

*May 2011 Edition*

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

*Welcome ~ Celebrate ~ Serve*

**THE  
MESSENGER**

*A Publication of the Vestry of St. Mary's Episcopal Church*



*"The world's favorite season is the spring.  
All things seem possible in May."*

*- Edwin Way Teale*

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# Message from the Rector



*The Rev. Sarah D. Odderstol*

So, you managed to will yourself away from M&Ms or Diet Coke or wine for Lent. Fantastic! Then you are ready for an even bigger challenge! Can you celebrate Easter for an entire fifty days?

The feast of Easter is actually a season of fifty days, from Easter Eve (The Great Easter Vigil) all the way through to Pentecost. In Greek the word Pentecost means fiftieth day. During this season there is no fasting. The Council of Nicaea (325 CE/AD) directed that Christians should stand to pray during the season of Easter rather than taking a kneeling posture which was considered penitential. Legend has it that Roman Emperor Constantine ordered that kneelers and altar rails be removed from churches during the Easter Season thus forcing people to stand to pray!

The challenge of Easter is to begin each day open to optimism... to look for something to celebrate everyday because we worship a God who says death is not the end!! (We are blessed.) This is more than celebrating that you can eat M&Ms again – this is finding someone to share those M&Ms with and having a little soirée! (We can be a blessing to others.)

Irish poet and scholar John O'Donohue published the book *To Bless the Space Between Us* in 2008. The book is about knowing ourselves to be blessed, claiming that blessing and celebrating that blessing with others. In the book's introduction O'Donohue writes, "There is a quiet light that shines in every heart. It draws no attention to itself, though it is always secretly there. It is what illuminates our minds to see beauty, our desire to see possibility, and our hearts to love life... This shy inner light is what enables us to recognize and receive our very presence [in the world] as blessing." Easter invites us to claim that space between ourselves and God and to celebrate that relationship as blessing.

According to O'Donohue that open anticipation of blessing and blessedness is something we have to consciously claim for ourselves everyday... maybe several times a day. He offers the following prayer/poem as a way to begin the day:

I arise today

In the name of Silence  
Womb of the Word,  
In the name of Stillness  
Home of Belonging,  
In the name of the Solitude  
Of the Soul of the Earth.

I arise today

Blessed by all things,  
Wings of breath,  
Delight of eyes,  
Wonder of whisper,  
Intimacy of touch,  
Eternity of soul,  
Urgency of thought,  
Miracle of health,  
Embrace of God.

May I live this day

Compassionate of heart,  
Clear in word,  
Gracious in awareness,  
Courageous in thought,  
Generous in love.

Happy Eastertide!

# *Message from the Assistant Rector*



*The Rev. Dan Justin*

## **Another Year in Youth Ministry**

It is amazing how quickly time goes by. I feel like just yesterday it was September and I was planning all the things we would be doing with the senior and junior high youth groups. Just that quickly we only have two more meetings left for this year. Well, two more meetings and a BBQ if you count the BBQ.

I am consistently impressed with the youth of St. Mary's. Each and every one of them is so fantastic and I really enjoy having the opportunity to spend time with them. This year we tried things a little differently than previous years. We tried to combine the two groups for the first half of our meetings and then break out into age appropriate groups. In hindsight I don't think that this worked as well as I had hoped. I am pretty sure that will change as I begin to plan for the 2011-2012 year.

We had some great discussions with the groups. This fall the senior high had conversations around different aspects of spirituality. They shifted gears in the spring and spent time talking about very practical topics such as success, failure and how our faith informs us on these things. The junior high group spent time exploring the lives of exemplary leaders. In the fall all the people studied were characters found in the Hebrew Scriptures. This spring they explored more contemporary leaders such as Dietrich Bonhoeffer, Oscar Romero, Ambrose of Milan, Joan of Arc, Columba, Amy Carmichael, Thomas Becket, and Thomas Cranmer. We asked what it was that made these peoples lives special and what we could learn from them for our own lives.

We had great fun this year as well. Laser Quest was a success. Except for Elise Heyde winning it was fantastic. The youth group also enjoyed numerous worship opportunities and parties right here at church. The highlight was the Halloween Goth Mass in October. Although, I think some of the parents enjoyed the Goth Mass more than the students! The lock-in this spring had twenty one kids in attendance as was incredibly fun and incredibly tiring.

