

September at Saint Mary's



Saint Mary's Episcopal Church Barnstable MA

News from the Rector

Dear Friends,

We extend a warm welcome to all of you as you return to Saint Mary's this fall. Things will go into high gear over the next few weeks, and we look forward to your participation in our life together as a parish community.

As we begin a new church year this fall, I want to single out a few individuals who have gone the extra mile over the summer in their generous support of our parish: Thanks to Sharon Donegan for overseeing the planning and installation of our new

stained glass in the church. The windows are beautiful, a great enhancement to our worship space, and a delight to the eye and the soul. Thanks to Sonia Osborne for working on our lighting in the nave, and for her many hours in research and implementation of this much needed project. Behind the scenes, Mark Anschutz has offered his considerable skills at repainting our church sign and rehabbing our piscina in the sacristy, and with wife Peggy has helped coordinate our garden work days. Many thanks, Mark and Peggy! And Jon Ferguson

has worked extra hours to supervise our several improvements on our physical plant.

Elsewhere in this issue you will find details about the many events planned for September. I hope you will join in these activities as our we begin our new program year.

This comes with my best thoughts and prayers for you and our parish as we continue our pilgrimage of faith in Christ.

Blessings and Peace,

Steve+

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Vestry News and Notes

At the August meeting the vestry considered the need for more information before moving forward with a loan to the Pelham Fund. The treasurer's report concerned us as again we have had to take \$20,000 over what had been budgeted from our investment account. In the long term we are concerned that this may compromise the growth of our endowment.

Building and Grounds has had a productive summer.

Jon Ferguson's work, new pillars in the courtyard and at the church entrance, Peggy Anshutz's teamwork in the gardens, painting, the new walkway in the garden, and the new stained glass windows are appreciated by all.

The full minutes of each vestry meeting are posted in the Parish Hall. Vestry meetings are open to all parishioners.

~Let's Talk Box At every vestry meeting our first agenda item is what is in the "Let's Talk Box" - comments, questions, and concerns from parishioners. We value your voices and seek to respond to them. The veteran's memorial and the new brick walkway leading to the memorial garden hill are both ideas that parishioners submitted to the "Let's Talk Box". These boxes can be found outside the office and in the narthex. We encourage you to use them

Do you have a topic you'd like to see covered in *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



Fall Program Notes

The first **ECW monthly program and Annual Salad Luncheon** will be September 12 at 11:00 in the Parish Hall. Chris Olson, Deputy Chief of the Barnstable Fire Department, will be our speaker. Please sign up in the sun room.

Beginning in October the ECW Board will meet on the first Monday of each month at 9:00 am in the Saint James Room.

Holly Fair Updates

Saint Mary's **Holly Fair** will be held on Saturday, December 8, and as we move

into fall, our preparations switch into high gear.

The **Knitting & Sewing Group** will meet on Mondays Sept 10, & 24, 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 meet September 7 in the St. James Room at 9:30am to discuss fall plans for Holly

Fair. Wreath-making workshops will be 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, September 24. Watch the weekly bulletin for details.

*I'm searching through
all that has ever been
hoped, in praise of what
can never be known.*

~Real Live Preacher,
RealLivePreacher.com

Youth Notes

Words of Wisdom Sought

On October 14th, Saint Mary's will celebrate its first Rite 13 Ceremony to mark the passage into manhood and womanhood for our youth who turn 13. We invite you to participate in this very important rite of passage for our young people. As part of this commemoration we will be compiling a "book of wisdom" from Saint Mary's for each of the youth who are turning 13. During September, we will be collecting sage advice or anecdotes of experience from parishioners to be included in

this book. Please send your contributions to Connie Sullivan by either placing them in the Youth mailbox outside the church office or by emailing them to sullivan@gis.net.

This is an opportunity for all of us to share in the journey of our young people and to fulfill our baptismal covenant to "seek and serve Christ in all persons." It is also a chance for us to affirm and lift up our youth, to recognize them as young adults in our congregation, and to tell

them that we're here for them. We often assume that our teens know how much we care about them and that they feel accepted and appreciated as a vital part of our church, but some things just can't be said often enough! This is your chance to make a difference! Thanks for sharing your wisdom with our youth!



NEWS AND NOTES

What's Happening in September?

Suppers for Seven

Suppers for Seven, informal groups of parishioners who meet monthly for dinner, will begin again in September. Suppers for Seven provide an opportunity for parishioners to share a meal in a relaxed setting in a member's home and get to know one another better. Groups rotate monthly as do hosting responsibilities. The first supper of the year will be the weekend of September 23. Groups generally meet on the third weekend of the month.

New participants are warmly welcomed., and should sign up in the sun room. Past participants in the dinner groups will AUTOMATICALLY be included in the NEW rotation, **unless you call the church office to say**

Book Group

September is fast approaching and there are two books in your future. Please join Saint Mary's Book Group on Thursday, September 6th at 7:00 pm as we discuss *Three Cups of Tea* by Gregory Mortenson. Looking ahead, on Thursday, October 4th at 7:00 pm we will discuss *What Jesus Meant* by Gary Wills . Both meetings will take place in the Saint James Room. Please join us as we

otherwise ! Please consider joining us for dinner!

