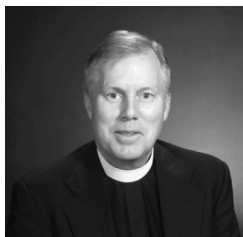


December & January at Saint Mary's



Saint Mary's Episcopal Church Barnstable MA

News from the Rector



Dear Friends,

There's an old gospel hymn we sing from time to time at St. Mary's that my grandmother taught me long ago, one that, to me, captures the spirit of Advent. "Softly and tenderly, Jesus is calling, calling to you and to me..." are the words. In the midst of all our frenetic preparation this time of year, amidst the cacophony and stress, the Season of Advent calls us back home to ourselves, softly and tenderly. It invites us to slow our pace, to sharpen our senses, to feel what we are really feeling, to open our hearts. And in all of this, Advent invites us to reencounter the mystery of God made manifest in the life and ministry of Jesus. Advent invites us to see Incarnation in ourselves.

Throughout the next month, there will be several opportunities for you to step into an Advent rhythm at St. Mary's. On each of the Sundays of Advent, we have special programs planned (see details in this issue) for you and your families. On Saturday evening, December 4th, at 7:00 p.m., Thom Dutton will be with us to lead us again this year in the celebration of a Celtic Christmas. On Saturday, December 18th, Linda Hunter will lead us in a Advent Quiet Day, focused on the Annunciation. Using scripture, poetry, art, and music, Linda will direct our quiet reflection that day. And, please remember the date of our wonderful Holly Fair on Saturday, December 4th.

Also, please note that beginning, December 4th, we will have a Taize service once a month at our 5:00 p.m. service. This will replace our Celtic Eucharist service and draw on the contemplative music of the Taize monastic community in France. I am looking forward to working with Fr. John Rice as we introduce this service to the parish. A special thanks to Thom Dutton for his great contributions to our Celtic services these past few years!

Our Christmas services will follow our schedule as in years past. On Christmas Eve, December 24th, we will hold our beloved pageant at 4:00 p.m., and then at 7:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m., we will celebrate Festival Eucharists with choir and instrumentalists. On Christmas Day, at 10 a.m., there is one service of the Holy Eucharist. And on the day following, Sunday, December 26th, we will have one service, also at 10:00 a.m.. You, your families, and friends are warmly invited to join us for any or all of our Christmas celebrations!

Looking ahead to January, you are asked to put on your calendar the date of our Annual Meeting, on Sunday, January 30th, to be held in the parish hall immediately after our abbreviated service in the church at 10:00 a.m.. I hope you will plan on participating with your presence, when we elect new vestry members and receive the annual reports of all our ministries at St. Mary's.

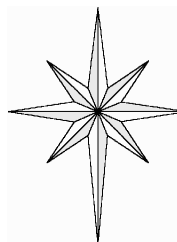
As we move into this sacred time of the year, I leave you with these words of that old hymn:

"Softly and tenderly, Jesus is calling, calling for you and for me;

See on the portals, He's waiting and watching, watching for you and for me.

Come home, come home, Ye who are weary, come home!

Earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling, Calling, O sinner, come home."



Blessings and Peace, *Steve*

Advent, Christmas, and Epiphany

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Giving back to God

This year our Stewardship Pledge Campaign theme is **G4th** or **Gracefully & Gratefully Giving to God** back a portion of what He has already given to us. We hope that you are prayerfully considering your pledge for 2011 and will send in your cards as you are able; you are what makes the difference in our lives, our mission & our community. We thank you all. God's speed for a joyfilled holiday season. We are blessed.

Jud Phelps & Harry Irwin,
Stewardship Co-chairs

December & January at Saint Mary's



Saint Mary's

Advent and Christmas



Music Series

Saturday Dec. 4.

5:00pm Taize service

7:00pm Celtic Christmas

Sunday Dec. 5

10am Lessons and Carols

Friday Dec. 24

7 and 10pm Festal Choral

Eucharist

Choir Rehearsal times:

please check calendar pages.



