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DEAR FRIENDS,

A new year, a new page, a new direction, a new creation. There is something in each and all of us that yearns for novelty, that hopes for birth, that desires change. What we yearn and hope for, what we desire intensifies this time of year and readily fixates on a resolution here, or a different goal there. Yet once these goals and resolutions are achieved, we can quickly settle back into the same old, same old.

It has always been this way with our kind. And that is why, I suspect, scripture encourages us to be true and fully attentive to our hearts' desire. "Behold," the angels proclaim, "I bring you tidings of great joy." A child is born. A new world arrives. A kingdom of light and love materializes. We are given new hearts, new minds. "In Christ," the Apostle Paul wrote, "we are a new creation. Everything old has passed away. Everything has become new!" It is in and from this Spirit of newness that we begin again as a parish community, in a new year, with new possibilities, with new hopes and dreams.

I have great hopes for the year ahead of us, and new things are afoot. In the new year, we will begin a parish nurse program, headed by our parishioners, Catherine Morrison and Susan Babcock. They will be working closely with our shepherds to give greater attention and care to the pastoral needs of our parish community. Also in the new year, we will be forming an environmental task force, to identify ways in which we make our parish a beacon of responsibility in how we live and work in the natural world. Linda Gadkowski is chairing a newly formed Planned Giving committee to offer ways for us to remember St. Mary's in our estate planning. She will be offering us two workshops on planned giving, on Thursday, January 10th at 10 a.m., and after the 10 a.m. service on Sunday, January 14th. Finally, I am hopeful, in the near future, we can add a grand piano to the chancel to enhance our music program. As mentioned earlier, we are looking for a donation or memorial gift to make this possible.

I hope all of you will make an effort to be present at our Annual Meeting scheduled for Sunday, January 28th at 10:45 a.m.. Your participation is vital as we continue to develop our parish goals and work together to ensure our spiritual and financial vitality.

Before the old year fades, I want to thank all those who made our Advent



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NOTE FROM KRIS



Have you noticed how the sale of calendars has blossomed over the last few years?

While in the past people relied on calendars sent from the bank or the local insurance office or the feed store, today buying a new calendar has for many of us become part of our end of the year routine, and we're offered a huge array to choose from: art prints, pets, advice, cartoons, movies, horoscopes, scenes from around the world...the choices are endless. We can choose utilitarian calendars but more often we choose calendars to enlighten us, to amuse us or to brighten our day.

Having a new calendar can brighten our décor or lift our spirits, but I think there is also something empowering about starting a new calendar at the beginning of a new year. The pages stretch out before us clean and unsullied...no matter what the last year was like, it's as if the slate has been wiped clean, the opportunities seem endless. Just as there is no limit to the variety of calendars we have to choose from, there is no limit to the ways we can fill the squares that mark the days of the year ahead of us.

So to it is with our life with God. No matter what we've done, no matter how we've neglected our relationship with God, no matter where we are on our spiritual journey, God offers a clean slate whenever we ask for it—we don't even have to wait for a new year. God offers us a clean slate each week when we come before God in prayer, when we offer up our confession of our shortcomings, and most of all when we come to the altar to receive the precious Body and Blood of Christ. God offers us

the redemption made possible through Jesus, and offers it to us not just once, but over and over.

As we begin this new year, my prayer for all us is that as we fill our calendars with new plans, new hopes, we also fill our lives with the abundant love and grace that God offers to us now in the new year and always.

Blessings for the New Year and beyond,

Krist

STEVE'S NOTE (CONT)

and Christmas season full of joy and light: To Joan and our choirs and musicians for their magnificent musical programs; to our Altar Guild for the beauty and care of our worship space; for our ECW for another terrific Holly Fair; to our staff for their faithful ministry in this busy season; to all of our teachers, worship assistants, and volunteers who have given untold hours of support. I am deeply grateful to all of you!

