



St. Mary's Episcopal Church
Ministry Reports For
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Annual Meeting

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St. Mary's Annual Meeting Agenda

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Interim Rector's Message

Dear People of St. Mary's,

Thank you for welcoming me to St. Mary's to be a pastor, preacher, and teacher among you during this interim period. You brought me right into your community of faith and have called on me to minister among you.

Your Vestry and Search Committee are moving forward with their tasks. They are working to articulate the mission and ministry of St. Mary's and to look for a priest to join in that calling.

Fr. Dewey Brown was with you for nine years sharing in the ministry of St. Mary's. As a new chapter opens, our prayer is that the ministries begun and continued during his time with you will continue to thrive, and that new ministries will emerge as the Church continually renews its life by the power of the Spirit.

May God bless us as we gather in the Annual Parish meeting..

The Rev. Ed Henley

Interim Rector

Parochial Report Information

Average Sunday Attendance 153

Easter Sunday Attendance 380

Weekday Holy Eucharist 76

Private Communion 123

Marriage 0

Burials 10

Baptisms 0

Confirmations 9

Financial Report

Budget Actual Surplus/(Deficit)

Revenues \$303, 910.00 \$305,797.73 \$1,887.73

Expenses \$313,467.92 \$286,764.72 (\$26,703.20)

(\$9,557.92) \$19,033.01

2018 Budget projected a deficit of (\$9,557.92). Actual expenses came in under budget by \$26,703.20 while actual revenues exceeded budget by \$1,887.73. St. Mary's ended 2018 with a \$19,033.01 surplus.

Jim Stokoe – Treasurer

Senior Warden

2018 was an interesting and surprising year which presents St. Mary's with challenges and opportunities for 2019. We began 2018 like many other years, continuing to do the work of our ministries, serving our parish family and community. Sadly, one of the surprises was that our beloved Rector of 9 years, Fr. Dewey Brown, was called into early retirement in September due to health concerns.

First among the challenges to follow was to engage an interim minister to tend to our parochial needs and help lead our parish family while we began the process of looking for a new leader. With the prompt and welcomed support of Bishop Smith, we were blessed to find Fr. Edward Henley, who agreed to step out of his retirement to serve as our Interim Rector through April of 2019 while St. Mary's navigates through the search process. With his help, and the support of Bishop Smith, Canon Norman and the Diocese, the Vestry has charged a search committee to find and vet candidates for the position. To assist in the process, the Parish participated in a Survey, and has been continuing in prayer for God's blessings and guidance.

Meanwhile, the daily life of our Parish family has continued. St. Mary's has remained engaged in ministering to the needs of the community, and the spirit of Christ remains alive in the hearts of our staff and volunteers within the congregation. This is evident by the devoted attendance and participation of our parish family in weekly worship services, and the work of the adult and youth choirs, Lay Eucharistic Ministers, Ushers, Thursday Men's and Women's prayer groups, the Vestry, and all who participate the programs of our parishioners.

Reviving our Sunday school and expanding our youth engagement is another challenge that we will have to meet as we begin this New Year. While our programs are on the ready, many of our parish family's youngsters have grown, and we need to attract families with children so that we can offer them access to programs to help them grow in

God's love. As we fill these programs with youngsters, we will be calling upon the support of volunteers to help lead and administer these programs.

As good stewards of the financial contributions received, the Vestry has been careful to be responsible in meeting the needs of our programs and facilities, while being generous in supporting our outreach ministries.

Change, challenges and opportunities are inevitable. In the year to come, I ask the St. Mary's family to continue to fulfil its commitments to Christ, our parish family, and community, while we seek God's guidance in the issuing of a calling for our new rector.

Like my predecessors, I ask each of you to continue to prayerfully give thought to increasing your individual level of support. St. Mary's needs your time, talents and treasures to continue its ministries to the glory of God.

I thank you all as members of our church family. I pray for your continued generosity in financial support, prayers, and talents in order to continue to give life to the success of St. Mary's Episcopal Church in the year to come.

Respectfully submitted,

Dennis Alfonso

Senior Warden

Music Ministry

Before I start this report, could we please sing the beautiful chorus "Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus," and use this as our prayer? Let us sing, "Turn your eyes upon Jesus, look full in His wonderful face. And, the things of Earth will grow strangely dim, in the light of His Glory and Grace." Amen.

