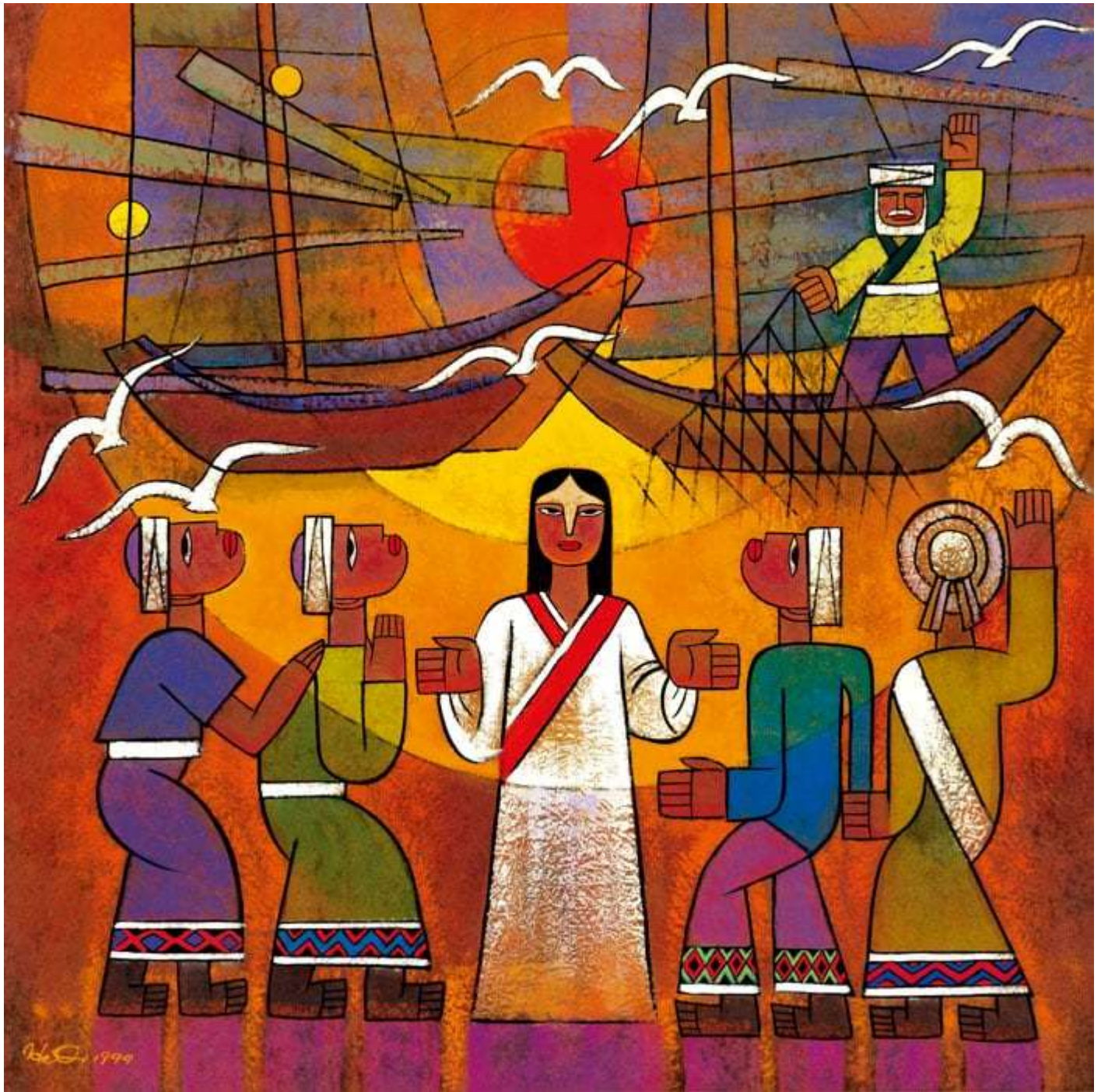


“They left their nets...the boat and their father, and followed him.”



