

CROSS CURRENTS

Saint Mary's



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DEAR FRIENDS,

Anam Cara. It means "soul friend" in Gaelic, and it describes a relationship that has been foundational to Christian life in Ireland since the time of Saints Patrick, Bridget, and Columba fifteen centuries ago. In Celtic spirituality, to find an anam cara was as essential as finding water to drink and food to eat. To have an anam cara meant living life with the assurance and confidence that nothing could separate you from the wellspring of God's eternal love.

I wonder now, as I return from my own soulful journey to Ireland in recent days, if this is what Jesus meant when he said to his disciples: "I do not call you servants any longer, but I call you friends." Up until the time of Jesus, humanity conceived of its relationship with God as being vertical, top down, transcendental. Now Jesus insisted this relationship has a horizontal dimension, that in friendship with him and with each other, we could be drawn into the mystery and wonder of the divine.

As we grow as a parish community, my fervent hope is that we can begin to embrace this understanding of friendship, of anam cara. We are called to be friends, anam caras to each other. And in this holy love, I believe Christ is made incarnate in and through us, in our fellowship, our pastoral care of each other, our stewardship of the precious gifts we have been given.

This month, before we move into our summer rhythm, we take an opportunity to celebrate the end of our church school year on Sunday, June 11th. We have one graduating senior to congratulate, Will Jones, the son of Steve and Betty Jones, who will attend Union College in the fall. Over the summer, we will be making preparations for our parish retreat in late September, inaugurating our new Journey to Adulthood program for our parish youth, and developing our Via Media adult education program for adults. Lots to look forward to!

As I mentioned in our May newsletter, we will be making a presentation at coffee hour on Sunday, June 25th of our stained glass project which we take on in the beginning of next year. Renderings of both large and small windows by artist David Guarducci will be shown at that time. And there will be the opportunity for those of you, who wish to, to choose a window for a memorial gift.

From June 15th to 19th, I will be attending our General Convention in Columbus, Ohio. Over the summer, I look forward to being able to report to on this important gathering of our national church, which will include the election of a new Presiding Bishop.

Blessings and Peace,
Steve+



Reverend Stephen Smith

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NOTE FROM KRIS

June! Surely one of the loveliest months of the year, heralding the end of the school year and the arrival of summer's long lazy days. June will be a special month for me, as I travel to Vermont to officiate at the wedding of my younger daughter on June 24. June promises to be a full month at St. Mary's, too, as we move into summer. On June 4 we will celebrate Pentecost, recalling the sending of the Holy Spirit to Jesus' followers after his ascension, and on June 11 we will celebrate the end of Church School for the summer. And watch for announcements about Vacation Bible School, parish cookouts, and other activities coming during the summer.

Even as we move into summer, it's not too early to think about fall—especially about our First Annual Parish Retreat—Travels through the Wardrobe. Please consider joining us September 29 through October 1 at the Barbara C. Harris Camp and Conference Center for a weekend of fun, fellowship, and relaxation, with activities based on themes drawn from C. S. Lewis' *The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe*. If you have not received a registration form, they are available on the tract rack outside the office. Remember that we must have your registration and deposit by June 15.

Enjoy the coming of summer!

Kris

MUSIC AT ST. MARY'S

The last Sunday of the season for the Adult and Junior Choirs is June 11 - a day to celebrate a wonderful season of singing together. During the summer months, starting on June 18, we look forward to hearing special music by vocal or instrumental soloists or small ensembles from the congregation. A sign-up list is posted on the Choir bulletin board in the Parish Hall. Both adults and children are invited to participate, so here's YOUR chance to offer your unique musical gifts to the 10:00 Sunday congregation!

You've already heard about the July visit of England's Exeter Cathedral Choir. On Sunday morning, July 30, they will take over the music at our 10:00 service, which will be a traditional English service of Mattins (Morning Prayer) - an occasion not to be missed. Exeter will offer the Cape a sumptuous musical feast that entire weekend, with public concerts in Sandwich and Orleans and an invitation-only Evensong at St. Andrew's in Hyannis Port. Stay tuned.

