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Message from the Rector

By The Rev. Sarah D. Odderstol

The Feast of St. Mary

*Mary, in a dream of love
Playing as all children play,
For unsuspecting children may
Express in comic make-believe
The wish that later they will know
Is tragic and impossible;
Hear, child, what I am sent to tell:
Love wills your dream to happen, so
Love's will on earth may be, through you,
No longer pretend but true.*

W. H. Auden

One of my treasured books is a children's version of The Nativity. The illustrations make this story come to life. Illustrator, Julia Vivas, draws the teenage Mary as vulnerable, but still strong, humble and yet proud. God's messenger, the angel Gabrielle, is depicted with tattered and torn wings. He has banged-up combat boots on his feet; he looks as if he has been flying about for centuries trying to find someone willing to bear God's hope for creation in the world. We know about Mary because she said "yes" to God.

Honoring Mary goes back to the earliest days of Christianity, and because she is the mother of Jesus she is considered preeminent among the saints. The words of the song ascribed to her, the Magnificat, as well as her humble acceptance of the will of God bear more than accidental similarity to the Lord's Prayer. More is known about Mary than about most of the apostles. Mary is mentioned in a number of places in the Gospels and in the Book of Acts, more than a dozen incidents of her life are recorded. She is pictured as being present at all the important events of her Son's life.

Historical evidence of earliest feasts in her honor date back to fourth century Antioch and fifth century Palestine. August 15th is the set date of the Feast of St. Mary the Virgin. The date was ordered by the emperor Maurice (582-603) and likely originated with the dedication of a church in her honor. In the Eastern church (Orthodox), the feast became known as the Feast of the Dormition, the "Falling Asleep" or "passing from this life" of Mary. In the Western church (the Roman Catholic Church and its descendents), the feast day became known as the Feast of the Assumption (this refers to the reception of Mary's body and soul into heaven). For many, Mary is the model of what each Christian should be: prayerful, humble, joyfully obedient to the will of and word of God, devoted to her Son and loyal to him even when she did not understand him.¹

We will celebrate the Feast of St. Mary, our patroness, on Friday, August 20th with worship at 6:00pm followed by dinner and our Second Annual Cheesy Jesus Bingo. We transferred the feast from the 15th to the 20th in hopes that a Friday evening might encourage greater attendance. I hope you will make plans to celebrate the feast day of our patroness, Mary, and to enjoy the irreverent silliness of Cheesy Jesus Bingo (with totally tacky, religious kitsch prizes)! Celebrating Mary's feast day reminds us to consider anew what God is calling us to say "yes" to as individuals and as a community.

This celebration marks the first in a series of evening worship services that are being added to our worship schedule here at St. Mary's. For various reasons, there are a number of people who cannot regularly attend worship on Sunday mornings.

¹ Philip H. Pfatteicher, *New Book of Festivals and Commemorations: A Proposed Common Calendar of Saints*, (Minneapolis: Fortress Press, 2008), 396-397. The history of the celebration of this feast was gleaned from this reference.

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Message from the Rector

These worship services are being offered in response to those of you who have requested weekend worship outside the traditional Sunday morning time slot. We are starting with once a month; you can look for a service to be scheduled on the third Saturday of every month in the early evening. If there is demand, we will consider increasing the frequency.

These worship services will also feature the use of non-traditional liturgies and music. When you completed the Worship Survey last year, many of you expressed a desire to see us experiment more in worship. This desire for non-traditional religious expression is bubbling up in many Christian denominations and even in other faiths. In Christianity, the movement has come to be known as the “Emergent Church”. On Wednesday, September 15th, Dan and I will kick off the *Food for the Journey* adult formation series, with a class on Emergent and alternative worship. This will be an opportunity for all of us (me too!) to learn more about this “organic process” that we will be experimenting with here at St. Mary’s. See you on August 20th!

Blessings,

Sarah+

Message from the Assistant Rector

By The Rev. Dan Justin

One Year

I can't believe it has been one year already. Time certainly flies when you are having fun – which it did not do during my first Chicago winter. That part was not fun. But the rest of the year and all the work here at St. Mary's could not have been better for me!

This community has been so wonderfully welcoming to me. Arriving in a new place can be a bit daunting. St. Mary's certainly did its best to ease that entry process for me. From the very beginning I knew that I had landed at the right place. So many of my colleagues in Los Angeles who were ordained with me have had very tough first calls. I almost feel guilty when I chat with them because I have not experienced any of the trials and tribulations they have. Broken promises, changing deals, difficult rectors and a general feeling of being sidelined is the experience of many newly ordained. I am grateful to St. Mary's and to Sarah that my story is completely different. The former rector of All Saints' Beverly Hills, the Rev. Carol Anderson, used to always tell me – “The key to a successful, lifelong ministry is a good first call as an associate. It provides you the time you need to learn and grow as a priest.” If I had the chance to talk to Carol now I would be thrilled to report I have found that good first call.

