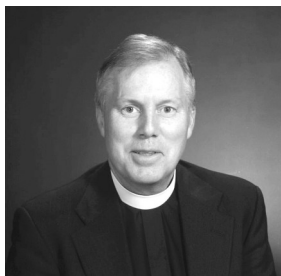


May at Saint Mary's



Saint Mary's Episcopal Church Barnstable MA

News from the Rector



Dear Friends,

"What a great parish!" "What a wonderful community of faith!" I often get these comments from visitors to St. Mary's, and as Jackie Gleason used to say, "How sweet it is," to be in full agreement with them, especially this time of year. The attention and creativity that once again went into our Holy Week and Easter services has been exemplary. Many thanks to Anne Lorentzen and our Altar Guild, Ann German for our

flower decorations, Dan Romero and our choir for their superb musical offerings, to Kathy O'Donoghue for organizing both receptions for our Easter Vigil service and then again for Easter Day. Many thanks also for the many good souls that have worked hard to pull off another grand Daffodil Tea. Thanks to Elizabeth Whitmore and all those who pitched in as our worship assistants, and thanks, too, for all Connie has done in the office to keep our operations running smoothly at this busy time in the church year.

Looking ahead, there are several things I want to call your attention to as we move through these next weeks and months. On June 7th, the Episcopal City Mission has invited our Presiding Bishop Katherine Jefferts Schori to be their guest speaker at their annual dinner meeting at Boston University at 5:00 p.m. We have purchased a table for ten for this special event, and spaces are available for this on a first come, first serve basis. Transportation to and from the Cape will be arranged.

We are hoping to launch this summer a weekly ecumenical service in Hyannis, based on the model of the Common Cathedral in Boston. When I was in St. John's in Westwood, we were very involved in Common Cathedral, and it was a huge catalyst for our outreach and parish programming. I anticipate this will be the case for us at St. Mary's as well. Debby Little, the founder of Common Cathedral will be meeting with a small committee from St. Mary's that I have organized to discuss this in detail later this month. If you would like to be a part of this, please speak to Hilary Greene or Kathy O'Donoghue.

Dan Romero and the Music Committee are busy planning our second annual Music Camp, August 8-12, for all children, 3rd -8th grades. This was very successful last year, and we expect an even greater response this year. Please get the word out!

Also, we are beginning to plan for our annual parish retreat at the Barbara C. Harris Camp and Conference Center in New Hampshire, scheduled for October 8-10. Details will follow shortly and we will begin taking registrations.

In June, we will be involved in a new Parish Pictorial Directory project, scheduled from the 7th to the 11th. We need to get as many of you here to have your photographs taken during this time. Connie is organizing a crew to schedule you and your families (i.e. pets) for your sitting.

A blessed Easter to you! May the joy of the Risen Christ lift and sustain you.

Steve+ svsv@cape.com

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The Rev. Steve Smith	*811
Connie Sullivan	*810
Jon Ferguson	*812
Jim Cranitch	*813
Kathy O'Donoghue	*814
Dan Romero	*815

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Saint Mary's Ministries

Altar Guild

Anne Lorentzen

B.E.A.S.T.S.

Amy Crocker

Book Group

Susan Babcock

Buildings & Grounds

Peter Scarafile

Compassionate Consumers

Kathy O'Donoghue

ECW

Bunny Thompson

Environmental Stewardship

Angela Cenzalli

Evangelism

Janis Umschlag

Flower Guild

Susan Babcock, Suzanne Moyer

Finance & Budget

Gertrude Waters

Garden Task Force

Peggy Anschutz

Liturgy

Elizabeth Whitmore

Outreach

Sharon Donegan

Parish Nursing Ministry

Susan Babcock

Pastoral Care Coord.

Hilary Greene

Stewardship 2011-12

The Rev. Mark & Peggy Anschutz

From the Director of Family Ministries

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In Psalm 84, David writes that he would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of the LORD than anything else. I have been thinking about this text recently because when I felt drawn to ministry many, many years ago, I felt the same way. When I am in the sanctuary, I feel I am home. When I hear the music or the bells or smell the candles or incense, I am at my happiest..I also would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of the LORD than anything else.

