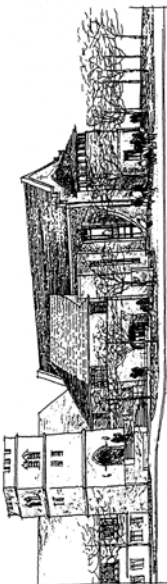


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Saint Mary's Messenger



Dear Friends,

Recently I had the privilege of spending a few hours in Catlett, Virginia with the Assistant Bishop of the Diocese of Virginia, the Rt. Rev. Ted Gulick, who will be our celebrant and preacher at the Great Vigil of Easter. He is going to leave home at 4:00 a.m. on that morning to ensure that he will be here on time for the 5:30 a.m. service.

As we walked across farmland that has been in his family for generations, we discussed that he is related to Admiral Presley Rixey, who together with his wife gave the land and the initial funding for the building of Saint Mary's. The stained glass window in our sanctuary facing Old Dominion Boulevard is given to the Glory of God and in thanksgiving for Admiral and Mrs. Rixey. Bishop Gulick remarked that Admiral Rixey, who was Teddy Roosevelt's White House physician, was the famous one in the family.

We also talked about the fact that for the past fifty years the Episcopal Church has devoted an enormous amount of time and energy related to matters of membership – who is in and who is not. Beginning with the civil rights movement, the ordination of women, the primacy of the ministry of the baptized, and more recently the inclusion of gay and lesbian persons, we as a church have wrestled with who belongs.

We both agreed that the next 50 years need to focus on how we belong. This is the issue of discipleship. "Come, take up the Cross and follow me" is Jesus' invitation to each and every one of us. What does it mean that God sent Jesus Christ into the world to save the world? If I believe that, do I really shape my life in response to that gift, or is that conviction simply one of many competing voices clamoring for my attention and commitment. How best are Christians going to be encouraged and shaped in the 21st century?

Let me share three thoughts to get the conversation started.

First is knowing the story, our story. There are a wide variety of ways to immerse oneself in Scripture, but we can easily get distracted from actually reading the Bible because we don't have the "proper" technique. That issue need not get in our way.

Second, is the rhythm of weekly worship. We are formed by repetition in all aspects of life. Discipleship, or discipline, is not different because it has to do with our spiritual life. Our spiritual life is our life.

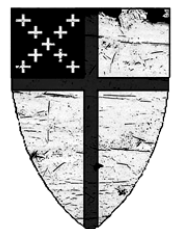
Third, is prayer—talk to God, and more importantly listen to God. It is tempting to read about prayer rather than actually praying. Trust in the power of the Holy Spirit to lead you into all truth.

The stakes are high not only for the future of the Episcopal Church but for the future of our world. May each of us play our role because God has given each of us through our baptism gifts for the upbuilding of the Church. The mission of the Church in the words of the Catechism "is to restore all people to unity with God and each other in Christ." (BCP p. 855) There is no more important work in our lives.

May the Peace of the Lord always be with you.

Faithfully,

Andrew



PARISH LIFE

St. Mary's Lenten Series: Journey to Jerusalem

April 3 10:15*a.m. WHOSE SACRED SPACE?

The Rev. John Runkle discusses how Jews, Muslims and Christians understand sacred space and its impact in Jerusalem.

Lectionary Conversations

Apr.10 10:15*a.m. FACES OF JERUSALEM

Parishioners Reynolds and Virginia Young share their photographs of Jerusalem from their trip to Israel last Fall.

Lectionary Conversations

Arlington Episcopal Lenten Study Series Continues—

The following Tuesday evening sessions begin with a supper at the host church at 6:30 p.m., a program for adults at 7:30 p.m., and end with a short Compline service at 8:30 p.m. Nursery care will be provided.

- ✠ **April 5:** "Justice in the New Testament" by the Rev. Dr. Kathy Grieb, St. Michael's Episcopal Church, 1132 N. Ivanhoe St.
- ✠ **April 12:** "The Living Word in our Lives as seen through Art and Poetry", by Peggy Parker, St George's Episcopal Church, 915 N. Oakland St. St. Mary's Schola will offer Sung Compline after the program.

