



## From the Rector: 500 Years of Reformation: 1517 - 2017

On 31 October 1517, Martin Luther tacked his 95 theses for theological debate on the doors of the castle church in Wittenberg, Germany. This was the event that pushed the growing movement for change within the Church over the edge. Christians everywhere will mark the quincentennial anniversary of this momentous period in history, although HOW it ought to be remembered is greatly in dispute. Do we CELEBRATE a movement that led to a splintering of the Church into thousands of different factions and to brutal sectarian violence that claimed the lives of untold thousands of souls? Or do we COMMEMORATE this event by recognizing its historical value while also lamenting the deep pain that has resulted from it? One positive result that we will definitely celebrate at Saint Mary's is the resulting awareness that the Church in England did not require the approval of the Vatican to govern her own internal affairs. This led to the Act of Supremacy passed by Parliament in 1534 by which the Church of England was decisively separated from the Church of Rome. Of course, an actual reformation in theological principles in the Anglican world took much longer.

No matter what lens we use in 2017 to remember the Reformation, all of us will do well to keep in mind this Latin rallying cry that grew out of it: "**Semper Reformanda**", which means "Always Reforming." This applies to our personal lives, and January is often a good time for self-examination to determine where we may have strayed from our core values and goals. But this also applies to every human institution, including the Church. No human person, and no human organization, ever

reaches a state of completion. There is always flux and movement and change. The Church needs to be "always reforming," always remembering our core purpose and always returning to our roots for renewal. For us here at Saint Mary's, this means seeking to understand how we might help our non-religious neighbors to discover the life-changing presence of Jesus Christ in their lives. I hope that each of you will ponder this question as you go about your daily activities and will share your ideas at our Annual Meeting & Vision Talk on 29 January. Until then, **Semper Reformanda!**

*Nathan W. Ferrell +*

### January 22, 2017 - Outreach workshop

Join us for either intergenerational coffee hour at 9am and /or 11am on Sunday, January 22 for our workshop to fill a few gaps in our local homeless community. We will be making scarves from fleece material to be handed out as one of the Outreach projects for our **Winter Mission Morning on February 12 at 9am** when "going to church" is putting our words into action by doing good in our community as Jesus did and taught us to do. Be a part...be the church.

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## Annual Meeting and Vision Talk: January 29, 2017

Notice is hereby given that the Annual Meeting of The Episcopal Church of Saint Mary will take place on **Sunday, January 29, 2016 beginning at 10:15 in the morning.**

There will be *one* liturgy, with music, at 9:00, followed by a brunch and the Annual Meeting. Not only will this bring the “two congregations” together, but the meeting won’t last well into the afternoon.

If you have never been to an Annual Meeting, you’re in for a nice surprise: the parish leaders discuss Saint Mary’s strengths and challenges, we elect members of the vestry, the parish’s governing body, and we will vision together on how we will move forward into the future. Plus, retrieve your own coveted copy of an updated Saint Mary’s telephone listing and enjoy warm (and delicious!) fellowship.

In order to have a vote—either for members of the vestry, or for any other resolutions to be presented to the parish membership—you must be fifteen years or older, have attended, and have financially supported Saint Mary’s for at least six months prior to the Annual Meeting.

## Saint Mary’s Mutual Study of Ministry

At The Episcopal Church of Saint Mary, we are building authentic, vibrant, Christ-centered community as we ...

**CELEBRATE** the goodness of God and the gift of life,

**HONOR** the presence of Christ in one another, and

**SERVE** the world in the power of the Holy Spirit.

This past summer and fall we undertook, with the assistance of the Diocese, a **Mutual Study of Ministry** which is designed to collect input from a broad spectrum of our congregation to help guide us as we seek to fulfill God’s mission for us.

**In summary ... Our Mutual Study of Ministry results show that we are truly blessed in that we are strong, healthy and vibrant.**

Based on the very positive results of our Mutual Study of Ministry, your Vestry has been hard at work discerning our path forward ... here are our results so far:

As we look ahead to 2017 and beyond, in addition to the many regular ministries that take place within our parish family, Saint Mary’s will particularly endeavor to focus efforts:

1. To grow our engagement with children and youth in our communities.
2. To offer intentional opportunities for deeper connection with God and each other.
3. To grow in compassionate care for those struggling in our communities.
4. To ensure we continue to be a welcoming community available and accessible to all who are seeking a closer relationship to God.

