



*The Floister*  
Parish Newsletter of  
St. Mary's Episcopal Church  
December 2010

**Rector's Message:**

The Rev. Kevin Fisher

December will be a warmer month, in church at least, thanks to the replacement of our church furnace! Many thanks to Mr. Robert Campbell for shepherding the process and to Mr. Ed Barry, who stayed a couple of very long days to make sure the work was completed to satisfaction. A special thanks is also in order to an anonymous donor who donated 1,500 dollars toward the replacement of the furnace.

Our Suffragan Bishop, the Rt. Rev. Catherine Roskam, made her annual visitation with us on November 14<sup>th</sup>. This was a joyous event as we were reminded that we, the people of the church, are at our best when we are gathered as one people of God: laity, deacons, priests, and bishops.

This past month marked the arrival of Mr. Craig Campbell, who has taken up place as Artist-in-Residence and Associate for Musical and Liturgical Ministries at St. Mary's. Craig comes to us as a distinguished church musician, who will devote his talents as our organist, choirmaster and musical director. We give thanks to God for Craig's many gifts and we look forward to our ministry together.

On November 28<sup>th</sup> we begin a new liturgical year, Year A. In this year our readings will center on the Gospel of Matthew. Accordingly, I will be offering an online class in Matthew on our new blog space: [www.stmarycastleton.com](http://www.stmarycastleton.com). I will be posting weekly class notes throughout the coming year. For those who wish, you may read the class notes for the week and then respond with questions or reflections on the blog. I am also inviting friends from California, Las Vegas, Vermont, and Tennessee to participate in this offering. I hope some of you will take some time each week to explore the Gospel with me. I would also appreciate feedback on this use of technology as a vehicle for instruction.

We have many activities ahead through Advent and the Christmas season. Our upcoming Christmas boutique will be a wonderful seasonal offering. A special service of Evensong and Benediction will be offered on December 5<sup>th</sup>. Christmas Eve we will have a family service at 5:30 for those with younger children and a traditional midnight mass. There will be one service on Christmas morning. Enjoy the season, and, as they say in the South, the reason for the season.

God's many blessings to you, to all you love, and to all who love you in this very special time of year.

*Kevin+*

## Vestry Notes:

- The gas furnaces in the church have been replaced. Thank you for your patience during the few cold Sunday services. St. Mary's received a \$1,500 donation from a parishioner towards the cost of this project.
- The roofing work on the parish house and rectory has been completed.
- We welcomed Bishop Roskam on Sunday, November 14. Following the service Bishop Roskam met with vestry members. Please see notes re: Carpenter Kids program (below)
- We are pleased to announce the call of our new organist and choirmaster, Mr. Craig Campbell. Please read Craig's bio found on page 4.

## *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.

**Carpenter's Kids Project for Advent:** 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. How many children can we sponsor? Each week during Advent we will be collecting money in a piggy bank. At Christmas Eve we will announce the total collection and see how many children we will be sponsoring. Please give generously.

## Stewardship

*"For God loveth a cheerful giver."*

St. Mary's Stewardship campaign is currently underway. Please return your 2011 contribution form as soon as possible to assist the vestry as they prepare the budget for the upcoming year.

**Note:** Your 2011 Offering Envelopes will be available in the back of the church on December 19 and 26. Please remember to pick up your envelopes and save the church the cost of mailing them to your home.

## E-PLDGING has come to St. Mary's

Now you can make your financial contribution to our parish electronically. Make regular contribution easily without writing another check. Please pick up an E-PLDGING brochure in the

back of the church or from the parish office. If you require additional information, please contact the parish Treasurer, or visit the diocesan website at [www.diocesenya.org](http://www.diocesenya.org).

## Advent Book Study

During Advent we will be reading *The Practice of the Presence of God* and discussing the book together. The group will meet on Thursdays (Dec 2, 9, 16, 23) and will start with a light soup and bread supper (provided) at 6:30. Discussion of the book follows at 7:00. The books will be provided, but to ensure that you get a copy, please sign the interest list in the parish house.

## Advent Evensong

On Sunday, December 5 at 4 o'clock in the afternoon, St. Mary's Church will mark the peaceful season of Advent with the lovely and moving service of Evensong and Benediction. The light of the Advent wreath and the voices of the St. Mary's Choir will fill the church. Bring a friend, bring your family, and come with a thankful heart for the chance to share in this season of Advent.

## Thank you from St. Mary's Altar Society

Marcia Farrell, Directress

To all who donated in response to our annual appeal, we thank you for your support and your generosity. These funds are used to replenish consumables such as candles, wine and hosts and for the repair of vessels and replacement of linens that are no longer fit for service. This year's appeal raised over \$1,500. Again, thank you.

## Fundraising Committee - Please support the following events:

- *Christmas Boutique*: Saturday, December 4<sup>th</sup> – 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

*Lunch is available!*



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- **Join us for an afternoon of ZUMBA at St. Mary's** on Sunday, January 16 starting at 2:00 p.m. Cost is \$10 in advance or \$12 at the door.

**To reserve your spot, call the parish office: 718-442-1527 or contact Sandra Delzotti 917-604-4730 [sdelzotti@si.rr.com](mailto:sdelzotti@si.rr.com)**

### *Memorial Dove Ornament*

In memory of our loved ones during this Christmas season, we are again offering memorial dove ornaments. Each dove ornament, labeled with the name of a loved one, will be hung on our St. Mary's Christmas tree. Each dove ornament is available for a donation of \$20. Please make check payable to St. Mary's Church and complete the information below.

