

SAINT MARY'S IN TUXEDO



The Vigil Mass of the Nativity

Christmas Eve
December 24, 2023
9:00 PM

Welcome to St. Mary's

Thank you for joining us tonight! 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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Ministers Serving Tonight:

Celebrant: The Very Rev. Richard J. Robyn
Lector: Maureen Love
Eucharistic Minister: Elizabeth Ochieng
Acolyte: Matt Hlavka

Altar Guild: Wendy Favia, Serene Swirbul
Ushers: Lili Neuhauser & Spyros Konitsiotis
Video: Calvin De Mond
Reception: Barbara McKechnie & Inna De Mond

A Concert of Christmas Music

The Schola Cantorum of St. Mary's-in-Tuxedo

Aileen Sager, Soprano

Anthony Cinelli, Tenor

Johanna Rose, Alto

William Dickinson, Baritone

Sheldon Eldridge, Organist and Choirmaster

John H. Burkhalter, Recorder

The Northwoods String Quartet

Anna Ostrofsky, Violin I

David Tobey, Violin II

Anastasia Solberg, Viola

Frederick Ostrofsky, Violoncello

The Schola Hodie Christus natus est Harker Antiphonary, 10th c.
Ave fuit prima salus (Lauda) Anonymous, 15th c. arr. J. M. Rose

The String Quartet A Tempo Giusto; Allegro, from Grand Concerto, Op. 6, No. 1
George Frederic Handel (1685-1759)

Recorder Aria in G Georg Philipp Telemann (1681-1767)

The Schola Three Spanish Carols
1. Es nacido Pedro de Cristo (c. 1545-1618)
2. Niño Dios d'amor herido Francisco Guerrero (1528-1599)
3. Verbum caro factum est Mateo de Flecha (?) / Anonymous

String Quartet Adagio in E minor, from Grand Concerto G. F. Handel

Ms. Aileen Sager Maria Wiegenlied, Op. 76, No. 52 Max Reger (1873-1916)

Organ Zu Bethlehem geboren Helmut Walcha (1907-1991)

String Quartet Allegro, from Grand Concerto G. F. Handel

Texts for the Christmas Concert

Hodie Christus Natus est

Today is Christ born: today the savior has appeared; today the angels sing, the archangels rejoice; today the righteous rejoice, saying: Glory to God in the highest. Alleluia.

Ave fuit prima salus

Hail, thus sounded the first greeting, whereby the evil enemy was defeated, and guilt led to repentance. Give us aid. Hail, Mary. Mary, while you were greeted and addressed by the angel, your name repelled the demons. Hail, Mary. The grace of the Holy Spirit made fruitful your womb full of grace. Now reward us. Hail, Mary. Full of virtue you are, more than any other in heaven. Please give us virtue and aid. Hail, Mary. The Lord intended you from the beginning for his Son: you are the mother and daughter, the most blessed. Hail, Mary. With you, the angels are full of joy, and the archangels jubilate. You are the ruler of the heaven of heavens so sweet. Hail, Mary. Blessed you will always be, on earth and in heaven, no one is your equal in glory. Hail, Mary.

Trans. Arnold Provoost

Es nascido

He is born! He is born! Tell us who? He whom Zachariah foresaw would be born in Bethlehem. The signs of the God child are the manger and the stable, to deceive the devil and to redeem all of us. He is born! He is born!

Niño Dios d'amor herido

O Christ child, wounded by love, so soon did you feel its touch that you were but a newborn babe. In that mortal guise, you show us how to love, for you, a child born of laughter, have exchanged it for tears. Laughter is given to us, you have accepted tears, and you were but a newborn babe when first you wept for love.

Verbum caro factum est

The Word as made flesh, for the salvation of us all! And the Virgin spoke to him: "Life of my life, my son, what shall I do, as I have nothing to dress you in?" The Word was made flesh.... O you, the rich of this world, won't you give a swaddling cloth to Jesus, born amidst the beasts as you can see? The Word was made flesh...

Maria Wiegenlied

Amid the roses Mary sits and rocks her Jesus-child, while amid the tree-tops, sighs the breeze so warm and mild. And soft and sweetly sing a bird upon the bough: Ah, baby, dear one, slumber now. Happy is thy laughter, holy is thy silent rest. Lay your head in slumber, fondly on thy mother's breast! Ah baby, dear one, slumber now.

