



From the Rector:

50 Days and 125 Years

This April brings a happy confluence of two special seasons for our entire parish family. The Sunday of the Resurrection on April 5 (Pascha or Easter) begins the ancient 50 days of celebration known as the Paschal season. These Great 50 Days are a time of rejoicing in the victory of our Lord Jesus over death. Throughout this season, there is no confession of sin and no kneeling. Why? Because the reality of our brokenness through sin is forgotten.

The glory of the empty tomb and our Lord's living presence is all that we can see, and it is enough.

What a blessing it is that, in the midst of this Paschal season of rejoicing, we will gather for our 125th Anniversary Celebration on Sunday, April 26. And what an even greater blessing that we will be led in our celebration by the spiritual leader of The Episcopal Church, our Primate, the Presiding Bishop Katharine Jefferts Schori. This will be the first time in the 125 years of Saint Mary's existence that the Presiding Bishop will join us in worship! You will not want to miss this momentous occasion which kicks off our Anniversary Celebration season.

In May, both seasons of celebration continue. Wednesday, May 6 is the date of our much-anticipated multi-media presentation by our Maine State Historian, Earle Shettleworth, Jr. And on Sunday, May 17, we will gather together in our outdoor project clothes for our Day of Service and Goodness. In addition, the 50th day of the Paschal season is Pentecost (which comes from the Greek word meaning "fiftieth"). We will celebrate the Feast of Pentecost on May 24.

These are times of deep rejoicing. Both seasons will call us to move beyond a surface level acknowledgment of historical events and into a deeper experience of who we are and who God has made us to be. I am so excited for these Great 50 Days and for our 125th Anniversary Celebration. I hope that you are as well. Thanks be to God that we can celebrate these times together!

Nathan W. Ferrell +



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Our Celebration of First Holy Communion: May 2 and 3

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Holy Week & Pascha 2015 at Saint Mary's

PALM SUNDAY: SUNDAY OF THE PASSION, MARCH 29

The Palm Sunday liturgy, the Passion reading, and Holy Eucharist
at 8:00 and 10:00 AM

The 10 AM Celebration begins in the Auditorium

MONDAY, TUESDAY & WEDNESDAY IN HOLY WEEK

12 Noon: Noonday Prayer in the Fr. James Chapel

MAUNDY THURSDAY, APRIL 2

12 Noon: Holy Eucharist in the Chapel

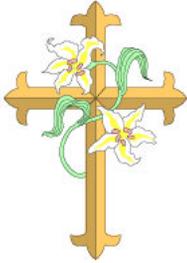
6 PM: *Agapé* meal in the Parish Hall

The Liturgy of the Word and Footwashing.

Reservations are suggested: sign up outside the guild room, or call the church office at 781-3366

7 PM: The Liturgy continues in the Sanctuary

8 PM - FRIDAY, 12 NOON: ALL-NIGHT PRAYER WATCH
BEFORE THE BLESSED SACRAMENT IN THE CHAPEL



GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 3

12 Noon: Good Friday Liturgy & Communion in the Chapel

12 Noon - 5 PM: Blood Drive in the Auditorium

6 PM: Good Friday Liturgy in the Sanctuary

The Chanting of the Passion according to Saint John and the Veneration of the Cross.

HOLY SATURDAY, APRIL 4

THE GREAT VIGIL AT 7:11 PM

THIS IS THE HIGHLIGHT OF THE ENTIRE CHURCH YEAR!

The blessing of the New Fire and lighting of the Paschal Candle. The chanting of the Exsultet.

The history of Salvation. Renewal of our Baptismal Covenant. The first Paschal Eucharist.

THE SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION: PASCHA: EASTER DAY, APRIL 5

9:00 AM and 11:00 AM: Two grand and joyful Celebrations of the Holy Eucharist
with flowers, organ, brass, choir, and lots of singing!

GOOD FRIDAY BLOOD DRIVE @ SAINT MARY'S: April 3, 12 noon – 5 PM

Christ has given us new life through his life and death, so share the gift of life with others by giving your blood! Sign-up today to be a blood donor, and make it a very Good Friday for others 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 Fr. Nathan at nathanferrell@smary.org.



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From the Deacon's Corner:

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Only a few months ago, we were celebrating the birth of Jesus. Bright lights decorated our houses and the evergreen trees in our living rooms. Our children offered us a beautiful living pageant of that very special Nativity event. The familiar carols came easily back to our voices from having been sung year after year. It is always a wonderful season of joy and celebration, love and sharing with others. The birth of Jesus is, of course, worthy of great celebration, but as we move through Holy Week toward the Paschal feast, I wonder if we aren't neglecting to celebrate the Resurrection of Christ with as much effort and enthusiasm as we celebrate Christmas. We have celebratory services with wondrous music in church. In our homes we may gather family for a special dinner and the Easter Bunny shows up for the kids. All that is lovely, although I am not sure what rabbits with eggs have to do with the Resurrection! Shouldn't we be shouting from the rooftops "Alleluia, Christ is risen!"? For us, as Christian people, isn't the Easter event the most extravagant, incredible, awesome, life-giving expression of God's love for us that has ever or will ever happen again? Jesus took on all the suffering and sin of this world on the Cross for our sake. But that is only part of the story. The miracle in which we all have a share is that death and sin no longer rule us. LOVE has conquered death and sin; God who loves us without restraint. "Alleluia, Christ is Risen!" Christ is not risen only for us but for all peoples and all nations everywhere and for all eternity. Shouting from the rooftops or the street corner might get us arrested but the joy of that exclamation is difficult to still once you have taken it into your heart. That joy gives us new life and new purpose that will change our lives and the lives of those around us. Alleluia, Christ is Risen! He is risen indeed. Alleluia!" Thanks be to God.

