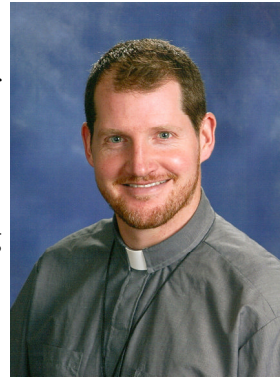




From our Rector: *“Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things...” (BCP, p. 234)*

The leaves are falling, and winter is coming. We all know intellectually that change is the one constant reality of life. I wonder, though, how many of us have taken this to heart and, in fact, have allowed this reality to shape our understanding of life. It seems that many of us fall prey to the illusion of permanence, even when we know that everything is in constant change and motion. Consider what we think we know currently about reality:

- ◇ Our solar system moves at 560,000 mph in orbit around the center of our galaxy.
- ◇ The earth orbits our sun at 66,000 mph.
- ◇ The earth spins on the poles at 1,000 mph at the equator.
- ◇ Each rock on the earth's surface is being broken apart by the daily effects of weather.
- ◇ Nearly every cell in our bodies is in a constant process of death and replacement by new cells.
- ◇ Within nearly every atom are electrons in constant motion.
- ◇ Every atom is comprised of tiny subatomic strings which vibrate with movement.



We could go on and on with such a list, but the point (hopefully) is clear. Why then do we live our lives as if things will continue forever as they currently are? One day, the USA will no longer exist, every skyscraper in Manhattan will be gone, and California will be an island!

Does this line of thinking produce feelings of anxiety within you? I hope not. Deep interior peace comes when we learn that we cannot hold on to any material thing, even our own bodies. All of it is changing and passing away, and that's okay.

The other thing we now understand about reality is that everything is in relationship at the most fundamental level. This speaks volumes about our spiritual lives. Energy is continually being exchanged between living beings. This is true physically and spiritually. And what matters for us – what we can control – is the intentional way in which we choose to be in relationship with God and with others. Our faith tells us that these relationships will endure in an arena that we call “life eternal.” This is a dimension of reality in which everything that we do matters. Choose to invest your energy and your passion in this arena, my friends, and you will never, ever be disappointed. “Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure.” This is wise counsel for a life of eternal significance.

Nathan W. Ferrell +

Saint Marians Moving the Mission

It was very daunting for both Jessica LaPlante and me to take over the leadership of the Flower Guild from Hannah Russell and Helga Ryder, who had very capably been running the show for more than twenty years. With their guidance, however, it has been very rewarding to see the results of our guild's work. Most people don't realize the effort it takes from all of us to ready the church for Advent and Easter, weddings, funerals and, of course, the creation of weekly altar flowers. I've been known to say, "It's hard to make a mistake when you're working with beautiful flowers." We will be very happy to train or guide anyone interested in joining the Altar Flower Guild. Onnie Hastings

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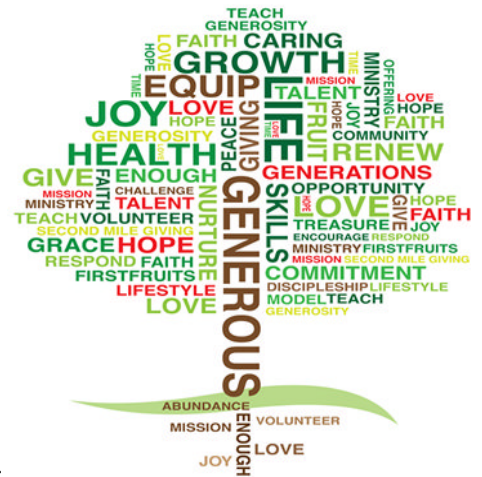
Stewardship 2015

“We are God’s servants, working together; you are God’s field, God’s building” (1 Cor 3:9)

Our mission statement says 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. We are caretakers of a wondrous place: St. Mary’s. Created by the grief parents felt at the loss of their child, St. Mary’s has been an integral component to the world around us for almost 125 years. Our founders, Alida and John Marshall Brown, had tremendous vision when they laid the cornerstone for the church and placed the plaque in the chancel. The next time you’re going to communion, take a moment to look at the words on the plaque. They built the church and gave it to the Diocese of Maine in honor of the dead and for the benefit of the living. They had no way of knowing how St. Mary’s would grow and become a catalyst for action. Their action highlights the communion of saints – past, present, and yet to come – who share their lives together for the work of God in a way that is impossible without community.

All of us, from the occasional parishioner to the die-hard volunteer are stewards of this legacy and offer so much to St. Mary’s. Our leadership, clergy and staff serve as a hub around which everything from funerals to mission trips and baptisms to book sales revolve. Each of us in our own way do the work we are called to do. Next year, we’ll celebrate our 125th anniversary. Thanks to the vision of our founders and the energy and commitment of our parish, we will endure another 125 years as God’s servants, working together!

Stewardship 2015 kicks off soon. You’ll receive a packet in the mail. You’ll recall that we ran our 2014 Stewardship campaign in late winter. We heard the overwhelming chorus of parishioners who asked that we go back to a calendar year stewardship cycle. Please thoughtfully and prayerfully consider the stewardship information when you receive it.



Join together for Saint Mary's

GRATITUDE

PROGRESSIVE DINNER

A time to share a meal, give thanks to God, to each other, and for our work together!

Saturday, November 1st at 6 pm

It's not too late to sign up! Email Janet Bowne janetbowne@maine.rr.com

Easy and fun....and it's the time change night, so you'll get an extra hour of sleep after all the merriment !