Our 127th year as a church was filled with much to do, several obstacles, a few new endeavors, and a lot of great music and faithful prayers! During the ups and downs, however, we have been blessed to remain a strong and cohesive ministry within our church and community, and I know we are all very grateful to have had a reputation of excellent and heartfelt music for many years. Thinking back to the influence of The Freeman Family, the directors, singers, priests, and instrumentalists who have gone before us, and the previous leadership (including Vestry members, Connie McKay with the youth, Barbara Jones with the choir and as our organist, and Kathi Boyle starting the hand chime group), one of our goals, of course, is to continue growing, musically and spiritually, inside and outside of the church walls. We continue to try and provide the best, and most appropriate music selections each week, and especially on special occasions, hoping that we help to enrich your worship experience. In 2018, we continued sharing our prayer concerns, grieving when we lost loved ones, and rejoicing when

healing, births, and good news came our way. We like celebrating birthdays by singing "Happy Birthday," as a group, and also enjoy singing over the phone or sending CD recordings to those unable to be here with us. If we could sing, pray, or do anything in our power to help you, please do not hesitate to ask.

You are always welcomed to visit or join us, so please feel free to stop by during any of the following times...we would love to get to know you better:

Wednesday, 5-6 PM-Youth Choristers in the choir room Wednesday, 6-7 PM-Tone Chimes/Bells of St. Mary's, upstairs bell tower Wednesday, 7-8:30 PM-Adult Choir in the choir room Saturday, 9:30-11:30 am-Instrumentalists/House Band rehearsal, sanctuary Sunday, 9:30 am-Adult choir warm up for the 10 am worship, choir room Sunday, during Youth Group, 5-7 PM-singing, guitar, drum playing in Tanno

For the past few years, we have raised funds (Kumquat yard sale, bake sale, and parking cars; Super Bowl Sub Sale; homemade Christmas cookie and bread bake sale) for two main purposes: To give a love offering to a local family in need, and to help defray costs of the summer FUMMWA Music Camp. We plan to do the same this year. Last year's family was a well-deserving Cox Elementary School family, whose care-giver (grandma) had been in an accident, and they really needed this extra boost to keep functioning. They were both surprised and blessed by this love offering. And, we were able to help send the following musicians to camp: Blaise Betten, Brooke Betten, Sharon Brant, Dot Brenn, Lee Brenn, Serenity Cox, Maddox Foreman, Melanie McGavern, Jean McNary, Megan Phillips, David Prior, Cassidy Watson, Marissa Watson, and Laurel Weightman. We cannot thank you, the congregation, enough for your support, donations, prayers, and encouragement, as we hold future fund raisers, and embark on new musical adventures in 2019.

If you have seen unfamiliar faces in our groups lately, I encourage you to meet several of our newest additions to our music family: Cathy and Logan Hacker and Daryl and William Bozone helped out in our Summer Come As You Are Choir; Bev Martin is one of our lovely Adult Choir soprano snowbirds from Canada; we managed to snag Derrick Tucker out of early service, and he sings from tenor to low bass, and plays a nice jazz piano as well; Ben Worthy has been a welcomed addition to our Youth Choristers; Jean and Mickey Cobb have stepped out in faith to ring bells; and two of our neighbors, Sean and Brandon Thatavakorn, have been attending Youth Group when they able. We are sincerely grateful that these folks have courageously joined us, and we look forward to many wonderful worship experiences together.

As you might realize, I use this report to update you on what's been happening this past year, and also to use this as a historical written tool, when it comes to our instruments, equipment, and personnel. So, you may remember some of the following information from past reports, and you will also learn something new!

We are fortunate to own several instruments. They include: A 13 rank R. Muller pipe organ, which was installed in 1976 and updated in 1995. It is valued at \$250,000 and has been well maintained by Bob Campbell

(941-725-0616 beefallo@earthling.net). Bob has retired, but still likes coming when his protege, Ron Striecher (727-492-4131), who worked beside Bob for many years, comes to tune and service the organ. If you look at the plaque on the south wall of the sanctuary, you can see the names of many generous donors who made the dream of a pipe organ, a reality for us!

