

January – February 2016

#### Dear Friends,

"I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, God may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through the Spirit, and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are

being rooted and grounded in love. I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. Now to God who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, to God be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, for ever and ever. Amen." (Ephesians 3: 14-21)

Each weekend, and several times throughout the week, we come together to lift our hearts and minds and voices in worship to God. This time of communal gathering is an opportunity to collectively remember the many blessings that God pours into our lives, to acknowledge the support we receive from each other, to ask God and each other to help us when we face challenges, and to delight in the gift of being together in God's presence. Our worship strengthens us to return to our lives and to carry the love of God to

people in our community who are suffering and in need. Like the tides, we are drawn together for sustenance and nourishment and then sent out to share all that we have received.

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



Acknowledging that we are each nourished by different styles of worship and our desire to welcome visitors and newcomers, this Lent we will expand our worship offerings at St. Mary's. Please see below for the new schedule. The change in our worship schedule will also allow us to create dedicated time for Christian formation for people of all ages, and a joint coffee hour will occur between the 9:00 and 11:00 services. I strongly encourage you to attend the formation offerings and coffee hour in order to continue to build a sense of community at St. Mary's. Your vestry and I are happy to answer any questions that you have about these changes. With the expansion of our worship offerings, I look forward to seeing what God is able to accomplish abundantly, far more that all we can ask or image.

Love and blessings,

Libby +

### **NEW SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE BEGINS FEBRUARY 14**

| 7:30 am  | Holy Eucharist, Rite I                           | Songs and hymns led by a small ensemble on piano &  |  |
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| 9:00 am  | Holy Eucharist, Rite II                          |   |  |
| 10:00 am | Coffee Hour and Christian formation for all ages |   |  |
| 11:00 am | Holy Eucharist, Rite II                          | Hymns lead by our parish choir and organ, drawn from<br>the riches of our Anglican musical heritage. Youth<br>Sunday, with the choristers singing, will continue the 2 <sup>nd</sup><br>Sunday of each month. |  |

### From our Assistant Rector, the Rev. Michael Bousquet



Dear Friends,

I am so thrilled to have been ordained a priest here at St. Mary's! The ordination with Bishop Gayle Harris on the evening of January 6th was a thrilling and beautiful

service, and was made all the more memorable by the many gifts given from so many parishioners. There are too many people to name, but I am especially grateful for those responsible for the flowers, the reception, and for welcoming my friends and family both on Wednesday night and on Thursday morning. Thank you!!

I am aware that in this season of Epiphany, we are invited to become attuned to the ways in which God in Jesus is being revealed in our lives. The welcome that this parish has for its guests and visitors — and certainly for me in these past few months — is perhaps the most stunning way in which I have perceived God to be here at St. Mary's. Just as God reaches out to embrace the stranger, so too, have we embraced time and again the many people who have come through our doors. As I write this, I am remembering how my parents and grandparents were amazed at how the people here had been so loving and warm to them.

I am also aware that welcome is the first step in a longer relationship. Just as we at St. Mary's are excellent at

welcoming those who visit, we also must continue to reach out to those who stay and who desire to become part of this Christian community. Whether you have been at St. Mary's for years or whether you have recently found St. Mary's to be your new spiritual home, how can we all continue to build each other up? How can we continue to invite one another into a life in Christ? How can welcome become an abiding relationship?

This coming winter, I invite us all to grow deeper in relationship with God and with one another. There will be many opportunities to do so, especially once Lent begins and we have a dedicated hour on Sunday for community-wide formation. Try out some faith formation programs or engage in a ministry here at St. Mary's that you normally would have passed on. There may be some new way that God is reaching out to you, to draw you into a deeper and more life-giving relationship with Him. For God is not just



welcoming us, but is abiding with us always and at every moment is calling us to deepen our connections of faith, hope, and love.