Our active music program could not have happened this season without the financial support of the Friends of Music at St. Mary's Church. The Friends have given generously and mostly without prompting, and we gratefully acknowledge their gifts, as follows:

SERAPH: Asdis Helgadóttir Hodgson.

ARCHANGELS: Christopher H. Babcock, Barbara Edgar, Stina Gustafson, Charles and Wilma Morris, Dirk Moyer *in memoriam*, Leslyn Thorne, Ruth Thornton *in memoriam*.

ANGELS: Alice and Ed Allen, Janet and Jim Armstrong, Curt and Pat Buttenheim, Phyllis and Waters Davis, Harry and Sallie Irwin, Brian and Connie Sullivan, Gertrude Waters.

FRIENDS: Sam Anderson, Lisa Barr and Matt Palmer, Forrest Beam, Ellen and John Culver, Nancy and Russell Fales, Gordon and Louise Nelson, Marianne and Thomas Philbrick, Connie and Peter Rosenberger, Jeff and Joyce Shinn, Babs Walters.

And to all those who helped as lectors, ushers, and reception hosts, a huge THANK YOU!



TELLING OUR STORIES: DON MEHLHOP

Written by Patrick R. Ramage

It is 1919. Dexter, New Mexico is a small but thriving town at the foot of the Sierra Blanca mountain range on the western bank of the Pecos River. Young Donald Mehlhop, age four, stands on tiptoe under the eaves of his parents house peering intently down into a large rain barrel. "We needed rainwater there. Dexter was a farming community," Don patiently explains to me on a rainy morning almost nine decades later. Irrepressible curiosity almost ended his life: falling headfirst into the rain barrel is Don Mehlhop's first memory. "My mother saved me and pulled me out," he says with a chuckle. "Years later she forgot about the whole thing. But I remember it distinctly."

The youngest of three children, Don grew up in Dexter with his brother John Augustus and sister Elizabeth. Their father did well in the alfalfa hay business while their mother was "busy running the town, the women's club and the Presbyterian church," where, two years after his self-immersion experience, Don was baptized the traditional way. "They sprinkled water on me. My mother was quite active in the church. My father was not at all. But we went to Sunday school every week and vacation church school in the summers."

Joined by his wife Evelyn and visiting daughter Patty, Don sits at the dining table of his Dennis Village home dressed in denim overalls reflecting on the joys of a childhood spent in the rugged southwest. "We were free to roam. My brother, sister and I and other kids would all go down to the river. We would be nude and swim where it was deep enough, and spend afternoons along the banks looking for Indian relics. When it got real hot we would go up to the mountains to keep cool." This close connection with nature in his early years sowed seeds of concern for the natural environment that continue to flourish in Don today. "I am reasonably optimistic overall, but I'm very concerned about the way we are destroying the earth. It's getting so polluted we may not be able to save it." I ask Patty the second of Don's four daughters, now an official with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, whether her father's environmentalism influenced her career path. "Actually, when it comes to these issues I think I might have influenced him," she observes. Don nods in agreement.

At 91 years of age, Don Mehlhop's hunger for new ideas and thoughtful engagement with the world around him are as fresh as when he graduated from Dexter High School in 1932. His genuine modesty is even more obvious. "You graduated Valedictorian. Isn't that right?" asks Evelyn, deftly prodding him. "Yeah, but that's not much," Don says, "there were only 12 of us in the class." After spending a year in a cotton gin, unloading wagons hauled by mules and occasional runaway horses, the self-deprecating Valedictorian secured an appointment to the U.S. Naval Academy. Struck by "my tendency to burst out talkin' loud," classmates nicknamed Don "Wild Man." Quieter times spent in the beautiful chapel at Annapolis gave him his first exposure to the Episcopalian prayer book. "I'm not sure whether we had to attend church as midshipmen," he says "but everybody did."

