



**Annual Meeting of the Congregation**

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

**The Fourth Sunday of Easter  
May 7, 2017**

# AGENDA

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Sunday, May 7, 2017

- I. Call to Order, Opening Prayer
- II. Nomination: Delegates to the Diocesan Convention, Saturday, November 11, 2017, The Cathedral Church of Saint John the Divine, New York, New York
- III. Submitted Reports to the Congregation
- IV. Treasurer's Report
- V. Investment Committee Report
- VI. The Rector's Report
- VII. Adjournment

## MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES AS OF JANUARY 1, 2016

Mrs. J. Grace Mudd, *January 2014 – December 2017 \**  
Mr. Steven Heffner, *December 2015 – December 2019*  
The Reverend Stephen Gerth, *president, ex officio, February 1999*  
Mr. David Jette, *secretary, December 2015 – December 2019 \*\**  
Mr. Clark Mitchell, *treasurer, January 2013 – December 2016*  
Ms. Marie J. G. Rosseels, *vice-president, December 2014 – December 2018*  
Dr. Leroy Sharer, *December 2014 – December 2018*

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Mr. Brendon Hunter, *December 2016 – December 2020*  
Mr. Adam C. Morrow, *December 2016 – December 2020*  
Ms. Mary Robison, *December 2016 – December 2020*  
Ms. Marie Rosseels, *vice-president, December 2014 – December 2018*  
Dr. Leroy Sharer, *December 2014 – December 2018*

## THE PARISH CLERGY, DECEMBER 31, 2016

The Reverend Stephen Gerth, *rector*  
The Reverend James Ross Smith, *curate*  
The Reverend James C. Pace, *assistant*  
The Reverend Peter Ross Powell, *assisting priest*  
The Reverend Rebecca Weiner Tompkins, *deacon*  
The Reverend Canon Edgar F. Wells, *rector emeritus*

## THE PARISH MUSICIANS, DECEMBER 31, 2016

Dr. David Hurd, *organist and music director*,  
Mr. Lawrence Trupiano, *organ curator*.

## THE PARISH STAFF, DECEMBER 31, 2016

Mr. Christopher Howatt, *office manager*  
Mr. John McHale, *business manager*,  
Mr. Stefano Esposito, Mr. Harka Gurung,  
Mr. Mario Martinez, *sextons*

*\*J. Grace Bruni was married to Jason Mudd in February 2017. Since that time, she has been listed in parish documents as Mrs. J. Grace Mudd.*

*\*\*Mr. David Jette moved to Peterborough, New Hampshire, in September 2016. He submitted his resignation to the members of the Board of Trustees at the Board's meeting in August 2016.*

# Minutes of the 2016 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 1, 2016.

The Reverend Stephen Gerth, Rector, called the meeting to order at 12:45 pm, commencing with a prayer. The Rector, who chaired the meeting, appointed Ms. Mary Robison, secretary to the Board of Trustees, as recording secretary for the meeting.

Copies of the 2016 Annual Report were distributed. The Rector noted that members of the Board of Trustees are listed on page three; he then asked the Trustees who were present to stand. These included J. Grace Bruni (now J. Grace Mudd), Steven Heffner, Marie J. G. Rosseels, Clark Mitchell, David Jette, and Leroy Sharer. Trustees whose terms ended in December 2015 were Peter Dannenbaum, Marie J. G. Rosseels, and Mary Robison. James G. Dennis, whose term would have ended in December 2015, died on March 23, 2015.

Two delegates and two alternates are to be recommended to the board for election to represent Saint Mary's at the 240<sup>th</sup> Convention of the Diocese of New York, to be held November 4–5, 2016, at the Westchester Marriott in Tarrytown. The Rector called for nominations from the floor. Steven Heffner and Grace Mudd were nominated, and Brendon Hunter was selected to be the alternate. These names will be referred to the Board for election at the next meeting on May 23, 2016.

The Rector then gave an overview of the various reports submitted to the congregation in the Annual Report; each report was followed by a round of thankful applause. The clergy were each introduced and thanked, as were parish staff members.

The Rector thanked all those who work on parish guilds and acknowledged the beautiful arrangements the Flower Guild creates for each service, the readers' practice and clarity in assisting with scripture readings, the ushers' ministry of hospitality. And he expressed gratitude for the altar servers who support the clergy with flexibility and hard work.

The Rector introduced the Board of Trustees and the Treasurer's Report, noting that this is Mr. Clark Mitchell's first term as Treasurer and providing a short history of the Board's structure and origins. Trustees originally served on the Board for life, and the Bylaws were changed in the 2000s so that four-year terms are served now, and members can be nominated again.

The Treasurer's report was commended to the parish. It was noted that the financial state of the parish continues strong, due to the generosity of parishioners and friends, and also to strong investment performance. Expenses were 12 percent higher than budgeted, for reasons such as utilities costs, unforeseen building maintenance, costs associated with the

music department, and legal and professional fees, etc. Part-time bookkeeper John McHale was hired in late 2015. The Open Doors capital campaign is showing great momentum, and the 2016 pledge goal was reached.

Questions may be referred to the Rector for discussion.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:28 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Robison, *Recording Secretary*

## **Reports from Other Parish Clergy and Staff**

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### From the Curate

I'm not sure exactly how or why, but I have developed something of a reputation among my colleagues, and perhaps among the members of the congregation here at Saint Mary's, for saying more and at greater length than is, in many instances, absolutely necessary. My to-do lists at staff meetings are notoriously long and my sermons and homilies are sometimes longer than is ideal. (I always encourage our seminarians to edit, telling them that "less is more," but I sometimes have difficulty taking my own advice.) I have difficulty keeping a newsletter article to around five hundred words. And, I have come to realize, my reports to the Annual Meeting have often been rather lengthy. I am determined to do better this year. If you would like to find out about some of the things I've been up to during the past year, I invite you to take a look at the reports below on Christian Education and Spirituality, Stewardship, the Saint Raphael's Guild of Ushers, Hospitality, and the Saint Mary's Ministry to the Homeless. In those reports, I express my thoughts and ideas, try to describe how I've been working, and my hopes and plans for the future. Perhaps most important, I have tried in those reports to express my gratitude to my clergy colleagues, the sisters of the Community of Saint John Baptist, the members of the staff, and to the members and friends of this extraordinary parish, who do so much to welcome and proclaim the Kingdom of God, and who give so much and do so much, and always with such kindness, generosity and good humor in this place. Each year I try to remember to thank all those who need to be thanked. Sometimes I fail, as we rush to get this report in shape before the Annual Meeting. If you've noticed that I've forgotten to thank somebody, please let me know. Such oversights are never deliberate and I will do my best to remedy the situation. As far as I'm concerned, it's a never a burden to say "thank you."

That said, I would like to say a few additional things that didn't get said in the individual reports and to tie up a few loose ends.

I didn't write the Stewardship report myself this year and so I must take this opportunity to thank the three people who serve with me on the Stewardship Committee: MaryJane Boland, Steven Heffner, and Marie Rosseels. The three of them have been doing this work for several years now. Each of them is busy at their places of employment, as well as with their volunteer work here at the parish. Each of them is very busy and yet each of them takes on the hard work of leading the campaign each year. I greatly enjoy working with them and I am grateful to all of them for what they do. A special word of thanks is due to Marie Rosseels, who was chair of the committee for the first time this year. She took on that job with her customary energy, intelligence, and attention to detail and I appreciate all that she has done. Thank you, too, to MaryJane Boland, who has served as chair for several years now. Her leadership has been very important and she has handed over the reins to Marie in a gracious and very helpful manner that promoted significant continuity.

Two people joined the staff at the end of 2015 or at the beginning of 2016, Sister Monica Clare, CSJB, and Dr. David Hurd. Sister Monica's office is next to mine. We work together on a number of projects and she is enormously helpful to me. She encourages me and helps me to solve problems. She also listens to my troubles and she makes me laugh. Dr. David Hurd has become a wonderful colleague and I have learned much from him. I'm very happy that both Sister Monica and Dr. Hurd have joined us here at Saint Mary's.

