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FROM THE RECTOR

Dearly Beloved,
Since Christmas and throughout Epiphany Season, we have focused and reflected on Christ's Manifestation to the world. We have heard in Word how he showed forth Himself and became known as the Light of the world. Think about all the great stories we have heard: the birth of Jesus in Bethlehem; the angel appearing to shepherds; Christ's Circumcision and old Simeon's cry, "Lord, now let thy servant depart in peace, for my eyes have seen thy salvation!;" the boy Jesus "lost" in the Temple; Christ's Baptism; the Wedding at Cana; and Jesus' encounter with the Centurion and his famous response to Jesus, "Lord, I am not worthy..." which we repeat each time we come to Holy Communion. So much "stuff" is packed into this 40 day period of

Christmas and Epiphany! But we have not only heard the stories, we have also seen them in the decorations in the church. We kept all the decorations, the tree, the Christmas candle, the creche, the garland and ribbons, out this year throughout this time to add visual emphasis to what we were hearing. These visual reminders allowed our hearts to be lifted up with even more joy as we engaged the great passages in our salvation history these past six weeks.

But now our emphasis changes. The decorations are gone. The scripture to be read no longer has the overt joy. We will no longer point to the outward manifestation of Christ. We turn inward. The pre-Lenten "Gesima" season begins and then we move on toward Lent. We, following the words of St. Paul, start our journey of "fighting

the good fight." We turn to incorporating all that we have come to know during Christmas and Epiphany into our personal lives of faith. We take the Light we have seen outwardly and make Him a part of us internally and spiritually. The Light that shone in the darkness of the world 2000 years must now shine in the darkness of our sinful hearts. Since the Light ascended back to heaven, He shines forth today in only one way—in us! This is our purpose as Christian people: *to show forth Christ to the world.* We can only do this when He shines truly and fully in our own hearts and lives.

May we take the lessons we have learned during Christmas and Epiphany and spend time between now and Holy Week on how we have incorporated the Light of the world into our lives. Do we shine

FEBRUARY EVENTS

THURSDAY 2-

Purification of St. Mary
The Virgin 12 Noon

SUNDAY 5-

Bishop's Visit for
Confirmation Sunday

SATURDAY 11

Daughters Book
Review & Tea 11:30 AM

SUNDAY 12-

Daughters Meeting 11:30 AM

MONDAY 13-

Vestry Meeting 7 PM

FRIDAY 24-

St. Mathias, Apostle 12 Noon

SUNDAY 26-

Men's Cub Meeting 11:30 AM

**CLERGY
&
STAFF**

The Very Rev'd
Erich A. Zwingert, SSC
Rector

The Rev'd Canon
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The Rev'd Mr.
M. Tracy Smith
Curate

The Rev'd Mr.
Robert H. Hammes
Deacon

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Mrs. Darla Merrell
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VESTRY

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Rector's Warden

Charmaine Wilson
People's Warden

Ann Malone
Secretary

Larry Powali
Treasurer

Catherine Wilson
Member

OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Friday
8:00 AM to 2:30 PM

FROM THE RECTOR CONTINUED

with faith in Him? Do we shine with
the hope that He represents? Do we
shine with His Love? Shine on,

Brothers and Sisters, shine on!
Blessings,
Erich+

THE BISHOP IS COMING!

Our Diocesan Bishop, the Most Rev'd Walter H. Grundorf will be here at St. Mary's for his first Visitation in 2 years on Sunday, February 5, 2006. He will celebrate and preach at the 8:00 AM Holy Communion and will celebrate, preach, and confirm 7 people at 10 o'clock. Be sure to be here as we greet the chief shepherd of our Diocese on this earth. A reception for him and the confirmands will be held following the 10 o'clock Eucharist.

CHRIST THE SAVIOR ORTHODOX

In December, St. Mary's began hosting a start-up mission congregation of the Russian Orthodox Church Outside Russia. Fr. Nicholas Bargoot is the pastor of this new congregation. They celebrate the Divine Liturgy (which is what they call the Holy Communion service) every Sunday at 12 Noon, once we leave the church. You may have seen and/or met Fr. Nicholas and some of the members of his congregation. Please extend your most gracious greetings whenever you meet them. Since our church stands empty on Sunday afternoons, it is a joy to us that God's House is used more fully by his people. We are certain it is a joy to our Savior Jesus Christ also as we cooperate in such a small way in the building of His Kingdom.

