

# ◆ THE MISSION ◆

**ST. MARTIN-IN-THE-FIELDS**

**JUNE ~ 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,

Have you ever heard a lion cub try to roar? It's kind of a cross between a meow and a growl, and it probably doesn't frighten anyone. But when a lion ROARS YOU'D BETTER PAY ATTENTION!

C.S. Lewis wrote a series of books beginning with The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe in which the lion Aslan represents Jesus. He is an awesome figure, coming at times to rescue the four children from the dreaded witch in Narnia, at times to teach them, at times to discipline them, and once – to die for them.

Aslan is one of the reasons I'm so delighted with the great lion symbol for our redevelopment project: R.O.A.R. – Reach Out And Revitalize. Without the Great Lion of Judah, our Lord Jesus Christ, we can't even begin to do what God is calling us to do. But with him, scripture assures us, we can do all things because he strengthens us.

In the book Can Our Church Live? Redeveloping Churches in Decline, Alice Mann says we need to ask and find answers for three questions: Who are we in our faith life? What are we here for? Who is our neighbor?

Did you know there are many people in this church who are regularly praying and interceding for us? As I reflect on the blessing that they are bringing, I also reflect on our responsibility to be doing the things we already know God is asking of us – to love one another, to speak the truth in love to one another, to bear one another's burdens, to forgive

one another as Christ has forgiven us, to seek first the kingdom of God, to worship God in spirit and truth, to abide in Christ as Christ abides in us – to live in grace and give grace to one another. In other words, to reach out to one another and to our neighbors, and to let the vital life of Christ be in us and flow through us.

These words of Alice Mann in the book mentioned above give us an important perspective and much wisdom:

“Your congregation has a life of its own. This life is interwoven with place and time, with cultural change and persistent faith, with shifting membership and a steadfast God. The work of analyzing, planning, and deciding is essential – what we intend together is part of our congregations' character and energy. But our intending is not the end (or the beginning) of the story. God has accepted our weak-kneed, short-sighted intentions as a fragrant sacrifice. Our ancestors placed symbolic portions of their work on stone altars and set them ablaze – relinquishing them entirely into the hands of a living and trustworthy God. As we complete each step of our own work ... you and I are called to relinquish it into the same transforming fire – the Spirit of God.

From his prison cell in Nazi Germany, Lutheran pastor and theologian Dietrich Bonhoeffer wrote that God will make use of our failures, and even of our successes. Those weren't hollow words for him: he and others had completely failed in their plot to assassinate Adolf Hitler, and he would be hanged for this offense just days before the liberation of the

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*Mother Marilyn, Continued*

prison in which he was held. He believed that God can and will bring forth out of our failures – even out of blatantly evil actions – some fruit which God is able to use redemptively. And then, with somber humor, he added the affirmation that God can use even our successes.

For a congregation, for a pastor, numerical decline often feels like utter failure. But God has lots of experience with human failures. Indeed, the offering of a broken spirit is a gift God particularly treasures. Lifting up this sacrifice is a faith task we can complete in any circumstance, right up to our final

breath. May our congregation live and die in holy curiosity about what God will make of us next.” (p.115,116)

This is indeed a God adventure – we don’t know where exactly He is taking us. I hope we will all commit ourselves to following Him on this journey, because, as He says in Jeremiah, “I know the plans I have for you and they are plans for good and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope.” Thanks be to God for His faithfulness!

In Christ’s love,  
Mother Marilyn+

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Thanks to our Music Team!

Last March, when Georgia chose to resign as music director on Maundy Thursday, I wondered whether we would have any music on Easter, and I called Joe Owens in desperation. How wonderful it was to hear him say, “I’ll do whatever you need me to do.” And that meant playing for the Easter Vigil and two Easter services, truly a gift to all of us. When I asked him if he would be willing to be music director, he declined, at the same time offering to help as much as needed.

Then we spoke to Dee Settlemeyer, who agreed to team with Joe in music planning and organizing. In the meantime, Wayne (our wonderful drummer) and Missi (our beautiful soprano) Kern and Chuck Tice have come onto the team, and of course, all who would like to be part of offering your voice and musical abilities to the Lord are very welcome to join this team.

