



## VISION 2014: Our Mission, Goals and Objectives

Approved by the Vestry: November 2014

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

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

We are committed to maintaining our traditional Christian liturgy while extending our offerings to meet the spiritual desires and needs of the wider community.

To do this, we will...

- ◆ Experiment with different days, times and venues for worship
- ◆ Experiment with more contemplative liturgies
- ◆ Invite all parishioners into worship leadership roles, especially children and youth

### HONOR the presence of Christ in one another,

We are committed to the spiritual growth of all God's children. We are committed to treating all people with dignity and respect and to increasing the care we provide for one another.

To do this, we will...

- ◆ Grow our Godly Play program
- ◆ Invest in the ministries of Young Life and our Diocesan Youth programs
- ◆ Invite more adults into small groups for Bible Study and theological reflection
- ◆ Offer regular teaching on prayer and meditation and contemplation
- ◆ Train and equip more parishioners to participate in our ministries of caring for one another

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

We are committed to serving others in our community and in the world, trusting in the power of the Holy Spirit to lead and guide us.

To do this, we will...

- ◆ Offer hands-on service opportunities for all of our members in partnership with local non-profits
- ◆ Continue our commitment to Institution Univers in Haiti
- ◆ Invest in key partnerships on all levels (local, state, national, international) where we can make the most impact in God's work of reconciliation and healing in relationships of mutual support
- ◆ Offer opportunities to learn about critical issues affecting our world and how we might respond

Look towards  
the east,  
O Jerusalem,  
and see the joy  
that is coming  
to you  
from God.



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## *From our Rector:*

Your parish leadership is very pleased to present to you our shared Vision for our life together. (See the VISION 2014 on the cover). We have carefully crafted this Vision throughout the course of 2014 by listening to your thoughts and ideas which were shared with us in a number of formats: surveys, table discussions, informal discussions. As your spiritual leader, I believe that this is an excellent Vision that will help to guide the growing edges of Saint Mary's for years to come. Let me draw your attention to a few areas that deserve particular explanation.

First, everything begins with "building authentic, vibrant, Christ-centered community." Why must we start here? Because this is precisely what Jesus did in his earthly ministry, and what the apostles did in the very beginning of the Church. We are a part of a global movement that has always been about people sharing their lives together in a way that is real and transformative.

You will also notice an emphasis upon experimenting. This is intentional. In our age of rapid social change, we do not know what the future shape of the Church's life will look like. We will need to be agile and flexible as we explore new possible ways to worship and learn together that will touch the hearts of our neighbors.

There is also a deliberate desire to train and equip more of you to do the work of ministry in our community. Our tasks of worship leadership, teaching and practical care will need to be more broadly shared in our parish as we move forward.

We are committed to be a growing parish community that is learning together, caring for one another, celebrating God and our lives together, and reaching out in compassion toward those in need. I hope that you will read and study this Vision carefully, and that you will find in it a calling for your unique gifts and abilities!

*Nathan W. Jewell +*



## Stewardship 2015 Update

by Janet Bowne

Our annual stewardship campaign is underway. The packets have all been mailed. Thank you to those who have already returned their pledge forms!! St. Mary's is so blessed to have so much support! Your financial support is critical to our ability to carry out our mission. If you've been following our stewardship story, you know that we have been through several years of transition where we have had to draw upon our reserve or savings accounts to meet our obligations. The Vestry in concert with the Budget and Finance Committee is committed to closing our deficit and getting us on a sustainable path. They have trimmed the budget. **We are hoping that our current pledgers will consider an increase of 10% over last year's pledge if they are able.** And those who don't yet pledge will consider doing so!

### Why pledge?

By pledging to St. Mary's, the Vestry knows what to expect for revenue. Added to our other sources of income (Sparkles, Lobster Bake, etc), that revenue helps us meet our expenses, many of which are fixed expenses (salaries, insurance, utilities).

So check your mail, look for the packet. We hope you'll give prayerful consideration to a pledge. You can scan and email your form to Beth (admin@smary.org), mail it to the Parish Office (43 Foreside Rd, Falmouth), or drop it in an envelope into the collection plate.

### How should I pay my pledge?

You can pay weekly, monthly, quarterly or annually. You can elect to use a check in envelopes we provide. Many in the parish opt to transfer from their bank automatically as they do with other payments. And you can use the online link thru our website to pay on your pledge.

