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Saint Mary's Episcopal Church

# St. Mary's Episcopal Church The Messenger November 2011

*To rejoice in the love of God as revealed in Jesus Christ and share that love with all people*

**St. Mary's Mission Statement**

**St. Mary's Episcopal Church Service Hours**  
Sundays, 8 am and 10 am in the Church

Wednesdays, 9 am in the Chapel

For additional service information, please visit our website at [www.stmaryspr.org](http://www.stmaryspr.org)

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## About *The Messenger*



## Messenger Newsletter Submission

If you are interested in submitting material for the December 2011 Messenger newsletter,



**Message from the Rector**  
**The Rev. Sarah Odderstol**

## Confessions of a Church Geek

My mother used to give me a baggie of Cheerios (they only had the plain kind back then) to nosh on while we were at church. I imagine she was pretty pleased with herself because the Cheerios kept me quiet. What she did not know however is that I was not eating the Cheerios. I was smashing them in a hymnal! When you close a hymnal on a Cheerio it makes a lovely popping noise and disintegrates into oat dust.

Church has been a part of my life as long as I lived. I did not drift away in high school because I sang in the choir and was pretty much the entire soprano section. When I was in college I learned I could pick up a little extra cash as a section leader in the choir; this often involved singing multiple services on a Sunday. At some point, I don't know exactly when, I actually became interested in the scripture that was read and what person preaching had to say.

It wasn't until I graduated from college that I tried to make church and my involvement there a discipline. Church became an anchor. In my lifetime, I have moved twenty-three times. Church was the dependable constant where I knew I could find a place to meet friends, a choir to sing with, and people doing good things (feeding the hungry, running afterschool programs for at-risk kids). I was doing a lot but my involvement was rather lopsided; I was only disciplined about getting what I needed/wanted from church.

When Elizabeth and Gibson were very little, our family was very active at a large Episcopal Church in Norfolk, VA. One day it hit me that we were heavy users of the programs the church offered for children and families but we did relatively little to support the church financially. I knew what I paid for babysitters, I did the math... our pledge didn't even cover the time my children spent in the nursery! My journey toward a more balanced approach church participation began.

At first, my goal was just to give at least as much as I received. But then an odd thing happened, I found the more I gave... the more I received... I was so grateful for what I received that I looked for ways give more. A delightful vicious circle began!

submissions must be made on or before November 23rd. Submissions received after this date will be placed in the following month's newsletter. Please email submissions to parishadmin@stmaryspr.org

### Messenger Birthday and Anniversary List

If your name is not located on the birthday or anniversary list, we apologize and ask that you please contact Christina Rompon at 847-823-4126 or send an 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.

**Our Website**  
Learn more about St. Mary's, our worship services, events and activities, and parishioners at our website!

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### 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

Today I tithe and I still get so much more than I give. Giving at St. Mary's allows me to leverage both my time and my money! There are not enough hours in the day for me to do and be all that I want to. I can't possibly run my own soup kitchen, start a social justice ministry, teach in the Atrium, volunteer in the Treasure Chest, sing in the choir.... and be the luckiest Rector ever. I don't have to. Because I am a part of St. Mary's, I am a part of all these ministries. As an added bonus, because St. Mary's is an Episcopal Church the reach of my pledge extends further. St. Mary's makes a financial commitment to the Episcopal Diocese of Chicago every year. When our Bishop makes a trip to Sudan or attends the House of Bishops, in a very real way we are with him!

Blessings,

Sarah+

### Message from the Assistant Rector The Rev. Dan Justin



At the end of the Gospel of John there is a famous conversation between Jesus and Peter. Three times Jesus asks Peter "Do you love me?" Peter assures Jesus that he does indeed love him. After each assurance of Peter's love Jesus tells Peter to "Feed my lambs." This passage is filled to the brim with meaning and possible applications. One option is to interpret the passage quite literally - those that love Jesus are to feed others. We are called to carry on the mission of Jesus who puts a very high priority on caring for those in need.

The youth groups here at St. Mary's have decided to take this call from Jesus to heart and is trying to spend the fall doing what Jesus asks - feeding people. We began with the annual CROP Walk. This event happens all over the country and is truly a wonderful event. Churches of every variety, flavor and size join together, raise money and walk to help fight world hunger. This year the St. Mary's youth raised just over \$1700.00 to help feed the hungry. The Niles/Park Ridge event all together raised approximately \$23,000.