Upon graduating in 1937, Ensign Mehlhop was sent to join a battleship based in Long Beach, California. It was on a visit to the scenic Pacific Coast Club one afternoon that Don met his future wife. "Young Ensigns were pretty much in demand. You could say she picked me up on the beach," he recalls, beaming warmly at Evelyn. "And this worked out nice." After waiting the two years required by the Navy, Don and Evelyn were married at St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Long Beach. "I still remember the sermon," he says, mimicking the booming voice of the fleet chaplain who married them: "Let no man rend asunder." "Yes," he says with a smile, "it's worked out fine."

The tumbleweed lifestyle of a military family meant travel to assignments across the country and around the world. In the summer of 1940, Don and Evelyn spent several months in Tsing Tao, China where Don's

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WWI era S-38 submarine and several other U.S. Navy boats had been deployed to “show the flag” to Chinese locals and the occupying Japanese. “We stayed in a pension-style place run by a nice German family. The war in Europe had begun at that point, and their two little boys were marching around saying “Sieg Heil,”” recalls Don. “We also met some White Russians there, and learned how to drink a glass of vodka.”

In November 1940, as tensions mounted in Asia and worldwide, Evelyn and other dependents were sent home and Don’s sub deployed on urgent tasks in Manila and Corrigador. Don quotes from memory the orders his sub received in the autumn of 1941: “War with Japan is imminent. Hostilities will commence at any moment . . .” He recalls the first radio reports of the attack on Pearl Harbor. “There was no fear. You just go out and do your duty.” Don and his crewmates did theirs, surprising and sinking a Japanese boat in Lingayen Gulf and on subsequent deployments from Manila to Perth. Don sustained injuries from a battery explosion during one of those operations but ultimately returned with the S-boat to San Diego at the end of 1942.

Don Mehlhop is man whose life is defined by much more than military service. He seems proud to have worn his country’s uniform, but is not one to dwell on war stories. He barely acknowledges his silver star and two bronze star decorations, and only when I specifically ask about them.

For the next two decades Don took on assignments of increasing responsibility and scope in Key West, New London, at the helm of a hospital ship in the Korean war, the Atomic Weapons School in Albuquerque, and back to sea as C.O. of a Landing Ship Dock moored in San Diego Harbor. His family grew as well, by four daughters: Jill a retired city manager in Cambridge, Patty who lives in Denver, Sarah a professor at Bates, and Beth who lives with her family in London, England where Don culminated his Navy service as a military attaché at the U.S. Embassy.

Retiring as a Captain in 1962, Don accepted a position with the Boyce Thompson Institute, a plant research group affiliated with Cornell University, and he and Evelyn moved to Hastings on Hudson New York. In 1980, they moved to their present home on Cape Cod. Mehlhop family gatherings then and now bring special joy. In time, their four returning daughters were joined by seven grandchildren and five great grandchildren. “Nothing has been particularly great about my life except for one thing: a wonderful family. That’s what I live for,” Don says.

We touch briefly on politics: “I’ve been a liberal all my life, and I get more liberal the older I get. Liberalism is right. It’s just that we don’t have a leader worth a darn.” I ask about one he most admires. “Harry Truman” he says without hesitation. “And my science and math teacher from high school. “His name was Albright. And he was bright.”

I ask about the role of faith in his life. “I’ve been very happy being Episcopalian. My God is not something you can reach out and touch, or even necessarily visualize. But churches do good things. So I am willing to go along, and say the Nicene Creed. But when it comes to the Virgin birth and the physical rising of the body, . . . Well, I pray for the sense to understand all this. But it never really happens.”

In the evening of his years, the quest for understanding continues with Don Mehlhop. In addition to the latest naval fiction by Patrick O’Brian, his reading list includes Discover Magazine, Science Weekly and a recent book on Islam by Karen Armstrong. He emails with friends and family and frequently spends time online.

Toward the end of our more than two hours together Don cheerfully insists he still doesn’t understand why anyone would want to interview him. “Because you’ve had a fascinating life,” I respond. “Well, I’ve enjoyed it,” he says with a smile. I ask if he can boil it all down to a lesson:

“That people are fundamentally good. I don’t really hate anybody. To love your neighbor. That life is worth living. That it’s all worth it.”

