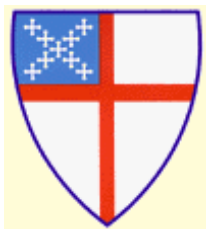


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February 2006



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Dear Friends,

Jeannette and I were on a long walk the other day on Oregon Beach in Cotuit. It was an exceptionally low tide, revealing a stunning mosaic of smooth stones and unmolested scallops. I love the Cape this time of year, these grey days of mist and solitude, privy only to the watchful gull. Approaching us this afternoon, though, was another soul, carrying a stick and a bag. As he approached I asked him if he might be clamming. "No", he replied, "he was just out collecting trash and treasure."

Trash and treasure. It was the way he said the words that stayed with me afterward. Like they belonged together. Like they were seamless. Trash and treasure, collected together, in a single plastic bag.

It was for me, an epiphany, a sudden shot of light in this Season when light itself is shed throughout the whole of creation. For in this world, there is no trash that is not treasure, there is no thing, no one that is not held outside the embrace of its Creator. We live in a world where everything is made to reflect the Light, even that which we discard, even that which seems to belong to the darkness. "Arise, shine, for your light has come," the prophet wrote. Treasure and trash, trash and treasure, one in all, all in one, aflame with celestial fire.

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We begin a new year with great expectations. In the coming weeks, we will be completing our long range plan for ministry, and I am hopeful this will give the kind of focus and long view we need to set us on a path of sustainability and growth. This follows, of course, our Annual Meeting, and I am encouraged by the commitment and energy that so many of you have for the life and health of St. Mary's. There is a deep love here for this parish that we all share, and this is more than enough to give us courage and determination to face our challenges.

Know what a blessing and a grace it is for me to share this ministry with you.

Faithfully yours,

Steve



FEBRUARY 2006

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
THE 5th SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY Holy Eucharist 8:00 & 10:00 Adult Forum 8:50a Choir Rehearsal 9:30a Church School Begins 9:45a 5:30p Middle School Youth - NEWTIME	12:00p ECW Board Meeting 6	7 7:00a Men's Breakfast Group 7:30p Buildings, Grounds & Gardens
THE 6th SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY Holy Eucharist 8:00 & 10:00 Adult Forum 8:50a Choir Rehearsal 9:30a Church School Begins 9:45a Outreach Committee Meeting 11:00a Church School Teacher Meeting, 11:00a High School Youth Group 5:30p	9:00a Miracle Kitchen Cooking 1 3	14 9:15a Newsletter Deadline 10:30a Prayer Group 3:30p Finance & Budget Review 7:00p Vestry Meeting
THE 7th SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY Holy Eucharist 8:00 Holy Baptism & Eucharist 10:00a Adult Forum 8:50a Choir Rehearsal 9:30a Church School Begins 9:45a Middle School Youth 5:30p	2 0 Washington's Birthday - Office Closed	21 7:00a Men's Breakfast Group
THE LAST SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY Holy Eucharist 8:00a Adult Forum 8:50a Choir Rehearsal 9:30a Church School Begins 9:45a Morning Prayer 10:00a Church School Teacher Meeting, 11:00a High School Youth Group 5:30p	9:00a Miracle Kitchen Cooking 2 7	28 Shrove Tuesday 10:30a Prayer Group 6:00p Pancake Supper

Saint Mary's Church Calendar

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
10:00a Holy Eucharist 1 10:45a Staff Meeting 5:00p Junior Choir 7:00p Adult Choir	7:30a Holy Eucharist & Breakfast Group 2 7:00p Book Group @ B. Magruder's Home 7:30p AA Meeting	5:00p Fatherhood Graduation Dinner 3	8:30a Liturgy Committee 4 5:00p Holy Eucharist
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ADULT FORUMS

In February we are continuing our video series on the Lord's Prayer. We are using the video series *A Place to Pray: Conversations on the Lord's Prayer*, featuring Roberta Bondi, teacher, writer, and student of the ancient church (and Professor of Church History at Candler School of Theology, Emory University). Professor Bondi focuses each segment of the discussion on a different phrase of the Lord's Prayer, believing that "we are given this prayer so that each of us can find a place to pray."

