



From the Rector:

IT IS MORE BLESSED TO GIVE THAN TO RECEIVE.

"You know for yourselves that I worked with my own hands to support myself and my companions. In all this I have given you an example that by such work we must support the weak, remembering the words of the Lord Jesus, for he himself said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'"

(The apostle Paul speaking to church leaders in Ephesus in Acts 20:34-35).

This is a favorite Scripture of mine during Advent and Christmastide, as it reminds us of the primary reason for the season. God, who is blessed forever, is the One who gives without ceasing. In these days, we remember with joy that God has given us his Son to be the Incarnate One. We remember also that Mary has given her own body so that the Messiah could be born. The only proper response is for us to give as well. But more than that, **we must become givers:** to become people whose entire lives are shaped around the impulse to give. Even to

our enemies. Even to those who hate us. Even to those we might be inclined to view as unworthy. It is easy to give to those from whom we expect a gift in return. We reflect God's glory when we give with no thought of anything in return – not even a word of thanks. As we prepare once again to celebrate the

birth of Jesus, may the Holy Spirit empower each of us to become givers who reflect God's glory. Celebrate the birth of Jesus, may the Holy Spirit empower each of us to become givers who reflect God's glory.

Nathan W. Ferrell +



One of our Offering Plates with this Scripture engraved upon it.

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Episcopal Visitation - December 4

"Each Diocesan Bishop shall visit the Congregations within the Diocese at least once in three years." Canon III.18.4(a) of The Episcopal Church.

Our Bishop, Stephen Lane, will visit us on Sunday, December 4. He will preside and preach at both Celebrations of the Eucharist. At 9 AM, he will meet with the 11 people who will be confirmed or received at the 10 AM Eucharist. After this liturgy, Bishop Steve will be available to speak with the entire parish community at a special Coffee Hour. Mark your calendars for a very special Advent celebration!





Advent and Christmas 2016 at Saint Mary's



Sunday, November 27

8AM - Contemplative Holy Eucharist for the First Sunday of Advent

10AM - Advent Lessons & Carols

Each Advent 1 liturgy is followed by Advent Wreath-making Workshop

4PM - Advent Choral Evensong

Saturday, December 3

9AM - 2PM - Sparkles Christmas Fair - Gifts, Crafts, Food and more

Sunday, December 4

8AM - Contemplative Holy Eucharist for the Second Sunday of Advent

10AM - Contemporary Holy Eucharist for the Second Sunday of Advent with Confirmation and Reception with the Bishop

Friday, December 9

4PM - Traditional Christmas Caroling to local nursing home ending at Souper Supper

Sunday, December 11

8AM - Contemplative Holy Eucharist for the Third Sunday of Advent

10AM - Contemporary Holy Eucharist for the Third Sunday of Advent

4PM - Sparkles Concert, 'Natus est' & Reception - featuring The Saint Mary Schola

Saturday, December 17

3PM - Christmas Pageant full dress rehearsal

Sunday, December 18

8AM - Contemplative Holy Eucharist for the Fourth Sunday of Advent

10AM - Saint Mary's Christmas Pageant and Contemporary Holy Eucharist

Saturday, December 24: Christmas Eve

4PM - Family Christmas Eve Eucharist

*A one-hour service with the Blessing of the Crèche,
the Christmas story & Holy Communion*

7PM - Candlelight Christmas Eve Eucharist

9 PM - Choral Candlelight Christmas Eve Eucharist

Sunday, December 25: Christmas Day

10AM - Joyful Christmas Day Liturgy

Vestry Highlights from your Wardens

The Vestry met on November 16, 2016. Father Nathan opened our meeting with an exercise inspired by his time at the Credo Conference reminding us of the value of play even for adults. He gave us 20 slips of paper with biblical milestones printed on them. He challenged us to put the 20 in chronological order in 90 seconds. We formed four teams of 4, and one team did very well. Winners received new Episcopal Church bumper stickers!

We welcomed Bonny Rodden, representing the Maine Council of Churches. Bonny is a long-time Saint Marian and is also the President of the Maine Council of Churches. She shared with us the highlights of recent activities of the MCC including the dinner featuring Senator George Mitchell. She also shared that the MCC had taken positions on two of the recent ballot initiatives to support increasing the minimum wage and the expanded background checks on firearms.

We also welcomed Marian McCue representing the Outreach Committee. Marian shared the list of proposed grantees developed by the Outreach Committee. The Vestry voted to support the grant request.

The Budget and Finance Committee presented the 2017 budget for consideration (no vote until December). The budget calls for us to hit our stewardship target of \$285,000. Copies of the draft budget are available for anyone interested in having one. Thanks to all who worked so hard to prepare the budget!