Ministry Fair

What can Saint Mary's do for you? What can you do for Saint Mary's? On Sunday, September 9 our annual **Ministry Fair** will give you the opportunity to explore both of those questions. The Ministry Fair will showcase the many and varied activities and ministries that take place at Saint Mary's, and allow interested parishioners not only the opportunity to learn more about what's happening but also to become involved in something new. Please join us after the 10:00 am service for this event.

renew our friendships over stimulating discussion.

~Susan Babcock

Rummage Sale

As you put away summer things and begin to prepare for winter, remember our next Rummage Sale is scheduled for October 19-20. Special items are always needed for our boutique! Watch the weekly bulletin for more information about drop-off dates.

Church School

Kick-Off

Sunday, September 9, as part of the Ministry Fair, families may sign up for Church School. The first Sunday for Church School classes will be September 23. Children age 3 through 6th grade will again be part of our *Godly Play* program. Young people in grades 7 through 11 will participate in *Journey to Adulthood* on Sunday evenings, also beginning on September 23.



*Where your treasure is,
there your heart will
also be.*

Matthew 6:21

The deadline for material to be included in *October at Saint Mary's* is September 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!

September 2007

Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

<p>* (Sun 23rd Cont)</p> <p>11:15 am Community Choir 11:15am Outreach Task Force 5:30pm Rite 13 6:00pm Suppers for 7</p>	<p>* (Sun 30th Cont)</p> <p>11:15am Community Choir 4:00pm Evensong/Reception 5:30pm J2A</p>		
<p>2 8:00am HE Rite I 10:00am HE Rite II</p>	<p>3 LABOR DAY</p> <p>OFFICE CLOSED</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5</p> <p>10:00am HE/ Healing 1:00pm Staff Mtg 4:00pm HE Heatherwood</p>
<p>9 8:00am HE Rite I 10:00am HE Rite II 11:15am Ministry Fair</p>	<p>10 1:00pm Knitting & Sewing Group 6:00pm Women's Overnight of Hospitality</p>	<p>11 7:00am Men's Breakfast Group 10:30am Prayer Group</p>	<p>12</p> <p>10:00am HE/ Healing 11:00am ECW Prog. Salad Lunch 1:00pm Staff Mtg</p>
<p>16 <All Day> Parish Retreat 8:00am HE Rite I 10:00am HE Rite II 11:15am Community Choir 3:00pm Hist Society Parking</p>	<p>17 9:00am Miracle Kitchen</p>	<p>18 12:00 noon, Smith College Club (Lisa Barr)</p>	<p>19</p> <p>10:00am HE/ Healing 1:00pm- Staff Mtg 7:00pm Vestry</p>
<p>23 8:00am HE Rite I 10:00am HE Rite II * (above)</p> <p style="text-align: right;">30</p> <p style="text-align: center;">8:00 HE I</p> <p style="text-align: center;">10:00 am HE Rite II</p> <p style="text-align: center;">* (See above)</p>	<p>24 1:00pm Knitting & Sewing Group 7:00pm Women's Evening Group Meeting</p>	<p>25 7:00am Men's Breakfast Gp 10:30am Prayer Group</p>	<p>26</p> <p>10:00am HE/ Healing 1:00 Staff Mtg 6:00pm Men's Hospitality Overnight</p>



Thu

Fri

Sat

			1 5:00pm HE
6 7:30am HE & Breakfast Group 7:00pm Book Group 5:30pm Stewardship Committee	7 9:30am Greens Group Mtg	8 5:00pm HE	
13 7:30am HE & Breakfast Group	14 6:00pm Parish Retreat	15 <All Day> Parish Retreat 5:00pm HE	
20 7:30am HE & Breakfast Group	21 7:30 am-1:00 pm Cape Cod Commission-Parish Hall 10:30am Altar Guild Meeting	22 10:00 am Day of Hospitality 5:00pm HE	
27 7:30am HE & Breakfast Group 7:00pm Liturgy Meeting	28	29 5:00pm Holy Eucharist	

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Liturgical Notes

Music at Saint Mary's

As committees and groups reorganize for the fall, Saint Mary's Choirs are no exception. We welcome new faces --this is a great time to join in if you have any interest in lending your voice to this important ministry. A fabulous voice isn't as important as a willing spirit (and an ability to make or obtain goodies for choir parties!)

The Adult Choir will gather at 9:00am on September 9 to sing for that day's 10:00 am service, singing a simple anthem. Our first rehearsal will be the following Wednesday, September 12, meeting in the Parish Hall from 7:00pm to 8:30pm. Be looking for more details on our proposed major events for this year:

Early November - a combined Evensong with choir of St. Peter's, Osterville

Sunday, December 16 at 4:00pm - our annual Advent Lessons and Carols

A Lenten Sunday yet to be named - Gabriel Faure's "Requiem" with the choir of the First Congregational Church of Yarmouth, with whom we premiered the Scott "Requiem" last year.

