



THE BELLS OF ST. MARY'S

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LETTER FROM THE RECTOR

Dear Ones,

We all know where we were on September 11^h, 2001. Emotions run high when we remember the loss, the fear, the sacrifices and a world lost forever in the dust of the falling towers. We all know where we were, but where are we now? I think we all have a deeper appreciation of the heroes in our midst.

On Sunday September 11th we will have a service of Remembrance and Blessing at 9:30. All first responders who serve in the military or other uniformed service: firefighters, EMT's, police, FBI, ICE, are invited to attend in dress uniform; other first responders, nurses and doctors, are invited to come in their "work dress." The Mohegan Lake Fire Department and Ambulance will be joining us for a Blessing at 10:30. At that time we will all lay hands on people and vehicles who are in fact our hands and feet in meeting and helping those in distress. I will be joined in this special

prayer by Br. Ted Novack of the Graymoor Friars, the official chaplain to the Mohegan Lake Fire Dept.

The world has changed greatly in the last ten years culminating in the Arab Spring of this year. Hope and fear, danger and promise are in the images and reports from the capitals of the Middle East. The embrace of democracy by the young (most Arab states report 50% of the population is under 20) brings renewed hope - even in the midst of turmoil and violence - for understanding and fellowship among the nations of the world.

And down the street in Mohegan Lake at the Hudson Valley Islamic Cultural Center (HVICC) families were glued to their phones and computers waiting to hear from loved ones in "the old country." For as many countries that are described as Islamic there are families at HVICC that have called them "home." Like those families 70 years ago of German, Italian and Japanese descent, they share the experiences of being "the other": anti-Muslim distrust, hate speech, and in the case of some local high school students, bullying.



It is in response to that bullying that we need to take up in earnest the task of creating a better understanding of our neighbors who are Muslim. A few St. Maryans have visited the HVICC: youth and adults at meetings characterized by gracious hospitality and the desire to be known as neighbors. I would imagine that many of us do not have a clear idea of what Muslims believe or how their religious devotion shapes their lives. It's time to take up this work of the Spirit if we truly are to "love our neighbors, as ourselves." Remember Jesus tells the story of the Good Samaritan in answer to the question of who is my neighbor. Samaritans were non-Jews living in the country next to Israel. They were hated and mistrusted. Jesus pointed to the ever-present task to become compassionate and neighborly towards the "other" whoever the other is, and in so doing become, in fact, a neighbor. It is a bedrock principal in our Baptismal Covenant: "To seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving our neighbors as ourselves."

To that end the Yorktown Interfaith Ministerial Association is hosting an information evening showing two films followed by neighborhood discussions as part of the **20,000 Dialogues Project**. **The event will take place September 8th at Yorktown Stage. The 5:30 event is "Allah Made Me Funny" for Youth and the 7:30 event is "Inside Islam: What a Billion Muslims Think" for the whole community.** People will be invited to continue the discussion in small groups at individual homes throughout the community.

We've come a long way since the internment camps of WWII, but anxiety about the future, and present uncertainty in the face of a ten year-old war, still looks for a target. The fear of the unknown still elicits negative reactions. I encourage all of us, youth and adults, to attend the September 8th events. We do not have to agree on all points of theology, and the events don't seek to do that. We seek to educate, so that we build bridges, make decisions and take actions based on information, not ignorance.

We will also take the opportunity in our Fall **Inquirers Class on September 21st** to learn more about the Anglican/Episcopal leadership in both Ecumenical (between Christian churches) and

Interfaith (between different faiths) dialogues. The Archdeacon for Mission of the New York Diocese, the Very Rev. Bill Parnell will be with us to lead us through the issues of faith upon which there is agreement and those that are still in the process of seeking mutual understanding.

