



## From our Rector:

*"I worship the God of our ancestors according to the Way." St. Paul in Acts*

"What does your parish offer for children and youth?" This is a common question posed to people in my occupation. And, usually, I know what information they are looking for: what programs and groups we have in place. But do you know how I want to answer this question?

What I always want to say (and sometimes do!) is: "We offer a way of life that changes everything. This way changes how we understand our education, how we respond to other people, how we approach our careers, how we view our bodies. Together, we are walking in the way of Jesus and we invite your children, your entire family, to join us as we walk this way together. It's not easy and neat and clean. In fact, it's quite messy and unpredictable! We are like a huge extended family who don't always agree, and sometimes we have fights. But we share a common commitment to the way of Jesus as the Holy Spirit teaches us and guides us. ALL OF THIS is what we offer children and youth."

Faith formation is a process – a way of life – that begins and ends in the home. It cannot be outsourced! The programs that we offer as a parish community are always intended to support and enrich the faith formation that happens in your home, because it is what happens in the home that determines the faith formation of young people. Social studies bear this out. "The best social predictor of what a teenager's religious life will look like is to ask what her parents' religious lives look like" (Dr. Kenda Creasy Dean in *Almost Christian*, Oxford University Press, 2010: p. 203). By and large, young people follow the real-life examples of their parents.

So how do we practice the way of Jesus in our homes, in our daily lives? Thankfully, there are abundant resources available on the Internet to support Christian families in their faith-sharing at home. Here are a few quality digital resources which I encourage all of you to explore, bookmark, and put to use in your homes throughout this New Year and beyond:

- [www.buildfaith.org](http://www.buildfaith.org) – Christian formation inspiration for all
- [www.vibrantfaithathome.org](http://www.vibrantfaithathome.org) – support for faith-sharing at home
- [www.soulpancake.com](http://www.soulpancake.com) – more generic spirituality items, but interesting
- [www.massformation.org](http://www.massformation.org) – by the Episcopal Diocese of Massachusetts
- [www.going4growth.org.uk](http://www.going4growth.org.uk) – resources from The Church of England

*Nathan W. Ferrell +*



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## To Protect and Serve: A Forum on Police & Community Relations

*Wednesday, January 14 at 6 PM here in the Auditorium.*

All are invited to come and learn more! Falmouth Police Chief Ed Tolan, other law enforcement officers, and area clergy will be present to speak with the community about police training and accountability, issues involving law enforcement in our area, and to answer any questions from the public. Please invite anyone you know who has questions or concerns!

## *From the Deacon's Corner:*

Dear Ones,

I just had an email from my sister telling me that her husband is sick and that we will have to cancel our plans to have dinner together. I like making plans. I like the idea that I am somehow controlling the future by making plans and writing things on my calendar. There it is, another appointment, another meeting. Now I can feel at ease about what will happen that day. When my children were little, I had great plans for them. Don't we always find such joy in the hopefulness of a new life that we can plan for and look forward to? I did not plan that my daughter and her family would live thousands of miles away or that she would choose to be a soldier as her career. I didn't plan that my dear husband's later years would be affected by cancer.

To be responsible people we have to look at the future and think about the health and welfare of our families and how we will provide for them. We need to plan for our education, our retirement, and what our wishes are for the end of our lives. We should plan holidays and vacations and look forward to the future with pleasure. All of our planning gives us a sense of control over our lives that is comforting, but that is an illusion to some degree. When our plans fall apart, it is natural to feel disappointed, even angry. What I try to remember is that, ultimately, God is in charge and though I may not be fully aware of it at the time, God is at work in the disappointment and there may be a hidden blessing in it.

In the case of a cancelled date with my sister and brother-in-law, I am grateful that we will not be exposed to the flu! Our geographical distance from our daughter makes every visit, every phone call, so much sweeter. And thank goodness for skype! We were disappointed that our house didn't sell during the six months it was on the market, but we are confident that God has a plan for us that hasn't been revealed yet. I said no so many times to a call to ministry because I didn't think I had the right gifts, but God did, and He kept on calling me, and my life has been blessed a thousand-fold by saying yes.

As the new calendar year begins, I hope you have wonderful plans for this year and that every one will come to fruition. Make prayer part of the choices you make and know that if some of those plans fall through, God will be part of whatever happens next. I pray for your health in this new year and ask that you join me in prayer for God's peace to come to pass in this precious world God has given us and to make each one of us a peacemaker.



