

*September 2011 Edition*

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

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

**St. Mary's Mission Statement**

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## *Message from the Rector*

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*The Rev. Sarah D. Odderstol*

### **All Are Welcome! = All Are Welcomed Back!**

As I walked into the store I saw a woman leap behind a tall clothing rack. Even though I hadn't seen her in awhile, I recognized her instantly. I tried not to notice, but I could see her peeking over the top of the designer blue jeans. What I could not see from where I was standing was that I effectively had all the exits blocked. The woman could not get out of the store without walking past me!

Sheepishly, the woman stepped out from behind the clothing rack and attempted to act like she didn't see me as she approached. "Well this is awkward..." I thought to myself. "Should I pretend not to see her or should I say hello?" I said, "Hello Eunice!" (Names have been changed to protect the innocent!) The woman turned purple. Without even saying hello back she began sputtering as she rattled off all the reasons (legitimate, I might add) that she and her family had not been to church. After she exhausted her list and herself, I said hello again. I went on to tell her that St. Mary's does not work on a point system. Yes, I had noticed she had not been at church and missed her, but I was not taking attendance. She said she was so embarrassed that she had not been to church that she was thinking about starting over at another church. She felt like she needed a clean slate. "Nobody is keeping score," I said. "God doesn't work that way and neither does St. Mary's. We miss you when you are not with us. You are always welcome to come home."

At St. Mary's we strive to offer the radical welcome that Jesus offered in his ministry. "All are welcome!" also means "All are welcomed back!" The church – the body of Christ in the world – is more than a building and an organ and liturgy. The church is you (and you and you and you and you!)... all of us gathered together. Really, truly, we are not the same St. Mary's without you.

Now I have to wonder when I walk down the street and I see the bushes rustle as I walk by, "Was that a rabbit or did someone from St. Mary's just dive in there!?"

Come home. I promise I won't ask too many questions and you don't have to explain... unless you want to.

Blessings,

Sarah+

# *Message from the Assistant Rector*



*The Rev. Dan Justin*

## **New Format for Youth Ministry**

I know I say it every year...but I just have to say it again – I can't believe how quickly the summer went by. It feels like just yesterday I was heading out on my vacation. Now it is September and the new program year is upon us.

I am excited about the youth ministry this year. Although the summer flew by, I spent it planning and preparing. I am happy to report all but one of our youth leaders from last year have signed on for another year! They include Dave Mazza, Jessica Holler, Kathy McIntyre, Kurt Dinse, Allen Bliss, and Leslie Stapleton. We also have a new volunteer this year – Laura Devaney. I am thrilled to continue to work with such a wonderful team of volunteers. This ministry simply would not exist without them. I would also like to thank Dawn Steffen who has volunteered to help organize and schedule our service projects for this year.

So what's new you ask? Lots!

This year we will once again separate out the junior high and senior high into two groups. Last year we kept the two groups together for the first half of the meeting and then broke up into age appropriate groups half way through. While the Sunday morning meetings will be divided by age group – all youth activities, events, projects, outings, etc. will be open to both age groups.

Now here is the tricky part! Meeting times remain Sunday mornings from 11:30 am to 12:30 pm BUT...

*Your age group only meets every other weekend.*

So, if senior high are meeting on Sunday morning, the junior high has the Sunday off. They will meet the following Sunday and the senior high will be off.

This edition of the messenger includes the full schedule of dates for all meetings and those combined events for which I already have dates. Please take advantage of this schedule to create a fall calendar which will allow your student to attend as many Youth Group meetings as possible. Many students have Sunday morning activities and sports. I am hoping by meeting less frequently each month your student can make the commitment to be present each time we do gather.

This year we are updating our curriculum once again. We will be using the FaithLens online curriculum which explores current events from the news and reflects theologically on those events. We will also utilize resources from the Thoughtful Christian website which provides topical discussion starters. Finally, there will also be original content based on the Episcopal Belief and Practices document recently circulated around the diocese.

All discussions will be heavily informed by two life-changing books I have recently read. They are *Almost Christian* by Kenda Creasy Dean and *Revisiting Relational Youth Ministry* by Andrew Root. I highly recommend both books for parents.