On Palm Sunday, I was thinking about these words while I was one of the fortunate few who had the chance to scoop up pony poop in the front of the church after our guest star had an accident....I realized as I was squatting down in the front of the church trying to take care of this that I could either feel grumpy about this task, with "I went to seminary you know", on the tip of my tongue or I could realize that this is fact is part of the fabric of parish life...not the poop necessarily (!) but the participation in the everyday quotidian events of the life of a family, my parish family. I suddenly really was engulfed in a warm realization that I had everything I had ever wanted...it just looked a little different than I imagined from time to time. On Good Friday I had another challenge, as I was injured in a pretty weird accident during our community service. The very large cross we had used in the children's service fell and hit me while I was reading the lessons for the service. As I have been recovering from this injury, I have been thinking about how on the surface this might seem like a dangerous occupation! I've taken a few days to think about my recent adventures at Saint Mary's and this is what I've come up with:

- ☞ *There are no tasks beneath any of us.* When we realized the pony had left us his gift, I was not the only one who ran to take care of this. Steve, Elizabeth and Hilary all rushed to do this as well, each of them already vested, but ready to do what is necessary. I was so encouraged to see their generosity of spirit to not look the other way and hope it would just be taken care of.
- ☞ *People at Saint Mary's love each other.* Their care and concern for me when I got hurt on Friday was somewhat overwhelming! Although Steve was very kind to say I persevered through my discomfort after I was injured to make sure the Great Vigil reception and the Easter coffee hour happened, I was helped by many people to complete the tasks for those events. My great thanks to the members of the Compassionate Consumers and Christian Education Committees for all their support! So many people are working quietly behind the scenes all over the parish and no one needs to feel they have to shoulder the load alone. Are you a person who needs some help or support? Let someone else know, allow others to enter into your life and offer their care and concern.

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From the Director of Family Ministries (cont. from left)

☞ Each of us is called to a different place of service in the parish. Frederick Buechner writes, "The place God calls you to is where your deep gladness and the world's deep hunger meet. I would like to encourage and challenge each of you to consider where you might serve here. We still are hoping some will feel called to help us in the nursery working with our smallest children. The ECW would love to have women join them to continue their important work in the parish and community. The Garden committee would always love to have new folks to work in the soil and help maintain our incredible landscape. Overnights and Days of Hospitality serve folks who really appreciate our friendship and care and they need people who sense their place might be in this work. There are outreach efforts in our community and world that desperately need our energy and efforts. Book groups and prayer and worship opportunities exist frequently during the week and your presence would be so appreciated.

So friends, I encourage you to consider where you might be called to join our parish more deeply. I know you would feel cared for and respected and your service would enrich the parish in so many ways. Perhaps you will feel called to a deeper relationship with God and God's family and you will experience what I have experienced here at St Mary's. Well, time to get back to my "doorkeeping" adventure, hoping it will be a little less exciting this month!

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

May Church School Calendar

(more details posted on the Church School Bulletin Board in the sunroom)

Date/Season	Readings	Church School Event	Notes/Observances
May 1 2 Easter	Acts of the Apostles 2:14a, 22-32 Psalm 16 1 Peter 1:3-9	Youth Group	
May 8 3 Easter	Acts of the Apostles 2:14a, 36-41 Psalm 116:1-3, 10-17 1 Peter 1:17-23		Mother's Day
May 15 4 Easter	Acts of the Apostles 2:42-47 Psalm 23 1 Peter 2:19-25	Youth Group	
May 22 5 Easter	Acts of the Apostles 7:55-60 Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16 Peter 2:2-10	Joy Mass	Baptisms
May 29 6 Easter	Acts of the Apostles 17:22-31 Psalm 66: 7-18 1 Peter 3:13-22 John 14:15-21		Memorial Day – May 31 st Ascension Day – June 2 nd

May at Saint Mary's

A Note from our Deacon:

The Eucharistic Ministry

Now that we have come through an arduous winter and look forward to a lovely Cape Cod Summer ... it is a good time to think about ... exploring new expressions of our spirituality.

Do you feel drawn to serving at the altar as a Eucharistic Minister? If you are interested in learning about this ministry please let me know.

Dn.Elizabeth

The Rev. Elizabeth Whitmore: emmaus57@comcast.net or 508-362-4956.



A Note from the Office:

Thank you to so many for your kind words of encouragement and appreciation as I gear up for my move to New Hampshire. It has been my pleasure to serve you and I will carry you all in my heart and prayers. June 17 is my final day. May you see the face of God in those around you and take care of each other.

