



# SAINT MARY'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH CROSS CURRENTS

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## DEAR FRIENDS,

The Season of Lent is a time of preparation. Historically, this was the season reserved to prepare the catechumens, through penitence and fasting, for their baptism at the Great Vigil of Easter. In this holy season, Christians are invited in all times and places to renew their own baptismal covenant through prayer, study, and examining their own lives and purposes. I know for myself Lent offers much needed time and space and the structure to know and be known by the One who is the animating presence in my life.



By now, you have all received a brochure with details of our program plans at St. Mary's this Lent. These include offering a Yoga and Music practice on Saturday mornings, and a Saturday evening study program using the Via Media program, a short course on what it means to be an Episcopalian. We also will be including in our Saturday night services the use of holy water and incense, a venerable liturgical practice with strong links to the Lenten season. In addition, there will be a special Quiet Day, sponsored by the ECW on Wednesday, March 14th, and led by Jeannette, entitled *The Selves of the Self*. During Quiet Day, Jeannette will be directing us on our own inner journey to face the parts of ourselves that are in need of our attention

and God's healing presence. Our Lenten Season will culminate with a full schedule of services for Holy Week including the Vigil and Paschal Lamb Roast, and Easter Sunday celebrations. I hope these several opportunities for spiritual and emotional growth will prepare you for the joy and light of Resurrection when Easter arrives this year.

There are other dates for your March calendar. On March 18<sup>th</sup>, I have invited Charles Wilbiraske of Episcopal City Mission to be with us to speak on Micro-Lending and Christian Outreach following the 10:00 A.M. service in the St. James Room. And on March 25<sup>th</sup>, we welcome our scheduled Bishop's Visitation. This year, we welcome back to St. Mary's, Bishop Tom Shaw. We have a full day planned for this occasion including having Bishop Shaw spend time with the parish and with the Vestry.

This comes with my prayers that this will be for you a blessed Lent, and that you will receive every grace and joy God desires for you in this holy season.

Faithfully,  
*Steve+*

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## NOTE FROM KRIS



The kitchen is the sunniest room in the rectory and especially in these gray late winter days I spend much of my time at home sitting at the table in front of the window. Depending on the time of day I can feel the kiss of the sun on my face, I can watch the birds at the feeder, I can hear the chatter of bird song, and (in the summer when the windows are open) I can smell the fragrance of the herbs growing just outside. It is here that I often pray, and it is here where I experience God with the fullness of all my senses.

These days I appreciate more and more how much my sensory experiences link me to God. Knowing God, experiencing God is not just an intellectual enterprise, nor just an emotional one. Rather it is something that we do with our entire being, with all our senses. As Episcopalians we incorporate this notion into our worship. We use our bodies to sit, to stand, to kneel, to bow or make the sign of the cross. We fill our worship space with objects of beauty, not just for adornment but because these things are signs for us, icons if you will, that give us a window into the beauty and glory that is God. We surround ourselves with the sound of music, organ music and vocal music, hymns and chant, all of which allow us different ways to both experience and glorify God. We taste the body and blood of Jesus when we receive the bread and wine.

During Lent we have added two new sensory experiences to some of our services—incense and water. Incense was widely used in Judaism and other cultures of the ancient world as a means of sacrifice, purification, and veneration. Frankincense or pure incense was among the gifts brought by the Magi to the young child Jesus (Mt 2:11). Christians began to use incense in worship in the

fourth century as a sacred symbol associated with prayer. Today it is used in many Episcopal churches where both the sight of the wafting smoke and the fragrance of the resins enlarge one's sensory involvement in prayer.

Another ancient practice is the presence of holy water in the worship space. Water is a powerful reminder of our baptism, and the presence of water that has been blessed can serve as both a visual and a tactile symbol of purification, blessing, dedication, and renewal of the promises made at baptism. There is something about the presence of water that invites touch; dipping fingers into the font and touching the forehead or making the sign of the cross can be another perhaps unexpectedly powerful way to connect with the holy.