On January 7th, I will be celebrating the 25th anniversary of my ordination to the priesthood at our 10:00 Service. What a grace and blessing it is for me to feel so privileged and honored to count these years with you as my best. My hope and prayer is, as we begin this new year, all of us will be drawn more fully into the dream God has for us, the dream of a new creation.

Faithfully,
Steve+

TELLING OUR STORIES: PETE GOUGER *By Tom Fahey*

The old man carries the colors up the aisle and stands ramrod straight before the altar. Our voices rise to the strains of the hymn as he gently waves the flag back and forth. "Oh beautiful, for heroes proved in liberating strife, who more than self their country loved and mercy more than life . . ."

My first image of him is the friendly usher in a camel hair sport coat. I'm trying to slip in unnoticed, but can't get by him. I remark on his fly fishing tie and we chat about sea run brown trout. A few weeks later he asks me to be an usher. Soon after, he calls and asks me to be a reader. Even for a reluctant churchgoer like me, it's hard to say no to Pete Gouger.

A more recent image is from last autumn's church retreat in New Hampshire. Pete's in his waders. He's got his fly rod. Walking along Otter Lake beside him is Spencer German. The young towhead is happily carrying the eighty-year old's fishing bag. It's as timeless as a Norman Rockwell painting. And then there is Veterans Day. He's carrying the stars and stripes. We're thinking of our own heroes. The father who served in WWII and Korea. The friend in Vietnam. The teenager in Iraq.

"I was born in North Pownal, Vermont," Pete tells me as we sit in his Barnstable living room. "A little bit of a burg off the beaten path. My father and mother worked at the Berkshire Hathaway cotton mill. I vowed they were never going to get me in there."

He was christened Carroll but called "Pete" after an uncle. Pete was a standout in high school. Class President in his junior and senior years, Honor Society, captain of the baseball and basketball teams.

"The day after graduation I signed with the Albany Packers to play shortstop in the Twilight League. Then I got signed up to the Pittsburgh Pirates rookie squad. I was nineteen years old. I

made \$90 a month but room and board was only \$10 a week so life was good.

"I came home and enlisted in the Army Air Corps on July 27, 1942. I did my basic training in Atlantic City on the boardwalk. Not too many guys knew how to add and subtract under pressure so I went to Monroe in the northern swamps of Louisiana for seven months of navigation training.

"I volunteered for a spot as a navigator in a B-17, the flying fortress, and took combat training in Kearney, Nebraska. We shot at clouds and chased cows across the prairie. To learn celestial navigation, we flew at night and "camera bombed" St. Louis, Missouri.

"Then we were yanked out of training and shipped to New York City. With 17,500 other guys we went out on the Queen Mary. Us 'Louies' had better accommodations than the GIs who slept on the decks. We ate in the big dining room with the nurses. With no escort we crossed the Atlantic in 4 days, cruising at 45 mph in a zig-zag pattern and landed in Greenock, Scotland.

"I was assigned to the 401st bomber group and joined the crew of a brand new B-17 "G" which had a new feature, a nose turret.

"On my fifth mission, the B-17 next to us blew up in a ball of fire. Right after we landed I got a backpack from the parachute shack, even though it meant carrying an extra 40 pounds.

"We were part of a maximum effort to bomb ball bearing plants in Leipzig. One thousand planes. They called us "Doolittle's doughboys." My plane was assigned to "Purple Heart corner" the most exposed corner of the formation, with no protection. The ME109's attacked from 12 o'clock, coming at the lead plane and then peeling off.

"We got nailed in the first phase of German fire. We were riddled. The radio operator was killed, the tail gunner had his legs shot off, the ball turret

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gunner and the co-pilot were dead. We lost power and couldn't fire. We were like a wounded duck.

"My pilot was Ed Gardner, a dairy farm boy from Michigan was piloting his 11th mission. I shook Gardner's hand and I never saw him again. I crawled down the catwalk and called to the bombardier, "Come on Jack!"