Connie stmary@cape.com 508-362-3977 *810



The deadline for submitting material for June at Saint Mary's is **May 20.**

2011 St. Mary's Parish Directory (See Insert) :

Please note that our Directory needs updating with all of our new families and growing children, as well as our long time members! Inside this month's newsletter, you will find an insert from Lifetouch. Photographers will be here the second week of June so that we might have all of our photos included. If you are unavailable during those dates, we will also be sharing photo sessions with the Unitarian Church and can schedule those dates soon. Our directory committee will be available to help you schedule your session on Sunday mornings, and you will also be able to schedule a session online through our website (coming soon). It is so important that everyone is included (see insert).

Saint Mary's Episcopal Church	3055 Main Street
The Rev. Stephen Smith, Rector	PO Box 395
The Rev. Elizabeth Whitmore, Deacon	Barnstable
Connie Sullivan, Parish Administrator	MA 02630
Kathleen O'Donoghue, Director of Family Ministries	
Daniel Romero, Music Director	
James Cranitch, Financial Administrator	508-362-3977
Jon Ferguson, Maintenance Supervisor	www.stmarys-church.org
Jerrica O'Donoghue, Nursery Coordinator	
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From the Music Director

Music for our Easter and Holy Week services was a big success. The choir worked very hard for the past two months preparing this music and there was A LOT of music to prepare. I am very grateful to the choir for all of the time and commitment that went into this music.



Upcoming Events —

The SouthCoast Children’s Chorus will be singing in an “open rehearsal” on Sunday, May 15 at 4:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome to come and hear this wonderful new musical ensemble for kids.

Mozart Mass for Pentecost —

On Sunday, June 15, the choir will be singing the Mozart *Missa Brevis in G Major* for the Day of Pentecost, at the 10:00 a.m. service. The choir will feature vocal soloists and instrumentalists.

St. Mary’s Summer Music Camp —

During the week of August 8-12, St. Mary’s will be hosting a Summer Music Camp for children who are entering the fourth through eighth grade this fall. Building upon last years Choir Camp, participants will be singing, learning about music, playing instruments, playing games, making new friends, and having lots of fun. If you know any kids who should attend the music camp please contact me at church.

We have also established a scholarship fund for St. Mary’s Music Camp. These scholarships will allow children to attend the music camp regardless of their ability to pay for the tuition. A generous donation has already been made by the family of Katherine Sullivan (Jack and Margaret Moran’s daughter). Please consider making a donation to the music camp scholarship fund. Your generous support helps make St. Mary’s Music Camp available to all children on Cape Cod who wish to attend.

Dan 508-362-3977 *815 dromero@cape.com

CHOIR REHEARSAL

TIMES:

- Adult Choir
6:30pm
Wednesdays
- Children and
Youth Choir
Sundays after the
10 o’clock service

Wardens & Vestry

Senior Warden
Robin Greene

Junior Warden
Ron Bearse

Clerk
Deirdre Kyle

Co-Treasurers
Ann German
Matt Palmer

2011
Angela Cenzalli
Brad Goodwin
Judy Scarafile

2012
Dave Knauer
Jenn Mullin
Janis Umschlag

2013
Matt Bresette
Betsy Harrison
Helen Hinckley

Preaching Schedule:

<u>May 1:</u> the Rev. Elizabeth Whitmore	<u>May 14/15:</u> the Rev. Steve Smith
<u>May 7/8:</u> the Rev. Steve Smith	<u>May 21/22:</u> the Rev. Bob Anthony
	<u>May 28/29:</u> the Rev. Steve Smith

Minute for Mission:
May 1
Days of Hospitality,
Lisa Barr

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NEWS and NOTES

What's Happening at Saint Mary's?



Annual United Thank Offering Ingathering (see insert) :

Saturday May 21 at the 5:00 o'clock service and Sunday May 22 at the 8 and 10 o'clock services. Enclosed in your newsletter is the Blue Envelope for your Thank Offering gift either in cash or check payable to "St. Mary's ECW." There are additional Blue Envelopes available in the pews and United Thank Offering Boxes in the sunroom to take home. If you are unable to attend any of the above Ingathering services, please may your offering to St. Mary's at P.O. Box 395, Barnstable MA 02630.

