

October at Saint Mary's



Saint Mary's Episcopal Church Barnstable MA

News from the Rector

Dear Friends,

I read a book this summer, recommended by Bill Eddy, good friend and former interim here at Saint Mary's, that I can't get out of my head. It's Cormac McCarthy's chilling, dark, post-apocalyptic novel *The Road*, a story of life on the planet after the human race has taken its warring madness and ecological savagery to its logical conclusion. McCarthy is one of our best writers, and his spare prose describes a world none of us would want to inhabit. More than this, it is an ominous reminder of what is at stake if we refuse to change the course we presently have set for ourselves. It rivets our attention to the blessed-

ness of what we have, and what we have been given.

"Life is short, and we do not have much time to gladden the hearts of those who make this earthly pilgrimage with us." Each time I hear this opening sentence of the blessing we have been using in our liturgies, something breaks in me, something aches. We are living in time of great consequence, in which we do not have the luxury of procrastination. What we do now, and what we do here, means the world to those who are on this journey with us, and those who will follow.

Three years into this wonderful adventure and calling of being your rector, I thank God for the vibrancy

and grace of all of you. My sense is we have accomplished a great deal in a short time. I also sense we have only begun to scratch the surface. The human need around us is palpable. The ecological need around us is overwhelming. We have been given such a rare opportunity with such a glorious legacy to make such a huge difference.

This month we are embarking on a new approach to stewardship, and I see this as an invitation for us to go deeper as a parish, to claim the full vocation God has given us as a community of faith. As we read the letters from our fellow parishioners, and hear the witness of those speaking from our pulpit, I want to ask .

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Vestry News and Notes

Vestry Notes

At the Vestry meeting on September 19th, Denise Johnson, co-chair of the Stewardship committee reviewed the fall plans, communications and events and enlisted the support of the vestry. The Vestru reviewed the leadership needs for Buildings and

Grounds, the development of a Pastoral Care Team, and the general parish-wide leadership needs. The Vestry gratefully received Liz Rabideau's preliminary edition of the new *Cross Currents* to be distributed to the parish this month.

Full Vestry minutes are posted and vestry meetings

(which are held on the third Wednesday of the month at 7:00 pm) are open to all members of Saint Mary's. If you have concerns or suggestions, you may place them in the *Let's Talk* box; addressing these items is always the first item on the vestry agenda.

Do you have a topic you'd like to see covered in the quarterly *Cross Currents*?

Would you like to write an article?

Contact Liz at stmarysnewsletter@comcast.net. Please continue to send material for either newsletter to that address.

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ECW NEWS

Episcopal Church Women



Holly Fair Updates

Saint Mary's **Holly Fair** will be held on Saturday, December 8, and preparations are well under way.

The **Knitting & Sewing Group** will meet on Mondays October 15 & 29, from 1:00—4:00pm in the St James Room. Please come and bring your projects!!

Attic Treasurers — Please put all small items in the sun room in the basket marked Attic Treasures.

Jewelry— Old costume jewelry? Items you no longer wear? Please put all items in the sun room in the basket market Holly Fair Jewelry

The **Greens Committee** will hold wreath-making work-

shops every Thursday in October & November in the Library from 9:00am-12:00pm.

Volunteers and ideas are always needed! Any questions about the Holly Fair or how you can help, please call Helen Hinckley, Chair of the Holly Fair at 508-362-9821.

Evening Group

The **Women's Evening Group** will meet on Monday, October 29 at 7:00 pm. Watch the weekly bulletin for details. This new arm of the ECW aims to be a respite from the stress of daily life and centers on spiritual nourishment and fellowship. The Women's Evening Group welcomes all women.

Rummage Sale

.Saint Mary's **Fall Rummage Sale** will be held October 19-20. Now is a good time to gather items as you prepare for the coming winter. Gently worn clothing, sporting equipment, toys, books, craft items, linens, electronic equipment (no computers or TVs), garden tools, kitchen ware and collectibles are among the sought after times. Special items are always welcome for the boutique. Drop-off and set-up will take place October 15-18. Assitane is always needed; if you can help with sorting, selling or clean-up please contact Jeanne Stokinger at jeanstokinger@msn.com



Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine.

