

Table of Contents

RECTOR, STAFF, AND OFFICERS REPORTS.....	2
RECTOR'S ANNUAL REPORT	2
SENIOR WARDEN'S ANNUAL REPORT.....	3
JUNIOR WARDEN'S ANNUAL REPORT.....	4
ANNUAL REPORT OF THE VESTRY FOR 2011.....	5
TREASURER ANNUAL REPORT	6
PLEDGE REPORT FOR 2012 AND 2011	8
NOTES FROM THE TREASURER	8
AVERAGE SUNDAY ATTENDANCE.....	8
23RD ANNUAL PARISH MEETING MINUTES	9
MUSIC MINISTRIES ANNUAL REPORT.....	10
MINISTRIES AND ORGANIZATIONS REPORTS	11
BUILDING PLANNING/RENOVATION ANNUAL REPORT.....	11
BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS ANNUAL REPORT.....	11
COMMUNITY SATURDAY SERVICE	12
EVENING PRAYER SERVICE	13
FINANCE COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT	14
FIREWORKS SALES ANNUAL REPORT	15
ST. MARY'S FLEA MARKET ANNUAL REPORT	15
WORSHIP MINISTRIES ANNUAL REPORT.....	15
NEWCOMER MINISTRY ANNUAL REPORT.....	17
FELLOWSHIP MINISTRY ANNUAL REPORT.....	18
TUESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY	18
SMART SENIORS ANNUAL REPORT.....	19
FELLOWSHIP DINNER GROUPS ANNUAL REPORT	19
CHILDREN AND YOUTH FORMATION MINISTRIES ANNUAL REPORT	20
KIDS KAMP ANNUAL REPORT	21

Rector, Staff, and Officers Reports

Rector's Annual Report

Submitted by: Fr. Raymond Hess III

It's easy to take it for granted, but 2011 was an amazing year. I went back to working full-time, and we have made it through the year! We had help from a grant at the end of 2010 from the diocese, from a special gift from a parishioner, and strong giving from our congregation. At the start of the year, we were not sure how we would manage financially, but we did it, by God's grace. We have also started to grow in membership again, with about a dozen new families who have started to attend our parish through the year.

The year was important for our parish staff, too. Lori Hill started the year as interim secretary, and the vestry decided to call her as regular parish secretary. She has done a fine job, especially in our bulletin design, computer graphics for worship, parish brochures, e-news, and website. We leased a new color copier/multifunction machine, and this has enabled Lori to produce amazing things for our worship and publicity. We also subscribed to Constant Contact for our e-news, and this has helped us have a very high quality weekly e-news. Steve Corey came to us mid-year as our music director, and he has given us continuity in our music leadership. Steve has gradually been introducing new music from a variety of sources for our 10 a.m. Sunday service, which has enriched our worship experience. Steve hopes to add to the music team for the 10 a.m. service in the new year.

We made some important changes in our worship schedule. Starting in the fall, we began a new Saturday evening service, CommUnity, led by Julie Vice. This is a prayer and praise service which is especially designed for those who do not have much Episcopal Church background. We also changed our Sunday morning schedule to 7:30 and 10:00 a.m., with education at 9 a.m. This has simplified our Sunday worship and has given us more time for quality education for all ages.

We continued to develop our adult formation ministries, with evening prayer twice a month, and the home Bible study twice a month. We had another session of our Episcopal Foundations class in the spring. Last fall, we had the Network class on Sunday mornings, which helped participants identify their spiritual gifts, personal style, and passion. I hope that the Network course will be a regular part of what we do each year. We followed the Grateful, Glad, and Giving ministry through mid-year, with very good monthly programs. Because we did not have volunteers to keep this going for another year, we did not follow this ministry in the second half of 2011. I hope that we can look at ways to do this program in the future, with help from the diocese.

Our children's and youth ministries are going very well with the leadership of Barb Nill. Our youth group met regularly through the year, with a variety of discussion, outreach, and fun activities. In the summer of 2011, we started a complete renovation of the portable unit, and this is now ready for use in the beginning of 2012. Thanks to John Stoppelman, David Langston, Randy Lee, and John Hill for many hours of work on this! Last summer, we had another wonderful Kids Kamp, with the theme of "Lion King." Thanks to Lois Anderson and Lori Hill for their leadership in this great ministry. We are now beginning plans for next summer's Kids Kamp with the theme of "Finding Nemo."

Our parish outreach was focused on the monthly themes of Grateful, Glad, and Giving through the first half of 2011. We have continued our support of the Elk Grove Food Bank through food donations, and for the Alternatives Pregnancy Center with donations of infant things in Advent and Christmas. For Thanksgiving, we adopted five families and provided a Thanksgiving dinner for each family.

In 2012, we will celebrate our 25th Anniversary through the year, with a special celebration with Bishop Beisner on Sunday August 26th. We will also do a planning process for our future in Epiphany and Lent, as we look ahead to the coming years. A major challenge in the year will be to see how we can be financially sustainable for 2013 and beyond. Through 2012, we will offer the course *Financial Peace University*, as a way to help our members gain control of their personal finances. Another important goal for 2012 is to decide how to develop our land for the future, working with the diocese. More immediate goals are to complete the renovation of our worship space and of the portable unit. Our CommUnity service has received a \$5,000 grant from the diocese to help us take this creative service out to the larger community, by having the service in other locations regularly. Helping this service grow and thrive is a major goal for the year. I am grateful for our recent newcomers to our parish and pray that this trend will continue through this year.

I want to thank all our parish staff and leaders, especially our vestry and wardens Eva Moredock and Barbara Nill. Barbara has served as Junior Warden for three years, and has done this very well! I have really appreciated the feedback and support from Eva and Barb through the year. I pray that this anniversary year will be a fun and creative time for our parish, as we give thanks for 25 years of ministry and look forward to many more to come.

In Jesus' love,
Father Ray



Senior Warden's Annual Report

Submitted by: Eva Moredock

What is a New Year's Resolution

A New Year's resolution is a commitment that a person makes to one or more lasting personal goals, projects, or the reforming of a habit.

