The Magnificat



When I was a small child, I was very blessed to have my paternal grandparents, George and Dorothy Whalen, in my life to love and nurture me. My grandmother, Nanny, was an incredible woman; she taught me to cook, sew, crochet, garden, and notice how the little things of our everyday lives are actually the big things. She was gentle and patient with a small child, one who often needed the gentleness and patience of someone who cared enough to show her that she mattered.

My grandfather, Grandad, always had chocolates in the secret drawer of his table beside his recliner; there I found cuddles, laughs, chocolates, and much silliness! He taught me how to identify birds by both how they looked and the calls they made. We would spend hours propped up on the back of the couch looking out the big window at the bird feeders excitedly waiting to discover 'who' would visit us that day.

These are precious memories of little Leanne; and they have become a part of my story. But perhaps the most important influence of these two people on my story was the spiritual impact.

Nanny and Grandad cared enough about this small child to take me to Mass every day. I clearly remember walking up the stone stairs of the imposing Catholic Church with my knitted sweater and matching tam and mittens; holding my grandmother's hand tightly so I could make those big steps without falling. I remember my grandfather opening the heavy wooden door so that my grandmother and I could enter the church. And my grandmother's cautioning face as I dipped my chubby finger into the marble cherub basin that held the holy water; careful not to spill a drop.

I remember sitting on the hard wooden pews with my little legs swinging back and forth as we waited for church to start. The stained glass on the windows and statues of saints lining the Nave told Biblical stories to me as my imagination wondered. I remember the priests walking in; their vestments and kind faces. I don't remember what they said, and I could not have told you what "liturgy" meant, but I knew I felt loved and safe and valued.

My precious grandparents took the time to set my little feet on the path of spirituality. I would not be who I am today without their acknowledgement that it was important for me to know that I was a part of God's story and that he was a part of my story.

I have thought a lot about these two people lately as I step more fully into ordained ministry. I cannot separate my current story from the stories of my spiritual heritage in which they played such an important role. And as I begin my spiritual journey as your pastor at St Mary's I wonder about your stories. I wonder about the story of St Mary's and how our lives will be nurtured and loved within this sacred space. And I

wonder how my story and yours will intersect to create something beautiful and sacred that the Holy Spirit has clearly been nurturing amongst us.

I invite you, each of you, to sit with me and share your story. May we know that these moments in our lives are of the Lord. It is his provision for us; so, let us celebrate how our spiritual journeys together will influence our own personal stories. I am humbled to begin this story with you.

With Love in Christ, Mother Leanne



St. Mary's Parish Annual Parish Picnic Thursday, 7/4--The Parish of St. Mary's will gather together at 6pm, July 4, in the hall & on the lawn. Burgers & Hot dogs, chips & sodas will be provided by the Men's group. Please bring a dish or dessert to share.



A movie will be shown in the Parish Hall.

Milton Fireworks begin at dusk. Bring Lawn chairs and invite friends, family & Neighbors to come along for the fun!

> We have called a new Clergy in Charge-The Rev. Leanne Beaumont-St. Mary's would like to give Mother Leanne a wonderful welcome on her first Sunday with us.

EXCITING NEW Please join us Sunday, July 7 at 9am and 11am for Worship.

Our celebration will have a Children's Program at the 11am service time so bring your families, grandchildren, friends & neighbors!

Between services, at 10am we will have a Welcome Reception potluck in the hall. Please plan to bring a breakfast dish(or any dish) to share.

Help will be needed to set up & clean up. If you can help out, please contact Evonne Woycitzky-831-601-0251-text or call.



Please contact the office to serve as an usher on Sundays. Ushers will be trained and are needed at the 9 & 11am services. 850-623-2905-church office.

Choir Practice--Tuesday's at 10:30am.

The St. Mary's Choir is open to anyone who would like to share their voice. Please contact Carol Culton, choir director, for more information about singing with the choir. cculton@bellsouth.net or 850-377-9594.





Blessings Pantry is an outreach ministry at St. Mary's, distributing groceries to those in need within the Milton area. We have been meeting with Feeding the Gulf Coast to develop a system with their organization which will allow us to purchase food items at much lower prices than the stores can offer. This will be a huge blessing to us and allow St. Mary's to sustain the food pantry. Thank you to Vicki Coogle, Al Salinas & Deacon John for getting us through this process. The pantry is open every Thursday, from 9am to 10:30am. For more information contact Deacon John- 850-529-0207.

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H.E.= Holy Eucharist MP=Morning Prayer

Thursday, <u>4:30pm,</u> ZOOM Bible Study—contact D. John to receive the online info--(850)529-0207 jtk3030.jk@gmail.com



The Shoppe Committee would like to show our appreciation to all of you at St. Mary's. Your support through donating of items, telling others about the thrift store at St. Mary's and the volunteering of your time has helped make The Shoppe

ministry a success.

Sunday, July 14th, between services, we invite you to join us in the Shoppe for sweet treats & coffee/punch! We look forward to seeing you for this time of thanks & fellowship--Jean, Shirl, Fred, Evonne & Mimi.

Check out the St. Mary's website!! The site is up to date with events, bulletins, and newsletters. Click this link <u>https://stmarysmilton.wixsite.com/church</u>

JULY BIRTHDAYS

7/02 GLENDA ART	INGER
7/05 CLIFF EMERSO	DN
7/09 BETH ETHER II	DGE
7/13 HEATHER MIL	LIRON
7/24 JOANN CHAN	JEY

JULY ANNIVERSARIES

7/12	JOHN & GLENDA
	ARTINGER
7/25	SHAWN & LISA
	DUNN
7/29	DAVE & JOANN
	CHANEY

IF YOUR SPECIAL DATE WAS MISSED AT ANY TIME THR OUGHOUT THE YEAR, PLEASE CONTACT THE CHUR CH OFFICE TO UPDATE YOUR RECORDS.



The church office will be closed Thursday 7/4. Have a safe & **Blessed Holiday!**

Prayer Requests

Family Alice Etheridge Aubrey Johnson **Dean Triebel** Heather Lindsav Jack Dunn Jim Longshore Jesse Reeves Jennifer Reeves Jessica Morawski Jim Dunn Linda Baillie Megan Coogl Ray Etheridge Sam Harris Tad Lindsey Tristen Colley

Our Friends

Brown Family Eddie Harlfert Jerry Geiger John Bowen Helen Gary Holmes Kristie Sharon Brooks Ted Collins Tom Faison Trisha Newborn

Military

Anthony Cunningham Austin Armand **Destiny Armand** Edward Estrada **Tyler Richmond** Karl Piessens Joshua Krause Mary Dunn Nick Rinaire Phillip Holmes

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"To build up one another in Christ."