To further our understanding and provide a time for closer experience we will be hosting **Sheik Gewida, the Imam at HVICC**, along with his family and the Board (equivalent to the Vestry) of HVICC at the 11:00 service on **Sunday, September 24th**. Sheik Gewida will be preaching (through an interpreter) and we will have a special time of prayer together for peace and understanding. I hope you will all attend that day. I feel in my spirit that we have a magnificent opportunity here. As one of the places on the planet that has both an official policy of pluralism AND active faith communities that we, as Americans, can model a way forward in answering the pre-eminent question of the new millennium: how then shall we live together?

So, come. Come meet your neighbor! Let us practice the love we are called to with an outstretched hand, remembering that it is here that we find the Kingdom, which is at hand.

Blessings!
Mo. Claire

On Welcome Back/Remembrance Sunday, September 11th, and National Back to Church Sunday, September 18th, St. Maryans are asked to park in our next door neighbors', the HVTUCU and Learning Experience, parking lots!

SUPPORT THE GOLF OUTING ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 19



Golfers: sign up a foursome. Helpers: sign up to ride around in a golf cart. If you can't play or help that day, be a sponsor. (Be a sponsor anyway!) This is the principal fund-raising event of the year for both the Food Pantry and St. Mary's. We are grateful that Mohegan Motors is, as always, our chief sponsor, but we need many, many more. For more information or to sign up, call the office or go to: <http://www.golfdigestplanner.com/19215-StMarysCommunityFoodPantry2011Go/index.html>. If that is too much to type, there's a link in the e-mailed bulletin. Act now!

A PARTY FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY CELEBRATING MO. CLAIRE'S 10 YEARS AT ST. MARY'S



On Friday, September 16th, we're going to whoop it up to celebrate the ten years that Mo. Claire has been at St. Mary's. Everybody in the parish family, from infants to centenarians, is invited to an ice-cream social that will start at 7:00 pm. Mo. Claire has asked that folks come with a limerick (not bawdy, please) and/or with their own words to their favorite (or least favorite) hymn. [Your editor had a

good first line for a limerick: "A priest-ess from Lake Minnetonka..." but gave up on finding *anything* to rhyme with Minnetonka.]

Anyway, as Mo. Claire always says, y'all come! And show her just how happy we are that she has been with us for ten years.

AMAZING VOLUNTEERS AT THE COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY

Volunteers are the only human beings on the face of the earth who reflect this nation's compassion, unselfish caring, patience, and just plain loving one another.

----- Erma Bombeck

Katy Callery Creates Vegetable Garden. Has anyone noticed some construction springing up at the back of our parking lot? A vegetable garden is in the works! Katy Callery, a junior at Lakeland High School, sent the following e-mail:

My name is Katie Callery and I am going to be a junior at Lakeland High School. I've heard great things about St. Mary's food pantry from people in my Girl Scout troop and from teachers and students at my school that have volunteered there. They have inspired me to help out. My Girl Scout Gold Award project is building a vegetable garden for a place that could use the vegetables to feed the hungry and I would love to provide this for St. Mary's. If it is possible to build the garden somewhere on site, it would be built and maintained for you by me and my group of volunteers before the end of the summer and would probably have a couple of harvests before the fall. Whenever you can, please email me back with regard to your interest of having the garden or not. Thank you for your time.

The Vestry approved and John McNamara, our wonderful Junior Warden, contacted Katy. Katy and her crew have been hard at work building raised and fenced beds - no easy task - that should be ready for planting in the spring.



Cara LaPicola's Volunteer Hours Earn \$5000 from MBIA!

Our faithful volunteer Cara LaPicola's goal for this year was to accumulate 200 hours of volunteer time at the food pantry. Cara not only volunteered on Saturdays to reach this goal, she took on mailings, organized and kept up-to-date our resource and referral information, came to St. Mary's on Sundays for the Seton delivery and volunteered at the golf outing. Cara's employer, MBIA rewarded her efforts by sending \$5,000 to the pantry to support our work. The monies have been set aside for construction costs related to the Food Pantry needs in the new building plans.

