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Saint Mary's Episcopal Church

St. Mary's Episcopal Church The Messenger October 2011

PLEASE NOTE:

Attached below is the new streamlined St. Mary's Messenger for October. We're using a new format designed to make the Messenger not only easier to read and use, but easier for you to find topics of interest. We welcome your thoughts and comments about the new Messenger. Please e-mail them to Christina Rompon at parishadmin@stmaryspr.org.

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

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About *The Messenger*



Message from the Rector The Rev. Sarah Odderstol

I have been thinking a lot lately about what it means to be committed to someone or something... about what it means to make a commitment. I have presided at two weddings in the last month - two couples made lifelong commitments. I prepared for and facilitated a conversation on Civil Unions and the Blessing of Same Gender Unions... more talk of commitment. We are preparing for our Bishop's visit in November and inviting people to enter into the commitment of Confirmation/Reception or to recommit in Reaffirmation. The Ministry Fair is October 2nd, an event where you are encouraged to make a commitment to a ministry of St. Mary's. And... soon you will all be asked to complete a "Commitment Card" (a.k.a pledge card) and make a financial commitment to St. Mary's. Whew!! (If you weren't a commitment-phobe before, you are now right!?)

With the advent of Civil Unions and Same-Gender Marriage, the Episcopal Church has been in the process of re-examining the theology of marriage expressed in our Book of Common Prayer. I find that the language that is bubbling up in the conversation about marriage is helpful for thinking about any of the commitments we have or choose to make. This is the language of Spiritual Discipline.



Messenger Newsletter Submission

If you are interested in submitting material for the November 2011 Messenger newsletter, submissions must be made on or before October 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!

Marriage is being described as a holiness practice in which one willingly and publicly becomes accountable, not only to the person one loves, but to the community of faith and God. The couple's commitment to each other becomes a part of their spiritual discipline. They invite the Holy Spirit into their relationship. As a spiritual discipline, a couple's relationship is sacrament - an outward and visible sign of God's grace.

What if we thought of our other important commitments as spiritual discipline? Are our friendships, jobs, financial obligations, ministries, hobbies, and habits signs of God's grace? Can our commitments become places where the human and the divine intersect in our lives?

In Baptism and then again in Confirmation/Reception/Reaffirmation we commit to live our lives as spiritual discipline. Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself? Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being? You'd have to be fool-hardy to enter into commitments like these on your own. That is the beauty of commitment as spiritual discipline, you are never alone! You enter into this type of commitment by saying, "I will, with God's help!" and the whole community promises to support you as you live a life of spiritual discipline.

Spiritual Discipline implies intentionality and purpose. Would you make different commitments if you thought of them as Spiritual Discipline? What if you believed God and your faith community were wrapped up in the commitments you make? Too deep? You, your life, your commitments are filled with the potential to reveal God's love and grace in the world. You are sacrament!

Blessings,

Sarah+

Message from the Assistant Rector The Rev. Dan Justin



By the time you read this I will be in Europe on the trip of a lifetime. A few months back one of my friends in Los Angeles won a raffle at an event. The prize was a roundtrip ticket to Istanbul, Turkey. It did not take long for a bunch of us to decide that he was not going alone! We all bought tickets of our own and now we are finally off on our adventure.

In addition to Istanbul, we decided that we wanted to see other cities in Europe as well. So we added Rome and Paris to the trip. I will be covering a lot of ground in a short period of time. This will be my first time in Europe. I cannot even begin to tell you how excited I am to have this

opportunity.

Each city we are visiting has the potential to become more than just a vacation spot for me. It can become a pilgrimage of sorts. A journey like this can be an opportunity to experience the Holy as you explore. We will be visiting ancient places and fantastic cathedrals. I will be visiting the Blue Mosque as well as Hagia Sophia. We have a private tour of the Vatican booked. I will get to spend time in Notre Dame. Each of these destinations is more than a tourist attraction. They are places where I am certain I will experience the presence of God.

When I visited Jerusalem in 2007 (which is the only other international travel I have done) I was struck by my sense of anticipation each morning. I walked out the door expecting to experience God in new ways as I explored that ancient city. That sense of expectation was one of the things I loved about the trip. I am looking forward to that sense of expectation again on this trip.

St. Mary's Episcopal Church

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.

But I believe the real challenge is to carry this sense of expectation that we are going to experience God today into our normal every day lives. It is not something that has to be reserved for fantastic trips to far off lands. Each day, even normal every day routine kind of days, are filled with divine potential. God is there. We must learn to slow down and notice!