## *Legacy Project- Post Construction Update*

by Jennifer Gregg

Following the extraction of core samples from the flooring in the Guiding RAY room in November, expert Peter Craig sent requests for proposals for testing to three institutions. He received responses from two and on December 11, 2014 Paul White Tile Company selected Simpson, Gumpertz and Heger, Inc. located in Waltham, Massachusetts to perform the testing. Scott Simons Associates reports that this is also Peter Craig's preferred agency for this type of testing.

Craig has asked the agency to provide a chemical analysis on the concrete core, to write a report on findings and to render expert testimony as desired. For the chemists among you, Craig specifically, has asked the agency to determine if the asphalt adhesive residue is the discoloration present beneath the concrete surface, to determine the composition of yellow stains on the concrete surface and to measure the thickness of the Koster coating on the concrete. The agency proposes to conduct Fourier Transform Infrared spectroscopy on solvent extraction residue obtained from the stained concrete. In addition, the agency plans to conduct scanning electron microscopy on the yellow stain to identify if the discoloration has an inorganic composition. They will measure the Koster thickness at several locations using a calibrated optical microscope.

The agency was to have received the samples during the week of December 15, and at the time of publication of the AVE, we await a time-line for the testing and evaluation.



## Vestry Highlights from the December meeting

December's meeting had one of the lightest agendas of the year - finally. Janet Bowne, chair of stewardship gave us an update on the annual campaign. She reported that we are at approximately \$131,000 on a goal of \$265,000. We would like all pledges in by the Annual Meeting on January 25<sup>th</sup>. Please help us wrap up this year's campaign by getting in your pledge as soon as possible.

The Vestry, after reviewing the budget over the course of three meetings, approved the budget for 2015. As mentioned in the Vestry Highlights for November, the 2015 budget calls for a deficit of approximately \$13,000, which is much reduced from the last few years. We believe we are on a path to a balanced budget over the next couple of years, but clearly we need the help of all parishioners to achieve this goal.



The Vestry also discussed the agenda for the Annual Meeting. Besides the financial results and budget, we want to spend some time presenting Vision 2014 and plan to include small group discussions to generate specific steps to implement the goals outlined in the Vision statements.

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 pilgrim's 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 important as the final destination at the grand mass for travelers in the church of Compostela. Pilgrims all have special passports and are welcomed by local inns, townsfolk and farmers along the way.

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

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



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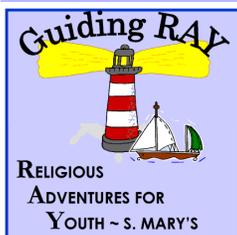


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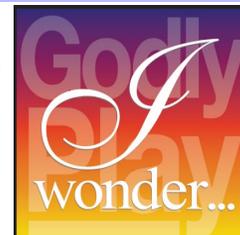


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# Christian Formation - RAY Beams - November 2014



Wishing all of our wonderful families a healthy and prosperous New Year, replete with all the blessings of life! Let us not forget a few wonderful moments experienced together as we celebrated Christmas!



## GUIDING RAY AND GODLY PLAY SCHEDULE IN JANUARY

**January 4: Epiphany** - Epiphany is the Greek word that means "showing forth." It was originally concerned with the commemoration of the Baptism of Christ and later became associated with the Magi. Today it is often thought of as the manifestation of Christ to the Gentiles.

**January 11: Work Day** - In Godly Play, child's play is their work, in which children are encouraged to do the "work" of discovering answers. Once a month, we offer a Godly Play session with an extended Work time. On these days, we begin with our circle and instead of hearing a story, we go directly into work time. This gives the children time to finish ongoing projects, explore materials more deeply, and have an opportunity to work with more stories.

**January 18: Parable of the Mustard Seed**

**January 25: Annual Meeting** - No Family Chapel, no Guiding RAY classes. One service at 9am with Annual Meeting and Brunch to follow. Nursery available throughout. Childcare available during Annual Meeting.

## 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 January!*

**Fridays, January 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 breads at table.** FMI: Jennifer Gregg: [jenniferannregg@gmail.com](mailto:jenniferannregg@gmail.com)

**Sunday, January 25<sup>th</sup>:** Parish Annual Meeting and Brunch, following a single 9am service. Childcare will be provided.

### Guiding RAY Leadership Team

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# Christian Formation - Middle & High School

Our Middlers making the difference for the Sparkles Cookie Walk held on December 6



## 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, 781-8820 or  
([alafond@maine.rr.com](mailto:alafond@maine.rr.com)) or 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.

