

THE ANNUNCIATION



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FROM THE RECTOR

Father Brent Norris

Summer is a time of renewal. Many of us take vacations during which our minds and bodies are renewed. Studies show that people who take time to rest and re-create are more productive in what they do. Plus, all work and no play makes Jack and Jill dull people.

This summer our physical surroundings at St. Mary's will be renewed as well. The addition is almost complete. I have prayerful hopes that by the end of June we will have finished this phase of the project.

The center part of the new building is an elevator that will allow the current building to be accessible. This will be an important element of renewal for our parish community because it means that those of us who could not attend social functions in Mercer Hall because of the stairs will now be able to participate more fully in the life of the church. The new door that has been installed where the Mary Shrine used to be will be the way to get from the Church to the elevator.

To make the area around that door more functional we will be removing the two front pews. While we do that we are taking the opportunity to shorten two pews to allow people who use wheelchairs or walkers to sit in the midst of the congregation and not be relegated to the back.

Over the next few months other renovations will be made to the church and sanctuary. In anticipation of our centennial celebrations which will begin in just two years we are going to install a wooden reredos behind the altar as was called for in the original plans from 1914. Through the generosity of a parishioner the floors in the nave will be refinished. When the work is complete St. Mary's will look more like she did when she was first built.

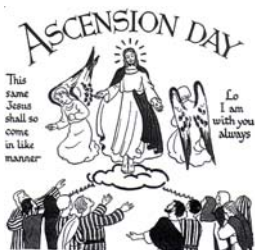
Work is also being done in the Padelford House. The rector's office is being enlarged to make it possible to meet with more than two people at a time. The guest apartment (Bethlehem Suite) is being renovated through the generosity and labors of the ECW. We thank them for this much needed facelift. Thanks, too, to Bill Donehower for putting in the new flooring.

Renewal is a good thing. It is good to renew and refresh out buildings. It is also good to renew and refresh ourselves and our spiritual lives.

What renovation projects can you undertake this summer to give your heart and spirit a new look and a refreshed vision?

Peace and blessing

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Brent". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.



ASCENSION DAY MASS

Thursday, June 2, is the *Feast of the Ascension*.

There will be an outdoor Mass at 6:00 pm followed by a pot luck picnic.

The Church will provide lemonade, tea and paper products. *Bring a picnic dish to share.*



TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALLGAME

It's that time of year again and time for our Annual Asheville Tourist Baseball Game. Please join us for a fun day at McCormick Field on **Sunday, June 5**. Game starts at 4:00 pm and we will try to get seats in the DD section of the ball field. Not only is this a great opportunity to enjoy the sunshine, but it is also a great way to meet your fellow parishioners. Please let *Ryan Bullock* (775-7926) know if you plan to attend so that we will know how many to expect. Also, plan to arrive about 3:30 pm for parking and ticket purchase. Thanks!!

PASTYME at ST. MARY'S - JUNE 5

On **Sunday, June 5 at 5:00 pm**, *Pastyme* will celebrate Evensong at St. Mary's Church. I'm sure that many of you have heard this wonderful group, but for those of you who haven't please take advantage of the opportunity. The combination of the traditional Anglican Evensong with the exquisite music of *Pastyme* will be an experience you don't want to miss.

Pastyme is a vocal group from Asheville which performs a cappella music of all kinds. Even though *Pastyme* has its roots in the sacred and secular music of the High Renaissance, the group performs a cappella music from a wide variety of literature, from classical to jazz, for concerts, church services, and special events. The group has no director; instead, all contribute to the selection, artistic interpretation, and development of each piece. *Pastyme* was formed in 1999 by a group of friends who enjoyed making music with each other. While there have been some changes in membership, four of the original members remain. The members of *Pastyme* are all active in the music community of Asheville, singing with church choirs, the opera and musical theatre. The group has also performed at numerous venues and churches in the Southeast, including the Piccolo Spoleto Festival in Charleston, SC, May 2001, the Cathedral of St. Philip, Atlanta, October 2005 and April 2007, and the Echo Early Music Festival, 2009.

Pastyme has completed its first CD, *Es ist ein Rose*, a collection of music in honor of the Virgin Mary. About half of the selections are from the Renaissance era, including Byrd's Ave Verum Corpus and Palestrina's Stabat Mater, with others from the 20th century by composers such as Benjamin Britten and Arvo Pärt. The CD is available at a number of outlets in the Asheville area.



