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# 2015

**St. Mary's  
Episcopal Church  
Ministry Reports  
For  
January 24, 2016  
Annual Meeting**

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## **St. Mary's Annual Meeting Agenda**

### **January 24, 2016**

- Gathering Song
- Opening Prayer
- Declare a quorum
- Vote for New Vestry
- Fr. Dewey presents state of parish and gives overview of ministry reports
- Other reports as necessary
- Concluding prayer
- Sending out song

## **Rector's Message**

We will celebrate the 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary of St. Mary's being a sign of God's love to Dade City and the world by having the bishop visit in October to commemorate the very first service held at St. Mary's. To mark our 125<sup>th</sup> year we have discussed the following: some sort of parish meal, 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary photo directory, a St. Mary's cookbook, a Memorial Garden and an outdoor altar next to the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary cross for Easter Sunrise services and other outdoor gatherings.

Over the next year we will focus on how St. Mary's community can continue to a sign of God's love to the world so we can be sure that St. Mary's parish will last another 125 years.

*Fr. Dewey+*  
*January 2016*

## **Parochial Report Information**

<b>211</b>	Average Sunday Attendance
<b>431</b>	Easter Sunday Attendance
<b>103</b>	Weekday Holy Eucharist
<b>428</b>	Private Communions
<b>2</b>	Marriage
<b>3</b>	Burials
<b>3</b>	Baptisms
<b>0</b>	Confirmations

## Financial Report-2015

2015	Budget	Actual	Budget vs. Actual
Revenues.....	\$302,100.00.....	\$312,220.00.....	\$10,120.00
Expenses.....	\$321,079.00.....	\$313,129.00.....	\$7,950.00

**2015 Budget included an (\$18,979.00) deficit.**

**Actual ending balance (\$908.00) deficit.**

**How were funds expended?**

**Basically the funds received by St. Mary's are used in four primary categories:**

<b>Worship</b>	<b>43%</b>	<b>or \$138,064.33</b>
<b>Pastoral Care</b>	<b>19%</b>	<b>or \$61,005.17</b>
<b>Spiritual Formation</b>	<b>21%</b>	<b>or \$67,426.77</b>
<b>Outreach</b>	<b>17%</b>	<b>or \$54,583.58</b>

### **2016 Budget**

<b>Revenues</b>	<b>\$330,831.00</b>	<b>vs. 2015</b>	<b>\$304,115.00</b>	<b>\$27,328.00 Increase</b>
<b>Expenses</b>	<b>\$319,103.00</b>	<b>vs. 2015</b>	<b>\$321,079.00</b>	<b>\$1,976.00 decrease</b>

**2016 Budget is projecting an \$11,727.00 surplus**

I want to extend thanks to Sandra Sartain and the budget committee, the audit committee, the department directors, and the Vestry as relates to the church finances.

A special thank you goes to those who have been so generous with their time and skills in counting the offerings: George Avadikian, Jim Burnsed, Mimi Cass-Clark, Sarah Denny, Peggy Fetch, Dave Moffett, Diane Rice, Jerry Rice, Peggy Sullivan.

Ron Weaver  
Treasurer

## **Music Ministry – 2015**

Greetings and a Happy New Year wish from everyone involved in St. Mary's Music Ministries. As I begin my 5th year with you, I would like to share some very meaningful and heartfelt words from a new song by Rambo/Huntsinger we recently learned: "Is there anything I can do for you, is there anything I can do for all the things you've done for me, is there anything I can do? I'm willing to be used Dear Lord, no matter what may be. So, if there's anything I can do for you, just make it known to me." I am hoping these words can be my question to you, and my prayer and promise to God, Our Lord and Savior.

2015 was filled with a roller-coaster of emotions and events. We continued our prayer concerns, grieving when we lost love ones, and rejoicing when healing and good news came our way. We prepared for worship by evaluating each service, communicating with each other, studying scriptures for the upcoming week, and made a valiant effort in listening to God's calling in our lives, and as a ministry in His Church. For a closer look as to what we do on a weekly basis, here is our typical schedule:

Wednesday, 5-6:15 PM-Youth Choristers assisted by Barbara Johansen and Ed Brant

Wednesday, 6:00-7 PM-Tone Chime/Handbell Ringers

Wednesday, 7-8:30 PM-Adult Choir

Saturday, 9:30-11-ish-Instrumental Rehearsal

Sunday, 9:30 am-Adult Choir warm-ups

Sunday (during Youth Group)-music, singing, guitar playing

You are always welcomed to visit or join us, so please feel free to stop by at any time...we would enjoy getting to know you better!

