



From the Rector:

It is hard to believe that this will be the fifth Thanksgiving celebration by the Ferrell family here in Falmouth. Time moves along so quickly that it can be difficult sometimes to catch our breath. A beautiful prayer that is offered by the Prayer Book as part of our Burial rites begins like this (p. 504):

"O God, whose days are without end, and whose mercies cannot be numbered: make us, we pray, deeply aware of the shortness and uncertainty of human life..."

Because life is so brief and uncertain, it is vital that we take the time to pause in the midst of our busyness to remember and to celebrate.

On the Eve of Thanksgiving, we will gather once again to sing our great Thanksgiving songs and to share our stories of gratitude around the bounty of the Lord's Table. This year's liturgy will end differently, however, as we all move outside to light our Kyros Memorial and Celebration Tree. The Kyros Tree will remain lit throughout Advent and Christmas, as usual, but we will inaugurate it a bit earlier this year. This is a Memorial and Celebration Tree, after all, and Thanksgiving is a perfect time to remember and celebrate our loved ones. In addition, it makes practical sense to connect this tree-lighting with an evening liturgy already on our regular schedule.

I hope that you will join us on Wednesday, November 23 at 6 PM for our Thanksgiving Eve Eucharist and for the lighting of the Kyros Tree. Bring your friends and family! And before that, I hope that you will send in your names to our parish office to be read by our community as we begin the Thanksgiving celebration together.

Nathan W. Ferrell +



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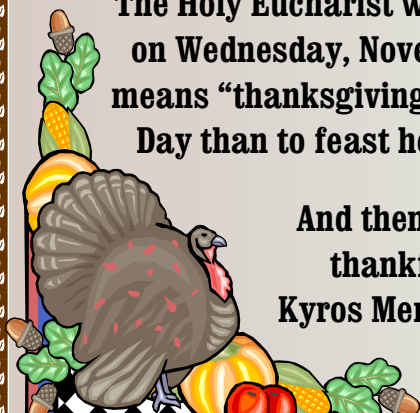
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Thanksgiving Eve Wednesday, November 23th 6pm

Thankful Family Eucharist and Celebratory Tree Lighting

The Holy Eucharist with favorite Thanksgiving hymns will be celebrated at 6:00 pm on Wednesday, November 23 for the whole family. Since the word "Eucharist" means "thanksgiving" in Greek, what more fitting way to prepare for Thanksgiving Day than to feast here together at the Lord's Table on Thanksgiving Eve?

And then we go outside to celebrate the people for whom we are thankful, both living and deceased, with the Lighting of the Kyros Memorial and Celebration Tree. *Drop or send your names in to the parish office by Monday, Nov 21*



Celebrate Honor Serve - Stewardship

by Janet Bowne

Thank you to all who have returned their 2017 pledge forms. We are on our way to achieving our pledge goal of \$285,000. If you've been in church, you've heard parishioners sharing their thoughts on how Saint Mary's supports them and why they support Saint Mary's. We hope everyone will thoughtfully review their pledge packet and consider what level of support is possible. Return the completed form confidentially to Beth Shaw, our Parish Administrator, via email (admin@smary.org) or drop your pledge form in the mail or in the collection plate (in an envelope). Some parishioners like to use appreciated securities or stocks to make their gifts. If you've had a good year in the stock market and would like to gift stocks, you'll find the information on the pledge form. We have ambitious goals for 2017-2018, and we need your time, talent and treasure to achieve them. Thank you!



The 197th Convention of the Diocese of Maine



The 2016 Diocesan Convention was held on Saturday, October 22nd at USM in Portland. Our delegation included: Grace Brown, Youth Delegate, Stan and Linda Eaton, Bill Gowen, Jim Kane and Janet Bowne. Father Ferrell was at the Credo Convention in North Carolina. The structure of the convention was changed last year to go from a two-day event to one day. The workshops and networking events are now happening separately to allow for more lay participation. The one day convention agenda included an address by Bishop Lane and a number of procedural votes for various diocesan events including the General Convention as well as resolutions on employee compensation. Next year's convention is 10/28/17 and will be in Bangor. Watch for details on Spring Training, a day of lay leader workshops in April.

For more on the Convention and to read Bishop Lane's address, [click here](#) or visit www.episcopalmaine.org



**American
Red Cross**

THANKSGIVING BLOOD DRIVE @ SAINT MARY'S:

Saturday, November 26 8am - 1pm

In this season of Thanksgiving, let us share our many gifts by giving the gift of life to others by donating our blood! Sign-up today to be a blood donor, and help give to those who need your blood to survive!

