

Saint Mary's

Episcopal Church Barnstable

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There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. (Galatians 3:28)

In November, I had the privilege of taking our Youth Group to an event at West Parish that fostered a conversation about racism on Cape Cod. After watching a very moving video and listening to several responses from people of all ages and ethnicities, the question "what can we do" lingered in the room. My friend Angie Menke-Ballou, the pastor at Cotuit Federated Church, stood and noted that as a white person, one of the primary and most important steps that she can take is to learn how and where racism exists, and how she inadvertently benefits from racism. This willingness to see and talk about such an intense subject - that some people deny exists - and to look at our own beliefs about race, is extremely difficult and essential work.

As we seek to create an open and loving environment for honest reflection, The Rev. Dr. Kristen Harper, pastor at the Unitarian Church in Barnstable and I invite you to participate in a series of conversations about racism. To begin this series, we will gather in our parish hall to watch the documentary film *Traces of the Trade*, which documents a Bristol, RI family confronting their legacy as the largest slave-trading dynasty in U.S. history. We will then gather for two discussions of the book Ten Hills Farm: The Forgotten History of Slavery in the North.

Here is the schedule:

Friday February 20 at 6 pm: *Traces of the Trade* film showing and Soup Supper at St Mary's

Friday March 6 at 6 pm: Discuss Ten Hills Farm and Soup Supper at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Barnstable

Friday March 20 at 6 pm: Discuss Ten Hills Farm and Soup Supper at St. Mary's

**From our Rector, the
Rev. Dr. Libby Gibson**



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As we move toward Lent and the invitation to face those places in our communal lives that call for repentance and sorrow, please commit to participating in this important discussion. These conversations and book study are not meant to create feelings of guilt or despair, but to invite us all to bring our most intractable and difficult issues into the light of Christ, which we feel so strongly in community. I am happy to answer any questions or listen to any concerns that you have.

With Epiphany blessings of hope, light, and peace,

Education & Formation

The act or process of forming the state of our being...

Lenten Forum

"The Lord's Prayer, Entering Into God's Country"

You are invited to sit in on any or all of this eight session video series that will explore the meaning of the 8 parts of the familiar Lord's Prayer.

The forum sessions will be hosted locally by Pastor Ed Saling (a new member of Saint Mary's) while the core material will be presented in video story by Walter Wangerin, a noted teacher among our Lutheran brothers and sisters.

Pastor Wangerin will introduce each session with an intriguing presentation that will look at the deep personal nature of this prayer which we know most especially from its use in communal worship. Following the engaging "story" section, Ed Saling will lead a discussion based on several thought provoking questions that will bring all of us further into God's Country and what this long-standing prayer really means.

The series follows the Sunday 10:00 am Service, February 8 (Epiphany 5) to March 22 (Lent 5).

All are welcome! Bring your interest, your own thoughts about the Prayer, and be ready to be challenged and inspired as we look together at this dearest and most common of all Christian prayers.

From Our Deacon

Forum on my trip to the Holy Land: February 1, 2015 following the 10:00 am service

I look forward to sharing some pictures and insights from my trip to the Holy Land in November.

All are welcome at Bible Study

Have you always wanted to study The Scriptures in depth? Enjoy lively discussions about the many ways in which the Scriptures inform our daily life? Now is a perfect time to join our bimonthly Bible Study Group. Beginning in January we will be studying the Psalms using Sr. Joan Chittister's (O.S.B) book, Songs of the Heart. During Lent we will be using Speak Lord, Your Servant Is Listening, By David Rosage. We meet the first and third Tuesdays at 9:30 am in the St. James room. Please let me know if you have any questions or need a ride.

Blessings,
Elizabeth

Children and Youth

What a beautiful Christmastide at St. Mary's this year! Thank you to all who helped make it so special. The generous hearts and hands of our community shone brightly as we pulled together to help over 35 children in our community have a brighter Christmas. We were also able to help an additional needy family served by Cape Cod Child Development thanks to your abundant generosity. I am looking forward to working more with CCCD in the year ahead. We hope to establish a supportive relationship between our youth and families groups with opportunities for service, friendship and mentoring. We were fortunate to have Lisa Barr guest teaching some of our Advent Season lessons this year. Lisa shared with the children about her own personal experience discovering "The Glorious Impossible" in Giotto's astounding frescoes in the Scrovegni Chapel. The Jesse Tree Mass was a wonderful way for us to celebrate all the Old Testament lessons the children studied this Fall. The children's pride and excitement was infectious and the entire congregation entered Christmastide full of hope and joy.

