

# ◆ THE MISSION ◆

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

**NOVEMBER ~ 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."*

Dear Friends,

Recently our Sunday gospel focused on the Great Commandments: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and soul and mind, and love your neighbor as yourself." One writer called this "limitless" love and said that trying to define it or understand it is like trying to define the air we breathe. In fact, he says, to learn to love God this way is the work of a lifetime – "but what else is life for?"

I especially liked the way he connected this love of God and neighbor with church community and worship. He writes, "In worship we encounter love that nourishes and shapes our hearts. We use our imagination and will to open ourselves to God and neighbor, springing free our hearts, souls, and minds. Words and music, sights and sounds, tastes and movements – all these stimulate our senses, our feelings, and our wits, carrying us beyond them into praise of God. Worship is a venture in community, bringing together old and new neighbors and selves. As we practice showing each other attentive care, old selves become new, new neighbors become well known and loved. We go in peace to share holy love that is both human and Divine."

All of this, I believe, is what our work of the last few months has been about – to discern and define how God is calling us at St. Martin's to live out his command to love. As your representatives and with your prayers and thoughtful input, the Vestry has discerned five core values which express our deepest commitments: worship, community, children and youth, faith-building, and outreach. As we move forward together, these values will help us shape our programs and our choices and set our priorities. They will help us name and create a strong foundation for the future of St. Martin's community.

It is still our desire to invite everyone who has a concern or a question – or who wants to get to know each other better – to come to first Sunday Brown Bag Breakfast (Nov. 6) and/or Vestry meetings – or to speak with any Vestry member or with me. We want to be sure you know what's going on. We had been asked by our advisors not to take new actions until we had clarity about our mission and vision, and now we are ready to move forward, placing our focus on the things that will strengthen us in our core values. If you have ideas or a sense that God is calling you to a ministry, let us know!

Soon we will be celebrating Thanksgiving! There are so many things to be thankful for – but I am particularly grateful to God for his love and faithfulness, for his guidance and provision for us this year. I am particularly grateful for all of you, for your prayers and for your faithfulness and love. I am grateful for God's promises: "I know the plans I have for you and they are plans for good and not for evil, to give you a hope and a future." (Jeremiah 29:11)

Paul's words to the Colossians are wonderful words for us to hold on to: "Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful...whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him."

With love and gratitude,  
Marilyn+

## Vestry Highlights — October

The vestry has continued to work hard on articulating what our “core values” are. We have the names of the values, based on several meetings with the parish members and as a vestry, and we are working on defining what we mean by them. The basic values are:

- Worship (joyful and spirit filled)
- Outreach/Service (showing God’s love to others)
- Relationships/ Community (with God and each other)
- Faith Building (for all ages with a variety of methods.)

We have been discussing communication and the need to identify underlying issues, myths, patterns and assumptions so we can move forward without hindrances. Like looking at a “whole” iceberg, not just the tip of it, when assessing which course to steer through the ocean.

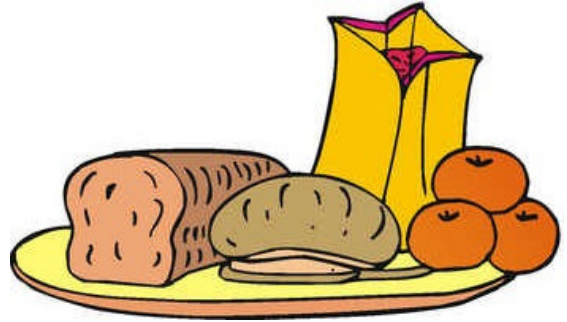
We ask, “What is God asking of us?” as we look at these various core values. God brings people to St. Martins for reasons. What is He asking of us relating to the people He has gathered here? Those questions and these core values will be our standard by which we measure our actions and decisions.

We truly appreciate Canon Lou Blanchard coming to St. Martin this month to share Eucharist, and her thoughts, with us. Hopefully, she answered questions you all may have had.

The next Vestry meeting is November 1 at 7pm. We will be talking about budget and stewardship, along with ROAR.

Please remember that nominations are being taken for Vestry members to be elected in January. Vestry members serve for 3 years. Information packets are available on the communications table in the Narthex.

May God’s peace be always with you,  
Submitted by Sue Richardson



The Vestry  
invites everyone to share in a

**“BROWN BAG BREAKFAST”**

**At 8:30 a.m.**

***EVERY FIRST SUNDAY***

**Please come at 8:30 on November 6**

*We want to provide a forum for asking questions about R.O.A.R., for discussing vision and hopes and dreams, for sharing God stories and solving problems — and especially for getting to know each other!*

<b>St. Martin-in-the-Fields Episcopal Church Financials — September, 2005</b>				
	<b>September 1-30, 2005</b>	<b>YTD Actual</b>	<b>YTD Budget</b>	<b>Difference (+/-)</b>
<b>Income</b>	5,800.83	64,896.06	75,315.00	- 11,278.94
<b>Expenses</b>	6,991.05	71,581.79	79,612.00	8,030.21
<b>Difference</b>	-1,191.12	7,485.73	- 4,237.00	
Checking & Savings	10,801.14			

