

Vestry Commissions for St. Mary's Parish Life and Worship (2017)

The Worship Commission assists the Rector in providing worship services that both inspire and challenge the congregation by supporting those groups directly connected with the liturgy, including the Altar Guild, Wedding Guild, Acolytes, Adult Choir, Lectors, Chalice Bearers, and Ushers. **Mary Dorscheimer, Liaison**

The Planning and Policy Commission engages in a process of "visioning" for the future through shared leadership and develops the parish's long-range Strategic Plan. **Jackie Pierce, Liaison**

The Resource Commission examines parish needs and available financial resources and brings the two together to recommend an annual budget to the Vestry. It also examines ways of best using the resources available to us. The Commission supports the work of the Finance Committee, Budget Committee, Planned Giving Committee and the Investment Committee. **Rick Franke, Liaison**

The Mission & Community Involvement Commission explores the needs of the surrounding community, seeking ways that the parish can minister to it, both spiritually and materially. Currently this ministry includes: Christian Social Concerns, The Thrift Shop, I-Help, Celtoids, Celtic Concerts, and Communities Organized for Relational Power in Action (COPA) - Walking Together. It also provides support to programs beyond the diocese, such as Our Little Roses Home for Girls in Honduras, and El Camino Real's partner diocese of Gloucester and Western Tanganyika. The Commission oversees the welcoming of newcomers and parish evangelism programs, as well as church hosts. **Jackie Frey, Liaison**

The Pastoral Care Commission oversees the training and deployment of visitors who respond to the material, emotional and spiritual needs of parishioners and other members of the community. This Commission's ministry also is exercised through Lay Eucharistic Ministers, Prayer Shawl Ministry, the Order of St. Luke and the Memorial Reception Guild. **Gene Strangio, Liaison**

The Christian Education Commission develops and implements curricula for both the Sunday school and other educational programs, such as Bread for the Journey or intergenerational family activities and gatherings. It also oversees and supports Godly Play and the parish youth group. **Elizabeth McCorkle, Liaison**

The Stewardship Commission not only directs the annual stewardship drive, but also works to educate parishioners about the responsibilities of Christian stewardship. Gratitude and care for God's creation are core values that guide the leadership of this ministry as are the love of others, hard work, and giving of time, talent and treasure. The Commission supports and oversees the work of the Stewardship Committee and the Green Committee. **Ken Hunter, Liaison**

The Buildings & Grounds Commission is in charge of the physical plant of our historic church. Its responsibility is to see that the church buildings and grounds are kept in good repair. Volunteer work crews, paid contractors and the Leslie Garden Standing Committee are an active part of this Commission. **Nancy Andrews, Liaison**

The Communications Commission oversees the dissemination of information about parish activities to parishioners and members of the community through Times & Tides, mailings, media announcements, web-site development, and other forms of advertising. **Melinda Manlin, Liaison**

The Service & Fellowship Commission coordinates the parish's many service guilds and fellowship groups that welcome newcomers and create an inclusive community, where everyone feels they belong and are valued. These include Greeters, the Welcoming Committee, St. Mary's Guild, Newcomer Brunch, Coffee Hour, Parish Camp, the Annual Antiques and Collectibles Show, Book Sale, Foyer Groups, potlucks, and special events. **Nancy Axell, Liaison**