As we settle into the rhythm of these cold winter days and nights, it is a good time to snuggle with our families and find time for reflection. January is a time for looking inward and seeking the light within us. In Sunday School, we will help the children reflect on finding God within themselves and others. The children will begin shifting to New Testament Lessons. We will delve into the Parables to focus on how God wants us to serve one another through love. The children will learn about the liturgical importance of Baptism and of Candlemas. Throughout January and February we will lace the lessons with discussion of world peace, service, and racial justice in honor of MLK Day and Black History Month. As always, our focus will be for the children to have fun, grow closer to God and each other and instill in them the belief that they can make a difference in their world.

Thank you for helping us along the way.
Allison Bresette

Please mark your calendars for these events:

Sunday, 1/11/15 Youth Sunday - NO Sunday School
Sunday, 1/18/15 NO Sunday School - MLK Weekend
Monday, 1/19/15 Club 46 Service Day
Sunday, 1/25/15 Joy Mass at 9:30 AM - Followed by
Annual Meeting (Childcare will be provided)
Sunday, 2/1/15 The Youth and Club 46 at 4:30 PM
Saturday, 2/7/15 THE YOUTH -Lock-In
Sunday, 2/8/25 Youth Sunday - NO Sunday School
Sunday, 2/15/15 NO Sunday School (Winter break)
Tuesday, 2/17/15 Fat Tuesday Pancake Supper and
Dance Party at 6:00 PM
Wednesday, 2/18/15 Ash Wednesday Children's
Service at 5:00 PM -Lent Begins
Sunday, 2/22/15 Joy Mass at 9:30 AM



Worship and Music

Chant: The "Map" of Liturgical Music

Episcopalians, like our Roman Catholic and Lutheran friends, utilize a lot of chant in their worship services...and there's good reason for that. Chant is really older than the Church itself, coming from the ancient Jews. Entire texts from the Torah were chanted, rather than merely read; this tradition continues today in their weekly Saturday morning services. King David (along with Asaph, Solomon, Moses, and a few others) wrote the Psalms fully expecting them to be sung (many have musical instructions). Indeed, to our forebears, saying the Psalms (rather than singing them) would have been as odd as contemporary guests at a birthday party reciting (rather than singing) the lyrics to "Happy Birthday to You!". The early Church continued this ancient tradition, frequently adapting very old and familiar tunes to support the new Christian worship (which was also based on Jewish practices).

Both the Western Church and Eastern Orthodox Church developed chant over many centuries, not only in churches but also in the monasteries where the daily cycle of eight worship offices

provided near-constant singing of the Psalter. At the time of the Reformation, the English Church translated the Latin texts but continued to utilize the ancient melodies. On the Continent, Martin Luther also translated the texts into the vernacular, and frequently took the chant tunes and transformed them into hymns that a whole congregation could sing. We still sing these hymns regularly in church services today.

Chant has a unique ability to connect us with those who came before us, all the way to a time before Christianity. Chant is not merely a style; it's really more like a map that leads you back while you're traveling forward. Along our life journey, chant creates little mileposts that we revisit every so often, keeping us on a path, yet also keeping us connected with home. As we move forward through Epiphany and into Lent, allow the chants you'll hear and participate in...the *Sursum Corda* at the Eucharist, the Alleluia proper, the Ash Wednesday chants...to connect you with the people of the greater Church, and all humanity, from the past and in the present...and to the God who is our "home".

Douglas Keilitz
Director of Music Ministries and Organist

Eat. Pray. Live Serve. Sundays at 6:00 pm in the Parish Hall

What: A simple service in the parish hall, with guitar music, conversation, and connection to God, each other, and the needs of the world. Dinner included... come and feed your body and soul!

When: Every Sunday at 6:00 pm (immediately after THE YOUTH meetings)

Who: ALL ARE WELCOME! Especially people seeking new ways of connecting with the divine, folks who can't attend a morning service, and all seeking the companionship of fellow sojourners on this wonderful journey of life. Invite a friend or family member and come as you are... in garden clothes, sports uniforms, ski gear, or pjs! Come, and be fed.

