

June 26, 2009

Dear Member of St. Mary's,

Before we head into summer vacation season, we wanted to provide a quick update on:

- Peter's retirement
- St. Mary's summer schedule
- Dates to save for September

### **Peter's Retirement Celebration**

The send-off celebration for Peter was everything we could have hoped for. Peter, Abbie, Ben, and Gaelan all expressed thanks for a wonderful day.

The entire parish owes a special thank you to Lucille Rossignol (and her husband Paul LaViolette) not only for all the time and talent she devoted to organizing the festivities, but for generously hosting the party that evening at her house.

Many other people contributed time, talent, and resources to the celebration as well. Although we can't thank everyone by name, we would like to offer specific thanks to:

- Peggy Scott and Kitty Smith for organizing the Pentecost brunch
- Priscilla Bartzak for the toast honoring Peter that Sunday morning
- Elisabeth Visvis for altar flowers, and all who helped with the brunch flowers
- Sarah and Mark Williamson for hosting the children's party at their house
- The Kohli boys for running the shuttle service
- Denise Flanagan, our administrative assistant, for her countless extra hours of work

Our lives at St. Mary's are richer for the work all of you do here.

### **Retirement Purse**

The retirement purse for Peter totaled \$16,615! This overwhelming gift reflects both our love of Peter and the generosity of our members. Peter was very, very thankful when I spoke to him, as this gift will ensure that Ben can complete college without putting any undue pressure on Peter and Abbie in retirement.

Should you wish to contact them, Peter and Abbie's mailing address in Vermont is 162 Peene Hill Road, Barton VT 05822; his personal email address is pgoc555@aol.com.

## **Summer Schedule**

Beginning in July, our interim priest Margaret Schwarzer will be the primary celebrant for Sunday services. As a reminder, we only have one Sunday service at 10AM starting July 6; the 8AM service will resume following Labor Day.

The parish office will be open during the week in July and August on the following schedule:

*Mondays and Tuesdays* - 9AM to 2PM

*Wednesdays and Thursdays* - 9AM to 5PM - Margaret is in the office

*Fridays* - Closed

During a few weeks in August the office may not be open at all these dates/times during the week; this will be noted on the weekly updates emailed to the parish and posted on the website.

If there are *pastoral emergencies that come up during the summer* (e.g. serious illness) please call the parish office at 617-527-4769. If this is outside of parish office hours, you can contact Margaret directly on her mobile phone at 617-733-0661. Note Margaret will be on vacation between August 3 and 15; alternate emergency coverage will be available during that time, with this information listed on both the parish website and the office answering machine message.

As a reminder, Margaret will transition to full-time at St. Mary's starting in September.

## **Save-the-Dates for September**

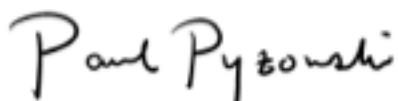
Sunday September 13 - the Sunday after Labor Day - marks the beginning of our autumn calendar. We resume having services at both 8AM and 10AM, and our Sunday school teachers will be available after the 10AM service to answer questions and for registrations.

***On Sunday September 20 we will have our Welcome Back BBQ on the parish lawn, as well as the first day of Sunday school.*** The BBQ is open not only to our members but to friends and neighbors. More information will be available in early September.

Lastly, the Vestry and Wardens thank you for your support over the past few very busy months. This has been an emotional time for all of us at St. Mary's, but our parish is strong and vital, and the transition is going better than we could have hoped.

Have a good summer.

Yours in Christ,



Paul Pyzowski

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