



ST. MARY'S

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A Monthly Insight into St. Mary's Episcopal Church of Madison, FL

The Month of June

Be joyful in the Lord, all your lands; serve the Lord with gladness and come before his presence with a son. Know this: The Lord himself is God; he himself has made us, and we are his; we are his people and his sheep of his pasture. Psalm 100:1-2

Love from the Senior Warden Senior Warden, Bobbi Breo

Prayer. So easy. So complicated. Many mystics and churches and religious people have offered us classes and books on how to pray. Our own denomination offers the Book of Common Prayer, with prayers for every occasion and situation.

During this time of isolation, where we cannot put "eyes" on each other, hug or touch, the ways we rely on to tell our self how you are doing (or tell you how we are doing), our Little Interim Pandemic Group Without a Name has come to essential importance of calling all members of the church once a week. Just to see how you are. And out of those calls, the importance of prayer has come front and center.

I propose to lead a class of prayer. A time of exploring prayer, all types of prayer. And a time of praying. With words, with silence. A time of sharing our own prayers and prayer request. A time for focusing on those who wish to be prayed for. Of course, it will be on Zoom.

We will get this off the first week of June. Do you have a "best day" or "best time" for this class? I am thinking once a week for an hour. Please let me know your thoughts.

Love to each of you!

Vicar's Voice

A Note From Father Joe

For the past two months, we have been using Morning Prayer Rite II as our form of worship over the internet. Before 1979, it was the most common form of worship, except for once each month where the primary service was Holy Eucharist (or communion). In the reform of the 1970s, the decision was made to make communion the regularly scheduled form of worship, and Morning Prayer dropped in significance. Before 1979, our prayer book was the 1928 BCP and was written in early 17th Century English. We preserve that form of service in the 1979 Book of Common Prayer with Rite I services, but primarily use Rite II which is more modern language.

There is a section of the BCP called "Daily Offices." In addition to Morning Prayer, there is Noonday, an Order for Evening, Evening Prayer, and Compline. This is in keeping with the Monastic tradition of always praying to God for mercy and deliverance throughout the waking hours. That is the reason why the Psalter or Book of Psalms, all 150 of them, is included in the prayer book. It is a great source of inspiration.

Our prayer book is a thousand page resource to guide us through our worship life. I treasure it. Faithfully, Joe+



Regathering Guidelines

The Florida Diocese and Florida Governor have determined with proper mitigation, churches can begin to phase back to congregational worship. Thanks be to God!

The reopening of St. Mary's, as well as all churches, will require patience as we reset our expectations. During the last few months, St. Mary's has been gathering via Zoom to continue our weekly services to help meet our spiritual needs, until further notice we will continue to meet on Zoom.

Our mission board is meeting weekly to determine a safe reopen date

for our congregation. Our return to worship will require us to adapt to changes set in place by both our governor and John Howard, Bishop of Florida. ***Parishioners with underlying medical conditions that make them more susceptible to infection or those who feel that they have potentially been exposed to the coronavirus should continue to worship at home for the safety of themselves and others.***

Further information will be sent out via email as we determine our reopen date. Following are guidelines to expect as we reopen: taking temperatures, wearing masks, hand sanitizer, social distancing, seating, The Peace remains noncontact, Eucharist and exiting the church., coffee hour will continue to be suspended.

Stay tuned via email and Facebook for future opening announcements.

We are currently updating our records and moving to digital record keeping. In doing so, we have found we are missing a few birthdays and anniversaries. We also want to make sure everyone gets our new newsletter. Please email Liz at the church to update any information we may need, you may email her at: lliz@stmarysofmadison.org



Spring 2020

Garden Love

Julie Selman

When the garden's overgrown and the birds have flown. When you're feeling all alone....God is there. When the pouring rain won't end, and you feel you have no friend. When your broken heart won't mend....He is there. When the memories don't fade, of all mistakes you've made....He forgets. When your loved ones fail to love, your True Love waits above. And when darkness hides the sun, He will be your shining ONE, and lead you through.



We are always looking for church event photographs. If you have any photos, please email to the church secretary at liz@stmarysofmadison.org

June Calendar



5 Adyson Hammock
6 Carrie Ann Cruce
8 Jaysen Ersch
23 BJ Curtis
26 Brenda Newman, Shaunn Ersch
27 Chris Bacot
29 Dale Stone
30 Kaye Ersch, Gloria Fargas



3 Chris and Sandy Bacot
27 Ricky and Wendy Lyons

Church calendar

14 Mission Board meeting
16 C.a.R.E. meeting
28 DOK meeting



Church picnic
We are working on our plans for our annual church picnic. As our state opens back up, we will set a date that is safe for all our congregation and all involved.