From the Music Director



November 28 is the First Sunday of Advent, which is also the first Sunday of the liturgical year. Advent is the time we prepare for the coming of Christ at Christmas and the liturgy of the church helps us get ready for Christmas. On December 4, we will have a Taize service at the 5:00 service. Taize is a worship style with a unique style of music that is contemplative and improvisatory. We hope to offer this service once a month in the future.

On **December 5** we will have a service of Advent Lessons and Carols. This service is similar to Christmas lessons and carols except with a focus on Advent. We will hear readings of the prophets that not only foretell the birth of Jesus, but also tell us about the second coming of Christ.

On **December 24**, Christmas Eve, we will have services at 7:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m. St. Mary's Choir will be singing the Mass in G by Franz Schubert with instrumentalists and soloists. This mass will be presented in the context of the celebration of the mass (Holy Eucharist).

St. Mary's Advent and Christmas Music Series (see details at left).

On **December 4**, at 7:00 p.m. Thom Dutton will present A Celtic Christmas. See detail below. Please join us for this delightful concert.

Dan

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'A Celtic Christmas' Concert will be presented at St. Mary's on Saturday, December 4 at 7 pm. The concert will feature Thom Dutton, the Troubadour Harper on Celtic harp. The program features traditional Celtic Christmas carols from Wales, Cornwall, Brittany and Galicia accompanying a reading of Dylan Thomas' "A Child's Christmas in Wales". Come relax for an hour away from the hectic pace of the holiday season, listening to the soothing sounds of the harp. Donations will be accepted at the door (suggested donation is \$5) to benefit Friends of Music. For more information please call 508-945-9525 or email capecidemusic@comcast.net.

Youth Group Dates



Youth Group in December and January

December 5 3:00 p.m. Meet at church to go shopping for gifts for the Angel Tree project! After shopping, we'll head back to church for supper and gift wrapping.

December 19 5-7 pm, Advent Party with secret gift exchange! Contact Kathy to RSVP and get a name for your secret gift .

January 2 NO YOUTH GROUP TODAY

January 16 5-7 pm Movie Night! Bring a friend

From the Director of Family Ministries

Thus says the LORD, your redeemer, the Holy One of Israel: "I, the LORD, your God, teach you what is for your good, and lead you on the way you should go" Isaiah 48:17



I think often of the responsibilities of teachers...teachers of all kinds...those that preach and teach from the pulpit, those who teach a craft or skill to a younger novice, those who teach in classrooms and perhaps most importantly, those who teach around the dinner table. We are lifelong learners and therefore lifelong teachers. Where do we learn, as Isaiah's recorded words say, *what is for our good?* It's hard to discern this in society today since most of our self appointed teachers are reality show stars or 'youtube' sensations. The words in Isaiah clearly indicate there are some who would teach what is *not* for our good, so where do we go for the source of this right teaching, *leading us on the way we should go?* Well, I hope in some small way this is what we offer here at St Mary's.

I believe that for families that have found a place here in our parish, we offer a kind of sanctuary from the cultural confusion around us and allow us to be *truly* counter-cultural...to serve rather than being served, to seek a spiritual center in our private and corporate worship, to nurture and encourage our children's spirituality. This is a miraculous thing in times such as these. Thank you for joining us and for teaching your children about the love of God and in this coming season of Advent, the importance of the spiritual center of the season. Here are a few of the ways in which we will support your families in the coming weeks. I hope you can come to as many of these events as your calendar allows as, in the spirit of Advent, we wait together for the coming of Christ.

Sundays in Advent @noon Potluck Lunch with Program

Please sign up in the sunroom (for any lunch you plan to attend) and indicate what dish you can bring to share. See programs below:



November 28, Advent Wreath Making —As in past years, we will make advent wreaths to use at home for the season. If you have a wire frame from previous years, please bring it with you.