I want to thank all the amazing volunteers who helped make this year in the youth ministry possible. Dave Mazza, Jessica Holler, Jen Culbertson, Kathy McIntyre, Kurt Dinse, Leslie Stapleton and Allen Bliss. Special mention must be made of Dave, Kathy and Kurt who each took time to prepare and teach lessons for the students this year. They each did such an amazing job.

Finally, I want to thank all the students who participated in any part or portion of the youth group. You are each wonderful. I thank you for a great year and look forward to next year as well. You are all always in my prayers.

Blessings,

Dan+

# Deacon's Corner

By The Rev. Martha Durham

We are rapidly coming to the end of the Sunday School year. May 22<sup>nd</sup> will be our last regular day of Sunday School classes until next fall. Over the summer the children will be welcome in Children's Chapel or in worship. Chapel will be held in a classroom down the Chapel Hallway. It will begin at 10 am and the children will join their families in worship at the Peace before communion. Our nursery will remain open all summer for our youngest toddlers. Kristin Karas will again be our principle leader for the Children's Chapel, assisted by volunteers. Anita Zoerink will staff the nursery with volunteer help. Would you like to assist? Drop me an email at [Martha@stmaryspr.org](mailto:Martha@stmaryspr.org). Many hands make light work!

It has been a great year for the grade school Sunday School classes. The curriculum we chose to try, Seasons of the Spirit, was very successful. It allowed flexibility in grouping together or separating classes as needed. It provided straightforward, easily organized craft options that extended the conversations about the lessons. The teachers could read a quick preparation outline, or explore lessons and themes in depth online. The children have lessons based on the same scripture lessons read in Church, uniting the teachers and children with the whole community. The teachers have worked in teams of three or four, and were assisted by volunteers and parents of children in the class. Success!

I'd like to thank the many volunteers who have made this year's programs for our children rich and fun.

**Kathleen Hagenlocker** has coordinated and led our Atrium program Catechesis of the Good Shepherd for preschool children through kindergarden. This lovely Montessori program is based on the Parable of the Good Shepherd and takes place in an environment that nurtures the young child's innate relationship with God. Kathleen leads a dedicated group of catechists and assistants. This year she was helped by:

<b>Ted Smith</b>	<b>Janet Mital</b>
<b>Kate Maurer</b>	<b>Katie Mastrolonardo</b>
<b>Margaret Belconis</b>	<b>Heather Madden</b>
<b>Beth Barker</b>	<b>Terri Mazza</b>
<b>Gary Devaney</b>	<b>Helen Martin</b>
<b>Stacie Dinse</b>	

A special thanks to all these who helped with the Atrium!

# Deacon's Corner

By The Rev. Martha Durham

Every week before Sunday School children and their families gather in the Grauer Lounge for Family Sing. It's fun and welcoming to all. It helps the children transition into Sunday School and assists the Sunday School Teachers in effectively starting their classes. Many thanks to **Ted Smith** and **Sue O'Grady** for their leadership in this ministry!!

The new grade school curriculum was led by a fantastic crew of teachers. Thanks to all of them!

1<sup>st</sup> Grade

**Pam Clarke**

**John Kreger**

**Brian Pederson**

2<sup>nd</sup> Grade

**Katie Mastrolonardo**

**Laura Devaney**

**Erik Maurer**

3rd Grade

**Sara Nelli**

**Katie Sciortino**

**Janet Mital**

4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Grade

**Kristin Jacobsen**

**Barb Needleman**

**Sandra Kreger**

Thanks to regular Classroom Assistants helping keep our children safe:

**Desta Elliott** and **Lynn Sobczak**

A round of applause for our Junior and Senior High youth Leaders!

**Dave Mazza**

**Kurt Dinse**

**Leslie Stapleton**

**Jessica Holler**

**Kathy McIntyre**

**Jen Culbertson**

**Allen Bliss**

# *Message from the Junior Warden*

**By Barbara Needleman**

I'm happy to tell you that we have a completed and Vestry approved Strategic Plan for St. Mary's! We'll be sharing the Strategic Plan with you at our quarterly meetings on May 11<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>. We'll review the primary factors that shaped the committee's and the Vestry's thinking in developing the plan and the objectives that we will be focusing on over the next few years. These objectives cover the priorities that we discussed in the CAT Survey and the cottage meetings and include areas such as, membership development, Outreach, our formation programs and financial sustainability.