### Next steps:

- \* Ask ALL our Ministry Groups and Committees for input and suggested specific initiatives under each of our 4 focus areas.
- \* Vestry to continue to seek input from our Parish Family.

**CELEBRATE**

**HONOR**

**SERVE**

## Vestry Highlights from your Wardens

Your Vestry assembled under the leadership of Father Nathan and Our Savior on Wednesday, December 14 with a robust attendance. After a teaching moment led by Nathan, which we all enjoyed, we settled down to the business of overseeing the operations and well-being of our Parish. Overall we are very pleased as almost everything is moving in the right direction with our goals and directions set through last summer's Mutual Study of Ministry as our guide.

We discussed our Operating Budget for 2017, which was distributed at a prior meeting, and the Vestry voted to approve the budget and present it at our January Annual Meeting. Reaching our 2017 fundraising Stewardship campaign goal of \$285,000 will be critical to realize our almost-balanced operating budget. Thanks to all who have pledged, and we ask that those who have not yet pledged to please consider doing so.

Our long-planned conversion of our buildings to natural gas is almost complete. A WARM thank you to Jim Stoddard and the Buildings & Grounds Committee for their work on highly involved project.

The Vestry also discussed the desirability of developing a Long-Range Financial Plan to help guide us and prioritize needed improvements. More on this in 2017.

We concluded our meeting with a review of all the exciting activities around the joyous celebration of the birth of our Savior Jesus Christ.



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

With God's blessing, respectfully,  
your Wardens



### Saint Mary's Lay Leaders joint meeting

All committees, ministries & guilds are invited to send leaders or representatives to join the Vestry for a planning meeting at its January 18 meeting at 6pm with a pizza and salad dinner beginning at 5:30pm. Come with visionary eyes and open hearts and minds to discuss the ways we can serve God and each other in 2017 and beyond.

### Saint Mary's partners with the Salvation Army for Giving Tree

Our Advent *Giving Tree* this year was abundantly full with wonderful gifts from so many parishioners. Our thanks go out to all thirty of the Saint Mary's families that took tags and provided desired gifts and treasures for folks who would normally go without. We shine brightest when we are giving.



### Monday, January 23, 2017: 5:30 - 7:30pm: ALL-PARISH Ice Skating

Mark your calendars now to join your parish family for outdoor ice skating at the Lee Twombly Pond in Falmouth (behind Walmart). There will be hot chocolate, hot tea, cookies and snacks by the fireplace. Bring your own skates or rent them from Family Ice Center. All are welcome. *Grab your family, neighbors, and friends, and join us for fellowship and fun!!*



## Nominating Committee Report

The Nominating Committee is pleased to announce a slate of nominees for election at the Annual Meeting on Sunday, January 29<sup>th</sup> 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.

Pat Mordecai served as chair of the committee and was joined by Linda Eaton, Terry Brown, Jody Liddell, and Margaret Jean Taylor.

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 and helping 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; Psycholitics develops data driven communications 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 over 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, Michelle; 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 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, as it 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 Roger William University and Bangor Theological Seminary. I 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, and bridge.



## Good news and thanks from the American Red Cross

In 2016, **The Episcopal Church of Saint Mary** helped the Red Cross to collect **35 units** of blood. Every unit can save up to 3 lives. This means that **The Episcopal Church of Saint Mary** potentially impacted the lives of **105 people** here in our community. That is an amazing accomplishment. Thank you!

# Celebrate Honor Serve - Stewardship

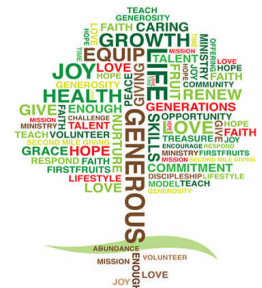
by Janet Bowne

At press time, we had received \$238,870 in pledges from 122 parishioner households for 2017. THANK YOU!!

For those who haven't pledged yet, please take the time to complete your intention for 2017 as soon as possible. Saint Mary's is blessed to receive support from so many people. Pledging is a very important component to our financial health. The revenue side of our budget is driven by gifts from parishioners. As a church, we receive income from parishioners in many ways. Many choose to pledge or commit to a specific amount they wish to give over the year. Some give annually, quarterly, monthly or weekly. Some elect to get special pledge envelopes to put their checks in and others transfer automatically from their bank accounts. We are so lucky to have a number of parishioners who do not complete a pledge form, but they give very faithfully throughout the year.

