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from the rector

2024 was a year of many celebrations! The new Bishop of New York, the Rt. Rev. Matthew Heyd, was instituted in February, and he has already visited St. Mary's twice (unofficially): Pride Sunday in June, and the November Thanksgiving Pantry and Meal in November. We continued to celebrate our 200 years: in March we remembered St. Mary's role in the first ordinations of women when we showed "The Philadelphia Eleven," and in April told a few of our many stories in *Many Paths to Love* (see 200th Anniversary Committee for more). We continue to worship with our friends from St. Martin's & St. Luke's, bidding a regretful and appreciative "goodbye" to Fr. Patrick Williams in May.

St. Mary's is a place of stability: Our hybrid worship offers us a steady connection with those who are not able to get to St. Mary's in person and gives us an unquantifiable reach to new friends who stumble on our facebook page live stream. We continued our annual celebrations of Pinkster, Juneteenth, LGBTQ Pride, St. Mary's Sunday (Our Lady of Refuge), Latinx/Hispanic Heritage, and the All Saints/All Souls' Ofrenda. Connie & Jessie Mae's Pantry is now fully established as our collaborative 4th Wednesday distribution of fresh produce. In May we again hosted 18 students from the University of Illinois for the Illini 4000, a cross country biking fundraiser for cancer research. And, we offered a flu shot fair in October with Columbia medical students. Recognizing our continuous ministry (the longest of any worship site in Harlem), we were blessed to install a plaque from the Landmarks Preservation Foundation on St. Mary's Sunday (September 8) along with the Soul Serenade Concert that officially concluded our 200th anniversary events. We have an amazing capacity to "keep on keeping on" to make things happen even without funding, and this can obscure our precarious financial situation.

2024 continued our dire financial struggles, even with my part-time work at Union Theological Seminary, the continuing costs of basic things like gas, electricity, and water, and clergy costs like health insurance and pension, all increase our expenses and our ability to keep up with the many needs of our buildings (see the Buildings & Grounds Report). We have been blessed by our space sharing partners and very generous donors, both individuals and collective, including the Sarah Schieffelin Residuary Trust, the Bonnie Cashin Fund (through New York Community Trust), and the Diocese of New York; and we need more (see the Warden's & Financial Report).

St. Mary's supports justice and peace in our community: last April we supported students and faculty from Columbia University who felt uncomfortable with the heavy security presence that the Columbia administration had put in place in response to student protests; we welcomed classes, theses presentations and a beautiful conference, "Camera South Asia II". Also, St. Mary's members participated in the counter protest to the Christian Nationalist protest at Columbia. St. Mary's has deepened our partnership with CONNECT, Inc. as we engage in the transformative justice Circle Process approximately every other month. With St. Mary's support, I was privileged to attend "Listening and Leading: the Art and Science of Peace, Resilience and Transformational Justice from Rwanda to the World," as a member of the Auburn Seminary cohort, sponsored by Aegis Trust, in July.

In the Fall we collected postcards to support the Close Rikers Campaign (delivered at a rally at City Hall on December 10, International Human Rights Day). St. Mary's Vestry voted to support the Clergy and Congregations letter to call for a ceasefire in Gaza (March), and NY state legislation the Fair and Timely Parole Bill & the Elder Parole Bill (December).

St. Mary's continues to reach out in new ways this year several new volunteer efforts were started by members: Everyday English (a basic ESL class on Monday evenings), A Welcome Place (a weekly offering greater connection especially to our community members who are unhoused and unsupported), and a new Noonday Prayer service on Tuesdays, when Lisa Slocum and other volunteers open the church for prayer and meditation.

St. Mary's has deeply committed and gifted leaders who are a blessing to work with. Our Wardens, Dorothy Ross and Frederica Brown-Carter have offered untold hours and efforts in support of this community, our buildings, and of me as a priest; the entire Vestry are so hardworking and delightful in their many gifts. I continue to miss Dn. Jackie and Fr. Patrick, and have been thrilled to welcome the Rev. Cn. Arlette Benoit-Joseph once per month, as well as our many seminarians (field education and those in discernment, see report!). Mr. Lawrence (Kym) Roberts continues to minister through his many neighborhood connections, his "officially" volunteer job with the Mail Program, and his many prayerful actions of support for people in and outside of the church. Director of Music, Ly Bedaña, now in year 3, blesses us with stellar musical leadership, gorgeous improvisation as well as new ideas and the incorporation of special requests. Our Sexton, Jacobo Medrano, has been with us for 8 years, cleaning the entire space two mornings per week, still mostly unseen by the congregation. The pages of this Annual Report tell the story of many important lay leaders, both longer term and new, who are crucial to St. Mary's ministries, and I celebrate all of you (all of them).

St. Mary's has generous friends who are not regularly part of the church community and contribute financially to St. Mary's well-being. We have included a list for the first time of those who support us, and yet whom we rarely if ever see; some are members of other churches, other faith traditions or no organized spiritual community. They all appreciate what St. Mary's does for the neighborhood, the city and the larger company of people of faith and practice.

It has been a year of personal and collective challenge for many of us, and St. Mary's continues to be the joy that I want to return to. **This coming summer I will be taking a sabbatical away from June 1, through August 31, time in which both parish leadership and I will reflect on our community and next steps forward.** Save the date Saturday, March 29, for a special day-long engagement with who we are as individuals and as a multicultural community, which will kick off this intentional time of learning and reflection through the summer. I am hoping it will be a growthful time of introspection and deliberation upon our future.

Mo. Mary Foulke, Rector

from the senior warden

Dear beloved members of St. Mary's,

Everyone who listens to or reads this report cares about St. Mary's. However, St. Mary's is on an unsustainable path. We are spending more money than we are taking in. Costs are rising every year, and income and membership are not. In 2024 we had only 55 members. This includes both active members who attend and give regularly, and those who attend and give occasionally. Our membership is aging, and our membership is gradually dropping. In 2024, we lost three faithful and beloved members, Robert Galloway, Betty Reardon and Ann Armistead.

