

# THE ANNUNCIATION



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## **Saint Mary's Church**

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**FROM THE RECTOR**

*Father Brent Norris*

Happy New Year!

I don't know when I have looked forward to a new year quite as much as this one. This year various circles of my life converge to make it a year of milestones and life changes. In 2012 I will turn 50. In 2012 our daughter, Sarah, will graduate from college and move out into the world on her own as a young adult. This year I will finish my four years of doctoral studies and I will celebrate 15 years of ordained ministry which is the half-way point to retirement. God willing the addition to the building at St. Mary's will be done in 2012, although right now I am wondering if it will EVER be done. As of the first of January I will have rotated off of every diocesan board and commission.

I am looking forward to what this new year will bring even though I am not really sure what that will be. One of the things I do know is that with the completion of the building I will be able to take the sabbatical that has been delayed for two years.

Sabbatical is a practice that is grounded in scripture. It occurs most frequently each week as God's people are instructed to take an entire day off from labor. It is a day to experience life as God originally intended it. The weekly Sabbath is for worship, family, re-creation, rest and pleasure. The scriptures also instruct that from time to time longer Sabbaths are to be taken. Every seven years fields are to lay fallow and unplanted so that the soil can rest and be replenished.

During my last sabbatical (in 2003) I spent the first two months in the Dominican Republic working with the Sisters of the Transfiguration and learning Spanish. The last month was spent living at the hermitage in Sewanee with the Sisters of St. Mary. That seemed a good balance of rest and challenge. What this sabbatical will look like remains to be seen. The part that is clear is that I need to be physically away from St. Mary's, including the Rectory.

Over the next months you will hear about how my plans for sabbatical are shaping up. A committee will be formed to assist me and the parish in making sure that we both get the best use out of the time that I will be away. If you have suggestions for the use of the sabbatical time or if you have an interest in being part of the sabbatical committee I would love to hear from you.

So, here comes 2012. Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

Peace and blessings

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Brent". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background.

## **INCLEMENT WEATHER PROCEDURE**

*As we move through the winter season the likelihood of snow and/or ice becomes greater. If there is a question about whether or not services have been cancelled at St. Mary's, simply call the church office number (254-5836). The message on the answering machine will tell you what you need to know. You may also check our Facebook page at St. Mary's Episcopal Church Asheville, NC. The decision about cancelling the 8:00 am service will be made by 7:00 am. The decision about cancelling Sunday school and the 11:00 am service will be made by 9:00 am. Decisions about daily services will be made by 3:30 pm. The condition of roads can vary a great deal from one part of Asheville to another, not to mention our outlying towns. When in doubt opt for safety. Take out your BCP, read the service and scriptures appointed for the day, and make a spiritual communion in your heart.*

## **FINANCIAL COMMITMENTS FOR 2012**

***IF YOU HAVE NOT ALREADY DONE SO, AND A GREAT MANY HAVE NOT,  
PLEASE RETURN YOUR FINANCIAL COMMITMENT CARD  
TO THE RECTOR AT THE CHURCH OFFICE  
BY JANUARY 10.***

## **CHURCH PERIODICAL CLUB**

### **MITE BOXES**

From January until the beginning of Lent we will be collecting coins in support of the Church Periodical Club's work in providing children with educational supplies. Last year our collection was sent to our mission partner school in the Dominican Republic to buy books for the library. Please look for a mite box and fill it with change for the next two months. Pennies add up to books.

## **NOTICE**

**+++ The deadline to submit articles for the February 2012, newsletter will be January 20 +++**

## **ROOM IN THE INN**

Many thanks to all who worked to make last month's Room In The Inn go so well. With the help of our ministry partners from St. Mark's Lutheran and Temple Beth HaTephila, we provided a weeks lodging and meals for twelve homeless women. So, to all who hauled mattresses, and cooked, and stayed up at night, and brought things for gift bags, and everything else, well done!



