

CROSS CURRENTS

Saint Mary's



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DEAR FRIENDS,

Change is the air. It breathes out in the sap and chlorophyll of all things green. It shimmers in the warming shafts of returning light. It stirs in even the most calcified soul.

We, who are in Christ, know change, not as a force to be resisted, nor as an enemy to subdue, but as the transforming power of our lives. Resurrection assures of this. Our Risen Lord makes change our truth, our hope, our guiding star.

Change has come to St. Mary's. We are embarking on a bold vision for the future in our long range plan we shared together in our recent parish meeting. We are buoyed and humbled by the generosity of Ginny Deal's gift to us, a gift which has great potential to transform us into Christ's body here and now. We have a great legacy to honor and embrace in the ones who have been stalwart in their stewardship of this parish, an opportunity with them to "go from strength to strength in the life of perfect service." As we say goodbye to Melissa and Jim, we are drawn into discernment on how to build upon their contributions to our life as a community of faith.

Change is as immediate as this edition of the Crosscurrents, and in the coming months a newly formed editorial board under the leadership of Liz Rabideau will be giving careful consideration on how we can expand and improve this vehicle of communication. One regular feature we hope to implement is a series of oral histories of our gifted parish members. We begin this month with Warne Gooch's story printed below.

Another change is actually a restart of a project that got stalled during the interim. In the coming months, through the memorial gifts from many of you, we will revive our stained glass project. Windows in the church, depicting scenes from the Bible and ancient symbols associated with Christ will adorn our worship space. The renderings of the windows are gorgeous, and we will be making a presentation to the parish in June for those who like to dedicate a window in memory of a loved one.

I will be enjoying a change in venue these first two weeks of May in the West of Ireland, for some time of painting and retreat. On Sunday, May 21st, at the 10 a.m. service, Bishop Morgan Porteus, retired Bishop of Connecticut will be with us again for Confirmation and his parish visit.

Once again, I want to offer my thanks to all who made our Holy Week and Easter celebrations full of joy and beauty: to Jim Armstrong, our choirs, and musicians; to Connie and our Altar Guild; to all our worship assistants and staff for their support! Thanks also to the Ferguson-Hawkins clan, and their several assistants, who made our paschal lamb roast a gala occasion. And, many, many thanks to the cast of thousands who worked so hard on our Daffodil Tea. As always, it was a spectacular parish event!

Blessings and Peace,
Steve+



Reverend Stephen Smith

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NOTE FROM KRIS

Alleluia, Christ is risen, Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia.

The day after Easter Christopher and I headed to New York City to visit friends for a few days. I love to walk the city streets and as I strolled down Broadway, into Chinatown and back through the West Village, I marveled at the diversity of people I encountered— all sizes, colors and shapes, and at the variations in the architecture— small shops nestled in the shadows of skyscrapers, and at the sounds— the taxi horns, the street cleaners, and in still moments, bird song. And as I walked, I thought of the Cape with its seashores and ponds, gardens, trees and flowers— a very different kind of landscape. What really hit me was how present God can be for me in all different settings— both in the bustle of the city and the quiet of the Cape, God is there for us if we are open to seeing and experiencing God's presence.

My prayer for you in this Easter season is that you may see and experience God wherever you find yourself, and that you may feel richly blessed in God's presence.

Blessings,

Krist

MUSIC AT ST. MARY'S

DR JAMES ARMSTRONG FEATURED IN CHATHAM CHORALE CONCERT:

Jim Armstrong will perform as soloist and accompanist in the forthcoming May concerts of the Chatham Chorale: Saturday May 6th, 8:00 p.m. at First Congregational Church of Yarmouth, 329 Main St, Route 6A, Yarmouthport and on Sunday, May 7th, 3:00 p.m. at Pilgrim Congregational Church, Route 28, Harwichport. Works to be performed include John Rutter's Mass For the Children, Benjamin Britten's Rejoice in the Lamb and William Walton's The Twelve .