In 2024, we budgeted a \$54,882 deficit and we actually spent \$27,657 more than we took in. This money had to be taken out of the investment account. The budgeted deficit for 2025 is \$100,423. As of November 30, 2024, we have \$54,660 in the investment accounts. I predict that unless we have an unexpected source of income, St. Mary's will run out of money sometime between June and December. Budgeting for ongoing maintenance - We should be putting aside money each year so that we don't have to borrow money to do anticipated maintenance. Up to now, we have been keeping up with basic repairs. However, the Rectory was last painted in 2003. Now the trim is rotting because the paint is failing. It would cost \$24,000 to replace the rotted trim and paint the Rectory. We don't have the money to do this. However, if it is not done soon, there will be water damage to the interior of the Rectory that will cost more money to repair. The slate roof was replaced in 2009 at a cost. of \$43,000. St. Mary's borrowed money to do this, and the total that we paid for the loan was \$69,523. The predicted life of the roof was 50 years. We should be putting aside some money each year, so that we don't have to borrow for anticipated upkeep. We are not doing this because we don't have the money to spare.

On the positive side, St. Mary's is continuing to have signs of new life. There is noonday prayer on Tuesdays in the Sanctuary. There is also a new outreach program, The Welcome Place, on Fridays before Friday Movie Night. We also continue to host St. Martin's and St. Luke's members as they work out how to move forward into their future. And we have five seminarians who are contributing their energy to St. Mary's while exploring and following their path in the life of the church.

In order for St. Mary's to survive, we need to urgently increase our memberships and partnerships, with the energy and money that would bring in. For example, the Undercroft is under utilized right now. If we could find a space sharing partner for the Undercroft, that would significantly help to keep our doors open. The Parish Hall could also be shared more for meetings. If we do not increase our income, we will have to drastically cut expenses. This will be difficult, since our budget has been "bare bones" for many years. Hard decisions will have to be made about what to cut. I ask you to pray for St. Mary's. that we may continue to serve God in the world. I also urge you to actively search for potential new members and space sharing partners, who share a heart for that mission.

Dorothy E Ross, Senior Warden

VESTRY LEADERSHIP 2025

Wardens

Dr. Celia Braxton (2024-2026, 1st term)

Ms. Frederica Brown-Carter (2025-2027, 2nd term)

Class of 2026

Ms. Stephanie Harewood, 2023-2026 (2nd term)

Mr. Ben Mizel, 2023-2026 (1st term)

Ms. Celeste Oram, 2025-2026 (1st partial term)

Class of 2027

Mr. Radford Arrindell, 2024-2027 (1st term)

Dr. Dorothy Ross, 2024-2027 (1st partial term)

Ms. Hilda Cabrera-Jordon, 2024-2027 (1st term)

Class of 2028 (three members to be elected)

Ms. Christiane Berry (2nd term)

Mr. Lawrence (Kym) Roberts (2nd term)

Ms. Natasha Wong (2nd term)

Representatives to Diocesan Convention

Ms. Chris Berry

Ms. Freddi Brown-Carter, alternate

Representatives to Manhattan North Interparish Council

(has not been meeting because of the Harlem Conversations)

Gratitude for service: outgoing Warden & Vestry Members

Warden Term completed: Frederica Brown-Carter (1 term); Dorothy Ross (stepping back)

Vestry Terms completed: Christiane Berry (1 term), Lawrence Roberts (1 term), Natasha Wong (1 term), and Linda Aristondo who will be ordained to the Diaconate in March and therefore off the Vestry.

MEMBER LEADERSHIP

St. Mary's would not survive without the regular support of pledging members and other regular givers (Vestry members are identified with "V," Wardens with "W"). To make a pledge, please email parishoffice@stmarysharlem.org.

Altagracia Immanuel Alvarado
Linda Aristondo (V)
Radford (V) & Rosemarie Arrindell
Sophie & Ly Bedaña
Chris Berry (V)
Celia Braxton (V)
Freddi Brown-Carter (W)
Janet Burgess
Marsha Butler
Brian Cabezas
Hilda Cabrera-Jordon (V)
Darcy Cassidy
Gloria Ellis-Smith
Edna Estime
Felicia Febles
Mary Foulke & Renée Hill
Robert Galloway (RIP)
Chris Gordon
Stephanie Harewood (V)
Elice Higgenbotham & Max Surjadinata
Armando Howard
Judith Johnson

Melvin Jones
Patricia Joyner
Kima Kraimer
Dwayne Lavender
Sharon Manaiza
Kinuthia McDavid
Yvette McKenzie
Allen & Liz Mellen
Ben Mizel (V)
Simón Morell
Mark Nelms
Celeste Oram
Lysander Puccio
Lawrence (Kym) Roberts (V)
Dorothy Ross (W)
Thomas Sayee
Lisa Slocum
James Snyder
James White
Arthur & Marsha Williams
Natasha Wong (V)

TREASURER'S REPORT

This past year has continued to be challenging for everyone, and St. Mary's was not exempt. We continue to keep up with our obligations and face the challenges with faith and purpose. We continued servicing our Diocesan loan, the Diocesan Assessment and all of the myriad bills both planned and unexpected. Our faith has been rewarded by you and our many friends. With generous gifts and regular giving, we are still here. We plan to be here for a further 200 years.

We again completed our financial audit required by the Diocese (thanks to Ben Mizel and Dorothy Ross), worked on getting our undercroft kitchen back and functioning again and continued to see about the challenges of a 200 year old building complex. The Building Report details those efforts. Our space sharing partners have for the most part kept up, and there have been some short falls. Partners also have financial struggles. To address our continuing budget shortfall, we ask all of our St. Mary's connections to recommend any possible space sharing partners to the Wardens or Rector.

We continue to hold and encourage fundraisers as well as friend raisers. Our good name is helping us, and our friends have been even more generous this last year. Despite a lower Schieffelin Fund award than in the recent past, we were still able to survive the year. This coming year, 2025, the Schieffelin award is lower still, so we need to increase our prayers and efforts to ensure that St. Mary's continues to serve the neighbourhood and Harlem community. The Vestry's goal is to grow our services, all the while remaining fiscally responsible. Hopefully you have filled out your pledge cards, increased the amount where you are able, and will continue your fervent prayers for St. Mary's.

Radford Arrindell, Treasurer

Members of the Finance Committee include Radford Arrindell, Celia Braxton, Allen & Liz Mellen, Kym Roberts, Dorothy Ross (Chairperson), Rowland Watermeyer.

