



# Happenings

## Moving Forward

# Meet Our New Priest-in-Charge

### Welcome to Fr. Shaw Mudge!

*On Tuesday, June 21, your vestry voted unanimously to call Father Shaw to St. Mary's. We are fortunate to be able to tap into his experience with parishes in transition and his connections at ECCT as we take the next steps in our Moving Forward journey. Read his welcome letter to St. Mary's below.*

—Joy Dorin, Senior Warden

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Dear People of St. Mary's,

I am Fr. Shaw, and I am serving at St. Mary's as a part-time priest as of July 1, 2022, part of the great team that makes St. Mary's special.

I am a people person. And, at a mutually agreeable time, I would be pleased to chat with you about life in general or about joys and challenges which you may be going through.

Several decades ago I asked Julie to marry me, and after taking some time to think about it, she agreed. I am glad

she did! And she is now the Rev. Julia Mudge, a hospital chaplain in Manchester and Rockville. We have been living in Manchester for several years and are parents of three adult young ladies.



**Fr. Shaw Mudge**

As part of my back story, ever since a bishop ordained me a priest in 1998: I have served a variety of parishes in pastoral ministry, such as at St. Peter's in South Windsor and at St. Mark's in New Britain.

Looking ahead: my mission and vision for the people of God who are St. Mary's is to help us transition to a future which God is calling each of us to enter, to become the people whom God is calling us to become, to

be prepared for the next phase of mission in our lives into which God may be calling us to participate in whatever way, and that all may be done in God's way, in God's time, and to God's glory.

In preparation for our journey together, I find that it has been very helpful to draw upon what I have learned in a Master of Divinity degree, a Doctor of Ministry degree, a certificate in Transition Ministry; learned from serving as a missionary—primarily in Belize (formerly British Honduras); learned from serving as an executive for several family-run businesses; and learned from serving with a lot from brilliant people around me, perhaps like yourself, from all walks in life who I have had the honor to know while we journeyed together.

My first Sunday preaching at St. Mary's will be Sunday, July 17. I so look forward to meeting you.

Blessings and prayers,  
Fr. Shaw Mudge

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# Financial Summary

## May 2022 – Operating Statement

By Beth Bickley, Assistant Treasurer

	Previous	Current	YTD	2022	YTD % of
OPERATING STATE- MENT	April	May	5 Months	Full Year	Budget
			<b>42% of Year</b>	<b>Budget</b>	
<b>Pledge Income</b>	14,310	14,803	87,418	175,130	50%
<b>Total Operating INCOME</b>	19,017	19,103	112,729	226,158	50%
<b>Total EXPENSES</b>	20,547	22,514	137,031	288,002	48%
<b>NET SURPLUS (LOSS)</b>	(1,530)	(3,411)	(24,302)	(61,844)	39%
<b>(without transfer)</b>					
<b>Transfer for Shortfall</b>	4,150	4,600	25,750		

### OPERATING ACCOUNT

**MAY OPERATING INCOME** of \$19,103 up slightly compared to April, impacted mostly by the following:

- Pledges –up almost \$500 vs prior month
- Building use – up slightly due to \$150 monthly rent increase
- Honorariums – up \$300 vs \$0 in April
- Organization Contributions – down \$600 vs April

**MAY EXPENSES** of \$22, 514 up about \$2,000 over April, impacted mostly by the following:

- Diocesan Pledge – double payment for late April bill and for May bill totaling \$5,794 vs \$0 in April, offset by \$4,400 decline in clergy costs
- Utility costs – down \$1,300 vs April
- Property/Casualty Insurance – up \$4,795 due to double payment for April and May
- B & G Service Contracts – down \$2,400 from prior month due to no Hydro test of Church Office sprinkler system
- Office Expense – down \$1,000 vs. April

As a result: Month end operating deficit was increased to **(\$3,411)**

On a year-to-date (year over year) basis (netting out all non-recurring transfers) the Year-to-Date **Actual Deficit** was **(\$24,302)**

### NON-BUDGET/SPECIAL FUNDS ACCOUNT

Receipts of note: Miscellaneous--\$220, a late contribution to Parishioners' Gift to Rev. Ann

Disbursements of note: \$4,600 transfer to Operating Account to cover May shortfall, \$2,300 transfer of parishioner's pre-paid pledge to Operating Account and \$220 for Parishioners' Gift for Rev. Ann.

# Fun and Fellowship at St. Mary's

By Ruth McElraevy

We had divine weather on Saturday, June 11, for knitting outside on the 18th International Knitting-in-Public Day.

Four ladies from St. John's, Vernon, joined five ladies from St. Mary's from 10 am to 12:30 pm. We had coffee & snacks, enjoyed each other's company, swapped yarn, and swapped stories.

We plan to repeat the event once or twice before the summer is over.



## You're Invited to Upcoming Fellowship Opportunities

Mark your calendar and plan to join our friends from St. John's, Vernon, and Concordia Lutheran, Manchester, for these fun fellowship opportunities.

### St. John's Episcopal Church, Vernon

**Berry Breakfast**—Sunday, July 10, at 11 am after the 10 am Eucharist service. Lots of waffles, sausages and plenty of freshly picked berries are guaranteed.



**Small Brunches**—Hosted by the Rev. Marc Eames on Thursday, July 7, 14 and 21 at 10:30 am and Sunday, July 17, at 11 am. These are small-group gatherings so parishioners can get to know one another and Marc.

**Please sign up for St. John's events by contacting Christina, St. John's administrator, at [cmorin@stjohnsvernonct.org](mailto:cmorin@stjohnsvernonct.org) or 860.872.0517.**

### Concordia Lutheran Church, Manchester

**Pool Party and Barbecue at Mark Winzler's house**—Sunday, August 14, 3 to 7:30 pm. The menu includes hot dogs, hamburgers, rolls, German potato salad and baked beans kindly supplied by Mark. We invite those attending to sign up to provide an appetizer, dessert or salad.

**To RSVP, please call the Concordia office at 860.649. 5311 or e-mail [office@concordiamanchester.org](mailto:office@concordiamanchester.org)**





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*Nurtured by Christ, Serving  
Our Neighbors.*

## Worship Schedule

Visit us on  
Facebook!

Please watch your weekly emails (or postal mailings) for information about worship.

- 9 am, Holy Eucharist in St. Mary's sanctuary. Service livestreamed on our YouTube channel.
- 7:30 pm, Compline (via Zoom) on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

## Many Thanks to a Kind Crafter!

Ruth McElraevy stopped by St. Mary's on a recent day and found, in the Williams Building donations box, a plastic bag containing 27 crocheted infant blankets (pictured at right)!

Many thanks to the anonymous donor! Ruth has given the blankets to Manchester Memorial Hospital.

"We'd like to let folks know we accept such items, as well as scarves, hats and mittens for our winter clothesline, all year long," Ruth says. "We are very grateful for this gift, whether you are a church member or a friend."



## Dylan Mello Accepts a New Call

Former St. Mary's parishioner Dylan Mello recently shared that he has been called to join Christ and Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, Westport, Connecticut, as its Associate for Youth and Families. He begins his new position in September.

St. Mary's is Dylan's sponsoring parish as he pursues his education and discernment for ordination. He has been in postulancy and is enrolled in a program at Episcopal Divinity School at Union Theological Seminary focused on social justice. For the last three years, he has been serving as Southwest/Northwest Region Missionary for the Episcopal Church in Connecticut. We wish Dylan and his family—wife Alejandra and daughters Carolyn and Violette—many blessings as he assumes his new position!