CELEBRATE



HONOR



SERVE

Vestry Highlights for October

The major focus of our October vestry meeting was the presentation of the draft budget for 2015. We are blessed with a talented Budget & Finance Committee (BFC) that has spent many hours meeting with staff and committee/guild chairs and then reviewing each of the lines in the budget in detail.

As you may remember, the budget for 2014 included a deficit of approximately \$42,000. We have recently communicated that revenue from pledges year to date, is running significantly behind what we budgeted for the current year and asked that parishioners "catch up" their giving as soon as possible. The vestry directed the BFC to draft a budget for 2015 that had a deficit of no more than \$20,000. Our belief and intent was that we could narrow the deficit to zero in one to two years with extra effort in our annual campaign.

The BFC presented and explained how they came pretty close to a target of a \$20,000 deficit for 2015, but it was achieved through some painful cuts and not investing in priorities we value. The vestry had a lengthy discussion regarding both our revenues and expenses as outlined in the draft budget and decided that we need to hold an extra vestry meeting in two weeks to discuss the budget in further detail, especially how we can increase revenue so that we can continue to execute the many programs that make S. Mary's the caring community it is.

The vestry is grateful for the effort the BFC put into the draft budget and anticipates additional work with the committee as we hammer out a plan for 2015. We are also grateful that Janet Bowne, chair of the annual campaign, was able to attend the meeting to give us her input and update us on the annual campaign plans for this fall.

Earlier this year, Garry Bowne completed an audit of the parish's finances as required by Diocesan Canons for the years 2011, 2012 and 2013. Garry offered to conduct the audit for 2014 and an appreciative vestry appointed Garry as auditor.

The Budget & Finance Committee has begun the implementation of some of the recommendations that Garry offered in his earlier audit and that effort continues.

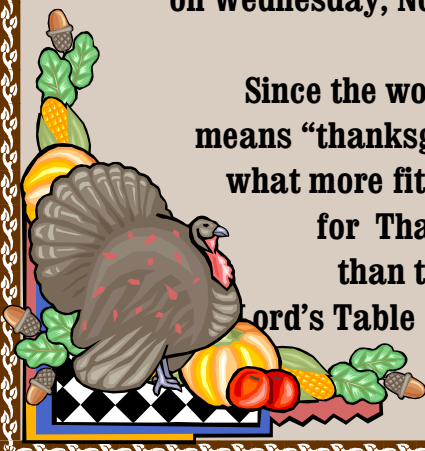
Hugh Smith,
Senior Warden



Thanksgiving Eve Eucharist, Wednesday, November 26th 6pm

The Holy Eucharist with favorite Thanksgiving hymns will be celebrated at 6:00 pm on Wednesday, November 26th .

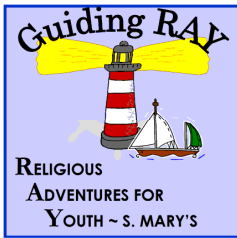
Since the word "Eucharist" means "thanksgiving" in Greek, what more fitting way to prepare for Thanksgiving Day than to feast here at the Lord's Table on Thanksgiving Eve?



Saint Marians Moving the Mission

I have been a member of St. Mary's for more than a decade and have been bringing my two children to church since they were born. A few years ago, my daughter Lauren decided that she wanted to be an acolyte. A year later my son also decided to become an acolyte. Because of a shortage of acolytes, I offered to help out as a crucifer. I thought this would be fun to do with my kids as well as help out Fr. Nate at the altar. The kids and I enjoy our altar duty and are happy to contribute in a small way to the church. Between all the kids' activities and my job, it seems there is little time for more responsibilities but this is one contribution we are happy to fit into our schedule every month. Thank you, St. Mary's!
Kevin Lamberson

Christian Formation - RAY Beams - November 2014



Autumn Fun for our Guiding RAY families! Thanks so very much to the Grace-Cleales who welcomed our families to their orchard for apple picking—and, more importantly, cider- making using their family apple press, with delicious tasting to follow! A wonderful time was had by all!



ADVENT beckons! Always an incredibly special liturgical season at S. Mary's when we watch and wait with joyous anticipation the coming of Christ. The first Sunday of Advent is early this year—on November 30. We will celebrate with a special 10am service of Advent Lessons and Carols (no Godly Play that morning).

Advent Family Potluck & Workshop



At 3pm you are invited to gather at S. Mary's with your children to enjoy the glorious tradition of Advent wreath making in the auditorium (thank you, Megan Akers, for leading this wonderful and meaningful experience with and for our families!) You will have the opportunity to explore the mystery of Christ's coming as a family and honor in a tangible way the holiness of this day.

As dusk turns to night, enjoy a potluck dinner and then move right into the lighting of the Advent Memorial and Thanksgiving Tree in front of the church. Father Nathan will read aloud by candlelight the names of those you have asked to be remembered, gathered with your fellow parishioners around the tree that will remain lighted until Epiphany. In all, a day for families to slow down and breathe together!

Annual Christmas Pageant

Of course, throughout November, we will have Christmas Pageant practices! All children participating in the Pageant will begin rehearsals each Sunday after the 10am service beginning on November 16th! Many thanks to our incomparable co-directors, Julie and Ben Otte!



Our Godly Play Lessons in November

The Flood and the Ark: We learned “The Ten Best Ways” in October. God's people loved them so much they wanted to have them always with them. They built an ark, on poles, so the people could always carry it with them wherever they went.

Baptism: This lesson introduces/recounts the rite of baptism, the gateway into the family of families we call the Church.

Work Day: In Godly Play, child's play is their work, in which children are encouraged to do the “work” of discovering answers. Once a month, we offer a Godly Play session with an extended work time. On these days, we begin with our circle and instead of hearing a story, we go directly into work time. This gives the children time to finish ongoing projects, explore materials more deeply, and have an opportunity to work with more stories.