We are greatly blessed to have had a reputation of music excellence for many years. Thinking back to the influence of the Freeman family, the many members who have gone on before us, and the direction and leadership of Barbara Jones and Connie MacKay for many years, one of our goals, of course, is to continue growing musically and spiritually inside and outside of the church's walls. If you are involved in any part of our Music Ministries, youth or adult, and are in attendance today, please stand and be recognized. Thank you.

The church is fortunate to own several instruments. They include:

A 13 rank Moller pipe organ which was installed in 1976 and updated in 1995. It is valued at \$250,000.00 and has been well maintained by Bob Campbell (941-725-0616 beefallo@earthling.net). Bob has retired, and his assistant, Ron Striecher (727-492-4131), who worked with Bob for many years, tuned and serviced the organ recently, and will continue to do so in the future.

We have three pianos, used every week; two of which were given to the church. They were tuned recently, and will be tuned and maintained regularly by Gerald Mead (813-997-1818). An electronic Yamaha piano (purchased in 2011 for Youth Group and others) is housed in the Tanno building and is used regularly during Youth meetings, and on occasion during worship, Love One Another dinners, and with the Dade City Symphony. In 2014, Jean Krenitsky gave us a Roland E600 Keyboard to use with our various music groups. This addition to our instruments has been particularly useful as we have spread God's music outside the church's walls at events, such as the Dade City Pioneer Museum's Gospel Fest, Church Street Christmas festivities, and local nursing homes. In Jean's own words, "Paul would want you to have this and put it to good use." And that is what we will do as we remember our dear friend and bass extraordinaire, Paul Krenitsky.

The three octaves of Suzuki tone chimes were donated to the church by Ruth Mine and family, in memory of Stan Mine. They are played by the Adult group, by the Youth Choristers, and used by the children during VBS.

From time to time you will hear fingers cymbals, a tambourine, and various percussion/rhythm band instruments being added to hymns or anthems. Thanks to Kathi Boyle, we have an African hand drum and shaker to add in the mix. In 2012, Debra and Ralph Sailor donated a professional drum set to the Dade City Symphony with hopes that in the future a young percussionist might be discovered here at St. Mary's. Connie MacKay is extremely gracious in letting us use rain sticks, a thunder drum, and other unique percussion instruments from her personal collection.

Two timpani were purchased around 14 years ago and this was made possible by generous donations. We refer to their wonderful sound as the "heartbeat" of worship. These "kettle drums" are played during all of our 10 am worship services and special occasions.

In 2013, Carol Miller donated an AudioVox CD, cassette player, and radio with two speakers which we use during rehearsals, VBS, and during special fellowship times. This equipment has really come in handy so we don't have to worry about lugging this type of equipment back and forth from our homes. In 2015, Vicky Scott (a generous neighbor of the Proctor's), donated various pieces of electronic equipment to us. Terry McKenzie has helped in cataloging, setting up, and putting this gift where needed most.

The blue and white robes look extremely beautiful and they were made possible through memorial gifts in memory of Sam and Mamie Fallin, Bill Flaherty, Stan and Ruth Mine, Stubby Chase, Richard Schrader, and Dexter Smedley. Three years ago, Kathi Boyle organized the efforts to get the choir matching polo shirts, and we are very pleased to wear these when participating in a more casual setting. We have gained several new members since then, and it's time to make another order. Please stop by the Bookstore if you are interested in purchasing a music ministry shirt.