We're excited to have a concrete plan of where we want to put our time and energy over the next few years in order to continue to do God's work not only in St. Mary's, but in the local and global community as well. I hope you can join us at one of the meetings on May 11<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> to learn more about the Strategic Plan.

## **Vestry Membership**

Last month, I asked you to think about the possibility of becoming a Vestry member. The outgoing Vestry members and Curt and I will be discussing potential Vestry members later this month and into the summer. If you'd like more information or if you think you might want to join the Vestry, please contact either Curt or me. Here is a short explanation about Vestry membership:

Our Vestry is composed of 14 members including a junior warden and a senior warden. Some of these members chair commissions, such as Pastoral Care and Properties and some of the members are members-at-large. Others, such as the secretary and treasurer are not voting members but attend all of the Vestry meetings, as do the Deacons, the Rector and the Assistant Rector.

Most recently, people have been called to be on the Vestry by members of the Vestry, the Wardens and the Rector. In the CAT Survey, there was an interest in having the selection of Vestry members be a more open process; therefore, we'd like to do just that. We will have five people rotating off of the Vestry in January 2012, and we will need to fill these positions. Here is some basic information on Vestry membership:

- A Vestry term is three years.
- One meeting each month (except for July).
- Annual retreat is a daylong meeting on a Saturday in February/March.
- Estimated monthly time commitment is 3 hours for a member-at-large to 7 hours for a commission chair.
- Qualifications are: Be a pledging member of St. Mary's, be confirmed or received or intend to be confirmed or received in the Episcopal Church and regularly attend Church.
- All members expressing an interest in serving on the Vestry will be interviewed by the two Wardens and outgoing Vestry members.

Being a Vestry member, you not only learn more about your Church and meet and work with new people, but you also have an active role in discussing what is happening at St. Mary's, where we are going and how we can continue to do God's work.

Blessings,

Barb Needleman

# *Message from the Junior Warden*

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By **Barbara Needleman**

## **St. Mary's Town Hall Meetings**

In the CAT Survey and at the Cottage Meetings, you asked to have more frequent updates about what's happening at St. Mary's including financial information.

We've scheduled parish-wide Town Hall meetings in May to talk about the recently approved Strategic Plan and 1<sup>st</sup> quarter financial information.

Please join the Vestry for a lively conversation about how we've been doing year to date and where we are headed in the future at one of the following meetings:

Wednesday, May 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in the Grauer Lounge

Sunday, May 15<sup>th</sup> at 8:45 a.m. (after the 8:00 service) in the Auditorium

Sunday, May 15<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 a.m. (after the 10:00 service) in the Grauer Lounge

# Music at St. Mary's

By Kevin McKelvie

## Summer Music Schedule – 2011

The time is rapidly approaching 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 solo, please consider leading a psalm as a cantor or singing 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-	3 July –	7 August – Barbara Scavone <i>Can still use a cantor</i>
5 June –	10 July –	14 August -
12 June – Jim Beyer	17 July -	21 August -
19 June –	24 July - Gospel Choir	28 August -
26 June -	31 July -	4 September –

## Winding Down the Program Year

For Easter 2 – the worship service will be lead by our Gospel Choir. On Sunday, 8 May at the Offertory Angela Latkowski will be featured on the Paul Halley anthem – *The Rain is Over and Gone...* and at the Eucharist, Kaethe Wright Kaufman will present - I know that my Redeemer liveth... from Handel's *Messiah*. Then on Sunday, 15 May the Trebles will sing their final service of the season leading the music for all aspects of the service including the ever popular Canon – *Dona nobis pacem...* Also, at the Eucharist Anna Nicholson along with Kaethe Wright Kaufman will be soloing on Andrew Lloyd Webber's – Pie Jesu... from his *Requiem*. Sunday, 22 March is the last Sunday of the program year for our Parish Choir. This service will feature the music of Ralph Vaughan Williams and the texts of George Herbert. The *Five Mystical Songs* will be sung throughout the service (including the Prelude) by Alex Novello our bass section leader. Also we will process in with the Vaughan Williams/Herbert hymn – King of glory, King of peace... The schedule is outlined below.

