



THE BELLS OF ST. MARY'S

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LETTER FROM THE RECTOR

Dear Ones,

"Even in difficult economic times people want to support the communities that provide them with meaning, joy, love and hope."

-- The Rev. Brian C. Taylor

Every Sunday after the sermon we stand and recite the Nicene Creed. The Creed is the statement about what we believe about God, ourselves and the church. If we were to write a creed about St. Mary's it might say:

*I believe in St. Mary's, God's love on Route 6.
I believe in the Inclusive Household of God and love for all people;
Building them up and sending them out to love and serve
With Gladness and singleness of heart;*

*In the Sunday School, Youth Ministry and Bible Studies,
The Shepherding, Pastoring and Teaching of her people.
I believe in the Spirit of Jesus, alive and present,
The Sacramental life and never-ending Communion,
The Peace that Passes all Understanding;
I believe in the Mission and Ministry, within and without,
Binding up the broken hearted
In Healing and Prayer, Casseroles and Kleenex.
The work of the Food Pantry and Midnight Run,
To loving kindness for people of all mental outlooks
And stages of life, to God's heart through our hands;
Our transformation to Christ-likeness
In life Everlasting, Starting now. Amen.*

Do you believe these things are true about St. Mary's and reveal the One who is the Truth? Have you been blessed with meaning, love, joy and hope through encountering God in just these ways with just these people? Are you proud to say, "Yes, I'm a member of St. Mary's!"?

Then we, Rector and Vestry, need you to show it, not only with your lips but with your lives. We all have an emotional connection to St. Mary's; need you to support it with a financial commitment.



St. Mary's is entering its second phase of a Capital Campaign to take down the Pine Room and raise up a new Community Hall. It's time for us to be faithful and give as we have been given to. Perhaps you feel, "Whoa, I just got here!" Two things: first, it's no accident you are here, *God called you here at this time;* and second, I don't think it is ever "too soon" to be given the chance to learn that God provides the sacrifice when we commit to giving. Do you KNOW God is faithful?

I will never deprive anyone of finding this out by finding an excuse why this doesn't apply to them, now, at this time. All our times are in God's hands and there's no better place to be.

We need every family at St. Mary's to commit a minimum of \$3,000 - \$5,000 dollars payable over one to three years to the Capital Campaign.

It can be as little as \$89 or \$139 a month. That's less than cable, less than Tae Kwan Do or ballet *for one kid.* What will we get in return? **A safe building** with a large Community Hall for all of us, two new Sunday School classrooms, two handicap-accessible bathrooms, a new Sacristy and robing room, new and larger storage area for the Food Pantry and a new mezzanine storage area for all of St. Mary's "stuff." It will be where all our celebrations from Baptisms, and Confirmations to Weddings and Home-Goings can be hosted.

We'll have lots of opportunities to learn about each other, the Capital Campaign and the ongoing work of St. Mary's at a variety of events starting with the Labor Day Reunion weekend and Capital Campaign Kick-Off. Do you believe in God's work at St. Mary's? God's love on Route 6? Then stand with me and say, "I pledge to St. Mary's," and commit to your future.

Blessings!
Mother Claire

*To find out more about the Capital Campaign,
to see the plans or to pledge,
go to our website; www.stmarysmoheganlake.org or
call the office and ask for a package to be sent to you
914-528-3972.*

**BIG SHOES TO FILL AT THE FOOD PANTRY:
JOELYN LEAVING - HELP NEEDED!**

May the road rise up to meet you.
May the wind always be at your back.
May the sun shine warm upon your face,
and rains fall soft upon your fields.
And until we meet again,
May God hold you in the palm of His hand.
---An Old Irish Blessing

