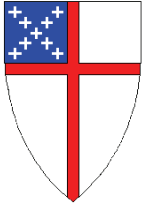


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Calvary Chapel and Church of the Transfiguration



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DIOCESAN MISSION STATEMENT

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From The Rector

What of the Cross?

Those involved in the events surrounding the crucifixion of Our Lord have much to teach us.

The "12", "11" after the suicide of Judas Iscariot, were notably absent with one exception (John) at the cross. The women, on the other hand, were present, a scenario at odds with a male dominated society. Yet all are accepted, forgiven and commissioned without regard to what might have been deserved or expected according to human standards.

Beginning with the Garden and continuing through the Ascension the world's great drama is played out.

The disciples deny Him, and go into hiding and are thus humbled. He doesn't deny them or reject them but chooses them to "build my Church". He loves and sends them out.

His mother now and aged woman in despair about what has befallen her son, and as far as we know with only one other son, "James the brother of the Lord", who will be martyred soon, faces a bleak future. Yet as He is dying He is concerned for her and turns to John and Mary. "Woman behold your Son, behold your mother." And "from that day he took her into his home." And she, the Blessed Mother has brought many to faith in her son.

Mary Magdalene He chooses for the first evangelist. Not only a woman but one whom He had healed (whatever the meaning exactly, it does not have anything to do with her ever being a prostitute).

In any event, all the key figures share several traits in common.

First, all were ordinary people, a mix of strength and weakness, hope and fear, faith and doubt, joy and sorry, acceptance and rejection – name what you will, we are the mix of it – we are broken beings.

Second: They were all made after the image and likeness of God and thus had a spiritual dimension which longs for God and is not whole without Him.

Finally, they were all God's beloved, those with whom He longed to be re-united.

The most important part is that God chose them to accomplish great things in His world, as he will do with us if we can accept what we are with humility: We are a mix of many things – not all good; that we are His and dependent on Him and that we are loved and can be His instruments but only if we place the One God: Creator, Redeemer, and Sanctifier first – above all else.

We first must see the message of the cross for what it is; in my opinion, and that is God saying, "This is how much I love you! See how I have humbled myself? See what I will endure for the love of you? Can you do less?"

The answer from them was they had to strive to do no less and that they would die trying. They loved their Lord in and above all things.

Our question is, "Will you do this for the love of me?", or as Christ asked Peter, "Do you love me?" In short "Is there anything or anyone you love more than me?"

That question is asked of each of us daily. The answer must always be "Yes!" or in the second case, "No!" If not, we are at variance with those who preceded us, and are ultimately deniers of the One who first loved us.

The choice is ours – as are the consequences of the choice we make. We either love Our Lord more than anyone, or anything, or we don't love Him as He asks and deserves. If the answer is "yes" then we have to strive daily to reach out, take up the cross and follow.

There is only one option.

God guide you.

Fr. Bart+

Upcoming Events

Lenten Services –

Wednesdays in Lent – Bible Study & Compline

7 – 8 p.m. at Transfiguration

Holy Week and Easter – when the schedule is finalized it will be in the next Clarion and the bulletins. The reason for schedule changes from previous practices is an attempt to better, and more efficiently use the facilities in light of higher costs.

Easter Sunday Breakfast at Calvary, immediately following the 8 a.m. service.

Look for sign-up sheets at the rear of the chapel soon and sign up for your contribution toward the ingredients for the wonderful spread the men always put out for us!



Don't forget to set your clocks ahead one hour before you go to bed Saturday 3/7/09---wouldn't want you to miss church.

Sign up sheets for Easter Lilies are posted at the rear of the Chapel and in the Common Room at Transfiguration. Prices for the flowers are posted as well.

ECW

The ECW will hold a meeting immediately following the 10:30 service at Transfiguration on Sunday, March 8th. Details surrounding the May Plant and Bake Sale will be discussed.

The **Knitting Group** will meet on March 10 and 24th at the home of Jean Lengel. Jean and Larry live at 11924 N. Woodlea Drive in Waynesboro. The group will continue to meet at Jean's until warmer weather. If you don't knit, you're encouraged to bring any hand work with you. If you're not one who enjoys needlework, just come and enjoy the fellowship. Word is that there are some new members who are "a stitch", so come on over and leave smiling! Jean can be reached at 762-5704.

Master Garden and events of a horticulture nature:

March 7 **Hands-On-Pruning** – Franklin County Master Gardeners, held at Elmer Greey Homne, 8690 Rice Road., Shippenburg, Call 717-263-9226.