Quoting Frank Ra (author of the new year's resolution book "A course in happiness"): "Resolutions are more sustainable when shared, both in terms of with whom you share the benefits of your resolution, and with whom you share the path of maintaining your resolution. Peer-support makes a difference in success rate with new year's resolutions". According to Gretchen Rubin (author of best-seller "The Happiness Project"): "You hit a goal, you achieve a goal. You keep a resolution".

This lifestyle change is generally interpreted as advantageous. A New Year's Resolution is generally a goal someone sets out to accomplish in the coming year. Some examples include resolutions to donate to the poor more often, to become more assertive, or to become more environmentally responsible. A key element to a New Year's Resolution that sets it apart from other resolutions is that it is made in anticipation of the New Year, and new beginnings. People committing themselves to a new year's resolution plan to do so for the whole following year.

At watchnight services, many Christians prepare for the year ahead by praying and making these resolutions. A watchnight service is a late-night Christian church service. In many different Christian traditions, a watchnight service is held late on New Year's Eve, and ends after midnight. This provides the opportunity for Christians to review the year that has passed and make, and then prepare for the year ahead by praying and resolving. The services often include singing, praying, exhorting, and preaching.

There are other religious parallels to this tradition. During Judaism's New Year, Rosh Hashanah, through the High Holidays and culminating in Yom Kippur (the Day of Atonement), one is to reflect upon one's wrongdoings over the year and both seek and offer forgiveness. People may act similarly during the Christian fasting period of Lent, though the motive behind this holiday is more of sacrifice than of responsibility. The concept, regardless of creed, is to reflect upon self-improvement annually.
Happy New Year! Eva Moredock



Junior Warden's Annual Report

Submitted by: Barbara Nill

Greetings and blessings to you all.

I am humbled and privileged to have served as your Junior Warden for the last three years and in doing so I believe I have a nice perspective of our parish that I would like to share with you in this report. St. Mary's is a parish that is striving to live out God's call to us in our daily lives. We are a welcoming community and are emboldened and challenged by God's call to us in the greatest of our commandments; to love God with all our hearts, minds, and souls and to love our neighbors as ourselves. We take this very seriously and to heart and we strive to communicate this to others in our worship, fellowship, and our formation of our parishioners both young and old.

In my past newsletter articles and annual reports I have asked those of us at St. Mary's to discern our calling to the parish. What is your passion? How can you joyfully contribute to the life of this church. Fr. Ray and the adult formation leaders have led classes in the past year that have asked the same question and have given those in attendance tools with which to do just that. Discern. This activity is for you. To help build a coalition of fulfilled, passionate parishioners that give of their time and talents to live out God's call to them in service to their parish and their community.

As Junior Warden and as the coordinator of the Children and Youth ministries at St. Mary's I have experienced joy in my growth as a Christian and as a leader. I believe that giving of yourself to parish life can fill you much more than deplete you if you do so willingly and with positive intention of success to your life and to the life of the parish.

St. Mary's is its people with God in the center guiding, inspiring, strengthening, and caring for each and every one of us. St. Mary's has been blessed to have many new people join our parish in the last year. With each new face we grow and change into the parish we create with God's help and grace. Meet one another. Enjoy one another. Remember and honor those who have passed from this life and our life as a parish. As we worship together, our parish worships. As we pray together and our parish prays. As we grow together in relationship, our parish grows in relationship and strengthens. As we listen to and discern God's call to us individually and as a parish, we build our church with those who have chosen to come, chosen to stay, and chosen to make St. Mary's their church home.

May God bless you and your family and may God bless St. Mary's.
Thank you for letting me serve you these last three years as your Junior Warden.

Barbara Nill

Annual Report of the Vestry for 2011

Submitted by: Debbie Langston - Clerk of the Vestry

As the new kid on the block as Clerk of the Vestry for 2011, I was unsure as to the Vestry's purpose and the roles of each Vestry member. At the first meeting of 2011, Father Ray and the Vestry members hit the ground running with great enthusiasm. The Vestry serves as representatives of the Parish in matters concerning church property and relations of the parish to its clergy. After clarification of Vestry member roles, the first task of the group was to develop a list of the top 10 "behavioral norms". What are behavioral norms, you ask? They are a charter of how to conduct important business of the church by exercising mutual respect and a positive attitude amongst members during Vestry meetings. This charter has been respectfully observed since its inception and has enabled the Vestry to conduct focused and timely discussions.

In February, a Vestry retreat was held, facilitated by Canon Brit. The three goals set for 2011 were as follows:

- 1) Volunteer recruitment and development for worship services (to recruit by invitation and advertisement, and provide training).
- 2) Leadership Development - lay and ordained (to develop a culture to discern, nurture, strengthen, and utilize leaders for St. Mary's).
- 3) Fundraisers and Events (to gather a group of willing volunteers to organize and facilitate and/or work activities).

Much focus is being placed on invitation to improve and enrich the St. Mary's ministries; i.e., recruitment and retention (how to get new people to our church and how to keep them) by use of positive dialogue regarding the aspects about St. Mary's that would attract people to attend. Vestry members were challenged by Father Ray to bring in at least one member for 2011 by personal contacts and by networking. It is hoped St. Mary's congregants will try to meet that challenge as well.

In June, Canon Brit facilitated the Mutual Ministry Review with Vestry members. Emphasis was placed on celebrating what God has done at St. Mary's over the last year, opportunities or gaps that need attention, and what we can do to keep the church's vision, challenges and opportunities in front of us through 2011 by understanding the facts that contribute to the barriers that are present and what can be done to overcome them.

Throughout 2011, many decisions have been made by the Vestry regarding buildings and grounds projects, finances/spending, budgets, office equipment and services, and more which will be addressed in other areas of the Annual Report. Please feel comforted by the fact that your Vestry is working very hard for the good of the church. I feel very privileged to have the opportunity to observe, first hand, the deep commitment, care, compassion, and concern for the church and its congregation as displayed by the Vestry members. Each member has unique gifts and interests to bring to the table, but all agree to seek God's guidance in their works, to seek means to form community, and to hold one another accountable for decisions made for the benefit of the church.

