



Times and Tides

St. Mary's by-the-Sea Episcopal Church
Pacific Grove CA 93950 ❖ January/February 2012

It's Official: St. Mary's is a Cool Congregation

We always knew it, but now it's official: St. Mary's is a "Cool Congregation"! In November, the parish was awarded a certificate for meeting the *Cool Congregations Challenge* put on by Interfaith Power & Light.

Over 550 congregations from throughout the nation entered the contest, and St. Mary's



Photo by Fr. Michael Reid

The successful "Salute to Local" in Edwards Hall

was recognized for its work in addressing global warming by reducing its carbon footprint in the areas of Energy Efficiency and Grounds & Water Conservation. Come see the "cool" certificate on display in Edwards Hall!

The Green Team finished off its inaugural year with its most successful event to date, as crowds

filled Edwards Hall to celebrate a *Salute to Local* in early December. The fair featured delicious and healthy edibles from local businesses who focus on sustainable food production, as well as a screening of the film "Nourish." Experts were on hand to discuss how eating natural foods grown close to home benefits our health, environment, and economy. Parishioners and other community members feasted on oatmeal cookies from Big Sur Bakery, fresh produce from ALBA and Everyone's Harvest, jams and pickles from Happy Girl Kitchen, and fresh-baked muffins and locally harvested salad greens from Wild Plum, while enjoying lively Celtic music performed by The Reel Deal.

Mark your calendars for January 11 at 7 p.m. when Fr. Michael will share St. Mary's inspiring achievements in the "Greening of P.G." forum put on by Sustainable Pacific Grove. Fr. Michael will be joined on the panel by representatives from Robert Down Elementary, Canterbury Woods, and three Certified Green P.G. businesses. Please spread the word to friends and neighbors, and bring your questions and ideas to the Pacific Grove Natural History Museum on Wednesday night. We are proud that St. Mary's is being recognized as one of the community's emerging leaders in pursuing sustainable practices. ❖

Check out our New Website!

www.stmarysbythesea.org

Father Michael and I have been working with the Wecker Group in Monterey designing a new website. Initially, the website is geared to presenting St. Mary's to visitors and newcomers to the peninsula who are looking for a place to worship, explore and belong.

It is a work in progress and should be up and running by the time you read this edition of *Times and Tides*. As time and budget permit, we will be adding pages and keeping it current in order to be welcoming and exciting to our online visitors. Please check it out and let us know what you think. ❖



— Onnette McElroy

Parish Work Days

We have scheduled two Saturday work days so far in 2012:

- February 11th
- March 17th

Work days are from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Join us! ❖

Let There be Light

Through the generous financial support of a St. Mary's parishioner, we have begun to address the need for greater illumination inside our beautiful sanctuary. Britton Design has been working closely with us to increase the light focused on our altar, choir, pews and Baptismal font. Not only will we be able to read and follow the liturgy with greater ease, but the new lighting will also enhance the beauty of the space, and allow greater flexibility in creating appropriate ambiance for a wider range of liturgical experiences. Many of you have already commented on how beautiful the altar suddenly appears under the new lights. Come and have a look. We are sure that you also will be pleased by what a little light can do. ❖

Card of Thanks

Dear St. Mary's Family,

My husband, Denny, and I want to thank everyone at St. Mary's for their prayers, cards and for the beautiful shawl (for my husband)! My husband came home on Dec. 3rd and is still recovering.

Thank you all for your concern and prayers. You all are very special in my life and God bless you all as he has blessed me. Thank you!

— Jan Plunkett

SAVE THE DATE!

**St. Mary's
Annual Meeting**
Sunday, 5 February.
Holy Eucharist at 9 am.
Annual Meeting at 10:30

Children & Family Schedule for 2012

- January 1** Holy Name Day...oh and also New Years Day
No Godly Play Classes. However, the Toddler Room will be staffed
- January 8** Godly Play Classes Resume
- January 15** MLK, Jr. Weekend
Regular Classes
St. Mary's Youth Group Ski Weekend in the Sierra
- January 22**
Regular Classes
Acolytes and Chalice Bearers will be honored at the 10:00 a.m. service
- January 29** Regular Classes
- February 5** One service @ 9:00 a.m., followed by Annual Meeting
Regular Classes at 9:00 a.m.
Childcare, if requested, during Annual Meeting
- February 12 & 19** Regular Classes
- February 26** The First Sunday of Lent
All God's Children Service - Everyone in church



Looking ahead, please mark your calendars for Sunday Evening March 25
Child-Friendly Guided/Instructed Eucharist followed by Lenten Soup Supper

Thank You from the Altar Guild

St. Mary's Altar Guild thanks each of you who helped bring our celebration of Jesus Christ's birth to life through greens and flowers for the Christmas season. Thank you for your generosity and support; you are gifts to our ministry.

You are invited to celebrate loved ones and observe significant events with contributions to Altar Guild's flower arranging fund throughout the year. Check the sign-up schedule during coffee hours or contact the office directly (373-4441). Other questions or requests? Please contact Altar Guild Directress Georgia Booth (372-6329 or georgiabooth@att.net). May your new year be filled with blessings, joy, and love! ❖

— Georgia Booth
Altar Guild Directress

Planned Giving Corner

"St. Mary's has been my village, my community for years... I want it to forever remain a place where people can make spiritual connections."

— Anonymous

For this person, St. Mary's has been a spiritual haven where he/she found fellowship with others in a community that is committed to a mission of generosity, compassion and justice.

By elevating St. Mary's to the level of family and making a planned gift to the parish, we, too, can express our hope for the future mission of St. Mary's and demonstrate our faith in generations to come.