Of course as humans with distinct personalities and histories, we will not all appreciate all the varied sensory aspects of worship equally. For some of us music is essential, for others quiet is more conducive for welcoming God; for some incense will be a distraction and for others the fragrance will be an aid to prayer. Those who are new to Episcopal worship may find all the up and down, the singing and speaking, the sights and sounds overwhelming. But by incorporating a variety of sensory experiences in our worship, by involving our whole bodies, our whole selves in worship, our hope is that we might open up new ways of experiencing the holy and coming closer to God.

Blessings for this season of Lent and beyond,

*Krist*

## HOLY WEEK AND THE TRIDUUM

As we move through the long days of Lent we are bolstered by the knowledge that we are also moving toward the celebration of Holy Week and Easter. Our observance of Holy Week and Easter has its roots in the early years of Christianity. An annual celebration of the passion, death and resurrection of Christ developed quite early in the life of the church, possibly in the 1<sup>st</sup> century. Early documents indicate that this observance included a night vigil of prayer and readings leading without interruption to the celebration of baptism and eucharist early on “the Lord’s day.” As time passed, this paschal vigil expanded into a more elaborate series of observances which extended into what we know now as “Holy Week.” Our best description of these observances comes from the 4<sup>th</sup> century journal of Egeria, a Spanish woman who, as was the popular custom of the day, made a pilgrimage to Jerusalem to join in services at the original sites of the events of Holy Week. *Egeria’s Travels* provides us with a detailed account of Holy Week services beginning on the Sunday before Easter, continuing throughout the week and culminating with a nightlong vigil on the eve of Easter.

Over time the liturgies of Holy Week became more elaborate and incorporated practices from different regions. Despite their ancient origins, these rituals fell into the category of “excessive pageantry” during the Reformation and dropped out of use in the early English rites that are the forebears of much of our liturgy. It was only with the liturgical movement of the mid 20<sup>th</sup> century that the full observance of Holy Week was revived, and it is that full observance that is incorporated in the 1979 Book of Common Prayer.

As it did in the 4<sup>th</sup> century, Holy Week begins with the celebration of Palm Sunday, which begins with a triumphal procession and ends with the somber reading of the Passion narrative. The focal point of Holy Week is, also as it was then, the Triduum. The term *Triduum*—three days—refers to the time beginning at sundown on Maundy Thursday and ending at sundown on Easter day and to the three parts of the liturgy (and it is meant to be one continuous liturgy) that we celebrate during this time. This liturgy begins with the washing of feet, Eucharist and stripping of the altar on Maundy Thursday, moves through the solemnity of the Good Friday liturgy and culminates in the Great Vigil of Easter.

The Great Vigil of Easter is meant to begin in darkness, sometime between sunset on Holy Saturday and sunrise on Easter, and consists of four parts: The Service of Light (kindling of new fire, lighting the Paschal candle, and the singing of the Exsultet); The Service of Lessons (readings from the Hebrew Scriptures interspersed with psalms, canticles, and prayers); Christian Initiation (Holy Baptism) or the Renewal of Baptismal Vows; and the Eucharist.

Although we are accustomed to the pageantry of Easter Day celebrations, the Great Vigil of Easter is the first and perhaps primary celebration of the resurrection of Christ. When we participate in this liturgy, we participate in one of the oldest rites of the church, emulating the ancient practice of keeping the Easter feast. This night-long service of prayerful watching anticipated the baptisms that would come at first light and the joy of the first Easter Eucharist. Perhaps most importantly, this vigil linked the meaning of Christ’s dying and rising to the understanding of baptism in a way that other services cannot.

The Great Vigil of Easter at Saint Mary’s will not last all night, but it will include the lighting of the new fire, vigil readings, baptism, and the first eucharist of Easter. Please consider joining us on Saturday evening, April 7 at 6:00 pm for this dramatic and moving liturgy.

