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FROM THE RECTOR

Dearly Beloved,

It seems Fall is finally upon us, not that you can necessarily tell by the weather! But our Sunday School classes are back in session, as well as the Rector's Forum and Bible Study, and the Choir is once again singing for us each Sunday. Many things have been planned and are listed throughout this newsletter. But events are not what a parish family is all about. They are part of what we do to fellowship with one another and they help to gather others into our midst. But what we are about, first and foremost, is to worship God. In fact, the whole purpose, and hope, of our life as Christians is to worship God and be with Him always. And our Savior Jesus Christ is the one who gives us the direction on our path to our final end because He is "the way, the truth, and the life: no man

cometh unto the Father but by [Him]." (John 14:6)

So what direction does Jesus give to obtain that final end? "Follow me." (Matthew 4:19; in fact, Jesus says this at least 15 times) Seems simple, huh? Well, yes and no, as you are undoubtedly aware. There are many things that are necessary for us to follow Christ in both his commandments and his example to us. We tend to think about the Sermon on the Mount and the Summary of the Law when we think of commands and we always look to His Passion and Death as His great example to us. But He also gives us some very simple examples and one of these is "As his custom was, he went into the synagogue on the sabbath day." (St. Luke 4:16) In other words, Jesus went to corporate worship every week. The Scripture

says, "As his custom was." This indicates he never varied. It is something he always did. Can we say the same?

I was very pleased this past summer with attendance here at St. Mary's. A lot of our folks travel in the summer but it seemed everyone was here when they were in town. This September has been a bit unusual as attendance has actually dipped from the summer, when it actually should go up. Part of my responsibility as your parish priest is to remind everyone that when you became a part of St. Mary's, you agreed that you would be in church on Sundays. The 10 Commandments emphasize this. Jesus' example tells us we must. Church discipline tells us we must celebrate Sundays appropriately by being in church. Even our parish by-laws tell us to follow

OCTOBER EVENTS

SUNDAY 1-
Breakfast 8:30 AM-12 Noon

SATURDAY 7-
Blessing of Animals 10:00 AM

SUNDAY 8-
Daughters Meeting 11:30 AM

MONDAY 9-
Vestry Meeting 7 PM

SATURDAY 14-
Ordination 11 AM

WEDNESDAY 18-
St. Luke, Evangelist 6:30 PM

SATURDAY 28-
Ss. Simon & Jude, Apostles 12 Noon
Fall Festival Attic Sale 7:30 AM-1 PM

SUNDAY 29-
Men's Club Meeting 11:30 AM

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&
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Member

Catherine Wilson
Member

OFFICE HOURS

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

FROM THE RECTOR CONTINUED

in Christ's path through the Church. A renewed effort on everyone's part to be in church on Sunday is so important, not only for the life of this parish, but also for the well-being of your soul.

All of us worshipping together every week brings a spiritual vitality into our relationships with God and our relationships with each other. Worship actually enlivens our fellowship because we come to realize that we are one in the Spirit and that we are one in the Lord. Worship spiritually feeds us because we pray, we sing songs of praise, we hear Scripture being read and we receive instruction on how to apply all of this in our lives as Christian people. We can not benefit from this if we are not here. There is another angle to this. When we are all together worshipping our God, others see us and want to become a part of a lively church home that takes its worship of God most seriously as its first priority. I don't think I have met anyone in the parish who does not want to see this place grow and

become a shining beacon for our traditional Anglican Way of Christianity. But be honest with yourself, if a visitor comes and sees a half empty church, wouldn't they question what might be amiss that there are so few folks here? A nearly full church is an immediate visual confirmation to a newcomer that God is important in this place. It is up to us. If we but focus on being ever faithful in our worship of God, we will be richly blessed, not only personally, but also as a parish.

When we eventually reach our final hope—heaven, we will be in God's presence continually and we will be worshipping Him unceasingly. But it starts here. Give Him an hour or so every Sunday in worship and He will give you life everlasting. See ya' in Church!

Yours ever in Christ Jesus,
Erich+

***The Bells* Articles Deadline**

Please remember that the deadline for submission of articles is the 15th of the month prior to issue month. We welcome all submissions, and reserve the right to edit for clarity and space.

Check out our website:
www.stmarydelray.org

Fall Festival Attic Sale

Saturday, October 28, 7:30 AM-1:00 PM

THE DAUGHTERS



*By all these lovely tokens
September days are here,
With summer's best of weather
And autumn's best of cheer.*

-Helen Hunt Jackson, September, 1830-1885

The Daughters continue to rejoice in the good news that Ann Parker is recovering and doing better each and every day!

