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## SEPTEMBER EVENTS

<b>MONDAY 5-</b>	
Labor Day	Office Closed
<b>WEDNESDAY 7-</b>	
Choir rehearsals resume	7 PM
<b>SUNDAY 11-</b>	
Sunday School & Rector's Forum resume	9 AM
Daughter's Meeting	11:30 AM
<b>MONDAY 12-</b>	
Vestry	7 PM
<b>SUNDAY 18-</b>	
Confirmation /Inq.	11:30 AM
<b>WEDNESDAY 21-</b>	
St. Matthew, Apostle & Evangelist	6:30 PM
<b>SUNDAY 25-</b>	
Men's Club Meeting	11:30 AM
<b>THURSDAY 29-</b>	
St. Michael & All Angels	12 Noon

## FROM THE RECTOR

### Psalm 95

*Venite, exultemus.*

O COME, let us sing unto the LORD; \* let us heartily rejoice in the strength of our salvation.

Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving; \* and show ourselves glad in him with psalms.

For the LORD is a great God; \* and a great King above all gods.

In his hand are all the corners of the earth; \* and the strength of the hills is his also.

The sea is his, and he made it; \* and his hands prepared the dry land.

O come, let us worship and fall down, \* and kneel before the LORD our Maker.

For he is the Lord our God; \* and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.

Dearly beloved,

The words above are the first 7 verses of Psalm 95. They are said every single day at the beginning of Morning Prayer. These words are a “jubilant summons to the whole world of nature and man to worship its Creator, Provider and Judge, with joy and with thanksgiving, in beauty and awe.” That which encompasses true worship is pulled together in an incredibly artful way. It speaks of the majesty and glory of God found in His created order, the order He made and rules over, and also it speaks of the tender loving care He has for his flock as their Shepherd. In other words, it is a daily reminder of why we worship and what our relationship is with our Father in heaven.

We are approaching the beginning of what can be considered a “secondary” Church Year. Yes, we all know that the Church Year actually begins with the First Sunday in Advent. But because of the way our society schedules schools, vacations, and the like, most congregations, of

whatever denomination, kick off a renewed vigor at the beginning of September with the start of Sunday School and various other programs of parish life. We are no exception. In fact, it seems a bit more pronounced for us because many of our members “beat the heat” by getting out of town for the summer and also our winter visitors begin to return. I bring this up to remind us all that worship is our bounden duty and service. As children of God, we are required to worship Him. Please note that the Psalm begins with “O come let *us* sing unto the Lord...” The word *us* is plural and emphasizes that our worship must be a “plural” experience—a corporate experience. True worship is done within the congregation of the faithful. This has the consequence that we must worship together, which of course means we all come to church on Sunday mornings (along with various other reasons for being here then).

One of the other reasons we come to church is expressed in the Psalm: “Let

**CLERGY  
&  
STAFF**

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

The Rev'd Canon  
Richard A. Smith  
*Assisting Priest*

The Rev'd Mr.  
Ernest S. Pinto  
*Curate*

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

The Rev'd Mr.  
Robert H. Hammes  
*Deacon*

Mr. Roger Blankenship  
*Choirmaster & Organist*

Mrs. Darla Merrell  
*Church Secretary*

**VESTRY**

Michael Sneiderman  
*Rector's Warden*

Susan Wheeler  
*People's Warden*

Ann Parker  
*Secretary*

Larry Powali  
*Treasurer*

Catherine Wilson  
*Member*

Michael Merrell  
*Member*

**OFFICE HOURS**

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

**FROM THE RECTOR CONTINUED**

us come before his presence with thanksgiving." We certainly have much to be thankful for in our lives, not the least of which was our survival last year of two hurricanes through our region (Hard to believe it has already been one year since Frances and Jeanne slammed into us!). We are also thankful because Hurricane Katrina made a left turn before getting to us here in Delray Beach. But that turn may have doomed Louisiana, Mississippi, and Alabama. The devastation of what happened on the Gulf Coast is beyond comprehension and certainly we must pray for all those who must deal with an aftermath that is going to be even more difficult than the storm itself. My personal feeling is that our experience last year was the proverbial "walk in the park" compared to what has happened on the Gulf.

