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Passion & Purpose: Is it for you?

On Sunday, April 18th, the entire diocese of New Jersey will be observing Passion and Purpose Sunday. Passion and Purpose Sunday is “a day for preaching, teaching, and reflection about vocation.” The word vocation comes from the Latin verb, *vocare* -- which means to call. Thus, to have a vocation is to follow a calling, an invitation, or may be even a command. It is believed that a call comes from God. It is common knowledge among Christians that God has a plan for us, and somehow when we respond to God’s plan in our lives, we are engaging in our vocation. Some people may wonder whether one needs a special skill or talent to have a vocation. While it is important to have a talent or a skill, I’m convinced that this is not a requirement. A vocation is something that commands your heart and soul. It is as if your life is meaningless when you are not engaged in your vocation.

A vocation is not a job. It does not require special skills and talents to perform. While a job is an obligation, a vocation is responding to a very forceful urge to do something for the benefit of others. The ministry of Jesus Christ is a vocation.

Have you ever wondered what your calling is? What’s your purpose? Have you taken time to reflect on what God may be calling you to do? I believe we all have a purpose in life. God has given to each of us, a certain degree of passion for certain things. We simply have to listen to our hearts and hear what God may be calling us to do. It is my hope and prayer that on Passion and Purpose Sunday, you will begin to think seriously about living your life with a purpose, and sharing your passion with others, in a way that lifts them up and encourages them to pursue their own passion.

***O LORD, we beseech thee mercifully to receive the prayers of thy people who call upon thee;
and grant that they may both perceive and know what things they ought to do,
and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfill the same;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.***

*Collect for The First Sunday after the Epiphany
1928 Book of Common Prayer*

John +



Pray for the sick of our Parish Family

- Ruth Kieb ~ Aiden Jones
- Claudia Gammon ~ Curt Rieling
- Gilda Herrmann ~ Bill Wesson
- Alyce May ~ Augie Oppel
- Fred Bryant ~ Bertha Rieling
- Tom Rumpf ~ Alberta Spinola
- Susan Vernieri ~ Jim Dunn
- Jon-Mark Schneider ~ Ed Vazquez
- Norma ~ Beth Hogleund
- Derek Sturm ~ Phyllis Fecci
- Kim McCorry ~ Cameron
- Lauren Schrama

Pray for the friends of our parish family who are sick

- Lena Billick ~ Jack Kelly
- Ken ~ Nicholas Valentine
- Bob Cannon ~ Jessie
- Tom "Tiz" Buckley ~ Linda Nazelrod
- Mary Ellen Golden ~ Abby
- Lexi ~ Althea Smith
- Charles Haggerty ~ Alex Taylor
- Charles Derrick ~ Jerry Medolla
- Kathleen Auer ~ John Jarusiewicz
- Johanna Graham ~ Lindsey
- Judy Bent ~ Tony Spatarella
- Justin Jones ~ Fran Boyle
- Tylee Hahm ~ Ruth Gerlock
- Denise ~ George
- Savannah Rose ~ Colleen
- Nancy Harschbarger ~ Elizabeth
- Jeanette Seidita ~ Wendy Naden
- Al Merserlin ~ Jarrett L. Feldman
- Jeff Krausse ~ Bryan
- Jane McKinley
- Florine (Honey) Morrello ~ Charlie

The Homebound

- Betty Scholer ~ Holly Longstreet
- Gilda Herrmann ~ Viola Ferris
- Lugene Hahm ~ Ann Hoyer
- Mary Ker ~ Estelle Lambrugo
- Richard Heanni ~ Linny Hatch
- Bill Wesson ~ Paul White

For those in the armed services

- Anthony Santa Lucia
- Thomas Patrick ~ Richie Fulham
- William Quigley ~ Chris
- James Birch ~ Ian Hatch ~ Mark
- Tom McCarthy ~ Stephen Howell
- and all those who are in danger in this time of war

OBLATION BEARERS AND COFFEE HOUR HOSTS SCHEDULE

We would like as many of our families as possible to take part in Sunday services. Please sign up for a day to be oblation bearer/coffee hour hosts. Try to schedule a date near the birthday of a family member, an anniversary or a day that's special to you and your family.