~KL+

## LITURGICAL TERMS FOR HOLY WEEK AND EASTER

- Pasch—This term for Easter is from the Latin and Greek *Pascha* which transliterates the Hebrew *pesach*, “Passover,” and was used to refer both to the Jewish Passover and the Christian Easter. The Latin form *Pascha* is sometimes used to refer to the full celebration of the passion and resurrection of Jesus in the early church from the separate Good Friday and Easter celebrations. The adjective form *paschal* is often used to mean pertaining to Easter, as in Paschal Candle.
- Paschal Mystery—Mystery in this sense refers to the transcendent purpose of God which exceeds human understanding but of which we have some experience and knowledge. Thus the Paschal Mystery refers to the mystery of Easter and of the Passover which preceded it, both of which offer the promise of redemption and freedom—the Passover, freedom at the Red Sea, and Easter, freedom from sin and death made possible by the resurrection of Jesus Christ.
- Passion—This term from the Latin *passio*, “suffering,” refers to the redemptive suffering of Jesus Christ in the events surrounding his death. We read the gospel narrative of the Passion from Matthew, Mark or Luke on Palm Sunday in successive years while we read John’s Passion narrative each year during the Good Friday Liturgy.
- Tenebrae—This service is an adaptation of a monastic office (service) most often used during Holy Week and structured around psalms, readings, and responsories. The distinctiveness of this service comes from the lighting of 15 candles, one extinguished after the reading of each of the appointed 14 psalms. The fifteenth candle, representing Christ, remains lit but then is dramatically hidden and restored to signify the death and resurrection of Jesus. We will hold a shortened service of Tenebrae on Tuesday in Holy Week,
- Triduum—This term meaning three days can refer to any three day period of preparation for a feast day, but has taken on particular reference to the period beginning at sundown on Maundy Thursday and continuing through Good Friday and Holy Saturday, culminating in the first celebration of Easter, usually at the Easter Vigil. This three day period commemorates the three days of Jesus’ betrayal, crucifixion, deathly repose in the tomb and resurrection “on the third day.”

*Adapted from Glossary of Liturgical Terms [http://www.episcopalchurch.org/liturgy\\_music.htm](http://www.episcopalchurch.org/liturgy_music.htm)*

## LENTEN CONCERT: MARCH 17 & 18

St. Mary’s Adult Choir will combine forces with the choir of First Congregational Church of Yarmouth to present K.Lee Scott’s *Requiem* on Saturday, March 17 in Yarmouth and Sunday, March 18 in Barnstable. Both concerts will begin at 4:00pm and a reception will follow the Sunday offering. The choirs will be accompanied by organ and a small group of instrumentalists. A Requiem mass is the traditional Latin funeral mass (examples of this include the *Requiem* settings of Mozart or Faure). A non-liturgical Requiem allows the composer to compile a variety of texts rather than be tied to the Latin mass. Well-known examples of this type include those by Johannes Brahms and John Rutter. Scott’s selections, entirely in English, include scriptural texts from the Psalms and Book of Revelation alternating with the poetry of John Donne, a 16<sup>th</sup> century English poet, and a contemporary hymn text by Timothy Dudley-Smith (who has contributed several hymns to various Episcopal hymnals).

K.Lee Scott is widely known as a conductor and composer of over 300 choral settings and hymns. He is a graduate of the University of Alabama and has served on the faculty there as well as Samford University. His *Requiem* has been in process for the past two decades. His music is accessible yet finely crafted.

Both choirs have been hard at work since January preparing to share this wonderful piece. Please mark your calendars to join us for this special musical opportunity.



## MUSIC AT ST. MARY'S

Every few months the publishing houses send out demo CDs of their new releases. I tend to listen to them on long driving trips. I frequently take my dog with me, and when I used to direct a handbell choir and listened to bell recordings something about the timbre of the bells made her howl. Sometimes I had to agree with her (but I do miss my bell choir).

I am rarely tempted by these recordings. I am amazed that people are actually being paid for “composing” these pieces. I suppose that after a certain amount of time we will run out of variations of the arrangement of the notes of the scale, but occasionally someone does manage to accomplish an original tune (these examples are not usually on the CDs). More often they are arrangements—if I listen to one more inane text set to Pachelbel’s “Canon” (if he really did write it) or Bach’s “Air in G” I will drive off the road in a mad fit of wrenching the CD from the player. The new texts, which figure more prominently in my judgment of an acceptable anthem, are worse. To my mind, “*just* praise the Lord” is not an accurate description of the proper attitude in worship. So in the end, I am most drawn to new settings of existing hymn texts.

