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A Newsletter from the People of
St. Martin Episcopal Church

November 2013



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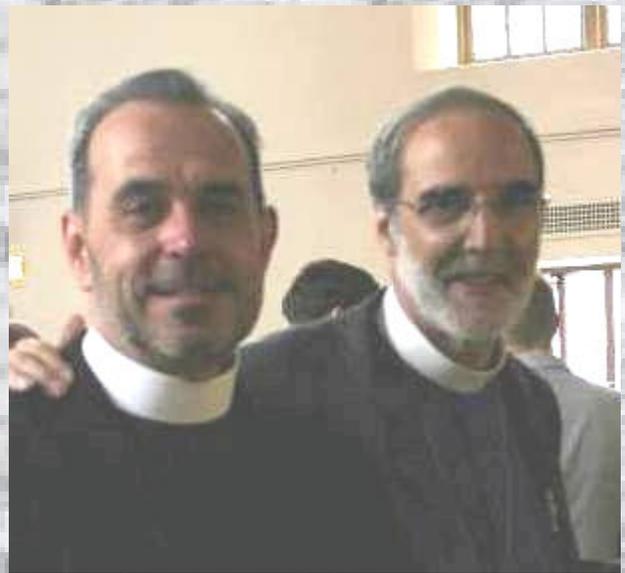
POMPANO BEACH, FL

ORDINANDS WE LOVE!!!!

**Bishop Mary Gray-Reeves of the
Diocese of El Camino Real will
ordain R. Gerard Klingenberg**



**To the
sacred order
of Priests at
6pm
December
3rd at St.
Nicholas in
Pompano
Beach**



**God willing, Bishop Beckwith will
ordain Tim Carr to the sacred
order of priests on December 7th,
2013 at 3pm. At St. John's,**



**RICHARD LEYS IS THE RECIPIENT OF
"THE SHINING STAR" AWARD
FOR HIS WORK WITH
THE COAST GUARD AUXILLERY**

**CONGRATULATION RICHARD.....
YOU MAKE US PROUD!**

The Vestry of St. Martin's

-Senior Warden
Larry Norton (2014)

-Junior Warden
Marina Garrison (2015)

Joy Astrolio (2013)
Sue D'Amore (2014)

Ted Friedt (2014)
Linda Taylor (2015)

Lynne Antonucci
-Clerk

John Moore
-Treasurer

Sylvia Pecaro
-Assistant Treasurer

Jane Broderick
-Bookkeeper

St Martin Staff

The Reverend
Bernard J. Pecaro
-Rector

The Reverend
Robert Beicke
-Associate to the Rector
Janet Privas
-Parish Administrator

Madeline Zung
-Director of Music Ministry

Christopher Siren
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St. Martin's Members Welcome You!**Our Parish Vision Statement**

"St. Martin's Vision is to serve as a bridge to
Jesus Christ, embracing all people."

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Church Services**Sunday**

8:00am Holy Eucharist

10:30am Holy Eucharist with
Hymns

**Tuesday - Wednesday - Friday
Morning Prayer & Holy Eucharist**

9:00 am in the Chapel

Thursday**Healing Service & Holy Eucharist**

12 Noon in the Chapel

Friday

10:00am Children's Chapel

Chapel Hours

The Chapel of the Resurrection is
open for **prayer** five days a week

Monday through Friday

9:00 am - 4:00 pm

Parish Office Hours

Monday - Friday

8:30am - 4:30pm

Closed for Lunch

12:30pm - 1:30pm

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Tis The Season to give Thanks,
so Hear Me Lord. Giving
Thanks to my St. Martin
Church Family and Friends
for keeping me in Prayer. All
is well... Thank You
Paula Nesmachnov

Rector's Corner

Dear Friends and Members of St. Martin,

When you reflect upon your relationship with God, what images or emotions come to mind? Is your God one of liberating forgiveness, or one of controlling judgment? Does your God guide you along the paths of life as a constant companion, or is your God one who places roadblocks along your path? Does your God provide you with love and joy, or fill your heart with anger and recrimination?

There is a popular and, I believe, solid theory which states that the God of our understanding reflects the relationship we shared with our parents, or significant role models, during our formative years. If these relationships brought to you love, forgiveness and guidance then your relationship with God today is closely aligned with these qualities. If, however, your childhood experiences were filled with control, judgment and suppression then the chances are these will be your understanding of God today. If your understanding is the latter please do not be dismayed. Jesus moves us into the abundance of His love and healing Grace. Call upon Him. He will heal and restore.