"I kicked the door off and just fell out of the plane, hitting the bomb bay door and then the tail wheel. I'm seeing stars, I was half-unconscious. Then I came to and yanked my ripcord. I fell for half an hour. I landed in two-feet of snow and the wind dragged me across a field. I rolled up the chute, cut it loose and ran and hid in the woods.

"It was a nice bright sunny day in February. I was hiding in the scrub pines watching people taking a Sunday stroll in the afternoon. When it started to get dark I went into thick brush when six guys, three of them with rifles, surrounded me. They were yelling "Raus!." A young German Sergeant came running up with his pistol out and marched me through the forest. They took me to jail and put me in a cell with a bunk. Half an hour later in come the engineer and bombardier.

"A train took us to Barth, Germany the northernmost city on a peninsula on the Baltic Sea. I was taken to Stalag Luft 1, North Compound 1, Block 6, Room 3. I was there for the next 15 months.

"We had a secret radio so we knew the Allies had landed. The British guys bribed a guard for radio parts and listened to the BBC. We got the news on slips of toilet paper inside a wristwatch which was smuggled from compound to compound.

"On May 1, 1945 the Russians showed up and liberated the camp. I was flown out in a B-17. I had lost 40 pounds. I weighed 145.

"They took us to Camp Lucky Strike in La Havre France. From there I got on a B-17 with 19 other fellas. When we landed in England an MP truck took us to a hospital for a week for physical

exams. At night we went dancing with the nurses. We got on a boat and were shipped to Boston. I got on a train to North Adams, MA.

"When I got home I found my mother on her deathbed, dying of cancer. I watched her die by inches. She died on November 1st."

After the war, Pete went to Holy Cross for a year on the GI bill. He also got a job as a timekeeper for the Norton Company in Worcester and played for the company's semi-pro ball club. "I gobbled up everything they hit me so at I became their shortstop and lead off man. I made \$45 a week as timekeeper plus \$15 a game."

On August 26, 1946, Pete married his high school sweetheart, Eleanor "Ellie" Gatslick. She was secretary to the headmaster at Dedham Country Day School. Pete worked as the business manager for a doctor's group practice and went to Bentley College at night for two years. At 29 he became a junior salesman selling accounting machines for the Burroughs Corporation. Pete demonstrated a talent for problem solving and a fervor for selling the latest computer equipment.

At eighty-three Pete is still the alert infielder, the optimistic salesman. As he recounts the technological wonders of past decades, his blue eyes brighten. He sounds so convincing I am ready to buy a Burroughs TC-500 terminal computer right there.

Pete and Ellie have been married sixty years. William, their first son is now a lawyer in Colorado. Younger son Chip is "a born mechanic, can fix anything." Pete and Ellie now have three grandchildren and one great-granddaughter.

Pete and Ellie moved to the Cape in 1974. For a while Pete managed a bank computer center with 46 people working for him. But he really found his niche at Boston's University Hospital where he worked for 10 years, retiring in 1988.

Pete and Ellie have been active members of St. Mary's for more than thirty years. "The first thing I did was collect pledges during the Every Mem-



MUSIC AT ST. MARY'S

Perhaps you have heard the comparison between a “human being” and a “human doing”. Type A that I am, and especially in the past few months, I’ve definitely fallen into the latter category. And I am not alone. Those of us raised with a strong Protestant work ethic live in mortal dread of being considered lazy or not living up to our potential. While this enables us to accomplish mounds of work, I fear we are so busy we miss that “still small voice” as God whispers to us of His plans for the Kingdom. And sooner or later we burn out.

There’s another concept I have a hard time wrapping my mind around, that of “holy waste.” I abhor wasting anything, be it time or money or resources.