	Actual Jan-Dec	2024 Budget	Annual Budget	2025 Budget
Operating Income				
Pledges, Plate and Gifts from members	\$38,114	\$45,000	85%	\$45,000
Rector Contribution	\$27,600	\$27,600	100%	\$27,600
Donations & Grants from friends of St. Mary	\$51,266	\$30,000	171%	\$30,000
Thrift Shop	\$2,966	\$1,800	165%	\$1,800
100 for 200 Fundraising	\$4,748	\$2,000	237%	\$2,000
Diocesan grants (2024 Sabbatical; 2025 Pension)	\$15,000			\$25,000
Regular Use Space Sharing	\$60,358	\$75,450	80%	\$75,450
Occasional Space Sharing	\$15,038	\$10,500	143%	\$10,500
Schieffelin Bequest	\$81,373	\$81,373	100%	\$74,936
Total Operating Income	\$303,249	\$279,823	108%	\$292,286
Operating Expenses				
Diocesan Assessment	\$25,758	\$19,563	132%	\$15,000
Clergy Salary and Benefita	\$146,745	\$150,292	98%	\$153,514
Lay Salaries & Benefits - Music, Sexton, Bookkeeper	\$50,693	\$60,200	84%	\$60,200
Parish Programs - Education, Hospitality	\$2,203	\$1,640	134%	\$6,400
Worship Supplies	\$3,962	\$3,000	132%	\$3,000
Administrative - Office, Fees, Cleaning supplies	\$15,624	\$13,775	102%	\$15,515
Maintenance	\$14,713	\$18,410	80%	\$17,500
Utilities	\$59,569	\$33,324	179%	\$48,870
Property & Casualty Insurance	\$32,519	\$32,500	100%	\$36,810
Total Operating Expenses	\$351,786	\$332,704	102%	\$356,809
Capital Improvements (Undercroft Kitchen)	\$12,428	\$25,600	49%	\$15,000
Diocesan Loan #3 (\$1090/month)	\$13,080	\$13,080	100%	\$13,080
Parish Based Outreach Income	\$15,580	\$10,200	153%	\$10,200
Parish Based Outreach Expenses	\$18,589	\$10,200	182%	\$10,200
(Mail Program, Food Programs, Discretionary Fund)				
Total Income	\$318,829	\$290,023	110%	\$302,486
Total Expenses	\$395,883	\$381,584	104%	\$395,089
Income - Expenses	(\$77,055)	(\$91,562)		(\$92,603)
Banking Accounts	12/31/2024	12/31/2023		
Chase Checking & Discretionary	\$66,361	\$119,643		
Chase Savings	\$4,678	\$13,075		
Investment Accounts	\$54,526	\$60,263		
Total	\$124,565	\$192,981	(\$68,416)	
St. Mary's owes		Designated Funds for 2025		
Diocesan Loan #3	\$26,097	Latinx-Evangelism		\$6,472
Diocesan Assessment	\$9,420	Stair Lift		\$25,000
Con Ed	\$7,782	Sabbatical Support		\$10,000
Fines and payments owed to NYC	\$60,318	Everyday ESL		\$1,980
Total Debts	\$77,520	Total Designated Funds		\$43,452

Friends of St. Mary's

Friends of St. Mary's come in a great variety! Sustaining Friends are those who give regularly, and Supporters are those who contribute once or twice a year. For more information about our many friends, see "FP" for those who give only to the Food Programs, "D" for those who give only to Discretionary funds, and "St M/L" for those members of St. Martin's & St. Luke's who contribute to St. Mary's. We are so grateful for this support.

Sustaining Friends

James & Mary Chilton Callaway
Ciara Conway
Jill Davis (St M/L)
Anastasiia Khlopina
Michaelene Loughlin (D)
Elizabeth Mackie
Nicholas Navarro & Andre Ailoje
David & Sean Scheller-Schuller
June Zaccone (FP)

Supporters

Stuart Aaronson (FP)
Andrew Ackerman (FP)
Patricia Ackerman
Sibyl Anderson
William Baldwin II (FP)
Mark Barth (FP)
Nicholas & Tania Blair (FP)
Andrea Brecker (FP)
Bernice Brown (FP)
Arlene Bullard
James Burden
Dorothy Carey
Lydia Carr
John Carter (FP)
Lori Catalano (FP)
Olga Della Cava (FP)
Mary Collins & Tony Yarborough
Chris Connelly (FP)
Marilyn Crockett (FP)

Gregory Darling (FP)
Michael Davidson (FP)
Lewis Delano (FP)
Eric Dirnbach (FP)
Michele Everett (FP)
Gail Ferraro (FP)
Iretha Fletcher (FP)
Douglas Forand (FP)
Maureen Friar (FP)
Jeremy Galloway
Sheila Geist (FP)
Sallie Gill
Glenn Govier
Candy Gulko (FP)
Dina Hampton (FP)
Eleanor Haray (FP)
Pearl Harris
Terry Harris
Kyle & Susan Goetz-Haver (FP)

Pranee Heddon (FP)
Elizabeth Horowitz (FP)
Will Hunter
Celia Irvine (FP)
Peter (Tony) Irwin
Erica Itzkowitz (FP)
Roberta Janis (FP)
Madeline Jervis
Margaret Johnson (FP)
Sheryl Kane (FP)
Joanna Kapner (FP)
Marcella Kerr (FP)
Stefan Knust
Dilys E Lande (FP)
Bridget Leicester (FP)
Christiana Leonard (FP)
Joseph Masheck
Allison McDermott (FP)
Kevin McGee (FP)
Donald Meeker (FP)
Dana Minaya (FP)
Anna Minsky (FP)
David Moody
Gilead Morahg (FP)
Pamela Morton
Beth Mydans (FP)
Ralph Norgren (FP)
Barbara OFarrell (FP)
Mark Paolo (FP)
Michele Pellar (FP)
Paul Radensky
Elena Rivera (FP)
Craig Roberts (FP)

Esmay Robinson (St M/L)
Nancy Ross
Cecile Russo (FP)
Timothy Safford
Erik Schryver (FP)
Anjani Shah (FP)
Jill Kupferberg Simmons (FP)
Abby Skolits (FP)
Karl Slocum
James Spears & Richard Sternberg
Sarah Steiner
Catherine Stern (FP)
Kim Sullivan
Sharon Schwartz (FP)
Stephen Shafer (FP)
Mary Teel (FP)
Mark Temple-Raston
Kenneth Thomas (FP)
Jacqueline Toppin
Phyllis Tribble (FP)
Dace Uris (FP)
Anna Veltfort (FP)
James Walker
Vita & Ishmael Wallace
Joan Walrich (FP)
Elisa Weinberg (FP)
Cicely White
Rob & Jeff Whitman
Katie Williams
Sarah Wunsch (FP)
Elaine Yaniv (FP)
Lucienne Yoshinaga (FP)
Elazar Zavaletta & Emily Scott

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS

Street Refrigerator - a new refrigerator was purchased and a new roof was built over it to protect it from the weather.

