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Parish Newsletter of St. Mary's Episcopal Church January 2011

Rector's Message:

The Rev. Kevin Fisher

The joy of Christ is born into the world. May you share in that joy and peace as we look forward to the new year together. This past month has been full and rich. Our Christmas services were the highlight of the month. Eighteen persons attended the 5:30 Family Service and eighty-seven attended the services for the Eve of the Nativity, making the total for the night 105. Our worship together is a community project that requires many hands and minds. My special thanks go to our excellent acolytes: Samantha Ticker, John and Kevin Carlson, and Ashley and Alison Bohnenberger. These young people serve with distinction and bless us all with their service. Thanks also to Dr. Robert Bohnenberger for his work in coaching the acolytes and in assisting me. Our choir and hand-bell choir, led by Craig Campbell, offered us wonderful music appropriate to the joyful occasion. And of course our Altar Society worked tirelessly behind the scenes to ensure the beauty and dignity of our services. Our parish administrator, Ms. Cara Barry, worked diligently to produce the bulletins and inserts for this busy time of year, so I am grateful for her hard work and her calm presence in the office. Many others make their offering of time and talent to the dignified worship of the Lord. Many thanks to everyone for making this season a special one.



St. Mary's Family Service, Christmas Eve

Pictured with Fr. Kevin are; Savanna Torres, Daniel and William Oyelaja, Louie and Hope Rizzo, and Michael and Danny Zaniewski.

On December 18, Emmaus 7th Day Adventist Church began their Saturday worship services in our undercroft. They offer a gentle and devout spirit to our church environment, so take the

opportunity to meet and welcome them. Our church is a more active place of prayer and worship with their presence. If you should see them on Saturdays, the appropriate greeting is “Happy Sabbath.”

Over the years that I am privileged to serve with you I would like to mark each year by focusing on a special area of ministry. I would like to dedicate this first year as The Year of the Altar Society. This is a marvelous group that serves all of us and makes our worship together a beautiful event. Throughout the year we will hear a little from the Altar Society about their ministry and what makes it meaningful for them. Together we will learn more about this great group. Thanks be to God for them and their service.

I look forward to our first full year together. May God bless you richly and deeply.

Kevin+

Vestry Notes:

Rental of Undercroft: St. Mary's has entered into a rental agreement with a Haitian congregation, Emmaus 7th Day Adventist, to rent our undercroft from 9:00-6:00 on Saturdays. This will provide Emmaus with worship space from 9:00-1:00, access to the kitchen from 1:00-3:00 for community meals, and the undercroft until 6:00 for classes and prayer groups. The congregation will also meet Tuesdays from 8:00-9:00 pm for prayer. If you are at church on Saturdays, please respect the worship space. If you have the chance, take time to get to know this warm congregation.

- The roofing work on the rectory has been completed. Interior plastering and painting in the front rooms will begin after the new year.
- The Christmas Boutique earned over \$2,600. Additional fundraising ideas are always welcome. Please discuss any fundraising ideas with Fr. Kevin or any member of the vestry. Written proposals may also be submitted for consideration. We thank Sandra Delzotti for planning the upcoming ZUMBA® on January 16.
- The vestry has approved the following outreach allocations:
 - Staten Island Children's Campaign \$400
 - The School of Theology (Sewanee) \$400
 - Carpenter's Kids \$400 (see note below).

Carpenter's Kids

Through Carpenter's Kids, an outreach program of the Diocese of New York, St. Mary's is partnered with a village in the Anglican Diocese of Central Tanganyika to sponsor school children. For \$60 a year (a dinner out for two), we can sponsor one school age child for a year.

Our Carpenter's Kids project for Advent raised an additional \$1247.26. Together, our parish will sponsor 27 children.

If you would like to make a contribution to the Carpenter's Kids project please make your check payable to St. Mary's Church with Carpenter's Kids noted in the memo line. Your generous support is appreciated.

Music at St. Mary's

On Saturday morning, January 8, the choir will meet to rehearse upcoming music for the month at 10 AM in the church. A light luncheon will be provided for those attending.