Go to www.redcrossblood.org and use sponsor code "SMary" to make your donor appointment. Contact our Coordinator, Jana Burke, at 272-4535 or jana.burke@icloud.com.

Can you help our donors at the drive? Volunteers are needed. Call Jana Burke (272-4535) or email Beth in the parish office admin@smary.org

Vestry Highlights from your Wardens

The Vestry met on Wednesday, October 12, 2016, a week earlier than the normal schedule. This allowed Father Ferrell to attend as he was traveling to the Credo Conference during our usual meeting time.

Jim Stoddard, head of Building and Grounds, gave us an update on the conversion to natural gas. The Parish Hall has been switched over to natural gas. The stove is being transitioned but the initial kit did not have the correct parts. By AVE press time, the stove should be completely converted. The Rectory is scheduled to be converted soon. The Church building has a new chimney liner. Now that the liner is in, the building can be converted.



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

The Budget and Finance Committee will begin the formal budget process on 10/17. Bill Gowen shared that he had gathered budgets from committee and guild chairs enabling the budget process to begin. Thank you to all who participated. We will need to draw from the 1241 account to pay for the gas conversion. When the rebates come from Summit, we'll reimburse the 1241 account; however, the rebates do not cover the entire conversion cost.

Stewardship has kicked off. Parishioners will be sharing a stewardship moment during the services over the next few weeks. We'll host a call-a-thon on Monday, November 7th starting at 5:30 PM to remind parishioners to send in their forms. Once again, the Vestry will be doing the calling. We'll have refreshments to keep you going! Bring your cell phones and chargers.

The Nominating Committee is progressing on replacing the departing vestry members and selecting 2017 convention delegates.

Jim and Janet thank the Vestry for their leadership and support.

Our Mutual Study of Ministry

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

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 our efforts in these ways:

1. **Grow our engagement with children and youth in our communities.**
2. **Grow intentional opportunities for deeper connection with God and each other.**
3. **Grow in compassionate care for those struggling in our communities.**
4. **Grow in being 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 suggest specific initiatives under each of our four focus areas.
- * Vestry to continue to seek input from our parish family.
- * Distribute the Vestry's recommendations prior to a vote to adopt at our Annual Meeting on January 29, 2017.

Christian Formation - RAY Beams - Fall 2016



Greetings in Christ!

We have had a wonderful time so far this fall! The children have been learning about the liturgical traditions, enjoying music time with Mrs. Stoddard, and embracing the Godly Play stories that prepare them for their spiritual journey. I would like to thank the Guiding RAY leadership team and teachers for continuing to share their time and talents!



As a way to get better acquainted with the families of Saint Mary's, I will be calling you for a brief chat about how your child is responding to Sunday School. I value your ideas and suggestions and want to make sure that this experience is a good one for you and your kids. I look forward to talking with you all!

Also, please consider volunteering in the classrooms this year. We are always THRILLED when people get involved, sometimes in a way they never have before! We would LOVE to hear from you.

Please feel free to reach out to me; I am in the office on Tuesdays from 9AM - 3PM or GuidingRAY@smary.org
Peace,

Megan Akers,

Children's Formation Director

NEW for older Guiding RAY youth



Fourth, Fifth and Sixth graders are invited to a special series of Bible lessons using Legos. The youth will meet during the 10:00 AM service in the Guiding RAY space downstairs and will follow the same schedule as Guiding RAY and be in church to join their families for the Eucharist. *Building Faith Brick by Brick*, a book by [Emily Given](#), offers a culturally relevant, hands-on way to explore faith stories that I hope will engage our youth while learning the stories of God.

Throughout this year our children will learn about Loving God and our Neighbors through our Godly Play curriculum, music with Mrs. Stoddard and service opportunities to reach out to others. With some fun fellowship events thrown in for good measure.

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

Sunday, November 6: In-house community service with Erin Ferrell. We will be learning about the children from our Haiti partnership school and exploring their art culture.

Sunday, November 13: Godly Play: Parable of the Mustard Seed and Mother Teresa.

Sunday, November 20: Godly Play: Learn about Advent 1 and the Mystery of Christmas

Wednesday, November 23: Thanksgiving Eucharist followed by the lighting of the Memorial & Celebration Tree.