The Undercroft Kitchen was approved as a commercial kitchen by the Department of Buildings and the gas was turned on. The total spent in 2024 to bring the Undercroft and the gas lines up to code was \$9,133. The total spent since the beginning of the three year project in 2022 was \$61,425.

Undercroft Stairlift - In 2023, St. Mary's received violations amounting to \$15,000 for the past five years for the stair lift, either because the stair lift was not inspected or not operable. We appealed the violations in 2023, and are waiting to receive a response from the Department of Buildings. The old stairlift to the Undercroft was removed in December 2023. After many efforts, including calls from Shawn Abreu's office, the Department of Buildings came on September 10, 2024 to verify that the old stair lift had indeed been removed.

Decertification of old boiler - in 2023, St. Mary's received fines totalling \$6000 because when the old boiler was removed in 2013, the Department of Buildings was not informed. Therefore, St. Mary's was fined for not having the old boiler (which was no longer there) inspected. We are still in the process of applying to the Department of Buildings to have the old boiler decertified.

Handball Court Fence - at St. Mary's request, the City Parks Department adjusted the fence adjacent to St. Mary's so that it would be easy to remove debris and weeds from around the church foundation.

Rectory Common Room Stove - a new electric stove was purchased for the Rectory Common Room Kitchen. The old gas stove was removed because the Rectory no longer has gas service.

The Rectory basement door was replaced.

In celebration of St. Mary's 200th anniversary, an official New York City Landmarks Preservation Foundation Plaque was installed and dedicated on St. Mary's Sunday, September 8, 2024.

St. Mary's Garden

Our mission is to celebrate creation and heal human relationships with the natural world. The Garden does not have strong leadership, and it does have strong support: Felicia Febles is a weekly and sometimes daily volunteer in the sweeping, raking and tending to plants and flowers, and Jennifer Garmendia Turcios often helps. We are looking for volunteers who might be interested in growing things in the greenhouse, especially vegetables or herbs that we can give to the community through the Community Fridge. Other Garden workers include: Troop 5 Boy Scouts, Freddi Brown-Carter, Kym Roberts, Dorothy Ross and Rowland Watermeyer.

Upcoming projects for 2025

St. Mary's already received money from the Diocese of New York to install a new stairlift. The new stairlift will be installed on the outside staircase going from the Garden to the side door of the Undercroft. The estimated cost will be \$15,000.

There has been envisioning of improving the Undercroft to make it a more attractive space. This has been divided into two parts, the Undercroft Stairwell and the Undercroft itself. We have received two estimates for the work on the Stairwell, one for \$28,690 and another for \$23,375. We will need to raise money to complete this project.

We are also hoping to replace the flooring in the Parish Hall Vestibule (between the bathroom, the staircase to the 2 nd floor apartment, and the fire door). We received an estimate of \$4,200. We are hoping to lower the cost by doing some of the work ourselves, and raise the money for the rest of the project.

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Painting and repair of the exterior of the Rectory - The Rectory was last painted in 2003. We received a bid for \$24,000 to replace all rotten wood (especially trim and window sills), repair gutters and downspouts, and apply two coats of paint to match the current color. We have not raised the money to do this needed work. If the exterior of the Rectory is not maintained, there will be more expensive repairs in the future.

The Buildings & Grounds Committee includes Radford Arrindell, Celia Braxton, Allen & Liz Mellen, Kym Roberts, Dorothy Ross, Rowland Watermeyer
–*Dorothy Ross, Chairperson*

MINISTRIES AT ST. MARY'S

200th Anniversary Celebration Task Force

Our 200th anniversary celebrations continued in 2024 with some notable events. Last January we had a film showing *Cousin Bobby*, and *The Redeemer* (a re-edited version) with a brief discussion after.

In April we celebrated the already published, *Many Paths to Love*, our own stories collected and edited with great care by Lisa Slocum. The event included several readings by selected contributors. Many a tear was shed during the event (both joyful and missing those who have since died), as well as lots of good memories of great times and fun encounters.

The crescendo and final event was a concert, "Soul Serenade" on St. Mary's Sunday. A packed house witnessed the love of St. Mary's expressed in music, and indeed our souls were lifted high and joy filled our hearts with special thanks to Ly & Sophie Bedaña, Jerry Korman & Rabbi Mira Rivera and their family and friends. A wonderful conclusion to our special celebration.

We raised funds, but dear friends do not fret, there is no way this is the end. Our efforts have sparked dreams and future plans. More fun to be had, more funds to be raised, more parties to be planned. The echoes of the 200th anniversary will take us into the next decade and beyond. So listen out, get ready to roll up your sleeves, for great things are ahead. To start, save the date: Tuesday, March 4, for a festive Mardi Gras!

- Radford Arrindell, Chairperson

A Welcome Place

William Brown, a long time volunteer with St. Mary's programs, especially the Shelter and Food Programs, has had an interest in developing our relationships with Movie Night guests with particular needs, as well as unhoused neighbors that we see regularly on the block. With the support of Kym Roberts, Lysander Puccio, Deborah Hall, Celia Braxton, Sandra May Flowers, and others St. Mary's opened a new "open house" ministry for a few hours before Movie Night. Hospitality and conversation are offered, and all are welcome even if they just want to come inside and sit by themselves.

Volunteers can provide information about and referrals to service organizations relevant to guests' circumstances. In addition, volunteers may help guests register for St. Mary's Free Mail Pick-up service and/or complete ID NYC Applications, as well as obtain help

in completing simple forms for immigrants and unhoused residents such as change of address forms for legal documents, or help in creating and navigating an Access HRA account to help guests apply for services such as Fair Fares and SNAP. At this point, much of what is hoped is aspirational and the program runs on bare bones volunteers. It is hoped that in the future A Welcome Place might be able to offer showers, or more professional social work support.

Children's Ministries

St. Mary's offers several events for children during the year, sometimes in collaboration with Unity Fellowship Church NYC.

St. Mary's offered **Easter Egg dyeing** for neighborhood children (and adults) on Holy Saturday, March 30; the event organized by Mary Foulke.

St. Mary's again partnered with Manhattan North Summer Education Program and St. Peter's, Chelsea to offer **Summer Camp** for one week, August 26-30, 2024. Overseen by the Rev. Lisha Epperson, the program was a joyful Creative Arts Program including art, dance, and music. Plans for 2025 have not yet been made. Thanks to Kym Roberts for his daily support.

