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**WELCOME TO ST. MARY'S  
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**St. Mary's Mission Statement**

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# Message from the Rector



*The Rev. Sarah D. Odderstol*

## What's in Your Stack?

I actually have several stacks – stacks of books to read that is! I love hearing about what people are reading. I learn about what interests, excites and befuddles people when they tell me what they are reading. Here is what is in my stack for summer:

- 1) A collection of articles on leadership and management – In June I am taking a class with the Seabury Nonprofit Management Institute and the Kellogg School of Management. There are plenty of courses on business leadership and management out there; this one is unique because it is specifically for church leaders (both lay and ordained)!
- 2) *In the Bleak Midwinter* by Julia Spencer Flemming – I am not normally a mystery reader but a friend recommended this book (and the rest in the series). The female protagonist/sleuth is a newly ordained Episcopal priest!
- 3) *Love Wins: A Book about Heaven, Hell, and the Fate of Every Person Who Ever Lived* by Rob Bell – *Love Wins* is the first of two books we are reading for the new **Read and W(h)ine About It!** summer book club at St. Mary's. The Christian Century review of Bell's book states, "Bell fights every impulse in our culture to domesticate Jesus [and] challenges the reader to be open to surprise, mystery and all of the unanswerables. . . . Bell has given theologically suspicious Christians new courage to bet their life on Jesus Christ." Millions of Christians have struggled with how to reconcile God's love and God's Judgment: Has God created billions of people over thousands of years only to select a few to go to heaven and everyone else to suffer forever in hell? Is this acceptable to God? How is this "good news"? Join me on June 24 at 7pm to ponder these questions and others. More information on **Read and W(h)ine About It!** on page 9 of your Messenger!
- 4) St. Mary's Mission and Strategic Plan – I refer to the new mission statement (see the inside cover of your Sunday bulletin and the bottom of the cover of your Messenger) and our strategic plan (see the Message from the Junior Warden) almost daily. The mission and strategic plan were culled out of your responses to the CAT survey and the cottage meetings that followed. By keeping your hopes, dreams and desires for St. Mary's fresh in my mind, they shape my thinking, dreaming and planning for St. Mary's! How does St. Mary's shape your thinking, dreaming and planning?
- 5) *Faith* by Jennifer Haigh – In the spring of 2002 a perfect storm hits Boston. Across the city's archdiocese, trusted priests have been accused of the worst possible betrayal of the souls in their care. In *Faith*, Jennifer Haigh explores the fallout for one devout family, the McGanns. In the story we see that the truth can shatter our deepest beliefs – and restore them. *Faith* is the second book for **Read and W(h)ine About It!** Join me for discussion on August 12<sup>th</sup> at 7pm.
- 6) *The Illumination* by Kevin Brockmeier – In the opening pages of *The Illumination*, a woman cuts her finger and the wound emits a silvery light. At the hospital, she learns that this is happening all over the world – every site of injury, pain or sickness shines. Brockmeier studies the balance between love and pain very carefully in *The Illumination*. This quiet novel suggests that any person, in no matter how much pain, possesses a remarkable capacity to bear it given even the smallest token of hope.

May you be blessed with a good read this summer!

# *Message from the Assistant Rector*



*The Rev. Dan Justin*

## **June = Vacation!**

I won't be around St. Mary's all that much during the month of June. I am going to be on vacation. This year I am heading off to California to enjoy my favorite city – Los Angeles. I will be in LA from June 7<sup>th</sup> to June 28<sup>th</sup>.

Resting, relaxing, enjoying great restaurants, spending time with friends and a few good books are on my vacation agenda. I am not going to do a bunch of traveling and sight seeing this year. I have decided to rest and relax in a familiar place surrounded by people I have not had the opportunity to visit with for a year's time.

I am also looking forward to rejoining what my friends lovingly call "The Midnight Movie Mafia." This is a group which purchases tickets to the opening midnight showings of the big summer blockbuster movies. We gather at the Arclight Movie Theater in Hollywood for dinner and the show. This is the best time to catch some celebrity sightings. In the past I have seen Toby Maguire, Ryan Gosling, Zachary Quinto, and J.J. Abrams at this theater. We already have tickets for the opening of Green Lantern and I am sure more tickets are to come!