Martin Boelitz (1874-1918) trans. Edward Teschemacher (1876-1940)

The Vigil Mass of the Nativity

Please stand

The Christmas Proclamation

The twenty-fifth day of December. Innumerable ages having passed since the creation of the world, when in the beginning God created Heaven and earth and formed man in his own image; many more centuries after the flood, when the Most High placed his rainbow in the heavens as a sign of the covenant and of peace; from the migration of Abraham, our father in faith, from Ur of the Chaldeans, twenty-one centuries; from the exodus of the people of Israel out of Egypt led by Moses, thirteen centuries; from the anointing of David as King, one thousand years; in the sixty-fifth week according to Daniel's prophecy; in the year of the one hundred and ninety-fourth Olympiad; from the founding of the city of Rome, seven hundred and fifty-two years; in the rule of Cæsar Octavian Augustus, the forty-second year; the whole world being at peace: Jesus Christ, eternal God, eternal Father's Son, being pleased by His coming to consecrate the world, by the Holy Spirit conceived, nine months having passed since His conception, in Bethlehem of Judah was born of the Virgin Mary, and became man. The Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ according to the flesh.

Introit

Sung by the Schola

Processional Hymn

O Come, All Ye Faithful

Adeste Fideles

1. O Come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant, O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem! Come and behold him, born the King of Angels.
Refrain O Come, let us adore Him, O Come, let us adore Him, O Come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!
2. God of God, Light of Light, lo! He abhors not the Virgin's womb; very God, begotten, not created: *Refrain*
3. Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation, sing, all ye citizens of heaven above; Glory to God, glory in the highest: *Refrain*
4. Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning, Jesu, to thee be glory given; Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing: *Refrain*

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 & Gloria

Missa Brevis

Andrea Gabrieli (1533-1585)

Sung by the Schola

The Collect for Christmas Eve

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Let us pray.

O God, who hast caused this holy night to shine with the illumination of the true Light: Grant us, we beseech thee, that as we have known the mystery of that Light upon earth, so may we also perfectly enjoy him in heaven; where with thee and the Holy Spirit he liveth and reigneth, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

Please be seated

The First Reading

Isaiah 9:2-7

The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light: they that dwell in the land of the shadow of death, upon them hath the light shined. Thou hast multiplied the nation, and not increased the joy: they joy before thee according to the joy in harvest, and as men rejoice when they divide the spoil. For thou hast broken the yoke of his burden, and the staff of his shoulder, the rod of his oppressor, as in the day of Midian. For every battle of the warrior is with confused noise, and garments rolled in blood; but this shall be with burning and fuel of fire. For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.

Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will perform this.

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

Gradual Psalm 96

Cantate Domino

Stephen Elvey (1805-1860)

O SING unto the LORD a new song; * sing unto the LORD, all the whole earth.

2 Sing unto the LORD, and praise his Name; *

be telling of his salvation from day to day.

3 Declare his honour unto the heathen, * and his wonders unto all peoples.

4 For the LORD is great, and cannot worthily be praised; * he is more to be feared than all gods.

5 As for all the gods of the heathen, they are but idols; *

but it is the LORD that made the heavens.

6 Glory and worship are before him; * power and honour are in his sanctuary.

7 Ascribe unto the LORD, O ye kindreds of the peoples, *

ascribe unto the LORD worship and power.

8 Ascribe unto the LORD the honour due unto his Name; *

bring presents, and come into his courts.

9 O worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness; *

let the whole earth stand in awe of him.

10 Tell it out among the heathen, that the LORD is King,

and that it is he who hath made the round world so fast that it cannot be moved; *

and how that he shall judge the peoples righteously.

11 Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad; *

let the sea make a noise, and all that therein is.

12 Let the field be joyful, and all that is in it; *

then shall all the trees of the wood rejoice before the LORD.

13 For he cometh, for he cometh to judge the earth; *

and with righteousness to judge the world, and the people with his truth.

Gloria Patri.

The Epistle

Titus 2:11-14

For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men, Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world; Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ; Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works.

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

Please stand

Flowing, not slow Mode V

1 Of the Fa-ther's love be - got - ten, Ere the worlds be - gan to be,
2 O that birth for ev - er bless - ed, When the Vir - gin, full of grace,

He is Al-pha and O - me - ga, He the source, the end - ing he,
By the Ho - ly Ghost con - ceiv - ing, Bare the Sa - viour of our race;

Of the things that are, that have been, And that
And the Babe, the world's Re - deem - - - er, First re -

fu - ture years shall see, Ev - er - more and ev - er - more!
vealed his sa - cred face, Ev - er - more and ev - er - more!