On November 30th, my mom celebrates her 90th birthday! I am blessed to be able to share with you, and I am thankful to have received from her, healthy building blocks for life. My mom's faithful commitment to Jesus and her nurturing but firm guidance has instilled within me a heartfelt attitude of life and being. My relationship with her has given to me an understanding of my God who loves me and who continually calls me forward to become the person I have been created to be.

Thank you, mom, for 90 years of holy blessing... Your life lessons will forever be a part of me, and I pray may be handed down to your grandchildren and great-grandchildren. A Blessed and Happy Birthday!

Blessings to All...



Fr. Bernie+

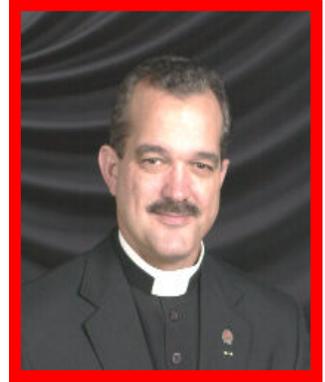
Transforming Grace in Jesus: A Leadership Retreat

On the 22nd and 23rd of November your vestry members, ministry leaders, and clergy will meet at the Duncan Center in retreat. From Friday evening through Saturday afternoon our leadership will begin the process of Transforming Grace in Jesus.

What is TGIJ? First, it is not another "program". It is a requirement of God, through the Holy Spirit, to embed Jesus and His purposes within our understanding of being Church at St. Martin. It has been given birth through the REVEAL study of last spring and other faith initiatives. It will instill within our collective heart and purpose the main purpose for doing each of our ministries: bringing others to a deeper knowledge and love of the Lord.

Friday night we will begin our time together as we spiritually focus on the presence of Christ, seeking his will for us. The Saturday sessions will instruct our leadership on how to embed the will and purpose for accomplishing ministry for each of our ministry groups. We will conclude our time together receiving the empowering grace of Christ in Sacrament.

From this retreat we will begin the prayerful teaching process of transforming our ministry groups from "doing ministry" for the sake of doing, to the discernment of knowing and accomplishing God's purpose for God's church. We will have begun to learn how to discern if what we do is of God or our own desires. Our test barometer will be: is what we are accomplishing in ministry God's purpose for us as we bringing others to a deeper, more intimate relationship with Jesus Christ? This must be our sole purpose at St. Martin! Please keep the retreat and our parish life in your daily prayers.



Food for the Poor

This past Sunday Fr. Bruce Torrey was with us to offer a dynamic presentation on behalf of the ministries of Food for the Poor. This inspirational organization offers food, clothing, shelter and other aid to the poorest of the poor in the third world countries located at our back door in the Caribbean and Central and South America. Please make every effort to celebrate Christ's work through this ministry. There are envelopes on the table in the Narthex for this purpose.

Patronal Feast and Veteran's Day Remembered

November 11th is a holy day for our Church and for our nation. On this day our patron saint, Martin of Tours and our American Veterans are remembered. We will honor both on Sunday, November 17, at our 8:00 and 10:30 am Services. Veterans will be asked to be recognized for their loyal service to God and Country.

Ironically, Martin was a soldier in the Roman army while a catechumen/candidate for Baptism. Legend has it a beggar asked Martin for money but he had none to offer the hungry person. So, he drew his sword and cut off half his cloak and gave it to the beggar. The next night, Jesus appeared to Martin, clothed in half a cloak, and said to him, "Martin, a simple catechumen, covered me with this garment." A great Saint of Tours in France, Martin served as Bishop there from 372 until his death on November 11, 397AD.

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**AID FOR THE PHILLIPINES**

If you would like to assist those affected by this natural disaster you may place a check payable to St. Martin in the Sunday collection. In the memo section please indicate typhoon relief. All monies collected will be sent to Episcopal Relief & Development for aid to these islands.

Katharine Jefferts Schori offers the following prayer for the people of the Philippines:

O God our help in time of trouble, we pray for the Filipino people who have suffered this grievous natural disaster. We pray that survivors may find water, food, and shelter, and news of their missing loved ones.