I will soon be meeting with Sarah and the wardens to review this first year in ministry. While I know there are growth areas, I can't help but feel that this year has been successful. The Junior High Ministry (formerly known as Rite 13 – stay tuned for the announcement of its new name in the coming months) had a great year. We revamped and revitalized our meetings and our curriculum. We had a fantastic group of volunteers working with the group – all of whom are returning! The students had opportunities for both service and fun over the year. They remained connected to the St. Mary's community by focusing on their own gifts, talents and how they can serve God in this community.

I have experienced other areas of success and growth in this first year of ministry. It is no secret that singing in front of folks is a great fear of mine. Through working with Kevin, Adrienne Grove and Sarah on my chanting skills I have at least faced that fear. Some weeks are better than others but at least I am no longer breaking out in a flop sweat just before the Eucharist begins. I feel that both my skills in preaching and also preparing and teaching classes has grown and improved this year as well.

As I move into my second year of ministry here at St. Mary's I am excited to see what the Holy Spirit has in store. I am looking forward to the new changes in the youth ministry as I take a more active role in the Senior High Youth Group. There will be some changes in our meetings that I believe will be positive. We are also slowly introducing a few Sunday evening alternative, emergent and youth led worship services this year. We believe they will be exciting and different providing a new way to experience God for our students. Stay tuned for more information about these evening events.

Speaking of the youth group...I am still looking for a few more adult volunteers to participate in the ministries. If you love working with teens, have a little extra time on Sunday's after church every once in a while and could help out at events – you should give me a call. I would love to talk to about the youth ministry and what it means to be a youth leader. I think you would find that it can be one of the most rewarding experiences you can have in church. Please call me at (847) 823-4126 or e-mail me at dan@stmaryspr.org today!

So, thank you again for such a wonderful first year in ministry. I am already looking forward to year two!

Blessings,

Dan+

Deacon's Corner

By The Rev. Martha Durham

As I recently entered on facebook: I'm back home, but in the time/space continuum, it's unclear if I am still in Alaska, St Lucia, Hawaii, Indianapolis, Sewanee, Tennessee, or France. To top off the confusion, I made a wonderful friend from Alaska while in France. I feel a bit like I'm trapped on the Tardis in a Dr Who episode, whisking around the universe in different dimensions. (If you miss the reference there, don't worry about it, it has everything to do with raising boys who love science fiction on tv.)

Our trip to France entailed following the famous bicycle race, Le Tour de France, for the last stages of the three week long race. Every big name in the bicycling world was there. We traveled with a group of about 40 people, including many who were true "groupies" of the racing world. Lance Armstrong was always a topic, and there were several who got his picture, his autograph, even had a conversation with him. Other big names in cycling such as Contador, who ultimately won the race, and Andy Schleck, a big favorite among the Australian crowd were always close too. While staying in Bordeaux, we were at a beautiful hotel facing a large city square. It was the worst kept secret in town that in addition to the cycling personalities staying at our hotel we were blessed with the company of Cameron Diaz and Tom Cruise. There was a crowd of a thousand people outside the entrance to the hotel, all waiting for a brief appearance of the celebrities as they went down to the cycling finish line for a photo with the stage's winner. Cameron and Tom eventually went out a side alley door, right under our room window. We saw them neither time. Oh Well.

We were watching some of this on a tv screen later, and a lovely friend from the tour leaned over and said to me, "Oh I wonder what a wonderful life they must lead! They must be so happy." I was taken aback, as I hold very little star struck wonder in me. Our conversation was interrupted by daily events, but her thoughts stay with me. I'm sure it is wonderful to have that kind of monetary wealth where there isn't even a mortgage, let alone worry about a mortgage payment. It must be a huge relief not to have any concerns about paying for health care, or its accessibility. But I don't think that has anything to do with being happy with yourself, or fulfilling what your purpose might be, or as our scripture about the Rich Fool in Luke 12:13-21 says, "being rich toward God." I don't know, I wonder if Tom Cruise and Cameron Diaz are rich toward God. Do they build more barns to keep their stuff, or do they see others as part of their world? That's the conversation I'd like to have.

A bientot! Martha Durham

Message from the Junior Warden

By Barbara Needleman

As I've mentioned in previous Messengers, the Strategic Planning Committee will be conducting a survey to hear what you currently think about many aspects of St. Mary's and what you think our priorities should be going forward. This survey is called the Church Assessment Tool or CAT survey. Some of you may recall that we used this survey in the past prior to conducting our rector search.

The survey will provide information about overall satisfaction at St. Mary's, worship attendance trends, the value of church attendance and what components significantly impact satisfaction and worship attendance. We'll also look at overall priorities and where you think we should put our energy and resources. Other areas measured in the survey include hospitality, spiritual vitality, governance and decision-making, formation programs, and worship and music. The CAT survey will take about 20 minutes to complete and will be available online and on paper. All responses are strictly confidential.

