GOD'S STORY AND OUR STORIES

In his introduction to a Bible storybook, Archbishop Desmond Tutu writes: “God wants us to fill our lives with love. Jesus says we should love God, love other people, and love ourselves. How do we do this? By doing three important things: Do what is right, be kind to one another, and be friends with God. You will see these teachings and many more in God’s stories…”

The Bible remains the best-selling book of all time because of the ability of God’s story to change lives. In my experience, the practice of reading God’s story in Holy Scripture is one of the most transformative spiritual practices we can engage. However, many Bible-reading programs can lead to frustration because large sections of Holy Scripture can feel inaccessible and irrelevant. To overcome this, Zondervan Press has created The Story.

What Is The Story?

The Story is an abridged, chronological Bible that reads like a novel. There are no verse references, and Scripture segments are seamlessly woven together with transition text into a single grand narrative. For people who become intimidated or overwhelmed by the unabridged Bible, The Story helps people understand God’s story throughout history more fully and engage with it more easily. The Story is a powerful way to help people engage in Bible reading like never before. As The Story brings the Bible to life, the broad scope of God’s message can enter our hearts and people of all ages will be swept up in the story of God’s love for all.

St. Mary’s will begin reading The Story on September 13, 2015. Age-appropriate books will be available for sale in the sunroom.

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beginning the week of July 13. Throughout next year, our Sunday School, adult forums, and one of our weekend Scripture readings will follow along with The Story. As a parish, we will build our familiarity with God’s story and reflect on the many ways that our stories have been touched by God’s love.

I hope you will commit to reading The Story this coming year and experience the power of God’s story to change your life.

With love and blessings,

LIBBY +

From Our Deacon

St. Mary's is blessed to have many talented people in the congregation. Kate Dunigan-Atlee is one such gift as she is a librarian at Sturgis High School. Kate and I will be will be working in the library during the summer. We plan to weed out seldom (if ever) read books and outdated material. As space opens up we will be able to better display interesting and new material. Kate has already attractively rearranged some shelves in the children's section.

In the bookcase there is a tape player and some speakers. We would like to use this space for books. If you know who owns these things please let me know. From time to time we may come across material that might be of interest to someone in the congregation. This material will be left on the cushions under the windows. After two weeks they will be discarded.

Kate and I are working to make the library more attractive and accessible for reading, browsing and meetings. I am delighted and grateful to have her expertise.

Blessings,
Elizabeth

EDUCATION & FORMATION

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

Parish Retreat - Save the Date

The 2015 parish retreat is scheduled for October 23-25. Please mark your calendars and begin to prepare your heart for a wonderful community-building and blessed weekend with members of your Church Family. The retreat takes place at the diocesan run Barbara C. Harris Retreat and Conference Center, located in New Hampshire. Reservation forms will be available the end of August.
And just like that, it is suddenly Summer! I hope this summer is a special time with plenty of opportunities for quality family time and fun adventures. Although we are taking a break from Sunday School in the summer, we still have many reasons to gather together at St. Mary’s.

We will continue to celebrate JOY Mass in July and August, the 4th Sunday of each month, at a slightly earlier start time of 9:00 AM. When the weather cooperates, we will celebrate JOY Mass at our beautiful outdoor chapel. Summer JOY Mass dates are: July 26th and August 23rd.

St. Mary’s Youth and Families will once again be running a lemonade stand at the annual celebration in the hollow after the Barnstable Village 4th of July Parade. All money raised will go to support our outreach projects in the coming year. This is a fabulous fundraiser and a great way to have a visible presence in the village. All are welcome to join us squeezing lemons and scooping ice!

I am particularly excited to announce a new relationship with Cape Cod Child Development. We are very fortunate to have the dynamic new CEO of Cape Cod Child Development, Anne Colwell as one of our own parishioners. Cape Cod Child Development serves over 3000 children a year through a broad range of vital social services. I am sure many of you have personally benefited from the long reach of their programs. They provide affordable childcare, education and developmental intervention, and broad-ranging family support services.

Although they serve youth and families from all financial strata of our community, they are uniquely positioned to reach those in great need on an intimate level. A large part of their work is done with homeless families as well as with the rising numbers of the working poor. In order to more efficiently serve the youth and families in greatest need in our community, we are establishing new outreach programs that will serve many of these families.

