

December & January

at Saint Mary's



Saint Mary's Episcopal Church Barnstable MA

News from the Rector

Dear Friends,

The Season of Advent is short, subtle, and lost on any but the most vigilant soul. I suspect it has been always been this way down through the ages, but it is especially so for us latter day Christians. It is hard enough to take a deep cleansing breath this time of year, with consumer culture force feeding us its pap of holiday detritus. It is harder still to devote ourselves, hearts and minds, to preparing the way for the coming of the Lord.

That is why we need to listen again to the prophets and their razor sharp sensibility. We need to stay awake, resisting the temptation to doze off in a fog of yuletide cheer and acquiescence. We need to shake off the numbing indifference and cynicism this world inculcates in us, and feel again God's passion for a creation where all things are made new. Then our hearts will be ready for the joy and wonder of Christ's birth. Then we will gain the vision and fortitude to face the future, no matter how uncertain, how foreboding. Then

God's new creation will find a toehold in our lives and purposes.

You are warmly invited to celebrate Advent with us at Saint Mary's. Our services on each of the four Sundays of this season will have a quieter, more reflective spirit about them. On Thursday Evenings, December 6th, 13th, and 20th, we will gather at 6 pm in the parish hall for simple suppers and a program for all ages. And on Sunday, December 16th, at 4 p.m., we will have our traditional Service of Advent Lessons and Carols.

Our Christmas service schedule, printed on page 12, will follow the pattern of years past with three services on Christmas Eve and one on Christmas Day. This year the two evening services will begin with carol singing ½ hour beforehand.

May the peace, joy, and love of this holy season guide your way, in your hearts and in your homes. And may the light of Christ kindle a new fire in all of us, as we move forward in faith into the year ahead of us.

Faithfully,

Steve

Annual Meeting

Saint Mary's Annual Meeting will be held January 27 in conjunction with the 10:00 service. This is an important time for our church family to gather as we not only review the past year but also look forward to the year to come. In addition to receiving reports from the many committees and ministries that are at the heart of our work here, we will receive a slate of new vestry mem-

bers, deanery representatives and delegates to diocesan convention and review the budget for 2008. Please mark your calendar for this important occasion.

REMINDER: Committee and ministry reports should be submitted to the office no later than January 11. Email submissions are welcome!



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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



Holly Fair Updates

Saint Mary's **Holly Fair** will be held on **Saturday, December 8**. There's still time to be involved!

The **Greens Committee** will hold wreath-making workshops in the Library from 9:00am-12:00pm the week of Dec 3-7. Greens may be left in the sun room beginning December 1

The Holly Fair Luncheon needs bakers to make a pie (apple, pecan or pumpkin) or brownies and food preparers. Give an hour or more of your time on Friday Dec. 7, 12-4pm, or help assemble the morning of the Fair Dec. 8 anytime between 8am-2pm. Please call Denise Johnson 508-775-0352 & leave message.

Silent Auction— Bidding is open now! Check out the wide variety of wonderful items being auctioned off in

the Parish Hall, and bid early and often!

Volunteers are needed to set up Wednesday, Dec. 5 and Thursday, Dec. 6, and to clean up Saturday, Dec. 8. Please sign up on the signup board in the Sun Room. You will be contacted about the times.

Most of all, join us on December 8 to shop, eat, and enjoy the sights and sounds of the Holly Fair.

Any questions about the Holly Fair or how you can help, please call Helen Hinckley, Chair of the Holly Fair at 508-362-9821.

Many thanks to all who have contributed to this year's Holly Fair!

Christmas Luncheon

The annual ECW Christmas Luncheon and Yankee Swap will take place at 11 am Wednesday December 12th

Bring a wrapped gift with value under \$10 to participate in the fun. Our guest speaker will be composer Ron Perera who will talk on "Composing Religious Music" and lead us in carol singing. Please sign up for this luncheon—EXACT COUNT NEEDED. Entree choices: Sliced sirloin or baked scrod. Salad and dessert included.

