



The Episcopal Church of Saint Mary - Falmouth, Maine

### From our Rector:

"Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also" (Matthew 6:21)

February has become the time of year when our culture focuses upon relationships (once the Super Bowl is over, of course!). In response to this, the annual celebration of **National Marriage Week** has arisen. This "Week" leading up to Saint Valentine's Day (February 7-14) is now recognized by people and organizations across the globe. Not all of those reading this are currently in a marriage, but most probably are. If you are married, let me encourage you in the strongest possible terms not to take this for granted. Marriage is a gift to be celebrated. It is the highest possible honor to be invited to share life with another human being in the most intimate way where every secret is shared and one is still

loved and accepted regardless. If someone has opened his/her heart to you in this way, then make sure that you say "thank you" to God AND to that person each and every day for this incredible gift.

Marriage is also a skill to be learned. No one is born with the wisdom needed to be a healthy marriage partner. This skill, like any other, must be learned over many years and it can always be developed, no matter your age. Like every human skill, the one who practices continuously is the one who grows and succeeds. It is only through investing your time and treasure in your marriage (or any other skill) that you will experience growth and new abilities. If you are feeling stuck in your marriage, then you need a new training regimen, a new daily practice. If there is conflict in your marriage, then it is incumbent upon you to improve your skills as a marriage partner.

There are many tools available to help you develop your marriage skills. Feel free to ask me about good books that you can study. Numerous websites offer helpful insights, such as <a href="www.couplecheckup.com">www.couplecheckup.com</a>, <a href="www.nationalmarriageweekusa.org">www.logreatdates.com</a>, <a href="www.nationalmarriageweekusa.org">www.nationalmarriageweekusa.org</a>, <a href="www.nationalmarriageweekusa.org">www.logreatdates.com</a>, <a href="www.nationalmarriageweekusa.org">www.logreatdates.com</a>, <a href="www.nationalmarriageweekusa.org">www.logreatdates.com</a>, <a href="www.nationalmarriageweekusa.org">www.nationalmarriageweekusa.org</a>, <a href="www.nationalmarriageweekusa.org">www.logreatdates.com</a>, <a href="www.nationalmarriageweekusa.org">www.nationalmarriageweekusa.org</a>, <a href="www.nationalmarriageweekusa.org">www.nationalmarriageweekusa.org</a

Life is all about relationships. Whether you are married or not, what will you do to invest in your relationship skills and to improve the quality of your connections with those who matter the most?

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# Ash Wednesday, February 18, 2015

The Ash Wednesday Liturgies will be as follows:

7:00am: Ashes-to-Go at the Pratt Abbott corner

12noon: The Ash Wednesday Liturgy in the Father James Chapel

4:00am: The Children's Ash Wednesday Service in the Father James Chapel 6:00pm: The Ash Wednesday Liturgy with choir in the church building

FAMILIES!! At 4:00 pm on Ash Wednesday, Father Nathan will hold a special Children's Service. It will be approximately 30 minutes long and will include an imposition of ashes, but no Eucharist; it is specially designed to be *child friendly*.

Natta W. Ferell +



## From the Deacon's Corner:

Dear Friends,

I have no idea how to interpret dreams, but lately I have been thinking about looking into it! I have been dreaming a lot recently – in color and in detail. I remember dreaming about traveling to unknown places, sometimes with family; getting lost and eventually finding my way. The frustrating thing is that I am never sure where I am and always wake up before I have reached my destination! I like to travel. I haven't traveled a lot, but I would really love to see more of the world. I often think of my life as a journey that in-



cludes unfamiliar circumstances or challenges; feeling lost and eventually, with God's help, finding my way. Sometimes the roads I take don't end up where I thought they would and sometimes there's a path I take, almost without thinking about it, that proves to have a wonderful outcome and that brings me to a place of joy and satisfaction.

