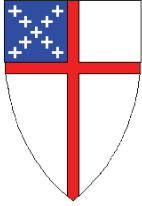


# The Angelus



## 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

Church Phone Number: 762-1930

E-mail: stmpa@superpa.net

### VESTRY 2008/2009

#### OFFICERS

The Rev. Linda King Watkins, Rector

Ed Bittinger, Senior Warden

Michael Warner, Junior Warden

Joyce Thompson, Clerk of Vestry

Sherlyn Rhule, Treasurer

#### MEMBERS

Chris Auger

Bonnie Bachtell

Phil Krauss

Miriam Lunde

Gilbert Monck

Richard Rose

Joyce Thompson

Michael Warner

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 Mother Linda



The English word January comes from Janus, the ancient Roman god associated with the beginning of the year.

Appropriately enough, Janus was depicted as having two heads—one that looked ahead and one that looked back. As we begin a new year, that's exactly what most of us are doing!

That's also what St. Mary's is doing as a parish. Believe it or not, I have been privileged to be your Rector for almost two and a half years. That means that it has been close to four years since St. Mary's embarked on the hard work of the parish survey portion of the call process!

It's time, therefore, to look back and reflect on all that has happened since that time. I know that I am inspired by the good things that have happened at St. Mary's since I have come. One of the things that impressed me about St. Mary's from the get-go was the care and enthusiasm given to the entire calling process.

That care and enthusiasm is alive and well today. Our congregation is growing and we have welcomed several new families. A number of people serve as chalcists. Our Sunday school program is flourishing after having adopted the "Godly Play" curriculum. New additions such as the monthly Game Night and weekly Evening Prayer have enriched our parish life.

St. Mary's has shown incredible hard work and dedication in reaching out to our community. We have become known for our care and generosity. This is true for our wider community as well as for our parish family. Our incredible ECW serves our parish with unflagging hard work and determination. We've had several very successful fund raisers over the past two years that have brought our parish family closer. We've had two very successful years of stewardship campaigns, even in the midst of hard economic times.

So the question is, how do we build on all of this wonderful energy? How to we keep the spirit alive and growing? What might we need to change to better serve our parish family and the wider community.

The reality, is, also, that we continue to draw heavily from our endowment. It is no secret that our endowment, like all has lost a significant amount due to the present economic downturn.

To address these important issues, the Vestry has established a long-range planning committee chaired by Dick Rose. **This committee will be meeting on January 6, 7:30 pm** to develop congregational survey. These surveys will be designed so that everyone can give their ideas on how we can continue to move St. Mary's forward and be good stewards of all our resources. It is very important, therefore, that we hear from each and every one of you. Some very important questions need to be addressed. Every voice matters! Please respond fully and honestly to the surveys you will be receiving shortly.

We also ask your input into our upcoming **Mutual Ministry Review** to be held **Saturday, January 24, 10am – 2 pm**. Fr. John Hoover will be leading us in this process that is open to everyone.

A mutual ministry review looks at the agreement between the congregation and clergy. It is **not** a job performance review such as many of you have at work. Rather it looks at where we are as a parish and where we see ourselves going and then determines whether the agreement will lead us all in the right direction. It looks at where the agreement works as well as where it might need to be tweaked. Out of this process will come some guidance on how we all might minister together more effectively?

The beginning of a New Year is an opportunity as well as a challenge. It holds great hope as well as a certain amount of anxiety. The good news is that through it all, God is truly with us and we are blessed to have one another.

# Upcoming Events, Opportunities to Serve, and Thanks!

## BAPTISM AND CONFIRMATION

The Rt. Rev. Nathan Baxter will administer the Sacrament of Confirmation to Brett Reichard, Cody Campbell and James Auger at the 10:30 am service on **Sunday, January 4**. Bishop Baxter will also celebrate and preach at the 8:00 service. He will meet with the Vestry at 9:00 am and he and Mary Ellen will join us for a festive coffee hour after the 10:30 service. All are encouraged to attend.

