



# The Messenger



*The newsletter of St. Mary's Church, an Episcopal-Lutheran Community*

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**SEPTEMBER 2008**

## **Blessing of the Animals on October 4!**

The people and pets of St. Mary's Church are invited to attend a "Blessing of the Animals" ceremony on Saturday, October 4 at 10:00 AM. October 4 is the feast day of Saint Francis of Assisi, a friar known as the patron saint of animals, birds, and the environment.

Francis was born in 1181 to a wealthy family in the Italian town of Assisi. Although he lived a life of privilege, Francis felt called to help the less fortunate. When he was about 25 years old, he gave up his wealth and his belongings and began to serve the poor and live a life of poverty. Francis eventually founded a new monastic order which is still known as the Franciscans. Francis is especially remembered for his love for the all of God's creation—people and animals. People all over the world celebrate his feast day with ceremonies that honor animals.

All well-behaved pets are welcome to our Blessing of the Animals ceremony. It will be held in the parking lot. Each pet should be leashed or otherwise restrained and accompanied by an adult. All pets will be blessed by Father Dan and will receive a certificate. Please join us for this very special event!

## **St. Mary's Church Welcomes the Glass Family**

Jonathan and Michelle Glass are not North Carolina natives, but chose to move here as soon as it was possible for them; they live in Teachey. Michelle is from Michigan, and Jonathan is from Long Island N.Y. They are both teachers in the North Carolina public school system, and Jonathan writes for the Wallace Enterprise weekly.

The Glass' have a daughter on the way whose name will be Arabella Glass, and they are counting the days to September 2nd (Michelle's expected due date). The Glass' have chosen Saint Mary's because of its friendly people who made them feel at home on their first visit. Moreover, the church's teaching is in line with their beliefs and they believe that Saint Mary's church will be a good place for their daughter to learn about the Lord.

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### ***Baptism Announcement***

Amberlyn Marie DuBois was baptized on August 14 immediately following the Eucharist. She is the great-granddaughter of Lynn Goddard, the grand niece of Kimon Davies, and the daughter of Bradford DuBois. Amberlyn has been visiting her family here in Burgaw for the summer. We welcome Amberlyn to the body of Christ and to our St. Mary's Church family!

### **Sign Redesign!**

The next time you enter our parking lot, you'll see that our sign has been moved! The Vestry voted to rotate the brick structure so that folks will be able to find our church more easily. Junior Warden Bert Yepko enlisted the help of his neighbor, a mason, to help us with this project. The end result looks great. Be sure to come by the church and see it for yourself!

## ***Dedication of the Children's Cross***

*St. Mary's Church dedicated a new processional cross during our worship on August 24. In case you missed it, the bulletin details are reprinted below.*

The Children's Cross has been constructed throughout the summer by our Sunday School children. The Cross represents the contribution of the children of St. Mary's to our Centennial Celebration.

The cross is called a "tintinnabulum," which means "little bell." The definition of "tintinnabulation" from Webster's Dictionary means "the ringing source of bells."

The cross is made from poplar wood and, with the bells and ribbons, weighs approximately ten pounds. The ribbons were donated by members of the parish, as were some of the bells. There are 101 bells on the cross. One for each year of St. Mary's history and one for the future.

The cross was designed and built by Robbie Powell and Rick Alexander at Rocky Point Mobile Services welding and machine shop. (Rick is Danielle's father.)

Annette and the children have been working on the cross for the past two months. They are excited to contribute to St. Mary's Centennial Celebration and would like to thank everyone who helped them.

The children who participated in creating the cross include:

Danielle Alexander  
Kyra Corcoran  
Quinn Corcoran  
Amberlyn DuBois  
Nova Martin  
Samuel Scarborough  
Chip Swinson  
Andrew Zygmunt  
Anna Zygmunt

## PRAYER LIST

*Please continue to pray* for MarthaAnn Blake, Mary Caputo, Pam Graham, Helen Crouch, Joe & Kay Lowell, Jackie Robbins, Brian Van Tassell, the Von Oesen family, and John Wynne. Also, please pray for Jeannette Patterson (sister of Linda Hadden).

