

Saint Mary's

Episcopal Church Barnstable

March-April 2015

"What has come into being in Him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it." John 1:4-5

As we stand slightly beyond the mid-point of winter, buried under feet of snow with more in the forecast, and on the cusp of Lent, surely we are a people who understand darkness! I have spent much time learning to appreciate the darkness, the stark landscapes of winter, the warmth of the fire and cozy socks, sensing the restoration and rejuvenation that times of hibernation can bring. However, I also struggle with feeling cooped up, wondering when the warmth and light will return, resisting the seemingly endless gray skies and pitch-dark mornings. On such days, the light must not only break the horizon and peek through the clouds, but it also must pierce the dark impatience, and depression, in my mind.

And yet the light of the world, Jesus the Christ who penetrates all time and space shatters the darkness on a daily and sometimes moment-by-moment basis. The wick on my candle burns and glows and looks like an angel, bowing his head in prayer. The amaryllis on my counter finally blooms on the day after the Patriots win the Super Bowl. Charlie's laughter rings through the house as he and Teddy wrestle, Teddy ever patient as a big brother. Sophie sings and light fills the air. And Phoebe lovingly and bravely helps me tend our chickens, marveling at their resilience and productivity (8-10 eggs a day!) in the midst of such cold and darkness. Indeed the light shines in the darkness.

And even when the dark news of the world, especially the growing racial tensions in our country, threatens these sparks of light, you courageous and compassionate people of St. Mary's gather as a community to pray and talk and cling to the hope that comes to us in Jesus. We had nearly 50 people gather for our first conversation on racism in our society, and we continue our conversations with our friends from the Unitarian Church. Please join us as we stand in solidarity with our brothers and sisters who have been and are oppressed by forces of fear and darkness as

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From our Rector, the Rev. Dr. Libby Gibson



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expressed through racist behaviors. Here is the schedule of our upcoming meetings.

- Friday March 6 at 6 pm at St. Mary's to discuss the first part of the book *Ten Hills Farm: The hidden legacy of slavery in the north*. (copies available from the office for \$18)
- Friday March 20 at 6 pm at St. Mary's to discuss the second part of the book *Ten Hills Farm: The hidden legacy of slavery in the north*.

Please bring an open mind and heart, and either a salad or dessert to share. I would love a few volunteers each week to bring a pot of soup... our friends from the Unitarian Church will bring vegetarian soups as well as their contributions of salads and dessert. Together we can nurture a strong, bright, warm light to overcome the darkness and bear Christ's light into the world.

With love and blessings,

Libby +

Education & Formation

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

From Our Deacon

The Grief and Loss Group is now on hiatus. However, if there is interest to do so, we can quickly resume.

I have two books to suggest for Lenten Reading:

Things Hidden; Scripture as Spirituality, by Richard Rohr

The Last Week; What the Gospel Really Teaches about Jesus' Final Days, by Marcus J. Borg.

Both of these books, written by renowned theologians, offer unique perspectives on Scripture that are particularly apt for Lent.

*Blessings,
Elizabeth*

Prayers Please

Our own Hilary Greene has formally entered the process to discern a call to the Vocational Diaconate. As her parish family, we have, "the opportunity, indeed the sacred responsibility, prayerfully to assist Hilary in discerning the nature of this seemingly new call." Please keep Hilary and the discernment committee in your daily prayers as we enter into this work of the Holy Spirit.

Discernment Committee

Sue Davy, Chair

Rev. Margaret Goad

Peter Gwynne

Patrick Ramage

Judy Scarafile

The Rev. Paul Thompson

The Lord's Prayer Entering Into God's Country

Join us for any, or all, of the remaining seven-session video series that is exploring the meaning of the Lord's Prayer. The forum sessions are hosted by Pastor Ed Saling (a new member of Saint Mary's). Following an engaging video story by Walter Wangerin, Ed will lead a discussion. **The series continues through Sundays in March at 11:30.**

Children & Youth

It has been a hard winter on Cape Cod but also a remarkably beautiful one that has forced us to stop, snuggle in and allow our regular schedules to blow by. This winter has forced us to slow down and look inward. I hope this Lenten Season will also be a time of inward looking reflection in which we find the quiet to seek the light within ourselves.

In Sunday School we will continue working with the children to learn about the light of God's Love. They will hear the stories of Jesus' ministry: the teachings, parables and miracles. We will remind the children how our Lenten journey is to work on becoming more like Jesus each day. I will be sharing Lenten Pathway Handouts with all the children so they can focus on an act of prayer, giving and gratitude throughout the days leading to Easter. Please help your children travel along the pathway every day through acts of prayer, love, compassion and service. We will collect all the UTO boxes on Easter Day knowing that the light within each of us is shining just a little brighter. Please take a careful look at the dates listed below so you don't miss any of our steps along this Lenten journey together.