CHOIR NOTES

There will be no rehearsals on Wednesday, February 1 and Wednesday, February 8. We will meet early (9 AM) on Sunday, February 5 and Sunday, February 12. Our regular rehearsals will resume on Wednesday, February 15.

HOLY DAYS

Purification of St. Mary the Virgin—Thursday, February 2, 12 Noon
St. Mathias, Apostle—Friday, February 24, 12 Noon

Check out our website: www.stmarydelray.org

THE DAUGHTERS

January/February

Happy New Year, dear friends! As we listen to the bells ring out the old year and ring in the new, let's hug our loved ones tightly before beginning our walk through a new year. Like the two-faced Roman god, Janus, who was supposed to be the doorkeeper of heaven and for whom the first month of the year is named, most of us during January try to forecast what the future holds as well as look back on the past. Yet, we should learn that it is making the most of the present moments that brings the greatest joy. Always remember, today is the tomorrow you wished for yesterday.

Our first "Twelfth Night" annual party on January 5, 2006 was absolutely fabulous. The Parish Hall was transformed into a Victorian home, with twinkling lights and tulle on the ceiling to beautiful centerpieces in antique containers on the tables. Everyone dressed for the occasion and

brought wonderful foods to share. Wassail was served and Olde English Madrigals and Folk songs were listened to. This is a parish project, so if you have suggestions for next year please let us know as we begin plans for next year.

At our Daughter's meeting it was decided to have our Tea and Book Review ("The Five People You Meet in Heaven" by Mitch Albom) on Saturday, February 11 beginning at 11:30 AM. A sign-up sheet is posted. Our Spring Attic Sale is scheduled for Saturday, April 29, from 7:30 AM—1:30 PM. Set-up will be on the Friday before. Our annual Spring Luncheon & Family Fashion Show will be on May 13.

Our next meeting will be on Sunday, February 12 at 11:30 AM in the Parish Hall. Please join us and remember that all women of St. Mary's are "Daughters".

Faithfully,
Linda Moritz

SUNDAY SCHOOL CORNER

Our children did so well Christmas Eve presenting their Christmas play, "*The Mice Tell The Christmas Story*". Peter Zwingert, Chris Ringdahl and Steven Williams practiced very hard on their gift this year to our Lord. Kathy Wilson's niece, Megan; nephew, Danny and their friend, Karma, were visiting over the holiday and we were blessed to have them join in the pageant. What sweet voices!

Sunday School is each Sunday at 9 AM. Please join us!

VESTRY OFFICERS

Your Vestry officers for 2006 are:

Mike Merrell, Rector's Warden
Charmaine Wilson, Junior Warden
Ann Malone, Secretary
Larry Powali, Treasurer

A special note from Fr. Erich: As you may or may not be aware, Michael Sneiderman resigned from the Vestry at the end of last year. Please know this was his own personal decision. Whenever someone feels that he cannot serve in such a capacity any longer, we must respect that decision. Michael had served on the Vestry for nearly 5 years, filling an unexpired term and then being elected to his own full term. His service to St. Mary's was always exemplary. His involvement on the Vestry will be missed.

FEBRUARY 2006

| SUN | MON | TUE | WED | THU | FRI | SAT |
|---|---------------------------|------------|---|--|------------------------------------|--|
| | | | 1 9 AM-MP 6:30 PM-HC 7 PM Choir Rehearsal 7:15 PM Bible Study | 2 Purification of St. Mary the Virgin 12 Noon | 3 | 4 |
| 5 5th Sunday After the Epiphany 8 AM & 10 AM Holy Eucharist 9 AM Sunday School Rector's Forum | 6 9 AM-MP | 7 9 AM-MP | 8 9 AM-MP 6:30 PM-HC 7 PM Choir Rehearsal 7:15 PM Bible Study | 9 9 AM-MP | 10 | 11 11:30 AM Daughters Book Review & Tea |
| 12 Septuagesima 8 AM & 10 AM Holy Eucharist 9 AM Sunday School Rector's Forum 11:30 AM Daughter's Meeting | 13 9 AM-MP 7 PM-Vestry | 14 | 15 6:30 PM-HC 7 PM Choir Rehearsal 7:15 PM Bible Study | 16 | 17 | 18 |
| 19 Sexagesima 8 AM & 10 AM Holy Eucharist 9 AM Sunday School Rector's Forum | 20 9 AM-MP | 21 9 AM-MP | 22 9 AM-MP 6:30 PM-HC 7 PM Choir Rehearsal 7:15 PM Bible Study | 23 9 AM-MP | 24 St. Mathias, Apostle 12 Noon | 25 |
| 26 Quinquagesima 8 AM & 10 AM Holy Eucharist 9 AM Sunday School Rector's Forum 11:30 AM Men's Club Mtg. | 27 9 AM-MP | 28 9 AM-MP | Notes: MP=Morning Prayer EP=Evening Prayer HC=Holy Communion | | | |

