



ST. MARY'S E-LETTER

ST. MARY'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH



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A Message from Father Eric

Dear Friends in Christ:

Happy New Year! I am inviting all members of the church to prayerfully consider the following opportunities for Christian formation, fellowship and worship.



EPIPHANY SEASON PREACHING SERIES.

I will be preaching a sermon series entitled: "Discipleship, Jesus Style: Discipleship before Leadership". We will look at the gospel readings found in Mark assigned for Sunday mornings in the season of the Epiphany and discover what Jesus taught his disciples about following him. You are encouraged to read the first four chapters of Mark in preparation for this preaching series. We will begin the series on Sunday, January 8, as we celebrate the Feast of the Baptism of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

CHOIR GATHERING.

Please come and meet Ryan Hebert, our interim organist and choirmaster. He is hosting an information and get-to-know-you gathering on Thursday, January 12, at 700 PM in the Choir Room. After a time of drink and snacks, Ryan will share with you his vision of what the choir can be and do during this interim time. If you are at all interested in singing in a choir while participating in a supportive community, please join Ryan next Thursday.

Ryan Hebert's Bio:

A native of Louisiana, Ryan Hebert, D.M.A., is Assistant Professor of Music, Director of Choral Studies, and University Organist at The University of Tampa, Tampa, FL. Hebert conducts the University's three choral ensembles, teach music theory, and performs and teaches on the University's new three-manual, 56-stop Dobson tracker organ in the new Sykes Chapel and Center for Faith and Values.

Hebert is a member of the American Guild of Organists, a church musician, and is a Carillonneur member of the Guild of Carillonneur's of North America. As an organist, he has performed extensively in the United States as well as in England, Germany, and the Netherlands. He holds degrees from The University of Alabama, The University of Kansas, and Louisiana State University.

MEMBERSHIP AND MINISTRY TEACHING SERIES

We begin a new formation series entitled "Membership and Ministry" by introducing the COMMON COURSE. The COMMON COURSE will be offered at least twice a year (possibly more if there is call for it) and will serve as a foundation for other offerings such as HOLY, HOLY, HOLY ... An Adult Confirmation Course, and, PREPARING FOR PENTECOST: A Course on the Holy Spirit and Spiritual Gifts.

COMMON COURSE and HOLY, HOLY, HOLY and all courses are offered to all members of the congregation as well as guests and those considering St. Mary's as their church home.

COMMON COURSE

An Introduction to St. Mary's Episcopal Church in which the Rector invites the Visitor, Inquirer and Member (new and old) to explore the definitions of the following words: Saint, Mary, Episcopal and Church.

The COMMON COURSE will be a pre-requisite for the Adult Confirmation

Course and for the Altar Ministry Training Courses (Lector, Eucharistic Ministers, etc.).

There are three options for participation in the COMMON COURSE and you may mix and match to fit your schedules.

Each session will be time certain.

We will begin with your questions. This will be followed by a presentation by Father Eric and time to respond to the material within a small group setting.

Yes, you may attend parts of the various options. It is important that you attend each 'named' session in order to complete the COMMON COURSE.

Please let us know when you plan to attend especially for those attending Sunday morning because we need to plan for the Child Care.

Upon completion of the COMMON COURSE you will be invited to be recognized as a member of St. Mary's Episcopal Church on Sunday, February 12 at both the 800 AM and 1000 AM services.

- A. Sunday morning
9 - 9:45 AM St. Mary's Hall, South Room Child Care
1/8 Saint
1/15 Church
1/22 Episcopal
1/29 Mary
- B. Wednesday evening
Chapel No Child Care
630 PM Holy Communion
700 PM Session
830 PM Compline

1/18 Saint
1/25 Church
2/1 Episcopal
2/8 Mary
- C. Saturday format:
Jan. 21 Chapel No Child Care
800 AM Coffee and Donuts
830 AM Saint - Break
930 AM Church - Break
1030 AM Episcopal - Break
1130 AM Mary
1230 AM Conclusion

I am excited about what the Lord is calling us to do in 2012. Let us keep our hearts and minds and spirits open to what He has for us as individuals and as a parish.

PEACE IN HIM WHO IS PEACE,
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A Message from the Senior Warden

HAPPY NEW YEAR

Carol and I missed being with you over Christmas but we had a wonderful time visiting our kids Elise and Mark, our son-in law Ryan and our first Grandson Jackson...it was really special to see him smile at us and enjoying the festivities. During our visit, we did not get any snow that stuck but did get some snow flurries one day for a just about an hour. We leave for Ardmore again this weekend for Jackson's Baptism which will be conducted by his Father



Ryan, who a number of you know, is an Episcopal Priest and Rector of St. George's Episcopal church in Ardmore, Pa (20 minutes west of Philadelphia).