Life here at Saint Mary's is filled with surprises, many of which are welcome, but not all of them. We often have to improvise here in order to deal with the unexpected. I am very grateful to my colleagues on the staff with whom I work day after day, week after week: Sister Monica Clare and David Hurd, whom I've mentioned above; and Sister Laura Katharine, CSJB; Christopher Howatt, office manager; John McHale, bookkeeper, who recently left the staff; our sextons Harka Gurung, Stefano Esposito, Mario Martinez, who also recently left the staff, and Jorge Trujillo; and Clint Best, Gypsy da Silva, and Dick Leitsch, parish volunteers. A special word of thanks is due to our neighbor, Timothy Riley, who works with the Royal Family Theater on the third floor of the Parish House. He has assisted me with a number of projects this past year. All of these folks work very hard and are particularly good at solving problems and dealing with the unexpected. What is more, they do so with enthusiasm, a strong faith, and a good sense of humor. We have our ups and downs here at Saint Mary's, but the atmosphere in the parish offices is very happy and that is due to the commitment of all these good colleagues.

It is a pleasure working with my clergy colleagues: Father Jim Pace, assistant; and Father Park Bodie, Father Paul Burrows, Mother Mitties de Champlain, Father Pete Powell, Mother Alison Turner; and our deacons the Reverend Rebecca Weiner Tompkins and the recently ordained Deacon Matthew Jacobson. A special word of thanks is due to both of our deacons for their help with pastoral care during the past year. Deacon Rebecca stays in contact by phone and in person with a number of our parishioners who are either ill or homebound. She continued to do this even while she was on sabbatical and away from the parish. I asked our recently ordained deacon Matthew Jacobson to visit parishioners who were ill, even before his ordination. Both Rebecca and Matt are excellent pastors and we are all blessed to be recipients of their care and attention. In the end, I learn from all these men and women. I benefit from their preaching and teaching. Each of them helps the rector and me in countless ways and I am very grateful.

Finally, I want to express my thanks to the rector Father Stephen Gerth. We work closely together and I am grateful to him for his support, generosity and kindness. He supports and encourages my ministry and I always feel that “he has my back.” A member of the parish recently said to me that we are very lucky to have a rector who knows how to lead and who knows how to deal with so many practical issues that are of such importance to our common life—finances, human resources, real estate, fundraising, organizational dynamics, issues related to our large building complex, and many other issues as well. We often joke that “they don’t teach those things in seminary.” We are lucky to have a rector who is good at those things and who works hard at them in order to secure both the present and the future of this parish and who always does so in the context of his strong beliefs about prayer, worship, and service, and of his faith in Jesus Christ, the Risen Lord. I continue to learn from him and I am grateful.

I began working at Saint Mary’s full-time nearly ten years ago, in August 2007, when Father John Beddingfield left Saint Mary’s to become a rector in Washington, D.C. I came here first as an “interim” curate, until John’s successor could be found. Much to my surprise, I joined the staff as John’s successor in January 2008, something that I would never have predicted a few months before. I am very happy that I accepted Father Gerth’s invitation to join the staff back then. I am grateful to him for giving me the opportunity to serve in this community as priest, pastor, and teacher. I am grateful to the members of this community for welcoming me and my partner, José Vidal, so warmly, for sharing your lives, your joys and sorrows with me, and for joining me in the work of mission and ministry in this place. God willing, we will be able to continue working together to serve God, each other, and the people of our neighborhood during the months to come. May God bless and keep you today and always.

Respectfully submitted,

James Ross Smith, *Curate*

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## From Deacon Rebecca Weiner Tompkins

As I prepare this report I am about to begin the second Sunday meeting in Eastertide of my annual Adult Formation course, this one entitled “Rising/Rose/Risen: Readings on Resurrection from Scripture into Poetry.” One of the texts I looked at in preparation for the course was by N. T. Wright, *Surprised by Hope: Rethinking Heaven, the Resurrection, and the Mission of the Church*. He writes: “. . . left to ourselves we lapse into a kind of collusion with entropy, acquiescing in the general belief that things may be getting worse but that there’s nothing much we can do about them. And we are wrong. Our task in the present . . . is to live as resurrection people in between Easter and the final day, with our Christian life, corporate and individual, in both worship and mission, as a sign of the first and a foretaste of the second.” This speaks to me as emblematic of both the collective life we live at Saint Mary’s and that of serving as the community’s deacon.

*Worship* and *mission* define important activities embodied by all of us, who are *resurrection people*. For me, the former word—worship—includes my liturgical service at the altar where

we gather as community, clerical and lay as one, and where I am fortunate to work with my colleagues, including the rector, Stephen Gerth, the curate, Jay Smith, the assisting priests, Jim Pace, Pete Powell, Park Bodie, and Mitties de Champlain, the new transitional deacon, Matt Jacobson, and the assorted visiting clergy, such as Bishops Dietsche, Griswold, Sisk, and Shin, while the latter word—mission—is anything that steps outside of the liturgy such as parish pastoral care, which for me particularly includes hospital and home visits, and even phone calls and email communication to those in either spiritual or physical need. Additionally there is attending and voting at the diocesan convention where sometimes important issues are discussed and put forth into plans or actions, where one hopes to have some influence on the future of the wider church as it exists in the world, both secular and sacred.

In 2016, I had two breaks away from New York City, one for a poetry fellowship sabbatical from my employer, Borough of Manhattan Community College, CUNY, and the other the start of a medical leave from that same institution.

I am grateful for the flexibility that Father Gerth has allowed me in my time and duties, especially as regards my ongoing health issues.

At this point I continue to be present as much as possible and to contribute all that I am able to Saint Mary's and will do so moving forward. Even when I am away I always try to represent Saint Mary the Virgin and spread our message and ministry well, whether visiting other Episcopal parishes or spending time with their local ministries, such as a Eucharist and meal for men and women of the Nashville Rescue Mission.

Back at Saint Mary's, whether preparing the altar, singing the Solemn Collects, or keeping in touch with parishioners unable to attend services, my heart and soul belong to this place, where we have joined as one body, to open ourselves and our doors, literally and figuratively, to all who will come in them and join us in Christ's love.

Respectfully submitted.

Rebecca Weiner Tompkins, *Deacon*

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## From the Community of Saint John Baptist

The Community of Saint John Baptist was founded in England in 1852 and expanded to the United States in 1874, and members of the community worked and served in New York City for over a hundred years, leaving only in 1976. In 2007, however, two of us returned to Manhattan, opening a branch house here at Saint Mary's. On March 15, 2017, we celebrated the tenth anniversary of our arrival here.

Our being here has been filled with many meaningful and memorable moments, events, and experiences, and there have been many surprises along the way. Since we are members of a religious community, what is most special and notable for us is being part of the spiritual life



here at Saint Mary's, which for both of us is a basic part of life. Our daily schedule is grounded in the Daily Offices and Eucharist, so being a part of the parish's daily worship is a nurturing and sustaining element for which there is no substitute. We are also eager participants in every aspect of the parish's life. We attend the Wednesday Night Bible Study Class, when we can, in addition to Coffee Hours, holy-day receptions, art-exhibit openings, and other events. In addition of each us is engaged in a number of ministries here at Saint Mary's. What follows is a summary of our activities in recent months.

Sister Monica Clare, CSJB, who came to Saint Mary's at the end of the summer in 2015, worked for many years at an advertising agency in Los Angeles, California, before entering our community. She has a great deal of experience in the area of graphic design and is comfortable using a wide range of computer programs and applications. Since her arrival at Saint Mary's, she has worked with parishioner Reha Sterbin to design the new parish website that was launched in October 2016. She also designed the Capital Campaign website that went live at the beginning of 2017. She is also the editor of the parish's Facebook page. In addition to this, Sister Monica Clare seems to have become the parish's resident photographer, creating a visual record, week after week, of life at the parish. She has been working with Father Gerth and Father Smith to incorporate these photographs into the parish's newsletter and other print and digital materials. From her collection of photos, she has created postcards for the Capital Campaign and has designed new signs for use at both entrances of the church. In February 2017, she led a Quiet Day entitled "Keeping our faith and hope in a time of despair and fear" and, last fall, she led a presentation in the Adult Forum on Thomas Merton and the impact of his life and work on her own life and spirituality.