On **Sunday, January 11**, we will celebrate The Baptism of Our Lord Jesus Christ by administering the Sacrament of Holy Baptism to Violet Conklin at the 10:30 service.

### GAME NIGHT

Don't forget this wonderful opportunity for family fun! The next one will take place on **Friday, January 16, 6:30 – 10:00 pm**. All are most welcome!

## HELP NEEDED!

We are desperately in need of volunteers willing to be greeters at the 10:30 service. This is a very important and rewarding ministry, especially as we now have beautiful new visitor's brochures, thanks to Chris Auger! Please see the sign-up sheet on the main bulletin board or see Jenny Poniske for more information.

We also need people willing to host our wonderful fellowship hour. It can be very simple. The idea is to give us some time to enjoy one another. Please take a look at the sign-up sheet on the main bulletin board.

## Wednesday Evenings

Every Wednesday evening at 7:30 pm a small group gathers for quiet prayer. We do the prayer book service of Evening Prayer or Compline, led by Karen Freitag. All are welcome to this refreshing mid-week respite!

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**Thank-yous Galore!**  
 \* So many things to say thank you for. \*  
 \* We are truly blessed! \*  
 \* To all the members of St. Mary's for \*  
 \* an incredible pledge campaign. Your \*  
 \* loving support of time, talent and \*  
 \* treasure make a world of difference. \*  
 \* To all who were so incredibly gener- \*  
 \* ous in supporting our Christmas fam- \*  
 \* ily. \*  
 \* To all who put together the wonderful \*  
 \* Christmas party. A great time was \*  
 \* had by all. \*  
 \* To our wonderful young people and \*  
 \* Christian education staff for the awe- \*  
 \* some Christmas pageant. \*  
 \* To everyone who helped make the \*  
 \* church gorgeous for our Christmas \*  
 \* Eve service and to all the musicians \*  
 \* who made it wonderful. \*  
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# January Worship Duties

## CELEBRANT

- 4 Rt. Rev. Nathan Baxter (8 a.m.)
- 11 Mother Linda
- 18 Mother Linda
- 25 Mother Linda

## ACOLYTES

- 4 Mike Warner, Jenny George, Chad Reichard
- 11 Chad Reichard
- 18 Brett Reichard
- 25 Jenny George

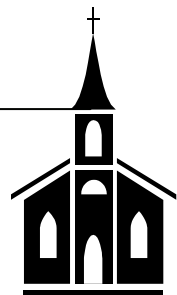
## CHALICISTS

### 8:00 Service

- 4 David Thompson
- 11 Bob Dee
- 18 Steve Marvich
- 25 John Poniske

### 10:30 Service

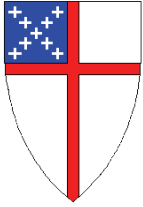
- 4 John Poniske, Debbie Pflager
- 11 Chris Auger, Bill Pflager
- 18 Deb Donoghue, Del Robinson
- 25 Ellie Stach, Karen Freitag



## Monthly Food Collection

A really big thanks for the food you gave for the December collection at the Waynesboro Area Human Services Council. They prepared 250 Christmas boxes (100 more than last year) in our church undercroft for Christmas Dinners. We did not supply much food for these baskets but we did furnish the room for collection and distribution.

# The Clarion



## A Monthly Newsletter of The Episcopal Churches on The Mountain Calvary Chapel and Church of the Transfiguration

### Church of the Transfiguration and Calvary Chapel

The Rt. Rev. Nathan D. Baxter  
Bishop  
Episcopal Diocese of Central PA

The Rev. Barton Berry  
Rector

Mrs. Donna K. Wolfe  
Administrative Assistant

#### VESTRY 2008/2009

B. Dan Domenick (2009)  
Senior Warden

Authur Cox (2011)  
Junior Warden

Mike Bunch (2010)

Arthur Cox (2011)

Bill Cox (2009)

Ellen Cox (2011)

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Debby Hampton (2009)

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#### DIOCESAN MISSION STATEMENT

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## From Father Bart

### OUR NEXT STOP ON THE ROAD

The next season, Epiphany, begins at noon on January 5 and concludes the twelve day Christmas season. It began in the East in the 3<sup>rd</sup> century and was celebrated in order of our Lord's baptism and ranked with Easter and Pentecost as one of the three principal feasts of the Church.