December 5, St Nicholas Program — Come hear about the historical "St. Nick" and why we carry some very ancient traditions into present Day Christmas celebrations!

December 12, A Godly Play Lesson —Join us for a meal and a special Godly Play lesson for all ages as we approach the season of the miraculous and learn about the Light of the world.

December 19, Christmas Pageant Rehearsal — We'll eat together and then the kids will all be up in the church rehearsing our Pageant. *Perhaps the best part of this day...parents are invited to leave the kids with us (we'll have lots of supervision!) during the rehearsal and do some shopping or get some coffee for a few hours.*

Other dates to remember in December...

Saturday, December 11, 3:00 pm, Caroling at the Pavilion Skilled Nursing Center, Rt 28, Hyannis.

Please join us to sing songs and visit with the residents of the Pavilion. They have so appreciated our visits at Halloween and we will visit during this season! We'll provide sheets music and they will host a little party for us after our singing!

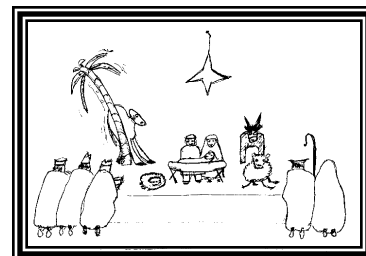
Friday, December 24, 3:00 pm, Christmas Pageant dress rehearsal and performance

All pageant participants must be here at 3:00pm to be in costume and be ready for our service at 4:00pm. Come to the Parish Hall to get into costume and we'll have a snack and a movie for the kids as we wait for our cue!

Please see our calendar for other services on Christmas Day and the next day which is a Sunday, December 26. Please note we will not have any nursery care on Dec 24 or 25. **We will have nursery on Dec, 26, but no Church School that day.**

Blessing to each of you as we wait in hope for the coming of Christ.

Kathy 508-362-3977 *814 kmeod@cape.com



UPDATES from the OFFICE

A Note from Connie

My college motto is *non ministrare sed ministrare* and it is my privilege to live out that charge daily in my job here at Saint Mary's. I always felt a great responsibility had been given to me when I graduated twenty-five years ago (this June!) from Wellesley College, to "not be ministered unto but to minister." I have found that Saint Mary's parishioners live this charge out in their daily lives as Christians also. Thank you for this opportunity to serve you and for us to minister to this community and our world together.



Reminders:

The Church Office will be closed December 24-27 and December 31– January 3. If you have a pastoral emergency, please call the Rev. Steve's cell 508-304-3122.

The **Annual Meeting** will take place on **January 30** after the 10:00 am service.

Committee Chairs, please get your reports in early—they should be emailed to stmary@cape.com not later than January 14, to be included in the Annual Report.

February at Saint Mary's newsletter: The deadline for submitting material is **January**

20. Please send information to stmary@cape.com or bring it to the church office a week ahead of the deadline if it must be typed.

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Angela Cenzalli
Judy Scarafile

2012
Dave Knauer
Jenn Mullin

Advent Potluck Lunch and Program

Each Sunday in Advent
November 28, December 5,
12 & 19 at noon

Sign up in Sunroom!

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News and Notes

*Attic treasures,
Silent Auction
Greens, Sewing,
Country Kitchen,
Jewelry
Potpourri and
Wreaths*



*Children's room
with Pet Calendar to benefit Youth
Group charities
Fair Trade Products
Environmentally friendly gifts*

*Saint Mary's
Episcopal Church
Barnstable*

Holly Fair
December 4, 2010
9:00-2:00

Luncheon Served
10:30am

*To Benefit Saint
Mary's Charities*


A Sneak Preview of the Holly Fair in 2 rooms (parishioners only please): Join us for a special opportunity to shop early at the Holly Fair in the Jewelry Room and Grandma's Attic. Both rooms will be open on Friday afternoon, Dec 3 from 4-7pm for **our parishioners** to shop. Join us for refreshments and Christmas music. Bring your wallets and your Christmas spirit!