# *Schedule of Youth Meetings*

## **Print and Post**

### Junior High

September 11	Welcome Back Party
September 25	Regular meeting
October 9	Regular meeting
October 16	CROP Walk event – all youth participate
October 30	Goth Mass Evening Event – all youth participate
November 6	Regular meeting
November 20	Shopping for St. Cyprians gifts – all youth participate
December 4	Regular Meeting
December 18	Regular Meeting
January 15	Regular Meeting
January 29	Annual Meeting – all youth participate
February 5	Regular Meeting
February 19	Regular Meeting
March 4	Regular Meeting
March 18	Regular Meeting
April 15	Regular Meeting
April 29	Regular Meeting
May 20	End of the Year Party – all youth participate

### Senior High

September 11	Welcome back party – all youth participate
September 18	Regular Meeting
October 2	Regular Meeting
October 16	CROP Walk – all youth participate
October 30	Goth Mass evening event – all youth participate
November 13	Regular Meeting
November 20	Shopping for St. Cyprians gifts – all youth participate
December 11	Regular meeting
January 8	Regular Meeting
January 22	Regular Meeting
January 29	Annual Meeting – all youth participate
February 12	Regular Meeting
February 26	Regular Meeting
March 4	Regular Meeting
April 1	Regular Meeting
April 22	Regular Meeting
May 6	Regular Meeting
May 20	End of the Year Party – all youth participate

\*\*Schedules subject to change

## *Message from the Junior Warden*

It's been a busy summer! Several Vestry members have been working on Strategic Plan objectives. Here's a brief update on their progress:

**Membership Development:** Carole Pick and her committee met several times over the summer to talk about how we can welcome and incorporate newcomers into our community. You may have noticed that the nametag books in the Narthex have been divided between the two tables, so it's easier to find your nametag and there are new blank nametags for guests. **Please be sure to wear your nametag at every service.** At the beginning of each service, Sarah and Dan have been encouraging us to introduce ourselves to newcomers and invite them to coffee hour. The committee is also developing new welcome cards and ways to follow-up with newcomers and to track our efforts. Carole's committee is also working on developing newcomer folders. Carole welcomes any thoughts or ideas that you have on membership development.

**Lifelong Learning:** Kathleen Hagenlocker is working with a small group to explore new ways to lead and direct St. Mary's children's formation efforts. They have identified the various components and tasks associated with children's formation and are discussing the leadership needs for each of these areas. Their goal is to have a plan in place by the first of the year.

**St. Mary's Outreach Program:** The Outreach Commission has just begun working on developing a strategic plan. As part of this process, they will look at external trends and internal factors that affect our Outreach efforts as well as assess our current and past efforts. They will also develop mission, vision and values statements and determine key objectives and goals. Their goal is to have a plan completed by our next annual meeting.

**Financial Sustainability:** The Finance Committee led by Kathy McIntyre is beginning to develop the 2012 budget. They will be discussing not only our near-term budget needs, but also longer-term plans and projects to be identified by the Vestry that will help us to live out our mission and vision. An additional goal of this committee is to continue to find ways to lessen our reliance on the endowment to cover operating costs.

I'll keep you updated of our progress on the Strategic Plan Objectives. If one of these commissions sounds interesting to you, you'll have a chance to learn more about our commissions and ministries at St. Mary's at the **St. Mary's Ministry Fair on Sunday, October 2 at Coffee Hour.** See you there.

Barbara Needleman

# *Music at St. Mary's*

By Kevin McKelvie

## *Don't wait – Don't delay! Fall Music Opportunities are coming soon!*

Before you know it, Fall will be here, together with changing colors and cooler days. As we make this seasonal transition, I would like for you to be thinking about becoming a part of the Music Ministry of St. Mary's. There are so many ways in which anyone can be involved – *The Parish Choir – The Gospel Choir – Playing an instrument in worship* and the *Treble Choir* for our younger musicians! Please contact Kevin McKelvie at [SMECKevin@sbcglobal.net](mailto:SMECKevin@sbcglobal.net) for more information or to answer any questions you may have, to volunteer or to share a comment.

### *Parish Choir Retreat*

The Parish Choir will begin the season with our annual retreat (at St. Mary's) on Saturday, 10 September from 10 a.m. till 3:00 p.m. – lunch included! Now is the time to become a new member or recommit you pledge as a returning member of our magnificent Parish Choir. Please contact Kevin McKelvie at [SMECKevin@sbcglobal.net](mailto:SMECKevin@sbcglobal.net) for further information.