Evening Group

The **Women's Evening Group** will not meet in December, but will meet on Monday, January 28 at 7:00 pm. Watch the weekly bulletin for details. This new arm of the ECW aims to be a respite from the stress of daily life and centers on spiritual nourishment and fellowship. The Women's Evening Group welcomes all women.



*O come, O come
Emmanuel and
ransom captive
Israel*

~Hymn 56

Mark Your Calendar

ADVENT SIMPLE SUPPERS

Take a break in the hectic whirlwind that is the month before Christmas and join us on three Thursday evenings in Advent (Dec. 6, 13, & 20), 6-8:00 pm. Each week we will have a simple supper of soup, salad and bread, and a short program suitable for ALL ages. We will celebrate the feast of Saint Nicholas, learn more about walking a labyrinth, and focus on our patron saint, Mary, and on the nativity story. Please plan on joining us! Sign up in the sun room.



*Christmas Spirit fills the air,
so don't forget the Holly Fair!*

Attic treasures

Silent Auction

Greens

*Saint Mary's Episcopal Church
Barnstable*

Sewing

Holly

Holly Fair

Clowns

December 8, 2007

9:00-2:00

Fun

Luncheon Served

Country Kitchen

Jewelry

Pet Gifts

Quilt Raffle

Potpourri

Fair Trade Coffee

Maya Works

Wreaths

Children's room

To Benefit Saint Mary's Charities

December & January at Saint Mary's CHURCH SCHOOL and YOUTH

There's a lot going on for Saint Mary's children and youth in December and January. Mark your calendar for these upcoming community service projects and fun events.:



Holly Fair Weekend-J2A kids (grades 7-11) will provide gift wrapping for the Children's Room . On **Friday, December 7 6:00-8:00pm** we will set up the wrapping room and have pizza! On **Saturday, December 8** you may sign up for wrapping shifts between 8:45 am and 2:45 pm. Proceeds from this work will go towards gifts for teens from Angel Tree. The Outreach Committee will contribute additional funds for their volunteer hours so that we may buy gifts for more teens in need. On **Sunday, December 9, 4:30-7:30 pm** youth are invited to go shopping for the Teen Angel gifts, dinner out, and gift wrapping.

On **January 6 4:30-7:30pm** the Rite 13 youth will have a movie night and dinner, with Youth from West Parish. Rite 13 youth will have a regular meeting on January 20 (5:30 - 7:30pm)

Saint Mary's J2A kids (grades 7-11) will host the January Day of Hospitality. On **Friday, January 25 6:00-8:00pm** we will meet for food preparation for Day of Hospitality and on **Saturday, January 26**, youth will help serve and provide hospitality. All youth in J2A and Rite 13 are asked to be involved in this outreach project. Please sign up to attend with Connie Sullivan.

February 8-10 is the Senior High Retreat Barbara C. Harris Camp Online registration will begin in January for this fun weekend for our high school youth (grades 9-12). Please let Connie know if you wish to attend. This will be our third year attending this event—the last two years all have had a great time!

*Come thou long
expected Jesus, born to
set thy people free; from
our sins and fears
release us, let us find our
rest in thee..*

~Charles Wesley

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Our **Annual Advent Workshop** will take place on **Sunday, December 2** (the 1st Sunday of Advent), following the 10 AM service. Please join us and make an Advent wreath to use at home. *Sign up for Clean up helpers is up in the Sunroom.*

If it's Advent, it must be time to get ready for the **Christmas Pageant!** Please come for the **Pageant Casting and Costumes Day on December 9 after the 10 AM service. Pageant rehearsal on Dec. 15, 1:30 to 2:30 pm.** Please come one time! An extra rehearsal will be held on **December 23 aft the 10:00am service for readers and angel dancers.** The Pageant will take place on **December 24 at the 4:00 pm service. Cast members, please arrive by 3:15.**

Many thanks to everyone who helps make our pageant such a wonderful event. This year special thanks go to Connie Sullivan, Joan Kirchner, Susan Norton, Tricia Spillane, and Stella Bearse, as well as to all the cast members

On December 15, families are invited to join in **Christmas Caroling at Heatherwood at 3:00 pm.**

Lent begins early this year—Shrove Tuesday is February 5. If you are interested in hosting the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper, an easy and fun event, contact Barbara or Connie.

