

◆ THE MISSION ◆

ST. MARTIN-IN-THE-FIELDS

MARCH, 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

I want to thank you all so much for your prayers and cards and meals and calls! It's amazing how much I can feel the presence of God's love through you – supporting me with peace before my surgery and with good healing and very little pain afterward. It takes awhile to learn to walk again, though. Everything feels different! And I have lots of rules to follow. I've been using a walker and sometimes my cane. By March I should be walking freely. My surgeon has suggested not trying to return for 6 weeks post surgery, which will be March 13. I'm looking forward to seeing you then.

I hope you all are experiencing a fruitful Lent, taking time to reflect and listen to God's words to you. This is the first Lent in a long time that I've actually been able to slow down (way down) and have a wealth of time for prayer and reflection. I've been using St. Ignatius of Loyola's spiritual exercises, which I've wanted to do for a number of years, and I picked up a small book of prayers which accompany the exercises when I was on retreat in December (Hearts on Fire: Praying with Jesuits). I'd like to share a few thoughts for you to ponder.

"Prayer for Humility"

Let me have too deep a sense of humor
ever to be proud.

Let me know my absurdity before I act absurdly.

Let me realize that when I am humble

I am most human, most truthful,
and most worthy of your serious consideration.

Daniel A. Lord, S.J.

"To reveal myself openly and honestly
takes the rawest kind of courage."

John Powell, S.J.

"Both what you run away from – and yearn for –
is within you."

Anthony de Mello, S.J.

"Behold God beholding you . . . and smiling."

Anthony de Mello, S.J.

God bless you all!

In His love,

Marilyn +

Holy Week

Beginning with Palm Sunday

March 20

Ending with Easter Sunday

March 27

Schedule of Meetings:

Maundy Thursday

7:00 PM March 24

(Holy Eucharist & Foot Washing)

Prayer Vigil 9:00 PM

Thursday to Noon Friday, 25th

Good Friday March 25

Services at Noon & 7:00 PM

Easter Vigil March 26, 7:00 PM

Easter, March 27

Services at 8:30 & 10:45 AM

Vestry Meeting Highlights — February 1, 2005

The first meeting of the new vestry for the 2005 church year was held on February 1st.

We started out with a study of Ephesians 3 and how it might relate to the work we are to do.

A report from Cynthia Obermeyer, Junior Warden brought out some important points.

- (1) Our roof is very soon going to be in need of replacement.
- (2) Lately several of the doors have been found unlocked after the Sunday services. This could result in a major problem.
- (3) Parishoners are welcome to borrow tools and equipment that are needed. They are also encouraged to sign the tools out in the sign-out folder located in the workroom. Prompt replacement is also desired.
- (4) The Junior Warden will be developing a calendar of events. Please inform her of any building use.

The vestry spent a good deal of time in discussion about our individual and group hopes and visions for St. Martin's. Various communication skills and methods were also covered.

The Vestry Retreat will be March 18th and 19th.

Pam Rice, Clerk of the Vestry

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PERAMBULATIONS: FEBRUARY, (INCLUSION)

CONFIRMATION

In November of 1959 I was Confirmed as a member of the Episcopal Church at St. Mary's in Eugene, Oregon. I can look back now and see that what drew me to it at that time was its orderliness. I could count on each service to be like every other service. Except for the lessons each service of Morning Prayer was like every other one and each service of Holy Communion was like each other service of Holy Communion in the whole United States. I could be picked up and dropped into any parish and know precisely what to do, what to say and how to act. That was so comforting and secure to a nineteen year old who had been brought up Baptist, Assembly of God, Methodist, Nazarene, and Christian Scientist. Almost forgot...the first time I got saved it was at a Church of the Foursquare meeting being held at my grandfather's home.

Everyone behaved themselves at St. Mary's Eugene. The ladies dressed properly with hats and gloves and suits and ties were de rigueur for the men, of course. When we went to Evening Prayer we wore the little lace headcovers which were thoughtfully provided for newcomers who didn't know the etiquette involved.

And yet I loved that church and its people. It was my spiritual nursery. And for the last forty-five years I have been growing up.

Rite I, II, or III. Year A, B, or C.

Hymnal or renewal music

Hands folded or raised in praise.

Chasuble over cassock or stole over sport shirt.

A silk dress and heels or jeans and a sweats hirt.

A priest chanting the service soprano or baritone.

A service in the Cathedral surrounded by Gay, Lesbian, and Straight, singles and couples, and all children of God.

Loving and being loved.

Brothers and Sisters of black, white, and brown.

Prayers in Mandarin, Spanish or English

Little ones with tiny hands held out for the Sacrament and old ones standing at the altar with knees too stiff to kneel.

Open and loving and inclusive.

