

February 2011 Edition

**WELCOME TO ST. MARY'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH**

Welcome ~ Celebrate ~ Serve

THE MESSENGER

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Yin Yang Heart

*Balance in our hearts and love in our lives is truly what makes the world go 'round.
This traditional Yin Yang symbol in the form of a heart reminds us that love is one
of the truest and dearest of virtues.*

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Message from the Rector



The Rev. Sarah D. Odderstol

I love dark chocolate. I love my husband. I love walking on the beach. I love my children. I love the new brand of kitty litter we are using. I love St. Mary's. I love Tea Lula tea and Baked by Betsy cookies. I love to learn.

Clearly, I don't love my husband the same way I love the new brand of kitty litter we are using. For that matter, I don't love to learn the same way I love my children. This is a good thing.

In English, love is one of those words that encompass a wide bandwidth of meaning. The Classical Greek Language had five words for what the Ancient Greeks perceived as five different kinds of love. After Rome captured Greece in the Battle of Corinth in 146 BCE, the language truly began to die and words that had once been commonly used were no longer a part of the vernacular. This was true for the word used for "love of the soul" – agape.

After Jesus' death, people found their lives had been changed by Jesus and decided that their stories should be written down. They felt that the love of God that Jesus modeled and talked about was so special that they wanted to use a different word for it. They took the word agape and gave it a new meaning particular to Christianity. They redefined agape as the love that God has for creation and the love that Christians should have for one another.

During the month of February, St. Mary's is offering multiple opportunities to discuss, celebrate and express love! On Wednesday, February 16th we are offering a *Crucial Conversation* called "With This Ring". What does granting same sex couples the right to marry say about love? The Very Rev. Joy Rogers, Dean of St. James Cathedral, will lead us in conversation.

This month's *Saturday in the Nave* will feature a festive Eucharist and an opportunity for all of us to "witness and bless" those in our community who choose to reaffirm their wedding vows that evening. This *Saturday in the Nave* love fest will take place February 19th at 5pm. A "Wedding Reception" will follow the service. Bring friends!!

All month long you have the opportunity to show your love for outreach. Tickets for the March 5th Mardi Gras can be purchased at coffee hour on Sundays or in the church office during normal business hours. We are still looking for prize donations for our "Unlock Hope" game and donations can still be made to be a "Bar Angel" or "Band Aid". Bring lots of friends!!

Love ya! Sarah

Message from the Assistant Rector



The Rev. Dan Justin

Confirmation, Reception or Reaffirmation

These three words, confirmation, reception and reaffirmation, are going to be heard a lot around here at St. Mary's this year. In November of 2011 St. Mary's is scheduled to have our next Episcopal visitation. This is the Sunday the Bishop of the Diocese, Jeffrey Lee, visits St. Mary's. The bishop is the chief pastor of every Episcopal Church in the diocese. The priests of the diocese represent the ministry of the bishop in each of the parishes. All that Sarah, David, Martha and I do are extensions of the ministry of our bishop. So when we welcome Bishop Lee in November, we are not welcoming a guest for a visit. We are welcoming our pastor. Every parish in the diocese is his parish.

In the history of the church the bishop was able to be more involved in the life of the parish. But as the church grew this became not only impractical, but also impossible. One of the functions of the bishop was to baptize. In the earlier days of the church only the bishop baptized. As the church grew larger and larger it became impossible for the bishop to be the only one baptizing and so that ministry was passed on to local parish priests. The priests began to baptize on behalf of the bishop. Later, when possible and practical, the newly baptized person would present themselves before the bishop who would confirm the baptism. Thus the practice of confirmation began.

Over time the practice of confirmation has grown in different ways in the different expressions of Christianity. In Anglican/Episcopal Churches, a bishop still does confirmations. When we talk about confirmation in our day we talk about renewing the promises made in baptism.