Some people like to pay their pledge with matured securities/stock. The pledge form has the information on how to transfer a security. Please let Beth, our Parish Center Manager, know when the transfer happens so you can be credited. The gifts come to us without any identification which often causes confusion. Thank you for being with us on this journey of faith. Thank you for sharing your many resources with St. Mary's.

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

## *Saint Marians Moving the Mission* by Becky Pride

### *The first in a series on "What Saint Mary's means to me"*

Saint Mary's is a place where I bask in God's love, often palpable through you. Saint Mary's is not simply a building; it is a living, breathing dynamic presence in our world. I came across a powerful poem by Teresa of Avila a few days ago that I think speaks to all of us here at Saint Mary's:

*"Christ has no body now but yours: No hands, no feet on earth but yours.  
Yours are the eyes with which he looks compassion on this world.  
Yours are the feet with which he walks to do good,  
Yours are the hands, with which he blesses all the world."*

This week Saint Mary's was at **St. Elizabeth's Essentials Pantry**, where Portland's needy persons go to receive clothes, essentials such as soap and toilet paper, and household items that you and I help to provide. A middle-aged woman almost cried with joy as she put on a new parka to keep out the cold. With tears in her eyes and her hands on her cheeks, she said: I can't believe I could find such a beautiful warm jacket here, and it's new ~ I didn't know I could be so lucky. Judith, Betsy, Margaret and I feel lucky to serve such need and to witness such gratitude.

Last month Saint Mary's visited the young men ~ in some cases, mere boys ~ who are incarcerated at **Long Creek Youth Development Center**. The boys patiently reminded me how to play gin after we ate hot dogs and hamburgers that Jim Stoddard prepared for us. Every time Jim cooks, his eyes suffer, and he comes back indoors with the most bloodshot pair I have ever seen. Yet back again he goes to cook for those kids. Marian, Jim, Betsy and Rayle and I have formed a merry band, and we look forward to our time with our Long Creek friends.

Agonizing over a spiritual or financial dilemma with my fellow Vestry members...

Seeing Dan's enthusiasm for attending college in America and his gratitude for all of God's gifts are reminders of all that we have and all that we are called to be as God's children...

Discovering ways to do mission work with Harold and our Outreach Committee...

Witnessing Nathan's faith, Christine's service especially with her prison ministry, and Hugh's constant presence ...

Experiencing Beth Shaw's wisdom and compassion as she lovingly listens to my struggling with an often mundane issue...

Watching young Joseph Herlihy heft heavy soup tureens as he regularly serves his adoring clients at our own **Souper Supper**...

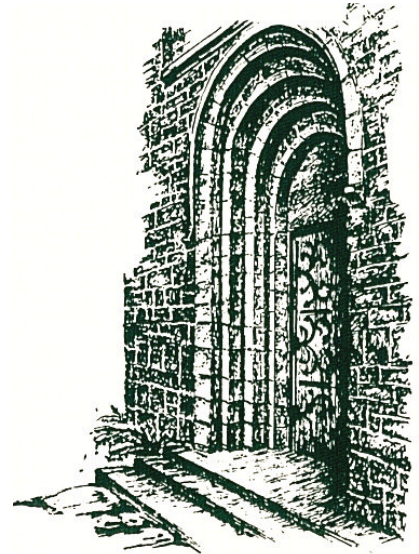
Finding myself transported by Bruce's musical genius and our choir....

For me all these scenarios ~ and so many more ~ are part of the living and breathing Saint Mary's that you and I are building ~ by the Grace of God and through the Goodness of God.

It is here that we learn to forgive ~ our selves and others.

It is here where we are reminded not to judge ~ for judgment is God's domain ~ and his justice is infallible.

Saint Mary's is the vehicle through which I am able to be in authentic community, to be in relationships that require me to be most consciously aware, that necessitate I grow, and that encourage me to try to be and become most fully what I believe God would have me be. Saint Mary's centers me, rudders me, calls me into accountability, and causes my heart and soul to sing.



If you would like to become involved in any of the Saint Mary's projects that Becky Pride mentioned in her reflection ~ including the **Preble Street Soup Kitchen** she mentioned during announcements ~ please call or email her at 781-4391 or [rebeccapride1@gmail.com](mailto:rebeccapride1@gmail.com).

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## From the Deacon's Corner:

Dear Ones,

Do you ever feel that you are being pushed into Christmas? When I was younger, Thanksgiving came before Christmas, not after Halloween! In recent years it seems that we haven't consumed all the Halloween treats before the Christmas decorations are up in the stores, and the commercials on television are all about buying and spending, "Black Friday," and deep discounts. We don't stop to give thanks for the incredible gifts of shelter, family, bountiful food, health, safety, education for our children, and I could go on and on. Christmas has lost the mystery and meaning as the celebration of the greatest gift God has ever given to the world He created, Jesus, our Emmanuel.