Allison Bresette
Coordinator of Youth and Family Ministries



Mark Your Calendar

Sunday, 1/1 - Sunday School at 9:30 AM
Sunday, 1/1 - Club 46 (grades 4-6) and The YOUTH at 4:30 PM
Sunday, 3/8 - Youth Sunday - NO Sunday School
Sunday, 3/15 - Sunday School at 9:30 AM
Sunday, 3/15 - Club 46 and The YOUTH at 4:30 PM
Sunday, 3/15 - Refreshment Dinner & Dance at 6:00 PM
Sunday, 3/22 - Joy Mass at 9:30 AM followed by Parent Forum & Sunday School for children

Holy Week

Sunday, 3/29 - Palm Sunday! Sunday School at 9:30 AM
Tuesday, 3/31 - Seder Supper at 6:00 PM
Wednesday, 1/1 - Tenebrae Service (designed by The YOUTH) at 7 PM
Maundy Thursday, 2/2 - Footwashing & Holy Eucharist at 7:00 PM
Good Friday, 4/3 - Children's Good Friday Service at 5:00 PM
Sunday, 4/5 - Easter Day! - Feast of The Resurrection with Children's Sermon at 9:00 AM followed by Egg Hunt in The Garden at 10:15

Sunday, 4/12 Youth Sunday - NO Sunday School
Sunday, 4/19 No Sunday School (Spring Vacation Week)
Sunday, 4/19 Club 46 and The YOUTH at 4:30 PM
Sunday, 4/26 Joy Mass at 9:30 AM followed by Parent Forum and Sunday School

Worship and Music

Holy Week Schedule

Passion and Palm Sunday, March 29	8:00 am and 10:00 am	Begin Holy Week by welcoming Jesus to Jerusalem
Holy Tuesday, March 31	6:00 pm	Christian Seder Meal: Hosted by and guided with a Haggadah (booklet) illustrated by Liz Mumford. Children and families especially welcomed!
Holy Wednesday, April 1	7:00 pm	Tenebrae: A service of darkness, hosted by our youth. This is an extraordinary service. Please come.
Maundy Thursday, April 2	7:00 pm	Footwashing and Holy Eucharist, concluding with the stripping of the altar
Good Friday, April 3	12:00 pm 5:00 pm 7:00 pm	Stations of the cross Good Friday Service for Children and Families Proper Good Friday Liturgy with Communion from the Reserved Sacrament
Holy Saturday, April 4	7:00 pm	The Great Vigil of Easter
Easter Day, April 5	9:00 am 10:15 am 11:15 am	Feast of the Resurrection, Children's Sermon Egg Hunt in the Gardens Feast of the Resurrection

Now is the time to ask for vacation days in order to attend the Triduum Sacrum services.

(Maundy Thursday; Good Friday; the Great Vigil of Easter)

The **Triduum Sacrum** (*Three Sacred Days*) is the period that begins with the liturgy on the evening of Maundy Thursday and continues through Good Friday and the Great Vigil of Easter. "Maundy" comes from the Latin word *mandatum* which means to mandate or command. After washing the disciples' feet, Jesus said: "A new commandment I give you, that you love one another as I have loved you" and this moment is recreated during the evening's service. Good Friday services follow the Way of the Cross and the Passion of Our Lord. The Great Vigil service celebrates Jesus' triumph over death as the church moves from darkness to light in the first Mass of Easter. Please plan on attending these moving and meaningful services.

Douglas Keilitz
Director of Music Ministries & Organist

Outreach

Outreach Committee Request

As most of you know, St. Mary's has participated in the Miracle Kitchen program at the Salvation Army in Hyannis for many, many years. We buy the food and prepare a hot lunch dish for 100 people in our kitchen on 28 Mondays a year. On Wednesdays the food is picked up and delivered to the Salvation Army for the lunch. It is very satisfying, well organized and we have had a dedicated group of people doing it for years. Unfortunately some of our volunteers are getting older and need to think about retiring. We work together in teams of 2 to 4 people making the work easy and fun. Please let me know if you would like to talk about potentially joining one of our cooking teams: Sharon Donegan, don1227@gmail.com, 508-246-1446.



Seeking Boutique Donations

There will be a Boutique at the Daffodil Tea Saturday, April 25th. If you have any items you may wish to donate, they would be appreciated. These items could include teacups and saucers, napkins, napkin rings, plates, teapots, cream and sugar containers, etc. Please call Judy Lewis at 508-428-0949 and she will make arrangements for pick-up or delivery. Thank you.

