

*To love the Lord God above all,
to love our neighbors as ourselves
and to live out our Baptismal covenant
so that we build a community transformed by the love of Jesus Christ.*

From Father John

*God did not call us to succeed,
God called us to serve.
God did not call us to win,
God called us to work.
God did not call us to live long,
God called us to live for Him.
God did not call us to be happy,
God called us to be hopeful.
God did not call us to fame,
God called us to faith.
God did not call us to seek power,
God called us to seek peace.*

*God did not call us to loot the earth and each other,
God called us to love our earth and each other.*

Guide My Feet by Marion Wright Edelman

Happy New Year! A new year is a chance to look backward and forward. The prayer above reminds us of our Christian faith, against which we must measure past actions and intentions as well as future plans.

Through your prayers and ministries, many wonderful things are happening at St. John's. During 2010, we joined together in ministry and began to learn about each other. Your Vestry developed new, broader Vision and Mission statements:

- **Vision** – A community transformed by the love of Jesus Christ.
- **Mission** – To love the Lord God above all, to love our neighbors as ourselves and to live out our Baptismal covenant so that we build a community transformed by the love of Jesus Christ.

We welcomed new members to our church and began new ministries, including Women's Spirituality and Holy Hospitality. We are taking a greater role in Diocesan organizations and ministries.

While we celebrate these things, we must reflect on not only what we are doing but why. Like many of you, I find myself all too willing

to be ultra-busy *doing* and rather than *being*. Now is a good time to reflect on our lives, our relationships and our activities to make certain we are doing all we do for God, not for ourselves or someone or something else. We need to live out our new Vision and Mission statements, which reflect both the Great Commandments and our Baptismal promises.

Sincere thanks to all of you who made 2010 the success it was. Next year, 2011, will provide many opportunities and challenges as we strive to grow together to become an ever more vibrant Christian community "transformed by the Love of Jesus Christ." May Peace be yours.

Spiritual Formation

By Mother June

This Advent season, St. John's offered two unique ways to deepen our spiritual lives with the help of Sister Lucy and Sister Therese from St. Placid's Priory in Lacey.

On three Wednesday evenings, Sister Lucy Wynkoop, OSB, facilitated a different type of Lectio Divina—reading and meditating on sacred scripture with the intent of going deeper into the text for meaning in our lives.

We began each evening with a simple Eucharist in the Chapel. Then we read and meditated on a scripture passage. At the end of each evening, we shared a prayer or part of a prayer from our meditation.

Sister Therese, OSB, led a Quiet Day on December 11. She presented three meditations on Mary, the mother of our Lord, Jesus Christ. Between the meditations, we were free to read, pray or write journal entries about our experiences. It was a wonderful day.

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Christmas Gratitude

By Father Don

Thank you to all who supported and assisted with our wonderful Festival of Our Lady of Guadalupe. We had 150 people for a beautiful Mariachi Mass and first Communion service. The Aztec Dancers and the food following the mass made our festival a really wonderful event.

Thank you also for all who have assisted with the living nativity outside the church building. This is a beautiful witness to Our Lord Jesus Christ in our community.

Thank you to all who purchased wreaths and evergreens in benefit of our Hispanic Ministry. Thank you also to all who worked at the Christmas Faire and made the project possible. Especially thank you to Michael Maddux of Lynch Creek Farms, who made the project possible. We netted about \$300 for our ministry.

Feast of the Epiphany

On **January 6 at 6 p.m.**, you are invited to celebrate the Feast of The Epiphany, or the manifestation to the Gentiles. The Hispanic community is hosting this celebration for the whole church community. The bilingual service will be followed by a potluck dinner.

The concluding point of the evening will be the breaking of a star piñata. Children of all ages enjoy this tradition.

Come with your friends and family. The service will be interesting and understandable to everyone.

La Candelaria

The Hispanic community will be celebrating "la Candelaria" or the Presentation of Our Lord in the Temple on the Sunday before February 2 so more people can participate.

Our Candelaria service will be at **6 p.m. on Sunday January 30**. This mass will begin with a procession with candles. Everyone is invited to come and enjoy this special service.

~*Noticias Bilingües*~

Gratitud de la Navidad

De Padre Don

Agradecemos a todos aquellos que apoyaron y asistieron al maravilloso Festival de celebración por Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe. Tuvimos la concurrencia de 150 personas para una bella misa animada con los cantos de mariachis y el servicio Primera Comunión. Los danzadores aztecas y la comida servida a continuación de la misa hicieron de nuestro festival un evento maravilloso.