~Isaiah 43:1

Youth Notes

Celebrating Rite 13

On October 14th Saint Mary's will celebrate its first Rite 13 Ceremony at the 10:00 am service. This ceremony, loosely based on the Jewish bar/bat mitzvah, is the liturgical cornerstone of the *Journey to Adulthood* program and it is a wonderful way to acknowledge the changes that are happening in our teens. In our culture, the line from childhood to adulthood is blurry at best, and it's hard to know when

we are "grown up". The Rite 13 Liturgy is designed to welcome teenagers to the journey of becoming adults and celebrate publicly, and in the midst of our worship, God's gift of manhood and womanhood. This liturgy recognizes the holy power of creation that God gives to each one of us.

This fall we will celebrate this passage with Henry Ramage, Michael Palmer,

Meghan Mamlock, and Nick Rabideau. The support of both family and congregation are important parts of this ritual. As we prepare for this special time, please pray specifically for our teenagers as they stand on the brink of adulthood. And please join us on the 14th as we affirm and support our young people on their journeys.



NEWS AND NOTES

What's Happening in October?

Book Group

Thursday, October 4th at 7:00 pm in the St. James Room we will discuss *What Jesus Meant* by Gary Wills . Please join us.

~Susan Babcock

Harvest Dinner

Saint Mary's annual Harvest Dinner is scheduled for Sunday, October 28. The dinner will be preceded by the dedication of the chancel piano and a recital by Joan Kirchner beginning at 5:00 pm. Watch for sign-ups in the sunroom.



News from the Rector cont.

you to join me in opening our hearts to God.

Sunday, October 28th will mark a special day in a parish calendar, when, at our 10:00 am service we are especially privileged to have as our preacher, the Rev. Mark Anschutz. Mark has already been a tremendous support and inspiration in calling us to a higher purpose, and we look forward to his message that day. Later that afternoon, we will have a special piano recital



The Saint Mary's Parish Nursing Ministry

will sponsor a flu vaccination clinic to be conducted by the Visiting Nurse Association in the Parish Hall on Friday, October 5th, from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. All members of the parish are welcome. Persons 65 and over may present the Medicare Part B card and receive the vaccination free; persons 64 and younger will be charged \$35.00. Please mark your calendars if you would like to be vaccinated. If you need additional information, please call Susan Babcock (617 527-4294) or Catherine Morrison

and dedication at 5:00 p.m., followed by our annual Harvest Dinner in the parish hall. I hope you will make every effort to be a part of our celebrations that day.

So, friends, "let us be swift to love. Make haste to do kindness. Shower abundant hospitality on friend and stranger. Walk in justice, that we may follow the path of mercy and love."

Blessings and Peace,

Steve+

Bible Study

A new bible study group will begin meeting at Saint Mary's on Tuesday October 2 from 8:30 to 10:00 am. in the St. James room and will every other Tuesday morning thereafter. Kris will lead us as we begin our discussion of the Gospel of Matthew. Please bring a New Revised Standard Version bible (NRSV) bible, preferably a study bible. Kris recommends the *Harper Collins Study Bible, New Interpreter's Study Bible, or the New Oxford Annotated Bible*. Questions-call the Rev. Kris Lewis, Connie Von Maur or Marian Ferguson. Please join us!

*Autumn is a second
spring when every leaf
is a flower*
~Albert Camus

The deadline for material to be included in *November at Saint Mary's* is October 17. Please send information to stmary@cape.com or bring it to the church office.

If your committee or group is meeting or sponsoring an activity, or if you're doing something you just want others to know about, send your information in!