Treasurer Annual Report
Submitted by: Susi Jacobo- Vice

	2010 Budget	2010 Actual	2011 Budget	2011 Actual	2012 Budget
Budgeted Income:					
Pledges	\$ 128,300	\$ 129,550	\$ 137,300	\$ 124,089	\$ 130,000
Givers of Record / Plate	\$ 10,000	\$ 14,012	\$ 10,000	\$ 11,818	\$ 10,000
Fundraising/Scrip	\$ 10,000	\$ 12,608	\$ 10,000	\$ 7,976	\$ 10,000
Rental Income	\$ 2,700	\$ 2,850	\$ 2,700	\$ 2,725	\$ 2,700
Total Income	\$ 151,000	\$ 159,020	\$ 160,000	\$ 146,608	\$ 152,700
Budgeted Expenses:					
Adult Formation	\$ 500	\$ 159	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ 500
Advertising	\$ 700	\$ 844	\$ 300	\$ 247	\$ 300
Apportionment	\$ 23,200	\$ 20,857	\$ 30,200	\$ 25,603	\$ 28,500
Apportionment Note	\$ 3,000	\$ 2,750	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Building & Grounds	\$ 1,400	\$ 1,986	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,609	\$ 1,500
Child & Youth Formation	\$ 500	\$ 435	\$ 500	\$ 240	\$ 500
Continuing Ed.-Music Director	\$ 500	\$ -	\$ 500	\$ -	\$ 500
Convention	\$ 200	\$ -	\$ 200	\$ 225	\$ 200
Equipment Lease	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,700
Growth & Opportunity	\$ 8,800	\$ 266	\$ 2,250	\$ 746	\$ 250
Hospitality Expense	\$ 500	\$ 167	\$ 500	\$ 549	\$ 500
Insurance & Taxes	\$ 4,800	\$ 4,833	\$ 5,100	\$ 4,908	\$ 5,200
Music Resources	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,133	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,175	\$ 1,000
Office Expense	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,210	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,971	\$ 3,000
Outreach/Evangelism	\$ 1,000	\$ 7,028	\$ 1,000	\$ 5,650	\$ 1,000
Payroll Expense	\$ 75,500	\$ 77,304	\$ 122,900	\$ 120,170	\$ 121,922
Rector Funds	\$ 4,500	\$ 4,778	\$ 4,500	\$ 4,910	\$ 4,500
Scholarship Fund	\$ 500	\$ -	\$ 500	\$ -	\$ 500
Supply Clergy	\$ 2,200	\$ 2,666	\$ 1,350	\$ 380	\$ 1,350
Supply Music Director	\$ 200	\$ 375	\$ 200	\$ 100	\$ 200
Telephone & DSL	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,243	\$ 2,700	\$ 2,404	\$ 2,500
Utilities	\$ 5,000	\$ 4,688	\$ 5,300	\$ 5,115	\$ 5,300
Worship	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,034	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,091	\$ 1,000
Total Expense	\$ 140,500	\$ 136,756	\$ 185,500	\$ 179,593	\$ 181,922
Net Deficit/Excess	\$ 10,500	\$ 22,264	\$ (25,500)	\$ (32,985)	\$ (29,222)

Non Budget Income	\$ -	\$ 34,149	\$ -	\$ 34,271	\$ -
Non Budget Expenses	\$ -	\$ 8,394	\$ -	\$ 9,795	\$ -
Designated Funds Used	\$ -	\$ 10,225	\$ -	\$ 8,135	\$ -
Reserve Funds Used	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 26,000	\$ 23,200	\$ 24,000
Moved to Reserves	\$ 10,000	\$ 36,000	\$ -	\$ 21,400	\$ -
Moved to Sabbatical Fund	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ 500
Moved to Designated Funds	\$ -	\$ 7,721	\$ -	\$ 13,465	\$ -
Moved to Building Funds	\$ -	\$ 2,081	\$ -	\$ 418	\$ -
Net Cash Flow	\$ -	\$ 11,942	\$ -	\$ (12,957)	\$ (5,722)

Savings, Investments & Loans Summary

	12/31/2010	12/31/2011
Building Funds		
Smith Barney CDs	\$ 55,723	\$ 55,795
Patelco CU Savings	\$ 13,148	\$ 4,744
Patelco CU CDs	\$ 10,022	\$ 10,062
Patelco CU Checking	\$ 1	\$ 1
	<u>\$ 78,894</u>	<u>\$ 70,602</u>
Designated Funds/Memorial Money		
Patelco CU Savings	\$ 47,134	\$ 51,082
Patelco CU CDs	\$ 10,619	\$ 10,700
Discretionary Fund	\$ 886	\$ 1,618
Patelco Credit Union Checking	\$ 12,553	\$ 96
	<u>\$ 71,192</u>	<u>\$ 63,497</u>
Total Checking, Savings, CDs	<u>\$ 150,086</u>	<u>\$ 134,099</u>
Back Apportionment Loan	\$ 3,000.00	\$ -

Pledge Report for 2012 and 2011

2012

\$130,000	Budgeted Pledge Income
\$118,910	Actual Pledge Amount
47	Number of Pledges
\$2,530	Average Pledge Amount

2011

\$137,300	Budgeted Pledge Income
\$129,646	Actual Pledge Amount
\$124,089	Pledge Income Received in 2011
52	Number of Pledges
\$2,493	Average Pledge Amount

Notes from the Treasurer

As you can see from the Annual Report, we started 2011 knowing we would need to tap into our Reserve Funds. Our 2011 Budget had expenses higher than our estimated income. To meet those expenses we noted that \$26,000 in Reserve Funds would be needed to cover expenses.

At the end of 2011 we had used \$23,200 of the estimated \$26,000. However we also managed to put \$21,400 INTO reserves, leaving a net decrease in reserves of only \$1,800. So as we head into 2012 we start the year with \$34,200 in the Reserve Fund. However, as noted on the 2012 Budget, we will once again need to tap into those reserves to cover expenses in the coming year.



Average Sunday Attendance

2011	86.8
2010	88.8
2009	86.8
2008	111.6
2007	112.5
2006	98.7
2005	108.1
2004	118.7
2003	141.3
2002	139.9
2001	131.3
2000	139.0
1999	137.0
1998	135.0

SAINT MARY'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

23rd ANNUAL PARISH MEETING MINUTES

January 30, 2011

Opening prayer led by Fr. Ray at 6:03 pm

Election:

Voting Instructions given by Lois Anderson, Clerk of the Vestry

Nominations for Vestry - Bill Evans, and Espie Gonzalez, Mary Ann Renzi, Mark Voskuil,. There being no nominations from the floor, it was moved by Harriett McKinnis, seconded by Paula Sink that nominations for vestry be closed. Motion carried.