Many people are baptized when they are infants. Their parents and Godparents make promises on behalf of the child. These promises can be found on page 302 of Book of Common Prayer. They include renouncing the evil forces of the world and all that draw us away from the love of God. They include turning to Jesus and committing to trust in his love and grace. They are continued in the words of the baptismal covenant – which are ways we commit ourselves to live in the world in response to the promises made in baptism.

Confirmation is an opportunity for the individual to renew those promises. In sense, they have the opportunity to make the promises for themselves.

Confirmation is more than that as well. Confirmation is also the way in which people formally become Episcopalians. Many have come to this church from different traditions – Roman Catholic, Lutheran, Methodist, Presbyterian, Pentecostal, or any number of other places. Confirmation is the formal process in which one becomes a member of the Episcopal Church.

If a person was already confirmed in a tradition which has bishops – such as Lutheran and Roman Catholic – they are not confirmed again. They are “received” into the Episcopal Church. Reception by the bishop is therefore the formal method of becoming a member of the Episcopal Church for those confirmed by bishops in other traditions.

There is much to say about confirmation, reception and reaffirmation. Next month I will write about the meaning of reaffirmation and continue to talk about the meaning of confirmation. The point here is to begin a conversation. Some of you may wish to begin thinking about being confirmed or received when Bishop Lee is with us in November.

Sarah and I are always happy to have conversations about this process. Feel free to ask any questions you have. And keep an eye on this space next month as we explore this topic.

Blessings,

Dan+

Deacon's Corner

By The Rev. David Grauer

With all the information forwarded in our society today, I often wonder just who reads this portion of our monthly publication. It seems PCs, E-mail, cell phones and texts, i-pods, I-pads, mini-tablets, Nintendo's, TVs and many digital tools overwhelm our lives, give us instant info or fun or contact. Texting is typical modern tool all about reducing the word size, using a few letters as possible. Like " Y do U read this". If I knew how to reduce "do, read and this " I would. Anyhow, if you are still reading I'd be amazed but I hope you gone on. Yes this being written on a computer and forwarded to the church office on the internet.

There is no question that going to church is still one of the few times a week we sit, listen , pray, sing, turn off our cell phones, get away from "it all", and I hope relax. Oh no, we are in no hurry, in fact as some of us leave we find it difficult sometimes to adjust to the rush of our outside life. As we walk out the doors, check our "cells" we may think 'what am I suppose to get from the store before I get home'. Or I better get home immediately and get dinner on the table.... Or I better get my self in gear to face the obstacles of life in the "fast lane", like I better call or text somebody, get back into the swing of things

Yes worship takes us away from the treadmill of life, from concerns of the economy, from the demands of the rush-rush world. It makes us feel good, reaches out in love and quiets our complicated lives. It's like a refreshing bath that even rinses out our insides. It reminds us that our spiritual connection to God and our Christ is where "it" really is, is what keeps us connected, is what we reminds us of who we are, of why we are here in the first place.

Oh yes, I use a computer, cell phone, oh yes I text, have an i-pod but nothing absolutely nothing brings me satisfaction, quiets and fills my soul, like the Eucharist with all it's splendor. I pray that you too, will feel the presence of the Holy Spirit here in our place of worship and that it will fill your life with joy to face the world out side our doors. I know, it sounds like a sermon doesn't it, but it's what's often on my mind and I hope yours.

Peace

Message from the Junior Warden

By Barbara Needleman

“We bring good things to Life”(GE)

“To bring inspiration and innovation to every athlete in the World.” (Nike)

“To win the hearts, minds and wallets of our customers by providing extraordinary customer service”
(American Express)

“To become the world’s leading consumer company for automotive products and services” (Ford)

“To organize the world’s information and make it universally accessible and useful.” (Google)

We may recognize these statements, particularly GE’s, which is a combined mission and vision statement as well as a tagline. Generally most companies, no matter their size, have a mission and/or vision statement to describe their overall purpose. Likewise, churches have similar statements of purpose that describe what they do and where they are going, such as:

“Building disciples; Growing in faith; Serving in Christ’s name.”