The youth of St. Mary’s are very eager to serve their peers in need. Our first outreach initiative with Cape Cod Child Development will be opening a fully stocked Back to School Store. C.C.C.D. has secured an ideal little cottage in Hyannis to house our store. It is our hope that children in need will be able to shop and actually choose their supplies for starting their new school year off right. Children in need are often denied the pleasure of choice. We are looking for your support to help us stock our store with crisp new notebooks, sharp colorful crayons and beautiful backpacks full of promise. We will have collection boxes in our own sunroom and all around town. We’ve reserved two dates for Mission Possible Service Nights: Wednesday July 22nd and August 19th from 4:00 to 8:00 PM. We will need many hands to help get the store up and running. This is indeed a bold project or, as Father Mark has taught the children to say, “A bodacious promise,” a whole lot larger than the numbers of our St. Mary’s youth. We hope to serve close to 300 families this September. Please help us reach our goal and deliver on this bodacious promise to help young children and families in need.

Thank you and Happy Summer!

Allison Bresette
Director of Youth and Family Ministries
WORSHIP AND MUSIC

Cape Cod Early Music Festival....Again!

Once again, St. Mary’s will be hosting the Cape Cod Early Music Festival, in what is becoming an annual event. This series of concerts is unlike any other musical event on the Cape, featuring internationally-recognized artists who specialize in Medieval, Renaissance, and Baroque music. Last year’s Festival was well received by Cape Cod concertgoers, and this year’s performances promise to be just as special. The concert lineup includes:

Thursday, July 9 - 7pm: Thomas Dressler, Organist  http://www.thomasdressler.com
Saturday, July 11 - 7pm: Canto Armonico  http://www.cantoarmonico.org
Tuesday, July 14 - 7pm: Ensemble Passacaglia  http://www.solsticesingers.org/passacaglia.htm
Thursday, July 16 - 7pm: Douglas Keilitz, Organist  http://www.douglaskeilitz.com
Saturday, July 18 - 7pm: Ensemble Breve  http://flute-recorder-deborahbooth.com/breve

All concerts will be held in the air-conditioned church, and receptions will follow each concert where audience members can meet the artists.

Please plan on partaking of this wonderful new addition to the Cape Cod music and arts scene…the 2nd Annual Cape Cod Early Music Festival at St. Mary’s, Barnstable.
Changing Worship Schedule This Fall

For three years we have been discussing how to address the glorious problem of a frequently over-crowded 10:00 am service, and the difficulties this can create in the parking lot and pews. St. Mary’s has been blessed with many new members and we want to be able to continue welcoming newcomers and visitors. Additionally, many parishioners express a desire for a less formal service with more contemporary music. After much conversation at our vestry retreat, these issues have led the clergy and vestry to decide to move to three worship services each Sunday morning (and continue Saturdays at 5:00 pm). Many of you will remember that St. Mary’s offered three services for a number of years, and we hope that the new schedule will allow us greater flexibility in our worship.

Beginning on September 13, 2015, the new schedule will offer services at 7:30 am, 9:00 am, and 11:00 am. Each service will have a different character:

- **7:30 am:** A contemplative Holy Eucharist Rite I with no music
- **9:00 am:** A family-friendly Holy Eucharist Rite II with contemporary music on piano or guitar in the Parish Hall. JOY Mass will continue on the fourth Sunday of each month.
- **10:00-10:45 am:** Coffee hour and Christian Formation for all ages. Our adult education offerings will occur in our Library.
- **11:00 am:** Holy Eucharist Rite II with full choir. Youth Sunday will continue on the second Sunday of each month, with the Choristers singing.

Your vestry and clergy know that we will have to work very hard to maintain a sense of community and connectivity, qualities that we all deeply value. We hope that you will try services at various times, and attend the coffee hour, in order to nurture old and new friendships. Please be in touch with Libby Gibson or the vestry if you have any questions or concerns. Thank you.