If you haven't pledged but are giving regularly, please consider making a pledge. The Vestry and the Budget and Finance Committee use the pledge projections to craft our budget. We can estimate non-pledge gifts but it's not as accurate as having pledge commitments known heading into a new calendar year. If things change during the year, you can speak to Beth, our Parish Manager, confidentially, letting her know that you need to make an adjustment in your pledge. Parishioners often ask how much to pledge. Our pledges range from a few dollars a week to a few hundred a week. It should be an amount you feel you can commit to easily and without stress. All pledges are welcome and celebrated, regardless of the amount. Together our pledges help ensure that we can support our mission and ministry.

Our goal is \$285,000 for 2017. Please consider a pledge today to help us reach our goal.



## Passing on our Musical Tradition

by Bruce Fithian



Many of us love to sing the great hymns from our hymn book, and this joy needs to be transmitted on to our younger folks so that future generations can cherish the great Anglican musical tradition.

Starting in September, 2017, we will be able to begin the process of training our children with our own chapter of the Royal School of Church Music. The mission of this fine organization with over 7,500 active members and affiliates in the UK, Europe, North America, Australia and South Africa is to enable the best use of music in Christian worship, church life,

and in the wider community. The aim is to inspire and achieve high standards through 'hands on' programs of music education and the learning of the liturgy, and the commitment to enabling singing, encouraging choirs, nurturing skills, and developing understanding.

The choristers in this program will meet every week, using the excellent booklet 'Voice for Life,' a comprehensive training program for choral singers of all ages and abilities, which includes a structured guide to vocal training that is achieved through five levels, from beginning to advanced. Ribbons and medals/lapel badges are awarded singers on completion of each level, and the choristers can proudly wear their ribbons on their cotta.

This will be a great opportunity for adults to participate as well, as volunteers, mentors and teachers of music and liturgy. For the children, being a member of a choir is a source of great joy, because the pride in being a part of a group that offers beautiful music is created by learning patience, discipline, organizational skills, the ability to work in harmony with others, and most important, the joy of singing together in fellowship.

The choristers, their parents and everyone else will be invited once a month to participate in a fellowship potluck dinner that will conclude with a 'Hymn-fest,' in which all can choose their favorite hymns and sing together.

Starting January 15, at the 11am Coffee Hour, our own Bruce Fithian will meet with anyone interested in learning more about this program in the choir room, situated in the lower level of the parish house. We eagerly look forward to meeting all who might be interested in this worthy enterprise, and look forward to hearing the dulcet tones of our choristers next fall.





# Outreach Ministry ~ All Ages Serving Near and Far

## Our Annual BOOK, BAKE, and SOUP SALE!

Save the date: Saturday, March 4, 2017 9am - 1pm

The Outreach Committee is once more holding its annual event in the dark days of March to gather us together as a parish family for a heartwarming day of good food and good reads available at practically give-away prices. As many parishioners will remember ~ and for those who are new to the parish, the dual purposes of this major activity are *fellowship*, the coming together of many parishioners and community members ~ not to mention book dealers from as far away as Presque Isle and New Hampshire ~ and *raising money for our mission work!!*

Outreach's mission in organizing this event is to offer the community and our parish family a chance to have some fun together time and to welcome folks from near and far into the fold of our joyous Christian family. We also raise several thousand dollars for mission work. All books that are not sold are donated to the Salvation Army, so this entire event is a charitable cause!!

