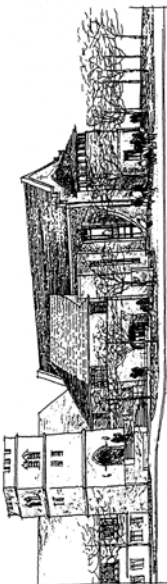


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# Saint Mary's Messenger



Dear Friends,

For those who were not able to be in church on Palm Sunday I want to share news of staffing changes. The Rev. Mary Beth Emerson has completed her service as outreach coordinator and will continue to serve as deacon at Trinity Episcopal Church on Columbia Pike in Arlington. We are grateful for her strong, creative and faithful leadership for over twenty years in the life of our parish in numerous roles and capacities. We are delighted that she will be the presenter at our Shrine Mont parish weekend, June 10<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup>. It is not too late to sign up.

I also want to share the news that Grant Ambrose, who God willing, will be ordained that same weekend, will join the staff in July, and that the Rev. John Runkle has agreed to increase his commitment of time to Saint Mary's for the next two years. We know John and Grant well, and we also know well their love and commitment to the Lord. We as a staff will spend the next couple of months discerning how best to organize ourselves going forward.

I also want to remind everyone that it is the privilege and responsibility of all persons to take part in the councils of the church. The Annual Meeting of the parish will be held at 10:15 a.m. in the nave on Sunday May 15, 2011 between the 9:00 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. services. This meeting is mandated by the Constitution and Canons of the Diocese of Virginia.

Three new members of our Vestry (the governing board of the parish) will be elected to three-year terms. We will recognize and give thanks for those members rotating off the Vestry, Lynette McCracken, Dennis Sawyer, Diane Wright and our two wardens, Steve Bevis and Carolyn Boswell.

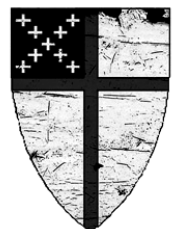
We will hear an update on the financial health of the parish. It is important to remember that what we as individuals and families choose to give to Saint Mary's is the basis for our budget. We receive no funds from the Diocese or larger church.

It is also important to note that, unlike some other church governance structures, the budget of the parish is set by the Vestry rather than the congregation as a whole. Ours is a representational form of governance that makes the election of the Vestry a central facet of our community's life. Our core parish priorities of worship, children and outreach continue to guide us in how we use the resources entrusted to us.

There will be an opportunity to hear from me in my capacity as your rector, a chance for dialogue, and all in 45 minutes before we have to clear out for the 11:15 a.m. service.

You won't want to miss it.

Faithfully,



## PARISH LIFE

### Shrinemont is just around the corner!

Our annual weekend retreat in beautiful Orkney Springs, Virginia is 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 Re-ceived Prior to May 8th	Payment Re-ceived After May 8th
13 years +	\$110	\$120
8-12 years	\$85	\$85
Infant - 7 years	\$35	\$35

✠ *Scholarships are available – contact Clergy.*

To register, please complete the registration form, which is available on the front page of the St. Mary's website ([www.stmarysarlington.org](http://www.stmarysarlington.org)), and send it with your check to Matt Centers, Saint Mary's 2609 Glebe Rd, 22207. NO LATER THAN MAY 25. Once you are registered, you will receive emails with more information.

### Region 3 National Day of Prayer at Trinity Episcopal Church

Join us on Thursday, May 5<sup>th</sup>, from 6 to 7pm as we celebrate and mark the **National Day of Prayer**. All are welcome, and we hope you'll stay for a festive reception outdoors. Multiple prayer practices will be offered the building including a Labyrinth, Lectio Divina, Centering Prayer, praying with color and through art, and music and meditation. If you would like to participate as a Prayer Leader, please contact Rev. Deacon Mary Beth at [deacon@tecarl.org](mailto:deacon@tecarl.org) or leave a message at 703- 920-7077.

### Boys Frisbee and Music Event

**Saturday, June 4, 10:00-Noon:** HB Woodlawn Frisbee Team Players, St. Mary's Choral Scholars and Ned and Emerson Sieverts will host an event for boys of St. Mary's parish and their friends. (K-through 6th grade). We will spend our time learning about playing competitive Frisbee and how athletic singing really is. Lunch will be included, so please RSVP to [gregory.hooker@stmarysarlington.org](mailto:gregory.hooker@stmarysarlington.org).