From the Parish Library by *Brian Stanley*

This Month's Featured Sections:

Sermons (SERM) Letters and Journals (LETT) Devotionals (DEV)

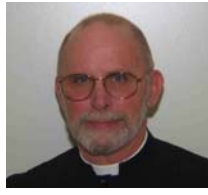
Recommended titles:

A Ray of Darkness: Sermons and Reflections, by Rowan Williams. Written before Williams became Archbishop of Canterbury, this collection of sermons includes titles such as "Waiting on God," "Not to Condemn the World," "The Unknown God," "Is There a Christian Sexual Ethic?," "Vocation," "Administering Justice," "Against Anxiety, Beyond Triumphalism," and many more. Call number: SERM Will 244 pages

The Showing Forth of Christ: Sermons of John Donne. Donne was not only a major poet but a gifted preacher. This collection contains some of his finest sermons. Call number: SERM Donn 230 pages

Love Came Down: Anglican Readings for Advent and Christmas, compiled by Christopher L. Webber. Daily readings for Advent and Christmas drawn from sermons, books, poems, and hymns by the most gifted Anglican writers of the past six hundred years, including Christina Rossetti, F.D. Maurice, John Donne, Madeleine L'Engle, John Keble, Thomas Traherne, William Law, Harriet Beecher Stowe, and many others. Call number: DEV Webb 99 pages

Fenelon's Letters, by Francois Fenelon. Fenelon was a 17th-century Roman Catholic theologian, writer, and Archbishop of Cambrai. In these letters, he offers advice on many aspects of the spiritual life. Call number: LETT Fene 208 pages



FROM YOUR DEACON

The Rev'd Deacon Gary Kovach

Our ministry with the congregation at Temple Beth HaTephila continues to flourish and grow. On May 13, as some of you may have seen in the Asheville Citizen-Times, the City of Asheville and Asheville Greenworks installed signs at either end of Martin Luther King Blvd reflecting our partnership with the Temple. We jointly participate in the Adopt-a-Street program and we periodically spend an hour or so on a Sunday afternoon cleaning MLK Blvd. We did just that on May 22, and I must tell you that, even though the temperature that day was approaching 90 degrees, we had a great time! It was nice to learn some things about the folks I walked with as well as their faith community, something that I am ashamedly far too ignorant of. I hope that, the next time we do this, more folks from St. Mary's will participate. It only takes an hour or less (depending on how much we chat!) and it is, after all, time well spent in service of our community. I'll let you know when the next date rolls around.

The Annunciation had gone to print prior to the Spaghetti Dinner (fundraiser) in support of the Room In The Inn program. Therefore, as soon as I get the total raised, I will find a way to make it known to everyone. Our own *Michael Ashmore* is the "go to" person for St. Mark's, St. Mary's, and the Temple in coordinating all the details for the week of **July 3 through July 9**. He will soon be announcing a training session as well as posting volunteer needs from St. Mary's for that week. Wouldn't it be awesome if the number of volunteers far exceeded the number needed? Trust me, no one will be told they are not needed. You will never hear that from my lips!

As we heard recently in John's Gospel, "Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these....." The "works" at St. Mary's are plentiful!

Your servant in Christ,
Deacon Gary

FROM THE PARISH REGISTER

LETTER OF TRANSFER: *Elizabeth & Father John Bettmann* transferring to St. Mary's from St. Paul's Church, Carlinville, Illinois

ST. MARY'S GARDEN



St. Mary's has a garden again this year. Tending the garden is a great way to engage your body in the beauty and mystery of God's creation. The produce of the garden is shared with others. If you want to help tend let Brent know.

A TRIP TO OLD ITALY, WELL NOT REALLY, JUST TO VALDESE

The town of Valdese, North Carolina, was founded by Italian Christians seeking religious liberty. Each year their descendants present a outdoor drama "From this Day Forward" which tells their story. On **Saturday, August 6**, St. Mary's will have a day trip to Valdese where we will see their museum, the recreated village, vineyard and the outdoor drama.

Mark your calendars and look for more information next month.

THE CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP CENTER

The Christian Discipleship Center held a commissioning ceremony on Monday, May 9, for its Board of Directors. The newly established Center currently has six churches which have come together as ecumenical partners. The purpose of the Center is to develop disciples through Christian educational opportunities that are spiritually relevant, intellectually stimulating and personally challenging. Courses are offered in the evening.