Book Group — Our next meeting will be January 21, 2011, at 1:00pm in the St. James Room. There is plenty of time to put your feet up with a warm cup of tea and enjoy the character development in *Still Life* by Louise Penney. This book is in the Clams system and also can be purchased on Amazon for less than five dollars. For those that enjoy the book as much as I did there are four other books in by Louise Penney. Have fun reading about the town of Three Pines and what happens there. Hope to see you in January. Have a healthy and joyous holiday season. *Susan*

Christmas Bounty (SEE INSERT) Please use the enclosed envelope to send your support to A Baby Center.

Can you imagine not having the money to buy diapers and baby wipes for your newborn baby? What happens when winter is around the corner and you do not have a warm coat to put on your toddler? For low income families living on Cape Cod, there is a welcoming and safe place to receive the clothing, diapers and baby wipes parents so regularly and desperately need. And that is **A Baby Center**, located in Hyannis, a program of our Cape Cod Council of Churches.

This Christmas won't you please consider sharing your heart and your wealth for this worthwhile cause? As a volunteer there, I can assure you that your donations are directly helping local families meet the needs of their children. Funds received go to purchase diapers and baby wipes for the youngest among us. For your convenience there is an envelope addressed to **A Baby Center** enclosed with this newsletter. Thank you for considering this worthy cause. *Judy Knauer*



Advent Quiet Day:

Enjoy a time of savoring silence and resting in God's presence as part of your Advent journey this year by attending an **Advent Quiet Day at Saint Mary's on Saturday, December 18th from 9:00am to 1:00pm**. Our theme will be The Annunciation which we will experience through prayerful reading of the word, through artistic interpretations, poetry, and music, and through meditation and quiet reflection. Questions? Call Linda Hunter @5088968464 or via email linda1926@yahoo.com. Feel free to arrive when you can and stay as long as you like.

December 2010



| DATE | TIME | USHER | LECTOR | EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER | ACOLYTES | GREETERS | COFFEE |
|----------------|-------|---|--|---|---|-------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Saturday 4 | 5:00 | Janis Umschlag | Janis Umschlag 1 st & 2 nd Reading | Peter Gwynne psalm & prayers | | | |
| Sunday 5 | 8:00 | Rob Stewart | Louise Koch 1 st & 2 nd Reading | Louise Koch psalm & prayers | | | |
| | 10:00 | Ron Bearse Ann German Paxton Reed | Michael Carlevale , Jeannette Hanlon, Harry Irwin, Margaret Mankiewicz, Sam Anderson | Matt Palmer - psalm Hilary Greene - prayers | Amy Crocker, Matt Hersey, Jillian Lippard | Lisa Barr & Matt Palmer | Barbara Hersey & Kay Outwin |
| Saturday 11 | 5:00 | Brad Goodwin | Brad Goodwin 1 st & 2 nd Reading | Lenore Stanley psalm & prayers | | | |
| Sunday 12 | 8:00 | Forrest Beam | Jud Phelps 1 st & 2 nd Reading | Jud Phelps psalm & prayers | | | |
| | 10:00 | Matt Palmer Sam Anderson | Jim Hinkle— 1 st Reading Todd Machnik – 2 nd Reading | Dave Knauer- psalm E. Whitmore-prayers | Amy Crocker, David Palmer, Josh Hersey | Marcia & Newell Bearse | Leslyn Thorne & Jeannette Hanlon |
| Saturday 18 | 5:00 | Henry Ramage | Peter Gwynne 1 st & 2 nd Reading | Peter Gwynne psalm & prayers | | | |
| Sunday 19 | 8:00 | Jud Phelps | Elizabeth Whitmore 1 st & 2 nd Reading | Joy Hamby psalm & prayers | | | |
| | 10:00 | Betsy Harrison Anne Simpson | Newell Bearse – 1 st Reading Lois Gagnon – 2 nd Reading | Jim Granitch - psalm Kay OUtwin - prayers | Isabelle Ramage, Steve Lippard, Amy | Teddy Carlaw &Robin Greene | Marian Ferguson & TBA |
| Friday 24 | 4:00 | Ron Bearse Ann German | Youth Members | Ardie Call—psalm Elizabeth Whitmore — prayers | | | |
| | 7:00 | Henry Ramage | Charlotte Stiefel—1 st reading Janis Umschlag — 2 nd Reading | Joyce Shinn—psalm Robin Greene — prayers | Amy Crocker | | |
| | 10:00 | Betsy Harrison Henry Ramage | Todd Machnik— 1 st reading Jeannette Hanlon—2 nd readg. | Jim Hinkle—psalm Jeannette Hanlon-prayers Peter Gwynne-thurifer | Henry Ramage | | |
| Saturday 25 | 10:00 | | Amy Crocker 1 st & 2 nd Reading | Amy Crocker psalm & prayers | | | |
| Sunday 26 | 10:00 | Marian Ferguson Roger Gray | Roy Anderson — 1 st reading Claire Anderson— 2 nd Reading | Charlotte Stiefel—psalm Stephen Jones — prayers | | Happy & Roger Gray | Connie VonMaur & Marcia Bearse |

