



ST. MARY'S FISHERMAN

Casting our Nets for Christ

Fall
2020

Priest' Message:

At first, being separated during COVID felt like something I was going to have to endure. But sometime around June, I discovered that it was forcing me out of my old familiar habits into something new. It was uncomfortable, but then as I reflected on scripture and in my prayers I remembered that I had experienced these feelings before in different situations throughout my life.

In my twenties, both my parents died, and that was really uncomfortable. But I learned that although I had depended on my parents and I believed I could do anything because I knew they would always be there to catch me if I failed, I became aware of a new truth. I discovered that God was the source of my strength, and through my parents I had learned that God was and always would be there to catch me when I failed. My parents had been Christ for me.

After the initial shock of quarantine and figuring out just how I was going to adjust, both personally and as your priest, I finally recognized that I had felt this upturning in my life many times. I also remembered that it had always brought spiritual growth and renewal in my life. I began to feel like COVID was an opportunity for new interaction with God.

Although I am no longer able to be physically present with my parents or my husband, because of my understanding and belief in the Communion of Saints I believe that we remain one in our worship and praise and thanksgiving for God's merciful love and forgiveness. And for that reason, we can never be fully separated. We are one in the Spirit.

We at St. Mary's are today and will always remain one in the Spirit even though we are not able to be present with one another just as we have been in the past. We are one in the Spirit through our baptism and nothing, not even COVID can change that. Our challenge is to find God in this moment.

I am wondering if anyone reading this would be willing to share your COVID struggle and story and

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Liturgy in the Time of Covid-19

Bishop Porter Taylor

Liturgy matters to Episcopalians. Indeed, our fundamental statement of identity is “the law of prayer is the law of belief.” When someone asks an Episcopalian about our core belief, the common answer is like our Lord's: “Come and see.” We invite people to worship with us to show them our beliefs. The theologian John Macquarrie wrote, “A sacrament links the two worlds in which we have to live, or rather, as I would prefer to say, the dualities under which the one world keeps appearing.”¹ We go to the altar to eat the bread of heaven and to gather with “angels and archangels and all the company of heaven.” Patrick Malloy writes that “the Eucharist shows the world an image of how human beings live in God's kingdom.”²

Therefore, there is more at stake in the Eucharistic feast than satiating our individual desire. Instead of only considering our need, as faithful Christians we must remember God's intention in revealing this sacred meal to faithful people—which is to make us instruments of the divine will so that God's realm of peace, justice, and mercy might come near. The Eucharist empowers and enlightens us to be sent out “to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord” (BCP366). This is why we come to the feast and this is why the ordering of the feast is important. It's not just about

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COVID-19

CORONAVIRUS DISEASE

BE INFORMED:

Know Your Risk During COVID-19

On a scale of 1 to 10, how risky is...

Ranked by physicians from the TMA COVID-19 Task Force and the TMA Committee on Infectious Diseases.

Please assume that participants in these activities are following currently recommended safety protocols when possible.



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Yard Sale

A note of public interest; for those who would like to attend a large yard sale (within COVID 19 guidelines of masks and social distancing please) there will be one in Fleeton on Friday & Saturday Sept 4th & 5th; starting at 8AM each day. Many folks involved, many treasures to be found. Location near the St. Mary Church.

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where you have found God's love alive and well in this moment. I know it is a challenge because we are surrounded by a cacophony of fear, violence, hatred, and division. But we can never be separated from the love of God, that still small voice that speaks to our hearts.

How did you find your way to St. Mary's, Fleeton?

What has been most helpful for you along the way?

During this unique time of physical separation, what would be most helpful to you?

How can we share the message of God's love with our community during this particular moment in time?

Please give these questions some prayerful thought and email or mail your thoughts and reflections to:

stmarysfleeton@gmail.com or
St. Mary's, P.O. Box 278, Reedville, VA. 22539.



The idea that we are One Together centers on the opening words from our Holy Baptism liturgy:

There is one Body and one Spirit;
There is one hope in God's call to us;
One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;
One God and Father of all.