Wilson College Spring Herb Series (\$18 per class or \$50 for all). For registration, contact Mary Foltz (mfoltz@wilson.edu)

Mar 12: **Introduction to Medicinal Herbs & Herbs and Plants for Dying**

Apr 23: **Edible Flowers and Annual Herbs & Seed Starting.**

Additional offerings with pricing to be determined--A joint effort between the Extension and Wilson College:

March 14 & 21: **Fruit Tree Workshop** at Fulton Farm (Wilson College). March 14th – **hands on pruning**, 9-12:00, 21st- **insect and disease identification** and control 1-4 p.m.

Bits and Pieces

Doug & Norman Jean Crilley, and Ruby Crilley, are the proud grandparents and great-grandmother, respectively of little Alexis Marie Myers. Alexis was born in Holy Spirit Hospital in Camp Hill at 6:09 a.m. Feb. 24. She weighed in at 7 lb. 2 oz and was 19 inches long. Proud mama Lorrie and Alexis are both doing fine! Lorrie's contact information is

1348 Boiling Springs Rd, Boiling Springs, PA 17007:

Thanks TO:

All who hosted a coffee hour during the month of February.

Trudy Rowland for organizing the reception after Clark Hampton's funeral.

ALL OF YOU who helped publicize, bake, cook, clean, set-up, serve, tear down --- all the myriad activities required, to make the Fat again!

Tuesday supper a resounding success. Although organized to foster fellowship and outreach, we also ended up raising over \$440 for the Chapel Women! Thanks

A message from one of the military folks on the prayer list who just returned from Iraq:

I just wanted to take the opportunity to let you know that I am home and make sure that I let you know how much I appreciated your care packages during the course of my last deployment. I faced a lot of personal and professional challenges throughout the course of the nine months but am very thankful and fortunate to come out in the position I am in. I could not have done it without your prayers and support. I have been home for two weeks now and have finished with the post deployment rigmarole and

have been sent out into the world for two weeks to do whatever I feel like...mostly. So, I am currently visiting family in Indiana and trying to enjoy not being accountable for stuff...

You asked a while back what my plans for the future are: I am submitting my OCS packet and will be going to the board the week of April 20th. I worked out a deal with my chain of command, so I will be leaving this summer for one more deployment in my current capacity and then should be attending OCS sometime early in 2010 if all goes well. Please continue to keep me in your prayers and again, thanks so much for your packages, prayers and correspondence.

Warmly,

Michael Cooksie, USA

Updates on Fellow Parishioners

Ruby Crilley continues her rehabilitation at the Genesis Healthcare Gettysburg Center. Her contact information is 717-338-5177 or Room 214, 867 York Road, Gettysburg, PA 17325. She can't make long distance calls, but loves hearing from her friends and family!

Jane Pryor underwent a breast biopsy in Camp Hill on Friday 2/27. Please keep her and Scott in your prayers as they deal with these health issues.

Donna Wolfe continues her recuperation at home. Contact information is 301-241-3088 or 14504 Water Com-

pany Road, Box 986, Cascade, MD 21719. Although she's weak, she does get out a little with Leon for a ride to the store or the Dr. Cards or calls of encouragement are appreciated.

Please keep the **Hampton family** in your prayers as they mourn the death of **Clark** on February 8. A lovely memorial to this gentle man was held at Calvary on February 12. Memorial gifts to the Calvary Chapel Women are encouraged.

Can you help?

There are several Sundays where no one has spoken to donate **flowers for the altar** at Transfiguration.

If you're interested in doing that, please contact Vicky Cox 642-3717.

Might as well laugh. . .



Reverend Boudreaux was the part-time pastor of the local Cajun Baptist Church, and Pastor Thibodeaux was the minister of the Covenant Church across the road.

They were both standing by the road, pounding a sign into the ground that read: "Da End is Near! Turn You Self Around Now! Before It's Too Late!"

As a car sped past them, the driver leaned out his window and yelled, "You Religious Nuts!"

From the curve they heard screeching tires and a big splash... Boudreaux turns to Thibodeaux and asks, "Do ya tink maybe da sign should jus' say...'Bridge Out'?"

A woman had just returned to her home from an evening of church services, when she was startled by an intruder. She caught the man in the act of robbing her home of its valuables and yelled: 'Stop! Acts 2:38!' (Repent and be Baptized, in the

name of Jesus Christ, so that your sins may be forgiven.) The burglar stopped in his tracks. The woman calmly called the police and explained what she had done. As the officer cuffed the man to take him in, he asked the burglar: 'Why did you just stand there? All the old lady did was yell a scripture to you.'

