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The Newsletter of the Anglican Parish of Central Saanich

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Deacon: The Reverend Gil Shoesmith

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Worship Services

Sundays

9:00 am Choral Eucharist
and Church (Sunday) School

Second or Third Sunday

7:00 pm Evening Prayer in the style of Taizé

Wednesdays

10:00 am Holy Eucharist
11:00 am Bible Study

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Sundays

11:00 am Holy Eucharist
and Church (Sunday) School
4th Sunday, Praise & Worship in the Hall

Tuesdays

11:00 am Prayer Group

Thursdays

7:00 pm Seekers & Upper Room meetings,
Praise and Worship every fourth Thursday

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Dates to Note

SM means events at St. Mary's; **SS** means events at St. Stephen's

Regular Events

SM	Sundays at 9 am	Holy Eucharist and Sunday School
SS	Sundays at 11 am	Holy Eucharist and Sunday School
SS	Tuesdays at 11 am	Prayer Time
SM	Wednesdays at 10 am	Midweek Eucharist and Friendship Coffee at 10:45 am
SM	Wednesdays at 11 am	Bible Study
SM/SS	Thursdays at 7 pm	Home Groups
SM	Thursdays at 7:15 pm	Choir Practice
SS	12 Noon	Soup's On

Upcoming Events

SM	Tuesday March 4, 5:30 pm	Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper
SM	Ash Wednesday March 5, 10 am	Holy Eucharist and imposition of ashes
SS	Ash Wednesday March 5, 6 pm	Holy Eucharist and imposition of ashes
SM	Ash Wednesday March 5, 7:30 pm	"Surprised by Hope"
SM	Sunday March 9, 7 pm	Evening Prayer in the style of Taize
SM	Wednesday March 12, 7:30 pm	"Surprised by Hope"
SM	Monday March 17, 9:30 am	Craft Group
SM	Tuesday March 18, 12:30 pm	Pastoral Care Meeting
SM	Wednesday March 19, 7:30 pm	"Surprised by Hope"
SM	Friday March 21, 7 pm	Youth Group
SM	Sunday March 23, 2:30 pm	Sunday Serenade Concert-Victoria Police Chorus
SM	Wednesday March 26, 7:30 pm	"Surprised by Hope"
SM	Friday March 28, 10 am	Guild Meeting
SM	Friday March 28, 5:30 pm	Youth Mystery Meal
SS	Saturday March 29, TBA	Day of Prayer
SM	Wednesday April 2, 7:30 pm	"Surprised by Hope"

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SM	Friday April 4, 7 pm	Youth Group
SM	Wednesday April 9, 7:30 pm	“Surprised by Hope”
SM	Friday April 11, 7 pm	Youth Group
SS	Saturday April 12, 5 pm	Family Night
SS	Sunday April 13, TBA	Youth Group Fellowship Day
SM	Sunday April 13, 7 pm	Evening prayer in the style of Taize
SM	Maundy Thursday April 17, 7 pm	Holy Eucharist and stripping of the altar
SS	Good Friday April 18, 10 am	Stations of the Cross and Meditations
SM	Monday April 21, 9:30 am	Craft Group
SM	Friday April 25, 10 am	Guild Meeting
SM	Friday April 25, 7 pm	Youth Group
SS	Saturday April 26, 9:30 am	St. Stephen’s Spring Faire
SM	Sunday April 27, 2:30 pm	Concert
SM	Friday May 2, 7 pm	Youth Group
SM	Wednesday May 7, 7:30 pm	Marriage Preparation Course
SM	Friday May 9, 7 pm	Youth Group
SM	Friday May 10, 9:30 am	St. Mary’s Guild Spring Fling
SS/SM	Friday May 10, 9:30 am	Save the Mother’s Walk
SM	Sunday May 11, 7 pm	Evening prayer in the style of Taize
SM	Monday May 12, 9:30 am	Craft Group
SM	Wednesday May 14, 7:30 pm	Marriage Preparation Course
SM	Friday, May 16, 5:30 pm	Youth Mystery Meal
SM	Wednesday May 21, 7:30 pm	Marriage Preparation Course
SM	Wednesday May 28, 7:30 pm	Marriage Preparation course
SM	Friday May 30, 10 am	Guild Meeting

From the Rector's Desk

"Surprised by Hope"

Over the years, I've been surprised by many things. One recent surprise was during the Sochi Olympics. I thought the gold medal women's hockey game was over. After all, it was late in the third period, Canada was down by two goals, it was over right? Wrong. Much to my surprise and patriotic delight, the Canadian women came back and won the game in overtime. It was an unexpected surprise.

