



SAINT MARY'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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DEAR FRIENDS,

Each week, at many of our worship services at St. Mary's, we hear the verse from the Gospel of John which recounts the Risen Christ's words to his disciples as he appeared to them in the Upper Room: "Peace I give to you, my own peace I leave with you." And each time we hear this verse, it is a reminder that peace is the great gift Jesus gives in Easter, peace that passes our understanding.



How desperately we need this gift of peace now, in our world, and in our hearts! For each day brings news of violence both near and far. Word of domestic violence in our neighborhood reminds us that it is in our homes. Daily reports of the violence in Iraq, of suicide bombers and a shattered country, reminds of the incalculable costs violence exacts on our lives. And as I write this, the devastating news of students gunned down on yet another campus, reminds us that violence is woven into the very fabric of our culture. Violence fills our television programming, and yet, I read this week that 77% of the children in America have a t.v. in their bedroom. And when over 20% of our GNP as a country is dedicated to training, equipping, and planning for war, it reminds us of the time-tested words of President Dwight Eisenhower that "every warship, every tank, and every military aircraft built is in the final sense a theft from those who are hungry and not fed, and those who are naked and not clothed."

The violence is all around us, and it is within us. And, now, more than ever, we are called, I believe, to make the Prince of Peace the Lord of our lives, in our homes, in our country, and in our world. With this in mind, there is a wonderful Celtic prayer I invite you take with you this Easter Season, to make peace the gift we receive from our Risen Lord and the gift we give to each other:

"Deep peace of the running wave to you
Deep peace of the flowing air to you
Deep peace of the quiet earth to you
Deep peace of the shining stars to you
Deep peace of the infinite peace to you."

Faithfully,
Steve+

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ST MARY'S NEWS

CHURCH WOMEN UNITED

May Friendship Day – Theme “Friends Under God’s Wing”. Saturday, May 12th, 9:30-2:00, at the Federated Church of Hyannis, 320 Main St., Hyannis. Cost is \$10 which includes lunch. Make checks payable to: Church Women United of Cape Cod. For more information please contact Pat Nedeau at 508-326-6679 or Dot Pettibone at 508-362-5160.

Young Church Women United Retreat at the Craigville Retreat Center, May 4-6. Application forms available at Cape Cod Council of Churches or call Marilyn Lariviere at 508-775-7781

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Lt Col Ella Fraser	2
Alfred Stephens	2
James Cranitch	3
Norman Thornton	3
Nancy Mamlock	4
Carroll Gouger	5
Lauren Persson	5
Barbara Walters	5
Jeffrey Wells	5
Nancy Fales	6
Barbara Stovich	7
Lenore Stanley	8
Stephen Jones	10
H. Cully Beasley	12
Catherine McMahon	15
Wendy LaPine	16
Shirley Borglund	17
Gertrude Waters	18
Joan Lamminen	20
Carol Pinney	20
Elizabeth Miller	21
Molly Driscoll	22
Mary Bowman	23
Karen Grammaticas	23
Kyle Stead	23
Meredith Colbert	24
Clifford Whalen	24
Rees Hawkins	25
Jillian Fraser	27
Helen Boocock	29
Liam Sullivan	29
The Rev Harry & Sallie Irwin	6
Richard & Suzanne Corsini	8
Frank & Helen Hinckley	11
Robert & Susan Norton	21
David & Ann Sircom	24

“PLUSES AND MINUSES”

Operating Fund

Finance and Budget Review Committee’s report
For the Six Month Period Jan. 1, 2007 to March 31, 2007

MINUS: PLEDGE INCOME was \$2,600.93 in ARREARS for the period.

MINUS: Unpledged Income was \$530.00 less than budgeted.

PLUS: \$2,763.75 of the 2006 pledge arrearages have been received.

MINUS: Open Plate Offerings were \$1,680.59 less than budgeted

MINUS: Gifts and Special Offerings were \$3,114.99 less than budgeted for this period.

PLUS: ** Investment Income of \$29,916.25 was used for Operating Expenses.

PLUS: The Music Programs generated \$1,116.00.

PLUS: As Wee Grow rental generated \$2,232.00.

PLUS: \$250.00 was received for the Use of Facilities.

PLUS: The Diocesan Assessment of \$14,084.76 was paid up to date

PLUS: Actual Expenditures in several categories were slightly less than budgeted.

MINUS: THE “BOTTOM Line” – NET DEFICIT OF (\$12,783.54)

[Total Income \$107,991.47 –
Total Expenses \$120,775.01)

————— **HOWEVER** —————

Without the appropriation of \$29,926.25 of Investment Income the Operating Fund

“Bottom Line” is a DEFICIT of \$42,699.79.

Gertrude P. Waters, Chair



MUSIC AT ST. MARY'S

After ten years absence from the Easter Vigil I was thrilled to have the opportunity to sing the *Exultet* again; the long and complicated chant near the beginning of the service, sung at the side of the Paschal candle, newly lit from the first fire. We were blessed to have willing baptizands for this service; the most appropriate time to welcome new members into the church. One was an adult and one a baby. Baby Brenna *wailed* through most of the chant and quite a bit of the rest of the service. She reminded me that church is not a performance. She also reminded me of the true meaning of baptism.

