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Message from the Rector

By The Rev. Sarah D. Odderstol

Two Years and Counting!

Time flies when you are having fun! July marks my second year here at St. Mary's; I find it hard to believe that I have served with you for two years already. I remain grateful and joy-filled! Undoubtedly I am biased, but I am convinced St. Mary's is one of the most vital and exciting parishes in the Episcopal Church.

"Change" gets a bad rap and by many is considered a bad thing. Children grow, wrinkles attack our faces, and Oberweis fails to stock our favorite flavor of ice cream. Yet failure to change is a sure sign that something has ceased to be dynamic or worse yet is dead.

So I am happy to tell you that my second year at St. Mary's has been a year of creative and collaborative change! I think all will agree that the addition of the Rev. Dan Justin to our staff at St. Mary's has been a delightful change. We are lucky (and blessed) to have such a fine priest in our midst. In the 2009-2010 program year we began Abundance Driven Stewardship under the guidance of Curt Manning and Leslie Stapleton. While this was just the beginning of a long term shift in the ways we think about generosity and respond to God's abundance, our first steps were successful!

In the last year we also undertook evaluations in several of our programmatic areas. Under Susan Czolgosz's leadership, the vestry updated our mission and vision statements. In response to that work, the Worship Commission surveyed our congregation to get an idea of people's overall satisfaction with worship at St. Mary's and to determine our strengths and growth areas. Thanks to your enthusiastic participation in the survey, we know that for the most part you are very satisfied with worship at St. Mary's and we have already begun responding to those areas you identified as growth areas. In the area of Christian Formation, Dan launched a new Junior High program last fall and we look forward to beginning a new curriculum with our primary school aged children and to the exciting changes Dan has planned for our Senior High youth this coming fall. Opportunities for Adult Christian Education are rich and varied.

Attendance is on the rise; your friendly welcome encourages those who worship with us for the first time to come again (and again)! I am encouraged to see that our Outreach giving and volunteer participation continues to increase. This is due in no small part to all those who have given their time, energy and dollars to our fundraising efforts.

Because St. Mary's does not want to lose its dynamic vitality, we can count on more changes to come. To be better prepared to face and embrace those changes, your Vestry formed two new committees last year: a Strategic Planning Committee and a Finance Committee. (You can read more about the Strategic Planning Committee in Barb Needleman's article in this Messenger and additional information about the Finance Committee will be detailed in the Messenger soon!)

The work of these two committees will be of particular importance as we approach the next budget cycle. This fall we must convert the money we borrowed for the Open Doors renovations into a mortgage and we will need to add a mortgage payment to our already tight budget. (For details on this see Curt Manning's article in this Messenger.) Because of changes in the worldwide economic landscape, which the faithful people who began Open Doors years ago never could have foreseen, St. Mary's is in very different place than we anticipated. Unless there is a considerable increase in stewardship income, (which isn't outside the realm of possibility!), we can anticipate having to make very difficult decisions that will affect the ministries and programs we now offer and support at St. Mary's. While we do not yet know how ministries at St. Mary's will be impacted, please know we are making every attempt to be prayerfully proactive to discern God's leading as we plan for our future at St. Mary's. Your Vestry and staff will continue to make every effort to be excellent stewards of your resources and your trust!

This fall you will have an opportunity to participate in the CAT survey (Church Assessment Tool). We want to make sure that the work of the Strategic Planning Committee and the decisions of your Vestry reflect what you LOVE about St. Mary's (as well as those things that you'd like to see change). I hope you will take the time to help us keep change a positive thing at St. Mary's!

Message from the Assistant Rector

A Place Where Everyone Knows Your Name

By the Rev. Dan Justin

As you know I have been on vacation for the past three weeks. I visited Los Angeles for a week and then zipped out east to visit Providence, Cape Cod and Boston. It was a wonderful trip by the way. While we were in Boston we used the on off trolleys to explore the city. One of the stops along the way takes you to the bar which inspired the television show Cheers. My father, having been a huge fan of the show, wanted to stop in there for lunch. While having lunch there we joked that we were surprised that no one knew our name – after all Cheers was the place where everyone knew your name!