Blessings,

Michael +

# FORMATION & EDUCATION

### Youth & Family Ministries

In February we enter into the season of Lent. Lent is the time when we all strive to become closer to God and prepare ourselves to feel the full and deep joy of the coming resurrection in Easter. Our Lenten focus this year will be on Forgiveness. Children sometimes have an easier time with the concept of Forgiveness than adults do, as children are often more impulsive with their actions and words themselves and they feel the sting of casual cruelty from other children more than adults (who have presumably learned to control their behavior). Children experience the grabbed toy, the shove on the playground, the slights from peers as they struggle to navigate their constantly changing social realm and as such are often placed in positions where they need to practice forgiveness just to make it through their days. During Lent as we continue through the journey of *The Story* together, we will also take time in Sunday School to reflect on Forgiveness. We are inviting all of the children to engage in a spiritual practice at home to practice and develop the process of asking God's forgiveness.

Each family will be invited to keep a *Forgiveness Jar* at home throughout the season of Lent. The Forgiveness Jar will be a visual reminder for all of us to keep on the path journeying closer to God. Children (and adults) will drop a



penny in the jar each day with a prayer of gratitude for a day that they felt close to God; a day in which they were kind, helpful and loving. On the days when children stray from the path and fall farther away from God, they are invited to use a moment at the jar to reflect on where they turned away, to pause and seek God's forgiveness by opening their hearts and placing a bit more money in the jar. This is not meant to be a penitential practice but rather a way of encouraging our children to pause and turn inward learning to reflect on their own behavior. It is our hope that children will drop in the coins as a physical act of gratitude with love in their hearts knowing that God has already forgiven them and will always forgive them and knowing too that they are journeying closer and closer to God every time they

open their hearts enough to forgive themselves or someone else. The Miracle of Forgiveness results in the unburdening of our hearts allowing us to clearly see and feel the love and light that is God in ourselves and in one another. All of the money gathered will be brought forward on Easter to go towards our outreach efforts and will be a moving way for us all to experience the soaring spirit of redemption and love at Easter. Thank you for supporting this practice at home.

#### Dates to Remember

February 9<sup>th</sup> - Shrove Tuesday Pancake Super and Dance 6 to 8 PM

February 10th - Ash Wednesday

February 14th - Youth Sunday

February 28th - Joy Mass

March 13th - Youth Sunday

March 20th - Palm Sunday

March 25th - Good Friday Children Service

March 27th - Easter Sunday and Egg Hunt

### Lenten Series on Forgiveness

During the Sundays of Lent at 10:00 am, Libby Gibson will offer a series of adult forums on forgiveness. She will also host luncheon sessions on planning for the end of life. Dates will be forthcoming.

### Easter Season Inquirer's class

If you are new to the Episcopal church, entering a new phase in your spiritual journey, or simply curious to learn more, join Libby Gibson for an inquirer's classes on Sundays at 10:00 am from April 24 – May 22. If you would like to renew your faith, be received into the Episcopal church from another denomination, or be confirmed, the Bishop will be on Cape on Saturday June 11.

### Happy New Year! Save These 2016 Dates!

| Feast of the Epiphany; Rev. Michael Bousquet's Ordination to the Priesthood, 6:00pm;   |  |
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| Bishop Gayle Harris presiding<br>One Service This Sunday: Holy Eucharist followed by Annual Meeting, 9 am  |  |
| Shrove Tuesday Supper and Party: 6 pm  |  |
| Ash Wednesday services: 7 am, 12 pm (choir), and 5 pm (families)   |  |
| New Sunday Service Schedule to begin: 7:30 am Quiet Holy Eucharist Rite I; 9:00 am   |  |
| Holy Eucharist with blended songs and hymns (JOY Mass will be held the 4th Sunday of each month at 9:00 am; 11:00 am Holy Eucharist Rite II with choir |  |
| Palm / Passion Sunday  |  |
| Tenebrae Service hosted by the YOUTH: 7 pm   |  |
| Maundy Thursday Footwashing Service: 7 pm  |  |
| Good Friday services: 12 pm (Stations), 5 pm (families), and 7 pm (choir)  |  |
| Holy Saturday Morning Prayer: 8 am   |  |
| Easter Vigil: 8 pm   |  |
| Easter Services: 9:00 am (children's sermon) & 11:15 am. Egg Hunt at 10:00 am<br>TBD Daffodil Tea  |  |
| Pentecost: Welcome all Newcomers to St. Mary's: 9 & 11 am  |  |
| End of the Program Year Celebration following the 9 am Joy Mass  |  |
| Memorial Day Weekend: summer Sunday service schedule begins; 8 & 10 am   |  |
| Rogation Sunday, come to church dressed to work in the gardens   |  |
| Confirmation (Location to be decided)  |  |
| THE YOUTH Pilgrimage to South Dakota and Rosebud Indian Reservation  |  |
| Amazing Grace Camp for Children whose parents are incarcerated   |  |
| Sunday School Begins with YOUTH SUNDAY at 11 am service  |  |
| All Parish Retreat at Barbara C. Harris Camp and Conference Center   |  |
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## INREACH & CARE