As I reported last year, we now have a 5 octave set of Schulmerich English Handbells. To make a long story short, and to witness to you how God answers prayers, specifically down to the penny, here is the short version of how we acquired THE BELLS OF ST. MARY'S: In the fall of 2013 I was really itching to get bells (and while meeting with Father Dewey, and he in turn taking this dream to the Vestry), so I was given the go-ahead to start looking. I knew I wanted 5 octaves of the best brand (Schulmerich, are now priced over \$25,000, plus you need tables, foam pads, table cloths, mallets, binders, music, etc. which will run you another 3-5 thousand). So, I started looking on-line (EBay, various church sites, the "Connection"- a FL UMC newsletter). At the beginning of my search (Oct. 2013), I found a used set in Washington state for about \$20,000...there would also be shipping and handling. I saw a 3 octave set of Malmark Bells for \$8,000. I knew we could get a new 3 octave set of Schulmerich's for about \$9,000. I came back to Father Dewey with my findings, and he said, "I think the vestry and endowment committee members would go for about \$9,500...but that's probably about the limit." We agreed that when the "right set" came along, God would let us know. Then, Advent and Christmas came, and I put my search on hold. At the end of February 2014, I was ready to start my hunt again. So, on Friday, February 28th I looked on the Florida United Methodist "Connection" and about 6 ads down I read the words "5 Octave Schulmerich Handbells, Excellent condition." Well, you have to click on

the ad to find out where, how much, etc. So I did, and this is where you find out HOW GREAT GOD IS! It read "5 Octaves Schulmerich Handbells, excellent condition, Trinity United Methodist Church, Lighthouse Point, FL...we are no longer using our bells...\$9,500." Oh, my, I was on the email and phone to Pastor Dennis right away. I told him to please not sell these bells to anyone else, "I am sure these are the bells we are supposed to have to minister with here in Dade City." He got back with me and even sent pictures; and I got with the vestry, the Endowment committee, and in a couple of weeks, with the help of Jerry Rice, we picked up "our" bells! Not only that, they threw in 4 tables, the foam pads, table cloths, binders for music, and bookbags of mallets! All for what??? \$9,500...The exact dollar amount that Father Dewey and I had discussed months before! And, we immediately used the bells that first week in a processional and have used them, and will use them, as often as we can to enhance worship. Now, this is our bell story...The story of how we first got THE BELLS OF ST. MARY'S. It's a good one, it's true, and I'm sticking with it! PRAISE GOD FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW!

As I start my fifth year with you, I am reflecting on several endeavors that we've tried: a Halleluiah Carnival, mid-Lenten Compline service and soup dinner, Christmas cookie tray sale (thank you Carol Jennings for heading this up...we made enough profit on this to fund almost two people to go to music camp!), participation in Church Street Christmas, Kumquat Festival open music rehearsal, the Adult Choir's Worship concert presented at The Holy Name Monastery in St. Leo on Sunday afternoon, March 22, 2015, and our summer "come as you are intergenerational choir." We have plenty more activities that are in the making and we hope to expand in 2016 as God leads us. Some of these ideas are: Choir workshop/camp for Adults and Youth at the annual FUMMWA event in Fruitland Park, Florida, June 12-17, 2016 (proceeds from our bake sales, the return of the Super bowl subs on February 7, 2016, and the big yard sale in conjunction with the Kumquat Festival this year on January 30th, will help fund this event), taking music into Edwinola, Royal Oak, and Heritage Park, and other local facilities at various times of the year (not just at Christmas), a church wide talent show, and more of a community outreach (work closely with the Chamber of Commerce and do some combined concerts/worship with Sister Roberta and the Nuns of The Holy Name Monastery in St. Leo). We are going to make a special effort to continue our good relations with the Dade City Symphony and Margaret Thompson and her Love One Another dinners (Thank you,

Perry and Linda Cain, for all the times you've represented us by providing music).

We have also had various types of donations (time given, financial support, better lighting in the upstairs "Bell Tower," wood-working, cough drops and tissues, setting up the music director parking place/sign, filing music, file cabinets, seed money for choir camp, the phone fixed in the choir room, tidying up the choir room and choir loft in the sanctuary, hanging Christmas lights, transposing music, shelves built, belltree carrier assembled, door locks fixed, cushions in the choir area, a new desk and chair set for the music office, purchased music/office supplies, computer/printer/paper/ink donations, cleaning, varmint control, chaperones, music selections/suggestions, wooden crosses carved, program type-setting, choir pins, Episcopal emblem pins)...the list goes on and on of how God is answering our prayers and how YOU are answering and filling a need when He puts it on your heart to do so! All of these acts of kindness and these behind-the scene offerings have allowed us to continue God's vision of maintaining and expanding a quality music program here at St. Mary's. Thank you for your response when I've asked for help, and thank you for continuing to pray for me, my family, and all the folks involved in the Music Ministries at St. Mary's.

