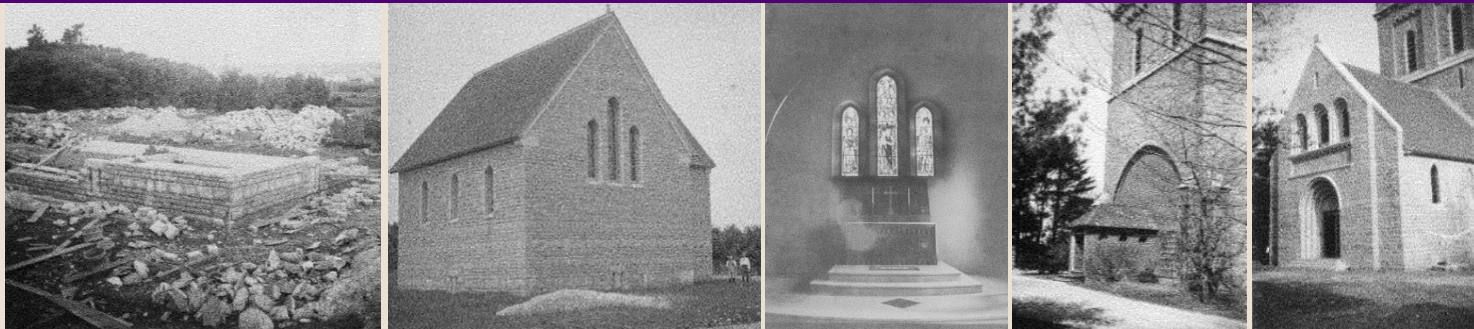




## Saint Mary's 125th Anniversary Celebration



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



### Join the Celebrations

April 26 at 9 AM  
125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration  
with the Presiding Bishop  
and our Bishop

May 6 at 6 PM  
Presentation of Saint Mary's  
and the Brown Family  
by Earle Shettleworth, Jr.

May 17 at 9 AM  
A Day of Service  
and Goodness -  
Parish Family: Service Projects and lunch

June 13 at 12 Noon  
Founders Day  
Picnic  
Food, music and fun

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## *From the Rector:* Theotokos: Mary the God-bearer

May is Mary's month. Since the 13th century, May has been a month specially dedicated to the honor of Mary as the Mother of our Lord. This practice was spread widely by Jesuit missionaries and is now marked by acts of popular devotion throughout the Roman Catholic world. I do not know of any special devotions that have taken place in our parish over the years, but May gives us an opportunity to remember the one in whose name we gather as a parish family.

This May, we will continue with our 125th Anniversary Celebration. As you read through 125 Years: From Grief to Grace (the new history book written and compiled by our own Marge Devine), and as you see various historic artifacts from the last 125 years, you will notice different mentions of "Saint Mary the Virgin" and "Saint Mary the Blessed Virgin." In times past, the designation of "the Virgin" was used to differentiate Mary the Mother of our Lord from other biblical Marys, such as Mary Magdalene and Mary of Bethany. The addition of "blessed" before Virgin was meant to recognize the prophetic promise in her Magnificat that "from now on all generations will call me blessed" (Luke 1:48).

If you are an astute reader, you will notice that parish publications in recent years have moved away from use of "the Virgin" or "the Blessed Virgin." This has been an intentional choice due primarily to my discernment. Language matters. What we choose to say, and not say, matters.

It is true that Mary's choice to pursue celibacy is one that deserves respect, if indeed she did make that choice. However, Mary is honored among us and among all Christians, not because of how she may have abstained from certain actions, but because she gave birth to the divine Son of God. Her decision to consent to Gabriel's message and to cooperate with the desire of God began the great shifting of human history brought about by the Incarnation. Her openness to God has earned her the official name of Theotokos, Greek for God-bearer. (See the decree of the Council of Chalcedon in 451 AD found in the Prayer Book on page 864.)