### A Note of Thanks

When Libby called me to tell me that the Commission on Ministry had voted to accept me as a postulant for the diaconate, my mind was filled with all the people over the years who were such integral pieces of my faith formation....from my father taking me to church, my mother being ordained a priest in 1988, to the priests and parishes who have been a part of my faith life to finally, all of you at St. Mary's. My journey is far from over, this is just

one of many steps to come over the next 3+ years, but I feel so completely supported by all of you who prayed for me, served on my discernment committee, wrote letters of recommendation, talked with me and encouraged me to try again after my disappointment 10 years ago. My heart is filled with gratitude for my beloved spouse Angela for her unwavering support and to my guiding light and spirit through all of this, our rector Libby Gibson. It makes me remember the famous line from the movie Jerry Maguire: "You

complete me." God is not finished with any of us yet, but thank you to all of you for being a part of this process so far. Our job is not done and no matter where God (and the Bishop) send me, St. Mary's will always be my spiritual home, my sponsoring parish and I will always remember how you helped complete me and form me, and sent me forth. God is good. All the time."

Hilary V. Greene

#### InReach & Care Continued

### Peace of mind in a Disaster

Remembering the parable of the 10 virgins and Jesus telling us "Therefore keep watch, because you do not know the day or the hour", and remembering the severe winter we suffered through last year, your pastoral care team wants to offer you peace of mind in a disaster by being prepared.

A couple of years ago St. Mary's put together our disaster preparedness program, a plan to make sure all parishioners are safe in the case of a natural disaster or other emergency. A form was created and all the responses were compiled into a file for use in times of emergencies, so we can be in contact with each about cancelled services or making sure all are safe and/or have the resources you need. As part of our on-going disaster preparedness effort, here are a few reminders about what to do in case of a winter storm that affects our community:

First be prepared: **Get a kit, make a plan and be informed**. Have the minimum supplies at home in an easy to carry kit so you can shelter at home or have supplies you can take with you to a shelter. Your kit should include water, non-perishable food, flashlight, battery powered radio, first aid kit, extra medications, multi-purpose tool, extra batteries, personal hygiene items, copies of personal documents, cell phone with chargers, family and emergency medical contact information, extra cash, blanket.

Make sure your family knows your escape route and meeting plan.

Listen to the radio, know where the shelters are and how to find out other resources available to you and your family in times of disaster. For more information on disaster preparedness, please visit the American Red Cross Prepare Massachusetts web page: http://www.redcross.org/local/massachusetts

/prepare-massachusetts

You can also call your local Red Cross Chapter during an emergency to find out more information: 508-775-1540 or you can call my Red Cross cell phone: 508-237-7640 as I will be on-call throughout any disaster response.

Barnstable County has a Regional Emergency Preparedness Committee (BCREPC) which is responsible for the public safety response to any community emergency. There are 6 regional shelters: Sandwich High School, Falmouth High School, Barnstable Intermediate School, Dennis -Yarmouth Regional High School, Cape Cod Regional Technical School in Harwich and Nauset Regional High School in Eastham. To find out more about these shelters visit www.bcrepc.org. If you must go to a shelter, know that you will be supplied with only the basic needs to keep you safe, warm and fed. Be sure to bring medications for 3-5 days, medical supplies, toiletries, walker, wheelchair or cane, change of clothes, cell phone, any comfort needs (pillow, extra blanket, book) and make sure to make a plan with your personal care assistant or family member so they know to stay and assist you at the shelter if needed.