Our Stewardship Campaign is underway. We have received 82 pledge forms to date with \$170,356 pledged. Typically, about 145 households pledge, so we have a way to go to get to our \$285,000. Thanks to all who have pledged.

Pat Mordecai reported for the Nominating Committee. The slate for 2017 is Ed Ainsworth, Peter Fitch, Maggie Gardner and Len Taylor for the three-year terms; Terry Brown for the one-year term. The Diocesan Convention Delegate slate is: Bonny Rodden, Tim Grace, Merle Marie Troeger, Julie Otte and Marian McCue. The Wardens and Treasurer will serve as alternates. The final number of delegates will be either 4 or 5 depending on the Average Sunday Attendance for the year of 2016. Thank you to the Nominating Committee for their hard work: Pat Mordecai, Linda Eaton, Terry Brown, Jody Liddell, Margaret Jean Taylor. Thank you all willing to serve!

Father Nathan ran through the next few weeks' schedule. There's LOTS going on at Saint Mary's between now and the end of the year. The Bishop will be here on Sunday, December 4th to confirm and receive 11 parishioners. He will celebrate at both services. Christmas and New Year's Day are Sundays. We will have only one service on those two Sundays at 10 a.m. Father Nathan also shared plans to host Reverend Robert J. Voyle from the Clergy Leadership Institute during Lent 2017 with workshops on Teaching the World to Forgive.

Thank you to the Vestry for sharing their time and vision with our beloved Saint Mary's!



Janet Bowne, Jr. Warden and Jim Kane, Sr. Warden

"Be Still"

We hear it and experience it daily: "Life is so busy." "I have no time." "I can find no balance." While Saint Mary's cannot offer a "cure" to 21st century stresses, as a community of faith we believe that God can. Saint Mary's serves to offer multiple ways for all to seek, hear, experience God. One such way is to stop...and give ourselves an opportunity to listen.

Parishioners and friends are warmly invited to gather in the Father James' Chapel on the first Monday each month between 6PM and 7PM for silent reflection, contemplation or meditation. There will be no presentation or service. Come for five minutes or come for an hour. Bring something to read...or not. There will be readings available for your use. A fellow parishioner will always be in the Chapel to "be" with you, but this is for YOU: An opportunity for you to "Be Still" with God.

"Be Still"

**Father James Chapel : 5:30 - 6:30PM on
Mondays in Advent: November 28, December 5, 12, 19**

Christian Formation - RAY Beams - Winter 2016



Advent is a time of preparation, a time of reflection, and a time of anticipation. We build excitement and we look forward to Jesus's coming at Christmas. This Advent we have many opportunities to help children anticipate the mystery of Christmas. Christmas is great fun—wreath-making and caroling, pageant preparation and celebration, and opening presents and stockings. But what is hidden on the inside of the Christmas story is even better. What do you think is at the heart of Christmas?



Many hands and hearts help spread the love of God to our children. Betsy Stoddard and Erin Ferrell are two of the many who have shared their talents and passion with the kids on Sundays. Mrs. Stoddard has taught the kids to sing *Once in Royal David's City* which we will enjoy during our Lessons and Carols service on Advent 1. Erin shared stories and pictures from her trip to Haiti and taught our children what a day at Institute Univers is like



for Haitian kids. The children enjoyed exploring color blending as well as a sampling of Haitian fruits.



Led by Joe Herlihy, the older Guiding RAY kids are enjoying immersing themselves in Legos and building Bible stories. So far, they have recreated *The Fall of Man* from Genesis, Cain and Abel, and explored the meaning of Advent. The kids share their builds during an open discussion of the lesson. Using Legos in this manner offers a culturally relevant, hands-on way to explore faith stories that engage our youth while they learn the stories of God's work on earth.



Kids of all ages are invited to join the Handbell Choir led by Heather Teng. The children will rehearse Sunday mornings and perform at the 4:00 service on Christmas Eve.



Guiding RAY Lessons and times of Service & Fellowship in November and beyond

Sunday, November 27: Advent 1 - All family service of Advent Lessons and Carols. Saint Mary's youth will be singing and serving during this worship. Join us for an Advent Wreath workshop before and after coffee hour.

Sunday, December 4: Godly Play: Advent II and the Mystery of Christmas (the Bishop is visiting!)

Friday, December 9: Caroling to nursing home and then Souper Supper

Sunday, December 11: Godly Play: St. Nicholas

Saturday, December 17: 3:00 p.m. Pageant dress rehearsal – great time for grandparent viewing!