- **Joelyn Manfredi**, a faithful St. Mary's parishioner and a good friend to the Food Pantry, will be relocating to South Carolina to take advantage of a job opportunity. We are happy for Joelyn, and we know she will be an asset to any team she joins. But here at St. Mary's her willing hands and heart will be sorely missed. Whatever the endeavor Joelyn had a hand in, you could be confident that it would happen in the best way possible. Joelyn created a program in MS Access to keep track of client records and numbers as the pantry grew and needed data for funding. For a number of years she recorded the data each week and kept everyone up to date and informed. In recent years, Joelyn took on the task of creating and producing the alternative gift cards for the pantry, which are a significant source of monies to fund our efforts. The best part about Joelyn was her straightforward way of looking at matters and the enthusiasm and focus she brought to the task at hand. And so with both sadness and joy I wish Joelyn an Irish blessing, "... until we meet again, may God hold you in the palm of his hand."
- **A volunteer is now needed** to assume the responsibility of printing alternative gift cards. All the protocols, necessary equipment, materials and programs are provided. Work can be done from home. Sympathy and Celebration cards are printed and kept on hand. Christmas and Thanksgiving cards are printed and made available from the time of the Harvest Fair and Easter cards are made available for sale during the Lenten season. Contact Terry Berardi if you are interested.
- **And a youth volunteer** is needed to be a representative on the Food Pantry Board. To qualify for this position, the volunteer needs to be an active member of the youth group and

in middle school or high school. The youth member will have to commit to attending four board meetings a year, to giving some time supporting the pantry by working at the distribution on Saturday mornings, helping with the Seton delivery on the 3rd Sunday, assisting the food drives, selling gift cards, or helping in some other way. Contact Mother Claire, Terry Berardi or Frank Doyle if you are interested. The next board meeting is Tuesday, October 19, 2010.

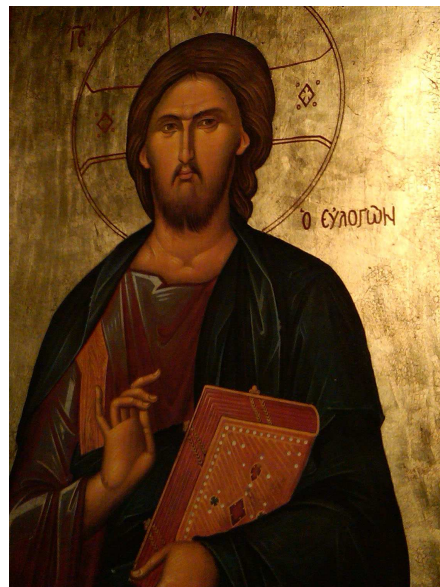
- **The Feinstein Challenge** brought us an award of \$274. It may not seem like much, but remember we are already winners. The amount of cash and food donations double during the months of March and April and we also bring awareness to the greater community of hunger right here in our own backyard.



--- Terry Berardi

AN ICON AND NEW PIANO FOR ST. MARY'S

This year on St. Mary's Sunday a new icon, painted (the technical term is *written* as Icons are meant to communicate the Gospel) in a monastery in Greece and sent to a brother monastery in Palestine where it made its way to the Bethlehem Family Crafts Cooperative. Mother Claire purchased it there on her trip to Israel. It was dedicated on St. Mary's Sunday and is an image of Jesus as Teacher. St. Mary's Sunday was chosen for the dedication because every mother wants a picture of her child! The Icon was given by the extended Bobb/Tschudy/Kessler family in memory of Tina Bobb. May we join her in learning all Christ has to teach in the life of strength and perfect service.



A
new
Yamaha

Electric Piano was also dedicated on St. Mary's Sunday and will be used by the Family Band and in other creative ways by our two organists as we seek to expand our musical offerings. The piano was given with love by the extended Romano/Loizzo/McDonald clan in memory of Susan Romano's sister Kathi Loizzo and her brother Joey McDonald.

GOLF OUTING SWINGS INTO ITS THIRD YEAR!



Get away and golf with God and St. Mary's for the Food Pantry! Maybe you're one of those people who worships God on the greens on Summer Sundays, but now you can do it for real this September 20th at nearby Hollowbrook Golf Course! Blessings will abound at the Golf Outing this year! The Outing includes contests, prizes, a Silent Auction with everything from Golf Lessons to Vacation Getaways.