<b>5.1</b>	<b>Easter 2</b> – Gospel Choir		
	Hymns – Because he lives; This little light of mine; Oh, freedom		
	Offertory	Ol' time religion...	
	Eucharist	Beams of Heaven	
<b>5.8</b>	<b>Easter 3</b>		
	Hymns – 296-We know that Christ is raised; 343-Shepherd of souls; 397-Now thank we all our God. (In honor of Mother's Day)		
	Offertory	Halley	The Rain is Over and Gone
	Eucharist	Handel	I know that my Redeemer liveth...
<b>5.15</b>	<b>Easter 4</b>		
	Hymns – 492-Sing, ye faithful; 205-Good Christians all, rejoice and sing		
	Offertory	Bairstow	The King of love my shepherd is...
	Eucharist	Webber	Pie Jesu...
		Canon	Dona nobis pacem...
<b>5.22</b>	<b>Easter 5</b>		
	Hymns – 382-King of glory, King of peace; 213-Come away to the skies.		
		Vaughan Williams	Five Mystical Songs
		<i>Easter; I got me flowers; Antiphon; The Call; Love bade me welcome.</i>	

# *Music at St. Mary's*

By Kevin McKelvie

**The Chicago Chapter of the American Guild of Organists  
presents...  
Annual Members' Recital  
"Music of Composers with Anniversaries in 2011"**

On Sunday, May 22, 2011 – 4PM at Queen of All Saints Basilica, 6280 North Sauganash Avenue, Chicago, IL – Kevin McKelvie will be one of the performers on this FREE recital which will feature member of the Chicago AGO Chapter.

Queen of All Saints Basilica parish was founded in 1929. The present structure and church complex was designed by the architectural firm of Meyer and Cook of Chicago with ground breaking in 1956 and completion in 1960. Two years later the church was elevated to the status of a minor basilica by Pope John XXIII.

The present organ was completed by the Berghaus Organ Company of Maywood, IL in 2005 including reusing selected pipework from the original 1960 Wicks Pipe Organ of 4 manuals and 54 ranks.

Queen of All Saints Basilica is located just south of the first stoplight immediately east of the intersection of Devon and Cicero Avenues. The recital is FREE, all are welcome

# *Save the Date!*

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
CORDIALLY INVITES YOU TO

The Youth Campus  
❧ **HOPE LIVES HERE GALA** ❧  
supporting care for abused & neglected children

**Friday, May 6th, 2011**

**6:30 pm**

Cocktails & Silent Auction

**7:30 pm**

Dinner & Dancing

Park Ridge Country Club

636 North Prospect Avenue , Park Ridge

Valet Parking

Music by [The Ginge](#)

Black Tie Optional



**ALL GUESTS ARE INVITED TO A CHAMPAGNE PRELUDE**

**5:15 pm until 6:15 pm**

The Youth Campus/Wohlers Hall

733 North Prospect Avenue , Park Ridge

**COMPLIMENTARY TROLLEY ROUND-TRIP FROM THE COUNTRY CLUB**

# Save the Date!

Japanese Relief Fundraiser

Sunday May 15th

5-7pm



maki sushi  
& noodle shop

Helping Japan could not be easier. Join us for Maki rolls, tempura, sake & more.....

Tickets \$65 ea

Reserve a space by emailing [bkwhitenack@gmail.com](mailto:bkwhitenack@gmail.com) or call 847-698-0999

**Space is limited.** Make checks payable to St. Mary's.

Maki has generously created a wonderful menu for this event!

All proceeds will be sent to Japan Earthquake Response Fund visit <http://www.er-ol.org/JapanEarthquakeResponseMar2011> for details on how funds will be used.