Sunday, December 18: Christmas pageant. All family service

Guiding RAY Coordinators

Megan Akers: Director, GuidingRAY@smay.org, 415-4260

Linda Eaton: Vestry Liaison and Art Work, llemimi7@gmail.com, 207-749-3301

Julie Otte: juliemomotter@aol.com, 207-781-2322

Guiding RAY Teachers and Classroom Volunteers

Monique Brown, Sandy Couch-Kelly, Jennifer Curran, Hannah de Sorbo, Heather Gale, Penny Guyton, Alison Hayward (Nursery), Julie Otte, Vanessa Record, Roberta Stothart, Heather Teng, Carolyn Thomas

Parents!! You're Invited!!



Please join us for an informational discussion about the Royal School of Church Music program and how it can benefit our children here at Saint Mary's. We will meet in the Guild Room on Saturday, December 17 from 3:00 - 3:45 (during pageant dress rehearsal). Bruce Fithian and Priscilla Rigg (a former director of the RSCM) will provide insights into this extraordinary music program and how it might work here at Saint Mary's.



The Christmas Pageant Sunday, December 18



Christian Formation ~ High Schoolers & Middlers

Young Life of Casco Bay

Great things are happening in the Young Life ministry which Saint Mary's supports! Young Life reaches out to all area teens and invites them to participate in weekly Clubs (large group, high energy events), weekly Campaigners (small groups to discuss faith and the Bible), semi-annual retreat Weekends, and summer Camp. This is a photo from Fall Weekend at Lake Champion in NY State which was held over the weekend of November 18-20 (first snowfall of the year!). Three kids from Saint Mary's went with the group. Thanks be to God!



Wishing You a Safe and Healthy Holiday Season

- ❖ Have fun with your family outside
- ❖ Include youth in holiday preparations
- ❖ Play games together and limit TV watching
- ❖ Volunteer at a local organization

December 2016
Tip of the Month




Every single high school student in the Casco Bay area is INVITED to gather for an amazing Club at Laine Legere's house (56 Quiet Lane in Portland). This is crazy fun and growing each week. FMI: visit www.younglifecb.com

Young Life Club:
Monday night at
7:31 PM!

A grant funded project sponsored by Cumberland County Government
www.cumberlandcounty.org SAMHSA #1H79SP016497

Maine
Cumberland County

by Janet Bowne

[illegible]A photograph showing a person's bare foot hovering just above a pile of four colorful plastic building blocks (red, blue, yellow, and green). The blocks are arranged in a small cluster, and the foot is positioned as if about to step on them. This image is used to illustrate the concept of a 'foot in the door' technique.

Sparkles is HERE!

The Season of Advent and the Sparkles Season began on Sunday, **November 27th** with the making of Advent Wreaths at both coffee hours. The wreaths are intended for use at home with lighting of the candles to count the weeks until Christmas and the Birth of Our Lord.

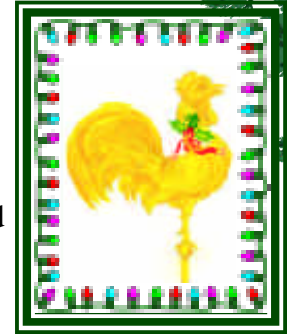
December 3rd is the festive and "sparkling" Fair and Boutique with the CookieWalk, Bake Sale and Cafe (with delicious lobster stew and yummy tomato basil soup and herbed biscuits). We hope you will join us for fun, good food and wonderful shopping. We are still looking for more baked goods and warm bodies to help out the day of the Fair and for the Schola reception.

December 9th is when we gather and sing praises through Christmas Caroling to a cal nursing home and then to the folks at our own Souper Supper---and join in for a delicious meal.

December 11th closes the Sparkles Season with the beautiful Schola Concert and Reception that follows. The concert begins at 4:00, but you might wish to come early at 3:30 and listen to the lecture on the early music that inspires the concert. Ticket price includes the lecture, concert and elegant reception.

Your Sparkle Chairs (Jan Mordarski and Onnie Hastings) wish to thank all of you who have helped by donating goods and doing all the many chores that are necessary to make Sparkles a success. Sparkles would not happen without so many willing volunteers. THANK YOU and MERRY CHRISTMAS and HAPPY NEW YEAR.

The three weeks of Sparkles concludes but Advent continues until Christmas Eve when we welcome the Baby Jesus among us.



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Outreach Opportunity - Saint Mary's Snowman Tree



We, at Saint
Mary's look forward to
having a Giving Tree once again!

Here is an opportunity to become
engaged in the spirit of giving this Christmas.

Saint Mary's, together with the Salvation Army, is
hosting an Angel Giving Tree. Angel tags will be on the
Christmas tree with a child's gift request. Kindly take a tag,
purchase item(s) on the tag, and bring back to S. Mary's. Unwrapped
gifts should be out back under the tree no later than December 11 with the tag on
them to ensure the families receive them in time for Christmas. For more information



Contact Betsy
or Jim Stoddard
829-2026.