Sister Monica Clare has also been working to expand one of the parish's important outreach efforts, the Saint Mary's Homeless Ministry. She has been working closely with parishioners Clint Best, Grace Fernandez, Dick Leitsch, Marie Rosseels, José Vidal, and with Father Jay Smith on this important ministry. They have been joined in this effort by several friends of the parish, including Mother Alison Turner. Along with Clint Best and a team of able volunteers, Sister Monica organized a Drop-in Day for homeless residents of our Midtown neighborhood on April 28, 2017. You can read more about that in the report on the Homeless Ministry.

Sister Laura Katharine, C.S.J.B., continues to work as the parish's sacristan and head of the Altar Guild. She works closely with the rector, the curate, the sextons, the altar servers, the Flower Guild, and the members of the Altar Guild, to prepare for the parish's liturgies. This involves the purchase, care, cleaning, and conservation of vestments, vessels, linens, candles, and other items used in this parish's rich round of daily, weekly, and seasonal worship. She and other members of the Altar Guild have been working with trustee Adam Morrow to apply for a grant from the New York Altar Guild.

Sister Laura Katharine is the head of the branch house here at Saint Mary's and continues to be involved in the life of the community back in Mendham, as does Sister Monica Clare. Sister Laura Katharine has been involved in the leadership of the Community of Saint John Baptist for many years. She is no stranger to the need for fundraising and careful stewardship of resources. Beginning in 2016, she planned a candle sale to raise money for the repair of doors in the frontal room. Sister Laura Katharine also has an interest in

spirituality and pastoral care. She remains interested in Enneagram work and would be happy to explain that work to anyone who would like to learn more about it.

For us both it is a joy and honor to be members of the Saint Mary's community and to contribute to its life of prayer, worship, service, and outreach.

Respectfully submitted,

Sister Laura Katharine, CSJB  
Sister Monica Clare, CSJB

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## From the Organist & Music Director

The Church of Saint Mary the Virgin, New York City, has been long recognized far and wide as a place where worship happens in great fullness of beauty: where sight and smell and taste and sound conspire together to reveal a glimpse of the glory of God and draw people into the experience of God's transcendence and his transforming love for his creation. Music is surely one of the oldest of theological disciplines, as scripture is filled with references to singing, especially singing the praise of God. The gift of music, through which the human soul in every age has expressed and experienced the ineffable dialogue of the Spirit, is a rich and vital channel in our own time. Saint Mary's has a distinguished tradition of music being offered in worship, returning to God in gift a measure of what God has given us as gift. Our magnificent church building not only provides an envelope of visual beauty for the music sounded within it, but it collaborates actively in bringing together the collective voice of the church in an embracing acoustical splendor, magnifying the entire expression and sending it heavenward as rising aural incense. It has been my privilege to have directed the choir and played the organ for worship at St. Mary's now for slightly more than one cycle through the liturgical year. I am honored to follow many distinguished predecessors who gave legendary musical service at Saint Mary's in the past, and I hope that my service has been—and will continue to be—a reflection of the best musical offering we can make in this time and place to the glory of God.

The Choir of Saint Mary's continues as an octet of highly skilled professional musicians, sometimes expanded to nine or ten voices in accordance with the demands of the repertoire. The choir's normal season begins in October and ends at Corpus Christi, a week following Trinity Sunday. The choir sings at Solemn Mass on Sundays, and on several principal feasts including Assumption, All Saints, Conception, Christmas, Epiphany, Presentation, Annunciation and Ascension. Ash Wednesday and the liturgies of Holy Week also are sung with a full complement of choristers. Evensongs in anticipation of some major feast days are also sung by smaller ensembles of choir members. In addition to the medieval plainsong propers regularly sung at Solemn Mass, the choral repertoire this season has strongly featured unaccompanied Mass settings and motets, which have ranged from fourteenth to twenty-first century origin. European Renaissance polyphony has been prominent, along with significant compositions by more recent English and American composers as has long

been customary at Saint Mary's. The regular roster of the choir this season has been Charlotte Mundy and Elaine Lachica, sopranos; Sharon Harms and Martha Cargo, altos; Gregg Carder and Christopher Howatt, tenors; and Jeremy Hirsch and Mark Risinger, basses. Many of these singers have been at Saint Mary's for several years. An extended family of additional fine singers provided coverage when regular choir members needed to be absent. I am appreciative of the dedication of all these fine musicians. I am also appreciative of organists Clark Anderson, Larry Long, Dr. Timothy Pyper, and Stephen Rumpf who have provided able coverage for me in my absence and have played for services which overlapped my other responsibilities.

This season it has also been my pleasure to share the musical leadership at Sunday Solemn Evensong and Benediction with a group of dedicated cantors, namely Joseph Armoogan; Sister Monica Clare, C.S.J.B.; Grace Mudd, Dr. Mark Risinger, and Dr. Leroy Sharer.

Saint Mary's has benefitted from the artistry of visiting choirs on some occasions in the past year. Notably the choir of Merton College, Oxford, sang the Solemn Mass for the Feast of the Annunciation in 2016. On September 11, 2016, the Charter Choir of Homerton College, Cambridge, sang a special Evensong in memory of the victims of the attacks on September 11, 2001. Visiting choirs from Trinity, Wall Street; Saint Bartholomew's Church; Christ Church, Rye; and *Voces*, a Staten Island-based early music vocal ensemble, also sang for services during the normal Evensong cycle.

The organ at Saint Mary's, in its splendid acoustical home, is one of the great organ installations of the world and an instrument that people come from far and wide to hear and to play. Organ recitals preceding principal feast days in the past year have been played by Dr. Katie Meloan (NYC), Stephen Rumpf (NYC), Dr. Ryan Jackson (Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church), James Wetzel (Church of Saint Vincent Ferrer), Gregory Eaton (Austin, TX), Richard Robertson (Denver, CO), Dr. Timothy Pyper (Williamstown, MA), and me. These short programs have provided a generous and varied spread of organ repertoire. Larry Trupiano, as curator, has maintained the organ as needed, keeping it a joy to play and hear as it supports singers at worship, or provides solo voluntaries and recital repertoire.

Trumpeter Christopher Bubolz has contracted brass quartets for St. Mary's celebrations of Corpus Christi, Christmas Eve and Palm Sunday. The musicians he has brought together for these occasions have greatly enhanced the music of those liturgies by their playing.

I am particularly grateful for Christopher Howatt, office manager at Saint Mary's and member of the choir, who has helped immeasurably in providing support for the administration of the choir and in other music-related matters. There is much fine music-making at St. Mary's that does not fall under my purview that Christopher administers. This includes the many ensembles which perform here regularly: the New York Repertory Orchestra, the Trident Ensemble, and various other collaborations between St. Mary's and other New York entities such as Lincoln Center and Miller Theater of Columbia University.

Respectfully submitted,

David Hurd, Mus.D., *Organist & Music Director*

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## Reports of Parish Guilds and Activities

### The AIDS Walk Team

With satisfaction and delight, we report on the highly motivated Saint Mary's AIDS Walk Team! We consider this to be one of Saint Mary's major outreach efforts, and we are deeply committed to it. Our success shows that the members and friends of Saint Mary's are deeply committed as well. We walk each year to support people living with HIV and AIDS and in memory of people who have died because of AIDS-related diseases. We seek donations and we raise money to promote outreach and education. We recognize that AIDS is still with us, that it cannot be taken for granted, and that, without treatment, it can be life-threatening. We do the work of development and fundraising so that much-needed services can be provided to those who need them, in order to promote prevention efforts, and to seek a cure.

In 2016, our tiny little team (only fourteen walkers) ranked *ninth* out of all the teams walking, even though some of those teams were representing very large corporations. We raised \$55,035.00 of the overall total of \$4.5 million, more than one percent of the entire amount raised. Our donors gave amounts both large and small. We had 280 individual contributions from parishioners, friends, relatives, visitors to Saint Mary's—people who believe in the cause and who wanted to support our energetic and determined team.

In 2017, we will walk on Sunday, May 21. Most of the team will attend Mass, have lunch, and then take off behind the big walk in the park. We go the distance, but we do it on our own schedule. What matters to us is to raise the greatest amount of money we possibly can. For 2017, our goal is \$60,000, and, as we write this early in May, we will still have a long way to go.