This vacation will also give me a great opportunity to catch up with folks at All Saints' in Beverly Hills. This church holds a special place in my heart as it is the parish that raised me up for ministry. They love to hear about the work I am doing here at St. Mary's.

One of the friends I am staying with happens to be a magician in training. He recently began classes at the world famous Magic Castle. You can only get into the Magic Castle by invitation and I have always wanted to get that invitation! I have my fingers crossed that he will find a way to get me in this June.

So that is my plan for June. Even though I am away please know that you are all always in my prayers. I will return to St. Mary's rested and ready to go on Wednesday, June 29<sup>th</sup>. I hope each of you have the opportunity to get away and have some fun this summer as well.

Blessings,

Dan+

# Deacon's Corner

By The Rev. David Grauer

Alleluia lent is behind us. We can go on with our lives as we did before, having that extra piece of candy or eating meat on Fridays again or whatever. We won't have all those Holy Week services to contend with or feel guilty about missing them. It feels so good to be back to our "normal" Sunday service and not see those dreary beige stoles on the clergy and the same color draped over the lectern. Of course we should be glad when Easter season is here or maybe Lent just takes a 'bad wrap'. Let's look more closely and maybe, just maybe, we can see it all "more clearly".

Maybe, just maybe Lent isn't all about giving things up as much as it is about adopting a new attitude, one focusing more on others. Maybe, just maybe, it's about adopting a new vision, one in tune with the Christ we all claim to worship. Maybe, just maybe, it's a chance to "put our money" where our spirit is. Being a deacon I always focus on one of the last lessons that Jesus extended to his disciples and that is the significance of serving, being a servant, as was so impregnated into their minds at the foot washing at the last supper they spent together.

No, it seems Lent can be a new beginning, one of being more thoughtful of all those around us, one of seeing the needs of others and doing something about it. It's a time that asks a question 'How deeply do we take the "Word", the life and gifts of Christ ?

May the blessings of our lord's life here on earth be ever, ever before and within us during Lent, Easter, and all the days of the year.

May you all enjoy our Spring, Summer, Fall and yes even our Winter.

David, deacon

# Message from the Junior Warden

By Barbara Needleman

Over the past few weeks, Curt Manning and I have been talking with people about the Strategic Plan and the objectives that we will be working on over the next few years. I thought it would be helpful to provide an overview of the objectives with the time frame for their completion and the Vestry commission that will be working on each objective. You'll see that these objectives have several steps to completion and that they will need several people or groups to complete them. If there is an area that you would be interested in working on, please contact the commission representative. These groups will be asking for your input as they work on the objectives. If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to contact me.

Barbara Needleman

## Objective

## Commission Chair

### **1. Membership Development**

**Carole Pick**

- Develop programs to grow and sustain membership at St. Mary's.
  - Consider growth patterns, current programs
  - Develop programs to incorporate newcomers into the St. Mary's community
  - Explore and define the concept of "membership" at St. Mary's

### **2. Lifelong Learning**

- Develop programs to address the educational, spiritual and intellectual needs of the St. Mary's community and possibly expanding to the community at large.
  - Explore new ways to lead and direct St. Mary's children's efforts **Kathleen Hagenlocker**
  - Review Youth Formation program **Rev. Dan Justin**
  - Continue to build on established adult formation opportunities **Bill Haeffling**

### **3. St. Mary's Outreach Program**

**Erik Maurer**

- Assess St. Mary's Outreach efforts and explore new ways to effectively reach more people in need utilizing time, talent and money. **Jackie Combs-Nelson**
  - Review and assess current and past Outreach efforts
  - Determine an overall strategy that utilizes time, talent and money and excites St. Mary's membership and maximizes our efforts
  - Consider how to best fund Outreach efforts long-term

### **4. Church-Owned Properties**

**Jay Needleman**

- Develop a comprehensive plan for all church-owned facilities and real estate.
  - Document potential uses for the main church spaces during all time periods other than Sunday morning
  - Create a plus/minus analysis of the current rectory facility and property
  - Re-evaluate the sale/potential of the play lot property
  - Create an affordable and sustainable maintenance plan for all properties

### **5. Develop New Models to Engage the Larger Community**

**To be assigned**

- Explore new areas and develop a plan prioritizing areas to pursue that provide the greatest benefits to the larger community at St. Mary's, such as:
  - Arts (visual and performing)
  - Spirituality/Leadership Training
  - Job Training