We will be conducting the survey during the weeks of September 12th and 19th. Once we have the results in early October, we will schedule a series of cottage meetings to follow-up on the survey with in-depth discussions. The survey and the cottage meetings will enable us to get your input about St. Mary's and its future direction, so that we can develop the best strategic plan possible. Please watch for more information about the survey in next month's Messenger and the Sunday bulletin.

Music at St. Mary's

By Kevin McKelvie

Music at St. Mary's

Summer 2010 Music Ministry

There I still one Sunday open for you to make music at St. Mary's this summer before the fall season begins! Don't wait, don't delay; contact Kevin at SMECKevin@sbcglobal.net to reserve August 22nd to sing, play and instrument and/or be a cantor. Please know and remember there are also opportunities anytime during our program year to participate in worship as a musician; just ask Kevin and he will work with you to make it happen.

Summer Music Schedule – 2010

1 August - Lindsay Ashcroft

8 August - Heidi Mayer – piano– *Can still use a cantor for this date.*

15 August - Heidi Mayer/Jean Borrelli – Bolling Suite - *Can still use a cantor for this date.*

22 August - **OPEN!**

29 August - Jim Beyer – vocalist; Barbara Scavone-Prelude and Postlude

5 Sept. - Joe Lill and Cheryl Kreiman

Fall Choir Season

It's not too soon to be thinking about joining one of our parish choirs!

The Parish Choir sings for most 10 a.m. Sunday services and some additional services throughout the year. Rehearsals are on Sunday's from 11:30 a.m. till 12:45 p.m. This choir is open to all from high school age on up. The Parish Choir will begin the season with an in house retreat on Saturday, 11 September from 10 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. (lunch is included!) and will sing in worship the following morning 12 September for the 10 a.m. Eucharist.

The Treble Choir sings approximately twice a month at the 10 a.m. Sunday services. Rehearsals are on Wednesday's from 6:30 – 7:15 p.m. and on Sunday's from 11:30 – Noon. The choir is open to young persons from 2nd grade through middle school.

The Gospel Choir sings at the 10 a.m. Sunday services 4 times per year. The choir rehearses on Thursday evenings on an as needed basis. The choir is open to all.

For more information on any of these groups or other musical activities, please contact Kevin McKelvie – organist/choirmaster at SMECKevin@sbcglobal.net or by calling the parish office at 847.823.4126 X 14.

Save The Date !

Crucial Conversations presents....

A Primer on Hunger

Wednesday – August 18th – 7:00PM – 8:30PM

Grauer Lounge

Every day our bodies trigger a strong survival instinct – hunger.

For most of us, the problem is not availability of food but the restraint we must impose upon ourselves so that we do not over eat.

How do we reconcile a world in which it is estimated that one billion of us are overweight and one billion plus of us go to bed hungry every night. We've been struggling with hunger for over 100,000 years....the solutions to end hunger are available...when will we care enough to make them a reality?

Bill Haefling will lead us in an informative and lively discussion on hunger....something we all know and experience but only casually understand. Hope you can join us!

If you've never been to a Crucial Conversations event, why not join us for an informative evening with friends and family?

Save The Date !

CELEBRATE THE FEAST OF ST. MARY
Worship and 2nd Annual Cheesy Jesus Bingo Night



Friday, August 20th.

Worship Service will begin at 6 p.m.
Bingo Event will follow at 7 p.m. in
Beyer Auditorium

St. Mary's will provide the fried chicken, ice tea, lemonaid. Beer and wine donations are \$3.00 a glass or 2 for \$5.00. Your only contribution to this fun night is a side dish of a salad (potatoe, coleslaw, caesar ect.)

Once again we will be playing "Jesus Bingo" with cheesy Jesus items as prizes. Kevin Stapleton will return the grand prize from last year, a pink velvet Jesus bank, to pass on to this years winner, it could be you! Look for more great prize descriptions in up coming announcements. Prize donations can be left in the parish office.

*Family and friends are welcome, rsvp to Christina at
parishadmin@stmaryspr.org.*

Save The Date !



**Sunday, August 15
6-8 PM in the Grauer Lounge
Training for Grade School Sunday School Leaders**

Thank you so much for volunteering to work with the Grade School Formation Classes this year. Please save this date! Plan to meet together to explore the new on line curriculum we will be using: Seasons of the Spirit. We will organize schedules for the year, review what a typical class day will be like and become familiar with the new curriculum.

Please RSVP to martha@stmaryspr.org
Questions? Call Martha Durham 847-318-6474

Child care available with a reservation, just add it to your rsvp.

Community News!

**Promise of
Park Ridge
2010
Public Art**



*Two by Two
and side by side,
together we can
make a difference!*

PARK RIDGE
PARK DISTRICT

Go Fish!

With Promise of Park Ridge 2010

Win \$250 in Cash!
or
One of Ten \$50
Park Ridge Chamber Gift Certificates

From July 26 until September 26, participants of all ages are invited to search for the wonderfully decorated fish statues located in businesses throughout the local community.