October 2007

Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

<p>28(Cont)</p> <p>5:00pm Dedication of Piano and Piano Recital</p> <p>5:30-7:30pm J2A</p> <p>6:00-8:00pm Harvest Dinner</p>	<p>1</p> <p>9-10:30am ECW Board Mtg</p> <p>9am-1:30pm Miracle Kitchen</p>	<p>2</p> <p>8:30am Bible Study</p>	<p>3</p> <p>10:00am-HE /Healing</p> <p>1:00pm- Staff Mtg</p> <p>4:00pm HE, Heatherwood</p> <p>7:00pm Adult Choir</p>
<p>7 8:00am HE Rite I</p> <p>10:00am HE Rite II</p> <p>11:15am-12:00pm Community Choir</p> <p>5:30-7:30pm Rite 13</p>	<p>8 OFFICE CLOSED (Columbus Day)</p> <p>6:00pm-6:00am Women's Overnight of Hospitality</p>	<p>9</p> <p>7:00-9:30am Men's Breakfast Grp</p> <p>10:30am-12:00pm Prayer Group</p>	<p>10 10:00am HE/ Hea</p> <p>11:00am ECW Progr</p> <p>12:00- Staff Mtg</p> <p>3:00pm Finance / Budget Mtg</p> <p>7:00pm Adult Choir</p>
<p>14 8:00am HE Rite I</p> <p>10:00am HE Rite II/Rite 13 Ceremony</p> <p>11:15am-12:00pm Community Choir</p> <p>5:30-7:30pm J2A</p>	<p>15 Rummage Sale Setup (All Day)</p> <p>9am-1:30pm Miracle Kitchen</p>	<p>16 Rummage Sale Setup (All Day)</p> <p>9:00am-1:00pm Staff Retreat</p> <p>8:30 am Bible Study</p>	<p>17 Rummage Sale Setup (All Day)</p> <p>10:00am HE/Healing</p> <p>1:00pm Staff Mtg</p> <p>7:00pm Adult Choir</p> <p>7:00pm Vestry Mtg</p>
<p>21 8:00-9:00am HE, Rite I</p> <p>10:00-11:00am HE, Rite II</p> <p>11:15-12:00pm Community Choir</p> <p>11:15-12:30pm Adult Forum-BEASTS</p> <p>5:30-7:30pm Rite 13</p> <p>6:00 Suppers for Seven</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23</p> <p>7:00-9:00am Men's Breakfast Grp</p> <p>10:30am-12:00pm Prayer Group</p>	<p>24</p> <p>10:00am HE/Healing</p> <p>1:00pm Staff Mtg</p> <p>6:00pm Men's Hospita Overnight</p> <p>7:00pm Adult Choir</p>
<p>28 8:00am HE Rite I</p> <p>10:00am HE Rite II</p> <p>11:15am-12:15pm Outreach Task Force</p> <p>11:15am-12:00pm Community Choir</p>	<p>29</p> <p>7:00-8:00pm Women's Evening Group</p>	<p>30</p> <p>8:30am-100:00am Bible Study</p>	<p>31</p> <p>10:00am HE/Healing</p> <p>1:00pm Staff Mtg</p> <p>7:00pm Adult Choir</p>



Thu

Fri

Sat

	<p>4</p> <p>7:30-9am HE and Breakfast Grp</p> <p>9:00am-12:00pm Greens Grp Mtg</p> <p>5:30-6:30pm Stewardship Mtg</p> <p>7:00pm-8:00pm Book Group</p>	<p>5</p> <p>11:00-1:00pm Flu Clinic</p>	<p>6</p> <p>5:00pm HE</p>
ling am	<p>11</p> <p>7:30-9:00am HE & Breakfast Grp</p> <p>9:00am- Greens Grp Meeting - Library</p> <p>10:00am-1:00pm Deanery Clergy</p> <p>5:00 Pastoral Care Task Force</p> <p>7:00-9:00pm Buildings & Grounds Mtg</p>	<p>12</p> <p>6:00-8:00pm Rite 13/Rehearsal Dinner</p>	<p>13</p> <p>5:00pm HE</p> <p>9:30am Companions of the Holy Cross</p>
	<p>18 Rummage Sale Setup (All Day)</p> <p>7:30-9:00am HE and Breakfast Grp</p> <p>9:00-12:00am Greens Grp Meeting-Library</p> <p>5:30-6:30pm Stewardship Meeting</p>	<p>19</p> <p>12:00-6:00pm Rummage Sale</p>	<p>20 8:30am-2:00pm Rummage Sale</p> <p>5:00pm HE</p>
ality	<p>25 7:30am HE & Breakfast Group</p> <p>9:00am-12:00pm Greens Grp-Library</p> <p>7:00-8:00pm Liturgy Meeting</p>	<p>26</p> <p>10:30am-12:00pm Altar Guild Meeting</p>	<p>27</p> <p>8:30am-4:00pm Godly Play One Day Training</p> <p>5:00pm HE</p>