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

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

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

Sunday, December 11: Godly Play: St. Nicholas

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

Sunday, December 18: Christmas pageant. All family service

Guiding RAY Coordinators

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New Acolyte Training: November 6 & 13

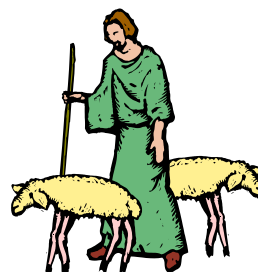
An acolyte is someone who helps the clergy lead a church service. Saint Mary's Acolytes are a faithful and dedicated group of young people. During the school year, our acolytes quietly assist Father Nathan during our 10am worship service and during Christmas and Easter. Three acolytes serve together at each service. We have a Crucifer, a Gospel Acolyte and an Epistle Acolyte. The Crucifer carries the cross. The Gospel and Epistle Acolytes are the torch-bearers who carry the candles. The Crucifer and Acolytes lead the opening procession at the start of the service, lead the procession for the reading of the Gospel, lead the recession at the end of the service. It is a fun way for young people to serve God and our Church, to make new friends and to participate in our worship service. And it builds confidence, character and a connection to the community. It is also a great way for families to worship together. The training is quick and easy, and most acolytes serve once a month. We invite you to join our very important ministry! FMI: Tricia Wheeler at tjwheel@maine.rr.com



The Christmas Pageant Sunday, December 18

Sign-ups: Oct 30 & Nov 6
Rehearsals: Nov 20, Dec 11
Full Dress rehearsal: Dec 17 3pm

Contact Julie Otte to take part or for more information on how you can help JulieMomOtte@aol.com



Christian Formation ~ High Schoolers & Middlers

Casco Bay CAN

(Create Awareness Now to Prevent and Reduce Youth Substance Use)

November 2016 Tip of the Month

**Achieve peak performance
by making healthy choices**

Facts about drug and alcohol use:

- > **Reduces performance potential by as much as 15-30%**
 - 2x more likely to be injured if you drink
 - slows reaction time and inhibits coordination
 - smoking marijuana can cause respiratory problems and decrease aerobic capacity
- > **One night of binge drinking will erase 2 weeks of practice**
- > **Alcohol suppresses training hormones for up to 4 days**



Casco Bay CAN

CREATE AWARENESS NOW
TOGETHER, PREVENTING YOUTH SUBSTANCE USE

Casco Bay CAN is a grant funded project sponsored by Cumberland County Government
 Visit us on Facebook and Twitter
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.younglifeclub.com

Young Life Club:

**Monday night at
7:31 PM!**

Honoring Saint Francis: Blessing of All Animals on Oct. 2

Job 12: 7-10, "Ask the birds, ask the beasts and they will teach you."

A hearty group gathered on the afternoon of the Maine Marathon (Route 88 being closed all morning because of the marathon) with a smattering of God's creatures who were lovingly blessed and welcomed into the family of God.



Buildings & Grounds Update

by Jim Stoddard

Can you feel the heat? No, I am not talking politics. The natural gas heat in the Parish House; we finally hooked up to Summit Natural Gas in the middle of October. The Rectory is currently being worked on and should be finished by publishing. Finally, once the gas line is installed to the Church, the conversion will be completed. Our heating bills should be significantly less going forward. After the conversion is completed, we will submit the bills to Summit Gas which will qualify us for a rebate. Results to follow.

We are now preparing for winter weather, and we will have our Fall Cleanup of leaves and brush on Saturday **November 12 from 8am to 12noon** with a rain date of November 19. We will contact with our snow removal company, so we will be prepared for winter storms, and we will purchase sand and salt to keep the steps and sidewalks clear. Bring on the snow.

All of us on Buildings and Grounds wish you all a happy and safe Thanksgiving. Until next month.



Tired of stepping on Legos?

Guiding RAY will happily accept
Lego donations!

Building Faith Brick by Brick

is a new approach we are trying with 4th - 6th graders as an imaginative way to explore the Bible.

If you have extra legos around that have not yet been vacuumed up, we would welcome the donation! Thank You!



Sparkles News

On November 6th, your Sparkle Committee will host the coffee hour. Please come and sample a few of the delicious treats we will be offering for sale --- AND sign up to HELP. Please peruse the sign up sheets and see what appeals to your time and talents. **We need lots of help!!!**

The **pre-order** sheets for greens/poinsettias, lobster stew, boxwood trees, Schola tickets and (new this year) Rick Hirshman's Coffeecake will be there for ordering and pre-paying. BRING your check book.

'The Lighting of the KYROS MEMORIAL & CELEBRATION TREE will take place following the Thanksgiving Eve Eucharist on November 23rd. Please fill out the form with whom you would like to have remembered or honored and join us for this meaningful event.

ADVENT begins on November 27th with the creation of Advent Wreaths during BOTH coffee hours. This is an intergenerational activity and the wreaths can be taken home to use during Advent.

AND so begins the Season of Advent and the Sparkles season.

VOLUNTEERING---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.

FLYERS---Each year we print flyers that need to be placed around Falmouth, Cumberland, Yarmouth and environs to remind the general public about our Sparkles activities. Please take 3 or 4 of them and hang them at places you frequent or work.