Agradecemos también a todos aquellos que de manera desinteresada se comprometieron y nos ayudan con el nacimiento en vivo en la parte externa de la iglesia. Este es un hermoso testimonio de Nuestro Señor Jesucristo de nuestra comunidad.

¡Gracias a todos los que compraron las guirnaldas y coronas navideñas de hoja perenne en beneficio de nuestro Ministerio Hispano. Gracias también a todos los que trabajaron en la Feria de Navidad e hicieron posible este proyecto. Sobre todo gracias a Michael Maddux de Lynch Creek Farms, que hizo posible este proyecto. Significó alrededor de \$ 300 para nuestro ministerio.

La Fiesta de Epifanía

Usted está invitado a celebrar la fiesta de la Epifanía, o la manifestación de los gentiles. El día es el 6 de enero a las 6 p.m. La comunidad hispana es anfitriona de esta celebración para toda la comunidad de la iglesia. Será un servicio bilingüe a las 6 p.m. seguido por una cena compartida.

El punto final de la celebración será la ruptura de una piñata de estrella. Los niños de todas las edades podrán disfrutar de esta tradición.

Ven con tus amigos y familiares. El servicio será interesante y comprensible para todos.

La Candelaria

La comunidad hispana estara celebrando "la Candelaria" o la Presentación de Nuestro Señor en el Templo el domingo previo al 2 de febrero de manera que más gente pueda participar.

Nuestro servicio de La Candelaria será a las 6:00 pm del domingo 30 de enero. Una procesión con velas iniciará esta misa especial. Todos están invitados a venir compartir y disfrutar de este servicio especial.

~Faith Formation~

Advent Angels Share Blessings & Love



By Sherry Sullivan

Week One: Gifts to the YWCA Other Bank

The YWCA Other Bank provides personal hygiene and cleaning products to people who otherwise could not afford them and who cannot use Food Stamps to purchase them. These are quality of life items most of us take for granted. To the low-income in our community, they contribute to a sense of dignity and self-worth.

As I passed the YWCA center on distribution day, I saw a long, long line winding down the sidewalk and around the block. It was a powerful sign of a great need that keeps growing. Thanks to all the Advent Angels who contributed to this drive. I dropped off over six bags of donations! My prayer is that St. John's continues to contribute throughout the year.

Week Two: Salvation Army Christmas Dinner Basket

Every year, the Salvation Army provides toys and food for low-income folks at Christmas time. People select toys for their children and then pick up a basket of food to prepare dinner. St. John's parishioners have been amazingly generous. The needs in our community are ever-present and our assistance enabled families to celebrate Christmas.

Week Three: Jail Ministry

Many thanks for the outpouring of support to the Thurston County Jail Ministry. We were overwhelmed by the number of socks and cookies!

Week Four: Festival of Gifts

The Outreach members delivered more than 60 personally requested, beautifully wrapped gifts from St. John's Advent Angels to the residents of Roo-Lan and Evergreen in a true outpouring of love and sharing. Blessings to all of you!

A Vision of the Diocese of Olympia

By The Right Rev. Greg Rickel, Bishop of Olympia

We envision the Diocese of Olympia as one of the healthiest places in the Episcopal Church, growing and moving through the opportunity and challenge that come with being situated in the "None Zone" of the largely unchurched Pacific Northwest. We are a Diocese on solid footing, with open communication and a resolve to live together in Christ and with Christ. We see our differences as blessings and we are committed to sharing those blessings with the world around us.

We believe the core purpose of a Diocese is building up the Body of Christ. The Diocese of Olympia works to fulfill that commitment in our congregations by focusing on three areas:

Congregational development

We believe that developing healthy congregations is central to that call. To that end, we have a clear strategy and ethos of development and health in all our congregations, no matter what the size or context. We assist congregations in facilitating clear expectations and in developing leaders, lay and clergy, who are given the skills and have the understanding to take responsibility for development. We believe that congregational development means far more than numerical growth, but when development is done well, numerical growth is often an outcome.

Concentrating on those 35 and under

We believe that the Church has a particular call to reach out to and attract people under age 35, many of whom are the second and third generations to have no knowledge of Christ and the Church. We believe that if we, the Church, cannot discover how to reach, feed and attract people under 35, then we may well lose the tremendous leadership and spirituality this generation offers the Church. Therefore, our mission field is wherever we find this generation. We must engage with, listen to and commit resources toward all those who are 35 and younger. We equip congregations to relate to younger people and build ministry with them, and we do the same work on a Diocesan level.

Stewardship of all our resources

We believe Christianity is a faith of abundance and blessing. Becoming a people truly in touch with this reality makes us stewards of all of our resources—human, financial, material and spiritual.