Faithfully,

Deacon Christine



Vestry Highlights from the March Vestry Meeting

by The Wardens

Your vestry welcomed new vestry members and new wardens at our March Meeting. Good fellowship and a cooperative spirit were present.

Father Nathan led us in an initial discussion of the rich history of the Episcopal Church, and we started on our likely year-long discussion of "Renewing The Episcopal Identity." Themes will likely include: "change," "relevance," "growth" and "Living as Disciples." More on this exploration in future AVE's.

Fishes and Loaves ... I believe you all remember that amazing story ... how our Lord provided for so many even though the initial quantity was seemingly very limited.

Well, St. Mary's in many ways has been blessed in a similar manner ... Faith and Perseverance have led us forward over the years from a "Church Bank Account Balance" of \$0.51 ... yes 51 cents ... in the early 1950s ... seemingly very limited financial resources indeed ... to the somewhat greater financial and human resources we have today ... and we will continue to grow into the future!

Vestry discussion highlights included:



- ◆ 125th Anniversary Celebration ... our many planned activities surrounding the weekend of April 25th and 26th.

- ◆ Stewardship ... moving along nicely as we finish our 2015 campaign and start planning for an even more comprehensive effort for 2016.

- ◆ Finances ... needed to improve and are continuing to improve ... thank you!

- ◆ Repairs to the lower level of the main building are moving forward.

Please read through our April AVE for the specifics on our many activities and initiatives that are made possible by the dedicated work of so many ... truly "many hands make for lighter work."

We, Jim & Janet, want to thank all of the vestry and our parish family for your continued support and to thank Father Nathan for his inspiration and leadership. We look forward to an exciting year of growth, challenges, and learning together as we endeavor to CELEBRATE, HONOR and SERVE. We are humbled to be your wardens and appreciate the trust you have granted us!

Jim Kane and Janet Bowne

CELEBRATE



HONOR



SERVE

Our 125th Anniversary Celebration: April – June 2015

Excitement is building for our upcoming Anniversary Celebration! This season of thanksgiving and dedication will focus upon 4 key events in the coming months:

125th Anniversary Celebration with the Presiding Bishop of The Episcopal Church: *Sunday, April 26 at 9 AM*. A VERY special day of worship and conversation with the spiritual leader of our Church and our own Bishop Steve as well.



The Brown Family and the Making of the Foreside

with Earle Shettleworth, Jr., Maine State Archivist: *Wednesday, May 6 at 6 PM*. By engaging lecture and multi-media presentation, this is an evening to learn about the incredible history of the Brown family members and their impact upon this entire region.

A Day of Service and Goodness with our entire parish family: *Sunday, May 17 at 9 AM*. A Sunday filled with active service projects throughout the area in honor of our basic identity as a community of Christ's people offering hope and healing to all. We'll finish with a potluck lunch in the Auditorium.

Founders Day Picnic: Saturday, June 13 at 12 Noon. A fun day outdoors with descendants of the Brown family, local civic leaders, good food, live music, and tours of the entire campus, including the crypt and the tower.

Saint Mary's began as a memorial chapel in memory of Alida Greely Brown who died on April 25, 1889. The chapel was built in 1890. In thanksgiving to God for 125 years of worship and service in this place, we are asking all of you to step forward and ensure another 125 years of faithful ministry here by joining the **Alida Greely Brown Heritage Society**. This happens when you include The Episcopal Church of Saint Mary in your will and when you notify our parish office of this action. Please see the cover letter in the March AVE for more information. And mark your calendars NOW with each of these Anniversary events!

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Saint Mary's 125th Anniversary Celebration

Collaborative Art Piece for The Church of Saint Mary's 125th Anniversary and the visitation of the Presiding Bishop

In January, a group of parishioners from Saint Mary's went on retreat to create a piece of art. The intention of the collaborative piece was both to mark the 125th anniversary of The Episcopal Church of Saint Mary and also honor the visit of the Presiding Bishop, the Most Rev. Dr. Katharine Jefferts Schori's first visit to Maine. The resulting tri-panel collage on canvas depicts our faith community in the form of the stained glass windows that decorate the church.

Participating artists/parishioners contributed three definitions each of what Saint Mary's Episcopal community means to them.

The words were then translated onto the canvas in symbol, song, scripture, and photos. Drawing, painting, lettering, and photos were layered and arranged to reflect stained glass windows. The finished piece will be hung in the Auditorium soon and will remain up throughout 2015.



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Stewardship 2015 Update

by Janet Bowne

We are all God's servants, working together; you are God's field, God's building. (1Cor 3-9)

Thank you to everyone who has pledged for 2015. We are still hoping to get a few more pledges, so we can meet our goal for this year. But, as of the AVE deadline, we have received \$244,410 from 141 pledging households!!