Please support our team by giving a check made out to Awny (AIDS Walk New York) to one of the team leaders or to Father Smith. You can also donate by logging onto our team page and making a contribution online: <https://ny.aidswalk.net/Team/View/15682/Saint-Mary-the-Virgin-0445>

Respectfully submitted,

MaryJane Boland and Clark Mitchell, *Co-Chairs*

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### The Saint Mary's Homeless Ministry

During 2016, a number of staff members and friends and members of the parish came together to expand and provide a clearer organizational structure to the parish's ministry to the homeless in the Times Square neighborhood, some of whom seek a safe and quiet place to rest in our church building during the daytime hours. The Homeless Ministry at Saint

Mary's is based on the fact of homelessness in our neighborhood, on the rector's belief that homeless people seeking rest should be welcomed here, and on the biblical injunction to help those who are in need.

Much was accomplished in 2016. Parishioners Clint Best and Grace Hernandez have set up a large room in the Mission House basement with shelves, racks, and tables to serve as a storage and distribution area for clothing and hygiene items, and Clint also came up with the idea of organizing a regular drop-in day for those who are homeless, and for others in need, in the Times Square neighborhood. The hard work of planning and organizing in 2016 bore fruit on April 28, 2017, from 2:00 to 5:00 PM, when we offered our first drop-in day here at the parish. With the help of our sextons, a number of volunteers and two social workers from our outreach partner, The Breaking Ground Initiative, we were able to offer assistance to around thirty-five guests. We are grateful to Marli Higa, Lainey Johnston, Dick Leitsch, Anne O'Neil, Sylver Pondolino, Marie Rosseels, Debby Schlein, Mother Alison Turner, José Vidal, and sextons Harka Gurung and Jorge Trujillo, all of whom gave of their time and expertise in order to make the day a great success. We hope to be able to host a drop-in day around every six weeks.

In addition to the drop-in days, we also try to respond to regular requests for assistance. We distribute "go-bags" that contain non-perishable food and hygiene items. The bags also contain a book of prayers and a "street sheet" that lists information concerning shelters, soup kitchens, and other services in our neighborhood and throughout the Borough of Manhattan. On Friday afternoons, between 2:00 and 5:00 PM, volunteers are usually available to provide access to the clothes closet in the Mission House and to serve guests who are looking for clothing items.

We also continue to work with two outreach partners. Outreach teams come to Saint Mary's at least once per week in order to speak to our homeless guests, who are resting in the church. Breaking Ground's governing principle is to get folks off the streets and into shelter. They try to encourage our guests to access available services and to deal with issues that contribute to the city's rising incidence of homelessness. We also continue our longstanding partnership with the Saint Clement's Food Pantry by donating non-perishable food items, clothing, and by making financial contributions, to the Food Pantry at our neighbors and friends at the Church of Saint Clement on Forty-sixth Street, between Ninth and Tenth avenues. The Food Pantry serves single people and families, including families with children, in our neighborhood, especially in Hell's Kitchen.

The leadership team of the homeless ministry at Saint Mary's, Clint Best; Sister Monica Clare, CSJB; and Father Jay Smith, along with our growing cadre of enthusiastic, concerned, and interested volunteers, continue to study what we are doing and what we could be doing in order to solve problems and to discern how best to serve those in need in our neighborhood, within the limits of our resources. We are discussing several ideas to work on in the coming year. We don't have all the answers. We face many challenges. But we believe that this parish is well-situated to contribute to addressing the problem of homelessness that affects all New Yorkers.

We are extraordinarily grateful to all those who have supported this ministry with donations of money, clothing, food, and other items. We have been supported by a growing list of

concerned neighbors this past year: the law firm of Duane Morris LLP; the law firm of Pillsbury Winthrop Shaw Pittman; Forever 21, a popular retail clothing outfit in Times Square; Actors' Equity; US Trust; the Muse Hotel; Saint Andrew's pub and restaurant, which recently closed its doors; an honors class at the Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis School across the street; and our good friends at Four Five Café. We also receive donations of clothing and food from many people that live and work in the neighborhood. They bring food and clothing to the church, with no fanfare and with little expectation of reward or publicity. To all these generous people, our good neighbors, we are grateful. We could not do this without them.

We are also grateful to the members of the staff—our sextons, Stefano Esposito, Harka Gurung, Jorge Trujillo, and Mario Martinez, who recently left the staff—who are asked to deal with the many issues that arise at the parish day after day because of this ministry; and our office manager Christopher Howatt, who answers the door, accepts donations, and deals with a multitude of problems and issues with skill and good humor. We are grateful, too, to our many parishioners and friends, who engage our homeless guests in conversation at Coffee Hour and Evensong receptions and who offer what help they can. We are extraordinarily grateful to all our members and friends, who continue to give of their time, their money, and their encouragement in order to support this ministry.

We are very grateful to parishioner Clint Best, who has been a singularly important force in developing this ministry. His commitment, his faith, his good ideas, and his hard work have made what we do possible.

We owe a special word of thanks to the rector, Father Stephen Gerth, who believes that one of the reasons we keep our doors open is to welcome the homeless into the church for rest. We are grateful for his advice, leadership, and support.

If you would like to help with this ministry in some way, please speak to one of us, or to Clint Best.

Respectfully submitted,

Sister Monica Clare, *Community of Saint John Baptist*  
James Ross Smith, *Curate*

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## The Flower Guild: The Guild of Saint Thérèse of Lisieux

Inspired by a phrase from the psalms to “Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness,” the Flower Guild’s mission is to enhance the extraordinary interior of our Church with floral arrangements to the greater glory of God. For the weeks that a donation has been received, the members of the Guild take turns going to the flower market to buy flowers wholesale and then arrange them. Donors can either go online to the parish website (under the tab

“Giving,” click on the link “Donation for Altar Flowers”) or contact the Finance Office directly to reserve flowers for a particular Sunday or Feast Day at a cost of \$250. Donations can be anonymous or with a personal dedication in the Mass bulletin (wording to be approved by the Rector).

The core group of flower arrangers, which formed in 2009, remained unchanged in 2016. However, Rick Austill, Dexter Baksh, Scott Holman, Grace Mudd, and Marie Rosseels are thrilled to be able to report that a new core member has recently joined our team: Peter Agnone Ruane was “baptized by fire” during Holy Week 2017 and truly impressed us with his talent and team spirit. Welcome, Peter!

Last year, we departed somewhat from our “Flower Diva of the Year” concept: Scott Holman took the lead for Easter, while Rick Austill and Marie Rosseels jointly assumed leadership for Christmas decorating. We intend to keep rotating this role to a different member each year, not only to prevent burnout, but also to allow each member the opportunity to express his or her own vision. This role is not insignificant as the pressure intensifies leading up to Easter and Christmas: coming up with a new design concept, deciding what to order, overseeing and participating in the creation of multiple floral arrangements, all within a tight budget and fixed deadline. Even then, impeccable planning can be undone by unseasonal temperatures and send us scrambling to “fix the problem.” But in the end, somehow, it always comes together beautifully, and we feel only the pure unadulterated joy of our labor.

On Rose Sunday in December 2016, we organized a very successful Flower Guild Fair, and Saint Joseph’s Hall was decorated with scores of photographs of our weekly altar arrangements; special thanks are due to MaryJane Boland for compiling this important record of our past work and to Mr. H. Peers Brewer, who first suggested the idea for such a Guild Fair to Father Jay Smith and, of course, to the members of the Guild. The array of photographs that day made for an impressive display that even took the Guild members by surprise! (Flower Calendar, anyone?). The Fair concluded with an exclusive tour of our Flower Guild storage room, indispensable in its size and accessibility, where we keep a substantial supply of materials that are reusable and where a lot of brainstorming goes on.

Although it may appear that we have everything under control, the Flower Guild can always use additional volunteers who can commit to making flower arrangements for the main altar and Sacred Heart shrine once a month, and/or help out for the major feasts. We are all volunteers without prior experience in arranging flowers for a large space and will be glad to teach you what we have learned or answer any questions you may have. While the work can be demanding and takes time, we are connected on a much deeper level than just familiarity with the fabric and structure of the building; we truly feel inspired by our communal worship and the grace of God’s presence in our daily lives.