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A Vision of the Diocese of Olympia

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At Creation, God gave us responsibility for the care of the earth. More than ever before, we are aware that what we do affects those in the next generations. Jesus teaches us that when we live for others we have abundant life. We assist congregational leaders in strengthening the stewardship of all resources in their congregations, and we practice this at a Diocesan level.

January Adult Forums

By Mindy Chambers

The article above articulates the Bishop's three main priorities for the Diocese of Olympia:

- Ministry to those 35 and under
- Stewardship of all of our resources
- Congregational development

Last summer, St. John's parishioners Mindy Chambers and Paul Peck traveled to six churches in our Diocese—from Vancouver to Blaine, to talk to congregations about what they are doing in these areas. Diocesan staff chose those congregations based on how they are responding to the priorities.

For each area, Paul and Mindy produced a video. These were shown at the 2010 Diocesan Convention to challenge congregations to address the Bishop's priorities and to spur discussion/reflection.

At adult forums on three Sundays, beginning January 9, Mindy and Paul will show one of these videos each Sunday and present questions for our congregation's discussion/reflection. Hope to see you there!

Women's Spirituality Group

By Georgie Allen

On **January 8, 2011**, the Women's Spirituality Group will gather in the Guild Room at 10 am. We will listen to a meditative reading, followed by a few minutes of silent time. Then we will read and discuss Chapter 3, *To See With New Eyes*, of the book, *Sacred Attention*. All women are welcome.

The group typically meets on the first Saturday of each month. The meeting time is changed only when the first Saturday is a major holiday.

The book may be purchased through Amazon.com. For further information, please call Mother June (352-8527) or Georgie Allen (350-0395).

~Children & Youth~

Christmas Pageant: *Mary Remembers*

By Mother June



Following the reading of the Gospel, the children of St. John's presented a simple Christmas Pageant, *Mary Remembers*.

Jenny Loudon played the part of Mary, who reminisced about the birth of Jesus in the stable in Bethlehem. The children from the congregation gathered around Mary, who carried a basket of keepsakes that reminded her of the birth of her son and our savior. As Mary told her story, she gave each child something from her basket. The congregation sang one verse of a Christmas carol between each memory in Mary's story.

~Around the Parish~

Liturgical Dance Program Flourishes

By Mary Alice Olson

Leaves flamed yellow and red and too soon, Olympia was covered with snow. Meanwhile the Liturgical Dance program at St. John's budded and blossomed. The dedicated corps of dancers is deeply grateful for the help of Music Director Kary Hyre and the encouragement of Father John and Georgie Allen.

On September 12, the children performed the first dance of the program year. On October 10, Meri Russell and Mary Alice Olson dedicated *Dance for John* to the memory of John Twelves. A week later, the congregation joined the dancers in *The Lord's Prayer Dance*.

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Liturgical Dance Program Flourishes

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On Christ the King Sunday, the women danced to the processional *Alleluia, Sing to Jesus*, filling St. John's with warmth, beauty and movement as snow fell outside. On December 12, the dancers and the choir performed the *Benediction Song*. Georgie helped the dancers prepare this piece, which she dearly loves.

On January 9, the Feast of the Epiphany, three girls will perform a candle dance set to *The Silent Stars Shine Down on Us*. Elizah Sum will dance a Cambodian form. Flanking her will be Ibelama Stahmer and Jazmin McClanahan. Carol Sherrill will accompany the Jubilate Choir. On January 30, the dancers will perform to Karl Jenkins's *Benedictus*, sung by the Chancel Choir.

KlapaDooWopella to Perform at St. John's

By Mindy Chambers

KlapaDooWopella, one of the world's oldest ongoing musical ensembles devoted exclusively to singing a *cappella*, will perform at **3 p.m. Sunday, February 6**, at St. John's.

The group specializes in traditional Croatian "Klapa" singing. Klapa singers hang out on boat docks and street corners along the Adriatic coast of Croatia.

The Klapa tradition has been developing for hundreds of years. Originally, groups of men would join together in their villages and sing folk songs based on love, fishing and the sea. A unique style developed and it was a mix of local dialect, Slavic sentiment, far eastern sound and Italian harmonic organization.

In good times, and also in bad, on weekends and late into the night, the Klapas would sing. Until the collapse of the communist government, men's voices could be heard harmonizing in the taverns and along the streets. Traditionally, these groups singing in four-part harmony would attract small crowds of hangers-on and listeners. Women occasionally might join in, especially if it was a nationalistic or familiar folk song, but generally the women enjoyed listening in the background.