Here are the dates that are still available:

- May 30
- July 4, 11, 25
- August 1, 8, 22, 29
- September 5
- October 3, 10, 17, 31
- November 14
- December 12, 19

Please contact Cherisse in the parish office at 732-892-9254 or email her at stmssecretary@verizon.net if you can host a date(s) above.

Congratulations to Lauren and Isaiah Fletcher on the birth of their daughter Amelia Edith.



Congratulations also to proud grandparents, Kathleen Horwedel and Ken Johnstone.

OUTREACH

St. Mary's has received thank you letters, from the outreach organizations we support, for donations that were made the end of 2009. If you would like to read the letters, they are posted on the information board in Farnsworth Hall.



UPCOMING COMMUNITY HYMN SING

April 25, 6:30 PM
Pt. Pleasant Presbyterian Church,
Forman & Bay Aves.,
Pt. Pleasant Beach

**~ COMMUNITY NEWS ~
40 hr. Work Week & Part Time,
\$14.00 per hour, U.S.**

Census Bureau

The U.S. Census Bureau is actively recruiting over 1,000 Ocean County residents, who may or may not be employed, including students (must be 18 at time of employment), to work on Census 2010 doing field operations. Census Takers (\$14.00 per hr.), typically work in their neighborhood to conduct interviews with residents, and Crew Leaders (15.50 per hr.) train and supervise teams of Census Takers. Training of 2-4 days is paid. The bulk of Census 2010 hiring will in the months of March, April and May. Field operations positions are typically for 3-8 weeks, though can be for more or less time. There is a maximum 40 hours of work per week, though many part time positions are available, and includes day, evening and weekend hours. To qualify, interested people must take a 30-minute, 28-question, multiple choice test (practice test available online: Google "Census 2010 practice test"). A testing session is generally about 1.5 hours, and test sites are located throughout the County.

APPLY NOW! Call 732-678-5768



Congratulations to Heather and Tom Cramer on the birth of their second son

Hayden Charles on Tuesday, March 23rd. Congratulations also to his big brother Tom, who is 4, and his proud great-grandmother Ruth Kieb.



When We Need God's Love Most

When do we need God's love most? Of course we need that love every second of our lives, but at times God's love is especially precious to us, times when:

- > we lose a loved one;
- > life becomes so confusing that we do not know where to turn;
- or
- > life just becomes meaningless and depression sets in.

At times like these, it is very important to have someone who cares. Our congregation has trained six lay people, Stephen Ministers, who offer a ministry of Christian caring here at St. Mary's. If you or someone you know needs a caring listener, please contact Lois Lyon at 732-899-7465 or Chuck Reagan at 732-901-5997.

CALLING ALL KNITTERS!!!

St. Mary's by the Sea is in the process of starting a prayer shawl ministry. This involves a team of knitters who meet once a month (or more frequently) to pray and knit a prayer shawl. The shawls will be presented to parishioners who are ill or are going through some difficulty in their lives. If you are interested in this ministry, please speak with Fr. John.

COUNTERS MEETING

There will be a short meeting of all the counters after church on Sunday, April 11th. All counters are asked to attend.



HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

MONDAY March 29

7:00AM Morning Prayer followed by Eucharist

TUESDAY March 30

7:00AM Morning Prayer followed by Eucharist

WEDNESDAY OF HOLY WEEK March 31

7:00AM Morning Prayer followed by Eucharist
7:00PM Tenebrae Service of Darkness

MAUNDY THURSDAY

April 1

7:00AM Morning Prayer followed by Eucharist
7:00PM Holy Eucharist with Foot Washing and Stripping of the Altar

VIGIL WATCH

"Will you watch with me?"
9:00PM - 7:00A.M. Good Friday

GOOD FRIDAY

April 2

7:00AM Morning Prayer
Noon - Stations of the Cross
7:00PM The Good Friday Liturgy

HOLY SATURDAY

April 3

7:00PM The Great Vigil of Easter
Please remember to bring your bells to joyfully ring in the First Mass of Easter!