As I gather my notes and prepare head out into the rain-soaked morning, I realize I have one last question. “Many of us at St. Mary’s have noticed you wear a bolo necktie to church.” “Yes,” says Evelyn, “he has three bolos.” “I don’t have any real fancy ones, and I don’t think I want one,” Don offers. “I haven’t worn a real tie in ten years.” “And why is that?” I ask him. “Well that’s ‘cause I’m from New Mexico, man!”



Exeter Cathedral in Devon, England, is one of the oldest Cathedrals in England. It was founded in the year 1050 by Edward the Confessor who later founded Westminster Abbey in London. It is reputed to be the prettiest of the English Cathedrals and the finest example of Decorated Gothic Architecture in Europe. The choir of the Cathedral is a world famous organization made up of 17 Gentlemen and 40 boys and girls who are students at the ancient Cathedral school. This choir has been performing since the 13th Century and regularly tours the world. Their appearance on Cape Cod this year is the first ever.


Save The Date for this Incredible Performance

The Church of the Holy Spirit., 204 Monument Rd, Orleans
7:30 PM, Friday, July 28 at Holy Spirit

Corpus Christi Parish. 324 Meeting House Rd. East Sandwich.
7:30 PM, Saturday July 29 at Corpus Christi

Tickets for the concerts are \$20.00 each. Advanced purchase for the Saturday concert only may be made at the following branches of TDBank North: *Hyannis (airport) Hyannis (Main St) Osterville, S. Yarmouth, Centerville, Buzzards Bay, Sandwich, Pocasset, Falmouth Palmer, Falmouth, Wareham, Mashpee, Barnstable.*



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
<p>Pentecost Sunday 4</p> <p>8:00a – 9:00a Holy Eucharist, Rite I 9:30a – 9:45a Choir Warm-UP 9:45a- 10:30a Church School Begins 10:00a – 11:00a Holy Eucharist, Rite II</p>	<p>5</p> <p>11:30a – 1:00p ECW Board Meeting, St. James Room 5:00p – 7:00p Barnstable Fatherhood Program, St. James Room</p>	<p>6</p> <p>7:30p – 10:00p Buildings, Grounds & Gardens Meeting, St. James Room 7:00p-8:00p Communications Task Force Meeting</p>	<p>10:00a– 11:00a Holy Eucharist & Healing Service 3:30p – 4:30p Eucharist & Healing Service Heatherwood</p>
<p>Trinity Sunday: Last Day of Church School & Choir 11</p> <p>8:00a-9:00a Holy Eucharist, Rite I 9:30a-9:45a Choir Warm Up 9:45a-10:30a Church School Begins 10:00a-11:00a Holy Eucharist, Rite II, Godly Play Presentation 11:00a -12:00p Outreach Committee Meeting, St. James Room Ice Cream Social, Courtyard</p> 	<p>12</p> <p>9:00a-11:30a Miracle Kitchen Cooking 5:00p-7:00p Barnstable Fatherhood Program, St. James Room</p>	<p>13</p> <p>7:00a-9:00a Tues. Men's Breakfast 10:30a-12:00p Prayer Group, St. James Room 3:00p-4:00p Finance & Budget Committee Mtg, St. James Room 7:00p-9:00pp Vestry Mtg, St. James Room NEWSLETTER DEADLINE</p>	<p>10:00a-11:00a Holy Eucharist & Healing Service 1:00p-3:00p Barnstable Fatherhood Network Meeting 5:30p-6:30p Spirituality Committee Meeting</p>
<p>18</p> <p>Father's Day: 8:00a-9:00a Holy Eucharist, Rite I 10:00a-11:00a Holy Eucharist, Rite II</p>			<p>10:00a-11:00a Holy Eucharist & Healing Service 10:45a-1:30p St. James Room Lunch, Fall Planning</p>
<p>25</p> <p>8:00a-9:00a Holy Eucharist, Rite I 10:00a-11:00a Holy Eucharist, Rite II</p>	<p>26</p> <p>9:00a-11:30a Miracle Kitchen Cooking</p>	<p>27</p> <p>7:00a-9:00a Tuesday Men's Breakfast 10:30a-12:00p Prayer Group 12:30p-1:30p Newsletter Mailing 7:00p-8:30p Evangelism Committee Meeting</p>	<p>10:00a-11:00a Holy Eucharist & Healing Service</p>