It's a great day whether you come with friends to golf, come for Dinner and the Silent Auction, or simply sit with Mo. Claire on the Veranda heckling - errr, blessing - golfers as they pass by. Whatever you do, it will be a beautiful day in the neighborhood. To sign up as a Golfer or as a Sponsor go to our website www.stmarysmoheganlake.org or follow this link to register: www.golfdigestplanner.com/15832StMarysCommunityFoodPantry2010Go/

Fore for Food Anyone?

WELCOME BACK & SUNDAY SCHOOL REGISTRATION BRUNCH SEPT. 12

Sign up for your children's Sunday school classes this September 12th after the 9:30 service! During that time your children can also visit with their teachers in their classrooms and you can meet your child's teachers for this year. We will continue to use the Bible-based Spark curriculum this year. If you will need a Spark Bible (Pre-K - 4th Grade), they will be available to order during registration and the first few weeks of class.

Our Sunday School has grown considerably in the last year, and so we will be adding a new "classroom" and two new teachers. Class rooms and Teachers this year will be:

Pre-K: in the Nursery will be taught by Liz Doell and Tricia Pomerovo.

K: in the North end of the Pine Room teachers to be announced.

1-2 Grade: in the South Pine Room by Julie Scirico and Suzanne Blaire

3-4 Grade: upstairs in the Main Office by Allison Ecchevaria

Tweens: 5th and 6th grade will be taught by Liza Attanasio and Adam Woodley-Aitchison and will meet in the Rectory.

Rite 13: 7th and 8th grade will meet in Mo. Claire's office. Leader to be announced.

J2A: 9th and 10th grade will meet in the upstairs Youth Room and will be led by Michael Attanasio.

Sunday School Starts September 19th!



SHOULD YOU GIVE UNTIL IT HURTS?

NO, GIVE UNTIL IT FEELS GOOD!

A REVIEW OF *JIM THE BOY*

Perhaps you were unable to get away this summer for a bit of a quiet, relaxing respite. Don't despair: try reading *Jim the Boy* by Tony Earley. One of Mother Claire's suggested books for a quick summer read, this story is reminiscent of the much-loved era of "The Waltons", but set a generation or two later.

Jim's hometown of Aliceville is the traditional village that pitches in to help a young widow nurture and shape her young son according to the treasured values of the family and community. The relationships among Jim, his mother, his dedicated and unselfish uncles and other townsfolk make the visit to Aliceville sweet and rewarding. The uncles all have a relentless, demanding devotion to Jim, a grounded work ethic, and the ability to clearly remember what it was like to be youngsters themselves.

We live today in a fast-paced, technology-driven world, that can sometimes obscure the process of making worthwhile personal connections and the time it takes to reflect on what really matters in life. These goals certainly can be achieved in 2010, but Jim's world gives us a pleasant reprieve from the pressures we face everyday, and the hope that we can do it as gracefully.

--- Pat Slavin

WHY GO TO CHURCH EVERY SUNDAY?

If anyone were to ask me why it is important to attend church as a family every week, this quotation from Cynthia Cowen's dedication in *The Weaving of Hearts* by Cynthia Cowen says it well:

To my Parents... whose faithfulness in exposing their family to Christ and His church "wove our hearts" together in love... Their support and encouragement have helped me to continue in my desire to share God's love..."

The faithfulness in exposing their family to Christ and His Church: Church is about disciple-making. To be a disciple means "learn how to live." We are here to learn how to live as Jesus did. In our interactions, our stories, songs, and sermons we work on learning how to live like Jesus. The more we practice together, as a family, at Church and in our daily lives, the more we resemble Christ and grow into being Christians. Baptism is only the beginning. It takes discipline to be a Christian. Like anything you are serious about learning, consistency is the key. Church attendance once in a blue moon makes you a tourist. Tourists know very little about the lands they visit, and they don't get to know the locals.