Again, though in general this is admirable, there are times we need to overflow lest something important be lacking. The very foundation of our faith, of Christ dying for the sins of the whole world (“Everyone, Lord? Even that one?!”) is the prime example of holy waste. Grace is available to all, whether it’s accepted or not, be the recipient a saint or sinner. The fact that Jesus lived a scant 33 years seems a waste (especially once one has personally passed that milestone!).

We’ve all seen the cute plaques advising mothers to treasure their children while they’re young, for all too soon they’ve grown up. There are so many other opportunities to treasure—a golden sunny afternoon, a long talk with a friend, time with an aging parent.

For once my new year’s resolution is not to take on one more worthy task (since I rarely can keep up the practice anyway) but to allow myself to enjoy what I realize are the last months with my elderly dog, chats with parish members I am just beginning to know, time learning a new piece on the organ.

Though the most common reason not to join choir is usually lack of time, if

It’s something you think you’d really enjoy (and we do have fun!), see if you can work out the time. We get a little shorthanded in the winter, especially in the male category, so I invite you to give us a try!

Joan Kirchner

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ber Canvas,” he said. “I was Senior Warden between ’78 and ’80. I was responsible for hiring David Allen and I set up a bookkeeping system for the church.”

And when did he pick up fly fishing?

“In 1950 I received a government check for \$666. German war reparations. I was paid a buck and a half a day for every day I spent in prison camp. ‘Ellie,’ I said, ‘I’m taking out \$125 for fishing.’ I bought a fly rod and went with a friend and an uncle to Fort Kent Maine, on the Canadian border. We hiked 7 miles to Robin’s Pond. When I got there the surface of the pond was boiling, like it was raining, with rising trout. I put on a Red Ibis - two of them in fact - and right away caught a pair of fifteen-inch square tails. I was hooked!”

As we begin the final verse, Pete Gouger, Saint Mary’s very own hero, does a perfect about-face and slowly carries the colors back down the aisle. Tears stream from his eyes — and our own — as we all join in the final refrain. “America, America, God shed his grace on thee, and crown thy good with brotherhood, from sea to shining sea.”

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
	1 12a - 11:59p NEW YEARS' Office Closed	2 7a – 9a Men’s Breakfast 10:30a – 12p Prayer Group	1p – 2p Staff Meeting 3:30p – 4:30p Eucharist Heatherwood
7 8a – 9a Holy Eucharist, Rite I 10a -11a Holy Eucharist, Rite II 11:15a – 12p Community Choir 5:30p - 7:30p Rite 13	8 9a -10:30a Miracle Kitchen 6p -11:59p Women’s Overnight of Hospitality	9 TBD Diocesan Exec Committee -St. Barnabas Church 9:15a – 9:15a Newsletter Deadline	10a – 11a Holy Eucharist Healing 1p – 2p Staff Meeting 3p – 4p Finance & Administration Meeting 7p – 8:30p Adult Catechesis
14 8a – 9a Holy Eucharist, Rite I 10a –11a Holy Eucharist, Rite II 11a –12a Outreach Committee Meeting 11:15a – 12p Community Choir 5:30p – 7:30p J2A	15 No Events	16 7a – 9a Men’s Breakfast 10:30a – 12p Prayer Group	10a -11a Holy Eucharist Healing 1p – 2p Staff Meeting 7p - 8:30p Adult Catechesis 7p - 9p Vestry Meeting
21 8a – 9a HE, Rite I 10a -11a HE, Rite II 11:15a – 12p Community Choir 5:30p - 7:30p Rite 13	22 No Events	23 No Events	10a – 11a Holy Eucharist Healing 1p – 2p Staff Meeting 6p – 11:30p Men’s Night 7p – 8:30p Adult Catechesis
28 8a – 9a HE, Rite I 10a – 11a Morning Prayer 10:45a – 1p Annual meeting 5:30p - 7:30p J2A	29 No Events	30 7a – 8a Men’s Breakfast 10:30a – 12p Prayer Group	10a – 11a Holy Eucharist Healing 1p - 2p Staff Meeting 7p – 8:30p Adult Catechesis