We now have 4 upright acoustic pianos (sanctuary, choir room, Freeman Hall, Tanno Hall) which are all constantly used. Two were previously given to the church, one was purchased by the church, and the latest one, received this year, in Tanno Hall, was acquired through Dr. Sandra Yosha, by Dr. Melanie McGavern. They are tuned, once a year, and maintained by Gerald Mead (813-997-1818).

An electric Yamaha piano (purchased in 2011 by our Youth Group), is used regularly by the Youth Group, on occasion during worship, at Love One Another, during special events, like The Shrove Pancake Supper, at Church Street Christmas festivities, at Dade City Symphony concerts, at our yearly worship concert at Holy Name Monastery, at various nursing homes in the area, and at The Dade City Pioneer Museum. That same year, the Youth Group, under the direction of Perry Cain, also purchased portable PA equipment, including 4 microphones, stands, sound board, wires, and speakers. This equipment is used by the youth and adults, especially during the same events listed above.

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 it is stored in our upstairs "bell tower," used weekly during bell practice, and also used at DCS rehearsals and concerts, and during other various church sponsored activities. In Jean's own words, "Paul would want you to have this, and put it to good use." And that is what we have done, as we remember our dear friend, and bass extraordinaire, Paul Krenitsky.

The 3 octaves of Suzuki tone chimes were donated to the church by a Ruth Mine and family, in memory of Stan Mine. They are frequently played by the adults, Youth Choristers, and Youth Group. We also have access to a 2 octave set of Schulmerich hand chimes that are from friends at the former St. John's United Methodist Church in Tampa. These are used for doubling up parts, and also played by our children.

From time to time, you will hear finger cymbals, tambourines, and various percussion/rhythm instruments being added to hymns or anthems. Thanks to Kathi Boyle, and her work with African Team Ministries, we have a rain stick, several African drums, a thunder drum, and a shaker to add to the mix. We use these during Youth Choristers, and most recently at the early Christmas Eve worship service. We also use several hand-me-down drums from Maddox and Raider Foreman, plus a small set of orchestra wind chimes from Maddox's current set. Two years ago, the Cox Family (Eddie, Stephanie,

Gage, and Serenity) donated a used drum set. It is stored in Tanno Hall, and is played during Youth Group meetings.

Two timpani were purchased around 17 years ago, and made possible by generous donations. The drum heads were replaced year before last, by Melanie McGavern. Debra Sailer keeps them in tune, and makes sure they are properly cared for. We refer to their wonderful sound as "the heartbeat of worship." These kettle drums are played each week during the 10 o'clock worship, and on special occasions, including celebration of life services.

Most recently, when our Music Ministry group participated in the "Singing the Psalms of Life" Concert with internationally renowned musician, Michael Burkhardt, these timpani were featured in several spectacular arrangements.

In 2013, Carol Miller donated an Audio Vox CD, cassette player, and radio with 2 speakers, which we use for rehearsals, youth, and enjoyment. And, this past year, Debra and Ralph Sailer, donated a one in all CD, cassette, radio, and turn table unit that is used to listen to recordings, and is portable enough to also be transported back and forth to Freeman Hall (to be used during such times as our Hallelujah Carnival cake walk). In 2015, Vicki Scott (a sweet neighbor of the Proctor's), donated various pieces of equipment to us, either to use or sell. Terry McKenzie has helped in cataloging, setting up, and putting this gift in to good use, where needed most.

Our blue and white choir robes look extremely professional, and 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. If you know of others who can be added to any part of this report, names that I might not even know about, please feel free to give me an update, so that this can be added to the historical aspect of my report.

Six years ago, Kathi Boyle organized the efforts to get us St. Mary's blue matching polo shirts with a Music Ministry logo. We are very pleased to wear these shirts at more casual settings, such as fellowship time, or while parking cars at the Kumquat Festival, coming up January 26th. We have a goal set, that we would like all Music Ministry adults (bell ringers, choir, and instrumentalists) to wear this when we do our next worship concert at The Holy Name Monastery, on Sunday, March 17th at 2 PM. So, please, contact Kathi at luvsinging@ymail.com or at 352-424-3255 to place your order.

In 2016 we were able to purchase sound and recording equipment, and accessories that have enabled us to illuminate our voices and instruments, so to have clearer projection during worship. Now we are also able to record and use this as an evaluation tool, rehearsal support, and for personal enjoyment for our musicians.