**Sign-up sheets will be outside the Guild Room by mid-January. Please consider how you can help!**

## CALLING ALL BOOKS & BAKERS!!!!

### Plan for our annual BOOK, BAKE & SOUP SALE

**donate books • sort books • sell books  
greet folks • help in the kitchen • bake for the bake sale**

This event will benefit Saint Mary's Charities



## T'ai Chi Ch'uan

### Tung Family Style

Classes are for Beginners: Teens and Adults

**Weekly practice Mondays 6:00 pm**

**Beginning Monday January 9, 2017**

**in the Saint Mary's auditorium**

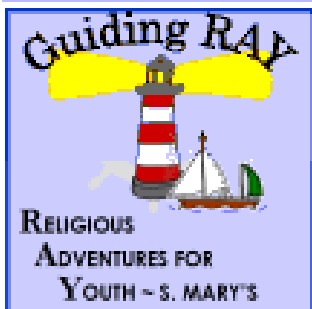
\*First class on the 9<sup>th</sup> includes demonstration of slow set

**\$12 per class (\$10 senior citizens from 65 years)**

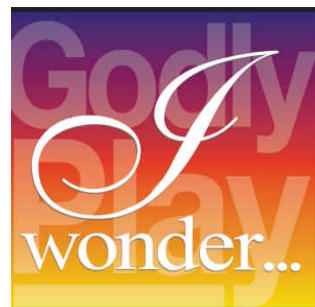
**Stress Reduction ~ Balance ~ Strength ~ Focus ~ Coordination Moving  
Meditation ~ Blood Pressure ~ Self-Awareness**

*See poster in parish house for more details*

# Christian Formation - RAY Beams - Winter 2017



Advent was a time spent preparing for the mystery of Christmas! We anticipated the coming of Jesus while making advent wreaths, shared our joy with caroling and card-making and celebrated with a pageant and Christmas Eve service of lessons and carols. Even Mother Nature could not thwart our plans to prepare for the coming of Christ. A special thank you to the adults who stepped in and helped make our "snowday" pageant extra special!



Now we enter the season of Epiphany. According to the Gospel of Matthew, the three kings found baby Jesus by following a star across the desert to Bethlehem. As we begin a new year, we pray that God will guide us, like the bright star of the magi, to live as the light of Christ in the world.



## Guiding RAY Lessons and times of Service & Fellowship in January

**Sunday, January 8:** The story of Epiphany (all classes)

**Sunday, January 15:** Guiding RAY special "Journey to the Holy Land"

**Sunday, January 22:** Guiding RAY service project - Scarf-making

**Monday, January 23:** Ice Skating! at 5:30 at the Falmouth Outdoor rink. All are welcome - skaters and non-skaters- join us for hot cocoa and good cheer!

**Saturday, January 29:** Annual Meeting - games, movies and popcorn during the meeting.

### Guiding RAY Coordinators

Megan Akers: Director, [GuidingRAY@smay.org](mailto:GuidingRAY@smay.org), 415-4260

Linda Eaton: Vestry Liaison and Art Work, [llemimi7@gmail.com](mailto:llemimi7@gmail.com), 207-749-3301

Julie Otte: [juliemomotter@aol.com](mailto: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

CELEBRATE



HONOR



SERVE





Advent Wreath-Making for all on Nov 27 during Inter-generational Coffee Hours.

Please return your form and candle holders or save them for next year.



Front : Fiona Ferrell, Emily Stinneford, Maggie Holt, Lauren Lamberson, Ellie Holt  
Back : Ben Otte, George Holt, Kyle Lamberson

Congratulations to those younger and older folks (Scot Draeger and Natalia Fulton missing in photo) that prepared and were confirmed by our Bishop Stephen Lane on December 4.

# E.Y.E. 2017



**The Episcopal Youth Event  
for High School Teens  
July 10-14, 2017  
in Oklahoma**

What is the Episcopal Youth Event? E.Y.E. is the Episcopal Youth Event that happens every three years for teens from the entire Episcopal Church. Over 1,000 high school students (and their adult mentors and some bishops) come together and live on a college campus for most of a week. A group of about 15 teens and chaperones from the Diocese of Maine will travel to be part of E.Y.E. You'll take part in HUGE worship, large group presentations and workshops on interesting topics (from meditation to drumming and everything in between). The theme is Path to Peace. We will be at the University of Central Oklahoma with Episcopal teens from all over the United States and around the world. If you're in high school and would like more information and application, [click here](#).

## 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](http://www.episcopalchurch.org/posts/yasc/video).

To start an application, go to [www.formstack.com/forms/DFMS-yasc\\_application](http://www.formstack.com/forms/DFMS-yasc_application).