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| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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|  5 8:00am HE, Rite I 9:30am Church School 10:00am Lessons & Carols 11am ECW Choirs 11:15am Children's Choir 12:00pm Advent Wreath Making/potluck lunch 3:00pm Youth group | 6 9am Miracle Kitchen 3:00pm ECW Steering Comm. | 7 5:30pm Cape & Islands Special Olympics | 1 10:00am HE with Healing 6:30pm Adult Choir | 2 7:30am HE & Breakfast 9:00 Holly Fair Set-up 9:00 Greens Library 5:30pm Buildings & Grounds 7:00pm AA Meeting | 3 9:00 Holly Fair Set-up Parish Preview Sale | 4 9:00am Holly Fair 5:00pm Taize service 7:00pm Celtic Christmas |
| 12 8:00am HE, Rite I 9:30am Church School 10:00am HE, Rite II 11:15am Children's Choir 12:00am Advent Potluck Lunch program | 13 Women's Overnight | 14 9:30am Bible Study | 8 7:30am Men's Breakfast 10:00am HE with Healing 3:00pm Finance/Budget 5:00pm Liturgy 6:30pm Adult Choir | 9 7:30am HE & Breakfast 9am Music Committee 9:30am CC Hospital Auxiliary 7:00pm AA Meeting | 10 5:00pm Holy Eucharist, Rite II 7:00pm Celtic Christmas Concert | 11 5:00pm Holy Eucharist, Rite II 7:00pm Celtic Christmas Concert |
| 19 Pageant Rehearsal 8:00am HE Rite I 9:30am Church School 10:00am HE, Rite II 11:15am Children's Choir 12:00pm Advent Potluck Lunch/Pageant Rehearsal 5:00pm Youth Group | 20 9am Miracle Kitchen | 21 | 22 Men's Overnight 7:30 Men's Breakfast 10:00am HE with Healing 6:30pm Adult Choir | 23 7:30am HE & Breakfast 7:00pm AA Meeting | 24 CHRISTMAS EVE OFFICE CLOSED 4pm Christmas Pageant 7:00pm Festal Choral Eucharist 10:00pm Festal Chor. Eucharist | 25 CHRISTMAS DAY 10:00am Christmas Service |
| 26 10:00am HE, Rite II No Church School | 27 OFFICE CLOSED Women's Overnight | 28 9:30am Bible Study | 29 10:00am HE with Healing | 30 7:30am HE & Breakfast AA Meeting in Parish Hall | 31 OFFICE CLOSED |  |