United Thank Offering is an Episcopal Church program, which was founded by and has been administered by women since 1889. UTO's vision is to significantly impact the lives of women and children. To achieve this vision, the focus is particularly on projects that implement significant changes toward alleviating profound human suffering. Grants exceeding \$2 million were awarded in 2010, which included grants to Africa, Asia/Pacific, the Caribbean, Central America, Europe, the Middle East, South America and USA. These grants cover countless projects such as kitchen equipment for homeless shelters, playground for a childcare center, school in Dominican Republic, family counseling, dental clinic for the poor, after school programs, vans and other vehicles, and a library for a seminary in Africa.

ECW Spring Celebration and Luncheon — Friday June 10 at Noon

Save the date for a new casual kind of spring celebration and luncheon, Friday June 10, at noon at Scargo Café. Order from the menu, separate checks, and time to relax, reflect and renew our dedication to the work of St. Mary's at home and in the community. Sign up sheet in the sunroom. All welcome!!

Church Women United May Fellowship Day — Friday May 6 2-6pm

May Fellowship Day at Saint David's Episcopal Church in South Yarmouth.

Special Program: *History and Vision of Church Women United*

followed by a light supper: \$10.00

For reservations, please call: Ruthanne Allen (508) 362-7657

From the Book Group:

We have selected the book for our next meeting May 20, Friday, at 1:00 p.m. in the St. James Room. The name of the book is Better by Atul Gawande. He is a prolific and eloquent writer and you might have seen his essays in The New Yorker. Dr. Gawande is a practicing general surgeon at the Brigham and Women's Hospital. His recent book Better is a collection of essays about his work and thoughts on issues surrounding the world of medicine and individual responsibility. I know you will thoroughly enjoy his book. Susan

“DOLLARS AND CENTS”

Finance and Budget Review Committee’s Report
For the Three Month Period January 1, 2011 Through July 31, March 31, 2011

REVENUES – Unrestricted Income	1/1/11-3/31/11	3 Mo.Budget	Annual Budget
Current Year Pledges	\$ 53,196.79	\$ 56,750.01	\$ 227,000.00
Unpledged Income	1,876.00	300.00	1,200.00
Prior Year Pledges	3,580.31	1,250.01	5,000.00
Open Plate	1,043.26	1,500.00	6,000.00
Gifts and Special Offerings	772.50	1,500.00	6,000.00
As Wee Grow Rental	2,684.00	1,800.00	7,200.00
Use of Facilities	155.00	300.00	1,200.00
Music Programs	1,460.00	-0-	-0-
Fundraising	1,022.61	1,250.01	5,000.00
Miscellaneous Income	7.00	-0-	-0-
* Income-Dunham Trust	3,909.61	4,224.99	16,900.00
* <i>General Endowment Invest. Income (5%)</i>	<i>26,386.16</i>	<i>26,221.50</i>	<i>104,886.00</i>
* <i>Investment Income –From Deal Legacy Fund</i>	<i>22,846.50</i>	<i>22,846.50</i>	<i>91,386.00</i>
Total Revenue	<u>\$ 118,939.74</u>	<u>\$ 117,943.02</u>	<u>\$471,772.00</u>
EXPENSES - Disbursements			
Diocesan Assessment	\$ 16,500.75	\$ 16,500.75	\$ 66,003.00
Personnel Salaries & Pay Roll Taxes	47,027.68	48,589.05	194,356.26
Pensions, Insurance, Housing	23,046.26	21,550.41	86,201.77
Operating Expenses	27,592.28	24,148.98	96,595.97
Parish Work	7,398.96	8,900.01	35,600.00
Total Disbursements	<u>\$121,565.93</u>	<u>\$ 119,689.20</u>	<u>\$ 478,757.00</u>
TOTAL SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)	<u>\$ (2,626.19)</u>	<u>\$ (1,746.18)</u>	<u>\$ (6985.00)</u>

*Total amount of Investment Income used = \$53,142.27 or 45% of total revenue.
Without the use of these Funds the deficit would be \$55,768.45 for the 3 month period.