For **Halloween**, St. Mary's supported the annual Pumpkin Giveaway for Children (October 26) organized by Christian Johnson and Unity Fellowship Church NYC; Kym Roberts represented St. Mary's. And Celia Braxton, Freddi Brown-Carter, Felicia Febles, Jenny Garmendia-Turcios, Kym Roberts, and Lisa Slocum organized "treats" for Halloween day trick-or-treaters.

In January 2025, we had an **Epiphany/Three Kings Day Party** with volunteers including Linda Aristondo, Chris Gordon, Stephanie Harewood, Lysander Puccio, and Kym Roberts; gifts were donated by the 26th Precinct and Lisa Slocum. It was a small showing of participants this year, we need to work on getting the word out if we plan to continue in 2026.

Choir & Music

2024 was a time of growth for St. Mary's music. In September, we organized a concert, Soul Serenade, with Jerry Korman and friends and family (Sophie Bedaña, Arielle Korman, Mark Everett Nelms, Cilla Owens, Rabbi Mira Rivera) which ended with music made by the whole community. We also celebrated St. Mary's Sunday with a special anthem (Gospel Magnificat), organized a choral introit for the season of Advent, and brought back the cantoring of the Lord's Prayer in November. Thank you to volunteer singers Sophie Bedaña, Celia Braxton, Janet Dorman, Dwayne Lavender, Mark Nelms, Lysander Puccio, and Lisa Slocum. And, we are always grateful for regular leadership from Mark Everett Nelms on the upright bass.

We are grateful to the many guest musicians who enhanced our worship: April Armstrong (soloist), Benjy Balatbat (pianist), Jerome Hunter (drummer), Nabate Isles (trumpeter), Ayodele Maakheru (guitarist), and Grace Wong (pianist).

–Ly Bedaña, Director of Music

Coffee Hour

Thank you to all who help set up, clean up, bring food or drinks, set up coffee and all the little things that offer hospitality following the Sunday worship service to the gathered community. Chris Berry, Mr Daniel*, Edna Estime, Stephanie Harewood, Judith Johnson, Bianca Jones*, Yarilynne Regalado, Kym Roberts, Dorothy Ross, Denine Stewart*, Claudette Thomas*, Ethan Thomas, Fr. Patrick Williams* and likely others whom we have not recorded. (*denotes member of St. Martin's/St. Luke's)

Comunidades en Crecimiento

The Latinx community in, out and all around St. Mary's community is something which has existed much longer than what we call "Latinx Ministries". This year we were fortunate to have first, Henry Pelaez, a Deacon candidate, who volunteered to help St. Mary's with our bilingual service in April and May. Then Simón Morell, a third year Deacon-in-Training was placed at St. Mary's in June, and continues with us at least through May of 2025. Simón has started to reach out more to the Spanish speaking community in St. Mary's neighborhood. Henry, Simón, and regular volunteers: Linda Aristondo, Carmen Cabrera, Hilda Cabrera-Jordon, Felicia Febles, Ana Hernandez, and Jennifer Garmendia Turcios have all contributed to several events.

2024 Activities included:

Continued and expanded monthly bilingual worship every 3rd Sunday/month.

May 19 - Pinkster: this annual event was started by Comunidades, and this year we celebrated with a bilingual service, and David and Fatima Logan-Alston who gave us some dance lessons.

October 20 - Celebration of Hispanic/Latinx Heritage with bilingual worship & preaching and a celebratory meal to follow.

Congregational Development

St. Mary's had a team involved in a Diocesan program called Episcopal Futures which has evolved into the **College for Congregational Development (CCD)**, and includes the **Harlem Conversations** (a group of leaders from Episcopal churches in Harlem, gathered by Bp. Shin, facilitated by Diocesan consultant, the Rev. Charles Wynder), which started meetings in the Fall of 2023.

The Rector and Jr. Warden participated in the week-long training for CCD held last summer, and have shared some learning with Vestry. Participants in Harlem Conversations include: Linda Aristondo, Radford Arrindell, Chris Berry, Frederica Brown-Carter, Stephanie Harewood, Dorothy Ross, Natasha Wong.

Discernment Committees

The principal focus of a parish discernment committee is exploring how closely an individual's gifts and experience match the unique challenges of ordained ministry in this time and place. Group members work with an individual to explore their calling as a baptized person, and specifically if their calling includes Holy Orders. Those who become deacons, priests, and bishops serve God and the Church by encouraging and supporting all the baptized in the diverse ministries to which each is called. Aspirant and Committee Members pray for the Spirit's guidance in all stages of the process, and are called to trust that the process will continue to evolve over time. It does not predict a particular outcome. There is currently one Discernment Committee that has just started with Aspirant Romy Felder. Committee members include Radford Arrindell, Chris Berry, and Deborah Hall. We expect to begin another Discernment Committee for Stephen George in the near future.

ESL Everyday English Program

Over the past few years, thousands of migrants have arrived in New York City in search of asylum. While the city initially responded with welcome, those resources have since been stretched thin. Currently, single migrants are only guaranteed 30 days of shelter unless they can prove they've made significant progress towards self-sustainability through attending English classes, applying for jobs, or applying for asylum. At the same time, services such as English classes and workforce development programs continue to have significant waitlists.

St. Mary's helped to fill this gap by offering "Everyday English" classes and ready-to-eat meals to recently arrived migrants. One goal was to provide migrants who attend with an ESL program to use to prove to shelters that they are actively working towards independence, so that they could hopefully be granted additional time in the shelter. Another goal was to offer our newest neighbors and those who come from other boroughs a place to build and participate in a supportive community.

The project began with a pilot program in the summer, which was then extended through December and is now on hiatus due to concern regarding expected changes in Federal actions around immigrants; also volunteers holding full time jobs have needed to step back from the time commitment that the program requires.

Volunteers: Linda Aristondo, Celia Braxton, Rev. Sabrina Constella (Unity Church), Sandra May Flowers, Jane Geller, Stephanie Harewood, John Helderman, Sydney Kornegay, Celeste Oram, Lysander Puccio; Bechir, Liya

Challenges:

- Drop off in attendance: often due to life challenges. We think it is also due to the fact that asylum seekers might be afraid to gather in spaces post-election. Some of this is also due to the fact that once someone gets work authorization, they usually begin prioritizing the work search over ESL. However, the small but strong group of regular attendees continuing during the summer session continued during the September-October session.
- Lack of clarity around goals: Our ESL teaching goals and approach changed each week with the different students. This made it difficult to track progress or build momentum. The size of the group and the low student/teacher ratio encouraged a tutorial approach. We had also identified a series of ESL-for-adults textbooks which we purchased, and from which we could borrow certain lessons. Both our regular and less regular attendees expressed satisfaction with this model and the desire to continue at their respective levels of engagement.