## 2015 Confirmation, Reception and Reaffirmation Class

Are you called to make a public statement of your faith in Jesus Christ? Are you coming from a different tradition and want to officially be recognized as an Episcopalian? Are you coming back to the Church after years away and now want to reaffirm your faith?

If you said yes to any of these, then plan on joining this small group which will come together in early February. Meeting with Nathan+, we will launch a group process that will take us all the way to the laying on of hands with Bishop Steve in Autumn 2015. FMI, contact Nathan+ at [nathanferrell@smary.org](mailto:nathanferrell@smary.org).

## 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?**

**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. 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)

## Churchyard Burial Lots

The Churchyard Committee encourages you to take a walk about the property, experience the beauty of our Churchyard, and consider your plans for a final resting place. There are lots available in two areas of our beloved Churchyard - the Burial Garden and St. Mary's Woods. Lots in southern Maine are increasingly hard to find and costs reflect the market.

### Churchyard Areas

Churchyard refers to the original Churchyard which is located directly behind the rectory and contains 192 4' x 11' burial plots. All the plots in the Churchyard section are already in perpetual use.

S. Mary's Woods is the area formerly known as the Columbarium. It was designed for the interment of ashes. St. Mary's Woods is located at the southern end of the Churchyard and is 75' x 100'. It borders on Pine Grove Cemetery. Pine Grove Cemetery is a separate, non-related entity. S. Mary's Woods will always remain natural. Lots are available to parishioners for perpetual use.

The Burial Garden refers to the newest area. It was approved by the Vestry in 1987 and is located to the right of the Rectory. The Burial Garden also borders on Pine Grove Cemetery. The Burial Garden includes a beautiful allée of pear trees that forms a spectacular canopy of blossoms in the spring and colorful foliage in the fall. Burial Garden lots may be used for interment of ashes or burials in a full plot. The Burial Garden includes 198 lots. Many of the lots remain available to parishioners for perpetual use.

The next steps: Walk the areas and select a general location, maps are available, meet with Beth or a Churchyard Committee Member and select a specific lot, complete the transaction, receive a Certificate of Utilization and notify family of your selection.

Lucy Ellis, Churchyard Chair



## A SALUTE TO SAINT MARY'S

Written and shared with the church congregation by Pat Mordecai on December 14, 2014

*Two years ago, just after my husband's death, my then neighbors and friends, Nikki and Lester Evans, asked me to come to church with them, and having been church shopping in the area over recent months and not finding anything that worked for me, I was ready to discover the right place.*

*I walked into the door of Saint Mary's and was simply struck by this beautiful stone edifice.*

*Then I participated in the liturgy which felt very comfortable immediately (that is not always my experience in other churches).*

*Then I heard the wonderful music of the organist and choir, and I knew I was in the right place because that is of immense importance to me as an integral part of the worship experience.*

*Then I heard about the outreach efforts of the parish – that Sunday at the soup kitchen in Portland and the Souper Supper for anyone who wanted a meal.*

*I did not focus on the priest because this was two weeks before Nathan arrived as the new rector.*

*Then I went to the coffee hour and was introduced to a number of wonderful welcoming people. So guess what, I was hooked. Then I got involved with Sparkles, the Lobster Bake and Auction, the choir and the Vestry.*

*So, I say to you, my friends, whether you are long-time members of Saint Mary's or relative newcomers like me, what is it about this place that is worthy of our time, talent and treasure?*

*First of all, this magnificent building is worth our time, talent and treasure.*

*Next, our worship experience is worth, say it with me, our time, talent and treasure.*

*Next, the enhancement of our worship by the choir and organist, this in my view is worth big time our time, talent and treasure. (You can see where my bias is!)*

*Our enormous outreach efforts are worth, say it with me, our time, talent and treasure.*

*Our clerical and lay leadership are worth our time, talent and treasure.*

*Have you got the message? This amazing community of welcoming parishioners and our hospitality efforts are worth our time, talent and treasure.*

*So I hope you will join with me in the year ahead with supporting this wonderful community of faith and its meaning in our lives.*

# 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 turned in their 2015 pledge form!! Saint Mary's continues to be blessed. Press time for the AVE is early this month. As of mid-December, 89 Saint Marian's have pledged \$167,100. And our campaign has a month to go. We're hoping to get all the pledge intentions in by the Annual Vision Meeting on January 25, 2015.

**So why is pledging so important?** By pledging to give a specific amount over 2015, the Vestry knows what revenue to expect to be matched against our expenses. Pledge income is the main source of revenue we use to ensure we're able to meet our mission. Other sources of revenue include our fundraising events like Sparkles.