# *Message from the Junior Warden*

## Objective

## Commission Chair

### **6. Communication**

**To be assigned**

- Develop a plan to expand St. Mary's communication both internally and externally in order to connect, inform, brand, interact and energize.
  - Assess St. Mary's current communication; what's working, what's not and where communication is falling short
  - Consider how to communicate St. Mary's mission, vision and values statements and tag line to inform and energize the congregation and to inform the local community
  - Provide a communication framework to promote St. Mary's events internally and externally

### **7. Financial Sustainability**

- Develop a plan for St. Mary's long-term financial sustainability with current growth and stewardship patterns.
  - Consider income growth and expense patterns and projections to evaluate how St. Mary's can live within its means
  - Develop an endowment utilization plan that supports capital  
And program needs while lessening the reliance on the endowment for operating expenses

**Kathy McIntyre**

**John Kreger**

# *Music at St. Mary's*

By Kevin McKelvie

## Summer Music Schedule – 2011

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The time is here to sign up to provide all or part of the musical leadership at the 10 a.m. worship services for the summer months! You can pick one or more Sundays to sing, play an instrument or both! If you don't quite feel up for a full vocal solo, please consider leading a psalm as a cantor or leading the *Celtic Alleluia* at the Sequence. If you play an instrument all Sundays are open for Prelude, Music at the Eucharist and/or Postlude slots. Please contact Kevin McKelvie to reserve your time(s) now at [SMECKevin@sbcglobal.net](mailto:SMECKevin@sbcglobal.net) – *First come, first reserved* – feel the joy of music ministry in worship!

29 May-

5 June –

12 June –  
*cantor*)

19 June –

26 June

3 July

10 July

17 July -

24 July - Gospel Choir

31 July -

7 August – Barbara Scavone; (*Can still use a*

14 August

21 August-Celebration of St

28 August

4 September

# Centering Prayer for the Summer

**Centering Prayer in the Summer**  
**Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday mornings**  
**7:15-7:45 am in the Courtyard**  
**June 14 through July 14**

Interested in Contemplative Prayer? Join us early mornings this summer to practice this ancient prayer form. Never tried it, but are curious? This is the place. Experienced, but rusty? This is the place. Drop in or regular; This is the place. Out for an early morning walk? Pet friendly. Questions?

martha@stmaryspr.org

## **Read and W(h)ine About It!** **Summer Reading**

**Read and W(h)ine About It!** is a new, all comers, summer book club at St. Mary's. **Read and W(h)ine About It!** is one part literary adventure and one part an excuse to gather socially!

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We'll gather in the Courtyard or Grauer Lounge depending on the weather. Please bring wine/a non-alcoholic beverage and/or some nibbles to share. Both books are readily available for purchase in bookstores and online. The Park Ridge library has one copy of *Love Wins* and two copies of *Faith*.

## Save the Date!

**Rummage Sale** – How to Donate Items & Time if you would like to donate items there are some simple rules we ask you to follow. Place all clean, working items in bags or boxes. Label them - baby toys, books, games, etc. Mark them with a price of \$1.00, \$5.00, \$10.00 or let us decide. We will take most anything *except clothes and very large, heavy items*. If you can carry it in as one person, then someone can carry it out. Please note our collection date and place. All items may be placed in the 2 all-purpose rooms off the auditorium starting Monday, June 13<sup>th</sup>. We are looking for “Worker Bees” for set up and selling. If you can offer a couple hours of your time either Friday, June 17<sup>th</sup> for set up or Saturday, June 18<sup>th</sup> to help with the sale, please email Deb Kelliher at [dakelliher@yahoo.com](mailto:dakelliher@yahoo.com).

Proceeds benefit Japanese Tsunami Relief Fund,  
through Episcopal Charities



Sporting Goods  
Dorm Room Items  
Household Items  
Books & DVDs

Lamps  
Small Appliances  
Baby/Toddler items  
Toys

# RUMMAGE SALE

St. Mary's Episcopal Church Auditorium  
306 S Prospect (Crescent Street entrance)  
Saturday, June 18, 9:00 AM–2:00 PM

## Save the Date!

### A Celebration of The Rt. Rev. Victor A. Scantlebury's Ministry

Bishop Jeffrey Lee invites the people of the Diocese of Chicago to join him in celebrating the ministry of Bishop Victor Scantlebury and Mrs. Marcia Scantlebury upon their well-deserved retirement .