I have always wanted to make a pilgrimage, an intentional spiritual journey, leading to a sacred site that offers an opportunity for deep prayer and worship, and where the physical effort mirrors the journey of a favorite saint or group of holy seekers. I daydream about going to the Holy Land and would also love to experience Iona in Scotland. I am looking forward to hearing Betsy Elliman and Portia Hirschman as they share their experience of Santiago de Campostela on the 4<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> of February.

We are not all able to travel as we might like, but we are all pilgrims. We are all seekers, walking a sacred road in the footsteps of Jesus, his disciples, and many others who have gone before us around the world. Every step we take in our daily lives as we work, care for our families or serve others in the world can be a step towards deepening our understanding of God's love for us and our love for Jesus and the life he offers us. Our journey through Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, February 18. We are called to remember who we are and to make a conscious choice to take a holy pilgrimage - to choose a better road than perhaps the one we have been on - to make each step and each path we take guided by prayer, supported by one another and leading to the joy of new life. We will stumble; we will sometimes have to backtrack and start over, but we will become more fully who God created us to be. So instead of giving something up for Lent, take something on. Take on a new way of prayer; participate in a study group; visit someone you haven't seen in awhile; spend more time with scripture; decide to make a decision based on faith instead of facts (now there's a challenge) and enjoy the road. Faithfully,

**Deacon Christine** 

# Stewardship 2015 Update

by Janet Bowne

At press time, we are busy making calls and collecting pledge forms so any total we could share here will be eclipsed by our progress this week! SO....

If you've pledged, THANK YOU!! We are truly blessed!

If you haven't pledged, THERE'S STILL TIME TO GET YOUR PLEDGE FORM IN (even if you're reading this in February!!).

EVERY PLEDGE MATTERS!! Pledge what you can. Your pledge intention should be joyful not stressful!

If you can't pledge now for financial reasons, know that you are still a vital part of our Saint Mary's family!!!!

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## Vestry Highlights for January meeting

by Hugh Smith

Treasurer, Bill Gowen, did a quick review of the financial results for 2014. While pledges were short of our budget, other revenue brought us to the total revenue budget thanks to generous unrestricted gifts from parishioners and successful fund-raisers, especially Sparkles. Total expenses were slightly over budget. Nonetheless, we



incurred a deficit of \$46,000. The Budget & Finance Committee did extensive work on the budget for 2015 that reduces the operating deficit to approximately \$15,000. The current Annual Campaign under way has resulted in more that \$220,000 in pledges so far, according to Janet Bowne, chair of the Stewardship Committee (and recently elected Junior Warden), and we are hopeful we can get to the \$265,000 budgeted. Please turn in your pledge if to achieve our goal and to continue the great work we do as a parish.

Jennifer Gregg reviewed the progress on resolving the odor issue in the lower level of the Parish House. The consensus is that we have moisture permeating the concrete floor of the older portion of the building. We are waiting now for a recommendation on a floor system that can replace what is there.

Finally, I would like to express my appreciation for all the support I received over the last 9 years, first as Junior Warden and most recently as Senior Warden. It has been a pleasure to work with Nathan, Christine, Bruce and Beth. We are so lucky to have them. My thanks also to all of you for your support and encouragement and thousands of hours you put in to make our parish the vibrant and caring community that it is. It has been an honor and privilege to serve as your warden.

Hugh Smith, Senior Warden

# A Pilgrim's Progress - Experience it!

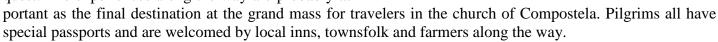
Have you ever wanted to take a pilgrimage, taking time off to undertake a journey to a sacred place? During

the medieval age, a very famous destination for pilgrims was the city of Compostela in northwestern Spain, where the legendary site of the remains of St. James remain. From the 10th century to this day, pilgrims from all over Europe (and today from all over the world) have made the journey to this shrine. The most common route covers 500 miles, from southwestern France, crossing the Pyrenees and ending in Spain. There are about 125,000

pilgrims a year who make the pilgrimage.

