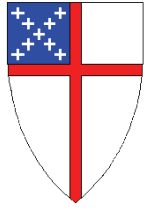


# The Angelus



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

December 2009

### 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

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

Ed Bittinger, **Senior Warden**

William Pflager, **Junior Warden**

Terri Dee, **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



There are few things in this world more beautiful than an icy-cold, crystal-clear winter night. There is no noise. The crickets and night birds of summer have gone. There is nothing but stillness, starlight and moonlight on the snow. It is magical!

It is also refreshing. Our lives are so busy—so full of things to do and places to go—that we seldom get to really experience living. The icy stillness of a winter night reminds us to stop.

There was no snow the night Jesus was born in Bethlehem—no icy stillness. Yet there was something that made everything stop. The days leading up to Christmas Eve had been chaotic, to say the least. We can imagine dozens of dusty travelers descending on the normally quiet little town. We can imagine the sights, sounds and smells as people and animals pushed and shoved to take care of the business at hand. There was no place for calm or quiet.

No place, that is, except a dreary, dirty cattle shed. In a supreme irony,

Our Lord was born in the only quiet and peaceful place in town! It was cold. It was crude. But into was born the Savior of the World. Into the cattle shed, the Prince of Peace came into the world. And nothing was ever the same.

As I reflect on the wonder and joy of this Holy Season, my prayer for each and every one of you is simply peace. May you find that quiet place amid the overwhelming busyness of the season to be fully alive. May there be holy and precious moments in which God fills your heart with the peace that passes all human understanding.

May God's peace fill the world and renew the earth as well.

Come, Lord Jesus. Be with us always.

Ken joins me in wishing each and every one of you a Christmas filled with Peace, Love and Joy.

Mother Linda †



### ECW Tentative Calendar for the Year

#### Dec. 20

Parish's Christmas dinner -after church -a birthday party for Jesus

#### Jan. 3

Sunday school's Epiphany program—Start of Lunch and Learn – “Healthy Aging”- every Friday at Noon.

#### Feb.

Continuing Lunch and Learn

#### Mar. 7 -

Parish Annual Meeting  
Continuing Lunch and Learn

#### April

Parish Clean-up

#### May 7 - 8

Rummage Sale

#### June

Graduation Party

## December Worship Duties

CELEBRANT	ACOLYTES	FELLOWSHIP
6 Mother Linda	6 Mike Warner, Casey Warner	6 Deb Donoghue
13 Mother Linda	13 Brett Reichard, Tom Mentzer	13 The Pflagers
20 Mother Linda	20 Jenny George, Mya Graves	20 Christmas Party
25 Mother Linda	25 _____	25 _____
27 Mother Linda	27 Mike Warner, Casey Warner	27 _____

### Fellowship Hosts are needed for December!

CHALICISTS		GREETERS
<b>8:00 Service</b>	<b>10:30 Service</b>	
6 Bob Dee	6 Del Robinson, Chris Auger	6 Susan Haga , Joyce Thompson
13 John Poniske	13 Bill Pflager, Karen Freitag	13 Johnson/Campbell Family
20 Steve Marvich	20 Gil Monck, Deb Donoghue	20 Mike and Jen Warner
25 _____	25 _____	25 _____
27 Bob Dee	27 Chris Auger, Dave Thompson	27 Gil and Joy Monck

Alter Guild for November: **Debbie Pflager**

## Upcoming and Ongoing Events

### Christmas Party

It's not too early to start thinking of our annual parish Christmas Party. We will be having a Birthday Party for Jesus, as it is His birthday that we are celebrating. Usually at birthday parties there is some entertainment. We welcome ideas, especially some home-grown talent. So, put your thinking caps on and give the results to Bonnie Bachtell, Ellie Statch, Peggy Warner or Liz George. Thanks.

### Lunch and Learn

This year we chose the subject "Healthy Aging" so we

could put a lot of topics under that nice broad umbrella. Everything from lifestyle, diet and exercise, advance directives, nursing home community living, hospice, wills, financial thoughts etc. Any ideas on people to participate - we need to get them lined up for the coming year - please see Mother Linda, Joyce Thompson or Liz George. Thank you.

### Wednesday Night Programs

St. Mary's will continue Wednesday night soup suppers throughout the year with a potluck dinner at 6:00, followed by discussion and Compline at 7:30. Scheduled programs for fall:

**December 16:** Silent Night,

Holy Night. St. Mary's first silent retreat. We will gather for a meal and then simply spend some time in quiet. There will be a variety of quiet, prayerful activities available. Take a refreshing break from the Christmas hubbub!

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

### Caroling Anyone?

The Merchants of Downtown Waynesboro are planning an evening filled with the holiday spirit. They are asking for groups to go caroling through the Square on the evening of **Saturday, December 12**. If you are interested in being part of a group from St. Mary's, please let Mother Linda or John Poniske know. We will book a time slot that is most convenient for those involved.