Children, as noted by great writers in many sources (Scripture, for example), are adept at showing us the simple truths we adults tend to overlook, forget, or never get in the first place. Children live in the present. To Brenna, the darkness and strange smells and sounds were now and eternal. If she had any idea of what her parents and sponsors were signing her up for, she'd have cried harder. Children react honestly (until we teach them proper social behavior). Have you ever noticed that the first reaction of young children signed on the forehead with holy oil is to wipe vigorously at the mark of the cross. The true Christian life is often filled with frustration, discouragement, disillusionment, and pain. We are told to give up the comforts of the worldly life to receive the greater benefits of the spiritual realm. I studied Marketing in college. This is no way to sell the concept!

When I was on Nantucket a little boy named Henry amused us during his baptism by persistently attempting to grab the light of the office candle during the preparation of the baptismal water. His vigilant mother skillfully kept his reaching hand out of the flame. Henry's eager grasp was no different than the newly converted soul throwing itself idealistically into any and all endeavors. There is an innocence in that reaction that is precious; an attitude to preserve. But no candle's flame can be captured in a tight fist. The light will be extinguished and the hand burned. It is the gentle guidance of our heavenly parent that teaches us the true value of that Light; to softly illumine our way, showing us the safe path through the darkness; to be shared and show us the beauty in the faces of those around us; to kindle that selfsame Light in those whose lives we touch. There are winds all around us eager to blow those flames out, but in this season of rebirth and on into Pentecost we march on, shielding our candles and those of our companions in love.

Joan Kirchner

GARDEN CONCERT JUNE 16TH

One of the unique beauties of St. Mary's is the garden surrounding the church. To celebrate and help support that beauty we are planning periodic outdoor concerts in the gardens. The first of these will be held in the early evening of June 16th (weather-permitting!) featuring the Cape group OYEZ! The program, entitled "Italia Mia", will present a lively variety of music for voices and period instruments including lute, gamba, and recorders. Save the date for a rare evening of music and atmosphere.



CROSS CURRENTS

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MAY

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
		1 9a Rummage Sale Setup	9a Rummage Sale 10a HE with Heali 3:30p Heatherwo 7p Adult Choir
6 8a HE, Rite I 10a HE, Rite II 11:15a Community Choir 11:15a J2A: Safe Church Program 11:15a Garden Task Force 5:30p Rite 13	7 9a Miracle Kitchen 9a ECW Board Meeting 5p Fatherhood Program	8 7a Men's Breakfast Group 8a Correctional Center Work Group 10:30a Prayer Group	10a HE with Heali 1p Fatherhood Net Meeting 3p Finance & Bud 7p Adult Choir
13 8a HE, Rite I 10a HE, Rite II 11a Outreach Committee Meeting 11:15a Community Choir 11:15a Environmental Stewardship 11:15a Rite 13: Safe Church Program 5:30p J2A – Field Trip	14 5p Fatherhood Program 6p Women's Overnight of Hospitality	15 No Events	10a HE with Heali 7p Adult Choir 7p Vestry Meeting
20 8a HE, Rite I 10a HE, Rite II 11:15a Community Choir 11:15a Silver Tea 5:30p Rite 13	21 9a Miracle Kitchen 4p Organ Master Class 5p Fatherhood Program	22 7a Men's Breakfast Group 10:30a Prayer Group	10a HE with Heali 6p Men's Hospital 7p Adult Choir
27 8a HE, Rite I 10a HE, Rite II 11:15a Outreach Task Force Meeting 11:15a Dedication of Veterans Memorial in Garden 5:30p J2A	28 OFFICE CLOSED 5p Fatherhood Program	29 No Events	10a HE with Heali 1p Fatherhood Net Meeting 7p Adult Choir

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day	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2 Setup ing nd/HE	3 7:30a HE & Breakfast Group 9a Rummage Sale Setup 5:30p Contemplative Prayer – HS,Orleans 7p AA Meeting Chapel	4 9a Rummage Sale Setup	5 8:30a Liturgy Committee Meeting 9a Rummage Sale 5p Holy Eucharist 6p Via Media
9 ng working lget Meeting	10 7:30a HE & Breakfast Group 9a Staff Retreat 9:30a Cape Cod Auxiliary- Auction 7p AA Meeting 7p Building & Grounds Meeting	11 No Events	12 5p Holy Eucharist 6p Via Media
16 ng	17 7:30a HE & Breakfast Group 7p AA Meeting	18 10:30a Altar Guild Meeting	19 10a Day of Hospitality 2p Funeral/Reception – Phil Buddington 5p Holy Eucharist 6p Via Media
23 ng ity Overnight	24 7:30a HE & Breakfast Group 7p AA Meeting	25 No events	26 5p Holy Eucharist
30 ng working	31 7:30a HE & Breakfast Group 7p AA Meeting		

CHRISTIAN FORMATION

YOUTH FORMATION

Church School Updates:

Godly Play Stories for May: Faces of Jesus, Circle of the Holy Eucharist and Mystery of Pentecost.

