

# SAINT MARY'S IN TUXEDO



Holy Eucharist: Rite One

Christmas Day

December 25, 2023

10:00 AM

# Welcome to St. Mary's

*Thank you for joining us today! From the very beginning in 1887, our founders saw St. Mary's-in-Tuxedo as the community church, being present and receptive to all those who came in faith, need, gratitude, curiosity -- or for whatever reason. Please know that you are always welcome here.*

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**All baptized Christians (from any denomination) are welcome to receive Communion in the Episcopal Church.**

## Ministers Serving Today

Celebrant:	The Very Rev. Richard J. Robÿn	Altar Guild:	Wendy Favia
Organist:	Sheldon Eldridge		Serene Swirbul
Lectors:	Frank Favia	Video:	Pete Datos-Robÿn
Acolyte:	Wendy Favia		

**Prelude**

Voluntary on “Divinum Mysterium”

Flor Peeters (1903-1986)

*Please stand***Processional Hymn 100**

Joy to the World

*Anticob*

1. Joy to the world! the Lord is come: let earth receive her King; let every heart prepare him room, and heaven and nature sing, and heaven and nature sing, and heaven, and heaven and nature sing.
2. Joy to the world! the Savior reigns; let us our songs employ, while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains, repeat the sounding joy, repeat the sounding joy, repeat, repeat the sounding joy.
3. No more let sins and sorrows grow, nor thorns infest the ground; he comes to make his blessings flow far as the curse is found, far as the curse is found, far as, far as the curse is found.
4. He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove the glories of his righteousness and wonders of his love, and wonders of his love, and wonders, wonders of his love.

*Celebrant* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.*People* **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.****The Collect for Purity***Celebrant*

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Summary of the Law***Celebrant*

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith: Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

## **Kyrie**

*Celebrant* Lord, have mercy upon us.

*People* **Christ, have mercy upon us.**

*Celebrant* Lord, have mercy upon us.

## **Gloria**

*Celebrant and People*

Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will towards men. We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee, we glorify thee, we give thanks to thee for thy great glory, O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty. O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us. For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord; thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

## **The Collect for Christmas Day**

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And with thy spirit.**

Let us pray.

Almighty God, who hast given us thy only-begotten Son to take our nature upon him and as at this time to be born of a pure virgin: Grant that we, being regenerate and made thy children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by thy Holy Spirit; through the same our Lord Jesus Christ, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the same Spirit ever, one God, world without end. **Amen.**

*Please be seated*

## **The Epistle**

Hebrews 1:1-4

God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets, Hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds; Who being the brightness of his glory, and the express image of his person, and upholding all things by the word of his power, when he had by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high: Being made so much better than the angels, as he hath by inheritance obtained a more excellent name than they.

The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand*

**Gospel Hymn 81**

Lo, how a rose e'er blooming

*Es ist ein Ros*

1 Lo, how a Rose e'er bloom-ing from ten - der stem hath sprung!  
2 I - sa - iah 'twas fore - told it, the Rose I have in mind,  
\*3 O Flower, whose fra-grance ten - der with sweet-ness fills the air,

Of Jes - se's lin - eage com - ing as seers of old have sung.  
with Ma - ry we be - hold it, the Vir - gin Mo - ther kind.  
dis - pel in glo - rious splen - dor the dark-ness ev - ery - where;

It came, a blos - som bright, a - mid the  
To show God's love a - right, she bore to  
true man, yet ve - ry God, from sin and

cold of win - ter, when half spent was the night.  
us a Sa - vior, when half spent was the night.  
death now save us, and share our ev - ery load.

## **The Gospel**

John 1:1-14

*Celebrant* The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

*People* **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made. In him was life; and the life was the light of men. And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. The same came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light, that all men through him might believe. He was not that Light, but was sent to bear witness of that Light. That was the true Light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not. He came unto his own, and his own received him not. But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name: Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God. And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.

*Celebrant* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

## **The Sermon**

**The Rector**

### **The Nicene Creed**

*Please stand*

*Celebrant and People*

We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God, begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father.  
Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven:  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,  
and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.  
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.  
He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## **The Prayers of the People**

Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church and the world.