Before I close, I would like to introduce and welcome our newest music ministry participants: Elayne Morgan, alto sax; Sarah Denney, clarinet; Pat Proctor, soprano; Wendy Beaver, alto; Joy Dew, handbells; David Prior, tenor and bell ringer; Sylvia Beaver, alto and bell ringer; Lee Brenn, double bass; Karen Chapman Rigsby, bell ringer and flute; Barbara Johansen, alto and Youth Chorister assistant; and Gage Cox, Youth Chorister.

One of the most exciting and innovative ideas (that is still a work in progress) is in our acquisition of recording equipment and accessories. We were blessed to be able to use some memorial gifts to purchase \$1,263.60 worth of technology. This gift will enable us to sound "clearer" during worship, record CD's to use as evaluation and for rehearsal support, and eventually lead to us being able to share and distribute our music to shut-ins and you, our parishioners. I will keep you updated as this extension in our ministry unfolds.

I value the guidance I've received from Father Dewey and Debi Brown, and am blessed by the support from the 2015 Vestry members, Father Robin and

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Father Jim, Sandra Sartain and her office/people skills, Vince Rieger for all he does behind the scenes, Tony Carbone assisting often and when called upon, Nick and Nancy for keeping things nice and clean, Paige Wolfenden's leadership/energy when it comes to Family Ministries, and those who help in organizing our music library (Jean McNary, Connie MacKay, Ed Brant, Denise McKenzie, Cheryl Yabba, Linda Hauff, Sarah Denney, Doris Perham, and Carol O'Connell ). I am so thankful for everyone involved in our music ministries, and am continuously astounded by the time and talent that each person gives. Mostly I thank God for leading me to St. Mary's and I continue to look forward to a long and joyous relationship with each of you. So, "If there's anything I can do for you, just make it known to me."

Respectfully submitted,  
Sharon Brant

## **Bookstore Annual Report - 2015**

Hello. I am Maddox Foreman and I am starting my 5<sup>th</sup> year at St. Mary's. I was looking around the church for something to do, and since my Great Grandmother has always called me a little entrepreneur, I thought that helping out in the Bookstore would be a good ministry for me.

At the end of summer 2015, me and my grandfather, Ed Brant, came several days and took everything out of the store, cleaned the shelves, mopped the floor, and reorganized all of the goods.

Now, the Bookstore is usually open every Sunday during the 10:00 fellowship time. I can also open the store for special occasions and help customers by finding items or by ordering gifts and other goods when requested.

I would like to thank Ms. Kathi (Boyle), and the church for allowing me to manage the bookstore.

Please stop by soon and let me help you with your next purchase or let me know what items you would like to see in the bookstore.

Sincerely,  
Maddox Foreman

## **Christian Education – 2015**

Your Christian Education department would not exist without the wonderful and dedicated volunteers. If these volunteers did not exist, there would be no Christian Education and no place for our children. We thank you for the continued support.

Our one day Creation VBS was well attended. Stations reinforced the story of Creation with readings, crafts, and clever snacks.

Even with a drop in our Sunday school attendance, we are still in need of three teachers. Our teachers utilize the online curriculum from the Virginia Theological Seminary as we have for several years.

The drop in attendance has caused the cancellation of our Parents' Class this school year. However, all materials are at the ready should anyone wish to partake.

Debbie Allen is the faithful leader of our Nursery each Sunday. She continues to be a familiar and loving caregiver to all little ones.

This year we welcome Rebecca Hedgecock as our Chapel Leader. She expands on the Sunday school lesson with information from the Virginia Theological Seminary along with the existing VeggieTales videos and accompanying curriculum.

As in years past, CE sponsored parish-wide Potluck Game Nights, annual Egg Hunt, and Vacation Bible School; ending the school year with a bowling party at Pinchasers.

An unforeseen significant decrease in the budget did not prohibit your Christian Education program coming in under budget as they have in years past.

For those who would like to assist in this fulfilling ministry, we encourage you to take a Safeguarding God's Children class and inquire.