Originally a Christian destination, the Way has now become an important process for people of all faiths and

backgrounds to take six weeks off and go on a spiritual quest. The experiences along the way are probably as im-



Two members of our church family have walked 'The Way of St. James' the Reverend Portia Hirschman and Betsy Elliman, and you will have a chance to hear about their experience.

On <u>Wednesday</u>, <u>February 4 at 7 PM</u>, there will be a viewing of the 'The Way,' the film starring Martin Sheen, who had a very personal connection with the subject.

On <u>Wednesday February 11 at 7 PM</u>, Portia and Betsy will share their experiences and allow us to better understand this ancient/modern peregrination.



# Christian Formation - RAY Beams - February 2015



What does the Guiding RAY program mean to our children, families and parish? Comments recently captured from families and teachers about this year's program tell the tale! If your child is not yet enrolled in Guiding RAY, we welcome you! If you would like to share the joys of our teacher cadre, we welcome you! Questions or comments? Please contact a member of the Guiding RAY Team (see contact information below).



### Why do you bring your children to Guiding RAY? Parents commented:

- "[Because of] S. Mary's investment in a rich Christian educational experience and our welcoming spiritual family. We have not found another place like it!"
- "So they can learn and understand the value of spirituality, God and religion in their lives...just like I did!"
- "Honestly, we have always loved the teachers, and it is a great opportunity for our child to be with other adults, and for mom and dad to get a needed break!"

### How do you see your children responding (to the Godly Play curriculum)? Parents commented:

- "They seem to enjoy the stories and enjoy the routine of the play!"
- "This ministry allows for the children to have their own scared space and ritual of the church in a way that is accessible to them and designed just for them."
- "Not only discussions about Godly Play stories in the car on the way home from church but at random times when they are reflecting on them a month later. Great excitement when they realize they can have a discussion about it with mom and dad as an "expert." They don't even realize it's education...it's just interesting and fun."
- "Children reflecting and recalling our Godly Play stories. Wondering how a situation applies to those stories. How powerful! They complain on the way in, and come out smiling and excited on the way out!"
- "I think while it's a great social outlet, they are also taking the message away in their little ways."

#### **How does the Guiding RAY ministry impact families?** Parents and teachers commented:

"This ministry brings families closer to God."

Godly Play "enriches spirituality of all ages, and gives everyone in the family a home on Sunday mornings."

"It provides a welcoming place to gather, pause, think about God in our life and instill spirituality in our kids."

### "Why do you participate in this ministry?" Teachers responded:

- "I learn about my faith in a whole new way."
- "Giving children the foundation and space to understand God is so important to who we become as adults."
- "My Christian education has given me strength and driven my choices throughout life. It seems like an impactful way to tell God's story in a manner that kids can relate to."
- "I love being with our youngest children, leading them in play, and watching them grow. It is also a chance for me to give back to the church. The work is fulfilling, and I get so much back. I also enjoy the contact with the other nursery helpers and Guiding Ray members as well as with the parents."

### Guiding RAY and Godly Play Schedule in February

**February 4:** Singing with Mrs. Stoddard followed by "Work Day" for all classes.

<u>February 8:</u> Parable of the Sower: This parable is found in all three synoptic gospels and the Gospel of Thomas. The parable introduces the question of "what is the Kingdom of Heaven" really like?" and describes Jesus' promise of abundant harvest, is followed by an allegory that expresses the concerns of the first century Church.

<u>February 15</u>: *Parable of the Great Pearl:* This parable continues the discussion about "What is the Kingdom of Heaven really like?"

**February 22**: Parable of the Mustard Seed (held over from January).

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 February!

Fridays, February 9 and 23 4-6pm: Souper Supper! Opportunity for your children or family to reach out to our greater community by serving a delicious meal of soup, salad and bread at table.