EASTER DAY

The Feast of the Resurrection

April 4

8:00AM Holy Eucharist Rite I
10:00AM Choral Eucharist

WILL YOU WATCH WITH ME

Immediately following the Maundy Thursday Eucharist, we will begin the "watch." For many people, this tradition is one of the most personal experiences in Holy Week devotion. Leaving the Upper Room, Jesus began a night of agony in the garden of Gethsemane. There He asked His disciples, "Can you not keep watch with me for just one hour?" It has long been customary for the faithful to respond to Jesus' question by spending a "holy hour" in prayer and meditation. We will sign up for one-hour slots to keep vigil throughout the night. We need to have each hour covered by at least one parishioner! The Watch will be held in the chapel, where our "garden of Gethsemane" will be set up. If you cannot spend an entire hour, simply come and spend what time you can. Please sign up at the rear of the church.

EASTER FLOWERS FOR THE SHUT-INS



If you would like to bring an Easter flower to one of the shut-ins please see the sign up sheet posted in Farnsworth Hall. The flowers will be available for pick up beginning Maundy Thursday.

ACOLYTE LOCK IN

From Friday, May 21st to Saturday, May 22nd, 7pm to 8am, St. Mary's will be hosting its annual Acolyte Lock-in! The lock-in is for all acolytes and newcomers who are interested in becoming acolytes. The lock-in will consist of team building activities, snacks and time to gather with other acolytes in the church. If you are interested in attending this event please reply to Kaitlyn Bell at KabKabLab5@aol.com or 732-866-4286.





**ST. GREGORY'S
PANTRY NEEDS
FOR APRIL**

SPRING CLEANING MONTH

Detergents, hand soap, shampoo, etc.

A basket has been placed at the rear of the church for your donations.

SPRING FLING

On Saturday, April 17th, the J2A group will be hosting St. Mary's first Spring Fling dinner. This year's dinner will be prepared by Rich Brecka of Shore Fresh Seafood (Rich also prepared the delicious Fish Fry dinner as well as last year's Agape Dinner) Money raised from the dinner will be used for this year's J2A Pilgrimage to Martha's Vineyard. J2A members will be on hand during coffee hour with menus (one per family). Please get yours and have it tuned in no later than Sunday, April 11th. If you would like one mailed to your home, please contact Cherisse in the parish office.



We would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our friends at St. Mary's for their prayers, cards and food in the passing of Dawson. You have made a difficult time easier. May God bless each and every one of you. We would also like to thank Fr. John and Deacon Maria in their care of Dawson while he was in the hospital. St. Mary's will always be near and dear to our hearts.

*Connie Embree
and Diane Buckley*

NEEDED

Volunteers to help at the Asbury Park Soup Kitchen the second Saturday of each month



We meet at Trinity Church the second Saturday of the month from 9:30 to about 1:30 to prepare and serve lunch. *Come and help.* For more information contact Joan Biondo at 732-899-5331

Directions to the Soup Kitchen

- Start out going NORTH on BAY AVE / CR-604 toward FORMAN AVE. <0.1 miles
- Turn RIGHT onto FORMAN AVE. 0.2 miles
- Turn LEFT onto CINCINNATI AVE / NJ-35 N. Continue to follow NJ-35 N. 2.4 miles
- Turn SLIGHT RIGHT onto NJ-34 N. Pass through 1 round about. 4.0 miles
- Merge onto NJ-138 E toward BELMAR. 1.7 miles
- Merge onto NJ-18 N toward EATONTOWN. 4.5 miles
- Take the RT-66 E exit- EXIT 10A- toward ASBURY PK. 0.2 miles
- Merge onto ASBURY AVE. 0.6 miles
- Turn SLIGHT LEFT. <0.1 miles
- Turn SLIGHT RIGHT onto CR-16 / ASBURY AVE. Continue to follow ASBURY AVE. 1.5 miles - End at 503 Asbury Ave

2010 SPRING RAFFLE

*Only 300 tickets will be sold!
And there are 2 chances to win!*

ST. MARTIN (DUTCH SIDE)

7 Nights & 8 Days For 2

Wednesday, Nov. 3 - Wednesday, Nov. 10, 2010

WINNER RECEIVES:

- Airfare (all taxes paid)
- Hotel Accommodations
- Rental Car and Insurance (*only one person can sign on for the car*)