**What is a typical pledge?** All pledges are meaningful to Saint Mary's. We have pledges that range from a few dollars a week to over a hundred dollars a week. **Pledging is a personal decision and should be joyful not stressful.**

**How are pledges paid?** Some parishioners pay weekly, monthly, quarterly, semiannually or annually by check but increasingly parishioners are opting to pay electronically. There are instructions on the pledge form and you can donate through our web site under the "support" tab. Some parishioners set up weekly bank transfers directly to Saint Mary's. As the year end approaches, some parishioners want to make a gift of securities or stocks. Here's the process to follow: Please ask your broker to contact both Saint Mary's (Beth Shaw, 781-3366) and our agent, Merrill Lynch so that your gift is credited properly. Without notifying us, the transfer comes in anonymously and can cause frustration to the donor, especially at tax time. Our account is at Merrill Lynch, Lad Taylor, broker, 207-871-1922; DTC: 5198 and account number: 824-04053.

**What if I pledge and can't meet my obligation?** We understand the economy is soft and job losses still ripple through our community. If your circumstances change during the year, please let Beth Shaw (781-3366; [admin@smary.org](mailto:admin@smary.org)) know if you're having difficulty. Conversely, if you find that your financial picture is improving dramatically, you can always increase your pledge.

**What is Saint Mary's financial outlook?** The Vestry, Finance Committee and the Stewardship Committee are happy to share with you the background on our budget and our plans to put Saint Mary's on a sustainable financial path. The Annual Vision Meeting on January 25<sup>th</sup> will include a financial recap of 2014 and presentation of the 2015 budget. Email or call Janet Bowne for an individual meeting ([janetbowne@maine.rr.com](mailto:janetbowne@maine.rr.com), 781-3844) or plan to attend the Annual Meeting.

All gifts to Saint Mary's are meaningful and valued!! Thank you!

We are planning a Stewardship reminder phone-a-thon in early January to touch base with parishioners on the annual campaign. Watch the weekly enews for details!

## Annual Meeting - Our Vision Event - January 25, 2015

Notice is hereby given that the Annual Meeting of The Episcopal Church of Saint Mary will take place on **Sunday, January 25<sup>th</sup>, 2015 beginning at 10:15 in the morning.**

There will be *one* liturgy, with music, at 9:00, followed by a brunch and the Annual Meeting. Not only will this bring the "two congregations" together, but the meeting won't last well into the afternoon.

If you have never been to an Annual Meeting, you're in for a nice surprise: the parish leaders discuss S. Mary's strengths and challenges, we elect members of the vestry, the parish's governing body, and we will vision together on how we will move forward into the future. Plus, retrieve your own coveted copy of an updated S. Mary's telephone listing and enjoy warm (and delicious!) fellowship.

In order to have a vote—either for members of the vestry, or for any other resolutions to be presented to the parish membership—you must be fifteen years or older, have attended and have financially supported Saint Mary's for six months prior to the Annual Meeting.

# We've Sparkled!!



The Sparkle Events may be over for 2014 but the glow and happy memories continue to warm our hearts. THANK YOU to all who helped in so many ways, both big and small.



---From the beginning with the Advent Lessons & Carols and the solemnity of the Memorial Tree Lighting service that began on the first Sunday of Advent to the fun and festive Sparkles Fair, to the glorious music of the Schola Concert and beautiful reception, we came together to give of ourselves and reach out to our community and to celebrate truly this Season of

Light.

---We are happy to report that our efforts raised approximately \$15,000, which goes toward funding our programs here at Saint Mary's. We also want to thank the companies which donated items for our use:

-----*Skillins Greenhouse* for the two Christmas Trees

-----*Coffee by Design* for 100 lbs. of the Sparkle Blend Coffee

-----*Mainely Wraps* for the 100 herbed cheese biscuits

If you have the opportunity, please give them your thanks.



We also want to give special thanks to parishioners who stepped up and took over important positions from retiring chairs. Babs Bell for assuming responsibility of the Saint Mary's Gems, Jessica LaPlante for doing the Boxwood Trees, and Nadine and Bob Timberlake for the Schola Reception. Extra thanks also go to Diane Campbell and the Middlers Group for creating so many wonderful cookies for the Cookie Walk.

In closing, your Sparkle Chairs (Onnie Hastings and Jan Mordarski) again say thank you and may you all have a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.



## We've Sparkled!!

### Sparkles Schola Concert

Thank you to Bruce Fithian and the St. Mary Schola for their beautiful "Sing We Noel" concert on December 14, that attracted a Standing Room Only response. The Schola offers this concert as a benefit to S. Mary's every Christmas, and this year their generous donation exceeded \$1800!

