



# The Red Door

## St. Mary's Episcopal Church

May 2020

### GUIDANCE FROM GEORGE

### Music at St. Mary's



### Concert Series 2019-2020

Southern State Singers Spring Concert is being postponed until late spring or early summer.

Well let's just get the news out of the way. Karen has been elected Rector of Grace Church in New York City. Grace is located in the Whitestone area of Queens on the convergence of the East River and Long Island Sound. We are very excited, but also sad to leave the communities we have been serving here in Ohio.

Saint Mary's will always hold a very special place in my heart and mind. Your determination and grit to right the listing vessel will figure large in my sermons concerning God's love for us and our love for one another in the tempest of trying times.



I believe in you. The Parish of St. Mary's is in a strong and stable place. From this place it is up to each and every one of you to move St. Mary's to its next mountaintop. This is not an easy task. Like pioneers of old crossing the Appalachians from the east, every mountaintop leads to another valley, which in turn brings another mountaintop to climb. This pattern repeated itself until they found themselves on a fertile plain, and just as they think they have surmounted their last obstacle the mighty Ohio River comes into view. Eventually these ragged people led by dogged leaders came upon the place they called Hillsboro and set down roots. These are your ancestors, this is your legacy. Take up the mantle of dogged determination and endeavor to persevere. The Vestry of St. Mary's is the finest Vestry I have served with,

and they will lead St. Mary's well.

Remember that you are loved.

Live the two rules, only two...You shall love the Lord your God with all your Heart and soul and mind, and you are to love your neighbor as yourself. Godspeed on your adventure and let us not say not goodbye, rather Au Revoir; until we meet again.

Peace and All Good,  
George+

### SENIOR WARDEN REPORT

In these trying times I hope you are all in good health and doing well. We are experiencing a time which most of us have never had to deal with and I hope, never will again. The "new normal" may be different, but something that in going forward we all find more useful than *(continued on page 2)*

## VESTRY

Bob Lowell, Sr Warden  
 Richard Davis  
 Charles Everhart  
 Sandy Ferrell  
 Judy Franklin  
 John Joy

*Feel free to contact any Vestry member with questions, concerns, ideas, etc.*

**WATCH OUR WEBSITE FOR  
 UPDATES ON SERVICES BEING  
 STREAMED.**



Suspended during Covid-19 pandemic.

## PLEDGES

On the subject of Pledges, while we are unable to gather in person as a congregation, you may, if able, continue your pledge contribution by mail. Maggie is keeping a close watch on those mailed in and I make a deposit about every 10 days. If you prefer, we can always catch up when things return to semi-normal. The utilities will still get paid.

There also is the option of Online Giving. Visit our website for details. Thank you, Deanna Flinn

## Senior Warden Report *(continued from page 1)*

the way we've always done things. Businesses may have found video meetings to be as productive as incurring travel and accommodations costs for sending people all over the nation and world. Lynn and I were reminiscing about all the changes we have seen in our lives. Remember when phone booths were everywhere? You stuck in your dime and connected. In our day who doesn't have a cell phone? No need for phone booths! We stick the wallet sized phone in our pockets and go, connecting wherever we are. Technology really has changed our society, but I fear that some of the changes are not for the best. Maybe this time of slowing down and taking time to think how we want to live our lives and consider how we treat our beautiful world is a good thing in the middle of a bad time. I am, however, thankful that we are not totally cut off from worship. Our own Church service has been live streamed on Zoom on Sunday Mornings as we meet together with our Rev. George and his wife, Rev. Karen, and the members of Holy Trinity Church in Cincinnati. The experience has helped us value and miss the time we spend together on Sunday mornings, but also to be thankful that Rev. George and Rev. Karen have been able to make fellowship possible with their knowledge of Zoom and use of that technology.

As you probably know Rev. George's time with us will be short as Rev. Karen has taken a position with a church in New York City. She will be leaving her ministry at Holy Trinity in Cincinnati and taking up her new position in June. His presence, leadership, and knowledge have been a blessing and we are most grateful for his time with us. We hope their time in New York will be a fruitful time and a blessing for them as well as the people Rev. Karen serves. Keep them in your prayers. They will not soon be forgotten. For all of us at St. Mary's, this change means we will be searching for a new full time Priest again.

The Bishop has sent a letter to all congregations stating that unless Gov. DeWine changes the order, he will be allowing Live Streaming of Morning Prayer from the churches starting the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in May. We may slowly be getting back to a more normal life in some areas. Only a few necessary people will be in attendance during the service with appropriate social distancing and wearing masks.

Our last Vestry Meeting was cut short, so the Vestry will be meeting again this week to conclude our business. The minutes will be emailed to all members, but if you cannot receive email and would like a copy of the minutes, please call the Church to request it by mail.

Our Sunday Brunches will resume as soon as we are able to have normal Sunday Services, so please keep in mind how you would like to serve. I am looking forward to resuming that time of fellowship and good food!

Again, all Vestry meetings are open to any Church Member and we encourage members to submit articles for the Red Door. Contact John Glaze to submit the article.

*Bob Lowell*  
 Senior Warden

# Get to know your church building!

This month, you have a combination of a quiz with getting to know your church building. Match the pictures of pieces of our stained glass windows with the name of the window. Sounds easy enough! Uh-oh! There is one more picture than there are names! You have a stooge amongst the pictures....one that is NOT from our building! Good luck! (*answers next month!*)



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B



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- |   |                                |
|---|--------------------------------|
| 1. St. Mary's Guild window in balcony     | 6. Faith window                |
| 2. Charity window                         | 7. Rev. John Ely window        |
| 3. Baptistry window (Jesus with children) | 8. Katherine Buckingham window |
| 4. Ascension window                       | 9. Hope window                 |
| 5. Lacy Hall window                       |                                |



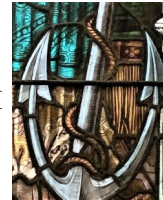
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## A Christian Prayer

*Keep close dear Lord, with those who work,  
or watch,  
or weep this night  
and give your angels charge over those who sleep.*

*Tend the sick, Lord Christ, give rest to the weary,  
bless the dying,  
soothe the suffering,  
pity the afflicted,  
shield the joyous  
and all for your love's sake. Amen*

*Thanks to Dea Flinn for submitting this prayer!*

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## QUIZ

**Last month's question:**  
**Which of these persons was NOT an organ-**  
**ist at St. Mary's?**

- A. Meta Wright
- B. Herman Zane
- C. Clifford Lacy
- D. Sara Murphy

**This month's question: Who was the only**  
**person in the Confirmation Class of 1980?**



*(answer will be  
revealed next  
issue)*

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SUNDAY WORSHIP and SUNDAY SCHOOL  
10:00 am

WEDNESDAY  
WELL WISHERS—11:00am  
HEALING SERVICE & EUCHARIST—12:00n