

Tidings of St Mary's



Parish of St. Mary's York

April 2016

This Month at St. Mary's

Say Cheese!

The Parish Vestry is hoping to issue in the very future an updated version of our **Parish Photo Directory**; and we're inviting everyone to take part!

Starting next Sunday, April 24th and running through to May 29th, Andrew Mathis will be offering to take your picture, as individuals or in a family grouping. Those attending the 9:00 a.m. Celebration can have their picture taken following the service, starting at approximately 9:50 a.m.; and those attending the 10:30 a.m. Celebration can have their pictures taken during Coffee and Conversation.

We'll also be looking to update your personal information for our parish records so that our contact information is as accurate as possible.

Please note that such information will only be used in ways consistent with your wishes, as well as federal privacy legislation.

We hope that everyone will help us to create as complete a parish record as we possibly can, so that we can better know each other and share the life that Christ calls us to share as His Family here at St. Mary's. We'd also be very willing, if you prefer, to use a good quality digital photograph of your own as part of the collection. So, if you have any questions or concerns please speak to the Rector; and please plan to participate in our parish project.

To Faithful St. Mary's Readers;

Volunteers are needed for the Canadian Bible Society Proclamation event in May.

Proclamation: The Word of the Lord is an event designed to encourage the reading of the Holy Scriptures so that people become more aware of the values and principles proclaimed in God's Word. It is the reading aloud of the entire Bible over a 10-day period, 14 hours per day. The Canadian Bible Society's goal is to proclaim God's message in as many communities as possible across Canada.

Proclamation will be held in Fredericton from May 4 to May 13 in the St. Anne's Chapel of Ease at Christ Church Parish Church. Wilfred Alliston from our sister parish, St. Peter's, has been assigned a four hour period on Sunday, May 8th, from 5:00 to 9:00 p.m. He's asked for some volunteers to help with that large segment. I'm planning to go along for a segment. And if any of you would like to help out I'd be very happy pass you along to Wilfred. I think that the ideal structure assumes that people will sign up for a full hour. If you want to read but you think that's a bit much, just let me know and I'll help to get that set up. And, if you are willing to help, let me know what time would work best and I'll pass that information to Wilfred.

—Fr. Kevin

ARCHDEACONRY REFUGEE SUPPORT PROJECT: *Courtesy of Ann Deveau at Christ Church Cathedral*

Spin the globe. Halfway around the world sits a refugee family dreaming of a better, safer life. Spin the globe again. People from 11 parishes in the Archdeaconry of Fredericton are collecting furniture and housewares to fill that family's apartment here. At this point, neither knows anything specific about the other, nor do they know when they will finally meet and start working together on the transition to a new life in Canada.

Having met its self-imposed target of 25,000 Syrian refugees by the end of February, the federal government has slowed its processing of refugee applicants. This is frustrating for potential sponsors. Patience and prayer will be needed in the coming months until a match is made. While waiting for the bureaucracy to grind its wheels, committee members are raising funds (**\$12,237.20 as of April 1st**), researching apartment prices, finding Arabic interpreters, looking for a doctor and dentist, learning which foods will be needed in a Syrian pantry, getting cross-cultural training, and so on.

Parishioners have been asking how they can help the family. Some donations have already arrived and are being stored in the basement of Cathedral Memorial Hall, such as area rugs, desk, bed, floor lamp, coffee table, toaster oven, coffee maker, bedding, sets of cutlery and dishes, coat hangers, and much more. As the exact composition of the family is unknown, some questions cannot be answered now. However, here is a list of things most likely required. If you can donate any of these items (clean, in good condition and in working order, please), contact Doug Milander and Ann Deveau at amdrm@nbnet.nb.ca or 455-3299. Drop-off and/or pick-up dates can be arranged later this spring.

If you have any questions please speak to Anne Buckland or Ellery Furlong who are working with the committee representing St. Mary's.

As of 05 April, the following items are still needed...

LIVING ROOM – sofa, easy chair, modern TV (not the heavy, old, tube-type), table lamp, cushions

BEDROOMS – dressers, waste baskets, table lamps, mirrors, pillows (new), beds and blanket sizes to be determined later

DINING/KITCHEN – deep fryer, microwave, platters, water and juice glasses, casserole dishes, pitcher or jug, serving tray, potholders, oven mitts, strainer, mixing bowls, knives (paring and larger), baking pans (cake, loaf, pie), cooling rack, hand mixer, kitchen garbage can, cutting board, grater, cookie sheet, colander, teapot, utensils: soup ladle, spatula, tongs, slotted spoon, funnel

MISCELLANEOUS – computer desk chair, radio, alarm clock, wall clock, basic tool kit with screws and nails, framed pictures, paper/pens/pencils, sewing supplies, scissors, umbrellas

HOUSEHOLD SUPPLIES – broom and dustpan, laundry basket, iron and ironing board, drying rack, sponge mop, laundry detergent, cleaning rags, paper towels, cleanser, light bulbs, toilet paper, tissues, paper napkins, recycling bin, freezer bags, garbage bags

Bring a Loonie in Lent: THE RESULTS ARE IN!

Thanks so much for your great support for St. Mary's ACW's Lenten campaign on behalf of Bishop McAllister College and Anglican Seminary in Uganda! Our very quiet campaign raised \$215 through your weekly contributions; and the Parish Vestry agreed at its March meeting to match the funds raised. So in all, \$430 will soon be sent to Canon Paul Jeffries for the excellent work being done to educate students at Bishop McAllister. *To give you a sense of what that amount of money can do in Uganda, it represents almost the full amount required for tuition, room, and board for one student for one year.* Those funds are very timely. When the school year began earlier this year, the school received an unexpected increase of 150 students, over and above the approximately 750 they've had in recent years! Obviously the great job that the teachers and staff have been doing to prepare students for college and career has been noticed. The influx of such a large number of students in a residential school setting has set the administration scrambling. A new girls' dorm was quickly started and beds purchased, so the funds contributed by you will come in handy. Studies continue to show that the best way to encourage economic and social improvement in developing societies is to educate the girls, who so often get left behind when resources are limited. Your support will help change the lives of some of God's children in Uganda. **Thanks to the ACW and thanks to you for helping to make this happen!**