So when we come into church, we must be thankful for our own safety and the blessings that God has provided for us. And we must show that thanksgiving by actually doing something about it. Most of us cannot go to the Gulf Coast to help the victims of Katrina but help we must. The best and easiest way for us to do this is to donate money for relief and we will have a special second collection on the next 2 Sundays, Sept. 4 & 11, to accomplish this. The Anglican Province of America, the Reformed Episcopal Church, the Anglican Communion Network, and the Anglican Mission in America are partnering to provide relief in the affected areas. The monies collected will first go to relieve any of our parishes and people that may have been affected and then to the communities those parishes serve. Please bring an extra

check to church and make it payable to St. Mary's and mark it for "Hurricane Relief." There is no better way to thank God for your blessings than to give of yourself, of your sustenance, for the care of God's children.

In our Anglican Province, we had only one parish affected—Holy Spirit Church, Mobile, Alabama. No one in that parish lost their lives or loved ones but several houses were badly damaged and the house of one couple in that parish was completely washed away. One of our priests, Fr. Michael Smith, lives on the ocean in Gulfport. He and his wife are safe but they aren't able to get back to check on their oceanfront home (not much hope there). We also have a retired priest, Fr. Baker Turner, living in Slidell, Louisiana, which was completely destroyed. We have been unable to contact him.

As you can see there are some of our own directly affected. Brothers and sisters, please be generous. The need is so great. There is no way we can make it all right for everyone but we can give a hand to someone we know or who is a part of our church family. Perhaps we can lift them up for a short way, to make their path a bit lighter. Perhaps we can do this with the attitude, as the old song says, "He ain't heavy, he's my brother." Or better yet—"Come unto me, all ye that travail and are heavy laden, and I will refresh you." Let us be as our Savior, let us lift one another's burdens.

May Almighty God bless you all,  
Erich+

**ALTAR GUILD**

Altar Guild needs volunteers! Please help us maintain our beautiful Altar. Come Saturdays to become familiar with the routine. Thank you.

Dottie Wells

Check out our website: [www.stmarydelray.org](http://www.stmarydelray.org)

**THE DAUGHTERS**



“Amazing grace is the person who lives in a state of love, forgiveness and total compassion. It is the person who is not afraid to be wrong and doesn’t need to be right. It is the humble spirit who lets others shine and helps those who cannot find their light. It is the person who prays for others and not oneself. It is the person who has let their self out and the spirit in.”

A special Daughter, Gloria Holland, has spent many selfless hours preparing and teaching us how to create items for our craft booth at the annual Fall Festival. We can’t thank her enough for her true “amazing grace”. We will continue to meet this fall to work on these projects.

Fall is a great time to go through your closets and donate to our annual Fall Festival Attic Sale. We will begin collecting gently used items this month. You

may bring items to the back of the Parish Hall. Remember to mark sizes on the items if their tags do not have them and also mark sizes on sheets and blankets, etc. This makes it easier for us to sort and arrange.

The tickets for the Christmas Pageant have come in. Your purchased tickets will be available to pick up after each service in September. We plan on having two buses to take us there. Please check our weekly bulletins for further information on the cost of this transportation.

Our first meeting will be September 11, 11:30 AM in the Parish Hall. Please join us and remember that all women of St. Mary’s are “Daughters”. Join us as we make plans for the coming year and continue to do our works for the Lord.

Faithfully,  
Linda Moritz

**SUNDAY SCHOOL CORNER**



Sunday School goes into full swing on September 11 at 9 AM, for ages 4-12. Melody Powali and Laura Hackett will be sharing their talents this year in teaching

our children. We are looking forward each week to an exciting and fun filled year of learning, so be sure to join us each Sunday.