On Saturday, November 5, 2011 the youth group will travel together to participate in the Feed My Starving Children ministry. This is a food packing event which supplies food to hungry people all over the world. The food goes to orphanages, schools, clinics, refugee camps, and malnutrition centers in over seventy countries.

We still have spots available for the Feed My Starving Children event. If your student would like to participate please have them sign up online at [www.volunteer.fmssc.org](http://www.volunteer.fmssc.org) using the code 139901 (Washington PTO will appear as the group name - that is an error - you are in the correct place. Just sign up). We will be meeting at St. Mary's at 5:00 pm and heading to Schaumburg where we will have pizza before the event. If you have trouble signing up please contact Dawn Steffen at [dawnsteffen@yahoo.com](mailto:dawnsteffen@yahoo.com) and she will get you signed up.

These are two events in which we are taking the words of Jesus - Feed my lambs - literally. But Jesus said it to Peter three times. And so we have one more opportunity for the students this fall. On November 19, 2011 we will take the high school youth group to serve at the Church of the Advent Soup Kitchen. The junior high will be going on December 17, 2011. Please put these dates on your calendar.

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)

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I realize it is difficult to get students to attend youth group on Sunday mornings. But these real life opportunities to serve and make a difference in the world should not be missed. They provide a totally different kind of faith formation. It provides them the opportunity to put faith in action. The question Jesus asked Peter is asked of all of us - Do you love me? The world will see the answer to that question as we feed his children.

Blessings,

Dan+

## Music at St. Mary's By Kevin McKelvie

### Lessons and Carols Mark your calendars now!

Our annual Service of Lessons and Carols will be held on Sunday, 4 December at 5:00 p.m. Come, hear and experience this gateway into Advent and the promise of Christ's birth to come. This beautiful candlelight service features our Parish Choir and Treble Choir singing seasonal favorites and new works as well. This service is a most accessible service in which to invite extended family and friends - share the gift with others. Child care is available during the service; please call the office to sign up. A festive reception will follow the service in the Grauer Lounge.

### Requiem by Philip Orem presented in concert at St. Mary's

On Sunday afternoon, 15 January 2012 at 4:00 p.m. the musicians of St. Mary's will perform the world premiere of Chicagoland composer Phil Orem's *Requiem*. Phil has written the following notes about the piece which is scored for organ, flute, clarinet, horn, cello, harp, percussion, chorus and vocal soloists.

Kevin McKelvie first approached me about composing a Requiem back in December of 2010; this idea immediately intrigued me. I was familiar with the Requiems of Mozart, Berlioz, Verdi, Brahms, Fauré, Duruflé and Rutter and was curious as to what I might bring to this genre.

One of my first thoughts, after scanning through various scores, was that while the Requiem is a Mass for the Dead, it is the living who perform it and experience it. I therefore decided my Requiem would attempt to be a comforting work, for the living. While texts like the *Dies irae...* and *Libera me...* hold the potential for intense musical drama, the images in these texts of lakes of fire, wrath and anger are hardly comforting to those who have lost a loved one.

As I started to edit the Latin text and think about what might replace the parts I was editing out, various bits of poetry and prayers from Christian and non-Christian traditions began to find me: a prayer by Rabbi Alvin Fine, a section of Psalm 139, a section from the Bhagavad-Gita, poetry by the Sufi mystic Jelaluddin Rumi and Lebanese-American Khalil Gibran, lines from the Dhammapada (Sayings of the Buddha) and prayers from the Upanishads and those of the Hopi Indians. Each of these texts from different times and cultures are comforting in their own ways as well as being Life affirming.

Contemporary spiritual teacher Eckhart Tolle has written, "Death is not the opposite of Life. Life has no opposite. The opposite of death is birth. Life is eternal. Death is a stripping away of all that is not you." This, it seemed to me, was the message of the texts I had collected and to this direction my Requiem aspires.

We in the west, more often than not, have an uncomfortable relationship with death, often defining it as an end to Life rather than as a transformation. We segregate away from us those closest to death, the ill and

elderly. We embalm dead bodies and attempt to make them seem lifelike. We erect monuments to the dead which rarely tell us anything of the person except for their entrance dates to and exit dates from this world; lives are summed up by a dash between two numbers.