Finally, make sure we have your update information on file at our parish office. If you have not filled out our form or your information has changed (emergency contact info, address, living situation) please contact the office and update your information with us. Libby and Michael along with your pastoral care team will use this information to check in with you during a local emergency. We hope to bring you peace mind during a stressful and scary time, knowing you are cared for and by your parish community.

Hilary V. Greene

## WORSHIP & MUSIC

### What's so "Great" about .....

....that really long prayer we sing at the beginning of Advent and Lent? And why does the clergy and choir inch their way up the aisle while we're singing it?

A litany is a type of prayer in which those assembled make a fixed response to a bidding said or sung by a lay person or clergy. This method of prayer has its roots in Judaism and came into early church use by the fourth century, replacing processions during pagan festivals like *Robigalia* (in honor of Robigo, the protector of crops...this is where we begin to get our present rogation days from)...thanks to Gregory the Great (after whom Gregorian Chant is named). By the middle of the fifth century, the litany as we know it achieved its form, complete with the responses: "Have mercy on us", "Deliver us, Lord", and "We beseech thee to hear us"...although all in Latin.

As the first rite published in English in 1544, the litany underwent revision appropriate for the new church. Utilizing sources from England and Germany, Archbishop of Canterbury Thomas Cranmer actually condensed many of the petitions and made the litany shorter! Much of his text is still sung in our time.

As time moved on, the litany was occasionally adapted to reflect current concerns: petitions for deliverance from plague, from rebellion and schisms, from civil war...for rain, fair weather, and peace. The American revision of 1789 made changes in petitions for civil rulers, no longer recognizing the monarchy as Head of the State. Since much of the country was still agrarian in 1892, the petition "That it may please thee to send forth labourers into thy harvest" was added. Further revisions in 1928 ask for protection from the perils of travel by water and air, and from the perils of childbirth.

The present Great Litany is primarily the work of the Rev. Donald L. Garfield, sometime rector of St. Mary the Virgin, Times Square. While it retains much of what has come before, it is also a reflection of modern sensitivities and concerns: petitions for peace and liberty, for the homeless and hungry, for those whose homes are broken or torn by strife, for the lonely and elderly...and includes the recognition that America is a diverse society and, hence, prays for *all* in authority (not just Christians) "that they may do justice, and love mercy, and walk in the ways of truth."

An ancient form of prayer...with us for more than 1500 years...constantly reflecting the concerns of each passing generation...this litany is simultaneously timely and timeless...that's what makes the Great Litany so great!

-Douglas Keilitz

### Ash Wednesday Services, February 10, 2106 at 7:00 am, 12:00 pm (with choir), and 5:00 pm (with children's homily)



Our prayer book reminds us that, "The first Christians observed with great devotion the days of our Lord's passion and resurrection, and it became the custom of the Church to prepare for them by a season of penitence and fasting.... I invite

you, therefore, in the name of the Church, to the observance of a holy Lent, by selfexamination and repentance; by prayer, fasting, and self-denial; and by reading and meditating on God's holy Word." (BCP: 264) Please join us on Ash Wednesday to mark the beginning of Lent. If you would like to received the sacrament of reconciliation at any time, please contact one of the clergy.

## OUTREACH

### St. Mary's Outreach 2016

We can all be proud of St. Mary's long history of generosity in supporting our local, national and international outreach efforts. Over the years our focus and programs have changed but never our dedication to sharing our time, talents and love with others in need. After several months of indepth analysis and input from the clergy, vestry, and many parishioners our Outreach Committee has developed the following plan to focus our efforts in the coming year. We remain committed to addressing issues of homelessness and opiate addiction on Cape Cod. In the future when appropriate projects and leaders are identified, and funds are available, we will include those areas as part of our outreach plan. We will also continue to cultivate our relationship with the Lakota people on Rosebud reservation who struggle with food vulnerability, support for their children, high rates of incarceration, and feelings of hopelessness.

- I. Addressing Food Vulnerability for people of all ages
  - a. <u>Food for Kids F4K</u> is a federally funded summer food service program to feed children during the summer months when they do not get meals at school. St. Mary's is looking to help F4K extend their reach deeper into the mid-Cape region by providing organizational and volunteer support.
  - <u>Faith Neighborhood</u> serves dinner for many working people and families three times per week at Faith Assemblies of God. St. Mary's hosts one meal per month.
  - <u>Miracle Kitchen</u> serves lunch every weekday at the Salvation Army. St. Mary's hosts one lunch per month.
  - d. <u>Turkey Baskets for Cape Codders</u> ensures that Cape Cod families in need have all

they need to prepare Thanksgiving dinner. St. Mary's stocks over 100 baskets.