CAFE--- The cafe will be offering lobster stew, tomato basil soup, herbed biscuits and cinnamon buns. We have our soup chefs, but we need people to help serve and staff the kitchen. Sign up in the auditorium.

COOKIE WALK--- We sell cookies by the pound at our famous Cookie Walk. You take a box, fill it for gifting or eating. BUT we need LOTS of cookies to sell. One year we ran out at 10:30, and we don't ever want that to happen again---so, please sign up to bring cookies. This is a fun activity to do with your children---bake four dozen, keep one and bring in three.

HOLY SMOKES --- a wonderful way for families to support Sparkles is by making "Holy Smokes" together. Bags will be available at the November 6th coffee hour.

BAKE SALE --- Do you have a special cake, bread, pie or other goodie that you enjoy making? We are asking you to bake and donate to sell. Gluten Free selections are needed. Sign up sheets are in the auditorium.

CHRISTMAS CAROLING--- Join in with sharing the Christmas joy in song while roaming the halls at Falmouth by the Sea. Then entertain the folks at our own Souper Supper upon return to Saint Mary's and join them for a bowl of soup. Sign up in the auditorium.

CONCERT and RECEPTION--- The year's Schola Concert is entitled "Natus est" (He is born) and will be presented on Sunday, December 11th, in the 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 Sparkles Events. Once you have attended, you will see why this is a holiday tradition for many. Tickets are \$20 (free for all students) and include the elegant reception. They may be purchased during coffee hours, at the Parish office or on line at www.stmaryschola.org. We do need help with set up, food and clean up for the reception--sign up in the auditorium or call Bob or Nadine Timberlake, reception chairs.

AS you can see, plans are well underway to make Sparkles a most successful event. You can also see that it takes many people helping. PLEASE find a way to participate, then sign up and add your special touch to the holiday season.

Happy Sparkling, Jan Mordarski and Onnie Hastings, co-chairs,



Outreach Ministry ~ All Ages Serving Near and Far

Outreach project focus: Long Creek

by Marian McCue

After our summer hiatus, the Outreach Committee is back and going strong. Several of our members participated in the October Mission morning, which was a great success with parishioners turning out to work on some great projects. We will soon be turning our attention to our end-of year contributions made from the funds that have been budgeted for 2016.

Over the summer, a stalwart and faithful crew of parishioners continued our sponsorship of Maple Unit at Long Creek. Led by Jim and Betsy Stoddard, we put on three barbecues over the summer.

The kids on Maple Unit, some as young as 11, are being detained on the unit, often awaiting either a court date or some kind of placement in a treatment program of some kind. (They have not been committed to Long Creek by a judge.) They are always very appreciative of the fact that we want to spend time with them and talk to them.



At other times of the year, we go in for visits and play games (led by Rayle Ainsworth) and hang out. It's not a lot of effort on our part, but they are grateful for our presence. We also provide gift bags at Christmas.

We bring store-bought cupcakes to Long Creek on the second Monday of every month (five dozen store bought cupcakes.) There is a sign up sheet and we'd love to get some more folks to help with that project. I'd also be happy to hear from any other parishioners who would like to join our Long Creek team. It does require a background check and orientation meeting, but the work is very rewarding. Contact mmccue@maine.rr.com if you're interested.

October MISSION MORNING A Wonderful Opportunity to Seek and Serve God in Community

An enthusiastic group of 35 parishioners gathered on the bright autumn Saturday morning of October 1 to praise God at the 8AM Holy Eucharist followed by Saint Mary's second Fall Mission Morning. After a brief prayer and a song, groups went into the community to care for God's creation along Route 1, to visit residents at The Cedars,



care for selected Falmouth neighbors in need of assistance and created art bags for the Portland Headstart program. Still yet another group visited and worked at Milestone in Old Orchard Beach. We all returned to Saint Mary's to share stories over lunch.

Mark your calendars NOW for the **next Mission Morning: Sunday, February 12 9-11:30AM**, following the 8am liturgy but in lieu of the traditional 10am worship service.

Come together and sign up for Saint Mary's GRATITUDE Progressive Dinner

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

We will gather at the Parish Hall at 6PM for a social time and then depart for the various parishioner homes for delicious dinner. After dinner, we'll return to the Parish House for dessert and be home by 9PM. It's fun and casual. We can accommodate all dietary concerns, just let us know! Join us and meet new friends or reconnect with old friends!

Those not hosting with last names beginning with A-L should bring a simple appetizer to share for the social hour. Those not hosting with last names beginning with M-Z should bring a simple dessert to share. This is a fun and casual way to get to know fellow parishioners.