FINANCIAL WORKSHOP FEBRUARY 19TH

We once again have a Financial Workshop planned with Linda Gadkowski, parishioner and Certified Financial Planner. This free professional workshop will focus on: tax changes in 2006; new gifting and estate planning options; safeguarding your assets and long-term personal choices; and smart budgeting tips for today's uncertain times. The workshop will be held in the Parish Hall after the 10:00 service. There will be no coffee hour but, if you attend the workshop, coffee and treats will be served there. We want to encourage parents to attend so free child care will be provided.

Vestry Meeting Notes

The Vestry Meeting on January 10th was devoted largely to the 2006 budget and the continuing problem of our deficit spending. We need to increase the number of parishioners who pledge to support the work of the church.

Efforts continue to fill the maintenance position. All are encouraged to spread the word of our need. The remainder of the meeting was devoted to planning for the Annual Meeting.

February Anniversaries

Janet Armstrong 6
Jim Armstrong

Bunnie Thompson 9 Evelyn Roberts 18
Paul Thompson Harold Roberts

Ethel Gooch 11 Patricia Buttenheim 21
Warne Gooch Curt Buttenheim

Margaret Sullivan 14 Anne Blizard 22
Bruce Jones John Blizard

Mary Smedley 17
Rod Smedley

February Birthdays

Evelyn Mehlhop	1	Robert Doolittle	13
Laurie Crocker	1	Lisa Iafrate	13
Betty Ann Wheeler	2	Russell Fales	15
Margery Storey	4	Leslie Marsh	16
Robert Lonsdale	4	Barbara Macmillan	18
Kathleen Sullivan-Jones	4	Robert Stead	18
Jeffery Shinn	5	Susan Norton	18
Miles Bearse	5	Lori Atkins	18
Christian Bearse	5	Ann Fishkind	19
Helene Garnier	6	Kathryn Norton	19
Frederick Walters	6	Carolyn Norton	20
Timothy Norton	6	Roger Gray	20
Frederic Claussen	7	Merrill Hawkins	20
Karen Scichilone	7	Keith Bows	20
Richard Wheeler	8	Ruth Crosby	21
Robert Norton	8	Edwin Humphrey	21
Mary Kate Warner	8	Scott Smedley	22
Virginia Upham	9	Alyssa LaPine	22
Thomas Moran	9	Margaret Edwards	23
Kimberly Koch	9	Frank Hinckley, Jr.	24
Patricia Quinton	11	Emily Atkins	25
Margaret Mankiewicz	11	Kathleen Watters	26
Molly Merchant	11	Jon Ferguson	26
Lucy Owens	11	Shawn Peckham	26
Mary James	11	Gloria Greer	27
Ethel Gooch	12	Karin Alden	29

Address Change?

Bulk mailings are costly and the Postal Service will not forward bulk mail items. Please notify the church office promptly if your address or phone number change.

STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE:

We would like to thank all of you who have pledged for 2006. This is vital to our budgeting process and operating plan development. For those of you who have not pledged we would like to once again ask you to seriously consider supporting your church with your pledge.

“PLUSES AND MINUSES”

Finance and Budget Review Committee’s Report for the year January 1, 2005 to December 31, 2005

PLUS: PLEDGE INCOME for 2005 was \$6,112.59 more than budgeted.

PLUS: Unpledged Income was \$2,490.50 more than budgeted.

PLUS: \$2,202.26 of the 2004 pledge arrearages was received.

MINUS: The Open Plate Offerings were \$113.04 less than budgeted.

MINUS: Gifts and Special Offerings received were \$15,012.01, but \$987.99 less than budgeted for the year.

PLUS: The Music Program and gifts to the program generated \$3,693.95.

PLUS: **Investment/Endowment Income of \$163,995.84 was used for Operating Expenses.

PLUS: As previously reported a Bequest of \$21,551.01 was received from the Estate of M. Louise McCaig.

PLUS: The Diocesan Assessment of \$63,942.00 was paid in full.

PLUS: Expenditures in several categories were slightly less than budgeted.