While it is obvious that forms change and die, many religious traditions believe that what animates our life-forms continues on in some fashion after death. Some traditions state that one cannot live fully until one has made peace with death. Inevitable change itself is but constant death and birth; Monday dies so Tuesday can be born, winter dies to become spring, each moment dies into the next.

Consider that death is not something to be feared but that Life is eternal. As Sir James Barrie had Peter Pan say, "To die will be an awfully big adventure!"

### November - Music at 10 a.m. Worship

Service Date	Composer	Title
<b>11.6</b>	<b>Celebration of All Saints - Bishop's Visitation</b>	
	Hymns - 287, 554, 618	
	Offertory	Britten
	Eucharist	Russian Chant
		Festival Te Deum
		Remember your
		servants, Lord...
<b>11.13</b>	<b>Proper 28</b>	
	Hymns - 632, 53, 490	
	Offertory	Beaudrot
	Eucharist	Wood
		O be joyful in the Lord
		The eyes of all wait
		upon Thee
		Trad.
		My Lord what a morning
<b>11.20</b>	<b>Proper 29 - Christ the King</b>	
	Hymns - 494, 382, 477	
	Offertory	Britten
	Eucharist	TBA - Wesley Robinson - tenor
<b>11.27</b>	<b>Advent 1</b>	
	Hymns - 61 & 62, 312, WLP 721	
	Offertory	Wood
		O Thou the central
		Orb...
	Eucharist	Byrd
		Ne irasoris...

#### Upcoming Dates for your calendar:

Sunday - 4 December - Lessons and Carols Service - 5 pm  
 Saturday - 24 December - Christmas Eve - Prelude begins at 10 pm  
 Sunday - 15 January 2012 - *Requiem* by Phil Orem - 4:00 p.m.

### Outreach at St. Mary's

#### Outreach Happenings

Welcome to Outreach Happenings, a new feature of the St. Mary's Messenger. Each month, we will update you on our participation in past Outreach events and upcoming Outreach opportunities. You'll notice that there are a wide variety of hands-on Outreach opportunities in our local community for families and individuals.

#### October's Outreach efforts:

- Made and delivered over 100 hundred sack lunches as part of the Second Sunday Sack Lunch Program. These lunches were delivered to Deborah's Place, a

shelter for homeless women, and five other locations on the west side of Chicago.

- Provided non-perishable food items and recyclable food bags for approximately 80 families to St. Cyprian's Food Pantry on Oct. 17.
  - Collected \$1700 via our youth groups for the annual CROP Walk on Oct. 16.
  - Donated nearly \$93 to the Center of Concern from the Oct. 21 Taize collection.

**Current and upcoming Outreach opportunities:**

- Providing books for CCA Academy: Collection boxes are located in the Narthex. Information? Contact: Robbie Dorsey (847) 361-7553
- Feed My Starving Children in Schaumburg on **Saturday, November 5<sup>th</sup>**. Sign up at [fmcs.org](http://fmcs.org) and click on volunteer registration. Use code 139901..Use
- Second Sunday Sack Lunches: Beyer Auditorium on **Sunday, November 13<sup>th</sup>**. Contact: Dawn Steffen at [dawnsteffen@yahoo.com](mailto:dawnsteffen@yahoo.com)
- Donating Thanksgiving food drive for St. Cyprian's (canned sweet potatoes, boxed mashed potatoes, canned hams, cranberries, vegetables, cake and muffin mixes, pumpkin products); recyclable bags in Narthex; **due Sunday, Nov. 20**
- Church of the Advent Soup Kitchen on **Saturday, Nov. 19<sup>th</sup>**. Contact: Dawn Steffen at [dawnsteffen@yahoo.com](mailto:dawnsteffen@yahoo.com)
  - Providing for St. Cyprian's Christmas Wish Lists for its children under 12. Contact: Roberta Skelton (847) 956-4401
  - Working with the Center of Concern to make Thanksgiving and Christmas deliveries (pick up items from center, deliver and stay for a short visit); working and helping seniors write and address Christmas cards. Contact: Janet Ogle (847) 823-0453
  - Serving as a "Secret Shopper" for The Youth Campus (\$50 subsidized towards gifts for foster children; volunteers do the shopping). Contact: Maureen Connelly (312) 243-0533 Ext. 363 or [MConnelly@theyouthcampus.org](mailto:MConnelly@theyouthcampus.org)
  - Providing spa services to teen girls at a Youth Campus Spa Day: Female volunteers need to help with manicures, pedicures, facials. 1 to 3 p.m. **Friday, Nov. 18**. Contact: Jackie Combs-Nelson (847) 318 9693
  - Participating in a "Gathering (meal)" as an SMEC group at St. Leonard's Ministries 5 p.m. Sundays or sponsoring holiday parties for residents and their children (providing some or all of the food); collecting gently worn bedding and towels for residents. Contact Sr. Sharon Bossler (312) 738-1414 ext. 19