### *Treble Choir Begins in September*

Our fine Treble Choir will begin this program season on Saturday, 17 September with morning long "retreat" at St. Mary's. As in the past, this retreat will run from 9 a.m. and will conclude with a brief Noonday service at 12:30 concluding a little before 1 p.m. – all persons are invited to this service. Regular rehearsals for the Trebles are on Sundays from 11:30 till Noon and on Wednesdays from 6:30 – 7:15 p.m. The Treble Choir participates in 10 a.m. services of worship throughout the program year, about twice per month as well as our Service of Lessons and Carols in December. If you have or know of any young persons from 2<sup>nd</sup> grade and older who are interested in singing and learning musical skills, please contact Kevin McKelvie at [SMECKevin@sbcglobal.net](mailto:SMECKevin@sbcglobal.net) , no prior musical experience is necessary – we will do all the training!

## *Fall Learning Opportunities*

Each fall St. Mary's offers a variety of classes, Crucial Conversations, and learning opportunities. Pull out your calendars and save a few Wednesday evenings because this fall promises to be full opportunities once again.

**New this year** – Dinner will be available at each class (excluding Crucial Conversations) for participants who wish to come a little early and have a meal with the community. This saves you the trouble of rushing home from work, eating, and making it to St. Mary's on time. A basket will be available for you to make a donation to cover costs.

Here is the schedule of classes for this fall:

### **September 21st – Crucial Conversations**

See description later in the Messenger.

### **September 28th – Civil Unions and St. Mary's with the Rev. Sarah Odderstol**

Civil Unions became legal in the state of Illinois on June 1, 2011. With the passing of this law, The Rt. Rev. Jeffrey Lee, Episcopal Bishop of Chicago, approved Guidelines for the Blessing of Holy Unions and a provisional liturgy. Episcopal congregations in the Diocese of Chicago now have the opportunity to offer Holy Unions and the Blessing of Civil Unions to both parish members and non-members. How do Holy Unions differ from Holy Matrimony? We will explore this and other questions you may have around the blessing of same-gender unions. If you would like to preview the Diocesan Guidelines and provisional liturgy the following link will take you to the Diocese of Chicago website: <http://www.episcopalchicago.org/ministries/litery-music/documents/HolyUnionGuidelinesandLiturgy.pdf> If you do not have computer/printer access, please call the church office and we can make a printed copy available for you! If you cannot attend this class but would like to talk to a clergy member about Holy Union/Same-Gender Union, either Sarah or Dan would be happy to sit down with you individually, please call for an appointment.

### **October 5<sup>th</sup> – 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???

You go to church. You are involved at church – you teach in the Atrium or sing in the choir or print bulletins... You give to your church as you steward your financial resources. What is next? Or maybe you are just looking for a way to get started? Confirmation has traditionally been considered the pathway to “formal” membership in the Episcopal Church. Confirmation in the Episcopal Church or Reception into the Episcopal Church is what places your name in the official membership records of an Episcopal parish. According to the Book of Common Prayer, in the sacramental rite of Confirmation/Reception/Reaffirmation, individuals “make a mature public affirmation of their faith, recommit themselves to the responsibilities of their baptism, and receive the laying on of hands by a bishop.”(BCP 412)

While Confirmation/Reception/Reaffirmation is the “official” rite making you a “formal” member of the Episcopal Church, the rite is also a deeply spiritual sacrament of personal transformation! On November 6, 2011, our Bishop, Jeffery Lee, will be at St. Mary's for our visitation. As a part of that visit, our bishop will be offering you the opportunity to journey deeper in your faith through the Sacramental Rite of Confirmation/Reception/ Reaffirmation. 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!!

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# *Fall Learning Opportunities*

## **October 26<sup>th</sup> – 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 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.

# *Confirmation Class - Cultivating the Discipline of Participation*

While Sarah's class on October 5<sup>th</sup> 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 6<sup>th</sup>.

This is a two part class and participants must commit to attending both part one and part two. Both parts will be offered at two separate times allowing participants to avoid scheduling conflicts. All classes will include presentations accessible to both adults and youth participants.