Last year, we were again fortunate to have extra volunteers for the two major feasts and their ensuing “un-decorating” days: we are extremely grateful to all for their time, talents, and willingness to do “grunt” work! We also greatly appreciate the gifts of Sister Monica Clare, whose inspirational photographs of parish life can be seen on the parish website, Facebook page and in the online *Angelus* newsletter. Additional thanks must go to our helpful sextons, to the members of the Altar Guild, and to office manager Chris Howatt and bookkeeper

John McHale for their logistical support throughout the year. Last but not least, we thank the many individuals who donated flowers during 2016 for their continued support and generosity.

Respectfully submitted,

Marie J. G. Rosseels, *Member of the Guild*

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## The Readers' Guild: The Guild of Saint Bede

The Readers Guild 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 2016, in addition to the members of the clergy, these persons were serving regularly as members of this Guild.

Clark Anderson  
Joseph Armoogan  
MaryJane Boland  
Gypsy da Silva  
Gloria Fitzgerald  
Julie Gillis  
Steve Ginther  
Brendon Hunter  
Matthew Jacobson  
David Jette

Brother William Jones,  
BSG  
Joseph Kennedy  
Ricardo Miranda  
Clark Mitchell  
Adam Morrow  
Grace Mudd  
Daniel Okobi  
Nicole Palma  
Robert Picken  
Steve Potanovic

Sister Monica Clare  
Powell, CSJB  
Mark Risinger  
Mary Robison  
Zachary Roesemann  
Marie Rosseels  
Dorothy Rowan  
Colin Sanderson  
Leroy Sharer  
Jennifer Stevens

Respectfully submitted,

Stephen Gerth, *Rector*

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## Saint Raphael's Guild of Ushers

Members of the Saint Raphael's Guild are parishioners who volunteer to serve as ushers at regular parish services on weekdays at noon, on Sunday morning, as well as at Evensong and Benediction on Sunday evening, at all Solemn Masses on holy days, and at a number of special services, events, and days, such as Ash Wednesday and the days of Holy Week. The ministry of the usher is an important one in any parish, but it is particularly important here at Saint Mary's, where we welcome visitors from around the country and, indeed, from around the world. At present, there are some twenty-seven parishioners who volunteer their time on



a regular basis to serve as ushers. Some serve almost daily, some serve at least once per month, some more, some less, as they are able. We are grateful to all of them for their commitment to this ministry.

The duties of an usher mainly 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 bulletin as they enter the church, the ushers perform the service of collecting the money gifts, selecting those parishioners who will join the Offertory procession and present the bread and wine at the altar, 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 of the usher also include answering the many questions that our visitors have or finding someone who can provide assistance with a specific issue. In a way, they also serve informally as catechists and evangelists, since ushers often answer questions and enter into conversations about the church building, the sacraments, prayer, service, and church history. They are often asked to talk about the ways in which Saint Mary's is part of the wider catholic tradition.

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, to better appreciate our Anglo-Catholic heritage, and, most important, to worship God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

There are a few events, some comings and goings, during 2016 and the beginning months of 2017 that need mentioning. Abraham Rochester, a longtime and faithful member of the Guild, has been unable to be at Saint Mary's as frequently as he has in the past. We miss him terribly, but were happy that he and his wife Suzanne Nagy Rochester were able to be with us at Christmas 2016 and Easter 2017 along with some of their children and grandchildren. Not surprisingly, Abe helped out at the ushers' table on both occasions. It was good to have him back with us. We found out recently that Daniel Okobi will be leaving New York soon to begin his medical residency. We will miss him, but we are enormously proud of his achievements. We wish him well and hope that he will return to Saint Mary's often to visit. Two members of the Guild have discovered that they are not able to serve as ushers with any regularity and have decided that they must resign, with regret, from the Guild, Dr. Charles Morgan and Mr. Redemption A. L'Ouverture. We thank them for their service. Also in 2016, we were very happy to be able to welcome two new members to the Guild, Blair Burroughs and Renée Pecquex. They have been serving at least once per month, sometimes more often than that. It is very good to have them with us.

I would like to say a few additional words of thanks. First, to every single member of the Guild, full-time and part-time, thank you so much not only for your ministry, but also for your collegiality and for your willingness to help each other and to help your parish community. Your concern for each other and your willingness to be flexible and to help out when members of the team are forced to change their schedule is exemplary. Second, I would like to say a special word of thanks to Dick Leitsch. His role in the Guild is an unusual one. He serves as usher at the noonday services six days per week and has done so now for many years. He also jumps in and helps out when his services are needed at Stations of the Cross during Lent and, sometimes, on Sunday mornings as well. His commitment,

good humor, and willingness to welcome one and all to Saint Mary's are inspiring and deeply appreciated.

During 2016, the following members and friends of the parish served as members of the Guild. Some served at least once per month, some served as ushers two or more times per month, some offered their help on holy days, or when their help was particularly needed. We are grateful to all of these good and friendly people who have served in this way:

Dexter Baksh	Charles Morgan
Clint Best	Randy Morgan
Suzanne Bodie	Jason Mudd
MaryJane Boland	Elizabeth Nisbet
Blair Burroughs	Daniel Okobi
Edward Cabot	Renée Pecquex
John Delves	Steve Potanovic
Donald Harper	Joanna Reynolds
Steven Heffner	Patricia Rheinhold
Eloise Hoffman	Mary Robison
Babak Homayoonmehr	Abraham Rochester
Sally Barrett Landis	Suzanne Rochester
Dick Leitsch	Marie Rosseels
Redemption A. L'Ouverture	Dorothy Rowan
Trevor Mills	Phillip Webster

We are actively seeking new members as we wish to expand the Sunday usher teams to six regular members and to provide usher service in a more formal way at Evensong and Benediction and for holy-day liturgies. We continue to try to improve communication among the ushers to ensure that we have adequate coverage, not only on Sundays but also on feast days.

Some additional news: I am working with several members of the Guild—Eloise Hoffman, Jason Mudd, Patricia Rheinhold, and Mary Robison—to explore some new leadership and communication models. The making of schedules, contact lists, and calendars, and the need to communicate about such things via e-mail is proving to be too much for any one person. Stay tuned for some announcements about how all this might work in the future.

Anyone interested in serving as an usher, either on a regular Sunday each month or on holy days, is encouraged to speak with any current usher, with the rector, or with me.

Respectfully submitted,

James Ross Smith, Curate

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## 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 know more or to join us, please speak with any server or any member of the clergy.

During 2016, these persons were serving regularly at the altar:

Penny Allen	Robin Landis	Santiago Puigbo
MaryJane Boland	Dick Leitsch	Joanna Reynolds
Charles Carson	Rick Miranda	Marie Rosseels
Julie Gillis	Clark Mitchell	Dorothy Rowan
Agnes Heffner	Adam Morrow	Leroy Sharer
Brendon Hunter	Grace Mudd	Reha Sterbin
Matthew Jacobson	Ronald Perez	
David Jette	Marie Postlewate	

As we prepare for this year's Annual Meeting, I am happy to report that two new acolytes have joined the Guild, Rami Eskelin and Ingrid Sletten. We are very happy that they have joined us.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Stephen Gerth, *Rector*

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## The Ministry of Hospitality

Hospitality continues to be an extremely important ministry at Saint Mary's. Our parishioners come from far and wide, and fellowship after a service is important to them for many reasons. Many visitors come to Saint Mary's and it is a wonderful thing to be able to invite our guests to join us for a cup of coffee, a glass of juice, or something more substantial after a service. Our gatherings in Saint Joseph's Hall provide us with an opportunity to introduce ourselves to newcomers, to answer questions, to invite those who are looking for a parish home to get to know us better, to talk to visitors about who we are, and to ask them about their lives, their families, their work, and their faith. Not infrequently, we are also able to provide something to eat and drink to our homeless friends and others in need. Friendly hospitality in Saint Joseph's Hall should complement the liturgical and spiritual experience in the church. Hospitality at Saint Mary's begins at the door and

continues until the doors are shut and locked in the evening, and so the work of many people is involved. The ministry of our ushers is essential, but so also is the work of the clergy, the sisters, and the sextons. We also depend on the ministry of many dedicated, sensitive, hardworking, and observant parishioners, who provide hospitality every Sunday at Coffee Hour and at post-Evensong receptions. The time, energy, and creativity of a number of parishioners are needed in order to produce our more elaborate receptions on holy days, at Christmas, and at Easter. We also host several special events during the year, notably Oktoberfest, the Super Bowl Party, and, now and again, a potluck dinner. The organizational skills and the design and culinary abilities of a number of parish volunteers are required to make all that happen. We also depend on the generosity of many patrons and donors who finance our hospitality efforts. Without them those efforts would be significantly less substantial.