**CHOIR NOTES**

The Giving Tree, by Shel Silverstien



The Giving Tree is a terrific little “children’s” picture book for “children” of all ages. It is a story of unselfish giving that is sweet and gripping. Recently I gave it as a gift to a dear friend entering the Priesthood. The story is reminiscent of the ultimate sacrifice God made in the form of giving His son, who gave His life for us. I recommend it for ALL children of ANY age.

Choir resumes Wednesday, September 7, and will be in the “Choir” the following Sunday, September 11. 9/11 is a day we will always remember as a day when many gave.....

Our choir is a wonderful place to give a little back to God and His church. You do have to “give” Wednes-

day evenings and Sunday mornings—but I guarantee you will get back more than you give. The fellowship, prayers and the song in your heart will be more rewarding than demanding.

We look forward to a few new members who have committed to sing with us this year. It would be a great time for others to join..... possibly you?

The tree in the book gives a little boy apples to begin with, then throughout the boy’s growing up continues to give sacrificially. I am grateful for all of the gifts my heavenly Father gives, The Father of Lights.....

“Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning.” — James 1:17

**HOLY DAYS**

Wednesday, September 21— St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist - 6:30 PM

Thursday, September 29 — St. Michael and All Angels - 12 Noon

# SEPTEMBER 2005

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<b>Notes:</b> MP=Morning Prayer EP=Evening Prayer HC=Holy Communion				1 9 AM-MP	2	3
4 <b>15th Sunday After Trinity</b> 8 AM & 10 AM Holy Eucharist	5 <b>Labor Day</b>  <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; width: fit-content; margin: auto;">Office Closed</div>	6 9 AM-MP	7 9 AM-MP 6:30 PM-HC 7 PM Choir Rehearsal	8 9 AM-MP	9	10
11 <b>16th Sunday After Trinity</b> 8 AM & 10 AM Holy Eucharist 9 AM Sunday School Rector's Forum 11:30 AM Daughter's Meeting	12 9 AM-MP 7 PM-Vestry	13 9 AM-MP	14 9 AM-MP 6:30 PM-HC 7 PM Choir Rehearsal 7:15 PM Bible Study	15 9 AM-MP	16	17
18 <b>17th Sunday After Trinity</b> 8 AM & 10 AM Holy Eucharist 9 AM Sunday School Rector's Forum 11:30 AM Confirmation/Inquirer	19 9 AM-MP	20 9 AM-MP	21 <b>St. Matthew, Apostle &amp; Evangelist</b> 6:30 PM-HC 7 PM Choir Rehearsal 7:15 PM Bible Study	22 9 AM-MP	23	24
25 <b>18th Sunday After Trinity</b> 8 AM & 10 AM Holy Eucharist 9 AM Sunday School Rector's Forum 11:30 AM Men's Club Meeting Confirmation/Inquirer	26 9 AM-MP	27 9 AM-MP	28 9 AM-MP 6:30 PM-HC 7 PM Choir Rehearsal 7:15 PM Bible Study	29 <b>St. Michael &amp; All Angels</b> 12 Noon-HC	30	

**BIRTHDAYS IN SEPTEMBER**

- 3 Susan White  
 5 John Nasipak  
 8 Marie Messeroux  
 9 Michael Sneiderman  
 17 Nathan Powali  
 17 Evelyn Timberlake  
 27 John Burton  
 28 Cornelia Osborn  
 28 Fr. Robert Hammes  
 30 Krista Merrell  
 30 Alma Saccoccio

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

*BCP, p. 597*

**ANNIVERSARIES IN SEPTEMBER**

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

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

Dottie, Mary, Aly, Norma, Reggie,  
 Lorna, Joan, Michele, J.P., Gladys, Alma,  
 Madeline, Jarrod, Justin, Arlene, Peter,  
 Dorian, Gloria, Betty, Linda,  
 Eulee, Richard, priest.