# Save the Date!

**Dear Friends of our Companion Diocese of Southeast Mexico:**



**FIESTA! Come celebrate with volunteers and supporters of the Chiapas Project on Friday, May 13th at St. Chrysostom's Church, 1424 North Dearborn Parkway in Chicago at a fundraiser that combines wine-tasting, a red hot raffle, dinner and entertainment presented by Cristo Rey parish, dancing and auctions at a price of \$50 per person (\$150 per person for patrons).**

Spearheaded by The Reverend Raymond Webster, Rector of St. Chrysostom's and his wife Eve, a group of parishioners from St. Chrysostom's, St. James Cathedral, Church of our Saviour and Church of the Atonement, volunteered in February in the Mayan highlands town of Yochib in Chiapas, in a weekend building a relationship around friendship and support. Working with Bishop Benito Juarez and Deacon Charles Parker (who will be our guest at Fiesta!) we set the following fundraising goals for our event:

- \*Build an Anglican Church Center in Yochib
- \*Help with social needs in newly formed Anglican communities in Chiapas
- \*Fund scholarships for high school tuition for newly baptized Chiapan Anglicans
- \*Give seed money for clerical training
- \*Underwrite a diagnostic survey for micro-businesses and long-term needs in Yochib

In addition, we will be donating to a van transportation fund for summer campers from Cristo Rey Episcopal Church in Chicago.

**If you would be interested in receiving an invitation or making a reservation, please e-mail Judy Bross at [judycbross@aol.com](mailto:judycbross@aol.com) or call (312) 642-9495.**

Even if you cannot attend, consider buying a raffle ticket for \$20 or 3 for \$50. You can indicate which prize you would like to win: *Salon and Spa Lover* (spa treatments, a yoga lesson in your home, hairstyling and other services valued at \$1000), *The Gourmand* (restaurants and gourmet baskets valued at \$750), *The Sommelier* (wines from around the world valued at \$750), and the *Pied Piper* (loads of children's clothing, toys, theater tickets and books valued at \$1000). You don't have to be present to win--contact Judy about purchasing raffle tickets as well.

**How much we hope to see you at Fiesta!**

*Save the Date!*

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An original story and English lyrics set to Sullivan, Mozart, Puccini and more.  
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**Performances May 6, 7, 13, 14, 20, 21 at 7:30 PM**

**May 8, 15, 22 at 4:00 PM**

Mary Wilson House Beyer Auditorium  
part of St. Mary's Episcopal Church campus  
306 S. Prospect Ave (at Crescent Ave), Park Ridge, IL

**Ticket Reservations (847) 558-4448**

*Adults \$25 / Seniors \$22 / Students \$15 / Kids 5 and under Free*

To order tickets via credit card, visit [www.petiteopera.org](http://www.petiteopera.org)

## *Save the Date!*

**We are pleased to announce the location for  
The Diocese of Chicago Summer Camp/Camp Chicago 2011!**

We will be at the Fox River Country Day School in Elgin

<http://www.frcds.org/>

**Come join us for a Camp Preview Day!**

**Sunday, May 1, 2011**

**Fox River Country Day School**

**3:00 - 5:00 p.m.**

**Come meet staff, campers, parents, and see the great new facility!**

**Tours of the campus and buildings will be offered!**

**If you sign up for camp on May 1, you will be offered the lower  
\$500 rate!**

Fox River Country Day School  
1600 Dundee Ave.  
Elgin, IL 60120

for directions: [http://www.frcds.org/about\\_location.htm](http://www.frcds.org/about_location.htm)

## Outreach Partners



**Spring Cleaning?** Kids out grown those

skateboards, too many books on the shelf, downsizing your household?? Save those items for – **ST. MARY'S RUMMAGE SALE** Once again St. Mary's will be holding a RUMMAGE SALE on Saturday, June 18<sup>th</sup>. We need sporting goods, books, baby items, kids toys, small furniture and appliances. *No clothes, large furniture, cumbersome items.* All proceeds will go to Episcopal Charities for the victims of the Japan tsunami. More information in upcoming bulletins. If you would like to volunteer for set up, selling, help with advertising etc. please contact Deb Kelliher or Brenda Whitenack.

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## Crucial Conversations Follow Up

Many people who attended our crucial conversation on April 13<sup>th</sup> have asked for information on the books referenced by Christina Heyde and the websites for more information on how to become a superman/superwoman.

Below is a list of the books and website links.