# Christian Formation ~ High Schoolers & Middlers

**Resolve to live healthy and share healthy habits with youth**



- Eat nutritious foods
- Exercise regularly
- Get enough sleep
- Regular checkups
- Enjoy alcohol-free activities
- Spend time with family/friends

January 2017  
Tip of the Month

Cumberland County

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

Casco Bay CAN  
CREATE AWARENESS NOW  
TOGETHER, PREVENTING YOUTH SUBSTANCE USE  
www.cascobaycan.org

**younglife**

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](http://www.younglifecb.com)

**Young Life Club:**  
**Monday nights at**  
**7:31 PM!**

## Community Souper Supper January 13 and 27

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 January 13 - "A River Runs Through It"**

1992 - Starring: Craig Sheffer, Brad Pitt, Tom Skerritt

The story about two sons of a stern minister -- one reserved, one rebellious -- growing up in rural Montana while devoted to fly fishing.

Movie begins at 7PM in the Parish House, and it's free!





## We've SPARKLED!!!!

The Sparkle festivities may be over for 2016 but the glow and happy memories continue to warm our hearts. THANK YOU again to all who helped in so many ways.

From the beginning on Thanksgiving Eve with the lighting of the Memorial/Celebration Tree to the Advent Wreath Making during coffee hour, to the fun and festive Sparkles Fair, to the friendship of Christmas Caroling and Souper Supper and then finishing with the glorious music of the Schola Concert and Reception--- we came together to give of ourselves, to reach out to our community, and to celebrate this Season of Light and Hope.

We are happy to report that our efforts raised approximately \$15,000 which goes toward funding our many programs here at Saint Mary's, but the most important results are found in the fellowship, laughter and memories that we made that will last and last. This year we had several new helpers from within the congregation and some new friends from outside the parish.....and that, too, is how Sparkles shines.

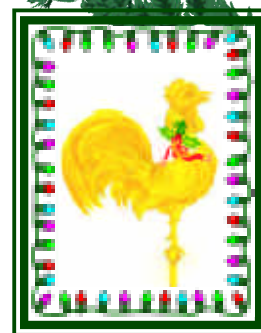
We also want to thank the companies that donated items for our use:

- Skillins Greenhouse** for two Christmas trees
- Coffee by Design** for the 50 lbs of their special Sparkles Blend coffee
- Mainely Wraps** for the 100 Herbed Biscuits.

Another person to whom we owe special thanks is Colleen Donovan from Foreside Antiques, who helps us with pricing our very special donated items.

If you have the opportunity, please give these merchants a thank you.

In closing, your Sparkles Chairs, Onnie Hastings and Jan Mordarski, again say thank you and may you all have a happy and blessed 2017!!



### Sparkles Concert by the Saint Mary's Schola

Bob and I want to thank ALL OF YOU for helping make the Schola concert and reception such a wonderful evening. It would not have been possible without everyone's willingness to jump in (as Saint Marians are wont to do), roll up sleeves, don aprons and do what was necessary to make it such a success - whether it was setting-up, decorating, food preparation, bringing food/wine or clean-up - all played important roles. Of course, we would be negligent if we did not include two other groups in our "thank yous" - the musicians, without whom there would be no concert or celebratory reception, and those parishioners/patrons, who took time out from their busy schedules to treat themselves to glorious holiday music. With all of your help, this Sparkles benefit concert raised \$2,448 for the church. Now we both want to wish you a Happy New Year, and we look forward to seeing you again at our Lenten Concert on Sunday afternoon, April 2, 2017 - - Nadine Timberlake



# News, Notes, Kudos, Dates & Reminders

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

All the Sparklers—whatever you did to help with Sparkles, THANK YOU!! Organizing, baking, arranging, pricing, garlanding, cleaning (before and after!), cooking, serving, selling and buying---we are blessed!

Ushers—Thank you for welcoming all parishioners, new and old, and visiting families. Your smiles and welcoming demeanor is often the first exposure someone has to our parish. Thank you for being so kind and friendly.

*Danke*

Choir—Week in and week out, our choir helps us center ourselves. You have done a fantastic job during Advent and Christmas. The special solos and musicians enhance our musical program. Extra services like the Evensong are the icing on the cake.

Readers, Acolytes, Crucifers, and Eucharistic Ministers—Your vigilant and professional level of service is so vital to our worship experience.

Saint Mary's Schola—What a wonderful concert and reception. Your beautiful voices fill us up with joy.