This past Sunday Carol and I enjoyed the St. Mary's Christmas trees and other decorations that were the responsibility of the of the Flower Guild headed by Elizabeth Kurz and her volunteers, who spent time and talent to prepare a special setting for Christmas worship. Also, a special thanks to those who made donations to this fund to beautify our church.

Many thanks to the Altar Guild, led by Keith Blouin, for their constant attention to preparing for the services, specially these past couple of festive weeks.

2012 VESTRY NOMINATIONS

It is not too late to be nominated for election as one of the Four Vestry positions in January. There are Nomination forms available in the church and also via the following link: [Download Vestry Nomination Form Now](#).

We need these nominations to be completed and submitted in the next week or so. St. Mary's needs your leadership to serve in our ministries and administration. Please call me at 813-765-6954 or Susann Fox, Nomination Chair at 813-240-6488, if you should have any questions.

CHURCH ANNUAL MEETING

Please mark your calendars for the upcoming church Annual Meeting on Sunday, January 22 after the 10am Service. We will have a covered dish brunch/lunch and child care will be provided. Please make sure to attend this special meeting so we can update the congregation on our ministries, budget for 2012, and also, vote on the election of the four Vestry open positions. This is a very important meeting and we want your participation.

Thank you for what you do for St. Mary's!

Sincerely and on behalf of the Vestry...see you at Church

Henry Woodroffe
Senior Warden



When the Holidays are over and you just can't cook another thing...grab a sitter and join the AMEN! ministry for a night on the town!

Saturday, January 7th
7:00 p.m.
Bella's Italian Cafe

We'll try to find the best Italian food in town...
RSVP to sarahharperobrien@hotmail.com or [via Evite](#)

AMEN! The Spirit of Fellowship at St. Mary's Church! AMEN! is a group at St. Mary's that provides Christian fellowship through a variety of social gatherings and events. This ministry is geared towards our families with children. We gather throughout the year for entertaining events and enriching fellowship. We hope to expand existing relationships with one another, build new ones within the St. Mary's community, and together we will strengthen our commitment to Know Christ and Make Him Known.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!!!!!!!

Joe Hafner & Linda Hanna 1/3

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU!!!!!!!



Chris Callahan	1/1
Jeff Kutchmire	1/1
Whit Wannamaker	1/1
Joseph Kemm	1/2
Ramsay Jones	1/3
Mark O'Brien	1/3
Rev. Eric Kahl	1/5

CALENDAR

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

1/6	Friday 7:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist - The Epiphany of Our Lord
1/8	Sunday 9:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study, Chapel 9:00 a.m. Outreach Commission Meeting 10:00 a.m. Children & Youth Programs 11:00 a.m. DOK Meeting 11:30 a.m. The Common Course

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUNDAY SCHOOL - During the 10:00 am service children ages PreK 4 through 5th grade meet at the flag pole for registration and will be directed to their classrooms. Will you be in **COOKING, ARTS & CRAFTS, or BIBLE GAMES?** Come and find out!

Youth - Grades 6 and up will meet in the Youth Room during the 10 am service.

NURSERY - Available for ages 4 years and younger.

Choir practice -

Coffee hour - Please consider signing up to bring in treats and drinks to share at coffee hour on Sunday mornings, St. Mary's will provide the coffee. There will be a sign up sheet available every week during the coffee hour.

2012 ALTAR FLOWER DATES ARE STILL AVAILABLE- If you would like to give flowers to the church this year in honor of a special person, in memory of a loved one, or to commemorate an exceptional date, please sign-up in the notebook on the information table in the Narthex. A contribution to the flower fund of \$75 is suggested and your payment may be placed in the collection plate or sent to the Church Office. In an ongoing effort to be "green" and thoughtful of our budget, the flower guild will rotate fresh cut arrangements and flowering plants which can be recycled for use at other events at St. Mary's church and school!

OFFERING ENVELOPES FOR 2012 are available in the Narthex shown alphabetically. If you want envelopes, please sign the sheet and they will be available next Sunday. We also have a sign up sheet for children's offering envelopes.

Women's bible study - Beginning January 15th the Women's Bible Study will be reading & experiencing a book entitled, *The Freedom of Holiness: Biblical Reflections on the Witness of the Saints*. This book is a hands on endeavor that combines individual daily Bible Study with a weekly corporate Bible Study. Come join Father Lester and the Women's Sunday Morning Bible Study group on a spiritual journey on Sunday's from 9 to 9:45am in the quiet room at the rear of the church nave.