Almighty and everliving God, who in thy holy Word hast taught us to make prayers,  
and supplications, and to give thanks for all men: Receive these our prayers which we  
offer unto thy divine Majesty, beseeching thee to inspire continually the Universal  
Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord; and grant that all those who do  
confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and  
godly love. Lord, in thy mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all bishops and other ministers, that they may, both  
by their life and doctrine, set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly  
administer thy holy Sacraments. Lord, in thy mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace, and especially to this congregation here present; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive thy holy Word, truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life. Lord, in thy mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

We beseech thee also so to rule the hearts of those who bear the authority of government in this and every land, that they may be led to wise decisions and right actions for the welfare and peace of the world. Lord, in thy mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Open, O Lord, the eyes of all people to behold thy gracious hand in all thy works, that, rejoicing in thy whole creation, they may honor thee with their substance, and be faithful stewards of thy bounty. Lord, in thy mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succor all those who in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity. Lord, in thy mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

And we also bless thy holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear, especially Pam Wilken Schu & Kevin Joseph Jacobs for whom the sanctuary candle is given, beseeching thee to grant them continual growth in thy love and service; and to grant us grace so to follow the good examples of St. Mary and all thy saints, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom. Lord, in thy mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Grant these our prayers, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate. **Amen.**

## **The Peace**

*Celebrant* The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* **And with thy spirit.**

*Please be seated*

**Welcome & Announcements**

**The Rector**



## The Holy Communion

**The Offertory**

Entree Nouvelle

Jean Bapiste Lully (1632-1687)

John Burkhalter, recorder

### The Great Thanksgiving

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And with thy spirit.**

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

*People* **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

*People* **It is meet and right so to do.**

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God. Because thou didst give Jesus Christ, thine only Son, to be born for us; who, by the mighty power of the Holy Ghost, was made very Man of the substance of the Virgin Mary his mother; that we might be delivered from the bondage of sin, and receive power to become thy children. Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

*Celebrant and People*

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts: Heaven and earth are full of thy glory. Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High. Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

*Please kneel; then the Celebrant continues*

All glory be to thee, Almighty God, our heavenly Father, for that thou, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks, he brake it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink ye all of this; for this is my Blood of the New Testament, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, according to the institution of thy dearly beloved Son our Savior Jesus Christ, we, thy humble servants, do celebrate and make here before thy divine Majesty, with these thy holy gifts, which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; rendering unto thee most hearty thanks for the innumerable benefits procured unto us by the same.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us; and, of thy almighty goodness, vouchsafe to bless and sanctify, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, these thy gifts and creatures of bread and wine; that we, receiving them according to thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; most humbly beseeching thee to grant that, by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we, and all thy whole Church, may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion.

And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee; humbly beseeching thee that we, and all others who shall be partakers of this Holy Communion, may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction, and made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him.

And although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee any sacrifice, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offenses, through Jesus Christ our Lord; By whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. **AMEN.**

*Celebrant* And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,

*Celebrant and People*

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

### **The Breaking of the Bread**

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

**Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, **have mercy upon us.**

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, **have mercy upon us.**

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, **grant us thy peace.**

*Celebrant and People*

We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

*Celebrant* The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

*For those attending in-person, all baptized Christians (from any denomination) are welcome to receive Communion. If you wish to receive communion, please come forward to the front of the church.*

**Communion Music**

Noël

Louis-Claude d'Aquin (1694-1772)