Memorial Dove given in memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

Given by (your name): \_\_\_\_\_

Mr. Craig Campbell, a native of Johnson City, Tennessee, comes to us from a full career as church musician and concert organist, including tenure as cathedral organist in the Diocese of Los Angeles.

Craig's public career began at the age of 16 when he played in front of a national audience at the 1976 American Guild of Organists Convention in a master class conducted by Arthur Poister. The next year he began his studies at The Juilliard School in New York City where he was a student of Vernon deTar, Gerre Hancock, David Diamond and the French pedagogue Renee Longy, who prepared Leonard Bernstein as a conductor. He served as Assistant Organist at Grace Church in The City of New York from 1978 through 1982.

Craig holds a diploma from The Royal School of Church Music in London and received a scholarship award for excellence from Barry Williams, Esquire, a member of Her Majesty's Privy Council. His organ teacher was Christopher Herrick, and Craig took part in the playing of services at Westminster Abbey.

Mr. Campbell is also a graduate of The Institute of Sacred Music at Yale University where he worked with Professor Thomas Murray. Professor Murray is now organist of Christ Church, New Haven, an Anglo-Catholic parish nationally known for the beauty of its music and liturgy. Mr. Campbell previously served at Christ Church as Organist and Choirmaster from 1988 until the mid 1990's. Craig was a student of Eleazar deCarvahlo in orchestral conducting and held an assistantship in musicianship and analysis at Yale School of Music, and was an organist at Marquand Chapel where he prepared services with Brian Wren, Jeffrey Rowthorn and Marguerite Brooks.

In the 1990's Campbell was Organist and Choirmaster at St. John's Cathedral in Los Angeles, then he returned to his native state of Tennessee, where he directed a touring youth choir that performed from the coastal islands of South Carolina to New England (including performances at The National Cathedral and St. Patrick's Cathedral in New York City and The Church of The Redeemer in New Haven where Campbell held the post of organist during his student days at Yale).

In 2005 Craig began work with Daniel Roth, organist titulaire at St. Sulpice church in Paris and wrote an article at M. Roth's request about the Parisian organist's choral works. This article was published in The American Organist. His recital at St. Sulpice in 2007 included the sortie at Mass based on the chants of the day from the Graduale Romanum. Five compact disc recordings document this period in Mr. Campbell's creative life which also involved training young musicians who are now pursuing further studies at The Hartt School of Music, Peabody Conservatory and Berkeley School of Music in Boston. He has been a member of The Association of Anglican Musicians since 1991.

Mr. Campbell is planning on continuing all of the above aspects of his career in New York City with the goal of becoming more active as a composer.

## GRACE TO GROW

"The skills that allow a parish to survive are not the skills that will permit growth. A growing parish tends to bring new people into activities quickly. A growing parish tries to disperse power so that lots of people feel they have a stake in the parish. A growing parish communicates broadly and repeatedly instead of relying on the grapevine and the expectation that 'everyone knows' what is necessary. A growing parish grows because it offers something that stimulates and touches you right now, and it communicates a vital sense that there is a future here."

*The Reverend Gerald Keucher  
Remember the Future*



*Christmas Flower* envelopes can be found in the pews or the back of the church. Your generosity and loving memorials will help beautify our church throughout this Christmas season. Please print your loved ones names as you would like them to appear in the Christmas bulletin and

return your envelope to the parish office, or place in the Alms Bag. You may also call the Parish Office at 718-442-1527 and mail your donation to the church.



# *St. Mary's Episcopal Church* *Christmas Boutique*

*Saturday December 4<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.*

*Holiday gifts, one of a kind handmade items and ornaments,  
baked goods, raffles, stuffed animals and more.*

*Please join us for lunch!*  
*We'll be serving a variety of hearty soups.*

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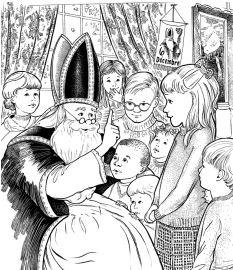
*Evensong and Benediction*



**Advent II – Sunday, December 5 at 4:00 p.m.**

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*Annual Visit from Saint Nicholas*



**Advent III – Sunday, December 12  
during the 10:00 a.m. service**

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*Decorate the Parish House Christmas tree*



**Advent IV – Sunday, December 19 following the  
10:00 a.m. service.**



LET'S START THE NEW YEAR OFF ON THE  
RIGHT FOOT - OR THE LEFT!

Join us for an afternoon of



Party with the best instructor on the North Shore of SI  
Libby McPike

AND HELP RAISE \$\$\$ FOR ST MARY'S BUILDING FUND!

Sunday, January 16, 2011

fun begins at 2 pm at

St. Mary's Church Hall -

347 Davis Ave, SI, NY 10310

Bring your family, friends & neighbors AND make new friends!!

Cost is \$10 in advance or \$12 at the door

F-R-E-E- G-I-V-E-A-W-A-Y-S

Raffles, 50-50's and bottled water will be available for sale.

Be sure to wear sneakers and comfortable clothes!

Tickets can be purchased (picked up at the door on 1/16)

by sending a check to:

St. Mary's Episcopal Church,

347 Davis Ave, Staten Island, NY 10310

OR

they can be purchased at Rhythm Central

1300 Hylan Blvd (near Old Town Rd)

Wednesdays 7 pm - 8 pm & Saturdays 8:30 am - 9 am or 12:30 pm - 1 pm

Any questions, please call or email:

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# Our Parish Family

**John Carlson** has earned the rank of Eagle Scout. John's Eagle Scout Court of Honor will be held in early 2011 at Immanuel Union Church where he has been an active scout since the 2<sup>nd</sup> grade.

**Celebrate**