# II. Supporting quality public education for all children, especially those in need

- <u>All our Children AOC</u> creates partnerships with a local school helping children get a quality public education.
  St. Mary's will have a variety of opportunities to support the children through tutoring, mentoring, and organizing special projects.
- b. <u>Cape Cod Child Development</u> serves many of the most vulnerable children and families on Cape Cod. St. Mary's support CCCD by sponsoring a back-toschool store for the children and an Angel Tree at Christmas time.

#### III. Prison Ministry

- a. <u>Amazing Grace</u> offers a week of traditional summer camp full of fun and unconditional love to children whose parents are incarcerated. St. Mary's will continue to support the camp with volunteers and financial support.
- b. <u>Bridge to Hope</u> provides housing, mentoring, and job training for women who have been recently released from jail.

#### IV. Fund-raising events

To help raise funds for our outreach initiatives, the Outreach Committee will organize St. Mary's three major yearly fund-raising events that previously were managed by the ECW (Rummage Sale,

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#### **Outreach Continued**

Daffodil Tea, Holly Fair). A majority of the funds raised will be dedicated to outreach initiatives at the local, national, and international level as approved by the Vestry.

The Outreach Committee will continue to be Chaired by Sharon Donegan and its members will consist of the <u>coordinators</u> of the above focus areas and the <u>event managers</u> of the above fund raising events. The support and involvement of all members of our Parish is absolutely essential and enthusiastically encouraged. Adult Forums are being planned on all of the above in the coming months so please watch for the announcements. Anyone who would like more information can contact Sharon Donegan at <u>don1227@gmail.com</u>.

### Thanksgiving Baskets The Numbers Are In

Thank you to the incredible outpouring of love and generosity in helping the Thanksgiving Baskets for Cape Codders be such a success. This project took care of 245 families and made sure each had a delicious Thanksgiving dinner. Here are some numbers which are part of the total that the Community Action Committee (CAC) raised:

St Mary's, working together with the Barnstable Fire Dept, Centerville Civic Association, local residents and The Daily Paper, Cape Cod Healthcare Pharmacy Dept, The Pavilion, Bayside Chiropractic and Advanced Embroidery, created and collected 104 of the 173 complete baskets and \$2,420 in cash or gift card donations!!

A total of 98 people/ businesses participated in this "Northside" drive spearheaded by St Mary's while 68 families from our St Mary's congregation lead the way. We had incredible volunteers helping from St Mary's, as well as the community. A special thank you to Miles and Christian Bearse and Teddy Gibson

Thank you!

Judy Scarafile + Ron Bearse

(Last year this program fed 215 families and St. Mary's and friends did 66 baskets and raised \$1980 in cash/cards)

### Thank You to our Miracle Workers

We would like to express our appreciation to the members in charge of cooking the meals, baking the cakes and serving the guests this year at the Miracle Kitchen. The Salvation Army in Hyannis relies on us for the 1st, 3rd and 5th Wednesdays of the month. They are wonderful teams of hard workers! St. Mary's has been engaged in this ministry for many years, and it makes a big difference in the lives of less fortunate people!

**Cooks** are: Tony Johnson, Sharon Donegan, Don Clark, Jack Moran, Phyllis Bradley, Roy Hammer Dave Knauer, Marge Mansur, Skee Morton, and Connie VonMauer,

**Bakers** are: Joyce Shinn, Georgette Keeler, Joy Hambly, Sally Orcutt, Allison Bressette, Nancy Clairmont, and Catherine Morrison

**Servers** are: Beverly LeBlanc, Joy Hambly. Janet Lang, Mary Bowman, Jan Hendrickson, Ann Hibbard, Helen Prothero, are John Watters.

If you would like to join the Miracle Workers please contact Roy Hammer, Miracle Kitchen Chair, 508-362-2593, hammer.hinkle@comcast.net.