Participants who can correctly identify the names of all the fish, are eligible to win a grand prize of \$250 in cash or one of ten \$50 Park Ridge Gift Certificates.

To get started, visit:

www.RainbowHospice.org/GoFish

**Or stop by any of the participating
fish sponsors listed on the reverse side**

NO PURCHASE NECESSARY, VOID WHERE PROHIBITED, FOR A LIST OF OFFICIAL RULES VISIT, WWW.RAINBOWHOSPICE.ORG/GOFISH

Rainbow Hospice and Palliative Care - 444 N. Northwest Highway, Suite 145, Park Ridge, IL 60068 - www.RainbowHospice.org

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Community News!



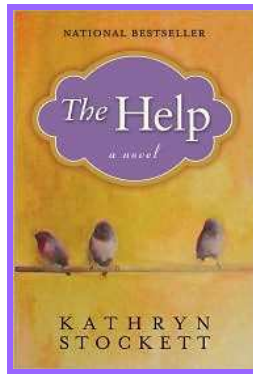
Promise of Park Ridge 2010 Go Fish! Sponsors

- Fish 1-Advance Physical Therapy-444 N. Northwest Hwy, #202
- Fish 2-Amphora Home Store-2 N. Northwest Hwy.
- Fish 3-Anthony Valentino Salon and Spa-24 Main St.
- Fish 4-Baked By Betsy-124 S. Prospect Ave.
- Fish 5-Brandt-Carlson & Co.-310 Busse Hwy.
- Fish 6-Center of Concern-On display at 43 S. Prospect Ave.
- Fish 7-Cooney Funeral Home-625 Busse Hwy.
- Fish 8-JeDi Designs-On display at 1023 N. Northwest Hwy.
- Fish 9-D'Agostino's Pizza-742 W. Higgins Rd.
- Fish 10-David J. Samson-On display at The Ark, 1601 Western Ave.
- Fish 11-Franklin Elementary School-On display at 20 S. Prospect Ave.
- Fish 12-Hartman & Roehr, CPA-656 Busse Hwy.
- Fish 13-Le Peeps Restaurant-100 S. Euclid Ave.
- Fish 14-Ogorek & Associates-1119 W. Touhy Ave.
- Fish 15-Park Ridge Chamber of Commerce-720 Garden St.
- Fish 16-Park Ridge Community Bank-626 Talcott Rd.
- Fish 17-Park Ridge MultiMed-15 N. Prospect Ave.
- Fish 18-Prudential Insurance -10275 Higgins, Ste 200, Rosemont
- Fish 19-Ross E. Rubino, DDS-126 S. Prospect Ave.
- Fish 20-Ryan-Parke Funeral Home-On display at 444 N. Northwest Hwy
- Fish 21-Salon Dolce-59 Summit Ave.
- Fish 22-St. Mary's Episcopal Church-306 S. Prospect Ave.
- Fish 23-Sullivan & Johnson, CPA-1420 Renaissance Dr., Ste 205
- Fish 24-Tanya Travel-800 Busse Hwy.
- Fish 25-The Exercise Coach-8216 W. Oakton St.
- Fish 26-RC Wahl Jewelers-1514 Miner St., Des Plaines
- Fish 27-RC Wahl Jewelers-1514 Miner St., Des Plaines
- Fish 28-Way Over Team-On display at 6571 N. Avondale, Chicago
- Fish 29-XO Glow Salon-129 S. Northwest Hwy.
- Fish 30-Pat & Brian Ahern-On display at Houlihan's, 550 W. Touhy Ave.
- Fish 31-The Huber Family-On display at 444 N. Northwest Hwy.
- Fish 32-Jackie Devitt-On display at 114 Main St.

Promise of Park Ridge 2010 Animal Sponsors

- Advocate Health Care/Lutheran General Hospital
- All on the Road Catering
- Anonymous
- Anonymous: given to local schools
- Carolyn Handler and Tom Neberieza
- Don & Diane Finney
- Doug Sohn/The Famous Hot Dougs
- JeDi Designs
- Kalo Foundation/If an Elephant Can Paint
- Kerry Shannon and Steve Byrne
- Kiwanis of Park Ridge Morning and Noon Clubs
- Liberty Bank
- Mr. & Mrs. John Simms
- Park Ridge Chamber of Commerce
- Park Ridge Rotary
- Pat & Brian Ahern
- Resurrection Health Care
- Rev. John Schumacher and Mrs. Judy MacPherson Schumacher
- Sasha Gerritson & Eugene Jarvis
- St Paul of the Cross School
- St. Matthew's Center for Health
- Taste of Park Ridge
- The Sasser Family

Women's Spirituality



Women's Spirituality will begin our year on Tuesday, September 7th from 7 - 8:30 pm in the Grauer Lounge. Our first meeting will be on a Tuesday due to Labor Day. We will discuss *The Help* by Kathryn Stockett. A reviewer from The Washington Post describes Stockett's first novel, "In a page-turner that brings new resonance to the moral issues involved, she spins a story of social awakening as seen from both sides of the American racial divide." Publishers Weekly states, "The novel is a superb intertwining of personal and political history in Jackson, Miss., in the early 1960s, but this reading gives it a deeper and fuller power."