If it were up to me (which it is not!), I would suggest that we change our parish name to The Episcopal Church of Holy Mary the God-bearer. It matters more, I believe, to speak of what Mary did with her life rather than of what she did not do. (Also, the title of "saint" is quite problematic, but we'll save that for another article!) And it matters what we do. On May 17, we will gather for our Day of Service and Goodness. This is a time for all of us to embody our basic identity as a community called together by Christ to serve those around us. This is what we do. This is who we are. Good news is meant to be shared. Love is meant to be given away. By God's grace, we will continue to serve as God-bearers like Mary to all those with whom we live and work each day.

*Nathan W. Ferrell +*



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### *Town of Falmouth's Memorial Day Parade, May 25th*

The Falmouth American Legion, Post 164, in conjunction with the Falmouth Chamber of Commerce and sponsored by the Town of Falmouth, will organize this year's Memorial Day parade to take place on Monday, May 25 beginning at the Legion Hall and ending at the Memorial across the street from S. Mary's. Fr. Nathan will give the prayer of Invocation and the Benediction.

Following the program, all are invited to the lawn at Saint Mary's for refreshments. Contact Anne LaFond, 781-8820, if you can help with refreshments the day of the parade.

## *From the Deacon's Corner:*

Dear Ones,

We are so blessed! As I write, we are anticipating the visit of the Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church on April 26. Who could have imagined that the Most Reverend Katharine Jefferts Schori would be our guest as we begin the celebration of our 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary? The folks of Saint Mary's love to celebrate, and we do it so well! ++Katharine's visit is a rare opportunity for us to experience our parish as part of something much larger than ourselves and to feel the joy of the connection we have to other Episcopalians, not only in this country, but in the wider world.

Our anniversary celebration is more than our own birthday party, but an opportunity to look back at a rich history of faithfulness and prayer and the power of resurrection from death to life right here where we are. I am eager to read the history that has been compiled and published and will be available for us this coming weekend. Being able to look back and to know and understand a little about the Brown family is such a gift of inspiration for those of us who have the privilege of inheriting their legacy of love and faithfulness. I wonder if they had any sense at all of the true value of the gift they gave to the Church and to us.

The legacy we inherit of love and faithfulness and the promise of new life is a gift of immeasurable value. The offering carries with it a responsibility to use it not only for our own benefit, but also for the benefit of all of God's people, especially those outside our lych gate. By the grace of God we have inherited a beautiful church and campus that has grown and been blessed over the years by works of love and faithfulness. The walls in the church have been soaked with the prayers of those who came before us. As we look back and celebrate, let us also look forward and see the limitless possibilities for service that we have right at our fingertips. We have it all! We have everything we need to be a powerful force for good. We have the Good News; we have each other, and we have a legacy that we must use for the sake of love and the people of God. Happy Birthday Saint Mary's!

Faithfully,

Deacon Christine



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## Vestry Highlights from the April Vestry Meeting

by The Wardens

Your vestry convened at its regularly scheduled meeting on Wednesday, April 15th. Vestry member Mark Winter was able to join us remotely from Guantanamo Bay, Cuba via a technology called FaceTime that allows two computers, one on each end, both with built-in cameras and microphones, to connect via the internet with both audio and video! So Mark was right there on our computer screen with his military haircut wearing casual fatigues and his friendly smile.

Good fellowship and a cooperative spirit were present as the vestry assembled.

After opening prayer, our Legacy Project Committee presented their very thoughtful and considered consensus recommendation that work continue as planned on the lower level of the main building. The most significant challenge has been deciding among several options to ensure the flooring materials and construction will provide a safe environment. After a lengthy discussion the vestry accepted the recommendation of the Committee and the work is expected to be completed in the near future. The vestry thanked all members of the Committee for their diligent and on-going work.

Other discussion highlights included:

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



- \* Stewardship ... moving along nicely as we finish out 2015 and start planning for an even more comprehensive effort for 2016.

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

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

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

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

We, Jim & Janet want to thank all of the vestry and our parish family for your continued support and to thank Father Nathan for his inspiration and leadership.

We look forward to an exciting year of growth, challenges and learning together as we endeavor to CELEBRATE, HONOR and SERVE.