We want our music to be a blessing to every member of this parish, so if you have questions, desires, want to be part of the planning, speak to Joe or Dee – plan to come to the regular meetings on the first Monday of the month.

Thanks, music team, for helping us lift our hearts and worship the Lord!

## Vestry Minutes — May 16, 2005

Attending: Mother Marilyn, Cynthia, Georgia, Sue, Martha, Bob, and Jane. Guests attending were Dee Settlemeyer and Joe Owens. Absent were: Bryan Shallenberger, Rick Whipp and Stephen Hull. (Pam Rice on sabbatical)

Opening meditation/Reading spoke about Factors in Change including Fear, Culture, Tradition, Energy (Spiritual), Conflict and Self-Image (Are we instruments of God?). From the Book "Redeveloping the Congregation: A How To for Lasting Change."

Mother Marilyn led our opening with prayer

### **Announcements:**

Pam Rice has decided to leave the vestry and St. Martin.

**Visitors:** Joe Owens / Dee Settlemeyer.

Discussed moving the music team up to the left front of the church. A shield will be built for the drums. Vestry agreed by consensus. Joe will announce the move at the service on Sunday. The move will take place the following Sunday. This will allow for a notice of the change to be given to the congregation.

**Concerns** were brought up about rumors and how damaging they can be. Intended or not, sometimes we are part of these rumors. We need to practice how to actively squash rumors. How to not participate in the conversations, how to turn the people toward the folks they are talking about, and how to specifically work to discourage this type of discussion among ourselves and other parishioners. Part of our re-development is to reach out, not spread rumors.

**BUDGET** was briefly reviewed. We are running short of budget and need to take a good look at where and how and what we need to do. At the 1<sup>st</sup> June meeting we will take an hour to look at this more closely. Maybe we need to look at possibility of fund raising. Need to look for donations of time, supplies and labor for repair of Education building among other things.

**Shirl O'Halloran**— feeling like she would like some definition of her call here. Usually there is a letter of agreement or assignment. We don't have one. We agreed (consensus) to have a letter of agreement professing our desire for Shirl to be a part of St. Martin's. A ceremony was suggested, and agreed upon as well.

**Diocesan pledge** of \$50.00 for July will be donated by Martha and August by Marilyn.

**Day Care proposal** will be reviewed for zoning and insurance implications. Need to look at the problems that may occur with having a "for profit" business on our property. Obviously, there are still questions... but we are moving to get them answered.

**Description of our "Redevelopment" (ROAR)** was met with good feedback about being straight forward and honest about St. Martin's situation. Martha will give the weekly "update" at the service, and will give descriptions of the task forces to the congregation and Margie, to put in the bulletin/newsletter. Only one person signed up for a task force, so it was felt that perhaps a bit more description of what the task forces DO, would be a good idea. A brochure is being drawn up. A card with a check box to "sign up" for a task force is also being developed. This card would be placed into the offertory basket, and the task force coordinator on the Vestry would contact the person.

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**AUGUST 13** is the day we will meet with Lou Blanchard and Georgia Humphrey (the experts that the Bishop sent to us) for the Core Values workshop portion. All members of the Parish are encouraged to attend this meeting.

**E-Mail** decision/discussion

**GOAL is to be careful of others.**



**Discussion:**

Personal opinion should be expressed in personal conversation, not e-mail.

Maybe frank discussions are too much for some to handle, particularly now. Sometimes what one feels is discussion someone else takes differently. E-mail “discussions” may be even less apparent in their intent/receipt.

- *Decision (1)* Keep e-mail for information/inspiration/humor along with church functions and timelines (like for ROAR)
- *Decision (2)* Need to communicate this TO THE LIST  
Consensus was reached regarding this.

**Clarified that we will have blended 9:30 service for Summer.**

Martha led us in closing prayer.