Our Pageant Staff—We had a weather issue for this year's pageant but we appreciate the actors, the understudies, the costume team, and of course our retiring Director, Julie Otte, who has performed for so many years with humor and compassion!

Caring Circle Team—This time of year, especially, we appreciate your compassionate care of all of us through constant attention to prayer, soup delivery, meals, and visiting those of us who need some extra help.

**T H A N K S !**

Guiding RAY—thank you to our leaders, teachers and our children for sharing their gifts with us.

Our Staff—This is a busy time of year but somehow you all make it look easy. Thank you, Beth, for being you and holding us all together. Thank you, Roy, for keeping our buildings clean and welcoming. Thank you, Bruce, for managing our tremendous musical offerings. Thank you, Megan, for joining us to shepherd our children's programming. And Nathan, thank you for all you do to lead and inspire us.

Dear people of Saint Mary's,

The 25th running of the Maine Marathon on October 2, 2016 was a great success with almost 3,500 runners from around the country.



This event, by years end, will have donated \$204,000 to local charities and have, over the years, raised or donated \$4 million to local charities and cancer research.

We thank you very much for supporting this event and allowing us to use your property to entertain runners which in turn inspire then on to finish their run. Hope you are on board again in 2017.

Dear good folks from the Saint Mary's family,  
Once again, I find my self with so much gratitude in my heart and utter amazement over your generous purse and beautiful card. I know all year long that I am blessed to be working among you, but it is so pronounced during the holidays that it is overwhelming.

Thank you all for your part in making me always feel so loved and appreciated. Thank YOU and God bless!

In service of Christ, Beth

## Falmouth Congregational Church

267 Falmouth Road, Falmouth, 781-3413  
invites all to their monthly

## Coffee House

Friday, January 13 - Doors open at 6:30pm

Enjoy a specialty coffee and snack while listening to



## Peter Alexander

Peter is an award-winning songwriter, a virtuoso on acoustic, electric and 12-string guitars and plays in a variety of styles from classical to country blues to rock.

Bring your friends and neighbors for a relaxed evening out.  
All welcome!

Refreshments. Free, but donations accepted.

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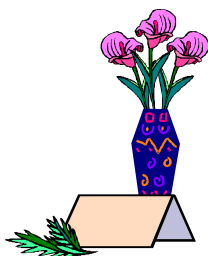
## Here are some important dates in our Saint Mary's parish family

### Happy January Birthdays to:



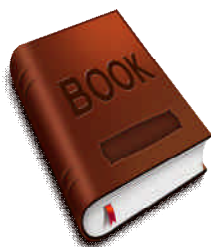
1	Margaret Fast	7	Helena McMonagle	22	Kathy Edwards
3	Hilary Isacke	9	Jamie Kane	22	Andrea Gauthreau
4	Dave Stimpson	9	Drew Cheney	23	Ayna Marcelynas
6	Katie Doehne	9	Priscilla McGarry	26	Will Smithwick
6	Kristin Doehne	11	Sarah Amato	27	Michael Claar
6	Katharine Echavarri	16	Jere Fox	29	Carrie McIntosh
6	Liam Keefer	17	Neil Kiely	29	Michael Wing
6	Noelle Unfricht	18	Bernie Echavarri	30	Ellie Asherman
7	Johanna Kearins	18	Kate Ernst	31	Patrick Diamond

*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](mailto:admin@smary.org) or call 781-3366 or drop a note to the church. Thanks!*



### HAPPY JANUARY ANNIVERSARY WISHES TO:

18 Eleanor & Jere Fox



### *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](mailto:calltoosie@gmail.com) or [janetbowne@maine.rr.com](mailto:janetbowne@maine.rr.com))