Participating are: Chatham Chorale, Chatham Chorale Chamber Singers, Festival Children's Choir, Cape Sinfonietta, Dr Armstrong, organ, Pamela Murray, Soprano and David Arnold, Baritone. Margaret T. Bossi, Director of the Chorale, will conduct.

This will be a significant event that merits your attention . Please try to fit it in your schedule and support our very own Jim Armstrong. Some tickets are still available from Claire and Roy Anderson (508-778-4441) : Reserved: \$25 , Adults: \$22 , Seniors/Students: \$18.

Thank you to all choir members and singers who joined in to provide beautiful anthems and song to all our Holy Week services. The Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday morning services were alive with music and special thanks to Jim and Janet Armstrong for their leadership of the adult choir and junior choir. Thank You!



SAVE THE DATE!

St. Mary Church and The Church of the Holy Spirit, Orleans is hosting the Exeter Cathedral Choir from Exeter, England. The Exeter Cathedral choir will be performing five performances during their stay on Cape Cod.

Concert Schedule:

Church of the Holy Spirit, Orleans
Fri., July 28, 2006 7pm
Tickets \$20

Corpus Christi Church,, Sandwich
Sat., July 29, 2006, 7pm
Tickets \$20

3 additional performances will be incorporated into services at Church of the Holy Spirit, St. Mary's Church and A special anniversary private service at St. Johns by the Sea, Hyannisport.

TELLING OUR STORIES: WARNE GOOCH

Written by Stephen V. Smith

Warne Gooch may be eighty-eight years old, but he has the intellectual curiosity and free spirit of an eighteen year old. The home he and Ethel, his bride of 61 years, have built on the end of Scudder Lane and filled with the collected memorabilia of nine decades, speaks volumes about his creative gifts and wide array of interests. In an hour of conversation, we moved seamlessly from discussing politics to furniture design to painting to Buddhism to landscape architecture to childrearing to his military commission as a WWII era submariner in the Pacific theater. All of this bespeaks of a vibrant soul whose passion for life has only grown in time.

Born in 1917, the first-born son of a mining engineer, in Joplin, Missouri, Warne's early years were shaped by living in the heartland. It was there he experienced first hand the national trauma of the Great Depression, and there he went to school, entering Westminster College in 1935. In college, he enrolled in ROTC, and upon graduating, enlisted in the Navy, getting his first commission in submarines at Annapolis, and then patrolling the Panama Canal on a little R boat submarine. After Pearl Harbor, he received further training that prepared him for an extensive tour on fleet boats out of Perth, Australia. In this tour of duty, his submarines had several successes in sinking Japanese vessels, and Warne himself quickly moved through the ranks from Lt. Junior Commander to full Lt., to Lt. Commander.

In early 1945, he was called back to New London on assignment, and was introduced on a blind date to Ethel, who was then a student at Connecticut College. One thing led to another, as he says, and by the time he was reassigned to return to the Pacific on another boat, he had given Ethel an engagement ring, promising to marry her when he returned two years later. Two weeks into the cruise, however, the hydraulic system on his sub failed, and he had to return to port. When he arrived, Ethel kept Warne to his word and they were married posthaste. Two weeks after their wedding in Newton, Mass., Warne went back to the Pacific until the Japanese surrendered in the summer to 1945. He then returned to Missouri, where Ethel met him, and they set off together, first to Washington, then to Oklahoma, where Warne finished his graduate degree in chemical engineering, and then to Elk Hills, California, where he continued his commission for the next four years. During this time, their two children, Skip and Diane were born.

Warne was then transferred to the Polaris program in the early ballistic missile program and was part of the team that launched the George Washington, the first submarine deploying ballistic missiles. He subsequently held posts in shipyard direction in Portsmouth, N.H. and the executive command of the naval shipyard in Philadelphia from 1967-70. For the last ten years of his professional life, Warne served as a consultant for ship weapons systems, and in this stage of their lives, the Gooches lived in Cherry Hills, N.J.