FMI: Jennifer Gregg: <a href="mailto:jenniferanngregg@gmail.com">jenniferanngregg@gmail.com</a>

### 2015 Class: CONFIRMATION, RECEPTION AND REAFFIRMATION

### Concerning the Service of Confirmation (from the BCP, p. 412)

In the course of their Christian development, those baptized at an early age are expected, when they are ready and have been duly prepared, to make a mature public affirmation of their faith and commitment to the responsibilities of their Baptism and to receive the laying on of hands by a bishop. Those baptized as adults, unless baptized with laying on of hands by a bishop, are also expected to make a public affirmation of their faith and commitment to the responsibilities of their Baptism in the presence of a bishop and to receive the laying on of hands.

### Who may be candidates for Confirmation?

- 1. Those who have been baptized.
- 2. Those who are ready to make a mature public statement of their identity as a follower of our Lord Jesus Christ.
- 3. Those who are between 15 and 100+ years of age at the date of the Confirmation service. Each young person must have at least completed 9<sup>th</sup> grade by the date set for this liturgy.

### Who are candidates for Reception?

- 1. Those who have been baptized and confirmed in another tradition by a bishop in apostolic succession.
- 2. Those who wish to identify publicly as members of The Episcopal Church and the Anglican Communion.

### Who are candidates for Reaffirmation?

- 1. Those who have already been confirmed by an Episcopal bishop.
- 2. Those who feel called, after time away from the church or after an important life transition, to make a statement about their renewed commitment to the Lord.
- 3. Those who desire our Bishop to lay hands upon them and to pray for the Holy Spirit to strengthen and uphold them.

## 2015 CRR Class - Initial Gathering Meeting: Sunday, February 22 at 9:15 AM

If you are one who fits any of these categories above and feels led to pursue Confirmation, Reception or Reaffirmation, please come for this initial meeting with Fr. Nathan. If you cannot attend or would like to discuss this further, please contact Fr. Nathan as soon as possible.

# "Be Still"

We hear it and experience it daily: "Life is so busy." "I have no time." "I can find no balance." While S. Mary's cannot offer a "cure" to 21<sup>st</sup> century stresses, as a community of faith we believe that God can. S. 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 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
March 2, April 6, May 4, June 1
7-8pm

## **5 FOR 5: 2015 Lenten Small Groups**

As part of our VISION 2014 commitment to "invite more adults into small groups for Bible study and theological reflection," EVERYONE IS INVITED to join one of 5 small groups meeting for 5 weeks in the season of Lent. If you have never been part of a small Bible study group before, then make this the time to try something new! These are geographically distributed, but feel free to join the one that best suits your schedule. Call one of the leaders listed below to let them know that you'll join their group. Watch the Sunday bulletins and website for more details.

### 5 weeks beginning the week of February 22

Sunday afternoons (4 pm) in Yarmouth: Study of "Freeway" (led by Fr Nathan)

Monday evenings (7 pm) in Scarborough: Study of "Being Christian" (TBD)

Tuesday mornings (11 am) at Saint Mary's: Study of "Being Christian" (Led by Deacon Christine)

Tuesday afternoons (3:30 pm) in West Falmouth: Study of "Being Christian" (Led by Jane Stegemann)

Wednesday evenings (7 pm) in Falmouth: Study of the Epistle of James (Led by the Hurdmans)

*Freeway* is a group process designed to open us to the awareness, forgiveness and freedom that God brings into our lives. It uses group video segments and individual workbooks FMI: see <a href="www.secondchance.org">www.secondchance.org</a>.

**Being Christian** is a book by former Archbishop of Canterbury Rowan Williams about the basic practices of the Christian life. Bishop Stephen Lane has invited the Diocese of Maine to study this book in Lent. All participants will be invited to join our Bishop on March 25 or 26 in a live stream web discussion of the book.