We had our first meeting on Sunday, September 10, 2006 at 11:30 AM. It was a productive meeting and we were able to adopt an agenda for the coming year. Our Fall Festival Attic Sale is scheduled for Saturday, Octo-

ber 28, 7:30 AM-1 PM. Donations may be dropped off in the Parish Hall between Sunday, October 15 and Friday, October 27.

We need volunteers to make raffle gift baskets for our Annual Meeting. They can be any theme and are due by Sunday, November 5.

We will once again enjoy Christmas shopping and lunch at City Place on Saturday, December 2. Be sure to mark your calendars now.

Remember that all women of St. Mary's are "Daughters" - please join us and bring your ideas and talents to our group.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CORNER



Our Sunday School program this year is from the third year St. George's Christian Education curriculum. In the third year, the children learn about notable people and events in Holy Scripture. It is going to be a wonderful year for our children with lessons, activities, games and crafts. We begin our studies with Adam and Eve and will end with Timothy and Titus in the spring.

This year we are blessed with two classes-Melody Powali teaches the 4 & 5 year olds and meets in the nursery. Linda Moritz teaches the "older" children and meets with them in the back of the Parish Hall. To-

gether, we are planning on singing at the two services on Christ the King Sunday, October 29, and have already begun practicing. Our program is also interactive at points with the children doing joint projects.

We pray that this year we will learn from the examples God has given us and ask that you pray for the teachers and children of St. Mary's.

Sunday School is for ages 4-11 and began on September 10 at 9 AM. Please have your children there on time so they do not miss out on class time and activities. You may sign up anytime during the year. If you need a registration form please call the office.

CHOIR NOTES



As I write this, I am recovering from a very successful run of Musical Theater Shows with FAU. Soon after we finished the Spring production of "Three Penny Opera", we began work on "Oklahoma". And during all of those I was conceiving the show I directed, "Cole Porter: An American Songbook". One of the biographers wrote of Cole Porter that it was obvious in his music that the man "hugged" life. He went on the wisely opinion that one who hugs life may grow older, but never grows old. Wise words,☺ I believe that could be part of what Jesus was referring to when he said in John 10:10. "...I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly". We should hug life, for we do not know how long our days are on this earth, before our "promotion".

It is with sadness that I tell you of the loss of a beloved fellow church musician in the area. On

Tuesday, August 1, Jeffrey Bantz succumbed to an untreatable brain tumor. Jeffrey and Mark Jones lead the way in local concert series at the First Presbyterian Church of Pompano, of which I have participated and attended many times. Pray for Mark, their church and the choir as we have lost a dear friend and talented musician.

Our Choir resumed work Wednesday, September 6, and sang the service on Sunday, September 10. I am very grateful to our St. Mary's musicians who carried the summer so beautifully: Erika LaPlante, Glenda Choban, Jeanne Cognato and Lindsey Novitske. Lindsey was featured beautifully in the Cole Porter Revue vocally and with the flute. I look forward to getting back on schedule with our terrific choir and making beautiful music to honor our Lord.

Roger Blankenship

ORDINATION OF TRACY SMITH – OCTOBER 14, 2006 AT 11 AM

Here is your official invitation.

Deo volente

*The Most Reverend Walter H. Grundorf
Bishop of the Eastern United States
will ordain*

Merwyn Tracy Smith

*to the Sacred Priesthood in
St. Mary the Virgin Anglican Church
101 Homewood Boulevard
Debraj Beach, Florida*

*at eleven o'clock in the morning
on Saturday, October fourteenth
being the Feast of Saint Callistus, Pope and Martyr
Anno Domini two thousand and six*

Your prayers and presence are requested.

Bishop Grundorf, clergy and laity from all over Florida will be present. Our special guests will be Fr. Tracy's family and his friends from St. Peter's Church in Deerfield Beach, which is his "home" parish. Also, members from our Miami Mission will be here. Fr. Tracy has been serving as their pastor. A reception, sponsored by the Daughters of St. Mary's, will follow.

This is a unique event that occurs rarely in a parish church. This will be only the second time someone has been priested here at St. Mary's. We encourage you all to come out for this special event and support the man who will be the newest priest in our Diocese.

FR. TRACY'S FIRST MASS

Fr. Tracy will celebrate the Holy Communion for the very first time on Sunday, October 15 here at St. Mary's at 10 AM. This is a special moment for a new priest. Please consider coming to 10 o'clock to join with Fr. Tracy in our "sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving." Fr. Erich says that the "first time" is rather nerve wracking for a new priest. Lets all make sure Fr. Tracy gets REAL nervous by having a packed house. See you then.

NEW MEMBER

We welcome into our parish family this month

Richard J. Kehoe
Welcome aboard Rick!