SMALL GROUP MINISTRIES



Tuesday Women's Bible Study

"Behold, I am the Lord, I have called you in righteousness. I have taken you by the hand and kept you." Isaiah 42:6

During March, the Tuesday morning women's Bible study, has been delving into the book of Isaiah. Yes, it has been challenging, but also rewarding. It's comforting to know that God has plans for each of us, and that the Old Testament prophets and kings and "regular" people were also part of His grand plan. He can use anyone, even persons you'd least expect. I like the image of a God so involved in our lives that not only does He call on each one of us to help fulfill His purpose but also He takes our hand to guide us, keep track of us, reassure us, and help us back on the trail when we falter or take a wrong turn. And how comforting to know that He keeps

us, which I take to mean that He never lets us go. We just have to keep holding onto His outstretched hand. It's always there! -
- Kate Waters For information on our next study, contact Kristine Johnson at 703-534-2024 or kristineajohnson@comcast.net.

More Small Group Opportunities

Prayer Toolbox – Saturdays 4/16 and 4/30, 10-11 a.m.

We will discuss Tony Jones' book of spiritual practices, The Sacred Way. For more information, please contact Barb Kreutzer at 540-421-7369 or by email at Barbara.Kreutzer@marymount.edu.

Contemplative Prayer – Tuesdays 7:00-8:00 a.m.

Not a small group, but a time set aside for meditation and contemplation. Matt McCracken coordinates and is happy to refer people to resources for conducting centering prayer. For more information, contact Matt by email at jmatt5@verizon.net.

Wednesday night Bible study – weekly at 6:15 p.m.

An ongoing study, currently studying the book of Judges. Newcomers always welcome. For more information contact Bev Brown at 703-534-3443.

Lenten study of 2 Timothy – Fridays at 10:00 a.m.

Paul's career of gospel-work was virtually over. Truly, he had "fought the good fight...finished the race...kept the faith" (2 Tim. 2:17). A prisoner now, he would be a martyr soon. What last word does the apostle wish to convey to his "son in the faith?" What meaning does this message have for us? How can we let it affect our lives? Study led by Rev. Dick Busch. For more information contact him at 703-671-6069.

Lectionary Conversations – weekly on Sunday at 10:15 in the chapel
No preparation, no long-term commitment, just a chance to further explore the gospel reading of the day in a small group setting. Come whenever you are able.



Loose Plate Offering Foots Bill to Replace Stolen Computers in Sudan

Money collected the first Sunday of every month from the loose plate offering goes into the Rector's Discretionary Fund. As the name suggests, the funds are provided by the Rector for worthy requests that come up unexpectedly such as: help to pay for a funeral, for medicine, for rent, and in this case to replace two computers. Thanks to St. Mary's parishioners generosity, both Bishop John Gattek and Bishop Issac of Sudan will now have new computers to help them continue their work.

OUTREACH

Rebuilding Together—April 30th

Rebuilding Together is gearing up for the season, so mark your calendars; the event date this year is Saturday, April 30. Rebuilding Together Arlington, Fairfax, Falls Church provides critical home repairs, accessibility modifications and energy upgrades to homes of seniors, persons with disabilities, and families in need.

Once again, the St. Joseph's Ministry will lead St. Mary's participation in the annual event, and initial planning is underway. We want you to be a part of this exciting and transformative day of service. All skill levels are welcome; you don't have to be a master craftsman, just willing to lend a hand. If you just don't feel comfortable working in construction, there are always lots of other opportunities to support the effort in communications, organization, hospitality, and other tasks. This is a great annual event full of fellowship and service.

For more information on the program or our effort please call, contact, hunt down at coffee hour, or email Dave Fletcher (Fletcher@randcc.com), Barb Sheffer (Barb.Sheffer@nmcrs.org) or Jane Shafran. (Jane.Shafran@stmarysarlington.org).

Sharon McGowan Breast Health Fund Benefit

Join us Sunday evening, April 10th at 5:30 p.m., to remember parishioner Sharon McGowan and raise funds for breast cancer detection and treatment. Sharon was a parishioner, whose seven children were baptized at St. Mary's. The fund was inaugurated through her friends at St. Mary's. The benefit will be held at Main House, Marymount University. Go to www.arlcoms.org/Foundation.html for more information.

Easter Baskets for AFAC

Be sure to pick up your bright green bag, fill it with good things, and return it to St. Mary's on Easter, April 24 or Easter Week. Area families in need of nutritional food will benefit from your Resurrection generosity.



