



St. Mary's Newsletter

March 2010

Coffee hours Hosts

March	Sharon & Charles Hawk	337-8675
April	Emilia & Alan Behr	629-8282
May	Mike & Joanne Collison	337-7784

Anyone who would like to take a coffee hour, please contact Marge at 337-1089. Also if your name is on the list and would like to make a change, please contact Marge.

Reader Schedule

March	Sharon Hawk
April	Maureen Yocum
May	Alan Behr

Bishop Wayne Wright's Visit



Birthdays



- March 7 Chris Min
- March 9 Anne Hallman
- March 9 Tabatha Nock
- March 18 Charles Hawk
- March 25 Helen Cameron
- March 31 Tony Stento

Anniversaries



- March 29 Jackie and Mark Crews

Altar Guild Schedule

March	Terry Coverdale-Chike Phyllis Jones Cathy Driscoll
April	Sharon Hawk Debbie Stogner Kim Vanbuskirk
May	Mary Parsons Alice Min

Alice & Debbie have offered to do "substitute altar duty" for anyone in need.

Usher Schedule

March	Charles Hawk
April	Jerry Stogner
May	Mike Collison

St. Mary's Vestry greeted Bishop Wright at the Parish House on Sunday morning, February 21st.

Bishop Wright said he was always happy to visit St. Mary's. He complimented us on our well maintained facility and the great job we did in our outreach programs.

He brought us up to date about his family life. He said his wife is a nurse practitioner. She works with elderly people as well as mentally challenged. His son is now in college.

He said his effort to recruit priests from out of state to Delaware continued to be a success. Many ordained priests are young and ready to become our spiritual leaders.

He briefed us on the financial status of our Cathedral in Wilmington. Because of the changes in demographics in Wilmington downtown area, maintaining the facility has become very difficult. However, the people who are responsible for the revitalization of the Cathedral are working hard to come up with a solution. The plan of action will be revealed soon.

At the end of the meeting with the Vestry, the Bishop spent time with the children and teachers at the Sunday school.

After the Imposition of Ashes and Holy Eucharist

service, we were treated to a lovely reception, hosted by Ann Jones and Jeanne Torbert, as well as other church members.

December Vestry Report

December 13, 2009

The Vestry of St. Mary's opened the meeting with a prayer by Father Joe.

Elaine greeted the newly elected members: Emilia Behr, Kim Vanbuskirk and Tom Brace.

Minutes from September meeting will be read in January.

Maureen gave the treasurer's report which was followed by a discussion about pledge cards. We have many parishioners who give faithfully but don't feel comfortable signing pledge cards. However the pledges help give the treasurer an idea on how to construct the budget. Maureen also explained we have some money from Minnie Short's memorial fund to be used for a new ambry in Minnie's memory. Father Jack Chamblin also had returned money from his discretionary fund while he served as priest at St. Mary's.

Maureen reported on the CCII on copyright if we use hymns from the Blue Praise Book etc. It seems that we can pay \$100 or so a year for the privilege of using it but this needs more investigation.

Father Joe has discussed with Jerry Stognor about designing an ambry cabinet. The final design agreed upon and cost will be reported to the Vestry in due course.

The Vestry discussed being trained to use the AED machine that was donated to us by Mike Bryden in memory of Joe Evans. We will set aside a time at coffee hour perhaps. Maureen mentioned she already knows how.

Christmas Eve service will start on Thursday at 7:30 p.m.

Elaine reported the annual Convention will be on March 12 - 13 at St. Peter's in Lewes. Anyone who wants to be a delegate please let her know.

Bishop's visit is scheduled for February 21st, 2010. He will meet with the vestry at 9:00 a.m.

A film about apology for slavery is being passed around the Diocese. It was decided that we would not be interested in viewing it at this time. To many of us, it seems just another way of stirring up the racial prejudice over and over again.

Motion was made to adjourn. All were in favor.

Important Dates to Remember

- Bridgeville Fire Company Dinner on March 7th, at Fire Hall, 12 - 5 PM.
- Brown Baggers will meet on March 9th at 10:30 AM.
- Historical Society Membership Meeting at Parish House on March 11th, at 6:30 PM.
- The 225th Convention of the Diocese of Delaware will be held on March 12 - 13 at Saint Peter's Church, Lewes, Delaware.
- Bridgeville Lions Club Show on March 12 - 13 at Woodbridge High School at 7:30 PM.
- Daylight Savings Time begins on March 14th at 2:00 AM.
- Group home will be visited on March 18th at 6:30 PM.
- Uniform Closet will be open on March 20th, 12:30 to 2:00 PM.
- The Bridgeville Library will hold a Genealogy Program on Tuesday, March 23rd at 7:00 p.m. Mr. John T. Reardon, author of "A Civil War Cavalry Man" will be our featured speaker.
- "Rock for Books" Sock Hop at Heritage Shore on March 26th from 6:00 to 10:00 PM. Tickets are available at the Bridgeville Public Library.