Saturday, November 5 at 6PM

Never too late to sign up. FML, email Janet Bowne janetbowne@maine.rr.com or the parish office smay@smay.org

Community Souper Supper November 11 and 25

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 November 11 - "North by Northwest"

(1959) Starring: Cary Grant, Eva Marie Saint. Director: Alfred Hitchcock
A hapless New York advertising executive is mistaken for a government agent by a group of foreign spies, and is pursued across the country while he looks for a way to survive.

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



First Sunday of Advent: All Family Sunday, November 27

- 8 AM:** Contemporary Advent Eucharist
- 9 AM:** Advent Wreath-making at Coffee Hour (for all ages)
- 10 AM:** Advent Lessons & Carols (for all ages and families)
with seasonal anthems and hymns
- 11 AM:** Advent Wreath-making at Coffee Hour (for all ages
- continued)
- 4 PM:** Advent Choral Evensong, offered by our Choir who
will sing Pergolesi's Magnificat with organ and strings.



Advent is the season that occurs four weeks prior to Christmas; it's also the beginning of a new liturgical year. It is a time of reflection, waiting and preparation for the birth of Jesus Christ. While awaiting Christmas, we typically celebrate the Advent season by lighting the candles on the Advent Wreath each Sunday. We hope that you will join us at the **Advent Wreath-making** so that you also may observe the preparation for Christ's coming with your family while at home.

We will celebrate the First Sunday of Advent with creativity and beautiful music intended for everybody!

At 10 AM there will be the traditional **Advent Lessons and Carols** suitable for all in the family, which will begin with the children of Guiding RAY children singing the opening hymn, 'Once in Royal David's City.' This carol is sung every year at King's College, England, by a boy soprano and is an enchanting way to begin the season.

There will be many wonderful readings from Genesis, Isaiah, Baruch, Luke and Matthew read by adults and our Guiding RAY children as well as favorite hymns, such as 'Come thou long expected Jesus, People look east, and Lo! He comes with clouds descending.' The choir will sing two anthems, a lovely setting of 'A Maiden most gentle by Andrew Carter,' and in honor of Maine's Franco-American heritage, 'Il est né le divin enfant.' This carol is sung in every church in France and Quebec at the stroke of midnight on Christmas eve.

At 4:00 PM, there will be a **Choral Evensong** service that will also celebrate the Advent season. This will enable us to sing some very beautiful hymns that are for eventide, such as 'Christ, mighty Savior, O gracious Light, Lord Jesus Christ,' and an Anglican chant for the 'nunc dimittis' (Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace).

For the Magnificat, the choir will present a wonderful baroque setting by Giovanni Battista Pergolesi (1710-1736), accompanied by a string quartet with Virginia Stelk as cellist. The work is in six sections, the choral movements containing vigorous writing that resembles Handel's great choral style. There will be two duets with our soloists Lesley Dolinger, Linda Eaton, Rick Hirschman and Martin Lescault. The lovely Mozart anthem 'Ave verum' will be sung by the choir, accompanied by strings, as it was originally intended in Mozart's time.

The two services will be a wonderful way to usher in a very special time of year.



Outreach Opportunity - Saint Mary's Angel Tree



We, at Saint
Mary's look forward to
having a Giving Tree once again!
Here is an opportunity to become
engaged in the spirit of giving this Christmas.

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



Contact Betsy
or Jim Stoddard
829-2026.

jbstod@myfairpoint.net



Sparkles and Schola bring annual Christmas Concert

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

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



Schola Concert reception

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

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 from the Landscape Team to Janet Corey for her generous donation of a 'Butterflies' Magnolia for our campus. And thank you to Ed Ainsworth for planting the new arrival. You can see it as you look out the Auditorium window. At maturity - in many years - it will be 20' tall and 20' wide. *Magnolia acuminata* 'Butterflies' features huge yellow flowers in late spring and pinkish-red cucumber shaped fruit in the fall. Thank you, Janet!

Danke

Kudos to the Mission Morning team for another great experience in going beyond the walls of Saint Mary's to serve the community.

Thank you to the 2016 Diocesan Convention delegation including Grace Brown, our youth delegate, Stan and Linda Eaton, Bill Gowen, Janet Bowne, and Jim Kane.

T H A N K S !

Thank you to all those who turned out to run for our God Speed relay teams and for those who came out to cheer them on!

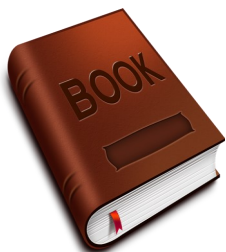
A huge thank you to Jim Stoddard and the Building and Grounds Committee for their work on the conversion of our buildings to natural gas.