This idea of being in a community where people know, love and accept you actually got me thinking about the church – and St. Mary's in particular. While on vacation I made it my mission to visit and tour as many Episcopal Churches as possible. I attended three different Episcopal Churches on the three Sunday's I was away. Of note was an Episcopal Church in Missouri and then St. Mary's on the Harbor in Provincetown, Massachusetts.

The church I visited in St. Louis was in a wealthy suburban neighborhood. It was a place with a big congregation and a beautiful building. I showed up in jeans and a t-shirt on Sunday and sat up near the front. The service was lovely but I was surprised by the coldness of the congregation. Not one person greeted me. No one said hello or asked where I was from. Even as I left the church both their deacon and their priest ignored me. They had a big sign which declared "The Episcopal Church Welcomes You" right in front of their building. Apparently the people there forgot to read it.

I had a completely different experience in Cape Cod where I attended St. Mary's on the Harbor. This was a little sea-side chapel filled with retirees and vacationers. They had a tiny organ and an organist who hit more wrong notes than right ones. That place was one of the friendliest churches I have ever attended. I assume they are so used to welcoming folks who are on vacation that they have just gotten good at greeting new people. I was introduced to all sorts of people and introduced to the clergy. The service rattled along once it began, it had none of the beauty of larger Episcopal Church, but it was such a wonderful place to worship. Simply because of the welcome I received. I was invited into community.

Each Sunday we welcome new people here to our St. Mary's. My experience as a visitor has made me wonder how our visitors experience our community. We must all make sure that we are that welcoming community we say we are. I have watched and I know that we do a very good job of this but we can always grow and improve. What can you do to welcome and greet new faces to our community? This is not a task for just the ushers and greeters but a task for the entire community. We are called to the ministry of hospitality and it makes all the difference in the world. I would never return to that large parish in Missouri – the one with all the beauty and resources in the world. I would go back to St. Mary's on the Harbor any day because of the warm welcome of that community. Let us commit ourselves to being that kind of a church – a church where everyone knows your name!

Cheers,

Dan+

Deacon's Corner

By The Rev. Michael Kitt

“For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me”. Matthew 25:35

Saturday, June 19 was a bittersweet day for me as I stood in the midst of a community that I have served for over 23 years. It was time for me to say goodbye to a ministry that grew out of a strong desire to live out the gospel of Matthew as it is written in the heading above. It was time to say goodbye to a people and a place that I have grown to care for and love deeply in so many different ways. As we prayed together, I thanked them for the privilege of serving and praying for every one of them month after month, year after year. Many stood and thanked me for the chili, for the clothes, for the prayers, for the healing services and for just being there for them. I looked, with a heavy heart, on the special ones that have been there with me from the very beginning. I will miss all of them dearly.

If I do the math, I have probably served over twelve thousand people and made over twenty thousand bowls of chili. I have buried a few and prayed for hundreds. I have watched children grow up; others grow older and watched many just vanish, never to be seen again. I have witnessed it change many who have served with me in positive ways, impacting their ability to see and use God's gifts, bringing them into a closer relationship with God.

This is a simple ministry. It takes about 20 minutes to shop for everything. (Please remember that I have done this for many years in the same store). It takes an hour to prepare the meal ahead of time. Recruiting people is not an issue because there is a core group to work with, a group that I have been so very grateful to have worked with. The day of serving is a three hour commitment usually from 10am to 1pm. All in all, it is a five hour deal each month. The ministry takes the months of July and August off. We have always served the third Saturday of every month.

If you have any questions about the specifics of this ministry, please speak with me. If you are interested in leading this ministry, please speak with Sarah.

I am moving into a new ministry; one that takes me outside of my responsibilities here at St. Mary's. Since January of 2007, I have served Canterbury Northwestern as their volunteer accountant. Canterbury Northwestern is the Episcopal Diocese of Chicago's campus ministry program at Northwestern University in Evanston. In December 2009, I began serving on the board as a trustee. Having accepted that role, I was then appointed the board's Treasurer. I will be leading the development and governance work of the board and I have taken on the role of leading the building renovation project at 2010 Orrington in Evanston, Canterbury's residence on campus. This construction project should be completed by late November 2010.