## NEWS AND NOTES

*What's Happening in December and January?*

### Book Group

#### NEW DAY AND TIME FOR BOOK GROUP MEETINGS

Saint Mary's Book Group is now meeting on Friday afternoons. The next meeting of the Book Group will take place on **FRIDAY December 14, 1:00-3:00 pm** in the St. James Room. The book selection for December will be *Here If you Need Me* by Kate Braestrup (available at Borders for 20% off and through the Clams library system). Please join us.

The Book Group will not meet in January. Watch the weekly bulletin for news about February's book.

### Bible Study

The bible study group continues to meet at Saint Mary's 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. Everyone is invited to join in. 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*. Questions-call the Rev. Kris Lewis, Connie Von Maur or Marian Ferguson. Please join us!

### Adult Forums

Adult forums are held on the third Sunday of each month following the 10:00 am service. Grab your coffee and join us in the Parish Hall for presentations and discussions on a variety of topics.

December's forum will take place on **December 16**. Our guest speakers will be **Don and Mary Thomas, volunteers for Global AIDS Interfaith Alliance (GAIA)**, a charitable organization based in San Francisco. GAIA's purpose is to provide grants for projects conceived and begun by Malawians to further the work of the Millennium Development Goals. AIA works extensively in programs designed to empower village women to develop sustainable income in AIDS ravaged communities. It works with these women to organize programs for feeding and educating the village's orphans, for health promotion and for the care of the dying. GAIA also provides school fees for orphaned students who could not otherwise attend secondary school as well as nursing training for over 70 young women who have neither parents nor funds to help them pursue schooling. Join us to learn more about this important work.

On **January 20 Sarah Greene will present a Carbon Café** as part of her YLA project. The Carbon Café will help you measure your 'carbon footprint' and find ways to lessen your negative impact on the environment. The Environmental Stewardship Committee will also have a variety of displays on how to become more 'green'.

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.

Church school news Cont. from page 4

Church School Schedule: Dec. 2, 9 & 23 all three classes will meet; Dec. 16 only the Pre school and Kindergarten meet older children and teachers attend church, No class on Dec. 30. Back to church school on January 6. Reminder: 9:30 arrival time for teachers, 9:45 arrival time for children.

*My soul proclaims the  
greatness of the Lord, my  
spirit rejoices in God my  
savior*

~Luke 1:45

The deadline for material to be included in *February at Saint Mary's* is January 16. Please send information to [stmary@cape.com](mailto:stmary@cape.com) or bring it to the church office.

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 your information in!