Paige Wolfenden  
Christian Education Director

## **St. Mary's Youth Group – 2015**

St. Mary's Youth Group meets Sunday evenings from 5:00 -7:00 p.m. Fr. Dewey Brown and Sharon & Ed Brant serve as the mentors to our wonderful core of youth who attend and participate faithfully. This is a group that faithfully works and plays together in building the Kingdom of God.

Each week we gather with prayer, have a meal, spend time checking in with each other, study how the scripture forms, informs and guides our daily lives, we make a joyful noise to the Lord with words and music and have a whole lot fun! Each Sunday we close out time together as the youth take turns leading closing worship out of the Book of Common Prayer.

We want to send a big thank you to all the parents and volunteers who have helped to make the events we have already enjoyed successful. We continue to look forward to this year of growing deeper in our shared faith journey with Jesus leading the way as our Lord and savior.

Respectfully submitted by  
Fr. Dewey Brown & Sharon Brant

## **Acolyte Ministry – 2015**

There are currently 21 active members of the Acolyte Ministry. They range in age from 6 to the more senior members who are in their 70's. Their names are as follows: Mason & McRae Hutsell, Chris O Malley, Jim Burnsed, Susana & Garrison Stripling, Marissa & Cassidy Watson, Harrison & Megan Phillips, Claudia & Seth Wolfenden, Serenity & Gage Cox, Manny Diaz, Lindsey & Breanna Teston, Justin Register, Sydney & Madison Kaylor and Jeret Jones.

Our family at St. Mary's is fortunate to have these members faithfully assisting in the celebration of the mass.

They are diligent in their efforts to refine their skills in performing their required duties. This ministry is open to all children who have reached the age of 6 and are capable of taking direction from acolytes who are experienced and take on the role of mentors.

Submitted by

Vince Rieger

## **Altar Guild – 2015**

This year we are blessed ending 2014 with six (6) new Altar Guild members, added to the existing seventeen (17) we already had, now totaling twenty (22) plus Milt Larsen, who has served St. Mary's as director of the Altar Guild for 15 years.

The devotion of time and dedicated care to the Altar Guild operations is noteworthy.

David Moffit, who is not an official part of the Guild, nevertheless is recognized for his participation in the set-up for the men's breakfast and accompanying services.

For the ladies group services, we are still in need of set up and take down in support of Bebe Cain.

A new Altar Set-Up and Takedown Guide is in need of being completed with pictures within the guide as well as for posting on appropriate walls. Additionally, a separate guide with wedding and funeral specifics including pictures will need to be completed.

The seasonal coronation tapestry made last year remains in use behind the altar cross.

The floral greens arrangements continue to be utilized consistent with their seasonal colors:

- Advent blue, purple and grey

- Christmas red and off-white poinsettias (mixed with green & grey plants)

- Christmas decorations also include a Jessie Tree placed in front of the altar with

  - Accompanying figurines, poinsettias and plants.

  - The winter season decorations include twig branches, air plants with flowering plants.

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Lent Greens are highlighted with ferns, flowers of purple, pink and grey. Easter, in addition to the usual Lilies, is complimented with a mixture of other greens and plants.

Summer displays include caladiums, other summer flowers and greens.

Fall has a full display of colored leaves, crotons, copperleaf and caladiums.

Thanksgiving arrangements include fruits, veggies in addition to the normal greenery and these

Arrangements have historically been provided by Carol and Jim Barnett.

The Altar Guild director, Milton Larsen, provides an annual pictorial booklet of each of the Sunday's Floral presentations.

The Altar Guild annual budget remains at approximately \$1,200.00, with much of that returned to the general fund as a result of generous gifts and contributions to the fund.

Diane and Jerry Rice have provided for the yearly Holy Communion wine.

Palm Sunday palm crosses, candle oil and replacement linens were the major cost factors for Altar Guild distributions.

We are very happy with the enthusiasm of all Altar Guild participants. And we are especially grateful that with the new member additions, we can now have 4 to 5 members per team with a total at the end of the year of 23 members.

Hopefully, this year, a quick reference set-up booklet with accompanying item by item check-off lists will insure that all items of set-up may be clearly identified as completed.

We will continue with Altar Guild meetings to address the installation of new members as well as any special or routine items that need to be addressed.