Jonah: Jonah did everything wrong, yet everything comes out right except, perhaps, his own relationship with God. The story leaves us with many questions, and we are left to finish the story for ourselves. What happened to Jonah next?

November 30: Advent Lessons and Carols: The children will join their parents in church this morning to celebrate the First Sunday of Advent with this special service of lessons and carols. *No Godly Play lesson that morning.*

Worship, Service and Fellowship: We are pleased to offer opportunities for families to participate in faith, fellowship and community service activities throughout the year. Save the following dates for November and December!

November 14 and 28, 5-7pm: Family community service at Souper Supper (fmi jenniferanngregg@gmail.com)

November 30th: First Sunday of Advent: Family Advent Wreath-Making (followed by the lighting of the Memorial and Thanksgiving Tree.)

December 12th: Family Christmas Caroling and Souper Supper beginning at 4pm

December 21st: Christmas Pageant during the 10am service

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Christian Formation - Middle & High School

S. MARY'S HIGH SCHOOL COMMUNITY SERVICE GROUP!

The "S. Mary's High School Community Service Group" will serve as a vehicle for service, fellowship and spirituality for high schoolers. This group will focus on two of S. Mary's established outreach programs:

Preble Street Soup Kitchen

on the 4th Sunday of each month

and

Souper Supper

on the 2nd & 4th Fridays of each month.

FMI, contact Anne LaFond

(alafond@maine.rr.com or 781-8820) with your dates/times or any questions you might have.

The Fall Middle School Event

for the Episcopal Diocese of Maine

Who? Kids (and their friends) in 6th – 8th grades

When? Friday – Sunday, November 14 – 16

Where? The Cathedral of Saint Luke, Portland

How? Register at www.maine-youth.org

How much? \$38 before 11/3 (financial aid is available!)

Questions? Fred Fowler
(maine-beachpf@myfairpoint.net or 883-2093)

Why? God, friends, fun and food...why not???



You were made for this.®

CASCO BAY YOUNG LIFE BANQUET: Thursday, November 6, 6 PM

@ The Falmouth Country Club (1 Congressional Dr, off of Winn Rd)

Come and join Nathan+ at his table for a full dinner and a chance to learn about how you can be part of this exciting new youth outreach in our area. Interested? Email Nathan+ at nathanferrell@smay.org to find out more.

Young Life is making a difference in the lives of millions around the world because we are supported by adults who care about kids in their community. For every talented Young Life staff person (ours is Jordan Droge), there are hundreds of supporters in each community – comprised of parents, pastors and other concerned adults – who provide a foundation of financial, administrative and moral support for the local Young Life outreach ministry.

Outreach Ministry - Serving Near and Far

The Importance and Relevance of Checks, Surveys and.....

Here we are in November. The year is nearing its conclusion 2014 will soon be done. In a few short weeks, we will be in 2015, and we will probably take a few moments, or more, to reflect on the year that was.

I want to take us back for just a few seconds to look back at Outreach October. You probably remember there was talk about \$14,000 checks, surveys, changing the world and you. At least I hope that you remember hearing and talking about these.

This brings us to the title of this article: "The Importance and Relevance of Checks, Surveys and....." What follows "and" ?

One simple word: *Learning*. All of our discussion and conversations during the past month has been centered on learning. The reference to the \$14,000 check hopefully got you thinking about our collective giving to organizations and groups who serve people in need and shared with you information about some of the work of the Outreach Committee does throughout the year but especially in November. *Learning*

The talk about surveys was hugely centered on learning. The Outreach Committee wanted to learn your thoughts regarding what areas of concern you feel are important to you personally and the parish as a whole as we move forward to 2015 and consider areas and opportunities to serve those in need with often hands-on efforts. We hope that you enjoyed the display that we created to learn your thoughts. All of us on the committee felt a great sense of enthusiasm and energy as you voted, and we enjoyed the conversations that were part of the coffee hour following both services. We know we have learned a lot from you and hope that you also learned more about Outreach from us. *Learning*.

The response to the survey has been fantastic, and we thank you for that. The results will be available in the parish house after those who were not available to vote on Outreach Sunday have a chance to vote. There is still time to cast your vote.....the polls have not yet closed. We look forward to learning what areas of concern are important to you. *Learning*.



Community Souper Supper

November 14th and 28th

Enjoy this community-wide fellowship offering, dining in a relaxed candle-lit atmosphere. You will be feted with a complementary main course, salad, rolls, dessert and beverage. Wonderful for singles and families alike!

Offered twice each month on the 2nd and 4th Fridays from 5-7pm 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 darker roast

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



Outreach Ministry - Serving Near and Far

A few final thoughts regarding learning. When you think about learning, this is something we do all of our lives. We learn to crawl, walk, talk, read, write, sing, swim, climb hills and mountains, take photographs, work, paint buildings and beautiful pictures, drive a car - and the list goes on and on and on. We come to church in part to learn about God, Jesus, our religion, and hopefully about how to become better in whatever form that means for us. If life is to be fully lived, we must continue to learn. Learning, as a lifetime effort and focus, brings a richness to our lives that is relevant and important beyond measure.

Since this is November and Thanksgiving is just around the corner, I wanted to take a few moments to offer some thanks. First, thanks to all of you who have volunteered to help, and who came to the Annual Harvest Dinner to benefit the Falmouth Food Pantry. This was a tremendous community effort and dinner and the result is that nearly \$7,000 was raised at the door to support the Falmouth Food Pantry in its important work. Special thanks to John Brooks for spearheading our volunteer effort for this. Thanks also to Judith Brooks for her creation of the Outreach voting board and the board highlighting areas Outreach has focused on in recent years. Please take a few moments to look at these works of art. She is so talented! A huge thank you for all of the members of the Outreach Committee for their tireless work and enthusiasm for the work we do. Also, thanks to each one of the committee for their unique and individual voices and thoughts as we have great conversations and discussions around many topics, issues and concerns. Our work together is only enhanced and enriched by our time together.