Know the audience you are writing to. What are they hoping to hear from you? What would they find useful or informative? Find out what is important to them and address their needs in your newsletter each month. Include a photo or photos to make your newsletter even more appealing. Add a "Find out more..." link to additional information on your website.

**Seasonal Worship Opportunities to Remember**

- Sunday, November 6th .....Bishop's Visit to Mary's**
- Sunday, November 13th.....Bishop Benito visits St. mary's / Veteran's Day Observance**
- Sunday, December 5th.....Lessons and Carols/Childcare available**
- Sunday, December 18th.....Christmas Pageant / Community Carol Sing**

Saturday, December 24th.....Christmas Eve / 4 p.m. and 10/10:30 p.m.

Sunday, December 25th.....Christmas Day / 10 a.m. service only

Saturday, December 31st.....New Years Taize

## Seasonal Parish Office Schedule

Thursday, November 24th and 25th - Parish office closed in observance of Thanksgiving

Monday, December 26th and 27th - Parish office closed in observance of Christmas

Monday, January 2nd - Parish office closed in observance of New Year's

## Upcoming Events

### The Bishop is Coming!

November 6th for our Celebration of All Saint's. +Jeffrey Lee will be present at both services. Confirmations/Receptions/Reaffirmations at the 10:00 service.

### Bishop Benito will visit St. Mary's on November 13<sup>th</sup>, also on November 13<sup>th</sup>, Veteran's Day will be commemorated

Veterans are asked to wear their military ribbons so that they can be recognized and thanked for their service to our country.

### St. Mary's is offering a book drive

to benefit the students at CCA Academy. Write a check to St. Mary's in any amount, memo it to CCA Academy and leave it in the office or give it to Christina. Dictionaries, Thesauri, Bluford Series Box Sets or new teen fiction books will be purchased with your donation. By November 14 we hope to collect enough books so that every student at CCA has basic reference tools and at least one book to call their own. Thank you for your generosity. Questions: Robbie Dorsey @ 847 361 7553 or Jean Collier @ 847 297 8757.

### Men's Breakfast

There will be a men's breakfast on Saturday, Dec 3, from 8-10AM. It is an opportunity to hear an outstanding speaker and to get better acquainted with others in our parish. Our speaker will be Greg Pierce, president and co-publisher of ACTA Publications, who is active in United Power for Action and Justice. He is author of the best selling books, *Spirituality At Work* and his newest *The World As It Should Be*. There is a suggested donation of \$10. The sign up sheet is posted in the Grauer Lounge.

## Crucial Conversations - Fall Learning Opportunities

**THE PALESTINIAN QUEST FOR JUST PEACE Presented by the Rev. Cotton Fite.** It has been 19 months since we last talked with the Rev. Cotton Fite, a man with a passion for justice and peace in the Palestinian-Israeli conflict. Much has happened in that region since then: the Arab Spring, continued uprisings, and prisoner exchanges. He has helped organize the Palestine Israel Network of the Episcopal Peace Fellowship whose mission is grassroots organizing to create a more robust Episcopal witness for justice and peace for both Palestinians and Israelis (web site at <http://epfnational.org/PIN>). The dynamics of the process in that area is fast paced and ever changing. For this conversation he will analyze current factors and possibilities for effective advocacy. He will also bring copies of the newly edited Episcopal edition of *Steadfast Hope: The Palestinian Quest for Just Peace* with a free DVD, which may form the basis for an exciting study course. We welcome you to join us for this most insightful conversation. **Wednesday, November 16<sup>th</sup>, 7 p.m. St. Mary's Episcopal Church 306 S. Prospect Ave. Park Ridge, IL** For more information contact Christina Rompon, St. Mary' 847-823-4126 or [parishadmin@stmaryspr.org](mailto:parishadmin@stmaryspr.org). Cotton Fite is an associate priest at St. Luke's Church, Evanston and a clinical