### 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](mailto: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!

	8am Ushers	8am EM/Lectors	10am Ushers	10am Lector	10am Euch Minister	Acolytes	Altar Guild	Altar Flowers	Flower Delivery	Coffee Hour Host
<b>1-Jan</b>	<b>10am Usher</b>	<b>10am lector</b>	<b>10am EM</b>	<b>Acolytes</b>						
<b>Holy Name</b>	Jack Heinzman	Ginny Stelk	Len Taylor	Sam, Michael & Maggie				Cmas		The Troegers
<b>8-Jan</b>						Michael				
<b>Epiph 1</b>	Ed Ainsworth Rayle Ainsworth	Lad Taylor	Aaron Splint Chuck Horton	Erin Ferrell	Terry Brown Maggie G	Samantha Maggie	Mary S Barbara M	Jan Jana	The Hortons	OPEN
<b>15-Jan</b>						Samantha				
<b>Epiph 2</b>	Charlie Hurdman Baer Connard	Len Taylor	Tom Stegemann Ryan Stinnerford	Ginny Stelk	Andrea M-H Ginny Stelk	Maggie tbd	Kathy G Trish W	Onnie Maura	Ruth Kimball	OPEN
<b>22-Jan</b>						Meghan	Mary S			
<b>Epiph 3</b>	Tom Donaldson Al Ahlers	Becky Pride	Jack Heinzman Tom LaPlante	Jim Stoddard	Jim Stoddard Tom Pettingill	Joseph Joshua	Maggie G Kellie I	Hannah Helga	The Stoddards	OPEN
<b>29-Jan</b>										
<b>E4 - AM</b>	<b>9am Ushers</b>	<b>9am lector</b>	<b>9am EMs</b>	<b>9am Acolytes</b>						
	Len Taylor John Fournier	Betsy Stoddard	MA McLean David Robinson	Sarah Julia & Emily				Melissa	The Hortons	brunch
<b>5-Feb</b>										
<b>Epiph 5</b>	Ed Ainsworth Rayle Ainsworth	Al Ahlers	Aaron Splint Ryan Stinnerford	Stan Eaton	Greg Unfricht Nadine Timberlake	Kevin, Kyle & Lauren		Jessica	Ruth Kimball	OPEN
<b>8am</b>		<b>8am</b>								
<b>Ushers</b>		<b>EM/Lectors</b>						Onnie		
<b>12-Feb</b>	Jim Kane	Lad Taylor	Mission Morning					Jana		
<b>E6 MM</b>	Mac Hinkel									
<b>19-Feb</b>						Maggie				
<b>Epiph 7</b>	Baer Connard John Fournier	Len Taylor	Tom Stegemann Jack Heinzman	Linda Eaton	Stan Eaton Ginny Stelk	xx xx		Jan	The Stoddards	OPEN
<b>26-Feb</b>						Maggie				
<b>Last Epiph</b>	Charlie Hurdman Tom Donaldson	Mac Hinkel	Tom LaPlante Chuck Horton		Tom Pettingill Andrea M-H	Michael xx		Melissa	The Hortons	OPEN
<b>1-Mar</b>	Ash Wed.	Noon: Ginny		6 p.m. MAMM						

**If unable to fulfill your scheduled duty on the assigned day, please find your own replacement and inform Beth in the office of the change, 781-3366**