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day	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
3 ing harist at	4 7:30a – 9a Holy Eucharist & Breakfast Group 10a - 1p Deanery Clergy Meeting 5:30p - 8:30p Contemplative Prayer – HS, Orleans 7p – 9p AA Meeting	5 No Events	6 8:30a - 9:30a Liturgy Meeting 5p - 6p Holy Eucharist
10 harist with ting z Budget Choir	11 7:30a - 9a Holy Eucharist & Breakfast Group 9:30a – 1:30p Cape Cod Auxiliary – Alzheimer’s Asso- ciation 7p – 9:30p Buildings & Grounds Committee 7p - 9p AA Meeting	12 No Events	13 5p – 6p Holy Eucharist
17 harist with ing hoir ting	18 7:30a - 9a Holy Eucharist & Breakfast Group 7p – 9p AA Meeting	19 10:30a – 12p Altar Guild Meeting	20 5p – 6p Holy Eucharist
24 harist with eting Hospitality Choir	25 6p – 9p Deanery Assembly – St. Barnabas’s Church 7:30a - 9a Holy Eucharist & Breakfast Group 7p – 9p AA Meeting	26 No Events	27 5p - 6p Holy Eucharist
31 harist with ing Choir			



ANNOUNCEMENTS

St. Mary's needs you.

Sunday Coffee: If you are one of the 100 or so who enjoy the fellowship after church, please consider helping with this parish ministry. There's a sign up sheet in the sunroom with a sheet of instruction; if you haven't done it before, consider doing it with someone who has to learn the ropes.

Nursery aides: Help make it possible for parents to attend church by caring for their children in a well-stocked playroom. Usually there are two adults and three or four children. Arrive at 9:45am to greet families; leave when they go up with their families for communion. I've enjoyed doing this ministry this fall; fringe benefits include the Saturday service or Sunday early service and getting to know our youngest parishioners and their families. Join the team for one or two Sundays a month by calling Barbara Hersey at 508-778-2309.

Library revival: The church library needs a few dedicated people to organize, catalog and update the shelves. It just takes manpower to inventory what is there, shelve it so it is accessible, and enliven the feel of the room. How about a shelf of "the clergy recommends",? "the book group is reading/considering"? so-and-so's "favorite author"? Should we make a bulletin board to post reader reviews, requests and recommendations? The budget still has \$250, so we might order some new titles.

Please call or speak to Marian Ferguson with questions or if you wish to help: (508-362-8225) or marianferg@aol.com.

Vestry Notes

Due to a lack of a quorum, the Vestry met for a brief meeting and adjourned early. The next Vestry meeting is scheduled for Wed. Jan. 17.

Bookgroup

Our book for January 4th, Thursday, in the St. James Room at 7:00pm is *Death Be Not Proud* by John Gunther leading the discussion will be Stephen Jones.

For February 7th, Thursday, in the St. James Room at 7:00pm the book we will be discussing will be *A Year of Wonders* by Geraldine Brooks.

Planned Giving Committee

Linda Gadkowski will be holding two workshops on Planned Giving in January: Thursday, January 11th at 10 a.m. in the Parish Hall, and Sunday, January 14th after the 10 a.m. Service. All are invited to attend!

Planning Tip: Amounts transferred from an IRA directly to the church can be used to satisfy your IRA minimum distribution requirement.

For example, Ed, age 75 like to contribute about \$1,000 to St. Mary's each year. He does not itemize his deductions, so he gets no tax benefits from his charitable contributions. He's subject to the required minimum distributions rules on his IRA and for 2006 he is required to withdraw \$2,000 which normally adds to his taxable income. Under the new law, Ed can direct his IRA custodian to pay him only \$1,000 and to send \$1,000 to his church. As a result, Ed will reduce his 2006 taxable income by \$1,000 and he'll still meet his minimum distribution requirement. He will not be taxed on the \$1,000 he sent to the church.