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ST. MARY’S CHARITIES-DEAL OUTREACH FUND

Revenue			
*Investment Income- E & V Deal Legacy Fund	\$ 5,075.01	\$ 5,075.01	\$ 20,300.00
Other Income	327.19	-0-	-0-
Total Revenue	<u>\$ 5,402.20</u>	<u>\$ 5,075.01</u>	<u>\$20,300.00</u>
Disbursements	<u>5,415.77</u>	<u>5,075.04</u>	<u>\$20,300.00</u>
TOTAL SURPLUS/DEFICIT	<u>\$ (13.57)</u>	<u>\$ (.03)</u>	<u>-0-</u>

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SUPPLEMENTAL CAPITAL FUND

Revenue			
Rectory Rental Income	\$ <u>6,000.00</u>	\$ <u>6,000.00</u>	\$ <u>24,000.00</u>
Disbursements	<u>\$ 9,052.95</u>	<u>\$12,634.05</u>	<u>\$50,536.00</u>
TOTAL SURPLUS/DEFICIT	<u>\$(3,052.95)</u>	<u>\$ (6,634.05)</u>	<u>**\$(26,536.00)</u>

* *The accumulated amount of Investment Income used to help underwrite expenses for the Operating, and Charities. Funds from the Endowment Funds totalled \$49,068.00 plus \$3,909.61 from the Dunham Trust, \$66.67 from D.I.T. and \$97.99 Bank Interest, all of which amounted to \$53,142.27 for the 3 Month Period ended March 31, 2011.*

** There was a balance of Cash in the Bank of \$31,045.62 at 12/31/10 including the Olson Bequest of \$25,000 which can underwrite the \$25,536.00 shortfall for 2011.

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Event Calendar



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 8:00am HE, Rite I 9:30am Church School 10:00am HE, Rite II 11:15am Child. Choir Lunch 2012 Stewardship Team 5:00pm Youth Group	2 9am Miracle Kitchen 3pm ECW Steering Committee 5pm Fatherhood Program	3 9:30am Bible Study 6:30pm NAMI Support	4 10:00am HE with Healing 12:15am Staff meeting 6:30pm Adult Choir 6:30pm Special Olympics	5 7:30am HE & Breakfast 7:00pm AA Meeting	6 6:00pm Newcomer's Reception— Marian Ferguson's	7 Day of Hospitality 5:00pm Taize Eucharist
8 8:00am HE, Rite I 9:30am Church School 10:00am HE, Rite II 11:15am Children's Choir 5:00pm Youth Group	9 Women's Overnight 5pm Fatherhood Program	10 6:30pm NAMI Support	11 7:30am Men's Breakfast Group 10:00am HE with Healing 12:15am Staff meeting 3pm Finance & Budget 5:15pm Liturgy 6:30pm Adult Choir 6:30pm Special Olympics	12 7:30am HE & Breakfast 9:30am CCH Aux. Parish Hall 6:30pm Women's Discussion 7:00pm AA Meeting	13 6:00pm Newcomer's Reception— Marian Ferguson's	14 5pm Holy Eucharist, Rite II
15 8:00am HE, Rite I 9:30am Church School 10:00am HE, Rite II 11:15am Children's Choir 11:15am Grief Forum 5:00pm Youth Group	16 Rummage Sale Setup 9am Miracle Kitchen 5pm Fatherhood Program	17 Rummage Sale Setup 9:30am Bible Study 6:30pm NAMI Support	18 Rummage Sale Setup 10:00am HE with Healing 12:15am Staff meeting 6:30pm Adult Choir	19 Rummage Sale Set up 7:30am HE & Breakfast 5:30pm Evangelism 7:00pm AA Meeting	20 Rummage Sale 12—6 pm 9am Music Committee 1pm Book Group—St. James	21 Rummage Sale 9-2 UTO Ingathering 5:00pm Holy Eucharist, Rite II
22 UTO Ingathering	23 Women's Overnight 5pm Fatherhood Program	24 6:30pm NAMI Support	25 7:30am Men's Breakfast Group 10:00am HE with Healing 12:15am Staff meeting 6:30pm Adult Choir Men's Overnight	26 7:30am HE & Breakfast 7pm Vestry—St. James 7:00pm AA Meeting	27	28 5pm Holy Eucharist, Rite II
29 8:00am HE, Rite I 9:30am Church School 10:00am HE, Rite I	30 9:00am Miracle Kitchen 5pm Fatherhood Program	31 9:30am Bible Study 6:30pm NAMI Support				