I am not afraid anymore. I love my Prayer Book and my Church and I cannot conceive that it would ever be otherwise. But my security now is knowing that I will always be fully loved by God, and that it is OK to reach out and to speak out. I want to be daring, to do and be and give what I didn't think I could before.

And I thank God and my many brothers and sisters, who have in faith and joy, traveled the road with me.

Pam Rice

Note... Mother Marilyn encourages you to attend one of the following Retreats for Healing



Presenting:

“Journey into Healing—Silent Retreat” for friends of Mary’s Hope.

We want you to know about a new healing tool we are offering in the Denver area. “Journey into Healing” was presented to Lutherans, Roman Catholics and Episcopalians last fall, and those attending found it to be deeply moving and more importantly profoundly healing in some area of his/her life. We hope you might be able to attend one of the events. The times are the same for both.

February 26 at St. Gabriel’s Episcopal Church, 6190 E. Quincy Ave., Cherry Hills Village, CO

March 12 at Lord of the Hills Lutheran Church, 21755 E. Smoky Hill Rd., Centennial CO

This presentation grew out of the healing ministry of Mary’s Hope — providing tools for healing the sacred wounds left in the wake of profound child abuse. The silent retreat has a wider appeal than only abuse survivors, as many, many of us carry other deep wounds. So you may wish to invite a friend to come with you. If you wish to register for either, you may call Sherry Niemann or Diane Moore at 303-377-0293. You are asked to bring a contribution for the “Painless Potluck” and Bible and journal for personal use. Fee: \$25/pp.

The awesome bronze statues of
Huberto Maestas from the Stations of
The Cross at San Luis CO are the
Backdrop for this deeply moving multi-
Media presentation that invites
participants into Jesus’ passion and in
Turn brings Jesus into their own places
of woundedness and pain.

Opportunities for private reflection
And meditation give one time to invite
Jesus into their own places of
Darkness and emptiness in profound
And healing ways.



Every person of faith experiences times of wounding — some of these heal normally and we move on with our lives. Others happen so young or are so deep and wrenching that healing seems difficult or impossible, no matter how much we struggle. It is our believe that for Christians healing of these deep wounds can happen in the compassionate presence of Jesus Christ.

“Journey into Healing” is a silent retreat that offers places for this deep communion between seeker and Jesus. This retreat consists of series of images from the Stations of the Cross at San Luis CO and selections of sacred music that serve to create a ‘thin space’ where retreat participants can feel Jesus’ presence. Then the attendees are given periods for reflection on the images and meditation on scripture passages, then time for private journal reflections. This retreat is intensely personal, a time with intimacy with Jesus. There will not be any group discussions or processing. We suggest participants may find it growth-full to process their retreat experiences with a spiritual friend or their spiritual director at a later time.

Altar Ministries — March, 2005

	Torch Bearer	Crucifer	Chalice Minister	Lector	Intercessor	Greeter	Usher	Coffee
Mar-06-2005 8:30 am	Bryan Shaallanberger	Bryan Shaallanberger	Mike Shaallanberger	Mary Louise Gradwohl	Kira Gilbert	Joni Graeber		
Mar-06-2005 10:45 am	Caitlin Shepard Becca Richardson	Michael Shepard	Jay Johnson Judy Tice	Thor Nelson	John Shepard	Joy Guarina		
Mar-13-2005 8:30 am	Jocelyn Whipp Rachael Obermeyer	Jordan Hendrickson	Sharon Hoidahl Randy Hoidahl	Randy Hoidahl	Ann Shaallanberger Mike Shaallanberger			
Mar-13-2005 10:45 am	Sarah Raymond Cody Wonycott	Nate Raymond	Chuck Tice Pam Rice	Pam Rice	Bill Eldred	Tom Keables		
Mar-20-2005 8:30 am		Bryan Shaallanberger	Lee Mayfield Lorna Mayfield	Lorna Mayfield	Georgia Reissig	Joni Graeber		
Mar-20-2005 10:45 am		Martha Libby	Martha Libby Jay Johnson	Martha Libby	Jo Cunningham	Joy Guarina		
Mar-27-2005 8:30 am	Vincent Graeber Jocelyn Whipp	Natalie Graeber	Mike Shaallanberger Bryan Shaallanberger	Georgia Reissig	Mary Louise Gradwohl			
Mar-27-2005 10:45 am	Becca Richardson Caitlin Shepard	Michael Shepard	Judy Tice Chuck Tice	Jay Johnson	Bruce Raymond	Tom Keables		
Apr-02-2005 8:30 am		Jordan Hendrickson	Randy Hoidahl Sharon Hoidahl	Mary Louise Gradwohl	Sharon Hoidahl	Joni Graeber		
Apr-02-2005 10:45 am		Pam Rice	Pam Rice Martha Libby	Judy Tice	Chuck Tice	Joy Guarina		