COMPLETE PACKAGE FOR ST. MARTIN \$3040.00

OCTOBER WEEKEND GETAWAY

COMPLETE PACKAGE FOR GETAWAY \$600.00

Angel By The Sea Bed & Breakfast, Trenton Avenue, Cape May
Friday thru Sunday (2pm check-in) Any Weekend in Oct. 2010

WINNER RECEIVES:

- Upgraded Ocean View Room with Private Bath (queen bed)
- Complimentary Breakfast Daily (8am-10am)
- Complimentary Tea & Pastry 4:30 pm (daily)
- Complimentary Wine and Cheese 5:30 pm (daily)
- Complimentary Bikes and Free Parking
- Plus a \$150.00 Merchandise Credit

See any of the committee members to purchase your ticket today!

Jennifer Butow, Kas Dyson, Jack Green, John Maher,
Daryl Schambach, Deirdre Smerillo, Alan Soyster

or you may contact Cherisse in the Parish Office for more info.

Drawing: Sunday, June 20, 11:30AM



The Staff

The Rt. Rev. George E. Councill, Bishop
 The Rt. Rev. Sylvestre Romero, Assistant Bishop
 The Rev. C. John Thompson-Quartey, Rector
 The Rev. Maria Sanzo, Dcn., Seminarian
 Esther Graham, Organist and Choir Director
 Cherisse Petruzzi, Parish Administrator
 Sande Iovino, Bookkeeper

Wardens

Diane Buckley, Senior Warden
 Jack Greene, Junior Warden
 Carleton Dilatush, Warden Emeritus

Vestry Members

Jim Beale ~ Lisa Bonin ~ Pam Cooper
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 Lynn Schambach ~ Alan Soyster ~ Michele Trenkle

Finance

Gary Smerillo, Treasurer
 John Drew, Assistant Treasurer
 Alan Wagner, Financial Secretary

The Monthly STAR is mailed electronically. Copies for those who do not have email will be available for pick up at the rear of the church and the homebound will receive their copy through the mail. *If you would like to receive information via email please send your address to Cherisse at stmssecretary@verizon.net.* Those who wish to receive it via mail should also indicate that. Please note that the idea is to cut cost not cut you off from communication.



Self Help Groups at St. Mary's

Day	Time & Group
Monday	- 1:00PM, AA in Farnsworth Hall
Tuesday	- 7:00AM AA in Farnsworth Hall - 1:00PM, Alanon in Farnsworth Hall - 7:00PM, AA in the Jones Room
Wednesday	- 1:00PM, AA in Farnsworth Hall - 8:00PM, AA in Farnsworth Hall
Thursday	No Groups
Friday	- 9:00AM, AA in Farnsworth Hall - 11:00AM, Alanon in the Jones Room - 8:00PM, AA in Farnsworth Hall

NewsLetter DEADLINE

St. Mary's STAR is published the first of each month.

If you would like to submit something for next month's issue please send it to Cherisse at stmssecretary@verizon.net no later than the 20th of the previous month.



WORSHIP SCHEDULE

TUESDAY

7:15AM Holy Eucharist

The Tuesday morning chapel service begins at 7:15AM with morning prayer, Rite II. After a short minute of silent prayer and contemplation, the service continues with the Holy Eucharist, Rite II. Breakfast at Starting Point Grill (formerly Duffy's) immediately follows. If your schedule does not permit attendance for the entire service, you are welcome to attend any portion of it.

All seats in the Chapel are good seats!
 Please join our small (but faithful) group.

SUNDAY

8:00AM Holy Eucharist Rite I
 10:00AM Choral Eucharist Rite II



Fr. John Thompson-Quartey
 Tuesday thru Friday from 9:00-5:00 by appointment.

Maria Sanzo, Deacon, Seminarian

Cherisse Petruzzi
 Monday through Friday 8:00-3:30.

There is a staff meeting each Thursday afternoon from 1:00-2:00PM and the office is closed each weekday from noon-1:00PM for lunch. If you miss any one of us, please just leave a message and we'll call you back as soon as possible. You can email Cherisse in the parish office at: stmssecretary@verizon.net