psychologist who practiced at Lutheran General Hospital for 28 years. He has traveled to this region six times since 2006, recently from his fourth trip to Israel/Palestine.

**November 9<sup>th</sup> - Something Wicked This Way Comes (Part Two)** with the Rev. Dan Justin  
What is our response to suffering and evil in the world? In the first part of this class we will explore a variety of theological viewpoints and learn from a variety of theologians regarding the question of evil. In the second portion of the class we will shift our focus to what we can do in the face of evil, suffering and hardship. We will explore the ideas of Dietrich Bonhoeffer, Stanley Hauerwas, Henri Nouwen and the book of Habakkuk as we seek to learn how to live the love of God in the face of evil.

## Gift Card Sale Coming Again!

Once again the Deacons will be selling cards at Christmas time to address a great humanitarian need. Donate \$10 per card *or the actual items themselves*: New Gloves, Hats, Scarves or Socks, and receive a card suitable for a gift. Help keep someone in the Chicago Area warm this winter. Cards will be available at coffee hour beginning in late November.

## Please plan on joining us

(all of us) making sack lunches to feed the homeless on November 14th (the second Sunday!) in the Beyer Auditorium during coffee hour. We are going to make (about 100) lunches which will be delivered to homeless people at Grace House, Deborah's Place and various other places. Please ask Jay Needleman for a full account of last's months recipients. Please let Dawn Steffen ([dawnsteffen@yahoo.com](mailto:dawnsteffen@yahoo.com)) know what you would like to donate. Otherwise, we are looking forward to seeing you in the Beyer Auditorium. We have a job for everyone!  
THANKS!

## Women's Spirituality

will meet on Monday, November 7th from 7:00 to 8:30 pm in the Grauer Lounge. We will be discussing "Kitchen House" by Kathleen Grissom, an historical novel of a white servant girl who finds herself straddling two very different worlds in the late 1700s. All women are welcome whether you have read the book or not. Join us for fellowship and lively conversation. For further information contact the Rev. Martha Durham at [martha@stmaryspr.org](mailto:martha@stmaryspr.org).

## Global Handmade Hope Craft Sale

Just in time for holiday shopping! St. Mary's is hosting the Global Handmade Hope craft sale on Sunday, December 11th during coffee hour in Grauer Lounge. Global Handmade Hope of Park Ridge is a Fair Trade store which offers unique Fair Trade, sustainable, and handcrafted products made by artisans and farmers from developing countries. For more information, please contact the parish office at 847-823-4126 or [parishadmin@stmaryspr.org](mailto:parishadmin@stmaryspr.org)

## St. Cyprian's Christmas Gifts

Roberta Skelton will be playing Santa Claus once again for the young clients at St. Cyprian's Food Pantry. The annual Christmas wish-lists will be available starting Sunday, Nov. 6. Patrons provide a gift that the child specifically requested. A \$50 limit keeps all donations at the same value. If you want to secure a child's wish list, call Roberta at 847-956-4401.

## The 2011 Christmas Pageant will take place on December 18, 2011 @ 3:00 pm with a Christmas Carol Reception immediately following...

We are in the process of planning the 2011 Christmas Pageant, and we are seeking volunteers. If you are interested in helping (in any capacity - large or small), please reach out to Dawn Steffen ([dawnsteffen@yahoo.com](mailto:dawnsteffen@yahoo.com)) or Eileen Aldrin ([eileenaldrin@aol.com](mailto:eileenaldrin@aol.com)). We will be thrilled to have your help

## Holiday food drive

While shopping for your own Thanksgiving dinners, please consider our friends at the food pantry and pick up an extra can of sweet potatoes, cranberry sauce, green beans or corn; boxes of mash potatoes, cake or muffin mixes. St. Cyprian's Food Pantry will be distributing holiday food on Tuesday, Nov. 22. SMEC's recyclable bags are now available in the Narthex. Please take one home and return it on Sunday, Nov. 13 or Nov. 20. Also, any extra recyclable bags that you have at home are would be appreciated by pantry patrons.