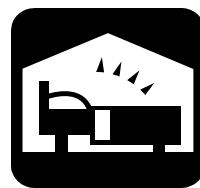
**And Remember—Easter Flower
Envelopes are Due by Palm Sunday, April 17!**

Inaugural In-House Meals That Heal Morning

Gather the ingredients for two family-sized casseroles and join us on Thursday morning, April 19th, 9:30 a.m. in the St. Mary's kitchen as we inaugurate a new way of ministering to each other through food cooked in, and delivered with, much love. Casseroles will be stored in St. Mary's freezer to be delivered at a later date to families in need of a home-cooked meal. Contact Moira Johnston with questions: moira.johnston@fns.usda.gov.

Partnership with Samaritan Ministry

This April, St. Mary's will be entering into a new ministerial partnership with the Columbia Pike office of Samaritan Ministry. Neighbors who had been visiting St. Mary's on Wednesday mornings in need of crisis financial assistance, will now be directed to Samaritan's offices on Thursday afternoons to meet with a St. Mary's representative and with a Samaritan "Next Steps" case worker. Crisis assistance meets sustained guidance in helping our neighbors build or re-build better lives. Training will be provided, and your time commitment will be minimal. Contact MaryBeth.Emerson@stmarysarlington.org.



Housing Needed for Students—

United College Ministries is inviting individuals or families from area congregations to host international students in their homes for Easter, April 24, 2011. UCMNV has arranged for 488 students to be hosted in 305 homes for an American Family Holiday. If you can help contact UCMNV Office Administrator Claudia Newhart at 703/426-1939 or ucmnv@aol.com. Deadline is April 8.

Christ Church Alexandria is looking for host families for their Children of Chernobyl program this summer. All expenses are paid by the church. You just need to provide a warm and loving home for 3 weeks starting July 7. Camp scholarships and daily pickup for Vacation Bible School can be arranged for working moms. If interested, contact Kathleen Minnix at kathleenminnix@hotmail.com.

Calendar Page

Click the Calendar link on
www.stmarysarlington.org
for the most up-to-date schedule of
events here at St. Mary's
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Fri., April 1-3	Sr. High Weekend at Shrine Mont	
Wed., April 6	7:00-8:30 p.m.	Sr. High Women/Sr. High Guys
Sun., April 10	7:30 p.m.	Shrine Mont Camp Awareness Night
Wed., April 13	7:00 p.m.	Jr. High Guys/Jr. High Girls
Sun., April 17	9:00 a.m.	Youth perform Passion for Children's Chapel kids
Maundy Thursday, April 21	5:45 p.m.	Children's Liturgy
Good Friday, April 22	5:45 p.m.	Children's Liturgy
Holy Sat., April 23	Noon	Acolyte Rehearsal
Sat., April 30th	8:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m.	Rebuilding Together

ST. MARY'S YOUTH

Lead the Way for NetsforLife

At Diocesan Council in January, our own Emma Wright launched The Bishops' *NetsforLife Inspiration Fund*. The goal of the fund is to raise awareness of malaria and send 20,000 life-saving bed nets to sub-Saharan Africa by Easter 2012. Youth and adults are joining together across our diocese for this worthwhile cause. Our parish will join others in the diocese when we launch our own campaign on Youth Sunday June 5, 2011. Young Reid Ridenhour decided to get a jump on the campaign and be its first contributor! Instead of his guests bringing presents to his birthday party, Reid thoughtfully requested that they make donations to *NetsforLife*. A total of \$115.75 was collected from checks and change given by his friends and their families. Reid says he chose *NetsforLife* because "...I thought this was really important. This was saving people. Lots of people." Reid's altruism on his birthday will help several families in sub-Saharan Africa and inspire many more here at St. Mary's. -- Nina Bacas

Summer Mission Opportunities

There are still a few spots available on the various mission trips that St. Mary's will be leading this coming summer. Adult sponsorship is needed and welcomed for all trips. If you are interested, please let us know. All of the clip boards with the sign-up sheets are in the Paca Hall. The Beach Towel Trip is full at this point, but there is plenty of room on the following trips:

- Urban Pilgrimage: New York City - July 6-10
- Towel Ministry, Valle Crucis, North Carolina - August 7-13
- Honduras – August 13-19
- Outreach Camp, Arlington, Virginia - August 22-26

20s & 30s —April Events

The Jesus Salon meets early this month: on Sunday, April 10, we'll gather from 6:00-7:30 p.m. Our speaker for this month will be Paris Ball, Director of Christian Formation for the Diocese of Virginia. She'll be joined by **Kumeran Soobrayan and Mpho Mohale, a priest and a seminarian** from Diocese of Christ the King in South Africa who are both young adults themselves. Together we'll talk about ideas and directions for young adult ministry in our diocese, as well as possibilities for mission within and beyond our borders. Please bring a dish to share, your curiosity, and your questions. For more information, please contact the Rev. Anne Turner (anne.turner@stmarysarlington.org).