Mark your calendars now for the Schola March 2015 Lenten concert, "Vows and Visions," a very moving concert of profound music, including Bach's *Cantata 159 'Sehet, wir geh'n hinauf nach Jerusalem'* and Carissimi's drama of foolish pride, *Jephthah*, as well as motets from the Renaissance, Baroque and modern era.

**Tuesday, March 24, 7:30 PM**  
First Parish Church, Brunswick

**Friday, March 27, 7:30 PM,**  
Cathedral of Saint Luke, Portland

**Sunday, March 29, 4 PM,**  
Church of Saint Mary, Falmouth

Adults - \$15; Seniors/Students  
\$12; Family \$40



### Another NOTE of THANKS

Bob and I want to thank ALL OF YOU for helping to make the Schola Concert and Reception such a wonderful evening - it would not have been possible without everyone's willingness to jump in (as St Marians are wont to do), roll up sleeves, don aprons and do what was necessary to make it such a success. Whether it was decorating, food preparation, bringing food/wine or clean-up - all played important roles. Of course we would be negligent if we did not include two other groups in our "thank you's" - the musicians, without whom there would be no concert or celebratory reception, and those parishioners/friends/neighbors, who took time out from their busy schedules to treat themselves to glorious holiday music. Now we both want to wish you all a Blessed Christmas and Happy New Year!  
Nadine and Bob Timberlake



Jim Stoddard shared during a service on December 7, 2014

### **'Becoming a member of Saint Mary's was a foregone conclusion!'**

*Let me give you a bit of background. My wife, Betsy, was widowed in October of 1998, and just 10 weeks later her mother passed away. Betsy felt at that time she needed a change in her life. In 2000 Betsy came to Maine to meet friends and visit with her son, Chris, who was working at LL Bean after his graduation from Colby. During her stay she became excited about the possibility of living in Maine. On an exploratory road trip to Falmouth she came upon Route 88 and more specifically the Church of S. Mary the Virgin. Well, Betsy fell in love with what she saw and vowed to return some day. By the way, on that trip she also looked at a home in Freeport, now the home of the Unfricht family. After much deliberation, Betsy decided not to come to Maine, thinking it would be difficult leaving her home state, New Jersey and leaving her teaching position. That was the end of Maine for awhile!*

*Well, Betsy and I met, fell in love, and married in 2001 at St. Bernard's Church, Bernardsville, NJ, the church where we met in the choir pews. Fast forward 5 years, Betsy raised this question to me. "What do you think about moving to Maine?" I didn't hesitate very long before saying, "Yes...let's do it!" We retired from our respective positions and moved here December 6th, 2006. Betsy, of course, already knew of Saint Mary's, and I guess I did too after hearing so much about this beautiful church. So she announced to me this would be our church home. No hesitation on my part. At the eleven o'clock Christmas Eve service we made our commitment of pledging our time, our talent and our treasure by signing the pledge card during the sermon and dropping it in the plate! This was quite a surprise to Father James and Beth. Who are these people? We soon learned our way around Saint Mary's, doing the things we love to do, both within the church and the broader community.*

*We have experienced vast personal rewards from participating on various guilds and committees and met many of our friends: Choir with Linda and Stan Eaton, Vestry with Hugh Smith, Buildings and Grounds with George Barrett, Outreach projects such as Long Creek Correctional Center with Marian McCue and Souper Suppers with Jennifer Gregg, Discernment Committee with Janet Bowne and Jessica LaPlante, Lobster Bake with Nikki and Lester Evans, Pastoral Partners with Deacon Christine, to name just a few of many.*

*We are experiencing a wonderful spiritual awakening. Our belief in God has been strengthened by St. Mary's leadership: Father James Dalton-Thompson, Father David Illingworth, Pastor Barb Schmitz, and now Father Nathan. As I said before, we joyously give our time, talent and treasures to God and our Parish community.*

## *Outreach Ministry - Serving Near and Far*

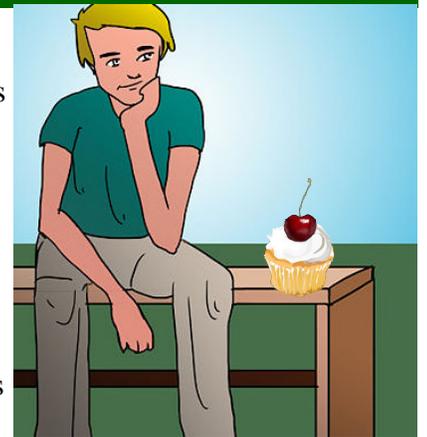
### *Long Creek Support and Birthday Cakes*

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 be used for a monthly birthday party. This is a tradition that was started by the late Connie Kayser, a long-time parishioner of Saint Mary's. The birthday cake tradition is part of a continuing relationship between our church and the young people at Long Creek. There is a sign up sheet outside the Guild Room if you would like to help with this. 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.