In the weeks leading up to Lent, I read a book called 'Surprised by Hope,' by biblical scholar and popular writer NT Wright. He takes the Resurrection texts from the New Testament and gives them a thorough airing. His goal is the same goal as the great Reformers of the past: to allow the biblical texts to speak into our lives clearly and plainly, so that our lives would be shaped accordingly. I found the book challenging and helpful and I'm pleased that we'll be using a video series based on the book as our parish Lenten study. For six Wednesday evenings beginning March 5, from 7:30 - 9:00 pm, we'll be watching a short talk by Wright, followed by small group discussion. My hope is that this will be a way for us to be engaged more fully by Scripture, especially as it teaches us about the Resurrection of Jesus Christ and the reason for our hope in him. I can't think of a better way to prepare

for Easter than by studying the Resurrection texts in the Bible.

If you're not able to come to the course, maybe you can attend the Wednesday morning Bible study at St Mary's, 11 am. That study will be looking at some of the minor prophets from the Old Testament and what they have to say to us today in 21st century Canada. The Sunday sermon series during Lent will be focused on some of the churches mentioned in the first chapters of Revelation and will also draw on the gospels to clarify our response as followers of Jesus today. All in all, I think we're in for a time of rich spiritual growth during Lent, followed of course by the exhilaration of Easter morning, brought about by the transforming power of the Resurrection. With good news like this, how can we not have hope? How can we not be surprised?

Wishing you a Spirit-filled Lent, full of the riches only Christ brings.

Rev. Rob Szo
Rector, Parish of Central Saanich



The Next Step in the Parish Journey of Integration

As your Wardens have reported to you recently at the Annual Vestry (General) Meeting, rather than writing another Wardens' Report, we, as the two continuing Wardens, are taking this opportunity to write about the governance of the Parish as we take the next step in our Parish's journey of integration.

Background

As most of you know, the Diocesan Council passed a Resolution on June 28, 2012 to merge our two Parishes to form the Parish of Central Saanich, and to continue both St. Mary's Church and St. Stephen's Church as fully operational churches of the Parish. The Resolution incorporated some terms of merger which were adopted from a proposal submitted by the two parishes.

One was to develop a leadership team as a move towards the establishment of a Parish Council to be responsible for the development and implementation of shared missions, programs and activities, while each church would continue to have "congregational councils" with responsibility for "day-to-day operational issues".

Another was to have each church retain separate bank accounts.

And a third was to have Synod delegates appointed by the Parish, not by each church separately.

Steps Taken

We have had, for over a year, an "Executive Leadership Team". This was an ad hoc and unelected committee which didn't include all the Wardens or the Treasurers. It was program oriented rather than governance oriented. Rob felt, and we agreed, that although the Leadership Team was doing some excellent work, it was time for the Parish to get onside with the Diocesan Canons and have a

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The nominating committees formed by each church Council met and agreed that they should propose a Council of 12 (not only a good biblical number, but also authorized by the Canons), with six selected from the congregations of each church. Each group of six would be: the appointed Rector's Warden, the elected People's Warden, and four more, one of whom would be appointed Treasurer, the other three being "at large" members. The joint nominating committee presented the slate of 12 at the Annual General Meeting, who were elected by acclamation. So they, together with Rob and Gil, are your Parish Council of 14. From these, Synod Delegates were chosen, two from the St. Stephen's councillors and one from the St. Mary's councillors (St. Stephen's having the larger number of parishioners). Each Church continues to have its own Rector's Warden, People's Warden and Treasurer.

The Diocesan Council Resolution also called for each church to continue to look after its own finances, with its own bank account. This means that each church will continue to have its own Treasurer and its own budget. So, at the Annual General Meeting, the separate Budgets for St. Mary's and St. Stephen's were presented and approved. Although Diocesan Council had suggested that there also be a joint account, we have not done that, as this adds unnecessary complications. Revenues and expenses of joint activities will continue to be allocated between the two churches as agreed.