The music exhibits tremendous emotion and feeling. All the standard and theoretical elements of music can be heard—complex and free rhythms, folk and Italianate harmonies, dynamics, and song and verse. It is joyous and romantic, a way to be released from the cares of the world.

The Bookworm's Nook

By Diane Russell

Lost Women of the Bible brings women like Eve, Mrs. Noah, Tamar, Lydia, Mary of Nazareth and many others

into the 21st century with a relevance for today. The author, Carolyn Custis James, asks tough questions about how these women followed God's call and how we can follow His call in our own lives.

Each woman's chapter is followed by discussion questions suitable for individual or group participation. This book takes the reader beyond the conventional thinking or interpretation of stories we thought we knew. The author also touches briefly on lost men of the Bible, a tempting look beyond the feminine stories we find here.



~Beyond the Walls~

News from El Hogar

Sue Michie

Thank you for your continued support of Jahir, the student we sponsor at El Hogar, a school for low-income children in Honduras. We are over halfway to our goal of \$1,500! Based on the need expressed in the letter below, we hope to raise more.

Excerpt from a Letter from the El Hogar Board:

"There have been many challenges as well as many blessings at El Hogar during the past six years. We have faced a very tough global economic downturn, yet with your truly faithful support, El Hogar has continued to serve the poor of Honduras. Although crime and violence have continued to rise, our children have remained safe and loved. Throughout political upheaval and teacher strikes in Honduras, El Hogar has continued to educate and graduate our students. This is ALL thanks to your unfailing support as well as to an amazing team of teachers and staff in Honduras. The work has been difficult, yet the rewards have been powerful.

We are so grateful for your sponsorship of Jaison Jahir Perez Ordonez. It is your support that gives him hope that he otherwise never would have had. As you probably know, though, cost of a full sponsorship (\$1,500) is only 1/3 of the actual annual cost of providing for a child. If you are able, would you please consider making a gift above and beyond your already generous sponsorship donation."

A Note from Holy Hospitality

By *Stephanie Schreck*

The Holy Hospitality Ministry has been meeting regularly to examine new ways to move forward in this area. Several projects are under way, including new business cards and stationary, a ministry guide, a newcomer guide, newcomer-related activities, a general cleanup of the church and a new nursery.

Vestry Minutes

By *Nancy Axell*

On December 9, the Vestry unanimously passed a resolution to pay off the final sum owed to the Endowment Fund before the end of 2010. We had borrowed \$60,000 from the Endowment Fund to pay for operating expenses. The Parish responded by contributing to the Boiler Fund and now we can wipe the slate clean. The Endowment Fund is whole again!

Acolytes of St. John's

By *Laird Will*

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all of you. Because December is so busy, we will have an Acolyte practice and pizza luncheon on **Saturday, January 22, from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.** in the Parish Hall. Please be sure to mark this date on your calendar. Your participation is important and it would be great to have all of you there.

Thank you for your continued participation in the services at St. John's.

St. John's Annual Meeting

Come join us on **Sunday, January 30, at 9 a.m.** for our Annual Meeting. During the Annual Meeting, we will elect Vestry Members and Delegates/Alternates to Convention and hear about our financial situation for 2010 and 2011. Father John will provide a "State of our Church" report. You will have time for questions and answers.

Please plan to join us. The meeting will begin promptly at 9 a.m. and end not later than 10:15 a.m. in time to prepare for the 10:30 service. Childcare will be provided.

Recurring Schedule

Sunday

8, 10:30 a.m. *Holy Eucharist*, childcare at 9 a.m.
 9:15 a.m. Adult Education Forum, Guild Room
 11:30 a.m. Coffee Hour After Ten Thirty (CHAT)
 6 p.m. Spanish *Holy Eucharist*, followed by a potluck
 6 p.m. Compline Rehearsal
 8 p.m. Compline Service

Monday

10 a.m. Crafting Group
 4 p.m. Quilting Group

Tuesday

4-6 p.m. Catechesis of the Good Shepherd L-1, Atrium
 5:30-7:30 p.m. Catechesis of the Good Shepherd L-2, Atrium

Wednesday

7 a.m. *Holy Eucharist*
 10-11:15 a.m. Bible Study, Guild Room
 6:30 p.m. Chancel Choir, Music Room
 6:30 p.m. EFM, Guild Meeting Room