May 13th - Godly Play Story in church in place of the sermon.

May 20th - Silver Tea - for Parishioners 80 years young!

* Parents who'd like to help serve lunch with their children can speak with Robin Greene.

May 27th - Pentecost - WEAR RED! "Happy Birthday to the Church!" will be celebrated with Birthday Cake and 2 new painted hanging panels in the church. There will also be a special dedication in the Church Garden.

(Looking ahead: June 3rd and June 10th are the last two weeks of Church School at St. Mary's for the Summer.)

Search for a Nursery Attendant for the summer is underway. This is a paid position, and are looking for non-members of St. Mary's who will be "Cori" checked and interviewed by the church staff. Contact Barbara Hersey, Connie Sullivan or the Rev. Kris Lewis with inquiries.

Youth: Important Dates for May –

Rite 13 –

May 6: Regular meeting 5:30pm – 7:30pm

May 13: 11:15am First of two segments, Safe Church Youth program

May 20: Regular meeting 5:30pm – 7:30pm

June 3: 11:15am Second and final part, Safe Church Youth program

J2A –

May 6: 11:15am Second and final part of Safe Church Youth program

May 13: 5:30pm meet at St. Mary's for dinner, then field trip to "Chillin' at Church" program at St. Barnabus, Falmouth at 7:00pm, to arrive back at Saint Mary's for 8:30pm.

*Both groups will be off for the Memorial Day weekend but will meet one more time in June for end of the year parties.

*Parents, please see Connie or Barbara if you'd like to review the program *Your Boundaries, Your Call!* Safe Church Youth Program, that we will be presenting to the Youth this month.

May 19 –

Day of Hospitality Participation Requested.

Both Youth Groups have been talking about how to become more involved in Outreach. This is a great opportunity for parents and youth to work together. Please contact Lisa Barr to see how you can help on this day with your youth.

Use the Youth bulletin board in the sunroom for additional Outreach opportunities and please feel free to take home any handout information from the board.

July and August 2007- Registration for the Diocesan Summer Camp Program at the Barbara C. Harris Camp and Conference Center is ongoing online. Four Youth from Saint Mary's are already registered for the week of July 8 - 14. Camperships available, contact Connie or Barbara for more information. Thank you!!

EPISCOPAL CHURCH WOMEN (ECW)

THINKING AHEAD

Now that our Daffodil Tea, again a memorable day and great success, has come and gone, we are looking forward to our future events for the balance of the 06-07 ECW year. These events include our May program on May 9th, our Spring Rummage Sale the first weekend of May, and our annual meeting and Luncheon on Wednesday, June 13th. Watch for additional information in the Sunday bulletins for each of these events.

THINKING EVEN FURTHER AHEAD

HOLLY FAIR

As announced previously, Helen Hinckley will be Holly Fair Chairperson this year, and the search is still on for a co-chair. Please put a huge circle around Saturday, December 8th, and get those thinking caps on for new ideas. All suggestions and ideas can be submitted in writing, and put into the ECW mail slot, noting "Holly Fair" on the envelope. We'd like nothing better than to see that mailbox overflowing!!! Here is a sample of some new ideas that have already been suggested:

KNITTING—There seems to be a renewed interest in knitting as of late, and we would welcome scarves, hats, mittens, doll/teddy bear clothes, sweaters, or any other new and unique knitted item: Keep those knitting needles busy this summer

COUNTRY KITCHEN—It has been suggested that a couple of cooking get-togethers be planned to bake pies, cookies, appetizers, etc; anything that can be frozen, and then sold at the Fair. Maybe a few friends could even get together to make relish, pickles, spaghetti sauce, etc. **SOUNDS LIKE A PLAN!**

SILENT AUCTION—Once again we will have a silent auction, and your services (business and professional) along with quality crafted items will be requested. Other ideas are in the planning stages, and will be announced at a later date.

ARTS AND CRAFTS—part of the favorite potpourri room—We understand that we have some wonderful woodworking crafters within our midst, and it would be so special to feature some new and interesting items this year We don't expect a dozen, or even a half dozen of your hand crafts—Just two or three would be absolutely wonderful.

How about it ????????????

SEWING—How wonderful it would be to see an abundance of aprons, pot holders, pillows, and ever SO MANY different items this year. The possibilities are innumerable. "A STITCH IN TIME" will benefit our Fair.

Needless to say, much more Holly Fair news will be forth coming.

HERBS! HERBS! HERBS!

Please be sure to join us Wednesday, May 9, at 11:00 a.m. for a most informative talk and demonstration on growing herbs and their many benefits by one who uses them well and often, Becky McClenahan. Becky, who has been growing herbs for over 30 years, will bring in live herbs and discuss their myriad uses. She will talk about the different kinds of herb gardens — culinary, medicinal, monastic, colonial and decorative — and how to create them; she also will touch on Victorian nose gays, May Wine and more. All who wish may bring in a small salad to share, and we will enjoy a tasty lunch together. Take a stroll through the gardens on a lovely May morning, wear a hat if you like, and enjoy the scents, beauty and taste of heavenly herbs!

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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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