PLUS: “THE BOTTOM LINE” - NET SURPLUS of \$7,519.96.
[Total Income \$479,825.12 - Total Expenses \$472,305.16]

-----HOWEVER -----

WITHOUT THE APPROPRIATION of \$163,995.84 of INVESTMENT/ENDOWMENT INCOME, and the bequest of M. Louise McCaig, of \$21,551.01 the Operating Fund “Bottom Line” is a DEFICIT of \$178,026.89.

PLUS: As previously reported the following bequests and gift were received:

\$7,350.00 from the Estate of Augustus Young - Income earned to be used for the “English Gardens”

\$40,172.80 from the Estate of Earle Kempton, a former organist at St. Mary’s Church

\$25,010.37 Securities transferred directly to the Endowment Fund at A.G. Edwards & Sons, Inc. - Anonymously by a current member of St. Mary’s Church.

5,000.00 from the Estate of Esther Herchenroeder used for Supplemental Capital Expenditures.

THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT!!

“PRAISE GOD FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW”

Gertrude P. Waters, Chair

Liturgical Assignments - February 2006

Date	Day	Service	Altar Guild	Ushers	Lectors	Euch. Ministers	Lead Acolyte	Crucifer	Torches
2/1	Wed.		J Armstrong						
2/2	Thurs.		M Grant						
2/4	Sat.	5:00	M Moran	D Condon	A Treimann	P Gwynne			
			D Vetterling/S Morton						
			B Thompson - Flowers						
2/5	Sun.	8:00	J Armstrong	F Beam	J Phelps	N Fales			
	Sun.	10:00	A Treimann	P Gouger	M Ferguson	C Stiefel	J Whalen	K Greene	E Crowfoot
				D Leary	B Johnson				H Colwell
2/7	Tues.		S Morton						
2/8	Wed.		J Armstrong						
2/9	Thurs.		M Grant						
2/11	Sat.	5:00	M Moran	B Goodwin	L McCarron	A Call			
			C Phillips/G Washburn						
			M Mankiewicz						
2/12	Sun.	8:00	L Hutton	J Phelps	S Anderson	L Koch			
	Sun.	10:00	D McGuire	J Persson	L Gagnon	R Greene	N Mamlock	M Mamlock	S Sullivan
			S Morton	J Warner	J Watters	E Culver			E Fahey
2/15	Wed.		J Armstrong						
2/16	Thurs.		M Grant						
2/18	Sat.	5:00	A Bowen	A Triemann	B Goodwin	D Crellin			
			JArmstrong/BThompson						
			C Phillips/M Colbert						
2/19	Sun.	8:00	L Hutton	S Anderson	J Phelps	A Crocker			
	Sun.	10:00	A Treimann	M Palmer	J Hambly	J Hambly	S Greene	H Ramage	A Starling
			D Vetterling	J Watters	J Phillips	J Phillips			C Starling
2/21	Tues.		B Thompson						
2/22	Wed.		J Armstrong						
2/23	Thurs.		M Grant						
2/25	Sat.	5:00	L Hutton	D Condon	P Tomarchio	A Treimann			
			D McGuire/C Phillips						
			B Thompson						
2/26	Sun.	8:00	A Treimann	D McGuire	B Walters	J Watters			
	Sun.	10:00	M Colbert	B Sullivan	A Canedy	C Stiefel	R Whalen	C Barron	H Ramage
	Sun.		B Thompson	T Fahey	A Crocker	M Palmer			N Coddington

St. Mary's book group

We will meet on Thursday, February 2nd at 7:00 PM at Beatrice Magruder's house to discuss Karen Armstrong's "The Spiral Staircase". All are welcome; please join us. Call Marian Ferguson (362-8225) if you have any questions. At our meeting on March 2nd Barbara Edgar will lead a discussion of Fyodor Dostoyevsky's "The Grand Inquisitor".

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Workers in various capacities will be needed, as well as cooks, bakers, etc.....**See you there !!!**

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A February thought!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

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Silver Tea - March 12, 2006

Church School News

Dear Parish Family,

With the coming of Lent we delve deeper into winter. The time is ripe for reflection and exploring prayer life, really getting into lessons in Sunday School, and getting outdoors to explore cold and wintry places.

