



St. Mary's Episcopal Church
 ½ mile west of Hwy 441 on Babb Road
 P O Box 2373, Belleview, FL 34421
 Phone: (352) 347-6422

Sunday

8:00 am Holy Eucharist – Rite I
 9:15 am Sunday School for All Ages
 10:30 am Holy Eucharist – Rite II
 (with choir & Nursery)

Wednesday

10:30 am Healing Service

Office Hours

Tues thru Fri 9:00 am – 1:00 pm
 Phone: (352) 347-6422
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Bishop

The Rt. Rev. Greg Brewer, Bishop

Staff

The Rev. Lisa J. Wimmer, Rector
 The Rev. Brian Kellington, Priest (retired)
 The Rev. Paul Hamilton, Priest (retired)
 The Rev. Robert Quinnell, Deacon
 The Rev. Carolyn Quinnell, Deacon
 The Rev. Laurie Kellington, Deacon
 Brian MacFarland, Music Director/Organist
 Kate Roberts, Bookkeeper
 Larry Hecht, Treasurer
 Beth Ann Daniel, Church Secretary
 Gloria Reidenbach, Scheduler
 Charlotte Redding, Church Worker
 Curn Griffin & Kameron Moody, Youth Leaders
 Vicky Adams, Nursery

Volunteer Staff

Marty Hartman, Children's Ministry
 Lori MacAskill, Children's Sunday School
 John Emery, Verger F.V.G.E.C.

Vestry

Ruth Wallace (Senior Warden)
 Phil Stegall (Junior Warden)
 Nick Dwyer (Clerk)
 Joe Cabral
 Lisa Fournier
 Jim Koehlinger
 John Pfeiffer
 Gloria Reidenbach
 Colleen Rothrock

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St. Mary's Messenger



SPECIAL EVENTS

See Announcements Inside
 This Newsletter for:

- Palm Sunday—April 5th**
- Maundy Thursday—April 9th**
- Good Friday—April 10th**
- Easter Sunday—April 12th**

**REGULAR MEETINGS
 CURRENTLY SUSPENDED**

- Sunday School for all ages*
Sunday 9:15 am
 - Grief & Loss Support Group *
Tuesday 11:00 - noon
 - Bible Study with Deacon Laurie *
Wednesday 9:30 am
 - Holy Eucharist with Healing
Wednesday 10:30 am
 - Youth Group*
Wednesday 6:30 pm
 - Bible Study with Rev. Lisa*
Wednesday 6:30 - 8:00 pm
 - Order of St. Luke*
1st Tuesday of the month 6:00 pm
 - Choir Practice*
Thursday 6:45 pm
 - Bible Study with Deacon Bob
Friday 10:00 am
 - Brotherhood of St. Andrew*
2nd Monday of the month 5:30 pm
 - Episcopal Church Women*
2nd Monday of the month 5:30 pm
 - Daughters of the King*
3rd Monday of the month 10:00 am
 - Prayer Shawl*
4th Saturday of the month 10:00 am
 - TLCC Ministry
4th Sunday of the month
- *September through May*

Will April Showers Bring May Flowers?



About a year after I came to St. Mary's, very early one May morning I took the picture on the left. In the *Sermon on the Mount* found in Matthew Chapter 6, verses 25-34 Jesus says, "Do not worry..." He uses the example of flowers to help us. "Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these." (Matt. 6:28b-29)

"Yes Jesus, I see that. The flowers are a wonderful example of the way you have clothed your creation...and since we are also your created beings, surely you will take care of us," I posit. God will take care of our needs as we trust in Him—our clothing (as He clothes the flowers), our food (as He feeds the birds) and He clearly states in this passage that worrying won't add even one hour to our life.

The grocery stores are running out of the things that we need. We are doing without the social interaction that we once took for granted. The pictures and the reports centered around the Coronavirus on the news are constant. People are lonely and scared—and worried. What then, are we to do? Thankfully, we are given direction at the end of Jesus' teaching.

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“But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.” (Matt. 6:33)

What things? All of your needs—whether it be clothing or food, and anything that is truly a need—God knows it and He will provide it for you. I believe that with all my heart, because I am a living testimony to that fact. It is difficult to trust God in our times of trouble and we may even have to force ourselves to do it, but if we realize that we belong to God and that we are His creation, we can begin to let go of our control. Jesus reminds us that we have no power over our own lives—our worrying doesn't make things better—in fact it more than likely makes things worse.

We have an opportunity right now in this time of crisis to turn everything over to God. I challenge you to seek Him and His kingdom now more than you ever have and see what He will do in your life. The next step after God meets all your needs? He gives you more than you need. Then a whole new level of trust begins—when you have more than you need. What will you do with the overflow? Hopefully you will share what you have with others.

