



TRANSITION UPDATE FROM OUR SR. WARDEN PAM FERGUSON (11.18.18):

Dear Parish Community,

Your vestry met with Peggy Bean, Canon for Congregations, on Tuesday of this week. The purpose of our meeting was to discuss the transition process, overall trends and how to set up a congregation for success.

Many of you have asked about the transition process and future candidates. Peggy shared the following facts:

- Candidates are looking for “what is the purpose of the congregation”: the ministries that they love, the ministries that they would like to try and what they have learned and continue to learn in this transition time.
- Good clergy want to go to a good, solid parish which lives in ministry and learns from ministry.
- Potential clergy has a foundation of spiritual formation and practice in alignment with St. Mary’s.

The Vestry has learned a great deal about its role and the role of the priest. Over the last few years the trends in transition have been showing that fewer clergy are willing to move for various reasons. Therefore, fewer candidates may be presented. However, we trust the process and continue to pray that God will bless us and speak to our hearts and the heart of our new rector as we continue our journey.

Blessings,
Pam Ferguson