



### **MESSAGE FROM OUR SR. WARDEN (7.15.18):**

Many thanks for attending our first in a series of Focus Group gatherings today. We look forward to hearing your thoughts and concerns regarding the future of St. Mary's. Your feedback will be very important as we begin our search for a new rector. If you prefer to observe, that is fine as well. We welcome all levels of participation.

Each subsequent Focus Group will build off the feedback that is provided by you. The results of the meetings will always be available and shared.

And, a special thank you to Peggy Bean, Canon of Congregations, for facilitating our first focus group. We appreciate her support through the transition process!

God has many ore great things in store for St. Mary's and the Vestry is excited about moving forward together with His vision!

Blessings, **Pam Ferguson**, Senior Warden

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**LONG-TERM SUPPLY PRIESTS:** Your vestry was **very** busy last week! We met on two evenings and accomplished quite a bit! The most **exciting news** is that we interviewed long-term transition priests - a couple that have both retired as Episcopal priests - and currently live in Michigan. They will be relocating to East Troy for the birth of their granddaughter. They expect to stay 6-9 months and their **expertise** is **transition!** They are just lovely - we spent three hours casually chatting and laughing with them and we were craving more time with them when they left! They are very excited to work with us during this next chapter of St. Mary's journey! We are currently working out the details and will provide more information on them very soon!

**QUESTIONS:** Your Vestry is sincerely very excited and passionate about leading St. Mary's through the next chapter of our journey! As always, should you have any questions, concerns, suggestions, please feel free to contact your Wardens, Treasurer and any of our dedicated Vestry members! We are committed to you and want to hear your thoughts! If you don't want to speak directly with us, please remember that the **Suggestion Box** is also available in the Narthex of the Church. We will successfully get through this together by trusting the process, trusting others and trusting God.