Nominations for Delegate to the Convention – Deborah Hess, Mary Ann Renzi, Dorothy Stoppelmann, Julie Vice. Nominations from the floor – none. There being no further nominations, Harriett McKinnis moved that nominations be closed, Paula Sink seconded. Motion carried. Poles were declared open at 6:11 pm and ballots were distributed.

Dinner:

Blessing of food by Fr. Ray. Delicious soup and salad dinner served by Fellowship Committee. The new St. Mary's Annual Meeting Band also entertained us during the feast.

Business Meeting:

Election declared closed after one hour.

Motion to accept the minutes from last year was made by Julie Vice and seconded by Clayton Beach. Motion carried.

Treasurer - Susi Jacobo-Vice: Highlights – Looking at the report of budget to actual, our income was more than we spent. That allowed us to set up a reserve account of \$20,000. We also received a Congregational Development Committee grant of \$16,000 to help with our budget for next year. We will need this to get us through 2011 as not enough pledges have come in so far to put us at our goal. The good news is that Fr. Ray is now restored to full time. Pledges - \$128,500 have come in leaving us still about \$8000 short.

Junior Warden's Report – Barbara Nill: One way the year 2010 was wonderful and tiring was being a part of the building renovation. The children's ministry has been a wonderful experience, fostering great relationships with the youth of this parish. Seeing God through the eyes of a child is a special experience. Being part of Grateful Glad and Giving has been enriching, reinforcing the way we should be looking at our relationships. She encourages everyone to try something different. This enables you to work with other people and deepening your relationship with them.

Senior Warden's Report – Angie Taylor: It was a challenging two years but an enriching experience that transformed her life. We grappled with who we are and out of that came a new motto – Opening Hearts and Minds to All. Grateful, Glad and Giving gave us a new attitude. Renewal/Apostolate is a way to help ourselves. Commitment, Celebration, Compassion and Care have been our guiding words, to that she wants to add creativity to reflect the way we work to solve our problems.

"Stone Soup" - Mary Ann Renzi: Mark Nill read a wonderful story about stone soup with the aid of our youth as they made stone soup. The moral is that by working together with everyone contributing what they can, wondrous things will happen. Mary Ann gave special thanks to the 27 parishioners who have brought goodies to share during coffee hour on Sundays and the 53 parishioners who have been involved in all the fellowship events this year.

Thanksgivings – Father Ray: Recognition for Fr. Roy Coloma and Fr. Ray Potter. We could not continue without their help. Thank you to the outgoing vestry – Carl King, Angie Taylor and Richard Lange. Round of applause and plant and balloon to each of the outgoing vestry. Angie presented Fr. Ray and Barbara Nill with Starbucks cards as her thanks and encouragement to continue meeting over coffee. Thanks to all the officers for the wonderful work they have done. Thank you to Greg Mason who is serving as our interim music and Lori Hill serving as our interim church secretary and Maria Yearwood who has served about 20 years in our nursery. Thank you to Mark Voskuil who has worked in the office for the last ten years. Recognition of all the members who have served on the various committees, too numerous to list here.. Deb Hess presented a special thank you to Randy Lee and Dave Langston for all their work serving as the Sextons of our parish and doing all the needed repairs on the buildings and grounds. Acknowledgement of the special effort from Lynn Holman who serves both as our worship chairperson and Fr. Ray's right hand man.

Looking ahead to 2011 – Angie Taylor, Fr. Ray: Angela Taylor introduced a brief survey about giving – what motivates each person to give and asked everyone to take a moment to fill it out and return it to her. We are a very welcoming congregation now; however, we need to work on becoming a very inviting congregation for the health of our parish and our community.

Announcement of Election Results and New Senior Warden: Bill Evans, Mary Ann Renzi, Espie Gonzalez, and Mark Voskuil were elected to vestry. Delegates to convention are: Dorothy Stoppelmann, Julie Vice, Mary Ann Renzi. Alternate to convention is: Deb Hess. The Senior Warden for next year is Eva Moredock.

Closing prayer and closed at 8:20 pm with a brief vestry meeting of new vestry following.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lois B. Anderson, Clerk of the Vestry



Music Ministries Annual Report

Submitted by: Stephen Corey

I came here the last week of April 2011 as William Hedge was preparing to move away from the Sacramento area. At the time, I began providing music for two Sunday services as well as conducting a Thursday night music rehearsal. Over the intervening months, a lot has happened. We made the decision to consolidate the Quest service and the 11AM Worship service and the CommUnity service was born. As part of that process, the newly combined service has taken on a blended music format. Also, the former praise team singers from the Quest service have adapted to leading music during the combined service. We've learned a couple dozen new songs as a church over the last eight months or so, with more to come. One of my personal goals here in this position is to provide as much consistency and continuity as possible. I'm excited by the prospects and challenges facing us in 2012.

Ministries and Organizations Reports

Building Planning/Renovation Annual Report

Submitted by: John Stoppelmann

St. Mary's continues to be in need of much TLC. The renovation of the church continued this year with the installation of the cabinets on the musician side of the church. The cabinets did get installed but they are not complete yet as they still need doors and finish trim to be installed. The church renovation stalled a little bit do to the major attention the classrooms (portables) needed. The work on the portables was very extensive. We removed all the siding on the exterior. During the process, we encountered a large amount of dry rot to the actual structure of the building. Most of the dry rot began at the roof line and continued down into the floor structure. A mighty crew of 3-4 guys worked most Monday's, Wednesday's and Friday's, and put the building back together. We got the outside weather tight and painted and moved inside to continue the renovation. The inside work consisted of removing all the carpet, removing the paneling on the inside of the exterior walls and assuring enough insulation was in the walls. Once those items where accomplished, the mighty crew began putting the inside back together. This included new drywall on the interior, correcting any electrical problems, painting the interior with some VERY FUN colors and installing a new laminate floor. With the work on the electrical, we were able to put in some much needed exterior lighting. The lighting facing the church is on a dusk to dawn sensor, to make sure the courtyard of the church is lit. The back side of the portables has a very neat lighting feature. The lights remain on from dusk to dawn, but only at 50%. When motion is detected, the lights come on to 100%. With new siding, new paint, repaired roof, cool colors on the inside and new flooring, these portables can now be used and hopefully show the parents and the children of St. Mary's how much they mean to us. Now it is time to move back into the church and complete that renovation. Once again, thanks for your patience.