We are happy to report that through your support and the grace and guidance of our Lord, St. Mary's is **doing fine and is in good hands. We are humbled to be your wardens and appreciate the trust you have granted us!**

**125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration** with the Presiding Bishop of The Episcopal Church: **Sunday, April 26 at 9 AM.**

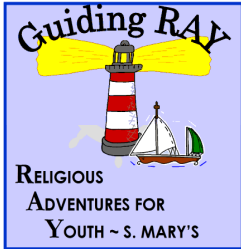
**The Brown Family and the Making of the Foreside** with Earle Shettleworth, Jr., Maine State Archivist: **Wednesday, May 6 at 6 PM.**

**A Day of Service and Goodness** with our entire parish family: **Sunday, May 17 at 9 AM.** A Sunday filled with active service projects in the area

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



# Christian Formation - RAY Beams - May 2015



## SPRINGTIME FOR GUIDING RAY!

We wish all of our families the blessings of this most wonderful Easter Season!

## Guiding RAY in May

**May 3:** Singing with Mrs. Stoddard, followed by a modified Godly Play "Work Day"

**May 10:** Pre-K thru 1 : Parable of the Leaven; 2-5: The Greatest Parable

**May 17:** Saint Mary's Service Sunday: Families are invited to join fellow parishioners of all ages reaching out to the community in service 9-noon.

**May 24:** Pre-K thru 1: Holy Family and Pentecost; 2-5: The Greatest Parable, continued

**May 30:** Pre-K thru 1: The Circle of the Holy Eucharist; 2-5: The Greatest Parable



## Upcoming Events – Save the Dates!

**May 9:** 9-11am – Annual 5K Falmouth Foreside Walk-Run for Habitat for Humanity  
You can walk, run, skate, cycle or crawl! Cash and other prizes! Great family event!  
Pets welcome! 8am Registration and "continental breakfast" at S. Mary's! FMI and Register: [www.habitatportlandme.org](http://www.habitatportlandme.org).



**May 17:** Saint Mary's Service Sunday in celebration of our 125th Anniversary  
9am: Gather in work clothes in the Auditorium for prayers  
9:30-Noon: Participate in family-friendly service projects in the greater Falmouth community.  
Noon: Parish lunch at Saint Mary's

**June 7:** Last Day of Guiding RAY – Children are invited to help lead the 10AM service by serving as readers, gift-bearers and ushers.  
If your child wishes to participate, please contact Jennifer Gregg at [jenniferanngregg@gmail.com](mailto:jenniferanngregg@gmail.com). After the service, STRAWBERRY SHORTCAKE FOR ALL!



**June 14:** Summer Hours begin! We will continue to offer nursery services throughout the summer, and will need your help to do so! Could you offer an hour on a Sunday this summer to care for our youngest parishioners during the 9:30 service? If so, you will find the sign-up sheet outside the Guild Room; or contact Jennifer Gregg ([jenniferanngregg@gmail.com](mailto:jenniferanngregg@gmail.com))  
Thank you!

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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 Saint 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 any questions you might have.



You were made for this.

Young Life is making a difference in the lives of millions around the world because we are supported by adults who care about kids in their community. For every talented Young Life staff person (ours is Jordan Droge), there are hundreds of supporters in each community — comprised of parents, pastors and other concerned adults — who provide a foundation of financial, administrative and moral support for the local Young Life outreach ministry.

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

## Why do we support Young Life?

You can buy a red bandana for less than two dollars at Target, but for a kid like DeMarco, a red bandana could cost him his life. DeMarco was an active member of the Bloods, a street gang that identified membership with - among other signs and symbols - red bandanas. The Bloods did not take kindly to defectors, but after only four days at Young Life camp, DeMarco was ready to make a trade.

"I don't want this anymore," DeMarco said, with tears in his eyes, as he placed the crumpled red cloth in the hands of the camp speaker, Sam.

DeMarco had listened to Sam detail the death of Jesus on the cross for the past half hour. Hundreds of campers had dispersed into the darkness to sit in silence for 20 minutes beneath the stars and consider what they had heard. But it took DeMarco less than 20 seconds to understand the offer on the table. He could give Jesus his red bandana, and Jesus would give him life. And it wouldn't be life behind bars, like some of his friends were facing. It would be life lived freely, full of forgiveness, hope and love - the abundant life promised us in John 10:10. After hearing Sam's message, it was clear: Enough blood had been shed - enough blood on the streets and enough blood on the cross. DeMarco was ready to trade bad blood for good blood and follow Jesus.