McHale's Pest Control Distributes Clothing to our Clients. On Saturday, July 23rd, the staff at Mchale's Pest Control, held a clothing distribution. They came prepared with tables, clothes and enthusiastic volunteers. They set up in the parking lot and gave out almost all of the clothing they

had collected on their own from their employees. They are planning to return soon for a book and school supply distribution.

Volunteer Picnic at Mohegan Lake Beach. On Sunday, July 31st, the CFP volunteers organized the first annual volunteer picnic. Thomas Cincotti, a loyal Saturday and bagel pick-up man, offered to hold the picnic at the Mohegan Colony beach on Mohegan Lake. About twenty of our regular volunteers brought appetizers, desserts and drinks. It was a lovely afternoon spent among folks of all ages and walks of life whose only commonality is volunteering.

So consider if you have some time or a great idea - volunteer! The rewards are amazing.

---- Terry Berardi

P.S. More volunteers are needed at the Golf Outing on September 19th. It's fun, too.

NATIONAL BACK-TO-CHURCH SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 18TH

We all know someone who, for one reason or another, has stopped going to church: maybe the kids are little and it seems too hard to get to church, or the kids grew up and left home or jobs changed or, like Snow White, they just drifted. Maybe they are seekers and looking for that missing something, but don't know that going to church can help them find it. Well, this is the Sunday to give them a holler and invite them to St. Mary's, whether it is at 8:00, 9:30 or 11:00. Be a good friend, and share what God has done for you and where the community is that it happened in, at St. Mary's! Sunday School registration will be extended to include September 18th and all classes will have an open house for parents to visit.

HELP WANTED - HIGH PAY

St. Mary's Midnight Run Outreach Program many very rewarding positions available. They are:

1. *Bread Spreader.* Job description: have the ability to place bread in rows of 2 with blinding speed!
2. *Mustard Spreader:* Job description: just a dab will do ya. (No Picasso needed.)
3. *Meat Person.* Job description: have the ability to place lunch meat on bread with blinding speed!
4. *Cheese Person.* Job description: have the ability to place American cheese on top of lunch meat at blinding speed!
5. *Lettuce Person.* Job description: have the ability to place pieces of lettuce strategically on top of lunch meat and cheese.
6. *Closer.* Job description: have the ability to close and bag the sandwiches in plastic bags.
7. *Desert Maker.* Job description: have the ability to place 3 different cookies in plastic baggies for deserts.

8. *Final Assembly*. Job description: have the ability to place 2 sandwiches, one bag of cookies, one box drink, one bag of chips, one piece of fruit, and one napkin in each paper bag.*

9. *Stapler and packer*. Job description: have the ability to staple the completed bags and place them in large bags for transport.

10. *Car Packers*. Job description: have the ability to take the large bags to Mary Tucker, who will pack the car and take the lunches to the Midnight Run Headquarters in Dobbs Ferry for distribution to homeless people on the streets of Manhattan.



FAQs

How do I apply? Show up at the parish hall on the first Saturday morning of each month at 11:30.

Do I need to bring anything? Most important, bring you hearts and hands. If you can, bring cheese, meat or lettuce.

What is the pay? The pay is very high: the knowledge that you may have helped to save a life! What better pay can there be?

--- Barry Tucker, Midnight Run Coordinator

FALL INQUIRERS' CLASSES!

What makes us Episcopalians? When talking about denominations it is frequently noted that the Episcopal Church grows through attraction as much as it is grows through the spiritual formation of our young. Many of us have found the Episcopal Church after being raised in other denominations or from no tradition at all. But when asked what it means to be an Episcopalian, a lot of us get caught up short.



Fear not! Answers are at hand! This Fall's Inquirers' Class will be offered in the Parish Hall twice each week, at 10:30 on Sunday mornings and on Wednesday evenings at 7:00. We'll cover all the basics of Episcopal worship and the essentials of community: from the Great Commandment to the Great Commission, using *The Discovery Series: A Christian Journey* (for more see: www.epicenter.org/resources/the-discovery-series-a-christian-journey). There will be a variety of discussion leaders on Sundays, and Mo. Claire will lead the class on Wednesday evenings. Childcare will be available with advance notice.

We are asking all parents who have children in Sunday School but who have not been Confirmed or Received into the Episcopal Church to attend the Inquirers' Class. As Mother Claire has said before, "You are the Book" that your children "read." In both leading by example and in equipping yourself to give guidance to your children in their spiritual journey, you show that it matters. *We can't ask them to do what we ourselves have not done.*

* Note: This must be done under the scrutiny of Kathy Monroe for quality control.

There will be a Mini-Retreat on Friday October 21st from 6-9:30 to prepare for Confirmation the following day at Bishop's Roskam's visitation at 6:00. We'll be exploring what is it that God wants from us as faithful members of God's household. We will also explore where the power to be faithful comes from and what are the spiritual gifts each of us are given. Dinner and childcare will be provided. Sign up at Sunday services or contact the church at 914-528-3972 or email stmarysmlassistant@yahoo.com.

And remember, if an Anglican, so can you!

SPIRITUAL FORMATION FOR YOUTH IN A POST-MODERN, TECH-CRAZY WORLD

On Sunday October 2nd, in the Inquirers' Class at 10:30, it will be our pleasure to host the Rev. Canon Patricia Mitchell, Diocesan Canon (you could say big shot...) for Spiritual Formation. Join her to hear about what are the churches saying and doing to help strengthen our kids and adults for life in the new millennium. Mother Patricia, an expert in Christian education, brings experience and a great love of learning to her work. Bring your questions and observations and join in the discussion.

CALLING ALL ACOLYTES AND WOULD-LIKE-TO-BE-ACOLYTES!



October 1st from Noon to 2:00 we will have an Acolyte Training Day. Join Mother Claire and our new Acolyte Parents, Julie and Angelo Sirico, for a refresher, if you are already serving as an Acolyte, and training for new Acolytes. Kids from 3rd grade up are eligible to acolyte. Adults are also invited to learn the fine art of being an acolyte and what it means to join in this layer of leadership for the 11:00 worship service and at special services like funerals. If you feel called to serve at the Altar please speak to the Siricos or Mother Claire.

A NEW BISHOP FOR THE DIOCESE OF NEW YORK

Our Diocesan Bishop, the Rt. Rev. Mark Sisk, has called for the election of a coadjutor. A coadjutor is a bishop who serves for a year or so in tandem with the current bishop before taking over in order to get the feel for the complex and diverse people and places that make up the Diocese of New York. The special election for the new Bishop will be held on Saturday, October 29th. To see the profiles for the bishop candidates go to the diocesan website www.diocesenyny.org. The candidates are as diverse as our diocese. Read, mark and pray! Be part of the discernment process and share your thoughts with Mo. Claire and Kathy Munroe, our lay representative to

Convention. Opportunities to meet the candidates will be scheduled soon, we'll keep you posted. And once the new coadjutor is elected, we'll turn to the search for a new suffragan bishop.

THE GREAT PUMPKIN PATCH COMES TO ST. MARY'S!

Starting with the Great Day of Unloading on Saturday, September 25th at 9:00 a.m., we will be selling pumpkins at St. Mary's, sent to us from Navajo land. This joint fundraising enterprise benefits St. Mary's, brings jobs to the Navajo and brings funding to their schools. Every family at St. Mary's is asked to give 5 hours of time, one weekend shift and one weekday shift, during October to staff and run the Great Pumpkin Patch. Everyone from the littlest person to those grand with years and experience can help.



The Great Pumpkin Patch will have a Grill Pit, pony rides, gently used Halloween costumes for sale, games and freebies. The Great Pumpkin Patch will also provide fun events for many of the Saturdays in October including:

October 8th : Harvest Festival with food, music and storytelling, pony rides and vendors.

October 15th : The "Tales from the sCRYPTure" returns along with our favorite Brooklyn rappers, The Rock and friends, with Hip Hop dancers from neighborhood dance schools, Starstruck and Dance for Joy, and a fire breathing Chinese dragon! Tickets are \$5.00 per person with 2 shows at 2:00 and 4:00.

October 29th: St. Mary's will sponsor the first EVER Ragamuffin Halloween Costume Parade in Mohegan Lake at 3:00. The parade will step off at George Washington School and proceed down West St/Clover Road to St. Mary's with police and fire engine escorts. There will be treats and prizes in traditional and unique costume categories. Everyone is invited to come and local businesses are invited to co-sponsor. Stay tuned for more information!

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				1	2	3 Men's Group 8AM Food Pantry 10AM No Midnight Run
4 9:00 Holy Eucharist Rite II 10:15 Coffee Hour	5 Women's Bible Study - 10:00AM Rectory	6	7 Rite II Eucharist 8:00AM Compline/Evening Prayer Mohegan Pk. 6PM	8 Who Is My Neighbor? Yorktown Stage 5:30 Youth 7:30 Community	9	10 Men's Group 8AM Food Pantry 10AM
11 Welcome Back Brunch 8:00 Holy Eucharist Rite I 9:30 Holy Eucharist Rite II 9/11 Service of Remembrance 10:30 Blessing of the Fire Engines 10:45 Church School Registration Welcome Back Brunch	12 Women's Bible Study - 10:00AM Rectory Vestry Meeting 7:30PM	13	14 Rite II Eucharist 8:00AM Compline/Evening Prayer Mohegan Pk. 6PM	15	16 Ice Cream Social 7:00 PM	17 Men's Group 8AM Food Pantry 10AM
18 Return to Three Services 8:00 Holy Eucharist Rite I 9:30 Family Service 10:15 Coffee Hour 10:45-11:30 Church School 11:00 Holy Eucharist Rite II 11:15 Youth/Parent Meeting Seton Food Delivery 3:00-5:30 Region II Youth Cookout	19 Women's Bible Study - 10:00AM Rectory Golf Outing	20	21 Rite II Eucharist 8:00AM Compline/Evening Prayer Mohegan Pk. 6PM Adult Inquirers Class 7:30 PM Guest Speaker: Canon Bill Parnell	22 Youth Teachers Meeting 7:30 PM	23	24 Men's Group 8AM Food Pantry 10AM ALL HANDS ON DECK Pumpkin Delivery 9AM Sign up to help unload pumpkins
25 8:00 Holy Eucharist Rite I 9:00 Youth to Turkey Mountain 9:30 Family Service 10:15 Coffee Hour 10:45-11:30 Church School 11:00 Holy Eucharist Rite II with guests from Hudson Valley Islamic Community Center Luncheon immediately following	26 Women's Bible Study - 10:00AM Rectory Pumpkin Patch 4PM - 7 PM	27 Pumpkin Patch 4PM - 7 PM	28 Rite II Eucharist 8:00AM Compline/Evening Prayer Mohegan Pk. 6PM Adult Inquirers Class 7:30 PM Pumpkin Patch 4PM - 7 PM	29 Pumpkin Patch 4PM - 7 PM	30 Pumpkin Patch 4PM - 7 PM	

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20 2 Services- Christ the King 8:00 Rite I 9:30 Rite II 10:15 Stewardship Ingathering and Brunch 7:00 Interfaith Thanksgiving Service Location TBA	21 Women's Bible Study - 10:00AM Rectory	22	23 Rite II Eucharist 8:00AM Compline/Evening Prayer Mohegan Pk. 6PM	24 Thanksgiving	25	26 Men's Group 8AM Food Pantry 10AM
Advent Begins 27 8:00 Rite I 9:30 Family Service 10:15 Coffee Hour 11:00 Rite II Advent Calendar/ Wreath Distribution	28 Women's Bible Study - 10:00AM Rectory	29	30 Rite II Eucharist 8:00AM Compline/Evening Prayer Mohegan Pk. 6PM Youth Wreath Decorating 7:00 PM Rectory			