Confirmation, Reception and Reaffirmation for ADULTS - December 4

Calling all adults who feel called to reaffirm their commitment to the way of Christ and to be received as full members of The Episcopal Church!

When Bishop Steve is with us on December 4, these adults will stand with eight young people who are confirming their baptismal promises. The Bishop will pray for and lay hands on each one, as a tangible and visible connection to the first apostles sent out into the world by our Lord. In preparation for this, Nathan+ will prepare a retreat program for the group to briefly discuss the history of the Church and the Anglican tradition. Do you sense the Holy Spirit leading you in this direction? If so, reach out to Nathan+ soon and start the conversation.

Bleak Mid-Winter Book Group launching in January!



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

Here's the book: *Angle of Repose* by Wallace Stegner. Let us know if you're interested. When we know the interest level and availability, we'll set a meeting time. To share your interest, contact Toosie Smith (calltoosie@gmail.com or janetbowne@maine.rr.com)

Falmouth Congregational Church 267 Falmouth Road, invites all to their monthly Coffee House

Nov. 11 - 6:30pm

Enjoy a specialty coffee and snack while listening to

Pretty Girls Sing Soprano



Ingrid Ayer-Richardson, Susan Mathews and Shelly Kirkpatrick share their love of acoustic and a cappella music. They will sing to your soul and leave you with a smile as they perform a variety of songs from bluegrass, folk, traditional to country and rock-n-roll.

Family-friendly! All welcome! Free will donations accepted

Mini



November 2016 AVE

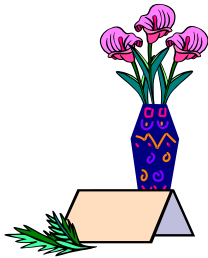
Here are some important dates in our Saint Mary's parish family

Happy November Birthdays to:



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|---|----------------------|----|-----------------|----|------------------|
| 1 | Julietta Smithwick | 7 | Hunter LaFond | 21 | Maura Fitch |
| 3 | Avery Buchanan | 8 | Barbara Murray | 21 | Ben Russell |
| 3 | Ben Claytor | 9 | Judith Brooks | 22 | Angus Ferrell |
| 3 | Emily Claytor | 9 | Sophia Kelly | 22 | Sophia McMonagle |
| 3 | Jay Hurdman | 9 | Jean Wilkinson | 22 | Julie Woodworth |
| 3 | Caroline Kyros | 10 | Eloise Fulton | 24 | Lauren Lamberson |
| 3 | Liz Musacchio | 11 | Anabelle Teng | 24 | John Musacchio |
| 3 | Benjamin Otte | 12 | Brooke Bazarian | 24 | Hugh Smith |
| 4 | Margaret Jean Taylor | 13 | Phoebe Harris | 25 | Sophia Draeger |
| 5 | George Barrett | 13 | James Liddell | 25 | Suzanne Farnham |
| 5 | Wendy Craig | 14 | Gary Conway | 26 | Ally Hurdman |
| 6 | Boone Guyton | 15 | Tucker Hyland | 26 | Chris Smithwick |
| 6 | Felicity Record | 16 | Brendan Melton | 27 | Grace Brown |
| 6 | Kim Vincent | 18 | Tess Martin | 28 | Natalie Unfricht |
| 7 | Megan Akers | 19 | William Record | 30 | Jenn Curran |

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



HAPPY NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARY WISHES TO:

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



Be a SM-uber driver!





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

Going to the Hospital?? Having surgery??