### Save the Date—May 22—Adult Forum to Hear from Parishioner Lizzie Teague

"Dear St. Mary's, Konnichiwa! It's been an incredible two years since I spoke to many of you about the Episcopal Church's Young Adult Service Corps (YASC), which I joined for the 2009-2010 service year. Thanks entirely to your financial generosity, I've now completed my YASC posting with a Christian agricultural training center in Japan, and I'd like to share my experiences with you during the **10:15 a.m. Adult Forum on Sunday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>**. To get a taste of my year with YASC, please check out my blog at: <http://lizzieteagueinjapan.blogspot.com>. Arrigato gozaimasu! Thank you! I'm looking forward to being back at St. Mary's."

### 20s & 30s Events this month—

**Not Your Mother's Bible Study:** Thursday May 12--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](mailto:stefanawad@gmail.com).

**Reel Christianity** meets on Sunday, May 15, from 6:00-7:00 p.m. We'll watch a short film and discuss it. Snacks and beverages provided! For more information please contact Jackie Wright ([jacqueline.a.wright@gmail.com](mailto:jacqueline.a.wright@gmail.com)).

**The Jesus Salon** meets on Sunday, May 22, from 6:00-7:30 p.m. Our speaker for this month will be parishioner Peggy Parker, who is a printmaker and sculptor, as well as an adjunct faculty member at Virginia Theological Seminary. Please bring a dish to share, your curiosity, and your questions. For more information, please contact the Rev. Anne Turner ([anne.turner@stmarysarlington.org](mailto:anne.turner@stmarysarlington.org)).

### Check it Out!

The St. Mary's website has been revamped to make it easier to find information and to celebrate the good news that is St. Mary's. It includes new graphics and photos and updates on the latest events. Go to [www.stmarysarlington.org](http://www.stmarysarlington.org). Also find us on Facebook: St. Mary's Arlington. Our thanks to Joseph Allen for an inspired Lenten discipline.



## A Personal Note from the Reverend Deacon Marybeth Emerson

Things change. They must. Growth is painful, frightening – and as our journey continues – the old ways of traveling, the companions we travel with, the habits we pick up, our excess baggage all must be shed. God sometimes gifts us with well-lit paths and exciting adventure, but more often than not, our Christian journey requires great sacrifice and courage, deep faith and a willingness to walk in the dark.

Gordon Cosby, of DC's Church of the Saviour wrote this in a 1989 sermon: "Potential servants receive their best training in the hurt and suffering of which we are all called to be healers. Unless we ourselves are there, with the poor and downtrodden, there is no way we may introduce others to the suffering Christ. We must pray in our neighborhoods, and our cities and our churches for God to help us bring in the Shalom prophesied by Isaiah and embodied in Jesus, and we must keep praying and keep bringing until we are intertwined and interconnected with the whole world. There is a new world coming. It will come and it must come because it is in God's mind and we already know through Jesus that God wills it.

"What we do and who we are in our own community will enable us to reach out in affection to the whole globe, to the whole human family, to the whole created order. The time has come when all our limited boundaries must be transcended. Everything and everyone is interconnected. We are related in affection to all."

The way of the cross leads to resurrection. Good Friday and Easter teach us that what we perceive as death-dealing is in fact life-giving. And the life we are given in the here and now is meant to be lived with abandon: in joy, in sorrow, in faith, and in community. Boundaries transcended: we are related in affection to all. It has been my privilege to serve with you. God's Grace & Peace to each of you, and my love -- RDMB

## UTO Ingathering Sunday is May 8

Remember to bring in your United Thank Offering Contributions on Mother's Day May 8. Those coins you've put in your little blue box as an outward sign of profound and continuing thankfulness for all life will benefit those in need around the world.

UTO is a program founded by and administered by Episcopal Church Women since 1889. Each year over \$2 million is given away in grants to continue, support and strengthen the mission and ministry of the Church in this country and throughout the world.

