

April at Saint Mary's



Saint Mary's Episcopal Church Barnstable MA

News from the Rector

Dear Friends,

Once again, it was a glorious Easter celebration for us at Saint Mary's! From the great liturgical drama of the Vigil to the Paschal Lamb Feast to our Festival Eucharists on Easter Day, the Risen Christ was proclaimed far and wide in our joyful celebrations. And this all followed our Holy Week observances that were rich in pathos and poignancy.

Many thanks go to all who worked hard to make our Paschal cycle a wonderful experience: to our Altar and Flower Guilds who made our worship space a feast for the eyes; to Joan and our choirs and musicians who made our experience of Christ's passion and resurrection a feast for the ears; and to Kris and our worship assistants who led

our liturgies. And special thanks, again, to the Hawkins-Ferguson clan and their assistants for the great lamb roast! Deo gratia!

This month, we are embarking on the first of what I hope are many mission trips as a group of 14 parishioners and community members travel to Slidell LA to work with Habitat for Humanity on new homes for victims of Hurricane Katrina. Please keep us in your thoughts and prayers, and keep track of our work as we send emails back daily of our experience on mission.

April also means Daffodil Tea, this year on Saturday, the 26th. This signature event brings much joy to those who attend, and in advance, let me thank the women of our ECW who work "yeoman's duty" to

pull this off.

April also means that it's time to spruce up our gardens and help is always needed! Please speak to Peggy Anschutz or Ann German if you are able to assist the Garden Committee with this work..

May the light and joy, the hope and wonder of the Resurrection be yours in these coming days!

Steve+



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JOURNEYS

Saint Mary's 3rd Annual Retreat

Saint Mary's 3rd Annual Parish Retreat will take place September 12-14, 2008 at the Barbara C. Harric Camp and Conference Center in Greenfield NH. Our first two retreats were a resounding success, and this one promises to be even better. Enclosed are registration forms for the retreat—sign up now! Like last year there is plenty of cabin space, but lodge rooms are limited (12) so don't delay! See you at camp in September!

Do you have a topic you'd like to see covered in the quarterly *Cross Currents*?

Would you like to write an article?

Contact Liz at stmarysnewsletter@comcast.net.

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ECW NEWS

Episcopal Church Women



Saint Mary's Annual Daffodil Tea



SATURDAY, APRIL 26, 2008

Reservations still available at 2:00 & 3:15

\$18.00 per person Reservations required: call 508-362-3977 by April 16

Enjoy a traditional English Tea and stroll in Saint Mary's daffodil gardens.

Don't delay: Reservations fill very quickly!

Also visit our Art Show featuring works by Saint Mary's artists and our Tea Shoppe featuring homemade soaps, handmade tea cozies, scones made by Estelle Trzcinski, and note cards featuring works by local artists and Saint Mary's stained glass windows.

If you would like to volunteer at this year's Daffodil Tea, please contact Carol Smith, Chair, at 509-362-2272 or 508-332-0054 (cell) or Sonia Osborne, at 508-362-7991 . We need kitchen help on Friday and servers for Saturday.

*Be like the flower,
turn your face to
the sun.*

~Kahlil Gibran

NEWS and NOTES

What's happening at Saint Mary's?

New Picture Directories

It's time for new picture directories. Photographers from Olan Mills will be at Saint Mary's on **May 1-3** and **May 15-17**. Mark your calendar now and **watch for sign-ups in the sun room** to have your family or individual portraits taken.

New directories will be available in the fall; in the mean time if you need an updated directory of phone numbers and addresses please pick one up in the library or contact the office.

And as always, if your contact information changes, please let the office know. We don't want to loose track of you!

Women's Evening Group

The **Women's Evening Group (WEG)** will meet on Monday, April 28 at 7:00 pm. All women of Saint Mary's—and your friends—are welcome. This monthly gathering of women aims to be a respite from the stress of daily life and centers on spiritual nourishment and fellowship. Join us at our next meeting, and bring a friend!

Adult Forums

The April Adult Forum on April 20 at 11:15 will feature Sarah Greene who will give a presentation about her upcoming mission trip to El Salvador with the diocesan Youth Leadership Academy. Sarah is seeking donations to help fund this trip. If you would like to help fund Sarah's mission trip, please make out checks to the Episcopal Diocese of Massachusetts. Every dollar counts, any amount appreciated!

May's Forum will feature Saint Mary's Minister of Music, Joan Kirchner. Forums provide an opportunity for the various ministries at Saint Mary's to inform and involve others in their work. If your group would like to present a forum please contact Kris. Child care will be provided if needed.