## Save the Date

### 53rd Annual Bishop's Ball - Episcopal Charities Ball

This year's Annual Bishop's Ball will take place on Friday, November 4th 2011 at the Chicago Palmer House Hilton Hotel. 6 p.m. - Reception/Silent Auction 7:30 p.m. - Dinner. 9:00 p.m. Dancing til midnight with the Joe Lill Orchestra. For more information, please visit the Episcopal Diocese website at [www.episcopalchicago.org](http://www.episcopalchicago.org)

### 174th Annual Convention of the Diocese of Chicago

This years annual convention will take place on Friday, November 18th and Saturday, November 19th at the Westin Hotel and Conference Center, 70 Yorktown Rd, Lombard. For more information, please visit the Episcopal Diocese website at [www.episcopalchicago.org](http://www.episcopalchicago.org).

### Center of Concern Holiday Boutique

A holiday boutique will be held Saturday, Nov. 12<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 am to 5:00 p.m. and Sunday, Nov. 13<sup>th</sup> from 12:00 pm to 5:00 p.m. at St. Andrews Lutheran Church, 260 N. Northwest Highway in Park Ridge. Items include hand-crafted jewelry, doll clothes, sweaters, candles, chocolates, gift baskets, etc. In addition Avon and Simply Delicious representatives will also be featured. A portion of the proceeds will benefit The Center of Concern, a nonprofit social service agency providing housing solutions, counseling and support services for seniors, disabled, and others in need.

### Prescription Take Back Day!

MCYAF is sponsoring a Medication Take Back Day on Saturday, October 29th from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Residents may drop off their expired, unused and unwanted prescription and over-the-counter medications at the Des Plaines, Niles or Park Ridge Police Stations that day. With an increase in prescription drug abuse among young people, this is a perfect opportunity to reduce their availability to dangerous substances. This event is co-sponsored by the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) that collects and properly disposes of the medications.

### The Youth Campus Spa Day, Nov. 18

St. Mary's and the Park Ridge Community Women have sponsored various "Spa Days" for the young girls at the Youth Campus. Past volunteers provide manicures, pedicures, facials and hair cuts for the girls. Ten women volunteers are needed for a Spa Day, on Friday, Nov. 18, from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Youth Campus's Emery Building. Interested? Call Jackie Combs Nelson at 847 318 9693 or [combsnelson@yahoo.com](mailto:combsnelson@yahoo.com).

### EXPERIENCE THE WONDER OF SPECTACULAR DANCE & HELP LAWRENCE HALL YOUTH SERVICES!

Support the youth and families of Lawrence Hall Youth Services ([www.lawrencehall.org](http://www.lawrencehall.org)), one of Chicago's oldest and most respected child welfare agencies, by attending one of the Chicago Human Rhythm Project's November 26<sup>th</sup> or 27<sup>th</sup> Global Rhythms/Thanks4Giving performances at the Harris Theater in Chicago's Millennium Park. The performances will feature three extraordinary dance groups - Step Afrika from Washington, DC, as well as Chicago's Ensemble Español Spanish Dance Theater and Mexican Folkloric Dance Company of Chicago. Simply purchase tickets online ([CHRP's Thanks4Giving Program](#)), click on the LHYS icon, enter LHYS' partner code (CHRP-LHYS), and 50% of the purchase price will go to LHYS. And, what's more, by mentioning the partner code, you'll

receive a 10% discount on the ticket price! For more information, contact Pam West, LHYS Donor Relations Officer, 312.346.3383, ext. 2488 or [PWest@lawrencehall.org](mailto:PWest@lawrencehall.org).