## November Ministry Schedule

	<b>Torch Bearer</b>	<b>Crucifer</b>	<b>Chalice Minister</b>	<b>Lector</b>	<b>Intercessor</b>	<b>Greeter</b>	<b>Usher</b>
Nov-06-2005 9:30 am	Rachael Obermeyer Andrew Nelson	Jordan Hendrickson	Bryan Shallanberger Martha Libby	Martha Libby	Mary Louise Gradwohl	Bill Eldred	Sue Gilbert Kira Gilbert
Nov-13-2005 9:30 am	Garrett Revell Brandon Kern	Bryan Shallanberger	Thor Nelson Randy Hoidahl	Chuck Tice	Lorna Mayfield	John Shepard	Bill Eldred John Shepard
Nov-20-2005 9:30 am	Caitlin Shepard Jocelyn Whipp	Michael Shepard	Chuck Tice Judy Tice	Sharon Armstrong	Randy Hoidahl	Randy Hoidahl	Ann Shallanberger Jordan Hendrickson
Nov-27-2005 9:30 am	Sarah Raymond Becca Richardson	Nate Raymond	Lee Mayfield Lorna Mayfield	Thor Nelson	Sharon Armstrong	Jo Cunningham	Tom Keables Bill Schneider
Dec-04-2005 9:30 am	Andrew Nelson Rachael Obermeyer	Natalie Graeber	Martha Libby Denise Merrilat	Lorna Mayfield	Chuck Tice	Bill Eldred	John Cunningham Jo Cunningham



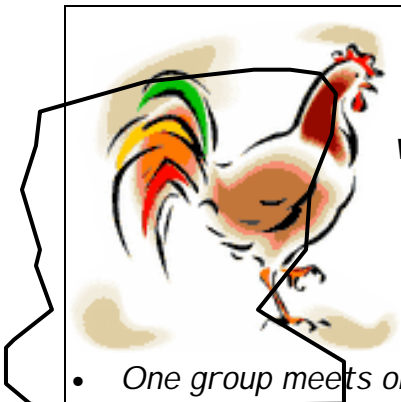
	<b>Altar Guild</b>	<b>CCRV</b>	<b>LEM</b>	<b>M&amp;Ms</b>	<b>Teller</b>
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# St. Martin-in-the-Fields

## Activities and Events for November, 2005

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



***If you have wanted to be part of a small group, you are warmly invited to come to either of our two Cursillo reunion groups!***

- One group meets on the 2nd and 4th Mondays at 6:30 PM to share potluck.

Call Martha Libby, 303-695-5603,  
for information and to get  
The location for a particular Monday.

- The other group meets on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays, also for potluck, at 6:30 PM.

Call Jane Owens, 303-699-5855,  
Or Sue Richardson, 303-617-0057  
For information and location.



***November Birthdays***

Cynthia Obermeyer	8
Bill Eldred	9
Anne Thorne	13
Fred Libby	17
Ron Juhl	21
Jake Martin	22
Jim Skinner	28
Austin Daily	30



*St. Martin's ministry at St. Clare's Kitchen is always the 4th Tuesday of each month at 5:30 PM. This could be YOUR way to give a helping hand to those in need. There is always an overflow of those less fortunate who count on a good, hot meal and a word of encouragement. Please see or call Cynthia Obermeyer if you have questions (303-690-1884).*

*St. Peter & St. Mary church in Denver opens its doors each Tuesday evening to feed the homeless and poor at St. Clare's Kitchen. There is a dire need of white socks and t-shirts. (Shirts do not have to be new.) It would be very much appreciated if members of the churches could donate these items.*

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***Remember Operation Love  
With canned & non-perishable food items.  
The need is great as Thanksgiving approaches.***



***November Anniversaries***

Jim & Jay Skinner	15
Ron & Janet Fullmer	18
Joe & Jane Owens	25
Don & Melissa Beach	25

Information for Birthdays & Anniversaries, is included on the Membership Information form. Please contact the office If you need to receive a form. [www.office@st-martins.net](http://www.office@st-martins.net)

**Vestry Members :**

Martha Libby, Sr. Warden  
Cynthia Obermeyer, Jr. Warden  
Michelle Mayfield, Treasurer  
Sue Richardson, Clerk  
Jane Owens  
Bryan Shallenberger  
Rick Whipp  
Bob Williams

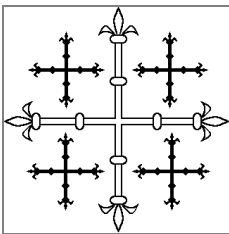
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**St. Martin Staff:**

Priest-in-Charge,  
Pastor Marilyn Schneider  
Deacon, Shirley O'Halloran  
Secretary & Newsletter Editor,  
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**

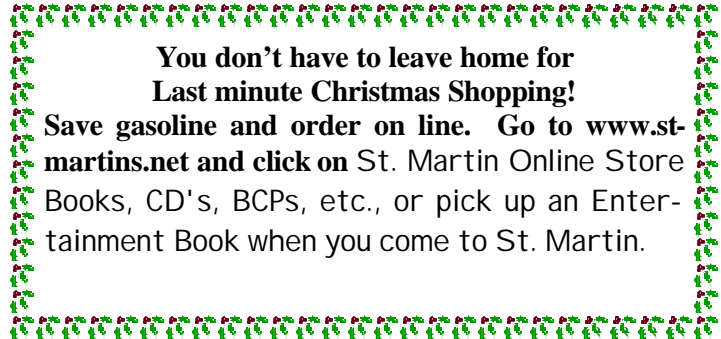


**Holy Eucharist Service**  
**9:30 a.m.**  
**Christian Education**  
**11:00 a.m.**

**e-mail:**  
**office@st-martins.net**  
**Parish Web Site:**  
**www.st-martins.net**  
**St. Martin Prayer Chain:**  
**prayer@st-martins.net**



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



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stions for reading by other members of our parish are on the site, along  
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