- Food donations: During the weeks between September 9th and Thanksgiving, we continued to provide meals for all participants, students and staff, thanks to the generosity of EVLoves NYC. However, due to the effort required to pick up the meals from a Houston Street address on Sunday afternoons by 4pm and the small number of meals needed, we began to rely on pizza, which could be ordered and picked up more easily.

Successes:

We had around 40 unique students attend the program across both sessions, summer and fall. Some were one-time students, while others came consistently. The ones who came consistently showed a dedication and an interest that demonstrates how important ESL and consistent community is for newcomers. For instance,

1. "W" works a 12-hour day, goes home to the Bronx, then returns to English class at night. By the end of the program, he was able to explain what his past jobs were and his hopes for the future with confidence and enthusiasm. He also helped another student in the program apply for a job in his workplace.
2. "A" is a 19-year-old asylum seeker who attends high school during the day, then travels from Brooklyn to Harlem most Mondays to attend class. We were able to help him and about 5 other students create resumes and apply for jobs. Another asylum seeker teen stopped attending classes because he found a job.
3. Two Afghan brothers attended almost every class during the first session, and were later able to enroll in full-time English school. They referred their younger brother to the program, and he participated for about 2/3 of the second session.

Many of the asylum seekers sent texts or spoke to volunteers expressing thanks for the program. "R", from Venezuela, said that it helped him feel less depressed, and that it was important for him to get out and socialize with other people who didn't speak Spanish. He was also able to find a job and move out of the city. "W" said that the program made him feel encouraged, because it showed him that people in NYC still supported asylum seekers.

Future Considerations:

- It's currently unclear whether NYC will take steps to prevent ICE from arresting people in sensitive locations, and recent news suggests that the new administration might try and repeal mandates that keep ICE away from places like churches and hospitals.
- Many in NYC advocacy space are suggesting that organizations not advertise "migrant-only" events, particularly if those in attendance might not have authorization. City government is actively trying to merge migrant shelters with

DHS shelters, in hopes that this will make it harder for the federal government to target and deport migrants.

- The plan is to take a pause on this program until February, and see how the political atmosphere shakes out and whether there continues to be a need for this type of ESL class.

Note: Both Sydney Kornegay, newly working with New York City Mayor's Office of Asylum Seeker Operations, and John Helderman of USCCB Migration and Refugee Services, have found it necessary to step back in the upcoming month(s) due to the demands of their jobs. This leaves the program without the direction of the two gifted teachers experienced in ESL and the immigration field who co-initiated this project.

Financial Summary

An online fundraiser received \$1370, which was matched with a gift from Bishop Matt Heyd for \$1400, for a total of \$2770. Thus far funds were spent for: Metrocards \$210, Supplies \$381, Food \$559, total expenses \$1150. Current balance: \$1620.

On behalf of the ESL Everyday English program we thank you for your support.

Celia Braxton

Sydney Kornegay

John Helderman

Food Ministries

St. Mary's has sponsored programs to address food insecurity since 1982. While the ministries have changed, expanded and contracted over time, the commitment to feeding our neighbors has been consistent. Currently St. Mary's sponsors a Community Fridge, Movie Night (see below) and the collaborative Connie & Jessie Mae's Food Pantry (see below). St. Mary's also distributed 80 turkeys to the community just before Thanksgiving (thanks to Columbia Community Services); thanks to Radford Arrindell, Renée Hill, and Kym Roberts for volunteering. St. Mary's volunteers for Food Programs include: Linda Aristondo, Destinee Bates, K. Booker-Kidd, William Brown, Freddi Brown-Carter, Carmen Cabrera, Deborah Hall, Bianca Jones (St. Martin's), Amron Mahraj (exalt intern), Dioskar Duran (exalt intern), Kym Roberts, Claudette & Walter Thomas (St. Martin's).

Friday Movie Night

Attendance has grown to 18-30 guests each week! Sophie Bedaña, Paulette Thomas, Linda Aristondo, and the Movie Night team have worked hard to feed the additional guests, and we now have assistance from chefs Sandra May Flowers and Dwayne Lavender. Most exciting is access to the working Undercroft kitchen! Some of our chefs have passed the NY Food Protection Safety class and help keep our food and guests safe.

Our team of regular volunteers— Kym Roberts, William Brown, Deborah Hall, and Lisa Slocum— has recently been enhanced by a lively and helpful team of high school volunteers under Sandra May's care. We also had Seminarians Ethan Thomas and Destinee Bates with us for part of the year. And we continue to be grateful to our donors from Morningside Gardens who help us provide snacks and beverages to our guests. Thanks also to Mother Mary for coordinating these purchases and for all the ways she supports Movie Night.

Another major enhancement to Movie Night is the institution of the Welcome Place beforehand. It gives our Movie Night guests, many of whom live on the street, earlier access to the space, along with snacks or an early meal, fellowship, books/games/activities, etc.

Our goals for 2025 are to continue growing the program to include even more guests. And we continue to strive to address the social services needs of our guests.

—Lisa Slocum

Mail Service (Free!)

St. Mary's receives mail for community members with no permanent or secure address. Participants are able to pick up their mail between 10 am and 2 pm, Monday through Friday. Lawrence (Kym) Roberts manages the program with the help of volunteers Frederica Brown-Carter, Lisa Slocum, and Marion Smith.

Office Volunteers

Office volunteers serve in a number of different capacities. Frederica Brown-Carter comes two afternoons a week to answer phone calls, organize files, and try to keep clutter under control. Deborah Hall also came this year to answer the phone.

Pastoral Care Network

The Pastoral Care Network is an online forum (Basecamp) for sharing pastoral concerns including prayer requests and pastoral needs for mutual response, whether praying for those on St. Mary's prayer list in a regular way, sending cards or making phone calls upon request, or problem-solving particular needs (e.g. bringing groceries or communion, washing dishes). Radford Arrindell, Celia Braxton, Brian Cabezas, Janet Dorman, Gloria Ellis-Smith, Stephanie Harewood, Armando Howard, Ben Mizel (sending out Prayer List when Rector is away), David Patiño, Lysander Puccio, Kym Roberts, Lisa Slocum, and Jim White.