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Liturgical Schedule



DATE	TIME	USHER	LECTOR	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER	ACOLYTES	GREETERS	COFFEE
Saturday April 30	5:00	Brad Goodwin	Brad Goodwin 1 st & 2 nd Reading	Janis Umschlag psalm & prayers			
Sunday 1	8:00	Jud Phelps	Jud Phelps 1 st & 2 nd Reading	Deacon psalm & prayers			
	10:00	Ann German Spencer Reed	Marian Ferguson— 1 st Reading Patrick Ramage— 2 nd Reading	Joyce Shinn - psalm Robin Greene - prayers	Jillian Lippard Josh Hersey	Margaret & Vic Mankiewicz	Barbara Hersey & Kay Outwin
Saturday 7	5:00	Janis Umschlag	Hilary Greene 1 st & 2 nd Reading	Hilary Greene psalm & prayers			
Sunday 8	8:00	Bruce Vandebrook	Jim Cranitch 1 st & 2 nd Reading	Jim Cranitch psalm & prayers			
	10:00	Ann German Paxton Reed	Lois Gagnon – 1 st Reading Bruce Jones – 2 nd Reading	Dave Knauer - psalm Jeannette Hanlon - prayers	Isabelle Bresette Ardie Call		Connie Von Maur & Helen Hinckley
Saturday 14	5:00	Brad Goodwin	Brad Goodwin 1 st & 2 nd Reading	Louise Koch psalm & prayers			
Sunday 15	8:00	Jud Phelps	Hilary Greene 1 st & 2 nd Reading	Hilary Greene psalm & prayers			
	10:00	Ron Bearse Henry Ramage	Donald Babcock – 1 st Reading Todd Machnik – 2 nd Reading	Robin Greene - psalm Matt Palmer - prayers	David Palmer	Teddy Carlaw & Mae Grant	Leslyn Thorne & Bruce Murphy
Saturday 21	5:00	Henry Ramage	Lenore Stanley 1 st & 2 nd Reading	Lenore Stanley psalm & prayers			
Sunday 22	8:00	Rob Stewart	Jud Phelps 1 st & 2 nd Reading	Jud Phelps psalm & prayers			
	10:00	Marian Ferguson Bruce Vandebrook	Michael Carlevale-1 st reading Jeannette Hanlon -2 nd reading	Stephen Jones -psalm Amy Crocker — prayers	Meghan Mamlack Hilary Greene	Happy & Roger Gray	Newell & Marcia Bearse
Saturday 28	5:00	Brad Goodwin	Janis Umschlag 1 st & 2 nd Reading	Janis Umschlag psalm & prayers			
Sunday 29	8:00	Forrest Beam	Peter Gwynne 1 st & 2 nd Reading	Peter Gwynne psalm & prayers			
	10:00	Anne Simpson Betsy Harrison	Phyllis Bradley –1 st Reading Jim Hinkle – 2 nd Reading	Charlotte Stiefel-psalm Kay Outwin - prayers	Amy Crocker Josh Hersey	Helen & Roger Boocock	Open

Eucharistic ministers, lectors, ushers, and acolytes needed!

To learn more, please call the church office or Elizabeth Whitmore. Training and support provided— camaraderie and friendship are fringe benefits!



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

Ella Fraser	2	Stephen Jones	10	Mary Bowman	23
Alfred Stephens	2	Ronald Keeler	10	Kyle Stead	23
James Cranitch	3	James Todd Machnik	10	Meredith Colbert	24
Norman Thornton	3	Thomas Ryder	11	Clifford Whalen	24
Nancy Mamlock	4	H. Cully Beasley	12	Rees Hawkins	25
Pete Gouger	5	John English	13	Allison Bresette	25
Lauren Persson	5	Catherine McMahon	15	Diane Miller	27
Barbara Walters	5	Wendy LaPine	16	Helen Boocock	29
Nancy Fales	6	Shirley Borglund	17	Liam Sullivan	29
Barbara Stovich	7	Gertrude Waters	18		
Lauren Brisbois	8	Joan Lamminen	20		
Lenore Stanley	8	Elizabeth Miller	21	Correction to April —	
Betsy Harrison	9	Elizabeth Libby	21	Happy Belated Birthday to	
				Thomas Spillane on April 25!	