**The Epistle of James** will use Mark A. Copeland's course of study of this biblical book which speaks of handling trials and temptations, understanding the relation between faith and works, the proper use of the tongue and display of wisdom, and the value of humility, patience and prayer. FMI: contact Meg Hurdman (400-9011 or <a href="https://hurdman@maine.rr.com">hurdman@maine.rr.com</a>)

## Buildings & Grounds Update

by Jim Stoddard

AHH, Winter is finally here and so beautiful. I am looking out on our 2+ feet of new fallen powdery snow. Peace and serenity.

On another note, last summer there was the speculation that electricity rates would greatly increase in February of 2015 from 7.6 cents per kilowatt hour to around 12 cents per kilowatt hour. That would have hurt our 2015 budget. We did adjust our forecast for that eventuality. Well, the good news is that due to lower oil prices, the expected price for electricity will be 6.5 cents per kilowatt hour. This will help to balance our budget and offset the higher contracted price for our oil this year.

Lastly, we have been able to sell another cord of firewood for \$225. It all helps. Till next time, stay warm.



## Youth to Distribute Prayer Scarves

The service group of young people working with Anne LaFond will be tying Prayer Scarves to light poles near Preble Street Soup Kitchen again this year in January. The scarves are made by our parishioners. A tag is attached to each one with warm thoughts and prayers from the Church of Saint Mary in Falmouth. We will have an update and photos in February.

## Legacy Project-Post Construction Update

by Jennifer Gregg

The concrete flooring core samples have been tested and the analysis was received from expert, Peter Craig, on January 16<sup>th</sup>. Scott Simons Architects, Ledgewood Construction and the subcontractor, Paul White Interior Solutions have accepted the following two critical findings of the analysis:

Moisture is reaching the tile adhesive in certain areas and causing tile bubbling as well as chemical reactions causing the poor air quality issues (odor and elevated VOCs).

The moisture is reaching the adhesive because the water barrier product is not preventing the moisture from rising to the extent it is designed to do.

Mr. Craig is prepared and has been asked to suggest options for solving these issues in a manner that will ensure the enduring Legacy Project objective of providing "a safe and healthy environment" in the Parish House. Ledgewood Construction has assumed responsibility for working directly with Mr. Craig. We are hopeful that his recommendations will be forthcoming and that our three partners will achieve consensus about the way forward in a very timely manner, so that we can move quickly to repair and renovate the flooring. Following that, the air quality will again be tested before we reoccupy the spaces.

# Community Souper Supper

February 13th and 27th

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 February 13!

The feature will be "Notorious" (1946)

A woman is asked to spy on a group of Nazi friends in South America. How far will she have to go to ingratiate herself with them? (Cary Grant, Ingrid Bergman, Claude Rains, directed by Alfred Hitchcock.)



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# Outreach Ministry - Serving Near and Far

### Outreach Musings: An Invitation: Deep Dive to an even more incredible you!

You are incredible! There is no one else like you! You are powerful beyond measure!

What, you may be thinking. Are you talking about me? Yes, I am talking about you. You are incredible, there is no one else like you, and you are powerful beyond measure. The path you have taken on your life journey that has brought you to today is indeed incredible and unique. No one else has your same life story which means there is no one else like you. Your capacity to do great things and do remarkable good in your life is really unlimited and makes you powerful beyond measure.



OK. I buy that. I am incredible!!

But what, you may be asking, is this about Deep Dive and an invitation?

**Deep diving**, in the world of diving as into water, is going down hundreds and thousands of feet to explore what is in the vastness of our oceans. In our world above water, deep diving might mean really investigating and exploring subjects as the pyramids, the social order of ants, or what makes people laugh. The possibilities are endless. Every time we take a "deep dive" into something that really interests us, we just add to what makes us incredible, unique, and powerful beyond measure.

### Now, here comes the invitation piece:

We are inviting you to take a deep dive into one or more of the organizations we have become acquainted with as a parish. These are organizations we support both financially and, in many cases, with our time and talent. All of these organizations are doing great work to help those in need and all have tremendous stories about how they came about and unique journeys that brings each of them to where they are to-day. Each in its own way is also incredible and unique.