# December 2007



| Sun                                                                                                                                          | Mon                                                                                                                                                | Tue                                                                                                                | Wed                                                                                                                                                         | Thu                                                                                                                              | Fri                                                              | Sat                                                                                            |
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| 2 8:00am HE I<br>10:00am HE II<br>11:15am Advent Workshop                                                                                    | 3 Holly Fair Set Up (All Day)<br>9:00am Miracle Kitchen<br>9:00am ECW Board Mtg<br>9:00am Greens Committee Meeting                                 | 4 Holly Fair Set Up (All Day)<br>7:00am Men's Breakfast Group<br>9:00am Greens Committee Mtg<br>10:30am Prayer Grp | 5 Holly Fair Set Up (All Day)<br>9:00am Greens Committee Mtg<br>10:00am HE with Healing<br>1:00pm Staff Mtg<br>4:00pm HE, Heatherwood<br>7:00pm Adult Choir | 6 Holly Fair Set Up (All Day)<br>7:30am HE and Breakfast Group<br>9:00am Greens Committee Meeting<br>6:00pm Advent Simple Supper | 7 Holly Fair Set Up (All Day)<br>9:00am Greens Committee Meeting | 8 Holy Fair (All Day)<br>5:00pm Holy Eucharist                                                 |
| 9 8:00am HE Rite I<br>9:00am Outreach Committee Meeting<br>10:00am HE Rite II<br>11:15am Community Choir<br>4:30pm Rite 13                   | 10                                                                                                                                                 | 11 8:30am Bible Study                                                                                              | 12 10:00am HE with Healing<br>11:00am ECW Program<br>1:00pm Staff Meeting<br>3:00pm Finance & Budget Meeting<br>7:00pm Adult Choir<br>7:00pm Vestry Meeting | 13 7:30am HE and Breakfast Group<br>10:30am CC Hospital Breakfast Group<br>6:00pm Advent Simple Supper                           | 14                                                               | 15 1:30 Christmas Pageant Rehearsal<br>3:00pm Caroling at Heatherwood<br>5:00pm Holy Eucharist |
| 16 8:00am HE Rite I<br>10:00am HE Rite II<br>11:15 am Adult Forum<br>4:00pm Advent Lessons and Carols                                        | 17 9:00am Miracle Kitchen                                                                                                                          | 18 7:00am Men's Breakfast Group<br>10:30am Prayer Group                                                            | 19 10:00am HE with Healing<br>1:00pm Staff Meeting<br>7:00pm Adult Choir                                                                                    | 20 7:30am HE and Breakfast Group<br>6:00pm Advent Simple Supper                                                                  | 21                                                               | 22 5:00pm Holy Eucharist                                                                       |
| 23 8:00am HE Rite I<br>10:00am HE Rite II<br>11:15am Christmas Pageant Rehearsal<br>11:45am Community Choir<br>12:00pm Greening of the Altar | 24 Office Closed All Day<br>4:00pm Christmas Pageant<br>7:00pm HE Rite II/<br>Christmas Eve Service<br>11:0pm HE Rite II/<br>Christmas Eve Service | 25 CHRISTMAS<br>Office Closed All Day<br>10:00am Holy Eucharist/<br>Christmas Day Service                          | 26 Office Closed All Day<br>6:00pm Men's Hospitality Overnight                                                                                              | 27 Office Closed All Day                                                                                                         | 28 Office Closed All Day                                         | 29 5:00pm Holy Eucharist                                                                       |
| 30 800am HE Rite I<br>10:00am HE Rite I                                                                                                      | 31 Office Closed All Day                                                                                                                           |                                                                                                                    |                                                                                                                                                             |                                                                                                                                  |                                                                  |                                                                                                |