*Sing a new song
to God who has
done marvelous
things.*

~Psalm 98:1

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VESTRY NEWS and NOTES

Vestry Retreat



On March 8 Ron Bearse led the vestry in a Saturday retreat to review goals for 2008 and begin to formulate long range objectives for 2009-2012. Highlights of our vision for the future included: more mission trips; greater visibility in the Barnstable community; drier grounds; an additional service for seekers; a congregation growing in all age groups; mentors for youth; an interactive website...the list goes on, and shows that the vestry has great visions for our future together. We plan to set aside time for the parish as a whole to add to this vision for our future..

Our goals for 2008 includes a continuation of this year's stewardship program, updating all of our publications for consistency of image and message, a church-wide Evangelism effort to attract and welcome new member and grow our membership, increase our church school enrollment and teacher pool, development of a leadership team for Building and Grounds, greater involvement in environmental stewardship, the choir, and the work of the Outreach committee, and education on the endowment and our financial realities. It promised to be a busy and fruitful year here at Saint Mary's.

The Vestry meets monthly on the third Wednesday at 7:00 pm. Meetings are open to all parishioners, and minutes are posted in the Parish Hall.

If you have comments or concerns you'd like to see addressed leave them in the "Let's Talk Box" located in the narthex or in the hall outside the office. Items from the box are taken up at the beginning of each Vestry meeting.



CHURCH SCHOOL and YOUTH

Summer Camp

at the Barbara C. Harris Camp and Conference Center

It may be cold and icy now, but summer is just around the corner, and that means that it is time to sign up for summer camp sessions at our diocesan camp. All kids who have finished 3rd grade through 11th grade are eligible to attend; sessions for various ages are scheduled across the summer. You can find out more by going to www.bchcenter.org and clicking on the camp section. You can register on-line as well.

Camperships are available from the ECW and from the camp to help defray expenses. A number of Saint Mary's youth have attended camp over the last few summers and had a wonderful experience. Swimming, boating, arts and crafts, ropes courses, worship, singing, bonfires, games—these are all part of the camp experience. Still got questions? Ask Connie or Barbara.

ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP

Sustaining a viable world

Saint Mary's has been hard at work becoming a greener and more eco-conscious place, and the savings have begun! Comparing the time period from December 06—February 07 with December 07—February 08 shows that, Saint Mary's saved \$2736.47 in electric bills. This is due in large part to the installation of automatic thermostats in the parts of our building that utilize electric heat. The thermostats automatically turn down the temperature to 55 degrees overnight and at other times when rooms are not in use. To a lesser amount, the installation of compact fluorescent bulbs throughout our facilities has also contributed to this savings. In the same time frame, our gas bill decreased by \$51.65 during a time in which gas prices increased and temperatures were colder. Thank you to Jon Ferguson for installing the thermostats and light bulbs.

Our Fair Trade Coffee has really taken off in sales as well. We are selling down on our second order and plan to purchase additional refills on popular items. The Environmental Stewardship Committee does not profit from this enterprise. We are able to sell these items at about the same price you would pay at the supermarket, and 15% of that price is earmarked for donation to Episcopal Relief and Development. The proceeds from coffee and tea sales so far have netted \$300 to be sent to ERD. This effort allows us to both be environmentally friendly and reach out to the poor and needy of the world. Thanks to Saint Mary's parishioners and our own ECW for continuing to purchase this coffee and tea, and watch for other items coming soon.

*Bless the Holy
One, O my soul,
and all that is within
me, bless God's holy
name.*

~Psalm 103:1
St. Helena's Psalter

REUSE
REDUCE
RECYCLE



The possibilities are endless

Did you know?

This Month at Saint Mary's is available by email, and online on Saint Mary's website. Please consider helping us to save paper, labor and postage—call or email the office to be taken off the paper mailing list and added to the email list.

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NEWS and NOTES

UNITED THANK OFFERING INGATHERING



The annual United Thank Offering Ingathering will take place Saturday April 12 at the 5:00 service and Sunday April 13 at the 8:00 and 10:00 services.

The United Thank Offering is a program of the Episcopal Church which was founded by and has been administered by women since 1889. Each year invitations to apply for up to two grants are sent to each diocese of the Episcopal Church and to other Anglican Provinces. Grants support the identified mission of the diocese/province and address compelling human needs and / or expand mission and ministry.

In 2007 the United Thank Offering Committee approved 104 grants totaling \$2,439,342.46. The average grant amount was \$23,455.22. The two largest grants were \$79,722 to the Diocese of Sialkot in Pakistan to finish a hospital and \$68,000 to the Diocese of Alaska to build a new church for St. Augustine's congregation in Homer.