One month later, Sam showed up at a different Young Life camp with kids from his own area. As he stepped off the bus, Sam couldn't believe his eyes. There was DeMarco, unloading luggage from the bottom of the bus with a smile. Clearly, he had joined a new "gang." DeMarco was now a work crew kid, serving for a month with no pay, living his new life of freedom with great joy.

Today, DeMarco is a husband, a father and a sergeant serving in the army.

According to the FBI, there are 1.4 million gang members in this country. Last year, we reached about 1.7 million kids through Young Life around the world. Clearly, we're competing fiercely for kids' lives. And while most kids who come to camp are not affiliated with gangs, impoverished kids are the most likely to be recruited. Let's increase our winning edge. Let's get disadvantaged kids to camp. Let's recruit them to God's family instead. Jesus is ready to make a trade.



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# Christian Formation ~ Middle & High School

## HAPPY PROM SEASON !

Saint Mary's hopes that everyone has a safe and fun prom or graduation. This is a special time to celebrate! Casco Bay CAN (Create Awareness Now) has provided a few tips for parents to make sure that our teens and young adults are celebrating safely:

- 👍 Talk to your teen about expectations for the time before, during and after prom.
- 👍 Talk to the parents of your teens' friends to confirm plans for the evening and make sure to exchange cell phone numbers.
- 👍 Have your teen check in at different times.
- 👍 Make sure that you know the address of where your teen will be going.
- 👍 Remind your teen that cameras are everywhere and they should be cautious about their actions, as anything could end up on a social media site.
- 👍 Let your teen know that colleges have been known to take away what they have offered. Illegal behavior could lead to a loss in scholarship funds or acceptance to a college.
- 👍 Consider hosting an after-prom party that is substance-free and ask other responsible adults to help in hosting the party.
- 👍 Stay up and check in with your teen when they get home.
- ⇒ If you are hiring a limo driver:
  - ⇒ Review expectations and ask the driver to refrain from making stops.
  - ⇒ Inspect the limo yourself before they leave for the prom.
  - ⇒ Provide the driver with cell phone numbers for each teen's parents.
  - ⇒ Ask the driver for his/her cell phone number and/or business card.
- 👍 If you would like more information on safety tips during prom and graduation season, please visit [www.cascobaycan.org](http://www.cascobaycan.org). Let's make it a safe and memorable time for everyone!



## Mark your Calendars!!

**The Falmouth Foreside  
5K Run/Walk  
for Habitat for Humanity**



**Saturday, May 9th**

**Place:** Saint Mary's is the start and the finish.

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

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

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

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

## OUR MISSION

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,

**Honor** the presence of Christ in one another, and

**Serve** the world in the power of the Holy Spirit.

## Outreach Ministry - Serving Near and Far

When this edition of the AVE goes to press, the month of May will nearly be upon us and we are rapidly moving toward half of 2015 being classified as history. With the year slipping by so quickly, we thought it is time for an update of outreach activities to date.

### Here are some Outreach highlights for 2015:

At the end of 2014, the Outreach Committee, with recommendations from parishioners, selected a varied group of organizations to receive financial support from Saint Mary's to further their efforts to serve those in need. As a result of the recommendation, we are supporting:



**Long Creek, Friends of Long Creek and the Chaplain of Long Creek** continue to support those residents of Long Creek as they navigate challenging transitions in their young lives.

**St. Elizabeth's Essentials Pantry** continues to offer living essentials from their location in St. Luke's to residents of Portland and beyond who are in need of these items. Saint Mary's continues to offer more items for St. Elizabeth's each and every week during the year.

**The Falmouth Food Pantry and Cumberland Food Pantry** continue to offer food and other essentials to a continuing growing number of clients who come to their locations looking for assistance each week.

**Saint Mary's Discretionary Fund** continues to offer assistance to those in need in a variety of ways as requests are made by individuals from our community and surrounding communities.

**Wayfinder School** continues their work to educate, inspire and help students who have or are facing significant challenges in their young lives and are committed to completing their education.