For each church, Rob, in consultation with the Wardens, will appoint Committees which will look after those matters and activities which are exclusively that church's responsibility. For example, maintenance, repairs, and functions and events at each church will continue to be looked after by each church, overseen by that church's Operations Committee. The Committees will only meet if and when

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necessary – hopefully not more than quarterly, and will report to the Parish Council. The intention is that Parish Council will be able to concentrate on Parish programs and initiatives, such as joint stewardship programs, Parish functions and events, pastoral care, outreach, growth and Christian Witness programs, communications, and Parish involvement in our Community.

It is intended to continue the very successful regular meetings of the four Wardens with Rob, possibly with the addition of Leslie and Tracy (as they are often the ones who actually know what’s going on!). There have been some issues over dates of Parish events, and this group will have responsibility for the Parish calendar.

We are striving to reduce the number of meetings. With one Parish Council instead of two, and with the Operations Committees being encouraged only to meet if and when necessary, less meetings is an achievable goal.

Our Vision

We believe that it is vital that each church congregation will continue to rejoice in its own individuality while at the same time increasingly becoming part of an integrated Parish playing a vibrant part in our community. The governance model that we now have in place is aimed to achieve that. There will no doubt be changes as we proceed along this journey and gain in experience. The mark of a successful Parish of Central Saanich will be when the life of the Parish becomes a Christian witness that is greater than the sum of its two church families. We know that you join with us in our commitment to achieve that.

Please continue to keep the growth and health of the Parish of Central Saanich in your prayers.

Lynn Fallan and Sandra Scarth

The first of a series of stories from St. Stephen's Cemetery

This obituary notice for Charles Price was published in the November 18, 1953 edition of the Victoria Daily Times. The reference to an "Interment at Mount Newton, Saanich" was of particular interest to William Warren of "Woodsea Lodge", Saanichton as he was the person who looked after St. Stephen's Cemetery at that time. Of greater interest to William however was the reference to the distinguished military service accredited to Charles Price of 786 Fairview Road in Victoria, or as shown in the obituary, Sergeant-Major Charles Ap-Rhys-Price, V.C., D.C.M., F.R.H.S. The Victoria Cross was awarded for services in Afghanistan and the Distinguished Conduct Medal in the Boer War at Tel-el-Kebir.

William Chamberlain Warren was born October 22, 1877 in Hamilton, Ontario and had served with the Canadian Mounted Rifles in South Africa's Boer War. On the morning of February 27, 1900 the Royal Canadian Regiment under Field Marshall Lord Roberts (aka "General Bobs") defeated the Boers led by General Piet Cronje at the battle of Paardeberg Drift on the Modder River. Twenty-three year old Lieut. Wm. Warren was one of the few from the Special Battalion, RCR who survived this

worst battle of the War. In 1959 he recalled the event; "After it was over we were commended on the spot by Lord Roberts ... that was the first time such a thing had ever happened in the Imperial forces."


Based on his military experience in both South Africa and the First World War where he was seriously wounded, William questioned Charles Price's claim to having been awarded

the V.C. and D.C.M.; Great Britain's two most significant decorations. When Price's widow, his second wife, asked the Cemetery Committee for permission to erect a monument "bearing token of such claim", he checked the official records at the B.C. Provincial library and the Canadian Legion

to find that Price's claim "was not proven". The Rector, Rev. O. L. Foster and Parish Council supported Warren's findings and prohibited the marker inscription.

On November 20, 1953, Charles Ap-Rhys-Price was buried in plot 211 beside his first wife Martha Helen; his grave has no headstone and the third full burial plot for his widow remains unoccupied. We can only hope that Charles was truly a Fellow of the Royal Horticultural Society (F.R.H.S.) as he claimed.

PRICE—At St. Joseph's Hospital on Nov. 18, 1953, Sergeant-Major Charles Ap-Rhys-Price, aged 72, V.C., D.C.M., F.R.H.S. (and known here as Charles Price), of 786 Fairview Road; born at Omberville, Orange, Omberville, Orange, Eng. Survived by his wife and two stepsons, W. B. Sylvester and H. H. Sylvester, of Courtenay, B.C.; a sister, "Carrie," wife of Dr. W. H. Gilbert-Johnson. Won his V.C. at Afghanistan and D.C.M. at Tel-el-Kebir and saw service at Khyber Pass. Funeral from Hayward's B.C. Funeral Chapel on Friday, Nov. 20, at 1.30 p.m., by Canon O. L. Jull officiating. Interment at Mount Newton, Saanich.