## Some Very Special Services

### Christmas Services

This year we will add a Christmas Eve service at 9:00 pm. Our 7:00 service will be as usual, with full choir and organ. The 9:00 service will feature a guitar trio.

On Sunday, December 27, we will follow our usual custom of having a service of Lessons and Carols at the 10:30 service.

### Re-enactor's Service

Be sure to join us for our very first Re-Enactor's Service. This will take place on Sunday, January 17 at the 10:30 am service.

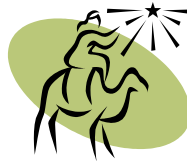
We will feature a Lay Reader doing a Morning Prayer service from the Civil War era. We are striving to keep everything as authentic as possible and will be inviting re-enactors to join us.

If there is interest, we may even feature a coffee hour using authentic Civil War recipes, as well as St. Mary's fancy tea service and lace tablecloths!

Anyone interested in helping make plans, please see Mother Linda or John Poniske.



### Epiphany Celebration



It will soon be time to welcome three special visitors from afar! This year's Children's Pageant will take place on January 3 and will celebrate Epiphany. You won't want to miss the coming of the Three Wise Men

If you have not already done so, please send in your pledge cards as well as your time and talent sheets. We had an enormous response to our time and talent sheets and this will help the Vestry identify leadership for various ministries throughout the coming year.

## Vestry Notes

At its November 1st meeting, St. Mary's Vestry unanimously appointed Bob Dee as Vestryperson to fill out Chris Auger's term.

We reviewed the Stewardship Campaign, which wraps up today.

Dick Rose, Bob Dee and Mother Linda reported on the grant application meeting. Several good ideas will be incorporated into our application. Fr. Stephen Casey will come on November 18<sup>th</sup> to meet with us and give us guidance.

Our next meeting will be on **Sunday, December 6, 9:00 am** in the parish hall.

## Many Thanks! (Along With More Opportunities to Give. . . )

### KUDOS!

A big thanks to everyone who worked so hard to make our Election Day Lasagna Dinner a success. Many thanks to all who enjoyed a meal at Hoss's Steak House to benefit St. Mary's. We received a \$73. donation from them!

### Monthly Food Collection

The November food collection was **FANTASTIC, OUT OF THIS WORLD, ETC, ETC!** The families that use the Waynesboro Area Human Services Council really appreciate all the donations that we give.

The food requests for December are to **help fill at least 100 baskets** of food for the Christmas season. SO they **need a lot** of Boxed Instant Mashed Potatoes, Boxes of Stuffing mix, Canned Sweet Potatoes, Cake mixes and Frosting. These boxes will be filled in our own undercroft on December 14<sup>th</sup>. Leave your donations in the church or downstairs Sunday, **December 6<sup>th</sup> OR on Sunday December 13<sup>th</sup>**. If you wish however, you can still bring the usual Jellies, Dry Pastas (Spaghetti, Macaroni), Pancake mix and Syrup.

Even in these trying times the people of St Mary's are making a difference for our neighbors.

### Stewardship

Our Stewardship campaign this year was phenomenal! We met our goals and your generosity allows the Finance Committee to propose a 2010 budget that will cut our endowment draw nearly in half. A huge thanks you to everyone, especially the Stewardship Committee who worked so hard over the past several months. A great job by all!

### Christmas Star Gifts

There is a **Christmas tree** in the lower entranceway. This tree has **tags with the**

**ages and sizes** of the members of the **TWO** families we have adopted for Christmas gifts this year. One family has the mother and father and three children, ages infant to five years old. The other family has a mother and father and two children ages one and nine years old. Please **take at least one** of the tags and go shopping. You can also donate money and we will do the shopping for you! Leave the gifts and tags around the tree any time between now and **December 13<sup>th</sup>**. They can be wrapped or just in boxes, but PLEASE identify who it is for.

## December Birthdays

2	Nathaniel Flohr	13	Alice Federhoof
3	Steve Marvich	16	Jean Rose
6	Justin Warner	18	Shae Marvich
7	Sarah Hauver	21	David Sanders
8	Michael Steven Grove	23	Neil Yost
9	Casey Warner	24	Deborah Donoghue
10	Teresa Reichard	24	Anna Plucinski

## And Anniversaries

18	Denise and Stephen Klipp
29	Shirley and Steve Singer
30	Christie and Scott Schubel
31	Barbara and Edward Singer

## Prayer List

Lynn Dutton	Mary Walters	Penny
Oswald Perkins	Enrique Flores	Richie Leisner
Michael Cummings	Debbie Cummings	James Scott
Linda Rice	Carol Bricker	Dawn Kussman
Betty Stach	Doris Vincent	Blanche Bishop
Fr. Bart Berry	Kevin Sullivan	Elizabeth Daugherty
Suzanne Trobaugh	Jessica Nyman	Teresa Uccellini
Angie McDonald	Harold & Virginia Bishop	Pat Hughes
Suzanne O'Brien	Lois Miller	Del & Dorthy Robinson
	Violette Cronklin	

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