I will also serve as a member of the staff. As an associate, I will preach, provide pastoral support, help create liturgy and formation programs and provide administrative support to the ministry. During the summer, in addition to doing development work with the board and moving us out of our existing space as we "Rebuild 2010", I will also attend several chaplaincy training and development conferences.

I am excited about this new path in my diaconal ministry. It is an opportunity for me to work with students during the most formative times in their life.

With peace and gratitude,

Deacon Michael

Message from the Senior Warden

By Curt Manning

Revisiting our Open Doors Construction and Capital Campaign

In April of 2009, a thorough report was provided to all St. Mary's parishioners detailing our major renovation project, which took place between 2007 and 2008. I would like to provide a brief recap of that prior report as well as discuss our upcoming financial obligations stemming from this major renovation.

Our planning for this project actually began in 2003 when a large committee was put together (called Master Planners). In concert with an architect, a detailed plan was developed and received Vestry approval in 2005. Most of 2006 was spent on our Open Doors Capital Campaign (fundraising), which successfully raised \$1.2 million from our congregation to be contributed over a five-year period. It was projected that the construction project would cost between \$1.7 million and \$2 million.

As is the case with many major construction projects, there were a number of unforeseen expenses that were incurred after work began in 2007. Some of these included:

- 1) Significant water line modifications due to location of our lift.
- 2) Asbestos removal.
- 3) Major electrical re-wiring to bring a large part of our facilities up to code.
- 4) New exhaust systems and a make-up air system.
- 5) Roof repairs, gutter re-routing and more plumbing/piping issues throughout the buildings.

In addition, several other added enhancements that were not initially planned for were approved for completion. These included air conditioning for the rectory and chapel, a new sanctuary sound system, exterior door restoration, new exterior/interior locks and painting of the Beyer Auditorium.

Our major planned construction / building enhancements included:

- 1) Complete gutting and expansion of the Grauer Lounge.
- 2) Sanctuary air conditioning.
- 3) Major accessibility enhancements including an exterior ramp on Prospect Avenue, curb cuts, sidewalk inserts and a new electronic lift.
- 4) Renovation of downstairs Church offices and upstairs administrative offices to include a new conference room.
- 5) New atrium classrooms, Nursery and Treasure Chest.
- 6) New warming kitchen in auditorium along with new bathrooms on the same level.
- 7) Fifteen additional enhancements to choir room, multi-purpose rooms, chapel, sacristy, the balcony level and youth rooms along with a number of safety upgrades.

The project's final cost was \$2.1 million plus the interest paid (1/2 percent below prime) for our \$1.7 million construction loan taken out in 2007.

So, let's fast forward to July, 2010. As of last month, we had collected just short of \$1.1 million dollars with perhaps another \$60,000 to be collected over the next year and a half. Just a bit short of our goals but nonetheless very impressive results. We have an outstanding interest-only loan at \$1,170,000. By November 1, 2010 we will have to pay \$170,000 to bring the loan down to \$1 million. Currently we have sufficient funds in our capital campaign accounts to make this payment.

On November 1, 2010 our loan converts from interest-only to principal and interest payments. Our new converted loan payments will be based on a 20-year amortization schedule with a fixed interest equal to the 5-year Treasury Bond plus 2.1% (currently that would equal a 4.1% rate). There will be five years of fixed payments at which time the outstanding principal will be due (we will have to refinance or pay off the principal). Total annual loan payments should be approximately \$74,000.

Obviously, as has been mentioned over the past several years, we are about to face a significant financial challenge beginning in 2011 with these annual loan payments. Your leadership has begun discussions on this issue and are developing a number of possible alternatives to reduce these loan payments that will soon be presented to the Vestry. I will certainly keep all of you thoroughly informed over the next few months as we layout and weigh all of our options.