In the last AVE you may recall hearing about the sponsorship program for the 125th Anniversary program. We are pleased to report that two businesses have signed on as sponsors. CM Almy, Outfitters to the Church and Clergy since 1892, and JB Brown and Sons, a commercial real estate company, are partnering with us for the celebration. Both companies are Maine businesses. CM Almy has been a trusted vendor of a range of liturgical goods for many years. JB Brown and Sons based in Portland was founded by John Bundy Brown, father of John Marshall Brown. You'll be seeing both of these companies' logos and ads in our publications and signage for the 125th Anniversary. We hope that members of their leadership team will join us for the various events, especially for the presentation by Earle Shettleworth from the Maine Historical Society on Wednesday, May 6th. We thank them for their support and partnership in our 125th Anniversary.

Saint Marians - Behind the Mission

As a result of Father Nathan's letter in last month's AVE, John and DeeDee thought about their estate planning and decided to name Saint Mary's in their will and are the newest members of the Alida Greely Brown Heritage Society.

We have decided to include St. Mary's in our will because it is a tangible way of expressing our gratitude for the warm welcome we received when deciding to join St. Mary's. What impresses us daily is the genuine Christian spirituality exhibited in the lives of parishioners. We not only want to support the parish itself and its internal functioning, but also to enable it to continue its outreach commitments beyond our lives.

John & DeeDee Fournier

Thank you, John and DeeDee, for your commitment to Saint Mary's. For more information, feel free to contact Father Nathan or the parish office in how you can join the Alida Greely Brown Heritage Society.

Christian Formation - Middle & High School

S. MARY'S HIGH SCHOOL COMMUNITY SERVICE GROUP!

This group serves 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.

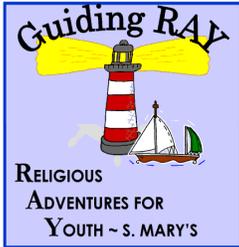
FMI, contact Anne LaFond, (alafond@maine.rr.com) or 781-8820 with any questions you might have.



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.

Casco Bay Young Life meets every Monday night at 7:31pm at 2 Town Landing Rd. (the Herdrich family house), All high schoolers are invited to come and bring a friend!

Christian Formation - RAY Beams - March 2015



SPRINGTIME FOR GUIDING RAY!

The snow has melted, birds are singing....right? Well if not yet the case outdoors, surely our hearts are ready for spiritual renewal as we celebrate Resurrection Sunday on April 5th and prepare for the springtime events and celebrations to come at S. Mary's!



Guiding RAY in April

- April 5:** Easter Sunday. No Godly Play, as we invite all families to worship together.
- April 12:** Parable of the Great Pearl: A merchant sells everything he owns, including his house and every possession inside, for the pearl for which he had been searching.
- April 19:** Habitat Sunday at S. Mary's. Children will meet in "one room schoolhouse" for an interactive presentation by representatives from Habitat for Humanity of Greater Portland.
- April 26:** One service at 9am with breakfast to follow in honor of the visit from Presiding Bishop Katharine Jefferts Schori. We invite all families to worship together; childcare will be provided during the reception.

Springtime Events – Save the Dates!

First Holy Communion Retreat and Service - May 2-3 – Enroll Now!

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May 9, 9-11am – Annual 5K Falmouth Foreside Walk-Run for Habitat for Humanity

You can walk, run, skate, cycle or crawl! Cash and other prizes! Great family event! Pets welcome! Registration and "continental breakfast" at S. Mary's! FMI and Register: www.habitatportlandme.org.

May 17 – S. Mary's Day of Service and Goodness Sunday in celebration of our 125th Anniversary

9am: Gather in work clothes in the Auditorium for prayers

9:30-Noon: Participate in family-friendly service projects in the greater Falmouth community.

Noon: Parish lunch at S. Mary's

Guiding RAY Leadership Team

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Outreach Ministry - Serving Near and Far

$$(T + O) \times 3H = (S + G) \times I$$

How are your math skills these days? Do you remember formulas and your possible struggles to figure them out? I certainly remember the challenges these brought my way.

But before the above formula brings on feelings of anxiety or dread and you decide to stop reading this, take heart. This formula really has little to do with math. It really has more to do with purpose and meaning. Remember this musing, if you will, has to do with outreach. In a few moments this will make perfect (?) sense and will be easy to understand. I hope you will read on.

The following will help in figuring out what the formula means:

T=Time

O=Opportunity

H-Heart

S=Service

G=Giving Back

I=Infinity



Plugging in the above you get the following:

$$(\text{Time} + \text{Opportunity}) \times 3(\text{Heart}) = (\text{Service} + \text{Giving Back}) \times \text{Infinity}$$

In plain English, if you have the **time** and the **opportunity**, together with a measure of a good **heart** the result can be providing **service** and **giving back** to others. The “**infinity**” simply means the impact of the service and giving back cannot really be measured and more often than not exceeds all hopes and expectations.