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Liturgical Notes

Blessing of the Animals

Saint Mary's will observe Saint Francis Day with its annual **Blessing of the Animals on Sunday, October 7** at the 10:00 am service. Critters of all size and shapes are invited to attend with their owners. For everyone's peace of mind, please ensure that dogs are on leashes and other animals are in cages or suitably restrained. Amy Crocker, head of the BEASTS animal ministry will be our guest preacher. Weather permitting the service will be held in the courtyard outside the church school.



Liturgy Matters

(pun intended)

Our corporate worship is one of the most important things we do at Saint Mary's. In our liturgy we strive to maintain the highest standards of the Anglican tradition while incorporating a variety of styles by using Rite I, Rite II,

Enriching Our Worship and other authorized supplements. If you have any particular likes, dislikes, suggestions, questions, or comments about our worship, please let the Liturgy Committee know. You can talk to a committee member, leave your comments – labeled LITURGY – in the *Let's Talk* box, or e-mail committee chair Peter Gwynne at pgwynne767@aol.com.



Music at Saint Mary's

What better way to brighten a fall evening than with the beautiful service of Evensong? At 5:00pm on November 4 the Adult Choir will offer an Evensong for All Saints at Saint Mary's. We will sing some of the beautiful evening hymns we so rarely have opportunity to use, and celebrate the rich heritage of Anglican music for this service and for this feast day.

The Feast of All Saints is

one of the younger church festivals (only about 1200 years old) believed to have originated in the British Isles. The Anglican Church has continued to place more emphasis on it than other denominations, though many countries have much larger cultural celebrations of the feast. In the United States Hallowe'en, or All Hallow's Eve, has lost almost all of its original religious expression as the evening before All Saints' Day. Our Book of Common Prayer, however, designates All Saints' Day as one of the seven major festivals of the church year, and it arrives after a long period of "ordinary time," the first festival since spring and the Day of Pentecost. Join us as we celebrate all the saints and the church past, present, and future in song and prayer.



*Sing to the Lord a
new song*

The **Liturgy Committee**, chaired by Peter Gwynne, is now meeting on the fourth Thursday of each month. The next meeting is scheduled for October 25 at 7:00 pm. In addition to the chair, this committee is comprised of the clergy, the Minister of Music, representatives of the various liturgical guilds, and interested parishioners. The committee is advisory, and discusses liturgical matters large and mundane, particularly with regard to the Sunday services.

More News and Notes

Adult Forum

Adult forums are one way we participate in formation at Saint Mary's. This year, Adult Forums will be held on the third Sunday of each month following the 10:00 am service. Grab your coffee and join us in the Parish Hall for presentations and discussions on a variety of topics.

Our first forum will take place on October 21. Amy Crocker and the BEASTS group will talk about their animal ministry and the theology underlying it.

On November 17, the forum will focus on liturgy as Kris Lewis talks about "It's Not

Just the Book of Common Prayer."

Forums provide an opportunity for the various ministries at Saint Mary's to inform and involve others in their work. If your group would like to present a forum please contact Kris. Child care will be provided if needed.

"Visibly through the garden walketh God"

The gardens of our church are a remarkable and lovely trust. The Garden Committee asks that parishioners consider the following:

☞ Attend the workday on

Saturday, October 27 from 9:30 until 11:30. We will be weeding, mulching, edging and planting as well as cleaning and staining the bridges...there is something for everyone regardless of gardening skills. Tools (and coffee and muffins) will be provided. You are encouraged to bring a kneeling pad and gardening gloves.

