

What's Happening at
St. Mary's

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Happy
New Year

Wishing you a belated Happy, Healthy, Prosperous 2019. A new year - time for new resolutions.

The **Adult Forum** has been reading and discussing Alice Connor's book, "Fierce." She wrote, "We spend so much time regretting the past or being anxious about the future that we don't see the now." Now is the only time we have. We don't and can't live in neither the past nor the future. I resolve to relax and enjoy the day God has created.

Thanks to Dina Ziemba for organizing the Painting Party which was held on Friday, Jan.11. I understand artists from St. Mary's and their friends had a great evening.

On Saturday, Jan.19, St. Mary's will be hosting a breakfast celebrating **Christian Unity Day**. Fr. Gorman and members of SWEEP invite you to join us at 9 am to meet and break bread with some of the members from other churches on 7 Mile Island.

Sue and Matt Dowling are sponsoring our **Senior Lunch Program**. We enjoyed the fellowship and Matt calling the numbers for our intense games of BINGO on Jan.10. February's luncheon will be held on Valentine's Day, Feb. 14th with the chef from The Lobster House cooking, a chocolate theme, lunch. Space is limited to 24 guests on a first come, first served basis, so sign up early on the sheet listed in the parish hall. There is a \$10 charge per person for the luncheon.

Want to know what's happening at St. Mary's now and in our future, be sure to be in attendance for our **Annual Meeting on Jan. 27**. There will be only one service that day at 9 am. A parish potluck and the Annual Meeting will follow. Wardens and new members of the vestry will be elected and introduced. St. Mary's is in a "transitional" phase in our history. This is our opportunity to hear and question what happened in 2018 as well as what is planned for 2019.

We don't have to die to get a star and be a member of St. Mary's Morning Star Legacy Society. If we're 70 1/2 years old and have an IRA, we have a **Required Minimum Distribution** established by the IRS. The law enables us to donate all or a part of our RMD to St. Mary's during this year tax free. The stipulation is the donation has to be made directly from the company that handles our account to St. Mary's. St. Mary's will receive the donation, we get credit for the donation, and our donation will not be counted as income for tax purposes. You don't have to be a certain age to

make a gift to St. Mary's Legacy Society. You'll be recognized and you can claim your gift as a charitable donation.

Winter has arrived with gusto and **The Branches** is in need of volunteers, especially when Code Blue is declared. Whenever temperatures drop below freezing (32 degrees) with precipitation and below 25 degrees without precipitation housing is provided for the homeless. The Branches will stay open and provide meals until all are housed for the evening. Your help is greatly appreciated.

St. Mary's Thrift Shop continues to offer gently used articles at an affordable price to the community. They would value any time you could donate. Profits from the Shop continue to support St. Mary's outreach and reimburse the Legacy Society for past expenses.

I heard that the gentleman who invented cough drops died. At his funeral there was no coughin'.

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