### *St. Mary's Joins the Burgaw Chamber*

St. Mary's Church is now a member of the Burgaw Chamber of Commerce. Visitors to the Chamber website ([www.burgawchamber.com](http://www.burgawchamber.com)) will see St. Mary's listed under the "Churches" heading and will be able to link to our website. Many thanks to Valde and Helle Jorgensen for providing our Chamber membership fee. We hope to attract visitors and new members to St. Mary's through the Chamber website!

### **Celebrate our ECW History!**

Following worship on September 14, join the Episcopal Church Women for a luncheon and history presentation. It will be a great time to be together and to remember the important contributions of the ECW during St. Mary's first 100 years.

#### *September Birthdays*

03-Pat Casaw  
03-Joe Lowell  
06-Bob Cook  
12-Kay Lowell  
13-Nancy Walker  
14-Bill Lacer  
22-Marion Clark

#### *September Baptismal Birthdays*

09-Jimbo Robbins  
11-Nancy Walker  
18-Alice Dees  
22-Pat Casaw  
27-Brian Zygmunt  
30-Katherine Goslee

## September 2008 Sunday Servers

### SEPTEMBER 7 *Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost*

Presider	Father Dan Macgill
Lay Assistant/Cantor	Brian Zygmunt
Crucifer	Jimbo Robbins
Oblations	Julian & Donna Anderson
Usher	Julian Anderson
Sunday School	Laura Zygmunt
Altar Guild	Annette Olesen
Coffee Hour Angels	Julian & Donna Anderson

### SEPTEMBER 14 *Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost*

Presider	Father Dan Macgill
Lay Assistant	Bill Davis
Crucifer	Bob Goslee
Oblations	Jimbo & Heidi Robbins
Usher	Jimbo Robbins
Sunday School	Laura Zygmunt
Altar Guild	MarthaAnn Blake
Coffee Hour Angels	ECW Luncheon

### SEPTEMBER 21 *Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost*

Presider	Father Dan Macgill
Lay Assistant	Pat Casaw
Crucifer	Bob Goslee
Oblations	Bert & Dede Yepko
Usher	Bert Yepko
Sunday School	Laura Zygmunt
Altar Guild	Marion Clark
Coffee Hour Angel	Mike Martin

### SEPTEMBER 28 *Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost*

Presider	Father Dan Macgill
Lay Assistant	Joan Weld
Crucifer	Brian Zygmunt
Oblations	Jack & Susan Stocks
Usher	Jack Stocks
Sunday School	Laura Zygmunt
Altar Guild	Pat Casaw
Coffee Hour Angel	Annette Olesen

**VESTRY MEMBER OF THE MONTH:** Bob Goslee

## *September Calendar Notes*

- Thursday, Sept 4:** Mid-week Eucharist at 11:30 AM
- Sunday, Sept 7:** Worship at 11:00 AM (Lutheran)  
Coffee Hour following worship
- Monday, Sept 8:** ECW meeting at 10:00 AM  
Girl Scouts meeting at 6:30 PM
- Thursday, Sept 11:** Mid-week Eucharist at 11:30 AM
- Sunday, Sept 14:** Worship at 11:00 AM (Episcopal)  
ECW luncheon & history presentation  
following worship
- Monday, Sept 15:** Girl Scouts meeting at 6:30 PM
- Thursday, Sept 18:** Mid-week Eucharist at 11:30 AM
- Sunday, Sept 21:** Vestry meeting at 9:00 AM  
Worship at 11:00 AM (Episcopal)  
Coffee Hour following worship  
Deadline for October newsletter submissions
- Monday, Sept 22:** Girl Scouts meeting at 6:30 PM
- Thursday, Sept 25:** Mid-week Eucharist at 11:30 AM
- Sunday, Sept 28:** Worship at 11:00 AM (Episcopal)  
Coffee Hour following worship
- Monday, Sept 29:** Girl Scouts meeting at 6:30 PM

## *October Calendar Notes*

- Saturday, Oct 4:** Blessing of the Animals at 10:00 AM
- Wednesday, Oct 15:** Men's Fish Fry at 6:30 PM