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

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

The Episcopal Church of Saint Mary

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|--|--|--|---|---|---|---|
| 30 Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost Newcomers Welcome Sunday! 8:00am - Traditional Eucharist followed by coffee hour 9:30am Family Chapel 9:45am Guiding RAY begins 10:00am Contemporary Eucharist followed by coffee hour | 10/31  12 - Noonday Prayer | 11/1 All Saints' Day 8:30-11a St Elizabeth's 9:30a Art Group in Aud 10:30am - Wisdom Seekers 12 - Noonday Prayer 1pm - Get Starching 1pm staff meeting 7pm Confirmation meeting 7pm AA in Auditorium | 2 10-12pm Mainly Weavers 10-12 Judges Council - GC 12 - Noonday Prayer 8pm Sing rehearsal 8pm Old in Gt | 3 12 - Thursday Eucharist 1pm Caring Circle 4pm - Boy Singers of ME 7pm Choir rehearsal | 4 Office Closed 12 - Pray where you are 3:30pm Alanon | 5 9am - BSM 9am - 12noon Sparkles Drop-off at 6-9pm Gratitude Progressive Dinner |
| 6 All Saint's Sunday 8:00am - Traditional Eucharist followed by coffee hour 9:30am Family Chapel 9:45am Guiding RAY begins 10:00am Contemporary Eucharist followed by coffee hour 11:00am Acolyte training | 7 10am GC board 11am Pre-guild school art 12 - Noonday Prayer 12-15 All Saints Greely Brown Heritage Society luncheon | 8 9:30 Art Group in Aud 10:30am - Wisdom Seekers 12 - Noonday Prayer 1pm - Get Starching 1pm staff meeting 3:30pm - BComm 8pm School rehearsal 7pm AA in Auditorium 7:50 Alanon (6:50 baggins) | 9 12 - Noonday Prayer 8pm Sing rehearsal | 10 12 - Thursday Eucharist 1pm - Pastoral Partners 4pm - Boy Singers of ME 7pm SM Choir rehearsal | 11 Office Closed 12 - Pray where you are 5-7pm Souper Supper 3:30pm Alanon 7pm Classic Cinema  | 12 8am - 12noon Fall Clean-Up |
| 13 Twenty-sixth Sunday after Pentecost 8:00am - Traditional Eucharist followed by coffee hour 9:30am Family Chapel 9:45am Guiding RAY begins 10:00am Contemporary Eucharist followed by coffee hour 11:00am Acolyte training | 14 10am GC workshop 11am GC meeting 12 - Noonday Prayer | 15 9:30 Art Group in Aud 10:30am - Wisdom Seekers 12 - Noonday Prayer 1pm - Get Starching 1pm staff meeting 4:30pm Outreach 8pm School rehearsal 7pm Confirmation meeting 7pm AA in Auditorium 7:50 Alanon (6:50 baggins) | 16 Garden Out Landscaping Class 8am-10pm in Aud 12 - Noonday Prayer 12-6:30pm Wisdom board 8pm SingS rehearsal 8pm Vestry Meeting | 17 Garden Out Landscaping Class 8am-10pm in Aud 12 - Thursday Eucharist 4pm - Boy Singers of ME 7pm SM Choir rehearsal | 18 Office Closed 12 - Pray where you are 3:30pm Alanon | 19 9am BSM 9am - 12noon Sparkles Drop-off at |
| 20 Last Sunday after Pentecost 8:00am - Traditional Eucharist followed by coffee hour 9:30am Family Chapel 9:45am Guiding RAY begins 10:00am Contemporary Eucharist followed by coffee hour | 21 AVE deadline 12 - Noonday Prayer | 22 9:30am Art Group in Aud 10:30am - Wisdom Seekers 12 - Noonday Prayer 1pm - Get Starching 3pm Pastoral Partners 8pm School rehearsal 7pm AA in Auditorium 7:50 Alanon (6:50 baggins) | 23 12 - Noonday Prayer 8pm Thanksgiving Eucharist 7pm Nyms Tree Lighting | 24 Thanksgiving Day Off-handed  | 25 Office Closed 12 - Pray where you are 5-7pm Souper Supper 3:30pm Alanon  | 26 8am - 1pm Saint Mary's BLOOD DRIVE |
| 27 First Sunday of Advent 8:00am - Contemporary Eucharist followed by wreath-making coffee hour 10:00am Advent Lesson & Carols followed by wreath-making coffee hour 4:00pm Choral Evensong | 29 12 - Noonday Prayer | 29 9:30a Art Group in Aud 9a-2p Embroider's in Guild 10:30am - Wisdom Seekers 12 - Noonday Prayer 1pm - Get Starching 1pm staff meeting 7pm AA in Auditorium 7:50 Alanon (6:50 baggins) | 30 12 - Noonday Prayer 8pm Sing rehearsal | 12/1 12 - Thursday Eucharist 4pm - Boy Singers of ME 6:15pm - Downers 6:30pm Sparkles in Aud. 7pm Choir rehearsal | 12/2 Office Closed 12 - Pray where you are 3:30pm Alanon | 12/3 SPARKLES Fall 9am - 2pm |