Curt Manning
Sr. Warden

Message from the Junior Warden

By Barbara Needleman

Since I last wrote to you in the June Messenger, a few people have asked about how we formed the Strategic Planning Committee. Sometimes at St. Mary's, we put out a general call for people to volunteer to serve on committees, particularly when we are looking for a large number of people to assist with many tasks over a fairly short period of time. This is the process we followed in forming the Mardi Gras and Rummage Sale Committees.

For a committee, such as the Strategic Planning Committee, however, we looked for a finite number of people that can participate on a committee for nine to twelve months. As we thought about the committee, we found some helpful guidelines in Gil Rendle's and Alice Mann's book Holy Conversations, Strategic Planning as a Spiritual Practice for Congregations. Rendle and Mann suggest that the ideal size for a committee is 5 to 7 people including the rector with the maximum size being 9 people. This size ensures that the committee can function without becoming too cumbersome. The authors thought that keeping the following characteristics in mind would be helpful in building a planning committee.

- People who are open to what God is calling our church to be in the future
- People willing to learn new things and think new thoughts
- People comfortable discussing ideas (purpose, role, mission, vision)
- People willing to put time, energy, work and prayer into this effort
- People who understand the value of open deliberations and the need for a redundant system for keeping membership informed (Rendle and Mann 230)

Additionally, our goal was to invite people with experience in various ministries at St. Mary's, such as Christian Formation, Vestry and Liturgy, and we wanted to invite long-time as well as new members to join the committee. We think we have a good representation of families with children, couples and singles. Even with these efforts to strive for broad representation on the committee, we need to hear from all of you as we develop the strategic plan.

The Church Assessment Tool (CAT) survey that I mentioned previously will be a great opportunity to hear what you currently think about many aspects of St. Mary's from worship to fellowship and what you think we should be doing going forward. The survey has about 85 questions, and we can add 10 questions of our own. The Vestry and the Strategic Planning Committee are currently thinking about these additional questions. Any input you have on questions that you think we should ask would be most welcome. Please feel free to contact me, a member of the Vestry or one of the Strategic Planning Committee members including Sue Beyer, Matt Coyne, Martha Durham, Kathy McIntyre, Sally Manning, Jay Needleman, Sarah Odderstol, Ron Piarowski, Mike Rozmus and Diane Yost.

Rendle, Gil and Alice Mann. Holy Conversations Strategic Planning as a Spiritual Practice for Congregations. Alban Institute, 2003.

Music at St. Mary's

By Kevin McKelvie

Music at St. Mary's Summer 2010 Music Ministry

Summer is upon us and I am still looking for some folks for musical leadership. Below is a listing of summer Sundays. Please let me know as soon as you are able as to what date(s) you might be interested in to either sing/cantor – solo, duet, trio or group; and/or play an instrument for a Prelude/Eucharist/Postlude – any combination thereof, etc. etc.

If you personally are not available, please feel free to recommend others who come to mind who may be interested in fulfilling this important summer ministry. Any questions, comments, suggestions and to reserve your date(s); please let me know by sending an e-mail to: SMECKKevin@sbcglobal.net or by calling the Parish Office at 847.823.4126 X 14.

Summer Music Schedule – 2010

4 July

11 July – Jonathan Oblander – guest organist

18 July

25 July - Gospel Choir

1 August

8 August – Heidi Mayer - *Can still use a cantor*

15 August- Heidi Mayer/Jean Borrelli - *Can still use a cantor*

22 August

29 August – Jim Beyer & Barbara Scavone

5 September

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 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 SMECKKevin@sbcglobal.net or by calling the parish office at 847.823.4126 X 14.

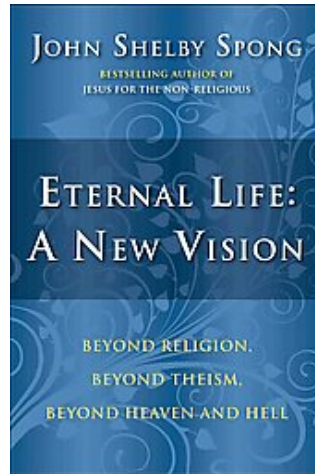
Outreach



Outreach Meeting Tuesday, July 6, 7:30 p.m., Upstairs Youth Room. We invite you to meet Johanna Castro, coordinator of the Orpen After School Study Center at Nuestra Senora. The Orpen Center provides tutoring, homework assistance, and after school activities to K-8 students in the Logan Square neighborhood of Chicago. St. Mary's provided grant money to Orpen in 2007 and 2008. Johanna will explain the Center's mission, successes, and need for further assistance.