## Schedule for Part One

Wednesday, October 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm  
or  
Saturday, October 15<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am

## Schedule for Part Two

Wednesday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00 pm  
or  
Saturday, November 5<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am

Again, participants should select one of each session allowing them to attend both Part One and Part Two.

If you have any questions feel free to contact the Rev. Dan Justin at [dan@stmaryspr.org](mailto:dan@stmaryspr.org) or at (847) 823-4126.

*Coming Soon to St. Mary's...*

## **Second Sunday Sack Lunches**

Starting **October 9, 2011** St. Mary's will introduce a **new Outreach opportunity available to people of all ages**. During coffee hour on the second Sunday of each month St. Mary's will make bagged lunches to **feed the hungry**. Tables will be set up and an **assembly line of adults, kids, seniors and teens will work together** to make hundreds of bagged lunches. These will then be delivered to a ministry with the ability to distribute them to the hungry in Chicago. More details on how you and your family can be involved will be included in the October Messenger!

## *Welcome to the Table*

A young family approached the altar for communion, the mother holding the toddler in her arms. As they walked toward the priest, the toddler pointed firmly and clearly to the bread. "I want that!" The priest smiled and gave the child bread. True Story.

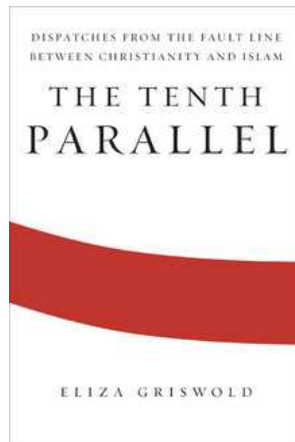
The essence of communion, and the child's interaction with God are all-visible in that moment. The Good Shepherd invites his sheep to the table for a special meal together. All of his sheep: young and old, broken and healed, those who can speak and those who have no words, the strong in heart and mind and the weak; we all stand together around the table.

The **Book of Common Prayer** (p. 857) states that a sacrament is an "outward and visible sign of an inward and spiritual grace". We can see the outward signs of bread and wine. We can talk intellectually on the left side of our brain about what happens during the Eucharist. We cannot see or know the inward and spiritual grace that happens to a person receiving a sacrament. Simply, we know and trust that God is present.

In a straightforward way, this is why our children receive bread and wine from their earliest desire. They are as essential a part of our community as the adults and elderly, and have as complete a relationship with God as any adult I know. My job directing the Sunday School is to give them language to express that relationship, and an environment in which it can be wondered about and explored.

In the preschool **Atrium** program, **The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd**, the adults and children wonder about this sacrament together. No one has all the answers - it is like the proverbial onion skin - there are layers of understanding and knowledge. Sometimes the adults can guide the thinking of the youngsters, but if you ask the trained Catechists, they will have many stories of the adults learning from the children. Children have an innate relationship with God, one that we honor and respect. In the Atrium we teach them language to express that relationship and give them an environment in which they can explore it. Together we wonder about the parables of the Good Shepherd and his teaching. We work with the articles of the Eucharist, and name them: Chalice, Paten, Bread, Water, Wine...the list goes on, as does the wondering... I wonder what is in the bread? I wonder what is in the wine? The Good Shepherd is in the bread, and the wine. Who does the Good Shepherd call to the table? Me. All of me: young and old, sick and healthy, for strength and for solace. All of me with all kinds of understanding, we stand together in Holy Communion. Welcome to the table.

# Women's Spirituality



Women's Spirituality begins our new season on Monday, September 12th from 7:00 to 8:30 pm in the Grauer Lounge. All are welcome whether you have read the book or not. We will be discussing "The Tenth Parallel: Dispatches from the Fault Line between "Christianity and Islam" by Eliza Griswold. Please join us for conversation, fellowship and light refreshments. Below is the listing of books we will be reading during the coming year. They are available at the Reader's Desk, 2nd floor, Park Ridge Library. For further information, contact Rev. Martha Durham at [martha@stmaryspr.org](mailto:martha@stmaryspr.org)