| | 8am Ushers | 8am EM/Lectors | 10am Ushers | 10am Lector | 10am Euch Minister | Acolytes | Altar Guild | Altar Flowers | Flower Delivery |
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| 6-Nov Pent 25 | Ed Ainsworth Rayle Ainsworth | Mac Hinkel | Ryan Stinneford Tom LaPlante | Jim Stoddard | Maggie G Nadine Timberlake Ginny Stelk | Maggie Sam | Mary S Trish W Kathy G | Hannah & Helga | The Hortons |
| 13-Nov Pent 26 | Tom Donaldson Baer Connard | Lad Taylor | Jack Heinzman Tom Stegeman | Terry Brown | Terry Brown Greg Unfricht | Kevin L Lauren Kyle | Portia H Maggie G Barbara M | Onnie | Ruth Kimball |
| 20-Nov last Pent | Mac Hinkel Dave Fenderson | Len Taylor | Aaron Splint Andrew McIntosh | Rod McGarry | Andrea M-H Carla Birt | Michael Julia Emily | Kelly I Betsy E Mary L | Open | The Stoddards |
| 23-Nov Thanks HE-6pm | | | <u>6pm Usher</u> Chuck Horton <u>Acolyte</u> : Sam H. | <u>6pm Lector</u> Becky Pride | <u>6pm EM</u> David Robinson Becky Pride <u>6 Readers Needed</u> | | Maggie G Janet B | | |
| 27-Nov Advent 1 | Jim Kane Len Taylor | Becky Pride | Jack Heinzman Ryan Stinneford | Jennifer Gregg youth youth | Nadine Timberlake Jeff Campbell xxx | | | Greens | ~ |
| 4-Dec Advent 2 | Charlie Hurdman Len Taylor | MA McLean | Tom LaPlante Tom Stegeman | Maggie G | Tom Pettingill Ginny Stelk | tbd | | Greens | ~ |
| 11-Dec Advent 3 | Ed Ainsworth Rayle Ainsworth | Al Ahlers | Aaron Splint Andrew McIntosh | Marian McCue | Greg Unfricht Stan Eaton | tbd | | Greens | ~ |
| 18-Dec Advent 4 | Baer Connard Mac Hinkel | Mac Hinkel | Jack Heinzman Chuck Horton | <u>Pageant</u> | David Robinson Andrea M-H | tbd | | Greens | ~ |
| 24-Dec Cmas Eve | <u>4pm Usher</u> Len Taylor Charlie Hurdman John Fournier | <u>4pm EM</u> Becky Pride Terry Brown | <u>4pm Readers</u> Becky Pride Terry Brown youth youth | <u>6pm Ushers</u> Tom LaPlante Jack Heinzman Ryan Stinneford | <u>6pm EM</u> Andrea M-H | <u>6pm Readers</u> Andrea M-H Maggie G youth youth | <u>9pm Ushers</u> xx xx | <u>9pm EM</u> Jim Stoddard MA McLean | <u>9pm Lector</u> Betsy Stoddard |
| 25-Dec Cmas Day | <u>10am Usher</u> xx | <u>10am lector</u> Al Ahlers | <u>10am EM</u> Al Ahlers | | <u>6pm Acolytes</u> : xxx, xxx & xxx | | <u>9pm Acolytes</u> : xxx, xxx & xxx | | |

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, 781-3368



2016 Wreath and Poinsettia Sale



As part of Sparkles, you can order all your
Christmas wreaths and **red poinsettias** grown in Maine.

We'll take orders from November 6 - 20. Complete the order form and include your payment. Drop it off at the office, in the offering plate, coffee hour or mail it in (43 Foreside Road, Falmouth 04105).

All the wreaths and poinsettias will be delivered the first week of December.

Pick up dates: Wednesday, Nov. 30, 4-6PM; Thursday, Dec. 1, 11:00AM -1PM and 4-6 PM; Friday, Dec. 2, 3-6 PM

No wreaths or poinsettias will be sold at Sparkles so be sure to get your order in by 11/20.

Questions? Call or email Janet Bowne (janetbowne@maine.rr.com or 781-3366)

Our Worship Schedule

SUNDAY Hours

8:00am - Traditional Eucharist

10:00am - Contemporary Eucharist

MONDAY - WEDNESDAY

Noon Day Prayer in the Chapel
and wherever you find yourself

THURSDAYS

12noon - Holy Eucharist



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Bruce S. Fithian, *Organist & Choirmaster*
Megan Akers, *Dir. of Youth Christian Formation*
Beth Shaw, *Parish Administrator*

Office Hours: Monday - Thursday
9:00 am to 4:30 pm

Copy deadline December AVE is **Nov. 20**

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SPARKLES' MEMORIALS CELEBRATIONS AND THANKSGIVINGS



Gather together on November 23rd, as we thank the Lord for our many blessings and the people who have made a mark on our lives as we light the Kyros Memorial and Celebration Tree honoring the memories of our departed loved ones and the blessings of our friends and family members.

Send the names of those you would like to celebrate with a blessing or memorial, complete this form and send the form, via email, hand delivery or place in the offering plate, to the Parish Office by Monday, November 21 to have the name included in the celebration leaflet.

In Memory of (please print):

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

In Celebration of (please print):

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

Your Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____