3 O ye heights of heav'n adore him;
Angel hosts, his praises sing;
Powers, dominions, bow before him,
And extol our God and King;
Let no tongue on earth be silent,
Every voice in concert ring,
Evermore and evermore!

*4 Thee let old men, thee let young men,
Thee let boys in chorus sing;
Matrons, virgins, little maidens,
With glad voices answering:
Let their guileless songs re-echo,
And the heart its music bring,
Evermore and evermore!

5 Christ, to thee with God the Father,
And, O Holy Ghost, to thee,
Hymn and chant and high thanksgiving,
And unwearied praises be:
Honor, glory, and dominion,
And eternal victory,
Evermore and evermore! Amen.

A - men.

The Gospel

Luke 2:1-14

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

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

And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be taxed. (And this taxing was first made when Cyrenius was governor of Syria.) And all went to be taxed, every one into his own city. And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judaea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; (because he was of the house and lineage of David:) To be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child. And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered. And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn. And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid. And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger. And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

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 Elizabeth Green, in whose memory 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. Joseph, 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

In the Bleak Midwinter

Harold Drake (1888-1976)

In the bleak midwinter, frosty wind made moan, earth stood hard as iron, water like a stone; snow had fallen, snow on snow, snow on snow, in the bleak midwinter, long ago. Our God, Heaven cannot hold him, nor earth sustain; heaven and earth shall flee away when he comes to reign. In the bleak midwinter a stable place sufficed the Lord God Almighty, Jesus Christ. Enough for him, whom cherubim, worship night and day, a breastful of milk, and a mangerful of hay; enough for him, whom angels fall before, the ox and ass and camel which adore. What can I give him, poor as I am? If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb; if I were a Wise Man, I would do my part; yet what I can I give him: give my heart.

Christina Rossetti (1830-1894)

The Doxology

Please stand; sung by all

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host: Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

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,

Sanctus

Missa Brevis

Andrea Gabrieli

Sung by the choir

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.

Agnus Dei

Missa Brevis

Andrea Gabrieli

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.

Communion Music Selections from *Terpsichore* Michael Praetorius (c.1571-1621)
 La Rosette; Courante de Perichou; Bransle de la Royne
 The Northwoods String Quartet

Communion Carol A Carol of Adoration Edgar Pettman (1867-1943)

Please light your candle from the aisle candles and kneel as you are able

Hymn 111 Silent Night, holy night *Stille nacht*

1 Si - lent night, ho - ly night, all is calm,
 2 Si - lent night, ho - ly night, shep - herds quake
 3 Si - lent night, ho - ly night, Son of God,

all is bright round yon vir - gin mo - ther and child.
 at the sight, glo - ries stream from hea - ven a - far,
 love's pure light ra - diant beams from thy ho - ly face,

Ho - ly in - fant, so ten - der and mild, sleep in hea - ven - ly
 heaven - ly hosts sing al - le - lu - ia; Christ, the Sa - vior, is
 with the dawn of re - deem - ing grace, Je - sus, Lord, at thy

peace. born! birth. Sleep in hea - ven - ly peace.
 Christ, the Sa - vior, is born! Je - sus, Lord, at thy birth.

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.**

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Closing Hymn

Hark! the herald angels sing

Mendelssohn

1. Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King; peace on earth and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!" Joyful, all ye nations, rise; join the triumph of the skies; with the angelic hosts proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!" Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"
2. Christ, by highest heaven adored, Christ the everlasting Lord! Late in time behold him come, offspring of the Virgin's womb. Veiled in flesh the Godhead see; hail the incarnate Deity, pleased as man with us to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel. Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"
3. Hail the heaven-born Prince of peace! Hail the Sun of Righteousness! Light and life to all he brings, risen with healing in his wings; mild he lays his glory by, born that man no more may die, born to raise the sons of earth, born to give us second birth. Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"

Postlude Allegro from Grand Concerto. Op. 6 No. 1 G. F. Handel (1685-1759)

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Prayers of the Community

Parishioners we are praying for:

Fr. Ed Cromeey, 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 Datos-Robyn

Jolene Matthews, daughter of Gillian Ballard

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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

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Nicholas Triantafillou, grandson of Bill Steinmann

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