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Rethinking Heaven, the Resurrection and the Mission of the Church

6 Video Lessons by NT Wright

NT Wright is Research Professor at the University of St. Andrew's, Scotland, and taught New Testament studies for twenty years at Cambridge, McGill and Oxford Universities.

NEWSWEEK calls NT Wright the world's leading New Testament scholar.

NT "Tom" Wright is one of the most formidable figures in the world of Christian thought. TIME MAGAZINE

Wednesday March 5th at 7:30pm–9:00pm

Study runs for six weeks

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Study led by Rev. Rob Szo
Rector, Parish of Central Saanich

The Parish in Pictures

Right: St. Mary's Holly Fair,
November 23, 2013



Above and right: Christmas Tree Trail in
Saanichton at St. Mary's, December 14, 2013



Below: Parish youth retreat,
December 6, 2013



Left: Lighting the Advent candles at
St. Mary's



The Parish in Pictures *continued*



Left: "Spiritual But Not Religious" workshop at St. Stephen's, January 25, 2014

Below: Cappadocia, Turkey travel night at St. Mary's, February 15, 2014



Left: Scenes from the Joint Service, February 23, 2014

Photos by Len Fallan

Parishioner Profile: Chris McDonald

By John Smith

So who is this guy who every Sunday gets us to sing songs and act them out with funny movements? A chat with Chris McDonald will reveal to you that in addition to his smiling face, infectious charm and lovely tenor voice, we have in our midst a serious student of theology and seeker for truth. The road by which he came to us is worth describing as it reveals much of who he is.

Chris' family is very important to him, and has significantly influenced who he is today. His father, a psychology professor at Trinity Western in the Master's Counseling Psychology Program, and his mother, the Human Resource Director for Bethesda Christian Association, made some astute decisions about his education, and his father remains a mentor to him. His older brother, Nathan, until recently also in Victoria, is pursuing a singing career.

When Chris was seven, the family moved from Camrose, Alberta, to Abbotsford, and Chris, riding in the big truck, kept a diary – “with all sorts of misspellings, but I kept at it.” It wasn't easy leaving friends. So Chris, noticing that a

popular boy at school was also good at Math, resolved to investigate Math. He became enchanted by “The Number Devil – A Mathematical Adventure”, a children's book which explores the wonders of numbers, and so discovered the magic of Math.

From grades 5 to 8, Chris was enrolled in the Abbotsford Fine Arts Program,

where he plunged into acting, singing, dancing and trumpet playing, some of which we see in action in Church on Sundays! Then he went to W. J. Mouat Secondary School, where he came face to face with racial tensions, about half the students being of East Indian descent. While there he also began to be engaged by philosophy. Faced by the problem of Evil in the world, and challenged by co-students antagonistic to Faith, “I became an atheist

for a whole week!” At this time Chris began to have talks with his father, which remain an important part of his life-journey.

Chris sang choral music and vocal jazz in the choir, participated in musicals at Langley Summer Music Camps where he became a Leader, and played soccer



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in the Metro Soccer League. The soccer experience was a challenge for Chris, who watched how pride tended to trump team spirit, and there was also an active drug scene.

By now, Chris was already honing his analytical skills. “I have a passion to know and understand how to think truthfully and rigorously.” So he abandoned his soccer prospects and, by working at Safeway for a year, saved enough to go, through a school exchange program, to a Swiss “Gymnasium” – a preparatory school for University – for 10 months. He basically re-did grade 12, but this time in German (!) studying biology and chemistry. On his graduation certificate, where someone attempted a comment in English, his results are noted as “very good”, which Chris took as a good sign!

On returning to BC, Chris went to Trinity Western (TWU) where he studied philosophy for two and a half years. He was a disruptive student, challenging professors both as to their instruction methodologies and as to the substance of their courses, all in the cause of seeking truth. Although he found all this very frustrating, he did find one friend to sit with into the wee hours talking about Kierkegaard and the pursuit of truth. He stays in touch with several TWU alumni who, via a TWU extension program at the Laurentian Leadership Centre in Ottawa, have, he says, become entrenched

in Harper’s Parliament Hill, and embrace a righteous militant ideology which Chris continues to challenge. “They call me the Lutheran who keeps them on their toes”.

Notwithstanding his frustrations, Chris stayed at TWU for another two and a half years, studying theology and also training to teach English as a second or other language (TESOL). So when he left TWU, Chris had degrees in Christianity and Culture, and in Philosophy, as well as a TESOL certificate. And this is the same guy who charms the Youth Group and the Sunday School kids, and gets us all singing songs with silly actions!