Not Your Mother's Bible Study: Thursday April 14--7 p.m.--Virginia Square Cosi. Come chew on the Gospel of the week with young Episcopalians from around the region. For more information, contact Stefan Awad at stefanawad@gmail.com.

Reel Christianity meets on Sunday April 17, from 6:00-7:00 p.m. (Palm Sunday). This gathering will be the second in a two-part series on the Passion, Crucifixion, and Resurrection of Jesus Christ as presented through film by world-renowned director Franco Zeffirelli, focusing on the arrest, trial, crucifixion and resurrection of Christ. Snacks and beverages provided! For more information please contact Jackie Wright (jacqueline.a.wright@gmail.com) or Grant Ambrose tambrose@vts.edu.

UPCOMING MUSIC OFFERINGS

ST. MARY'S CHOIRS IN NEW YORK CITY

Sunday, May 8, St. Mary's Choirs of Boys & Girls and Men and Women will join adult and youth choristers from Christ Church, Alexandria, and Church of the Redeemer, Bethesda, to sing for the morning Choral Eucharist and afternoon Choral Evensong at St. John the Divine Cathedral, New York City. It is an honor to sing in the country's largest cathedral and to sing God's holy praises with so many friends. For those who would like to accompany the choir on this trip, there may still be seats available on the bus. Please contact Carolyn Heyer (cheyer@comcast.net) for more details.

Lenten Quiet Morning Saturday, April 2, 9:00 a.m. to Noon

Join Gregory Hooker and Grant Ambrose in exploring visions of the Eternal Church and God's Majesty using images from music and scripture. Time for silent reflection and meditation will revolve around a performance of Olivier Messiaen's "Apparition de l'église éternelle ("Apparition of the Eternal Church"), organ (1932) and short scripture reflections.

Sunday, April 3, 5:00 p.m. Choral Evensong sung by St. Mary's Choir of Men & Women

Tuesday, April 12, Following Region 3 Lenten Study at St. George's, Arlington Compline sung by St. Mary's Schola

Sunday, April 17, 9:00 p.m. Compline at St. Mary's sung by St. Mary's Schola

Maundy Thursday, April 21, 7:30 p.m. Choral Eucharist sung by St. Mary's Choir of Men & Women

Easter Sunday, April 24, 9:00 & 11:15 a.m. St. Mary's Choir of Men & Women and Brass Quintet

SHRINE MONT 2011

Shrine Mont Camps (and conferences) Information Nite, Sunday evening, April 10th, 7:30pm at St. Mary's. EVERYTHING you ever wanted to know about sending your child to our Diocesan Camps. Come for the songs, come for the stories, bring your questions. Diocesan Christian Formation Director and Camps Director Paris Ball will be with us, as well as Counselors and Campers. For more info on the gathering: matt.centers@stmarysarlington.org

Our annual weekend retreat in beautiful Orkney Springs, Virginia is this June 10-12. [ShrineMont](#) is a great way to get away, meet more people from the parish, deepen friendships and your relationship with God, reflect and relax, and have a really fun weekend. It includes great food, fellowship, Golf Tournament, Forum, Bonfire, Compline, Ultimate Frisbee Tournament, Super Soaker fun, Saturday Night Variety Show, Sunday Eucharist and much more!

Rates*: Per weekend rates for Shrine Mont, including all meals and activities (except golf) are as follows:

Age	Payment Received Prior to May 8th	Payment Received After May 8th
13 years +	\$110	\$120
8-12 years	\$85	\$85
Infant - 7 years	\$35	\$35

* Scholarships are available to anyone interested – contact marybeth.emerson@stmarysarlington.org

Registration: To register, please complete the registration form, which is available on the front page of the St. Mary's website (www.stmarysarlington.org), and send it with your check to The Reverend Deacon Mary Beth Emerson, Saint Mary's 2609 Glebe Rd, 22207/or inquire about scholarship NO LATER THAN MAY 25. Early registration is strongly encouraged and discounted. Once you are registered, you will receive emails with more information. See you on the Mountain!

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