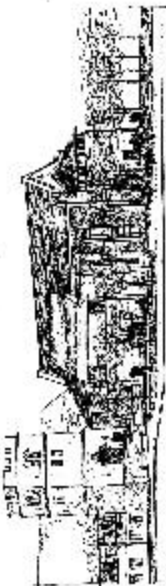


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# Saint Mary's Messenger



## Dear Friends,

### ON WORSHIP, CHILDREN & OUTREACH

For the past twenty years our core mission statement has remained unchanged. This focus and concentration on our three priorities continue to guide our use of time and the resources of people and money. We have a full-time minister of music, Gregory Hooker, to strengthen our worship, a full-time youth minister, Mike Smith, as well as the incomparable volunteer leader, Claudia Boswell, to work with our younger children, and a full-time coordinator for our outreach efforts, Marybeth Emerson. Let me make a couple of comments about these three emphases that help to shape our identity and common life.

John Calvin was correct in stating that humankind's chief end is to glorify God, and to enjoy Him forever. The sermons may not always be scintillating, some of the notes might be slightly off pitch, and the pews may be hard, but the intention to offer to God our praise, love and adoration is at the core of who we are and what we do. Worship is the work of the congregation. The clergy are there to lead but also to get out of the way. Bring your A game on Sunday morning because all the various ministries – choirs, ushers, acolytes, altar guild, lay readers – are there to support all of us in the chief aim of life – to glorify God.

God has blessed us with large numbers of children. It is our responsibility to pass on the faith of the saints once delivered to the next generation. Polls show that organized religion is on the decline in this country. Whether that is true or not, what is true is that the next generation of the church is in attendance in our parish right here and right now. The only way that they can be the church of the future is if they are the church of the present. Thank those who teach in our church school and youth forums. Step up this summer and take your rightful turn in teaching during the summer. Ask when, not if, it is time for you teach in the fall. Seek out ways to model and nurture our younger members and their parents; get your children to church on a weekly basis. Ultimately Christianity is caught rather than taught as young people experience the love of Christ through our witness and life together. If you want your kids to graduate from high school they can't drop in only when it suits them. Why would church be different?

We continue to spread the Good News of the Gospel by committing 25% of our budget, 11% to the work of the larger church through our diocesan pledge and 14% through our outreach commitments, so that we don't lose focus amidst the competing demands on limited resources. We as Christians are the folk who take seriously the preposterous invitation of God to put others first trusting in God's promise to take care of us. It might seem easier to do in easier economic times, yet I have never sensed unwillingness on the part of our parish to honor that commitment in all circumstances. We do it joyfully because God is faithful to us, and we rejoice that we have the opportunity to be faithful in response. Where might you lend a hand, literally, amongst the dozens of outreach opportunities that we share? Also, where are the men in the parish to serve on the Outreach Committee? If you have been waiting for an invitation, consider yourselves invited.

Christianity is not a spectator sport. Say your prayers; discern where God might be calling you to serve and even if unsure, take the risk of faith and plunge in and see what happens.

May the peace of the Lord always be with you.

Faithfully,

## LETTER FROM ST. PATRICK'S, MS

Dear St. Mary's Family,

Greetings from St. Patrick's Episcopal Church in Long Beach, Mississippi. As we approach the 4<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Hurricane Katrina, I am pleased to report that we are making great progress on our new church facility. We took a good amount of time selecting a site for our new home, seeking a new location that would permit us to live out our mission in Long Beach and also make us a little safer from the next hurricane... We have an excellent team of architects and construction company that have worked closely with us as we define the space to fit our needs. On a recent Sunday, after the service, the entire church went to the new building to review the progress. While we were there we handed out markers for all the member of the St. Patrick's family to sign the plywood walls before they were closed in. Some members just signed their names while other added a quote or best wishes. We know that you could not come for the signing but I wanted to let you know that your name was included as a member of the St. Patrick's family. Without your generous support we would not have walls to sign and we are blessed to have you as a member of our family. I took a picture of your name on the wall of our new building and attached it to this... We hope to be in our new building by Pentecost, but our official dedication including a visit by our Bishop is scheduled for August 15... Please know you are a big part of all we have done, and we look forward to having you join us for worship in our new home soon.



