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Something New at St. Mary's

As we begin to wind down for the summer season (I could tell by the drop in our Sunday attendance), it gives me great pleasure to announce something new!

On Saturday, June 19th, our Seminarian and Deacon, Maria Sanzo, will be ordained to the sacred order of Priests. This is a very exciting event, because on this day, all the friends and family of Maria will give their affirmation to the life and ministry of Maria, as one set apart for the service of God among the faithful. On that day, we will all say a resounding YES to the question: "Is it your will that Maria be ordained a Priest?". Shortly after her ordination, Maria will be joining our staff as our part time Assistant Rector. Those of you who have known Maria during her time among us as Seminarian will attest to the fact that she brings a wealth of gifts for ministry to our St. Mary's family. Maria will say her first mass on Sunday, June 20th at 12 noon. Please note that on June 20th, the 10 AM service will be moved to 12 noon, to accommodate the family and friends of Maria who wish to be part of the celebration of her first Mass. We will have our regular 8 am service and the second service will be at 12 noon, followed by a luncheon provided by your vestry. It is my hope that many of you will come and be a part of this celebration of Maria's new ministry as a Priest.

Also on Saturday, June 19th, we will begin our trial of Saturday evening Mass (see page 8 for more information). This Saturday evening service will be complemented by contemporary Christian music, provided by a quartet of gifted musicians (all members of St. Mary's). There will be drums, guitars, keyboard, tambourines, and all assortments of musical instruments, making a joyful noise unto the Lord. We will try this new service for eight Saturdays, ending on August 14th. After this, our worship committee will meet to evaluate and make a recommendation to me.

It is my hope that these new events at St. Mary's will bring new life into our community as we slow down to catch our breath and prepare for welcome home Sunday in September.

I pray that each of you will have a restful and safe summer. Always remember, God loves you, and I love you too.

John +

The Episcopal Church Office of Public Affairs
Presiding Bishop Jefferts Schori Issues A Pastoral Letter to The Episcopal Church

The following is the Presiding Bishop's letter. The letter is also available in audio on the home page of the Episcopal Church website: www.episcopalchurch.org

A pastoral letter to The Episcopal Church

Pentecost continues!

Pentecost is most fundamentally a continuing gift of the Spirit, rather than a limitation or quenching of that Spirit.

The recent statement by the Archbishop of Canterbury about the struggles within the Anglican Communion seems to equate Pentecost with a single understanding of gospel realities. Those who received the gift of the Spirit on that day all heard good news. The crowd reported, "in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power" (Acts 2:11).

The Spirit does seem to be saying to many within The Episcopal Church that gay and lesbian persons are God's good creation, that an aspect of good creation is the possibility of lifelong, faithful partnership, and that such persons may indeed be good and healthy exemplars of gifted leadership within the Church, as baptized leaders and ordained ones. The Spirit also seems to be saying the same thing in other parts of the Anglican Communion, and among some of our Christian partners, including Lutheran churches in North America and Europe, the Old Catholic churches of Europe, and a number of others.

That growing awareness does not deny the reality that many Anglicans and not a few Episcopalians still fervently hold traditional views about human sexuality. This Episcopal Church is a broad and inclusive enough tent to hold that variety. The willingness to live in tension is a hallmark of Anglicanism, beginning from its roots in Celtic Christianity pushing up against Roman Christianity in the centuries of the first millennium. That diversity in community was solidified in the Elizabethan Settlement, which really marks the beginning of Anglican Christianity as a distinct movement. Above all, it recognizes that the Spirit may be speaking to all of us, in ways that do not at present seem to cohere or agree. It also recognizes what Jesus says about the Spirit to his followers, "I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come" (John 16:12-13).

The Episcopal Church has spent nearly 50 years listening to and for the Spirit in these matters. While it is clear that not all within this Church have heard the same message, the current developments do represent a widening understanding. Our canons reflected this shift as long ago as 1985, when sexual orientation was first protected from discrimination in access to the ordination process. At the request of other bodies in the Anglican Communion, this Church held an effective moratorium on the election and consecration of a partnered gay or lesbian priest as bishop from 2003 to 2010. When a diocese elected such a person in late 2009, the ensuing consent process indicated that a majority of the laity, clergy, and bishops responsible for validating that election agreed that there was no substantive bar to the consecration.

The Episcopal Church recognizes that these decisions are problematic to a number of other Anglicans. We have not made these decisions lightly. We recognize that the Spirit has not been widely heard in the same way in other parts of the Communion. In all humility, we recognize that we may be wrong, yet we have proceeded in the belief that the Spirit permeates our decisions.

