

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.

Summer Worship Schedule

Through September 4, St. Mary's offers the Holy Eucharist at both 8 am and 10 am each Sunday. The 8 am service will be about 30 minutes in length. Our principal service at 10 am is unchanged, with a sermon, music, a healing station, and coffee hour.

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!

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. Please let us know if you, or someone in the parish, needs a pastoral conversation or visit.

Summer Fair and Art & Spirit – Saturday, August 6

The excitement is now only six days away! This year, Summer Fair and Art & Spirit are joining forces on Saturday, August 6 from 9:30 am to 2:00 pm. The pods are always open for donations. "Used but still useful to another" is Summer Fair's motto, so all items must be in working condition. No clothing, bedding, or electronics, please. If you have questions, please contact John Carroll-Yagel: cargell@aol.com or leave a message at 631-431-9637.

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. There is a particular need this summer for ready-to-eat items, 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.

Please bring pantry items to St. Mary’s and leave them in the basket by the baptismal font. Please, no perishables and no glass containers

Access to St. Mary’s Beach

Now that summer is here, questions will arise about access to the St. Mary’s beach, where everyone is welcome. The public can always access the beach by the grade-level path just east of the Rectory. Please note: the parish had formerly maintained wooden stairs from our seawall to the beach. However, the Vestry voted some time ago to remove the stairs, which were badly deteriorating, repeatedly underwater, and undermined due to beach erosion. The stairs were no longer a sign of welcome, but a hazard to the wellbeing of anyone risking the use of them.

This Week at St. Mary’s

Saturday, August 6—9:30 am-2:00 pm

The St. Mary’s Summer Fair together with Art & Spirit

Sunday, August 7—8 and 10 am

Holy Eucharist for the Ninth Sunday After Pentecost

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 - *The Reverend Charlie Nichols*

Intercessor - *The Reverend Bruce Mason*

Organist - *Bill Carlson*

Crucifer - *Harry Ellsworth*

Lector - *John Loftin*

Healer - *Andrea Sawyer*

Ushers and Altar Guild - *John Carroll, John Loftin*

Hospitality - *Carol Pesiri*

Livestream - *John Carroll-Yagel*

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