Yours in Christ,

Bruce A. Davis

Jr. Warden, St. Patrick's Episcopal Church

## LETTER FROM LIZZIE TEAGUE

Dear St. Mary's,

I'm excited to let you all know that after college graduation I will be serving as a volunteer through the Episcopal Church's Young Adult Service Corps (YASC) at the Asian Institute of Research (ARI) in Japan (<http://www.ardu.org/english/>). ARI is a Christian training center for community leaders from developing countries in Asia and Africa that teaches sustainable, organic agriculture techniques and leadership and community development skills. I will be in Japan for a year, starting about October 1, 2009.

As I cannot engage in this mission without financial support, I invite you to consider making a gift to the ministry of YASC. All gifts are tax-deductible, and are to be made directly to the Episcopal Church, with the stipulation that you wish the gift to be directed toward YASC and toward my mission in particular. Please make checks out to DMFS or the Episcopal Church, USA and mail them to Rebecca Sang at The Episcopal Church Center, 815 Second Avenue, New York, NY 10017. Donation forms will be available in the church office.

To learn more about the YASC program go to [http://www.episcopalchurch.org/30703\\_1700\\_ENG\\_HTML.htm](http://www.episcopalchurch.org/30703_1700_ENG_HTML.htm)

Thank you, St. Mary's, for all your past, present, and future support!

Peace,

Lizzie Teague

[elizabeth.h.teague@dartmouth.edu](mailto:elizabeth.h.teague@dartmouth.edu)

Sample donation statement:

Mr. Kurt Barnes, Treasurer  
The Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society  
of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the USA  
815 Second Avenue  
New York, NY 10017-4594

Dear Mr. Barnes:

I hereby give to the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America a gift in the amount of \_\_\_\_\_. As a preference, though not as a condition of my gift, I suggest that it be used for the program or purpose designated as follows:

Support of the Mission Personnel Program, Young Adult Service Corps and Elizabeth Teague in the Diocese of Nippon Sei Ko Kai, Japan.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Donor's name and address

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Signature and date

Make checks payable to: DFMS or the Episcopal Church USA  
Mail to: Rebecca Sang  
The Episcopal Church Center  
815 Second Ave.  
New York, NY 10017

## YOUTH HAPPENNINGS

The youth group wants to give  
A BIG "THANK YOU!"  
to all our Youth Forum Leaders this Year!

**Ralph Miller, 6th Grade**  
**Robert Johnston, 7&8 Grade**  
**Moria Johnston, 7&8 Grade**  
**Mike Poth, 7&8 Grade**  
**Christine Smith, 7&8 Grade**  
**Louisa McClanahan, Senior High**  
**Gil Wilson, Senior High**  
**Stan Houle, Senior High**  
**Katherine Kerley, Senior High**

**Our first two mission trips are right around the corner and it not too late to become a 2009 Summer Mission Trips Shareholder!!!**

*How?*

Our youth will be selling shares in their summer mission trips to Towel Ministries in North Carolina, Katrina, Mission on the Bay, and Honduras. You can support them by purchasing shares in these trips.

*What is a share?*

A share is a \$10 donation to the mission trip – 100% of which will support the youth participants in their mission experience. The benefits of being a share holder are many including: a share holder certificate, an invitation to the share holder's dinner on August, 23, 2009, a postcard from the site of the mission trip, and a great reason to pray for 8 days in June, July and August (to name a few).

*How do I buy a share today?*

See one of the youth (the lists are posted on the Youth board and in the Parish Hall) in order to purchase a share. Or, see Mike if you would like to buy a group of shares that will be distributed between each mission participant.

*Are shares tax-deductible?*

Yes. Just make sure the young person from whom you purchase shares has your correct address.

## 20S AND 30S GROUP

**20s and 30s Group**- contact [elizabeth.marie@stmarysarlington.org](mailto:elizabeth.marie@stmarysarlington.org) for more information.

### **The Brunch Bunch**

Join us for brunch on **Sunday, June 14<sup>th</sup>** (note this is the second Sunday of the month. We'll be at Shrinemont June 7<sup>th</sup>). We will meet in the Paca Hall after the 11:15 service (around 12:30) and depart for brunch the Metro 29 Diner. Folks from the Falls Church Episcopal will be joining us!

### **Bare Bible Study**

Join us to continue our study of the book of Ruth. We will meet at the Cosi on Fairfax at the Virginia Square Metro stop from **8:00-9:30pm on Thursday, June 11<sup>th</sup>**. Please bring your bible and come having read Ruth (it's short!).

### **Happy Hour**

Join us for Happy Hour on **Thursday, June 25<sup>th</sup> from 6:00-8:00pm**. Location: Check the St. Mary's website.