**Institution Univers**, our partner in Haiti, continues their amazing work to provide educational opportunities for hundreds of students each year in a fantastic school with wonderful and committed teachers and staff.

**KIVA** continues to provide micro-loans to individuals and groups in the USA and around the world who begin or grow businesses, or use these loans in other ways, to positively impact lives in their villages, towns and communities. As these loans are repaid, those funds are again used for other micro-loans positively.

As you can see, the financial support of Saint Mary's is continuing to make a difference to those in need both near and far. Thank you for all you have given and continue to give!

### Outreach-sponsored events this year:

**Annual Book, Bake and Soup Sale.** This annual event took place again in March and it resulted in the largest sale of books, baked goods and soup to date. Thanks to the wonderful gifts from members of our parish, the funds available to reach and serve those in need have greatly increased. In addition, the leftover books from the sale were donated to The Salvation Army to help them with their wonderful ministry. A huge thank you to Becky Pride and everyone else who worked so hard to make this such a great success.

**Souper Supper** Twice a month a group of committed volunteers led by Jennifer Gregg serves a totally free meal on Friday evenings to anyone who comes to our doors. This is not only an opportunity to provide a great meal, but it also builds our community. Souper Supper has offered these ongoing dinners for several years and those served continue to grow. Please remember that Souper Supper is supported in part by your purchases of coffee available in the Parish Hall.

**UpComing Outreach Events:** We have two important upcoming events that are written about elsewhere in this AVE. Be sure to mark your calendars.

**Saturday, May 9<sup>th</sup> - Habitat for Humanity Falmouth Foreside 5K**

**Sunday, May 17<sup>th</sup> - A Day of Service and Goodness**



*Each day we are given one or more pebbles. Every time we help someone or reach out to someone in need, one of those pebbles is dropped into water sending out ripples of hope, compassion, caring and love. Who knows how many people are touched by those ripples...but touched they are! Have you dropped a pebble today?*

## Outreach Ministry - Serving Near and Far

### Community Souper Supper May 8 and 22



Enjoy this community-wide fellowship offering, dining in a relaxed candle-lit atmosphere. You will be feted with a complimentary main course, salad, rolls, dessert and beverage. Wonderful for singles and families alike!

Offered twice each month on the 2nd and 4th Fridays from 5-7pm 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 parish-ioner-owned business... and get GREAT organic coffee! Win! Win! Win!

### Classic Cinema on May 8

The feature will be "The Big Clock"

1948 classic starring Ray Milland, Charles Laughton, Maureen O'Sullivan.  
A career oriented magazine editor finds himself on the run when he discovers his boss is framing him for murder.

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



### Camp Bishopswood

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### Spring Work Weekend

**May 29 - May 31**

**PLEASE JOIN US** for our Third Annual Spring Volunteer Work Weekend to clear away winter and prepare the Camp for summer.

We will wash windows and walls, clear trails, prepare cabins and campsites. Stay for the weekend or join us for the day on Saturday. Lodging and meals provided.

Donations welcome.

**Bring your work gloves, sturdy shoes, clothes for layering.**  
To learn more, please contact Mike.

### Open House Weekend

**June 5 - 7, 2015**

This is a great time for families to come and spend one or two nights and experience camp with their children. This weekend, highly recommended for kids attending Mini Camp or for first-time campers, is a great opportunity for campers to learn the routines and try some of the fun activities, all with the comfort of their families.

**For schedule and related costs, visit the website**  
[www.bishopswood.org](http://www.bishopswood.org)

## Buildings & Grounds Update

by Jim Stoddard

Spring has finally come to Maine; rejoice and be glad in it. The 125th Celebration is promising to be a wonderful event. The Buildings and Grounds Committee did its part by sprucing up the campus prior to the celebration. Special thanks go to Chuck Horton, Lucy Ellis, Jan Mordarski and Greg Unfricht. We were small in number but mighty in effort.