[www.waitingforsuperman.com/action/page/what-you-can-do](http://www.waitingforsuperman.com/action/page/what-you-can-do)

to give to a classroom project - [www.donorschoose.org/](http://www.donorschoose.org/)

Childress, S., Doyle, D., & Thomas, D. (2009). *Leading for Equity: The Pursuit of Excellence in Montgomery County Public Schools*. Cambridge, MA: Harvard Education Press.

Mathews, J. (2009). *Work Hard. Be Nice*. Chapel Hill, NC: Algonquin Books of Chapel Hill.

Ravitch, D., (2010, November 11.) *The Myth of Charter Schools*. *The New York Review of Books*.

Available at <http://www.nybooks.com/articles/archives/2010/nov/11/myth-charter-schools>.

Wagner, T. (2010). *The Global Achievement Gap*. New York: Basic Books.

Weisberg, D., Sexton, S., Mulhern, J., & Keeling, D. (2009). *The Widget Effect: Our Natural Failure to Acknowledge and Act on Differences in Teacher Effectiveness*. New York: The New Teacher Project.

Available at <http://tntp.org/publications/reports/the-widget-effect> or <http://widgeteffect.org>.

**Join us on Saturday, May 21<sup>st</sup>, 5pm, as Crucial Conversations hosts the Saturday in the Nave service.**

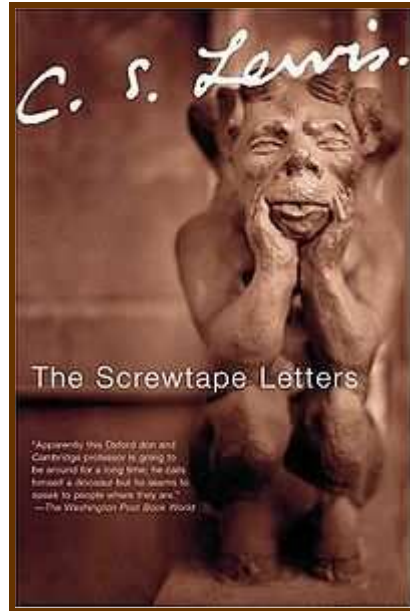
## *United Thank Offering*



*The in-gathering of the United Thank Offering blue boxes will take place the second Sunday in May (the 8<sup>th</sup>). Through your offering to UTO given along with daily prayers of thanksgiving for your blessings, you can virtually deliver meals and supplies to emergency workers in Japan, play volley ball with kids at a summer camp for disadvantaged boys and girls or help build a church in SE Mexico.*

*Actually, there is no formal cut-off date for turning in the UTO boxes. If you want to continue this wonderful practice, turn the box in when full and pick up another one!*

## Women's Spirituality



Women's Spirituality will meet on Monday, May 2nd from 7:00 to 8:30 pm in the Grauer Lounge. All women are welcome for discussion and fellowship whether you have read the book or not. We will be discussing "The Screwtape Letters" by C.S.Lewis. This satire provides a series of lessons in the importance of taking a deliberate role in living out Christian Faith by portraying a human life, with all of its temptations and failings, as seen from the Devil's view point.

The book we will be reading for June 6th is "The Great Emergence: How Christianity is Changing and Why" by Phyliss Tickle. She brings her knowledge of American religion to bear on the current shifts in the Christian landscape. Both books will be available at the Reader's Desk on the 2nd floor of the Park Ridge Library. For further information contact The Rev. Martha Durham at [martha@stmaryspr.org](mailto:martha@stmaryspr.org)

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

June 6, 2011 ~ Great Emergence by Phyliss Tickle

# 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 May



### Augustine of Canterbury

**Augustine of Canterbury** (*circa* first third of the 6th century – 26 May 604) was a Benedictine monk who became the first Archbishop of Canterbury in the year 598. He is considered the "Apostle to the English" and a founder of the English Church.<sup>[3]</sup>

Augustine was the prior of a monastery in Rome when Pope Gregory the Great chose him in 595 to lead a mission, usually known as the Gregorian mission, to Britain to convert the pagan King Æthelberht of the Kingdom of Kent to Christianity. In a letter to the patriarch of Alexandria detailing early successes of the mission, Gregory wrote of having sent Augustine and his companions "to the ends of the earth".<sup>[4]</sup> Kent was probably chosen because it was near the Christian kingdoms in Gaul and because Æthelberht had married a Christian princess, Bertha, daughter of Charibert I the King of Paris who was expected to exert some influence over her husband. Before reaching Kent the missionaries had considered turning back but Gregory urged them on and, in 597, Augustine landed on the Isle of Thanet and proceeded to Æthelberht's main town of Canterbury.