July 12-August 2

Ecology and Theology of Caring for Creation taught by Dr. Ed Hauser.

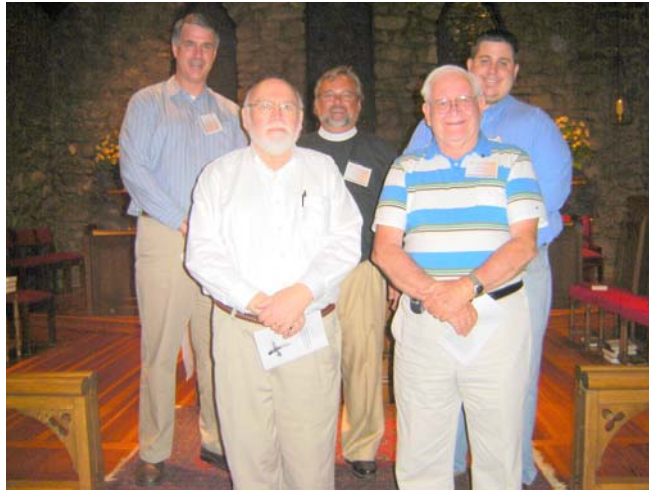
September 6 - October 25

The Acts of the Apostles taught by Dr. James Aydelotte.

September 8-October 27

Early Christian Teachings taught by Dr. Doug Johnson.

For more information, email: ChristianDiscipleshipCenter@gmail.com



The Board of Directors of the Christian Discipleship Center pictured are (left to right)

Back row: Pastor Mark Burnham, President, from First Presbyterian; Father Brent Norris, President-Elect, from St. Mary's Episcopal; Pastor Seth Gibson from St. Mark's Lutheran

Front row: Bill Spencer, Secretary/Treasurer from Grace Episcopal; Carlyle Bledsoe from St. Paul 's Methodist and not pictured is/Doug Hauschild from St. Eugene's Catholic.

From LESLIE JOHNSON
Stewardship Chair

Over the next few months I am going to be writing articles to discuss the vital subject of stewardship. I hope you will read them and respond this fall to the needs of our beloved St. Mary's and God's work throughout Asheville and beyond.

This month I would like to set the stage by exploring some startling statistics about giving that may surprise you.

- I. The two groups in the United States that give the highest percentages of their income are those of lesser means (those making less than \$20,000 per year) and the rich (those making more than \$100,000 per year). Middle-class Americans (those making between \$40,000 and \$100,000 per year) are the smallest percentage givers.
- II. Few support the church: Only one-third to one-half of U.S. church members financially support their churches.
- III. More than \$60 billion a year is donated to religious nonprofit organizations. The vast bulk of that sum – more than \$40 billion annually – goes directly to churches, almost all of it from individuals. Yet, it is estimated that American will spend over \$40 billion on their pets and will spend over \$60 billion on weight-loss programs.
- IV. Christians worldwide had personal income totaling more than \$16 trillion in 2007 but gave only 2 percent, or \$370 billion, to Christian causes and only 3 to 5 percent of those who donate money to a church tithe (give 10 percent of) their incomes.
- V. Incomes have gone up nine to 10 times in the last 20 years while giving has gone down about 50 percent.

There are reasons for these statistics. Let's look at a few:

1. **Average credit card debt** per U.S. household is \$8,400.
2. 70% of employees are **retiring** BEFORE they are 65 and not all because they want to retire. 33% of retirees indicated that 90% of their income came from their Social Security retirement check of \$895/month.
3. 20% of Americans have items stored in the U.S.'s 40,000 **storage facilities**.
4. **Financial problems** are the largest contributing cause of marital stress and divorce.
5. There has been a 30+ year decline in the % Christians give (depending on the denomination, the average giving is 1% - 3 ½%).
6. In 1999, ~ \$3 billion was given to 600 **Christian mission agencies**. Compare this to \$58 billion for soda products, \$24 billion in jewelry stores sales, \$8 billion for movie theaters, \$13 billion for chocolate products, \$38 billion in vending machine sales, \$11 billion for computer/video games, \$7 billion for greeting cards, \$23 billion for toys, \$91 billion in lawn/garden industry, \$23 billion for pets.
7. In the **Bible**, there were 40 verses on "baptism", 275 verses on "prayer", 350 verses on "faith", 650 verses on "love" – and 2,350 verses that relate specifically to finances and material possessions.

With this backdrop as a starting point, in the months ahead we will look at more encouraging ideas about stewardship.