Now, this is how this all fits with Outreach. On Sunday, May 17th, we will be having a different Sunday morning experience. On this day, we will meet at Saint Mary's for a brief service together. Then we will go out into the community in different sized groups and spend just a couple of hours serving and giving back to individuals or groups who have varying needs and can use our help. We will then return to Saint Mary's for lunch. This all fits very well with our collective desire as a parish to be engaged in hands-on activities with a local focus on helping those in need.

While the above includes time, heart (we do have the will to serve), service and giving back, there is not much there about opportunity. There is some work to be done, and we are asking for your help. The goal for this Sunday is to find ways to help individuals or organizations who would benefit from a couple of us, or perhaps a small group, doing something for a couple of hours that meets a need. This could be helping someone with spring cleanup of his/her yard; cleaning a nearby section of beach of trash, branches that the winter left behind; helping an organization by cleaning a meeting room, and this list could go on and on.

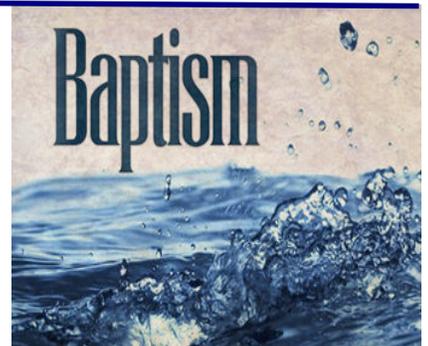
The Outreach Committee is working to develop a list of “opportunities” we could do on this Sunday morning to help both individuals and organizations who could benefit from our service and giving back. We are asking for your thoughts and ideas. If you know of individuals or organizations that could use our help for a couple of hours on a Sunday morning, please let us know, and we can add those opportunities to our list. Please forward any ideas you have to Judith Brooks at brooksjk@maine.rr.com. Please do this as soon as possible, so we can put together a list of opportunities in the next couple of weeks. We will then be asking you to sign up for the project you would like to work on for that Sunday.

This will indeed be a unique way for all of us to spend a Sunday morning. But I know that the time we spend on these opportunities with a full heart focused on giving back and serving those in need, whatever form that takes, will yield unexpected results and reach members of our community in ways beyond our imagination.

Harold Otte, Chair of Outreach Ministry

Baptism and Renewal in the Bay: June 14

Plans are forming for a special celebration of Holy Baptism outside on the shores of Casco Bay during the afternoon of Sunday, June 14. This will be a time for adults, teens and older children who have not been baptized. In addition, there will be an opportunity for anyone who desires to enter the blessed water as a sign of their renewed commitment to the way of Jesus Christ. In fact, everyone present will participate in a renewal of our baptismal vows and will get at least partially wet!. If you or someone you know desires to be baptized, please speak with Fr. Nathan (cell 310-0268) soon so that preparations can be made.



Outreach Ministry - Serving Near and Far

Our Institut Univers Haitian student, Dan-Herley Mathieu, attends Saint Mary's quite often since traveling to Maine in August 2014. Dan-Herley is realizing his dream and is studying at Southern Maine Community College in South Portland. He plans to become a dentist and return to serve the people of Haiti. He loves philosophy class and writing, so here is his latest work.



Colorless

Let me reveal a secret that will change how we perceive the world forever and ever. It's really hard not to be a writer when one is a thinker by nature. I spend 90% of my time reading and thinking, which is how I came up with this brilliant theory. It is harder and harder for me to sleep at night because I cannot stop thinking. The spirit who lives in my body wants to reveal that secret to the rest of the world. I do not have any other choice but to obey. The secret is, we humans are colorless. I know that this declaration sounds crazy but let me explain.

Color is a huge issue in the world. Racial differences are based on color. Color categorizes societies. Color was such a big deal many years ago that leaders such as Adolf Hitler felt like it was important to separate the white race from the others. Hitler wanted to preserve the purity of the white race. I have to tell you that this was one of the biggest mistakes that one could ever make. The reason why is simple. Humans are colorless, so how can we be separated based on color?

Some of you may be asking what makes me think that humans are colorless in a world where some people have many privileges because of their skin color. The answer to that question is that my concept of "human" is different from what most people seem to believe. I believe that humans are more than just bodies. Humans are spiritual beings living in a material world; therefore those spirits need physical envelopes to be on earth. Humans are invisible.

My understanding of our spiritual reality means that you have never and you will never see me as I have never and I will never see you. Dan-Herley Mathieu is the spirit inside this Haitian body, which is 5.6 ft high, black skin, frizzy hair, and so on. I could have been in any other physical body, but I am inside this one for some reason. I did not choose to be in this body. If I had a choice, I would not have chosen to be in a body because I suffer physical pain in it. I am not what you see. I am more than just my physical appearance. My body has a color, height, weight, and all the biological traits, but I do not have any of those. I am the spirit who guides a body; so are you.

I am free and colorless; I am limitless, therefore do not judge me based on what I am not - a body. I am neither black nor white. I have no skin. I am just colorless.

If every one of us could picture humans as we really are, colorless, that would be the end of racism in the world. The concept of color is the main cause of all the discrimination in the world. One hates others just because their skin is not the same color. Now, it is the time to start seeing each other not only at the physical level, but as spirits. Let's consider each person in a different way than we are used to considering them. We are spiritual beings, invisible. We are colorless. If only we could see each other without those physical envelopes, we would realize that we are similar. There are no differences of color among us.