As I reported 4 years ago, we now have a 5 octave set of Schulmerich English Handbells. For those of you who may not have heard the details, I am going to repeat the amazing story. To make a long story short, and to witness to you how God answers prayer, specifically down to the penny, here is my version of how we acquired THE BELLS OF

ST. MARY'S: In the fall of 2013, I was really itching to get bells (I had played them since the age of 10, and it has been a passion of mine since then). While meeting with Father Dewey Brown, I told him about my dreams, and he, in turn, took this idea to the Vestry. They then gave me the go-ahead to start my search. I knew exactly what I wanted: 5 octaves of the best brand...Schulmerich Handbells (there are cheaper bells, but this brand would run us \$25,000 new, plus you need foam pads, tables, table cloths, mallets, binders, music, etc. which will usually run another \$3000-\$5000). So, I started looking on line...EBay, various church sites, and "The Connection" (a United Methodist, now defunct news source). At the beginning of my search (October 2013), I found a used set in Washington state, for about \$20,000, but there would also be shipping and handling charges. I also saw a 3 octave set of Malmark brand for \$8,000.

I knew we could get a new 3 octave set of Schulmerich set for \$9,000. I went back to Father Dewey and reported my findings, and he said, "I think the Vestry and Endowment Committee would go for about \$9,500, but that's probably about the limit." So, 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" site, and at about 6 advertisements down, I read, "5 octaves Schulmerich Handbells, Excellent condition." Well, I had to click the ad to go to the entire page with information about where, cost, etc. So, I did, and there 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." WHAT!?!

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 immediately got back with me, and even sent pictures; and, I got with the Vestry and Endowment Committee members, and in a couple of weeks, with the help of Jerry Rice, we picked up "our" bells! Not only that, but they threw in 4 tables, the foam pads, table cloths, binders for music, and bookoos of mallets. All for how much? \$9,500...the exact amount Father Dewey and I had discussed months before! And, we immediately used them in a processional hymn that Sunday, and have used them, and will continue to use them, as often as we can to enhance worship. Now, this is our bell story...The story of how we first acquired THE BELLS OF ST. MARY'S. It's a good one, it's true, and I promise to always use it as a testament to God's answer to prayers, and how He will provide in His perfect timing. PRAISE GOD FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW!

As we begin 2019 together, it is worth taking some time to reflect upon several happenings that have become identifying standards as to what and who we are as a Ministry, above and beyond singing and playing during worship.

Our Hallelujah Carnival is an outreach to our neighbors, along with being a fun, treat, food, and activity filled time! And, anything left over is donated to Love One Another, so there is no waste! Our Christmas cookie and homemade bread sale (thank you, Carol

Jennings, for dreaming up this idea), is a good way to share goodies, and helps to send our musicians to camp.

Thanks to Joy Dew, we added a very important activity to this year's schedule: Singing, ringing, and playing at Dade City's Country Christmas at The Pioneer Museum. Our schedule was filled, but so were our hearts, as we were able to share with the community The Gospel of St. Luke version and coinciding carols of The Christmas Story. Our participation in Church Street Christmas took us inside The First Presbyterian Church where we were able to spread God's Word, Peace, and Good Tidings to the community. Caroling at Royal Oak and Heritage Village with our adults (and The Sisters from Holy Name Monastery), and caroling at Edwinola with our Youth (and assisted by Ralph and Debra Sailer), gave us an opportunity to witness to, and take some Christmas cheer to our neighbors. Being welcoming, giving people directions, opening our facilities, and inviting others to worship with us is what we do in addition to parking cars, holding a yard sale, and selling baked goods during The Kumquat Festival each January. Volunteering to share our worship concert at Holy Name Monastery with Sister Roberta, and our Sister friends, in St. Leo, is a type of good-will offering and helps to tie our ministries and communities together. Our "Come as You Are Intergenerational Choir" during the summer months, offers an outlet to people who like to sing, but really can't commit to a full time choir schedule. The FUMMWA Music Camp/workshop, at The Life Enrichment Center, in Fruitland Park, gives those musicians wishing to have an intensive study in church music, a great opportunity to do so. This year's dates are Sunday, June 9th through Friday, June 14th, with the free final worship service at 10 am on the last day.