King Æthelberht converted to Christianity and allowed the missionaries to preach freely, giving them land to found a monastery outside the city walls. Augustine was consecrated bishop of the English and converted many of the king's subjects, including thousands during a mass baptism on Christmas Day in 597. Pope Gregory sent more missionaries in 601, along with encouraging letters and gifts for the churches, although attempts to persuade the native Celtic bishops to submit to Augustine's authority failed. Roman bishops were established at London and Rochester in 604, and a school was founded to train Anglo-Saxon priests and missionaries. Augustine also arranged the consecration of his successor, Laurence of Canterbury. The archbishop died in 604 and was soon revered as a saint.

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Augustine\\_of\\_Canterbury](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Augustine_of_Canterbury)

# Calendar & Notes

## Messenger Newsletter submission....

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

## Parish Directory Request

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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 MAY 2011 CALENDAR OF SERVICES AND EVENTS

### Sunday, May 1, 2011

#### Second Sunday of Easter

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

### Monday, May 2, 2011

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

### Wednesday, May 4, 2011

9:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Chapel

### Sunday, May 8, 2011

#### Third Sunday of Easter/Mother's Day

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

### Tuesday, May 10, 2011

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

### Wednesday, March 16, 2011

9:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Chapel  
7:00 p.m. Town Hall Meeting, Grauer Lounge

### Sunday, May 15, 2011

#### Fourth Sunday of Easter – Teddy Bear Collection

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist in the Church (Rite I)  
9:00 a.m. Town Hall Meeting, Grauer Lounge  
10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist in the Church  
11:00 a.m. Town Hall Meeting, Grauer Lounge

### Tuesday, May 17, 2011

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

### Wednesday, May 18, 2011

9:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Chapel

### Saturday, May 21, 2011

9:00 a.m. The Deacon's Council Mtng, Grauer Lounge  
5:00 p.m. Saturday in the Nave/Crucial Conversations, Church

### Sunday, May 22, 2011

#### Fifth Sunday of Easter/Christian Formation Day

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

### Wednesday, May 25, 2011

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

### Saturday, May 28, 2011

2:00 p.m. Brenghouse/Glowania Wedding, Church

### Sunday, May 29, 2011

#### Sixth Sunday of Easter

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

### Monday, May 30, 2011

Memorial Day – Parish Office Closed

# Birthdays and Anniversaries!

~ May 2011 ~						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1</b> Evan Clauss Cheryl Coyne	<b>2</b> Justin Coyne	<b>3</b> Alex Beyer Bobby Daniels	<b>4</b> Ronald Gunther Michael Mariani Thomas Provencher Andrew Whitenack	<b>5</b> Robert Mazza  <u>Anniversaries:</u> Tom and Martha Durham	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> Judy Donovan Samuel Petri
<b>8</b> Helen Crawford	<b>9</b> Debbie Muss	<b>10</b> Miabella Mastrolonardo  <u>Anniversaries:</u> Steven and Janice Hunsader	<b>11</b> Chris Steffen	<b>12</b> Rachel Herman Sally Manning James Risk III Nyla Madden	<b>13</b> Griffin Schaefer Graham Stapleton	<b>14</b> Matthew Durham  <u>Anniversaries:</u> Dan and Nancy Monroe
<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> Tom Dietrich	<b>17</b> Mark Barrett Rachel Reid	<b>18</b> Logan Maurer  <u>Anniversaries:</u> Michael and Deborah Kelliher	<b>19</b> Teagan McKitrick Kevin Stapleton Steve TenEyck Jack Belconis  <u>Anniversaries:</u> Andrew and Patti Bonk	<b>20</b> Charles Duncan Christopher Toczyl  <u>Anniversaries:</u> Paul and Jessica Holler	<b>21</b> Pamela Clarke Andrew Donovan Peter Donovan Mark Jacobsen
<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> Cassandra Finney	<b>24</b> <u>Anniversaries:</u> Curt and Sally Manning	<b>25</b> Jan Juckett Nancy Otto	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> <u>Anniversaries:</u> Gary and Helen Martin
<b>29</b> Andrew Bonk Alice Lee Gleason Megan Bedrossian  <u>Anniversaries:</u> Jeffrey and Carole Pick	<b>30</b> Ramona Donovan Roger Mondlock Olivia Schaefer  <u>Anniversaries:</u> Stephen and Cindy Bosy  Pete and Catherine Donovan	<b>31</b> Alison Clarke Jane Clarke Hugh Stapleton				