Stephen ministry - Stephen Ministers are Care-Givers, God is the Cure-Giver - The role of a Stephen Minister is to give care. They listen, empathize, encourage, pray and provide emotional and spiritual support on a weekly basis to hurting people for as long as the need persists. God works in and through them to bring hope and healing. If you are feeling lonely, experiencing a crisis, struggling through a difficult time, or simply find yourself stressed by everyday life, talk with one of our Stephen

Leaders. If you would like to learn more about Stephen Ministry for yourself or someone you know or if you have any Pastoral Care Concerns or Prayer Request please contact David Healy at 813-494-3477 or david.healy@stmarystampa.com.

WEEKLY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

WEEKLY SCHEDULE January 8, 2012

1/8	Sunday	B The Baptism of Our Lord 9:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study, Chapel 9:00 a.m. Outreach Commission Meeting 10:00 a.m. Children & Youth Programs 11:00 a.m. DOK Meeting
1/10	Tuesday	6:45 a.m. Men's Bible Study
1/11	Wednesday	10:00 a.m. Holy Communion Rite II with Unction 11:00 a.m. Senior Luncheon, St. Mary's Hall 6:00 p.m. The Common Course, Chapel
1/12	Thursday	5:30 p.m. Stephen Ministry Meeting 7:00 p.m. Choir Practice
1/13	Friday	7:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist The Epiphany of Our Lord
1/15	Sunday	B 2 Epiphany 10:00 a.m. Baptism and Renewal of Baptismal Vows 9:00 a.m. The Common Course 9:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study, Chapel 10:00 a.m. Children & Youth Programs

SAINTS WHO SERVE

8:00 am	
Eucharistic Minister	John Menard
First Reader	Michele Morris
Second Reader	Joe Timberlake
Intercessor	Murray Pascual
Usher	Paul Rogers
Greeter	Connie Cave
Altar Guild	St. Agnes
10:00 am	
Eucharistic Ministers	Devon Carter Yemi Owi
First Reader	
Second Reader	Devon Carter
Intercessor	David Karpan
Crucifer Server	Evan FitzGerald
Right Torch	Annie Merrill
Left Torch	Libby Carter
Crucifer Gospel Server	Wade FitzGerald
Ushers	George Levy John Genter Russ Callahan Henry Woodroffe
Greeters	Yvonne Whitcomb Dee Barroso Janet Karpan

About St. Mary's.....

BAPTISM: The Sacrament of Holy Baptism will be administered on the following Sundays:

January 15, February 19, April 15, June 3, August 19, 2012.
Instruction about the meaning of Baptism is required.

WEDDINGS: Marriage in the Church is for baptized members and is not normally performed in the season of Lent. Premarital instruction is required.

FUNERALS: Burial from the Church is the right of each Christian.

HOSPITALIZATION: Please register as a member of St. Mary's Episcopal Church when entering the hospital.

OTHER SACRAMENTAL RITES such as HOUSE BLESSINGS, UNCTION (Anointing with Oil and Laying On Of Hands for Healing) and CONFESSION are offered by the priests of the church.

In case of a pastoral emergency or urgent church business, please contact the Rector at (813) 476-5868

STAFF

The Reverend ERIC KAHL, Rector
The Reverend JOHN WOLFE, Deacon
The Reverend GEORGE CAVE
The Reverend Lester Durst
The Rev. CN. Dennis Kezar, Rector Emeritus
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JOE TIMBERLAKE, Pastor for Youth
ASHLEY MERRILL, Director of Christian Ed.
David Healy, Director of Pastoral Care

SCHOOL

SCOTT D. LAIRD, Headmaster

ST. MARY'S VESTRY

Henry Woodroffe - Senior Warden '12
Paul Rogers - Junior Warden '12
Samantha Warren - Treasurer
Bev Menard - Assistant Treasurer
Susann Fox - Secretary '11 - Outreach
Joo Hooi Albritton '11 - Church Services
Devon Carter '11 - Youth Program
Sarah O'Brien '11 - Parish Life/Hospitality
Russ Callahan '12 - Stewardship/Finance
Barry Shone '12 - Christian Formation/Pastoral
Bob Mabry '13 - Administration/Policy
JoAnn Padell '13 - Newcomers/Congregation
Jenifer LeBeau '13 - Church/School
Robert Rocha '13 - Parish Communication/Website

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OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Thursday 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Friday - 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

PLEASE NOTE: Church Office Holiday Hours - The Church Office will be closed until 9:00 am on 1/3/12. If you have a pastoral emergency or urgent church business, please contact the Rector at (813) 476-5868 or David Healy at 813-494-3477.