(All Saint’s Lutheran Church Huntsville, Alabama)

“Worship and serve God; Love one another; Seek the lost; Make disciples.”

(Holy Cross Lutheran Church, Ft. Wayne, Indiana)

“To connect people to Jesus Christ and to each other .”

(Journey Christian Church Fairbanks, Alaska)

“Grow the Church, Form the Faithful, Change the World.”

(Bishop Jeffrey Lee’s vision charge)

Mission and vision statements should be brief, concise, memorable, and hopefully, inspiring. But, what exactly are mission and vision statements?

A **mission statement** basically describes what we do. It’s a statement of identity and purpose. It should define our ministry based on what we believe, where we minister and the people we serve.

A **vision statement** describes where we are going. It states what we would look like if we fulfilled our mission statement, and what will be different about us in three to five years if we live out our ministry.

Both the mission and vision should clearly state our unique gifts and our call to serve.

In addition to mission and vision statements, many organizations also have **values statements**. Values are guiding principles, i.e., what we stand for, what we care about, what makes us different. These core principles underlie our ministries and our actions. For example, here are a few of our values statements:

- We value our people, who together form a caring community that enjoys fellowship, friendship and challenge.
- We value our outreach activities, sharing our time, talent and treasure to serve others with compassion and to promote justice.
- We value worship services that are exceptional in both quality and spiritual content and that offer a variety of ways to enhance our Episcopal tradition.

The strategic planning committee is reviewing St. Mary’s mission, vision and values statements and revising them as needed to better define what we do, where we are going and our core principles. Our goal is to ensure that these statements are descriptive as well as inspiring. They should serve as standards that guide our actions and shape our ministries. You’ll be hearing more about our progress on these statements in next month’s Messenger.

If you have questions or comments, please don’t hesitate to contact me.

Barbara Needleman

Music at St. Mary's

By Kevin McKelvie



Come and Sing!

The Parish Choir sings for most 10 a.m. Sunday services and some additional services (Lessons & Carols, Christmas Eve, Maundy Thursday, Easter Vigil) throughout the year. Rehearsals are on Sunday's from 11:30 a.m. till 12:45 p.m. ***This choir is open to all persons from high school age on up.*** Now is the perfect time to give this vital music ministry a try. Be a part of something uplifting and beautiful as YOUR gift in worship.

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 (generally 6 or 7 weeks prior to an engagement). The choir is lead by Kate Manning and Jackie Totsch and is open to all!

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

Upcoming Music in Worship

2.6 Epiphany 5

Hymns – The church of God in every age...WLP; TBA

Offertory William Crotch Be peace on earth...

Communion John Dowland He that is down needs fear no fall...

2.13 Epiphany 6

Hymns – God of grace and God of glory... 594; Go forth for God... 347

Offertory Thomas Tallis If ye love me...

Communion Maurice Duruflé Ubi caritas

2.20 Epiphany 7

Hymns – Christ is made the sure foundation... 518; The Church's one foundation... 525

Offertory T. Tertius Noble Grieve not the Holy Spirit of God...

Communion Charles Wood The best of rooms...

2.27 Epiphany 8

Hymns – Praise to the Lord... 390; Seek ye first... 711; Joyful, joyful we adore thee... 376

Offertory Felix Mendelssohn I waited for the Lord...

Communion TBA

3.6 Last Epiphany – Mardi Gras Sunday

Hymns - TBA

Offertory Ralph Manuel Alleluia

Communion arr. Christiansen Beautiful Savior

Adult Formation

Winter 2011 Formation Opportunities

St. Mary's continues to be the place to go on Wednesday evenings at 7 p.m. Take a peek at the formation opportunities available this winter...

February 2 The Diocese of Renk Documentary and Discussion –

(Please contact parish office or view the parish website at www.stmaryspr.org on Wednesday due to possible cancellation due to possible bad weather conditions)

This year the 76th Convention of the Diocese of Chicago resolved to pray for the Sudan and especially our companion diocese of Renk. You may have noticed these prayers included each Sunday in our prayers of the people. Join the Rev. Kevin Goodman, Associate Dean of St. James Cathedral and an award winning filmmaker, to view the documentary produced by the Diocese of Chicago during a recent visit to the Diocese of Renk. Discussion will follow the viewing the documentary.