Mark your Calendars!!

The Falmouth Foreside

5K Run/Walk

for Habitat for Humanity

Saturday, May 9th

Place: S. Mary's is the start and the finish.

Time: 9:00am start time, registration at 8:00am

Event: 5k Run or Walk, runners will be timed.

Cash prizes!! Raffles! Pies, cakes, and more!

More details to follow on registration. Please contact Anne LaFond (alafond@maine.rr.com) for more information

Take the step to make a difference in someone's life!

Zenith Journey up Katahdin: August 20 - 22

We are going back! For two nights in August, everyone is invited to join Father Nathan on an adventure to the most beautiful spot in Maine. Preference will be given to those who have never been before because space is limited. All those interested in joining Nathan+ for a climb to the TOP of Maine, let him know right away! Everyone is welcome. Nathan's cell# 310-0268 or email nathanferrell@smary.org



Community Souper Supper

April 10th and 24th



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!



Classic Cinema on April 10

The feature will be "East of Eden"

A 1955 classic directed by Elia Kazan and stars Julie Harris, James Dean, Raymond Massey, and Burl Ives. In the Salinas Valley, in and around World War I, Cal Trask feels he must compete against overwhelming odds with his brother Aron for the love of their father Adam. Cal is frustrated at every turn, from his reaction to the war, to how to get ahead in business and in life, to how to relate to an estranged mother.



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

Buildings & Grounds Update

by Jim Stoddard

Believe it or not, the snow will melt. We are not saying precisely when! When it does happen, the Spring Cleanup will commence. We would hope to accomplish that feat prior to the Presiding Bishop's arrival on April 26. Therefore, we would like to set a tentative date of **Sunday, April 19** as the day of cleanup. Wear your work clothes to the 10 o'clock service, share some food afterwards and then let's get to work. Accolades go out to Don Small who has been tireless in keeping the campus plowed so we can carry on the weekly doings. Keep up the great work. B&G is made aware from Summit Natural Gas that the gas line should be coming to S. Mary in June or July. We are gathering information that will be used to make our decision: cost to convert, any savings afforded to a church, savings by converting to gas. A presentation will then be made to the Vestry. Any thoughts or recommendations will be gladly received.

Pray for Spring.

Jim Stoddard, B&G Chairman

Legacy Project- Post Construction Notes

by Jennifer Gregg

Demolition/Repair of Guiding RAY Flooring Begins

We are very pleased to report that the demolition and repair of the flooring of the Guiding RAY spaces began on March 16th! Spaces involved include all of the Guiding RAY classrooms and “great room,” the art room, the closet and foyer of the Guiding RAY spaces up to the ramp. Testing has revealed no flooring issues elsewhere downstairs, likely because of either elevation or the existence of new slab.

Paul G. White Interior Solutions is replacing the flooring at their own expense. As of this writing, we do not have a fixed date for completion but the goal is to be able to turn the spaces over to S. Mary's for use by April 26, the date of the Presiding Bishop's visit.

The procedure to be used is a modification of one of the options proposed by concrete expert Peter Craig, with whom Ledgewood Construction contracted to provide the necessary services. Ledgewood's Peter Reynolds will supervise Paul White personnel. Photos will document every step. Peter Craig will pass judgment on the work, either on-site or through photographs. We are particularly fortunate to enjoy the services of former parishioner and Legacy construction project co-chair Dick Miller, who volunteered to return and provide additional daily oversight on behalf of S. Mary's.

The procedure to be used has been approved by Peter Craig, SSA and Ledgewood. All have expressed a high degree of confidence in this solution:

- Remove existing Flooring (throughout Guiding RAY area, “Art Room” and Foyer up to the ramp)
- Grind off existing M20 underlayment (Note that the grinding process removed the original Koster moisture barrier. Because no Koster remained, Peter Craig recommended that the concrete be shot-blasted to a CSP 3 (the recommendation of Koster) and be deep-vacuumed prior to applying the new Koster layer.

Paul White Interior Design agreed to this additional work and proceeded with this recommendation.)

- Apply an additional layer of Koster
- Prime the floor with primer recommended by Mapei
- Prep the floor with Mapei extreme
- Install Versashield MBX per Peter Craig's instructions
- Install the replacement flooring (Replacement flooring options are still being gathered.)

This work does not include air testing that must be conducted following the completion the above-cited work and a “flush out” period of time. This testing will be the primary and critical means for determining if the work conducted has in fact resolved the air quality issue. St. Mary's is taking responsibility for this phase of the process.

Water Damage Upstairs in Parish House

Parishioners may have observed ice build-up early in February at the juncture of the “connector” and the original part of the Parish House upstairs (across from the kitchen). This ice build-up had also been spotted last year and discussed with Ledgewood and SSA at the time. Unfortunately, steps taken did not prevent water from damaging the interior of the Parish House this winter.