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

May

Patrick & Susan Tyrrell	2	Frank & Helen Hinkley	11	Robert & Susan Norton	21
Nicholas & Liz Grefe	3	James & Sally Perry	13	David & Ann Sircom	24
The Rev. Dr. Harry & Sallie Irwin	6	Michael & Mary Everett-Patriquin	19	James Hinkle & Roy Hammer	30
Richard & Suzanne Corsini	8	James Cranitch & Bruce Vandebrock	20		

New Members:

Nancy Timoney, Sam and Michael Fedele
-Centerville

Grace and Gratitude: Stewardship 2012

(As we seek to achieve a deeper, more profound understanding of Christian stewardship, your Stewardship Committee has asked the clergy who serve at St. Mary's to briefly reflect each month on various Biblical texts related to the subject. Our thanks to these faithful shepherds for taking the time to share in this manner.)

A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a penny. The Jesus called his disciples and said to them, "Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. For all of them have contributed out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had. Saint Mark 12: 42-44

In one of those permanently life-enriching moments I had a nice bishop of mine mention, almost in passing, that "the Temple did not need the widow's mite, but it needed the widow desperately." Our Lord, on seeing the Widow modestly drop in her offering, was inspired by the degree of her generosity in relationship to what she possessed and by her faithfulness to the God she worshiped in that place. While we do not know her name, she remains as one of the more important women of the New Testament, inspiring each of us by her example of grace and generosity.

Having served a number of parishes there have always been those few "widows," real and figurative, men and women alike, who have inspired each congregation by their willingness to offer so much of themselves. Yes, in financial sacrifice, but in every other way they have modeled, as they continue to do at Saint Mary's, the kind of grace in living that Jesus saw in the Widow. In being the first to return their pledge cards, in simply showing up at funerals, zeroing in on newcomers, pausing to recognize a child amidst the noise and hubbub of Sabbath activity, sending a birthday card, serving meals on Wednesdays at the Salvation Army, refraining from easy negativity, these are the people who, by their stewardship of self, offer us each a vital example of unearned and boundless love. And, like the Widow Jesus so admired late that day in the Temple, their grace filled stewardship of self begins to inform our stewardship and rub off on us as we seek to grow in grace and gratitude. Thus, "Thanks be to God" for the figurative "Widow" in every age and in every parish.

The Rev. Dr. Mark S. Anschutz

Mark is a third generation priest and his daughter, Maryetta is also a priest. He has served a variety of parishes, large and small, throughout the country. At St. Mary's he guides the monthly JOY MASS (Child-centered Liturgy on the 4th Sunday of each month at 10:30am in the Parish Hall) and, as "Water Czar," seeks to keep the buildings and Garden from flooding.

Editors Note: In the next months, look for additional pieces from our member clergy. Also please see the **Thoughts on Grace and Gratitude** section of the Saint Mary's Community Bulletin Board (the large board) for additional inspirational thoughts and quotations.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

2011 SPRING FLING RUMMAGE SALE

DATES: Mon, MAY 1 6TH - Sat. MAY 21ST

SALE: Friday , May 20th 12 - 6pm

Saturday, May 21st 9 - 2pm.

SUGGESTIONS FOR DONATIONS

Think Spring- not Winter: Gardening equipment sells great! Kitchen utensils, curtains, linens, towels, small furniture items, tech items (phones, cameras, earphones, radios) material, Yarn, All kinds of books including Cook Books, Diet Books, CDs, DVDs, Old collectible records and CHILDREN'S CLOTHES, Toys, Crafting materials - Old Tools, Art supplies or pictures, small lamps, chairs. We love all your gently used items.

If you like it, someone else probably will - if you don't.....throw it away. PLEASE NO COMPUTERS, LARGE EXERCISE EQUIPMENT, ENCYCLOPEDIAS, OR READERS'S DIGEST.
Large Furniture? - BRING A PICTURE!

We will need Lots of People to Help! So be Ready to mark your calendars with the dates you can help when you receive our calls!

Thurs: May 19th Last Minute Sorters/and Pricers -- Bring your favorite Marker!

Fri: May 20th - Parking Attendants (only 2 more),

Opening Day Sales Crew -

Sat: May 21st - Marathon Sell-Out Marketing People:

Collectors for Underprivileged Donations,

Clean-up : Baggers, Drivers, and Unloaders (yes, that means you teenagers!)

Bring your friends, Bag your lunch and come have the best time on Saturday afternoon helping St. Mary's and helping others benefit!!

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