Blessing of the Motorcycles, Sunday, July 19, at 11:00 am

This year, Big Nick’s Ride for the Fallen, in honor of Corporal Nicholas Xiarhos, son of Yarmouth Police Department Deputy Police Chief Nicholas Xiarhos, will pass by St. Mary’s on Sunday, July 19, at roughly 11:00 am. Immediately following our 10:00 am service, I invite you to wave flags and join the members of our clergy who will be offering blessings to support the hundreds of bikers who ride to remember the members of our armed forces who have died.
IN-REACH AND CARE

A note regarding my recent email

I am always grateful for people who take the time to express their concerns about something at St. Mary’s, and thus learned that several of you were distressed by my email about Kate Watters in late June. By way of explanation, in case they are helpful, I offer these thoughts. The day after Kate was arrested, I began to receive multiple messages from parishioners who had seen a video on-line, taken by a “journalist” in Hyannis. A parishioner, and member of the press, also contacted me to warn me that an article was going to appear in the Cape Cod Times. Given the highly public nature of the situation, I consulted with members of the vestry, several friends of Kate, and a counselor about the best way to express our support for Kate and her son Jack. Again, given the publicity surrounding this incident, I was encouraged to be open and honest in acknowledging that a member of our community was in trouble and deeply needed our prayers and support. I certainly would not have communicated a request for your prayers if Kate had revealed her struggles in private or if her arrest had not been such prominent news. For those who had not seen the online, newspaper, or radio coverage, I know my email came as a shock and I’m very sorry for any pain it caused. Please don’t hesitate to be in touch with further questions.

Libby +

Creation Care News

Aware, Awake & Alive! That’s our theme and the goal of our committee. Our members are Hilary Greene, Angela Cenzalli, Amy Crocker, Dorothy Torrey and Sue Davy. What ties us all together? How our choices affect our community, our health and our world now and in the future; how animals are used in our food system; how our current food system impacts our health; how making our buildings more sustainable affects the environment; how our way of living affects our health; and how putting this knowledge into action will show our love for all that God has made— including us! Dorothy Torrey focuses us on healthy eating and well-being and how that helps not only us but our planet; Amy Crocker focuses us on her animal ministry; Angela Cenzalli focuses us on the buildings and grounds for our parish and our homes and fair trade items; Hilary Greene ties our efforts to the efforts in our Deanery, Diocese and larger world of Creation Care; Sue Davy helps us with forums, communications and internal workings to help us get our message to you.

Over the past year we’ve held forums about waste, eating healthy, animal ministry and other issues that affect our lives, our community and our planet. Events coming up: July 23, a talk and demonstration about Bokashi Composting, in September another discussion by Dr. Steve Blake about Diabetes and a healthier lifestyle, Animal Awareness efforts during October and in November a talk about a plant-based diet that helps you and the planet at the same time.

We hope to keep you informed and help each one of us be Aware, Awake and Alive! Look for interesting statistics and fun facts to help guide your choices.

For the Creation Care Committee
Hilary Greene
Why Plastic Matters

Sometimes the packaging of products we consume is as much of an issue as what is inside it. Even though a plastic container may be recyclable, the amount of petroleum products used to create that product in the first place is an issue.

In the United States, plastics are not made from crude oil. They are manufactured from petroleum products, which include liquid petroleum gases (LPG) and natural gas liquids (NGL), and natural gas. LPG are by-products of petroleum refining and natural gas processing, and NGL are removed from natural gas before it enters transmission pipelines. These fuels are used as feedstocks to make the plastic and as fuels in the manufacturing process. In 2010, about 191 million barrels of LPG and NGL were used in the United States to make plastic products in the plastic materials and resins industry, which was equal to about 2.7% of total U.S. petroleum consumption. Of those 191 million barrels, 190 million barrels were used as feedstock and 1 million barrels were consumed as fuel to manufacture these products.

The best lesson to take away from this information is to follow these 3 simple steps:

1. **Reduce**: reduce the amount of packaging that is in the products you buy;
2. **Reuse**: if you buy non-sustainable packaging, reuse it;
3. **Recycle**: this is the last step, only after the others have been tried. Recycling is a good last resort after not being able to reduce the use of plastic products or reuse them.