## The Youth Campus Wish List

The Youth Campus uses an interactive "Wishlist Butler" at <http://www.wishlistbutler.com/l/47rqxhqMm5FkGHc2/>. If you want to help, select an item from the list and then click the GRANT button. You will be asked to provide your name and email address. You can also include a brief message if you wish. Someone from The Youth Campus will contact you via email about your donation. Donated items should be new, unless otherwise indicated. Underlined items include links to store sites where these items may be purchased. Click on the underlined text to view the item. To make donation arrangements, call 847-823-5161 ext 109 or email with Wish List questions to Maureen Connelly at [mconnelly@theyouthcampus.org](mailto:mconnelly@theyouthcampus.org). Thank you for helping provide vital care for abused and neglected children.

## Youth Campus' secret shoppers

More than 150 children and teens-served through The Youth Campus Foster Care and Caregiver Support Programs -located in Park Ridge and through the Chicago-area are in need of "Secret Shoppers" for Christmas, 2011. "Secret Shoppers" take a child's personal wish-list and do the shopping for that child. The gift-shopping is subsidized by donors, churches and civic groups such as Park Ridge Community Women. St. Mary's is giving \$300 in Outreach Funds to the Youth Campus "Secret Shopper" program this Christmas. "The outpouring of kindness shown by our donors last Christmas was truly heartwarming," said James Guidi, TYC's chief executive officer. If you wish to make a cash donation to help pay for holiday gifts or volunteer as a secret shopper, please contact Maureen Connelly at [mconnelly@theyouthcampus.org](mailto:mconnelly@theyouthcampus.org) or 847-823-5161 ext 109.

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## Alternative Spring Break 2012

We are coming up on the seventh year of our companion relationship with the Diocese of Southeast Mexico and the people of our sister parish San Juan Bautista, in the town of San Felipe, Oaxaca, are asking us if we might visit them once again. We are thinking of traveling there during the Spring Break of 2012. If this is of interest to you and you would like to learn more, please contact Deacon Michael Kitt at 847-698-9771 or [mkittskitt@cs.com](mailto:mkittskitt@cs.com)

For a complete list of monthly events, please visit St. Mary's website at [www.stmaryspr.org](http://www.stmaryspr.org)



**Thank You to All on the Road Catering!**

Thank you to All on the Road Catering for their generous weekly coffee hour donation of delicious baked goods!

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~ November 2011 ~						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> Oley Yager	<b>3</b> Elizabeth Kreger Clint Moore III Donald Muss	<b>4</b> <u>Happy Anniversary to:</u> Shane and Michelle Weippert	<b>5</b> Fran Kokes
<b>6</b> Brian Landreth	<b>7</b> <u>Happy Anniversary to:</u> Chris and Dawn Steffen	<b>8</b> Tricia Crisafulli George Kondiles Mia Belconis	<b>9</b> Dylan Garbarini	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> Kristin Dubowski	<b>12</b> Rob Clarke
<b>13</b> Dave Herman	<b>14</b> Patrick Mastrolonardo Doris Poynton	<b>15</b> Helen Martin Janet Petran	<b>16</b> Robert Dudley Karen Reid	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> Dorothy McKeown Deanna Barrett	<b>19</b> Bill Barker II Zachary Lahey Gregory Pierce Abigail Pierce Nathaniel Pierce

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>20</b> Kyle Muss Paula Yurkovic	<b>21</b> Christina Rompon Karen Steiger	<b>22</b> Adrienne Grove Barbara Needleman Alex Whamond <u>Happy Anniversary to:</u> Alan Bliss and Kathleen Hagenlocker - -	<b>23</b> Stephanie Chrisos Ken Yager <u>Happy Anniversary to:</u> George and Dava Kondiles	<b>24</b> <u>Happy Anniversary to:</u> William and Jackie Totsch Thomas and Sue Conway	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> <u>Happy Anniversary to:</u> John and Sara McKitrick
<b>27</b> Marion Poyer Cathy Rozmus	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> William Haefling III			

### RECIPE OF THE MONTH



**Spicy Cranberry-Chipotle Sauce**

#### Ingredients

- o 1 cup whole-berry cranberry sauce
- o 1/3 cup taco sauce
- o 1 canned chipotle pepper in adobo sauce, minced

- 1 teaspoon chili powder
- 1/2 teaspoon ground cumin
- Salt to taste

### Preparation

- Microwave cranberry sauce, taco sauce, minced chipotle pepper, chili powder, and ground cumin at HIGH 2 to 3 minutes or until thickened, stirring halfway through. Season with salt to taste.