### Rosebud Reservation 2016 Trip Dates set: July 16-23, 2016

All adults in the parish and teens age 14 and older are welcome to join us for a week on Rosebud Reservation in South Dakota. In addition to helping to harvest, chop, and stack wood for the "Wood for Elders Program" (which ensures heat through the long winters), we travel to the various Episcopal churches on the reservation to help with maintenance and repair projects. We also spend time learning about Lakota Spirituality, and the history of the native people in that part of our country. Trip cost is \$500 per person (which includes all travel, food, lodging, and activities) plus a commitment to help with fundraising to support our work on Rosebud. To secure your place on this trip, submit your \$100 deposit by February 14, 2016. Please contact Libby Gibson for more information.

# INREACH AND CARE

### Grief & Loss Group

Grief is our physical and emotional response to a significant change in our lives. We naturally think of the death of someone whom we love. However grief can come about from other life changing events. The loss of a job, moving from a home we loved, changes in our life style due to illness, injury or financial set backs. Grief is a normal reaction to the death of a beloved pet. There is also anticipatory grief. This comes about when we feel sadness about an expected loss. For example, when a spouse enters a hospice program. How we grieve is such an individual experience. There are not set stages or time lines for grief. St. Mary's offers a Grief and Loss Group that meets twice a month in the St. James Room on Sunday's following the 10am service. This is an informal gathering during which men and women share their experiences, wisdom, and compassion with one another.

Tara Machnik shepherds this group. Tara has a MA. in counseling and is on staff at Cape Cod Community College. If you would like more information...you may contact Tara at taramachnik@comcast.net.

### Seasonal affective disorder (SAD)

Seasonal affective disorder (SAD) is a type of depression that's related to changes in seasons-SAD begins and ends at about the same times every year. If you're like most people with SAD, your symptoms start in the fall and continue into the winter months, sapping your energy and making you feel moody. Less often, SAD causes depression in the spring or early summer.

Treatment for SAD may include light therapy (phototherapy), psychotherapy, and medications.

Don't brush off that yearly feeling as simply a case of the "winter blues" or a seasonal funk that you have to tough out on your own. Take steps to keep your mood and motivation steady throughout the year.

Please contact Judy Boyd for more information about living with SAD: 508-362-3113 or judithboyd@comcast.net

## MINISTRY SUPPORT

### Garden Notes



Winter is here and Saint Mary's Garden lays quietly fallow, awaiting the warmth of spring to reignite new life and boundless beauty. Thus, it seems an appropriate time to stop and look back

with gratitude for those who have faithfully attended this sacred space and to give thanks for the numerous tasks accomplished in both maintaining and enhancing the trust represented in the Garden.

To the many members of this Committee who present themselves at our workdays, working alongside our County workers, mentoring and encouraging, we say *thank you*. To those who have quietly adopted part of the garden as their own, *thank you*. To those generous persons who have come forward with gifts, large and small, to aid us with special projects, *thank you*. For the staff's patience and cooperation in supporting all that we do, *thank you*. For those who have sought to share word of the Gardens in the greater community, *thank you*.

The following represents a partial list of both *highlights* and *concerns*:

- The newly restored and expanded Cutting Garden provided flowers that were used on the Altar throughout the summer months. Flower Arrangers have been asked to make suggestions as to what additional flowers they would like to see added to the Garden.

- A badly needed irrigation system was added in this same area, thanks to a kind gift from the Episcopal Church Women.

- Thanks to a generous gift from Sarah Magruder, in thanksgiving for her mother and father and her two brothers, spring will see a fabulous working fountain in the center of the Rose Garden.

-The newly planted David Austen roses have taken well to this same area and we are looking forward to using them on the Altar next summer, in addition to the new bounty created by the restored and enlarged Cutting Garden.

- You may have noticed that the trees in the Meadow were attacked by winter moth, but our fine arborist, Ed Robinson, assures us that with proper spraying, they will continue to prosper.

- A large amount of replanting in the Memorial Garden will occur in early spring. In part, this is made possible by the installation of a comprehensive irrigation system, thanks to another generous gift from the ECW.