(Book of Common Prayer p. 299)

A Prayer

Lord, keep me from the habit of thinking I must say something on every subject and on every occasion.

Release me from craving to straighten out everyone's affairs.

Keep my mind free from the recital of endless details – give me wings to get to the point.

I ask for grace enough to listen to the tales of others' pains. Help me to endure them with patience. But, seal my lips on my own aches and pains – they are increasing and my love of rehearsing them is becoming sweeter as the years go by.

Teach me the glorious lesson that occasionally it is possible that I may be mistaken.

Keep me reasonably sweet; I do not want to be a saint - some of them are so hard to live with - but a sour old person is one of the crowning works of the devil.

Give me the ability to see good things in unexpected places, and talents in unexpected people. And give me, O Lord, the grace to tell them so.

Make me thoughtful, but not moody; helpful, but not bossy. With my vast store of wisdom, it seems a pity not to use it all – but Thou knowest, Lord, that I want a few friends at the end.
-Anonymous

I recently found this prayer in some old files that date back to my New York days. Even though I was a younger woman when I first read it, I liked it so much that I saved it over many years. When I came across it last week, it meant so much more to me. I have it posted on my bulletin board as a reminder that, after all, this is what life is all about.

-Carol Cole

Ms. Schimmoller from Heathsville VA (Grades 3-5, Northumberland Elementary School) is requesting flexible seating through DonorsChoose, the #1 classroom funding site for teachers:

Supporting Students Social/Emotional & Mental Health Needs

Help me give my students the tools to learn how to cope with difficult emotions and build resiliency.

My Students: I am the only School Psychologist serving 1,300 students in a small, rural, low-SES school district with minimal mental health supports. My students are in need of resources to help learn how to cope with difficult emotions, develop social skills, and manage anxiety/depression, especially while returning from the school closure from COVID-19.

Students need to be taught how to build upon their strengths and how to overcome their weakness in order to build resiliency while facing difficulties.

Teaching these skills from an early age helps students develop appropriate coping strategies to deal with difficulties as they grow older and helps prevent future mental health needs. Mental health services are minimal in our county. Students and families typically have to travel to the next county, or further, in order to access counselors, therapists, or mental health programs and hospitals, many of which they are unable to afford. Providing these supports in the schools from an early age will help teach students and families vital coping strategies they need to deal with more life stressors and mental health needs as they arise.

My Project: These items would provide the materials we need in order to best teach students these skills and to provide safe, calming environments in each classroom. The curriculum manuals would be shared between myself, School Counselors, and Special Education teachers to use with all students (PreK-12th grade) who are in need of learning the particular skills. The sensory items (stress balls/fidgets, etc) would help create Calm Down Kits to provide each Elementary School classroom with their own emotional-regulation resources. Sensory and fidget items help create a relaxing environment to distract from difficult emotions, as well as give students something to manipulate in their hands if talking about difficult emotions with an adult. Items also provide vital sensory input that helps regulate the body. Kits will also include printed visual breathing techniques and reminders how to use different pre-taught coping strategies.

Prior to COVID-19, students could leave the classroom when they needed help from an adult regulating their emotions; Now, when students return to school it appears that it will still require social-distancing and each classroom to have their own materials.

Building classroom sets will help ensure the health and safety of all our students, by having available to use when needed either independently, if able, or by having the School Counselor or School Psychologist go to the classroom to help the student use the materials and talk with them to bring them back to a safe, calm mindset, one that is ready-to-learn. Research shows that children and teen's levels of stress, anxiety, and depression are significantly increasing, especially through this school closure. Students need help learning how to deal with these emotions, both as they transition to the 'new normal' learning environment and so that they can build resiliency, develop appropriate coping strategies, and prevent mental health disorders as they grow. For more information, and to donate, click on the link below:

<https://www.donorschoose.org/project/supporting-students-social-emotional-m/4984478/#>

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our own need. It's also about God's need of us to be agents of God's will. Because of that, the order of the whole Eucharist matters because it's much more than the distribution of bread and wine.