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

In honor of St. Francis of Assisi, who is considered to be the patron saint of animals, we will have our annual Blessing of the Animals at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, October 7 in the Courtyard. This day is a benefit for our animals but it is also a great reminder of the responsibility we all have to care for them for the Lord God has entrusted the stewardship of all His Creation to us. All types of animals are welcome. Be certain to bring leashes and such for your dogs, cats, iguanas, whatever. We look forward to a pleasant and safe time for ourselves and our furry (or scaly) friends as we worship God in a different setting.



HURRICANE RECOVERY

Slowly but surely the final finishing touches are being put into place to bring St. Mary's back to where it was before Hurricane Wilma. It is hard to believe it has been nearly a year since that storm. Our thanks to everyone in the parish who responded most generously to our appeal to cover our damage expenses. The final tally will be announced in church on Sunday, October 1 and we look forward to meeting our goal.



PARISH WORKDAY

We had a very successful workday here at St. Mary's on September 23. Several projects both inside and out were taken care of by the 20 or so people that came out that morning. Thanks to everyone who joined us. Lots of hands make quick work! Of special note was the resetting of our courtyard fence and the painting of the concrete parking lot stops. Hopefully by the time you read this the pavers in the courtyard will be reset.

ANNUAL STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN

It is nearly that time of year when we ask for your commitments for the operation of St. Mary's Church for next year. Look for stewardship letters in the mail during October and respond as God as laid it upon your heart to respond. This is something that we can do only if everyone is involved. Your vestry is in process of putting together the budget for presentation at the Annual Parish Meeting, which will be held on November 19, so your timely response will be appreciated. Thank you.

Financial Corner	
Please note that this will always be one month behind because <i>The Bells</i> is published before the end of the calendar month.	
August Income	\$36,080.87
August Expenses	\$20,709.14
August Net	\$ 15,371.73
YTD Income	\$152,933.35
YTD Expenses	\$182,701.57
YTD Net	-\$ 29,768.22

OCTOBER 2006

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 16th Sunday After Trinity 8 AM & 10 AM Holy Eucharist 8:30 AM-12 Noon Breakfast 9 AM Sunday School	2 9 AM-MP	3 9 AM-MP	4 6:30 PM-HC 7 PM-Choir 7:15 PM Bible Study	5 9 AM-MP	6	7 10 AM Blessing of the Animals
8 17th Sunday After Trinity 8 AM & 10 AM Holy Eucharist 9 AM Sunday School Rector's Forum 11:30 AM Daughters Meeting	9 9 AM-MP 7 PM-Vestry	10 9 AM-MP	11 6:30 PM-HC 7 PM-Choir 7:15 PM Bible Study	12 9 AM-MP	13	14 11 AM Ordination
15 18th Sunday After Trinity 8 AM & 10 AM Holy Eucharist 9 AM Sunday School Rector's Forum	16 9 AM-MP	17 9 AM-MP	18 St. Luke, Evangelist 6:30 PM-HC 7 PM-Choir 7:15 PM Bible Study	19 9 AM-MP	20	21 9 AM Daughters Crafts
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29 20th Sunday After Trinity 8 AM & 10 AM Holy Eucharist 9 AM Sunday School Rector's Forum 11:30 AM Men's Club Meeting	30 9 AM-MP	31 9 AM-MP	Notes: MP =Morning Prayer EP =Evening Prayer HC =Holy Communion			

BIRTHDAYS IN SEPTEMBER

- 3 Susan White
- 5 John Nasipak
- 8 Marie Messeroux
- 17 Nathan Powali
- 18 Evelyn Timberlake
- 24 Fr. Erich
- 27 John Burton
- 28 Cornelia Osborn
- 28 Fr. Bob Hammes
- 30 Krista Merrell
- 30 Alma Saccoccio

BIRTHDAYS IN OCTOBER

- 7 Jean Snyder
- 8 Pat Griswold
- 17 Joyce Haight
- 26 Catherine Bishop
- 28 James Snyder
- 29 Theresa Edmonds
- 29 Ginger Nasipak
- 29 Richard Powali

ANNIVERSARIES IN SEPTEMBER

- 4 Earl & Ruth Moreland
- 14 Gerard & Nancy Jordan
- 20 Franklin & Winifred Bourie
- 20 Eric & Melissa Stiller
- 28 Joseph & Sandra Thomas

ANNIVERSARIES IN OCTOBER

- 5 Albertus & Wilhelmina VanderMeer
- 6 James & Peg Vosteen
- 9 Jay & Linda Philpot
- 28 James & Theresa Edmonds

PARISH PRAYER CORNER**Parish Prayer Lists****Parishioners**

Lorna, Dottie, Mary, Aly, Alma, Linda, Gloria, Eulee,
Michelle, Ann, Reggie, Jeanne, J.P., Isabelle, Bill,
Melody, Paul, Eric, Marty, Madeline, Dorian.