## **CAA ACADEMY BOOK DRIVE**

**St. Mary's is very proud to offer a book drive to benefit the students at CCA Academy.**

**Community Christian Alternative (CCA) Academy is a charter high school in the west side neighborhood of Lawndale and one of St. Mary's longest standing Outreach Partners. In a community better known for poverty, murder, prostitution, and drug dealing CCA provides high school drop outs a last chance at a diploma and placement into college or a technical training program. St. Mary's has been in partnership with CCA since its chartering in 1979. Our congregation has helped as CCA has grown to 190 students. Over 80% of CCA's students graduate in a community where other schools graduate less than 50% of their students. CCA's founder and driving force, Dr. Myra Sampson, is well-known in our congregation. CCA is special; it is a place that is changing and saving young lives.**

**This year, there are four easy ways you can help these young men and women:**

- 1) Purchase and donate Webster's New World Pocket Dictionaries (ISBN 0764561472) and/or Webster's New World Pocket Thesaurus (ISBN 978-0-7645-6148-1). Just drop them in the boxes in the narthex. These items have been requested by the CCA Reading Teacher.**
- 2) Purchase and donate a copy of the Limited Bluford Series of 15 novels. This item has been specifically requested by the CCA Reading Teacher. The Bluford Series is a collection of 15 young adult novels that focus on the lives of a group of high school students and their families. The books are set in contemporary urban America, are short and written in a highly readable style. The Bluford Series Box Set, Books 1-15 New can be ordered at the lowest cost directly from Townsend Press ([www.townsendpress.com](http://www.townsendpress.com)) for \$15.00**
- 3) Donate new or gently used fiction or non fiction adult or teen books. Boxes are available in the narthex. All books from all genres are appreciated as long as they**

are adult or teen books. If you are unsure of what types of books most interest CCA Academy students anything by the author Walter Dean Myers is recommended. Every CCA student must read a book and make a presentation on it to his/her peers in order to meet graduation requirements.

4) Write a check to St. Mary's in any amount, memo it to CCA Academy Book Drive and leave it in the office or give it to Christina. Dictionaries, Thesauri or Bluford Series Box Sets will be purchased with your donation.

In the next 4 to 6 weeks we hope to collect enough books so that every student at CCA Academy has the basic reference tools they need, an opportunity to read one of the books in the Bluford series and most importantly at least one book to call their own.

Thank you for your generosity. Questions: contact Robbie Dorsey @ 847 361 7553 or Jean Collier at 847 297 8757.

### Upcoming Events

Event Title  
306 S. Prospect  
Park Ridge, Illinois 60068

## A Thank you from Episcopal Relief and Development

*"Thank you for St. Mary's Episcopal Church's generous contribution of \$8,658.50 to Episcopal Relief and Development. Your gift was designated for the Japan Earthquake Response Fund.*

*Donations to this fund will support the initial relief work of the Nippon Sei Ko Kai (NSKK, the Anglican Communion in Japan) in response to the 9.0-magnitude earthquake that struck off the north-eastern coast on Friday, March 11. We stand in solidarity with the church of Japan. As the NSKK assesses its needs and makes long-term recovery plans, we will provide additional support as necessary. Our thoughts and prayers are with all those affected by the earthquake, the tsunami that followed, and the threat of radiation from the Fukushima nuclear power plant.*

*Episcopal Relief and Development works with more than 3 million people in over 40 countries. We are helping to ensure that families have access to a stable, long-term food supply. Our programs also prevent disease through education, vaccinations and mosquito nets, lift up women through microfinance opportunities and help rehabilitate communities after disasters. We couldn't do this important work without your compassionate support. To learn more about our programs, please visit [www.er-d.org](http://www.er-d.org). In partnership, we are healing a hurting world."*

Faithfully,

Robert W. Radtke  
President

## POST EVENT NEWS.....

**St. Mary's Ministry Fair:** Seventeen ministries participated in the Ministry Fair on October 2nd. The Fair was well-attended and generated a lot of interest in St. Mary's ministries. Many new volunteers signed up for St. Mary's ministries at the Fair. Thank you to all of the ministries for participating in the Fair and to all of you for your interest in volunteering. Here are just a few photos from the Ministry Fair.





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