Please join us in getting to know more about this Outreach opportunity. Call Jackie Combs Nelson (847-286-0773) or Erik Maurer (847-858-4372) with questions.

Crucial Conversations - Book Discussion



*Please join us for a **Crucial Conversations** book discussion led by Susan Czolgosz on Monday, July 19th at 7:00pm on the book “Eternal Life – A New Vision” by John Shelby Spong.*

Save The Date !

This year, St. Mary's will not be hosting Vacation Bible School, it will be hosted by the First United Methodist Church in Park Ridge but we are all welcome to attend there.

MARKETPLACE 29 A.D.

First UMC Park Ridge Vacation Bible School



SAVE THESE DATES:

July 6 - 9, 2010

6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

A BIBLETIMES EXPERIENCE FOR ALL AGES AND STAGES

This unique experience offers hands-on learning experiences, in addition to faith-sharing and storytelling, drama, music, and outdoor games. Everyone is in costume, and the action takes place in village setting.

Children from age 3 - 5th grade will be divided into "Tribes," with whom they will travel and experience the traditions of people in 29 A.D. After an opening gathering with music and dance, tribes will gather for the start of the day. Then, at 7:00 PM, tribes will enter the marketplace for a range of activities including candlemaking, carpentry, beading necklaces, and much more! The garden of First UMC will come alive as an ancient marketplace with beggars, minstrels, and even a little outdoor preaching by Jesus himself! You won't want to miss this! Children, Youth, and Adults will enjoy these experiences back in time!

Registration Forms are available at www.parkridgeumc.org.

Participation fee of \$10 per child is requested.



Many Volunteers are Needed! Please let Catherine Petersen know if you can participate for any or all of the time as a shopkeeper, Tribal leader, decorator, or helper!

[www](http://www.parkridgeumc.org)

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

Honored Saint For July



Saint Macrina the Younger

Saint Macrina the Younger (324 – 379) was born at Caesarea, Cappadocia. Her parents were Basil the Elder and Emmelia, and her grandmother was Saint Macrina the Elder. Among her nine siblings were two of the three Cappadocian Fathers, her younger brothers Basil the Great and Saint Gregory of Nyssa, as well as Peter of Sebaste. Her father arranged for her to marry but her fiance died before the wedding. She devoted herself to her religion, becoming a nun.

She became well known as a holy woman and instructed many young women religiously. For this she is honored as one of the most prominent nuns of the Eastern Church. She had a profound influence upon her brothers with her adherence to an ascetic ideal. Her brother Gregory of Nyssa wrote a work entitled *Life of Macrina* in which he describes her sanctity throughout her life. In 379, Macrina died at her family's estate in Pontus, which with the help of her younger brother Peter she had turned into a monastery and convent. Gregory of Nyssa composed a "Dialogue on the Soul and Resurrection" (*peri psyches kai anastaseos*), entitled *ta Makrinia* (P.G. XLVI, 12 sq.), to commemorate Macrina. Her feast day is the 19 July.

Calendar & Notes

Messenger Newsletter submission....

If you are interested in submitting material for the August 2010 Messenger newsletter, *submissions must be made on or before July 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 July 2010 Calendar of Services

Sunday, July 4, 2010/Independence Day Sixth 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, July 7, 2010

9:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist in the Chapel

Sunday, July 11, 2010

Seventh 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, July 14, 2010

9:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist in the Chapel

Sunday, July 18, 2010

Eighth 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, July 21, 2010

9:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist in the Chapel

Sunday, July 25, 2010

Ninth 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)

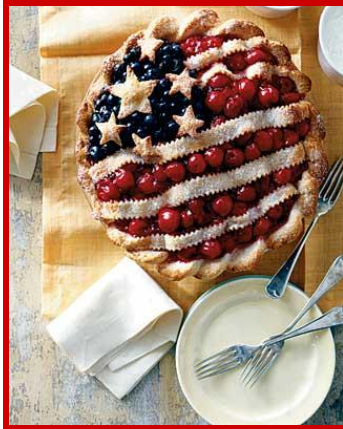
Wednesday, July 28, 2010

9:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist in the Chapel

Birthdays and Anniversaries!