# January 2008



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| 6 8:00am HE Rite I<br>10:00am HE Rite II<br>4:30pm Rite 13                                                       | 7 9:00am Miracle Kitchen<br>11:30am ECW Board Meeting                       | 7 New Years Day<br>Office Closed All Day                | 2 10:00am HE with Healing<br>1:00pm Staff Meetings<br>4:00pm HE at Heather-wood<br>7:00pm Adult Choir                                | 3 7:30 HE and Breakfast Group                                                                     | 4                                        | 5 5:00pm Holy Eucharist                                  |
| 6 8:00am HE Rite I<br>10:00am HE Rite II<br>11:15am Community Choir<br>11:15am Environmental Stewardship Meeting | 7 9:00am Miracle Kitchen<br>11:30am ECW Board Meeting                       | 8 7:00am Men's Breakfast Group<br>10:30am Prayer Group  | 9 10:00am HE with Healing<br>11:00am ECW Program<br>1:00pm Staff Meetings<br>3:00pm Finance & Budget Meeting<br>7:00pm Adult Choir   | 10 7:30am HE and Breakfast Group<br>10:30am CC Hospital Auxiliary<br>7:00pm Buildings and Grounds | 11 1:00pm Book Group Meeting             | 12 5:00pm Holy Eucharist                                 |
| 20 8:00am HE Rite I<br>10:00am HE Rite II<br>11:15am Adult Forum                                                 | 21 Martin Luther King Jr<br>Office Closed All Day<br>9:00am Miracle Kitchen | 7 5 8:30am Bible Study                                  | 7 6 10:00am HE with Healing<br>11:00am ECW Program<br>1:00pm Staff Meetings<br>3:00pm Finance & Budget Meeting<br>7:00pm Adult Choir | 17 7:30am HE and Breakfast Group                                                                  | 7 8 10:00am HE and Breakfast Group       | 19 5:00pm Holy Eucharist                                 |
| 27 8:00am HE Rite I<br>10:00am HE Rite II<br>11:15am Annual Meeting                                              | 28 7:00pm Women's Evening Group                                             | 22 7:00am Men's Breakfast Group<br>10:30am Prayer Group | 23 10:00am HE with Healing<br>1:00pm Staff Meetings<br>6:30pm Men's Overnight of Hospitality<br>7:00pm Adult Choir                   | 24 7:30am HE and Breakfast Group<br>7:00pm Liturgy Meeting                                        | 25 6:00pm Youth Group - Food Preparation | 26 Day of Hospitality (All Day)<br>5:00pm Holy Eucharist |