Patrick Malloy writes, the "whole liturgical action is sacramental, not just the bread and wine."³ Bishop Tom Briedenthal says, "The Eucharistic act cannot be reduced to the reception of the consecrated bread and wine; it is a common act of repentance and trust in God through hearing God's word whereby we offer ourselves to God in order to be returned to ourselves as the body of Christ."⁴ We cannot allow our hunger for the Body and Blood of Christ to make us forget the principle purpose of the Eucharist. Indeed, one measure of our faith is our longing for the sacred meal. However, our longing must be deeper. We long for the New Jerusalem. We long for God's will to be done on earth as it is in heaven. Therefore, it's not about finding innovative ways to get a wafer or a taste of wine. It's about remembering and being reoriented. "We sit by the shores of Babylon and dream of home" and if we find a quick solace, then our desire for God's reign diminishes.

1 John Macquarrie, *A Guide to the Sacraments*, Continuum: New York, 1999.

2 Patrick Malloy, *Celebrating the Eucharist: A Practical Ceremonial Guide for Clergy and Other Liturgical Ministers*. Church Publishing: New York, 2007.

3 Malloy, page 8.

4 Tom Briedenthal, *Pastoral Letter to the Diocese of Southern Ohio*, 2020.



Birthdays:

Janet Lewis, Sept. 8
Lynne Dalpino, Sept. 12
Marguerite Slaughter, Sept. 19
Michael DeGroot, Sept. 26
Scott Stables, Oct. 2
Joseph Biddlecomb, Oct. 4
Courtney Kline, Oct. 9
Carole Wiley, Oct. 9
Winifred Delano, Oct. 11
Mary Lynn Slaughter, Oct. 11
Amy Biddecomb Beane, Oct. 17
Ally Biddlecomb, Oct. 17
Ray Rogers, Oct. 19
Bud Bolger, Oct. 29

Anniversaries:

Sept. 14, Dennis & Lynn Dalpino
Sept. 15, Greg & Kathy Corsa

Zoom Bible Discussion: How to Read the Bible

Our Thursday zoom Bible discussion continues. The link below discusses open-mindedness as an appropriate way to engage the Bible. I hope you will take a look at this short video and then join us on Thursday evenings at 7PM for Bible Discussion.

Sandi

<https://youtu.be/GNLd1XPkWLk>

Click here for a link to our How to Read the Bible Series, Thursdays at 7 pm.:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81166098280?pwd=NnFVWUVzYjJ6RFB1R1l1am9tZnV2QT09>

What if I don't agree with something I see or hear about the Episcopal Church?

Recently I spoke with someone who had seen something that they didn't agree with coming out of part of the Episcopal Church. They were a bit angry and upset and probably felt a little betrayed by their church.

We have probably all experienced that in whatever denomination we come from, because most of St. Mary's members do not come out of the Episcopal Church as their first Christian experience.

I am currently reading *Glorious Companions: Five Centuries of Anglican Spirituality* by Richard H. Schmidt. In his introduction he explains what most people don't understand about the Anglican Church. He writes: The word Anglicanism was coined shortly after the American Revolution. Americans who had been members of the Church of England no longer wanted to belong to a church which required prayers on behalf of the British sovereign. But they appreciated their church in other ways and saw no reason to change much else. So they founded a new, independent church, maintaining the worship, teachings, and ministry of the Church of England. It is now called the Episcopal Church. The Archbishop of Canterbury eventually recognized the new American church as being "in communion" with him. Anglicanism today consists of thirty-eight independent churches around the world. They are called "provinces" of the Anglican Communion. Anglicanism has no central authority. As head of the family of churches that have been birthed out of the Church of England, the Archbishop of Canterbury acts as convener and host. But the archbishop only exercises actual authority in the Church of England.