Blessings,

Dan+

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

It's not too late to join a Music Ministry!

St. Mary's offers 3 choral opportunities for ministering through music:

The Parish Choir - made up of singers from middle school through adulthood. This choir sings for most 10 a.m. worship services from September through May as well as for Lessons and Carols and Christmas Eve in December and for a number of Holy Week services. Rehearsals are from 11:30 a.m. - 12:45 p.m. each Sunday.

The Treble Choir - made up of young singers from 2nd through 8th grades. This choir sings on the average of twice a month at the 10 a.m. service as well as for Lessons and Carols.

The Gospel Choir - made up of singers from all ages. This choir sings for four 10 a.m. services per year and rehearses on Thursday evenings 6-8 weeks prior to each service date.

For more information and to answer any questions you may have about any of these wonderful music ministry opportunities, please contact Kevin McKelvie at SMECKKevin@sbcglobal.net

October/November - Music at 10 a.m. Worship

Service Date	Composer	Title
10.2 Proper 22 Hymns - 518, 458, 448		
Offertory	Haydn	The Heavens are telling...
Eucharist learning...	Orem	The wise may bring their
10.9 Proper 23 Hymns - Rejoice the Lord is King - Darwell's 148th (not in the hymnal), 487, 557		
Offertory	Purcell	Rejoice in the Lord
always....		
Eucharist	Anon.	Rejoice in the Lord always...
10.16 Proper 24 Hymns - 362, 304, 594		
Offertory	Thomas	The Gift
Eucharist	arr. Halley Lutkin	How can I keep from singing... The Lord bless you and keep you...
10.23 Proper 25		

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

Hymns - 423, 593, 680

Offertory Vaughan Williams O how amiable are they dwellings...
Eucharist TBA - Kaethe Wright Kaufman - soprano

10.30 Proper 26 - GOSPEL CHOIR

Offertory arr. Halley Hold to God's Unchanging Hand
Eucharist Marciciak Praise the Lord, O Praise the Lord

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.

11.6 Celebration of All Saints - Bishop's Visitation

Hymns - 287, 554, 618

Offertory Britten Festival Te Deum
Eucharist Russian Chant Remember your servants, Lord...

11.13 Proper 28

Hymns - 632, 53, 490

Offertory Beaudrot O be joyful in the Lord
Eucharist Wood The eyes of all wait upon Thee
Trad. My Lord what a morning

11.20 Proper 29 - Christ the King

Hymns - 494, 382, 477

Offertory Britten Jubilate Deo
Eucharist TBA - Wesley Robinson - tenor

Upcoming Dates for your calendar:

Sunday - 4 December - Lessons and Carols Service - 5 pm

Saturday - 24 December - Christmas Eve - Prelude begins at 10 pm

Upcoming Events**Pet Blessing**

St. Mary's Episcopal Church welcomes you to attend a Pet Blessing Service Sunday, October 2, 2011 at 4 p.m. in the Courtyard. Please bring your old, clean towels and place them in the basket provided. We are collecting them for a local pet shelter in celebration of St. Francis.

Fall Food Drive

St. Cyprian's Food Pantry in Chicago GRATEFULLY accepts nonperishable food items such as pasta, canned fruits and vegetables, rice, pasta, macaroni and cheese, soups, chili, beans, peanut butter in plastic jars, toiletries, boxed cereal, etc. The next food drive is on Sunday, Oct. 16. The Outreach Commission will be handing out colorful, reusable food-collection bags at the Oct. 2 Ministry Fair. Questions? Please call our liaison Roberta Skelton, 847 956-4401.

Fall Learning Opportunities - 7 pm in Grauer Lounge, Light snacks served

October 5th - People Get Ready! The Bishop is Coming with the Rev. Sarah Odderstol

Are you ready to transform your participation in church into a spiritual discipline???

Have no idea what confirmation is but like the idea of committing to a spiritual discipline? This class is for you!

Have some vivid/vague recollection of being confirmed and are ready to more fully live your faith at St. Mary's?

This class is for you! Longtime member of the Episcopal Church, confirmed years ago, but ready to reconnect to your baptism? This class is for you!!