A very special thanks goes out to David Langston, Randy Lee and John Hill.



Buildings and Grounds Annual Report

Submitted by: Deborah Hess

2011 was a rather quiet year for our committee as our sextons, David Langston and Randy Lee, and John Stoppelmann were extremely busy with the reconstruction of the Sunday School Portable. We missed a few months of monthly clean up parties because of the commitment to the portables, but did have our spring and fall all parish work days.

David Langston and Randy Lee continue to be a blessing to our church and their dedication is wonderful and I thank them.

These are some of the activities/projects that were completed.

- Repair to the lawn sprinkler system
- Weekly putting the garbage cans out and returning them to the church
- Watering of the garden on the west side of the entrance
- Basic repairs to the buildings, fixing doors, replacement of lights, etc.
- Mowing, removal of debris and trees at the back of the property
- Special requests like assembling the Christmas tree, and getting and returning items to the storage area

- Weeding and up keep of the entrance gardens , raking , weed eating the “hill” and ditch areas, tree trimming and debris pick up monthly as possible

Each week volunteers clean and stock the restrooms and inside the church building and mow the huge lawn areas of the property. I thank the many volunteers who come and help us on the Saturday work days and/or during the twice yearly all parish work days.

We welcome anyone who loves to work either outside in the gardens or the buildings to join our committee or come on out during one of our work days which usually are from 9am-noon. I hope that our committee will grow in numbers in 2012.



CommUnity Saturday Service

Submitted by: Julie Vice

Wow, what a year! Last year at this time, I was writing an article about our music ministry and the significant changes we had undergone with Shannon Castaneda leaving for Colorado. During this year it was eventually decided that Quest and the 11am Rite II service would blend into one service at 10am.

This is when I realized I could no longer ignore my calling. After speaking with Father Ray and then gaining approval from the Vestry, we started a complimentary non-Eucharistic service on Saturday Evening at 6pm. The service is designed for people less familiar with the formal church service and more geared to those who may not regularly attend any church. This service was branded as CommUnity.

CommUnity is different from St. Mary’s other two services (and the former Quest service) in many ways including how the music, prayers, videos and skits are used to connect those attending the service not only to the Historical presence of God but also to the ways that God continues to work and move in our world today. The focus on Our Loving God, which is active today and not a dusty relic from the dark ages, is central. While this service is contemporary and in some ways even post-modern, it remains true to the Episcopal way and takes serious our Commission to “restore all people to unity with God and each other in Christ” (BCP page 855) by combining scripture, reason, and tradition.

CommUnity has been celebrating for just about four months. We continue to have room to grow. While many times “numbers” are considered a determinate of success, we do not view the services’ success based on the number of people attending. We have instead focused on the spread of the message. We have focused on extensive media outreach and promotion. We established an email to be contacted at (CommUnity.St.Marys@gmail.com) and a Facebook page (We have already passed 50 “likes”Are you one of them? If not, become one! Type CommUnity St. Mary’s and hit the “like” button).We also have a tab on the St. Mary’s website and have started connecting with the Youth and Young Adult and the Communications Directors at the Diocesan level for their support.

Recently, we have begun to see some amazing and positive things beginning to happen. The Holy Spirit is acting in new and exciting ways and we look forward to where this will lead us. CommUnity is on the cutting edge of a new and exciting way to “do church” that is consistent with the mission of the diocese and the Bishop’s address at Convention and I believe that it is because of this, CommUnity just received a \$5000 grant from the Diocese’s Commission on Vitalization to assist in taking CommUnity outside of the church walls- where **our** CommUnity meets **the** community.

I hope that each of you will take me up on this impersonal (intended to be personal) invitation to Come and See! Every Saturday we gather at 6pm and would **love** to have you join us!

Thank you for the support and God is good!
Julie



Evening Prayer Service

Submitted by: Lynn Holman

On the first and third Tuesday of the month we hold Evening Prayer services at St Mary's at 7:00 p.m. The first Tuesday of the month is led by Lynn Holman and the third Tuesday of the month is led by Kathy Lawler. These prayer services are thematic and include the use of the seasons and holy days of the church year.

Lynn develops her prayer services using contemporary prayers, collects, canticles, poetry, creeds, meditations and reflections based on the various seasons, holy days, and scripture passages. During the year of 2011 the following themed prayer services were offered:

January – A New Year, A New Beginning (including Epiphany)
April – Lent and Easter (including reflections on Jesus in the garden at Gethsemane and Thomas reflecting)
May – Jesus' many appearances after his resurrection
June – Pentecost (including Jesus ascension and the Trinity)
July – Unity and Diversity
August – Mary, Mother of Jesus (including acceptance & faithfulness)
September – Peace and Hope (September 11th anniversary)
October – Discipleship and Gifts (including your call and following Jesus)
November – All Saints Day – Community of Saints
December – Advent and Christmas (including Jesus birth and reflections on Mary and Joseph)

Kathy's prayer services are more meditative and close adaptations of the order of Evening Prayer Rite II. Kathy also uses Taize and other forms of music in her services. During the year of 2011 the following themed prayer services were offered:

January - Grateful for Life (GGG topic)
February - Grateful for the Spirit (GGG topic)
March - Lenten Reflections with Taize
May - Reflections on Creation
June - Compline (From the BCP)
July - Reflections on Psalm 19 (The Heavens Tell the Glory of God - Video Evening Prayer)
August - Clare, Abbess of Assisi, Reflections on the Mirror of Eternity
September - A Celebration of Autumn and Harvest
October - Anticipation of the Ecumenical Prayer Day for Peace (held on 10/27)
November - St. Mary's 2011 Prayer of Remembrance (prayer for those who have died)
December - Awaiting the Gift

Lynn and Kathy invite you to come and see Evening Prayer 2012. They look forward to seeing you there.

Finance Committee Annual Report

Submitted by: Paul Merrill

The Finance Committee, including Susi Jacobo-Vice, Scott Anderson, and Paul Merrill, met January 12, 2012 to complete our work for 2011 and to review the 2012 Budget and Income projections for this report.