So how did we luck out to snare this amazing young man? Well, while Chris was working at Mountain Equipment Co-Op (MEC) in Victoria, Nathan Mantey heard of Chris through Chris’ brother, and interviewed him for a position as a leader for the Diocesan Camp in the Community Program. At the time, Chris was performing in a production of *Fiddler on the Roof* to celebrate TWU’s 50th anniversary, and turned up for the interview with a full, flowing beard! He got the job anyway! During his time with the Camp in the Community Program, Nathan was a mentor to Chris. When Nathan decided it was time to move on, Chris found the support of Rob was a perfect fit for his aspirations, so his move to becoming our Youth and Family

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Worker came together easily. He promises to stay with us for a while, though it is easy to see that there are great things ahead for Chris.

Chris continues to work at MEC, and stays incredibly fit by running and cycling. He also is a voracious reader of philosophy and theology, and books on cultural questions, teaching methods and poetry, and is enthusiastic about the Mars Hill Audio Journal which focuses on Christianity and

Culture—if you haven’t heard of this, have a look one day – it’s fascinating.

As to our Parish, Chris sees the Holy Spirit at work in our hopes and aspirations, and the desire in both congregations to achieve a successful and complementary community. He sets great store by what he calls intergenerational conversations, whereby we can all learn from each other. Let’s celebrate this treasure in our midst.

Recipe Page

Elsie Marshall’s Carrot Ginger Soup

For those of us who love “Soup’s On” at St. Stephen’s on Fridays at noon, here is Elsie Marshall’s care-free recipe for one of the favourites:

All ingredients to taste. You can use carrots or squash or yam or pumpkin or a combination.

- saute some onions and celery in a large pot until soft.
- add finely chopped ginger and garlic and some curry powder or paste and saute a few minutes longer.
- add coarsely chopped carrots, squash, yam, pumpkin, and stock to cover and salt to taste. Simmer until cooked.
- cool slightly then puree in food processor. Thin with more liquid until it looks soupy.
- add a tin (depending on the amount you’ve made) of coconut milk.
- I like to garnish with some coarse seasoned pepper when serving.



The Jesuit Guide to (Almost) Everything: A Spirituality for Real Life

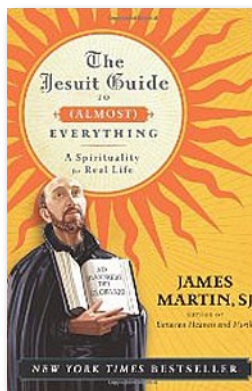
Author: Fr. James Martin SJ

This book by Fr. Martin, a Jesuit priest, ranks in my top three books I have ever read. I have just finished this book, and am re-reading it immediately after finishing it...It is that good!

I must first make a confession, which also explains how I came upon this book. Ever since Pope Francis assumed office I have been enthralled by his humility, his simplicity, his love, his energy. I am sure many of you can cite other admirable traits: tolerance, grace, humanitarianism. He seems to personify what it is to reveal Christ in one's everyday life. I suppose that's what we expect of a Pope, as it is also what we expect of each of us, since we are to walk each day with Christ. It's just that he does it so well and with such apparent ease. Pope Francis truly is seen to live his belief. He is an obvious inspiration to young and old, Catholic, Protestant and Orthodox, Religious and non-Religious. Have you seen his "selfies" on Twitter? He has as many Twitter followers as Justin Bieber! Did you know that Pope Francis was named Time Magazine's Man of the Year for 2013? Pope Francis is doing for Christianity today what few have done

since Billy Graham. There is even now what social commentators have termed "The Francis Effect" which Cardinal Timothy Dolan of New York describes;

"This Pope has successfully finally shattered the caricature of the church that his predecessors have tried hard to do. What's that caricature? That the church is kind of mean and dour and always saying no and always telling us what we can't do and always telling us why we should be excluded. He's saying 'Oh no, come on in, the church is about warmth and tenderness.'"



I learned that Pope Francis was the first Jesuit Pope. This raised three questions: 1. Why is Francis the first Jesuit Pope? 2. Since he is the first Jesuit, what were all the others? and 3. What makes a Jesuit different from the other Catholic orders? In my quest for the answer I came upon "The Jesuit Guide to (Almost) Everything: A Spirituality for Real Life"... Bingo...