After further investigation, Ledgewood determined that no insulation had been installed in the connector crawlspace in front of the kitchen, causing heat to escape and ultimately the formation of the ice dam. In addition, Ledgewood determined that open soffits on the south side of the Parish House (over the outside staircase adjacent to the kitchen) are contributing to ice build-up in that location. Ledgewood and the original sub-contractor rectified both issues on March 12. The repair of the interior is underway. Ledgewood assumed full responsibility for all repairs.

We wish to again express our thanks to all: to our partners to be sure, but particularly to the Choir, Guiding RAY families, MIDDLEL families, all those involved with SPARKLES and the Book Sale, Boy Singers of Maine and all others whose programs have been disrupted throughout the past year. Thank you for your patience and understanding as we and our partners have worked through the complex issues to determine both the root cause of the air quality/flooring issues and the requirements and modalities for repairs.



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)

Kudos to Becky Pride and her crew of wonders who once again organized a fabulous Book, Bake & Soup Sale!

More kudos to Elizabeth Heinzman, Babs Bell, Jan Mordarski, Barbara Murray, Mary Smith, Kathryn Street, Mac Hinkel, Hugh Smith, Chuck Horton, Betsy and Jim Stoddard, Marti Galli, Margaret Fast and EVERYONE ELSE who helped make the BOOK, BAKE, and SOUP sale such a wonderful success! And thanks to Hannah DeSorbo for being the BEST Greeter Ever!!

Danke

Thank you to the Middlers and their leaders, Jeff and Diane Campbell, for the sumptuous coffee hour they hosted in March. The quesadillas were delicious and certainly offered something hot and spicy on a cold Sunday morning!!

THANKS!

Thank you to the roof shovelers who helped clear an ice dam on the Parish House. Father Nathan, Jim Stoddard and Garry Bowne, tackled this big job on the one warm day we had in March. Much appreciated!!

Merci

Thanks to Tricia Wheeler for organizing a wonderful bowling night for the Acolytes. All had fun and enjoyed being together for friendly competition and, as always, pizza!!



Mission in Motion:

Our youth tying scarves made by parishioners onto trees and light posts in downtown Portland for anyone who needs one to take and use to keep warm.

Save the Date and reserve your table before they are all gone!

Saint Mary's Annual

BRIDGE-A-THON

Friday, May 29th 12:30-4 PM

Contract Bridge enthusiasts of all levels are invited to form a table for an afternoon of friendly bridge, cards or table game of your choice.



Tea, coffee and sumptuous refreshments included in price of admission. 20 tables available.

Admission: \$48 per table / \$12 per person

Long Creek Birthday Cupcakes

Saint Mary's is continuing its tradition of bringing birthday cakes to the kids at the Long Creek Youth Development Center in South Portland.

We bring these cakes on the second Monday of every month, to celebrate monthly birthdays. There is a sign up sheet outside the Guild Room if you would like to help. The cupcakes need to be store-bought, and range from four dozen to five dozen, depending on the size that you purchase. Plastic containers of cupcakes can be purchased in the bakery section at Hannaford's.





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



Happy April Birthdays to:

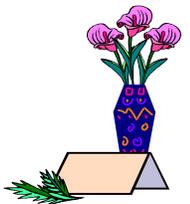
1	Olivia Kennedy	15	Dorothy Fay		
1	Lester Evans	15	Alden Record	22	Katalina Echavarri
3	Piper Bickerstaff	15	Jeannie Gulliver	22	Grace Payne
3	Chris McGonigle	16	Sara Fallon	22	Hannah Russell
3	Tim McGonigle	16	Trey Fallon	23	Dan Funk
3	Skylar Spaulding	16	Jacob LaPlante	24	Samantha Galbraith
4	Jill Oestrieher	17	Alexis Lindberg	24	Jared Hourihan
4	Mark Stimson	17	Ginny Stelk	25	Jordan Otte
7	Colin Abbott	18	Cayman Bickerstaff	25	Jane Sawyer
7	Bexie Knowles	18	George Kendall	27	Gordon Payne
8	Alice Hendry	19	Connie Stimson	27	Andrew Taylor
8	Bennett Smith	20	Mallory Ianno	27	Lanny Wenthe
13	Harry Sawyer	20	Duncan Leahy	28	Betsy Stoddard
14	Kaylee Demers	21	Rebecca Nuzzi	29	Sarah Brown
14	Evelyn Thurston	22	Angelica Barrett		

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 APRIL ANNIVERSARY WISHES TO:



12	Nikki & Lester Evans	17	Jane & Harry Sawyer
15	Meg & Charlie Hurdman	19	Angelica & George Barrett
15	Julie & Harold Otte	27	Elizabeth & Jack Heinzman