And finally, to all of you, thank you for your continued support of the Outreach Committee and what we do on your behalf. We, as always, welcome your thoughts and comments. Continue to let us know what you believe we might do better and what areas you would like us to consider. We are always glad to learn more from you and encourage you to join the committee.

In closing, may your personal learning, and our learning together, continue on and on!

Harold Otte, Outreach ministry, chair

Outreach Opportunity - S. Mary's Angel Tree



We, at S.

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, are hosting an "Angel Giving Tree.

Angel tags will be on the Christmas tree with a child's gift request.

Kindly take an angel tag, purchase item(s) on the tag, and bring back to S. Mary's.

Unwrapped gifts should be back under the tree no later than December 12 with the tag on them to ensure the families receive them in time for Christmas. For more information contact

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Stoddard

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Legacy Project – Post Construction Update

By Jennifer Gregg

“Why the heck can't we use the lower level of the Parish House ?”

Inquiring minds want and need to know!

As background, parishioners will remember that the primary impetus for the Legacy Project was to correct the air quality and construction issues affecting the lower level of the then existing Parish House – and, in so doing, provide safe, healthy and efficient spaces for parish programs. To that end, extensive measures were taken to divert ground water and improve drainage, a section of the parish house was demolished and the remaining portion of the parish house was fully renovated following equally extensive remediation, using advanced moisture prevention techniques.

Following construction, users of the Guiding RAY spaces noticed an odor that was identified as normal “off-gassing” of new building materials (all of which met very restrictive OSHA and EPA standards). Throughout that period, suggested protocols were followed, centering on increasing air flow through the spaces to mitigate the “off-gassing” odor. Over the winter and early spring/summer, this odor dissipated.

In a possibly related development, some tiles in the Guiding RAY “great room” began “bubbling.” The sub-contractor replaced the offending tiles. Some tiles began bubbling again. Suspecting a moisture-related issue associated with the adhesive,



the sub-contractor ultimately proposed replacing the flooring with a material that would not require adhesive.

Late this summer, the “odor” returned. Unable to identify or determine its source, S. Mary's moved to ensure the odor did not present health issues and conducted an air quality test in the Guiding RAY spaces as a precaution. The testing revealed NO mold in this area but did indicate “elevated “volatile organic compounds” or “VOCs.” We note that neither OSHA or EPA offer any guidelines regarding VOC levels. The air testing company indicates the levels as “elevated” as compared with levels found in widespread testing of other buildings. Taking no chances with the health of our parishioners—most particularly our youngest—we discontinued use of all the downstairs spaces and put the suggested floor replacement on hold until the root cause of the now three issues (tile bubbling, odor and VOCs) could be identified. Scott Simons Architects and Ledgewood immediately pledged to do the necessary work and to see these issues through to the end and have been working assiduously to test for the many possible sources of the problems.

During the last weeks, SSA and Ledgewood have determined: that the downstairs air exchanger is working appropriately and that it is free of contaminants; whatever is causing the tile bubbling in the Guiding RAY great room is also causing issues under the carpet tiles in the individual classrooms; that there appears to be ground moisture interacting with the adhesive of both tiles and carpet in the Guiding RAY spaces –moisture that is migrating from the ground to the adhesive despite a sealant that had been applied throughout during construction to prevent this. Further testing is underway to determine the extent of the suspected moisture issue. We are collecting air humidity data in both the Guiding RAY and the MIDDLE rooms. As of this writing, SSA suspects that the resulting emulsification of the adhesive that is causing bubbling may also be causing the elevated VOC readings (and the odor.)

As readers will appreciate, this is a complex set of issues that may—or may not—be related. S. Mary's, Ledgewood and SSA are committed to determining the cause(s) before implementing solutions. We are working diligently and as quickly as possible, acutely aware of the inconvenience to S. Mary's programs that our inability to use these spaces is causing.

This will take time. S. Marians have already given so very much— time, treasure, patience, sweat and tears to the Legacy project. We understand this to our core, and we will keep you apprised as we have reliable updates and progress to relate.

Should you have any questions, please direct them to the Legacy Building Committee: Jennifer Gregg, George Barrett or Chuck Horton. In the interim, the Legacy Building Committee, Scott Simons Architects and Ledgewood Construction all want to thank you so very much for your continued patience.

Let us be truly thankful:

Come, ye thankful people, come, words by Henry Alford

Come, ye thankful people, come, raise the song of harvest-home:
 all is safely gathered in, ere the winter storms begin;
 God, our Maker, doth provide for our wants to be supplied;
 come to God's own temple, come, raise the song of harvest-home.

All the world is God's own field, fruit unto his praise to yield;
 wheat and tares together sown, unto joy or sorrow grown:
 first the blade, and then the ear, then the full corn shall appear:
 grant, O harvest Lord, that we wholesome grain and pure may be.

For the Lord our God shall come, and shall take his harvest home;
 from his field shall in that day all offenses purge away;
 give his angels charge at last in the fire the tares to cast,
 but the fruitful ears to store in his garner evermore.

Even so, Lord, quickly come to thy final harvest-home;
 gather thou thy people in, free from sorrow, free from sin;
 there, for ever purified, in thy presence to abide;
 come, with all thine angels, come,
 raise the glorious harvest-home.