## From the Parish Library by *Brian Stanley*

### This Month's Featured Sections:

#### **Suffering and Death (SUF) Healing (HEAL)**

##### Recommended titles:

*Doors of Eternity*, by Sibyl Harton. Harton finds in Christianity the answer to life's confusions, uncertainties, anxieties, gloom, and loneliness, and encourages the reader to face and accept even death as part of the goodness of life. An Episcopal Book Club selection.

Call number: SUF Hart 158 pages

*Grace and Glory*, by E.L. Mascall. Considers the characteristics of heaven and how they should inform our pattern of Christian life in this world. An Episcopal Book Club selection.

Call number: SUF Masc 90 pages

*A Grief Observed*, by C.S. Lewis. Candid reflections on grief and God, recorded after the death of Lewis's wife.

Call number: SUF Lewi 60 pages

*A Whole New Life: An Illness and a Healing*, by Reynolds Price. Chronicles Price's diagnosis with cancer and eventual recovery.

Call number: HEAL Pric 213 pages



### **FROM YOUR DEACON**

#### *The Rev'd Deacon Gary Kovach*

As many of you know, St. Mary's, along with St. Mark's Lutheran and Congregation Beth HaTephila hosted Room In The Inn the week before and including Christmas morning. This was our second venture in this ministry. Room In The Inn, of course, is a "movable" shelter for 12 homeless women in our community. Initially, there was some concern as to where the women would sleep since our new building wasn't completed. But, all worked out well, and they were warm and comfortable.

There isn't space here to tell you of all the great things that happened that week, but, I can tell you that it was a very heart-warming experience for all who participated. What I can, and want to do, is express my personal "thank you" to everyone. Thank you to the women for allowing St. Mary's to be your home for a week. Thank you to Michael Ashmore for patiently coordinating volunteers from, not one, but *three* congregations! Thank you to all those who prepared meals to share with the ladies. Thank you for the gift bags, the haircuts, the manicures, the cookies, the newly decorated Christmas tree, and for all the many other things that made the week special. Thank you for the kind and loving ears who simply listened to the life stories that were shared.

But, as your Deacon, thank you for reenforcing my calling to be a deacon. As one who proclaims the Gospel every Sunday, it's reassuring to actually witness the Gospel of Christ at work in the world. The hungry *can* be fed, the naked *can* be clothed, and the broken and lonely *can* be made to feel welcomed. If you don't believe that, I invite you to join us the next time we host Room In The Inn so that you too might share in that blessing.

Your servant in Christ,  
*Deacon Gary*

## SERVING IN MINISTRY IN JANUARY

### Ushers 11:00 am

January	1 & 8	Meredith & Brian Stanley
	15 & 22	Hugh Koontz & David Moltke-Hansen
	29	Carolyn & Jeff Untz

### Lectors

**8:00 am**

**11:00 am**

January 1	<i>Vince Ross</i>	<i>Pat Wooten Cindy Norris Genelda Woggon Harold Cole Pat Wooten Gary Kovach</i>
January 8	<i>Julien Mercier</i>	<i>Dave Walsh</i>
January 15	<i>Vince Ross</i>	<i>Aly Goodwin</i>
January 22	<i>Julien Mercier</i>	<i>Michelle Rippon</i>
January 20	<i>Vince Ross</i>	<i>Sally Pietrandrea</i>

### Coffee Hour *(following 11:00 am Mass)*

January	1	
	8	Nancy, Frank & Scott Amaranto
	15	
	22	
	29	ECW Soup Lunch



## FOOD COLLECTION IN JANUARY: Canned Vegetables

### FROM THE REGISTER ATTENDANCE REPORT

	8:00 am	11:00 am	Total
December 4	18	81	99
December 11	19	87	106
December 18	14	76	90
December 24	4:00 pm - 55	7:00 pm - 99 10:00 pm - 54	208
December 25	10:00 am 14	xxxxxxx	14