In 1985, Ethel and Warren decided to move to the Cape and build their dream home overlooking the Bay on property owned by Ethel's father. Warne designed the house and enlisted an architect to work out his plans. As many of you know, their home faces a stunning panorama of the harbor and bay, and over the years, Warne has applied his considerable landscaping talents to creating a little piece of paradise in Barnstable. Warne loves gardening, and for many years, he has been a part of the dedicated group of individuals who have cared for our parish gardens. Warne was not raised Episcopalian, but in the Episcopal Church, he has found its liturgy and music a great spiritual solace. He loves St. Mary's, its settings, its building, and its clergy (even when he disagrees with them!)

He as an avid reader, and his tastes range from history to politics to religion. His latest forays have him taking on Elaine Pagels, and her provocative scholarship on Jesus, and investigating Islam and Buddhism.

No one would accuse Warne of being a liberal, but in this gentle, articulate octogenarian, one encounters someone who is definitely progressive in many of his views. Even in the midst of his current difficulties

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with the Episcopal Church, he exemplifies a tolerance to those whose opinions he does not share.

I asked Warne, as he looks over his life, what he would name as his greatest achievement. Without missing a beat, he said, his children. His great joy and pleasure is to count them as close intimates in their adult lives, and they come to Barnstable often to spend time with their parents. Skip, who is a psychologist in the San Juan Capistrano school system, and Diane, who is an agro-economist working with NGO's in Africa, are clearly his pride and joy.

Warne is part of the rich legacy of our parish. His indomitable spirit and great devotion, forged in nearly a century of faith and practice, is a treasure for us all. He is young way beyond his years, and for this we can all be grateful.

"Telling Our Stories" will continue to appear in future newsletters as we seek to record important histories of our parishioners.

NOTES FROM VESTRY

Verstry meeting notes April 11th

Let's Talk Box

In response to a request in the Let's Talk Box, the vestry will initiate a series of neighborhood potluck suppers with the clergy in May through December of this year as a means to help us know our St. Mary's neighbors. If you would like to host such a dinner in your home, please call Marian Ferguson, 362-8225.

Personnel

Two personnel committees are hard at work to find a new parish administrator and organist. Steve announced that the stained glass window project, dormant in the interim period is moving forward this summer, along with new lighting in the church.

Stewardship

Following a report on stewardship (71% of the parish has pledged, an additional 13% have given without pledging), we discussed the need for to have a wish list for those who wish to focus a gift, the memorial opportunities of the stained glass windows. Our recent bequest was received with deep gratitude and prayerful consideration

MAY ANNIVERSARIES

Vera Piquette
Herman Piquette 2
Sallie Irwin
Harry Irwin 6
Julie Monger
Joseph Monger 8
Sarah Thornington-Cericola
Ray Cericola 8
Sue Corsini
Richard Corsini 8
Helen Hinckley
Frank Hinckley 11
Karen Drake
Robert Drake 11
Ginie Upham
John Upham 12
Laura MacNeill
Gordon MacNeill 21
Susan Norton
Robert Norton 21
Ann Sircom
J. David Sircom 24

MAY BIRTHDAYS

Charles Ellars 1	Emily Moreton 12	Christopher Drake 28
Alfred Stephens 2	William Pring 14	Helen Boocock 29
Ella Fraser 2	Catherine Harris 15	Janet Machon 29
Susanne Lundgren 2	Wendy LaPine 16	Liam Sullivan 29
Frances Smith 3	Lauren Monger 16	Alex Frazee 31
Norman Thornton 3	Shirley Borglund 17	Lynn LeBlanc 31
Allison Marsh 3	Rebecca Monger 17	Laura MacNeill 31
Nancy Mamlock 4	Gertrude Waters 18	
Carroll Gouger 5	Elizabeth Blair 18	
Barbara Walters 5	Carol Pinney 20	
Jeffrey Wells 5	Elizabeth Miller 21	
Lauren Persson 5	Margaret Johnson 22	
Nancy Fales 6	Molly Driscoll 22	
Barbara Stovich 7	Mary Bowman 23	
Lenore Stanley 8	Connie Phillips 23	
Joseph Monger 8	Kyle Stead 23	
Richard Bullock 10	Meredith Colbert 24	
Marcy LeBlanc 11	Clifford Whalen 24	
Lori Bows 11	Margery Fallon 25	
H. Cully Beasley 12	Joseph Iafrate 25	
Andrew Stewart 12	Shannon Rex 27	
Matthew Boyd 12	Jillian Fraser 27	



