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150th Anniversary News

Sept. 15th Seniors' Outreach

Saturday, October 3rd

150th

Anniversary Banquet

Canon Stirling Auditorium
"Meet and Greet"- 6:30pm
on the mezzanine
followed by a

Thanksgiving Dinner 7:15pm

After Dinner Speaker:

Canon Joyce Payne

Entertainment to follow

Tickets: \$40 per person

Tickets will be available Aug. 23rd

Sunday October 4th

Special Anniversary Service

10:30 am

*Special Guests will include church &
government dignitaries*

For more information on the Celebrations
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Worship Next Week Aug, 16, 2009

8:00 am Holy Communion (BCP) St. Mary's
10:30 am Holy Eucharist St. Mary's
6:30 pm - Holy Eucharist St. Peter's

Wednesday 11:30 AM – Holy Communion

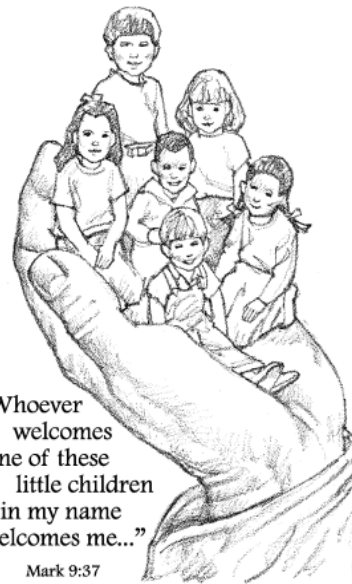
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THE MAGNIFICAT



"Whoever
welcomes
one of these
little children
in my name
welcomes me..."
Mark 9:37

Today we welcome
into the body of Christ, through the
Sacrament of Holy Baptism

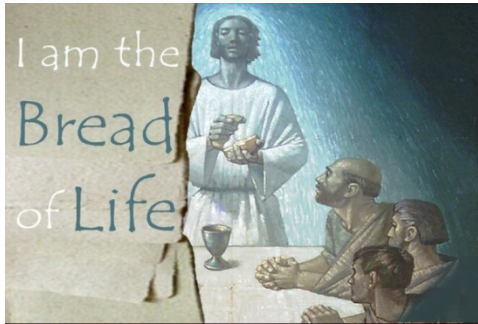
Alex Butler ~ Mikayla Young
~ **Allison Duffett** ~
~ **Benjamin O'Reilly** ~
William Winsor ~ Devon Monsma
~ **Riley Reid** ~

We ask God's Blessing upon them,
their families and Godparents.
We extend warm greetings to family
and friends who have come to share
this special occasion here today.

August 9, 2009 – 10th Sunday after Pentecost

The Rector - The Rev'd Gregory Mercer
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A Note from Rev. Donna



Dear Friends in Christ,

In this Sunday's text, Jesus said, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty." The bread metaphor reminds us to yearn for that which truly satisfies. It is Jesus who truly satisfies. And it is through Christ's life, death and resurrection that we come to know that the gift he gives is Eternal Life. He asks us to partake in the Eucharist reminding us that He is the bread of life. It is through our baptism that we come to the table.

Today we welcome into the body of Christ seven little souls Alex, Mikayla, Allison, Benjamin, William, Devon and Riley, six babies being baptized this morning at St. Mary's and one baby this evening at St. Peter's. Our prayer for them is that the Lord watch over them and keep them as their days increase. Our desire for them is that they become joyful, generous and loving people in whom Christ is clearly visible and alive.

Jesus gathered children around him for his blessing and said to his disciples that

they should not hinder the children for, "to such as these belong the Kingdom of God." We trust in God to care for these children that their families have brought to the church today. We trust God to bring them to that day in the future when the faith in which we raise them will become their own.

We trust that they will come to that day never having been fully apart from God because on this day we have trusted in God to mark them as Christ's own forever.

But we are not talking about matters for parents alone. Scripture tells all of us to praise God to the generations that follow as it takes the whole church to raise children in the faith and none of us is without responsibility.

We will all be asked today to support these children in their life in Christ. We are making a promise to God. In saying that we will support these children, we are saying that St. Mary the Virgin and St. Peter on the Rock will now and always keep programs for children as a priority. We do this because scripturally we know that children are fully a part of the church now and will continue to be so. We are called to support the whole Body of Christ. Just as the birth of the child is so important to the entire family, so the baptism of the child is important to the parish family. This Eucharistic community welcomes you and we look forward to our future together.