'Scripture?' replied the burglar, 'She said she had an ax and two 38s!'

To keep your marriage brimming,
With love in the loving cup,
Whenever you're wrong, admit it;
Whenever you're right, shut up.

Happy St. Patrick's Day!



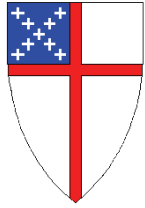
October Birthdays & Anniversaries

- 1 Debby Hampton
- 3 Jaime Myers Synnamon
- 4 Rosalie Harbaugh
- 8 Arthur Cox
- 8 Fr. Bart Berry
- 14 Michael Yingling
- 15 John Emory, Jr.
- 20 Isabelle Brown
- 20 Jacob Pryor, Jr.
- 21 Jessica Pryor
- 22 Bill Cox
- 22 Roman Wyatt
- 26 Marianne Proper
- 27 Doug Crilley
- 27 Lee Layman
- 27 Jessie Rowland



- 16 Dana and Patty Burns

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WEEKLY SHEDULE

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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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



Life sure has changed, hasn't it! When I was a girl, we did have computers or cell phones. We had a black and white TV that got one channel via an antenna. I was well into my teens when we got our first color TV as a promotion to try another new product—MasterCard. It took over an hour to travel the 40 miles to the nearest large city—a trip that now takes half that time via the new Interstate highway. We had a record player and in school we still had ditto machines and filmstrips (remember how they had to be carefully coordinated with the record that came with them!)

The Church has changed as well! We had Morning Prayer most Sundays at the "late" service. The priests were all men. Lay people, for the most part, did not participate in the service, except to say a few responses. The pews were pretty full and we had full Sunday school classes with every age group. We didn't have to think about church growth because that was happening naturally given the birth rate at the time. Stores were closed on Sundays and there were no school activities. Virtually everyone went to church. Of course, I wouldn't think of going to church in those days without my little hat and white gloves.

Change is the reality of life. Everything that is living is by definition changing. The Church, if it is to be alive, therefore, has not choice but to change. Some

who study these things say that Christianity itself is right now undergoing a revolution much greater than the Protestant Reformation.

There's no question that this can be scary, especially given that most of us who take great comfort in the stability of the Church. We like the idea that there is something in this fast-paced, ever-changing world that stays more or less the same. We wish that we could go back to the Church's "glory days" of the 1950s and 1960s when all we had to do was hang out our sign and people would come. We could benefit from the baby boom, the post-war prosperity, and the abundance of seminary-trained clergy (courtesy of the G.I. bill). Denominational loyalty was a given—"Once an Episcopalian, always an Episcopalian."

None of these things, alas, are true today. The good news is that presents to us the greatest opportunity we've ever had. There are many people right in our own community who never heard the Good News of Jesus Christ. The majority of young people, according to surveys, were never raised in a church, even if they were baptized as infants.

These same people, in many cases, are hungry for meaning in their lives. They are suspicious of the Church as an institution, but are deeply drawn to Spirituality. They care about the kind of world they are passing on to their children.

...Mother Linda

St. Mary's Happenings. . .

Prayer Partners

If you have picked a prayer partner for Lent, please remember to pray for him/her daily. On Palm Sunday, your prayer partner will be made known to you. During Holy Week, please contact your prayer partner in whatever way is most comfortable for you to wish them a Blessed Easter.

Where Are the Goodies?

During Lent, we are offering only beverages for our fellowship hour. Please continue to come and enjoy the special hospitality that St. Mary's is well-known for. Also, please check out the new fellowship hour sign-up sheet and sign up to host fellowship hour after Easter when the goodies will return!

Bread and Soup Suppers

Everyone is warmly invited and encouraged to take part in our very important Lenten bread and soup series. All sessions will begin at 6:30 pm every Wednesday during Lent in St. Mary's parish hall. We will begin with a simple bread and soup supper followed by some thought-provoking meditations on our Patroness, Mary. A program will follow. We will end around 8:00 with Compline. Wanda Kloza and Karen Freitag are leading the meditations. Craig Hoffman has helped the Long Range Planning Committee plan some structured conversations to help us forward on our strategic planning process. Two sessions are particularly important:

March 16 – Melanie Graves will demonstrate the Godly Play program and show off our wonderful new materials. She will explain what we are doing as far as Christian Education and stress

the importance of our "Safeguarding God's Children" program.