The church also has a sponsorship relationship with one of the units at Long Creek, Maple Unit. This is the unit where kids are first brought after being arrested, and where kids are being held for a community placement or for trial. It is a transient unit, and we often see different people each time we visit.

A group of us visits from time to time. Recently we made a holiday visit and brought individual and general gifts, and we often put on barbecues in the summer, thanks to the help of our cook, Jim Stoddard. We find it a very rewarding experience to spend time with these kids, who are grateful for our presence there. The Outreach Committee also continues to give financial support to the Friends of Long Creek and to the work of the Chaplain there. If anyone wants to join our Maple Unit team, please contact Marian McCue at [mmccue@maine.rr.com](mailto:mmccue@maine.rr.com) or at 761-1936.



# Outreach Ministry - Serving Near and Far

## Outreach Musings:

by Harold Otte

Stories: To be heard, experienced, written and inspire.

Have you ever had someone share his/her story with you that resulted in your breath being taken away, a tear or coming to your eyes, everything else in your life and the world stopping for a few moments, and you find again you are amazed and inspired by what we are capable of doing in our lives?

I had one of these conversations just last night. I had a chance phone call with a woman who in the space of maybe ten minutes shared with me her story about her successful career, the raising of her children to graduate from college, her own return to college to obtain two degrees, her effort to live debt free, the loss of her mother the day before she was diagnosed with cancer and her currently successful treatment for this illness. Not only did she share some details about all of these, but woven in her story was a positive approach to having a great life, an unceasing belief in a Creator, and the desire to leave this world a better place.

This was one of those conversations you just know you will remember for a long time. We both commented that her story is one for a book or even a movie. All in the space of 10 minutes! Amazing!

What does this have to do with Outreach? The answer is simple. In the past few months, we have learned together that our focus for our collective efforts to help those in need should be more locally focused and include hands-on activities or projects whenever possible. In the upcoming annual vision meeting, we will be sharing with you ways to make this a reality. Right now we are exploring ways to partner with the various organizations we support financially to help them with any projects, activities or events they may have. We are asking them if there are opportunities for us to help in real, concrete ways. Are there opportunities to share with them our talents and give of our time? We will be getting back to you with these opportunities for your consideration.

We will also be asking them to share with us their stories. We want you to learn and know more about these great organizations and the wonderful work they are doing. These are inspiring stories. Also, as you help with hands-on projects of all kinds, you will - without a doubt - hear stories from people that will impact you in personal and unexpected ways. And they will be impacted by your effort to help and your story. Simply amazing.

We look forward to sharing the stories of these organizations with you and can't wait to begin telling you about opportunities for you to help in ways that may seem to be small but are in fact huge.

I want to close with this last thought: This year we are celebrating and sharing the rich story of Saint Mary's over the last 125 years. What an amazing story it is!! What a fantastic journey this parish has been on since the beginning, and there can be no doubt our shared path together in the coming years is filled with promise of greatness in both accomplishments and meaning. During this year may we also celebrate and share our own rich stories. We all have them. What a gift!!



**BE the difference!**

## Discretionary Envelopes - Fuel Fund & Emergency Help

As the winter continues 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 Prayer Book at each seat. Thank you on behalf of those you will help.

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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

**SHOUT OUT to Rose and Jessie Claar (and their friend Heidi) for their volunteer work in the Nursery throughout the entire Autumn. THANK YOU!**



**Danke**

Thanks to Megan Akers and her mother Priscilla for leading our Advent Potluck & Advent Wreath-making Workshop! It's fantastic when folks new to the community step up to lead a great event like this.

**T H A N K S !**

Thanks to Julie & Ben Otte and all who assisted in the Christmas pageant on Sunday, Dec. 21st. It was a wonderful pageant, and it couldn't have been done without all the many hands! **THANK YOU!**

**Our entire parish owes a DEBT OF GRATITUDE to Jan Mordarski and Onnie Hastings for their leadership of Sparkles! What an amazing job they did, and what an excellent parish event! THANK YOU!**

Thank you to everyone who makes Advent and Christmas so special at Saint Mary's: Ushers, Altar Flower Guild, Choir, Acolytes and Crucifers, Eucharistic Ministers, Christmas Pageant cast and crew, Altar Guild...