Why: Many people crave worship that is more casual, in an intimate environment with contemporary music, focused around listening to how God is leading us in our lives, in the context of a meal, with plenty of chances for conversation and connection with others. We hope this new offering will draw more people to experience the light of Jesus in the world, lightening our hearts and strengthening us to be His hands and heart for those in need.

Outreach

Our Incredible Holly Fair

It is with Joy and Gratitude that a BIG THANK YOU is sent to all who were involved with Our Holly Fair. It is impossible to list all the wonderful people who contributed their time and talent and treasures thus making this year's Fair the MOST SUCCESSFUL EVER! The heads of the various areas had "legions" working with them, but it is in the interest of space that we only list the following:

The committee managers : The Greens People managed by *Becky McClenahan and Phyllis Davis* worked almost all year for the beautiful pieces displayed and sold: The Silent Auction managed by *Joy Hambly, Helen Hinckley and Helen Prothero* where planning began this past summer with incredible results! The amazing rooms that were set up for the Fair - The Jewelry Room with *Mary Bowman*; The Children's Room with *Caty McMahan*; The Artist/Handmade Room with *Betsy Edwards and Meredith Colbert* who also started many months prior to the Fair; The Country Kitchen with *Bonnie Phelps and Judy O'Brien*; Grandma's Attic added the *LaPine Family - Shirley & Richard, Crystal & John, and Barbara Reed and Dorothy Torrey* as new workers who made it beautiful and successful; The Coffee Corner again managed by *Claire and Roy Anderson*; Parking managed by *Dave Knauer*; Publicity very well done by *Denise Johnson*; new signs contributed by *Mark Anschutz* who helped in many other ways; *Robin Greene* again beautifully managed the Dining Room; and a Special Thanks to *Janice Umschlag*, AGAIN, who managed the kitchen for the beautiful and always popular luncheon, working for days before the Fair to produce the well know affair that always brings people each year; Our Treasurer *Lee Hunsaker* and Associate Treasurer *Chuck Lewis*, and Our Church Helpers *Frankie* with all her able assistance and *Carmen* with his help throughout the Fair Week in all areas; And thanks to the Youth of the Church- so many came to help!

All the dozens of helpers in all the above areas were the reason that this Fair was the "well oiled machine" that it was. Our Church Good Works will continue throughout this New Year because of all of *You*. Thank You!

Judy Lewis and Deb Lippard.
Holly Fair Co-Chairs

ECW Grants Awarded

The Episcopal Church Women (ECW) of St. Mary's holds three fund raising events each year including the Daffodil Tea, Rummage Sale, and Holly Fair. Many parishioners, both men and women contribute to the success of these efforts. The recent Holly Fair netted a record net profit in the vicinity of \$19,000 with receipts and expenses still being recorded. The ECW Steering Committee disburses funds from time to time to support St. Mary's as well as Cape Cod non-profit organizations that contribute and assist those with various needs. The Committee recently approved the following awards:

St. Mary's Church - \$10,000 (2015 Pledge)
Habitat for Humanity - \$5,000
American Red Cross - \$2,000
Cape Cod Times Needy Fund - \$1,000
The Family Pantry - \$1,000
Safe Harbor - \$1,000
Sight Loss Services of Cape Cod - \$500
Independence House - \$500
The Baby Center - \$500
Total Grants: \$21,500

In addition, several other Grant Awards were made earlier in 2014.

If any parishioner is aware of another worthy non-profit organization that might qualify, please contact Frankie Stahlhut, our Parish Administrator, to obtain an application for a Grant Award.

Again, we thank everyone who assisted with these events and if you haven't been involved but would like to contribute in the future, please contact Judy Lewis, President of the ECW.

Outreach Drive of the Month

The number of babies served at A Baby Center skyrockets in the winter months when it's more difficult for their mothers to find work. Please purchase a pack of diapers when you're at the store and help support some of the tiniest and most fragile Cape Codders.

Outreach (continued)

The Numbers Tell the Story

*"Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me."
(Matthew 25:40)*

Nutrition Mission

Once a month (the 4th Monday of the month) St. Mary's pulls together approximately 12 -15 volunteers to shop, bake desserts at home, cook in our kitchen, transport hot food in casserole tins and serve this dinner at the Faith Assembly of God Church in Hyannis. This program began in April 2012 when the Calvary Baptist Church endured a fire that totaled the church and its soup kitchen. Many people who ate at Calvary Baptist 5 days a week suddenly had no place to get a good, hot meal. Shortly after the fire and working through the Council of Churches, a small group was formed to provide hot dinners 3 times a week at Faith Assembly. Following are some numbers that underscore the importance of this food program:

- Since April 2012 through December 2014 St. Mary's has served 30 times, totaling approximately 5100 meals.
- St Mary's was one of the original churches to step up to assist with these dinners.
- Currently 18 churches provide the 12 dinners each month.
- Number of meals served has grown from a start of 75 people to 225 people per dinner.
- Over the course of 33 months churches have served approximately 65,000 meals.