Outreach Drive for March

Do you have gently used glasses you would like to donate? During March our outreach project is to collect eyeglasses. De-clutter and help others at the same time.

54th Annual

Daffodil Tea

Saturday, April 25, 2015

English Style Tea

Seatings at 1 & 3 pm

For reservations call 508-362-3977

before April 18

Adults \$24 - Child \$14 (16 and under)

Prompt Payment Guarantees Reservation

3055 Main Street, PO Box 395
Barnstable, MA 02630

*Stroll through daffodil-filled
gardens in full bloom*

Spring boutique featuring handmade gifts,
notecards by local arts and vintage tea items

Proceeds to benefit St. Mary's charities

Outreach (continued)

United Thank Offering (UTO)

Pick up your United Thank Offering (UTO) box in the rear of the church. Or continue filling the one you picked up last fall. The UTO is a ministry of the Episcopal Church for the mission of the whole church. How does it work? During Lent we will nurture the habit of giving daily thanks to God. When you name that for which you are thankful, add a penny, dime, quarter, dollar bill... to your UTO box. Bring your boxes Easter Sunday and the Sunday after for the UTO Ingathering. St. Mary's thank offerings will be joined with those of all Episcopal churches and distributed to support mission and ministry throughout the Episcopal Church and in invited Provinces of the Anglican Communion in the developing world.

Day of Hospitality

Our next Day of Hospitality, where we provide food and fellowship to the homeless in our community, will be **Saturday, March 7th**. There are many volunteer opportunities for all ages. **We especially need drivers and parishioners to sit, chat and offer hospitality to our guests.** If you can help, please contact Lisa Barr at 362-3839 or at l-barr@comcast.net.

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 from 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.

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

InReach and Care

March - April Birthdays

03/01 Carlene Duprey	03/14 Phyllis Davis	03/28 Judy Boyd	04/22 Mark Anschutz
03/01 Weezie Nelson	03/14 Tom Heisler	03/29 Libby Gibson	04/22 Amelia Spillane
03/01 John Orcutt	03/14 Leighanne Garlick	03/30 Sarah Rueter	04/23 Jillian Zoe Lippard
03/01 Lisa Barr	03/15 Carolyn Benson	04/01 Ellen Nicholson	04/24 John Watters
03/02 Linda Pettengill	03/15 Shirley Enz	04/02 Shannon Sullivan	04/24 Thomas Dilley
03/03 Georgette Keeler	03/15 Cecelia Brisbois	04/03 Sally Campbell	04/25 Bert Lummus
03/03 Karen LeBlanc	03/16 Eleanor Clark	04/03 Cy Nelson	04/25 Thomas Spillane
03/03 Daniel Warner	03/16 Erin Beasley	04/04 Connie Von Maur	04/26 Barbara Hersey
03/03 Patrick Warner	03/16 Courtney Lawlor	04/04 Katie Beasley	04/27 William Bowen
03/04 Ray Scichilone	03/16 Sophie Menyhart	04/06 Dr. Grammaticas	04/28 Harry Irwin
03/05 Lilo Kimball	03/18 Carol Crosby	04/06 Andy Duprey	04/29 Peter Gwynne
03/05 Setsuko Sazawa Meinzer	03/19 Nancy Clairmont	04/11 Hilary Greene	04/29 Ryan Aittaniemi
03/05 Caley Dooling	03/19 Dave Knauer	04/11 Steven Lippard	04/30 Sally Orcutt
03/06 Bob McClenahan	03/20 Joan Himstead	04/15 Judith Lewis	
03/06 Harry Van Sciver	03/20 Eva Fahey	04/16 Richard Edwards	
03/07 Thomas Philbrick	03/22 Linda Dewey	04/16 Dorothy Savarese	
03/07 Sarah Grefe	03/23 Andrea Driscoll	04/17 Matthew LaPine	
03/08 Richard LaPine	03/24 Peter Hutton	04/17 Samantha Vettori	
03/08 Paul Thompson	03/24 Sue Corsini	04/19 Margaret Moran	
03/09 Gail Pilibosian	03/25 Scott Himstead	04/19 Jim Phillips	
03/09 Amy Cole	03/25 Mark Lawlor	04/19 Kaitlynn Greene	
03/10 Peggy Anschutz	03/25 Henry Prantis	04/21 Cynthia Medaugh	
03/13 Paula Bows	03/27 Eve Roberts	04/21 Peter Hutton	



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

Refreshment Sunday

Our **Shrove Tuesday Supper and Dance** was sadly snowed out **BUT HAVE NO FEAR**, we are rescheduling our day of joyous celebration to **Refreshment Sunday, March 15th at 6:00 PM**. Please mark your calendars and be sure to join us for a festive night of dinner and dancing.