☞ Adopt an area, large or small, of our gardens. There is information about this project and a list of the committee on the new bulletin board in the parish hall. Or call for more information. Garden expertise is not a pre-requisite; on the job training will be provided!

*Weeping may linger
for the night, but joy
comes with the
morning.
~Psalm 30:5*

Office Notes

Saint Mary's is a very busy place these days! Please help us keep the office running smoothly by remembering:

Office hours are Monday through Friday 9:30 – 4:00.

If you purchase an item for the church and need to be reimbursed, please fill out a requisition form (found in the office.) and attach all receipts. Without this form we don't always know what it is for and what account to charge it to.

If your committee or group is holding a meeting please 1) call the office in advance to book your meetings; 2) fill out a set-up form (found in the sunroom) when using the Parish Hall and submit it to the office two weeks prior to the event; 3) clean up when you use the kitchen: empty the trash, clean and put away dishes and remove any leftover food; 4) indicate on the set-up form if you want Jon Ferguson to provide clean-up service. address, telephone number, email, marital status or other personal information to notify the office!

If you change your address, telephone number, email, marital status or other personal information please notify the office. We don't want to lose track of you!



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Financial News

PLUSES AND MINUSES

Operating Fund For the Eight Month Period January 1, 2007 to August 31, 2007

Oh, happy spring and lazy, hazy days of summer! Perhaps with the many related activities you have inadvertently overlooked keeping your pledge up to date. It would be helpful if you would do so as the Church has to honor its commitments.

MINUS: PLEDGE INCOME was \$15,482.20 in ARREARS for the eight months..

MINUS: Unpledged Income was \$2,020.00 less than budgeted.

PLUS: \$2,763.25 of the 2006 pledge arrearages have been received.

MINUS: Open Plate Offerings were \$5,021.89 less than budgeted

MINUS: Gifts and Special Offerings were \$2,221.89 less than budgeted for this period.

PLUS: ** Investment Income of \$123,108.87 was used for Operating Expenses. This included a request of an additional \$40,000.00 from Capital Gains.

PLUS: The Music Programs generated \$2,703.30

PLUS: As Wee Grow rental generated \$6,582.00.

PLUS: \$1,100.00 has been received for the Use of Facilities.

PLUS: The Diocesan Assessment of \$37,559.36 was paid up to date

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

MINUS: THE "BOTTOM Line" – NET DEFICIT OF (\$3,901.62)

[Total Income \$323,975.22 – Total Expenses \$327,876.84]

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** WITHOUT THE APPROPRIATION OF \$123,108.87 OF INVESTMENT INCOME, INCLUDING THE ADDITIONAL \$40,000.00 OF CAPITAL GAINS THE OPERATING FUND "BOTTOM LINE" IS A DEFICIT OF \$(127,010.49)

In April an additional distribution of \$300,000.00 was received from the Virginia M. and Edwin M. Deal bequest which was forwarded to A. G. Edwards & Sons, Inc. for investment. The income earned will continue to be used for the Supplemental Capital Fund for the upkeep of the Buildings, Grounds, and Gardens.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT!!

AND "PRAISE GOD FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW"

Gertrude P. Waters, Chair

*Each of you must
give ...without
compulsion, for God
loves a cheerful giver.
~2 Corinthians 9:7*

Stewardship Notes

Living in Grace through Joyful Giving

How many stewardship talks have you sat through? How many pleas to give more so that the budget can be met have you heard? Yes, it's that time of year again, but this year we are approaching stewardship differently at Saint Mary's. Instead of focusing on budgets or our pledges from years past we are focusing on our joy as a faith community and our gratitude for all that God has entrusted to us, as well as God's call to us to give back a portion of that abundance. To this end, the clergy, wardens, vestry, and stewardship committee of Saint Mary's have each re-

solved to give joyfully to the church a sacrificial and carefully determined measure of our income. We have committed to one another that we will adopt a personal program of giving that bears witness to an even deeper and more thoughtful commitment to our parish family and the church's critical ministry to the enormous needs of God's world.

