



*St. Mary's-In-Tuxedo Episcopal Church
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From the Wardens of the Vestry of St. Mary's-In-Tuxedo

Dear St. Mary's Community:

Like many of you, the members of the Vestry of St. Mary's were saddened by the news that Reverend Betty, our Rector for more than seven years, has chosen to move on to the next season of her and Jim's lives in Oregon.

We will miss Betty's indefatigable spirit and enthusiasm, not only for St. Mary's, but for our broader community of Tuxedo and beyond. Betty's sense of community and outreach has affected hundreds of families in her time as our Rector and as a local leader. But before we begin the (very) long list of her accomplishments, let us not forget that she will still be with us throughout the spring, summer and fall. Please take this time to say "thank you" or take a few minutes to write her a note, thanking her for her ministry or how she touched your life in some way.

As we reflect on all the things that Rev. Betty has brought us and the community, let us also consider how she has shaped St. Mary's as our 11th Rector during her years in the church's 125+ year history. Think about what St. Mary's means to you both practically and spiritually as a community resource.

The natural question on everyone's mind of course is, "Now what?" And that's a great question that we all should deeply consider. As Rev. Betty pointed out in her letter to the community, the Vestry will be working closely with the Transition Ministry of the Episcopal Diocese of New York in the search process. While many of us "business-types" would like to get a jump on the search, please understand that this transitional phase is a structured process with its own formalized steps and rules in the Episcopal Church. Please understand that the Vestry's goal is to be as proactive and as transparent as possible, throughout this process.

The Vestry of St. Mary's is committed to working efficiently, responsibly and prayerfully as we enter this next season in the lives of everyone in the community of St. Mary's-In-Tuxedo.

Respectfully yours,

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