The celebration begins on **Sunday, June 12** at 5:00 pm with an Evensong at Church of the Holy Spirit in Lake Forest. A reception will follow.

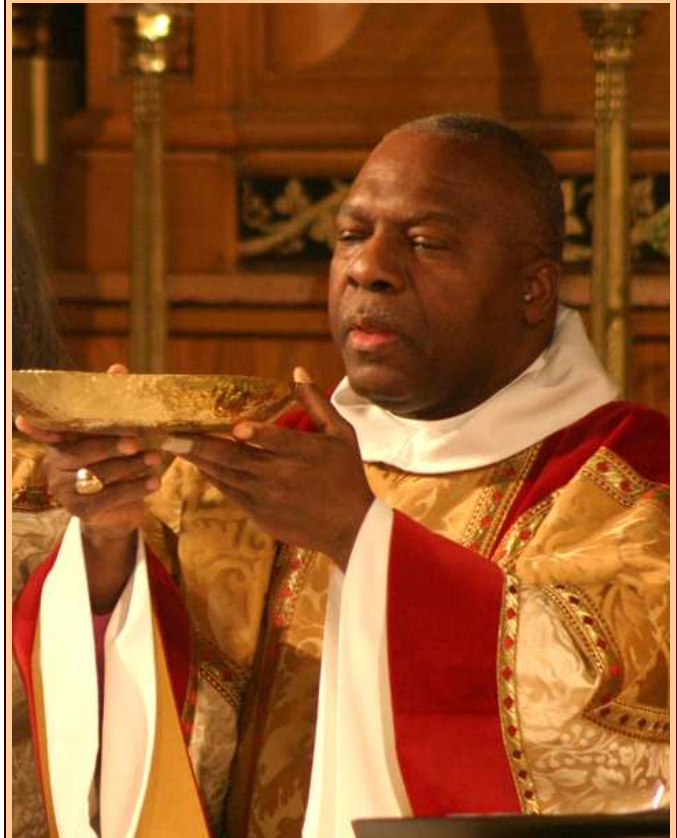
Please let Bishops Lee and Scantlebury know you are planning to attend by signing up using the [online form](#).

Greetings, poems, memories, good wishes and photographs to be put in a memory album may be sent to St. James Commons, 65 E. Huron, Chicago, IL 60611 c/o Juleigh Ruby.

Contributions toward a purse may be made online using the [signup form](#).  
(note: the error we had been experiencing with the form has been corrected)

Please make checks out to The Diocese of Chicago and send them to: St. James Commons, 65 E. Huron, Chicago, IL 60611 c/o Juleigh Ruby. Please make a note on the memo line "Scantlebury Farewell".

If you need further information contact [Juleigh Ruby](#) at 312-751-4214.



**Sunday June 12, 2011**  
Church of the Holy Spirit  
400 E. Westminster Road  
Lake Forest, IL 60045  
847-234-7633



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## *Save the Date!*

St. Mary's Episcopal Church "Voices of Joy" Gospel Choir invites you

### **GOSPEL CHOIR WORKSHOP & CONCERT**



#### **Led by Dr. Keith Hampton**

Conductor, Composer, Educator, Organist  
(check out [www.drkeithhampton.com](http://www.drkeithhampton.com) )

#### **Workshop**

Saturday, July 23<sup>rd</sup>, 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM

#### **Concert**

Sunday, July 24<sup>th</sup>, 3:00 PM

**Workshop Fee:** \$25 includes lunch (*RSVPs are very helpful!*)

Make checks payable to "St. Mary's Episcopal Church" and mail to  
**GOSPEL WORKSHOP, St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 306 S. Prospect Ave., Park Ridge, IL 60068**  
with your name and contact info. For more info call Jackie at 847-322-5968