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Church of St. Mary of the Harbor
January 22, 2023
Third Sunday after the Epiphany
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 and Wine at this Table. For health reasons you may wish to receive only the Bread. Please be assured that you have made your full communion whether you receive the Bread only, or if you receive both the Bread and the Wine. Eager to do all we can to protect one another's well-being, we entrust you to take whatever health precautions seem best to you. Masks continue to be preferred throughout our worship services.

Hospitality after Sunday Services

There will be hospitality immediately after today's service in Nicholson Hall. New hosts for future Sundays are welcome, and may sign up on the kitchen pass-through counter. Hosts are needed for February 5, 19, and 26.

Stewardship Update

We are grateful to all of you who have already sent in your pledge for 2023. As of Wednesday, we have received 63 pledges. This means we are 84% of the way towards our goal of 75 pledges. If you are still reflecting about your pledge for this 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. Please make us aware of any needs for a pastoral conversation or visit.

Winter Lunches

Winter lunches for our hungry neighbors are being offered here at St. Mary's on Saturdays in January and February. Your help is welcome. A sign-up sheet is on the pass-through counter between the kitchen and the parish hall. You may also call the parish office (508-487-2622) to make known your desire to help.

Supporting Our Neighbors – First Sunday Food 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.

Upcoming Weeks at St. Mary's

Saturday, January 28 – 8:30 am

Strength for the Journey

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

Saturday, January 28 – 12 noon

Winter Lunches

Sunday, January 29 – 10 am

Holy Eucharist for the Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

The Church of St. Mary of the Harbor

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Julia Perry, Office Manager – smothoffice@gmail.com

This Sunday's Leadership

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

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

Organist – *Bill Carlson*

Crucifer – *Sharon Inger*

Lector – *Scott Yagel*

Healer – *Andrea Sawyer*

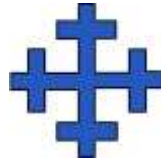
Ushers – *Scott Yagel and David Griffiths*

Altar Guild – *Lee Ann Fanning*

Hospitality – *Pat and Phil Penza*

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

Harry Ellsworth

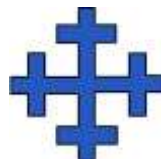
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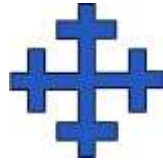
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Joan Gibbons

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The Search Committee may be contacted via email: smothsearch@gmail.com



Storm Damage Update

The recent storm hit Provincetown hard and many homes and business were impacted, including the building and property of St. Mary of the Harbor. Storm damage to our church property includes the following: missing shingles on the back of Nicholson Hall; sand and other debris washed up into the parking lot; water damage (warped flooring) at the back door to Nicholson Hall; seawall support cracked at the joint; crawl space under church flooded to approximately four feet; vents to crawl space damaged; water rose above the bottom of outside HVAC units. Sadly, the fish pond was flooded with salt water and 13 fish were lost. Five fish survived and have been returned to the pond which has been drained and cleaned. A clean-up crew of volunteers including Reverend Bill Rich, John Carroll-Yagel, Peter Falconer, Adrienne Brewer, and James Vesper gathered to work on the property shortly after the storm. The Vestry will be following up on other necessary repairs.

~ Pat Penza, Senior Warden

Thank You from Deacon Charlie and Christine

Dear Friends of St. Mary's,
Christine and I wish to express our heartfelt gratitude for the fabulous sendoff and luncheon on our final Sunday, January 8.

When we arrive at our new home in Vermont, Andi Sawyer's amazing wave painting along with the other gifts will provide a lasting reminder of our time in Provincetown. Etched on our hearts forever will be that special place where we experienced first-hand the convergence of land, sea, and spirit.

Thank you one and all for making St. Mary of the Harbor the special place that it is. We know how blessed we are for having spent a portion of our journey in this community of love.

With Love and Blessings,
Charlie and Christine