I hope you will tune in. *Leslie*

SERVING IN MINISTRY IN JUNE

Ushers 11:00 am

June	5 & 12	Judy & Lynn Sluder
	19 & 26	Carolyn & Jeff Untz

Lectors

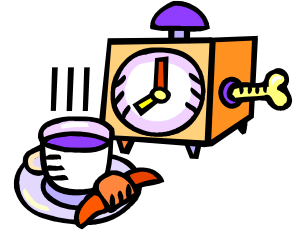
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June 5	<i>Vince Ross</i>	<i>Leslie Johnson</i>
June 12	<i>Julien Mercier</i>	<i>Harold Cole</i>
June 19	<i>Cindy Norris</i>	<i>Annette Henry</i>
June 26	<i>Julien Mercier</i>	<i>David Moltke-Hansen</i>

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

June	5	
	12	
	19	Pat Wooten
	26	



NOTICE

+++ The deadline to submit articles for the July 2011, newsletter will be June 20 +++

FOOD COLLECTION IN JUNE: Grains and Cereals

FROM THE REGISTER ATTENDANCE REPORT

	8:00 am	11:00 am	Total
May 1	21	87	108
May 8	15	76	91
May 15	18	69	87
May 22	21	66	87

JUNE PRAYER CYCLE

Daily Prayers for: Diocese, Anglican Communion, Religious Communities

1	Incarnation, Highlands Diocese of Northern Uganda Sisters of the Community of St. Mary, Sewanee
2	Good Shepherd, Haysville Incarcerated People and those who work with them All Saints' Sisters of the Poor, Catonsville, MD
3	Grace, Robbinsville Diocese of Norwich (Canterbury, England) Sisters of the Community of the Holy Spirit, New York
4	Grace, Waynesville Diocese of Nova Scotia & Prince Edward Island Sisters of the Community of St. Francis, San Francisco
5	St. Agnes & St. John's, Franklin Diocese of Nsukka (Nigeria) Sisters of the Community of St. John the Baptist, NJ
6	St. Cyprian's, Franklin Diocese of Nyahururu (Kenya) Sisters of the Community of St. Mary, Greenwich, NY
7	Messiah, Murphy Diocese of Offa (Nigeria) Sisters of the Transfiguration, San Pedro, DR
8	St. Andrew's, Canton Diocese of Ogbaru (Nigeria) Sisters of St. Mary, West Province, Mukwonago, WI
9	St. David's, Cullowhee Diocese of Ogoni (Nigeria) Sisters of the Church, Oakville, Ontario
10	St. Francis, Cherokee Diocese of Ogori-Magongo (Nigeria) Sisters of the Transfiguration, Cincinnati, OH
11	St. John's, Sylva Diocese of Ohaji/Egbema (Nigeria) Brothers of the Holy Cross, West Park, NY
12	St. Mary's College & St. Augustine's College, Raleigh Diocese of Ohio Sisters/Brothers of Julian of Norwich, Waukesha, WI
13	University of the South, Sewanee Diocese of Oji River (Nigeria) Sisters of St. Anne, Bethany Convent, Arlington, MA
14	Ascension, Hickory St. Alban's, Hickory Diocese of Oke-Ogun (Nigeria) Sisters of St. Anne, Ascension Convent, Chicago, IL
15	Epiphany, Newton Diocese of Oke-Osun (Nigeria) Sisters of the Society of St. Margaret, Boston

16	Grace, Morganton St. Stephen's, Morganton Diocese of Okene (Nigeria) Sisters of the Order of St. Helena, Augusta, GA
17	St. Mary's, Morganton St. Paul's, Morganton Diocese of Okgwe (Nigeria) The Community of Taize
18	St. James, Lenoir Diocese of Okigwe North (Nigeria) Brothers of St. Gregory's Abbey, Three Rivers, MI
19	St. John's, Marion Diocese of Okinawa (Japan) Brothers of the Servants of Christ Priory, Phoenix, AZ
20	St. Paul's, Wilkesboro Diocese of Oklahoma Sisterhood of the Holy Nativity, Ripon, WI
21	Lake Logan Center Diocese of Okrika (Nigeria) Sisters of Charity, Little Britain, Ontario
22	Bishop Henry Center Diocese of Oleh (Nigeria) Sisters of St. John the Divine, Toronto
23	Holy Spirit, Mars Hill Diocese of Olympia Brothers of the Society of St. Francis, Mt. Sinai, NY
24	Cathedral of All Souls, Asheville Diocese of Omu-Aran (Nigeria) Brothers of St. John the Evangelist, Cambridge, MA
25	Trinity, Asheville Diocese of On the Lake (Nigeria) Sisters of the Society of St. Margaret, Port-au-Prince
26	Grace, Asheville Redeemer, Asheville Diocese of On the Niger (Nigeria) Priests of the Society of St. Paul, Palm Desert, CA
27	St. George's, Asheville St. Mary's, Asheville Diocese of Ondo (Nigeria) Sisters of Teachers of the Children of God, Tucson, AZ
28	St. Luke's, Asheville St. John's, Asheville Diocese of Ontario (Canada) New Vocations
29	Valle Crucis Conference Center Diocese of Oregon Religious Communities in Anglican Communion
30	Kanuga Conference Center Diocese of Orlu (Nigeria) Oblates of Religious Orders

