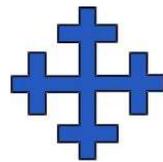


Who then is this, that even  
the wind and the sea obey him?



St. Mary of the Harbor



September 18, 2022

Season of Creation III  
Storm Sunday

Where the land, the sea and the sacred meet

## Welcome to the Church of St. Mary of the Harbor

*A warm welcome to you! Here at St. Mary's, we welcome you with open arms and open hearts, to share with you the love with which Christ has welcomed us. Whoever you are, wherever you may be in life, there is a place for you here. In this beautiful place, you will find sojourners like yourself who are searching for truth, meaning, and purpose. And we invite you to explore and experience the gift of God's love in this place where the land, the sea, and the sacred meet.*

### **Worship Guidance**

Everything you need to guide you through today's service will be found in this leaflet, or in the hymnals in the chair just in front of you. You are invited to join in prayers and responses when the words are in **bold-faced** print in the leaflet. Most hymns may be found in *The Hymnal 1982*, the large blue hymnal. Occasionally hymns may be drawn from the green hymnal *Wonder, Love, and Praise* (abbreviated WLP in your leaflet), or from *Lift Every Voice and Sing* (abbreviated LEVAS).

### **Holy Communion**

Our worship is centered in the sharing of Communion, and no matter what your background, you are welcome to receive the Bread at this Table. Though the Diocese of Massachusetts has lifted many of its COVID-related restrictions, we at St. Mary's are continuing to receive Communion in one kind only, eager to do all we can to protect one another's well-being. Masks continue to be preferred throughout our worship services. Thank you for your understanding.

### **Hospitality Following Today's 10 am Service**

Immediately following our 10 am service, coffee and delicious refreshments will be served in Nicholson Hall. Nicholson Hall may be easily reached by turning right at the back of the church and proceeding through our beautiful garden. Please join us!

### **Wednesdays at St. Mary's – Eucharist at 5:30 pm – Christian Formation at 6:00 pm**

On Wednesday evenings in September and October, a brief half-hour service of Holy Eucharist will be offered at 5:30 pm, and a half-hour of Adult Christian Formation will be offered at 6 pm. All are welcome to come to either, or both. Adult Formation in September will focus on "Care for Creation," and in October will focus on "Contemporary Saints."

### **Welcome to Our New Office Administrator**

Julia Perry has accepted the job as the parish's Office Administrator. Julia is a parishioner and presently serves on the Search Committee helping to lead the parish as it discerns the future ministry of St. Mary's, and seeks out the priest who will be the parish's next Rector.

### **In Case of Need**

If pastoral needs should arise, please contact the Reverend William W. Rich, Interim Rector, at 774-383-1236 or [WWRich53@protonmail.com](mailto:WWRich53@protonmail.com). Please let us know if you, or someone in the parish, needs a pastoral conversation or visit.

## **A Commitment to Outreach**

St. Mary's designates 10% of its operating budget for community service and outreach. Recent benefactions include Habitat for Humanity of Cape Cod, the Homeless Prevention Council (HPC), Amazing Grace (a summer camp for children of incarcerated parents). Seguimos Adelante (supplying food and water to asylum seekers waiting on our nation's southern border), and Episcopal Relief and Development, which is partnering with the Convocation of Episcopal Churches in Europe to aid Ukrainian refugees. Through HPC's "Walk for Home," the St. Mary's team, led by Khristine Hopkins, raised \$2,200.

## **Supporting Our Neighbors**

Our friends at the Unitarian Universalist Meeting House offer a "Little Free Pantry," providing non-perishable grocery and toiletry items for anyone in need. They have asked for help from St. Mary's in keeping the pantry stocked. Ready-to-eat items are most needed, such as granola bars, peanut butter crackers—things you might pack in a school lunch bag. Use of the pantry has gone up, but donations are down. Please consider picking up something extra when you are shopping. Canned goods have been suspended in the summer heat. Pantry items may be left in the basket by the baptismal font. Please, no perishables and no glass containers

## **This Week at St. Mary's**

**Wednesday, September 21 – 5:30-6:30 pm – Feast of St. Matthew the Apostle**

Holy Eucharist (half hour) with Adult Christian Formation (half hour)

**Saturday, September 24 – 8:30 am**

**Strength for the Journey**

An in-person, lay-led service of contemplation and healing.

**CASAS Pet Blessing – 2:15-2:30 pm – St. Mary's Garden**

**Sunday, September 25 – 10 am**

Holy Eucharist for the Fourth Sunday of the Season of Creation – Universe Sunday

## **The Church of St. Mary of the Harbor**

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## **Sunday Leadership Today**

Interim Rector, Presider, and Preacher - *The Reverend William W. Rich*

Deacon for the Gospel and Intercessions - *The Reverend Bruce Mason*

Organist – *Bill Carlson*

Crucifer – *Sharon Inger*

Lector – *Brian Talbot*

Healer – *Gerri Spinella*

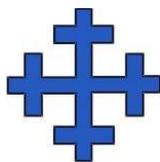
Ushers – *David Griffiths, Scott Yagel*

Altar Guild – *Sharon Inger*

Hospitality - *Carol Pesiri*

Livestream - *John Carroll-Yagel*

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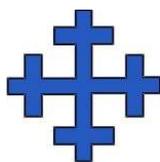
## **Vestry**

### **Officers**

Pat Penza, Senior Warden  
Tim Brown, Junior Warden  
John Loftin, Treasurer  
Gerri Spinella, Clerk

### **Vestry Members**

John Carroll-Yagel  
Harry Ellsworth  
David Griffiths  
Anita McGahan  
Andrea Sawyer  
Michael Sutila



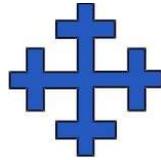
## **Search Committee**

Bill Glass, Chair  
Joan Gibbons  
Sharon Inger  
Julia Perry

The Search Committee may be contacted via email: [smothsearch@gmail.com](mailto:smothsearch@gmail.com).

## Information from Massachusetts Interfaith Power and Light

*For links to helpful sources for the care of Creation*  
see: <https://www.massipl.org/everyday-environmental-stewardship>



### **Stewardship and the Search for a New Rector**

Stewardship is one of the most vital factors in St. Mary's life in this season of transition between your recently retired Rector, and the Rector that your Search Process and the Holy Spirit will bring to you. Later this week, you will be receiving stewardship materials. They will ask you to think and pray about your pledge, and then to make your pledge – your financial commitment to support the ministry of St. Mary's in the coming year.

But in a very real sense, your pledge is more than just a financial commitment, more than just a matter of money. Your pledge is also a matter of spirit. Your pledge is a personal, small “s” sacrament. And like all sacraments, your pledge is a tangible “outward and visible sign” of faith. Your pledge is a sign that you are renewing your trust in God for the coming year, trust that God will sustain you as you do your part to sustain St. Mary's.

Taken together as a whole, the parish's pledges are also a sign of your hope for the future of St. Mary's. The stronger the pledge base of the parish is, the more attractive St. Mary's will be to potential priest applicants. Your recent financial history has been quite strong. Continuing this strength through your pledges will be part of what draws priests to think and pray about coming to be your next Rector.

As your Interim Rector, please know that I believe in the bright future of St. Mary's, and that I will be joining you in making my pledge to support the ministry of the parish in the coming year. I urge you to join me by making your pledge as a sign of your trust in God and the bright future that God has in store for the Church of St. Mary of the Harbor.

Blessings and peace, in Christ's love,

Bill Rich, Interim Rector