Keep up-to-date with our activities at: <http://triviumarlington.blogspot.com/> and [http://www.stmarysarlington.org/stmarysarlington/20s\\_30s](http://www.stmarysarlington.org/stmarysarlington/20s_30s)

## ST. MARY'S MUSIC



Although regular weekday rehearsals for choirs concluded in May, the Parish Choir will lead services this summer. **The Summer Choir rehearses on Sunday mornings only at 9:15 a.m. beginning on Sunday, June 28.** We do not vest and do not process. This is an excellent time to join your voice with the St. Mary's Choir. Both inexperienced and experienced singers are welcome. We have room for everyone! Please give Gregory a call at 703-527-6800 or email him at [Gregory.hooker@stmarysarlington.org](mailto:Gregory.hooker@stmarysarlington.org) for more information.

**Thanks to all who have contributed to St. Mary's Music Fund so far this year.** Your gifts are greatly appreciated and will help fund our musical offerings for the 2009-2010 season. If you have not yet given to the fund, please remember that gifts are gratefully received at any time.

# Calendar Page

Click the St. Mary's Calendar link on our homepage for the most up-to-date schedule of events here at St. Mary's or simply ctrl click [here](http://www.mychurchevents.com/calendar/calendar.aspx?ci=G1L6M7M7G1F0N8N8H2)

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## PARISH LIFE

### Women's Handcrafts Group

Calling all crafters: needlepoint, knitting, crocheting, cross stitch! Our next gathering will be on **Tuesday, June 9th from 3:30-5:30** at the home of Margaret Lampe (2459 N. Wakefield Ct. Arlington; 703.527.6622).

### Pilgrimage to Israel in 2010

#### – Six spaces available to St. Mary's

Parishioners from the Diocese of Virginia will be traveling together on a pilgrimage to Jerusalem and the surrounding region from February 24 to March 9, 2010. We will be hosted and led by the staff at St. George's College ([www.sgcjerusalem.org](http://www.sgcjerusalem.org)) and participating in the "Palestine of Jesus" course.

Space is limited. The cost of the course is \$2,180 plus airfare. Once everyone is registered we will negotiate a group rate for airfare. If you would like to join us, please email Buck Blanchard at the Diocese ([bblanchard@thediocese.net](mailto:bblanchard@thediocese.net)) to get your name on the list. Please include your name, contact information, and use "Jerusalem Pilgrimage" in the subject line. If you have questions, please be in touch with Fr. Merrow, Jenn, or Elizabeth Marie.



### Dios es Muy, Muy Bueno!

Join us for a Fiesta in celebration of our year of learning together at Iglesia Santa Maria. Salsa dancing guaranteed. Tutors and Friends of Santa Maria especially encouraged to attend.

It's a Potluck -- so please bring something.

Wednesday, June 17th at 7pm -- Iglesia Santa Maria, 7000 Arlington Boulevard, Falls Church.

For more information:

[marybeth.emerson@stmarysarlington.org](mailto:marybeth.emerson@stmarysarlington.org) or call the office.

### Join us at Shrine Mont – There's still time!

Our St. Mary's Parish Weekend at beautiful Shrine Mont begins on Friday, June 5<sup>th</sup>, and all are welcome. The weekend includes: Bishop Frank Gray, a visit to a local farm, lively worship, great fellowship and all with friends new & old. [www.stmarysarlington.org](http://www.stmarysarlington.org) to register – or call the office.

### Welcome to Our New Summer Seminarian

Christopher Garcia will work at Saint Mary's from June 5 (joining us at Shrine Mont!) to August 2. Christopher has completed two years toward his M.Div. at Virginia Theological Seminary. He'll be working with us as a Mid-Atlantic Parish Placement, part of his preparation for ordination to the priesthood in the Diocese of Virginia.

Christopher is presented for ordination by Saint Andrew's, Burke, where he and his family have been active members since 2002. He is married to Cheryl; they have two children, Elizabeth, 15 (finishing her freshman year at West Springfield High School), and Thomas, 13 (finishing 7<sup>th</sup> grade at Lake Braddock Secondary School). He and his family live in Springfield.

During the past year at seminary, Christopher's field education parish was Saint Peter's, Purcellville. At Saint Peter's, Christopher served at the altar, preached frequently, led Morning and Evening Prayer, and assisted with the men's Sunday formation class and the Children's Church program. He'll return to Saint Peter's for his final year of field education in September.

Christopher retired from the Army in 2007, after 25 years of active duty. He spent most of his career as an Army attorney in The Judge Advocate General's Corps, with duty across the US, in Germany, Korea, and in Saudi Arabia and Iraq during Desert Shield/Desert Storm. His final five years were in the Pentagon, serving on the Joint Staff and the Office of the Secretary of Defense Staff.