Now, I started this out by asking the question, “Will April showers bring May flowers?” As you might have guessed, this proverb's meaning is two-fold. The month of April, traditionally a rainy period, gives way to May, when flowers will bloom because of the water provided to them by the April rains. In the same way the proverb could have an underlying meaning and that is that a time of discomfort and even suffering can provide the basis for a period of happiness and joy.

In the fifth Sunday of Lent, the gospel passage is the story of Lazarus, who was raised from the dead. (John 11:1-45) No matter what we are facing during Lent—Easter will still come! The resurrection of Jesus happened, and the flowers are still going to bloom. In fact, I saw some of those same flowers already blooming at St. Mary's.

Love in Christ, Rev. Lisa



Our ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

Has Been Postponed...

The Brotherhood of St. Andrew plans and organizes an annual golf tournament for the purpose of raising funds to send our youth to Camp Wingmann. The cost of camp for a week per camper is \$395.00. A week of camp is action packed with games and activities each and every day for five whole days. Worship is held there every morning and every evening and during the afternoon there is yet another chance for kids to learn something about Jesus. What our kids take away from camp is priceless.

Kids are not just handed the scholarship. They have had to earn it. They have received points for attending Sunday



School, Children's Chapel and Youth Group. Points have also been earned for special activities, for being an acolyte, for helping out and for good behavior.

Donations are needed to help out with this effort. The golf tournament in itself doesn't raise all of the funding necessary. Some families have more than one family member who will attend camp and that makes it nearly impossible for them to afford to send them all.

So, now that the golf tournament will not happen before the summer camp schedule begins ... I would like to encourage you to make a donation toward sending a child to camp. You can make out your check for any amount to St. Mary's Episcopal Church and put "Golf Donor" on the memo line. The funds will then be placed in an account that will be used to support our youth—helping them to attend camp this summer!

April 2020						
NOTE: ALL ACTIVITIES AND IN HOUSE SERVICES FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL HAVE BEEN CANCELLED						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 HEALING 10:30 AM FACEBOOK LIVESTREAM	2	3	4
5 PALM SUNDAY 10:30 LIVESTREAM 11:30 DRIVE-THRU	6	7	8 HEALING 10:30 AM FACEBOOK LIVESTREAM	9 MAUNDY THURSDAY	10 GOOD FRIDAY	11
				<i>See Holy Week Schedule Page</i>		
12 EASTER	13	14	15 HEALING 10:30 AM FACEBOOK LIVESTREAM	16	17	18
19 Worship Times And Options To be Announced	20	21	22 HEALING 10:30 AM FACEBOOK LIVESTREAM	23	24	25
26	27	28	29 HEALING 10:30 AM FACEBOOK LIVESTREAM	30		

St. Mary's Yard & Craft Sale—

Featured in *The Voice of South Marion!*

St. Mary's ECW sponsored the second annual craft and yard sale on March 14th. Pictured in the full page color spread were some of our parishioners: Beth Ann Daniel, Lisa Fournier, Pam Browne, Patricia Boswell, Barbara Block, Dulce Sybblis, Linda Thomas & Elaine Brinton. Thank you to Dulcie Sybblis, who coordinates this event as well as the annual rummage sale in the fall and thank you to all of the members of the ECW (every woman in the church is a member) for all you do to support St. Mary's and our community!

St. Mary's ECW also coordinates the United Thank Offering,

a ministry of the Episcopal Church for the mission of the whole church, helping men, women and children to nurture the habit of giving thanks to God.

UTO monies are distributed throughout the Episcopal Church and Provinces of the Anglican Communion in the developing

world. As you recognize and name your many blessings daily with prayers of thanksgiving, give an offering to God.

Our next UTO Ingathering was scheduled for April 19th, however we will postpone it until we are meeting again.

Please count the money in your box if you would before turning in your box and either place paper cash in the box for the offering plate or a place a check inside with UTO Thank Offering on the memo line.





Birthdays	
2 Tom Golden	19 Gerald Balcom
5 Mark Baquie	19 Dori Stegall
10 Linda Ruggerio	21 Kameron Moody
10 Beth Willis	22 Kay Falcus
11 Bob Quinnell	23 Rosann Porcellini
13 Ian Bockus	25 Carmello Rosario
13 Evelyn Norris	26 Linda Allen
14 Dave Bassett	26 Faith McCoy
14 Luekah Martin	27 Donna Kelsay
16 Milton Bourassa	30 David Marshall
16 Kathryn Harper	
17 Affey Hughes	Anniversaries
18 Mary Koehlinger	25 Bob & Carolyn Quinnell
18 Elaine Prendergast	16 Dan & Becky Bennett

**Ways to Connect to St. Mary's
Live Stream Services... or with Rev. Lisa**

If you have a Facebook account, go to:
St. Mary's Episcopal Church, Belleview, Florida

You may also go to our website:
www.stmarysbelleview.org

On the right hand side of the page there are links to
Facebook, YouTube and Audio

If you want to talk to Rev. Lisa and you do not have a computer or if you would like a special prayer, please call her at 772-201-1311

It is important that we stay connected!