In the coming days, members of the **Outreach Committee** will be giving you information regarding these great organizations (see page 9) so we can all learn more about their stories and the fine work they are doing. We have contacted all of the locally based organizations we support and many have already responded to our request to learn more about them and to tell us about how we might partner with them in hands-on opportunities to support and help with the work they do. We will be sharing this information with you.

**The Invitation:** You are being asked simply to look at the information we will be providing about these organizations, consider the opportunities to learn more about them (including visits to their locations), and explore the possibilities of helping them in their work with hands-on volunteer work which could be a one-time event or an on-going partnership. All of the organizations we have heard from are excited to share their unique stories with us and welcome our involvement with them through our volunteer work of any duration.

So there you have it. Here is the invitation to take a "Deep Dive" into one or more organizations that are of interest to you and consider the possibility of partnering with these organizations to further their wonderful work in any way that works for you. The promise here is that whatever amount of help you are able to bring to any of these organizations will not only be welcomed and appreciated by them but also: You will be adding to your own unique story and journey, you will rediscover how incredible you are, and there will be no doubt that you are indeed powerful beyond measure.

### One final thought:

The world is indeed better as a result of who you are and what you do!

All the best,

Harold Otte, Chair-Outreach Committee

# Outreach Ministry - Serving Near and Far

## Locally-based organizations supported by our faith community:

The Center for Grieving Children The Coastal Humane Society The Cumberland Food Pantry Falmouth Food Pantry Friends of Long Creek Habitat for Humanity Hospice of Southern Maine Preble Street Soup Kitchen St. Elizabeth's Essentials Pantry Wayfinder Schools

# CALLING ALL BOOKS!!!!

Saint Mary's Outreach Ministry is holding their annual

# BOOK, BAKE & SOUP SALE

Saturday, March 21: 9am - 1pm

Please drop off your books in the storage room anytime. [Go down in the elevator, take a left through the door, and place on huge table.]

PLEASE DO NOT GIVE US ANY MAGAZINES, ENCYCLOPEDIAS, or TEXTBOOKS as we then have to dispose of them ourselves.

PLEASE DO SORT YOUR BOOKS by hardcover/softcover/fiction and nonfiction AS BEST YOU CAN. If you are delivering multiple boxes, your sorting will help us immeasurably.

Please plan to sign up - if you are able - to bring the books upstairs a few days before the sale, OR to help in the final sort on Friday, March 20th, in the Auditorium!

## "Just Because..."

Over the last several months, you may have been the beneficiary of an unsolicited container of home-made soup by your door, delivered by one of a small cadre of S. Mary's "Soup Angels." If you haven't yet, you will! Why? "Just Because" you are an integral member of the S. Mary's family. "Just Because" you are loved. "Just Because" we care for each other and this is one, small tangible way of expressing that care and love.

You are warmly invited to join the cadre of "Soup Angels!" All you need is a driver's license, a car and not more than an hour a month to devote to dropping by a fellow parishioner's home to leave a container of soup on the door-step. No meetings, super fun and incredibly rewarding. FMI: Jennifer Gregg

## 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 Jennifer Gregg, Debbie Reed, Debby Hammond and David Robinson for reinvigorating our planned giving program, the Alida Greely Brown Legacy Society. And thanks to Jennifer for organizing the annual lunch and to Father Nathan for hosting those among us who have named Saint Mary's in their wills and estate plans.

Thanks to the Casserole Ministry:

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This is to all the very generous, loving people at St Mary's who were so kind to make and deliver meals once again to Chuck and me while I was recovering from knee replacement surgery. We cannot express to each of you enough how much it meant to us to receive those meals. It meant more than you all can imagine, especially since you traveled to us to Scarborough! Again, thank you all for your love and this wonderful service!!!