There is trauma and destruction in many places, and little news from some of the areas hardest hit. Give peace and confidence, O Lord, to those in the midst of the whirlwind. Open hearts and hands around the world to respond sacrificially to the urgent need. Help us to remember that we are connected, one to another, the

living to the dead, the comfortable to the suffering, the peaceful to the worried and anxious.

Motivate us to change our hearts, for our misuse and pollution of the earth you have given us to share has something to do with this disaster. Show us your suffering Son in the midst of this Calvary, that we might love one another as he has loved us. In your holy name we pray. Amen.



FOYER GROUPS

Foyer- A French word meaning “hearthside” implying the warmth of a close, small group of friends sharing a common love and concern for each other.

History—After the World War II bombing of Coventry Cathedral, England small groups of people began meeting to rebuild their community: a short litany, a modest meal, conversation. In time, FOYER GROUPS began springing up in parishes all over Britain and in America. Many Episcopal churches have foyer groups.

Would you enjoy meeting with a few St. Martin’s old and newcomers to talk, eat and find common connections? We will be forming groups of 6-8 people. Meetings are going to be held once a month for six months in our group member’s homes; often on Friday evenings or Sunday afternoons, occasionally on a weekday evening; rotating among the members’ homes. Each group decides when and where. Groups change as new people join in and we start again. These are not Bible Study, Prayer, or meditation groups. **All are welcome**, even if you know you will not be here for the full six months—God will provide; we want to encourage our snowbirds to join along with year-rounders’.

- Join even if you feel that your living circumstance cannot accommodate a dinner at your home—God will provide.
- This is an opportunity to develop relationships with those attending 8 AM for the 10:30 crowd and 10:30 for the 8 AM crowd.
- Dinner is to be light- nothing elaborate; casserole, soup, stew, etc. – the point is to gather so you can get to know others at a deeper level—we are a people called to be in community with one another.

Foyer Groups—A proven way to make our sometimes-too-large-seeming parish feel smaller and warmer. Have you noticed that people who go to the 8:00 am Sunday service hardly know anyone from 10:30 am service?

We will start in December. There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex, or call or email: Larry Norton 309-645-3090 or Lena Norton 309-645-6171
e-mail: lenenorton93@gmail.com or lnorton000@ameritech.net



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Christmas Trees for Sale -

St. Martin’s is the place for fresh-cut Fraser Fir Christmas trees, wreaths and garlands. These trees are harvested in North Carolina and driven directly to Pompano arriving Saturday, December 7th. Tell your friends, tell your neighbors, tell your family — these are the freshest trees around!

Free delivery within 5 miles of St. Martin’s or pick up on Sunday after Services till 12:30pm.

Order deadline is Sunday, November 24th at noon. Please have your completed order form and payment to the office by that time. Any questions, please call Marina at 954-564-3007 or the office at 954-941-4843

There are additional order forms on the table in the Narthex, be sure to take one for a friend, neighbor or family member and have a beautifully decorated Christmas.

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The 2013 Diocesan Convention

On Friday, November 8th and Saturday, November 9th, your delegates and clergy joined with the diocesan family at our annual convention. This year our convention was held at the Cathedral in Miami. The special deliberation of this convention was Bishop Frade's call for a Bishop Co-Adjutor who will be elected to replace him upon his retirement. Please keep this very important work of the Church in your prayers.

TUESDAY NEEDS HELP IN THE OFFICE

Office volunteers come from diverse backgrounds, stages of life and skill levels. All are welcome! Each weekday morning **except Tuesday** Volunteers help out in the Church Office assisting with various office duties, answering the phone and greeting people, as well as weekly primping up the Nave for Sunday Services. If you have Three or four hours to donate, contact the Church Office 954-941-4-4843 to find out what opportunities are available. For more information on other office volunteer opportunities, contact Janet. You can also ask one of the wonderful, long-time helpers, Sue D'Amore, Marilyn Swartz, Joan Roberts and Josephine Pecaro.

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2013 Pompano Boat Parade

The 2013 Pompano Beach Boat Parade is scheduled for Sunday, December 8th. Our parish family will gather at 6:00pm in the parish hall for a covered dish supper. Bring your favorite dish! When the parade begins we will enjoy all the sights from our east lawn. Volunteers are needed to serve as attendants at the north and south parking lots. The monies collected will benefit the ministries of St. Martin. Please sign up on the Narthex for covered dish supper and parking.