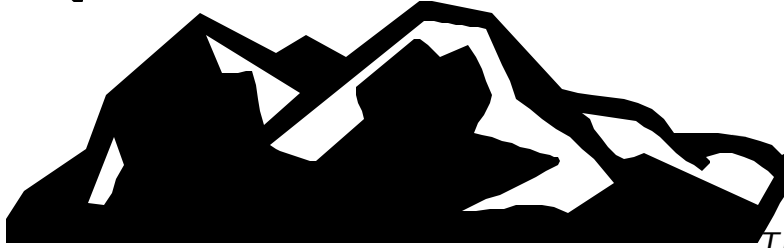
Sue Richardson,  
Clerk of the Vestry



Cass Strotheide, will be ordained to the transitional diaconate at St. John’s Cathedral at 10:00 AM on Saturday, June 11, 2005. A stole has been purchased for Cass and thank you to everyone who contributed at St. Martin-in-the-Fields for your help in providing funds for this gift to Cass. Any contributions over and above the cost of a stole will be presented to Cass in the form of a gift certificate.

<b>St. Martin-in-the-Fields Episcopal Church Financial Summary (April year to date)</b>			
	<b>Actual Jan.-April 2005</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Difference (+/-)</b>
<b>Income</b>	28,194.89	33,500.00	-5,305.11
<b>Expense</b>	38,262.08	35,382.00	-2,880.08
<b>Net Ordinary Income</b>	-10,067.19	-1,882.00	-8,185.19

*I'll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand.*



# TED

## Training Event for the Diocese

**High Plains / Front Range  
4th Annual  
Training Event**

*This year's TED focuses on Faith Formation and Congregational Development. Plenary sessions and workshops will provide opportunities to hear inspirational speakers as well as practical teachers. Take home ideas and skills you can use in your church community. Learn specifics that will help you build your spiritual life and your church.*

*Register early to avoid disappointments, because classes fill up quickly! For more information, call the office for Faith Formation at 303-837-1173.*

**Registration Deadline:**

**Friday, August 5, 2005**

Registration Fee: \$27

With Box Lunch: \$35

Late Registration: \$40

(No Box Lunch)

*Money should not be a barrier to participation. Scholarships are available. Indicate your request for scholarship aid on the registration form. Registration forms may be picked up from table in Narthex.*

**How Firm a Foundation**

**Listen**

**Act**

**Build**

**Saturday**

**August 20, 2005**

**8:30 AM to 3:20 PM at**

**St. John's Cathedral**

**1350 Washington**

**Denver, CO 80203**

### **SCHEDULE**

**7:30 AM Registration / Coffee**

**8:00 AM Morning Prayer**

**8:30 AM Workshops I**

**10:00 AM Workshops II**

**11:30 AM Bilingual**

**Holy Eucharist**

**1:00 PM Lunch**

**2:00 PM Workshops III**

## Altar Ministries — June, 2005

	<b>Torch Bearer</b>	<b>Crucifer</b>	<b>Chalice Minister</b>	<b>Lector</b>	<b>Intercessor</b>	<b>Greeter</b>	<b>Usher</b>
Jun-05-2005 9:30 am	Andrew Nelson Brandon Kern	Jordan Hendrickson	Judy Tice Chuck Tice	Chuck Tice	Missi Kern	John Shepard	John & Jo Cunningham
Jun-12-2005 9:30 am	Rachael Obermeyer Garrett Revelle	Bryan Shaallanberger	Lee Mayfield Lorna Mayfield	Sharon Armstrong	Mike Shaallanberger	Bill Eldred	Ann Shaallanberger Mike Shaallanberger
Jun-19-2005 9:30 am	Vincent Graeber Caitlin Shepard	Natalie Graeber	Martha Libby	John Shepard	Mary Louise Gradwohl	John Shepard	Dave Graeber Joni Graeber
Jun-26-2005 9:30 am	Jocelyn Whipp Sarah Raymond	Nate Raymond	Mike Shaallanberger Bryan Shaallanberger	Lorna Mayfield	Bruce Raymond	Jo Cunningham	Bill Schneider Sharon Armstrong
Jul-03-2005 9:30 am	Becca Richardson Andrew Nelson	Michael Shepard	Tom Rothgeb Thor Nelson	Thor Nelson	Sharon Armstrong	Bill Eldred	Sue Gilbert Kira Gilbert