Before the new (Pension Act) law, you had to make a taxable IRA withdrawal and then send the money to the church. This law is only in effect for 2006 and 2007 and the ceiling is \$100,000 per year. Take advantage this new opportunity.

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Birthdays

William Lyon	1	Allen Machon	24
Rene Pinault	1	Ann Hibbard	24
Nicholas Steward	1	Carolyn Laird	25
Ronald Corbett	1	Sharon Donegan	26
Dorothy Vetterling	2	Betty Jones	26
Lois White	3	Claire Anderson	27
Karen Howes	3	Nancy Roberts	27
Lily Owens	4	Richard Griffith	28
Jody Warner	5	Mark Stacy	29
Lydia Hawkins	6	Marilyn Welsh	31
O. Fletcher Pyle	7	Judy Scarafile	31
George Washburn	8		
Marilyn Cannon	10	Anniversaries	
Elizabeth McAdams	10	June Bancroft	1
Daniel Wood	10	Robert Bancroft	
Hobart Cook	12		
Doris Ellis	14	Dorothy Freeston	4
Mark Wells	14	Russell Freeston	
Timothy Lippard	14		
Isabelle Ramage	14	Lisa Barr	7
Kathryn Orloff	16	Matthew Palmer	
Scott Corbett	17		
Edward Allen	18	Helen Palmer	11
Charlotte Stiefel	19	Donald Palmer	
Janet Armstrong	21		
Constance Sullivan	21	Jean Stafford	19
Mary Chrane	22	Albert Stafford	
Suzanne Howes	24		
Linda Hutton	24		

A NOTE FROM THE NEWSLETTER EDITOR

Hello and Happy New Year to all,

It has been a year of exciting change for the Communications Task Force and more specifically for Cross Currents. We have worked hard to offer a more readable layout and design. Some of the changes have come about through trial and error and others by design. We hope you have enjoyed this ever evolving newsletter.

A goal for the newsletter is to be sure that our information is timely, relevant and accurate. We have found that one of the areas of concern is the listings of birthdays and anniversaries. If you have information about a birthday or anniversary; whether it is an omission or inaccurate please notify Linda Keewell, as she is working on a corrected database of birthdays and anniversaries.

If you have submissions for the newsletter or comments please feel free to forward those to stmarysnewsletter@comcast.net

CHRISTIAN FORMATION

YOUTH FORMATION

“Resolve to be More Involved”

for Church School Families and Families with Youth:

In so many ways things keep changing at Saint Mary's. But one thing hasn't changed and that's our commitment to including children in all services and intergenerational events at St. Mary's. However, it occurs to us that we'd like to re-state and renew the commitment to fun for ourselves and families. Here are the "Saint Mary's 10 Best Ways". So here goes:

1. Love yourself and Love your neighbor as yourself.
2. Welcome new families whenever possible.
3. Attend church and sign up for church suppers whenever possible.
4. Bring children to attend Godly Play in Church School.
5. Children and Youth are welcome in all Church Services and Community Choir.
6. Children and Youth are welcome to have fun in Church School, Rite 13, J2A and all parish events and services!
7. Families are welcome to give what they can.
8. Families are welcome to creatively initiate programs or events, ask for support from the church staff and work toward their vision together.
9. Families are welcome to share and speak of their needs.
10. Families are welcome!

All YOUTH:

Please see sunroom bulletin board for most up to date schedule!

Thank you again to all the parents who brought meals to both youth groups during the fall. It is time again to sign up for the winter meetings! Please see your group's Mentors or Connie to sign up.