I work with hymns all the time; they are the basic bread of my life’s work, the building blocks of my career. Their numbers in various hymnals, their scriptural references, their settings for organ or choir float around in my head as I struggle to find them in my mental catalogue. For all this academic familiarity, the simple singing of one at a funeral or any service can bring me to tears. One of my professors called them “take home theology,” for the staying power of a tune can ring in your head for the following week. Here’s the problem—everyone wants to sing “good old traditional hymns.” Good as in familiar, which depends on the personal context, old as in familiar, not age (which could run back to 9<sup>th</sup> century plainsong) or the tune originally used for the hymn, and traditional as in familiar, or what is traditional for that person’s background. See a pattern?

Bridging this tension is possibly the most difficult aspect of a liturgical planner, especially in the first year. Jim excelled at documenting what hymns have been used in the past 6 years at St. Mary’s. Steve and Kris are getting tired of me running up and singing a tune to see if they recognize it. Do we sing a text that is a perfect fit for the readings if the tune is difficult or “unfamiliar”? If we aren’t on automatic pilot will we see a new meaning to the words, or be too distracted by the new tune?

How does God speak to us; in only one language to only one group? Or does He find a voice in 16<sup>th</sup> century motets and 21<sup>st</sup> century hymns; in the King James Version and the 1979 Book of Common Prayer and more recent incarnations of our services? We should neither throw the good out with the bad merely for the sake of being on the cutting edge of what is new, nor loll in what is familiar and ignore the changing world around us. Faith is meant to be a comfort, but not necessarily comfortable.

Our Lenten concert March 17 & 18 explores a new setting of the Requiem text. We may love the existing settings of Mozart, Faure, Brahms or Rutter, but I encourage you to come and hear a new voice. As we make our pilgrimage through Lent I ask you to be open to new expressions in worship—new words, new smells, new sounds, and pray that we all may find a more perfect praise in our corporate voice.

*Joan Kirchner*

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
4	5	6	
8a – 9a HE, Rite I 10a – 11a HE, Rite II 11:15a – 12p Community Choir 5p – 7:30p Rite 13	9a – 1p Miracle Kitchen 11:30a – 1p ECW Board Meeting	No Events	10a – 11a HE/Stations of the Cross 3:30p – 4:30p Eucharist Heatherwood 7p – 8:30p Adult C
11	12	13	
8a – 9a HE, Rite I 10a – 11a HE, Rite II 11:15a – 12p Community Choir 5:30p – 7:30p J2A	6p – 6a Women’s Overnight of Hospitality	7a – 8a Men’s Breakfast 10:30a – 11:30a Prayer group	12a – 12p ECW – Stations of the Cross 10a – 11a HE, Heatherwood 3p – 4p Finance & Planning Meeting 7p – 8:30p Adult C
18	19	20	
8a – 9a HE, Rite I 10a – 11a HE, Rite II 11:15a – 12p Community Choir 4p – 6p Lenten Concert/Reception – St. Mary’s 5:30p – 7:30p Rite 13	9a – 1p Miracle Kitchen	No Events	10a – 11a HE, Heatherwood of the Cross 6p – 7p Music Concert Meeting 7p – 8:30p Adult C
25	26	27	
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day	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<p>1</p> <p>7:30a – 9a Holly Eucharist &amp; Breakfast Group 5:30p – 6:30p Contemplative Prayer – HS, Orleans 7p – 9p AA Meeting 7p – 9p World Day of Prayer - Faith Assembly God</p>	<p>2</p> <p>12:30p – 1:30p World Day of Prayer – Salvation Army</p>	<p>3</p> <p>9a – 1p Vestry/Stewardship Workshop 5p – 6p HE/Stations of the Cross 6p – 8p Simple Soup Dinner &amp; Lenten Program</p>
<p>7</p> <p>ions of the harist at Choir</p>	<p>8</p> <p>7:30a – 9a Holly Eucharist &amp; Breakfast Group 9:30a – 1:30p Cape Cod Auxiliary 7p – 9p Buildings &amp; Grounds Meeting 7p – 9p AA Meeting</p>	<p>9</p> <p>No Events</p>	<p>10</p> <p>All Day Diocesan Convention 10:30a – 11:30a Yoga with Prayer 5p – 6p HE/Stations of the Cross 6p – 8p Simple Soup Dinner &amp; Lenten Program</p>
<p>14</p> <p>Quiet Day ling/ s Budget Choir</p>	<p>15</p> <p>7:30a – 9a Holy Eucharist &amp; Breakfast Group 7p – 9p AA Meeting</p>	<p>16</p> <p>10:30a – 12p Altar Guild Meeting</p>	<p>17</p> <p>10:30a – 11:30a Yoga with Prayer 4p – 5p Lenten Concert – Congregational Church 5p – 6p HE/Stations of the Cross 6p – 8p Simple Soup Dinner &amp; Lenten Program</p>
<p>21</p> <p>ling/Stations mmittee Choir</p>	<p>22</p> <p>7:30a – 9a Holly Eucharist &amp; Breakfast Group 7p – 9p AA Meeting</p>	<p>23</p> <p>No Events</p>	<p>24</p> <p>9a – 10a Yoga with Prayer 10a – 4p Day of Hospitality 5p – 6p HE/Stations of the Cross 6p – 8p Simple Soup Dinner &amp; Lenten Program</p>
<p>28</p> <p>ling/ s pitality Choir</p>	<p>29</p> <p>7:30a – 9a Holy Eucharist &amp; Breakfast Group 7p – 9p AA Meeting</p>	<p>30</p> <p>No Events</p>	<p>31</p> <p>5p – 6p Holy Eucharist</p>