Prayer, our most Sacred Gift

Prayer is one of the most sacred gifts of our **community**, and we are happy to pray for all for whom prayers are sought. If your loved one can be removed from the prayer list, please call or email the office so that our list is up-to-date. Thank you.

New Address

Richard & Sonia Osborne
515 Winterberry Lane
Duxbury, MA 02332

Supporting Our Ministries



Altar Flowers Easter 2015

Your Name: _____

Contact Phone: _____
(in case we have any questions)

Dedication Preference: (Please select ONE only)

- in honor of
- in loving memory of
- in thanksgiving for

Specific Dedication Name(s):

\$50 suggested offering; place form and check in the offering plate, drop off in the office, or send to St. Mary's by March 30...

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 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 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!



Think Spring!

Try Hosting Coffee Hour!

We are looking for new people to host coffee hour. Carmen Cappuccio sets up the coffee and cleans up... just bring some simple goodies to share and milk for coffee. Sign up on the Sun Room bulletin board or email Allison Bresette!

Creation Care

April is Creation Care Month Celebrate Earth Day Every Day



Earth Day Activities at St. Mary's

April 19 - Coffee Hour Hosted by Creation Care Committee (Fair Trade Coffee and earth-friendly-healthy yummys!)

April 19 - Forum, *Through the Eyes of Hubble, a video of God's Creation* by Eleanor Braun

Watch bulletins for additional Earth Day activities!



Barnstable Harbor 2015

Webcast The Climate Change Crisis

The Climate Change Crisis, presented by the Episcopal Church on March 24, will feature panelists well-versed in the critical areas of the environment and the impact of climate change on our world. The 90-minute live webcast will originate from Campbell Hall Episcopal School, North Hollywood, CA. In partnership with Bishop J. Jon Bruno and the Diocese of Los Angeles, *The Climate Change Crisis* will begin at 2pm EST.

The forum will be moderated by well-known climatologist Fritz Coleman of KNBC 4 television news. Episcopal Church Presiding Bishop Katharine Jefferts Schori will present the keynote address.

Two panels, each 30 minutes, will focus on specific areas of the climate change crisis: *Regional Impacts of Climate Change* and *Reclaiming Climate Change as a Moral Issue*. The webcast is free and registration is not required.

In addition to stimulating conversation and raising awareness about *The Climate Change Crisis*, the live webcast will serve as the kickoff to 30 Days of Action. A range of activities developed by the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society will be offered for individuals and congregations to understand the environmental crisis and will be available on www.episcopalchurch.org. The activities will culminate on Earth Day, April 22.

Sue Davy
Mission Hub Member

Creation Care (continued)

Fair Trade Coffee

Did you know that Saint Mary's has been providing Fairly Traded and organic coffees at coffee hour for several years? Did you know that you can purchase the same coffee for your home or office?

We purchase our products from Equal Exchange in Bridgewater, MA. Most Equal Exchange products are organic. This means that, with their deep knowledge and hard work, coffee farmers are restoring and preserving our planet by:

- Protecting and improving forest cover and habitat for migratory birds and other wildlife through shade farming
- Preserving local river water quality
- Improving the soil and preventing erosion
- Keeping toxic pesticides and chemical fertilizers out of the land and water

Fair Trade is a set of business practices voluntarily adopted by the producers and buyers of agricultural commodities and hand-made crafts that are designed to advance many economic, social and environmental goals. The Fair Trade way of doing business ultimately aims to both keep small farmers an active part of the world marketplace and empower consumers to make purchases that support their values.



We offer Decaf, Regular and Flavored coffees. Other items available are teas, cocoa, chocolate and a variety of types and roasts of coffee. New this year, we are taking special orders for whole bean, French roast, etc. If you are interested you can pre-order and purchase whole cases (6 bags). In addition, Equal Exchange is now offering pillow packs for office machines and individual pods.

Purchase on your own at our display in the sunroom. \$8 per bag unless otherwise marked. Special orders accepted. Contact Angela Cenzalli acenzalli72@gmail.com

Thank for your support of our coffee ministry.



Spring, you cannot come too soon for these weary travelers!

St. Mary's Episcopal Church Staff

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**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.

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March-April At A Glance

Special Services/Events:

March 15, Refreshment Sunday Supper and Dance, 6pm
During Lent: Monday, Wednesday, Friday - Morning Prayer, 7:30pm
During Lent: Fridays, Stations of the Cross, Noon
Special Holy Week and Easter Services - See page 4
April 25, Daffodil Tea - See page 5

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