MAY 2006

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
	9:00a Miracle Kitchen Cooking 12:00p ECW Board Meeting 5:00p Barnstable Fatherhood Program 7:00p Youth Advisors Meeting	7:00a Tueaday Men's Group 10:00a Prayer Group 7:30p Buildings, Grounds & Gardens	10:00a Holy Eucharist 5:00p Junior Choir in Church 7:00p Adult Choir in Church	7:30a Holy Eucharist & Breakfast Group 7:00p AA meeting	12:00p Rummage Sale	9:00a Rummage Sale 5:00p Holy Eucharist
	Rummage Sale		Set-Up			
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER 8:00a & 10:00a Holy Eucharist 9:30a Choir Rehearsal 9:45a Church School 11:00a Church School Teacher's Meeting	5:00p Barnstable Fatherhood Program	9:15a Newsletter Deadline 3:00p Finance & Budget Review 7:00p Vestry Meeting	10:00a Holy Eucharist 10:00a ECW Program at Edward Gorey House, Yarmouthport 5:00p Junior choir 5:30p Spiritual Formation Committee 7:00p Adult Choir	7:30a Holy Eucharist & Breakfast Group 10:00a Barnstable Hospital Auxilary, Parish Hall 7:00p AA Meeting	10:30a Altar Guild Meeting	5:00 Holy Eucharist
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER 8:00a & 10:00a Holy Eucharist 9:30a Choir Rehearsal	9:00a Miracle Kitchen Cooking 5:00p Barnstable Fatherhood Program	7:00a Tueaday Men's Group 10:00a Prayer Group	10:00a Holy Eucharist 5:00p Junior Choir 7:00p Adult Choir	7:30a Holy Eucharist & Breakfast Group 9:00a Staff Meeting 7:00p AA meeting		5:00 Holy Eucharist
				Godly Play Accreditation Training		
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER ROGATION DAY BISHOP PROTEUS' VISITATION 8:00a & 10:00a Holy Eucharist 9:30a Choir Rehearsal	5:00p Barnstable Fatherhood Program		10:00a Holy Eucharist 10:00a ECW Workshop 5:00p Junior Choir 7:00p Adult Choir 7:00p Overnights of Hospitality	7:30a Holy Eucharist & Breakfast Group 12:30p Newsletter Collation 7:00p AA meeting		5:00 Holy Eucharist
28	29	30	31			
THE SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER 8:00a & 10:00a Holy Eucharist 9:30a Choir Rehearsal 9:45a Church School	9:00a Miracle Kitchen Cooking 5:00p Barnstable Fatherhood Program	10:00a Prayer Group	10:00a Holy Eucharist 10:00a ECW Workshop 5:00p Junior Choir 7:00p Adult Choir			

ECW NEWS

Best Wishes to a FRIEND!!

The E C W Board of Directors extends extreme appreciation, affection and support to Melissa Allen as she begins a new chapter in her life. Speaking for myself (this reporter), Melissa has always been at the ready to help and support, and I thank her most heartedly. A quote from Oliver Wendell Holmes begins :

“I find the great thing in this world is not so much where we stand, as in what direction we are moving”

Move on, Melissa, but know you will be missed.



May Meeting

Our first “ off site” meeting will be May 10, when we will tour the Gorey House in Yarmouthport, guided by our own Skee Morton. Because of an admittance fee, there will be a charge of \$1 per person, with the E C W picking up the balance. Please watch for the sign up sheet, so that we can know how many will take advantage of this unique opportunity.