Due to a change in the inter-library service, it is difficult to get many copies of the same book at the same time if we request them individually. We have registered with their book club service so now they will get them for us.

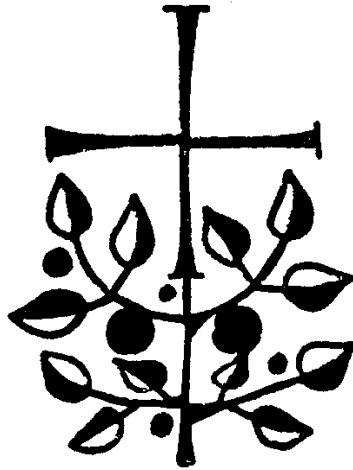
We have requested 25 copies of *The Help* for our September 7th meeting. Books will be available about 4 weeks ahead of their discussion dates. They will be due back two days after the discussion date. There are no renewals on book discussion copies. They will be at the Reader Services desk on the second floor.

All women are welcome. Join us whether or not you have read the book, and enjoy an evening of good conversation and fellowship. For more information please contact the Rev. Martha Durham at 847-318-6474 or ormartha@stmaryspr.org.

Following is the list of books and dates for the 2010-2011 year.

October 4, 2010	A History of God by Karen Armstrong
November 1, 2010	The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks by Rebecca Skloot
December 6, 2010	Jesus for President by Shane Claiborne
January 3, 2011	Girl Meets God: On the Path to a Spiritual Life by Lauren Winner
February 7, 2011	Finding Our Way Again by Brian McLaren
March 7, 2011	Sacred Choices (Sacred Energies Series) by Daniel C Maguire
April 4, 2011	A People's History of Christianity by Diana Butler Bass
May 2, 2011	Screwtape Letters by CS Lewis
June 6, 2011	Great Emergence by Phyliss Tickle

Worship Notes



The next Worship Commission meeting is scheduled for Tuesday August 10, 2010 at 7:30 in the Grauer Lounge. We will be discussing ideas for the fall season. Please share any thoughts that you have regarding Back to School, St. Francis Day Pet Blessing, All Saints' Day and Veterans' Day with Dianne Yonkers or any of the other members of the commission.

Worship Notes



Altar Flowers - With the exception of Advent and Lent, flowers are used to dress the altar area each Sunday as we partake in our feast at the Lord's table. Following the 10:00am service, the flowers are delivered to home-bound, hospitalized, or rehabbing parishioners in the area. You are welcome to memorialize a deceased loved one or offer thanksgiving for a blessing by using one of the yellow envelopes in the narthex. Simply complete the information on the outside and enclose either cash or a check made payable to St. Mary's Altar Guild. The cost of the altar flowers range from \$40 to \$60 depending on the occasion or feast. Your offering will be appreciated by those of us able to attend church and those of us who can only be here in spirit! If you have any questions, contact Trish Morris at (847) 698-1014.



Greeters - Each Sunday morning as parishioners and visitors enter the church, they are greeted by a parishioner assigned as the official greeter. As well, the greeter makes sure newcomers are introduced to others and invited to coffee hour. Believe it or not, some parishes do not have a like program and greeting is left to chance. Not at St. Mary's – our sign says “All Are Welcome” and the greeters help to make sure that “All Feel Welcome”. If you are interested in becoming a greeter, please contact Stephanie Kitt @ 847-698-9771.



Sermons on St. Mary's Website - If you would like to hear one of your favorite sermons again, visit St. Mary's website at www.stmaryspr.org



Free Notary Public service available to parishioners of St. Mary's Episcopal Church – Need a document notarized? Contact the parish administrator at 847-823-4126 Monday thru Friday, 9 am to 5 p.m.

Worship Notes

Healing Ministry

The laying on of hands has its origins in the early church; Ananias' healing of Saul's sight (Acts chapter 9). While laying on of hands for healing is often done by clergy, it can also be performed by lay ministers. Over the past few months, you may have noticed group of individuals that are available for healing prayer every Sunday. This group of people is there to pray with you and also offer anointing with oil. This type of prayer allows the individual to share their feelings/concerns and can be very powerful, as well as providing comfort and support.

After you receive communion (or at any point while people are receiving communion), you are invited to come directly to the transept for laying on of hands and anointing with oil. People may come for prayers of healing for oneself, for someone else, or for thanksgivings. When you come to the transept, you may stand or kneel - whatever is more comfortable for you. You will be asked your name (if you do not have a name tag on) and you will be asked what you would like us to pray for. You can be very specific or more general, i.e. 'There are some tensions at home' or 'I am feeling very anxious'. Please note that prayer requests and everything shared at the prayer station is held in strictest confidence! Prayer ministers will not approach you outside of the 'prayer area' to discuss what was prayed for nor will your prayer request be discussed with anyone else. On the rare occasion that the prayer minister feels the need to share something with the clergy, you will be asked for your permission to pass your name to Sara, Dan or one of the deacons. What is said at the prayer station stays at the prayer station. Please feel free to take advantage of this ministry whenever you feel the need.