Peace,

*Hilary Greene*

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**Volunteers Needed - Families Encouraged**

**OUTREACH COMMITTEE - MIRACLE KITCHEN**

For years St. Mary’s has been an active participant in delivering hot lunch casseroles and cakes for 100 people to the Salvation Army every 1st, 3rd, and 5th Wednesday, January-December. **WE HAVE AN URGENT NEED for some new volunteers.** We have cooking teams (2-3) assigned for each date to purchase and prepare the casseroles on Monday morning for delivery on Wednesday morning. We also have individuals who bake cakes at home and deliver them to the kitchen before Wednesday’s delivery. We have a master recipe book that outlines what to buy, where to buy it and how to assemble the casseroles (expenses reimbursed up to $120).

If you are interested, please call Roy Hammer, Miracle Kitchen Manager, at 508-362-2593 or Sharon Donegan, Outreach Chairman at 508-362-6365. If you would like to see a cooking team in action (before volunteering) join Sharon & Don in the kitchen at 9:00 on Monday, July 13.

*Sharon Donegan, Outreach Chair*
Introducing Bokashi Composting

Come and find out about an amazing process that BENEFITS You and Your Community

- No waste! Uses ALL scraps including meat, fish, dairy, cooked foods and bones
- Does not release CO₂ or methane gas which adds to climate change
- Saves tons of food waste from the landfill, thus reducing greenhouse gases
- Does not produce stink or odors that attract pests
- Produces high quality compost in a bucket in your kitchen
- No more daily trips to the compost bins
- Less household garbage to dispose of
- Composts food scraps much faster
- No greenhouse gases created
- Easy to do on a large or small scale

Hosted by: Creation Care Committee and Path to Vibrant Health
Questions: Dorothy Torrey at 508-888-6677 or email dorothy.torrey@gmail.com
July-August Birthdays

07/01 Bruce Jones 07/01 Kyle Sullivan-Jones 07/01 Michael Palmer 07/02 Mae Grant 07/02 Lana Hopkins 07/03 Paul LaPine 07/03 Ronald Bearse 07/03 Emma Steenstra 07/03 Matthew Steenstra 07/04 Beatrice Ellicott 07/04 Donald Babcock 07/04 Beth Gadkowski 07/06 Margaret Rueter 07/06 Elliott Detjens 07/07 Tracey Eastman 07/08 Suzanne Schlott 07/09 Wesley Harris 07/10 Deborah Lippard 07/10 Brynn Dilley 07/11 Ann Canedy 07/11 Melissa Allen 07/11 Kai Christo 07/13 Mackie Rice 07/13 Matt Bresette 07/14 Constance Rosenberger 07/16 Lauren Mamlock 07/16 Katherine Corsini 07/16 Patrick Spillane 07/18 Julie Winchell 07/18 Pauline Cunniff 07/18 Hilary Enz 07/18 Elliot Prantis 07/19 Becky McClanahan 07/19 Nancy Ill 07/21 LeRoy Anderson 07/21 Joshua Hersey 07/21 Jacoby Hill 07/22 Elizabeth Whitmore 07/22 John Mamlock 07/23 Lauren Gadkowski 07/23 Mateo Dunigan-Atlee 07/24 Patricia Powell 07/24 Robin Greene 07/25 Marion Deear 07/25 Holden Ramage 07/26 Richard Corsini 07/26 Jeannie Stokinger 07/26 Trish Spillane 07/26 Jenny Brown 07/28 Janis Umschlag 07/29 Carley Steenstra 07/31 Peter Howes 07/31 Tom Lippard 08/01 Jeff Spillane 08/01 Andrew Clark 08/01 Laura Hutton 08/02 Patricia Rothermel 08/03 Ardith Call 08/04 Alice Coniam 08/04 Nicholas Grefe 08/05 Mary Ferguson 08/05 Oliver Prantis 08/06 Rogan Ver Eecke 08/07 Amy Crocker 08/08 Joseph Scichilone 08/08 Lulu Boothe 08/10 Helen Hinckley 08/10 Marcia Bearse 08/10 Paxton Reed 08/11 Carolyn Barse 08/11 Henry Ramage 08/11 Pat Buttenheim 08/12 Linda-Gene Peterson 08/12 Trish William 08/13 Lisa Hendrickson 08/13 Christine Dilley 08/14 Matthew Hersey 08/16 Anne Simpson 08/16 Bruce Vandebrook 08/16 Jack Watters 08/17 Timothy Coggeshall 08/18 Meghan Mamlock 08/19 Teagan Ver Eecke 08/20 Clifford Anderson 08/22 Sallie Thompson 08/25 Charles Orloff 08/25 Christy Saling 08/26 Thomas Morrison 08/27 William Coale 08/27 Patrick Ramage 08/27 Phoebe Gibson 08/27 Parker Hietsch 08/29 Dan Miller 08/30 James Hinkle 08/30 Marge Mansur 08/30 Sally MacDonald 08/31 Eleanor Sheldrick 08/31 Walter Meinzer 08/31 Peter Scarafilet 08/31 Cathy Morris 08/31 Jennifer Dalrymple