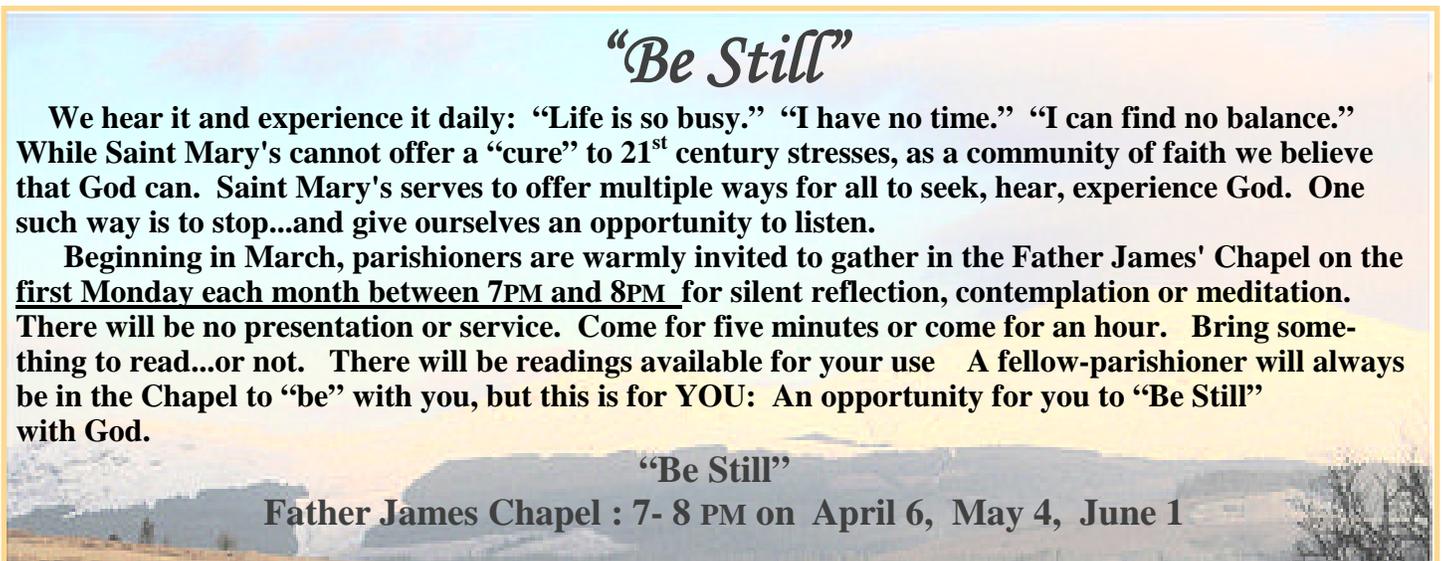
"Be Still"

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

Beginning in March, parishioners are warmly invited to gather in the Father James' Chapel on the first Monday each month between 7PM and 8PM for silent reflection, contemplation or meditation. There will be no presentation or service. Come for five minutes or come for an hour. Bring something to read...or not. There will be readings available for your use. A fellow-parishioner will always be in the Chapel to "be" with you, but this is for YOU: An opportunity for you to "Be Still" with God.

"Be Still"