# Gardening Tips....



For a burst of color during the hottest part of the year that won't wither and die, you want summer-growing flowers. Summer plants that bloom can be found in many of the botanical cultivars. You only need to pick your colors of choice to have a painted landscape full of great summer garden ideas.



**Oxeye Sunflower** ~ Oxeye sunflower, or *Heliopsis helianthoides*, is from the Asteraceae/Compositae, or aster/daisy, family. It is a perennial that is easy to grow, drought resistant, and good for attracting butterflies. The plant can reach 5 feet tall with 3- to 6-inch dark green leaves with 2-inch flowers summer to fall. Flowers are daisylike with 10 to 16 ray flowers. Oxeye sunflower requires a moderately fertile soil and full sun but tolerates partial shade, and good drainage. It can be propagated by seed, cuttings in the

summer, or clump division.



**Japanese Silver Grass** ~ Japanese silver grass, or *Miscanthus sinensis*, is from the Poaceae/Gramineae, or grass, family. It is an ornamental grass perennial with interesting foliage and blooms. Depending on cultivar there are many sizes and colors. Fall will have the grass turning gold and bronze while summer will shine with flowers. It can reach 12 feet tall and 5 feet wide. Plant Japanese silver grass in full sun and provide regular watering. Cut back in the winter for better growth. This can be propagated via root clump division.



**Fairy Fanflower** ~ Fairy fanflower, or *Scaevola aemula*, is from the Goodeniaceae, or scaevola, family. It is either an annual or a perennial depending on growth habit and it is an evergreen. A fast grower and drought resistant, this is a great container plant or for outdoor use. The plant reaches 20 inches tall and 3 feet wide with blue, white or lilac flowers 1 inch wide. Plant the fairy fanflower in full sun or light shade. Propagate the plant via softwood tip cuttings in the summer.



**Lanceleaf Tickseed** ~ Lanceleaf tickseed, or *Coreopsis lanceolata*, is from the Asteraceae/Compositae, or aster/daisy, family. It is a fast-growing perennial that attracts butterflies into the garden. Leaves are 6 inches long with 1.5- to 2.5-inch wide flowers on 2 feet tall stems. Flowers are yellow but can have red or brown spots. Plant the lanceleaf tickseed in full sun or partial shade with regular watering. To propagate this plant sow seeds in spring or do root division or softwood cuttings.

<http://www.gardenguides.com/83148-summer-garden-ideas.html>

## Recipe of the Month



### *Almond-Ginger Fruit Salad*

#### Ingredients

- 1 yellow grapefruit, peeled and sliced into rounds
- 1 pint strawberries, hulled and sliced
- 1/2 cup honey
- 2 tablespoons lemon juice
- 1 teaspoon grated fresh gingerroot
- 1/4 cup slivered or sliced almonds, roasted

#### Directions

Divide grapefruit rounds onto 4 small plates, layering slices attractively. Top each stack with about 1/2 cup sliced strawberries. Combine honey, lemon juice and ginger in a small bowl, and drizzle over each salad. Sprinkle with almonds and serve.

Serves 4.

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## St. Mary's Golf Mystery?



***Would the lucky Mardi Gras purchasers of Golf With The Deacon and The Duffer, aka David Grauer and Jim Morris, please identify themselves by contacting Jim at [jim@stmaryspr.org](mailto:jim@stmaryspr.org)***

# 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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## Affiliated Clergy

The Rev. Michael Kitt.....*Associate Chaplain, Canterbury Northwestern*  
Joseph Tamborini Czolgosz.....*Chaplain and Manager, Clinical Pastoral Education*  
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 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  
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**Fellowship** – Laura Cella  
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