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## Liturgical Schedule

|            |                       | <b>Usher</b>                                                         | <b>Lector</b>                                                            | <b>Eucharistic Minister</b>                                     | <b>Acolytes</b>                                          |
|------------|-----------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|
| Dec. 1/2   | 5:00<br>8:00<br>10:00 | Bruce Vandebroek<br>Jon Ferguson<br>Ann German<br>Pete Gouger        | Laura McCarron<br>Diane McGuire<br>Donald Babcock<br>Margaret Mankiewicz | Ellen Culver<br>Joy Hambly<br>Amy Crocker<br>Hillary Greene     | Sarah Greene<br>Holden Ramage<br>David Palmer            |
| Dec. 8/9   | 5:00<br>8:00<br>10:00 | Dave Condon<br>Forrest Beam<br>Brian Sullivan<br>Peter Hutton        | Jim Cranitch<br>Jud Phelps<br>Sarah Magruder<br>Newell Bearse            | Jim Cranitch<br>Louise Koch<br>Peter Gwynne<br>Ardith Call      | Henry Ramage<br>Shannon Sullivan<br>Spencer German- Reed |
| Dec. 15/16 | 5:00<br>8:00<br>10:00 | Dave Condon<br>Forrest Beam<br>Sam Anderson<br>Ann German            | Brad Goodwin<br>Hilary Greene<br>Harry Irwin<br>Lois Gagnon              | Lenore Stanley<br>Joy Hambly<br>Dave Knauer<br>Robin Greene     | Nancy Mamlock<br>Meghan Mamlock<br>Torrie Tamash         |
| Dec. 22/23 | 5:00<br>8:00<br>10:00 | Bruce Vandebroek<br>Robbie Stewart<br>Sam Anderson<br>Brian Sullivan | Jim Cranitch<br>Jud Phelps<br>Sarah Magruder<br>Bill Ballard             | Louise Koch<br>Peter Gwynne<br>Jim Hinkle<br>Hilary Greene      | Henry Ramage<br>Matthew Hersey<br>Shannon Sullivan       |
| Dec. 24    | 4:00                  | Ann German<br>Brian Sullivan                                         | Pageant Cast                                                             | Jody Warner<br>Ellen Culver                                     | Henry Ramage<br>Torrie Tamash<br>Spencer German-Reed     |
|            | 7:00                  | Matt Palmer<br>Dave Condon                                           | Bruce Jones<br>Donald Babcock                                            | Stephen Jones<br>Ardith Call                                    | Henry Ramage<br>David Palmer<br>Holden Ramage            |
|            | 11:00                 | Brad Goodwin<br>Peter Gwynne                                         | Claire Anderson<br>Roy Anderson                                          | Jim Hinkle<br>Amy Crocker                                       | Henry Ramage<br>TBA                                      |
| Dec. 25    | 10:00                 | Bruce Vandebroek                                                     | Louise Koch<br>Ed Humphrey                                               | Charlotte Steifel<br>Jim Cranitch                               | N/A                                                      |
| Dec.       | 5:00<br>8:00<br>10:00 | Laura McCarron<br>Jon Ferguson<br>Peter Hutton                       | Peter Gwynne<br>Diane McGuire<br>Bruce Johnson<br>Lois Gagnon            | Lenore Stanley<br>Hilary Greene<br>Matt Palmer<br>Ardith Call   | Henry Ramage<br>David Palmer<br>Matthew Hersey           |
| Jan. 5/6   | 5:00<br>8:00<br>10:00 | Brad Goodwin<br>Jon Ferguson<br>Ann German<br>Bruce Vandebroek       | Laura McCarron<br>Diane McGuire<br>Margaret Mankiewicz<br>Bruce Jones    | Ellen Culver<br>Peter Gwynne<br>Amy Crocker<br>Jim Cranitch     | Sarah Greene<br>Spencer German Reed<br>Holden Ramage     |
| Jan. 12/13 | 5:00<br>8:00<br>10:00 | Bruce Vandebroek<br>Forrest Beam<br>Brian Sullivan<br>Matt Palmer    | Jim Cranitch<br>Jud Phelps<br>Donald Babcock<br>Newell Bearse            | Hilary Greene<br>Louise Koch<br>Robin Greene<br>Ardith Call     | Henry Ramage<br>Torrie Tamash<br>Shannon Sullivan        |
| Jan. 19/20 | 5:00<br>8:00<br>10:00 | Dave Condon<br>John Ferguson<br>Sam Anderson<br>Ann German           | Amy Crocker<br>Diane McGuire<br>Walter Gadkowski<br>Linda Gadkowski      | Lenore Stanley<br>Marian Ferguson<br>Dave Knauer<br>Jody Warner | Nancy Mamlock<br>Meghan Mamlock<br>Matthew Hersey        |
| Jan. 26/27 | 5:00<br>8:00          | Bruce Vandebroek<br>Robbie Stewart<br>Pete Gouger<br>Peter Hutton    | Brad Goodwin<br>Jud Phelps<br>Sarah Magruder<br>Robin Greene             | Louise Koch<br>Peter Gwynne<br>Jim Hinkle<br>Matt Palmer        | Henry Ramage<br>David Palmer<br>Spencer German-Reed      |

*Go tell it on the  
mountain, that Jesus  
Christ is born*

~ 19th century spiritual

*If you are scheduled to server and cannot make it, please find a substitute if possible, or notify the church office. Thanks!*

## More News and Notes

### Ministries of the Cape Cod Council of Churches

Asked to represent Saint Mary's (along with Dot Pettibone) at the Cape Cod Council of Churches, I set off in complete ignorance to learn what this ecumenical group does. Here's what I learned. Through the Council's leadership and programs, over 3800 of our Cape neighbors' lives, from newborns to senior citizens, have been touched. The Council has sponsored and participated in worship services, interfaith events, youth street outreach, and numerous community, multi-cultural, and ecumenical events. The Council of Churches states its purpose as:

- ☞ to discern and develop responses to the continuing revelation of God in Jesus Christ
- ☞ to engage in reconciling ministries of spiritual nurture, service and social witness
- ☞ to invite into the joy of ecumenical expression the parishes of Cape Cod and the Islands

It has been an amazing experience to learn about the seven ministries the Council funds, directs and implements. I have had the privilege of hearing the director of each of these ministries speak about their programs and would like to share with you their importance and successes. Each month I will highlight a different program. You may find a program that you would like to volunteer with as each program relies heavily on the kindness and generosity of volunteers. You have already heard about the ministry I have been working with for over a year, *Covenant to Care for Foster Families*. Now I'd like to introduce you to another, *A Baby Center*.