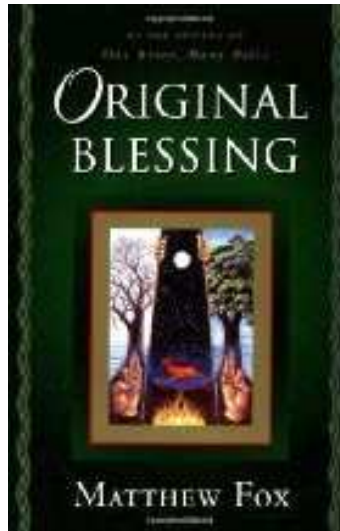
Date	Book Author
September 12	<u>10<sup>th</sup> Parallel</u> Griswold
October 3	<u>Beginners Grace</u> Braestrup
November 7	<u>Kitchen House</u> Grissom
December 5	<u>The Arrival</u> Shaun Tan
January 2	<u>Anam Cara</u> O'Donohue
February 6	<u>Illumination</u> Brockmeir
March 5	<u>Falling Upward</u> Rohr
April 2	<u>Devil's Ink: Blog from the Basement</u> Pugh
May 7	
June 4	

## *Adult Formation!*

# *“Crucial Conversations”*

Information. Meditation. Action.

**Wednesday, September 21<sup>st</sup>. 7pm**



### **ORIGINAL BLESSING BY MATTHEW FOX**

In his best-known work, *Original Blessing*, Fox rejects the idea of our innate sin and inevitable punishment and proposes a creation-centered spirituality — a philosophy of mystical artistry, universal compassion, and the celebration of the divine within each human soul. Creation-centered spirituality blends science (knowledge of creation), mysticism (experiential union with creation), and art (expression of our awe at creation). When *Original Blessing* replaces *Original Sin*, relationships of awe, of passion and compassion, of love for justice and for the earth, are resurrected. Please join us for this most interesting of conversations lead by the Rev. Jay Risk. Reading of the book is not required but encouraged to enhance our conversation.

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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 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.

# Notes

## **Messenger Newsletter submission....**

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

## Treasure Chest Resale Store Re-Opens!



*The Treasure Chest* re-opens September 13th. **Volunteers are needed** for working hours 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday. Please confirm with Mary Redmann (847 825 2670) the days you would prefer to work.

# Outreach News

## A Sampling of Thank You's we have received

- **ERD President Robert W. Radtke:** "Thank you for St. Mary's generous contribution of \$3,420 to **Episcopal Relief and Development**. Your gift was designated for the Clean Water Fund. In these difficult and uncertain economic times, your support means a great deal to us at ERD and those we seek to serve. Your generosity allows us to save lives and transform communities around the world .... Please visit [www.erd.org](http://www.erd.org) to learn more about our programs. In partnership, we are healing hurting world."
- **Myra Sampson, director, Community Christian Alternative Academy:** "How blessed we are to have you as partners and extended Christian family. How often our students and their families have been blessed by your generosity. Thank you for your check for \$2,000. We are using the donation to install a sink in the art room . . . . Thank you so much for broadening the creative skills of our students and helping them to express themselves and to create beauty."
- **Interim Chaplain Rev. Leigh VanderMeer:** "On behalf of the students, community members, staff and board of the Episcopal Church Council of Northwestern University, it is my pleasure to thank you for your generous 2010 donation of \$2,000 . . . it's people and support like yours that allows **Canterbury House** to not only continue but to grow and thrive in the ever-changing world of campus life. For this we owe a profound debt of gratitude" Please follow a current, major renovation project at [www.northwestern.edu/episcopal](http://www.northwestern.edu/episcopal)
- **The Rev. Stacy Alan, chaplain of Brent House, the Episcopal Center at the University of Chicago:** "We would like to thank St. Mary's Episcopal Church for its donation of \$500 toward the work of our ministries at Brent House. The leadership and involvement of the undergraduate and graduates have been inspiring. These are young adults who are deeply engaged with their faith and are committed to both Christian community and Christian service, ministering to each other, to the communities around them, and the world beyond. . . . St. Mary's has been a faithful supporter over the years, and we are most grateful . . . . Come and see what important work you help us do." Please visit [www.brenthouse.org](http://www.brenthouse.org).
- **The Rev. Jay Risk, director of Bishop Anderson House:** "On behalf of the people we serve, I want to thank you for your gift of teddy bears. Between 85 and 90 children at Stroger Hospital of Cook County will receive teddy bears because of your generosity. As they hold the teddy bears in their arms for the first time, a Chaplain from the Bishop Anderson House will assure them that they are held in God's loving hands just as their teddy bear is held in their arms . . . . Thank you for helping our chaplains bring some hope to children's lives. "