~ July 2010 ~						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Jan Biegert Rachel Enblom Dale Schiller	2	3 Karen Chrisos Donald Poynton
4	5	6 Sally Fortney	7	8	9 Sue Conway Karen May	10 <u>Anniversaries:</u> Mark and Georgia Ferguson Jim and Marilyn Frederiksen
11 Marc Piarowski	12 Lucas Barker	13 Christopher Lahey	14 Abigail Herman <u>Anniversary:</u> John and Karen Farley	15	16	17 Stephen Bosy Matthew Marciciak Nicholas Mariani Roy Waterman
18 Haley Crawford	19 Ella Sciortino Evan Simpson Kristin Wilson	20 <u>Anniversary:</u> Mark Barrett and Mary Moyer Barrett	21 Jennifer Finney Adam Monroe <u>Anniversary:</u> Christopher and Kristin Lahey	22	23	24 Samantha Conway Fiona Shampine
25	26 <u>Anniversary:</u> Stewart and Jeanne Marshall	27 Christina Heyde	28 Jay Needleman Pamela Piarowski	29 Susan Beyer Isabelle Bosy Eugene Thomas <u>Anniversary:</u> Ken and Cary Yager	30 <u>Anniversary:</u> Edward and Jo Ann Marciciak	31

Recipe of the Month



Stars and Stripes Pie

INGREDIENTS

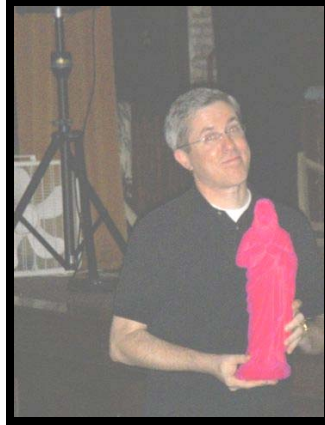
- 1 box (15 oz) refrigerated ready-to-use pie crusts
- 3 cans (21 oz each) cherry pie filling
- 1 can (21 oz) blueberry pie filling
- 1 large egg, slightly beaten in a cup
- 3 Tbsp sanding or coarse (crystal) sugar
- You also need: 1 1/2- to 2-in. star-shaped cookie cutter

PREPARATION

1. On lightly floured surface with lightly floured rolling pin, roll 1 pastry round into a 12-in. circle. Fit into a 9-in. pie plate, letting edges overhang. Drain 1 can cherry pie filling, combine in a bowl with remaining 2 cans cherry pie filling.
2. Bend a clean 6-in. square of cardboard in middle forming a wedge. Place in upper left corner of pie (like hands of a clock pointing to 9 and 12). Fill with blueberry pie filling. Spoon cherry pie filling into rest of pie. Lift out cardboard.
3. Roll other pastry round into a 10-in. circle. With a pastry wheel or sharp knife, cut round in five 1/2-in.-wide strips. With cookie cutter, cut 5 or 6 stars from rest of pastry. Brush strips and stars with beaten egg; sprinkle with sanding sugar.
4. Heat oven to 425°F. Starting in middle of pie, carefully place 3 long strips, evenly spaced, across filling toward bottom edge. Cut remaining 2 strips into 4-in.-long pieces. Lay over cherry filling on upper right corner. Press ends of strips into edge of crust. Roll overhang of bottom crust up over ends of strips to form an even rim. Flute or crimp rim. Brush rim with beaten egg; sprinkle with sugar. Place stars on upper left corner of pie.
5. Bake 30 minutes. Reduce heat to 350°F; bake 25 to 30 minutes longer until pastry is golden brown and filling bubbles. Place on wire rack and cool completely.

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

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