***CELEBRATE the goodness of God and the gift of life*****NEEDED:** Acolytes, Readers, Eucharistic Ministers, Eucharistic Visitors, Ushers, Healing Team.

Calling ALL people to consider your role in celebrating God in worship! If you are not already engaged in one of these ministry groups, then prayerfully consider how YOU can be part of leading our community in worship or outreach. Our vision is to have a role for EVERYONE in our parish family.

Interested? Need to know more? Ask Fr. Nathan (nathanferrell@smary.org or 310-0268) and learn more!

Buildings & Grounds Update

by Jim Stoddard

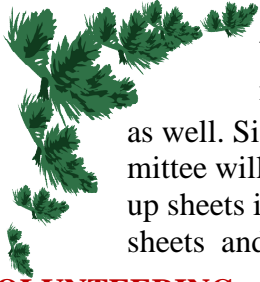
It has been a wonderful summer season and a nice beginning to the fall. The campus is looking beautiful. During the warmer seasons, your B&G troop has been busy tackling various projects that needed tending. These included cutting down unwanted trees and removing stumps. In some instances, we have replaced those trees with new plantings. Also, we have made repairs to the Parish House and Rectory and done work in the Churchyard. One major project that was just completed was the repair of the church parapet to prevent leaks. This work was professionally done by Scott Harris who has done repairs for us in the past. He also repaired roofing shingles that had blown off the rectory. These are only a few of the chores that B&G has accomplished in the past few months.

For November, we must now look to preparing S. Mary for winter. The first chore is the Fall Cleanup that will take place on November 8 – the day before the Bishop is at S. Mary's to hold a regional confirmation. This schedule could change because of weather conditions, so stay tuned. This has always been a successful event because of our loyal S. Marians. We hear it may be another severe winter, but we will be prepared. Enjoy the fall and beautiful foliage.

**Saint Marians
Moving the Mission**

I've been a member of St. Mary's since 1985. My professional career has been in finance, and it seemed only natural to serve on the newly formed Finance Committee and to manage the audit. This spring I completed a 3-year audit of St. Mary's finances. It is a tedious job, but I enjoyed taking it on because it's important to help St. Mary's get back to a solid financial footing. It's important to be good stewards of the financial resources to ensure that St. Mary's is here for generations to come. I'm happy to report that there were no irregularities found in the audit. I would be pleased to discuss the audit and related financial detail with any of our parishioners. Feel free to call me at 781-3844 if you have questions. Garry Bowne

Get ready to Sparkle!!



Advent begins on November 30th with the afternoon Advent Wreath Workshop which is followed by the lighting of the Memorial Tree. That means that the festive Sparkle Season begins as well. Sign Up NOW to help. On November 2nd your Sparkles Committee will host coffee hour (with special samples) and there will be sign-up sheets in the auditorium. Please join us for coffee, peruse the sign-up sheets and see what appeals to your time and talent.



- VOLUNTEERING --** There are a variety of opportunities -- some for an hour and some for part (or all) of the day. We need many bakers for both baked goods and cookies. We need help with decorating, setting up and tearing down, greeting shoppers, cashiering, serving in the cafe, bagging purchases and MORE! Many hands make light work, and all are welcome. We promise that it will be fun, festive and rewarding--plus it is a great way to meet new people.
- FLIERS** - Each year we print fliers to be placed around Falmouth, Cumberland, Yarmouth, Portland and environs to remind the general public about our Sparkles activities. If you are able to hang a few in places that you frequent or at your place of employment, please pick them up at the sign-up table. This year we are again combining some of our publicity with Falmouth Community Church so both names are on the fliers.
- CAFÉ** - The cafe will be offering lobster stew and tomato basil soup again. Our special Sparkles Blend coffee will be available to sample and to purchase in bags. We have our soup chefs on board, but we need help with serving and cleaning up.
- COOKIE WALK** - We sell cookies by the pound at our famous Cookie Walk. You take a box and have fun filling it for yourself or for gifting, BUT we need LOTS of cookies to sell. Last year we ran out of cookies by 10:30, and we do not want that to happen again ---so please sign up to bring cookies. This is an especially fun activity to do at home with your children. Bake four dozen, keep one for yourselves and bring in three!
- BAKE SALE** - Do you have a special cake, bread, pie or other goodie that you enjoy making? We are asking for donations of your favorite items to be offered for sale. Gluten-free selections are needed. Sign up sheets will be in the auditorium.
- DONATIONS** - We will still be taking donations for the Boutique on November 15th and 22nd. Please no books, clothing or rummage. We do the sorting, cleaning and polishing. Unused items will be given to St. Elizabeth's. Each year lovely linens are donated and need to be freshened before selling them at the boutique. If you like to iron (and maybe wash), please sign up---you guessed it---in the auditorium.
- CONCERT** - This year's Schola Concert is entitled "Sing We Noel" and will be presented at S. Mary's on December 14th at 4:00pm in the Church sanctuary. The St. Mary Schola is under the direction of Bruce Fithian. The concert and gala reception to follow are a joyful conclusion to our three weekends of Sparkle events. Once you have attended, you will see why this is a holiday tradition for many. Tickets are \$15. for adults, \$12. for seniors and children and \$40. for families. The price does include the elegant reception. They may be purchased at the Nov. 2nd coffee, in the Parish office or on line at www.stmaryschola.org. We need help with set up, food, and clean up for the reception---sign up on the appropriate sheet or call Nadine or Bob Timberlake, reception chairs.

As you can see, plans are well underway to make Sparkles a most successful event. Please find a way to participate and add your special touch to the holiday season.

THE SPARKLES CALENDAR OF EVENTS.