Another concert at St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church in San Antonio, with other local choirs and Organist/Clinician Michael Burkhardt, will probably happen again (date to be announced). We sincerely appreciate Dennis Margheim, organist, for inviting us to be involved in this awesome musical adventure. And, our Mana-Mana and More Talent Show and 125th Cookbook Covered Dish Dinner was a huge success. So, hopefully Nancy Meech will help co-sponsor this event again in the Spring. 2019 will probably bring several repeated functions, and if God leads us, we will add new adventures to our calendar.

Many people support and encourage me and our Music Ministry, and I am thankful for each and every person at St. Mary's. I have valued the guidance of Father Dewey and Deacon Debi Brown, and wish them well as he retires. I feel so fortunate that Father Ed Henley accepted the position as our interim priest, and am blessed by his leadership, sermons, and friendship. He and wife Sherre have already done so very much for this parish. I am humbled by the support of our Vestry and church members. Father Jim, Father Gordon, Father Paul Johansen, and Reverend Alan Beaver have offered prayers and support whenever they are called upon. Our rector search committee members have answered the call to serve, and have an extremely important task ahead of them. They are much appreciated. Assisting me this year, and saving me hours of time by filing music, organizing, doing inserts, and making needed scans and copies are Cheryl Yebba, Mel McGavern, Laurel Weightman, Kathi Boyle, Jean McNary, and Linda Hauff. On many occasions, Terry McKenzie, offers technical support, makes CD's, and can fix broken

things! Davis Henley has made sure our air conditioner is working well, and he and Vince Rieger, Paul Proctor, Tony Carbone, Al Teschner, and Daryl Bozone often help behind the scenes. It is a pleasure working with Milt Larsen and the Altar Guild, Lee and Dot Brenn with Love One Another, our Garden Guild, the Knitty Gritty Gals, our Acolytes, our friendly Ushers, the students and parents in our Youth Choristers and Youth Group, our Lay Eucharistic Ministers, and our Child Care workers, Debbie Allen and Becca and Jarrod Hedgecock. Our treasurer, Jim Stokoe, and our worthy office administrator, Sandra Sartain, have helped to keep me organized. Many anonymous angels have provided when there has been a need, including donations of office equipment/supplies, filling the cough drop jars, baking/cooking, delivering food, typing, cleaning up, assisting during rehearsals, unlocking the door when I forget my keys, lending us mallets, helping with youth group, providing transportation, praying private prayers, offering a solo or cantor part, watching Raider for me, hanging pictures, replacing lightbulbs and batteries, offering your time or finances, replenishing the tissues, filling the hand soap container, carrying and moving chairs or equipment, taking out the garbage, sneaking me an unexpected gift, refilling the toilet paper roll, bringing me soup when my swallowing problem is acting up, lending a helping hand to those having mobility issues, making good music suggestions, counting money, running errands, having a listening ear, grabbing me a bite to eat when you know I didn't have time to do it myself, finding the scissors, filling the tape dispenser, and offering a shoulder to cry on. The list goes on and on, and I am forever indebted to all of you. You know who you are!

A very emotional incident happened recently: Ed's guitar has gone amiss. We have not given up hope that it might show up, and one of you reading this might have actually seen it, and could help us locate where it might be. In the meantime, however, Debra and Ralph Sailer knew that this guitar not only has sentimental value to me, but we need it for Youth Group and on certain songs during worship and funerals. So, just in time to go caroling, they showed up with a similar guitar in a case, with an engraved plaque with a picture of St. Mary's that says, "This instrument is dedicated to the memory of Paul Edward Brant, Jr. For his service to the ministry of music at Saint Mary's Episcopal Church, Dade City, Florida, December 16, 2018." There are not enough words to express what a beautiful gift this is to me and our church. And I, in turn, dedicate this instrument to honor and glorify God, each time it is played. Thank you.