Located at 81 Willow Avenue in Hyannis, *A Baby Center* provides diapers, clothing, toiletries and baby furniture to parents, grandparents, and foster families to help keep babies warm, dry and happy. *A Baby Center* has responded in the past year to the needs of 5200 babies and children to age three living in need on the Cape and Islands. The fact is nearly 500 baby visits every thirty days result in 15,000 diapers and 4,000 outfits dispensed each month! If you'd like to help or for more information, please call the Council of Churches Director, Diane Casey Lee at (508) 775-5073.

~Judy Knauer

### BEASTS Christmas Toy Drive

Help bring cheer and exercise to our animal friends and join the Beasts Committee in our Christmas Toy Drive for shelter dogs, cats and small animals! Last year many happy felines, canines and others benefited from your generosity and possibly found a new home because of their charmingly refreshed spirits! There will be a box in the sun room for donations, and the drive will end December 23rd. Thank you!

*God bless us  
everyone.*

~Tiny Tim  
in Charles Dickens' *Christmas Carol*



# *December & January at Saint Mary's*

## BIRTHDAYS

*December and January*

|                     |    |                    |    |                    |    |
|---------------------|----|--------------------|----|--------------------|----|
| <b>December</b>     |    | Samantha Steward   | 18 | William Ballard    | 10 |
| Georgann Ramage     | 1  | Nicholas Orcutt    | 19 | Daniel Wood        | 10 |
| Sarah Greene        | 1  | Katherine Oney     | 20 | Hoby Cook          | 12 |
| Caryl Steward       | 2  | Eileen Lonsdale    | 23 | Eskridge Culver    | 12 |
| Barry Fraser        | 3  | Mary Harbaugh      | 23 | Doris Ellis        | 14 |
| Kris Lewis          | 4  | Mary Cox           | 24 | Mark Wells         | 14 |
| Stacey Moran        | 4  | Leslyn Thorne      | 26 | Timothy Lippard    | 14 |
| Heather Warner      | 5  | Grace Cotoia       | 26 | Gordon Nelson Sr.  | 14 |
| Callie Atkins       | 5  | David Leary        | 27 | Isabelle Ramage    | 15 |
| Richard Lopes       | 6  | Barbara Brown      | 28 | Theodore Mastin    | 16 |
| Mary Condon         | 6  | Walter Gadkowski   | 28 | Scott Corbett      | 17 |
| Samantha Rabideau   | 6  | Jean Lonsdale      | 28 | Charlotte Stiefel  | 19 |
| Dorothy Pettibone   | 7  | Steven Oney        | 28 | Janet Armstrong    | 21 |
| Michael Hersey      | 7  | Betsy Syrovoy      | 28 | Constance Sullivan | 21 |
| Aaron Langlais      | 7  | Sarah Colwell      | 29 | Suzanne Howes      | 24 |
| Richard Marchand    | 8  | <b>January</b>     |    | Nancy Brodhead     | 24 |
| Ed Trzcinski        | 10 | Ronald Corbett     | 1  | Linda Hutton       | 24 |
| Constance Flood     | 10 | William Lyon       | 1  | Ann Hibbard        | 24 |
| Christopher Colbert | 11 | Robert Drake       | 1  | Gerald Hazard      | 25 |
| Susan Jilson        | 12 | Nicholas Steward   | 1  | Carolyn Laird      | 25 |
| David Wood          | 12 | Dorothy Vetterling | 2  | Sharon Donegan     | 26 |
| Hannah Howes        | 12 | Lois White         | 3  | Betty Jones        | 26 |
| Sonia Osborne       | 15 | Karen Howes        | 3  | John Roser         | 26 |
| Robert Byrom        | 15 | Jody Warner        | 5  | Claire Anderson    | 27 |
| Schuyler McMahon    | 15 | Lydia Hawkins      | 6  | Nancy Roberts      | 27 |
| Estelle Trzcinski   | 16 | Gary Mansur        | 7  | Jordan McCarron    | 27 |
| David E. Allen      | 16 | Dierdre Mullin     | 9  | Richard Griffith   | 28 |
| Newell Bearse       | 17 | Marilyn Cannon     | 10 | Marilyn Welsh      | 31 |
| Patricia Bergfors   | 18 | Elizabeth McAdams  | 10 | Judy Scarafile     | 31 |