Thank you to the many volunteers at St Mary's who have donated so much of their time and skills to provide a hot meal to those in need.

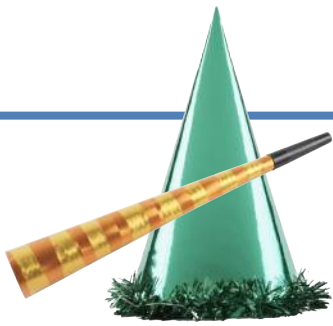
Thanksgiving Drive

The Annual Thanksgiving Baskets for Cape Codders was a huge success. The numbers really tell the story. Community Action Committee (which is the "parent organization" for this program and with whom we partner) took care of 230 families, including some who were effected by the fire at Cromwell Court earlier in November. Of those 230 families, St. Mary's* and our community connections (*Centerville Civic Association, Cape Cod Baseball League) provided meals to 103 families; that is 45% of the families in need! This was sixth year St. Mary's partnered with CAC and this year we had 82 individuals and families participate from St. Mary's*. We did 66 baskets and collected \$1,980 in cash and supermarket gift cards. Converting the \$1,980 into actual "turkey baskets" we provided the Thanksgiving dinners for 103 families. Thank you to everyone who participated. You opened your hearts and wallets and spent time shopping...all to make this a special Thanksgiving for those who could least afford it. I am very proud of St. Mary's and our community connections to have such an impact on this program.

*Judy Scarafile
JudyScarafile@Gmail.com
Nutrition Mission and Thanksgiving Drive Chair*

Help Prevent Homelessness At No Cost To You

How many of you buy food every week from stores like Shaw's Stop & Shop, Whole Foods, Roche Brothers or Barnstable Market? Or shop at CVS, Dunkin Donuts or Cape Cod Natural Foods? Did you know that if you purchase gift cards from Lisa Barr or Hilary Greene after the 10 AM service for any of these stores, not only will you get the FULL redemption value of what you buy but also 5% will go to Housing Assistance Corporation's Project Prevention, preventing homelessness in our community. Use cash or check and get your Cape Cod Caring Cards for the Barnstable Interfaith Council (BIC). Please help us support this worthy ministry by doing what you already do: shop at these stores and buy what you need- it's easy! For information contact Lisa, l-barr@comcast.net, or Hilary, hgreene@capecod.com.



Happy New Year! Save These 2015 Dates!

January 4	Eat. Pray. Live. Serve. New Sunday evening prayer service begins: 6 pm
January 25	<i>One Service This Sunday:</i> Holy Eucharist followed by Annual Meeting, 9 am
February 17	Shrove Tuesday Supper and Dance: 6 pm
February 18	Ash Wednesday services: 7 am, 12 pm (choir), and 5 pm (families)
March 29	Palm / Passion Sunday
March 31	Christian Seder Supper at 5 pm, Followed by Tenebrae Tenebrae Service hosted by the YOUTH: 7 pm
April 2	Maundy Thursday Footwashing Service: 7 pm
April 3	Good Friday services: 12 pm (Stations), 5 pm (families), and 7 pm (choir)
April 4	Easter Vigil: 7 pm
April 5	Easter Services: 9:00 am (children's sermon) & 11:15 am. Egg Hunt at 10:00 am
April 25	Daffodil Tea
May 24	Pentecost: Welcome all Newcomers to St. Mary's: 10 am
May 30	Confirmation (Location to be decided)
May 31	End of the Program Year Celebration following 10 am service
June 7	Rogation Sunday, come to church dressed to work in the gardens
June 14	Bishop Alan Gates visits St. Mary's at 10 am service, reception followin
June	THE YOUTH Pilgrimage to South Dakota and Rosebud Indian Reservation
June 28	Evensong at St. Andrew's: 5 pm
July 6-18	Cape Cod Early Music Festival
August 15	Patronal Feast Vespers Service: 7 pm
August	Amazing Grace Camp for Children whose parents are incarcerated
August 30	Evensong at St. Andrew's: 5 pm
September 13	Sunday School Begins with YOUTH SUNDAY at 10 am service
September 27	Silver Tea
October 2-3	Rummage Sale
October 23-25	All Parish Retreat at Barbara C. Harris Camp and Conference Center
November 2	All Souls' Evensong: 4 pm
November 26	Thanksgiving Day Eucharist: 11 am followed by meal
December 5	Holly Fair
December 13	Advent Lessons and Carols: 4 pm
December 20	Jesse Tree Service: 10 am
December 24	Christmas Eve Services at 12:30 pm, 4 pm (Pageant), 8 pm (Choir), 11 pm
December 25	Christmas Day Service at 11:00 am