Yours in Christ

Rev. Donna

FOOD BANK While we no longer operate our own food bank, please consider assisting the food banks in our area.

WATERFORD The next Sing a long/Prayer service is Aug. 13th at 7:00 PM (6:30PM for volunteers) in the Waterford Chapel. Please come out to support this ministry.

In Our Diocese

The 26 Biennial Session of the Diocesan Synod of Eastern Newfoundland and Labrador will meet at the Parish of All Saints, CBS from **Thursday, October 22 to Saturday, October 24, 2009.**

Our Community News

Topsail United Church Men's Club will be hosting a fundraising breakfast on Saturday September 12, from 8 -11 am, in support of the CBS monument of honour. Baked beans, ham, pancakes, eggs, cereal, toast, juice, tea/coffee will be served. \$ 7 adults & \$ 3 children under 12.

Simplicity

Simplify your life. Don't waste years struggling for what is unimportant. Don't burden yourself with possessions. Keep your needs and wants simple. Enjoy what you have. Simplify! Don't fritter away your life on nonessentials. Don't destroy your peace of mind by looking back, worrying about the past. Live in the present. Simplify! – *Henry David Thoreau*

The Seed

A successful businessman was getting older and wanted to choose a successor. He called together all the young executives in the company. To each he gave a seed, which he wanted each to plant and water and return a year from the day with the result.

Jim went home and planted his seed. He faithfully watered it and checked it daily. Nothing grew. A year went by. Jim told his wife that he just couldn't take a bare pot. She told him to be honest. He knew she was right and went with his empty pot to the board room. There he found an amazing variety of beautiful plants. Jim felt embarrassed. The CEO entered, and looked at all the spectacular results. He asked Jim what had happened to his plant. Jim was honest. Then the CEO asked all to sit down except Jim.

"Your next CEO is Jim," he announced. "I gave you all boiled seeds. They were dead. It was not possible for them to grow. Jim was the only one with the courage and honesty to bring me a pot with my seed in it. These are the qualities I want in the next CEO."



Lectionary Readings for Aug.16, 09

PROPER 20

1 KINGS 2:10-12; 3:3-14; PSALM 111

EPHESIANS 5:15-20; JOHN 6:51-58

Set us free by the truth you now bring us
Shine on me, shine on me

Refrain: Shine, Jesus, shine Fill this land with
the father's glory Blaze, spirit, blaze set our
hearts on fire. Flow, river, flow flood the
nations with grace and mercy send forth
your word Lord, and let there be light

2. Lord, I come to your awesome presence
From the shadows into your radiance
By the blood I may enter your brightness
Search me, try me, consume all my
darkness Shine on me, shine on me
(Refrain)

3. As we gaze on your kingly brightness
So our faces display your likeness
Ever changing from glory to glory
Mirrored here may our lives tell your story
Shine on me, shine on me (Refrain)

The Dismissal

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Stewardship Thoughts

Want to live forever? That's what
Jesus offers to those who accept
him into their lives. A good steward
not only knows **this**, but is able to
share it with other 'hungry' people.



Our Parish News

Tickets for the 150th Anniversary Dinner
Oct. 3rd will go on sale Aug. 23. The After
Dinner Speaker will be **Canon Joyce Payne**
Tickets are \$40 per person.



Summer Hiking Invitation:

Please note: The hike for August 22nd has
been cancelled.

Congratulations to St. Mary's parishioner

Lena Issacs who celebrated her 100th
Birthday August 1st. Birthday Greetings
from your parish family!

A big THANK YOU to parishioner and

sidesperson Selby Pack for 41 years of
continuous and faithful services as a
sidesperson at St. Mary's. Selby is retiring
from his sidesperson duties and we thank
him for the ministry he has provided these
years! Expect to see him on duty
occasionally as he said he plans to fill in
where needed.

USED STAMP PROGRAM Did you know that
approx 1 lb. of Stamps = 1 Bible. Save all
your cancelled Stamps and bring them to St.
Mary's and we will forward them on.

AUTOMATIC DEBIT As you prepare for your
summer holidays, and will be away from the
church, consider signing up for automatic
bank withdrawal as a way of supporting
your church over the summer months.

Welcome to our Worship today & especially to those who are visiting our parish.