# *Prayer Shawl Ministry*



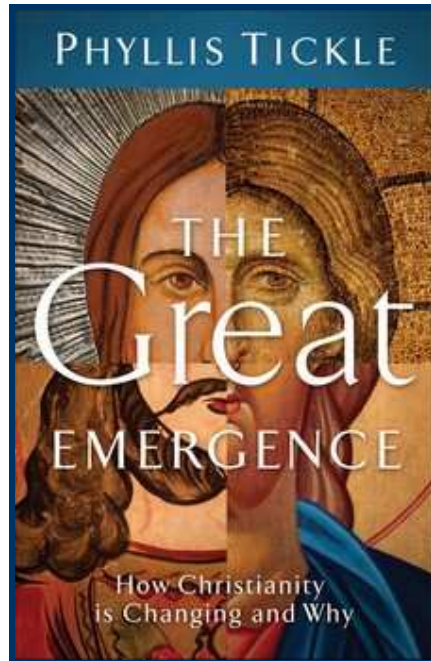
## St. Mary's Prayer Shawl Ministry

Thanks to many busy knitters, we have collected more than half of the squares we need to make our first Stained Glass Prayer Shawl! We would like to have at least 60 squares to make a 3 ft. x 5 ft. prayer shawl, so we'll need more squares.

If you started to make squares after our Learn to Knit Day, but you've run into a problem with your knitting, we can help! Help is available either after Mass on Sunday (see Jessica Holler or Barb Needleman) or at our monthly meetings.

We meet the second Tuesday of each month, 7:00-8:30 in the Youth Room. Our next meeting is Tuesday, June 14<sup>th</sup>. Please join us.

## *Women's Spirituality*



Women's Spirituality will meet on Monday, June 6 from 7:00 to 8:30pm in the Grauer Lounge. All women are welcome for fellowship and discussion whether you have read the book or not. This month we are discussing "The Great Emergence" by Phyllis Tickle. She brings her knowledge of American religion to bear on the current shifts in the Christian landscape. The book is available at the Park Ridge Library at the Reader's Desk on the 2nd floor. For further information contact The Rev. Martha Durham at [martha@stmaryspr.org](mailto:martha@stmaryspr.org).

**Our next meeting will be on September 12th. Want to read ahead? Pick up the 10<sup>th</sup> Parallel by Eliza Griswold and dig in.**

**A listing of books chosen for the 2011-2012 session will be listed in the Messenger this summer. We look forward to seeing all of you and hopefully some new faces in the coming year. Have a wonderful summertime.**

# 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](http://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.

## Honored Saint For June



### Alban of Britain

**Alban, First Martyr of Britain 22 June 304** There were probably Christians in the British Isles already in the first century. However, Alban is the first recorded Christian martyr. The traditional date of his death is 304, during the persecution under the Emperor Diocletian; but many scholars now date it as around 209, during the persecution under the Emperor Septimius Severus. Alban was a pagan, and a soldier in the Roman Army. He gave shelter to a Christian priest who was fleeing from arrest, and in the next few days the two talked at length, and Alban became a Christian. When officers came in search of the priest, Alban met them, dressed in the priest's cloak, and they mistook him for the priest and arrested him. He refused to renounce his new faith, and was beheaded. He thus became the first Christian martyr in Britain. The second was the executioner who was to kill him, but who heard his testimony and was so impressed that he became a Christian on the spot, and refused to kill Alban. The third was the priest, who when he learned that Alban had been arrested in his place, hurried to the court in the hope of saving Alban by turning himself in. The place of their deaths is near the site of St. Alban's Cathedral today.

<http://elvis.rowan.edu/~kilroy/JEK/06/22.html>

# Calendar & Notes

## Messenger Newsletter submission....

If you are interested in submitting material for the July 2011 Messenger newsletter, *submissions must be made on or before June 23rd. Submissions received after this date will be placed in the following month's newsletter. Please email to: [parishadmin@stmaryspr.org](mailto: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](mailto:parishadmin@stmaryspr.org) with your date of birth or anniversary date so that we can place it in all future newsletters and bulletins.