I am extremely grateful to all those who contribute so generously of their time, their leadership, talent, their culinary creations, and their treasure to the ministry of hospitality here at Saint Mary's. José Vidal has almost singlehandedly overseen our holy-day receptions for some time now. In the same way, Grace Mudd has committed herself to the oversight of special events such as Oktoberfest and our Super Bowl Party. Richard Mohammed has organized the servers' supper on Easter Eve for at least three years now. We often receive donations of sweets, pastries, beverages, and other items from members and friends of the parish. Some of those donors are unknown to me, but, still I am extremely grateful to them for their help and generosity. I am aware of other donors' contributions. I am very grateful to Penny Allen, Mary Jane Boland, Gypsy da Silva, Grace Fernandez, Tom Heffernan, Clark Mitchell, Richard Mohammed, Grace Mudd, Ronald Perez, Marie Postlewate, Mary Robison, Marie Rosseels, Ingrid Sletten, Sharon Stewart, Sister Laura Katharine and Sister Monica Clare, and our friends up the street at Four Five Café for their hard work and for their very generous, and tasty, contributions to our hospitality ministry. They help the budget and they provide us with much-needed variety.

In 2016, we began asking our friends and members to make financial contributions to help us go above and beyond the funds allocated in the annual budget for hospitality. A number of members and friends immediately stepped up in response to this appeal. Almost immediately, we received four large gifts that erased almost over seventy-five percent of the predicted deficit for 2017. Other gifts continue to come in each month. All of this has been extremely helpful and we are grateful. Finally, I am grateful to our rector, Father Stephen Gerth, who provides administrative oversight and good counsel for every aspect of this ministry. His experience and leadership have been extremely helpful. He understands the importance of this ministry, and we are grateful to him for his support.

*We very much need additional volunteers to help with this ministry.* If you would like to help on holy days, please speak to José Vidal. If you would like to help with special events, please speak to Grace Mudd. If you would like to help on Sundays, if you would like to make a financial donation, or if you have questions, please speak to me.

Respectfully submitted,

James Ross Smith, *Curate*

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## Christian Education and Spirituality

In 2016, we were able to offer a rich array of classes in our Christian Education and Spirituality program for adults. The Reverend Canon Michael Barlowe, Executive Officer of the General Convention of the Episcopal Church, offered a series on Episcopal church polity and governance, with a particular focus on the recent General Convention. We also offered a series entitled *Learning to Live and Pray with Holy Men and Women*. Presenters were asked to reflect on significant spiritual writers or teachers that had had a significant impact on their lives: Marie Rosseels, *The Beguines*; Sister Monica Clare, CSJB, *Thomas Merton*; Father Jay Smith, *The Desert Fathers*; and Father Jim Pace, *Saint Martin de Porres*. Seminarian Matthew Jacobson, who is interested in the lives and writings of the early church's teachers and theologians, taught a series of classes on *Reading the Fathers*, focusing on the lives and *acta* of figures such as Perpetua, Felicitas, and Polycarp, as well as other significant patristic texts. Stephen Morris, like Canon Barlowe, a good friend of the parish, taught classes on the understanding of homosexuality in the Byzantine and later Eastern Orthodox traditions. Parishioner Dr. Charles Morgan gave several presentations in our ongoing "Dealing with the Hard Stuff" series, focusing on death, loss, and grief. Assisting priest Father Pete Powell continued his custom of teaching Bible study on Sunday mornings during Lent and in the month of November, alternating between the Old and New Testaments. In 2016, he taught a series of classes on the Succession Narrative (2 Samuel 9–20 and 1 Kings 1–2) and the Acts of the Apostles. Deacon Rebecca Weiner Tompkins, a poet and teacher of writing, led the class once again in a discussion of the connections between literature, especially poetry, and Christian life and spirituality. In 2016, she taught a series entitled *Concerning Conversion*. In December, Sister Monica Clare, CSJB, led an Advent Quiet Day, that focused on vocation and discerning the will of God. In the Wednesday Night Bible Study Class, I led a dedicated class of regular students in a discussion of the Book of Isaiah (winter and spring) and of Saint Paul's Letter to the Romans (autumn). We are blessed to have such a talented group of teachers and spiritual directors, willing to give of their time and expertise in order to educate us, inspire us, and encourage us to learn more about our faith so that we can live it more fully. I am grateful to all those who so eagerly answer my invitation to participate in this ministry. And I am grateful to all those who come to class, ask questions, and work hard to promote such interesting and useful discussion.

Respectfully submitted,

James Ross Smith, *Curate*

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## The Visual Arts Program

The Visual Arts program continues to support the work of contemporary visual artists by offering those artists the opportunity to show their work in the SMV Gallery in Saint Joseph's Hall. In 2016, we exhibited the work of Lola de Miguel (in two different shows with two different themes), José Camacho, and Ricardo Mulero. None of these artists had thought of himself or herself as a particularly "spiritual" artist. However, the opportunity to show their work at Saint Mary's has inspired all of them to explore emotion, relationship, the natural world, and spirituality broadly defined within the context of their ongoing development, creativity, and work. The exhibits in Saint Joseph's Hall have a number of purposes. First, Saint Mary's is able to help artists by giving them a show in Midtown Manhattan and providing them with opportunities to show their work to both professionals and to the wider public. The exhibits also give Saint Marians a chance to see and discuss a wide range of work. They don't always love the work, but they are often stimulated and challenged by it. Discussions about art at Saint Mary's are usually lively. Finally, it allows us all to explore the intersection between faith and art as that intersection is interpreted by both artist and viewer.

Also in 2016, we hosted an "Affordable Latino Art Sale." The work of some fifteen artists was shown in the Gallery in Saint Joseph's Hall over a long weekend, and for some days afterwards, last autumn. This allowed us to exhibit the work of an even larger group of artists and to provide those artists with a way to sell their work. The focus on the work of Latino artists is not meant to be exclusive, but has been designed to give our community an opportunity to become more acquainted with Latino culture, as well as the situation, concerns, and lives of our Latino friends and neighbors.

I am very grateful to Father Gerth, who continues to support the work of the Gallery, and to all the members and friends of the parish who view the work, discuss the work, and who come to our exhibition openings. I have been extremely pleased that a number of members and friends of the parish have purchased works of art exhibited in the Gallery during the past year. Such purchases fulfill at least two of the Gallery's goals: to support working artists and to encourage the acquisition of original works of art that are pleasing and meaningful to the viewer. Thank you all, for your presence and your support.

Respectfully submitted,

José A. Vidal, *Curator*

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## From the Stewardship Committee

Saint Mary's 2017 stewardship campaign set a goal of \$425,000.00—the same target that had been set for the last two annual campaigns. While that goal was in fact surpassed for 2016 and 2015, this year we are struggling to overcome a significant, but not insurmountable, shortfall of \$37,674.00. From the outset, we understood that it would be difficult to run the stewardship campaign while the parish is still focused on the essential work of the Open Doors capital campaign. However, we remain committed to the following proposition: the members and friends of the parish, both here in New York and around the country, must continue to support the day-to-day work, worship, and ministry of Saint Mary's, while, at the same time, securing the future of the parish through the capital campaign. The campaigns are distinct. Both are essential. We recognize that this dual effort requires significant sacrifices on the part of all those who love this parish and are committed to its work and ministry. Still, we believe that such sacrifices are well worth it. We cannot imagine life without Saint Mary's. Therefore, we urge all those who have not yet made a pledge for 2017 to do so as soon as they are able. We invite all those who have already pledged to consider increasing the amount of that pledge, if they are able. In addition, we ask that all those who have already pledged to remain current with their pledge payments, especially during the summer months, when we often face cash-flow problems. As always, we are grateful to all those who continue to make significant sacrifices in order to support Saint Mary's and its ministries. We thank you, one and all.