## Casserole Ministry is Launched!

Come once a month and assemble a casserole to be frozen and delivered at a later date to a family in need of a home-cooked meal. Oh, and while you are at it—make an extra casserole to take home for your own dinner! Next meeting will be announced in the Bulletin and the Blast.



L to R: The Rev. Deacon Mary Beth Emerson, Sarah Gregg, and Necolle Eimas launch the Casserole Ministry.

## VOICE Gets Results!

After incredible effort on the part of VOICE (Virginians Organized for Community Interfaith Engagement), Arlington County has approved funding for a direct bus line from Western Columbia Pike to the Department of Human Services new location on lower Washington Boulevard. Thousands of residents in need of life-giving services found themselves virtually stranded when the County moved its offices.

Florence Dale, Rose Ann Ashby, Mary Beth Emerson, Tim Malone and Marjorie Green were especially instrumental in achieving this victory. Hours of individual and community meetings, and meetings with County Board Members resulted in a very positive solution for our neighbors. Affordable Housing and decent living conditions will continue to be on the VOICE Arlington agenda, as will a massive regional effort to help those facing fraudulent foreclosure. Go to [voice-iaf.org](http://voice-iaf.org) for more information or speak to Tim, Florence, Rose Ann or Marjorie.

## "Lift Up" at E St. Cinema to Benefit Haiti

On Wed., May 18 at 7:00 p.m. a documentary about two Haitian brothers who return to Haiti following the earthquake will be shown at the E. St. Cinema, 555 11th St. N.W. near the Metro. Tickets are \$10 and proceeds will go to Fonkoze, Haiti's alternative bank for the poor; The Haiti Micah Project and St. Vincent's School for the Handicapped.

# Calendar Page

Click the Calendar link on  
[www.stmarysarlington.org](http://www.stmarysarlington.org)  
for the most up-to-date schedule of  
events here at St. Mary's  
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Wed., May 4	7:00 p.m.	Sr. High Women/Sr. High Guys
Wed., May 11	7:00 p.m.	Jr. High Girls/Jr. High Guys
Sun., May 15	12:30 –2:00 p.m.	Sr. High Women
Wed., May 18	7:00 p.m.	Sr. High Guys
Thur., May 19	7:00 p.m.	Parents Meeting at the Poth’s House
Sat./Sun., May 21	All Day/Night	Youth Group / 20s & 30s Camping

## 6th Graders Reach Out to Day Workers in South Arlington

Sometimes a story inspires action. That’s what happened in a St. Mary’s 6th grade church school class after the students read: *A Day's Work* by Eve Bunting. This beautiful picture book helped the children to connect with the issues that day laborers in the area face and motivated them to help. Working with the Shirlington Employment and Education Center ([www.seecjobs.com](http://www.seecjobs.com)), an Arlington organization that seeks employment and provides other services for day workers, the children decided to follow the example of other Arlington Episcopal churches and make bagged lunches for SEEC on Sunday, April 3rd during church school.

Their families donated everything needed to make 40 lunches that included Gatorade, chips & salsa, a clementine, two high-protein tuna sandwiches and two homemade desserts. The 6th graders chose to include in the lunch bag their own message of --"We hope all your dreams come true"-- as well as a Bible passage (all in Spanish): “Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.” Matthew 11:28-30

The kids started making sandwiches, bagging chips, wrapping desserts, and packing bags at 10:15 a.m. By 11:00 a.m., all 40 bags were filled and stapled. A group of seven kids and two moms headed down to Four Mile Run to meet Andres Tobar, Executive Director of SEEC.

When they arrived at the SEEC pavilion parking lot next to the Beenie Weenie, the men literally ran over to the cars with big smiles on their faces. It was apparent they were very hungry. They politely lined up and took the bags from Andres but nodded to our kids and said “Gracias” with a smile. Then they proceeded to gobble the lunches. Andres explained the plight of the men and how the lunches might be their only meal of the day. Hearing this and seeing the men react, the children felt they should have packed more food. The 6th graders are eager to make bagged lunches again for these men. They are already brainstorming on their next menu and a new message of hope. By Nina Bacas

**With their 40 bags of food:**

**Back row left to right:** Erin, Claire, Amelia, Holly, Josie, Zach, Kathryn, Gregory, Ben, Davis, and Lauren **Front Row:** Michael, Aitken



## UPCOMING MUSIC OFFERINGS



### Choral Evensong

Sunday, May 1, 2011, 5:00 p.m.