It is right that we should prepare for the feast of Christmas. I love the evergreens and the Christmas cookies and I love shopping for my grandchildren. I love Sparkles, and the Schola concert, caroling and all the incredible music of the season that we enjoy at Saint Mary's. The work that goes into our celebrations brings so much joy to us and the community around us. We need to be giving and loving to each other all the time, but especially during this special season. We also need the spirit of joy that comes from remembering others who find it difficult to celebrate because they lack the gifts that we enjoy and that we often take for granted. We need to find ways to share our bounty with them.

In all our preparations we must not forget to prepare our hearts to make room for the Christ Child. Amidst all the activity of this time of year, we need to take time to stop, take a deep breath, and remember that Jesus is coming. As we hear the story read in scripture, we need to take in the reality that Jesus came to Bethlehem long ago; that Jesus is with us now always and everywhere; and that Jesus will come again. Every year Advent gives us the opportunity to prepare ourselves to receive Him all over again.

Take a little time each day to remember that blessed event that we celebrate year after year with joy; to be aware of Jesus' presence in and around us in the joy of preparing and sharing and to prepare ourselves for Jesus to come to us again at an "unexpected hour." Pick up a copy of *Forward Day by Day*; subscribe on line to [SSJE.org/advent](http://SSJE.org/advent) word to receive a word and meditation from the Society of Saint John the Evangelist each day during Advent. Join us in the chapel on December 20 from 9:00 AM to noon for "Come to the Quiet," an opportunity in the midst of the busy-ness to be still before God. We will begin with Morning Prayer. Printed meditations will be available, and you are welcome to come when you like and leave as you need to. May Jesus grant you every blessing during this Advent and Christmas season, and may you receive the gift of Jesus in your life more deeply every day.

Faithfully,

Deacon Christine



## 'Come to the Quiet'

An Advent Retreat at Saint Mary's

Saturday, December 20th 9am - 12pm

In the Father James Chapel

We begin with Morning Prayer at 9am  
followed by periods of meditation and contemplation.

Readings will be available

Take a break and remember the true meaning of Christmas.

For more contact Deacon Christine Bennett [deacab@maine.rr.com](mailto:deacab@maine.rr.com)



## *Vestry Highlights from the November meeting*

Again this month the key work of the vestry was to continue work on the budget for 2015. We met twice this month reviewing the expenses and revenue in detail trying to balance them. After several hours going line-by-line the draft budget currently has a deficit of about \$14,000. At our second meeting, we reviewed possible revenue sources but some are long-term in nature and will not impact 2015.

The consensus of the vestry is that it would be difficult to reduce expenses further without impacting our programs and that the key to balancing the budget is to increase revenue. While we will continue to look for alternate revenue sources, the annual pledge campaign, currently underway is critical to the financial health of the parish if we want to continue to provide for the excellent staff and many programs that we offer. Please complete your pledge for 2014 and consider increasing your pledge for 2015. The vestry will finalize the budget at its December meeting.



The vestry has also been developing for about a year, a vision statement to guide our focus and efforts in the coming few years. After several surveys and a small group input from parishioners and much discussion at vestry meetings, we have a vision statement and specific goals ready to share with the parish. It appears elsewhere in this edition of the AVE and will be a key topic for the annual Parish Meeting in January.

Hugh Smith  
Senior Warden

## *Legacy Project- Post Construction Update*

by Jennifer Gregg

Consultations and testing continued during the last month in an on-going effort to determine the sources of tile bubbling, odor and air quality issues downstairs in the Parish House.

The consultation on October 15<sup>th</sup> between Ledgewood Construction, Scott Simons Architects (SSA), Paul White Tile Company, and the JJ Flooring representative pointed towards ground moisture interacting with the adhesive of both tiles and carpet in the Guiding RAY spaces. The moisture appeared to be migrating from the ground to the adhesive despite the Koster sealant that had been applied throughout during the construction to prevent this. Subsequent calcium chloride testing suggested by Paul White and JJ Flooring to determine the extent of this migration was inconclusive as it was subsequently determined by Paul White that such testing is not appropriate in cases where such a sealant has been applied.