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Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<p>1</p> <p>7:30a – 9:00p Holy Eucharist & Breakfast Group 9:00a- 10:30a Warden’s Meeting, St. James Room 5:30p- 6:30p Contemplative Prayer, Holy Spirit, Orleans 7:00p- 9:00p AA Meeting, St. James Room</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p> <p>8:30a - 9:30a Liturgy Committee Meeting, St. James Room 5:00p – 6:00p Holy Eucharist, Rite II</p>
<p>7</p> <p>Holy Eucharist at</p>	<p>8</p> <p>7:30a – 9:00a Holy Eucharist & Breakfast Group 7:00p – 9:00p AA Meeting, St. James Room</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10</p> <p>5:00p-6:00p Holy Eucharist, Rite II 6:00p-8:00p Dinners for 7, Final gathering until Sept., Parish Hall</p>
<p>14</p> <p>Holy Eucharist & Barnstable Fatherhood Meeting Ritual Formation Meeting</p>	<p>15</p> <p>7:30a-9:00a Holy Eucharist & Breakfast Group 9:00a-10:30a Warden’s Meeting 7:00p-9:00p AA Meeting, St. James Room</p>	<p>16</p> <p>10:30a-12:00p Altar Guild Meeting 5:00p-7:00p Barnstable Fatherhood Graduation Dinner</p>	<p>17</p> <p>10:00a-4:00p Days of Hospitality 5:00p-6:00p Holy Eucharist, Rite II</p>
<p>21</p> <p>Holy Eucharist & Staff Meeting & Planning</p>	<p>22</p> <p>7:30a-9:00a Holy Eucharist & Breakfast Group 7:00p-9:00p AA Meeting, St. James Room</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p> <p>5:00p-6:00p Holy Eucharist, Rite II</p>
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ECW NEWS

DAFFODIL TEA

On Behalf of Janet Hendrickson, chairperson of the Daffodil Tea, a huge message of appreciation goes out to each and every one who had any part in making it such a fabulous day. The gardens were especially beautiful; the room was a joy to behold; the food not only looked enticing, but was absolutely delicious. How can we forget the art show in its entire splendor? It is possible due to the time and talent provided by so many of St. Mary's parishioners. Thank you one and all!!!! We expect to have a final profit figure by the next issue, as expenses are still coming in.



REQUESTED INFORMATION: HOLLY FAIR

The final figures for the "05" Holly Fair somehow never got published, so apologetically, here is the breakdown:

Jewelry	\$915.25
Greens	2520.53
Sewing/knitting	1297.25
Attic treasure	451.99
Potpourri	645.25
Country kitchen	907.32
Children's room	82.60
Luncheon	667.22
Outreach room	193.50
Post Fair Sales	555.70

Total \$8236.61

After additional expenses of \$531.49

Total net profit of Fair \$7705.12

UTO OFFERING

How wonderful to be able to forward a total of \$630.42 to the Diocese from the women of St. Mary's. It's one of our best totals yet. Thanks to Mary Martin, chairwoman, and all who contributed.

The Mission of the United Thank Offering is to expand the circle of thankful people. To achieve this mission, we encourage daily prayers, offerings and awareness of the abundance of God's blessings.

ECW NEWS *(CONT.)*

ECW Annual Meeting/Gathering

This year we will gather at the Scargo Café on June 14th at noon. The restaurant is located on Route 6A in Dennis Village, almost directly across the street from the Cape Playhouse entrance. The menu consists of soup du jour or chowder, fresh baked breads, cheese and cracker tray, choice of three entrees: Kyoto Teriyaki Tips, Chicken Francaise, Glazed Salmon, Grapenut Custard pudding, with complimentary beverage, and all for \$20.00. Watch for the sign up sheet as we must have an exact count. A special thanks goes out to Katie Watters for her assistance in arranging this wonderful meal.

