



MESSAGE FROM OUR SR. WARDEN (8.5.18):

Top Three Vestry Updates:

- The Vestry worked diligently late into the evening on Tuesday, July 24th to draft the parish profile which will be submitted to the Diocese. This is our **“Resume”** that potential clergy review when applying to our parish. We incorporated much of what we heard from **you** during the last focus groups. The final tweaks are being made and will be submitted to the Diocese next week. This profile will be available to our parishioners.
- The next focus groups are scheduled today, Sunday, August 19th and Sunday, September 9th. Topics will be:
 - ⇒ **Today, August 5th** - “Top Three Things We Value Most About Our Congregation” - deeper discussion regarding the top three things that were identified during the initial focus groups. Kelly Noles will facilitate.
 - ⇒ **August 19th** - “How We Worship”
 - ⇒ **September 9th** - “What Will Be Our Congregation’s Three Most Exciting, Energizing and Important Accomplishments Over the Next Three Years” - again, a deeper discussion of the top three things as identified during our initial focus groups.

Our long-term transition priests, Mother LaRae and Father Mark Rutenbar, are sending their biographies/photos to share with our parish community! Therefore, we will be sharing more details within the next few weeks! Their first day serving will be Sunday, September 16th!



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 us! 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.