Sincerely,

Milton Larsen; Director of Altar Guild

## **Garden Guild - 2015**

The Garden Guild works every week in the church landscape to keep it looking welcoming. We pick up yard trash, prune and trim shrubs, trees and other plantings as needed. We mulch, water, weed, spread grass seed, fertilize, pull vines, and spray for weeds and insects during the year. Current active participants are Margaret and Glen Thompson, and Anne Johnson. We would love to have more volunteers so if anyone is interested, please call Anne.

This year we reworked the bed on the east side of the church and added two crape myrtles and other plantings. We also continued to add caladiums around the church in the late spring and added annuals periodically as needed. The Children's Garden plantings were thinned out to improve visibility and the plantings along the fence line of the playground were also thinned. We also fertilized the lawn, plantings and trees.

We held several work days during the year and volunteers cut down and thinned some good sized trees that needed attention. We also spread mulch throughout the landscape.

Respectfully submitted

Anne H. W. Johnson  
Committee Chair

## **Daughters of the King, Martha Chapter 2015**

The Martha Chapter continued to experience personal and chapter growth through prayer service and evangelism.

This past year we have continued to maintain personal, chapter and church wide prayer lists. The Daughters of the king pray daily for all persons on these lists as part of our spiritual rule of life.

Another aspect of our rule of life , we act as greeters , welcoming and talking to new people who attend services at St Mary's and ask them to sign the guest register. We invite them to attend the coffee hour following services and introduce them to clergy and parishioners.

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Our monthly programs are designed to increase our spiritual knowledge and growth through topics like; spiritual gifts, prayer, outreach and evangelism. We continue to make and give Anglican prayer beads to be blessed and given to those whom we visit, or those that desire them.

We have continued our self study program designed to give us more spiritual awareness, this is being lead by our chaplain Virginia Crippen.

We are looking forward to increasing our numbers in 2016 year and wish to extend an invitation to interested women of the church to join us.

## **Memorial Committee - 2015**

The Memorial Committee members in 2015 were: Jack Cook, Tom Parks, Carolyn Hodges, George Avadikian (at large), Fr. Brown, and Steve See, Chair.

The committee met twice in 2015, March 15th and September 13th. Funds dispersed during 2015 were: \$149.16 for the purchase of bibles to be presented to new confirmands, an amount not to exceed \$600.00 as a contribution to the purchase of memorial pavers for the Memorial Garden, and \$1263.60 for the purchase of recording and amplification equipment for use of the church choir and music program. All expenditures were authorized by the committee.

Contributions to the fund in 2015 totaled \$5,200.00. Interest earned was \$4.36. The current fund balance as of December 1st is \$9,349.77.

Respectfully Submitted:

Steven See, Chairperson

## **Ushers - 2015**

St. Mary's usher ministry consists of 18 full time volunteers. On a weekly basis four ushers are needed at the 10 a.m. service. Their primary duties are

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to welcome our parishioners and any new guests to St. Mary's, pass out Church bulletins and assist in seating during the 7:45 & 10:00 AM service. They also take care of and control the close circuit video and sound system.

In addition they collect the offering and assist in releasing our parishioners to the altar during the Holy Eucharist. After the service ends the ushers collect the bulletins, turn out the lights and make sure the doors are locked.

This is a great ministry open to anyone interested in Serving the Lord, St. Mary's and a great way to get to know your fellow Episcopalians. Please contact Diane or Mike Smith if you are interested in joining this vital ministry.

Respectfully Submitted:

Mike & Diane Smith, Co-Chairpersons

## **Lay Eucharistic Ministers – 2015**

Presently St. Mary's has 18 active lay Eucharistic ministers licensed with the diocese.

Regular services require the assistance of 7 lay ministers weekly, 4 on Sundays and minimum of 3 for the Thursday Services.

Lay ministers are also required to assist in memorial & funeral services/weddings/baptisms and all other services such Ash Wednesday, Holy Week, and Christmas and remain available to assist the priests at any time, upon his request.

Lay ministers also conduct various prayer services in the absence of the priest as outlined in the BCP.

Thanks to Sandra Sartain, each Monday she e-mails the upcoming Sundays lessons to the scheduled lay ministers giving them time for study and reflection in the upcoming service.

I want to thank all "lay ministers" for their services and willingness to serve, many times at a moment's notice.

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If anyone has a suggestion on how we may better serve the members of St. Mary's just talk with Fr. Dewey or myself.