Wove our hearts together in love: Weaving is a patterning process, different colors at different times, different patterns: some going up, some going down and all of it suffused with meaning. The symbols, songs, prayers, stories, movements, lights, foods; all convey something of God and His Church to the deepest parts of our souls and bodies. The locals (that would be the folks at St. Mary's that are regular in attendance) experience that weaving. They have a whole reservoir of

experience and knowledge that not only weaves them into the community of relationships here at St. Mary's but gives them the felt knowledge of having a place in God's world, a cosmic address, which gives meaning and purpose to life.

Church is one of the only places where you can gather together with people of different ages and stages; it's a place where you can experience real *community*. More than with your cohort from school, work or neighborhood, church is where our hearts get woven together in love. This sharing of our lives together, joys and sorrows, with people who are dedicated to "willing the best for us," is the love that makes change and growth possible. That "willing the best," is one of the definitions of God's special kind of love - agape love - and is the foundation of our life together. There is so much driving families *apart*. God uses Church to weave us *together*. And whether you are warp or woof you are essential to the strength and pattern of our life together.

BIG CHANGES IN DECICCO'S REBATE PROGRAM

Starting September 2nd, DeCicco's is making its rebate program easier for the shopper. You don't have to get your receipts stamped - and we don't have to collect them and turn them in. Now, all you have to do is *tell the cashier that you want your purchase credited to the Community Food Pantry at St. Mary's*. DeCicco's will do the rest and send the Food Pantry a check each month. It's simple. Now, all we have to do is remember to tell the cashier!

A QUESTION ABOUT EPISCOPAL LIFE AND PRACTICE.

Q: Can I just receive the Bread and leave the Communion rail?

A: Communion etiquette is different at every church. Episcopal churches are known for their emphasis on community. Our Communion practice reflects this emphasis. When we come to the Communion Rail, we come as a group, kneel together and hold out our hands to receive God's Body and Blood. All are encouraged to receive communion in both kinds, Bread and Wine. Whether or not you are receiving both, or only the Bread, please stay at the Communion rail until the last person in your section has received the Wine. Please do not leave as soon as you receive the Bread: it breaks the community of the Communion. Part of the way we love means giving each other time so that we can all be in it together and go forth together. This way no one feels rushed, and it reduces confusion for newcomers.



***SCARY MOVIE COMES OF AGE: DAWN OF THE DUMPSTER ARRIVES
OCTOBER 15-17***

Approximately 5 years ago Greg Longden, then vestry person for Building and Grounds, made a video revealing in loving detail all the trouble spots in and around St. Mary's. It was the real wake-up moment when we realized there was no kickin' this stuff down the road any longer. We named it "Scary Movie."

And here we are on the threshold of taking down the Pine Room! Before we do that, however, we need to do some preliminary demolition, clearing out and moving around. In keeping with the Scary Movie theme we have dubbed the three days of this project: October 15: Dawn of the Dumpster, October 16: Day of the Dumpster and, if necessary, October 17 Afternoon of the Dumpster.

So all hands on deck, bring your work gloves, crow bars, and yes, bring your scary masks!