# January 2017

The Episcopal Church of Saint Mary



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>The Holy Name 1/1/17 New Year's Day</b> <i>Celebrant: Rev. Tom White</i> <b>10am One Holy Eucharist</b>	<b>2</b> Office Closed <i>Happy New Year!!</i> 12 - Pray where you are	<b>3</b> 9:30a Art Group in Aud 10:30am - Wisdom Seekers 12 - Noonday Prayer 1pm - Get Starching 1pm - Staff meeting 3:30 pm - ExComm 7pm AA in Auditorium 7:30 Allanon (6:30 beginners)	<b>4</b> 8:30-10:30 BNI in Aud. 10-2pm Mainly Weavers 12 - Noonday Prayer 6pm Sing rehearsal 6pm ORI in GR	<b>5</b> 12 - Epiphany Eucharist 1pm Caring Circle 4pm - Boy Singers of ME 6:15pm - Dovesers 7pm SM choir rehearsal Jan Ave published	<b>6 The Epiphany</b> Office Closed 12 - Pray where you are 5:30pm Allanon 	<b>7</b> 9am Cmas Decoration take-down
<b>8 First Sunday of Epiphany</b> 8:00am - Contemplative Eucharist followed by coffee hour 9:30am Family Chapel 9:45am Guiding RAY begins 10:00am Choral Eucharist followed by coffee hour	<b>9</b> 12 - Noonday Prayer 6pm - T'ai Chi class in aud	<b>10</b> 9:30a Art Group in Aud 10:30am - Wisdom Seekers 12 - Noonday Prayer 1pm - Get Starching 1pm - Staff meeting 1pm - Prayer Chain 6pm Script rehearsal 7pm AA in Auditorium 7:30 Allanon (6:30 beginners)	<b>11</b> 8:30-10:30 BNI in Aud. 10-2pm Workshop in GR Rm 12 - Noonday Prayer 6pm Sing rehearsal	<b>12</b> 12 - Thursday Eucharist 4pm - Boy Singers of ME 7pm SM choir rehearsal	<b>13</b> Office Closed 12 - Pray where you are 5-7pm Souper Supper 5:30pm Allanon  7pm Classic Cinema	<b>14</b>
<b>15 Second Sunday of Epiphany</b> 8:00am - Contemplative Eucharist followed by coffee hour 9:30am Family Chapel 9:45am Guiding RAY begins 10:00am Choral Eucharist followed by coffee hour	<b>16</b> Office Closed For MLK Day 12 - Pray wherever you are 6pm - T'ai Chi class in aud	<b>17</b> 9:30 Art Group in Aud 10:30am - Wisdom Seekers 12 - Noonday Prayer 1pm - Get Starching 1pm - Staff meeting 7pm AA in Auditorium 7:30 Allanon (6:30 beginners)	<b>18</b> 8:30-10:30 BNI in Aud. 12 - Noonday Prayer 6pm Sing rehearsal 5:30pm - Pizza & Salad 6pm SM Leadership = Vestry & Parish Council + You Joint Meeting	<b>19</b> 12 - Thursday Eucharist 4pm - Boy Singers of ME 7pm SM choir rehearsal	<b>20</b> Office Closed 12 - Pray where you are 5:30pm Allanon	<b>21</b> 
<b>22 Third Sunday of Epiphany</b> 8:00am - Contemplative Eucharist followed by intergenerational coffee hour with scarf-making 9:30am Family Chapel 9:45am Guiding RAY begins 10:00am Choral Eucharist followed by intergenerational coffee hour with scarf-making	<b>23</b> 12 - Noonday Prayer 5:30pm - Family Ice Skating - ALL welcome! 6pm - T'ai Chi class in aud Feb. AVE deadline	<b>24</b> 8:30-11a St Elizabeth's 9:30 Art Group in Aud 10:30am - Wisdom Seekers 12 - Noonday Prayer 1pm - Get Starching 1pm - Staff meeting 7pm AA in Auditorium 7:30 Allanon (6:30 beginners)	<b>25</b> 8:30-10:30 BNI in Aud. 12 - Noonday Prayer 6pm Sing rehearsal	<b>26</b> 12 - Thursday Eucharist 4pm - Boy Singers of ME 6:15pm - Dovesers 7pm SM choir rehearsal	<b>27</b> Office Closed 12 - Pray where you are 5-7pm Souper Supper 5:30pm Allanon 	<b>28</b>
<b>29 Fourth Sunday of Epiphany</b> <b>Annual Meeting</b> 9am Choral Eucharist followed by brunch 10am - Annual Vision 2017 Meeting	<b>30</b> 12 - Noonday Prayer 6pm - T'ai Chi class in aud	<b>31</b> 10:30am - Wisdom Seekers 12 - Noonday Prayer 1pm - Get Starching 1pm - Staff meeting 7pm AA in Auditorium 7:30 Allanon (6:30 beginners)	<b>2/1</b> 8:30-10:30 BNI in Aud. 10-2pm Mainly Weavers 12 - Noonday Prayer 6pm Sing rehearsal 6pm ORI in GR	<b>2/2</b> 12 - Thursday Eucharist 4pm - Boy Singers of ME 7pm SM choir rehearsal	<b>2/3</b> Office Closed 7a-4p Pine Grove School in Aud. 12 - Pray where you are 5:30pm Allanon	<b>2/4</b> Horton 50th Review & celebration 11am Eucharistic Celebration 6:20pm Sole Celebration



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### Our Worship Schedule

#### SUNDAY Hours

8:00am - *Contemplative Eucharist*  
10:00am - *Choral Eucharist*

#### MONDAY - WEDNESDAY

Noon Day Prayer in the Chapel  
and wherever you find yourself

#### THURSDAYS

12noon - *Holy Eucharist*

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Megan Akers, *Dir. of Christian Formation*  
Beth Shaw, *Parish Administrator*

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Copy deadline: February 2017 AVE is **Jan. 20**

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