February 9 Sunday School - Hands On!

What are your kids really doing in Sunday School? Come and find out! Join the Rev. Martha Durham and Kathleen Hagenlocker as they present a quick overview of the pre-school Atrium program Catechesis of the Good Shepherd and the grade school curriculum Seasons of the Spirit. Your inner child will enjoy this. All are welcome; having kids currently in the program is definitely not required.

February 16 Crucial Conversations

Crucial Conversations With This Ring The pursuit of justice for some may become a path of transformation for many. A marriage license issued by the State says something about how a society values people and their relationships. Are we simply expanding our notions of relationships that have value to us, in the movement to grant rights associated with marriage to same sex couples? Or are we called now to a deeper examination of the meaning of marriage and to ponder the cultural, legal, theological, historical forces at work? This conversation will be lead by The Very Rev. Joy Rogers, Dean of St. James Cathedral.

February 23 Admissions and Financial Aid Workshop

Have a student getting ready to go to college? Don't miss this evening of practical advice and a chance to ask questions. Join the Rev. Dan Justin and Jessica Holler as we take the mystery out of getting accepted to and paying for college. Juniors and Seniors in High School are strongly recommended to attend with their parents.

Adult Formation

“Crucial Conversations”

Information. Meditation. Action.

With This Ring

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Joy was ordained to the priesthood in the Diocese of Chicago in 1985. From 1985 to 1995, she served as Associate Rector of St Luke’s Episcopal Church in Evanston. Bishop Persell appointed her provost of St. James Cathedral in 2007 and Bishop Lee confirmed her tenure at the Cathedral with the appointment as Dean in 2009. Joy earned a Masters of Divinity in Parish Ministry and a Doctor of Ministry in Preaching from Seabury-Western Theological Seminary, where she now serves as a trustee. She has taught preaching at seminaries, diocesan deacon schools, and annual preaching conferences for Episcopal seminarians. She lectures on the theology of worship and the meaning of liturgy, and has developed special liturgies for gatherings of the diocese.

CONTINUE THIS CONVERSATION ON SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 19TH AT THE SERVICE IN THE NAVE. COME BE APART OF A COMMUNITY TO WITNESS ANYONE WISHING TO RENEW THEIR WEDDING VOWS. WHITE CAKE AND DRINKS TO FOLLOW.

Wednesday, February 16th, 7pm to 8:30pm

St. Mary’s Episcopal Church

306 S. Prospect Ave. Park Ridge, IL

For more information contact Christina Rompon,
St. Mary’ 847-823-4126 or parishadmin@stmaryspr.org

Prayer Shawl Group News



For the second year in a row, the Prayer Shawl Ministry Group has participated with others to share warmth. In 2009, we made items for the guests at the Sunday Night Supper in Park Ridge, and this year we contributed to the “Soulscarves” project run by Grace Episcopal Parish in the Loop. We contributed almost two dozen of the 145 hats, scarves, and mittens collected at Grace for “men (and a few women and children) who are precariously housed, precariously employed and precariously nourished here in downtown Chicago.” Other contributions came from nine other parishes in our diocese as well as groups from Maryland, South Dakota, and Virginia.

A winter project gives us the opportunity to learn and practice new knitting/crocheting skills, and allows us to spread the warmth from St. Mary’s well beyond the parish itself!

If you are interested in learning (or re-learning) how to knit, please feel free to drop by our monthly gathering. We come together on the second Tuesday of each month from 7:00-8:30 in the evening. We’re a very easy-going group and would love your company! If you have specific questions, please feel free to contact me either at home (847-222-8038) or via email (jshisler@depaul.edu).

Be sure to watch the weekly service leaflet for additional learning opportunities...

Jessica Holler

Women's Retreat 2011!