ARTS IN THE VILLAGE

The ECW board of directors has decided to participate in the Barnstable Village "Arts in the Village" day on Saturday, June 24, by offering boxed lunches for sale. A special board meeting has been called for Monday, June 5 to finalize the project. Any and all help will be greatly appreciated.

VESTRY NOTES

The vestry meeting Tuesday May 9th opened with a Let's Talk Box inspired discussion of staffing for the nursery program. Our reliance on volunteers has left the nursery unstaffed at times: to insure that the nursery is covered, do we need to consider paid staff?

All areas of the Long Range Planning process reported on their April 30th meetings: the challenges they face and the resources they need going forward. The LRP is available under Church News on St. Mary's web page and is set up to receive feedback. Hard copies of the Plan are available in the office.

We noted that the Jones property adjacent to the church will come on the market in the near future; while its purchase is not a priority for the church at this time we did consider the impact of its sale on St. Mary's. We continued our discussion on the use of the Deal bequest noting several requests we allocate a significant portion of its income to St. Mary's charities

NEWSLETTER NOTES

Thank you to everyone who has helped with the newly transformed newsletter. This is the second of the newsletter in it's new format. We have made a few changes already based on the feedback from our readers; most notably we have increased the size of our calendar so that the type is easier to read.

This summer the Editorial Board will be meeting to discuss further alternations to the newsletter. I encourage anyone who may have a suggestion to email it to stmarysnewsletter@comcast.net or drop us a note at the office.

Thanks again to everyone for their help!

Liz Rabideau

CHURCH SCHOOL NEWS

☼ Many Thanks to everyone who helped make the Godly Play Training in May such a success! We were a part of making over 20 new (and renewed) Godly Play Teachers!

☼ For those of you who weren't able to attend the Godly Play Training at St. Mary's there are two more coming this year!! August 17-19 in Rumford RI at St. Michael and Grace Church and November 9-11 in Lenox MA at Trinity Church are the next Godly Play Accreditation Trainings in the Northeast. Contact Barbara Hersey if you would like to attend. Also check out the website www.godlyplay.com. Scholarships Available.

☼ Wear RED to church on June 4th for Pentecost – everyone! Children, parents and all adults! Come for a 'Happy Birthday to the Church' cake after the service during Coffee Hour.

☼ The Last Day of Church School is June 11. On this day we hope to present a Godly Play story in church, and will present certificates to all the children, gifts to all the Teachers and Janet Armstrong will present Ribbons to the Junior Choir. After Church all are invited to take part in our annual Ice Cream Social! (Helpers for the Social would be greatly appreciated!)

☼ Many thanks to those parents and teachers who were able to do the short, informal survey with Connie and Barbara. Your thoughts, concerns and 'kudos' are appreciated and will help us plan and continue to offer a complete and inspiring Church School Program.

☼ Vacation Bible School – St. Mary's is co-sponsoring Vacation Bible School with First Lutheran and West Parish! The theme is Gospel Express and will be held at First Lutheran Church Monday to Friday, July 31 to August 4. All children are offered a simple dinner at 5 pm, and the VBS program runs from 5:30 to 8 pm. Registration will be open from Late May to Mid July, forms will be sent to all our registered Church School children, and more in the Sunroom at St. Mary's. There is no cost for the week! Vacation Bible School is a fun, inspirational and educational experience for your entire family. Please, prayerfully consider coming aboard for Gospel Express. Children are encouraged to invite a friend. Teachers, Craft Leaders and other Assistants are needed. Donations are appreciated. Please contact Barbara Hersey 362-3977 if interested in joining the Gospel Express staff.

☼ Our heartfelt Thanks to Ann German and Jessica Byrne – amazing Team Teachers for the past 8 years at St. Mary's!! They are retiring from Church School and Godly Play Teaching. They have been so dependable, excited for our new Godly Play program, sometimes tired and 'tapped out' but always staunch supporters of the work of the Church School and Simply always there for the children in the Preschool and Kindergarten Class. Through sick children at home, countless sports games, being stranded on sailboats at 8:30 on Sunday morning.... and through much more – they've been here for not only the children but for their parents and the whole of the parish. Hug and thank them whenever you get a chance!