J2A:

Please sign up by January 14 for the Senior High Retreat on February 9-11, 2007 at the Barbara C. Harris Camp & Conference Center for students in grades 9-12. Brian Sullivan will be attending as a chaperone. Thank you Brian! We're hoping to send all our youth and it fills fast so please let Connie Sullivan know right away. The fee is \$100 and partial scholarships are available. The event begins at 6:30pm on Friday Feb. 9 and ends on Sunday Feb. 11 at 1:00pm. Brian, Chris Barron and Katie Greene had a great time last year with tee shirts to prove it! Ask them about it! There's a theme for the weekend with live music, fabulous worship, great games and activities, and engaging discussion. Make new friends from around our diocese as well as bond with youth from your own parish! Transportation will be arranged based on the number attending.

Thank You:

Thank you to all of the attendees of the Safe Church training on Dec. 2: Dan Powers, Jim Cranitch, Jason Raineiri, Marian Ferguson, Joan Kirchner and Kate Watters. We appreciate your involvement in Church School, Youth programs and intergenerational activities. The next Safe Church training in our deanery will be announced soon and again, all of our adults who work with children and youth are mandated to attend this training.



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HOLLY FAIR

If I were to attempt to thank every individual who helped to make the Holly Fair such a great success, I would take up far too much space. Figures are not yet all in, but it is obvious that the Fair was a tremendous financial success, and by next month's publication, I should be able to report that information. With no actual chairperson this year, the ECW board took the reins, and somehow it all managed to come together at the end. Since a Chair with a co-Chair is the ideal situation, we are hoping to have those positions filled for the 2007 Fair as quickly as possible. Won't you please give it some consideration??

Workers in each and every room, as well as in the kitchen and dining room were SHINING STARS!! We kept our super bankers busy. As usual, patrons were lined up outside the doors for Jewelry, Attic Treasures, and of course, greens, long before the 9AM opening. What a tribute to the people of St. Mary's. To all workers, shoppers, contributors: Bless you and Thank you!!!!!!

January Meeting

There will not be a General meeting of the ECW in January. See you in February.

DAFFODIL TEA

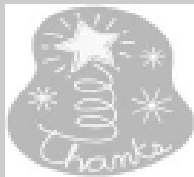
Do you believe????? The tea is scheduled for April 21st, but it is imperative that we have a Chairperson. This position is not difficult, but necessary to keep things on course. If you have never attended one, you are in for a treat! It is always a sell-out. We will announce when reservations can be made, and supply a telephone number at that time.

Charitable Giving

Once again, THE ECW Board, at its December meeting, voted to contribute a total of \$1050.00 to 13 various charities for the Holiday Season. We also were very involved with the "Dress a Live Doll" program. We are proud to be able to support our own parish, as well as extending outreach at this special time of year. It is possible due to the support of all the parishoners at our fund raising events.

Missing Items

The ECW is on a search for several missing items, such as large pans used to cook for the Noah Shelter, tablecloths, card tables, large tables.....If you are in possession of any St Mary's items, could you please return them, NO QUESTIONS ASKED! Thank You.



I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a very Happy Holiday and a Blessed New Year. I have now been at St Mary's for six months and feel like I have a home. Thank you for making me feel welcome. A special heartfelt thank you to those folks who volunteer their precious time to help in the office - Jim Cranitch, Mary Ferguson, Betty Jones, Marge Mansur, & Connie Von Maur and of course to the full time staff - Steve Smith, Kris Lewis, Betsy Hinckley, Joan kirchner, Jon Ferguson, Connie Sullivan & Barbara Hersey who have helped me immensely. 2006 has been a very good year here at St Mary's and I look forward to seeing and talking with everyone in 2007. Please continue to stop by and say hello

Linda Keewell

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Mission Statement

Saint Mary's is a community of faith striving to live intentionally as the Body of Christ in the world. We express our faith through worship, spiritual formation, care for others, and responsible stewardship of all our resources.

- We base our worship on the richness and diversity of Anglican liturgy and music.
- We provide opportunities and resources to guide the spiritual development of our multigenerational congregation.
- We reach out to help fulfill the material needs of those in our local community and beyond.
- We invite everyone to participate in the life of our community through sharing their time, talents, and tangible resources.



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