Patterns of Prayer

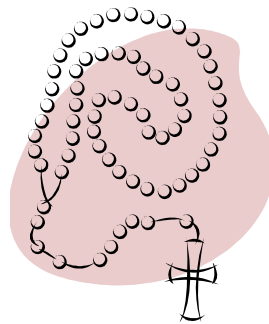
St. Mary's Women's Retreat 2011,
February 25th-26th

This year, our retreat theme will be "**Patterns of Prayer**," presented by the Reverend Martha Durham and Ann Curet. We will work with three patterns of prayer, which all center on developing a deeper personal practice.



Lectio Divina, or "Holy Reading," is a traditional Christian practice of scriptural reading and meditation with a place left open to hear God's voice in the scripture.

Anglican Prayer Beads will be both the work of creating our own beads, led by Carter Olson, and finding personally meaningful prayers. We provide the beads, materials, and instruction. If you have a small cross you would like to use, please bring it, but we will have one available for all.

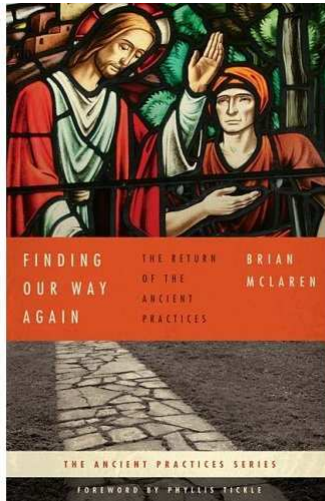


"Praying in Color" (based on the book by Sybil Macbeth) is an intentional way of praying without words. We'll provide the journals and basic colored pencils. If you have colored markers or pens or pencils you are fond of using, bring them.

*Cenacle House,
Chicago
513 W. Fullerton
Parkway, Chicago,
IL*

*Cost includes room,
dinner on Friday,
and breakfast and
lunch on Saturday.
We gather on Friday
at 5 p.m. Please plan
to arrive no later
than 7 p.m. The
retreat ends on
Saturday at 3 p.m.
We are looking
forward to seeing you
during this weekend
of fun, fellowship,
and spiritual renewal.*

Women's Spirituality



Women's Spirituality will meet on Monday, February 7th from 7:00 - 8:30pm in the Grauer Lounge.

We will discuss "Finding Our Way Again" by Brian McLaren. Many are beginning to explore ancient Christian spiritual practices, such as fixed-hour prayer, fasting and sincere observance of the Sabbath. Brian McLaren guides us in our quest for an explanation of these practices as we discover the beauty of these disciplines and the transformation through Christ that each can provide. All women are welcome. Join us whether or not you have read the book and enjoy an evening of conversation and fellowship. For more information please contact the Rev. Martha Durham at martha@stmaryspr.org.

Following is the list of books and upcoming dates for 2011.

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

Sages Ministry

**St. Mary's announces a new weekly ministry
continuing on Thursday Mornings at 9:30 a.m. –
St. Mary's Sages!**



This new gathering will be a service of Morning Prayer (Rite II) in the chapel on Thursdays at 9:30 am. Coffee and a group discussion about one of the scripture readings will follow in the Grauer Lounge. Are you retired? A stay at home parent? Only work in the Evening? Don't like to drive after dark? Then this is the place to be to connect to a community and to the Holy. All are welcome! Once the discussion is done we invite you to stay as long as you like. Play cards, catch up on the news, be with friends and make new friends. If you have questions, please contact the Rev. Dan Justin at (847) 823-4126.

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.

Save the Date!

St. Mary's Mardi Gras Party and Fundraiser 2011



Saturday, March 5, 2011
St. Mary's Bourbon Street Ballroom

Schedule:

Cocktail hour: 6-7 p.m.
Live Auction: 7 p.m.
Dinner: 7-8 p.m.
Unlock Hope Game: 7-10 p.m.
Entertainment: 6-10 p.m.