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### *Animal Ministry Group,*

The St. Mary's Animal Ministry Group is a small but spirited group. In this article we'll look at our service ministries and next month we'll look into our hopes and plans involving liturgy and theology.

In December we held a successful toy drive and our creative volunteers made a number of cat mats/puppy pads to benefit the Animal Rescue League in Brewster. All of these good tidings were received with great joy and many thanks. We are planning to continue making mats periodically, giving other rescue organizations and shelters the option of receiving them.

We are going to begin two service programs for our parishioners. The first is a sort of animal care service. Parishioners will sign up to be on our list and if they have a medical emergency or problem - an unexpected medical appointment or hospital stay - a volunteer will come to their house to feed, exercise and provide company for the pet until other arrangements can be made. The second is a transport service. When a pet suddenly becomes ill or has an appointment with the veterinarian and the owner is unable to drive there a volunteer will provide transportation to and from the vet.

Another service we are looking into offering is that of bringing our own pets to visit nursing homes and we are in the process of looking into any laws that pertain to this.

Later in the spring we will hold another bedding drive as we have the past two years. We will also be organizing two forums, the first to be held after Easter and the other later in the year. The first forum will address issues and questions about adopting a pet from a shelter or rescue group. We plan on having representatives from some shelters and a veterinarian as well as people who have adopted shelter/rescue pets.

As you can see, we will be busy and are always open to offers of help. We are doing various types

of things and would love people to help in whatever area they feel is their ministry. Or maybe to reach out and begin a new and different thing. Helping make mats for the shelters, taking pets and owners to and from the vet, bringing us any ideas or concerns. And that's just for starters! We'll be looking forward to hearing from you  
~Amy Crocker

### *Second Annual Parish Retreat*

Our Second Annual Parish Retreat is scheduled for September 14-16 at the Barbara C. Harris Camp and Conference Center. Our theme will be "I Will, with God's Help," and the weekend will include time for enrichment, rest, worship and fellowship. This year we will have conference center accommodations available as well as cabins, but these accommodations will be on a first come-first serve basis. Watch for registration information coming soon!

### *Parishioner Information Update*

An information form was mailed to all members of the parish in mid-February. If you have not returned this form, please do so as soon as possible. Having correct and up-to-date information for everyone is crucial for good communication and for good record keeping. A few tips for filling out these forms:

~If you do not remember the exact date of your baptism, give the year, or approximate the year—we just need to know that you are baptized! (and if you're not baptized but would like to be, speak to one of the clergy.) Ditto for confirmation.

~If you came to Saint Mary's from another Episcopal Church but never had your "letter" transferred, please consider doing so now—important for both your old parish and your new one!