Education for Ministry (EFM)

EFM is a theological education program for lay people. It provides a comprehensive, experiential education in the foundations and message of our Christian faith. Participants commit to one year at a time and completion of the program takes four years. Participants study Old Testament, New Testament, Church History and Theology & Ethics. St. Mary's has two active EFM groups and the evening co-ed group is seeking new members. The evening group meets twice a month from September through May generally from 7:30 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. We are having an EFM information meeting on Wednesday, August 11th at 7:30 p.m. in the Grauer Lounge. The meeting will only last an hour, provide more details about the EFM program and give everyone a chance to ask questions. Please plan on joining us if you would like to learn more about this exciting and enriching program. If you can't make the meeting but still have an interest, contact Curt Manning at 847-692-9201.

Volunteer's Corner



Do you like to sew? Is your sewing machine always set up and ready to go? Help out the children's programs. We have a number of prayer table cloths for the children's classrooms that need to be hemmed. Yes, it's just a straight hem around a flat square. On cotton cloth that is easy to work with. Your help would be greatly appreciated by all the children and catechists!

Call or email Deacon Martha Durham at martha@stmaryspr.org or 847-318-6474.

Volunteer's Corner



Are you a “crafty” person? Would you like to support the children’s programs here at St Mary’s? We need persons who could put together craft kits for the Sunday Children’s Formation Classes. The crafts are selected, and we need someone to gather the materials, make a sample and assemble kits for the weekly children’s classes to use as a work response to their lessons. This would be a very valuable ministry for a special person who loves our children, but is unable to assist on Sunday mornings. Intrigued? Give Deacon Martha Durham a call or email. martha@stmaryspr.org or 847-318-6474.

Honored Saint For August



Clare of Assisi

Saint Clare of Assisi, born Chiara Offreduccio (July 16, 1194 – August 11, 1253) is a saint of Italy and one of the first followers of Saint Francis of Assisi. She founded the Order of Poor Ladies, a monastic religious order for women in the Franciscan tradition, and wrote their Rule of Life--the first monastic rule known to have been written by a woman. Following her death, the order she founded was renamed in her honor as the Order of Saint Clare, commonly referred to today as the Poor Clares.

Calendar & Notes

Messenger Newsletter submission....

If you are interested in submitting material for the September 2010 Messenger newsletter, *submissions must be made on or before August 23rd. Submissions received after this date will be placed in the following month's newsletter. Please email to: parishadmin@stmaryspr.org.*

Messenger birthday and anniversary list....

If your name is not located on the birthday or anniversary list for this month, we apologize and ask that you please contact Christina Rompon at 847-823/4126 or email to parishadmin@stmaryspr.org with your date of birth or anniversary date so that we can place it in all future newsletters and bulletins.

St. Mary's General Notice #1:

In an effort to update our safety protocols for emergency situations, we would like to request that should there ever be a need to vacate St. Mary's, the procedure would be to exit the building and if children have accompanied you to church, to meet them in the play lot.



St. Mary's August 2010 Calendar of Services

Sunday, August 1, 2010 – Baptism Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist in the Church (Rite I)
10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist in the Church (Rite II)

Wednesday, August 4, 2010 9:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist in the Chapel

Sunday, August 8, 2010
Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost
8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist in the Church (Rite I)
10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist in the Church (Rite II)

Wednesday, August 11, 2010 9:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist in the Chapel

Sunday, August 15, 2010
Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost
8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist in the Church (Rite I)
10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist in the Church (Rite II)

Wednesday, August 18, 2010 9:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist in the Chapel

Sunday, August 22, 2010
Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost
8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist in the Church (Rite I)
10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist in the Church (Rite II)

Wednesday, August 25, 2010 9:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist in the Chapel

Sunday, August 29, 2010
Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost
8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist in the Church (Rite I)
10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist in the Church (Rite II)

Birthdays and Anniversaries!