I am constantly overwhelmed by the concern for, and the love shown to me and my family by our parishioners. As for everyone involved in Music Ministries, I am continuously astounded, and am proud of the talent and faithfulness that each person contributes. I cannot thank you enough for what you mean to me, and for all you do for me, Maddox, and Raider. More than anything else, I am amazed by how God is working through us by placing us together in ministry here in Dade City. For the congregation, some of you may not realize that the fruits of our efforts flow every day of the week, not just on Sundays. Sure, we sing and play every Sunday, but every day we prepare, pray, and are challenged to be more like Jesus. Many times we visit, cook for, volunteer our time and talent, and check on others. We try to offer our presence and specifically chosen music at memorial services. I am glad that we are a ministry that is busy, in a positive way, every day of the year. I look forward to living out the plans and purpose God has in

store for us in the future. So, as we turn our eyes upon Jesus, and seek His Will, please let us know if there is anything that we can do for you. If so, I hope that you will contact me (sblutzbell@aol.com or 813-760-7249), and let us know how we can help.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Brant

St. Mary's Youth Group

Our Youth Group consists of the following members: Serenity Cox, Maddox Foreman, Logan Hacker, Brandon Thatavakorn, Sean Thatavakorn, Cassidy Watson, and Marissa Watson. We meet every other Sunday from 5-7 in Tanno Hall (alternating with Dade City Symphony rehearsals). Each meeting we have supper, a lesson, recreation, music, and end with Compline. This past year's activities included helping with the Kumquat festivities, a roller skating field trip (thank you Cathy Hacker and Teena Watson for helping to chaperone), participating in the fashion show portion of the talent show, caroling at Edwinola, attending FUMMWA Music Camp, participating in Church Street Christmas, occasionally singing in church (most of us are also in Youth Choristers), ushering at The Holy Name Monastery Concert, helping with the Super Bowl sub sale, and singing at the Michael Burkhardt Psalms of Life Concert. We are a fairly small, but good group! Are there any volunteers that would like to help me with Youth Group?

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Brant

Sblutzbell@aol.com

Acolyte Ministry

There are currently 16 active members of the Acolyte Ministry. Current members are Marissa & Cassidy Watson, Serenity & Gage Cox, Justin Register, Sarah Denney, Claudia Betten and Vince Rieger.

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

The acolytes 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 who are capable of taking direction from acolytes who are experienced and take on the role of mentors.

We are also happy to bring adults, including couples, who are interested in becoming acolytes into this ministry. Any interested persons should contact for further information.

Submitted by

Vince Rieger

Altar Guild

Milt still arranges the flowers and plants for the altar (reredos and front of the pulpit) weekly. Margaret Thompson helped with Christmas. Milt obtains plants, repots them and holds them in his nursery and small greenhouse.

Pictures are taken with Milt's iPhone and sent out to the rector as well as others who place them on Facebook. They have received many compliments.

This past year some plants were paid for from the flower fund and others donated by Milt.

Altar Guild work is done to the glory of God and to enhance our worship of God by our 15 members through the year, by arranging the altar for weekly and for special services.

Sincerely,

Milton Larsen; Director of Altar Guild

Daughters of the King, Martha Chapter

The Daughters of the King is a spiritual group for women in the Episcopal Church. There were eight active members during 2018. The purpose of the Order is evangelism. We are disciplined regarding the rule of prayer and service and to encourage others and ourselves a deeper relationship with God.

One of the main projects we were making what we call "Bags of love" for the homeless and needy. We included items such as toothpaste, toothbrushes, coffee cups, food items, brushes, combs, tissues, shampoo, deodorant and several other items used in daily care and needs. We gave the bags we had leftover to those in need at Love One Another. The bags were very much appreciated.

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The Daughters meet once a month on the second Sunday at approximately 8:45 in Tanno Hall. We complete our meeting in time for the 10 am service.

The Order has four funds to which we donate: The Self denial funds, the Masters fund, the Endowment fund and the Alpha fund. Each fund has its own mission.

Each month, a different members presents a program of Christian study. We encourage any interested women in the church to visit our group and join.

Diane Smith

Memorial Committee

Established in the mid 1960's by the late Mrs. Freeman, the fund has provided many significant gifts in loving memory of deceased family and friends of St. Mary's Church. Contributions are restricted to memorial gifts only and all donations to the fund are always welcome regardless of the amount.

The fund balance as of January 1, 2018 was \$8,587.79. Donations to the fund in 2018 amounted to \$1,280.00, bringing the fund amount to \$9,867.79. Disbursements 2018 amounted to \$352.85, leaving a balance of \$9,514.94. Interest on the account was \$4.49 bring the closing balance at \$9,519.53 as of December, 2018.

These figures are in exact correspondence with the bank statements for this account.