Tickets

(on sale NOW!):

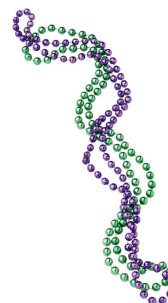
\$50 single
\$100 couple
\$40 senior single
\$80 senior couple
\$75 balcony single
\$150 balcony couple

Tickets are on sale now! (The balcony, with its open "Honor Bar" is going fast!) As always, proceeds benefit St. Mary's Outreach partners.

Don't miss playing our exciting game: **Unlock Hope**. If you purchase a winning key, you can win prizes such as Cubs tickets, a week at a timeshare, jewelry, an iPad, hand-crafted Adirondack chairs, a child's birthday party, home-cooked meals, and much more! Keys are \$10 each or six for \$50. On sale now!

How can you help us make this event a success?

1. Join us at the party and bring a friend! Bid on items at the auctions, play our "Unlock Hope" game, and enter our 50-50 raffle.
2. We are still looking for prizes for our "Unlock Hope" game. Please contact Laura Devaney at 847-612-3168 or lauradevaney308@gmail.com or Elizabeth Butler Jameson at 847-477-2850 or ebjameson2@gmail.com if you are interested in making a donation.
3. Help us defray the costs of Joe Lill's Six-of-One rockin' band by being a **Band-Aid!**
4. Don't forget—everyone loves a **Bar Angel!** Be the most popular person at the party by sponsoring our wine and beer for the evening.
5. Purchase your tickets for Second-Chance Prom and other exciting parties to keep the good times rolling after Mardi Gras ends!

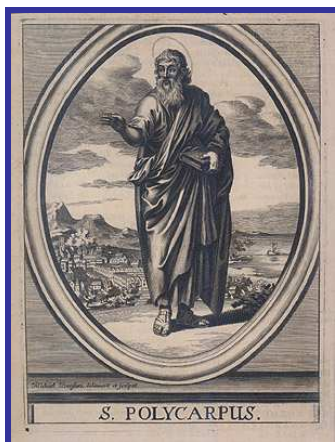


Prize Donation Ideas...

- A gift basket—wine, toys, spa products
- Gift certificates from local restaurants and businesses
- Sports tickets or anything sports-related
- Lessons in a hobby or profession
- Your time! Offer a night of babysitting or host a dinner, for example.

Be creative and don't forget to "merchandise" your item with a sign, gift box, or other display!

Honored Saint For February



POLYCARP OF SMYRNA

Polycarp (69 – 155 AD) (Ancient Greek: Πολύκαρπος) was a 2nd century Christian bishop of Smyrna^[1]. According to the Martyrdom of Polycarp, he died a martyr, bound and burned at the stake then stabbed when the fire failed to touch him.^[2] Polycarp is regarded as a saint in the Roman Catholic, Eastern Orthodox, Oriental Orthodox, Anglican, and Lutheran Churches.

It is recorded by Irenaeus, who heard him speak in his youth, and by Tertullian,^[3] that he had been a disciple of John the Apostle.^[4]

The early tradition that expanded upon the Martyrdom to link Polycarp in competition and contrast with John the Apostle who, though many people had tried to kill him, was not martyred but died of old age after being exiled to the island of Patmos, is embodied in the Sahidic Coptic fragmentary papyri (the "Harris fragments"), now in the British Library, dating to the 3rd to 6th centuries.^[5] Frederick Weidmann, their editor, interprets the "Harris fragments" as Smyrnan hagiography addressing Smyrna-Ephesus church rivalries, which "develops the association of Polycarp and John to a degree unwitnessed, so far as we know, either before or since."^[6] The fragments echo the Martyrology and diverge from it.

Polycarp has remained figured as a disciple of John the Apostle.^[7]

With Clement of Rome and Ignatius of Antioch, Polycarp is regarded as one of three chief Apostolic Fathers. The sole surviving work attributed to his authorship is his Letter to the Philippians; it is first recorded by Irenaeus of Lyons.

Calendar & Notes

Messenger Newsletter submission....