Every Month

First Saturday	Taize' Eucharist at 5 pm
Second Sunday at 10 am	Youth Sunday
Fourth Sunday at 9:30 am	JOY mass!

January - February Birthdays

01/01 Rene Pinault	01/29 Peter Eastman
01/01 Nicholas Steward	01/31 Marilyn Welsh
01/02 Shirley LaPine	01/31 Judy Scarafile
01/02 Gregory III	02/02 Betty Ann Wheeler
01/03 Todd Machnik	02/02 Lilly Menyhart
01/05 Sue Davenport	02/04 Bob Lonsdale
01/05 Jody Warner	02/04 Kate Sullivan-Jones
01/06 Lydia Rand Hawkins	02/05 Christian Bearse
01/08 Dorothy Greene	02/05 Miles Bearse
01/09 Dierdre Mullin	02/06 Rick Walters
01/10 Marilyn Cannon	02/07 Karen E. Scichilone
01/10 Betty McAdams	02/07 Deb Hill
01/11 Jake Thomas Dilley	02/08 Richard W. Wheeler
01/12 Marion Painter	02/08 Robert J. Norton
01/14 Doris Ellis	02/08 Mary Kate Warner
01/14 Mark Wells	02/09 Ginie Upham
01/14 Tim Lippard	02/09 Kimberly Louise Koch
01/15 Isabelle Ramage	02/10 Susan Tyrrell
01/15 Charlie Gibson	02/10 Richard McMahon
01/16 Gene Orloff	02/11 Peter Rosenberger
01/16 Stanley Flynn	02/11 Margaret Mankiewicz
01/16 Theodore Mastin	02/11 June A. Howes
01/16 Ellie Dunigan-Atlee	02/13 Betsey Edwards
01/17 Rick Cunniff	02/14 Julie Lytle
01/19 Charlotte L. Stiefel	02/16 Clyde Lennon
01/20 Dori Bates	02/18 Robert E. (Bob) Stead
01/20 Bill Plettner	02/18 Susan H. Norton
01/21 Christine B. Low	02/20 Merrill Hawkins
01/21 Connie Sullivan	02/21 Edwin H. Humphrey
01/23 Griffin McMahon	02/22 Annda Flynn
01/24 Nancy Brodhead	02/22 Wendy Corbiere
01/24 Ann H. Hibbard	02/22 Scott David Mullin
01/25 Gerald W. Hazard	02/22 Alyssa Swift LaPine
01/26 Elizabeth Jones	02/23 Susan Babcock
01/26 Sharon K. Donegan	02/24 Frank H. Hinckley
01/26 John Christopher Roser	02/26 Katie Watters
01/27 Claire Anderson	02/26 Edson Outwin
01/27 Nancy Roberts	02/26 Jennifer Mullin
01/27 Jordan McCarron	02/27 Stephen Kropilak
01/28 Richard A. Griffith	



Is your name missing from the Birthday List? Please call the office with your birth-date so it doesn't happen again!

Supporting Our Ministries

Let's Talk Money!

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Sometimes in order for people to understand your story/message you first have to tell them something about your past so they can put what you are saying into the proper context.

I was one of six children raised by Norwegian parents on a farm in the middle of Nebraska. God gave our family many gifts but money was not one of them. My mother listed our weekly "chores" and if we had completed them, we put out our hands and were paid - five dimes each. She would then ask us to give back to her what we planned to contribute to our Lutheran Church on Sunday. We would then each give her a dime back and she would smile and tell us how happy God was to get our gift for those who have less than we do. Then we would drive 15 miles into town and spend our .40 cents on ice cream and candy. (This was the "olden days" when you could actually get ice cream and candy for .40 cents!) Lesson learned: you give to God/Church first then you spend what you have left.