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Outreach Ministry ~ All Ages Serving Near and Far

SUPPORT THE RE-BUILDING OF HAITI THIS CHRISTMAS



For us to whom so much has been given, now is our opportunity to help our brothers and sisters in Haiti. May you have a blessed Advent season and a wonderful Christmas!

100% of all undesignated offerings received on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day will go to two trustworthy organizations in Haiti working to help those affected by the direct landfall of Hurricane Matthew in October: COCINA and Konbit Sante. Thousands of Haitians remain in relief shelters and cholera continues to spread. The need for safe drinking water is overwhelming. Please remember those in southwest Haiti who are struggling to put their lives back together.

Young Adult Service Corps of the Episcopal Church

- ⇒ Are you 21 to 30 years old?
- ⇒ Do you want to be a part of what God is doing in the world?
- ⇒ Are you ready for an experience that will transform your life?
- ⇒ Do you want to experience diverse cultures, make a spiritual commitment, and reflect on your vocational possibilities?

If your answer is "Yes!" then you are ready to serve with the Young Adult Service Corps (YASC) in a one-year international mission assignment.

Applicants must have a high degree of maturity and possess a faith commitment, the willingness to be a humble guest, and the ability to be an authentic companion. YASC brings young adults into the life of the worldwide Anglican Communion and into the daily work of a local community. At the same time, it brings the gifts and resources of the church into the lives of young adults as they explore their own faith journeys. Applications for 2017-2018 placements will be received until January 6.

To watch videos about YASC, go to www.episcopalchurch.org/posts/yasc/video.

To start an application, go to www.formstack.com/forms/DFMS-yasc_application.



Sparkles and Schola bring annual Christmas Concert

The St Mary Schola will present their annual Christmas program, 'Natus est,' [on December 11, 4 PM](#), at the Church of Saint Mary, Falmouth; [Dec. 13, 7:30 PM](#), at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Portland; and [Dec. 14, 7:30 PM](#), at the Cathedral of St. Luke, Portland. Audiences have consistently enjoyed hearing some of Maine's most noted soloists and instrumentalists in Schola programs.

The first half of this Christmas concert will feature festive medieval processional, mystical chants, a sumptuous motet by Bruckner, and Renaissance madrigals by Byrd and an Advent duet by Bach. In the concert's second half, the Schola will present Marc-Antoine Charpentier's delightful 'In Nativitatem Domini,' in which the preparation for a savior and the narration of Christ's birth is beautifully depicted with radiant solos, choruses and marches, all accompanied by period instruments such as violins, viola, cello, viola da gamba, organ, lute and recorders. Tickets and more information about the program can be found on line at stmaryschola.org (Tickets can also be purchased at the door).



Schola Concert reception



We are all looking forward to the holidays before us. Preparations are well underway for the Sparkles festivities, including the big Fair on December 3 and the St Mary's Schola Concert and reception on December 11. Your help is needed to make it all the success we have come to expect. Sign-up sheets will be located in the Parish Hall for you to indicate where you are willing to donate your time, etc. The Schola reception will be in need of food items such as desserts and wine, and for help in set-up, clean-up and serving in the kitchen. Saint Mary's parishioner involvement has been extraordinary in the past, and we look forward to continuing that tradition. Thank you all in advance. Nadine and Bob Timberlake

Community Souper Supper December 9 and 23

Enjoy this community-wide fellowship offering, dining in a relaxed, candle-lit atmosphere. You will be feted with a complimentary main course, salad, rolls, dessert and beverage. Wonderful for singles and families alike! Offered twice each month on the 2nd and 4th Fridays from 5-7 PM in the parish house auditorium. No reservations required. Just bring your family and friends and enjoy! It's a blast!



Support "Souper Supper" Buy Fair Trade "Coffee by Design" Coffee!

Casco Bay - a medium roast

Black & Tan - a slightly darker roast

"Coffee by Design" 12 oz. bags of ground fair-traded, organic, delicious coffees are on sale at Saint Mary's for \$10 a bag (Decaf is \$11). ...and support fair trade practices ...and a locally-owned business... and get GREAT organic coffee! Win! Win! Win!



Classic Cinema presenting classic films every month, Presents on December 9 - "Miracle on 34th Street"

(1947) Starring: Maureen O'Hara, John Payne, Edmund Gwenn, Natalie Wood

When a nice old man who claims to be Santa Claus is institutionalized as insane, a young lawyer decides to defend him by arguing in court that he is the real thing.



Nominating Committee Report

Each year, the Nominating Committee is comprised of the retiring Vestry members and at least one parishioner-at-large. This year we were pleased to have Pat Mordecai serving as chair of the committee; she was joined by Linda Eaton, Terry Brown, Jody Liddell, and Margaret Jean Taylor. Each parishioner suggested for nomination was contacted to determine his/her willingness and availability to serve. After much prayerful discussion, work, and weeks of deliberation, the committee is pleased to announce the following nominees to fill all the vacant positions. We are most grateful to those others willing to serve as well!!