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| Sunday, November 30 | 3pm Advent Wreath Workshop, Potluck, and Memorial Tree Lighting |
| Saturday, December 6th | 9am - 2pm Sparkles Fair featuring our Boutique, Cookie Walk, Cafe and Bake Sale. |
| Friday, December 12th | 4pm Souper Supper and Christmas Caroling |
| Sunday, December 14th | 4pm S. Mary's Schola Concert and Reception |





**Please RSVP
to Mary Ann
McLean**

**mmclean3@
maine.rr.com
or
781-4871**

**with the
number
attending.**

Saint Mary's Welcomes You!

Please Join us for our Welcome Gathering

**Bring your whole family and join other newcomers at this
fun event in which we celebrate you
a newcomer or returnee to Saint Mary's.**

Sunday, November 16, 4-6pm

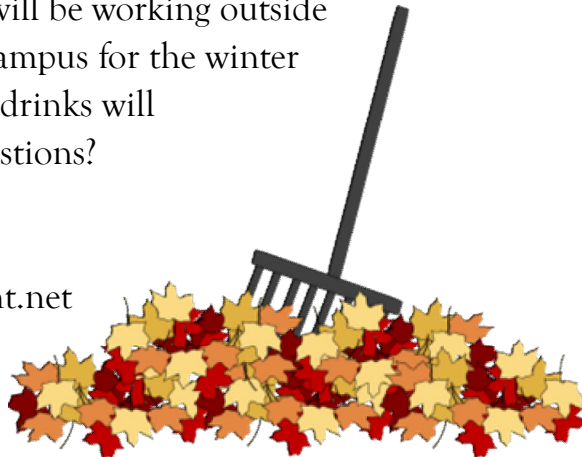
Hosted by

**Mary Ann McLean, 22 Falcon Drive, Cumberland
(off Route one between Johnson and Tuttle Roads)**

781-4871

Grab your Gloves and Rakes - Annual Fall Clean-Up: November 8, 8am - 12 noon

Mark your Calendars for the Annual Fall Cleanup!
Please circle the date on your calendar and
join the fun. We will be working outside
to spruce up our campus for the winter
season. Food and drinks will
be provided. Questions?
Please contact
Jim Stoddard
jbstod@myfairpoint.net



Saint Marians Moving the Mission

I can't remember when I joined the Flower Guild. It was at least 10-15 years ago. I know that I was a busy mom raising my sons and fitting what I could do in and around the games and activities. I joined initially to learn what I could from the experienced ladies on the committee. I could only help a little, but that was okay. I find the time that I spend arranging the flowers to be a quiet, contemplative time in the church. One of the unexpected benefits of arranging the flowers on a Saturday morning is the peaceful quiet of the empty church. This work, while behind the scenes, is important to St. Mary's. Jessica LaPlante

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)

Thanks to Meg & Charlie Hurdman and to Fr Nathan for offering inspiring bible classes this fall.

Thanks to John Brooks, Harold and all who helped the Harvest Community Supper at FCC be such a success. All totaled, we helped raise more than \$20k for the Falmouth Food Pantry. Kudos to all!

Kudos to the Budget & Finance Committee for their diligent work on the 2015 budget.

Merci

To our B&G men & women!

THANKS!

Thanks to those working to correct the air issues in the lower level of the building.

Danke

We give thanks to the person who took some of the round, blue tables cloths home to be laundered and who will be bringing them back soon.

Thanks to all who do coffee hours!

Thanks to Judith Brooks for her fabulous Outreach displays!

ITN is looking for volunteer drivers. If interested in learning more, contact Jim Stoddard at jbstod@myfairpoint.net

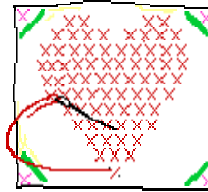
Following Services Available in Cumberland/Falmouth: Babysitting, Elderly Care, Rides to the Airport, Appointments, etc. Provided by Alison, an experienced homemaker, mother of two, and former bank executive PA with college degree, pre-nursing diploma, nursery experience, clean driving record and excellent references. Please e-mail ajhm@maine.rr.com or call (207) 400 4658 for further details.

Lovely 2 Bedroom Town House Condo on Route 88, Falmouth Foreside, Available Dec.1st.

1,250 square feet, living room, dining, kitchen, 1.5 bath, washer/dryer, plenty of storage space including spacious walk-in closet. No pets please. No smoking. Close to Falmouth Village shops and St. Mary's Church. Rent of \$1,400 per month includes Condo Association Fees and its benefits. For further details please contact Clare at clar-eyar@maine.rr.com

Get Stitching: every Tuesday at 1 PM

The group that met to see if there was an interest in gathering together to stitch various projects found that there was indeed an interest. We are gathering at the church EVERY TUESDAY AT 1:00PM to stitch. Some are knitting prayer scarves, some making dryer balls, some quilting, some making mittens or socks or vests. We help each other and chat about whatever we want. There is laughter as well as concern for our world. Everyone is welcome to an hour (and a half) of productive fellowship.

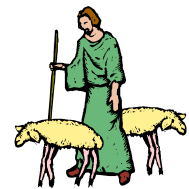


The Christmas Pageant Cometh

The S. Mary's Christmas Pageant will be Sunday, December 21 at 10 AM. Practices will be Sundays after church starting November 16.



Roles include: Mary, Joseph, Gabriel, Head Angel, Little Angels, Shepherds, 3 Kings, 3 Kings' pages, sheep, donkey, Baby Jesus (already has been cast), Innkeeper, Innkeepers' wife, Passerby, Centurion, Evil King Herod, Narrator 1, Narrator 2, Chicken, and Star.