**PLEASE SIGN UP TO SERVE FOR
MAUNDY THURSDAY, GOOD FRIDAY AND THE EASTER VIGIL.**
The sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board in the Narthex

	Altar Guild	Flowers	CCRV	LEM	M&Ms	Teller
Mar-06-2005	Susan Shepard Cindy Johnson	Lent – No Flowers	Mary Louise Gradwohl	Jay Johnson	Jo Cunningham	Jane Owens Bob Williams
Mar-13-2005	Patty Juhl Ann Shaallanberger	Lent – No Flowers	Jay Johnson	Tom Keables	Ed Paprocki/ Heather Ruck	Bob Williams Bryan Shaallanberger
Mar-20-2005	Cindy Johnson	Lent – No Flowers	Tom Keables	Mike Shaallanberger	Randy Hoidahl	Bryan Shaallanberger Sue Richardson
Mar-27-2005	Cindy Johnson Cynthia Obermeyer	Cindy Johnson	Mary Louise Gradwohl	Jay Johnson	Joni Graeber	Sue Richardson Rick Whipp
Apr-02-2005	Susan Shepard Ann Shaallanberger	Cindy Johnson	Jay Johnson	Tom Keables	Ed Paprocki/ Heather Ruck	Rick Whipp Cynthia Obermeyer

You may also go to: <http://www.st-martins.net/>
For a link to Ministry Schedule, which includes Sunday Readings.

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Activities and Events for March, 2005

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UNITED THANK OFFERING

Greetings to all!

Bringing you reminders and reflections of The United Thank Offering. The UTO is a personal and family devotional program of the *Episcopal Church*. It is the sum of our daily thanks for the blessing in our everyday lives. If you would like to know more and receive literature, please let me know and if you already have a little blue box and need another, I have plenty of them.

I urge you all to pick up a blue box and join the UTO... Put it in a convenient place and take a moment each day to say thank you to God and put a coin in that box. We are not meant to be passive receivers, rather we are bid to be active participants in God's world.

Our United Thank Offering in-gather is planned for May 1, 2005. Look for more information and fun things to come in the next few weeks.

Thank you all.

Remembering God's Love for us all,
Cynthia Obermeyer, Chairperson, Outreach & Evangelism



March Birthdays

Sue Richardson	1
Annabella Skinner	4
James Laginess	4
Bob Williams	7
Terry Barbour	11
Rebecca Shallanberger	12
Andrew Tung	15
John Cunningham	15
Jack Eldred	17
Rian Nelson	17
Jeff Caruso	17
Ann Shallanberger	18
Louise Barbour	18
Joni Graeber	21
Dalton London	21
Milt Cowan	21
Heather Tung	23
Brandon Kern	23
Kelly Steber	27
Nicole Skinner	28
Sherry Blaser	31

A Prayer . . .

When we are freed of fear and worry. Father, accept our offering.

When our children return safely. Father, accept our offering.

When a new baby is born in our family. Father, accept our offering.

When we receive your gifts of food, clothing and shelter.

Father, accept our offering.

When we see your creative hand in the beauty of nature.

Father, accept our offering.

When our loved ones return to you. Father, accept our offering.

When the sick and suffering are healed. Father, accept our offering.

When the right solution comes to some serious problem.

Father, accept our offering.

When we find the peace of God in pain and sorrow.

Father, accept our offering.

When we discover through faith that death is a gateway into eternal life with Christ. Father, accept our offering.

When we have enjoyed good fellowship and friends.

Father, accept our offering.

Father, we ask that we may ever be united in our response to your love, thankful for the many blessings and happy to give our offering; that by your spirit all nations and peoples may be one; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

March Anniversaries

No Anniversaries in the data base
for March!

If you have not given information for your Birthday or Anniversary, please notify the office.

Vestry Members :

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

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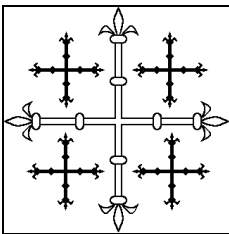
St. Martin Staff:

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

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

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8:30 & 10:45 AM
Christian Ed
9:30 AM

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Parish Web Site:

www.st-martins.net

St. Martin Prayer Chain:

prayer@st-martins.net



GOOD NEWS!

The St. Martin Church Directory

Is now available via email!

(February, 2005 edition)

It will be in the same format

As your newsletter.

Quickly get a phone number/address,

Or print for your own use at home...

(Hard copies will also be available
in the Narthex.)



Prayer Chain requests may
be placed at:

prayer@st-martins.net, or
pick-up a prayer chain infor-
mation sheet in the Narthex.

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