October 26th - Something Wicked This Way Comes (Part One) with the Rev. Dan Justin

Why do bad things happen to good people? How can evil exist in the world if God is good? The questions of theodicy (theodicy refers to the questions about God and the existence of evil) are ever present in these days of

natural disasters, wars, personal grief, struggle and suffering. Join Dan as he takes a look at the question of evil in the world. Together we will embark in a conversation on this topic examining a variety of theological viewpoints and learning from a variety of theologians who have written on the topic. While no real answer is expected to be found, we can learn and grow together as we engage the questions.

November 9th - 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.

Confirmation Class - Cultivating the Discipline of Participation

While Sarah's class on October 5th will help people explore the meaning of confirmation, reception and reaffirmation, the Confirmation Class itself is for those who have decided to be confirmed, received or reaffirmed on November 6th. This is a two part class and participants must commit to attending both part one and part two. **You may attend Part One on Wednesday, October 12th at 7:00 pm OR Saturday, October 15th at 10:00 am. You may attend Part Two on Wednesday, November 2nd at 7:00 pm OR Saturday, November 5th at 10:00 am.** Please contact the Rev. Sarah Odderstol with any questions.

Ministry Fair at St. Mary's

Sunday, October 2, 2011

11:00 a.m.

Beyer Auditorium

You may have heard about some of St. Mary's ministries, and others may be a mystery to you. The Ministry Fair is a great way to find out more about the many ministries at St. Mary's and perhaps find a new outlet for your talents. Look for these ministries at the Fair:

- Altar Guild
- Fellowship
- Children's Formation
- Adult Formation
- Youth Formation
- Outreach
- Gardening
- Gospel Choir
- New Member
- Parish Choir
- Pastoral Care
- Prayer Shawl
- Properties
- Treble Choir
- Treasure Chest
- Ushers and Greeters
- Women's Spirituality



Saint Mary's Episcopal Church

Second Sunday Sack Lunches



Join us to make lunches for those in need

When? Every Second Sunday right after church

Where? Beyer Auditorium

Who? All of us – young and old

We are looking for donations. We need:

400 PC Bread
 400 Pc lunchmeat (no baloney)
 100 snack size chips
 200 hard-boiled eggs
 100 candy bars or 200 cookies (homemade would be great!)
 100 juice boxes
 100 pc of fruit (no bananas)
 Mustard & Mayo packets
 Ziplok Sandwich bags

If you would like to contribute, please email Dawn (dawnsteffen@yahoo.com) and let us know what you are bringing.
 Drop it off in the Beyer Auditorium before church

October (October 9th) lunches will be delivered to Deborah's Place
 (www.deborahsplace.org) to feed the homeless.

Next Second Sunday: November 13th

Christmas Baskets return to St. Mary's

For nearly a century, Cathedral Shelter of the Episcopal Diocese of Chicago has helped low-income families and individuals in Chicago celebrate the holidays through Christmas Basket program. All basket recipients are working to make positive changes in their lives, but financial difficulties prevent them from buying Christmas gifts. Many, such as seniors without a family, wouldn't receive a gift at all if they weren't sponsored for a Christmas Basket. SMEC is returning to the Cathedral Basket program this Christmas. Sign-ups to sponsor a family or a senior usually take place in late October. SMEC families can also split up a family's list to share the expense of giving. Parishioner Judy Donovan (847 696-0287) is chair of the 2011 Cathedral Basket program. She will be assisted by Jackie Totsch and Jackie Combs Nelson. Look for more information to follow.

Fall Taize Prayer Service

Please join us at St. Mary's Episcopal Church on Friday, October 21st AT 7:30 p.m. Details to follow in upcoming Sunday bulletins.

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.

2011 Christmas Pageant

December 18, 2011 @ 3:00 pm
 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) or Eileen Aldrin (eileenaldrin@aol.com) . We will be thrilled to have your help!

Women's Spirituality

Women's Spirituality: Please join us in the Grauer Lounge on Monday, October 3rd, from 7:00 to 8:30 pm for fellowship, light refreshments and discussion of Kate Brastrup's book "Beginner's Grace: Bringing Prayer to Life." With good humor and warmth she explains how the practice of prayer can open a space in our busy lives for mindfulness, gratitude, contentment and compassion toward others. All are welcome whether you have read the book or not. For further information, contact Rev. Martha Durham at martha@stmaryspr.org



Community Events

The Center of Concern is hosting two Bunko parties on October 14th.