**Thank you to the Souper Supper Team for serving our guests the day after Thanksgiving AND the day after Christmas!!**

**Merci**

Thanks to Tom Pettin-gill for restarting our Classic Cinema, and to the Brooks and Mr. Moon who keep us supplied with movies.

To all the parents who supported your little actors by getting them to rehearsals and practicing their lines with them; we thank you, too!

Thank you to Mary LaLumiere, Hugh Smith, Becky Pride, Jim Kane, Jim Stoddard and Pat Mordecai for sharing with us why Saint Mary's is so important to them.

**Thank you to everyone who has turned in their 2015 pledge form. By doing so, you're helping ensure we can continue to carry out our mission.**

## **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!

# **CALLING ALL BOOKS!!!!**

## **This Spring, Saint Mary's is holding their annual BOOK, BAKE & SOUP SALE**

**donate books • sort books • sell books  
help make soups and/or chill  
bake for the bake sale**

**This event will benefit S. Mary's Charities**



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



**Happy January Birthdays to:**

1	Liam Keefer	9	Jamie Kane		
3	Hilary Isacke	9	Drew Cheney	24	Charlotte Doughty
4	Ollie Brown	11	Sarah Amato	24	Al Milliken
6	Katie Doehne	12	Jim Whittemore	26	Will Smithwick
6	Kristin Doehne	17	Neil Kiely	27	Michael Claar
6	Katharine Echavarri	18	Bernie Echavarri	29	Carrie McIntosh
6	Noelle Unfricht	18	Kate Ernst	29	Mia Wisley
7	Amelia Hanson	19	Halsey Payne	29	Michael Wing
7	Johanna Kearins	22	Kathy Edwards	30	Ellie Asherman
7	Helena McMonagle	22	Andrea Gauvreau	31	Patrick Diamond

*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!*

## Community Souper Supper

January 9th and 23rd



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!

## Classic Cinema returns on January 9!

The feature will be "Sunset Boulevard"

1950 - A hack screenwriter writes a screenplay for a former silent-film star who has faded into Hollywood obscurity.

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

**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!

**The Episcopal Church of Saint Mary**  
 Worship Leader Schedule: January - February 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
28-Dec Xmas 1	Mac Hinkel Dave Fenderson	Mary Ann McLean	Lowell Brown Chuck Horton	Harold Otte	Tom Pettingill Terry Brown	tbd	Xmas		OPEN
4-Jan Xmas 2	Ed Ainsworth Rayle Ainsworth	Mac Hinkel	Tom LaPlante Andrew McIntosh	Lowell Brown	Stan Eaton David Robinson	tbd	Xmas		OPEN
11-Jan Epiphany 1	Baer Connard Len Taylor	Al Ahlers	Jack Heinzman Harold Otte	Ginny Stelk	Jeff Campbell Carla Birt	tbd	Jan Mordarski	The Stoddards	The Eatons
18-Jan Epiph 2	Al Ahlers Becky Pride	Len Taylor	Charlie Hurdman Lowell Brown	Ella Brown	Linda Eaton Ginny Stelk	tbd	Melissa Kane	Ruth Kimball	The Hastings
Annual Meeting - One Service		9am Ushers	9am Lector	9am EM	9am Acolytes	Altar Flowers	Flower Delivery		Brunch
25-Jan Epiph 3		Tom Donaldson Tom LaPlante	David Robinson	Andrea M-H Tom Pettingill		Pat Kinkade	The Nicholsons		
1-Feb Epiph 4	Mac Hinkel Jim Kane	Becky Pride	Chuck Horton Jack Heinzman	Marian McCue	Nadine Timberlake Greg Unfricht	tbd	Onnie H	Mark Stimson	Jennifer Gregg
8-Feb Epiph 5	Ed Ainsworth Rayle Ainsworth	Lad Taylor	Andrew McIntosh Lowell Brown	Jennifer Gregg	Terry Brown Stan Eaton	tbd	Hannah R.	The Hortons	The Nicholsons
15-Feb Epiph 6	Al Ahlers Len Taylor	Allison Hayward	Charlie Hurdman Harold Otte	Jim Stoddard	David Robinson Linda Eaton	tbd	Onnie H	Edle Tucker	OPEN
18-Feb Ash Wed PM Service Only		Mary Ann McLean	Jack Heinzman						
22-Feb Lent 1	Baer Connard Becky Pride	Mac Hinkel	Tom LaPlante Chuck Horton	Betsy Stoddard	Carla Birt Nadine Timberlake	tbd	no flowers during Lent	~	OPEN

