rebecca Weiner Tompkins, our seminarian, the Reverend T.

Remington Slone, parents and others, the work is taking root. The work of being a catechist involves a significant time commitment, not just for out-of-town educational courses, but the ongoing work of preparing "the environment," that is, the "atrium," the materials the children use, and the presentations. I am deeply grateful for the gift and call Rebecca has for working with children in this catechesis. There is simply no better formation program for children.

Our music program continues to flourish, meeting not only the economic challenges of our day, but also the challenge of making church music in a time when commitment to Christian faith and living has been in decline. James Kennerley brings extraordinary gifts as an organist, singer, composer and administrator to his work here. He has brought his knowledge and skills to work on our sound system – for which I am very thankful. In addition to his schedule at Saint Mary's, he is in demand as a singer and an organ recitalist. The many groups that are performing now at Saint Mary's are the result of his efforts. It's exciting to think not only of the work he is doing today, but also of the work he will do in the future.

Our organ curator Larry Trupiano continues to do far more than "maintain" our instrument. He loves it and gives a particular care to it that bespeaks his own commitment and gifts. I have learned so much over the years from him, and I value his advice.

Sister Laura Katharine, C.S.J.B., and Sister Deborah Francis, C.S.J.B., continue their work and witness among us. Urban religious communities have often been associated with parishes through history, especially in cities. This has been a particular charism of their own community as well. They have become very much a part of our parish.

Aaron Koch, our business manager, works hard across many tasks. He brings not only a professionalism to his work here, but he is also a committed Episcopal Christian. He and his family are active members of the Congregation of St. Saviour at the Cathedral of Saint John the Divine. I continue to be very thankful for his work among us.

Parishioners Clint Best, Dick Leitsch and Bob Picken assist in the finance office with various tasks. Dick Leitsch volunteers across a whole range of ministries among us. His helpfulness and joy are a great witness. I know I speak for everyone on staff when I say his gifts have made an enormous difference.

In December 2010, MaryJane Boland, Jane Daniels Lear and David Jette completed terms of service on the trustees. Many of you know of MaryJane's work in stewardship among us. Jane took a special interest in grant research. David has served as secretary of the board. In my role as president of the board, I am deeply thankful not only for their work but also for their wisdom. At its December 2010 meeting, the board elected Steven Heffner, Thomas Jayne, Mark Risinger, and Susan Wamsley to serve four-year terms as trustees – they are already being put to work.

Before I conclude, as rector I want to ask you to make some provision for Saint Mary's in your will or estate if you haven't already done so. Saint Mary's continues to be here because people like us in the past believed in the future of the witness, work and welcome of this

parish. Bequests continue to help us do the work to which our community has been called in this place.

In conclusion, I continue to be deeply thankful and amazed at the graces of life that brought me to Saint Mary's at the beginning of 1999. I look forward to the blessings of this year before us and the blessings of the years to come. Thank you so much for the love and support you give to this parish and to me.

The Reverend 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 2010

Estate of George H. Blackshire, TRUSTEE

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

Estate of Jack Rice Cortner, TRUSTEE

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

Estate of Stanley C. Kettle

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

Estate of Harold F. Lemoine, PRIEST

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

Received in 2009

Estate of Charles Everett Whipple II, PRIEST

This bequest was made by a priest of the Diocese of New York and is for the corporate purposes of the Society.

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 priest of the Diocese of New York 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 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

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 priest of the Diocese of New York 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

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 priest of the Diocese of Long Island 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 Edward Campbell-Smith, PRIEST

This bequest was made by a priest of the Diocese of Connecticut 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

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

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

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

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 Edgarton 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

Estate of Matilda Erwin

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

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

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

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

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.)

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

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