We also recognize that the attempts to impose a singular understanding in such matters represent the same kind of cultural excesses practiced by many of our colonial forebears in their missionizing activity. Native Hawaiians were forced to abandon their traditional dress in favor of missionaries' standards of modesty. Native Americans were forced to abandon many of their cultural practices, even though they were fully congruent with orthodox Christianity, because the missionaries did not understand or consider those practices exemplary of the Spirit. The uniformity imposed at the Synod

of Whitby did similar violence to a developing, contextual Christianity in the British Isles. In their search for uniformity, our forebears in the faith have repeatedly done much spiritual violence in the name of Christianity.

We do not seek to impose our understanding on others. We do earnestly hope for continued dialogue with those who disagree, for we believe that the Spirit is always calling us to greater understanding.

We live in great concern that colonial attitudes continue, particularly in attempts to impose a single understanding across widely varying contexts and cultures. We note that the cultural contexts in which The Episcopal Church's decisions have generated the greatest objection and reaction are also often the same contexts where women are barred from full ordained leadership, including the Church of England.

As Episcopalians, we note the troubling push toward centralized authority exemplified in many of the statements of the recent Pentecost letter. Anglicanism as a body began in the repudiation of the control of the Bishop of Rome within an otherwise sovereign nation. Similar concerns over self-determination in the face of colonial control led the Church of Scotland to consecrate Samuel Seabury for The Episcopal Church in the nascent United States - and so began the Anglican Communion.

We have been repeatedly assured that the Anglican Covenant is not an instrument of control, yet we note that the fourth section seems to be just that to Anglicans in many parts of the Communion. So much so, that there are voices calling for stronger sanctions in that fourth section, as well as voices repudiating it as un-Anglican in nature. Unitary control does not characterize Anglicanism; rather, diversity in fellowship and communion does.

We are distressed at the apparent imposition of sanctions on some parts of the Communion. We note that these seem to be limited to those which "have formally, through their Synod or House of Bishops, adopted policies that breach any of the moratoria requested by the Instruments of Communion." We are further distressed that such sanctions do not, apparently, apply to those parts of the Communion that continue to hold one view in public and exhibit other behaviors in private. Why is there no sanction on those who continue with a double standard? In our context bowing to anxiety by ignoring that sort of double-mindedness is usually termed a "failure of nerve." Through many decades of wrestling with our own discomfort about recognizing the full humanity of persons who seem to differ from us, we continue to work at open and transparent communication as well as congruence between word and behavior. We openly admit our failure to achieve perfection!

The baptismal covenant prayed in this Church for more than 30 years calls us to respect the dignity of all other persons and charges us with ongoing labor toward a holy society of justice and peace. That fundamental understanding of Christian vocation underlies our hearing of the Spirit in this context and around these issues of human sexuality. That same understanding of Christian vocation encourages us to hold our convictions with sufficient humility that we can affirm the image of God in the person who disagrees with us. We believe that the Body of Christ is only found when such diversity is welcomed with abundant and radical hospitality.

As a Church of many nations, languages, and peoples, we will continue to seek every opportunity to increase our partnership in God's mission for a healed creation and holy community. We look forward to the ongoing growth in partnership possible in the Listening Process, Continuing Indaba, Bible in the Life of the Church, Theological Education in the Anglican Communion, and the myriad of less formal and more local partnerships across the Communion - efforts in mission and ministry that inform and transform individuals and communities toward the vision of the Gospel - a healed world, loving God and neighbor, in the love and friendship shown us in God Incarnate.

May God's peace dwell in your hearts,

The Most Rev. Katharine Jefferts Schori
Presiding Bishop and Primate
The Episcopal Church



The sick of our Parish Family

- Diane Gerome
- Mona Lepis ~ Eunice Owens
- Mary Hill ~ Pam Murphy
- Ruth Kieb ~ Claudia Gammon
- Bill Wesson ~ Augie Oppel
- Bertha Rieling
- Tom Rumpf ~ Alberta Spinola
- Susan Vernieri ~ Jim Dunn
- Jon-Mark Schneider ~ Ed Vazquez
- Norma ~ Beth Hoglund
- Derek Sturm ~ Phyllis Fecci
- Kim McCorry ~ Cameron
- Lauren Schrama