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## 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 JUNE 2011 CALENDAR OF SERVICES AND EVENTS

#### Wednesday, June 1, 2011

9:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Chapel  
7:30 p.m. Stewardship Meeting, Grauer Lounge

#### Friday, June 3, 2011

6:30 p.m. Karas/Dubowski Wedding Rehearsal, Church

#### Saturday, June 4, 2011

3:00 p.m. Karas/Dubowski Wedding, Church

#### Sunday, June 5, 2011

#### Seventh Sunday of Easter

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

#### Monday, June 6, 2011

7:00 p.m. Women's Spirituality, Grauer Lounge  
7:00 p.m. Healing Circle, Youth Room

#### Tuesday, June 7, 2011

7:15 p.m. Pastoral Care Commission, Grauer Lounge

#### Wednesday, June 8, 2011

9:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Chapel

#### Thursday, June 9, 2011

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

#### Sunday, June 12, 2011

#### Day of Pentecost/Violet Taylor Baptism

8:00 a.m. Acolyte Breakfast, Dining Room  
8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist in the Church (Rite I)  
10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist in the Church  
2:00 p.m. People to People, Grauer Lounge/Courtyard

#### Tuesday, June 14, 2011

7:15 am Centering Prayer, Grauer Lounge & Courtyard  
7:00 p.m. Prayer Shawl Group, Youth Room

#### Wednesday, June 15, 2011

9:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Chapel  
7:00 p.m. Vestry Nomination Committee Mtng, Grauer Lounge

#### Thursday, June 16, 2011

7:15 am Centering Prayer, Grauer Lounge & Courtyard

#### Saturday, June 18, 2011

7:15 am Centering Prayer, Grauer Lounge & Courtyard  
9:00 a.m. St. Mary's Rummage Sale

#### Sunday, June 19, 2011

#### First Sunday after Pentecost/Trinity Sunday

#### Father's Day

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

#### Tuesday, June 21, 2011

7:15 am Centering Prayer, Grauer Lounge & Courtyard  
7:30 p.m. Vestry Meeting, Grauer Lounge

#### Wednesday, June 22, 2011

9:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Chapel

#### Thursday, June 23, 2011

7:15 am Centering Prayer, Grauer Lounge & Courtyard

#### Friday, June 24, 2011

7:00 p.m. Read it and W(H)ine about it, Grauer Lounge and Courtyard  
6:00 p.m. Whamond/Taylor Wedding Rehearsal

#### Saturday, June 25, 2011

7:15 am Centering Prayer, Grauer Lounge & Courtyard  
2:30 p.m. Whamond/Taylor Wedding, Church

#### Sunday, June 26, 2011

#### Second Sunday after Pentecost

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

#### Tuesday, June 28, 2011

7:15 am Centering Prayer, Grauer Lounge & Courtyard  
5:00 p.m. Altar Guild Pot Luck, Grauer Lounge

#### Wednesday, June 29, 2011

9:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Chapel

#### Thursday, June 30, 2011

7:15 am Centering Prayer, Grauer Lounge & Courtyard

# Birthdays and Anniversaries!

~ June 2011 ~						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
5 Helen Caldwell	6 Eleanor Lehmann  <u>Happy Anniversary to:</u> Lowell and Jackie Combs Nelson	7 Amy Crawford  <u>Happy Anniversary to:</u> Jim and Sue Beyer	8 Meredith Bonk Ronald Piarowski Roberta Skelton	9	10 Ellen Zurek	11 Jonathan Beyer
12 Peter Chrisos	13 <u>Happy Anniversary to:</u> Ralph and Ramona Donovan	14 Tara Davis Janice Hunsader	15 Ian Kreger Andy O'Grady	16 Gina Cella Carol Harbert	17 Lindsay Ashcroft	18 Eileen Aldrin Jim Beyer Elizabeth Odderstol
19 Steven Druschitz Charli Otto	20 Sarah Odderstol Dava Kondiles Richae-Maria Mastrolonardo Brett Porter	21	22 Megan Giacomino	23 Kristina Daniels Jim Garbarini Scott Schiave	24 Diane Yost	25 Jim Frederiksen Jake Lill James O'Donnell
26 Christina Piarowski Anne Schiave  <u>Happy Anniversary to:</u> Chris and Nancy Otto	27	28	29 Paul Sunken  <u>Happy Anniversary to:</u> Erik and Kate Maurer	30 <u>Happy Anniversary to:</u> Donald and Debbie Muss		

# Story Corner

## A Different Approach to Accounting

By Tom Allen

On Sunday mornings it is often my privilege to attend the Chapel at Sonrise School, which was established by Bishop John Rucyahana to shelter, nurture, and educate orphans following the 1994 Rwandan Genocide that devastated this central African country. Now, 17 years later, as Rwanda continues to recover and reconcile and build its future as a unified nation, Sonrise School offers tangible proof of that process.