And we are asking each member of Saint Mary's to reflect and to prayerfully consider their giving as well. During the month of October you will be hearing more about stewardship predicated on the notion of "living

in grace through joyful giving" in letters, sermons, and yes, even stewardship talks. This will culminate in our Harvest Dinner on October 28.

As we move through our stewardship campaign let us remember that stewardship is not about budgets and deficits, or even about how much we love Saint Mary's (although all these things are important). Stewardship is about sacrificial giving to help build the kingdom of God on earth. Ultimately, stewardship is about our seeking to live our lives in the image of God who has entrusted to us everything that we have.

I am careful not to confuse excellence with perfection. Excellence I can reach for; perfection is God's business.

~Michael J. Fox

Liturgical Schedule

		Usher	Lector	Eucharistic Minister
Oct.	5:00	Brad Goodwin	Jud Phelps	Ellen Culver
6/7	8:00	Bruce Vandebroek	Jim Cranitch	Joy Hambly
	10:00	Charlotte Stiefel	Newell Bearse	Amy Crocker
		Pete Gouger	Donald Babcock	Hilary Greene
Oct.	5:00	Russ Fales	Laura McCarron	Nancy Fales
13/14			Stephen Jones	
	8:00	Jon Ferguson	Diane McGuire	Louise Koch
	10:00	Brian Sullivan	Claire Anderson	Robin Greene
Matt Palmer		Roy Anderson	Jody Warner	
Oct.	5:00	Dave Condon	Brad Goodwin	Lenore Stanley
20/21	8:00	Forrest Beam	Linda Gadkowski	Joy Hambly
	10:00	Jody Warner	Ed Humphrey	Dave Knauer
		TBA	Harry Irwin	Ardith Call
Oct.	5:00	Brad Goodwin	Jud Phelps	Stephen Jones
27/28	8:00	Robbie Stewart	Walter Gadkowski	Peter Gwynne
	10:00	Frank Hinckley	Sarah Magruder	Jim Cranitch
		Peter Hutton	Patrick Ramage	Jim Hinckle



October Birthdays



2	Daniel Miller
1	Charles Atkins
1	Margery Geiger
1	Herbert Olofsson
1	Elizabeth Morton
2	Margaret Vansciver
21	Peter & Linda Hutton
11	Newell & Marcia Bearse
11	Clara Douglas
11	William & Harriet Smith
10	Harry & Susan Jilson
10	Michael & Barbara Hersey
10	Curtis Buttenheim
10	Antia Buddington
8	Paul & Wendy LaPine
8	Nikki Fishkind
7	Jon & Luanne Persson
7	George Syroy
5	Robert & Betsy Hinckley
5	Beverley LeBlanc
3	Brian & Connie Sullivan
3	Eleanor Jaquinet
3	Elizabeth Warner

October Anniversaries

2	Forrest Beam
3	Beverly Lopes
4	Joy Hambly
4	David Condon
7	Linda Leonard
9	Nancy Crowell-Corota
10	Jud Phelps
10	Roger Boocock
11	Laura McCarron
11	Betty Miller
13	TorrieMacDonald-Tammish
13	Bob Pickel
14	Jessica Byrne
14	Sam Hawkins
14	Christina Scithlone



15	John Scithlone
15	James Armstrong
15	Linda Gadowski
16	Ann German
16	Mackenzie Perry
17	Lois Gagnon
18	Harry Jilson
20	Waters Davis III
20	Connie McLean-Stead
22	Martha Lewis
22	William Hensley
25	John Scithlone
25	James Armstrong
25	Linda Gadowski
25	Ann German
25	Mackenzie Perry
25	Lois Gagnon
25	Harry Jilson
25	Waters Davis III
25	Connie McLean-Stead
25	Martha Lewis
25	William Hensley



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