For more information and any questions please contact Ben or Julie Otte at

JulieMomOtte@aol.com or call home at 781-2322



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

Happy November Birthdays to:



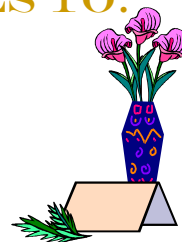
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| 3 | Avery Buchanan | 7 | Hunter LaFond | 22 | Sophia McMonagle |
| 3 | Ben Claytor | 8 | Barbara Murray | 22 | Julie Woodworth |
| 3 | Emily Claytor | 9 | Sophia Kelly | 24 | Lauren Lamberson |
| 3 | Jay Hurdman | 11 | Anabelle Teng | 24 | Hugh Smith |
| 3 | Caroline Kyros | 12 | Brooke Bazarian | 25 | Saylor Perry |
| 3 | Benjamin Otte | 13 | Phoebe Harris | 26 | Ally Hurdman |
| 4 | Margaret Jean Taylor | 13 | James Liddell | 26 | Chris Smithwick |
| 5 | George Barrett | 14 | Gary Conway | 27 | Grace Brown |
| 5 | Wendy Craig | 15 | Tucker Hyland | 28 | Mariah Hanifin |
| 6 | Boone Guyton | 16 | Brendan Melton | 28 | Natalie Unfricht |
| 7 | Felicity Record | 19 | William Record | | |

We'd love to include good wishes on your birthday and anniversary. If we don't yet have the dates, please send yours 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 NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARY WISHES TO:



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| 6 | Helga & Steve Ryder |
| 10 | Kelly & Michael Ianno |
| 27 | Gibson & Blake Wilkes |



ADVENT CALENDAR
Starts November 30, 2014



Subscribe: SSJE.org/adventword



The Episcopal Church of Saint Mary

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|--|
| 26 The 20th Sunday after Pentecost 8am - Traditional Eucharist followed by coffee hour 9:00am The Moth @ S. Mary's 9:30am Family Chapel and Middlers 9:45am Guiding RAY 10:00am Contemporary Eucharist followed by coffee hour | 27 9am Mindful Movement & Breath Series 6 of 6 12 - Noonday Prayer | 28 10am OSL 10:30am - Wisdom Seekers 12 - Noonday Prayer 1pm Staff Meeting 1pm Stitches 7pm AA in Auditorium 7:30 AI Anon (6:30 beginners) | 29 12 - Noonday Prayer 7pm St. Francis Legacy 7pm Choir rehearsal | 30 12 - Healing Eucharist 4pm Boy Singers of Maine 6:30 - Dowsers in GR 7pm Choir rehearsal | 31 Office Closed 12 - Pray wherever you are 5:30pm Alanon | 11/1 9a-12noon - Sparkles drop-off #3 6-9pm Gratitude Progressive Dinner All Sparkles' Day |
| 2 The Feast of All Saints <i>Daylight Savings time ends</i> 8am - Traditional Eucharist followed by coffee hour 9:00am The Moth @ S. Mary's 9:30am Family Chapel and Middlers 9:45am Guiding RAY 10:00am Contemporary Eucharist followed by coffee hour | 3 12 - Noonday Prayer 5pm Special Vestry Meeting | 4 10am OSL 10:30am - Wisdom Seekers 12 - Noonday Prayer 1pm - Staff Meeting 1pm Stitches 4pm Outreach meeting 7pm AA in Auditorium 7:30 AI Anon (6:30 beginners) | 5 12 - Noonday Prayer | 6 12 - Healing Eucharist 4pm Boy Singers of Maine 6pm - Young Life Banquet 7pm Choir rehearsal | 7 Office Closed 12 - Pray wherever you are 5:30pm Alanon | 8 8am Fall Clean-Up and Bulb planting 9am BSM |
| 9 The 22nd Sunday after Pentecost 8am - Traditional Eucharist - coffee hour 9:00am The Moth @ S. Mary's 9:30am Family Chapel and Middlers 9:45am Guiding RAY 10:00am Contemporary Eucharist - coffee hr 5pm - Regional Confirmation, Reception & Reaffirmation and Baptism with the Bishop | 10 12 - Noonday Prayer | 11 10am OSL 10:30am - Wisdom Seekers 12 - Noonday Prayer 1pm - Staff Meeting 1pm Stitches 3pm - Food for the Soul 7:00pm AA in Auditorium 7:30 AI Anon (6:30 beginners) | 12 12 - Noonday Prayer 12 - Alida G. Brown Society Luncheon | 13 12 - Healing Eucharist 4pm Boy Singers of Maine 7pm - Godly Play in Guild Rm 7pm Choir rehearsal 6:30pm - SPARKLES meeting | 14 Office Closed 12 - Pray wherever you are 5-7pm Community Souper Supper 5:30pm Alanon Middle School | 15 9am BSM 11am - Assemble! Friendship soup 9a-12noon - Sparkles drop-off #4 Event |
| 16 The 23rd Sunday after Pentecost 8am - Traditional Eucharist followed by coffee hour 9:00am The Moth @ S. Mary's 9:30am Family Chapel and Middlers 9:45am Guiding RAY 10:00am Contemporary Eucharist followed by coffee hour 4pm Newcomer's Gathering | 17 10am - Garden Club 12 - Noonday Prayer | 18 9-11 Goto St. Elizabeth's 10am OSL 10:30am - Wisdom Seekers 12 - Noonday Prayer 1pm - Staff Meeting 1pm Stitches 4pm Pastoral Partners 7pm AA in Auditorium 7:30 AI Anon (6:30 beginners) | 19 12 - Noonday Prayer 6pm - Vestry | 20 Nathan at Fresh Start 12 - Healing Eucharist 4pm Boy Singers of Maine 6:30 - Dowsers in GR 7pm Choir rehearsal AVE deadline | 21 Office Closed 12 - Pray wherever you are 5:30pm Alanon | 22 9am BSM 9a-12noon - Sparkles drop-off #5 10am Garlanding 1-4pm Middlers baking! |
| 23 The Last Sunday after Pentecost 8am - Traditional Eucharist followed by coffee hour 9:00am The Moth @ S. Mary's 9:30am Family Chapel and Middlers 9:45am Guiding RAY 10:00am Contemporary Eucharist followed by coffee hour | 24 12 - Noonday Prayer | 25 10am OSL 10:30am - Wisdom Seekers 12 - Noonday Prayer 1pm Staff Meeting 1pm Stitches 3pm - Food for the Soul 7:00pm AA in Auditorium 7:30 AI Anon (6:30 beginners) | 26 12 - Noonday Prayer 6pm Thanksgiving Eucharist | 27 Office Closed Thanksgiving | 28 Office Closed 12 - Pray wherever you are 5-7pm Community Souper Supper 5:30pm Alanon | 29 |
| 30 The First Sunday of Advent 8am - Traditional Eucharist 9:30am Family Chapel and Middlers 10am Advent Lessons & Carols 3pm Advent Wreath workshop, Potluck & Memorial Tree Lighting | 12/1 12 - Noonday Prayer | 12/2 10:30am - Wisdom Seekers 12 - Noonday Prayer 1pm Staff Meeting 7:00pm AA in Auditorium 7:30 AI Anon (6:30 beginners) | 12/3 10-2 Weaver's Xmas in GR 12 - Noonday Prayer | 12/4 12 - Healing Eucharist 4pm Boy Singers of Maine 7pm Choir rehearsal Set-up Sparkles Fair | 12/5 Office Closed 12 - Pray wherever you are 5:30pm Alanon Set-up Sparkles Fair | 12/6 SPARKLES FAIR 9AM - 2PM |

