



Children in Worship

Many experts have said that children learn best through experience. Ever wondered why our teenagers look disinterested (and even bored) during our services? As one who has worked with children of all ages for the past twenty seven years, I am convinced that our youth show a lack of interest because they have been deprived of the worship experience for too long during their Sunday school years. Our current style of worship allows our children in the Sunday school program to join us at communion time, after having spent the previous forty five minutes in a classroom downstairs.

I have had conversations with our Sunday school teachers for the past few weeks, and the results of these conversations have engendered some modification to the way we do things at St. Mary's on Sunday mornings. One of the concerns raised by the teachers was that they do not get a worship experience at all on Sundays, except to come upstairs and receive communion. To address this concern, and also to fulfill my goal of including our children as full participants in our worship life, I am proposing some changes in our Sunday worship starting in September.

We will no longer have Sunday school starting at 9:30 am. We will all begin worship together (with our children) at 10 am. [I know some of the parents will appreciate the extra 30 minutes to get the children ready for church]. At some point after the reading of the gospel, the children will leave us and proceed to the Jones room for a children's sermon and a brief communion service, then proceed to their classrooms for further Christian formation. The youth in our Rite 13 and J2A classes will remain in church with us for the sermon, and then depart to their classrooms for further Christian formation. They will come to the chapel after their time in the classroom to receive communion. [Pre-consecrated bread and wine]

I am very excited about these new changes, and I would like to see us try it for one full church calendar year [September to June], then review it for further tweaking. I hope that we will continue to make our children feel welcome among us during worship. It is my hope that this change will say to our children and youth that their spiritual lives are very important to us. So my friends, let us welcome the children as Jesus would welcome them. Always remember, God loves you, and I love you too.

John +



The sick of our Parish Family

Mary Hill
Pam Murphy
Ruth Kieb

Claudia Gammon ~ Bill Wesson
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

The friends of our parish family who are sick

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
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 ~ Colleen
Nancy Harschbarger ~ Elizabeth
Jeanette Seidita ~ Wendy Naden
Jarrett L. Feldman ~ Jeff Krausse
Bryan ~ Jane McKinley
Florine (Honey) Morrello ~ Charlie

The Homebound

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

For those in the armed services:

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



Sunday, May 23rd is Pentecost Sunday

Remember to wear red!



"Holy Baptism is the sacrament by which God adopts us as his children and makes us members of Christ's Body, the Church, and inheritors of the kingdom of God."

Somer Maria Palluzzi
(Granddaughter of Eunice Owens)
Baptized on Sunday, April 25



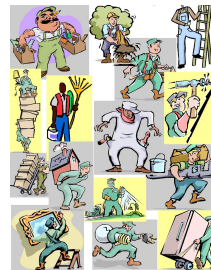
POSTAL FOOD DRIVE

The post office's annual food drive is set for Saturday, May 8. Between the hours of 2:30 and approximately 5:00PM the post office will delivering a large amount of food to St. Gregory's Pantry.

Volunteers are needed to help bring the food into the building, as well as carrying it down-stairs in the pantry area. If you are available for any period of time, please just come on over and lend a hand.

SCHOLARSHIP NEWS

If you are a graduating high school senior (or know of one) and have attended St. Mary's, you may contact Cherisse for a scholarship form. Fill out and return the form to the church office by May 23rd.



ST. MARY'S TOOL KIT

How often have you needed a repair person and wondered who to call? How often have you been looking for something and didn't know where to find it?

Have you ever found out too late that someone at St. Mary's had the skills or goods that you were looking for? As a parishioner, you've been helping St. Mary's. Now let St. Mary's help you.

The St. Mary's Tool Kit is a directory of businesses and services provided by members of St. Mary's. The next time you need a service or goods, use the St. Mary's Tool Kit to find a fellow St. Mary's member who can provide that to you.

The Stewardship Committee is currently soliciting members of St. Mary's to provide listings of their (or their employer's) business by sending the business name, a brief description of what the business does, and contact information to any member of the Stewardship Committee below:

- John Drew johndrew@comcast.net
- Jack Greene jgreene102@comcast.net
- Susan Salkeld allaire2000@yahoo.com
- Deirdre Smerillo deirdre.smerillo@smerilloassociates.com
- Ray Summers asummers@cjbna.com
- Cherisse Petruzzi stmssecretary@verizon.net

To participate in this year's St. Mary's Tool Kit, please provide your information by May 15, 2010.

*Thanks,
The Stewardship Committee*



While the start of the new Sunday School year is still months away, we are planning now to ensure a great year for the children of St. Mary's. Our church school programs welcome children ranging in age from 3 through High School age, and children younger than 3 are invited to the nursery, located adjacent to the Jones Room.

At this time, I am asking you to take a minute to complete the registration form below and return it as soon as possible so we can update our records and ensure that we staff appropriately to meet your needs in the coming year. If you expect to need nursery services during the coming year, please provide information for your child, and in the section marked "Grade as of" include the word Nursery.