**Family, Friends, and Others**

Donna, Maria, Tim, Brenda, Joey, Larry,  
 Dario, Peter, Stephanie, Taneisha, Trecia,  
 Donnovan, Craig, Patti, Ed, Jack, Pat, Nelson,  
 Randell, Ginny, Jean, Roger, Ellie, Jesse,  
 Lenny, Nicholas, Illya, Gail, Major Harvile,  
 Lorraine, Raymond, Amanda, Nicole, Alex,  
 Carole, Jacquelin, Herbert, Nora, Manuel,  
 Stephanie, Bianca, Ed, Jon, Andrea, Lilia,  
 Irene, Wynne, Christina, Philip.

**September Provincial Prayer Cycle**

*St. John's Church, Mt. Laurel, AL*

The Rev'd Scott Houser, Vicar

*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 Lohman, Rector

*Christ the King Church, Atascadero, CA*

The Rev'd Laird Hail, Interim Vicar

*Christ's Chapel, Riverside, CA*

The Rev'd Randall Pierpoint, Vicar

*St. Luke's Church, Santa Ana, CA*

The Rev'd Paul Howden, Rector

*All Saints Church, Vacaville, CA*

The Rev'd Jerry Kistler, Rector

*All Saints Fellowship, Durango, CO*

The Rev'd Marvin Montcrif, Interim Vicar

*St. Stephen's Church, Montrose, CO*

The Rev'd Joseph Fockler, Rector

*St. Andrew's-Cheney Memorial Church, Tinley Park, IL*

The Very Rev'd Frank M. Levi, Rector

*St. Paul's Church, Baton Rouge, LA*

The Rev'd S. Randall Toms, Vicar

*St. Alban's Church, Ethel, LA*

Mr. Michael Howell, Layreader

*All Saints Church, Shreveport, LA*

The Rev'd Rondal D. Martin, Rector

*Christ the Redeemer Church, Moberly, MO*

The Rev'd Roy T. Morales-Kuhn, Vicar

*St. Stephen's Church, Jackson, MS*

The Rev'd Frederick L. Basil, Rector

## NEW MISSION

We are in the process of starting a new Anglican Parish in Broward County. Below is the Internet Advertising for that new congregation. If you know of someone that might be interested, please give them the information below. Much interest has been shown in that area for a faithful Anglican expression of the Faith. We are excited about the possibilities of having another sister parish here in southern Florida.

**ANGLICAN FELLOWSHIP IN SOUTHEAST BROWARD COUNTY**  
**NEXT ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING:**  
**SEPTEMBER 9, 2005, 7:00 PM.**

**Agenda**

To finalize the plans for the opening of a new congregation.

*Call Father Tracy Smith (954.695.0336) for location of meeting and any other questions.*

After an initial organizational meeting on August 19, a decision has been made to form a faithful Anglican Parish in the southeastern portion of Broward County. It is being sponsored by [St. Mary the Virgin Church](#) in Delray Beach. The Clergy of St. Mary's will provide for all the ministerial needs of the new congregation. A location for worship is now being sought.

Feel free to contact the Rector of St. Mary's, Dean Erich Zwingert, at 561.265.1960 or e-mail at [stmary@fdn.com](mailto:stmary@fdn.com).

## BIBLE STUDY

The fall session of our Wednesday evening Bible Study will begin on Wednesday, September 14, 2005 at 7:15 PM. This year we will be studying the Acts of the Apostles. Come join us as we learn the history of the Apostolic Age of the Church and how the salvation promised to Israel in the Old Testament and accomplished by Jesus Christ has now been extended to the Gentiles under the guidance of the Holy Spirit. This was accomplished through the divinely chosen representatives of Christ—the Apostles, especially Peter and Paul.

## CONFIRMATION/INQUIRER'S CLASS

Beginning on Sunday, September 18, at 11:30 AM, Fr. Ernie Pinto will lead our Confirmation and Inquirer's Class in preparation for our Bishop's visit in February. If you and/or your children have never been confirmed, this is the class for you. This class will meet every Sunday after the 10 AM Holy Communion, except on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of every month, when the Men's Club Breakfasts occur. The Prayer Book makes it clear that only those who are confirmed are to partake of the Holy Communion so this is the class for you in order to be in full communion with the Church. Adults must be confirmed before they can vote at the annual meeting (according to parish by-laws and diocesan law). We also encourage anyone that would like a refresher course on our Anglican Way of Christianity to join the class. We look forward to having you there.

