

◆ THE MISSION ◆

ST. MARTIN-IN-THE-FIELDS

FEBRUARY, 2005

"The Purpose of St. Martin-in-the-Fields Episcopal Church is to help people be transformed, gifted, called, equipped and sent into ministry by Christ in the context of a caring community of celebration."

From Mother Marilyn

Dear Friends,

Life at St. Martin's – there's always a new opportunity to learn faith! I was reading the Daily Office this morning, and the gospel (Mark 4:35-41) was about the disciples with Jesus sleeping in the boat while the storm was raging wildly about them. The disciples, reasonably enough, were afraid and called out to him, "Master! Don't you care if we perish?" And Jesus simply commanded the storm: "Peace! Be still!" And it was. But then he spoke to the disciples. "Why are you afraid? Have you no faith?"

I love this story because it reminds me, every time I become anxious about some "storm" or another, that I need to stop looking at the waves and look to Jesus, trust in Jesus, call out to Jesus and stand in expectant trust and radical hope. "He is faithful who has called us and he will do it."

So, as we look to these few weeks while I am gone, we can trust that Jesus is captaining the ship (he does anyway) – and in charge of the storms – and that we will all be moving along with him in this new experience. I'm excited about our new Vestry and Wardens. Bruce reminded us at the Annual Meeting that the former Vestry had brought us through some major transitions, (not an easy job, and we are very grateful for their hard work and faithful prayers) and that he believes we're ready now to move forward again. Both Martha and Cynthia have hit the ground running, and I suspect most of you are hearing from God about his call on your life and what your part is in his plans!

What has become so profoundly clear to me in these last few weeks is the reality of the Body of Christ in this place. Your prayers and concern for me have sustained and strengthened me, and I am deeply grateful. But it's more than that – something less tangible, but part of the mystery of how God is with us, how the Spirit works to empower the life of Christ in an ordinary group of people leading their own different and divergent lives. We are together in prayer, together in the Spirit. And I believe this togetherness of purpose and prayer is at least part of what God is teaching us and calling us to in all the kingdom work he has for us to do.

I hope we'll commit to continuing to pray together for St. Martin's – even when we want to call out, "Jesus, don't you care?" That's when he acts, that's when he recalls us to faith in him so that we can keep on moving toward safe harbor.

I am grateful that Rev. Barbara Musselman and Deacon Shirl O'Halloran will be with you. Please call them if you have any pastoral needs. I am grateful also for the gifts and faithfulness of the rest of you as you keep things going and moving forward! You will be in my prayers, and I'll be back soon, God willing!

God bless you all in every way!

In His love,
Marilyn+

P.S. As most of you know, my surgery is scheduled for Jan. 25 at 9:30 a.m. Please call Margie at the office for the first week afterward for progress reports. Thanks again for your love and prayers.

Vestry Meeting Highlights

January 4, 2005

Members in attendance: Kathy Christy, Missi Kern, Cynthia Obermeyer, Jane Owens, Bruce Raymond, Georgia Reissig, Sue Richardson, Marilyn Schneider, Bryan Shallenberger.

Marilyn opened the meeting with a prayer. The minutes of the December 7, 2004 meeting were affirmed as approved. Mike and Sherry Blaser are resigning as Treasurer and Bookkeeper, respectively. Michelle Raymond will perform an audit of the 2004 books. Bruce presented the budget information that will be provided at the annual meeting. 2004 pledge statements will be completed in January.

Kathy Christy is resigning her position as Parish Life Coordinator. Cynthia Obermeyer has accepted the position of Junior Warden. Jane Owens is resigning as Clerk of the Vestry after the Annual Meeting.

Vestry members discussed the agenda for the annual meeting. A quorum of 21 members will be necessary to conduct business at the meeting. Jane will serve as Clerk of the Annual Meeting. The voting procedures have already been determined by the Vestry and will be explained by Bruce at the meeting.

The service of Deacon Shirl O'Halloran for St. Martin's has been approved by the Bishop's Office. Deacon Shirl will assist the priest during services, visit CCRV, and provide pastoral care. Marilyn will work out a letter of agreement with Deacon Shirl.

Marilyn is working on the new contract with the Korean Church. Plans for the 2005 Vestry Retreat were briefly discussed but must wait for the new Vestry to decide. Marilyn and other Vestry members extended their appreciation to Bruce, Kathy, and Missi, the outgoing Vestry members.

The meeting adjourned with a prayer at 8:45 PM. The new Vestry will meet briefly after the annual meeting. The next regular meeting will be Tuesday, February 1 at 7 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jane Owens, Clerk

Introducing The Rev. Barbara Musselman

“I’m not getting confirmed, Christianity isn’t true, and I’m never going back to church!” Throughout my teen years my parents often heard me express these sentiments about God and the church. They may have been concerned, but I think God must have just chuckled!