- A major concern is the bridge and arbor leading to the entrance of the Memorial Garden. It is listing badly and will need major repair in the spring. Jack Moran and Bill Plettner have a brilliant solution and Bill is drawing up the specific plans. We will keep you posted and if any of you have experience with jacks and would like to help please give me a call.

There is much more to add and space is limited. Please know that we would always welcome additions to our committee and, in particular, if any of you would like to "own" a piece of this *sacred space*, please call me. Never hesitate to join us for one of our fun monthly work days or to make inquiry about possible memorials or thanksgivings to enhance this remarkable space.

### It's Not Too Late

It's not too late to finish your 2015 pledge. Call the office for your balance.

It's not too late to make your 2016 pledge. Pledge cards are available in the rear of the church and in the office.

Stewardship Committee

### January - February Birthdays

| 01/02 | Shirley LaPine        | 01 |
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| 01/02 | Gregory Ill           | 01 |
| 01/03 | Todd Machnik          | 01 |
| 01/03 | Kaleb Winchell        | 01 |
| 01/05 | Sue Davenport         | 01 |
| 01/05 | Jody Warner           | 01 |
| 01/06 | Lydia Hawkins         | 01 |
| 01/08 | Dorothy Greene        | 01 |
| 01/09 | Dierdre Mullin        | 01 |
| 01/10 | Marilyn Cannon        | 01 |
| 01/10 | Betty McAdams         | 01 |
| 01/11 | Jake Dilley           | 01 |
| 01/12 | Marion Painter        | 01 |
| 01/14 | Doris Ellis           | 01 |
| 01/14 | Mark Wells            | 01 |
| 01/14 | Tim Lippard           | 01 |
| 01/15 | Isabelle Ramage       | 02 |
| 01/15 | Charlie Gibson        | 02 |
| 01/16 | Kathryn (Gene) Orloff | 02 |
| 01/16 | Stan Flynn            | 02 |
|       | Ellie Dunigan-Atlee   | 02 |
| 01/17 | Rick Cunniff          | 02 |
| 01/19 | Charlotte Stiefel     | 02 |
|       |                       |    |

1/20 Dori Bates 1/20 Bill Plettner 1/21 Chris Low 1/23 Richard Winchell 01/23 Griffin McMahon 1/24 Nancy Brodhead 01/24 Ann Hibbard 1/25 Gerald Hazard 01/26 Elizabeth Jones 1/26 Sharon Donegan 1/27 Claire Anderson 1/27 Nancy Roberts 01/27 Jordan McCarron 1/31 Marilyn Welsh 1/31 Judy Scarafile 1/31 Patty Commissiong 2/01 Meah Dalrymple 2/02 Betty Ann Wheeler 2/02 Lilly Menyhart 2/04 Bob Lonsdale 02/04 Kate Sullivan-Jones 2/05 Christian Bearse 02/05 Miles Bearse

02/06 Rick Walters 02/07 Karen Scichilone 02/07 Deb Hill 02/08 Richard Wheeler 02/08 Robert Norton 02/08 Rob Cushing 02/08 Joshua LaPine 02/08 Mary Kate Warner 02/09 Ginie Upham 02/10 Susan Tyrrell 02/10 Richard McMahon 02/11 Peter Rosenberger 02/11 Margaret Mankiewicz

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

### Generous Hands Aid in Replacing Our Cracked Island Countertop

We express our gratitude for the following companies for their work replacing the island countertop in our Kitchen:

**Edgewater Plumbing and Heating** 152 Cranberry Hwy, Unit 3 PO Box 656 Sagamore, MA 02649

**Cape Cod Counter Works** 78 Industrial Drive, Unit 3 Mashpee, MA 02649

#### Shawn A Souza Electrician

31 Lake Drive Plymouth, MA 02360

#### **Cape Associates**

203 Willow St Yarmouth Port, MA 02651

#### Kitchen Tech, Inc

376 Route 130 PO Box 1030 Sandwich, MA 02563

#### At A Glance

#### Special Services/Events:

Sunday, January 31, 9:00AM Combined Eucharist followed by the St. Mary's Annual Meeting

#### New Weekend Eucharist Schedule begins February 14:

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First Saturday, 5PM Taizé Second Sunday, 11AM, Youth Eucharist Fourth Sunday, 9:00AM, Joy Mass

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