September

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| | | | 1 Rite II Eucharist 7:30 AM Compline/ Evening Prayer Mohegan Pk. 6PM | 2 | 3 12- 4 PM Reunion Registration 4PM Eucharist 6-9 PM Reunion Cruise | 4 Men's Group 8AM Food Pantry 10AM No Midnight Run Reunion Choir Practice 11AM Barbeque & Dance 6-10 PM |
| 5 10:00 Rite II Last Kids JAM Camp 11:15Coffee and Farewells | 6 Women's Bible Study - 10:00AM Rectory | 7 | 8 Rite II Eucharist 7:30 AM Compline/ Evening Prayer Mohegan Pk. 6PM | 9 | 10 | 11 Men's Group 8AM Food Pantry 10AM |
| 12 8:00 Rite I 9:30 Rite II/Family Service 10:30 Church Brunch and Church School Registration | 13 Women's Bible Study - 10:00AM Rectory Vestry Meeting 7:30PM | 14 | 15 Rite II Eucharist 7:30 AM Compline/ Evening Prayer Mohegan Pk. 6PM | 16 | 17 | 18 Men's Group 8AM Food Pantry 10AM |
| 19 8:00 Rite I 9:30 Family Service 10:15 Coffee Hour 10:30 Church School 11:00 Rite II Seton Food Delivery | 20 Golf Outing Hollow Brook Golf Club 10:00AM Women's Bible Study - 10:00AM Rectory | 21 | 22 Rite II Eucharist 7:30 AM Compline/ Evening Prayer Mohegan Pk. 6PM | 23 | 24 | 25 Men's Group 8AM Food Pantry 10AM |
| 26 8:00 Rite I 9:30 Family Service 10:15 Coffee Hour 10:30 Church School 11:00 Rite II | 27 Women's Bible Study - 10:00AM Rectory | 28 Eucharist at the Field Home 10:30 Fuzzy Slippers 6:30 TBA | 29 Rite II Eucharist 7:30 AM Compline/ Evening Prayer Mohegan Pk. 6PM | 30 | | |

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| | | | | | 1 | 2 Men's Group 8AM Food Pantry 10AM Midnight Run 11:30 |
| 3 8:00 Morning Prayer 8:30 Teachers Meeting 9:30 Family Service 10:15 Coffee Hour 10:30 Church School 11:00 Rite II 5-7PM Rite 13/J2A Chicken Sunday at Attanasio's | 4 Women's Bible Study - 10:00AM Rectory Vestry Meeting | 5 | 6 Rite II Eucharist 7:30 AM Compline/ Evening Prayer Mohegan Pk. 6PM | 7 | 8 | 9 Men's Group 8AM Food Pantry 10AM |
| 10 8:00 Rite I 9:30 Family Service 10:15 Coffee Hour 10:30 Church School 11:00 Rite II | 11 Women's Bible Study - 10:00AM Rectory | 12 | 13 Rite II Eucharist 7:30 AM Compline/ Evening Prayer Mohegan Pk. 6PM | 14 | 15 9:00 Dawn of the Dumpster Attic and Rectory Clearance | 16 Men's Group 8AM Day of the Dumpster 9AM (Attic and Rectory Cleanace) Food Pantry 10AM |
| 17 8:00 Rite I 9:30 Family Service 10:15 Coffee Hour 10:30 Church School 11:00 Rite II Seton Food Delivery | 18 Women's Bible Study - 10:00AM Rectory | 19 | 20 Rite II Eucharist 7:30 AM Compline/ Evening Prayer Mohegan Pk. 6PM | 21 | 22 Set-up Harvest Fair | 23 Men's Group 8AM Food Pantry 10AM Harvest Fair and Pumpkin Patch 9-3 All Hallows Eve Rehearsal 1 PM |
| 24 8:00 Rite I 9:30 Family Service 10:15 Coffee Hour 10:30 Church School 11:00 Rite II 12:00 - 3:00 Pumpkin Patch | 25 Women's Bible Study - 10:00AM Rectory Fuzzy Slippers 6:30 TBA Pumpkin Patch 5-7PM | 26 Eucharist at the Field Home 10:30 Pumpkin Patch 5-7PM | 27 Rite II Eucharist 7:30 AM Compline/Evening Prayer Mohegan Pk. 6PM Pumpkin Patch 5-7PM | 28 Pumpkin Patch 5-7PM | 29 Pumpkin Patch 5-7PM | 30 Pumpkin Patch 12:00 - 3:00 PM All Hallows Eve Celebration 4PM |
| 31 8:00 Rite I 9:30 Family Service 10:15 Coffee Hour 10:30 Church School 11:00 Rite II | | | | | | |