Fr. Martin describes the origins of the Jesuit order: In 1521 Inigo Loyola, a Spanish nobleman/knight, was seriously injured in battle. During his recovery,

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after reading about Saint Francis and Saint Dominic, Inigo, previously a rascal, a self-confessed vain hedonist, came to know the Lord in a deep and personal way. One day, while on retreat and deep in prayer, Inigo had a profound mystical sense of union with God. He saw that “God was in everything” and God wanted to be found in everything. He turned to an ascetic, hermit-like lifestyle but eventually realized this served neither himself nor the people he had chosen to serve. Instead, Ignatius Loyola (he had Latinized his name by now) formulated the concept of being “contemplative-in-action”, which is the principal distinction between his “Society of Jesus”, the Jesuits, and other monastic orders.

The distinctive directives of Ignatian Spirituality, cited by Ignatius Loyola and Fr. Martin are:

1. Find God in everything;
2. Be Contemplative in Action;
3. Believe in an incarnational Spirituality;
4. Ignatian Spirituality is about Freedom and Detachment.

Fr. Martin writes that “This book is a guide to discovering how God can be found in every dimension of your life. How God can be found in everything and in everyone. The kinds of questions we will discuss in the coming chapters are:

- How do I know what I am supposed to do in life
- How do I know who I’m supposed to be
- How do I make good decisions
- How can I live a simple life
- How can I be a good friend
- How can I face suffering
- How can I be happy
- How can I find God
- How do I pray
- How do I love

No question cannot be asked, all questions are relevant, so Ignatian spirituality can be used to find God’s direction in all facets of life. Consider these chapter headings:

Chapter 3: What Do You Want: Desire and the Spiritual Life

Chapter 4: Beautiful Yesterdays: Finding God and Letting God Find You

Chapter 5: Beginning to Pray: So I’ve Found God...Now What?

Chapter 10: More by Deeds Than by Words: Friendship and Love

Chapter 12: What Should I Do: The Ignatian Way of Making Decisions

Chapter 13: Be Who You Is! Work, Job, Career, Vocation...and Life

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In a personal, light hearted, yet discerning way, Fr. Martin invites us to follow the path of the profound wisdom of Saint Ignatius Loyola. One commentator writes that he “has accomplished the seemingly impossible”, writing “a book on spirituality so interestingly written that it becomes a page-turner.” Fr. Richard Rohr, O.F.M writes “We Franciscans are often very grateful for Jesuits! Their clear heads and clean hearts both complement and complete our own romanticism.”

My favorite Chapters are four and twelve. The style of prayer called “The Examen” in Chapter Four is most enlightening and has become foundational to my daily walk and conversation with God. You reflect on your day and purposefully see where God was in it. Looking for Him in retrospect, you are more likely to see Him than when you are in the moment. The Ignatian Way of making Decisions in Chapter twelve presupposes that we have a sense of Godly communication but also helps to develop your increasing ability to follow God’s leading and guidance. I have found these two chapters life changing.

True to God’s form, I got way more out of reading this book than just the answers to my original three questions. I recognised a life changing spirituality (some of which I was already following!). I used to think I subscribed to a Franciscan Spirituality. I now really see my connection to the Jesuits. Maybe I’m a little of both.

For the record, the reason that Francis is the first Jesuit Pope is because Jesuits are encouraged to eschew hierarchical “ladder climbing” and do not normally accept promotion within the Church. Consequently, in the last 500 years, there have been very few Jesuit Bishops and Jesuit Cardinals. In 2001, (at the age of 83!), Avery Cardinal Dulles was the first Jesuit ever to be named Cardinal. What were all the other Popes? Some recent Popes have been Franciscans, and there have been a few Augustinians and Dominicans, and, in the 1300’s several Benedictines. Most Popes have been non-ordered priests of Diocesan Orders. This is what we Anglicans would think of as the conventional Priest/Bishop/Archbishop hierarchy.

Jesuits learn to develop an acute sense of discernment of God’s will, and they traditionally make a promise against pursuing ecclesiastical dignities, I therefore am convinced that Pope Francis is exactly where God wants him to be. I think Fr. Martin would agree.

A chronicle of some of the recent arrivals, departures and other events at St. Mary's and St. Stephen's

From St. Mary's

Marjorie and **Stephen Denroche** celebrated 60 years of marriage in December 2013. Their Diamond Anniversary was celebrated with family. Congratulations Marjorie and Stephen!