B&G's major project is to investigate natural gas conversion. As you no doubt know, Summit Gas is installing a natural gas pipeline which includes Falmouth. The pipeline is expected to arrive in the neighborhood in late August or early September. We are preparing a report to be presented to the Vestry this month which will outline costs and procedures involved in converting from oil heat to natural gas. The report will show various price points for heating oil versus natural gas price and detail the payback period from lower heating costs. From this report and other valuable information, the Vestry can make the decision to go forward with the conversion or stay with heating oil. We will report the next steps in June.

Another project that B&G is considering is the removal of the three Norway maple trees in front of the church. They have reached their life expectancy. They have also been struck by lightning and create a danger; we recommend removal. We will make a recommendation to the Vestry. If approved we will notify the congregation and seek comment. If it is approved, B&G will cut down the trees, remove the stumps, fertilize and seed the area. The wood will be auctioned off as firewood at the upcoming Lobster Bake/Auction. More info will be forthcoming.

Lastly, we might call for a more thorough Spring Cleanup, but so far the campus is good. Stay tuned. Let's hope for a warm and sunny rest of spring.

Jim Stoddard, B&G Chairman

## Our 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration: April – June 2015

Saint Mary's began as a memorial chapel in memory of Alida Greely Brown who died on April 25, 1889. The chapel was built in 1890. In thanksgiving to God for 125 years of worship and service in this place, we are asking all of you to step forward and ensure another 125 years of faithful ministry here by joining the Alida Greely Brown Heritage Society. This happens when you include The Episcopal Church of Saint Mary in your will and when you notify our parish office of this action.

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**Reserve your table before they are all gone!**

**Saint Mary's Annual**

**BRIDGE-A-THON**

**Friday, May 29th 12:30-4 PM**

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



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

Admission: \$48 per table / \$12 per person  
Reserve your table by calling Beth Shaw 781-3366

### Annual Bridge-a-Thon

Saint Mary's Bridge-a-thon has earned Falmouth fame! A spring delight for 84 players who come to Saint Mary's for fun, food, and prizes!

Fill a table for four to play bridge (or any other four person game) and join us on Friday, May 29th from 12:30 to 4pm. \$12.00 per person. Please reserve with Beth Shaw at the church-781-3366.

PLEASE SIGN UP to HELP and/or BRING FOOD ITEMS. Sign up sheet is outside the Guild Room. Call Betsy Stoddard (829-2026) or Jan Mordarski (899-4099) with any questions.

We ran this thoughtful article written by our Institut Univers Haitian student, Dan-Herley Mathieu, in the last AVE issue; the end of the piece was cut off, so we're reprinting. Hope you enjoy. Dan-Herley attends Saint Mary's quite often since traveling to Maine in August 2014. He is realizing his dream and is studying at Southern Maine Community College in South Portland. He plans to become a dentist and return to serve the people of Haiti. He loves philosophy class and writing, so here is his latest work.



## Colorless

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

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

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

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

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

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

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## St. Mary Schola Spring Concert: Combats and Carols

**May 29, 7:30 PM, Cathedral of Saint Luke, Portland;**

**May 31, 4:00 PM, Church of Saint Mary, Falmouth,**

**June 2, 7:30 PM, First Parish Church, Brunswick.**

A joyous spring concert featuring Monteverdi's rarely performed drama *The Battle of Tancred and Clorinda*, interpreted by the *Schola soloists and guest dancers* Erica Diesl, Kaleigh Natale and Colleen Edwards, choreographer from the Portland Ballet, all accompanied by strings, harpsichord and arch-lute. Also included are madrigals by Monteverdi illustrating the many passions of love, and the magnificent Chandos Anthem Number Nine by Handel with strings, oboe, lute and



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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)

Thank you to the Choir, Altar Flower Guild, Altar Guild, Ushers, Acolytes, Kitchen Angels, Office Angels and all who helped make Holy Week so special!

**Danke**

Thank you everyone who helped with the Presiding Bishop's visit. We are blessed to have so many dedicated volunteers supporting our mission and ministry.

Thanks to a donation of various yarns, if you want to make a prayer shawl or scarf using the yarn, Ginny Stelk or Beth will be happy to let you choose a skein or two.

**T H A N K S !**

Thank you to everyone who helped with the spring clean up. Our grounds are looking great!

Thanks to Marge Devine for her devotion to writing our "Brown History."