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

What is the best way to get in contact with Libby?

A question we commonly receive in the office is “What is the best way to get in touch with Libby?” We hope this article offers some guidance.

- Please remember that there are 700+ of you and one priest at St. Mary’s.
- Beginning the week of July 6, Libby will hold office hours and be available for brief, drop-in appointments every Thursday between 10 am and 1 pm. If you need protected time to talk with Libby, please call the office and we can schedule an appointment for you.
- People reach out to Libby in various ways each day. She sees many people in person, receives letters, emails, calls on the church phone, calls on her cell phone, text messages, and Facebook messages. It is not possible for her to keep up with them all. Libby listens to or reads all of the means of communication within a few days of receiving them. She does not always have time to respond to each message but is grateful to know what is important to you, and prays for you. If you need a response within a certain time frame, please highlight the time sensitive nature of your matter.
- Please do not use Libby’s cell phone for any reason except pastoral care emergencies outside normal business hours (8 am – 5 pm). Do not text any member of the staff at night as many of us do not turn off our phones and late night texts are intrusive. Please use email to communicate longer requests to Libby. She receives a number of texts each day, and unlike email, they don’t remain in an “inbox” that she can easily see and respond to later.

- Please do not communicate via Facebook messaging as Libby does not always remember to check messages there.

Thank you for your understanding!

Frankie and Allison

Sunday Parking at St. Mary's

Parking on a Sunday morning at St. Mary's can be a challenge. Your vestry proposes the church parking lot be reserved for visitors, octogenarians, and non-ambulatory people. All others park in lots located at Sturgis Library, The Historical Society, and Barnstable House. If those lots are full consider parking in the municipal parking in Barnstable Village. During inclement weather please drop off your carload before parking.

Holy Smoke!!!

Aged firewood for sale. About 32 cubic feet per delivery. All proceeds, $125.00 per delivery benefit Saint Mary’s. Call Peter Scarafile at 774-836-0909
Rosebud or Bust!

As of this writing our youth group is on its way to Rosebud Indian Reservation in South Dakota. In addition to your prayers, please visit the giving tree in the sunroom and consider sponsoring part of our trip. The team is posting pictures and reflections on our website. Check the link on the front page of the website (www.stmarys-church.org) frequently for updates and thank you for your prayers!

Hello Book Group

Our next meeting will take place on Friday, September 25th at 1:00 pm in the St. James Room. We will be reading The Wright Brothers by David McCullough which at the present time is Number One on the N.Y. Times Bestseller Book List. The book describes the courageous effort by the Wright Brothers to introduce aviation to the world. I am sure this will be a soaring success. This will be great to read while watching the clouds race by in the summer sky.

Have a healthy and happy summer.
July-August At A Glance

Special Services/Events:
June 26-July 5, Youth Mission Trip to Rosebud Indian Reservation
July 6-18, Cape Cod Early Music Festival
July 19, Big Nick Bike Ride and Blessing, 11AM
July 23, Bokashi Demonstration, 7PM
August 15-16, Patronal Feast Weekend
August 18-20, 23-25: Pictorial Sessions, Sign up online
August 23-28, Amazing Grace of Cape Cod Program
August 30, Evensong at St. Andrews, 5pm

Weekend Eucharists:
Saturday, 5:00PM, Rite II
Sunday, 8:00AM, Rite II
Sunday, 10:00AM, Rite II

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