Lynne and **Len Fallan** are now proud grandparents! **Kailey** Fallan was born on November 9, 2013. Congratulations, Lynne and Len.

A luncheon was held at the Sea Glass restaurant in Sidney on February 7 to honour **Rita Lott's** years of service as a member of the Flower Guild for St Mary's. Rita has devoted many hours of flower arranging over the years for St Mary's. Thank you Rita.

Susan and **Roy Pullan** celebrated their 50th anniversary on Wednesday, February 19. The celebrations started after the church service at St Mary's on Sunday, February 16 and will continue with a trip planned to England in the fall. Congratulations, Roy and Susan!

Helen Perodeau, a long time (albeit a shut in) member of St Mary's passed away in January. Our condolences to Helen's family.

Bev Waterfield has become a member of St Mary's and **Pat Duke** has joined the choir. Welcome, Bev; and we are enjoying having you, Pat, as new member of the choir.

In February, **St Mary's Guild** held a very successful Thrift Sale, resulting in over \$1500 profit, thanks to the contributions and hard work of many parishioners. This was one of the most successful sales ever. Well done, St Mary's Guild!

From St. Stephen's

New parishioners include **Jane Trimbell** and her fiancé, **Evan Dunlop**; **Aurora Beraldin**; and **Greg** and **Christine Robinson**. Welcome to all of you!

Carol Peaker has retired after six years as office administrator at St. Stephen's, and she will be dearly missed by all. We welcome **Tracy Stubbs** as the new office administrator, who has been well trained by Carol!

Sue Smith's husband, **Brian**, passed away in February. His service was held on Saturday February 22 at St Stephen's. Our prayers and sympathy to Sue and her family.

From The Parish of Central Saanich

Nathan Mantey has left the Parish as Youth Leader, and he and Rebekah are in Guatemala by now. We are all enjoying **Christopher McDonald** as a most capable replacement. Look for the Parishioner Profile about Chris elsewhere in Connexion.

The marriage of **Angelena Frost** and **Joshua Essery** took place at St Mary's on

Comings & Goings *continued*

December 28, 2013. Angelena and Joshua are members of St Stephen's but needed a larger venue for their wedding and so chose St Mary's. By having members of one church tie the knot in the other, it certainly shows what being a combined parish is all about.

St Stephen's and St Mary's each welcome new Lay Readers. **Sue Smith** at St Mary's and **Trish House** at St Stephen's, with guidance from Ken Pedlow and Jackie Kolson are starting as Lay Readers. This is a new ministry for both Sue and Trish.

Joint Activities

Rob Szo continues to expand joint activities, holding Bible Study each Wednesday at St. Mary's, from 11 to 12 following the 10 am Eucharist. **Fern Perkins** led Bible Study at her home on Thursday evenings from 7 pm, for those unable to attend the noon hour study and discussion. Rob also held a four week evening series at St. Mary's during February entitled "Christian Basics". These sessions have been well attended by members of both congregations.

From the Editors' Desk

This is an exciting time in our Parish. On the back page are the names of those who constitute our Parish Council. We wish them well as they embark on this stage of our journey together.

Thanks to Nancy Choat, who is responsible for Comings and Goings. She would like to expand this to cover everything and anything (printable!) that has happened in our Parish, so don't hesitate to get in touch with her if there is something you would like us all to hear about. Her email is nchoat2@telus.net and her phone number is 250-544-2249.

Sandra Scarth and John Smith, Co-Editors

Sunday Serenade

SUNDAY AFTERNOON CONCERT
March 23, 2014 @ 2:30 pm

ST. MARY'S ANGLICAN CHURCH
1973 Cultra Ave. @ East Saanich Rd., Saanichton

**Greater Victoria
Police Chorus**

TICKETS: \$15
Children 12 and under free

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Tickets available at the door



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St. Stephen's	Margery Lord, Lynda Griffiths, Brian Waller

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St. Mary's	David Cooper (Nancy Choat, alternate)
St. Stephen's	Sandra Scarth, Don Wilson (Margery Lord, alternate)

Leslie Pedlow is at the St. Mary's office on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 8:30 to 12:30

Tracy Stubbs is at the St. Stephen's office on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 9:00 to 1:00

The Last Word: Announcements from other churches

For those of you who have children and don't know it, we have a nursery downstairs.

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