Most of the children at Sonrise are poor and many are orphans. Others come from families who scrape together the school fees or who rely on sponsorship to pay for their room, board, and education. The primary and secondary students at Sonrise are truly blessed by what they receive through the efforts of others, yet as I witnessed one Sunday morning they also have much more.

When the chapel service reached the Offertory, people were invited to come forward with their offerings, which represent the fruits of their labors given to God, the source of all our blessings. In most churches in the States, this is the “place in the plate” part of the service, when envelopes are extracted from purses and pockets. At Sonrise Chapel, people come forward to deposit what they have in tall white basket with a conical lid.

I was amazed, moved, and puzzled as young orphans walked up to the basket by the altar. Immediately my mind went to the “widow’s offering” as described in the Gospel of Mark, which tells of the rich putting in large sums of money in the temple treasury, while a poor widow came forward with two very small copper coins, worth only a fraction of a penny. The rich gave out of their wealth, we are told, while the impoverished widow contributed all she had to live on. Hers, indeed, was the far greater offering.

As I watched those orphans, some with Rwanda’s equivalent of “two very small copper coins, worth only a fraction of a penny,” I wondered where they could have acquired even that. Then I learned that some of the children approach the altar with a closed fist. With their heads bowed solemnly, they place their hands over the mouth of the offertory basket and open them, rendering to the Lord all that they have -- nothing.

Other children deposit a small scrap of folded paper on which they have written a few words of praise or a prayer of thanksgiving. These offerings certainly eclipse my Citibank checks that are stuffed in a numbered offertory envelope while sitting in the church parking lot. Clearly what Jesus cares about most is the heart--not the externals.

During my three years in Rwanda, following thirty years as an attorney in Los Angeles, I continue to be amazed and humbled by this place, which informs my heart on a daily basis. Understand that I am just your average coward; suffering and sacrifice are very foreign concepts to me. However, I now believe that life comfortably ensconced in a safe cocoon misses out on too much of what might be learned, experienced, and shared with others in developing countries, many of whom are crying out in desperate need. Yet some beam with smiles and contentment that I have seldom seen. This is their treasure, the wealth they share so freely. Those of us who are allowed to partake in it are very blessed, indeed.

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## Recipe of the Month



### *California Grilled Veggie Sandwich*

#### **Ingredients:**

- 1/4 cup mayonnaise
- 3 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 tablespoon lemon juice
- 1/8 cup olive oil
- 1 cup sliced red bell peppers
- 1 small zucchini, sliced
- 1 red onion, sliced
- 1 small yellow squash, sliced
- 2 (4-x6-inch) focaccia bread pieces, split horizontally
- 1/2 cup crumbled feta cheese

#### **Directions:**

1. In a bowl, mix the mayonnaise, minced garlic, and lemon juice. Set aside in the refrigerator.
2. Preheat the grill for high heat.
3. Brush vegetables with olive oil on each side. Brush grate with oil. Place bell peppers and zucchini closest to the middle of the grill, and set onion and squash pieces around them. Cook for about 3 minutes, turn, and cook for another 3 minutes. The peppers may take a bit longer. Remove from grill, and set aside.
4. Spread some of the mayonnaise mixture on the cut sides of the bread, and sprinkle each one with feta cheese. Place on the grill cheese side up, and cover with lid for 2 to 3 minutes. This will warm the bread, and slightly melt the cheese. Watch carefully so the bottoms don't burn. Remove from grill, and layer with the vegetables. Enjoy as open faced grilled sandwiches.

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# St. Mary's Ministry Contact Information

**Church of the Advent**— Is our monthly Soup Kitchen Ministry. We feed the homeless in the Logan Square neighborhood every 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the month during the school year. New volunteers are always welcome! Contact Gabrielle Saylor at [gabrilly2001@yahoo.com](mailto: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](mailto:smeckevin@sbcglobal.net)

**Treble Choir**— An incomparable music education for children starting in 2<sup>nd</sup> 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](mailto: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](mailto:Martha@stmaryspr.org).

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The Rev. James L. Risk III.....*BCC Executive Director, Bishop Anderson House*  
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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 9:30 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  
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