The Bulletin this week is given to the Glory of God and in memory of
Gordon White
from mother, Flora Sheppard

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**This community of faith, welcomes to the Lord's table all who are baptized
and who wish to be nourished with the Body and Blood of Christ.**

St. Mary's Church Office:

Office Hours - Monday to Friday 9 am – 5 pm

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Sharing the Peace

***Due the outbreak of the Swine Flu, please refrain from shaking
hands and sharing the peace until further notice.***



Please note: Should you not be able to receive communion
from the Altar please let the sidespeople know and the clergy
will bring the sacrament to you in your pew.

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PLEASE BE SENSITIVE TO SCENTS!

There are a number of people in our congregation that have allergies to scents.
We ask that you refrain from wearing scents in the church. Thank you!

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Donations for Bulletins, Sanctuary and Altar Candles and Flowers
may be given each week. For available dates, please contact the office.

The Holy Eucharist and Holy Baptism (BAS)

Organ Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Processional Hymn: (CP#383)

Jesus Shall Reign Where 'Re The Sun

1. Jesus shall reign where'er the sun
Doth its successive journeys run;
His kingdom stretch from shore to shore,
Till moons shall wax and wane no more.

2. People and realms of every tongue
Dwell on His love with sweetest song;
And infant voices shall proclaim
Their early blessings on His Name.

3. Blessings abound where'er He reigns;
The prisoners leap to lose their chains;
The weary find eternal rest,
And all who suffer want are blest.

4. Let every creature rise and bring
Peculiar honors to our King;
Angels descend with songs again,
And earth repeat the loud amen!

The Gathering of the Community

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The Collect of the Day

The Proclamation of the Word

1st reading: 2 SAMUEL 18:5-9, 15, 31-33;

Reader: Adele Dixon

PSALM 130 Reader: Allison Murphy

REFRAIN: The Lord shall redeem us from all our sins.

Out of the depths have I called to you, O Lord; Lord, hear my voice; let your ears consider well the voice of my supplication. **R** If you, Lord, were to note what is done amiss, O Lord, who could stand? For there is forgiveness with you; therefore you shall be feared. **R**

I wait for the Lord; my soul waits for him; in his word is my hope. My soul waits for the Lord, more than watchmen for the morning, more than watchmen for the morning. **R**

O Israel, wait for the Lord, for with the Lord there is mercy; With him there is plenteous redemption, and he shall redeem Israel from all their sins. **R**

Gradual Hymn: (CP#458)

Seek Ye First

Seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, And all these things shall be added unto you, Allelu, alleluia.

Refrain:

Alleluia, Alleluia, alleluia.

Allelu, alleluia.

We shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God, Allelu, alleluia. *Refrain:*

Ask, and it shall be given unto you. Seek, and ye shall find. Knock, and the door shall be opened unto you. Allelu, alleluia. *Refrain*

Seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you, Allelu, alleluia. *Refrain*

Gospel: JOHN 6:35, 41-51

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The Celebration of Baptism

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The Peace

SHARING THE PEACE

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The Celebration of the Eucharist

Gift Bearers: Gregory Butler, Crystal Buckley & Ian Duffett

Offertory Hymn:

All Things Bight and Beautiful

1. All things bright and beautiful,
all creatures great and small,
all things wise and wonderful:
the Lord God made them all.

2. Each little flower that opens,
each little bird that sings,
God made their glowing colors,
and made their tiny wings. *(Refrain)*

3. The purple-headed mountains,
the river running by,
the sunset and the morning
that brightens up the sky. *(Refrain)*

4. The cold wind in the winter,
the pleasant summer sun,
the ripe fruits in the garden:
God made them every one. *(Refrain)*

5. God gave us eyes to see them,
and lips that we might tell
how great is God Almighty,
who has made all things well. *(Refrain)*

Prayer over the Gifts - (In unison)

Father, receive all we offer you this day, and grant that in this Eucharist we may be enriched by the gifts of the Spirit. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

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Jesus, Lamb of God (sung) (#747)

Jesus Lamb of God, Have mercy on us.
Jesus, bearer of our sins, Have mercy on us.
Jesus, redeemer, redeemer of the world,
give us your peace, give us your peace.

The Invitation to Communion p 213

THE COMMUNION

Euch. Min: Gerry & Meaghan Beresford

Communion Hymn: CP #9 - Today I Awake

Post Communion Prayer- (In Unison)

Eternal God, grant to your Church the unity and peace that we have tasted in this eucharist, the fruit of your life-giving Spirit. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.

The Doxology & The Blessing

Recessional Hymn: (CP#460)

Lord, The Light Of Your Love Is Shining

1. Lord, the light of your love is shining
In the midst of the darkness, shining
Jesus, light of the world, shine upon us