Annual Meeting

Our annual meeting will take place June 14th at the Scargo Cafe in Dennis. We are hoping for a large turnout. The menu and price will soon be posted on our bulletin Board, so be sure to sign up early. More detail will be printed in the June publication.

Remember every woman of St. Mary's is automatically a member of E C W, and you are always warmly welcomed at meetings and gatherings.

YOUTH DATES FOR MAY

May 1 - Youth Advisor's Meeting 7pm Rev. Kris Lewis' office

May 6 - Field trip Brewster Animal Rescue League to bring toy drive items, time to be posted on Youth bulletin board in Sun Room - will include snack or meal.

May 21 - Youth Group regular dinner meeting 5:30-7:30pm. End of the yearcelebration. This will include both youth groups. All Youtheurrently in 6th - 12th grade are invited to attend.

CHURCH SCHOOL NEWS

This month St. Mary's will be hosting the Godly Play Accreditation Training. We welcome you to join us as we continue to grow and develop formation programs for people of all ages at Saint Mary's. If you have an interest in helping or want to learn more, please contact Barbara Hersey or Connie Sullivan for children and youth and Kris Lewis for adult programs.

Save the Date for our first annual parish retreat to be held at Barbara Harris Camp and Conference Center in New Hampshire, Sept. 29-May 1.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

PLUSES AND MINUSES

Finance and Budget Review Committee's Report
for the quarter January 1, 2006 to March 31, 2006

PLUS: PLEDGE INCOME was \$5,734.54 more than budgeted for this three month period.

PLUS: Unpledged Income was \$30601 more than budgeted.

PLUS: \$3,420.50 of the 2005 pledge arrearages was received.

MINUS: The Open Plate Offerings were \$284.71 less than budgeted.

MINUS: Gifts and Special Offerings received were \$2,222.29 but \$2,077.70 less than budgeted for this period.

PLUS: The Music Program and gifts to the program generated \$876.50.

PLUS: ** Investment Income of \$29,654.13 was used for Operating Expenses.

PLUS: The Diocesan Assessment of \$14,987.52 was paid up to date.

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

MINUS: "THE BOTTOM LINE" - NET DEFICIT of \$7,571.77

[Total Income \$110,865 - Total Expenses \$118,436.77]

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WITHOUT THE APPROPRIATION of \$29,654.13 of INVESTMENT INCOME the Operating Fund "Bottom Line" is a DEFICIT of \$37,225.90.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT!!

AND

"PRAISE GOD FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW"

Gertrude P. Waters

Chair

STEWARDSHIP

ADDITIONAL PEOPLE WHO HAVE MADE A 2006 PLEDGE – CONTRIBUTION:

- | | | |
|-----------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------|
| Brian & Krista Chase | Asdis Helgadottir Hodgson | Carolyn MacDonald |
| Laura McCarron | Dorothy Richardson | Ann Treimann |
| Sandy Cole | Marie Hoog | John & Lauren Mamlock |
| Gordon & Louise Nelson, Sr. | Wade & Mary Staniar | Marilyn Welsh |
| Tom & Jean Fahey | Don James | Gary Mansur |
| Bob & Susan Norton | Lenore Stanley | Jill Whitcomb |
| Ephraim & Nelly Gathuma | Jim & Anne James | Emerson Markham |
| Victoria Noseworthy | Eric & Katie Steenstra | |
| Cynthia Hall | Bruce & Margaret Jones | |
| Steven & Deborah Oney | Marcia Stevens | |
| John Hayes | Wendy LaPine | |
| Frederick Phinney | Jeannie Stokinger | |

Thank You!

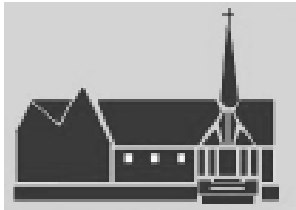
*And thank s to all who have contributed
with their valuable time and talent.*



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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