A Colorado native, I graduated from high school in Greeley, Colorado (still very much the agnostic) and attended the University of Denver. I began asking lots of hard questions about Christianity, and after two years of probing, concluded God had loved me to the limit by dying for me. I gave Christ my heart and soul, without any idea where that commitment might lead me. Yet God’s invitation to “feed my sheep,” captivated my attention from the start.

After graduation, I married and worked as a legal assistant in downtown Denver. I became the Coordinator of Women’s Ministries in a Presbyterian church, teaching adult Bible classes and mentoring lay pastors and teachers. Upon my return to the Episcopal Church of my childhood, Bishop Frye confirmed me at Christ Episcopal Church.

Back in the 1980s when my now nineteen-year-old son Tony was still a toddler I started seminary, but dropped out two years later due to financial difficulties. I worked for the next ten years as a library reference assistant.

When my thirteen-year-old son, Mark, turned two, I began coordinating and teaching adult education programs at St. Gregory’s in Littleton, led a woman’s Bible Study and founded a still vigorous spiritual formation group. As the years went by, I also served on the vision team and supervised the Alpha program.

By 1997, I could sense God was stirring up something important inside me. A spiritual director encouraged me to consider whether God was pushing me towards ordination. After receiving congregational and diocesan endorsement, I moved with my family to Pittsburgh in 1999. Now a single mother, I graduated from Trinity Episcopal School for Ministry in December 2001 and moved back to Denver. I served on the staff of Augustana Lutheran Church, and then was hired as Associate Rector at St. Luke’s, Denver. Since September 2005, I have been in the process of discerning what God has planned for me next! I am delighted to be here at St. Martin’s for the next few weeks while Mother Marilyn recuperates.

Your Sister in Christ,
Barbara

*Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine
Ephesians 3:20*

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Deacon Shirl O'Halloran & Pastor Barbara Musselman
for your pastoral support to our family at St. Martin!



Altar Ministries — February, 2005

Feb-06-2005 8:30 am		Natalie Graeber	Lee Mayfield Lorna Mayfield	Mary Louise Gradwohl	Mike Shallanberger	Kira Gilbert Sue Gilbert	Joni Graeber
Feb-06-2005 10:45 am	Brandon Kern Cody Woycott	Michael Shepard	Chuck Tice Pam Rice	Missi Kern	Judy Tice	John Shepard	Joy Guarina
Feb-13-2005 8:30 am	Vincent Graeber Jocelyn Whipp	Bryan Shallanberger	Bryan Shallanberger Mike Shallanberger	Georgia Reissig	Lorna Mayfield	Ann Shallanberger Jordan Hendrickson	Kathy Christy
Feb-13-2005 10:45 am	Sarah Raymond Caitlin Shepard	Nate Raymond	Martha Libby Jay Johnson	Chuck Tice	Missi Kern	Tom Keables John Shepard	Tom Keables
Feb-20-2005 8:30 am		Jordan Hendrickson	Randy Hoidahl Sharon Hoidahl	Sharon Hoidahl	Randy Hoidahl	Dave Graeber Joni Graeber	Jonie Graeber
Feb-20-2005 10:45 am	Becca Richardson Brandon Kern	Michael Shepard	Judy Tice Chuck Tice	John Shepard	Pam Rice	John & Jo Cunningham	Joy Guarina
Feb-27-2005 8:30 am	Rachael Obermeyer Vincent Graeber	Natalie Graeber	Lorna Mayfield Lee Mayfield	Lorna Mayfield	Georgia Reissig	Bill Schneider Mike Shallanberger	Kathy Christy
Feb-27-2005 10:45 am	Cody Woycott Sarah Raymond	Nate Raymond	Pam Rice Martha Libby	Tom Rothgeb	Bruce Raymond	Bill Eldred Tom Keables	Tom Keables
Mar-06-2005 8:30 am		Bryan Shallanberger	Bryan Shallanberger Mike Shallanberger	Mike Shallanberger	Mary Louise Gradwohl	Kira Gilbert Sue Gilbert	Jonie Graeber
Mar-06-2005 10:45 am	Caitlin Shepard Becca Richardson	Michael Shepard	Jay Johnson Judy Tice	Thor Nelson	Martha Libby	John Shepard	Joy Guarina