The smallest grant was for \$750 to the Diocese of Mississippi to start a Sunday school program at St. Mark's in Jackson. Each United Thank Offering grant, large or small, is in response to needs identified by dioceses and provinces throughout the Anglican Communion.

Bring you offering (either in cash or check payable to St. Mary's ECW) in the Blue Envelope you received last month. You may also mail your offering to St. Mary's.

MID-WEEK at SAINT MARY'S

Sunday isn't the only day parishioners gather at Saint Mary's. Several groups meet regularly during the week to share a meal, a Eucharist, learning, prayers and fellowship. All of these groups are open to new comers—check the calendar for exact dates and come join us!

~The bible study group continues to meet every other Tuesday from 8:30 to 10:00 am. in the St. James room. Kris is leading us as we work our way through the Gospel of Matthew. Please bring a New Revised Standard Version bible (NRSV) bible, preferably a study bible. Kris recommends the *Harper Collins Study Bible*, *New Interpreter's Study Bible*, or the *New Oxford Annotated Bible*.

~The Men's Group meets on alternate Tuesdays at 7:00 am for Eucharist, breakfast, and discussion. Currently this group is viewing and discussing the *via media* series on the Anglican approach o Christianity.

~On Wednesdays at 10:00 am a simple Eucharist with prayers for healing and laying on of hands is celebrated

~The Thursday Breakfast Group meets weekly at 7:30 am for Eucharist, breakfast and discussion. This group is presently learning more about the psalms.

~The Intercessory Prayer Group meets on alternate Tuesdays to pray together for the needs and concerns of parishioners, family, friends, and the world.

MINISTRY NEWS

Outreach

The Miracle Kitchen

The Miracle Kitchen is one of the oldest outreach programs at Saint Mary's. Its origins date back to the arrival of our rector emeritus David Allen who, along with an informal group known as the North Side Clergy Association, recognized the needs of the homeless and other unfortunate persons in our community and began to reach out to that population. This ecumenical group included Saint Mary's, Our Lady of Victory Church and the Lutheran Church just up the road. It has subsequently grown to include many other Cape churches.

The Salvation Army center in Hyannis was chosen as the site that would be most central to provide meal services for those in need. At the time all of their activities were held in a surplus Quonset hut that presented many challenges for serving a hot noontime meal. It may have been these challenges that led one of our parishioners, as one of the leaders of a fund drive, to the building of the present Salvation Army facility.

The Saint Mary's Miracle Kitchen crew prepares and serves 90- 100 meals 29 times per year. The meals consist of a main course, salad, bread, dessert and a beverage. Our schedule is the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month. When there are three Wednesdays in the month we serve that extra lunch also.

Complete meals are prepared and served by a dedicated group of Saint Mary's ladies (and soon to include a group of men). The teams are cooks, bakers, servers and drivers who deliver the meals from the church kitchen to the Salvation Army facility.

We are the most active and consist group in this program, never having missed our commitment. We've had some close calls but have always come through. More volunteers are always welcome. If you'd like to take part in this crucial ministry, please contact Jack Moran, 508-385-4789.

*That God once loved
a garden*

we learn in Holy writ.

*And seeing gardens in
the Spring*

I well can credit it.

~Winifred Mary Letts

Coffee Hour

We all enjoy having time for coffee, goodies and conversation after the 10:00 service on Sundays. Currently we rely on the kindness of 8-10 families to provide for our coffee hour. Can we lessen their load by adding 5 more? Training provided. Time requirements: 1/2 hour before church; 1/2 hour after coffee. Can be done in pairs or teams. Sign up in the sunroom or call Marian Ferguson at 508-362-8225 or email marianferg@aol.com



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Liturgical Schedule

		Usher	Lector	Eucharistic Minister	Acolyte
April	5:00	Brad Goodwin	Laura McCarron	Amy Crocker	
5/6	8:00	Forrest Beam	Jeannette Hanlon	Jeannette Hanlon	
	10:00	Ann German	Lois Gagnon	Jim Phillips	Henry Ramage
		Bruce Vandebrook	Bill Ballard	Jim Cranitch	Holden Ramage
					David Palmer
April	5:00	Peter Gwynne	M. Mankiewicz	Lenore Stanley	
12/13	8:00	Jud Phelps	Jud Phelps	Louise Koch	
	10:00	Pete Gouger	Donald Babcock	Ardith Call	Nancy Mamlock
		Matt Palmer	Harry Irwin	Robin Greene	Shannon Sullivan
					Torrie Tamash
April	5:00	Brad Goodwin	Marian Ferguson	Ellen Culver	
19/20	8:00	Robbie Stewart	Amy Crocker	Amy Crocker	
	10:00	Sam Anderson	Peter Hutton	Dave Knauer	Henry Ramage
		Ann German	Norm Thornton	Jody Warner	Matthew Hersey
					Spencer German-Reed
April	5:00	Bruce Vandebrook	M. Mankiewicz	Jim Cranitch	
25/26	8:00	Jon Ferguson	Diane McGuire	Louise Koch	
	10:00	Matt Palmer	Roy Anderson	Jim Hinckle	Sarah Greene
		Dave Edwards	Claire Anderson	Hilary Greene	Shannon Sullivan
					David Palmer