1. Review of the Financial Reports from December 2011:
 - a. December income remained consistent for the parish. Total income for the year was 92% of budget and 95.3% of budget based upon actual pledges made. This is pretty good!
 - b. Actual operations expenses for the year exceeded the budget by about \$4100. These expenses were monitored monthly by vestry and were within expectations.
 - c. Pledge income was 96% of actual pledges made for 2011, an excellent response from the parish.
 - d. It is important to note that the 2011 budget included the use of \$26,000 in reserve funds of which \$23,300 were actually needed.
 - e. In summary, the budget plan for 2011 was well conceived and actual income was close to actual expenses in support of the ongoing mission and ministry of St. Mary's Church.
2. Review of the 2012 Budget:
 - a. For 2012, the projected income is a challenge and presents St. Mary's with an immediate need to plan for both 2012 expenses, and to plan for ministry and operations in 2013.
 - b. At the meeting, the current projected pledge income for 2012 is \$118,910, well below the target of \$130,000. The current reserve fund has \$34,000 available for use which can be used to balance the 2012 budget. However, a plan that exhausts the reserve fund is not sustainable. St. Mary's had the good fortune to receive a \$10,000 gift in 2011 which is part of this reserve. The development and implementation of a sustainable financial and ministry plan is an urgent and necessary priority for 2012.
3. Review of issues that continue to be "in process" related to financial health and financial obligations:
 - a. St. Mary's has a designated new building fund balance of \$70,000.
 - b. The Diocese of Northern California (DNC) is holding for St. Mary's an amount estimated to be near \$700,000 to support St. Mary's new building plan.
 - c. A conversation with DNC regarding both of these new building fund resources, and developing a current and conjoint plan and vision for St. Mary's is recommended.
 - d. At this time, it is also important to remember that St. Mary's is responsible for beginning payments to the DNC in 2013 for the eastern parcel.

Finally, I wish to close this report by thanking Rod Pugh and Scott Anderson for serving on this committee. And especially I want to thank Susi Jacobo-Vice for her great diligence and invaluable service to St. Mary's Church in her work as our Treasurer. As I depart from the position of Finance Committee Chairperson, it is clear to me that the quality of Susi's work and the clarity of her reports have been the core means whereby St. Mary's has been able to clearly understand, plan, and move forward in our ministry. Thank you Susi, you are wonderful!

God Bless Us One and All,
Paul Merrill, Chair

Fireworks Sales Annual Report

Submitted by: Rod Pugh

Thanks to all those who participated with the many tasks that needed to be done. Planning started in March and the event was not complete until the unsold product was inventoried and returned, and accounts settled in the middle of July. I think that the 5 days that we actually were out in the booth selling fireworks were the hottest days of the entire summer. Sometimes that happens! Kudos to those who participated in the "sweat fellowship". It really was a joy to spend quality time with people who I see only in passing on Sundays, or those I see only occasionally because they attend the other service, and especially those who I had not met at all before. A handful of people even stuck it out on the fourth, after everything got put away, to burn some fireworks and enjoy a cold beverage. I find that the fellowship experienced in the fireworks booth is every bit as valuable as the dollars earned.

Speaking of dollars, St. Mary's earned \$5,521.81 on \$17,012.81 of sales, a 32.5% profit. In 2010, \$7,203.72 was earned on \$19,589.06 of sales, a 36.8% profit. So if there is anything to do differently, it is to somehow bring more customers into our parking lot and reduce expenses. I am open to any ideas that others might have to bring in more traffic. With respect to expenses, there are fixed costs such as fire extinguisher rental, license, inspection, and insurance fees, and booth rental, which could be paid for as gifts from members. And let us all pray for a better 2012!



St. Mary's Flea Market Annual Report

Submitted by: Eva Moredock

In October St. Mary's replaced the annual rummage sale with a Flea Market. This new event was an over the top success on all levels. There were almost 70 vendors who participated and St. Mary's brought in about \$2,000 for the day.

But, more important were the crowds and the laughter of all who attended or participated. And, with the St. Mary's volunteers as well. As you looked at the front lawn with the tents of all colors and the full parking lot and full side lot one would get the feel of a wonderful carnival.

Save the dates for 2012! St. Mary's will be having another Flea Market on June 2nd and then again on October 13th. If you would like to help plan our first meeting will be March 8th at 6pm. Keep your eyes turned to St. Mary's WEB site for updates and the forms to be a vendor.



Worship Ministries Annual Report

Submitted by: Lynn Holman

Altar Guild/Altar Volunteers

This year, St Mary's Altar Guild dissolved and we reorganized as Altar Volunteers are made up of committed, dependable, and cooperative parish members working together to prepare the altar, holy vessels, and liturgical vestments for worship. These volunteers work behind the scenes preparing the

altar and church for the regular services, the holy days, and the great festivals of the church such as Christmas and Easter. A special thank you to the volunteers who set and clear the table each Sunday for our two services, they are for our 7:30 a.m. service Rick Meyers, Mark Voskuil, Scott Siers, Butch Mosley, Norm DeYoung, Bruce Jackson, Lita Abucay, Michael Siers, Destiny Siers, and Mary Ann Renzi. For our 10:00 a.m. service they are Paula Sink, Eva Moredock, Pat Young, and Espie Gonzalez. Thank you also to our dedicated bread bakers Irene Roltsch and Harriett McKinnis, to Susi Jacobo-Vice who purchases our wine for us, and to Lois Anderson for her wonderful sewing abilities in mending and making new linens as needed. Also, we wish to give a very big thank you to Mary Liz Pugh who launders all the linens for both services each week.

Lay Ministers

We currently have 12 trained to administer the Consecrated Elements (wine and bread) at the Celebration of Holy Eucharist. Many of our Eucharistic Ministers attend our adult forum classes, quiet days and retreats to continue to broaden and deepen their spiritual growth. Our Eucharistic Ministers are also responsible for the duties of First Server. A special thank you to our current Eucharistic Ministers for their dedication in service to others, and for faithfully administering the Eucharist, they are at our 7:30 a.m. service Norm DeYoung, Butch Mosley, Scott Siers, Mary Ann Renzi, and Mark Voskuil. At our 10:00 a.m. they are Julie Vice, Ben Timmons, Karen Lawler, Kathy Lawler, Lynn Holman, Mark Nill, and Paula Sink.