Many thanks to all of St. Mary's marvelous musicians for the hard work they put in for preparing music for Christmas Eve and music of the season during Advent. Our choir is a very special and talented group of people who perform many tasks in the life of our parish,

Wednesday, January 19 at 11:45 AM. The second in a series of organ recitals by artist in residence Craig Campbell featuring two works of W A Mozart, K 594 and K 616 composed for an organ that was activated by a clock mechanism. Adagio, Allegro und Adagio and Fantasy in F Major.

Stewardship

Thank you to all who responded to our stewardship appeal. Our Stewardship campaign will continue through January. Please return your 2011 contribution form as soon as possible to assist the vestry plan for the upcoming year.

Note: Your 2011 Offering Envelopes are available in the back of the church. Please remember to pick up your envelopes and save the church the cost of mailing them to your home.

Notice of Annual Meeting:

The annual meeting of Saint Mary's Episcopal Church will be held in the parish house on Sunday, January 23, 2011 following the 10:00 a.m. service. The following terms will expire at the annual meeting: Mrs. Cathy Carlson, Warden; Ms. Sally Rizzo, Mr. David Carnegie and Mr. Joseph Zagami vestry persons. In accordance with the church by-laws, Mrs. Carlson and Mr. Carnegie are eligible for re-election for a term of two years and three years, respectively.

The nominating committee is currently considering names for all positions. If you would like to be considered for the position of Warden or Vestry person please speak with Cathy Carlson, Sally Rizzo, Dave Carnegie or Joseph Zagami.

In memory:

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS AND DECORATIONS are given in loving memory of: Elsie E. Smith, Naomi Ruth Yarns and Werner E. Johnson, Helen Swenson, Eugene S. & Louise H. Byrd, Catlin S. Byrd and Caren Costello, Alan M. & Judith G. Hill, Evelyn M. Donohue, Harold W. Beckman and Donna Esposito, Arlene Carlson, Marjorie and Harold Riebel, Genevieve M. & Harold E. Taylor, Muriel G. & George M. Eckhardt and Mildred A. & Edward M. Gunnell, Stephen & Frances Zagami, William & Evelyn Van Wart, Enrico M. Bruno, Anthony & Libby Regina, Michael & Lil Delzotti and Nicolo & Concetta Scarpinato, Stanley & Cislina Fyfe, Paul & Clarice Hoffman, Esten Seward Clark and May Heimiller, Novalene Crawford Bertini, Olivia Robinson, Elnora David, Mae Prendergast and Rosaria Vacca, and the Hon. Holt Meyer. Flowers are also given in thanksgiving by the DiGiovanni Family, Sylvia Campbell, Keerthie Perera, and the Oyelaja Family.

The MEMORIAL DOVES are given in Memory of: Enrico M. Bruno and Frank Sorensen.

Doves are also given in memory of Rock L. Bertini, Adolf & Luise Bohnenberger, Janice Burbank, Catlin S. Byrd, Eugene S. Byrd and Louise H. Byrd, Caren Costello, Thomas Calta, Ella & Edwin Campbell, Feliz & Lucille Campbell, Arlene Carlson, the Carr Family, William Carol, Rocco DeNigris, Evelyn Donohue, Muriel G. & George M. Eckhardt, Donna Esposito, The Rev. Daniel Fannon, Donald H. Farrell, Marion & Harry Farrell, Stanley & Cisline Fyfe, Mildred A. & Edward M. Gunnell, Suzanne Gusweller, Lily Hatfield, Lilian Helberg, Judith Hill, Susan Hill, Sarah & Robert Hudson, Penalia Hussett, The Johnson Family, Werner Johnson, George T. Jenkins, Kathleen Lumsden, George Mantani, Edward Meister, Jr., the Nylander Family, Gertrude Ottaway, Jose Perez., Harold & Marjorie Riebel, Ruth & Henry Richmond, Luis Rios, Sr., Elsie Ryan, Andrew Schauder, Sr., Elsie E. Smith, Ruth E. Smith, Herbert Smith Sr., Eardley Stephens, Holgar Swenson, Helen Swenson, Genevieve M. & Harold E. Taylor, the Turiano Family, Claire & G. Marriot Vaughn, George & Jessie Vaughn, Naomi R. Yarns, and for those loved by Rose Myslicki and the Klein Family.

Our Parish Family

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