John Burkhalter, recorder

## **The Post Communion Prayer**

*Please kneel*

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

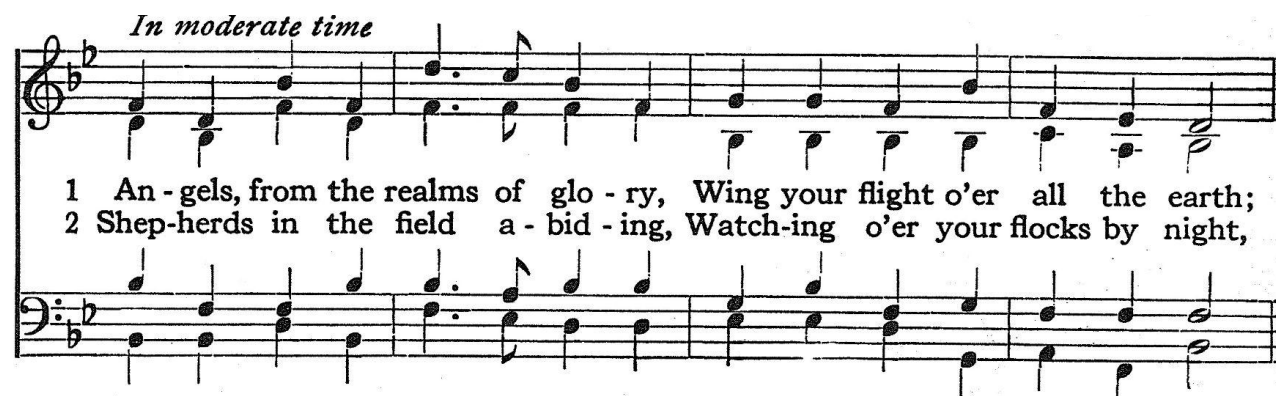
*Celebrant and People*

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

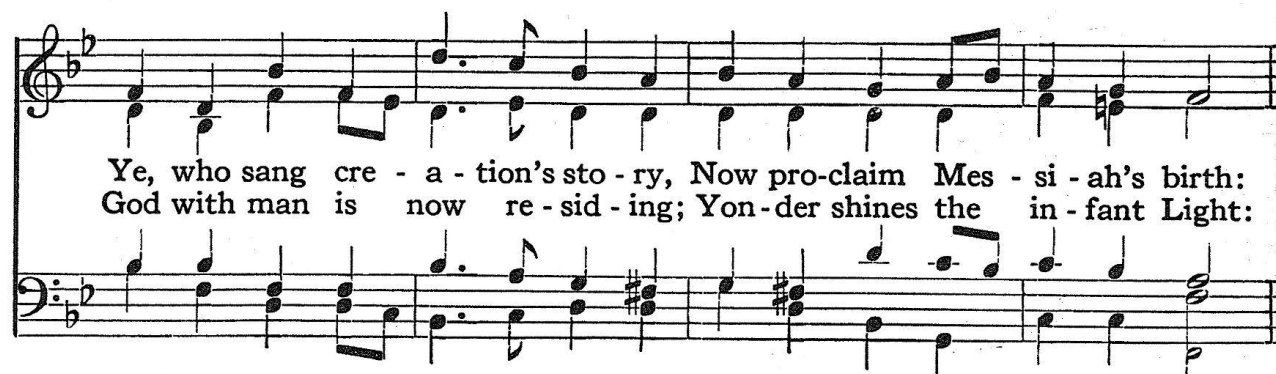
## **The Blessing**

*Celebrant* The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

*In moderate time*

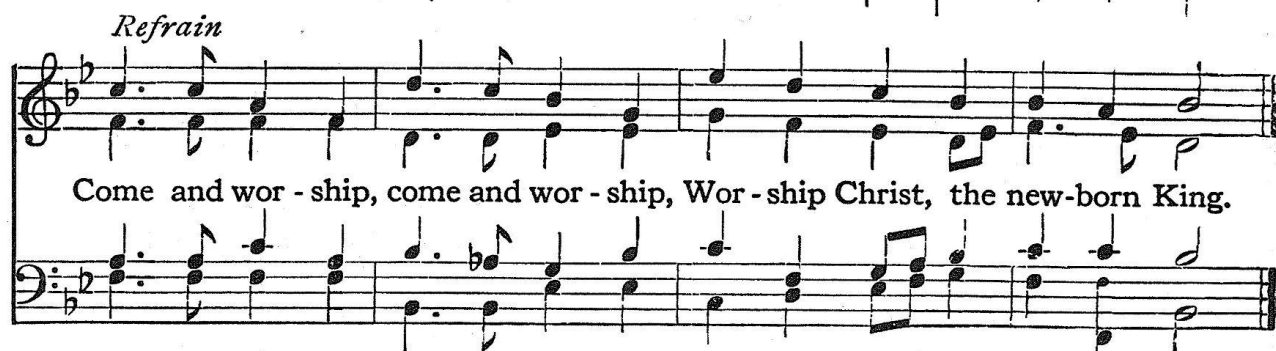


1 An - gels, from the realms of glo - ry, Wing your flight o'er all the earth;  
2 Shep - herds in the field a - bid - ing, Watch - ing o'er your flocks by night,



Ye, who sang cre - a - tion's sto - ry, Now pro - claim Mes - si - ah's birth:  
God with man is now re - sid - ing; Yon - der shines the in - fant Light:

*Refrain*



Come and wor - ship, come and wor - ship, Wor - ship Christ, the new - born King.