~ August 2010 ~						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Dan Justin <u>Anniversary:</u> James & Jean Dunsing	2 Steven Hunsader <u>Anniversaries:</u> Ronald & Ellie Gunther ~ David and Joan Grauer	3 Jenna Conway Kate Heyde	4 Lauren May <u>Anniversaries:</u> Joe Tulacz and Tricia Crisafulli ~ Thomas and Marilyn Provencher	5 <u>Anniversary:</u> Scott and Anne Schiave	6 Charles Enblom Carole Pick	7 Matthew Coyne Jeanine Zywiciel <u>Anniversaries:</u> Dick and Joan Chandler ~ Jason and Eileen Aldrin
8 Thomas Conway Carolyn Hallman	9 Veronica Coyne Mark Simpson	10	11 Jean Dunsing	12 Lyn Garbarini	13	14 Taylor Dornik
15	16 Jean Forrest	17 John Kreger Robert Poynton	18	19 Audrey Florentine	20 Dotti Ellis Julianna Sunken	21 <u>Anniversaries:</u> Henry and Helen Caldwell ~ Peter and Karen Chrisos
22 Lindsay May	23 Alexander Bonk Paige Garbarini Jessica Holler Heather Simpson <u>Anniversary:</u> Roger and Susan Mondlock	24 <u>Anniversary:</u> Ronald and Pamela Piarowski	25 Garrett Kreger Andrew Mital	26 <u>Anniversary:</u> Ed and Jan Biegert	27	28 Lucian Bontumasi Nick Espevik
29 Lynette Garland Kristin Lahey	30	31 <u>Anniversary:</u> Michael and Jodi Mahoney				

Thank you's



CANTERBURY Northwestern Episcopal Campus Ministry

June 2010

St. Mary's Episcopal Church
Outreach Team
306 S. Prospect Ave.
Park Ridge, IL 60068

Dear Friends,

In his letter to the church at Pentecost, Bishop Jeffrey D. Lee of Chicago wrote, "God's Spirit has been lavished upon the world. God is at loose in the world and God's mission—God's project—of restoring all creation to a right relationship with himself is God's project. We are invited, the people of God, who have been grafted into the living body of the Risen Christ; we have the great privilege of joining in God's project."

On behalf of the students, community members, staff and Board of the Episcopal Church Council of Northwestern University, it is my pleasure to thank you for joining in God's project through your generous 2009 donation of \$1000.00* to be used toward the continued life and ministry of Canterbury Northwestern.

As you know, Canterbury has a long and rich history of service. For over 65 years we have engaged in God's project through service to the students, faculty, and staff of Northwestern University, the surrounding communities and to the Church by providing a solid liturgical community and pastoral support to those in need. And the free meals we provide certainly win the hearts of struggling college students.

Your generous support allows Canterbury to not only continue, but to grow and expand its ministries. For this, we owe a profound debt of gratitude to you.

Please be sure to follow us on the web along with our soon to be debuted page on the social networking site, Facebook. These will provide an opportunity to observe our growth in action as Canterbury's facility undergoes a major renovation. Our presence on the web, like our facility, is also undergoing renovation, so I ask your patience (and continued support) as we expand our growth in this area also.

Blessings,

Your Sister in Christ,
The Reverend Leigh VanderMeer,
Interim Chaplain

P.S. I thank you also for your patience in waiting for this long-belated thank you. It has been a slow, but sure process, as I've been working to improve the administrative aspects of the ministry, yet I am pleased to report that it's coming along quite nicely. I trust you are well!

*No goods or services were exchanged for this 2009 tax deductible contribution.

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Recipe of the Month



Fruit Pizza

Ingredients

Pizza Dough:

- 1 package store bought sugar cookie dough

Toppings:

- 8 ounces softened cream cheese
- 1 cup confectioners' sugar
- 1 large peach, sliced
- 1 large green apple, sliced
- 1 large orange, sectioned
- 1/2 pint fresh strawberries, sliced
- 6 ounces fresh blueberries
- 6 ounces fresh raspberries
- 1/2 cup white chocolate chips, melted
- 1/2 cup chocolate syrup

Directions

Preheat oven to 350 degrees F.

Flatten cookie dough onto a 6-inch pizza pan. Bake until firm to touch, about 11 to 15 minutes. Cool. In a medium bowl, blend cream cheese and sugar. Spread the baked cookie with the cream cheese mixture and decorate with sliced fruit. In a small bowl, combine melted white chocolate with chocolate syrup. Top the pizza with remaining berries and chocolate mixture. Slice and serve immediately.

St. Mary's Ministry Opportunities

Church of the Advent— Is our monthly Soup Kitchen Ministry. We feed the homeless in the Logan Square neighborhood every 3rd Saturday of the month during the school year. New volunteers are always welcome! Contact Sarah at 847-823-4126.

United Power for Action & Justice Core Team— Our faith inspires us to seek social justice for the most vulnerable. All who have a concern for justice are welcome to join this group who use community organizing methods to work for equitable access to health care, restrictions on crime guns, affordable housing and other issues. Contact Bill Totsch at 847-823-7734.

Community Christian Alternative (CCA) Academy— An inspiring and nurturing small school with a track record of successful graduates, CCA gives high school dropouts in the Lawndale neighborhood of Chicago a second chance to earn their diplomas. Volunteer as a classroom assistant, a tutor or in the office. Contact Brenda Whitenack at 847-698-0999.

The Treasure Chest— Our resale shop has a long history of providing charitable funding for ministry at St. Mary's in the world. Volunteers run the shop and maintain a lively fellowship among the workers. Contact Mary Redmann at 847-825-2670.