The Nominating Committee is pleased to announce a slate of nominees for election at the Annual Meeting on Sunday, January 29th as follows:

- ▶ For the Vestry (3-year terms):

Ed Ainsworth, Peter Fitch, Maggie Gardner, and Len Taylor

- ▶ For the Vestry (1-year term): **Terry Brown**

- ▶ For 2017 Diocesan Convention Delegates (4 or 5, depending upon Average Sunday Attendance at Saint Mary's for the year 2016)

Bonny Rodden, Tim Grace, Merle Marie Troeger, Julie Otte, and Marian McCue

The Wardens and Treasurer have agreed to serve as Alternates.

Brief biographical information on the Vestry nominees follows.

Edward E. Ainsworth - 'Ed'

Serving on the Vestry is an opportunity for me to expand my support of the Church and for the enrichment that it can bring to all. My life as an Episcopalian began when I became an acolyte and crucifer at nine years old, and then met my wife, Rayle, in college when she was attracted to that acolyte at the chapel just off campus.

There have been many opportunities for me, through job transfers, to serve God in His churches around the State of Maine as a part of Building Committees, as a member of many Vestries, and as a Senior Warden. Serving Saint Mary's as a Member of the Vestry will hopefully give me another chance to assist in the greater good for all.

In my private life, my wife and I have been married for 46 years and have two children with families that include four grandchildren. My retirement from public service as a former Town Manager in Lisbon and Bar Harbor and as a School Business Manager in Falmouth has offered a broad scope of experiences in physical and financial management.

I look forward to working with the people of Saint Mary's Church in this leadership position to help it in this community and the Diocese of Maine.



Terry Brown

Terry is honored to serve Saint Mary's as a Eucharistic Minister and Vestry member. He and his wife Monique live in Yarmouth, and they enjoy raising their young children, George and Luke, as part of the wonderful and warm Saint Mary's community.

Terry was christened at the Congregational Church in Manchester, MA. He attended Sunday School and celebrated his First Communion at Saint John's Episcopal Church in Beverly Farms, MA, and attended the Emmanuel Church around the corner from his childhood home in Manchester, MA every summer. Terry was confirmed in the Episcopal Chapel at Pomfret School in Pomfret, CT before attending Georgetown University. He has enjoyed participating in outreach at his Episcopal churches in New York, NY, Milan, Italy and Los Angeles, CA where he studied the Alpha courses in Christianity at All Saint's Episcopal Church in Beverly Hills and served on the steering committee for Thad's Church.

Terry also volunteers as the Chairman of the Board of Directors for the Cromwell Center for Disabilities Awareness in Portland, which brings privately funded programs to hundreds of classrooms throughout Maine to teach children how to be more understanding, inclusive, and respectful toward people with disabilities of all kinds.

Terry is a nationally published writer with 20+ years of professional experience in marketing and communications. He currently runs two correlated consulting businesses in Portland, ME. GMEDIA develops marketing strategies and materials for businesses and nonprofits, and Psycholitics develops data driven communi-



cations strategies for global brands, including The World Bank in Washington, DC. As a nationally published writer with a background in Economics, Terry has worked in the White House, the Olympic Games and on the Securities Marketing team at Citibank on Wall Street, in Milan, and in Los Angeles. Terry is a professionally trained film, TV and theater actor. His unique capacity to blend creative instincts with business acumen enables him to communicate effectively on behalf of a wide variety of clients.

Peter Fitch

Peter and his wife Maura began attending Saint Mary's about 18 months ago. They found the services, the reverential approach to God and his word, the welcoming people and the church's desire to be a light and help in the local community to be meaningful, and drew them in right away. Peter was raised in a Baptist church and has attended several churches in the area. In considering the opportunity to serve on the Vestry, Peter sees it as an opportunity to serve God in the church by serving the members of Saint Mary's in a practical way. He has always had a desire to know God and to grow his faith through God's people, through the scriptures, and through service in the church. Serving on the Vestry seemed like an ideal opportunity to be more involved at Saint Mary's.

Peter and Maura have been married for nearly 30 years and have lived in North Yarmouth for the past 25 years. Originally from East Boothbay, Peter moved to Cumberland as a child and grew up there. Peter and Maura have three children who are grown. James graduated from Taylor University and is currently a lieutenant in the US Marine Corps. He and his wife Julie live in North Carolina where James is stationed. Andrew attended the University of New England and now lives in Washington DC where he works in Senator Angus King's office. Sarah is a senior at USM and is set to graduate this spring with a business degree.