The information you provide will allow us to be ready and off to a great start in September. If you know of someone who is planning to join St. Mary's but is not currently on the email distribution, please pass a copy on to them or let me know and I will contact them. The Sunday School Mailbox is in St. Gregory's Office, completed forms may be returned there or you can return them directly to me or Cherisse in the Parish Office. If you have any questions at all, please call me, Laurie Clayton, at 732-892-4667. Thank you! Happy Spring!!!

SUNDAY SCHOOL REGISTRATION FORM

Parent/Legal Guardian Information

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip Code: _____ Phone #: (_____) _____ - _____

Email Address: _____ @ _____

Student Information

Last name	First Name	Date of Birth	Grade as of 9-1-2010
_____	_____	____/____/____	_____
_____	_____	____/____/____	_____
_____	_____	____/____/____	_____
_____	_____	____/____/____	_____

Occasionally we photograph children at St. Mary's and use the photos, without identifying children by name, in St. Mary's publications or on our website. Please indicate below:

- _____ **YES** You may use photographs of my child(ren) in publications or on the website.
 _____ **NO** Please do not use photographs of my child(ren).

Parent / Guardian Signature _____ **Date** _____

"I give permission for the above named child(ren) to participate in St. Mary's Sunday School program. I understand that I am required to remain at St. Mary's while my children attend Sunday School."

Parent / Guardian Signature _____ **Date** _____

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

BABY MONTH

Diapers, juices, baby food, powder,
wipes, etc.

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

GIFT AUCTION MEETING

The next Gift Auction Meeting
will be May 25th at 7:00PM in
the Jones room.

COMMUNITY HYMN SING

May 23, 6:30 PM

First Baptist of Manasquan
Church, 4751 South St.,
Manasquan

**WEAR A HAT ON
MOTHER'S DAY**

Everyone is encouraged to
wear a hat to church on
Mother's Day. This will
make for a very festive
luncheon! There will be a collection
of extra hats for anyone who does not
have one.



NEEDED

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



Asbury Park
Soup Kitchen

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

St. Mary's Parish Questionnaire Results

Many thanks to Deirdre Smerillo and her committee who gave many
hours to formulate the questions and then tabulate the results of the parish
questionnaire that was sent out last fall. In the next few issues of the
STAR, the results will be shared with the parish. So here goes...

This month's STAR will focus on the demographics of St. Mary's. There
were 56 surveys returned. Results do not always add up to 100% because
of rounding.

Age: 96% of the surveys were returned by people over the age of 36.
The different categories in that 96% are: age 36-50, 27%; 51-65, 25%;
66-75, 21%; and 75+, 23%

Gender: 80% of the surveys were returned by females

Marital Status: 34% of the surveys were returned by single people, 53%
by married people, and 11% by civil union/partners.

Years Attending St. Mary's: The majority of responders have attended
St. Mary's for many years. 36% of the responders have attended St.
Mary's for 25+ years. 25% have attended for 11-25 years, 13% for 6-10
years, 14% for 1-5 years and 9% for less than 1 year.

Church Attendance: The majority of responders (75%) attend church
more often or about the same. 25% attend church less often. The major-
ity of responders (88%) feels that the worship opportunities at St. Mary's
are just about right.

Lay Ministries: From the responses, the most popular lay ministries at
St. Mary's are Counters, St. Mary's Society, and Worship Leaders (Lay
Readers). Following closely are Altar Guild, Choir, Eucharistic Ministers,
and Sunday School Teachers/Aides.

Thank you to everyone who returned a survey.

A copy of the results can be obtained from the church office. Please
contact Cherisse if you would like a copy.

Diane Buckley, Senior Warden



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 KabKab-Lab5@aol.com

DIOCESAN YOUTH CHOIR WEEK

For an extra-ordinary week of music making, fun, and fellowship, come to the 22nd Annual Diocesan Youth Choir Week. Sponsored by the Church of the Advent in Cape May and the Diocese of New Jersey, this week offers young people the opportunity to sing, play, and worship together. This year's camp will be held from Saturday, Aug. 8th to Thursday, Aug. 12. Singers from the ages of 11 to 17 and invited. Reading music is not a requirement. The cost is \$300.00 and scholarships are available. For more information or an application, please contact Cherisse in the parish office.

ST. MARY'S SOCIETY



Thursday, May 6th from 9-2 and Friday, May 7th from 9-1
BAG SALE ALL DAY FRIDAY!

Sunday, June 13th from 11-4
St. Mary's Annual

Parish Picnic

CAMP ZEHNDER IN WALL

Sponsored by the Brotherhood of St. Andrew

The worship service will be held in the Pavilion at 11:00AM followed by the picnic.

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

2010 SPRING RAFFLE

Only 300 tickets will be sold! Only 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 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

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

Jennifer Butow, Kas Dyson, Jack Greene, 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 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
 Al Fecci ~ JoAnne Montanti ~ Tom Rumpf
 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