Steven See

Ushers

St. Mary's usher ministry consists of 14 and 15 volunteers during 2018.

Duties as an usher include:

Prior to the service: arrive a half hour before the service, greet members and visitors, hand out bulletins, assist in seating if necessary, and assign two people to take the sacraments to the altar before communion.

During the service: collect the offerings, assist in releasing parishioners and visitors to the altar for communion, advise the priest if anyone needs to have communion to their pew and take head count so it is known how many are in attendance and approximately how many may take communion.

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After the service: collect any bulletins which may have been left in the pews, make sure lights, fans and PA system are off and lock doors except the side door since people are still doing duties.

Ushers also service during funeral services and special holidays.

Respectfully Submitted:

Mike & Diane Smith, Co-Chairpersons

Lay Eucharistic Ministers

Presently St. Mary's has 17 active lay Eucharistic ministers licensed with the dioceses.

Regular services require the assistance of seven lay ministers weekly, four on Sunday's and minimum of three for the Thursday services.

Lay ministers assist in memorial and funeral services, weddings, baptisms and other services such as Ash Wednesday, Holy Week, and Christmas and remain available to assist the priests at any time, upon request.

Lay ministers also conduct various prayer services in the absence of the priest as outlined in the Book of Common Prayer.

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

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

If anyone has a suggestion on how we may better serve the members of St. Mary's contract Fr. Henley or myself.

Respectfully,

LeRoy Hauff

Outreach

Outreach

Food to Share Collection

Calendar Year 2018

January	180
February	213
March	165
April	245
May	120
June	120
July	172
August	175
September	105
October	150
November	205
December	228
Total	2078
Average	173
pounds /	

Outreach

Summary of 7.5 years

Year Total Monthly

2011	1729	288
2012	2908	242
2013	2918	243
2014	3200	267
2015	2741	228
2016	3000	250
2017	2530	211
2018	2978	173

School Supply Drive

For the past few years, St. Mary's has collected school supplies for Cox Elementary School. Nancy Meech supplies the bins and signs. Jean McNary contacts the schools and does the announcements. Both ladies, sometimes with a little help, deliver the supplies to the school. This year the committee delivered the collected supplies to Cox on August 7, the week the children register for school. The school was very appreciative. A box is for *St. Mary's Annual Meeting Page -17- January 20, 2019*

Cox remains in Freeman Hall and periodically, as people bring in Kleenex, hand sanitizer, and other items, those items will be delivered throughout the year.

Undies for Schools

Renovate Church member Brenda Pickerall contacted St. Mary's twice this year about donating items to the East Pasco School nurses. In March the nurses were asking for hygiene products and in October, they were collecting "Undies for Schools." Sandra Sartain asked Jean McNary if she would be interested and collecting these items from the St. Mary's congregation. Jean contacted Renovate church and St. Mary's participated with about five other churches in East Pasco to help the school nurses provide these items to the schools in this part of Pasco County.

Love One Another

The Love One Another meal is served on the 2nd Sunday every other month.

In 2018 St. Mary's served:

February 73 meals

April 68 meals

June 82 meals

August 66 meals

October 86 meals

December 72 meals

The congregation at St Mary's is the only group that furnishes peeled hard boiled eggs and they are a big hit. The congregation also bakes the brownies for the Brownie Sundaes

Our meals are produced here in St. Mary's kitchen and transported to county facility.

The meals cost an average of \$3.00 ea or \$300. We produce 100 meals with left over's going to other local ministries.

Thank you to all who donate to this worthy cause with work, food and monetary contributions, without you this could not be possible. God Bless You.

Submitted by Lee Brenn

Knitty-Gritty Knitters Group

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 crochet devotees, 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 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 -2018

The Lay Eucharistic Lay Ministries volunteers are licensed by the Diocese through in parish training to bring Holy Communion to parishioners who are shut-ins, in nursing homes, patients in Hospice and temporarily confined to medical facilities. These visits reassure that those who are unable to attend regular services are not forgotten and remain important members of our parish family.

This past year the following people served in this important ministry: Vince Rieger, Carol Miller, LeRoy Hauff and Steve See.

This ministry collectively administrated 123 visitations with Holy Communion 12 visitations only. Anyone interested in participating in this ministry may contact Fr. Henley our interim rector.

Steve See

Chair