Peter graduated from USM with a BS in Business and has spent over 30 years as a human resources professional, working for many years as the VP of HR for SPX Corp and based out of Maine. He is currently the head of HR for Lee Auto Malls and its all-Maine based operations. Peter enjoys traveling in Maine, the US, and overseas. He enjoys outdoor pursuits such as running and hiking, and he is also a long-time amateur astronomer and woodworker.



Maggie Gardner

I grew up in Auburn, Maine, and attended Sacred Heart Catholic Church for many years. I am a RN and worked at Central Maine Medical Center as a Neonatal nurse for twenty years. Needing a change, I left and began working for a pharmaceutical as a Pulmonary Hypertension nurse educator, traveling all of the United States. My last job was as a research coordinator at Tufts Medical Center in Boston, Ma. I have also worked as a Director of Clinical Management. I am currently looking for a new position as a research coordinator.

I have one son, Gardner, who lives in Florida with his wife, Michell; they have a combined total of 6 children, Kyle 24, who has one child Devon 2 years old, Britannia 22, Sierra 18, a second Sierra 18, Noah 16, and Morgan 16.

I am currently an Acolyte and Eucharistic Minister here at Saint Mary's, and sometimes an office angel. I live in a condo complex in Portland, Maine. I enjoy taking walks in the woods or by the ocean, and working in my garden. Being able to enjoy the outdoors is very important to me.

Saint Mary's has become like a second family to me, and I am greatly honored to have been asked to serve on the Vestry Committee and will do the best I can for our Saint Mary's family.

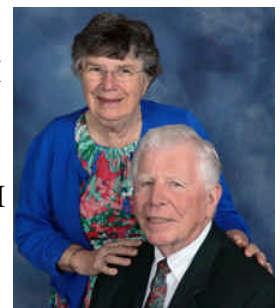


Leonard A. Taylor, Jr. 'Len'

I transferred to Saint Mary's from Grace Church in Manchester, NH, via Grace Church Rutherford NJ on April 1, 1965 with my wife, Margaret Jean and a 4-year-old son, Lad, and a 4-month-old daughter, Heather. I was a Sunday school teacher for at least 10 years, and a Sunday school superintendent for several years. I have served on three Vestries, and two Discernment committees, and chaired the every-member canvas, Stewardship was called in those days, for three years. I also chaired a committee on the revision of the 1929 prayer book. I have been a Lay reader/Lector since 1960 in three dioceses.

I attended the following schools: Roger William Univ., Bangor Theological Seminary, was a partner in the firm of Morse Payson & Noyes which became TD Bank North. I spent almost 40 years in just about every phase of the Insurance industry.

In retirement, my hobbies are golf, golf, golf and bridge.



News, Notes, Kudos, Dates & Reminders

(Send your 1-3 line notes, announcements or thanks to Beth at admin@smary.org by the 20th of the previous month)

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Mary Ann McLean for receiving the SIX WHO CARE Award for her decades of work with HOSPICE.

Mary LaLumiere for 20 years of service to the Ronald McDonald House and for receiving "The Heart of Gold" Award

Thank you to all who joined in to help do the fall clean up and garlanding for Sparkles.

Thanks to Betsy Stoddard for teaching our Guiding RAY children their Advent song.

Thank you to Jana Burke for her help in organizing the Saturday after Thanksgiving Blood Drive.

Thank you to Betsy McCandless for her presentation to the Alida Greely Brown Society, sharing her insights on the latest in estate planning..

THANKS!

Thank you to Jennifer Gregg for putting together the lunch for the members of the Alida Greely Brown Society.

Thanks to Joe Herlihy for his inspired lessons with the Guiding RAY Legos class for the older children. Fabulous!

Blessings on ALL of our wonderful Sparkles Volunteers for their outstanding service in the lead-up to Sparkles 2016. Your help with baking, sorting, schlepping, cleaning, garlanding, organizing, publicizing, strategizing is enormously helpful. And thanks to our wonderful Sparkles Chairs: Onnie Hastings and Jan Mordarski.

Thank you to Bruce and the Choir for their performance of the Evensong on November 27th. Thank you for this gift of music as we prepare in Advent.

Thank you to our clergy, staff, ushers, acolytes, liturgical guilds, Eucharistic ministers, readers and all who ensure our services are welcoming and restorative to all who join us during this busy time of year.

T'ai Chi Ch'uan

Tung Family Style

For Beginners: Teens ~ Adults

Weekly practice Mondays 6:00 pm

Beginning Monday January 9, 2017

in the Saint Mary's auditorium

*First class on the 9th includes demonstration of slow set

\$12 per class (\$10 senior citizens from 65 years)
Stress Reduction ~ Balance ~ Strength ~ Focus
~ Coordination Moving Meditation ~ Blood Pressure ~ Self-Awareness

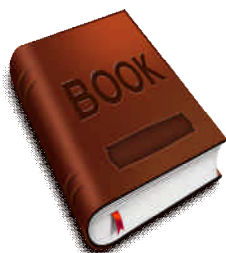
See poster in parish house for more details



Danke

Merry

Bleak Mid-Winter Book Group launching in January!