*Joy to the world! The  
Lord is come; let earth  
receive her king*

~Isaac Watts

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

December and January

### December

|                               |    |
|-------------------------------|----|
| Jack & Margaret Moran         | 11 |
| Waters & Phyllis Davis        | 14 |
| Thomas & Elizabeth Moran      | 14 |
| Bob & Becky McClenahan        | 20 |
| Jud & Bonnie Phelps           | 21 |
| Peter & Constance Rosenberger | 21 |
| Robert & Betsy Byrom          | 28 |

### January

|                                 |    |
|---------------------------------|----|
| Stephen & Betty Jones           | 1  |
| Russell & Dorothy Freeston, Jr. | 4  |
| Matt Palmer & Lisa Barr         | 7  |
| Thomas & Jean Fahey             | 8  |
| Donald & Helen Palmer           | 11 |
| Robert & Irene Harbaugh         | 13 |
| Albert & Jean Stafford          | 19 |

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*

*What can I give Him  
Poor as I am? If I were  
a shepherd, I would give  
Him a lamb, If I were a  
Wise Man, I would do  
my part, -- But what I  
can, I give Him. Give my  
heart.*

~Christina Rosseti

## Stewardship Update

We are now well into the 2008 Stewardship Campaign at Saint Mary's. To date we have received about 123 pledges. We would like to strongly encourage you to return your pledge card to the church ASAP! In early December we will start a phone-a-thon to contact all parishioners who have not yet completed a pledge card. We are happy to report that more than 50% of those who have pledged so far have increased their pledges this year. This will allow Saint Mary's to continue its many good works in the parish, community and world.

~The Stewardship Committee



## Christmas Isn't Over Until...

We celebrate the 12th day of Christmas on the Feast of the Epiphany, January 6. Join us at coffee hour that day as we celebrate a mini-12th night. We'll have King's Cake and bless chalk which you can take home to bless your houses for the year. In honor of the gifts brought to the Christ Child by the Magi, we invite you to bring baby gifts to place by the manger. These gifts will be sent to the Baby Center in Hyannis which provides baby supplies for mothers in need.

## Advent and Christmas Schedule

December 2 Advent Workshop 11:15

December 6 Advent Simple Supper 6:00-8:00 pm Celebrate St. Nicholas

December 13 Advent Simple Supper 6:00-8:00 pm Labyrinths

December 15 Christmas Caroling at Heatherwood 3:00 pm

December 16 Advent Lessons and Carols 4:00 pm

December 20 Advent Simple Supper 6:00-8:00 pm Our patron saint, Mary, and crèches

December 24 Christmas Eve

4:00 pm Christmas Pageant and Holy Eucharist

7:00 pm Festal Choral Eucharist

10:00 pm Festal Choral Eucharist  
(both preceded by carol singing)

December 25 Christmas Day

10:00 am Holy Eucharist

And because Christmas isn't over 'til the Magi come

January 6 The Feast of the Epiphany

Join us at coffee hour for King Cake, and the Blessing of the Chalk and learn how to bless your home for the new year

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