My father died when I was 11 years old and our extended family, friends and church helped my mother raise all six of us. God clearly helped us every day. I earned a scholarship to the University of Nebraska and on my first Sunday away from home my room-mate asked me to go to church with her and thus began my life in the Episcopal Church. Upon graduation I took a job with IBM in Boston and joined the Church of the Advent. After working for IBM for ten years in 6 different cities, I left and started a Management Consulting firm in NYC commuting from Boston. After 25 years I sold the company and retired. During all this time I had gotten married, had a son, moved permanently to Yarmouth Port and become a

member of St. Mary's. My son, Patrick, was confirmed and married at St. Mary's and my husband Ed's beautiful memorial service was held here 19 years ago. This is a very sacred place for me.

In my 35 years at St. Mary's I have been on nearly every committee ever imagined and I have to say I have enjoyed most of them. However, my time as Chair of the Stewardship Committee was my least favorite. I was shocked to learn that per family percentage of giving at St. Mary's was then and STILL IS one of the lowest in the entire Diocese. We certainly had a problem that I so wanted to address directly but I was told that "we Episcopalians cannot

talk about money". Needless to say, this makes a Stewardship Campaign to raise money without talking about money rather difficult and probably not too successful. Finally I have been given the chance to say what I have wanted to say for so very long - so get prepared, I am going to talk about "money".

Every weekend we get up in our nice apartments/homes; dress in our nice clothes; and drive our nice cars & trucks to St. Mary's. Many of us take very nice vacations, have second homes, recreational vehicles and expensive hobbies, etc. but we don't make nice pledges. ON A VERY POSITIVE NOTE: Most of us are VERY CONNECTED to St. Mary's by giving VERY GENEROUSLY of our time and talents. However, somehow

we just seem to DISCONNECT when it comes to our money and our pledges. It has been a problem for years and still is a problem. I believe it is time that we talk about staying CONNECTED to St. Mary's even when it comes to our money.

I was once challenged by my Financial Advisor to keep a list every week of my discretionary/impulse purchases. It was amazing how a few coffees, bottled waters; snacks, lunches, (not to mention to this cute orange jacket ON SALE!) can easily add up to \$10.00, \$20.00, \$30.00 or much more a week! If I have money enough to spend it on these



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Supporting our Ministries (continued)

discretionary things, why can't I just add at least \$10.00 or more to my weekly pledge? I figured out that if all of the 2014 weekly pledges at St. Mary's were increased BY JUST \$10.00 A WEEK, we could add over \$200,000 income to our 2015 budget! Just imagine the possibilities and impact \$200,000+ could have on St. Mary's and the lives of so many in need in our community, given by those of us here to whom God has given so very much!

This year's pledge card is excellent – clearly pointing out the percentages at different income levels and the amount to pledge per week. As a friend at St. Mary's told me in amazement a few weeks ago: "This Pledge Card is great! - I had no idea I was pledging such a small percentage of my money to St. Mary's!"

When I heard that I realized that here is the DISCONNECT I have been trying to figure out for years – Parishioners seem to be just picking a dollar number that seems right without connecting it to their total income in any way. If everyone would just do the math starting at 10% and then backing down if necessary, I am confident St. Mary's can get out of the bottom in church giving in our Diocese.

Remembering the lessons my mother taught me so long ago - I have always pledged by tithing at least 10% and I plan to do that again in 2015. Even on a fixed retirement income it is not hard to figure out what 10% a week comes to.

Determining your pledge for 2015 is a very important and very personal decision and it takes time and prayer to complete. What works for one does not work for all. Ultimately it is just between you and me and our God.

In closing - my Mom died on the Cape two years ago at 101 years old.

She read the Bible every single day of her adult life up to her death. If she were here today, I know exactly what she would say to all of us: "Thank you for your generous pledge. I KNOW YOU HAVE MADE GOD HAPPY."

*Sharon Donegan
St. Mary's Stewardship Testimonial, 11/16/14*

Holy Smokes

Support our ministries and warm your home at the same time. Fire wood for sale. All proceeds go to Saint Mary's Church. Pickup truck (approximately 33 cubic feet) \$125.00. Call Peter Scarafile 774-836-0909.