The friends of our parish family who are sick

- Virginia Young ~ Alaine Bolton
- Bobbie Lynn Wolfe ~ Xavier Wolfe
- Harry Cutter ~ Garalyn Velasco
- David B. ~ Addyson Rose
- June Deo ~ Mary I.
- Lena Billick ~ Jack Kelly
- Nicholas Valentine ~ Bob Cannon
- Jessie ~ Tom "Tiz" Buckley
- Linda Nazelrod ~ Mary Ellen Golden
- Abby ~ Lexi ~ Charlie
- Althea Smith ~ Charles Haggerty
- Alex Taylor ~ Charles Derrick
- Jerry Medolla ~ Kathleen Auer
- John Jarusiewicz ~ Johanna Graham
- Lindsey ~ Judy Bent ~ Jane McKinley
- Tony Spatarella ~ Justin Jones
- Fran Boyle ~ Tylee Hahm
- Ruth Gerlock ~ Denise
- George ~ Colleen ~ Bryan
- Nancy Harschbarger ~ Elizabeth
- Jeanette Seidita ~ Wendy Naden
- Jarrett L. Feldman ~ Jeff Krausse
- Florine (Honey) Morrello

The Homebound

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

Those in the armed services

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



Congratulations to Rite 13 Class of 2010

- Allison Hunt Butow
- Julien Delgado
- Sara Ann Dravis
- Steven Patrick Dyson
- Katherine Annon Goodrich
- Mackenzie Beth Grogan
- Morgan Elizabeth Hartley
- Edward John Hasse
- Ethan Thomas Hasse
- Nell Cooper Henry
- Walter James Hulsart
- Riley Leigh Kelly
- Julia Kwiecinski
- Owen Kwiecinski
- Emma Lucier
- John Sullivan Morris
- Christopher Sherman



EDGARTOWN LIGHTHOUSE

Chances are still available for Gretchen Batchelar's beautiful hand-painted egg depicting the Edgartown Lighthouse in Martha's Vineyard. The chances are 3 for \$1.00 and the drawing will be on June 20th, Father's Day. Gretchen will be selling chances during coffee hour. The money raised will go to the J2A group for their 2010 pilgrimage.



FATHERS DAY OFFERING

The vestry has designated this year's Father's Day Offering to go the Church World Service in support of the Tools for Hope program. Envelopes are available in the pews. If you have any questions, please see Diane Buckley.

COMMUNITY HYMN SING

June 27, 6:30 PM
St. Paul's Methodist Church Bridge & West Lake Aves., Bay Head

Valentine House BBQ hosted by St. Mary's



This year's picnic will be held on Sunday, June 27th immediately following the 10:00AM service.

Volunteers are needed to grill, serve, clean-up, run some fun games or lead the crowd in Karaoke.

Please sign up today in Farnsworth Hall.

Spring '10 Rummage Sale Results

Thanks to St. Mary's Society members, our helpful teenagers, "older" church parishioners, and recently-made-friends-who-like-to-help, we've managed to clear \$2,400--with the total still rising from money coming in via donations from our leftover books. To help with the project of whittling down the remaining books that need to be transported to the



Jackson Library, buy some (one ?) yourself from the pile near the choir room door. Monetary donations gratefully accepted! St. Mary's Society thanks you all for your help with the sale--from which we happily allocated the first \$500 for the kids' trip to Martha's Vineyard.

Andrea Rittenhouse, President



If you would like flowers, a candle lit or communion wine purchased in loving memory/honor of a loved one, please fill out the information below and mail it back to the church office along with your check. You can also drop it in the collection plate on a Sunday morning with your check

For Sunday ____/____/2010

In loving memory / in honor of *(please circle one)*

Altar flowers _____

Sanctuary Candle _____

St. Mary's Candle _____

Communion wine _____

Given by _____

Phone # (____) ____/_____



Enjoy a fun day of swimming, good food, entertainment, games and more!

Sunday, June 13th 11-4

St. Mary's Annual

Parish Picnic

At

CAMP ZEHNDER IN WALL

Worship service at 11:00AM in the Pavilion

MEMBERS Name: _____

Phone (____) ____/____ # attending: Adults ____

Children ____

I will donate: Salad Dessert

GUESTS Name: _____

Email Address _____

_____@_____

in family attending: Adults ____ Children ____

Please drop your completed form in the collection plate or reply to this email with the above information.

A donation of \$10 per person is suggested
(Max. \$25.00 per family)

Mark Your Calendars

St. Mary's 5th Annual

Gift Auction

October 22, 2010

The Old Guard

170 Dutchess Lane, Brick

Tickets are

now available

\$25 includes coffee/tea, dessert and a sheet of blue tickets.