Have you ever wanted to join a book group but never had the chance? Toosie Smith and Janet Bowne are testing the waters here at Saint Mary's to see if we could form a group here—with our first meeting in January, 2017.

Here's the book: *Angle of Repose* by Wallace Stegner. Let us

know if you're interested. When we know the interest level and availability, we'll set a meeting time. To share your interest, contact Toosie Smith (calltoosie@gmail.com) or janetbowne@maine.rr.com)

Falmouth Congregational Church

267 Falmouth Road, Falmouth
invites all to :

St. Petersburg Men's Ensemble

Friday, December 2, 2016

featuring masterpieces of
russian Choral Music from baroque to classical
\$20 tickets (\$15 students) available in dvance or at the door

And their monthly

Coffee House

Friday, December 9 - 6:30pm

Enjoy a specialty coffee and snack while listening to

Greg Klyma

Timeless art of the true troubadour.

A song-writer, multi-instrumentalist and seasoned performer that will take you back to the : Family, love gratitude and laughter. Free, but donations accepted.



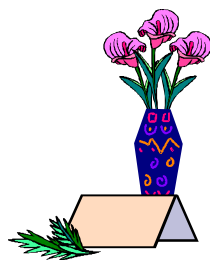
Here are some important dates in our Saint Mary's parish family

Happy December Birthdays to:



1	Len Taylor	14	Archer Akers	20	Nicholas Reeve
3	Cameron Meek	14	Lowell Brown, Jr.	20	Chris Richards
5	Hadley Becker	15	Ava Draeger	20	Kayla Rose
6	Missy Smithwick	14	Andy Hyland	21	Harold Otte
6	Libby Greenlaw	15	Elise Gauvreau	22	Mary Ahlers
7	Kathy Street	15	Karee Rhoades	22	Charlie Dayton
8	Melissa Kane	16	Micaela Amato	24	Nancy Russell
9	George Bokinsky	16	Emily Kearins	26	Caroline Grace
10	Chloe Fisher	16	Ron Vincent	26	Wayne Woodworth
10	Andrew Oestreicher	17	Joe LaPlante	27	Garrett Bowne, V
10	Jan Searway	17	Molly Mulligan	29	Michael Manetti
10	Caroline Smith	18	Suisan Chapman	29	Matthew Reeve
11	Elsa Dean-Muncie	18	Henry Shannon	30	Obinna Mokeme
11	Michael Kane	19	Katie Clark	31	Ruth Kimball
13	Sarah Young	20	Teddy Baldacci	31	Mary Ann McLean

We'd love to include good wishes on your birthday and anniversary. If we don't yet have the dates, please send your and your family's special dates into the parish office and we'll be sure to include them on your special month. admin@smary.org or call 781-3366 or drop a note to the church. Thanks!



HAPPY DECEMBER ANNIVERSARY WISHES TO:

23	Tatjana & Chris Connors
28	Kyla & David Duchin
30	Meredeth & Mark Winter



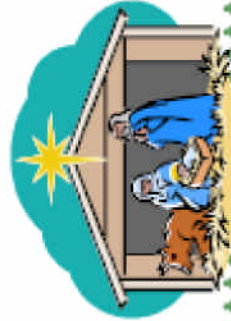
Be a SM-uber driver!

Do you have time to pick up a parishioner on Sunday mornings or for other church activities? If you do, you can be a SMuber driver! We have parishioners who need transportation from time to time or some who may need weekly rides. Interested? Contact Beth Shaw, 781-3366 or admin@smary.org!!

Going to the Hospital?? Having surgery??

If you are planning a trip to any of the area hospitals, please call the office and let us know so that we can pray for you, and the clergy and/or perhaps a member of the pastoral partners group can visit you.

If your trip to the hospital is unplanned, ask someone to call for you. When you register, indicate that you are a member of Saint Mary's in Falmouth. How you are doing matters a great deal to your S. Mary's family!