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# Outreach News

- **Treasurer Beth C. Petti, Episcopal Church Women, Chicago:** “ Thank you for your donation of \$25 for the purchase of copies of the Spanish edition of Book of Common Prayer. The ECW International Outreach Project (IOP) committee provided the funds to purchase 100 copies for our newest missions in the Diocese of Chicago. Our first 100 were received by The Rev. José Arroyo of Familia Sagrada parish in Lake Villa. The IOP then challenged the women of the diocese to help provide additional books for other missions. Through the generous donations of **ECW** groups, we have been able to provide an additional 400 books.” Those interested in participating may donate \$15 for each prayer book. A nameplate will be placed in each book. Please make checks out to *ECW Diocese of Chicago*. Forms are in the church office.
- **Richard Gage, senior development officer, Lawrence Hall Youth Services:** “Thanks so much for inviting Pam West and me to the splendid Mardi Gras party . What a great time! Such good energy and fun. Lawrence Hall is fortunate to be part of the parish’s extended family. . . . Lawrence Hall remains interested in working with St. Mary’s to identify volunteer opportunities at or through the church for our older youth who need service hours to graduate from high school.”

## Gifts to the Outreach Ministry

**In memoriam:** A memorial donation for the Outreach Ministry was given in the name of the deceased Donald Gugler by parishioner Tricia Crisafulli.

**In celebration:** A donation in honor of the 90<sup>th</sup> birthday of Lois Kalla, long-time parishioner, was given by Dave and Pat Galen of Hanover Park, Ill.

# St. Mary's Calendar of Events

~ September 2011 ~						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2 6:00 P.M. Endara/Hickey Wedding Rehearsal, Church	3 1:30 P.M. Endara/Hickey Wedding Church
4 <u>Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost</u> 8 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite 1, Church 10 a.m. Holy Eucharist Church	5 <b>LABOR DAY</b> Parish Office Closed	6 7:15p.m. Pastoral Care Commission, Grauer Lounge	7 9 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Chapel 7p.m. Women's 12 Step Mtg Middle Classroom	8 10:30 a.m. Treasure Chest Staff Appreciation Coffee Hour, Grauer Lounge	9	10 10:00 A.M. Parish Choir Retreat Grauer Lounge
11 <u>Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost</u> <u>Program Year Begins</u> 8 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite 1, 10 a.m. Holy Eucharist 11:30 am Welcome Back Youth Event, Rectory 11:30 am Parish Choir Rehearsal Nave	12 7:00p.m. Women's Spirituality Grauer Lounge	13 7:00p.m. Prayer Shawl Group Youth Room  7:00p.m. Membership Meeting Conference Room  7:30p.m. Outreach Meeting Grauer Lounge	14 9 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Chapel 6:30 p.m. Treble Choir Rehearsal 7p.m. Town Hall Meeting, Grauer Lounge 7p.m. Women's 12 Step Meeting Middle Classroom	15 6:00p.m. Gospel Choir Night at the Movies Grauer Lounge	16	17 9a.m. Treble Choir Retreat, Nave and Grauer Lounge
18 <u>Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost</u> <u>Program Year Begins</u> 8 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite 1, 9 a.m. Town Hall Meeting, Grauer Lounge 10 a.m. Holy Eucharist 11 a.m. Town Hall Meeting, Grauer Lounge 11:30 am Junior and Senior High Youth Groups, Youth Room 11:30 am Parish Choir Rehearsal Nave	19 7 p.m. Town Hall Meeting, Grauer Lounge	20 7:30p.m. Vestry Meeting Grauer Lounge	21 9 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Chapel 7 p.m. Crucial Conversations Grauer Lounge 7 p.m. Women's 12 Step Meeting Middle Classroom	22	23	24
25 <u>Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost</u> <u>Program Year Begins</u> 8 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite 1, 10 a.m. Holy Eucharist 11:30 am Junior and Senior High Youth Groups, Youth Room 11:30 am Parish Choir Rehearsal	26 7:00p.m. Membership Meeting Conference Room	27	28 9 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Chapel 6 pm/dinner 7:00p.m. Adult Formation Class Grauer Lounge 6:30 pm Treble Choir Rehearsal 7 p.m. Women's 12 Step Meeting Middle Classroom	29	30 <b>Clergy Day</b> 6 p.m. Eisenreich/Stemper Wedding Rehearsal, Church	