SSA and Paul White Tile called in the services of a concrete floor expert, Peter Craig, who took three core samples in a Guiding RAY classroom on November 10. While Mr. Craig indicated he has several theories about what may be causing the breakdown among the layers under the tile/carpet, he made it clear that only the laboratory testing of these core samples would provide the necessary information for him to theorize with any confidence.

Paul White Tile has since been seeking quotes from the testing agencies and will choose one soon. Normally, the turn-around time for receiving results from the laboratory is 4 weeks.

S. Mary's has stressed to SSA that we expect this, as well as all efforts associated with this issue, to be undertaken and completed on a priority basis. We continue to stress to all parties that we seek a determination not only about what is causing tile bubbling and migration of substances to the surface under the tiles, but also what is causing the odor and the air quality issues.

As always, if you have questions, observations or concerns, please direct them to the Legacy Building Committee: Jennifer Gregg, George Barrett or Chuck Horton.

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# Christian Formation - RAY Beams - November 2014



Advent is here, and we pray that despite the hustle and bustle of the secular lead-up to Christmas, you will find moments of solace as we await the celebration of the coming of Christ and reflect upon God's miracles that continue to happen each and every day around and through us.



***S. Mary's Advent Giving Tree*** – A wonderful way to express the true spirit of Christmas. This year, S. Mary's, together with the Salvation Army, is hosting the “Angel Giving Tree” Angel tags with a child's gift request are on the Christmas tree in the Auditorium foyer. Kindly take an angel tag, purchase item(s) on the tag and bring back, **unwrapped**, no later than December 12<sup>th</sup> with the angel tag on the package. FMI: Betsy or Jim Stoddard, 829-2026; [jbstod@myfairpoint.net](mailto:jbstod@myfairpoint.net)

## Guiding RAY and Godly Play Schedule in December

**December 7:** Following Family Chapel, “One Room Schoolhouse” in the Auditorium. All ages hear the story of Mary: God chose Mary to be the Mother of God when she was a young teenager. Joseph and Mary raised the baby and Mary was present during Jesus' life and death.

**December 14:** Following Family Chapel, children will hear the story of Advent: This lesson helps the children to anticipate the mystery of Christmas. We move toward Bethlehem and arrive at the birth of Jesus and the lighting of the Christ Candle in the church.

**December 21:** No Family Chapel; No Guiding RAY Classes – Children and parents gather in Church at 10am for the Christmas Pageant.

**December 28:** No Family Chapel; No Guiding RAY Classes – Christmas Vacation



## Worship, Service and Fellowship

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



**Friday, December 12, 4-6pm: Family Caroling and Souper Supper!** Join Alison Hayward and other families at 4pm at S. Mary's for caroling at Falmouth by the Sea. Return to enjoy dinner –and more caroling--at “Souper Supper”

**Saturday, December 20, 3pm: Christmas Pageant Dress Rehearsal** A wonderful opportunity for visiting family and friends to enjoy the full presentation of the Pageant.

**Sunday, December 21, 10am: Christmas Pageant**



**Fridays, December 12 and 26, 5-7pm:** Family Community Service opportunity at S. Mary's Souper Supper. FMI: Jennifer Gregg: [jenniferanngregg@gmail.com](mailto:jenniferanngregg@gmail.com)

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



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*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 Wednesday night at 2 Town Landing Rd. (the Hurdich family house), all high schoolers are invited to come and bring a friend.

## YOUNG ADULT SERVICE CORPS

**Are you 21 to 30 years old?**

**Are you ready for an experience that will transform your life?**

**Do you want to be a part of what God is doing in the world?**

**Do you want to experience diverse cultures, make a spiritual commitment, and reflect on your vocational possibilities?**

**If your answer is Yes,** then you are ready to work with the Young Adult Service Corps (YASC) of The Episcopal Church in a one-year assignment.

Applicants must have a high degree of maturity and possess a faith commitment, the willingness to be a humble guest, and the ability to be an authentic companion. The Young Adult Service Corps brings young adults into the life of the worldwide Anglican Communion and into the daily work of a local community. At the same time, it brings the gifts and resources of the church into the lives of young adults as they explore their own journeys with Christ.

The application deadline for YASC 2015 is January 2.

Application forms and more information can be found here:

[www.episcopalchurch.org/page/young-adult-service-corps](http://www.episcopalchurch.org/page/young-adult-service-corps)

## ADVENT CALENDAR

Starts November 30, 2014



Subscribe: [SSJE.org/adventword](http://SSJE.org/adventword)

# Outreach Ministry - Serving Near and Far

## Outreach Opportunity - S. Mary's Snowman/Angel Tree



We 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 "SnowAngel" Giving Tree.  
SnowAngel tags will be on the Christmas tree with a child's gift request.