The Episcopal Church's authority is shared with God and General Convention which gathers every three years. Members of General Convention include elected lay and clergy members from every diocese, and bishops. Because many of the designers and signers of the Constitution of the United States had been members of the Church of

England, they organized the new independent Episcopal Church like the government they had just organized. The elected lay and clergy delegates make up the House of Deputies and the Bishops make up the House of Bishops. These two bodies through prayer and guidance of the Holy Spirit are authorized to lead the church.

Several features characterize the Anglican family of churches. One is the freedom granted to individuals to hold differing opinions and behave in different ways. A favorite image among Anglicans is that of the three-legged stool, which stands only when all three legs are in place.

We acknowledge three sources of authority. The first of these is the Bible. We understand that the Bible contains all things necessary to salvation. That means that our Christian teaching is to be measured against the Bible. But notice our canon does not say that everything found in the bible is necessary to salvation or must be believed. It does not say that the Bible contains no errors. It does not say that God wrote the Bible or dictated it to human authors. The Anglican understanding of biblical authority allows for various ways of understanding the Bible.

The second leg of the three-legged stool is reason. Anglicans have always had a healthy respect for human reason. This includes our human experience of one another and of the world and our God given capacity to make sense of our experiences. Reason is a gift from God, and our use of it is a response to God.

The third leg of the stool is called tradition. Tradition is often misunderstood. It isn't simply a container full of old customs handed down to us.

Tradition is the treasury of insights learned by those who have walked this way before us, as they applied the Bible to their lives and used the gift of reason to reflect on their experience. Anglicans are

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Transition Committee – Working Hard For St. Mary’s

The St. Mary’s Transition Committee has been staying very busy in our search for a replacement for Reverend Sandi. The committee members, Carol Cole, Paul Sparks, Janet Lewis, Mary Rowe, Betty Gasper, and Bud Bolger, had initially asked local Episcopal Churches if there was any likelihood that they would be willing to share their priest with St. Mary’s on a part-time basis. Grace Church was in the final stages of selecting an Associate Priest, and thought perhaps the individual selected could also serve at St. Mary’s. However, as it turned out, Grace Church selected a retired Priest, and he could not put in the hours to also perform duties at St. Mary’s.

While this was transpiring, the Transition Committee updated our church profile (which we asked the congregation to review), our church norms, and St. Mary’s Community Ministry Portfolio. The Portfolio is used by the Episcopal Diocese of Virginia when recruiting, to provide information to priests who may be interested in serving at St. Mary’s.

The Committee has had numerous telephone conversations with the Diocese Transitional Minister, and held a zoom meeting with that Minister. As a result of the Committee’s efforts, St. Mary’s portfolio has been placed on the diocese database and also on the national church’s database, where it is visible in the U.S. and also overseas. In addition, the Committee placed an announcement for a priest on the nationwide Episcopal News Service.

We are awaiting responses to our announcement. Candidates will notify the diocese of their interest in St. Mary’s, and in turn the diocese will forward the applications to St Mary’s for review and interview, as necessary.

Bud Bolger

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guided and informed by tradition, but not bound by it. Tradition is the accumulated experience of the Christian community, and it grows and changes as the community grows and changes.

The experiences of the first five centuries of the Christian era are particularly authoritative for Anglicans, because of their proximity to the New Testament era. Despite the sometimes weird interpretations that come along, they tend to occur when one of the three legs of the stool is so highly valued that the other two are weakened or discounted. Weirdness is easier to recognize in retrospect than at the time it occurs. In the late

twentieth century, women’s ordination was a divisive issue. Most would now agree, in retrospect, that the opening of the ordained ministry to women has brought new blessings and vitality to the church and was a legitimate enlarging of Christian tradition.

I intend to continue this Anglican thread in coming newsletters to include the Prayer Book, the Anglican view of the importance of the Incarnation, and the Intellectual freedom which allows inclusion and tolerance of differing views.

-Sandi

Get Souls to the Polls

I write this message as the Democratic National Convention has drawn to a close and the Republican National Convention is about to begin. I watched much of the first and will watch much of the second. This commitment of time, prayer and discerning thought is part of my preparation to exercise a profound responsibility of all American Christians.