# Birthdays and Anniversaries!

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				<b>1</b> Shirley Swanson	<b>2</b> Paul Connors Elizabeth Elliott David Mazza	<b>3</b> <u>Happy Anniversary to:</u> Will and Debbie Whamond
<b>4</b> Joe O'Grady Nelson Campbell <u>Happy Anniversary to:</u> Joe and Susan Tamborini-Czolgosz Jim and Elizabeth Jameson	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> <u>Happy Anniversary to:</u> Robert and Mary Olsen David and Judy Donovan	<b>7</b> Jim Fortney <u>Happy Anniversary to:</u> Tom and Marion Poyer	<b>8</b> Maggie Leroux	<b>9</b> <u>Happy Anniversary to:</u> Craig Espevik and Barbara Freund Patrick and Catharine Mastrolonardo	<b>10</b> Michael Kelliher Kathy Wood- Smith Dianne Yonkers
<b>11</b> Alyssa Harrison Alexandra Mital Amelia Mital Grant Moseley Jane Reiman  <u>Happy Anniversary to:</u> Pat and Kathy McIntyre	<b>12</b> Marilyn Frederiksen  <u>Happy Anniversary to:</u> Anthony and Laura Mariani	<b>13</b> Kathleen Martin Mark Mital	<b>14</b> Madeleine Wilson	<b>15</b> Cameron Maurer	<b>16</b> <u>Happy Anniversary to:</u> Tom and Kelly Dietrich  Matthew and Cheryl Coyne	<b>17</b>
<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> Anna Nicholson Dan Dorsey	<b>20</b> Natalie Bontumasi	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> Yvonne House	<b>23</b> Eric Odderstol	<b>24</b> Jerry Duncan  <u>Happy Anniversary to:</u> Jim and Trish Morris
<b>25</b> Kathleen Hagenlocker Maddy Petran Johnny O'Grady	<b>26</b> <u>Happy Anniversary to:</u> Ted and Kathy Wood-Smith Ben and Kristin Wilson	<b>27</b> Robert Druschitz	<b>28</b> Calun Kanze	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	

## Recipe of the Month



### *Fall Stew*

#### **Ingredients**

- 2 teaspoons olive oil
- 3/4 pound lean boned leg of lamb or lean, boned chuck roast, cut into 1-inch cubes
- 1 cup chopped Vidalia or other sweet onion
- 1 cup chopped celery
- 3/4 cup chopped carrot
- 3 garlic cloves, minced
- 1/2 cup dry red wine
- 1 1/2 cups cubed baking potato
- 1 cup chopped peeled rutabaga
- 1 cup chopped peeled turnip
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 7 (10 1/2-ounce) cans low-salt chicken broth or 8 cups homemade chicken stock
- 2 bay leaves
- 1/2 cup chopped plum tomato
- 1/2 cup chopped zucchini
- 1/4 cup chopped fresh cilantro
- 1 teaspoon dried oregano
- 1 teaspoon ground cumin
- 1/4 teaspoon ground red pepper
- 1/4 teaspoon black pepper

#### **Preparation**

Heat oil in a large Dutch oven; add lamb, browning on all sides. Add onion, celery, carrot, and garlic; sauté 5 minutes. Add the wine, and cook 3 minutes, stirring frequently. Add potato and next 5 ingredients (potato through bay leaves); bring to a boil. Reduce heat to medium; cook 1 hour and 20 minutes or until vegetables are tender. Add tomato and remaining ingredients; cook an additional 10 minutes. Discard bay leaves.

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# St. Mary's Ministry Contact Information

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

**United Power for Action & Justice Core Team**— Our faith inspires us to seek social justice for the most vulnerable. All who have a concern for justice are welcome to join this group who use community organizing methods to work for equitable access to health care, restrictions on crime guns, affordable housing and other issues. Contact Bill Totsch at 847-823-7734.