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| Saturday 1 | 5:00 | Janis Umschlag | Janis Umschlag 1 st & 2 nd Reading | Peter Gwynne psalm & prayers | | | |
| Sunday 2 | 8:00 | Forrest Beam | Jud Phelps 1 st & 2 nd Reading | Jud Phelps psalm & prayers | | | |
| | 10:00 | Ann German Paxton Reed | Phyllis Bradley— 1 st Reading Donald Babcock— 2 nd Reading | Charlotte Stiefel- psalm Jim Phillips - prayers | | Helen & Roger Boock | Open |
| Saturday 8 | 5:00 | Brad Goodwin | Brad Goodwin 1 st & 2 nd Reading | Peter Gwynne psalm & prayers | | | |
| Sunday 9 | 8:00 | Bruce Vandebrook | Jim Cranitch 1 st & 2 nd Reading | Jim Cranitch psalm & prayers | | | |
| | 10:00 | Betsy Harrison Henry Ramage | Lois Gagnon – 1 st Reading Harry Irwin – 2 nd Reading | Dave Knauer- psalm Jeannette Hanlon - prayers | Amy Crocker, Isabelle Ramage, Josh Hersey | Connie Von Maur & Marian Ferguson | Roger & Helen Boock |
| Saturday 15 | 5:00 | Brad Goodwin | Brad Goodwin 1 st & 2 nd Reading | Hilary Greene psalm & prayers | | | |
| Sunday 16 | 8:00 | Jud Phelps | Hilary Greene 1 st & 2 nd Reading | Hilary Greene psalm & prayers | | | |
| | 10:00 | Deb Lippard, Ann German, Spencer Reed | Bruce Jones – 1 st Reading Jim Hinkle— 2 nd Reading | Robin Greene - psalm Jim Hinkle- prayers | Amy Crocker, Jillian Lippard, Matt Hersey | Mae Grant & Judy Scarafife | Phyllis Bradley & Karen Satchilone |
| Saturday 22 | 5:00 | Henry Ramage | Lenore Stanley 1 st & 2 nd Reading | Lenore Stanley psalm & prayers | | | |
| Sunday 23 | 8:00 | Forrest Beam | Elizabeth Whitmore 1 st & 2 nd Reading | Elizabeth Whitmore psalm & prayers | | | |
| | 10:00 | Ron Bearse Peter Hutton | Michael Carlevalle—1 st rdg. Robin Greene—2 nd reading | Hilary Greene—psalm Joyce Shinn —prayers | Amy Crocker | Margaret & Jack Moran | Peggy & Mark Anschutz |
| Saturday 29 | 5:00 | Peter Gwynne | Janis Umschlag 1 st & 2 nd Reading | Janis Umschlag psalm & prayers | | | |
| Sunday 30 | 8:00 | Rob Stewart | Peter Gwynne 1 st & 2 nd Reading | Peter Gwynne psalm & prayers | | | |
| | 10:00 | Anne Simpson Betsy Harrison | Marian Ferguson—1 st Reading Newell Bearse— 2 nd Reading | Matt Palmer - psalm Kay Outwin - prayers | Amy Crocker, Ryan Kyle, David Palmer | Robin Greene & Ron Bearse | Vestry— Annual Meeting |