As American citizens, it is our privilege and duty to vote. As Christians, it is our privilege and duty to ensure that all citizens may exercise their right to vote. In the words of our Presiding Bishop, Michael Curry, "It is a Christian obligation to vote, and more than that, it is the church's responsibility to help get souls to the polls."

Why? Jesus taught by word and example that the most important commandment of all is to love our neighbor as ourselves. He taught who our neighbor is in the scandalous story of the Good Samaritan in which a despised and rejected one proved to be a true neighbor to the man who was attacked and left for dead (Luke 10:25-37). Jesus reminds us in one of the last parables of his ministry that whenever we give food to someone who is hungry or visit someone who is in prison or give clothing to someone who is naked or cold, we do it for him (Matthew 25: 31-46). Literally. Because when we see someone in need, as Mother Teresa said, we see "Jesus in distressing disguise."

Because of the example of Jesus and the faith we have in him, we Christians have much to say to our elected officials whose decisions and actions significantly impact the lives of the people of this nation. We care deeply in Jesus' name about healthy food and safe water, education for everyone, care of God's beautiful earth, safety in our neighborhoods, access to health care and so much more. Voting for the candidates who reflect our Christian values gives us a powerful voice in the public square.

A resolution adopted by the 2004 General Convention of The Episcopal Church put it this way: "the Church recognizes that a faithful commitment to voting is an extension of our baptismal covenant to 'strive for justice and peace and respect the dignity of every human being.'" The resolution went on to "ask all Episcopalians to actively engage in advocating for voter rights, encouraging voter registration, getting out the vote, and volunteering to assist voters at the polls."

Of course, churches as nonprofit organizations must follow certain IRS rules when participating in elections. Churches may not campaign, openly or otherwise, for or against candidates for public office. Churches, however, may and should involve their members in the political process by helping them to understand the issues, registering and encouraging them to vote, inviting candidates to address them and talking about how our faith shapes our votes.

So vote this fall. Examine your faith and choose the candidates whom you conclude best represent the values of the Church and the teachings of our Lord.

What else can you do?

- If you are not registered to vote, register now!
- Encourage friends and neighbors to register and to vote.
- Help those in your community and in other nearby communities to vote.
- On election day, if you feel safe doing so, help others to get to the polls.
- Advocate for the rights of every citizen to vote. In a democracy, voting rights are fundamental. We as Christians recognize those rights as part of what gives dignity to every citizen.
- In this season of global pandemic, be vigilant about safety - your own and that of others. Vote absentee if you don't feel safe going to the polls. Encourage vulnerable people to vote absentee.

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Jean Elizabeth Hudnall (Stadelmeyer)

July 10th, 1926 - August 9th, 2020

Jean Hudnall, 94, of Reedville, Virginia, left to be with the Lord on August 9, 2020. Jean was preceded in death by her husband of 70 years, William Hudnall. She is survived by her children, Barbara Hall, Deborah Mader (John), Bonnie Swift (Andy); her grandchildren, Butch Bagent (Davina), Traci Lee (Nate), Ethan Swift, Jennifer Snider (Shawn); and her great grandchildren, Cierra Bagent, Clay Snider, and Corbin Snider. Jean was a wonderful mother and loved all of her family. She was known as a great cook and loved to travel. She even took her motorized wheelchair on the Great Wall of China. A Celebration of Life will be held in the fall. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that a contribution be made to a charity of choice.

Prayers for the People

Anne Haynie and family, Sally White, Richard Clark, Ray Rogers, Winifred Delano, Alene Robinson, Ada Williams, Lois Hett, Donald Freund, Sydney and Lee Dunn, Mike and Ellie Roberts, Paul Carey, Linda Booth, and Judy Jett.

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Offer to witness and/or mail completed ballots. Wear a mask and keep appropriate physical distancing when talking with others about faith and the vote, and while at the polls. Honoring the dignity of others always includes honoring their health and safety.

Vote. Get souls to the polls. Two concrete ways to love our neighbor as ourselves, in Jesus name.