When introduced in the Western Church (4<sup>th</sup> century) it lost it's connection with the Lord's baptism and became associated with the manifestation of our Lord to the gentiles in the persons of the Magi, or as a friend used to say, "The three wise guys".

Within our lectionary, both themes find expression. The gospel of the day being

Matthew's account of the visit of the Magi and the gospel of the first Sunday after, being the accounts of the baptism.

The importance of the magi is that with their visit, Christ is manifested to the gentiles. As someone once observed, "At Christmas, the God of the Jews became a Jew; at Epiphany, he becomes the God of all people. He assumes His proper place as the God of all creation."

God begins by breaking down barriers and reaching out to all humanity and that is part of the call to discipleship.

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### ANNUAL MEETING

The 2009 Annual Meeting will be held on Sunday, **January 18**, in the common room at Transfiguration, immediately following the worship service.

If you're one of the folks responsible for preparation of a portion of the annual report, please submit that report as soon as possible, but **no later than Jan 11**, in MS Word or Excel format to Donna. If you have a matter that you'd like to have discussed, please identify it to Sr. Warden Dan Domenick by the same date, in order for it to appear as an agenda item as well as give Fr. Bart and the Vestry the opportunity to gather any information they may need to answer or discuss the concern. Of course, you may bring up any matter as new business, at the annual meeting itself.

Because of the short lead time remaining, and the fact that Donna has been back in the hospital and not yet back to work, it's doubtful that the reports will be available for review prior to the annual meeting. Consequently, if you're interested in the status of the churches finances, or any other business issues, you should attend the annual meeting, hear the reports discussed and join in the discussions over the direction our churches will take over the next year.

A "heavy" coffee hour will occur immediately following the business meeting. A sign up sheet is posted at both churches for you to indicate your contribution to those refreshments.

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# Bits and Pieces

## HELP HOTLINE NEWS

In light of the current economic situation, request for assistance to the Help Hotline have increased considerably over the last month. We are in need of your assistance. The following items leave the shelves very quickly

- Butter hot dogs
- Syrup chicken
- Sugar eggs
- cheese slices
- fruit juice
- family-size canned pasta
- 1-lb hamburger packs
- laundry detergent

**Service Update - From October 1 through November 20, 2008, the Help Hotline assisted 23 families with food. We prepared Christmas Day food boxes for 9 local families**

and purchased gifts for 6 senior citizens and 14 children between the ages of 2 and 12.



**Please remember in your prayers:** the family of Rev. Marty Roberson. Marty died on December 16, after suffering for close to a year with pancreatic cancer. Marty, as well as his brothers and sister, "grew up" while members of Church of the Transfiguration with their parents, Marilyn and Elton serving as active members of the church. Marty was a Lutheran minister who had served in Williamsport, MD and most recently, in Harford County, MD. He and his wife, Cheryl, have one son, Devon. Marilyn is living near her daughter Nanette now. Should you care to send a card, Marilyn's contact information is:

117 Andrea Circle #5, Easley, SC 29642  
864-363-1245



TO: All who worked to assure a successful bazaar at Calvary House on December 6; Dick Sheasley and John vonJess for cleaning the windows at Calvary; those who decorated and "greened" both churches, those who assisted with gathering and filling shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child; Vicky Cox for the beautiful work she does every week with the flowers at Transfiguration; those who helped fill the food boxes for the needy; the altar guild members who did such a lovely job for all the special services, the choir for the beautiful music, Dick Sheasley for working so diligently to get the furnace replaced at Calvary, and those who baked cookies and set up for the Christmas on the Hilltop celebration at Transfiguration--- Thanks one and all!