Kindly take a tag, purchase one or more of the items 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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## Community Souper Supper

December 12th and 26th



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

## Outreach Musings:

### Election and voting results--moving forward!!

How many of you voted **twice** this past month? The answer is about **100!** Now, before anyone starts an investigation looking into voter fraud, we are not talking about voting twice in the elections for various town, city, state and national elected positions and various initiatives and referendums. What we are talking about is voting once in that election and once in the Outreach Committee voting also held a several weeks ago. We know that 100 voted on the Outreach question and believe those same people voted in the election. **Two votes.....entirely legal.**

Now we all know the results of the elections just past. Candidates won, candidates lost, and the various bonds, initiatives and referendums were supported or not. We have the results of that election, know the feelings of the voters on various candidates and issues, and we are now moving forward.

As with the just concluded elections, the Outreach voting was held to find out the feelings of parishioners about what areas the Outreach Committee and parish should focus on for hands-on opportunities to serve those in need in our community and beyond. Thanks to everyone who voted and here are the official results:

**Hunger-26 votes**  
**Environment-16**  
**Poverty-13**  
**Literacy-12**  
**Elderly-10**  
**Hospice-8**  
**Animal Welfare-8**  
**Housing-7**



In addition to these “official results,” we heard from some members of the congregation that our focus going forward should be more concentrated on **local hands-on opportunities in our immediate communities and state** rather than national or international opportunities.

What is important about any voting or election, is that you look at the results and move forward in a way that reflects and respects the results of that voting and election. The last Outreach Committee meeting we had in early November was focused on deciding what organizations and groups would be receiving support from the Outreach Committee, and by extension, St. Mary's this year. Remember the \$14,000 check? As we discussed which organizations to support this year, the committee had the results of the voting in front of us and in mind. The result of our conversations, discussions, and decisions was that approximately **72% of the our Outreach and parish support will be going to local and state organizations.** This is a considerable shift in the distribution of these funds from years past and mirrors the desire of the parish for a more local focus on our efforts to serve those in need. The organizations receiving funding and support will be posted in the Parish house and will also be included in the parish annual report early next year.

As this year winds down, we are thankful for all who have voted, and by their vote, have helped set the focus and course for organizational support this year and for hands-on efforts in 2015. Next year promises to be an eventful and exciting year for the Parish as we celebrate 125 years. We look forward to your support, ideas, thoughts and involvement as we continue to serve those in need.

## Discretionary Envelopes - Fuel Fund & Emergency Help

As the winter approaches and the temperatures drop, let's not forget to lend assistance to those that are struggling to stay warm. Emergency/Fuel Fund envelopes can be found in the hymnals in each pew. Thank you on behalf of those you will help.

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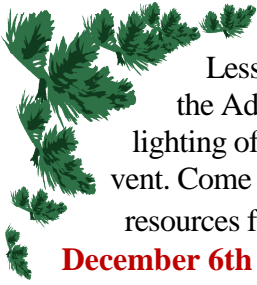


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## Get ready to Sparkle!!



On **November 30th** begin Advent with the unforgettable Advent Lessons & Carols at the 10am church service. We continue the first day of the Advent Season at 3pm with the Advent Workshop and Potluck and the lighting of the Memorial and Celebration Tree. Learn about the meaning of Advent. Come and make your own Advent wreath to use at your home, and pick up resources for daily Advent prayers to use with your wreath.

**December 6th** is the festive and "sparkling" boutique with the Cookie Walk, Bake Sale, Cafe (with delicious lobster stew, yummy tomato basil soup and herbed biscuits. We hope you will join us for fun, good food and wonderful shopping.

Still looking for more baked goods for the bake sale and warm bodies to help out on the day of the fair and for the reception after the Schola Concert.

**December 14th** closes the Sparkle Season with the beautiful Schola Concert and gala reception following. Ticket prices include the concert and the reception.

