

Saint Mary's Newsletter: June

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SERVICES FOR JUNE

Sunday 5th:

NO SERVICE – QUEENS BIRTHDAY WEEKEND

Sunday 12th:

10am Holy Communion Service

Refreshments: Helen & Charles

Readings/prayers: Helen & Charles

Sunday 19th:

10am Holy Communion Service.

Refreshments: Majella & John

Readings/prayers: Majella & John

Sunday 26th:

10am Holy Communion Service

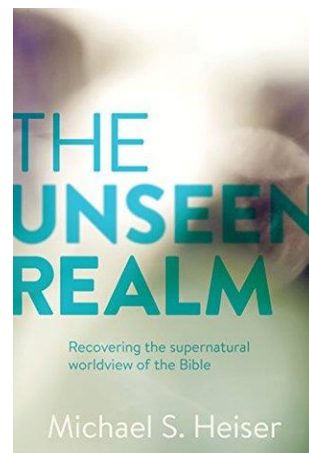
Refreshments: Rosalie T

Readings: Rosalie T. **Prayers:** Melanie



A Book Review:

In *The Unseen Realm*, Dr. Michael Heiser examines the ancient context of Scripture, explaining how its supernatural worldview can help us grow in our understanding of God. He illuminates intriguing and amazing passages of the Bible that have been hiding in plain sight. You'll find yourself engaged in an enthusiastic pursuit of the truth, resulting in a new appreciation for God's Word. Why wasn't Eve surprised when the serpent spoke to her? How did descendants of the Nephilim survive the flood? Why did Jacob fuse Yahweh and his Angel together in his prayer? Who are the assembly of divine beings that God presides over? In what way do those beings participate in God's decisions? Why do Peter and Jude promote belief in imprisoned spirits? Why does Paul describe evil spirits in terms of geographical rulership? Who are the glorious ones that even angels dare not rebuke? After reading this book, you may never read your Bible the same way again. See the vicar if you wish to borrow a copy 😊



No God No Peace, Know God Know Peace!

Isaiah 26:3

"You keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on you, because he trusts in you."

When we talk about peace, we usually refer to a lack of conflict, the tranquillity of mind, or calmness of heart. However, in the Bible, it has a much richer and deeper meaning. According to Strong's Concordance, the Hebrew word 'Shalom' - which literally translates to peace, has a whole array of meanings. A word study in the New King James version for 'Shalom' says: completeness, wholeness, health, peace, welfare, safety soundness, tranquillity, prosperity, perfection, fullness, rest, harmony, the absence of agitation or discord.

This is the kind of peace that the Word of God talks about, the kind of Shalom peace that God wants to give us. In fact, God wants us to have complete wholeness and perfection in every area of our lives, and through the work of Christ, it has already been given unto us.

Therefore, when we put our trust in God, we shall also inherit His peace and have an undisturbed composure, no matter what our circumstances may be. He desires to give us peace like a river that flows on and on. Even when it seems as if we are experiencing a drought in our lives, when we feel parched by life's trials, the river of life flows from His throne right to our hearts.

As the river flowing through the land provides water for life, so His life-giving peace flows through us, and renews our spirit. Indeed, we are trees planted by the rivers of living water, and by staying close to the peaceful waters of God, we shall be filled with the abundant life of Christ, and truly live in an everlasting Shalom peace.



Parish Bank Account:

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A Scripture for you:

Romans 14:17-19

¹⁷ For the kingdom of God is not a matter of eating and drinking, but of righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Spirit, ¹⁸ because anyone who serves Christ in this way is pleasing to God and receives human approval.

¹⁹ Let us therefore make every effort to do what leads to peace and to mutual edification.

This Month in Christian History:



The year 597: Augustine, missionary to England and 1st Archbishop of Canterbury, baptizes Ethelbert, the Saxon king. Afterward the Christian faith spreads rapidly among the Angles and the Saxons