## **Community Christian Alternative (CCA)**

**Academy**— An inspiring and nurturing small school with a track record of successful graduates, CCA gives high school dropouts in the Lawndale neighborhood of Chicago a second chance to earn their diplomas. Volunteer as a classroom assistant, a tutor or in the office. Contact Brenda Whitenack at 847-698-0999.

**The Treasure Chest**— Our resale shop has a long history of providing charitable funding for ministry at St. Mary's in the world. Volunteers run the shop and maintain a lively fellowship among the workers. Contact Mary Redmann at 847-825-2670.

**Parish Choir Does It ALL On Sundays!** — As the New Year begins to unfold with a new budget – the Parish Choir has made some changes! We will no longer be having a mid-week rehearsal. Now is the time to join or re-join the Parish Choir, no more pesky Wednesday night rehearsals. It all happens on Sunday mornings now – one trip to church for the week – like one stop shopping, you can get it all and do it all in one trip. The schedule is as follows: Sunday Mornings from September through May Warm-up call 9:00 a.m.; 10 a.m. service; rehearsal 11:30 a.m. till 12:45 p.m. Every effort will be made to rehearse pieces to be sung several Sundays out; so if you have to miss a Sunday, you will not be out of the loop. Looking for singers in all voice categories, however we really need MEN, especially tenors – come one come all – make this your New Year's resolution! Sing, Sing, SING TO THE LORD A NEW SONG! Contact Kevin cKelvie for more information – [smeckevin@sbcglobal.net](mailto:smeckevin@sbcglobal.net)

**Treble Choir**— An incomparable music education for children starting in 2<sup>nd</sup> grade. Our choirmaster trains the trebles to read music, match pitch, sing in an ensemble, and make music expressive. Open to children in the church and the community. Rehearsals are Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. Contact Kevin at [smeckevin@sbcglobal.net](mailto:smeckevin@sbcglobal.net)

**Acolytes**— Carrying the cross and candles as the procession enters the liturgy, the acolytes draw our attention to the Light of the Christ who we come to meet in worship. Our excellent acolyte team encourages older youth to train and nurture younger members in the discipline of leading worship. Contact Curt Manning at 847-692-9201 or Dianne Yonkers.

**Altar Guild**— Who prepares our sanctuary for worship with such caring attention? The women of the Altar Guild do. This team of women (along with some husbands too) takes great care in preparing and decorating the church for worship. Contact Barb Bowers at 847-823-0709.

**Prayer Shawl**— Knit and crochet prayer shawls are created for those in need of comfort and solace. Both learners and experienced crafters are welcome at once-a-month meetings. Contact Jessica Holler, 847-222-8038.

**Sunday Altar Flower Delivery** - Nearly every Sunday the altar area of the Church is adorned with two beautiful flower arrangements. As part of their ministry, members of this ministry undertake to deliver the flower arrangements each Sunday to parishioners suggested by the clergy. These parishioners are selected for a variety of reasons. Many of the deliveries recipients of the altar flowers are made to parishioners who are homebound, ill, recovering, or just released from the hospital. Other times, the altar flowers are delivered to parishioners celebrating a birth or some other joyous event. If you would like more information about the ministry, telephone Jim Harbert at 847-692-9245.

**Office Help**— This ministry comes to the aid of office staff who have a heavy work load. No special skills necessary, but those with office or computer experience are welcome. Linda Olson 847-768-9519, will lead this effort, or contact the parish office.

**Layreaders, Lay Eucharistic Ministers, and Chalice Bearers** — Contact the Rev. David Grauer.

**Youth and Children's Formation & Catechists**— Journey with our children ages three to eighteen as they explore and learn about our faith. Adult catechists work in teams; usually responsible for a class twice a month on Sunday mornings. The Catechists are trained and given support. No experience is needed; many adults come and learn with the children. Other opportunities occur throughout the year for special events such as the Christmas Pageant, Vacation Bible School, Advent Family Crafts, and Holy Week Liturgies. Help at all levels is welcome! For additional information, please contact Martha Durham by email at [Martha@stmaryspr.org](mailto:Martha@stmaryspr.org).

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The Rev. James L. Risk III.....*BCC Executive Director, Bishop Anderson House*  
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  
**Pastoral Care** – Carole Pick  
**Properties** – Jay Needleman  
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**Parish Treasurer** – Kathy McIntyre  
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