## SERVING IN MINISTRY IN NOVEMBER

Date	Day	Time	Position	Name
01/01/12	Sunday	8:00 AM		Vince Ross
		11:00 AM	Thurifer/Boat	Tom Naomi
			Server/Crucifer	Roger Watson
			Torch/Chalice	Eileen Cole
			Torch	Ruthie Scruggs
01/02/12	Monday			
01/03/12	Tuesday	5:15 PM	Server/Chalice	
01/04/12	Wednesday	7:30 AM	Server/Chalice	
01/05/12	Thursday			
01/06/12	Friday	12:05 PM	Server/Chalice	
01/07/12	Saturday			
01/08/12	Sunday	8:00 AM	Server	Julien Mercier
		11:00 AM	Thurifer/Boat	Ryan Bullock
			Server/Crucifer	Tom Naomi
			Torch	Scott Amaranto
			Torch/Chalice	Roger Watson
01/09/12	Monday			
01/10/12	Tuesday	5:15 PM	Server/Chalice	Tom Naomi
01/11/12	Wednesday	7:30 AM	Server/Chalice	
01/12/12	Thursday			
01/13/12	Friday	12:05 PM	Server/Chalice	
01/14/12	Saturday			
01/15/12	Sunday	8:00 AM	Server	
		11:00 AM	Thurifer/Boat	Tom Naomi
			Server/Crucifer	Eileen Cole
			Torch	Ruthie Scruggs
			Torch/Chalice	Michelle Rippon
01/16/12	Monday			
01/17/12	Tuesday	5:15 PM	Server/Chalice	Tom Naomi
01/18/12	Wednesday	7:30 AM	Server/Chalice	
01/19/12	Thursday			
01/20/12	Friday	12:05 PM	Server/Chalice	
01/21/12	Saturday			
01/22/12	Sunday	8:00 AM	Server	
		11:00 AM	Thurifer/Boat	Ryan Bullock
			Server/Crucifer	Cindy Norris
			Torch	Scott Amaranto
			Torch/Chalice	Roger Watson
01/23/12	Monday			
01/24/12	Tuesday	5:15 PM	Server/Chalice	Tom Naomi
01/25/12	Wednesday	7:30 AM	Server/Chalice	
01/26/12	Thursday			
01/27/12	Friday	12:05 PM	Server/Chalice	
01/28/12	Saturday			
01/29/12	Sunday	8:00 AM	Server	Julien Mercier
		11:00 AM	Thurifer/Boat	Tom Naomi
			Server/Crucifer	Ryan Bullock
			Torch	Ruthie Scruggs
			Torch/Chalice	Eileen Cole
01/30/12	Monday			
01/31/12	Tuesday	5:15 PM	Server/Chalice	Tom Naomi