## Upcoming Events. . .

### MASTER GARDENER EVENTS

Contact Linda Horst at 263-9226 for additional information or registration in any of the below listed classes, workshops or tours:

**January 8** Jamie Flickinger, Regional Wildlife Diversity Biologist with the PA Game Commission will speak on creating habitat for songbirds, grouse, wild turkey and wood cocks. The meeting will be held at 7 p.m. at the Franklin Country Extension Office which is located at 181 Franklin Farm Lane in Chambersburg. The meeting is sponsored by the Cumberland Woodland Owners Assoc. There is no cost to attend and you do not have to be a member of the association.

**January 10** (Snow date 1/17/09) 9:00-11:30 AM - Mr. Russ Martz of the Audubon Society will be speaking about birds.

**February 7** (snow date 2/14/09), Master Gardener Karen Brown will talk

about "Winter Sowing" - a way to start seeds outside in protected containers (like modified soda bottles) to get earlier, but hardier adapted plants for your garden, and satisfy the itch that gardeners get in Winter, before they can get working in the soil.

**March 7** (snow date - 3/14/09) Hands on Pruning at Elmer Greeys home - 8690 Rice Road, Shippensburg (.3 mile off Rt. 11 south of Shippensburg) Elmer Greey, Franklin County Master Gardener will discuss pruning "consider-on" practice throughout Elmer's garden. This is an opportunity to see some of Elmer's 700 different plants. Dress for the weather and bring bypass hand pruners.

### KNITTING GROUP

The Knitting Group will meet on **January 13 and 27 at 1:00 PM** at the home of Jean and Larry Lengel, 11924 N. Woodlea Drive Waynesboro 717-762-

5704. You don't have to do any kind of needlework; just come and enjoy the fellowship.

### VESTRY

The Vestry will meet on Wednesday, **January 21 at 7:00 PM** at Transfiguration.

### SAVE THE DATES:

**Fat Tuesday 2/24/09 - Soup, Bread & Desserts dinner and sale at Calvary House 5:00 p.m. until ??**

**The Appalachian Wind Quintet will be playing at the 10:30 a.m. service at The Church of the Transfiguration on January 11 for Epiphany Sunday.**

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# January Birthdays & Anniversaries

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## Saint Mary's

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|----|------------------|----|-------------------|
| 2  | Sara Yost        | 22 | Donald Koontz     |
| 3  | Mya Graves       | 25 | Peggy Curry       |
| 13 | Thomas Murphy    | 27 | Eleanor DeAngelis |
| 14 | Lillian Conklin  | 28 | Miriam Lunde      |
| 16 | Edward Bittinger | 30 | Alice Holtzinger  |
| 20 | Gloria Green     | 31 | Daniel Pflager    |
| 22 | Stephen Klipp    |    |                   |

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- 1 Dorothy and Delmar Robinson
  - 6 Eleanor and Samuel Stach
  - 18 Janis and Philip Krauss
  - 19 Harold and Virginia Bishop

## Calvary Chapel and Church of the Transfiguration

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|----|--------------------|----|-----------------------|
| 1  | Ray Chevalier      | 17 | Mary Louise Benchoff  |
| 2  | Laura Chevalier    | 17 | Tim Crilley           |
| 2  | Bill McCleaf       | 17 | Jeff Sheasley         |
| 8  | John Koons         | 19 | Hazel McKenrick       |
| 10 | Ryan Sulchek       | 20 | Lucas Fogle           |
| 11 | Larry Bakner       | 20 | Mariah Leann Yingling |
| 11 | Charles Pryor      | 24 | Edna Flohr            |
| 12 | Jack Orner         | 30 | Tyler Pryor           |
| 13 | Barbara Layman     | 31 | James Harris          |
| 15 | Elizabeth Benchoff | 31 | Madelyn Navarro       |
| 16 | Norma Jean Crilley |    |                       |

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- 22 David and Melinda Brown

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