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## SPARKLES NEWS

Cleaning closets? Downsizing? Closing an estate? Be sure to consider donating your unique items, family treasures or gently used household items to the Sparkles Boutique. Donation dates are not until the Fall but if you need help with storage, please contact Jan Mordarski (899-4099) or Onnie Hastings (878-6683) and we can make arrangements.

Save the dates for the next Mission Trip to Haiti:



**February 28 - March 6, 2016**

FMI, talk with Becky or Kelly. More to come!

## Guess who's turning 100 years old?

IT'S LOUISE DOWNS! She's turning 100 on Sunday, May 3. Please plan to come to a special coffee hour to greet her and help her celebrate!!

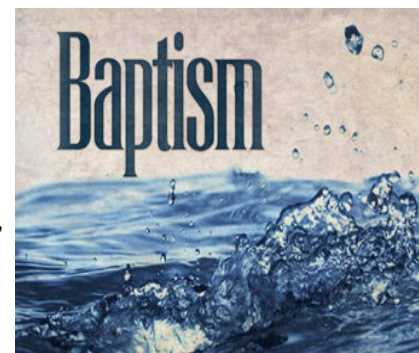
THERE WILL BE ONE LARGE CARD FOR EVERYONE TO SIGN.

If you wish to bring something for the coffee hour, please let Ginny Stelk know.



## Baptism and Renewal in the Bay: June 14

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



## Zenith Journey up Katahdin: August 19 - 22

Don't miss out on this special opportunity! For 3 nights, everyone is invited to join Nathan+ on an adventure in Baxter State Park. We have space for 12 people in total, so sign up NOW to reserve your spot. One night will be spent in the famous Chimney Pond lean-tos and two nights are in the lean-tos at Katahdin Stream campground. No tents are needed, and you can join the group without traversing the Knife's Edge or doing anything dangerous! Everyone is welcome, but contact Nathan+ soon at 207-310-0268 or [nathanferrell@smary.org](mailto:nathanferrell@smary.org).





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

### Happy May Birthdays to:



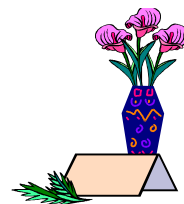
1 Judy MacDonald	10 Mary Follo	
1 Charlotte Rana	11 Ashleigh Connors	20 Lynda Conner
2 Grace Brown	12 Kate Kirsch	20 Morgan Harris
2 Caleigh Connors	14 Stan Eaton	20 Jane Tholen
3 Louise Downs - 100!!!	15 Jessie Claar	21 Portia Hirschman
4 Holly Bernstein	15 Ross Isacke	23 Dee Dee Fournier
4 Samantha Heinzman	15 Winnie Leahy	23 Paul Varga
6 Larissa Norman	15 Sydney Billings	24 Betsey McCandless
7 Bruce Fithian	16 Charnette Chadwick	26 Robert Cott
7 Jim Kane	16 Dave Fenderson	26 Jack Haney
7 Sam LaPlante	16 Michael Richards	26 Shelly Maher
8 Henry Funk	17 Madeline Harris	30 Carolyn Bernier
8 John Raeke	18 Henry Kearins	30 Tillman Rhoades

***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 MAY ANNIVERSARY WISHES TO:



11 Margaret Jean & Len Taylor	23 Bruce Fithian & Kue John Lor
15 Anne & Geoff LaFond	25 Edie & Lad Taylor
16 Jo & Jack Mirschel	31 Diane & Gerry Billings
21 Mary & Hugh Smith	31 Susan & Gary Conway
22 Maureen & John Hale	