Parish Choir Does It ALL On Sundays! — As the New Year begins to unfold with a new budget – the Parish Choir has made some changes! We will no longer be having a mid-week rehearsal. Now is the time to join or re-join the Parish Choir, no more pesky Wednesday night rehearsals. It all happens on Sunday mornings now – one trip to church for the week – like one stop shopping, you can get it all and do it all in one trip. The schedule is as follows: Sunday Mornings from September through May Warm-up call 9:00 a.m.; 10 a.m. service; rehearsal 11:30 a.m. till 12:45 p.m. Every effort will be made to rehearse pieces to be sung several Sundays out; so if you have to miss a Sunday, you will not be out of the loop. Looking for singers in all voice categories, however we really need MEN, especially tenors – come one come all – make this your New Year's resolution! Sing, Sing, SING TO THE LORD A NEW SONG! Contact Kevin cKelvie for more information – smeckevin@sbcglobal.net

Treble Choir— An incomparable music education for children starting in 2nd grade. Our choirmaster trains the trebles to read music, match pitch, sing in an ensemble, and make music expressive. Open to children in the church and the community. Rehearsals are Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. Contact Kevin at smeckevin@sbcglobal.net

Acolytes— Carrying the cross and candles as the procession enters the liturgy, the acolytes draw our attention to the Light of the Christ who we come to meet in worship. Our excellent acolyte team encourages older youth to train and nurture younger members in the discipline of leading worship. Contact Curt Manning at 847-692-9201 or Dianne Yonkers.

Altar Guild— Who prepares our sanctuary for worship with such caring attention? The women of the Altar Guild do. This team of women (along with some husbands too) takes great care in preparing and decorating the church for worship. Contact Barb Bowers at 847-823-0709.

Prayer Shawl— Knit and crochet prayer shawls are created for those in need of comfort and solace. Both learners and experienced crafters are welcome at once-a-month meetings. Contact Jessica Holler, 847-222-8038.

Sunday Altar Flower Delivery - Nearly every Sunday the altar area of the Church is adorned with two beautiful flower arrangements. As part of their ministry, members of this ministry undertake to deliver the flower arrangements each Sunday to parishioners suggested by the clergy. These parishioners are selected for a variety of reasons. Many of the deliveries recipients of the altar flowers are made to parishioners who are homebound, ill, recovering, or just released from the hospital. Other times, the altar flowers are delivered to parishioners celebrating a birth or some other joyous event. If you would like more information about the ministry, telephone Jim Harbert at 847-692-9245.

Office Help— This ministry comes to the aid of office staff who have a heavy work load. No special skills necessary, but those with office or computer experience are welcome. Linda Olson 847-768-9519, will lead this effort, or contact the parish office.

Layreaders, Lay Eucharistic Ministers, and Chalice Bearers — Contact the Rev. David Grauer.

Youth and Children's Formation & Catechists— Journey with our children ages three to eighteen as they explore and learn about our faith. Adult catechists work in teams; usually responsible for a class twice a month on Sunday mornings. The Catechists are trained and given support. No experience is needed; many adults come and learn with the children. Other opportunities occur throughout the year for special events such as the Christmas Pageant, Vacation Bible School, Advent Family Crafts, and Holy Week Liturgies. Help at all levels is welcome! For additional information, please contact Martha Durham at 312-909-8771 or by email at Martha@stmaryspr.org.

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WORSHIP

Wednesday - 9:00 a.m. Eucharist in Chapel

Sunday - 8 a.m. Eucharist in Church, Rite I, 10 a.m. Eucharist in Church, Rite II, Coffee Hour following
Children - Children's Formation begins at 9:15 a.m. in the Grauer Lounge with a family sing, followed by Sunday School starting at 9:30 a.m. Nursery available, 9:30 a.m. to noon

CHURCH LEADERSHIP

Senior Warden – Curt Manning
Junior Warden – Barbara Needleman
Clerk of the Vestry – Barbara Bowers

Vestry Members At Large-

Rob Clarke
Gary Devaney
Robbie Dorsey
Carol Johnson

Youth Representative – Nick Espevik

Commissions

Christian Formation - Kathleen Hagenlocker
Adult Formation – Bill Haefling
Fellowship – Terri Mazza
Pastoral Care – Dawn Steffen
Properties – Jay Needleman
Outreach – Jackie Combs Nelson & Eric Maurer
Stewardship – By Committee

Parish Treasurer – Kathy McIntyre
Assistant Treasurer – Jim Morris
Assistant Treasurer – Roy Waterman
Assistant Treasurer – Dick Chandler
Assistant Treasurer – Stewart Marshall
Altar Guild Directress – Barbara Bowers

Greeters – Stephanie Kitt

Ushers – Dick Chandler

Acolytes – Curt Manning and Dianne Yonkers

Lay Readers – Dave

Newsletter Editor – Christina Rompon

Worship Commission – Dianne Yonkers

Treasure Chest – Mary Redmann and Ellen Zurek