The Stewardship Committee consists of MaryJane Boland, Steven Heffner, Marie Rosseels, and Father Jay Smith. Recently, Brendon Hunter also joined the Committee. Throughout this year's campaign Clint Best, parishioner and parish volunteer; Christopher Howatt, office manager; and John McHale, bookkeeper, who recently left the staff, have provided significant logistical support. We have worked closely with our parish friends, local, national and international, and our overall pledged total as of May 4 was \$388,126.00. One hundred twenty individuals or families have made a financial commitment. That is thirty-one fewer households than last year. However, ten households have pledged for 2017 either for the first time or after some time away. Thirty-seven pledgers increased their pledge while sixteen needed to decrease the amount of their pledge.

If you have not yet pledged your financial support to Saint Mary's, we would like to remind you of two things: one, that your pledge is your intent to provide support; if your circumstances change, you can revise your pledge (down or up); and the other, that it's not too late to pledge for 2017. Office Manager Chris Howatt could take your pledge over the phone (212-869-5830). The members of the Stewardship Committee also stand ready to answer any questions you might have.

Respectfully submitted,

Marie Rosseels, *Chair*

## From the Treasurer

REVENUE	2016 Actuals	2017 Budget	Variance
Donations (Pledge, Plate, Gifts, etc.)	\$635,208	\$667,496	5%
Other Income (Use of space, etc.)	161,561	167,960	4%
Total Revenue	796,769	835,456	5%
EXPENSES			
Personnel and related	580,942	625,619	8%
Administration	181,666	179,000	-1%
Physical Plant	374,912	370,000	-1%
Programs & Mission	111,877	85,300	-24%
Diocesan Assessment	83,000	93,973	13%
Total Expenses	1,332,397	1,353,892	2%
Operating Deficit	(535,628)	(518,436)	-3%
Investment Account Draw	292,164	300,929	3%
Investment Gains	183,814	196,460	7%
Net Deficit	\$(59,650)	\$(21,047)	-65%

Fiscal restraint and some ingenuity on the revenue side continue to keep the parish finances on track and moving in the right direction.

On the revenue side, we will be facing challenges in meeting our pledge income targets for 2017. That line item has not grown in step with our expenses. However, we're actively working on both soliciting pledges and making sure they get fulfilled. In addition, Chris Howatt, on the parish staff, has shown that our use-of-space income can also grow and fund our parish initiatives.

On the expense side, we have been able to provide clergy and staff with well-deserved compensation increases while we still fund important programs. Decreases in administration and physical plant expenses (partly due to ongoing Capital improvements) are contributing to a positive trend in expenses, and decreases in program expenses are primarily coming from eliminating the one-time transition costs we incurred in our music program in 2016.

Overall, we anticipate that we will continue to reduce our financial operating deficit this year, which is forecast to be under 2% of the operating budget.

Respectfully submitted,  
 Steven Heffner, *Treasurer of the Board of Trustees*



# From the Investment Committee

## Results for Period Ending December 31, 2016

### 1. Balances & Allocations as of 12/31/16:

- Total endowment of \$6.8 million, of which \$5.7 million is unrestricted (83%).
- At period end the Diocesan Investment Trust (DIT) held 92% of endowment assets and US Trust held 8%.

<b>Account Balances</b>				
<b>December 31, 2016</b>				
(\$000s)				
	Equity	Fixed Income & Cash	Alternatives	Total
<b><u>Diocesan Investment Trust:</u></b>				
Parish Account	\$3,363	\$1,214	\$1,095	\$5,671
Harmon*	130	47	42	220
Gregory*	71	25	23	119
Organ Fund*	138	50	45	232
Aideyan*	5	2	2	8
<b>Total Diocesan Investment Trust</b>	<b>\$3,706</b>	<b>\$1,338</b>	<b>\$1,206</b>	<b>\$6,250</b>
% by Asset Class	59.3%	21.4%	19.3%	100%
<b><u>US Trust:</u></b>				
Stout*	\$0	\$546	\$0	\$546
<b>Total US Trust</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$546</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$546</b>
% by Asset Class	0%	100%	0%	100%
<b>Total All Accounts</b>	<b>\$3,706</b>	<b>\$1,884</b>	<b>\$1,206</b>	<b>\$6,796</b>
% by Asset Class	54.5%	27.7%	17.7%	100%
Restricted (*)	\$ 343	\$ 670	\$ 112	\$ 1,125
Unrestricted	3,363	1,214	1,095	5,671

## 2. Change in Account Balances:

- **Last 12 Months:** The total endowment increased \$267 thousand in the twelve months ending December 31, 2016.

## 3. Fund Performance:

- **Diocesan Investment Trust:**

The DIT fund increased 5.0% compared to their custom policy benchmark of 5.6%. Since the DIT's shift to the Commonfund as its manager (April 30, 2009) the DIT investment has increased 8.2% annually, compared to an increase of 8.0% for its benchmark. These performance figures are net of all fees paid to Commonfund, but do not reflect the deduction of DIT's administrative expenses of approximately 0.23% (annualized). These fees include the cost of processing redemption and subscription requests, custody, an annual audit of the DIT, and the salary of the DIT's executive director.

The endowment's slight underperformance to their custom policy benchmark was driven by stock selection within the Global Equity Fund, the DIT's largest investment. Calendar year 2016 was a challenging one for active management, largely driven by the decline in interest rates during the first half of the year as investors saw a flight to defensive, bond-like equities which are generally under-owned by active managers. However, the portfolio's overweight to equities was beneficial as this was the best performing asset class. The fixed income allocation of the portfolio was additive for the full year as yields increased across the interest rate curve. Alternative investments exhibited strong absolute performance (5.1% vs. 3.0% for the weighted alternative composite index).

We note that a few changes have been implemented during 2016. Commonfund has reduced the number of investment managers and eliminated a number of small and cost-inefficient funds. Additionally, Commonfund has redefined the use of hedge funds, specifically reducing strategies to a single hedge fund portfolio, which they believe will deliver better diversification, less complexity, and lower costs. Asset allocation was managed within the limits prescribed by the DIT Trustees. At year end, capital entrusted to the DIT was allocated 59.3% to stocks, 21.4% to bonds and cash, and 19.3% to alternative investments (primarily hedge fund managers).

- **US Trust:**

The US Trust fixed income investment increased in 2016. The exact percentage of that increase was not available at the time of printing.

Respectfully submitted,

Adam C. Morrow, *Chair*

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## The Rector's Report

There's a new roof on the rectory—the first entirely new roof since 1895. The carved stones framing the West 47th Street door to the church are now attached not only to each other, but also to the building—as is the outer wall of the Lady Chapel. Somehow in 1895 only mortar was used to attach the wall's bricks and coping stones to the rest of the building. Because the need was so great, one couple made an early gift to the Open Doors Capital Campaign that enabled this work to start in January. No initiative is more important to the future of our congregation than the conservation of our church home and achieving accessibility for all.

So, let me begin by thanking everyone who has made a commitment to the campaign and to our Capital Campaign Committee. Our Co-Chairs MaryJane Boland and Clark Mitchell spend an enormous amount of their time, talent, and treasure that help keep the committee and the campaign on track. At the end of 2016, the other members of the committee were Clint Best, Steven Heffner, Sr. Monica Clare, Mark Risinger, and Marie Rosseels. David Jette served on the committee and on our board of trustees until his move to New Hampshire in September. I and many others are very happy for him and his husband Tom Cowan and wish them many wonderful years in retirement in the Granite State. As I write, the committee, with the help of our wonderful consultant Claudia Chouinard Brink of Results Group International, is preparing to launch our next round of fund-raising.

We give special thanks for the help of Sr. Monica Clare for her many hours of work on our campaign and for the assistance she has given and continues to give to our own brilliant website. Credit for our website's new design and even more countless hours of work goes to Reha Sterbin. She's very special. Our work on the webpage continues, but it now works well on both desktop and mobile platforms.

*The Angelus* archive gives me an easy way to think through the year. We had a number of celebrations by bishops this year. Bishop Allen Shin was with us as celebrant and preacher for the 12:30 PM service on Good Friday. Bishop William Franklin of Western New York was here as celebrant and preacher on Ascension Day. Bishop Frank Griswold was celebrant and preacher for All Saints' Day. Our bishop, the Right Reverend Andrew Dietsche, was celebrant and preacher for our patronal feast on December 8. Solemn Eucharists with a bishop celebrant connect us to our wider church community. It is very unusual for a parish to be able to welcome so many bishops across a year—but it is not so unusual for us.