The Book Group

The Book Group's next meeting is scheduled for January 23 (instead of 1/16). The author William Martin has written many fictional historic novels. One you might be interested in is his book entitled Cape Cod. It spans a 200-year history of Cape Cod. If you have read this book try another of his books, Back Bay. The group meets in the St. James Room at 1:00pm. For more information contact Susan Babcock, susan.babcock@comcast.net.

THE YOUTH want your Redeemables! (please)

The teens in our parish are raising money for the pilgrimage to Rose Bud Indian Reservation in South Dakota next June. Please save your cans and bottles and bring them to the youth room (the classroom right next to the playground) or the blue container outside the kitchen. In addition to helping us to pay for the van to drive out west, the money we raise will help pay for supplies to help members of the Episcopal congregation on Rosebud. Thank you in advance for your support!

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Inreach and Care

Meet Your Pastoral Care Team

Rev. Dr. Libby Gibson
Rev. Bob Anthony
Rev. Dcn. Elizabeth Whitmore
Brad Goodwin
Leslyn Thorne
Helen Hinckley

Peter Gwynne
Judith Boyd
Christine Low
Hilary Greene,
Coordinator

What do we do?

- Coordinate the Eucharistic Visitors bringing communion to shut-ins
- Help get transportation for parishioners who need a ride to church
- Make friendly visits to people at home with our new Friendship Ministers program
- Visit people in the hospital, nursing home, rehab center or other facility
- Deliver food to parishioners
- Parish Nurse visits to help with a medical issue or to help make an assessment of where to turn for help
- Deliver prayer shawls knitted by the St. Mary's knitting ministry
- Facilitate adult forums and flu shot clinics
- Receive parishioner prayer requests and concerns about others in need

Let us know what you need; it is our mutual calling to be a resource for those in our parish in times of grief, loss, illness or loneliness.

Let's Talk Box

You may have noticed that there are small boxes located in the Sun Room and outside the office that are labeled: "Let's Talk Box". These are for parishioners to offer any comments that might be helpful to the Vestry or Rector, positive or negative. Sometimes it's easier to write something, rather than track a person down at coffee hour. Please feel free to give us your input, positive or negative. Thanks!

*Joy Hambly
Junior Warden*

Creation Care News



There are two things we would like to share with you: changes at the Barnstable Transfer station and a reminder about the plastics that infiltrate our waterways and affect the food chain and thus end up affecting us.

First: here are the changes to the Barnstable Transfer station- recycling is still FREE for all residents:

Barnstable Transfer Station

As of January 1st, 2015 the Barnstable Transfer Station started single stream recycling. Glass, paper, tin cans, and plastic can be placed in one container and disposed of in the same compactors in the recycle area. This excludes CORRUGATED CARDBOARD; it must be separated and disposed of in separate compactors located at each end of the recycle area.

Residents who use the Barnstable Transfer Station for the purpose of recycling will be required to have a Recycle sticker affixed to their front windshield. The **sticker is free of charge to residents and residential property owners.**

Some recycle material disposal fees still apply. The sticker for the disposal of household waste with recycling will remain available for purchase as in the past. All facility rules and regulations apply to both stickers and are available at the Transfer Station office or through the mail.

Finally, here is a picture of plastics on a shore line showing a few of the 5.25 trillion pieces of plastic floating around in the world's oceans, according to a new report. These washed up recently on a beach in the Azores. Scientists say that PCBs and other dangerous chemicals attach to the plastics, then as the pieces break up into smaller shreds, eaten by fish, where eventually the chemicals find their way into the human food supply.



*Hilary Greene
for the Creation Care Committee*

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January/February At A Glance

Special Services/Events:

Sunday, January 25, 9:00AM, ONE SERVICE of Holy Eucharist followed by Annual Meeting
Tuesday, February 17, 6:00PM, Shrove Tuesday Super and Dance: 6pm
Wednesday, February 18, Ash Wednesday services, 7am, 12 pm (choir), and 5pm (families)

Weekend Eucharists

Saturday, 5:00PM, Rite II
Sunday, 8:00AM, Rite I
Sunday, 10:00AM, Rite II
Sunday, 6:00PM, Eat. Pray. Live Serve

Monthly:

First Saturday, 5PM Taizé
Second Sunday, 10AM, Youth Eucharist
Fourth Sunday, 9:30AM, Joy Mass