## NEW MEMBERS

*This past month we welcomed into our parish family*

**Rabeca Chitundu Walima**

## UPCOMING EVENTS

<b>Wednesday, September 7-</b>	Choir Rehearsal resumes	7:00 PM
<b>Sunday, September 11-</b>	Sunday School resumes	9:00 AM
	Rector's Forum	9:00 AM
	Daughter's Meeting	11:30 AM
<b>Monday, September 12-</b>	Vestry Meeting	7:00 PM
<b>Wednesday, September 14-</b>	Bible Study resumes	7:15 PM
<b>Sunday, September 18-</b>	Confirmation/Inquirer's Class	11:30 AM
<b>Wednesday, September 21-</b>	St. Matthew, Apostle & Evangelist	6:30 PM
<b>Sunday, September 25-</b>	Men's Club Meeting	11:30 AM
<b>Thursday, September 29-</b>	Feast of St. Michael & All Angels	12:00 PM

## A HISTORY OF THE ANGLICAN PROVINCE OF AMERICA

*So what is our history? Where do we come from? Very good questions all. Over the next few months we will print here excerpts from a history of our Anglican Province of America written by Fr. Mark Clavier, Rector of All Saints Church, Arden, North Carolina. Fr. Mark is the son of our own Ginger Nasipak.*

### PREFACE: PART I

To understand the origins of the Anglican Province of America, one has to go back to the religious turmoil and cultural turmoil of the late 1960s and the 1970s. That period saw America shaken by the Vietnam War, the resignation of President Richard Nixon, and the Civil Rights Movement. All three helped to polarize the nation, and as American society drifted apart so did Episcopalians. Three issues directly challenged traditionalists and conservatives. The first centered around Bishop James Pike of California. The speculations of this colorful, brilliant, and ultimately unstable bishop earned the disapproval of the Bishop of Florida, who sought to have him tried for heresy for denying the Resurrection and Virgin Birth. But the House of Bishops, meeting in Wheeling, W.Va. in 1965, refused to proceed against their erring brother.

In 1965, John Hines became the Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church. Under his leadership, the Episcopal Church participated in the Civil Rights Movement. The involvement of Episcopal clergy in that movement is an important chapter yet to be properly told. It was the admirable climax of the so-called Social Gospel that had begun with the Anglo-Catholics of the late nineteenth-century. As the Civil Rights Movement became more radicalized, however, some began to question some areas of ECUSA's involvement. This came to a particular head when it was revealed that some of the tithes of the Church were going towards filling the pockets of people who embraced violence as a political tool.

Finally, the dramatic shift in Roman Catholic liturgies caused many within the ECUSA establishment to embrace a radical transformation of the Book of Common Prayer. Ignoring the vocal concerns of a significant number of the laity, the hierarchy of the Episcopal Church enforced the use of the new liturgies. This gave rise to a strong sense of disenfranchisement among many laypeople. And so, by the late Sixties, an Episcopalian might find himself worshipping according to a novel liturgy, listening to a sermon denying core doctrines of the Faith, and being

**CHOIR**

Rehearsals resume on  
Wednesday, September 7, at 7:00 PM.  
Hope to see you there.

***Daughter's***

Our first meeting will be held on  
Sunday, September 11, at 11:30 AM,  
In the Parish Hall.

**Men's Club**

We will meet on the last Sunday  
of each month beginning  
Sunday, September 25, at 11:30 AM.  
Please mark your calendars.

**VESTRY**

The monthly meeting will be held on  
Monday, September 12, at 7:00 PM.  
Please mark your calendars  
and plan to attend.

WORK DAY- Saturday, September 10  
9 AM until ?

The Office will be closed on  
Labor Day, September 5.

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