If you are interested in submitting material for the March 2011 Messenger newsletter, *submissions must be made on or before February 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.

Parish Directory Request

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 FEBRUARY 2011 CALENDAR OF SERVICES AND EVENTS

Wednesday, February 2, 2011

9:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist , Chapel

7:00 p.m. Adult Formation, Grauer Lounge

Thursday, February 3, 2011

9:30 a.m. Sages Morning Prayer and Coffee discussion, Chapel/Grauer

Sunday, February 6, 2011

Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

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

10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist in the Church

Monday, February 7, 2011

7:00 p.m. Woman's Spirituality, Grauer Lounge

7:00 p.m. Healing Circle, Youth Room

Tuesday, February 8, 2011

7:00 p.m. Prayer Shawl Group, Youth Room

7:00 p.m. Worship Commission, Grauer Lounge

Wednesday, February 9, 2011

9:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist , Chapel

6:30 p.m. Strategic Planning Committee, Conf. Room

7:00 p.m. Adult Formation, Grauer Lounge

Thursday, February 10, 2011

9:30 a.m. Sages Morning Prayer and Coffee discussion, Chapel/Grauer

Friday, February 11, 2011

4:00 p.m. Endowment Committee Meeting, Grauer Lounge

Saturday, February 12, 2011

9:30 a.m. Altar Guild Meeting, Grauer Lounge

Sunday, February 13, 2011

Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany

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

10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist in the Church

5:00 p.m. Sunday School Teacher's Training, Grauer Lounge

Tuesday, February 15, 2011

7:30 p.m. Vestry Meeting, Grauer Lounge

Wednesday, February 16, 2011

9:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist , Chapel

7:00 p.m. Crucial Conversations, Grauer Lounge

Thursday, February 17, 2011

9:30 a.m. Sages Morning Prayer and Coffee discussion, Chapel/Grauer

Saturday, February 19, 2011

10:00 a.m. Readers Meeting, Grauer Lounge

2:30 p.m. McDowell, Fragogiannis Wedding, Church

5:00 p.m. Saturday in the Nave

Sunday, February 20, 2011

Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany

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

10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist in the Church

Monday, February 21, 2011

President's Day, Parish Office Closed

Wednesday, February 23, 2011

9:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Chapel

6:30 p.m. Strategic Planning Committee, Conf Room

7:00 p.m. Adult Formation, Grauer Lounge

Thursday, February 24, 2011

9:30 a.m. Sages Morning Prayer and Coffee discussion, Chapel/Grauer

Friday and Saturday, February 25-26, 2011

Woman's Retreat, Cenacle Center

Sunday, February 27, 2011

Eighth Sunday after the Epiphany

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

10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist in the Church

11:30 a.m. CCA Benefit, Maggiano's Restaurant

6:00 p.m. Youth Led Worship, Beyer Auditorium

Birthdays and Anniversaries!

~ February 2011 ~						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Kate Maurer Matthew Whitenack	2 Wesley Durham Sarah Herman	3 Maeve Shampine	4 Kevin McKelvie Leslie Stapleton	5 Liam Madden Abbi Donovan
6 Ben Steffen Eliot Bontumasi Dante Wilson	7 Madeleine Wood-Smith Barbara Jean Broud Mary Moyer Barrett Jim Petran Kaitlyn Watkins	8	9	10 Ashley Hunsader Christina Landreth Michael Landreth	11 Edward Biegert	12 Megan Watkins Robert Porter
13 Rachel Muss	14 <u>Anniversaries:</u> James and Carol Harbert John and Gail Palda	15	16	17 Dick Chandler Jane Parker Kevin Chrisos <u>Anniversaries:</u> Brett and Amy Porter	18 Joan Grauer Kit Nicholson Jill Steffen Zachary Harrison	19 Stephanie Kitt Thomas Monroe
20 Deb Kelliher Katherine Crawford	21 Ellie Gunther Corrine Toczyl Catherine Wortman	22 Kathy Brengause Daniel Martin	23 Marilyn Provencher	24 Warren Whitely	25 Mary Olsen	26 Ralph Donovan
27	28					