Faithfully yours,
The Rt. Rev. Susan E. Goff
Bishop Suffragan and Ecclesiastical
Authority

Janet Kuyk Boyd

BOYD, Janet Kuyk, 85, passed away on August 19, 2020. Jan was born on Christmas Day in 1934, to the late Margaret Cowling Kuyk and Francis Flournoy Kuyk. She was predeceased by her husband of 55 years, J. Calvin Boyd. She is survived by her son, John F. Boyd (Amy); her daughter, Maggie McKeever (Glenn); her grandsons, Jay and William Boyd and Charlie and Patrick McKeever; as well as her sister, Virginia Lynch (Mo). Jan was born and raised in Richmond, grew up in Ginter Park and attended Thomas Jefferson High School and Longwood College. She received her undergraduate and graduate degrees from VCU. While completing her internship in Chicago, she met Cal, the love of her life, and was delighted to bring him home to her native Richmond. Within weeks of meeting, they were engaged and married six months later at St. Thomas Church in Richmond. She and Cal became part of the St. Christopher's family in 1961, where they remained fixtures until Cal's retirement. Jan was an occupational therapist and specialized in pediatrics at the Richmond Cerebral Palsy Center, where she made a huge difference in the lives of many children. She shared her expertise with fellow therapists by teaching specialized therapy courses around the U.S. Wonderful summers were spent with family and friends on Cottage Row at Bowlers Wharf on the Rappahannock. When Cal retired, they moved to the village of Fleeton, Virginia. Jan continued to practice in the county school system until she retired. Both were active at the Reedville Fishermen's museum and at St. Mary's Episcopal Church. Jan was a master gardener and enjoyed speaking and advising about shoreline management. Most of all, she cherished the roles of wife, mother and grandmother. A graveside service will take place at Hollywood Cemetery in Richmond on Wednesday, August 26, at noon. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to St. Mary's Church, Fleeton, P.O. Box 278, Reedville, Va. 22539.

Sister Juliet Nakayiza at Stella Maris School for the Girl Child, Uganda

“So, I took them.”

Sister Juliet Nakayiza said these words to me more than once. She wasn't referring to pills, or candy bars or anything inanimate, but to human beings. Girls!

Sister is the head mistress of a boarding school for girls ages 6-20 in Uganda. The school is on a high hill. Lake Victoria sparkles on the distant horizon. There are about 1000–1200 young ladies living there year round. Some families can pay tuition. Many can't. Some girls have no families. When Sister meets a situation like that, she “takes” them.

One of the stories Sister shared with me... In a local restaurant two young girls were moving from table to table. Heads bowed, hands outstretched. Their story was that their parents had died. The nine and eleven year olds had buried them in the back yard. There was no other family. The girls were trying to survive on their own. Sister Juliet “took” them to Stella Maris. I met some of these girls when I visited around 2013.

When Sister Juliet took me around, we stopped at the dorms. These large open buildings accommodate about 40 girls per room in bunk beds, some stacked three high. I saw some mosquito netting around the beds, but most of it was torn or missing. Each girl has a bucket for water. She washes herself in the bathroom, a separate building with concrete cubicles and no ceiling or doors. Each cubicle has a drain in the floor and dividing walls for privacy. They wash their own clothes and spread them on the lawns and bushes to dry.

The latrines are at the bottom of the hill. No toilets, just holes in the concrete floor with a bucket for water next to the hole. There was a pump outside the building. It was the only pump I saw on the property. Stella Maris gets most of its water during the rainy season. It's collected in huge vats under the eaves of the buildings. During the dry season Sister has to buy water. They have no general wells on the property.

The classrooms were well maintained, decorated with art work. The girls sit on long benches which they carried to the gym for church and whole school gatherings. They all wear uniforms. I was introduced to the seamstress... one lady with two sewing machines and stacks of uniforms that needed mending. One machine was broken.