Referrals

St. Mary's has a long history of providing referrals, support and guidance to people who come to the Parish Office. Office volunteers and clergy meet every request with our best ability to respond: we have served cups of water, we provide written referrals for services, especially food services at African Services Committee or similar agencies, we distribute directions to shelter intake centers, walk people to a bus or subway, look up appropriate places to shower or get a meal, allow people who need it a few free clothing items from the Thrift Shop, pray with people and offer a listening ear. Kym Roberts and Freddi Brown-Carter are the primary leaders.

Spirit and Strife

By popular request Spirit and Strife has resumed after it went on pause during COVID. This ministry invites anyone to participate who feels an extra need for prayer support for their joys and sorrows. We meet once a month after church on 4th Sundays for an hour and a half or two hours. We share what's on our hearts and pray for and with each other. Often we do an art, craft, writing activity or spiritual practice to reflect and to develop our resilience to the ups and downs of life's challenges. Everyone is always welcome to join us.

—Lysander Puccio

Thrift Shop/Tienda

St. Mary's offers gently used clothing and housewares at low prices; we provide up to three items of clothing for free to people in need by request. The Thrift Shop is open Fridays (2-4 pm), Saturdays (12-5 pm) and Sundays (12-2 pm). Jennifer Garmedia Turcios manages the shop with the help of volunteers Felicia Febles and Ana Hernandez.

Worship Leaders

Sunday Worship

at St. Mary's depends upon faithful support and leadership of many volunteers! Now we have moved into a fully hybrid service—in person and via zoom, as COVID concerns continue—even more help has been required. The following serve to make worship work: Altar Guild, Crucifer, Camera Operators, Readers, Tech, Torch carriers, and Ushers: Linda Aristondo, Radford Arrindell, K. Booker-Kidd, Celia Braxton, Romy Felder, Stephena George, Stephanie Harewood, Elice Higgenbotham, Elizabeth Mellen, Ben Mizel, Lysander Puccio, Lawrence Roberts, Lisa Slocum, and Jennifer Garmendia Turcios.

St. Martin's/St. Luke's also continue to offer wonderful liturgical leadership in the altar guild, the altar party and readers: Al Cornelius, Edward Daniel, Jill Davis, Charon Francis-Hartley, Bianca Jones, Eleanor Maillard, Stephanie Skerritt, and Walter Thomas. We are always grateful for more volunteers!

Weekday Services

St. Mary's is also blessed to have worship leaders for weekday services including: **Online Friday Compline**, led by Lysander Puccio, Dn. Jacqueline Sanchez-Shabazz (until she retired), and Lisa Slocum; with vacation assistance provided by K. Booker-Kidd, Romy Felder, Deborah Hall.

In-person Friday Compline has restarted following Movie Night! With leaders Deborah Hall, Lysander Puccio, Lisa Slocum.

Lastly, a new **In-person Tuesday Noonday Prayer** service began this past Fall, with leaders Lysander Puccio, Kym Roberts, and Lisa Slocum. Lisa initiated opening the church from 10 am to 2 pm on Tuesdays for private prayer and meditation; Lysander and Kym also have staffed this lovely hospitality.

SEMINARIANS + PEOPLE PREPARING FOR HOLY ORDERS

St. Mary's has a long history of supporting and being supported by people preparing for various ministries, most often from Union Theological Seminary. Wherever they receive their education, "Seminarians" include students doing field education placement at St. Mary's and/or are members of St. Mary's in discernment about a call to holy orders--Diaconate or Priesthood--and/or living in the Parish Hall apartment, a practice of group living and service to the community.

Linda Aristondo graduated in Spring 2022, from Episcopal Divinity School at Union Seminary (EDS at Union); she is a Candidate in the Diocese of New York, sponsored by St. Mary's. She is currently serving as a Chaplain working specifically with people experiencing domestic violence. She serves on Vestry, assists regularly with Sunday responsibilities, the Community Fridge, Movie Night, and with events including Hispanic Heritage Celebration and Three Kings Day. **Save the date! Linda will be ordained to the transitional Diaconate on Saturday, March 15, 2025, at 10:30 am at the Cathedral of St. John the Divine.**

Destinee Bates is from North Carolina, now a third year student at Union Seminary, completed her field education at St. Mary's in June where she helped with the Community Fridge and food programs.

K. Booker-Kidd is a Candidate in the Diocese of New York, a third year student at Union Seminary, who is doing his field education at St. Mary's. In addition to Sunday morning responsibilities, Booker has been exploring a deeper connection with St. Mary's Center, and helps with Connie & Jessie Mae Food Pantry . **Save the date! Booker will be ordained to the transitional Diaconate on Saturday, March 15, 2025, at 10:30 am at the Cathedral of St. John the Divine.**

Romy Felder graduated from UTS in Spring 2021 and a Masters of Sacred Theology from Yale Divinity School in 2023. Romy mostly helps out on Sundays, and has begun to help A Welcome Place. Romy began the Parish Discernment process in November.

Stephena George is a third year student at Union Seminary, Episcopal/Anglican Studies Program, who completed her field education at St. Mary's with a focus on young adults. Stephena has remained with St. Mary's this year, helping on Sunday mornings and continuing to gather young adults for an occasional meal.

Simón Morell is in his third year of Deacon training in the Diocese of New York, and is serving his field placement at St. Mary's with a focus on developing our Spanish speaking ministries. Simón is sponsored by our neighbors at Holyrood/Santa Cruz.

Save the date! Simón will be ordained to the Diaconate on Saturday, May 17, 2025, at 10:30 am at the Cathedral of St. John the Divine.

David Patiño graduated from Bexley-Seabury Seminary in 2024 based in Chicago, IL in 2023. David was instrumental in establishing Comunidades en Crecimiento, and he continues to support evangelism efforts more broadly at St. Mary's as he is able. David has been made a Postulant in the Diocese of New York, sponsored by St. Mary's. David is currently serving as a Chaplain in California.

Ethan Thomas is from Vermont, now a third year student at Union Seminary, Episcopal/Anglican Studies Program. Ethan completed his field education at St. Mary's with a focus on Movie Night in May 2024.

Seminarian Residents

Several seminarians occupy the Parish Hall apartment and offer support for community events, worship set up and space sharing. Currently they are all from Union Theological Seminary.