New to the Messenger:

### Ask the Parish

A portion of the Messenger devoted to queries from parishioners requesting information from the Parish on a subject or task they are pursuing.

**Some parishioners are actively looking for a Continuing Care Facility in the Washington, DC area to move into in the next 2-4 years and wonder if anyone in the Parish has experience or recommendations they might share with them.**

**Contact the Church Office with any suggestions you may have.  
(703-527-6800)**

## OUTREACH

### June Prayer

Gracious God,  
When you bless us with time to stop and be,  
With eyes to see,  
With souls hungry for your beauty,  
Your love for us is magnified as this realization slowly creeps in:  
That you made us to bloom and grow, as well  
To feed,  
To delight,  
And To seed your future.

*Amen*

### Toiletry Collection

Look for the Samaritan Ministry Father's Day Toiletry Collection bags in the pews and in the narthex beginning in early June. Samaritan's "Next Step" Program participants, many of them fathers themselves, are always in need of "walking food," power and granola bars, nuts and dried fruit, crackers – and personal-sized toiletries like soap, body wash and toothpaste. Honor thy Father: fill up a bag and bring it back on Father's Day to help someone toward a better life.

### OAR

Offender's Aid and Restoration's "Second chance" Fundraising Breakfast is on Thursday, June 11<sup>th</sup> at 8am, here in Arlington. Contact Mary Beth if you'd like to join us, or contact OAR at [www.oaronline.org](http://www.oaronline.org)

### St. Mark's Neighborhood Day

On Saturday, June 13<sup>th</sup> – our friends and neighbors at St. Mark's Presbyterian and the Old Dominion Neighborhood Association invite you and your family to "Neighborhood Day" at St. Mark's. There'll be great food, shopping – fun for all. Look for more information on our Bulletin Boards.

## ART GUILD

### Art and Soul Retreat

The Diocese of Virginia's 4th Art and Soul retreat at ShrineMont is scheduled for July 19 to 23. There are workshops in poetry, creative writing, fine arts and fine crafts. St. Mary's former seminarian, Mary Norton, will offer her Nature Printing course. And Lee Newman, who showed at St. Mary's this year, will teach a course on Drawing into Printing. The registration/information brochure can be downloaded at [www.thediocese.net](http://www.thediocese.net).

### Arlington Free Clinic

The beautiful new home of the Arlington Free Clinic has opened on Columbia Pike. The Clinic is holding a community open house on Thursday, June 18<sup>th</sup> from 6 to 8pm. Come and see the examination room named in honor of you: the St. Mary's Community. See [www.arlingtonfreeclinic.org](http://www.arlingtonfreeclinic.org) for more information.

### Pray for our Missioners and Pilgrims

And – please remember to pray for our Towel Ministry, Valle Crucis Missioners on their trip from June 19<sup>th</sup> through June 26<sup>th</sup> and our Confirmation Pilgrims on their pilgrimage to England June 20<sup>th</sup> through June 27<sup>th</sup>.

### VOICE Update

Thank you to all the St. Mary's parishioners who have supported Virginians Organized for Interfaith Community Engagement in its first 6 months of work! Your involvement and prayers have already made a difference. In Arlington, 400+ people attended an Action with County Board Chair Barbara Favola and Vice Chair Jay Fisette to secure their support for VOICE priorities. More than 100 attended a Board hearing on the FY2010 County budget to show their support, and hundreds more signed letters in support. The Board's 2010 budget includes the VOICE priorities of at a minimum maintaining funding for affordable housing and homelessness programs and allocating \$25,000 to support expansion of dental services to low- and moderate-income residents in Northern Virginia.

In Fairfax, 300+ people attended a VOICE Action with Chair Sharon Bulova and supervisor Catherine Hudgins to demonstrate support for affordable housing and dental service priorities and then submitted more than 5,000 postcards reflecting support from members of VOICE parishes. The County Board approved \$50,000 toward the expansion of NoVa dental services.

Look for updates on VOICE's continuing work at both the local and state levels. For more information or to get involved, please contact Paul Douthit at [psdouthit@yahoo.com](mailto:psdouthit@yahoo.com), Marjorie Green at [vagreenfam@verizon.net](mailto:vagreenfam@verizon.net), or RoseAnn Ashby at [roseann.ashby@ed.gov](mailto:roseann.ashby@ed.gov).



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