We are constantly amazed by and thankful for the children and the parents in the Sunday school, as well as the strong support from the parish at large. It was wonderful Christmas and Epiphany Season. We wanted things to slow down a little so we could bask in the glow of the love and youthful fun that the children bring to everything they're a part of. As with so many things, the time flew, but we are left with some great memories. For a glimpse of these memories one only needs to check out the Youth and Church School Bulletin Board in the Sunroom!

Keep your eyes peeled for news of Lenten Events - memories yet to be made - coming in March!

Blessings, Barbara and Connie.

Next teacher meeting is scheduled for February 12 after the 10 o'clock service.

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper is fast approaching, February 28 at 6:00 PM. The sign up for the Supper will be posted in the Parish Hall, and please also sign up to work the event. Customarily Church School families offer their time Setting up, Decorating and Cooking, but all are welcome to help with these, as well as Serving and Clean up!!

If you are in need of the **Parent Teacher Letter** that went out in the third week of January please speak to Barbara Hersey or Connie Sullivan.

Middle School Youth!

Please note that we will be changing our meeting time to 5:30 - 7:30 PM on the first and third Sundays of the month. This replaces the 11:00 AM time.

High School Youth Retreat

**Barbara C. Harris Camp and Conference Center
February 10-12, 2006**

Church School Coordinators & Teachers Brunch. Saturday, February 25, 10:00 to noon at St. David's Episcopal Church, 205 Old Main Street, South Yarmouth. Representatives from Cape and Islands churches will meet with Amy Cook from the Diocese to discuss resources, youth curriculum and Vacation Bible School.

A Godly Play Teacher Accreditation Training will be hosted by St. Mary's this coming May 18, 19 and 20. Registration forms for this event are on the way! More information to follow! Contact person: Barbara Hersey. For information on the Godly Play curriculum or the training weekend, check out www.godlyplay.com or www.godlyplay.org.

A Note from the Assistant Rector

February is one of those months that, depending on where you live, can take on different faces. When I lived in the South, February was the month when we began to look for signs of spring—warmer days, buds and even blooms on the forsythia bushes, songbirds chorusing from tree branches that would show leaf buds within a few weeks. When I moved to Vermont I learned that February was a month of hunkering down to the realities of winter snowstorms and arctic air, with thoughts of spring still in the distance. This will be my first Cape Cod February, and I've yet to learn what character the month holds here, but I suspect it will not be signs of spring!

In the cycle of the church year, February 2006 finds us deep in the Epiphany season. Epiphany began on January 6 marking the arrival of the Magi in Bethlehem, and continues to the beginning of Lent. In her sermon following my ordination, Deirdre Good reminded us that Epiphany as a season is something of a relief because it is a season during which (unlike Advent and Lent) we aren't preparing for something else. Instead it gives us time to continue celebrating—celebrating the coming of Jesus into the world and into our lives, celebrating our ministry—both ongoing ministries and new ones we discover that we are called to, celebrating our lives together as the Body of Christ in the world.

So in this month of February, whatever shape it takes here on the Cape, in this season of Epiphany, take time to celebrate all that we have and all that we do here at St. Mary's. Even as you celebrate, consider how God might be calling you in new ways to ministry at St. Mary's and beyond. And above all, take time to give thanks to God, the source of all good things.

Blessings, Kris+

Thank You!

A tremendous and heartfelt thank you to all who helped make the weekend of my ordination so wonderful: those who came to Boston, and those who were there in spirit; Connie and the Altar Guild for the gorgeous flowers; Jim and the choir for the glorious music; Estelle and crew for the sumptuous reception, and Margaret for the amazing flowers gracing the table there; Melissa for attending to all those pesky details, Steve+ for his unwavering support and mentoring; the congregation for the commission for the chalice and paten to be made for me; and to everyone for the notes and cards and kind words, but most of all for the love and support I've received. It has been wonderful, and the best part is, it is just the beginning of our ministry together. Thanks be to God! Kris+