Saturday lectors read both lessons; Saturday Eucharistic Ministers lead the psalm and prayers. If you are scheduled to server and cannot make it, please find a substitute if possible, or notify the church office. Thanks!

Liturgical Guilds

Saint Mary's Liturgical Guilds comprise the ushers, lectors, Eucharistic ministers, acolytes, and altar guild. Without the participation of parishioners in these groups it would be difficult if not impossible to have the worship experiences we do here.

Would you like to be a part of one or more of these groups? Training and support are provided; camaraderie and friendship are often fringe benefits in addition to playing a vital role in the liturgy. If you are interested, or just want to find out more about the work of these groups, please contact the church office, Peter Gwynne, chair of the Liturgy Committee, or one of the clergy.

April 2008



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
6 8:00am Holy Eucharist Rite I 10:00am Holy Eucharist Rite II 5:30pm Rite 13 Youth Movie & Dinner	7 9:00am Miracle Kitchen 11:30am ECW Board Meeting 5:00pm Fatherhood Program	8 8:30am Bible Study	9 10:00am HE with Healing 1:00pm Staff Meeting 3:00pm Buildings and Grounds Task Force 7:00pm Adult Choir	10 7:30am Holy Eucharist and Breakfast Group 10:30am Cape Cod Hospital Auxiliary Meeting	11 1:00pm Book Group Meeting	12 9:00am Congregational Bus Practices Meeting 5:00pm UTO Gathering 5:00pm Holy Eucharist
13 8:00am HE Rite I 8:00am UTO Gathering 10:00am HE Rite II 11:15am Community Choir 11:40am Environmental Stewardship Meeting	14 5:00pm Fatherhood Program 6:30pm Women's Overnight of Hospitality	15 Clergy Conference (All Day) 7:00am Men's Breakfast Group 10:30am Prayer Group	16 Clergy Conference (All Day) 10:00am HE with Healing 1:00pm Staff Meeting 7:00pm Vestry Meeting	17 Clergy Conference(All Day) 7:30am HE & Breakfast Group	18 10:00am Altar Guild	19 10:00am Committal Service in Garden - Fred Ryan 5:00pm Holy Eucharist
20 8:00am HE Rite I 10:00am HE Rite II 11:15am Adult Forum 5:30pm Suppers For Seven	21 9:00am Miracle Kitchen 5:00pm Fatherhood Program	22 8:30am Bible Study	23 10:00am HE with Healing 1:00pm Staff Meeting 6:30pm Men's Overnight of Hospitality 7:00pm Adult Choir	24 Daffodil Tea Set Up (All Day) 7:30am Holy Eucharist and Breakfast Group 7:00pm Liturgy Meeting	25 Daffodil Tea Set Up (All Day)	26 12:30pm Daffodil Tea 2:00pm Daffodil Tea 3:15pm Daffodil Tea 5:00pm Holy Eucharist
27 8:00am Holy Eucharist Rite I 10:00am Holy Eucharist Rite II	28 5:00pm Fatherhood Program 8:00pm Women's Evening Group	29 7:00am Men's Breakfast Group 10:30am Prayer Group	30 10:00am HE with Healing 1:00pm Staff Meeting 7:00pm Adult Choir			