	<b>Altar Guild</b>	<b>Flowers</b>	<b>CCRV</b>	<b>LEM</b>	<b>M&amp;Ms</b>	<b>Teller</b>
Jun-05-2005	Cynthia Obermeyer Ann Shaallanberger		Mary Louise Gradwohl	Tom Keables	Joni Graeber	Rick Whipp Cynthia Obermeyer
Jun-12-2005	Patty Juhl Judy Tice		Mike Shaallanberger		Jo Cunningham	Cynthia Obermeyer Martha Libby
Jun-19-2005	Susan Shepard Cynthia Obermeyer		Tom Keables	Tom Keables	Randy Hoidahl	Martha Libby Stephen Hull
Jun-26-2005	Ann Shaallanberger Patty Juhl		Mary Louise Gradwohl		Joni Graeber	Stephen Hull Jane Owens
Jul-03-2005	Judy Tice Susan Shepard		Mike Shaallanberger	Tom Keables	Ed Paprocki / Heather Ruck	Jane Owens Bob Williams

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

# St. Martin-in-the-Fields

Activities and Events for June, 2005

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Check [www.st-martins.net](http://www.st-martins.net) for updated Calendar events!

**HONOR FATHERS ON JUNE 19th**



***June Birthdays***

Garrett Revelle	9
Adrian Hull-Humphrey	11
Marilyn Schneider	12
Jay Skinner	19
John Shepard	20
Susan Gilbert	21



**CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR MEMBERS  
WHO HAVE GRADUATED!**

**Jay Skinner (**  
**& Shelanda (Landy) Phillipe**  
**AmieClaire Raymond, Seth Raymond, &**  
**Michelle Raymond!**



***June Anniversaries***

Chuck & Judy Tice	3
Bill & Marilyn Schneider	8
Rick & Laura Whipp	15
Thor & Dana Nelson	23

***You are cordially invited to attend the 12th Annual  
"Day at the Opera"***

***Sponsored by  
St. Paul's Episcopal Church  
Central City, Colorado***

***Please see flyer on the bulletin board for details  
and ticket prices.***

If you have not given information  
for your Birthday  
or Anniversary, please notify  
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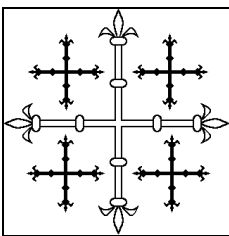
**Vestry Members :**  
Martha Libby, Sr. Warden  
Cynthia Obermeyer, Jr. Warden  
Michelle Mayfield, Treasurer  
Sue Richardson, Clerk  
Stephen Hull  
Jane Owens  
Bryan Shallenberger  
Rick Whipp  
Bob Williams

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**St. Martin Staff:**  
Priest-in-Charge,  
Pastor Marilyn Schneider  
Deacon, Shirley O'Halloran  
Secretary, Margie Reck

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

***St. Martin-in-the-Fields***  
***Episcopal Church***  
***4740 S. Buckley Road***  
***Aurora, Colorado 80015***  
***303-693-8872***



***Holy Eucharist Services***  
***(Summer Schedule)***  
***9:30 a.m.***

***e-mail:***  
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***Parish Web Site:***  
***www.st-martins.net***  
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***prayer@st-martins.net***

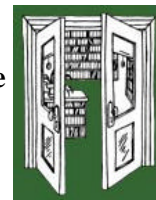
**Enjoy free days at Denver's  
cultural and science facilities this summer:**

- **Denver Art Museum**—Free general admission every Saturday in 2005 for CO residents
- **Denver Botanical Gardens** — Free on June 20th
- **Chatfield Nature Preserve**—Friday, June 3rd
- **Denver Museum of Nature and Science**-Sunday, June 12th

Check [www.scfid.org](http://www.scfid.org) for more information and additional free days throughout the summer and fall.



**REMINDER —**  
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St. Martin will receive a referral fee for each item purchased. Tattered Cover is your local source for books. The books can be delivered to your door - or packaged and ready for your pickup at either Tattered Cover store. At Amazon.com **books, music, electronics, software, etc.** are **ALL** eligible for supporting St. Martin-in-the-Fields. Suggestions for reading by other members of our parish are on the site, along with Bibles and the BCP.

Take a look at [www.st-martins.net](http://www.st-martins.net) - Click on Bookstore then select either of the stores where you would like to shop.



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[prayer@st-martins.net](mailto:prayer@st-martins.net), or pick-up a prayer chain  
information sheet in the Narthex.

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