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

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



### THE SPARKLES CALENDAR OF EVENTS.

**Sunday, November 30,** 3pm: Advent Wreath Workshop, Potluck, and Memorial Tree Lighting

**Saturday, December 6,** 9am - 2pm: Sparkles Fair featuring our Boutique, Cookie Walk, Cafe and Bake Sale.

**Friday, December 12,** 4pm: Souper Supper and Christmas Caroling

**Sunday, December 14,** 4pm: S. Mary's Schola Concert and Reception



### SPARKLES CONCERT: SING WE NOEL

On **December 14** at 4pm, the St. Mary Schola offers its annual SPARKLES Concert to benefit S. Mary's Church. This year, the Schola presents *Sing We Noel*, a joyous celebration of the season. This program includes medieval processions, a mystical chant by Hildegard von Bingen, magnificent motets by Praetorius and Schütz, as well as haunting masterworks by Poulenc. Bach's invigorating Brandenburg Concerto No. 6 in B-flat Major will feature splendid string soloists, accompanied by harpsichord and lute. The concert will conclude with the entire Schola ensemble of singers and musicians coming together to perform a joyful Christmas anthem by Purcell. Enjoy the concert and a gala reception for price of entry: \$15 adults; \$12 seniors and students; \$40 family. Tickets available on-line ([www.stmaryschola.org](http://www.stmaryschola.org)) from Beth Shaw in the parish office or at the door on the day of the performance.





# *Advent and Christmas 2014 at Saint Mary's*

## **Sunday, November 30**

**8am** - Traditional Holy Eucharist for the First Sunday of Advent

**10am** - Advent Lessons & Carols

**3pm** - Advent Wreath Workshop, Pot-luck followed by  
The Lighting of the Kyros Memorial and Celebration Tree

## **Saturday, December 6**

**9am - 2pm** - Sparkles Christmas Fair - Gifts, Crafts, Food and more

## **Sunday, December 7**

**8am** - Traditional Holy Eucharist for the Second Sunday of Advent

**10am** - Contemporary Holy Eucharist for the Second Sunday of Advent

## **Friday, December 12**

**4pm** - Traditional Christmas Caroling to local establishment ending at Souper Supper

## **Sunday, December 14**

**8am** - Traditional Holy Eucharist for the Third Sunday of Advent

**10am** - Contemporary Holy Eucharist for the Third Sunday of Advent

**4pm** - Sparkles Concert & Reception - Saint Mary Schola presents *Sing We Noel*

## **Saturday, December 20**

**9am - 12noon** - Advent Retreat: 'Come to the Quiet'

**3pm** - Christmas Pageant full dress rehearsal

## **Sunday, December 21**

**8am** - Traditional Holy Eucharist for the Fourth Sunday of Advent

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

## **Wednesday, December 24: Christmas Eve**

**4pm and 6pm** - Family Christmas Eve Eucharist

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

**9 pm** - Choral Candlelight Christmas Eve Eucharist

## **Thursday, December 25: Christmas Day**

**10am** - Joyful Christmas Day Liturgy



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# News, Notes, Kudos, Dates & Reminders

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

## 2014 FINANCIAL UPDATE

2014 PLEDGES : 255,105  
 PLEDGES PAID : 203,998  
 UNPAID PLEDGES : 51,107

**UNSURE OF THE STATUS OF YOUR PLEDGE? PLEASE BE IN TOUCH WITH BETH SHAW ASAP !**

**The Vestry can not thank the Budget & Finance Committee enough for its tireless work on the church's behalf to reduce our deficit.**

**Danke**

Thank you to all who came out for the campus yard clean up on November 8th. The yard is looking great and we're ready for the winter. Hope it takes its time arriving!

**THANKS!**

Thank you to the hosts for the Gratitude Dinner. What a wonderful evening full of fantastic fellowship and fabulous food! Thank you: Rayle and Ed Ainsworth, Mary Ann McLean, Len and Margaret Jean Taylor, Stan and Linda Eaton, Ruth Kimball, and Jim and Melissa Kane.

Thank you to the Vestry and Leadership  
 As incoming wardens, if elected, at the Annual Meeting, we really appreciate the Vestry and Wardens including us on many important meetings in the last few months. By including us, we are going to be better prepared to assume our duties in 2015. We are grateful for their collaborative spirit and willingness to transfer their knowledge to us!!

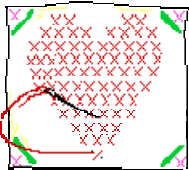
Thanks to Meg & Charlie Hurdman for hosting and leading a Bible Study in their home this past fall.  
 Nathan+

**Merci**

**ITN: Drivers NEEDED.**  
**If interested contact Jim Stoddard**  
**[jbstod@myfairpoint.net](mailto:jbstod@myfairpoint.net)**

## Get Stitching: Tuesdays 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.



## God Answers



## 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 S. Mary's in Falmouth. How you are doing matters a great deal to your S. Mary's family!