Current Residents include:

Destinee Bates (3rd year MDiv)

Fatima Jamal (1st year MDiv)

Autumn Palma (2nd year MA)

Those who graduated and moved out in 2024

Yarilynne Regalado

MINISTRY PARTNERSHIPS

Boy Scout Troop 5, Harlem

Boy Scout Troop 5 led by Solomon Prophete returned to St. Mary's officially in the Fall of 2024, after having tried another location for 2023. In June there was a special Eagle Scout ceremony for two young men: Jordan Hoating and Fitz Smith, who renovated the Parish Hall bathroom and cleared the side garden and built the greenhouse respectively last year. A third scout, Colin Hall, organized the clearing and replanting of the side garden in August. Colin will receive his Eagle Scout rank in a ceremony soon. We appreciate all the troop's help with garden projects especially.

Columbia-Harlem Health & Medical Partnership

Medical Clinic Tuesdays at 6 pm

<http://chhmp.org/columbia-harlem-homeless-medical-partnership/> CHHMP

continues to provide free medical care every Tuesday evening to unhoused, uninsured, and under served members of the West Harlem community.

CHHMP is excited to continue to serve our community through free medical care services. As our patient volume has increased, we have adapted our services and partnerships to better meet our patients' needs. We have expanded partnerships with other CHHMP care teams, to include dental services (including a mobile dental van), occupational therapy, social work, and mental/behavioral health services through Acacia Network. We hope to meet patient needs within the clinic and beyond. These partners have allowed us to widen the scope of services we provide to our patients and are an integral part of delivering our commitment to provide quality medical care to all, regardless of financial or insurance status. We remain incredibly grateful to the entire St. Mary's community for their generous support and partnership in this work.

Connect NYC: Safe Families - Peaceful Communities

Approximately every other month Connect NYC staff Alex Aiello leads our community in Circle Process reflection on topics including: Grief and Change, Spiritual Community, and Intimate Partner Violence. <https://www.connectnyc.org/>

Connie & Jessie Mae's Food Pantry

Distributes fresh produce monthly at 1 pm on the fourth Wednesday of the month in collaboration with Love Wins Food Pantry NYC, Harlem YES, Masculine Identified Lesbians Collective, and Unity Fellowship Church of Christ NYC. Its leadership team includes: Rev. Sabrina Constella (Unity), the Rev. Mary Foulke (St. Mary's), Pat Martin (Masculine Identified Lesbian Collective), Mauricio Piratova (Love Wins), and Paulette Thomas (Harlem YES).

Regular St. Mary's volunteers: Destinee Bates (Spring 24), K. Booker-Kidd, Deborah Hall, Kym Roberts

In November we offered a Thanksgiving meal (with thanks for extra help from the Rev. Cn. Arlette Benoit-Joseph, K. Booker-Kidd, Katherine Giscombe, Mark Nelms, Celeste Oram and the Bishop of New York, Matthew Heyd).

DOEprojekts Art Show & Workshop

Deborah and Glenn Doering displayed their art work, Constructing Community: Stories & Symbols of Resiliency in the Rectory Common Rooms from October-December. They led a workshop, "Artmaking with Ancestral Symbols" on Sunday, November 10.

<https://www.doeprojekts.com/>

exalt youth

A new partnership with exalt has led to two interns serving St. Mary's, helping with office work, stocking the Community Fridge, and interviewing people in our neighborhood; Dioskar Duran completed his internship on January 2, and Amron Maharaj started on January 7.

<https://www.exaltyouth.org/>

Green Tree Textile Recycling

monthly pick up of discarded clothing from the Thrift Shop

<https://www.greentreetextiles.org/>

GrowNYC

compost drop off Fridays; ended in May due to City budget cuts

<https://www.grownyc.org/compost>

Stop'n'Swap Clothing March 23

Harlem Havruta

Jewish holidays from a liberationist/BIPOC Jewish perspective; this year: Sukkot (October 20) and Hannukah (December 27).

<https://www.facebook.com/HarlemHavruta/>

Quality Services for the Autism Community, QSAC

provide weekly dusting for sanctuary

<https://www.qsac.com/>

St. Martin's Episcopal Church & St. Luke's, Harlem

Sunday worship partners <https://stmartinstlukeharlem.org/>

St. Mary's Center

This year St. Mary's Center held a Memorial Service at St. Mary's for all who had died (including at least 2 significant staff members as well as residents) in September. The Rector occasionally visits the community or individuals by request.

<http://stmarysharlem.com/>

Three and a Half Acres Yoga, THAY

Instructor Timothy Lewis offers free Gentle Yoga open to all on Saturdays at 2:45 pm, in the church. <https://threeandahalfacres.org/thay-programs/>

Urban Qi Fit

Dr. Robert Woodbine offers Tai Qi/Qi Gong classes Saturdays at 10 am, and Wednesdays at 7:10 pm, free to members of St. Mary's community.

<https://www.urbanqifit.com/>

VITAL West Harlem

Staff from VITAL Climbing Gym (NW corner of 126th St & Broadway) conducted a winter coat drive to donate to the Thrift Shop, and to anyone coming to St. Mary's in need of a coat. <https://www.vitalclimbinggym.com/wh-ues#>

Women's Press Collective

St. Mary's serves as a fiscal sponsor for Women's Press Collective, a women-led, all-volunteer, non-government funded membership association, dedicated to building independent press to tell the stories corporate media won't. WPC was founded on the principle that those most affected by society's problems must be involved in solving them and need access to the power of the printed word to do so. <https://www.womenspresscollective.org/>

SPACE SHARING PARTNERSHIPS

12 Step Programs

Narcotics Anonymous (NA) We Have a Dream Sundays at 7 pm
Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) Peace of Mind Wednesdays at 6 pm
NA Convent Avenue Group Thursdays at 7 pm
Alanon Fridays at 11 am

Forces of Nature Dance Theatre

<https://www.forcesofnature.org/>

Master Anthony Richards Martial Arts for Children and Adults

Sundays at 3:30 pm <https://www.facebook.com/karatewithmasterrichards/>

MODArts Dance Collective “Collective Thread” Dance Residency

The goal of Collective Thread is to instill artists with the necessary tools to take on leadership roles in an effort to increase diversity, inclusion, and gender equality in the dance field. (Saturdays in February & March in 2024; Saturdays in January & February in 2025) <https://www.modartsdance.com/>

Unity Fellowship Church of Christ, NYC

Sundays at 1:30 pm, <https://www.facebook.com/ufcnyc/>
We also partner with Unity for projects including Connie & Jessie Mae Food Pantry, Halloween Pumpkin Giveaway, and other events.

Occasional Space Sharing Partners

Democratic Socialists of America, Bronx/Upper Manhattan Branch
<https://www.facebook.com/BUMDSA>

Free Mumia Abu-Jamal Coalition, <https://freemumia.com/who-are-we/>