Bunko is a fun dice game that anyone can play -no experience necessary! Two Bunko parties will be held to benefit The Center of Concern, a social service agency in Park Ridge. The events will be held on Friday, October 14th at the South Park Recreation Center (Talcott and Cumberland) in Park Ridge. The first event, "Bunko and Lunch" for men and women will be held from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. Later, "Ladies' Night" will be held from 6:30 p.m. until 9:30 p.m. \$15.00 ticket includes Bunko games and prizes, choice of beef sandwich or mostaccioli, dessert, coffee and tea. Wine, beer and pop will be available for purchase. Contact Nancy at (847) 318-1008 to make your reservations, and your tickets will be held at the door. Please indicate whether you would like to come for the afternoon or evening session and whether you would like beef or pasta.

The Park Ridge Women's Prayer Breakfast

An ecumenical event held annually since 1986 is being held at 8:30 am - Saturday, October 22, 2011. at the Park Ridge Country Club. Cost is \$25 per person. For additional ticket information, please call 847-318-7376.

The Center for Concern

Welcome, John McNabola, New Executive Director Fall Festival & Fundraiser
 Mexican Buffet Dinner Includes hors d'oeuvres, entree choices, dessert, coffee & soft drinks
 Monday, October 24, 2011 - Hay Caramba - 122 S Prospect Avenue, Park Ridge, IL 60068
 5:00 p.m.- 9:00 p.m. Cash Bar, Raffle, Entertainment. \$40 per person. For more information, please contact Dawn Disher at 847-823-0453 X 125.

For a complete list of monthly events, please visit St. Mary's website at 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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~ October 2011 Birthdays and Anniversaries! ~						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 Beth Barker Celeste Carlson Anniversary: Nick and Megan Giacomino	3 Curt Manning	4 Kathy McIntyre	5 Katherine Waterman Anniversary: William Haefling III and Maggie Leroux	6 Elizabeth Hannah	7	8 Matthew Lahey Anniversary: David and Terri Mazza
9 Peg Lang Katy Manning Joseph Tamborini - Czolgosz Anniversary: Michael and Stephanie Kitt	10 Gary Gunther Jim Morris	11 Anniversary: Roy and Katherine Waterman	12 Anniversary: Jim and Penny Jacobsen	13	14 Pearce Carlson Anniversary: John and Laura Cella	15 Bridget Donovan Anniversary: David and Natalie Bontumasi
16 Paul Holler Anniversary: Steven and Judith Druschitz	17 Anniversary: John and Sandra Kreger	18	19 Michael Kitt Luke Pederson	20 Elizabeth Kruesi Brenda Whitenack	21 Cooper Ferguson Dean Ferguson	22 JoAnn Marciciak
23 Maeve Kelliher	24	25 Katie Daniels Lucas Muss	26	27	28	29 Patti Bonk Nick Giacomino
30 Kathleen Barker Karalyn Daniels Chris Otto Anniversary: Jim and Janet Petran	31 Steve Brooks Terri Mazza Tom Svetlyk					

RECIPE OF THE MONTH



Pumpkin Salad

Ingredients

- 1-3/4 cups cubed peeled pie pumpkin
- 2 teaspoons canola oil
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 2 tablespoons sunflower kernels
- 2 tablespoons finely chopped pecans
- 2 tablespoons minced fresh cilantro
- 2 tablespoons chopped red onion
- 1/2 cup plain yogurt
- 1 teaspoon ground cumin
- 1/2 teaspoon grated fresh gingerroot

Directions

- Place pumpkin cubes on a baking sheet. Brush with oil; sprinkle with salt. Bake at 375° for 35-40 minutes or until tender. Cool completely.
- In a large bowl, combine the sunflower kernels, pecans, cilantro, onion and pumpkin. In a small bowl, combine the yogurt, cumin and ginger. Pour over pumpkin mixture; toss to coat. Cover and refrigerate until chilled. Yield: 2 servings.

Christian Education Thank you's

Special Thanks to those who helped get the Sunday School Program ready for the fall start. Janet Petran, who spent countless hours organizing and collecting work and craft responses for the grade school classes. I couldn't have done it without her help! And thanks to Deanna McDowell who so graciously donated the funds, in her granddaughter May Aldrin's name, that we used to make lovely shelving for the classrooms. Andy Jones crafted these fine shelves that fit our rooms and our program needs. And Fran Kokes, who stained and finished the shelves. Thanks to all for this help. Also, thank you to Kristin Karas Dubowski, for her work in Children's Chapel over the summer. Stacie Dinse generously covered more than her fair share of summer Sundays - Thank you!. We appreciate all the help Kathy Wood Smith gave us by arranging Chapel assistants for the summer.

Gratefully, Deacon Martha

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