DECEMBER 2016



The Episcopal Church of Saint Mary

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
11/27 First Sunday of Advent 8:00am - Contemplative Eucharist followed by wreath-making coffee hour 10:00am Advent Lesson & Cards followed by wreath-making coffee hour 4:00pm Choral Evensong	11/28 12 - Noonday Prayer 6pm - Be Still in the Chapel	29 9:30a Art Group in Aud 9:30a Embroider's in Guild 10:30am - Wisdom Seekers 12 - Noonday Prayer 1pm - Get Stitching 1pm - Staff meeting 6pm Schola rehearsal 7pm AA in Auditorium 7:30 Altanon (6:30 beginners)	11/30 12 - Noonday Prayer 6pm Sing rehearsal Set-up Sparkles Pair in GR & Aud	12/1 12 - Thursday Eucharist 4pm - Boy Singers of ME 6:15pm - Dowzers 7pm SM Choir rehearsal Set-up Sparkles Pair in GR & Aud	12/2 Office Closed 12 - Pray where you are 5:30pm Altanon Set-up Sparkles Pair in GR & Aud	12/3 9am - 2pm SPARKLES FAIR
4 Second Sunday of Advent EPISCOPAL VISITATION 8:00am - Contemplative Eucharist followed by coffee hour 9:45am Guiding RAY begins 10:00am Confirmation and Eucharist 11:00am Reception with the BISHOP	5 12 - Noonday Prayer 6pm - Be Still in the Chapel	6 9:30a Art Group in Aud 10:30am - Wisdom Seekers 12 - Noonday Prayer 1pm - Get Stitching 3:30pm - ExComm 6pm Schola rehearsal 7pm AA in Auditorium 7:30 Altanon (6:30 beginners)	7 10:20am Mainely Weavers 10:30am Workshop in GR Rm 12 - Noonday Prayer 6pm Sing rehearsal 6pm OR in GR	8 12 - Thursday Eucharist 1pm Caring Circle 4pm - Boy Singers of ME 6:15pm - Dowzers 6:15pm - Boy Singers of ME 6:15pm - Boy Singers of ME 7pm SM Choir rehearsal	9 Office Closed 12 - Pray where you are 4-5:30 CMAS Caroling 5-7pm Souper Supper 5:30pm Altanon 7pm Classic Cinema 'Miracle on 34th Street'	10 10:30a Jane Austen Society in Aud 6:30pm Morill Piano Recital in Aud
11 Third Sunday of Advent 8:00am - Contemplative Eucharist followed by coffee hour 9:30am Family Chapel 9:45am Guiding RAY begins 10:00am Contemporary Eucharist followed by coffee hour 12:30pm - Memorial Service for Linda Mitchell 4pm - Sparkles Schola CMAS Concert	12 10-2pm GC Holiday Tea 12 - Noonday Prayer 6pm - Be Still in the Chapel	13 8:30-11a St Elizabeth's 9:30a Art Group in Aud 10:30am - Wisdom Seekers 12 - Noonday Prayer 1pm - Get Stitching 1pm - Staff meeting 7pm AA in Auditorium 7:30 Altanon (6:30 beginners)	14 12 - Noonday Prayer 6pm Sing rehearsal 6pm Vestry Meeting	15 12 - Thursday Eucharist 4pm - Boy Singers of ME 7pm SM Choir rehearsal	16 Office Closed 12 - Pray where you are 5:30pm Altanon	17 3pm Pageant rehearsal - and RSCM meeting
18 Fourth Sunday of Advent 8am - Contemplative Eucharist followed by coffee hour 10am Christmas Pageant and Eucharist followed by coffee hour	19 12 - Noonday Prayer 6pm - Be Still in the Chapel	20 9:30a Art Group in Aud 10:30am - Wisdom Seekers 12 - Noonday Prayer 1pm - Get Stitching 1pm - Staff meeting 7pm AA in Auditorium 7:30 Altanon (6:30 beginners) Jan. AVE deadline Annual Reports due	21 St. Thomas' Day 12 - Noonday Prayer 6pm Sing rehearsal	22 12 - Thursday Eucharist 4pm - Boy Singers of ME 7pm SM Choir rehearsal	23 Office Closed 12 - Pray where you are 5-7pm Souper Supper 5:30pm Altanon	24 Christmas Eve 4pm Family Eucharist 7pm Candlelight Eucharist 9pm Choral Candlelight Eucharist
25 Christmas Day 10am Joyful Christmas Day Liturgy with our favorite Carols	26 Office Closed 12 - Pray where you are	27 Office Closed 12 - Pray where you are 7pm AA in Auditorium 7:30 Altanon (6:30 beginners)	28 Office Closed 12 - Pray where you are 6pm Sing rehearsal	29 Office Closed 12 - Pray where you are 12 - 4pm College Club Scholarship Tea 6:15pm - Dowzers	30 Office Closed 12 - Pray where you are 5:30pm Altanon	31 Notice One Sunday church service 11.17 at 10am
1/1/17 The Holy Name New Year's Day Celebrant: Rev. Tom White 10am One Holy Eucharist						



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Our Worship Schedule

SUNDAY Hours

8:00am - Traditional Eucharist
10:00am - Contemporary Eucharist

MONDAY - WEDNESDAY

Noon Day Prayer in the Chapel
and wherever you find yourself

THURSDAYS

12noon - Holy Eucharist

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