~If you came to Saint Mary's from another denomination, you should establish your "Episcopal credentials." Filling out this form is the first step. If you were baptized and confirmed in an-

other denomination you may be formally received into the Episcopal Church. If you are baptized but not confirmed you may consider being confirmed in the Episcopal Church.

~Even if you think we already have all this information, please fill out this form and return it. And if your information changes, please let us know! Thank you for taking the time for this important task!

### *Planned Giving*

**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 would like to contribute about \$1,000 to St. Mary's for 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 of this new opportunity.

### *Stained Glass Window Project*

**April:** All windows and storms will be removed and new thermal-insulated frames with plain glass will be installed.

**May/June:** Windows will be designed and fabricated. Restoration will begin on the old stained glass windows.

**July/August:** New stained glass windows will be installed inside the existing thermal-insulated frames and glass.

**August 31:** Project complete

**September:** Window Dedication Event

The remaining two large windows (\$6,900 each) are: (1) The Holy Trinity and (2) The Lamb of God. Memorials for the large windows will be incorporated into the design at the bottom of the window. The remaining three small windows (\$2,300 each) are all in the St. Mary's Chapel. These three windows are perhaps the most beautifully designed windows in the whole project. Memorials for all of the small windows will be on plaques under the windows.

If you have any questions or would like to purchase a window, please call me (Sharon Donegan) at 508-362-6365; 508-246-1446; or at don1227@gmail.com

### *World Day of Prayer*

The World Day of Prayer USA Committee invites you to join with the women of Paraguay in this service. The women of Paraguay developed the theme "United under God's Tent" for this year's theme because it is a way of imagining how God acts. For Abraham and Sarah, God was like a tent, protecting them in their call. "United under God's Tent" is also God's promise to us, and a call to work and pray together for people in need all over the world.

The services will be Thursday, March 1, 7:00 pm, at Faith Assembly of God, 154 Bearses Way, Hyannis, MA (across from the Kennedy Skating Rink) and Friday, March 2, 12:30 pm, at the Salvation Army, 100 North St, Hyannis, MA.

Several of St. Mary's women will be participating in this program. There will be some readings and singing in the native Paraguay Language. Refreshments will be served at both events, and there will be a time of fellowship with members of the many churches in Barnstable. For information, call Dorothy Pettibone, 508-362-5160

# CHRISTIAN FORMATION

## ADULT FORMATION

### ADULT FORUM

SUNDAY, MARCH 18<sup>th</sup>, 11:15 a.m.

**EXPLORING OPPORTUNITIES** for Investing in the Futures of Those on the Margins: the Pelham Fund for Economic Justice and the Millennium Development Goals.

Just a few weeks ago, in the comment period of our annual meeting, no topic was addressed more than the desire for us to maintain and strengthen “outreach”. Currently St. Mary’s has many laudable programs that predominately address the immediate needs of those on the margins of our society. Given we have been graciously endowed over the past few years, how might we now address those same individuals’ long term needs? How might we invest in them so that they will no longer be at the bottom of our economic system? Where to begin?

On the local front, we are fortunate that Episcopal City Mission, part of our diocese, has a fund which helps low-income entrepreneurs create jobs and build businesses. It helps people stay and succeed in their neighborhoods. The Pelham Fund is able to do this by providing capital to partners, such as Coastal Community Capital, based in Hyannis, — community lenders who make loans to entrepreneurs and small businesses. The Pelham Fund asks us to consider making a loan to the fund. Fund executive director Charles Wibiralske and board member Susan Gracey will join Jeannine Marshall, the executive director of Coastal Community Capital in speaking with us about this exciting opportunity.

On the international front, we have the opportunity to join millions of others who are committing themselves to the United Nations’ Millennium Development Goals (MDGs). Our rector has already approached the Outreach Committee and ECW asking them to consider supporting the

MDGs. At this forum, parishioners Charlotte Stiefel and Jeannette Hanlon will also give a brief introduction to the Millennium Development Goals.

## YOUTH FORMATION

Many Thanks for brining in all the 2007 Calendars! They were sent off to the Seaman’s Church in mid-January. The children continue to work on Christmas and/or Easter Cards for Seamen in their Church School classes.