Tickets sell FAST

Call and reserve yours TODAY

732-892-9254

Can you spare some time?

Volunteers needed to:

- * Solicit for gifts
- * Make up and wrap gifts
- * Help the day of the auction
- * Set up the day before
- * Obtain donations from businesses you frequent-letters available.
- * Join the committee and help plan the event.

Check out our **GRAND** prize in Farnsworth Hall.

Hanging from the umbrella will be gift ideas for anyone wishing to purchase an item for donation. On your own or with another family.

Any questions? call Michele 732-925-5467





**SATURDAY
EVENING
EUCHARIST**

Beginning June 19 there will be a 5:30PM Holy Eucharist service held in the Church.

Here are the dates:

June 19, 26 July 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 and August 7, 14.



SAVE THE DATE
August 15, 2010

ST. MARY'S DAY

Honoring the ladies of St. Mary's Society

Refreshments served under the tent.

Former St. Mary's Rector, Fr. Richard Bower, will be our guest preacher.

Sponsored by the Stewardship Committee

**ST. GREGORY'S
PANTRY
NEEDS FOR
THIS MONTH**

Canned products

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



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



We've Lost a Friend

It is with great sadness that we inform you that our brother, Fred Bryant, passed into eternal life on Monday, May 31st.

Please keep his wife Joan, and his entire family in your thoughts and prayers.

A viewing will be held at Pable-Evertz on Friday, June 4th from 2:00-4:00 and 7:00-9:00.

A memorial service will be held here at St. Mary's on Friday, June 18th at 11:00AM

Condolences may be mailed to:

Joan Bryant
3503 River Road
Point Pleasant, NJ 08742

*Rest eternal grant unto him O Lord,
and let your light perpetual shine upon him.
May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed,
through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.*



Looking for a fun night out for a good cause?

The Women of Distinction Fashion Show benefiting Caregiver Volunteers of Central Jersey is Wednesday, June 16th from 6:00-10:00PM at Woodlake Country Club, 25 New Hampshire Ave., Lakewood.

Grab your girlfriends for a fun night of fashions, exciting gift auction/door prizes, and a delicious dessert bar (a must for chocolate lovers!).

Tickets are only \$35.00. Call Sylvia at 732-505-2273 x212 or email info@caregивenvolunteers.org



**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED...
IT'S IHN TIME !**

Saint Mary's by the Sea will be hosting the Interfaith Hospitality Network Guests the week of June 13 (move in) through the 20th (move out).

Volunteers are needed to help move the beds in on the 13th and then out on the 20th at 9:15am

A sign up sheet is posted in Farnsworth Hall in the same format as earlier in the year. Please sign up to sponsor a meal, housekeeping chores or overnight stays during the week. We also posted a supply list of needed household/personal care items. Thank you in advance for your support and please contact Trudy or Tom if you have a question.

Trudy Garrett & Tom Sullivan



Thursday,
July 29, 7:05PM

TICKETS ARE \$10.00

*250 Tickets have been reserved
Sign up TODAY in Farnsworth Hall*



**WIN 2 TICKETS TO A
YANKEE GAME!**
See a Brotherhood member

*Any questions please contact
Jim Beale at 732-740-9806*

**ONLY TWO WEEKS LEFT TO
PURCHASE YOUR SPRING
RAFFLE TICKETS!**

Kas Dyson will be selling tickets following both the 8:00AM and 10:00AM services this coming Sunday, June 6th

SO BRING YOUR CHECK BOOK!

2010 SPRING RAFFLE DETAILS:
TICKETS ARE \$100.00 EACH AND ONLY 300 WILL BE SOLD! THERE ARE 2 CHANCES TO WIN!

ST. MARTIN (DUTCH SIDE)

7 Nights & 8 Days For 2
Wed., Nov. 3 - Wed., Nov. 10, 2010

WINNER RECEIVES:

- Airfare (all taxes paid)
- Hotel Accommodations
- Rental Car and Insurance (only 1 person can sign on for the car)

COMPLETE PACKAGE FOR ST. MARTIN \$3040.00

**OCTOBER WEEKEND GETAWAY
COMPLETE PACKAGE \$600.00**

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

Drawing: Sunday, June 20, 11:30AM

**PLEASE HURRY AND TELL YOUR
FAMILY AND FRIENDS!**



The Staff

The Rt. Rev. George E. Councill, 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

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 Carleton Dilatush, Warden Emeritus

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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.



SUNDAY

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

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.

SATURDAY

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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