The Little Sisters of St. Francis of Assisi sent Sister to the U.S. to be educated. She graduated with a Master's Degree in Education. While she was in the U.S. she came to the Green Bay Catholic Diocese and was allowed to preach in two or three parishes each summer begging for support. The last few years the Sisters couldn't afford to send her, so I took her place... begging. Last summer I flew back to Green Bay for my presentation at three different parishes.

The check from those presentations arrived here after changing the Sisters' account to Virginia during COVID 19. With bank difficulties, the funds were finally wired to Uganda in July, just last month. The money was restricted for buying livestock for long term food supplies.

Sister Juliet called when the wired dollars arrived. She bought chicks and piglets. She was overwhelmingly grateful. She stated that the animals' feed was very expensive. The next email she sent had a big THANK YOU followed by the words, “we have no food.”

You met one of Sister Juliet's girls last Christmas. Connie Nansubuga came to visit Jim, me, and my family. She lived with me in Green Bay while going to college on a scholarship and was finishing her senior year.

I've established a money conduit through VCB. Their account is listed as “The Little Sisters of St. Francis of Assisi.” Can we add any funds from Virginia? Last week a couple in Green Bay contributed \$150 for a cow.

Pat DeGroot, 312 Browns Store Rd., Heathsville, VA 22473, (804)625-2125

HOW TO MAKE YOUR VOTE COUNT

With an unprecedented pandemic and an expected surge in mail-in voting, this election promises to be unlike any other. That's why it's even more important voters don't wait until the last minute to make a plan. Here's what to know to register, apply for a mail-in ballot, and vote in your state. Many deadlines and rules are subject to change, so keep checking back here — or get in touch with your local elections office.

HOW TO VOTE IN VIRGINIA

Many states have changed their voting rules and deadlines because of the coronavirus. Here's how to cast your ballot, safely and on time. And remember, the dates listed below are the last possible opportunities to register and vote. If you can vote early, do. You'll be doing your part to help the whole system run more smoothly.

1. **REGISTER:** Deadline is Tuesday, October 13

[REGISTER ONLINE](#)

2. **CONFIRM:** Make sure you've successfully registered to vote in this election.

[CHECK YOUR REGISTRATION STATUS](#)

3. **VOTE:**

IN-PERSON VOTING

Polls are open from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. Tuesday, November 3.

You need to bring ID. (ID rules may vary for absentee ballots and first-time voters.)

[FIND YOUR POLLING PLACE](#)

VOTE-BY-MAIL/ABSENTEE

- You can vote by mail for any reason. Your ballot request must be received online or by mail by Friday, October 23, or in person by Saturday, October 31, and your completed ballot must be postmarked no later than Tuesday, November 3 and received no later than 12 p.m., Friday, November 6. (The U.S. Postal Service recommends mailing ballots at least a week before Election Day.)
- You can hand-deliver your ballot to your local voter-registration office no later than 7 p.m., Tuesday, November 3

[APPLY FOR AN ABSENTEE BALLOT](#)

EARLY VOTING

In-person absentee voting is open from Saturday, September 19, through Saturday, October 31

[VOTE AT YOUR LOCAL REGISTRAR'S OFFICE](#)

St. Mary's: where the road begins...

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Priest-In-Charge:

Rev. Sandi Mizirl

Vestry:

Beverly Biddlecomb, Senior Warden
 Mary Rowe, Senior Warden
 Paul Sparks, Junior Warden
 Bud Bolger
 Betty Gasper
 Valli Mittner
 Brian Wood

Treasurers:

Betty Gasper
 Judith DeGroot

Register:

Alice Sparks

Parish Administrator:

Paula Stallard

Minister of Music:

Carina Sprouse

Council Delegate:

Valli Mittner

ECW President:

Joy Bolger

Thrift Shop Manager:

Joy Bolger

St. Mary's Fleeton Episcopal Church is a community of faith and fellowship; an open and welcoming congregation that is nurturing and supporting of one another. We respect and embrace the various backgrounds and spiritual paths of our congregants and neighbors. We share our gifts and talents to minister to the needs of our surrounding community as a reflection of God's grace and unconditional love.