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| Jan. 30 Annual Meeting 8:00am HE, Rite I 9:30am Church School 10:00am HE, Rite II 11:00am Annual Meeting | Jan. 31 8:00am HE, Rite I 9:30am Church School 10:00am HE, Rite II 11:00am Annual Meeting |  | | |  | |
| 2 8:00am HE, Rite I 10:00am HE, Rite II No Youth Group | 3 OFFICE CLOSED 9:00am Miracle Kitchen 3:00pm ECW Steering Comm. | 4 | 5 7:30am Men's Breakfast 10:00am HE with Healing 6:30pm Adult Choir | 6 7:30am HE and Breakfast 7:00pm AA Meeting | 7 | 8 12pm ECW Luncheon 5:00pm Holy Eucharist, Rite II |
| 9 8:00am HE, Rite I 9:30am Church School 10:00am HE, Rite II 11:15am Children's Choir | 10 Women's Overnight | 11 9:30am Bible Study | 12 10:00am HE with Healing 3:00pm Finance & Budget 5:00pm Liturgy 6:30pm Adult Choir | 13 7:30am HE and Breakfast 9am Music Committee 7:00pm AA Meeting | 14 | 15 5:00pm Holy Eucharist, Rite II |
| 16 8:00am HE, Rite I 9:30am Church School 10:00am HE, Rite II 11:15am Children's Choir 5:00pm Youth Group | 17 OFFICE CLOSED 18 9:00am Miracle Kitchen | 18 | 19 7:30am Men's Breakfast 10:00am HE with Healing 6:30pm Adult Choir | 20 7:30am HE and Breakfast 5:30pm Evangelism 7:00pm AA Meeting 7:00pm Vestry | 21 1pm Book Group | 22 5:00pm Holy Eucharist, Rite II |
| 23 8:00am HE, Rite I 9:30am Church School 10:00am HE, Rite I 10:30am Joy Mass 11:15am Children's Choir | 24 Women's Overnight 1:00pm Knitters and Sewers | 25 9:30am Bible Study | 26 Men's Overnight 10:00am HE with Healing 6:30pm Adult Choir | 27 7:30am HE and Breakfast 7:00pm AA Meeting | 28 | 29 5:00pm Holy Eucharist, Rite II |

December & January at Saint Mary's

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

ANNIVERSARIES

December

| | |
|-----------------------------|----|
| Jack & Margaret Moran | 11 |
| Waters & Phyllis Davis, III | 14 |
| Robert & Becky McClenahan | 20 |
| Jud & Bonnie Phelps | 21 |
| Tricia & Jeff Spillane | 23 |
| Robert & Betsy Byrom | 28 |

January

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|-------------------------|----|
| Stephen & Betty Jones | 1 |
| Matt Palmer & Lisa Barr | 7 |
| Thomas & Jean Fahey | 8 |
| Donald & Helen Palmer | 11 |
| Albert & Jean Stafford | 19 |

Watch over your 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

BIRTHDAYS December

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|---------------------|----|--------------------|----|------------------|----|
| Georgann Ramage | 1 | Susan Jilson | 12 | Mary Harbaugh | 23 |
| Sarah Greene | 1 | Hannah Howes | 12 | Mary Cox | 24 |
| Caryl Steward | 2 | Lylah Crawley | 14 | Leslyn Thorne | 26 |
| Elizabeth Lewis | 4 | Sonia Osborne | 15 | Grace Cotoia | 26 |
| Stacey Moran | 4 | Robert Byrom | 15 | David Leary | 27 |
| Heather Warner | 5 | Schuyler McMahon | 15 | Barbara Brown | 28 |
| Richard Lopes | 6 | Ethel Milburn | 16 | Walter Gadkowski | 28 |
| Mary Condon | 6 | David Allen | 16 | Lois Heller | 28 |
| Samantha Rabideau | 6 | Newell Bearse | 17 | Jean Lonsdale | 28 |
| Dorothy Pettibone | 7 | Patricia Bergfors | 18 | Steven Oney | 28 |
| Dan Romero | 7 | Samantha Steward | 18 | Betsy Syrov | 28 |
| Richard Marchand | 8 | Nicholas Orcutt | 19 | Patrick Tyrrell | 30 |
| Sophie Joy Machnik | 9 | Eileen Lonsdale | 23 | | |
| Constance Flood | 10 | Thomas R. Bresette | 23 | | |
| Christopher Colbert | 11 | John J. Bresette | 23 | | |