☼ Volunteer Opportunity for June, and then starting again in September: "Wannabe Grandmoms/ Grandads" or "Grandmothers/fathers for an hour" – The Nursery could really use your help! Give our young mothers and dads a few moments of peace and reap such great rewards playing with and reading to little ones, infant to 3 years old. Come in Teams of 2, and Contact Barbara Hersey or Connie Sullivan to schedule your first Sunday.

☼ Check out the Camp Opportunities at the Barbara C. Harris Camp and Conference Center! Full children's Camp opportunities and CIT programs are available. Posted on the Youth and Church School Bulletin Board, in the church office and the church office brochure rack!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

YOUTH GROUP THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone who donated toys and other pet items for the Brewster Animal Rescue League. The Youth Group traveled there on May 6 and enjoyed a tour of the facility after delivering your gifts. We also collected more bedding items after the rummage sale and delivered them as well. See pictures of our trip on Youth bulletin board. We had our last get-together for the school year on May 21 at Cape Bowl in Hyannis. Thanks for a great year. ~Connie Sullivan

"SEVEN FOR SUPPER" GROUPS !

Our final gathering for the year for the entire group will be held on: Saturday, June 10 at 5PM, for Holy Eucharist, Rite I followed by "Supper" on the Quadrangle, if weather permits or in the Parish Hall, if it rains! Watch for a mailing regarding MENU and what you should bring! Come with ideas for next year also! Questions? Call Margaret at 508-362-0230

MUSIC ANNOUNCEMENT

The BBC will be broadcasting a special evensong to celebrate Pentecost and the Gift of the Holy Spirit on Wednesday 7th June at 4pm

(BST). During the evensong you will hear an anthem that we are going to sing in Holy Spirit, Orleans; it is a setting of the Veni Creator by the contemporary English Composer Jonathan Harvey. It is rather demanding and includes plainsong themes and sections of the choir singing in free rhythm which at times give the appearance of speaking or singing in tongues.

If you do not have access to the BBC radio, here is a link to their website and the Choral Evensong page. You can listen to it on-line and it is usually available for a week after the broadcast.

Check out more information at: www.bbc.co.uk/radio3/choralevensong

Enjoy!

SCHOOL'S OUT...

....but life at Saint Mary's goes on. Even though there is no Church School for the summer, children are welcome in church. Remember that there are quiet bags at both entrances to the church— these bags contain pencil, paper and crayons to keep fidgeting bodies occupied during the service. See you in church!

RETREAT

On June 9-11, 2006, St. Margaret's Convent at seaside setting in Duxbury will offer a silent retreat costing \$130.00. For further details, please contact Reservation Desk at St. Margaret's in Boston: 617-445-8961 extension 127

CLASSIFIED

WANTED: Housemate/PCA. FREE ROOM AND BOARD is available for the right person. I am presently seeking a person to live with my elderly mother who is legally blind, and partially deaf. This individual would be responsible for doing laundry, overseeing cooking. (So she doesn't burn the house down and she's on a restrictive diet), watching and helping to make sure she doesn't fall. (She a light weight and easy to get back up though!) Take mom to doctor appointments, make sure she takes her medicines correctly, and phone in her prescriptions. Person can do yard work *if they like to*. Individual will have own decent sized, sunny room, shared bath and kitchen. Sweet companion dog is on the premises. So, no allergies please. Pesky daughter lives next door. See Ann Fishkind or phone at 774-313-9977 or email at Capeesc@adelphia.net, if you, or anyone you know, might be interested. The location is Sandwich.

All classified ads placed in the St. Mary's Newsletter must be approved by the Senior and Junior Wardens of the Vestry. To have a classified ad considered for publication please submit the request to the office labeled "classified ad" or email to stmarysnewsletter@comcast.net



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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