Greeters/Ushers

Thanks to the greeters/ushers everyone who comes through the doors on Sunday morning is met with a smile and a bulletin. They are the first "face" St Mary's guest's see and they are our hand of welcome. They answer questions and act as a guide to Sunday School, Nursery, and Fellowship. They collect the offerings of the people and present them at the altar. At Communion time, we rely on them to direct us to the altar to receive the bread and wine from our Priests and Eucharistic Ministers. We often forget that they also take responsibility for putting the pews back in good order after the service, ready for the next service. A special thank you to our greeters/ushers at the 7:30 a.m. service Mary Ann Renzi, Richard and Shirley Lange, Carl and Cely King, Mark Voskuil, Lincoln Tremble, Randy Lee, and Destiny Siers. At our 10:00 a.m. service they are Jean Beach, Pat Young, Pat Picton, Carol McElheney, Espie Gonzalez, Rod and Mary Liz Pugh, Ruth Carnie, Mark Nill, and Paula Sink.

Lectors/ Intercessors

Lectors assist in the worship services by reading the First and Second Lessons and lead the congregation in the Psalm appointed for the service. Intercessors assist in worship services by reading the Prayers of the People appointed for the service. A special thank you to our lectors and intercessors from the 7:30 a.m. service Diana Siers, Scott Siers, Butch Mosley, Mary Ann Renzi, Norm DeYoung, Debbie Langston, Michael Siers, Carl King, Judy Cullum, and Michael Taporco. At the 10:00 a.m. service they are Paul Merrill, Roberta Merrill, Dorothy Stoppelman, Julie Vice, Harriett McKinnis, Mark Nill, Paula Sink, Lois Anderson, Lynn Holman, Karen Lawler, Kathy Lawler, Ruth Carnie, Carol McElheney, Brenda Pfau, Rod Pugh, Mary Liz Pugh, Heidi Radisay, and Ben Timmons.

First Server & Torch Bearer

Our First Servers and torchbearers serve at the 7:30 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. services, and special holiday services. A special thank you to Michael Siers, Destiny Siers, Jake Pfau, and Luke Pfau. A special thank you also to Elizabeth Stoppelman who serves as Thurifer at special services.

Eucharistic Visitors

Our homebound parishioners, those in the hospital and in short/long term facilities are remembered in our prayers every Sunday. In addition to our prayers, and at their request, they are also visited by our Eucharistic Visitors. After the Sunday service the Eucharistic Visitor carries Communion to them, but more important, they carry our good wishes and remind those who cannot join us on Sunday's that they are not forgotten. This visitation ministry is at the heart of St. Mary's outreach efforts, a special thank you to Ben Timmons and Julie Vice.

Audio-Visual

At the Sunday 10:00 a.m. service, the 6:00 p.m. Saturday night service, and special holiday services we provide power point presentations. We wish to thank our soundboard technicians that keep our power point system synchronized to our worship services, they are Ben Timmons, Susi Jacobo-Vice, John Stoppelman, Kathy Lawler, Joshua Scott, and Rod Pugh. Also we thank Lori Hill our parish secretary, Julie Vice, Susi-Jacobo-Vice, and John Stoppelman who put the power point presentations together with wonderful visuals and graphics for the Saturday and Sunday services.



Newcomer Ministry Annual Report

Submitted by: Lois Anderson

The Newcomer Incorporation committee held four "Welcome Dessert Meetings" this year and followed them with a pizza dinner and introduction class the next week. They were held on weekday evenings. Desserts and beverages were served and an opportunity for general conversation was offered. All who attended appeared to have a good time. Those who came to the dessert returned the next week for the class. Several families are now active members of the congregation. After someone has attended the classes, they are invited to be presented and introduced to the congregation. It is their choice and something the congregation enjoys.

It is wonderful for me to look back over the list of invitees and see that a number of people are now very active members of our church family - on Vestry, teaching, attending Bible study, and helping with fellowship events to name just a few. It is a joyous thing to watch a family grow!

Currently this committee consists of Lois Anderson and Pat Picton who has offered to do the phone calling. If anyone else is interested in the committee, please contact me. Help baking and welcoming is always encouraged and appreciated.

Fellowship Ministry Annual Report

Submitted by: Mary Ann Renzi

The Fellowship Committee has been very busy this year planning and coordinating fellowship events for our Parish. In keeping with our goals of celebrating diversity, we have tried to tie most of our fellowship activities to a culture. We began our year with our Annual Meeting dinner. The highlight of the meeting was the premier performance of our Saint Mary's Band. We celebrated our Parish with a soup and salad dinner topped off with decadent chocolate dipped strawberries. The youth of the Parish were so delightful as they reenacted the heart whelming story of Stone Soup. Our annual "Marti Gras" Shrove Tuesday pancake supper is always so much fun and a joyful reminder of the quieter days of Lent that are about to begin. Our third annual Seder Dinner, held on Palm Sunday evening, drew 90 guests who relived the events of the old testament and enjoyed a kosher dinner with Jewish music played by the fabulous Detour band. What a fantastic time we all had as we celebrated Saint Mary's Day with a lively Mexican Fiesta on our front lawn; from the Sangria to the fish tacos and tamales, to the flan and the lively music of the Andy and Company Band. And who can forget the Mexican Folkloric Dance group in their gorgeous traditional dress. A whopping 110 parishioners and guests celebrated Saint Mary's twenty-fourth Birthday! We then moved across the Atlantic to Germany to celebrate Oktoberfest. What a fabulous time everyone had eating sausage and dancing polkas to the tunes of Guenther and his Bavarian Band.

And, Blessed are those who serve on our Sunday morning Fellowship team. What a wonderful group you are! We have so many people who unselfishly bring "goodies" and make coffee so we can all enjoy chatting with each other after our worship service.

Fellowship is an immensely important ministry in our Parish. It allows each of us to meet and greet each other in casual settings at parish events or after church on Sunday mornings. We then begin to know each other better, care about each other, have compassion for each other, become committed to each other and are able to celebrate with each other.

What a wonderful Parish we have.....