Sunday, June 29 at 4:00pm - a festival concert in celebration of the 75th anniversary of the Church of the Holy Spirit, where we will join forces with their choir to present Haydn's "Little Organ Mass."

All this in addition to our Sunday duties, and lest you think it's all work, choir parties and cookouts throughout the year! Typical of any small church choir, though we have exceptional tenor and bass sections, we can always use more male singers. Not so typical is our need for altos, and if you're a soprano, don't worry, there are more seats on that side as well! If you truly feel singing isn't on your plate (yet), lend us your ears and jot down these special dates to come support the choir!

The Community Choir developed a devoted core group

of singers last year, and will resume rehearsals following the 10:00am service on September 23. This group is somewhat more flexible than the Adult Choir--we hope you'll enjoy singing with us enough to attend whenever you can, but welcome any participation. This choir is meant to encourage all ages and abilities to join in. The Community Choir sings an anthem the third Sunday of each month and provides the music for the Christmas Pageant and some of the Easter services.

Whatever your musical interest or talent, we want you to feel encouraged to share your gifts at Saint Mary's! We have a wonderful trio of guitarists and would love to expand our instrumental offerings. Please speak to any choir member, Joan Kirchner, or the clergy to answer any questions about Music at Saint Mary's, and join us!



*The one who sings
prays twice*

The **Liturgy Committee**, chaired by Peter Gwynne, is now meeting on the fourth Thursday of each month. The next meeting is scheduled for September 27 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.

Community Events

.Share Your Skills to Help One Child Succeed in your Community

The Three R's Program sponsored by the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program of the Elder Services of the Cape and Islands is presently enrolling members in it's tutorial program. Volunteers work in the elementary schools throughout the Cape.

Coaches work for two hours a week, one-on-one to improve reading, writing, and math skills. Training is given and volunteers are placed close to his/her home.

The regards of being part of a child's success are great and long lasting.

If you are willing to share your talents, please call Ann Gallagher, Program Coordinator at 508-394-4630 X158.

Hyannis Area Blood Drive

Thursday, September 6
Friday, September 21
1:00pm-6:00 pm
Fraternal Lodge
1981 Falmouth Road
Centerville MA

To make an appointment, please call 1-800-GIVE-LIFE (1-800-448-3543) or visit www.givelife.org

You must have a valid ID in order to donate blood.

Hospice Volunteers Needed

Hospice & Palliative Care of Cape Cod will match your skills and interests with a rewarding volunteer position that makes a real difference. Opportunities include Patient/family, Thrift shop, Administrative Support & Special Events. Applications now being accepted for fall education sessions. Please call 508-957-0283 or email us at volunteers@hospicecapecod.org

Before God we are all equally wise - and equally foolish.

~Albert Einstein



Why Is the Nicene Creed Different?

You may have noticed that the version of the Nicene Creed we are currently using at the 5pm and 10 am services is missing a phrase: the so-called "filioque" in the third paragraph which says, "Who proceeds from the Father **and the Son...**" This phrase was not part of the original creed, but was added later (probably at the Council of Toledo in 589) for obscure reasons, but it was never accepted by Eastern churches, and it has been a source of controversy in the wider church ever since. The translation we are using without the filioque was agreed upon by the International Consultation on English Texts (ICET) an ecumenical group (the source of the contemporary translation of the Lord's Prayer as well). Using this version of the creed means that we are using common language with Christians worldwide. This version will be included in any subsequent prayer book revisions.





Steven & Deborah Oney 25
 James & Theodora Carlaw 25
 John & Evelyn Ames 18
 Jon Ferguson & Dianne McGuire 16
 Timothy & Ellen Coggeshall 15
 John & Sandra Whalen 12
 Russell & Nancy Fales 11
 Jeffery & Joyce Shinn 10
 Edmund & Estelle Trzcinski 5
 Gordon & Louise Nelson, Sr 4

September Anniversaries

September Birthdays

Jean Burr	10	Kristen Beasley	21
Jean Stafford	9	Bryan Gagnon	21
Brittany Enz	8	Jane Wood	19
John Whalen	6	Theodora Carlaw	18
Sandra Whalen	6	Donald Palmer	17
Asdis Helgadóttir-Hodgson	6	W. Dennis Steward	17
Matthew Palmer	5	Jean Fahey	16
Ross Whalen	4	Ellen Archer	15
Linda Hunter	4	Anne Lorentzen	13
Emily Mikoud	3	Amanda McLennahan	13
Jakob Byrne	3	Phyllis Bradley	13
Noreen Spencer	3	Barry Smedley	12
Louise Nelson	3	Lyndsay McManus	12
		Cheryl Corbett	10
		Dianne McGuire	22
		Louise Koch	22
		Christian Mikoud	22
		James Carlaw	23
		Janet Pinault	23
		Audrey Chesnut	24
		Barbara Dallmann	26
		Catherine Morrison	27
		Nicholas Rabideau	28



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