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



# January 2015

The Episcopal Church of Saint Mary



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><b>28 The First Sunday after Christmas</b> 8am - Traditional Eucharist followed by coffee hour 10:00am Contemporary Eucharist followed by coffee hour</p> <p><b>The Twelve Days of Christmas Continue until the Epiphany on Jan 6</b></p>	<p>29 12- Pray wherever you are <i>both on vacation</i></p>	<p>30 10am OSL No Wisdom Seekers 12- Noonday Prayer 12-4pm College Club Tea 1pm -Get Stitching 7pm AA in Auditorium 7:30 AA/Non B-30beginners <i>this week</i></p>	<p>31 12- Noonday Prayer</p>	<p>1/1 Office Closed <b>Happy New Year!</b> <b>PEACE</b></p>	<p>1/2 Office Closed 12- Pray wherever you are 5:30pm Alanon</p>	<p>1/3 </p>
<p><b>4 The Second Sunday after Christmas</b> 8am - Traditional Eucharist followed by coffee hour 9:00am The Moth @ S. Mary's 9:30am Family Chapel 9:45am Guiding RAY 10:00am Contemporary Eucharist followed by coffee hour</p>	<p>5 12- Noonday Prayer </p>	<p>6 10am OSL 11am - Wisdom Seekers 12- Noonday Prayer 1pm - Staff Meeting 1pm - Get Stitching 3pm Food for the Soul 7pm AA in Auditorium 7:30 AA/Non B-30beginners</p>	<p>7 12- Noonday Prayer 5:30pm Stewardship</p>	<p>8 12- Healing Eucharist 4pm Boy Singers of Maine 7pm Choir rehearsal</p>	<p>9 Office Closed 12- Pray wherever you are 5-7pm Community Souper Supper 5:30pm Alanon 7pm-Classic Cinema</p>	<p>10 9am BSM</p>
<p><b>11 The First Sunday after Epiphany</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</p>	<p>12 12- Noonday Prayer 11am - Garden Club</p>	<p>13 10am OSL 11am - Wisdom Seekers 12- Noonday Prayer 1pm - Staff Meeting 1pm - Get Stitching 3pm -Prayer Chain 7pm AA in Auditorium 7:30 AA/Non B-30beginners</p>	<p>14 12- Noonday Prayer 12- AG8/Heritage Luncheon 6pm - To Protect and Serve</p>	<p>15 12-Healing Eucharist 4pm Boy Singers of Maine 7pm Choir rehearsal</p>	<p>16 Office Closed 12- Pray wherever you are 5:30pm Alanon</p>	<p>17 </p>
<p><b>18 The 2nd Sunday after Epiphany</b> 8am - Traditional Eucharist followed by coffee hour 9:00am The Moth @ S. Mary's 9:30am Family Chapel and Middlers 10:00am Contemporary Eucharist followed by coffee hour 11:30am New Vestry Orientation</p>	<p>19 Office closed In honor of Martin Luther King 12-Pray wherever you are</p>	<p>20 10am OSL 11am - Wisdom Seekers 12- Noonday Prayer 1pm - Staff Meeting 1pm -Get Stitching 4pm PP 7pm AA in Auditorium 7:30 AA/Non B-30beginners</p>	<p>21 12- Noonday Prayer 6pm - Vestry meeting</p>	<p>22 10am - Garden Club in GR 12-Healing Eucharist 4pm Boy Singers of Maine 7pm Choir rehearsal</p>	<p>23 Office Closed 12- Pray wherever you are 5-7pm Community Souper Supper 5:30pm Alanon</p>	<p>24 9am BSM</p>
<p><b>25 The 3rd Sunday after Epiphany</b> 9am - ONE Contemporary Eucharist 10am -Brunch <b>10:30am - Vision 2014</b> Childcare available SOUP KITCHEN</p>	<p>26 12- Noonday Prayer </p>	<p>27 10am OSL 11am - Wisdom Seekers 12- Noonday Prayer 12-4pm College Club Tea 1pm -Get Stitching 7pm AA in Auditorium 7:30 AA/Non B-30beginners</p>	<p>28 12- Noonday Prayer</p>	<p>29 12-Healing Eucharist 4pm Boy Singers of Maine 7pm Choir rehearsal</p>	<p>30 Office Closed 12- Pray wherever you are 5:30pm Alanon</p>	<p>31 </p>



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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**



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