BIRTHDAYS IN JANUARY

- 2 Scott Koszalinski
- 6 Carltonette Epstein
- 9 Melissa Stiller
- 11 Arthur Griswold, Jr.
- 15 Tam Knight
- 23 Reggie Hammes
- 29 Patricia Lewandowski
- 29 Delores Williams-Worrell

“Watch over thy children, O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide them wherever they may be, keeping them unspotted from the world.”

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BIRTHDAYS IN FEBRUARY

- 3 Thomas Malone
- 6 Norma Hines
- 18 William Koch, Jr.
- 23 Patricia Snyder

ANNIVERSARIES IN FEBRUARY

- 1 Mark & Rolanda Epstein
- 6 Robert & Sandra Merrell
- 14 Thomas & Ann Malone
- 27 David & Josephine Lawrence

ANNIVERSARIES IN JANUARY

- 17 James & Dorothy Wells
- 22 James & Andra Bishop
- 30 Gerry & Pat Lewandowski

PARISH PRAYER CORNER

Parish Prayer Lists

Parishioners

Dottie, Mary, Aly, Norma, Lorna,
Gladys, Alma, Linda, Gloria, Tom,
Marian, Dorian, Mina.

Family, Friends, and Others

Randell, Ginny, Jean, Roger, Jerry,
Bruce, Ruth, Stephanie, Peter, Maria,
Raymond, Mary, Mark, Donnovon, Craig,
Taneisha, Claudia, Ellie, Anne, Mary Ann,
Gary, Johnnie, Eddie.

February Provincial Prayer Cycle

- Grace Church, Scranton, PA
The Rev'd Ronald Bell, Rector
- St. Philip's Church, Warminster, PA
The Rev'd Jonathan S. Riches, Rector
- Trinity Church, Hockessin, DE
The Rev'd John M. Campbell, Rector
- Emmanuel Church, Baltimore, MD
The Rev'd William A. Jenkins, Rector
- Faith Church, Baltimore, MD
The Rev'd William A. Jenkins, Rector
- Bishop Cummins Memorial Church, Catonsville, MD
The Rev'd Francis Tennes, Interim Rector
- St. Paul's Church, Crownsville, MD
The Rt. Rev'd Robert Loiselle, Rector
- Grace Church, Havre de Grace, MD
The Rev'd Gerald S. McLynn, Rector
- St. Alban's Church, Joppa, MD
The Rev'd Raymond C. Unterburger, Rector
- Mount Calvary Church, Lothian, MD
The Rev'd Canon Dr. R.H. Tregenza, Rector
- Christ the King Church, Pasadena, MD
The Rev'd Gregory P. Carr, Vicar
- St. Stephen's Church, Sykesville, MD
The Rev'd Eric Jorgensen, Rector
- St. Francis Church, Blacksburg, VA
The Rev'd Dr. Lawrence E. Adams, Vicar
- All Saints Church, Charlottesville, VA
The Rev'd Glenn M. Spencer, Rector
- Holy Trinity Mission, Fairfax, VA
The Rev'd Charles F. Camlin, Vicar
- New Covenant Church, Lynchburg, VA
The Rev'd Edward Y. Hopkins, Rector
- St. James' Church, Mathews, VA
The Rev'd William J. Kump, Interim Rector
- Covenant Church, Roanoke, VA
The Rev'd Rodney H. Longmire, Rector
- All Saints' Church, Arden, NC
The Rev'd Mark F. M. Clavier, Rector
- All Souls' Church, Asheboro, NC
The Rev'd Canon R. Larry Emerson, Vicar

CHOIR

Rehearsals have resumed on
Wednesday evenings at 7:00 PM.
Hope to see you there.

Daughter's

Join us for our next meeting
Sunday, February 12, at 11:30 AM,
in the Parish Hall.

Men's Club

Our monthly meeting will be held on
Sunday, February 26, at 11:30 AM.

VESTRY

The monthly meeting will be held on
Monday, February 13, at 7:00 PM.

Daughters Book Review and Tea
Saturday, February 11
11:30 AM

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