

ST. MARY'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH



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St. Mary's is an inclusive, family-friendly community rooted in the tradition of the Episcopal liturgy and music. In our beautiful, historic church building, we offer an outstanding music program, including vibrant adult and youth choirs that bring joy to St. Mary's worship services and activities.



We warmly welcome people of all faiths to our spiritual home and have valued especially our rabbi-in-residence for the past five years, who has provided our community with unique spiritual guidance.

We are committed to nurturing our youth, who contribute energy and humor and represent the future of the parish.



We are an engaged, compassionate, and grounded parish family, strengthened to serve one another, while also reaching out to support local, national, and international causes, in the spirit of Christ.



St. Mary's has an average Sunday attendance of 130, with 30 children enrolled in our church school. We have 117 pledging units, which provides us with a sound financial foundation.

Our Facilities

The oldest church building in Newton, St. Mary's Episcopal Church opened its doors in 1813. The church, which is listed on the National Registry of Historic Places, features interior square columns and high box pews

with needlepoint kneelers. It has seating for 350 people.

The 2.5-acre grounds overlooking the Charles River include the rectory and the historic churchyard, where Revolutionary and Civil War veterans are buried. The church and grounds have been lovingly maintained.



Various neighborhood groups share our space, including, for more than 50 years, the Hills and Falls Nursery School.

Newton Lower Falls Community

St. Mary's is located in Newton Lower Falls, near Weston, Wellesley, and Needham, and it attracts parishioners from at least ten different communities. Only seven miles from downtown Boston and easily accessible via public transportation, Newton is statistically recognized as one of the safest cities in the US.

With a diverse, multicultural community of 80,000 people, Newton comprises thirteen villages, each with its own character. The community offers excellent schools and close proximity to outstanding medical facilities, colleges, museums, restaurants, and numerous recreational facilities. The nearby Charles River offers opportunities for such activities as hiking and kayaking.

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Our Future

As we look to the future, St. Mary's hopes to:

- **Reach out** to the community and bring new members into the St. Mary's family.
- **Broaden involvement** of youth in the parish with intergenerational activities.
- **Focus and increase participation** in local, national, and international outreach efforts, while continuing to support our sister parish in El Salvador.
- **Expand and restructure** Christian education and formation to nurture all ages.
- **Maintain responsible stewardship** of our beautiful historic property, incorporating environmental principles into its care and maintenance.
- **Develop plans** for a vibrant 200th anniversary celebration in 2013.

Our New Rector

We are seeking a spiritual leader who will:

- **Energize and serve** the St. Mary's community through inclusive, broadminded, and responsive leadership.
- **Lead** with the heart of a pastor, listening with empathy, exhibiting humility and humor, and meeting people wherever they are in their lives.
- **Appreciate and support** our exceptional music program, which enriches our worship and parish life.
- **Attract and nurture** youth and new families and help build successful education and fellowship programs.
- **Inspire** young and old through gifted preaching, with a powerful message.
- **Respect, empower, and support** our strong and active lay leadership.
- **Connect** with the wider community, spreading the Good News and enhancing visibility for St. Mary's.

For more information, please visit:
www.st-marys-episcopal.org/rector_search.html



The Episcopal Diocese is home to 72,000 people in 194 congregations in cities and towns across eastern Massachusetts, Cape Cod and the islands. Our congregations make up our diocese, and our diocese is part of the wider Episcopal Church, which in turn is part of a larger, global community of Anglican Christians.



Mission Strategy

Inviting: We will bear witness to God's reconciling love across boundaries of race and class, generation and language.

Forming: We will work, study, pray and give for our lifelong conversion in Christ.

Sending: We will send one another in the power of the Spirit into the ministries of our daily lives.

Serving: We will show forth the just reign of God in advocacy and action.