BIRTHDAYS January

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|--------------------|----|------------------------|----|------------------|----|
| Jeannette Hanlon | 1 | Jennifer Croumie | 13 | Betty Jones | 26 |
| Nicholas Steward | 1 | Mary Everett-Patriquin | 13 | Claire Anderson | 27 |
| Dorothy Vetterling | 2 | Doris Ellis | 14 | Nancy Roberts | 27 |
| Karen Howes | 3 | Timothy Lippard | 14 | Jordan McCarron | 27 |
| Todd Machnik | 3 | Isabelle Ramage | 15 | Richard Griffith | 28 |
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| Jody Warner | 5 | Charlotte Stiefel | 19 | Marilyn Welsh | 31 |
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| Marilyn Cannon | 10 | Nancy Brodhead | 24 | | |
| Elizabeth McAdams | 10 | Linda Hutton | 24 | | |
| Bill Ballard | 10 | Ann Hibbard | 24 | | |
| Hoby Cook | 12 | Gerald Hazard | 25 | | |
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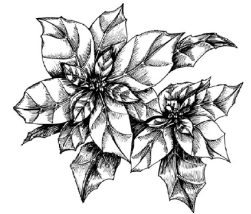
Jud Phelps

Harry Irwin

NEWS AND NOTES

Christmas-Flowers

If you would like to give a poinsettia in memory of a loved one or in thanksgiving, please fill out a Christmas Flower card located next to the flower chart in the sunroom, and send it to the office no later than December 16, along with your check made out to Saint Mary's. (Minimum donation requested is \$25.00.) On December 28 anyone who has donated a flower may take one home; pick them up in the sunroom.



VESTRY MINUTES

The Vestry meeting on Nov 18th heard a report on pledging to date, the treasurer's report (the deficit is significantly lower than it was at this time last year), and a recommendation from Memorial Gifts and Blessings Committee to install steel edging to complete the courtyard project. The bulk of the meeting was devoted to reviewing roles and responsibilities of the clergy, vestry and congregation in carrying out the goals of the mutual ministry review. These will be published shortly.

ECW (Episcopal Church Women) News

On **Saturday, Jan. 8th at noon** the ECW will be hosting their **First Annual Recognition Luncheon** for all the volunteers who worked so enthusiastically and tirelessly on the Oct. Rummage Sale and the Dec. Holly Fair. This will be an event for men and women! Catered luncheon! Mark your calendars now and come join the fun.

This gathering will take the place of our ECW Christmas luncheon which has traditionally come at such a busy time in the holiday season that full calendars have precluded many women from being able to attend.

Steering Committee meetings continue to be on the first Monday of the month. The time has been changed to 3 pm. Anyone with ideas, questions, or concerns about the ECW "doings" is very welcome to join us.

Holly Fair report will be included in the ECW annual meeting report and the February *This Month at Saint Mary's* newsletter.

Annual Meeting January 30, 2011 at 11:15am

Following the 10 o'clock service on Sunday January 30, we will have our Annual Meeting. Child care will be provided; please be in touch with Kathy O'Donoghue with specific needs/allergies. This meeting provides the opportunity for all Saint Mary's parishioners to hear presentations about our goals for the coming year and what we have accomplished in the last year. Committee chairs are asked to file their reports to be included by January 14 (send to stmary@cape.com) Last year's (2009) Report is available on our website: www.stmarys-church.org and then click on News.

Advent and Christmas Schedule

November 28, 12:00 noon Advent Potluck Lunch
and Advent Wreath Making

December 4, 9am-2pm Holly Fair
5pm Taize Service and **7pm** Celtic Christmas

December 5, 12:00 noon Advent Potluck Lunch
and celebrate St. Nicholas

December 11, 3:00 pm Caroling at the Pavilion

December 12, 12:00 noon Advent Potluck Lunch
and an Advent story

December 18, 9am-1pm Advent Quiet Day in
Parish Hall

December 19, 12:00 noon Advent Potluck Lunch and
Pageant Rehearsal

December 24,
4:00pm Christmas Pageant & Holy Eucharist

7:00pm Festival Choral Eucharist

10:00pm Festival Choral Eucharist

December 25, 10:00am, Holy Eucharist

December 26, 10:00am, Holy Eucharist

January 30, 11:15 am, Annual Meeting



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