The Rev. John Runkle, Officiant

St. Mary's Choir of Men, Women, Boys & Girls

Guest Organist: Charles Miller, National City Christian Church, Washington, DC

Baynon: When Rooks Fly Homeward, Neary: Responses, Buck: Psalm 146, Stanford in A Major

Wesley: Blessed be the God, Rose: Risen Lord

*A reception follows in Paca Parish Hall.*

**Sunday, May 8<sup>th</sup>** St. Mary's Choirs of Men and Women and Boys and Girls Choir will sing in New York City, New York, with the choirs of Christ Church, Alexandria, and Church of the Redeemer, Bethesda, at the Cathedral of St. John the Divine for Choral Evensong. The highly acclaimed organist, director and composer Mr. Bruce Neswick of St. John's will direct the mass choir composed of the three guest choirs and the cathedral choir for the 11:00 a.m. Choral Eucharist and 4:00 p.m. Choral Evensong. The trip includes site-seeing and rehearsal on Saturday and wonderful singing in the largest cathedral structure in the United States. Many thanks go to Carolyn Heyer for organizing group transportation and accommodations for St. Mary's choristers and families.

### Last Sung Compline of 2010-2011 Season

Sunday, May 15, 9:00 p.m.

Sung by St. Mary's Schola

**Sunday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> is Choir Recognition Sunday** for all St. Mary's Choirs and will include a Ribbon Ceremony for the Boys & Girls Choir. Their musical achievements will be rewarded with Royal School of Church Music ribbons at the 9:00 a.m. Eucharist. We will also take the opportunity to pay tribute to and thank the fine musicians from St. Mary's Choirs of Men and Women, Boys & Girls, the Treble Choir, Men's Schola, Women's Schola and the Handbell Choir. We are also deeply appreciative of the parental support given to younger choir members. Each of the participants in the music program have attended weekly rehearsals and contributed to the beauty and purpose of holy worship throughout the 2010-2011 season. Please say a word of thanks to choir members whose names will be listed in the Sunday service leaflet.

The official close of the 2010-2011 Choir Season will be our **Choir Banquet, Thursday, May 19<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30 p.m.**, served in gratitude for each member's dedicated service throughout the year. Choir Parent and professional singer Barbara Hollinshead will be our guest speaker.

Although regular weekday rehearsals for youth choirs end in May, the St. Mary's Choir leads the 10:00 a.m. service throughout the summer months. **The Summer Choir rehearses on Sunday mornings only at 9:15 a.m. beginning June 19<sup>th</sup>.** This is an excellent time to join your voice with the St. Mary's Choir. Give Gregory a call at 703-527-6800 or send an email to [Gregory.Hooker@stmarysarlington.org](mailto:Gregory.Hooker@stmarysarlington.org) for more information.

### Summer Guest Choirs

**Wednesday, June 15, 7:30 p.m.**, Guest Choral Concert: Cathedral Church of the Advent Choir

The Advent Choir from Birmingham, Alabama, is an auditioned choir of volunteers and professionals directed by Dr. Stephen G. Schaeffer and accompanied by Charles Kennedy. They have traveled four times to England for cathedral residencies and have made six recordings. Their East Coast Tour includes Atlanta, Winston-Salem, Chapel Hill, Washington National Cathedral and St. Thomas Church Fifth Avenue, New York City. A reception will follow the concert.

**Sunday, July 17, 10:00 a.m. Eucharist and 5:00 Evensong**, Keble College Choir, Oxford University. The Rev. Jennifer Strawbridge, former associate rector at St. Mary's is Chaplain and Fellow at Keble College, will be accompanying this distinguished choir on one of its rare U.S. tours. This fine choir of sixteen students regularly sings for services at Keble College. The 19<sup>th</sup> century Oxford Movement is directly associated with Keble College and revived choral singing, great church architecture and many of the liturgical traditions that we now commonly consider Anglican. If you are interested in housing singers from the choir, please let Minister of Music Gregory Hooker know.

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