Respectfully,

LeRoy Hauff

## **Outreach -2015**

With thanks to God and a willing and generous congregation, St. Mary's Outreach efforts continue to grow. New opportunities are there to discover and we continue to find that it is in giving that we receive as individuals and as a parish. Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

The Outreach Committee has been very active during 2015. Love One Another Meals – Margaret Thompson continues to head up this ministry along with all of her faithful volunteers. People of our community are fed in many ways.

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper is sponsored by the Thursday morning Men's group (Headed up by Mike Smith) for our St. Mary's community as well as friends and neighbors.

Kairos Team (women's) headed by Debi Brown and Nancy Meech continue to minister to the women at the prison in Spring Hill.

Weekly Food Collection handled by Glen Thompson provides needed supplies to Daystar, Pastor May Ross and Father Brown's Food Pantry. Thanks also to Jerry Rice and his group for the pick-up and delivery of bakery items from Publix to DayStar and Pastor May Ross among others.

## Food to Share Collection

### Calendar Year 2015

Date Pounds

January	265
February	220
March	375
April	164
May	306
June	208
July	193
August	200
September	190
October	147
November	248
December	225
Total	2741
Average pounds / month	228

Totals for the past 5 years

2011	1729	288
2012	2908	242
2013	2918	243
2014	3200	267
2015	2741	228

Note – 2011 data

Represents the last six months of 2011

Kairos Team (men's) – a small group from St. Mary's led by Lee Brenn served the team members plus wives an evening meal before their weekend at the Zephyrhills facility.

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Cox Elementary Back to School Supplies – everyone was again very generous. Thanks to Jean McNary and Nancy Meech for coordinating this outreach project.

ECW headed by Carol O'Connell had another successful basket auction. All proceeds went to local charities.

Warm clothing for Cox kids was delivered to Cox Elementary School in abundance. Also, Bob Mellon coordinated the delivery of many pairs of shoes from the Tampa Bay Golf and Country Club neighborhood to Cox.

The Knitty-Gritty Group has continued to grow as a community of women who support one another and share their lives. Begun as an informal alliance of the parish's knitters and crotchetiers, the group made dozens of caps and scarves for our local homeless and lap robes for use by patients at a nursing home and Hospice House. Many have shared their expertise and for this we are grateful to God.

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO HAS PARTICIPATED IN ANY OR ALL OF THESE MINISTRIES.

### **Knitty-Gritty Knitters Group – 2015**

The Knitty-Gritty Group has grown from a place to make items to a community of women who support one another and share their lives. Begun as an informal alliance of the parish's knitters and crocheters, the group began by making dozens of caps and scarves for our local homeless, and lap robes for use of patients at nursing homes. It has grown to be a spiritual gathering that not only warms bodies but also the souls of the women who gather to care for others in Jesus' name. Many thanks to Barbara Barber, Sandi Morgan, Virginia Crippen and so many others who have shared their love, enthusiasm and expertise with the group, and please feel free to join in when the spirit moves you.

### **Pastoral Care - Lay Eucharistic Visitor Ministry -**

Steve See chairs this ministry. Many years ago a Ministry of Lay Eucharistic Visitors was established in order that the Sacrament of Holy Communion could be administered to shut-ins, hospitalized, and otherwise

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confined people unable to attend church services. Trained at the parish and/or diocesan level, local church members in good standing are licensed by the Bishop's Office to bring the Sacrament to fellow parishioners who wish to participate in this ministry.

The consecrated bread and wine is presented to each Lay Eucharistic Visitor by the clergy from the altar of the church for distribution to our fellow parishioners. Besides the importance of bringing Holy Communion to home and hospital and nursing homes, a personal visit reassures these church members that they are not forgotten and always remain a part of our church family. Needless to say, such visits are always maintained in the strictest confidence.

Currently here at St. Mary's there are four persons who are licensed as Lay Eucharistic Visitors: Steve See, Vince Rieger, Sarah Denney, Carol Miller. Fr. Dewey & Steve wish to extend their thanks to Sandra Sartain, St. Mary's Parish Administrator, who keeps up with many parishioners by phone and is a vital part of the pastoral care team at St. Mary's.

Number of communions administered by lay visitors was 226. Number of non-communion visits was 17.