April 1 – Bishop Baxter will join us and share his thoughts on the exciting possibilities that strategic planning can lead to. Vestry members were most encouraged when he shared this with them and he has agreed to come back and share more.

Please check out the sign-up sheet in the parish hall if you are able to bring either bread or soup. Several slots are still available.

Spring Clean-Up Day

Come one, Come all to St. Mary's annual Spring Clean-Up Day. This year's event will begin at 8:00 am on Saturday, March 21 and continue through lunch. There is a lot to do and so there are jobs suitable for everyone. Last year we had 25 people of all ages who really did a fantastic job. Any questions, please call Mike Warner.

Winter Lunch and Learn

We are offering a "green" series for our winter Lunch and Learn Program. Remember Kermit the frog's saying - "It's not easy being Green"? We hope this series will help you with some of the aspects of green living in today's world. The series began Feb. 27th with Nancy Redington talking on green gardening starting with amended soil to avoid the use of so many pesticides and fertilizer - she grows 500 roses in a very small area. The next program will be on March 6th with Ms. Melody Anderson-Smith speaking on Environmental Stewardship, one aspect of this will be everyday green living. The third offering will be from the Rev. Linda Watkins who will focus on

the spiritual aspects of being green - we are the keepers of this earth. On March 20, Linda Hoffman, Franklin County Master Gardener Coordinator, will give basic information on the Master Gardener program and the work of the Cooperative Extension. The series will start at noon and go for about an hour - so bring a sandwich - we'll provide the drinks. Learn something about being green. See you there!

Game Night

Game night is growing! Twenty-one people of all ages turned out for the last one and a great time was had by all! Come be part of this wonderful ministry, **Friday, March 21, 6:30 pm – 10:00 pm.**

So how are we at St. Mary's going to deal with this "brave new world"? That's the work we will be about this Lent. We can no longer depend on our Endowment to make up our budget deficit each year. We know that it takes an average Sunday attendance of 100+ in order to cover our expenses through pledge and plate. Our initial parish surveys indicate strong support for increasing our membership. There is absolutely no reason we cannot do that. St. Mary's is a vibrant spirit-filled place. We offer so much to so many people. We are located in an area that is growing and where there are many un-churched people looking for exactly what we have to offer if we dare to take the risk of fully welcoming them.

March Worship Duties

CELEBRANT			ACOLYTES			GREETERS			CHALICISTS	
									8:00 Service	10:30 Service
1	Mother Linda		Mike Warner			----			1 David Thompson	Karen Freitag, Gil Monch
8	Mother Linda		Chad Reichard	The Thompsons					8 Bob Dee	Jenny Poniske, Chris Auger
15	Mother Linda		Brett Reichard	The Moncks					15 Steve Marvich	Debbie Pflager, Bil Pflager
22	Mother Linda		Jenny George			----			22 John Poniske	Deb Donoghue, Del Robinson
29	Mother Linda		Mike Warner	The Campbell/Johnson family					29 Dave Thompson	Ellie Stach, Karen Freitag

March Birthdays & Anniversaries

- 2 Samuel Stach
 - 11 Robert Smith
 - 14 Dick Rose
 - 15 Dorothy Loy
 - 17 Steve Klipp
 - 19 Kara Donoghue
 - 21 Daniel Knott
 - 27 Shirley Rook
 - 30 Bonnie Bachtell
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- 8 Ellenor and David De Angelis
 - 27 Peggy and Ritchie Warner



Monthly Food Collection

A BIG thank you for the 11 plastic bags of food you gave for the February collection. The Waynesboro Area Human Services Council is helping about 45 families each week with this food. They also provided these families with \$65,000 in cash during 2008.

The food requests for March are Pancake mix, syrup, Jelly, dry Pastas, Instant Puddings and canned fruits. Even in these tight money times the people of St Mary's are helping our neighbors.

Don't Forget

The church's annual meeting is coming up fast. We will be serving a delicious covered dish meal made by all our wonderful cooks. Casseroles, vegetable dishes, salads and, of course, the pinnacle of the meal - the dessert. So put your thinking caps on - what a wonderful time to try that new recipe that you've been thinking of trying, and, if it passes muster, give it to Joye Thompson for the church's up and coming cookbook. We will be setting up for the meal on Saturday, March 7th, at 10 A.M. It shouldn't take too terribly long and then we can always reward ourselves for a job well done by

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