St. Mary's Church

June 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 <i>No Mass</i> 6:00 pm Rosary 7:00 pm Choir	2 ASCENSION 6:00 pm Mass <u>White</u> <i>Followed by Covered dish Picnic</i>	3 Martyrs of Uganda <i>(Fr. Norris)</i> 12:05 pm Mass <i>(Rite I)</i> <u>White</u> <i>No Abstinence</i>	4 8:45 - 4:00 pm WNC Diocesan Ministry & Mis- sion Conference at First Baptist Church 10:00 am Al-Anon
5 EASTER VII 7:45 am MP 8:00 am Mass <u>White</u> 11:00 am High Mass 12:45 pm Handbells 3:30 pm Ballgame @ McCormick Field 5:00 pm Evensong with Pastyme	6 <i>Parish Office closed</i>	7 Pioneers of Episcopal Anglican Church of Brazil <i>(Fr. Edwards)</i> 5:15 pm EP 5:30 pm Mass <u>White</u>	8 <i>No Mass</i> 6:00 pm Rosary 7:00 pm Choir	9	10 Ephrem <i>(Fr. Weissman)</i> <i>Parish Office closed</i> 12:05 pm Mass <i>(Rite I)</i> <u>White</u> <i>No Abstinence</i>	11 10:00 am Al-Anon
12 PENTECOST 7:45 am MP 8:00 am Mass <u>Red</u> 11:00 am High Mass	13 <i>Rector's Day off</i>	14 Basil <i>(Fr. Edwards)</i> 5:15 pm EP 5:30 pm Mass <u>Green</u>	15 Ember Day: Evelyn Underhill <i>(Fr. Norris)</i> 7:30 am Mass <u>Green</u> 12:00 pm Clergy Lunch 6:00 pm Rosary 7:00 pm Choir	16	17 Joseph Butler <i>(tr)</i> <i>(Fr. Weissman)</i> 12:05 pm Mass <i>(Rite I)</i> <u>White</u> <i>No Abstinence</i>	18 9:00 pm Confessions 10:00 am Al-Anon
19 TRINITY 7:45 am MP 8:00 am Mass <u>White</u> 11:00 am High Mass 12:45 pm Vestry	20 <i>Rector's Day off</i>	21 Bernard Mizeki <i>(tr)</i> <i>(Fr. Edwards)</i> 5:15 pm EP 5:30 pm Mass <u>Red</u>	22 Alban <i>(Fr. Woggon)</i> 7:30 am Mass <u>White</u> 6:00 pm Rosary 7:00 pm Choir	23	24 NATIVITY OF ST. JOHN BAPTIST <i>(Fr. Weissman)</i> 12:05 pm Mass <i>(Rite I)</i> <u>White</u> <i>No Abstinence</i>	25 10:00 am Al-Anon
26 PENTECOST II <i>(Proper 8)</i> 7:45 am MP 8:00 am Mass <u>Green</u> 11:00 am High Mass 3:00 pm Nursing Home Service	27 <i>Rector's Day off</i>	28 Irenaeus <i>(Fr. Edwards)</i> 5:15 pm EP 5:30 pm Mass <u>Green</u>	29 St. Peter & St. Paul <i>(Fr. Woggon)</i> 7:30 am Mass <u>Red</u> 6:00 pm Rosary 7:00 pm Choir	30		

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The Rev'd O. C. Edwards _____ Priest Associate
The Rev'd Stephen Weissman _____ Priest Associate
The Rev'd Harry Woggon _____ Priest Associate

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