

The leaders scoffed at Jesus, saying,  
“He saved others;  
let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!”



St. Mary of the Harbor

November 20, 2022

The Last Sunday after Pentecost – Reign of Christ 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.

### **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!

### **Hospitality Hosts Needed**

Over many months, we have been blessed with hospitality hosting by Carol Pesiri, Gerri Spinella, Martha Wilson, and others. As we move towards the winter months, we need new hosts. A sign-up sheet is posted on the pass-through counter in the kitchen. Please sign up. If no hosts step forward, coffee hour will go on hiatus.

### **Stewardship Update**

We are grateful to all of you who have already sent in your pledge for 2023. As of Wednesday, we have received 49 pledges. This means we are 65% of the way towards our goal of 75 pledges. If you are still reflecting about your pledge for the coming year, we would welcome your pledge as soon as possible.

### **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 make us aware of any needs for a pastoral conversation or visit.

### **A Commitment to Outreach – Thanksgiving Appeal**

Each year at this time, it is the tradition for St. Mary's parishioners to express their gratitude for God's many blessings through a Thanksgiving Appeal. This year, the Vestry has voted to devote half of the Thanksgiving Appeal as outreach, and to give that money to SKIP: the Soup Kitchen in Provincetown. The other half of the Appeal will be dedicated to needed capital repairs to the Rectory, in grateful anticipation of the arrival of the Parish's new Rector in 2023. Donations can be placed in the collection plate on Sundays, mailed to the church, or through the PayPal link on the church's website at [www.stmaryoftheharbor.org](http://www.stmaryoftheharbor.org). If you are donating by check, please enter "Thanksgiving Offering" in the memo section.

## **Supporting Our Neighbors – First Sunday Focus**

As a visual reminder of the needs of our neighbors, on the first Sunday of each month, we will be carrying to the altar the basket of donations that you make to the “Little Free Pantry,” hosted by our friends at the Unitarian Universalist Meeting House. That pantry provides non-perishable grocery and toiletry items for anyone in need. Please consider picking up an extra item or two when you shop. Items may be left in the basket by the baptismal font at any time. Please, no perishables, no glass containers and *please check expiration dates*. The Pantry cannot use expired items.

## **Advent Wednesday Evening Eucharist and Christian Formation – 5:30-6:30 pm**

For the first three Wednesdays of Advent (Nov. 30, and Dec, 7 and 14), the Holy Eucharist will be celebrated from 5:30-6, and Christian Formation will be offered from 6-6:30. In honor of the parish’s patron saint, the Advent Christian Formation series will focus on “Three Ways of Seeing St. Mary: Justice-Seeker, Mother, and Companion in Faith.”

## **S-4 Memorial Service – Saturday, December 3 – 11 am**

On Saturday, December 3 at 11 am, St. Mary’s will host the annual memorial service to remember those who died in the sinking of the S-4 submarine off St. Mary’s Beach on December 17, 1927. The Marblehead Base of United States Submarine Veterans will be in attendance, and all are welcome.

## **This Week at St. Mary’s**

### **Wednesday, November 23 – Thanksgiving Eve Eucharist – 5:30 pm**

At the heart of Christian worship is the act of giving thanks to God. (The word *Eucharist* comes from the Greek word that means *thanksgiving*.) In anticipation of Thanksgiving Day, we will give thanks to God on Thanksgiving Eve with a celebration of the Holy Eucharist at 5:30 pm.

### **Saturday, November 26 – 8:30 am**

#### **Strength for the Journey**

An online lay-led service of contemplation and healing. Contact Gerri Spinella ([gerri.spinella@gmail.com](mailto:gerri.spinella@gmail.com)) if you’d like to be included in the email invitation to each week’s service.

### **Sunday, November 27 – Holy Eucharist – 10 am**

#### **First Sunday of Advent**

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

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## **Sunday Leadership Today**

Interim Rector, Celebrant, and Preacher – *The Reverend William W. Rich*

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

Organist – *Bill Carlson*

Crucifer – *Andrea Sawyer*

Lector – *Tim Brown*

Healer – *Khristina Hopkins*

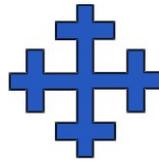
Ushers – *David Griffiths, Tim Brown*

Altar Guild – *Priscilla Jackett*

Hospitality – *Carol Pesiri*

Livestream – *John Carroll-Yagel*

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### **Vestry Officers**

Pat Penza, Senior Warden

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John Loftin, Treasurer

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### **Vestry Members**

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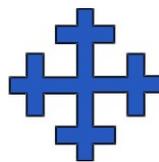
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