Again, without the weekly *Angelus*, I'm not sure I would have remembered the exact sequence of unexpected events that led Dr. David Hurd to join us as organist and music director of the parish as of June 1, 2016. He actually began his work on an interim basis on

April 1, 2016. He had also recommended Dr. Timothy Pyper to us to play and conduct the liturgies of Holy Week and Easter Day. Tim did a superb job for us, and it was great to have him back with us to play the Easter Day organ recital. Music is in very, very capable hands at Saint Mary's.

In a congregation like ours, almost every year there are changes in the church staff. I've gotten used to that reality, but in 2016 an especially happy change came when Christopher Howatt became our office manager. He brings a breadth of experience and knowledge, a "can do" attitude, and a very big heart that he shares with everyone who meets him. Chris, it's so great to have you on board in this role. At the end of 2016, Stefano Esposito, Harka Gurung, and Mario Martinez were our sextons. Mario left us in early 2017, after the death of his mother, to move closer to his family in Pennsylvania. We have welcomed Jorge Trujillo to the staff. Bookkeeper John McHale was snagged by another nonprofit in March. We welcomed Kristie Raynor to the church staff as bookkeeper on May 2, 2017. She brings a big smile and a great background to the position. I look forward very much to working with her.

Sister Laura Katharine and Sister Monica Clare continue to make huge contributions to our common life. Sister LK is the parish's sacristan. She gives not only her knowledge of liturgy, vessels, and vestments, but her faith and love to the many of hours of work that help make our worship so rich. Sister, thank you! Sister Monica Clare is so right for us, too. She brings an extraordinary background in advertising, technology, and photography. She works many, many hours for us every week, for which we cannot thank her enough. In addition, Sister Monica has a special vocation for working with our homeless friends who seek shelter in the church. Sister Monica, on behalf of the parish, we are so glad the Spirit has brought you to your vocation and to Saint Mary's.

Deacon Rebecca Weiner Tompkins was on sabbatical from her position at Borough of Manhattan Community College from July through October this year. She returned on November 1 for the Solemn Mass of All Saints' Day. In addition to her visible work here in Christian Education and worship, she is part of the pastoral team that cares for parishioners. Her care and compassion for others is genuine and deeply appreciated. She brings so much to the community of which she is very much a part.

The Reverend Dr. James C. Pace is senior associate dean for academic programs and clinical professor at New York University Rory Meyers College of Nursing. At Saint Mary's he is our resident assistant priest. Jim's professional nursing background and his long and very great experience as a pastor to those with great needs are so important to us, but more than anything he has a deep love for the way the Lord speaks to him through the worship and fellowship of Saint Mary's. It's a privilege and an honor to serve here with him.

When speaking to people outside of Saint Mary's, I confess I often refer to the Reverend James Ross Smith as a "senior associate" or a "senior colleague." The traditional title of "curate" isn't going to change at Saint Mary's, but to many in the church it would not immediately convey the character of his work and ministry among us. At Saint Mary's, as far as I know since our founding, "curate" has been used to refer to the resident full-time priests who assist the rector as primary pastors and teachers of the community. Quite simply, Jay is a senior pastor, priest, and teacher of the Episcopal Church. On behalf of the parish, I want the record to show how thankful we are to know him in this way.

Father Park Bodie, Father Paul Burrows, and Father Pete Powell are formally assisting priests here at the parish. All are retired, and they choose to make Saint Mary's their church home. Our service schedule is a demanding one. Pete is one of our valued teachers and Sunday preachers. Park and Paul, along with the Reverend Mitties DeChamplain, make it possible for Father Smith and me to have some important flexibility in scheduling. I want also to thank Mr. Robin Landis and Ms. Marie Rosseels who serve as weekday officiants at the Daily Office. Robin, Marie, and Sister Monica have been known to step in at the last moment too. Robin, Marie, Sister, thank you.

Now if this report is good English, along with many other materials we produce in the office, great thanks go to Gypsy da Silva. A now-retired and widely recognized senior member of her publishing profession. Gypsy, thank you.

As I mentioned earlier in my report, in August 2016, David Jette submitted his resignation as a member of the board. In December 2016, Clark Mitchell completed four years of service on the board, the last two as treasurer. In December 2016, Brendon Hunter, Adam Morrow, and Mary Robison were elected to four-year terms. They joined Steven Heffner, Grace Mudd, Marie Rosseels, and Leroy Sharer in service to our parish. I thank them for their commitment to and love for Saint Mary's.

On February 1, 2017, I began my eighteenth year of service as your rector. In 2015, we buried two of the members of the parish who were members of the board that called me to be the ninth rector here, Gerald McKelvey and James Dennis. This year we buried a third, Linda Bridges, on Monday in Holy Week. The date of Easter changes every year—next year Ash Wednesday is February 14 and Easter Day is April 1. For me, Easter Day has names like Linda, Gerald, Jim, and too many others for me to bring mind at any one time. I am here at Saint Mary's, most of all, because I believe in the resurrection of Jesus Christ and in the life of the world to come. Thank you for letting me be a pastor, priest, and teacher in this place.

Respectfully submitted,

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 Law Stout and Mabel Theodora 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 2016

### **Estate of Louise B. Garmy**

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

Received in 2015

### **Estate of Florence A. Klaus**

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

### **Estate of Lawrence M. Appleby**

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

**Estate of Christopher Adlington**

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Received in 2014

**Estate of Henry J. Piontek**

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

Received in 2013

**Estate of Jennifer C. Boylan**

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

**Estate of Charles C. Cotton**

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

Received in 2012

**Estate of Dr. Carol Pepper**

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

Received in 2011

**Estate of Joan E. Murphy**

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

**Estate of Mary and Walter Gillespie**

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

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**

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**Estate of Stanley C. Kettle**

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**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 Dr. Anthony Ponaras**

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**Estate of Lucille Riley**

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Received in 2007

**Estate of Marion Freise**

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**Estate of Wiley Washington Merryman, Jr., PRIEST**

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**Estate of David Osgood**

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Received in 2006

**Estate of Joan Touye**

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**Estate of John Alden Gable**

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**Estate of Edward David Miller**

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**Estate of Roy Parks**

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**Estate of Wendell Wray**

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**Estate of Marion Frantz**

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**Estate of Florence Klaus**

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**Estate of Newton Carlyle Spitz**

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**Estate of Elizabeth Sherwood**

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**Estate of John Graham Cadney**

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**Estate of Kenneth Marshall Allen**

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**Estate of Jean Schmidlapp Humes**

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**Estate of Helena Kingman**

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**Estate of Richard Rodney Kirk, PRIEST**

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**Estate of Dorothy D. Wynne**

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**Estate of Thomas Davies Haines**

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**Estate of Margaret Rigler**

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**Estate of Margaret and Julien Kent Powers**

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**Estate of Hallie Wilson**

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**Estate of Gertrude S. Butler, TRUSTEE**

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**Estate of John P. Gilligan, III**

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**Estate of Walter John Blaille**

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**Estate of Thomas Tucker Plant, PRIEST**

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**Estate of Peter McGrane**

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**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.*

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**Estate of Anna Skinkle Allen**

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**Estate of Gwendolyn S. Anderson**

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**Bequest of Ruth Keith**

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**Estate of Frances H. Ketchem**

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**Estate of James A. Eastman**

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**Estate of Alice V. Gordon**

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**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**

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**Estate of Ada Clara Alice Beazley**

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**Estate of Elsie Gertrude Dickey**

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**Estate of Harlan S. and Elizabeth G. Perrigo**

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**Estate of Frederick Webb Ross**

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**Estate of Sarah C. Hammer**

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**Estate of Norman F. Cushman**

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**Estate of Clara Fiske Glover**

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**Estate of Marion H. Newcombe**

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**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 1952

**Estate of Edith Hopper**

*This bequest is from 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.*



## **Saint Mary's Legacy Society**

The Saint Mary's Legacy Society is an organization comprised of members and friends of the parish who have included Saint Mary's in their will, have provided for the parish through a life income gift, or have made provisions for the future of the church in some other way. The Legacy Society ensures that Saint Mary's will continue to welcome people to Times Square in Christ's name for years to come. For more information, please speak to the rector or contact the parish office.