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BIRTHDAYS

April

Liz Rabideau	1	John Hayes	6	Amelia Spillane	22
Mary Smedley	1	Marion Olson	8	Edith deLyon	22
Cassandra Starling	1	Catherine Fraser	10	Jillian Zoe Lippard	23
Deborah Bock	2	Hilary Greene	11	Dorothy Freeston	24
Elizabeth Culver	2	Steven Lippard	11	Kent Smedley	25
Meghan Moran	2	Margaret Smith	13	Barbara Hersey	26
Shannon Sullivan	2	Campbell Mastin	15	Linda Keedwell	27
Mary Campbell	3	Dorothy Savarese	16	Harry Irwin	28
Kathleen Beasley	4	Matthew LaPine	17	Peter Gwynne	29
Phyllis Byrom	4	Samantha Vektorino	17	H. Russell Freeston	30
Caleb Cotoia	4	Philip Vetterling	18	Sally Orcutt	30
Peter Cotoia	4	Kaitlynn Greene	19		
Esther Sheldon	4	Margaret Moran	19		
Connie Von Maur	4	James Phillips	19		
Marie Woods	4	Cynthia Medaugh	21		
Donald Summers	5	Peter Hutton	21		
Andre Duprey	6	Mark Anschutz	22		



O God, you have searched me out and known me; you know my sitting down and my rising up; you discern my thoughts from afar
 ~Psalm 139:1

The deadline for material to be included in *May at Saint Mary's* is April 15. Please send information to stmary@cape.com or bring it to the church office. Information should be in electronic format; if you must submit a hard copy please do so at least a week in advance of the deadline so that it can be typed.

If your committee or group is meeting or sponsoring an activity, or if you're doing something you just want others to know about, send in your information!

Watch over you children, O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide them wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their hearts may your peace which passes understanding abide all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.
 ~A Prayer for Birthdays Book of Common Prayer

ANNIVERSARIES

April

William & Catherine Lyon	3
Philip & Dorothy Vetterling	19
Bennie & Teresa Starling	20
Roy & Claire Anderson	21
Peter & Joanne Gwynne	21
Robert & Eileen Lonsdale	26
Roland Dupont & Charlotte Stiefel	29

Grant, O God, in your compassion, that these couples having taken each other in marriage, and affirming again the covenant which they have made, may grow in forgiveness, loyalty, and love; and come at last to the eternal joys which you have promised through Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.
 ~Prayer for the Anniversary of a Marriage Book of Occasional Services

SAINT MARY'S GARDENS

Visibly through the garden walketh God

Despite the fact that, at this writing, the temperatures are still lingering in the 30s, work is well underway for Saint Mary's Garden Season, 2008. Specifically, the clergy have set aside Sunday, June 8 as Rogation Sunday, a time to prepare the gardens for the summer months, and to enjoy one another's company at a picnic to follow. We will have a role for everyone who remains after church, from the youngest to the oldest! On that Sunday, we encourage parishioners to wear their gardening clothes and, after a shortened service, join the committee in the garden as we plant and weed and mulch.

Additional Saturday morning work days will be scheduled as the weather improves. Please watch the Sunday leaflet for those dates. Remember that Jim Carlaw is in the garden every Thursday, weather permitting, and would welcome your help.

Other garden notes of import:

- ~Walk back toward the Memorial Garden and see the restored gazebo. If you are wondering about the extraordinary weathervane that is missing from the top of the gazebo, it is being restored and should be ready this spring.
- ~You will also notice that the "Swamp Madonna" is missing from her perch. Noted birdcarver, Steven Weaver (parishioner Joy Hambly's husband), will restore her and she should also be in place by early summer.
- ~Responding to the danger of crumbling bricks and uneven walkways, a careful restoration of the brick terrace and the steps at the North entrance to the Garden will begin in late April or early May. The frog pond will be repaired with the addition of a necessary new liner and the walls and stones separating the creek from the pond will be reset.
- ~Plans are underway to gradually restore the wooden structures that are rotted, both at the entrance to the garden and Memorial Garden and throughout the garden. When we have gathered all the information we need on this project, it will be posted on the Garden Bulletin Board in the Parish Hall. We invite those who may want to make a special memorial gift to watch for that information.

We encourage you to help care for this sacred trust. **Save the date** for Rogation Sunday, and consider assuming responsibility for some small part of Saint Mary's Garden.



~Peggy Anschutz (for the Garden Committee)

*In the spring I have
counted one hundred
and thirty-six different
kinds of weather inside
of four and twenty
hours.
~Mark Twain*



M

y Lord God,

I have no idea where I am going.

I do not see the road ahead of me.

I cannot know for certain where it will end.

Nor do I really know myself

and the fact that I think that I am following your
will does not mean that I am actually doing so.

But I believed that the desire to please you
does in fact please you.

And I hope that I have that desire in all that I am doing.

I hope that I will never do anything apart from
that desire.

And I know that if I do this you will lead me
by the right road

though I may know nothing about it.

Therefore I will trust you always

though I may seem lost
and in the shadow of death.

I will not fear, for you are ever with me,
and you will never leave me to face my perils alone.

~Thomas Merton

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