

The Church of
St. Mary of the Harbor

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Dear Friends,

It is with great pleasure that we can report that our wonderful little parish here on the edge of the sea in Provincetown has come through the past few years with the strength of spirit that has always been our hallmark. We have been through a lot together recently: the pandemic, a flood, the retirement of our longtime beloved rector, the retirement of our beloved interim Rector, and the search for a new rector. Through it all, we have not just endured, but we have flourished, mainly because of the resilience and dedication of each member of the St. Mary's community. And so, the theme of our drive this year is **New Beginnings Rooted in Love**.

St. Mary's parishioners have traditionally sought to share all our gifts – not just our financial gifts. Stewardship requires the sharing of time and talent as well, both to enhance our community and to enable us to serve the needs of others beyond our geographical boundaries.

Each of us has a gift. For some, it's cooking or baking, for others it's beautiful singing voices; we praise those who have administrative gifts like balancing books, and those who are willing to count the collection. We admire those who offer hospitality, who serve at the altar, and those who help us find a seat as the service begins. We celebrate those who have computer skills and those who care for our sacred spaces. Whatever your ministries are, we couldn't be who we are without you.

As we welcome our new rector, Rev. Brian Raiche, and begin another chapter in the life of St. Mary's, we are hoping that you will participate in stewardship at St. Mary's by making a pledge for 2024. Please prayerfully consider how you will continue to support the work that our parish is doing and the work that we might be called to do in the future.

We will celebrate the ingathering of pledges on September 17 at our 10:00 AM service. Please either bring your pledge sheet with you on that day, or mail it to St Mary of the Harbor, 517 Commercial St, Provincetown, MA before that date, if possible.

In gratitude,


Pat Penza, Senior Warden


John Carroll-Yagel, Junior Warden