## JANUARY PRAYER CYCLE

*Daily Prayers for: Diocese, Anglican Communion, Religious Communities*

<b>1</b>	St. Andrews, Bessemer City International Anglican Family Network Sisters of the Community of St. Mary, Sewanee	<b>16</b>	St. Thomas, Burnsville Diocese of Ajayi-Crowther (Nigeria) Sisters of the Order of St. Helena, Augusta, GA
<b>2</b>	St. Francis, Rutherfordton Diocese of Aba (Nigeria) All Saints' Sisters of the Poor, Catonsville, MD	<b>17</b>	St. Luke's, Boone Diocese of Akoko (Nigeria) The Community of Taize
<b>3</b>	St. Peter-by-the-Lake, Denver Diocese of Abakaliki (Nigeria) Sisters of the Community of the Holy Spirit, New York	<b>18</b>	St. Mary's, Blowing Rock Diocese of Akoko Edo (Nigeria) Brothers of St. Gregory's Abbey, Three Rivers, MI
<b>4</b>	Church of the Advocate, Asheville Diocese of Aberdeen & U Orkney (Scotland) Sisters of the Community of St. Francis, San Francisco	<b>19</b>	Calvary, Fletcher Diocese of Akure (Nigeria) Brothers of the Servants of Christ Priory, Phoenix, AZ
<b>5</b>	St. Luke's & Our Saviour, Lincoln Diocese of Abuja (Nigeria) Sisters of the Community of St. John the Baptist, NJ	<b>20</b>	St. Joseph's, Christ School Diocese of Alabama Sisterhood of the Holy Nativity, Ripon, WI
<b>6</b>	St. Gabriel's, Rutherfordton <i>Thank you God for revealing your only Son to the Gentiles by the leading of a star.</i> Sisters of the Community of St. Mary, Greenwich, NY	<b>21</b>	Good Shepherd & Holy Cross, Tryon Diocese of Alaska Sisters of Charity, Little Britain, Ontario
<b>7</b>	Redeemer, Shelby Diocese of Accra (Ghana, West Africa) Sisters of the Transfiguration, San Pedro, DR	<b>22</b>	St. James & La Capilla De Santa Maria, Hendersonville Diocese of Kushtia (Bangladesh) Sisters of St. John the Divine, Toronto
<b>8</b>	All Saints & St. Mark's, Gastonia The Anglican Church of Australia Sisters of St. Mary, West Province, Mukwonago, WI	<b>23</b>	St. Philip's, Brevard Diocese of Albany Brothers of the Society of St. Francis, Mt. Sinai, NY
<b>9</b>	Deerfield & St. Giles, Asheville Diocese of Adelaide (Australia) Sisters of the Church, Oakville, Ontario	<b>24</b>	Transfiguration, Bat Cave Diocese of Algoma (Canada) Brothers of St. John the Evangelist, Cambridge, MA
<b>10</b>	Thompson Home, Charlotte Diocese of Afikpo (Nigeria) Sisters of the Transfiguration, Cincinnati, OH	<b>25</b>	St. Paul's, Edneyville Diocese of All Saints Cathedral (Kenya) Sisters of the Society of St. Margaret, Port-au-Prince
<b>11</b>	Holy Communion, Glendale Springs Diocese of Agra (North India) Brothers of the Holy Cross, West Park, NY	<b>26</b>	Transfiguration, Saluda Diocese of Amazon (Brazil) Priests of the Society of St. Paul, Palm Desert, CA
<b>12</b>	Christ, Sparta Dioceses of Aguata (Nigeria) Sisters/Brothers of Julian of Norwich, Waukesha, WI	<b>27</b>	Holy Family, Mills River Diocese of Amichi (Nigeria) Sisters of Teachers of the Children of God, Tucson, AZ
<b>13</b>	Holy Cross, Valle Crucis Diocese of Ahoada (Nigeria) Sisters of St. Anne, Bethany Convent, Arlington, MA	<b>28</b>	St. John-in-the-Wilderness, Flat Rock Diocese of Amritsar (North India) New Vocations
<b>14</b>	The Savior, Newland Diocese of Aipo Rongo (Papua New Guinea) Sisters of St. Anne, Ascension Convent, Chicago, IL	<b>29</b>	Valle Crucis Conference Center Diocese of Brazil Associates of Religious Orders
<b>15</b>	Trinity, Spruce Pine Diocese of Brisbane (Australia) Sisters of the Society of St. Margaret, Boston	<b>30</b>	Kanuga Conference Center Diocese of Andaman (North India) Religious Communities in the Anglican Communion
		<b>31</b>	Good Shepherd, Cashiers Diocese of Anglican Parishes of Central Interior (Canada) Oblates of Religious Orders