ST. MARY'S FOOD PANTRY

Maria Sullivan has been greeting those who are in need of food on Tuesdays and Thursdays at St. Mary's from 9am –1 pm.

Leo Restrepo has provided fresh fruits and vegetables for our Food Pantry also.

The Food Pantry has remained open during the coronavirus crisis and will remain open until we are asked to close it. Food Pantry needs are canned fruits and vegetables, rice and pasta, canned meats, soups, canned meals, boxed meals and cereals.

You can drop off food for the Food Pantry at any Drive-Thru Service on Sundays.



Our Youth and some of our other groups are using the video-conferencing app called Zoom to connect. The download is FREE and when you have it on your computer you can be invited to a meeting with several people and everyone can see each other.

Re-Scheduled Events—Postponed Events



Men's - April 17th to 19th
Re-scheduled for September 18th—20th

Women's - April 24th to 26th
Re-scheduled for September 25th—27th

Interested in a Spirit-filled weekend? Originally developed in Spain, Cursillo is designed to be a short course in Christianity in order to help people along their walk of faith. Weekends begin Friday night and end Sunday evening.

Speak with Rev. Lisa or John Pfeiffer (352-203-4977) for more information



Feeding the Homeless - Helping the Helpless Event

Will be held at a LATER DATE to be determined by the B.A.S.S. Association

Save your gently used or new Caps & Visors

To be given away at St. Mary's Table

The event will be held at **St. Theresa's Catholic Church**

Volunteers and donations are needed!

All donations and/or questions please contact **Patty Larose at 352-456-9836**

DRIVE-THRU CHURCH

On Sunday, March 22 St. Mary's held our first Drive-thru church. We kept our distance and dropped pre-intincted wafers into the hands of smiling congregants. All received blessings and a copy of the sermon & readings. We also received offerings.









Tithes and Offerings

What a great picture of our vestry clerk, Nick Dwyer! This picture was taken at our first Drive-Thru Church opportunity on March 22nd. Note that Nick is not begging—he is accepting what you have to give. Many people were able to bring their tithes and offerings in this way as we were not able to accept them and bless them during the regular Sunday service. However, they were blessed along with the envelopes that came in through the mail before they were counted and deposited and made available for the ministry of the church. That ministry continues even when we do not meet in person. We still have a mortgage, insurance, telephone and other bills that must be paid. If everyone is able to continue to honor their pledges, St. Mary's will weather the storm financially. Our weekly target is \$5,000.00. At the time of

this writing we are at \$4,512.97 and this is due to the fact that we are not able to meet in person. The address to send in your offerings is St. Mary's Episcopal Church, P.O. Box 2373, Belleview, FL 34421. Thank you for your faithfulness to St. Mary's and to God. *God bless you, Rev. Lisa*



SAVE THE DATE
JUNE 29—JULY 3
ST. MARY'S
VACATION
BIBLE SCHOOL

We don't know what will be happening in our world by the end of June, but we are hopeful that soon all will be well and that Vacation Bible School will still be able to take place on the dates that we have set.

At St. Mary's, our ministry to children is one of the things that we hold dear. Our Vacation Bible School volunteers involve people of all ages, serving food, singing songs, teaching classes, playing games, and more. The great thing is—that we have learned to do this together!

Pray that God will allow us to hold our event this year. The children will need this now more than ever.

God bless the children and keep them safe, Amen.

Holy Week Begins



Sunday,
April 5th

Thursday,
April 9th



Friday,
April 10th
Good Friday



Sunday, April 12th



Palm Sunday Service

- ◆ **10:30: Livestream** Palm Sunday Readings and Sermon.
- ◆ **11:30—12:30: Drive-Thru**—we will give out Palm branches to all who come and have a car parade through the parking lot.

Maundy Thursday Service

- ◆ **7:00 pm: Livestream** Maundy Thursday Readings and Sermon.

Maundy Thursday Vigil

- ◆ Sign up to pray at your home for an hour for the night. Vigil begins at 9:00 pm and ends at 12 Noon on Good Friday. You can sign up for a time slot by calling Deacon Carolyn at 352-288-0240.

Good Friday Service—we will do the following in segments online.

- ◆ **NOON: Stations of the Cross**
- ◆ **Good Friday Readings & Sermon**
- ◆ **Good Friday Meditations**
- ◆ **3:00 The bell tolls 32 times.** This is the time when Jesus died on the cross and He was 32 years old when He died.

Easter Sunday Service

- ◆ Stay tuned for the plans for this very special day. We will send out emails and make phone calls to let you know what we are doing. If you haven't heard by April 9th—call us at 352-347-6422!