Also Many thanks to those of you who returned your Advent Wreaths for re-use next November!

Finally, our deepest thanks to the cooks, servers, decorators and all others who helped make the Pancake Supper another wonderful night! Finishing the season of Epiphany in the festive light, we now, start a blessed Lent. Refer to your Lenten Brochure for intergenerational (that’s kids too!) programs and services at St. Mary’s this Lenten Season.

### Rite-13

On March 4, we will be meeting at 4:30pm – 7:30pm to watch the movie, “Discovery Atlas: Brazil Revealed” and afterwards have guest speakers discuss growing up in various parts of Brazil. Thank you to Jason and Karen Raineri for organizing this program. We will meet at our regular time 5:30pm – 7:30pm on March 18.

### J2A

Thank you so much to Robin Greene and Brian Sullivan for chaperoning the Senior High Retreat weekend on Feb. 9-11. We had five youth representing Saint Mary’s in attendance. The event took place at the Barbara C. Harris Camp and Conference Center in New Hampshire. We will meet at our regular time on March 11 and 25.

## EPISCOPAL CHURCH WOMEN (ECW)

### WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

This is a reminder that the World Day of Prayer, sponsored by the Church Women United will be held on Thursday, March 1st at 7PM, and also on Friday, March 2nd at Noon. Thursday evening's program will be held at The Faith of God Assembly, Bearses Way, Hyannis, and the Salvation Army will host the Friday Noon program. A luncheon is served. The program "United Under God's Tent" was written by the women of Paraguay. All women are invited to attend one, or both of these services.

### SCHOOL KITS

As mentioned in the February issue, a basket has been placed in the Sunroom to receive items for the needy children's school kits. Last year we provided 12 kits, and our goal this year is to double the contribution to 12 kits. Following is a list of items needed:

Spiral & tape bound notebooks—8 ½ x 11

Blunt scissors

12" wooden or plastic rulers

Simple pencil sharpeners

Pkgs of 6 yellow pencils w/erasers

Large erasers

Colored construction paper

Boxes of 24 crayons

PLEASE help us to meet our goal. Thanks to Penny Hensley, our mission Chairperson for heading up this project.

### DAFFODIL TEA

In the event you have forgotten to circle your calendar, our FAMOUS Daffodil Tea on Saturday, April 21st, is fast approaching. The cost is \$15, and if you are planning to attend, the ECW strongly recommends that your reservations be made promptly. It has been an early sell out for the past few years, and we don't want you to miss out on one "THE EVENTS" of the year! This year the Parish office will be accepting your reserva-

tions (508-362-3977) up until April 11th. We are delighted to announce that Carol Smith has accepted the call for Co-Chairperson of the Tea, along with Janet Hendrickson. As stated previously, it takes many hands to make this such a successful Day. Can we count on you?

### UNITED THANK INGATHERING

The annual United Thank ingathering will be on Saturday, April 21 at the 5pm service, and Sunday, April 22, at both the 8am and 10am service. The United Thank Offering is a program of the Episcopal Church, founded by and administered by women since 1889. Each year invitations to apply for up to two grants are sent to each diocese of Episcopal USA, and to overseas Anglican Provinces. Those grants support the identified mission of the diocese/province, and address compelling human needs and/or expand mission and ministry.

Please watch for your Blue Envelope in which to place your Thank Offering gift in the April Cross Currents.

### INVITATION TO INTERFAITH PROGRAM

An invitation has been received for all women of St Mary's to an Interfaith program sponsored by the Women of reform Judaism, Sisterhood of the Cape Cod Synagogue on Monday, March 19th at 10 am. It will be a program of Jewish Stories and song, led by Cantor Bruce Malin, accompanied by Lucy Banner. Lunch will follow. Reservations must be made by Friday, March 12th to Jodie Goodman—508-775-0168.

### QUIET DAY - MARCH 14

Arrive between 12 noon and 12:15 with a bag lunch, with meditation to begin at 1pm: *The Selves of the Self*, a Lenten Afternoon of Reflection and Retreat lead by Jeanette Hanlon, LICSW, M.Div

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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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