Father James Chapel : 7- 8 PM on April 6, May 4, June 1





April 2015

The Episcopal Church of Saint Mary



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>29 The Sunday of the Passion: Palm 10am Liturgy begins in the Auditorium</p> <p>8am - Traditional Eucharist followed by coffee hour 9:00am The Mith @ S. Mary's 10:00am Contemporary Eucharist followed by coffee hour 4pm - Lenten SCHOLA Concert</p>	<p>30 Holy Week </p> <p>12 - Noonday Prayer 3:30 - 6:30 - Mathis Fun 7pm - <i>Be Still</i></p>	<p>31 11am - Wisdom Seekers 12 - Noonday Prayer 1pm - Staff Meeting 1pm - Get Stching 1:30pm Food for the Soul 7pm AA in Auditorium 7:30 AIA non (6:30 beginners)</p>	<p>4/1 12 - Noonday Prayer 10am Mainely Weavers 3:30pm ExComm 6pm- Outreach Ministry</p>	<p>4/2 Maundy Thursday 4pm Boy Singers of Maine 6pm - Agape Meal Followed by Maundy Thursday Liturgy (7:00) 8pm - 12pm Prayer Watch in the Fr. James Chapel</p>	<p>4/3 Good Friday 12noon - Good Friday Liturgy & Comm 12-5pm Blood Drive 5:30p Alanon 6pm - Good Friday Liturgy with choir</p>	<p>4/4 Holy Saturday 9am - BSM 7:11 pm - The Great Vigil</p>
<p>5 The Sunday of the Resurrection 9am - Traditional Eucharist followed by coffee hour 11am - Contemporary Eucharist followed by coffee hour</p>	<p>6 12 - Noonday Prayer 3:30 - 6:30 - Mathis Fun</p>	<p>7 11am - Wisdom Seekers 12 - Noonday Prayer 1pm - Staff Meeting 1pm - Get Stching 3:30pm Exec Committee 7pm AA in Auditorium 7:30 AIA non (6:30 beginners)</p>	<p>8 12 - Noonday Prayer</p>	<p>9 12 - Healing Eucharist 4pm Boy Singers of Maine 7pm Choir rehearsal</p>	<p>10 Office Closed 12 - Noonday Prayer 5-7pm Community Souper Supper 5:30pm Alanon 7pm - <i>Classic Cinema</i></p>	<p>11 9am - BSM </p>
<p>12 The 2nd Sunday of Easter 8am - Traditional Eucharist followed by coffee hour 9:00am The Mith @ S. Mary's 9:30am Family Chapel and Middlers 9:45am Guiding RAY 10:00am Contemporary Eucharist followed by coffee hour 4pm - Freeway group meeting</p>	<p>13 11am - Garden Club 12 - Noonday Prayer 3:30 - 6:30 - Mathis Fun</p>	<p>14 11am - Wisdom Seekers 12 - Noonday Prayer 1pm - Staff Meeting 1pm - Get Stching 7pm AA in Auditorium 7:30 AIA non (6:30 beginners)</p>	<p>15 12 - Noonday Prayer 6pm - Vestry</p>	<p>16 12 - Healing Eucharist 4pm Boy Singers of Maine 7pm Choir rehearsal</p>	<p>17 Office Closed 12 - Noonday Prayer 5:30pm Alanon</p>	<p>18 10am - 4pm - AI-Anon Workshop (Aud & kit)</p>
<p>19 The 3rd Sunday of Easter <i>Habitat Sunday</i> <i>B & G Clean-up following church services</i> 8am - Traditional Eucharist followed by coffee hour 9:00am The Mith @ S. Mary's 9:30am Family Chapel and Middlers 9:45am Guiding RAY 10:00am Contemporary Eucharist followed by coffee hour Public School vacation week</p>	<p>20 <i>Patriot's Day</i> 12 - Noonday Prayer AVE Deadline</p>	<p>21 11am - Wisdom Seekers 12 - Noonday Prayer 1pm - Staff Meeting 1pm - Get Stching 1:30pm Food for the Soul 4pm pp 7pm AA in Auditorium 7:30 AIA non (6:30 beginners)</p>	<p>22 12 - Noonday Prayer </p>	<p>23 Garden Club Speaker 12 - Healing Eucharist 7pm Choir rehearsal</p>	<p>24 Office Closed 12 - Noonday Prayer 5-7pm Community Souper Supper 5:30pm Alanon</p>	<p>25 St. Mark, the Evangelist 1-3pm Openforum with Presiding Bishop at the Cathedral</p>
<p>26 The 4th Sunday of Easter 125th Anniversary Celebration 9am - One Holy Eucharist with the Presiding Bishop followed by Brunch and Town meeting</p> <p>SOUP KITCHEN</p>	<p>27 10am - GR leader ship team 12 - Noonday Prayer 3:30 - 6:30 - Mathis Fun</p>	<p>28 11am - Wisdom Seekers 12 - Noonday Prayer 1pm - Staff Meeting 1pm - Get Stching 7pm AA in Auditorium 7:30 AIA non (6:30 beginners)</p>	<p>29 12 - Noonday Prayer</p>	<p>30 12 - Healing Eucharist 4pm Boy Singers of Maine 7pm Choir rehearsal</p>	<p>5/1 St. Philip & St. James Office Closed 12 - Noonday Prayer 5:30pm Alanon</p>	<p>5/2 9am - BSM 11am - First Holy Communion Retreat</p>

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Worship Leader Schedule: April - May 2015

	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
29-Mar Palm	Jim Kane TomDonaldson	Alison Hayward EM; Mary Ann	Rudy Israel Charlie Hurdman	Marian McCue	Carla Birt Tom Pettingill	Kevin Sam & Elizabeth	palms		Hot Cross buns
2-Apr Maundy Thursday			6pm Ushers Jack Heinzman	6pm lector Ginny Stelk	6pm EM(2) Ginny S & Jeff C	6pm acolytes 3 Holts	Garden of Repose	~	~
3-Apr Good Friday			6pm Ushers Harold Otte	6pm lector Jennifer Gregg	6pm EM Terry Brown	6pm acolytes	bare		~
4-Apr Easter Eve Vigil		7:11pm	7:11pm Usher Jim Kane	7:11 EM Mary Ann McLean	7:11 EM Becky Pride	7:11 Acolytes Michael, Julia & Emily			~
5-Apr Easter/ Pascha	9am Ush Becky Pride Tom Donaldson Baer Connard	9am EMs Mac Hinkel Len Taylor	9am Acolytes Kevin Lauren & Kyle	11am Ush Jim Kane Jack Heinzman Charlie Hurdman	11am EMs Jim Stoddard Andrea M-H	11am Acol Michael Sam & Sarah	AFG Easter		Hospitality ?
12-Apr Easter 2		Mac Hinkel		Jennifer Gregg	Stan Eaton David Robinson				J Gregg
19-Apr Easter 3		Al Ahlers		Betsy Stoddard	Linda Eaton Greg Unfricht				OPEN
26-Apr Easter 4 Presiding Bishop	One service followed by town hall meeting		9am Usher	9am Lector Len Taylor	9am EMs Nadine Timberlake Jim Stoddard	9am Acol			Hospitality
3-May Easter 5		Mary Ann McLean		Harold Otte	Ginny Stelk Tom Pettingill				Ginny, etc
10-May Easter 6		Becky Pride		Lowell Brown	Andrea M-H Jim Stoddard				
17-May Easter last		Lad Taylor		Ginny Stelk	Terry Brown Greg Unfricht				Potluck Hospitality
24-May Pentecost		Alison Hayward		Ella Brown	David Robinson Jeff Campbell				

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

MONDAY TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY & FRIDAY
Noon Day Prayer in the Chapel
and wherever you find yourself

THURSDAY 12 noon—Healing Eucharist

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