Last year, the Planned Giving committee held two informational workshops: Advance Health Care Planning and Advance Planning for

Funerals. We also started the important discussion about how parish members could ensure that their sacred values and commitments would become a part of an enduring legacy at St. Mary's through planned gifts. We encourage you to inform Father Richard if you have named St. Mary's in your estate plans. Many have, and it remains a confidential list.

In August 2011, the committee announced that *"Generations, Rejoicing in our Legacy"* would be the name of the St. Mary's planned giving program. A brochure with that title will be available soon. It describes several of the church's key funds and briefly explains the process of creating a gift that will benefit St. Mary's and its ministries for perpetuity. ❖

— Kit Franke
Planned Giving Committee

Times and Tides Publication Schedule

To help all of our newsletter contributors, the *Times and Tides* publication schedule for 2011 is as follows:

Publication Date	Content	Deadline for News
March 1, 2012	March - April 2012	Feb. 15, 2012
May 1, 2012	May - June 2012	April 15, 2012

Please leave your news and photographs in the *Times & Tides* mailbox, or email them to me: kmnevin@sbcglobal.net.

Please attach your articles — created in MS Word only — to your email. Due to space considerations, please, please, please limit your articles to no more than 300 words.

Thanks!

— Kitty Nevin, Editor

On the Record

BIRTHDAYS

JANUARY

Audrey Baldwin 01/01
James Jackson 01/02
Joan Elstob 01/02
Ann Smallwood 01/03
Bruce Obbink 01/04
Winston Elstob 01/05
Lois Rockefeller 01/06
Rosi Edwards 01/07
Connie F. Cupp 01/07
Cora Gorman 01/09
Richard Baldwin 01/10
Kirsten Matsumoto 01/10
Michelle Ford 01/10
Stephanie Boughton 01/11

Jan Plunkett 01/11
Rachel Taylor 01/12
Mellanie Moran 01/14
Richard O. Straight 01/15
Charlie Howell 01/16
Grant Voth 01/18
Andrew P. Hunter 01/18
Sacha Burn 01/18
Gladys Burns 01/19
Mary Riedel 01/19
Susan Smelser 01/19
Rachel Smelser 01/19
Celeste Ventura 01/20
Isabella Perez 01/25
Kinsley Brooks 01/26
Jeffrey Weill 01/27

Jason Frey 01/29
Donna Daunt 01/30
Sybil Dove 01/30
Kozue Knowles 01/31

FEBRUARY

Mary E. Thomas 02/01
Alexander Weill 02/01
Markus Hubrich 02/05
Helen von Christierson 02/09
Gabriella Perez 02/13
Zack Chinn 02/13
Judy Moffet 02/15
Mary Fowell 02/18
Maggy Hanson 02/21
Elizabeth Bishop 02/21
Robert Daunt 02/23
Neal V. O'Brien 02/23
Raymond P. O'Brien 02/23
Kathy Hunter 02/24
Kathryn Ryan Thaanum 02/24
Jan Parks 02/26



It's a new year — time to update the St. Mary's Birthday List. If you are new to St. Mary's or haven't seen your birthday on the list, please call Fr. Michael, (831) 373-4441, or email him at associaterector@stmarysbythesea.org. Thank you and Happy Birthday!

rites of Passage

NEW MEMBERS

Matthew & Jennifer Brown and Family
Peter & Andrea Drakos
Jennie & Chris Gutierrez and Family
Jaime & Brandon Schmidt and Family

BAPTISMS

Harper Marie Smith

BIRTHS

Ella Booth
Zeke and Niabelle Lobay

DEATHS

Dorothy Stevens

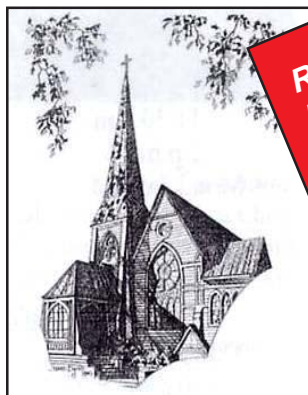
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St. Mary's Calendar of Events — November & December 2011

January

Sunday	1	08, 10 AM	Holy Eucharist	Church
Tuesday	3	07:30 PM	IHELP	Edwards Hall
Thursday	5	Noon	Guild Meeting	Guild Room
Wednesday	11	07:00 PM	Prayer Team	Library
Friday	13	TBD	Youth Group Ski Trip	Off Site
Monday	16	Closed	Martin Luther King Jr. Day	
Thursday	19	01:00 PM	Thrift Shop Meeting	Guild Room
Sunday	22	All Day	Ministry Sunday	Church
Monday	23	07:00 PM	Vestry Meeting	Guild Room
Saturday	28	05:00 PM	IHELP	Edwards Hall

February

Thursday	2	Noon	Guild Meeting	Guild Room
Sunday	5	09:00 AM	Holy Eucharist	Church
Sunday	5	10:30 AM	Annual Meeting	Edwards Hall
Tuesday	7	07:30 PM	IHELP	Edwards Hall
Saturday	11	09:00 AM	Parish Work Day	Physical Plant
Sunday	12	11:30 AM	Church Family Pot Luck	Edwards Hall
Saturday	18	07:30 PM	Concert	Edwards Hall
Monday	20	Closed	Presidents' Day	
Tuesday	21	05:30 PM	Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper	Edwards Hall
Wednesday	22	7, 10 AM; 7PM	Ash Wednesday Services	Church
Saturday	25	05:00 PM	IHELP	Edwards Hall