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

## Happy December Birthdays to:



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

**We'd love to include good wishes on your birthday and anniversary. If we don't yet have the dates, please send 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](mailto:admin@smary.org) or call 781-3366 or drop a note to the church. Thanks!**

## HAPPY DECEMBER ANNIVERSARY WISHES TO:



30	Dody & Donald Ryan
30	Meredeth & Mark Winter
31	Sandra & David Snow





# The Christmas Pageant Cometh

The S. Mary's Christmas Pageant will be Sunday, December 21 at 10 AM.  
Practices will be held on Sundays after church. Come see our youth at their best. If you are unable to attend the 10 am service on Sunday, you're in luck!  
A full dress rehearsal will be on Saturday, December 20th at 3pm -  
All are welcome ! For more information and any questions please  
contact the parish office at 781-3366 or Ben or Julie Otte at  
[JulieMomOtte@aol.com](mailto:JulieMomOtte@aol.com) or call home at 781-2322.



# December 2014



The Episcopal Church of Saint Mary

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>11/30 The First Sunday of Advent</b> 8am - Traditional Eucharist followed by coffee hour 9:00am The Moth @ S. Mary's 9:30am Family Chapel and Middlers 10am Advent Lessons & Carols followed by coffee hour 3pm Advent Wreath workshop, Potluck & Tree Lighting	<b>1</b> 12 - Noonday Prayer	<b>2</b> 10am OSL 10:30am - Wisdom Seekers 12 - Noonday Prayer 1pm - Staff Meeting 1pm - Get Stitching 4pm Outreach meeting 7pm AA in Auditorium 7:30 AIA non (6:30 beginners)	<b>3</b> 11-2 Weaver's Xmas party 12 - Noonday Prayer 3pm Sparkles Set-up	<b>4</b> 12 - Healing Eucharist 4pm Boy Singers of Maine 7pm Choir rehearsal	<b>5</b> Office Closed 12 - Pray wherever you are 5:30pm Alanon	Sat 9am BSM <b>12/6</b> <b>SPARKLES FAIR</b> <b>9am-2pm</b>
<b>7 The Second Sunday of Advent</b> 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	<b>8</b> 12 - Noonday Prayer	<b>9</b> 10am OSL 10:30am - Wisdom Seekers 12 - Noonday Prayer 1pm - Staff Meeting 1pm - Get Stitching 3pm Food for the Soul 7pm AA in Auditorium 7:30 AIA non (6:30 beginners)	<b>10</b> 12 - Noonday Prayer	<b>11</b> 12 - Healing Eucharist 4pm Boy Singers of Maine 7pm Choir rehearsal	12 Office Closed 12 - Pray wherever you are <b>4:30pm Christmas Caroling</b> <b>5-7pm Community Souper Supper</b> 5:30pm Alanon	<b>13</b> 9am BSM 9:30-3pm Jane Austen Soc
<b>14 The Third Sunday of Advent</b> 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 Sparkles Schola Concert	<b>15</b> 11 - Garden Club Tea 12 - Noonday Prayer 6pm - Vestry	<b>16</b> 10am OSL 10:30am - Wisdom Seekers 12 - Noonday Prayer 1pm - Staff Meeting 1pm - Get Stitching 1pm - Kneelers 4pm PP 7pm AA in Auditorium 7:30 AIA non (6:30 beginners)	<b>17</b> 12 - Noonday Prayer Vestry meeting moved to Monday Jan. AVE deadline	<b>18</b> 12 - Healing Eucharist 4pm Boy Singers of Maine 7pm Choir rehearsal	19 Office Closed 12 - Pray wherever you are 5:30pm Alanon	<b>20</b> 9am - 12noon <b>'Come to the Quiet'</b> Advent retreat in the Chapel <b>3pm Pageant Full dress rehearsal</b> <b>All Welcome!</b>
<b>21 The Fourth Sunday of Advent</b> 8am - Traditional Eucharist followed by coffee hour 9:00am The Moth @ S. Mary's 9:30am Family Chapel and Middlers 10:00am Christmas Pageant and Holy Communion followed by coffee hour	<b>22</b> 12 - Noonday Prayer Annual Report Deadline	<b>23</b> 10am OSL 10:30am - Wisdom Seekers 12 - Noonday Prayer 1pm - Staff Meeting 1pm - Get Stitching 7pm AA in Auditorium 7:30 AIA non (6:30 beginners)	<b>24 Christmas Eve</b> 12 - Noonday Prayer <b>4pm and 6pm Family Eucharist</b> <b>9pm Choral Candlelight Eucharist</b>	<b>25 Christmas Day</b> <b>10am - Joyful Christmas Day Liturgy</b>	26 Office Closed 12 - Pray wherever you are 5-7pm Community Souper Supper 5:30pm Alanon	<b>27</b> 
<b>28 The First Sunday after Christmas</b> 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 <b>SOUP KITCHEN</b>	<b>29</b> 12 - Pray wherever you are Beth on vacation	<b>30</b> 10am OSL 10:30am - Wisdom Seekers 12 - Noonday Prayer 12-4pm College Club Tea 1pm - Get Stitching 7pm AA in Auditorium 7:30 AIA non (6:30 beginners)	<b>31</b> 12 - Noonday Prayer	<b>1/1</b> Happy New Year! <b>PEACE</b>	<b>1/2</b> Office Closed 12 - Pray wherever you are 5:30pm Alanon	<b>1/3</b> 