Family, Friends, and Others

Heather, Raymond, Elizabeth, Peter, Philip, Haily,
Craig, Taneisha, Donnovon, Margaret, Glory, Gloria,
Susan, Carole, Ivy, Teresa, Judy, Katherine, Joseph,
Nora, Manuel, Rodger, Bishop Rocco, John-Mark, Lilia,
Andrea, Bianca, Wynne, Herbert, Jacqueline, Maria,
Philip, Christina, Jackson, Cliff, Randell, Ginny, Ed,
Jean, Roger, Bill, Clem, Pat, Patti, Nelson, Barni,
Derek, Jay, Don, Phyllis, Tim, Eddie, Rich, Yana,
Carmel, Mario, Freda, Wendy, Micheal,
Ann, Lenny, Julia, Frank, Eva, James.



“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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Provincial Prayer Cycle

St. Aidan's Church, Oklahoma City, OK
Steven Bittle, Layreader

St. Chrysostom's Church, Hot Springs, AR
The Rev'd Charles Erlandson, Rector

St. Timothy's Church, Jonesboro, AR
The Rev'd Brad Cunningham, Vicar

St. Thomas Church, Little Rock, AR
The Rev'd John Lohmann, Rector

St. Paul's Church, Baton Rouge, LA
The Rev'd S. Randall Toms, Vicar

Coushatta Mission, Coushatta, LA
The Rev'd Carl Lund, Vicar

St. Alban's Church, Ethel, LA
Michael Howell, Layreader

All Saints Church, Shreveport, LA
The Rev'd Rondal D. Martin, Rector

Christ the King Mission, Shreveport, LA
The Rev'd Jason Foster, Vicar

Holy Cross Church, Alpine, TX
The Rev'd John Medvick, Vicar

All Saints Church, Amarillo, TX
The Rev'd Doug Sangster, Vicar

St. John Church, Boerne, TX
The Rev'd J. Knox Duncan, Rector

St. Stephen the Martyr Church, Carrollton, TX
The Rev'd Charles Moncrief, Vicar

Providence Church, Corpus Christi, TX
The Rev'd Benjamin Bernier, Rector

Church of the Resurrection, Crosby, TX
The Rev'd Russell Elisor, Vicar

Chapel of the Cross, Dallas, TX
The Rev'd Richard K. Barnard, Rector

October Provincial Prayer Cycle

Church of the Holy Communion, Dallas, TX
The Rt. Rev'd Ray R. Sutton, Rector

St. Thomas of Canterbury Church, Houston, TX
The Rev'd Canon James T. Payne, Rector

Church of the Holy Trinity, Houston, TX
The Rev'd Russell Elisor, Rector

St. Matthias Church, Katy, TX
The Rev'd Jason R. Grote, Rector

St. Michael & All Angels Church, Kerrville, TX
The Rev'd Benjamin E. Holland, Rector

St. Joseph Church, New Braunfels, TX
The Rev'd Canon Dr. William Griffin, Rector

St. Paul's Church, Pasadena, TX
The Rev'd Dr. J. Clayton Shadeck, Rector

St. Francis Mission, Spring, TX
The Rev'd Dr. Curtis I. Crenshaw, Vicar

Good Shepherd Church, Tyler, TX
The Rev'd Walter Banek, Rector

Trinity Mission, Waxahachie, TX
The Rev'd Joe R. Funk, Jr. Vicar

Providence Church, Weatherford, TX
The Rev'd Dr. Robert Himes, Rector

All Saints Church, Durango, CO
The Rev'd Marvin Montcrief, Interim Vicar

St. Stephen's Church, Montrose, CO
The Rev'd Joseph Fockler, Rector

St. Augustine Church, Deming, NM
The Rt. Rev'd Winfield S. Mott, Rector

St. George Church, Sparks, NV
The Rev'd Dr. Gordon D.V. Wiebe, Rector

Church of the Holy Spirit, Scottsdale, AZ
The Rev'd John A. DiBiasi, Rector

Blessed Trinity Church, Alpine, CA
The Rev'd Keith Acker, SSC, Rector

Christ the King Church, Atascadero, CA
The Rev'd Laird Hail, Interim Vicar

St. Columba Church, Atascadero, CA
The Rev'd Laird Hail, Rector

Christ the Redeemer Church, Greenville, CA
The Rev'd Brian Fooks, Rector

First Sunday Breakfast

October 1, 8:30 AM to Noon

Join us as we enjoy great food and fellowship
courtesy of our Men's Club.

Daughter's

Join us for our next meeting
Sunday, October 8, at 11:30 AM
in the Parish Hall.

Men's Club

We meet on the last Sunday of each month.
Join us for our next meeting on Sunday,
October 29, at 11:30 AM.

VESTRY

The monthly meeting will be held on
Monday, October 9, at 7:00 PM.
Please notify the office if you
are unable to attend.

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