Recipe of the Month



SWEETHEART JAMWICHES

Ingredients

- 1 (15 oz.) package refrigerated piecrusts
- 1 egg white, lightly beaten
- 2 tablespoons granulated sugar
- 1 (3 oz.) package cream cheese, softened
- 1/4 cup powdered sugar
- 3 tablespoons unsalted butter, softened
- 1/2 teaspoon almond extract
- 1/2 (10 oz.) jar seedless raspberry preserves or strawberry jam
- 1/2 cup white chocolate morsels
- Red sparkling sugar, optional

Preparation

Preheat oven to 400°. Unfold piecrusts on a lightly floured surface and roll to press out fold lines. Cut with a 2-inch, heartshaped cookie cutter. Reroll remaining dough and repeat procedure. (There should be a total of 46 pastry hearts.) Brush one side of each pastry heart with egg white and sprinkle evenly with granulated sugar. Place pastry hearts on two ungreased baking sheets.

Bake for 7 to 8 minutes or until lightly browned. Remove cookies to wire racks and let cool. Stir together cream cheese, powdered sugar, 2 Tbsp. butter and almond extract until blended.

Spread cream-cheese mixture evenly over unsugared side of half of the heart cookies, followed by about 1/2 tsp. preserves. Top with remaining hearts, unsugared sides down.

Microwave white chocolate morsels and 1 Tbsp. butter in a glass bowl on high for 1 minute or until melted. Stir mixture until smooth; seal in a small, heavy-duty zip-top bag. Snip a tiny hole in one corner, then drizzle mixture over tarts. Cool completely; sprinkle with red sugar and place in candy boxes, if desired.

Letters to St. Mary's



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January 11, 2011

Rev. Sarah Odderstol, Rector
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Dear Christian Friends,

How blessed we are to have you as partners and extended Christian family. How often our students and their families have been blessed by your generosity. Thank you for your check for \$2,000 that was received December 15, 2010. We are using your donation to install a sink in the art room.

Our art teacher is very talented. She has helped the students to use so many mediums successfully. They have written stories of their lives and used those stories to make portraits of themselves. They use photography and tessellations to make many of their note cards. They make mandalas to express their personalities, goals and dreams. They have finished mobiles, soap sculptures, red sculptures, and clay urns. In the spring they will make watercolors, charcoals, and abstracts. They developed personal logos in the multimedia class. Last summer they completed the mural on the north wall. Their next big school project is to do mosaic flower pots for the school.

The art teacher, Nancy Zook, asked almost weekly for a sink for the art room. After a few months of paint on the bathroom floors and sinks, we were ecstatic to receive your gift so that we could install the sink. Thank you so very much for broadening the creative skills of our students and helping them to express themselves and to create beauty.

Thank you for helping us and our students to grow. Continue to keep us in your prayers. You are constantly in ours.

Sincerely,

Myra Sampson, Ed.D.

Executive Director/Principal

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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 Gabrielle Saylor at gabrilly2001@yahoo.com

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 by email at Martha@stmaryspr.org.

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The Rev. Clint Moore III.....*Clinical Ethicist-Lutheran General Hospital/Children's Hospital*
The Rev. James L. Risk III.....*BCC Executive Director, Bishop Anderson House*
The Rev. Elizabeth Butler Jameson.....*Vice President, Seabury-Western Theological Seminary*

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 9:30 a.m. in the Grauer Lounge with a family sing, followed by Sunday School starting at 9:45 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 – C.J. Yager

Commissions

Christian Formation - Kathleen Hagenlocker
Adult Formation – Bill Haefling
Fellowship – Laura Cella
Pastoral Care – Carole Pick
Properties – Jay Needleman
Outreach – Jackie Combs Nelson & Eric Maurer
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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 – David Grauer

Newsletter Editor – Christina Rompon
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Treasure Chest – Mary Redmann and Ellen Zurek