The Episcopal Church of Saint Mary

Worship Leader Schedule: November - December 2014

| | 8:00am Ushers | 8:00am EM/Lectors | 10:00am Ushers | 10:00am Lector | 10:00am Euch Minister | 10am Acolytes | Altar Flowers | Flower Delivery | Coffee Hour Host |
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| 2-Nov Pent 21 | Ed Ainsworth Rayle Ainsworth | Alison Hayward Mary Ann: EM | Andrew McIntosh Lowell Brown | Lowell Brown | Greg Unfricht Tom Pettingill | Elizabeth Emily | Alison Hayward | The Stoddards | Sparkles |
| 9-Nov Pent 22 | Tom Donaldson Mac Hinkel | MaryAnn McLean | Chuck Horton Harold Otte | Ginny Stelk | Terry Brown Stan E. | Michael M Sarah K Samantha | Helga Ryder | | Galli-Stoddard |
| 9-Nov Confirm | | 5pm ushers Jack Heinzman | 5pm EM Mary Ann McLean Terry Brown | | | | | The Hortons | |
| 16-Nov Pent 23 | Jim Kane Al Ahlers | Mac Hinkel | Tom LaPlante Charlie Hurdman | Becky Pride | David Robinson Jeff Campbell | Kevin Lauren Kyle | Jan Mordarski | Ruth Kimball | The Ranas |
| 23-Nov last Pent | Len Taylor Judy Oliver | Al Ahlers | Jack Heinzman Lowell Brown | Ella Brown | Carla Birt Linda Eaton | Grace B Julia S Emily S | Jessica LaPlante | The Nicholson | OPEN |
| 26-Nov Thanksgiving Eve - 7pm | | 6pm Ushers Tom Donaldson | 6pm EM/lector Becky Pride | | | | | Mark Stimson | The Grace/Cleaves |
| 30-Nov Advent 1 | Jim Kane MacHinkel | Len Taylor | Andrew McIntosh Chuck Horton | NO EUCHARIST Just READERS: acolytes | Stan Eaton Terry Brown Kevin, Sam, Grace | Andrea M-H Ginny Stelk | greens | ~ | OPEN |
| 7-Dec Advent 2 | Ed Ainsworth Rayle Ainsworth | Lad Taylor | Tom LaPlante Harold Otte | Marian McCue | Nadine T. David R. | | greens | ~ | Sparkles |
| 14-Dec Advent 3 | Baer Connard Al Ahlers | Becky Pride | Charlie Hurdman Lowell Brown | Jennifer Gregg | Linda E. Andrea MH. | | greens | ~ | OPEN |
| 21-Dec Advent 4 & pageant | Len Taylor Becky Pride | Alison Hayward | Jack Heinzman Chuck Horton | Betsy Stoddard | Jeff C. Jim S. | | greens | ~ | The Ranas |
| 24-Dec Xmas Eve | 4pm Usher Jack Heinzman Charlie Hurdman Jim Kane Acolytes: | 4pm EM Becky Pride Terry Brown | 4pm Readers youth youth youth | 6pm Ushers Baer Connard Tom LaPlante Andrew McIntosh Acolytes: | 6pm EM Len Taylor | 6pm Readers youth youth | 9pm Ushers | 9pm EM Ginny Stelk Mary Ann McLean | 9pm Lector |
| 25-Dec | 10am Usher Harold Otte | 10am EM Al Ahlers | 10am Acolytes | | | | | | |

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



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SUNDAY Hours

8:00am - Traditional Eucharist

10:00am - Contemporary Eucharist

MONDAY - WEDNESDAY

Noon Day prayer in the Chapel
and wherever you find yourself

THURSDAY 12 noon—Healing Eucharist



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December 2014 AVE deadline Nov. 20th

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