Tuesday Evening Bible Study

Submitted by: Lynn Holman

Tuesday evening bible study is held on the second and fourth Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. and is held in the home of Eva Moredock. We wish to give a heartfelt thank you to Eva for hosting this bible study. This past year saw us finish the Gospel of Luke and start on the Book of Acts. This is an in-depth bible study where we delve into the customs of the people and the locales of the story. We discuss who were the individual(s) Jesus was speaking to and why. What was their background, and how do they fit into the story. We go line by line, verse by verse and have lively discussions on what the scripture means to us. Questions are encouraged and often lead us into some interesting areas as we all strive to have it make sense to us. Please contact either Eva Moredock or Lynn Holman (facilitator) if you have questions or would like to join us in 2012. All are welcome; we would love to see you.

SMART Seniors Annual Report

Submitted by: Paula Sink

Crocker Museum's New Building and our annual trip to Apple Hill. Next year we plan trips to Old Sac, Old Folsom, and the Women of Faith at the California History Museum and possibly a trip to Phillips Farms or Michael David Winery. We are looking into a trip to the Sac Zoo

We sold gourmet coffees the second Sundays of the month to raise money and for Christmas The seniors had a couple trips this year. We went to the Discovery museum space center, the we had a cookie by the pound sale with hot chocolate. We will continue selling the chocolate during the cold months. The coffees will return when the warm weather returns.

We sponsored a Thanksgiving Basket this year. We gave to the Child Spree and purchased a highchair, stroller, and baby bed for the Giving Tree this Advent. Last year's tree we had 150 items on the tree, the seniors purchase large items usually stroller, highchair and crib. We tried to advertize our meetings by having a sign made for the street. The competition of signs was too much for our sign. The sign is in the closet and we may put it out again. We are planning to buy a monitor for the fireside room to show pictures taken at the different events at church. Each Easter we sponsor the egg hunt. The congregation provides the candy that the seniors stuff into plastic eggs. The hunt is between the 9:00 am and the 11:00am services and we have many local children attend. We do ask for the eggs back to fill again the following year.

Twice this coming year Fr Tom Bonnicci will speak just before our regular meeting and we hope he will stay for lunch. I hope we will have our seniors attend. All people 55 and older are welcome and we don't check ID's



Fellowship Dinner Groups Annual Report

Submitted by: Lois Anderson

In 2011, we continued our Fellowship Dinner Groups. These are groups of 6-9 people who meet once monthly in one another's homes for dinner and fellowship with each contributing a part of the meal. Each group decides the day, time and date for the dinners. We plan to do two series each year, a spring and a fall series. The spring one did not happen. The fall had two groups. One has functioned beautifully and are still enjoying shared dinners. The other (my fault because of my declining health) did not meet. These groups are a fun way to get to know other members of the congregation. We plan to continue these in 2012. It is a wonderful way to grow closer to other members of your St. Mary's family.

Children and Youth Formation Ministries Annual Report

Submitted by: Barbara Nill

Sunday School Report

Our Sunday school began our school term with the challenge of relocating our classes into the Noah room while our classrooms were being renovated. We chose to take this as a blessing because we were able to all meet together in a one room schoolhouse so to speak and we got to grow together as a class.

We have begun a new Episcopal curriculum called Weaving God's Promises and are adapting to our new class time of 9am. Our Sunday school staff has happily welcomed Marianne Metz as a parent volunteer and have welcomed her daughters Rachel and Katie to our class. We have anywhere from 1 – 13 children each Sunday and our class is built on listening to God's story, translating that message in art, song, activities and sharing and living out God's message to us in our daily lives. We have begun participating in the worship services on every fifth Sunday of the calendar year with the children reading lessons and singing songs and participating as volunteers in ushering, altar guild, and readers/intercessors.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our dedicated teachers, Deborah Hess, Brenda Pfau, Maria Yearwood, and Marianne Metz and ask for your prayers for their continued service to our children of St. Mary's. I would also like to thank the gentlemen who remodeled our classroom, John Stoppelmann, David Langston, Randy Lee, and John Hill by volunteering their time and talents for over four months. They completely upgraded and transformed our space into something safe, beautiful, and functional for our children. We really appreciate all their hard work and craftsmanship.

I would also like to thank the children who have faithfully attended Sunday school and their parents who bring them to class each week. We are excited about our new curriculum and hope the children are enjoying themselves as they learn about the story of God, Christ's call to us in ministry and service.

Youth Group Report

Our small but mighty youth group continues to move forward as we try to find the right meeting time and frequency that works for the busy lives of our kids aged 11-17. We are trying to incorporate our youth into activities for the church and their community, that helps them live out their faith while they also focus on their own faith formation. We have visited the Capitol on 9/11, had a visit from our own parishioner Bob Weil as he told the kids about his adventures at their age in recounting his book, have provided a service for the church in making communion bread and helped with the children in their Christmas pageant. We just made and served a spaghetti dinner for the start of Financial Peace University and the entire youth and children's ministry will put on the Shrove Tuesday pancake supper for the parish. We look forward to the continuing growth and development of our Youth group ministry and we are excited to move into our soon to be completed Youth room in classroom 4 this spring.

Kids Kamp Annual Report

Submitted by: Lois Anderson

Kids Kamp was held the second full week in July, Monday through Friday mornings and welcomed 16 attendees and four youth helpers. The themes this year were based on The Disney movie "The Lion King". We have a different Bible based theme each day with a bible reading, story and three crafts that illustrate that theme. We also include games, snack (also theme based) and music. The final culmination is a special Sunday worship service where the campers are invited and included in the service. Our jungle theme, with shields on the wall and monkeys hanging from the rafters, was a wonderful ending to a very full week. We could not have done it without all the help of so many from the congregation: Elizabeth Stoppelman, John Stoppelman, Dorothy Stoppelman, Betty Williams, Jean Beach, Deb Hess, Paula Sink, Lori Hill, Barbara Nill, John Hill, Cathy Anderson, and Lori Hill. We were also very fortunate to have Stephen Corey run our music program, and, of course, Fr. Ray leading us all each day and working so hard to make each child's experience rewarding and fun. As you can see this programs involves a large part of the congregation and takes months of preparation but watching the kids getting involved and experiencing Jesus in their lives makes it all worthwhile. This July will be Finding Nemo.