In God's love. Thank you all, From Cindy and Chuck Horton

Kudos to Anne LaFond, Barbara Bell and the team of people who made the Annual Meeting Vision brunch another culinary and logistical success!!!

Thank you so much for the Christmas surprise I received. I am very touched by the kindness and generosity of this parish family! We were able to buy a snow blower, which meant that during storms, we could get to church on time!

Bruce Fithian



Kudos to all who made the Annual Meeting Vision meeting a success. The potluck brunch was sumptuous!

Thanks to the Altar Flower Delivery team: Hortons, Nicholsons, Edie Tucker, Ruth Kimball, Mark Stimson and Stoddards for faithfully performing this ministry. Thanks to everyone who helped with the Macrae memorial reception on January 10<sup>th</sup>. We had a fantastic group of volunteers to set up, serve and clean up: Jennifer Gregg, Ruth Kimball, Sam and Elizabeth Heinzman, Norma Jean Brilliant, Betsy Stoddard, Marti Galli, Chuck Horton, Mary Ann McLean, Alison Hayward, and Caroline Bowne! Thanks to the many cooks/bakers who donated sweets and savories: Babs Bell. Susan Conway, Connie Dayton, Ruth Kimball, Mary Ann McLean, Betsy Stoddard, Norma Jean Brilliant, Jennifer Gregg, Elizabeth and Sam Heinzman and those who may have dropped items off! The family was very pleased with the reception.

Janet Bowne

Thanks to Hugh Smith and Carrie McIntosh for their four years as wardens. And thanks to the retiring vestry members who completed their three year terms:

Nikki Evans, Time Grace and Becky

Pride.

Your collective wisdom and diplomacy will be missed; we're thankful you are staying close by.

To my dear friends at Saint Mary's,

This truly is an extraordinary church made up of truly extraordinary people! I've been with you for nearly 10 years (can you believe it!), but the overwhelming kindness and thoughtfulness that you show to me and others still astounds me. My thanks and gratitude to all who sent or dropped off Christmas cards, wishes, treats, and/or made additions to the monetary gift during the holiday season. You make me feel so loved everyday, but it is especially poignant at this time of the year.

I continue to thank God for sending me to Saint Mary's. I have the BEST job; thanks to all of you.
With love and much gratefulness, Beth

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



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

## **Happy February Birthdays to:**

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1	David Snow	9	<b>Griffin Rhoades</b>	19	Ellie Winter
2	Tatjana Connors	9	Sandy Snow	21	Colby Becker
2	Joe Herlihy	9	<b>Mark Winter</b>	21	Aaron Demers
2	Regina Raeke	10	<b>Katie Bryant</b>	22	Hailey Talbert
3	Valerie Kyros	10	Tim Kearins	23	Anna Dougan
4	Terry Brown	11	Janet Corey	24	Monique Brown
5	Connie Dayton	11	Penny Daborn	24	Jordan Otte
5	<b>Delilah Hastings</b>	11	<b>Connor Lund</b>	25	Tom Fales
5	Tom Pettingill	13	Sydney Young	25	John Frongillo
6	Maggie Holt	14	Harry Fast	26	Nikki Evans
7	Spencer Funk	14	Lisa Novak	27	Rose Claar
7	Caleb Robinson	16	Elise Allen	27	Lauren Hourihan
7	<b>Emma Robinson</b>	17	Cian Connors	27	Michael McIntosh
8	<b>Ed Ainsworth</b>	17	<b>Teddy Orestis</b>	28	Jack Heinzman
8	Chris Thomas	18	Erica D'Alberto	28	Blair Lindberg
9	Luke Brown	18	Roger Murray		
9	Matthew McGonigle	19	Tim Follo	28	Charles Locke

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 FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARY WISHES TO:



- 4 Cindy & Chuck Horton
- 16 Kim & Mark Diamond
- 17 Regina & John Raeke
- 26 Charnette & David Chadwick
- 28 Barbara & Michael Payson



### **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!

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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 SERVE

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