## The Episcopal Church of Saint Mary

### Worship Leader Schedule: December 2014 - January 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
7-Dec	Ed Ainsworth	Lad Taylor	Tom LaPlante	Marian McCue	Nadine T.	Michael Man	greens	~	Sparkles
Advent 2	Rayle Ainsworth		Harold Otte		David R.	Grace B			
14-Dec	Baer Connard	Becky Pride	Charlie Hurdman	Jennifer Gregg	Linda E.	Kevin	greens	~	Brenda & Karee
Advent 3	Al Ahlers		Lowell Brown		Andrea MH.	Lauren Kyle			
21-Dec	Len Taylor	Alison Hayward	Jack Heinzman	Betsy Stoddard	Jeff C.	Julia	greens	~	Ranas/Gales
Advent 4 & pageant	Becky Pride		Chuck Horton		Jim S.	Emily			
24-Dec	4pm Usher	4pm EM	4pm Readers	6pm Ushers	6pm EM	6pm Readers	9pm Ushers	9pm EM	9pm Lector
Jack Heinzman	Becky Pride		youth	Baer Connard	Len Taylor	youth		Ginny Stelk	
Charlie Hurdman	Terry Brown		youth	Tom LaPlante	Mac Hinkel	youth		Mary Ann McLean	
Xmas Eve	Jim Kane		youth	Andrew McIntosh					
	Acolytes: Sarah K & Elizabeth M			Acolytes: Kevin,	Kyle & Lauren		Acolytes: Julia & Emily		
25-Dec	10am Usher	10am EM							-
Harold Otte	Al Ahlers								
Xmas Day									
28-Dec	Mac Hinkel	Mary Ann McLean	Lowell Brown	Harold Otte	Tom Pettingill	tbd	Xmas		OPEN
Xmas 1	Dave Fenderson		Chuck Horton		Terry Brown				
4-Jan	Ed Ainsworth	Mac Hinkel	Tom LaPlante	Lowell Brown	Stan Eaton	tbd	Xmas		OPEN
Xmas 2	Rayle Ainsworth		Andrew McIntosh		David Robinson				
11-Jan	Baer Connard	AL Ahlers	Jack Heinzman	Ginny Stelk	Jeff Campbell	tbd	Jan Mordarski	The Stoddards	The Eatons
Epiphany 1	Len Taylor		Harold Otte		Carla Birt				
18-Jan	Al Ahlers	Len Taylor	Charlie Hurdman	Ella Brown	Linda Eaton	tbd	Melissa Kane	Ruth Kimball	TheHastings
Epiph 2	Becky Pride		Lowell Brown		Ginny Stelk				
Annual Meeting-One Service		9am	9am	9am	9am	Altar	Flower		Brunch
25-Jan		Ushers	Lector	EM	Acolytes	Flowers	Delivery		
Epiph 3		Tom Donaldson	David Robinson	Andrea M-H		Pat Kinkade	The Nicholsons		
		Tom LaPlante		Tom Pettingill					

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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### Our Worship Schedule

#### **SUNDAY Hours**

**8:00am - Traditional Eucharist**

**10:00am - Contemporary Eucharist**

#### **MONDAY - WEDNESDAY & FRIDAY**

**Noon Day Prayer in the Chapel  
and wherever you find yourself**

**THURSDAY 12 noon—Healing Eucharist**

CELEBRATE



HONOR



SERVE

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The Rev. Christine Bennett, *Deacon*

Bruce S. Fithian, *Organist & Choirmaster*

Beth Shaw, *Parish Administrator*

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9:00 am to 4:30 pm

**January 2015 AVE deadline Dec. 17**  
**Annual Report Deadline Dec. 22**

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