Thursday

12:10 p.m. *Holy Eucharist*, Chapel
 1 p.m. Jubilate Choir, Music Room

Saturday

8:30 a.m. Men's Group, Library

Report to the Parish

	Nov-10	Pledges	Open Plate	Special	Total Giving	Attend.
1st Sunday		\$10,502	\$209		\$10,711	253
2nd Sunday		\$4,597	\$195		\$4,792	357
3rd Sunday		\$2,241	\$213		\$2,454	259
4th Sunday		\$4,052	\$188		\$4,240	265
Totals		\$21,392	\$805		\$22,197	1134
Prepaid Pledges		\$6,181				
Total Pledges		\$27,573				
Total Giving					\$28,378	
5 Year Average					\$34,072	
Designated Funds and Memorials					\$9,620	
Endowment Fund						
Repayment			Pledges	Payments		
			\$49,485	\$46,305		
	Dec-10	Pledges	Open Plate	Special	Total Giving	Attend.
1st Sunday		\$10,007	\$769	\$50	\$10,826	434
2nd Sunday		\$3,927	\$192		\$4,119	355
3rd Sunday						
4th Sunday						
Totals		\$13,934	\$961	\$50	\$14,945	789

January Schedule

6 Thursday

6-9 p.m. Bilingual *Holy Eucharist* and potluck, Main Church, Parish Hall

8 Saturday

Powell's Bookstore Trip

10 a.m. Women's Spirituality Group

9 Sunday

12:15 p.m. Liturgical Dance Class, Main Church

12:15 p.m. Adult Formation, Guild Room

11 Tuesday

1 p.m. Busy Bees, Guild Meeting Room

6:30 p.m. Outreach, Guild Room

7 p.m. Building & Grounds, Library

12 Wednesday

11:30 a.m. Pastoral Care, Guild Room

13 Thursday

7 p.m. Vestry, Parish Hall

14 Friday

10:30 a.m. St. Martha's Guild, Parish Hall

15 Saturday

10:30 a.m. Bill Young Memorial, Main Church, Parish Hall

16 Sunday

12:15 p.m. Event Committee, Guild Meeting Room

12:15 p.m. Play Reading and Potluck, Library

20 Thursday

12 p.m. St. Anne's Guild, Guild Room

2:30 p.m. Library Committee, Library

22 Saturday

10:30 a.m. Acolyte Training, Main Church, Parish Hall

23 Sunday

12:15 p.m. Liturgical Dance Class, Main Church

30 Sunday

12 p.m. Annual Meeting, Parish Hall

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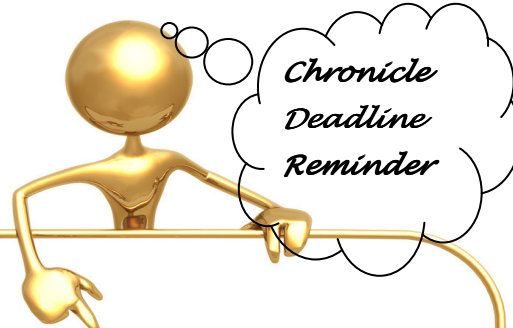
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We extend a large
"THANK YOU"

to all who helped to make
our Advent and Christmas celebrations
so wonderful!



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Keep the Dream Alive

By Father John

This month, we celebrate the life and ministry of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., born January 15, 1929. Dr. King was a dedicated minister of God, a confirmed pacifist, a gifted teacher and preacher, a modern prophet and a dreamer. Who can forget the powerful speech he delivered on August 28, 1963?

"I have a dream," he cried out, in words that rang around the world.

His were words of courage, patience and conviction. He lived unselfishly in support of the downtrodden and marginalized. He encouraged all of us to dream large as though we really believed in the power of the Spirit.

Let us follow the example of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and nourish our dreams for St. John's. Share your dreams with one another and with the leaders of St. John's, especially the Vestry and the new Vestry members who will be elected at the Annual Meeting on January 30.

When I dream, I visualize St. John's as a center for spirituality and liturgy, religious education for all ages,

social justice and community service, civic discussion and debate, music, dance, poetry and the visual arts.

Where do you feel the Spirit is leading this congregation? Let's dream together and find out!

2011 Event Committee Calendar

By Lenore Kneeshaw

The Event Committee's next meeting is **Sunday, January 16**, in the Guild Meeting Room after the 10:30 service. All are welcome to join this fun-loving group, which plans and carries out many of St. John's social events. This calendar lists the events scheduled in 2011:

Sunday, January 30: Event Committee Hosts Chat for Annual Meeting

Sunday, April 17: Bishop's Visitation and Baptism

Saturday, April 23: Easter Vigil Banquet

Saturday, May 7: English Tea

Saturday, June 4: June Jumble

Sunday, July 10: Ice Cream Social after 10:30 a.m. service

Saturday, September 24: Italian Night Dinner

Saturday, November 19: Christmas Faire