# St. Mary's Church

# January 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1 HOLY NAME OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST</b> 7:45 am MP 8:00 am Mass <u>White</u> 11:00 am High Mass	<b>2</b> <i>Parish Office closed</i>	<b>3 Wm Passavant</b> <i>(Fr. Norris)</i> 5:15 pm EP 5:30 pm Mass <u>White</u>	<b>4 Christmas Feria</b> <i>(Fr. Woggon)</i> 7:30 am Mass <u>White</u> 6:00 pm Rosary 7:30 pm Choir	<b>5</b> 3:30-5 pm After School Ecumenical Atrium 6:30 pm EFM	<b>6 EPIPHANY</b> <i>(Fr. Norris)</i> <i>Parish Office closed</i> 12:05 pm Mass <i>(Rite I)</i> <u>White</u>	<b>7</b> 10:00 am Al-Anon
<b>8 EPIPHANY I</b> 7:45 am MP 8:00 am Mass <u>White</u> 9:45 am Atrium 9:45 am Forum 11:00 am High Mass 12:45 pm Handbells	<b>9</b> <i>Rector's Day off</i>	<b>10 William Laud</b> <i>(Fr. Norris)</i> 5:15 pm EP 5:30 pm Mass <u>White</u>	<b>11 Aelred (tr)</b> <i>(Fr. Woggon)</i> 7:30 am Mass <u>White</u> 6:00 pm Rosary 7:30 pm Choir	<b>12</b> 3:30-5 pm After School Ecumenical Atrium 6:30 pm EFM	<b>13 Hilary</b> <i>(Fr. Austin)</i> 12:05 pm Mass <i>(Rite I)</i> <u>White</u>	<b>14</b> 10:00 am Al-Anon 12:30 pm ECW
<b>15 EPIPHANY II</b> 7:45 am MP 8:00 am Mass <u>Green</u> 9:45 am Atrium 9:45 am Forum 11:00 am High Mass 12:45 pm Handbells	<b>16</b> <i>Parish Office closed</i>	<b>17 Antony</b> <i>(Fr. Woggon)</i> 5:15 pm EP 5:30 pm Mass <u>White</u>	<b>18 CONFESSION OF ST. PETER</b> <i>(Fr. Woggon)</i> 7:30 am Mass <u>White</u> 12:00 pm Clergy Lunch 6:00 pm Rosary 7:30 pm Choir	<b>19</b> 3:30-5 pm After School Ecumenical Atrium 6:30 pm EFM	<b>20 Fabian</b> <i>(Fr. Woggon)</i> 12:05 pm Mass <i>(Rite I)</i> <u>Red</u>	<b>21</b> 10:00 am Al-Anon
<b>22 EPIPHANY III</b> 7:45 am MP 8:00 am Mass <u>Green</u> 9:45 am Atrium 9:45 am Forum 11:00 am High Mass 12:45 pm Handbells 3:00 pm Nursing Home Service	<b>23</b> <i>Rector's Day off</i>	<b>24 Ordination of Florence Li Tim-Oi, First Woman Priest in Anglican Communion, 1944</b> <i>(Fr. Norris)</i> 5:15 pm EP 5:30 pm Mass <u>White</u>	<b>25 CONVERSION OF ST. PAUL</b> <i>(Fr. Norris)</i> 7:30 am Mass <u>White</u> 6:00 pm Rosary 7:30 pm Choir	<b>26</b> 3:30-5 pm After School Ecumenical Atrium 6:30 pm EFM	<b>27 Lydia</b> <i>(Fr. Norris)</i> 12:05 pm Mass <i>(Rite I)</i> <u>White</u> <i>Vestry Retreat</i>	<b>28</b> 10:00 am Al-Anon <i>Vestry Retreat</i>
<b>29 EPIPHANY IV</b> 7:45 am MP 8:00 am Mass <u>Green</u> <i>Vestry Retreat</i> 9:45 am Atrium 9:45 am Forum 11:00 am High Mass 12:45 pm Handbells	<b>30</b> <i>Rector's Day off</i>	<b>31 Samuel Shoemaker</b> <i>(Fr. Edwards)</i> 5:15 pm EP 5:30 pm Mass <u>White</u>				