YOUNG SINGERS WANTED

In an effort to encourage growth and outreach, I have started working with children ages 7-16, some of whom attend St. Martin's and most of whom do not. We began singing standard sacred choral music. It has been a labor of love and good things are starting to happen, as a result. We now consistently have 7 children who participate one day a week and have agreed to use their talents for one mass each month. Not only are these children learning how to read music and sing, but they are also learning important biblical teachings through song. We hope to continue working once a week, perhaps more, in the future. Hopefully some of these children and families may later consider becoming members of St. Martin's. We would like to continue building our herub and youth choir so please publicize this to people outside of our church, who may be interested. First through fifth graders meet from 6:00-6:30 on Wednesdays and grades six through twelve meet from 6:00-7:15, also on Wednesdays. We meet in the sanctuary. This coming Sunday there will be a treat in store for the 10:30am congregation. We will have a youth performance of the Anglican hymn "I Was Glad". Parry's setting of "I Was Glad" was performed on 29 April 2011 at the Westminster Abbey wedding of Prince William, Duke of Cambridge and Catherine, Duchess of Cambridge (formerly Kate Middleton) as the processional music for the bride and her father and the bridal attendants. It had previously been performed at the wedding of the Duke's parents, Charles, Prince of Wales and Diana, Princess of Wales in 1981. - Christopher Siren, Choral Director

ECW NEWS - Get in the holiday spirit by attending our Annual Christmas Dinner - Dance on Friday, December 6th. To set the mood the Parish Hall will be decorated in a festive theme. We will begin with cocktails at 6pm followed by a delicious dinner (including wine) prepared by top-rated Primavera Restaurant. Entertainment will be provided by D.J. John Brown. To add to the festivities we will hold a raffle and a 50/50. Tickets are \$25 and can be purchased on Sundays following both Services or in the office during the week. Seating is limited and only tables of 8 will be reserved.

Rumors around Pompano are Santa is planning an early stop and will drop off a bag of gifts at our Gift Shop. Plan to purchase some Decorations for your home or a few gifts on your list. Gift wrap is included with your \$5 purchase.

Our monthly meeting will be held on Saturday, November 16th (date change) at 10:30am in the Chapel. We will be finalizing our plans for the Christmas Dinner Dance.



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NOTE OF INTEREST:

The ECW has Purchased new window treatments for the Parish Hall. Hopefully they will be installed in time for the Christmas Dinner Party.



The Episcopal Church Women



Our ECW participated in the 44th Annual ECW Meeting held at Trinity Cathedral in Miami. Lena Norton, Sue D'Amore, Josephine Pecaro and Sandy Tucker all enjoyed a day with the other women of the Episcopal Church here in South Florida

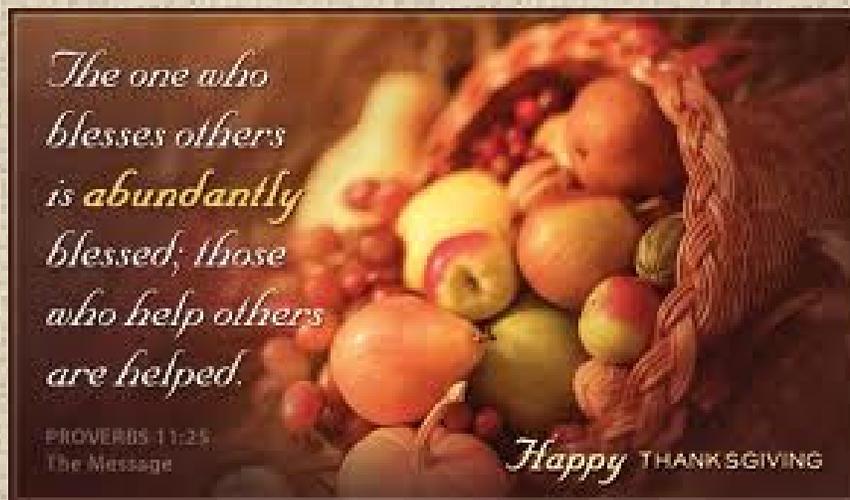
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Thanksgiving Day: A Day of Thankfulness

Thursday, November 28th, is Thanksgiving Day. This day was established by our nation as a national day of giving thanks to God! Please take the time this year to give God thanks for all God's blessings and join with us for the Holy Eucharist (thanksgiving) at 10:00am. We will celebrate Rite II with traditional Thanksgiving Day hymns.



Ephesians 5:20

Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ;