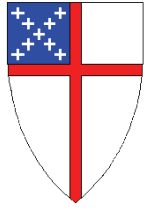


# The Angelus



## The Monthly Newsletter of St. Mary's Episcopal Church

### WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Sunday

8:00 Holy Eucharist – Rite I

9:30 Sunday School

10:30 Holy Eucharist – Rite II

11:30 Fellowship Time

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### VESTRY 2008/2009

#### OFFICERS

The Rev. Linda King Watkins, **Rector**

Ed Bittinger, **Senior Warden**

William Pflager, **Junior Warden**

Joyce Thompson, **Clerk of Vestry**

Sherlyn Rhule, **Treasurer**

#### MEMBERS

Chris Auger

Bonnie Bachtell

Phil Krauss

Miriam Lunde

Gilbert Monck

Richard Rose

Elleanor Stach

Lucille Tabor

Sara Yost

#### DIOCESAN MISSION STATEMENT

We are partners in Christ with the love of God on  
our lips and in our lives.

#### ST. MARY'S MISSION STATEMENT

Striving to be a spring of living water to God's  
family, welcoming friends and strangers alike.

## From The Rector



St. Francis Day is celebrated October 4 and it is one of my favorite holy-days. St. Francis is usually thought of as a very meek and mild person who enjoyed talking to animals. It is true he had an unusual rapport with God's creatures and he was small in stature and fairly unassuming.

That is, until he began preaching. Francis was a passionate evangelist who saw everything he did in terms of sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ and calling on people to accept Jesus as their Lord and Savior. He saw the luxury and waste that was present in the Church of his

day and he constantly called the Church accountable for neglecting to care for those whom society cast out.

Francis often talked about how Christians are called to have the faith of a child. He quoted Jesus's call to "have faith as a little child, for such is the kingdom of heaven." Francis, in his life and ministry, exhibited this childlike faith and trust in God.

On October 18<sup>th</sup>, we will celebrate the Children's Sabbath at St. Mary's. This event is sponsored by the Children's Defense Fund who provides resources for the observance each year.

The mission of the

Children's Defense Fund is to advocate on behalf of children throughout the world. Their goal is to see that no child has to suffer abuse, hunger, disease, or neglect. The Children's Sabbath is set aside as a day when we particularly honor the presence of children among us and remember all those who are lacking basic necessities and opportunities.

At St. Mary's, our young people will be actively participating in the 10:30 service. We rejoice at their presence among us as well as their vital ministries.

Mother Linda †

#### EWC

The Women of St. Mary's held their fall breakfast meeting on Saturday, September 19, 9:30 am, at the Parlor House. There were many things discussed, especially the upcoming Rummage Sale

and the Election Day Lagna Dinner

Lots of help will be needed setting up the Stewardship Dinner. Set up for the Stewardship Dinner will take place Thursday, October 8, at 2:30 pm.

We will also need clean up crews to help after each event. We would appreciate any and all volunteers!



# October Worship Duties

CELEBRANT	ACOLYTES	FELLOWSHIP
4 Mother Linda	4 Mike Warner, Casey Warner	4
11 Mother Linda	11 Brett Reichard, Tom Mentzer	11 Phil and Janis Krauss
18 Fr. Bishop	18 Jenny George, Mya Graves	18 Children of St. Mary's
25 Mother Linda	25 Mike Warner, Casey Warner	25 The Warner Family

CHALICISTS		
8:00 Service	10:30 Service	GREETERS
4 John Poniske	4 Bill Pflager, Dave Thompson	4 No Greeters—Refrew
11 Bob Dee	11 Deb Donoghue, Ellie Stach	11 John and Jenny Poniske
18 Mariam Lude	18 Karen Freitag, Del Robinson	18 Mike and Jenn Warner
25 Steve Marvich	25 Ron Freitag, Jenny Poniske	25 Ron and Karen Freitag

**Alter Guild for October:** Jill Hess

# Upcoming and Ongoing Events

## Looking Ahead

We will start October with a bang at St. Mary's, so please save these important dates!

St. Mary's Fall Rummage Sale will take place Friday, October 2 and Saturday, October 3. You may start bringing items in after church on Sunday, September 27 and throughout the week. Remember that on October 3, we will offer "fill a bag for \$1", which is a very important outreach to our community.

Also on Saturday, October 3, St. Mary's food booth will be running at the Waynesboro Fall Festival. This is always a great time and a wonderful way of making our pres-

ence known in the community. Please check out the sign up sheet in the parish hall as well as the "wish list" for items that can be donated.

On Sunday, October 4, the 10:30 am service will take place at Renfrew Park where we will once again celebrate St. Francis Day with a festive Blessing of the Pets. Please bring friends, family and pets. All are welcome!

## Wednesday Night Programs

St Mary's will continue Wednesday night soup suppers through the year with a potluck dinner at 6:00, fol-

lowed by discussion and Compline at 7:30. Scheduled programs for fall:

**October 14:** St. Benedict and the Middle Way

**November 18:** Keeping a Holy Advent

**December 16:** Silent Night, Holy Night. St Mary's first silent retreat.



**Join us for Compline every Wednesday night at 7:30 and for Morning Prayer every Thursday morning at 9:30**

## Bits and Pieces. . .

### Stewardship

This year, we will begin implementing our Long Range Plan, which includes increasing attendance and pledge income while lessening our dependence on our endowment. This means that our fall Stewardship Campaign is more important than ever and the Stewardship Committee has planned a festive dinner for Thursday, October 8, at 6:00 PM. This year's theme is "Building a Legacy." Ms. Deborah Strong, Director of Development for Chambersburg Hospital, will be our guest. Dick Rose will also

present the Long Range Plan that was recently adopted by the Vestry.

### Vestry Notes

At its September 7th meeting, St. Mary's Vestry officially adopted the Long Range Plan that has been developed over the past year.

It also reviewed its committee structure and assigned a member of the Vestry to be the contact person for each committee.

Stewardship Chair, Sara Yost presented the plans for the fall stewardship campaign.

Our next meeting will be on **Sunday, October 11, 9:00 am** in the parish hall. Note that this is a change from our usual date due to the animal blessing at Renfrew.

### Monthly Food Collection

**The September food collection was FANTASTIC!** The families that use the Waynesboro Area Human Services Council really appreciate all the donations that we give.

The food requests for October includes the usual Jellies, Dry Pastas (Spaghetti,

Macaroni), Pancake mix and Syrup. In addition the Human Services is NOW stocking up to fill at least 100 baskets of food for the Christmas season. SO for October AND November they need a lot of Boxed Instant Mashed Potatoes, Boxes of Stuffing mix, Canned Sweet Potatoes, Cake mixes and Frosting. Even in these trying times the people of St Mary's can make a difference for our neighbors.

**Bring your donations to church on Sunday, October 4<sup>th</sup> OR on Sunday October 11<sup>th</sup>.**

## Prayer, Thanks, and More. . .

### KUDOS!

A big thanks to everyone who helped to make the Fall Rummage Sale and the Food Booth a big success.

### Prayer Circle and Prayer Chain

St Paul tells us to "Pray without ceasing!"

Look for the display in the Parish Hall about Prayer Circle, an informal group of parishioners who choose to pray daily for their own needs and those of others. You can register and receive instructions on how to pray the Daily Office. Petitions can be submitted for the parish prayer list by dropping them

in the wooden box at the rear of the Church or placing them in the container on the display table. Prayer books, copies of the "Daily Devotions for Individuals and Families" from the Book of Common Prayer, and Forward Day by Day will be available. There is even a website where you can pray the Daily Office with a virtual community! You may also sign up for a prayer telephone chain that will alert members of the chain when prayer is needed for those in crisis.

Daily prayer is a calming and centering activity that will benefit you and those you pray for in unexpected ways.

### Parish Friends

Are you able to cook a simple meal? Can you offer transportation, visit the sick, the shut in or those who are alone? Many of our own parishioners are in need. We are compiling a list of parishioners willing to "help out". Please review the signup sheet in the Parish Hall and speak with Mother Linda about this new ministry.

### Game Night

The next Game Night is Friday, October 16, 6:30 - 10:00 pm in the parish hall. Everyone is welcome. Please bring your friends!

### Prayer List

Linda Rice	Debbie Cummings	Richie Leisner
Betty Stach	Carol Bricker	James Scott
Fr. Bart Berry	Doris Vincent	Suzanne Trobaugh
Lois Miller	Kevin Sullivan	Suzanne O'Brien
Angie McDonald	Jessica Nyman	Dawn Kussman
Del & Dorothy Robinson		

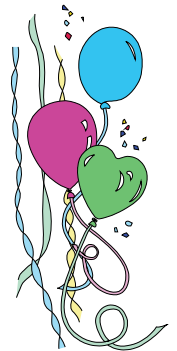
## October Birthdays



- 4** Simon Grove
- 4** Edward Singer
- 4** Eleanor Stach
- 6** Rebecca Harris
- 6** Victoria Knott
- 6** Daniel Mentzer
- 8** Quinton Perry
- 10** Joan Haughom
- 12** Lois Craig
- 12** Tina Grove
- 14** Deanna Giersmann
- 14** John (Tony) Warner
- 14** Scott Warner
- 16** Jenny Poniske
- 21** Tracy Stike
- 28** Chris Auger

## October Anniversaries

- 6** Jackie Schwab and Clay Herzog
- 13** Dave and Jan Johnson
- 27** Doug and Heather Roemer



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