3 Sages, leave your contemplations;  
Brighter visions beam afar:  
Seek the great Desire of nations;  
Ye have seen his natal star:

*Refrain*

4 Saints before the altar bending,  
Watching long in hope and fear,  
Suddenly the Lord, descending,  
In his temple shall appear:

*Refrain*

### The Dismissal

*Celebrant* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

### Postlude

From Heaven on High to Earth I Come

Friedrich Wilhelm Zachau (1663-1712)

# Prayers of the Community

## Parishioners we are praying for:

Fr. Ed Cromey, Rector Emeritus

William Clarke

Barbara Beauregard

Bill Steinmann

Webb Turner

## Friends and family members we are praying for:

James Patrick Cole, friend of Maureen Love

John Burkhalter, friend of Sheldon Eldridge

Timothy Francis Duffy, friend of Brad Boles

Genevieve Jones, former parishioner and resident of Tuxedo Park

John Kordel, friend of Fr. Rick & Pete Datas-Robyn

Jolene Matthews, daughter of Gillian Ballard

Theresa Mcdevitt, longtime Tuxedo resident

Rob McQuilkin, longtime Tuxedo Park resident

Barbara Miranda, cousin of the Bush family

Carmen Murphy, close friend of Ann Ho-Powers

Joy Ochieng, daughter of Elizabeth Ochieng

Linette Opiyo, friend of Elizabeth Ochieng

Brendan and Patrick Pascarella, relatives of Gillian Ballard

Ulle and Maryvan Pendl, longtime Tuxedo Park residents

Audrey Perry, friend of St. Mary's

Father Stephen Rozzelle, Rector of Christ Church, Pompton Lakes, NJ

Clinton Stoneking, son-in-law of Charlen Cathcart

Nicholas Triantafillou, grandson of Bill Steinmann

Peter Van Zandt, friend of St. Mary's

The sanctuary candle is given by the Bush Family in loving memory of

Elizabeth Green, mother of Taye Ochieng

Prayer requests may be made at (845) 351-5122 or [info@stmtux.org](mailto:info@stmtux.org).

*Thank you to everyone who donated to provide this year's beautiful*

## **Christmas Flowers & Music**

Gillian Elizabeth Ballard in memory of my beloved sister Denise

Allen Barnett & JoAnn Hanson in loving memory of Ann & Joseph Hanson and William & Gladys Barnett

The Bush family in memory of loved ones

Anthony Cinelli in loving memory of Eric Sean Hamilton

The Clarke family in thanksgiving for well wishes and prayers – best wishes for 2024

Fr. Cromey in loving memory of Pamela Bock Cromey, Edward Warren Cromey, Helen Louise Cromey, Howard Bock, and Marguerite Bock

Fr. Rick & Pete Datos-Robyn in memory of Richard J. Rice Sr., Steven and Mary Datos, and Paul Sullivan

Frank & Wendy Favia in memory of Madeline Dami, Patrick Rice, Ryan Calvi, and Debbie Pinchuk

Allen Fowlkes for well wishes to St. Mary's

Drs. Jane & Neil Garofano in thanksgiving for family and friends

Inger Rein Grüterich in memory of John Rein MD, Rolf Grüterich, and Bert Lucarelli

Stephen Heater in loving memory of Marilyn & Joseph Heater

Spyros Konitsiotis in loving memory of Humbert J Lucarelli

Barbara J. Maclean in loving memory of Harriet and Fitzroy Donald Maclean

The Martin and Heidt Families in loving memory of Chase Joseph Heidt

Roy & Barbara McKechnie, in thanksgiving for St. Mary's community

Charlie and Lili Neuhauser for a happy and healthy 2024 for all our family and friends

Michael O'Neal & Susan Burke in loving memory of Anna & James J. O'Neal and Thomas C. Burke

Elizabeth Ochieng in memory of Anthony & Lizz Ochieng

Jennifer Polloni in loving memory of my beloved daughter Ariana Wellen

Serene Swirbul in loving memory of Philip L. Swirbul

The Wrenn Family in loving memory of Pierre Bullard at Christmas

Peter Van Zandt in memory of Dr. and Mrs. John D. Van Zandt, Mr and Mrs. Hunt Tilford Wagstaff, Hon. Katherine St. George, Prune, Pony Duke, Harry McVickar Jr., Pete Barbey, Lewis Lorillard, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Foster Winslow, Henry Mortimer, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hoffman Melhado, and Joan Blair Overton