	Altar Guild	Flowers	CCRV	LEM	M&Ms	Teller
Feb-06-2005	Cynthia Obermeyer Patty Juhl	Sharon Hoidahl	Jay Johnson	Mike Shallanberger	Jo Cunningham	Cynthia Obermeyer Jane Owens
Feb-13-2005	Ann Shallanberger Susan Shepard	Lent – No Flowers	Tom Keables	Jay Johnson	Ed Paprocki/ Heather Ruck	Martha Libby Georgia Reissig
Feb-20-2005	Cindy Johnson Patty Juhl	Lent – No Flowers	Mary Louise Gradwohl	Tom Keables	Joni Graeber	Georgia Reissig Stephen Hull
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For a link to Ministry Schedule, which includes Sunday Readings.**

St. Martin-in-the-Fields

Activities and Events for February, 2005

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 7:00 PM Vestry	2	3 7:00 PM Music Rehearsal	4	5
6 8:30 AM H.E. 9:30 AM Christian Ed 10:45 AM H.E. 1:00 PM CCRV 5:30 PM Conf. Class	7 7:00 PM Music & Liturgy Planning	8	9	10 7:00 PM Music Rehearsal	11	12
13 8:30 AM H.E. 9:30 AM Christian Ed 9:30 AM Youth Small Groups 10:45 AM H.E. 1:00 PM CCRV 5:30 PM Conf. Class	14	15	16	17 7:00 PM Music Rehearsal	18	19
20 8:30 AM H.E. 9:30 AM Christian Ed 10:45 AM H.E. 1:00 PM CCRV 5:30 PM Conf. Class	21 7:00 PM Prayer & Share	22 5:30 PM St. Clare's Supper	23	24 7:00 PM Music Rehearsal	25	26
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January

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15	16	17	18	19	20	21
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29	30	31				

March

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21	22	23	24	25	26	27
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GET IN THE GAME!

A Retreat weekend for middle & high school youth
April 1 - 3, 2005
Frontier Ranch, Buena Vista
Cost \$100

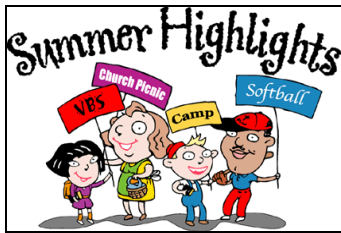
**For Registration Information Contact:
Bruce Raymond**

Registration DUE February 27, 2005



February Birthdays

Mike Blaser	13
Michelle Raymond	20
Justine Owens	20
Jay Johnson	23
Tamie Fahey	23
Dave Dooley	26
Heather Williams	29
Jason Christy	29



February Anniversaries

Lee & Kathy Christy	2
Kelly & Marnie Steber	26

**Two Episcopal Summer Camps
Planning Dates for Summer 2005**
(Brochures on display in the Narthex.)

Camp Ilium

Camp Ilium's mission is to nurture children, youth, and adults in Christ and one another in the splendor of His majestic creation.

Dates for Summer 2005

Mission Camp (High School) to Navajo
Reservation - Mid June (TBA)
High School Camp June 26 - July 2
Family Camp July 3 - July 9
7th & 8th Grade Camp July 10 - July 16
5th & 6th Grade Camp July 17 - July 23
2nd - 4th Grade Camp July 31 - August 13

Camp Ilium also has winter dates for families, groups, etc with discounts at Telluride Ski Area. (www.campilium.com)

Trinity Ranch

Come and join us for fun and fellowship for a week of camp at Trinity Ranch.

Senior High Camp June 12-18
Elementary Camp June 19-25
Angel Tree Middle School Camp June 26-30
Angel Tree Elementary Camp July 5-8
Middle School Camp July 17-23

Vestry Members :

Martha Libby, Sr. Warden
Cynthia Obermeyer, Jr. Warden
Michelle Mayfield, Treasurer
Stephen Hull
Jane Owens
Georgia Reissig
Pam Rice
Sue Richardson
Bryan Shalanberger
Rick Whipp
Bob Williams

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St. Martin Staff:

Priest-in-Charge,
Pastor Marilyn Schneider
Secretary, Margie Reck
Music Director, Georgia Reissig

Office Hours

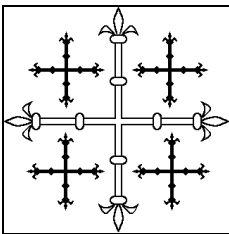
**10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Tuesday - Friday**



Prayer Chain requests may be placed at:
prayer@st-martins.net, or
pick-up a prayer chain information sheet in the Narthex.

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Holy Eucharist Services
8:30 & 10:45 AM
Christian Ed
9:30 AM

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Parish Web Site:

www.st-martins.net

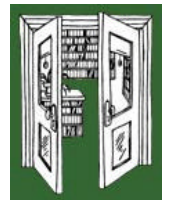
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