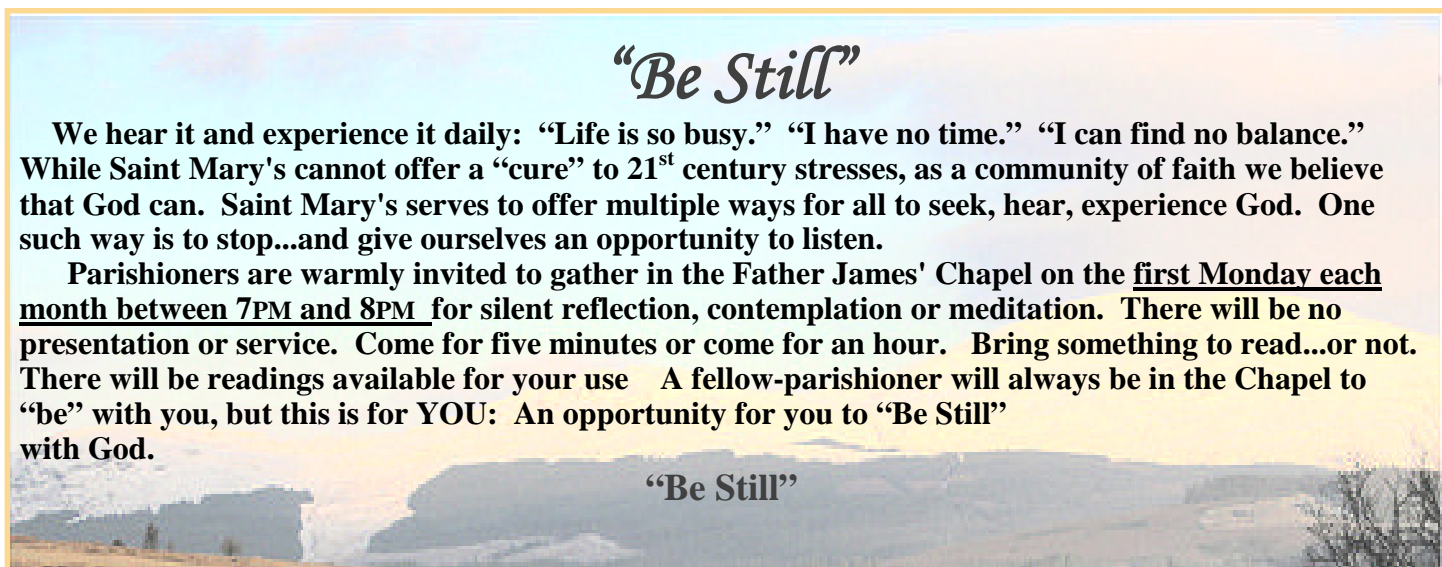


### *"Be Still"*

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

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

*"Be Still"*





# May 2015

The Episcopal Church of Saint Mary

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>26 The 4th Sunday of Easter</b> <b>125th Anniversary Celebration</b> 9am - One Holy Eucharist with the Presiding Bishop followed by Coffee Hour and Town meeting	<b>27</b> 10am - GR leader ship team 12 - Noonday Prayer 3:30-6:30 - Math is Fun	<b>28</b> 11am - Wisdom Seekers 12 - Noonday Prayer 1pm - Staff Meeting 1pm - Get Stitching 1pm - Kneelers 7pm Schola rehearsal 7pm AA in Auditorium 7:30 AIA non (6:30 beginners)	<b>29</b> 12 - Noonday Prayer	<b>30</b> 12 - Healing Eucharist 4pm Boy Singers of Maine 7pm Choir rehearsal	<b>5/1</b> Office Closed 12 - Noonday Prayer 5:30pm Alanon	<b>5/2</b> 9am - BSM 
<b>3 The 5th Sunday of Easter</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 Freeway small group	<b>4</b> 12 - Noonday Prayer 3:30-6:30 - Math is Fun 6pm Outreach? 7pm Be Still	<b>5</b> 11am - Wisdom Seekers 12 - Noonday Prayer 1pm - Staff Meeting 1pm - Get Stitching 3:30pm Exec Committee 7pm AA in Auditorium 7:30 AIA non (6:30 beginners)	<b>6</b> 10-2 Mainly Weavers 12 - Noonday Prayer <b>6pm Saint Mary's and the Brown family</b> <b>Shuttleworth presentation</b>	<b>7</b> 12 - Healing Eucharist 4pm Boy Singers of Maine 7pm Choir rehearsal	<b>8</b> Office Closed 12 - Noonday Prayer <b>5-7pm Community Souper Supper</b> 5:30pm Alanon <b>7pm - Classic Cinema</b>	<b>9</b> 8-11am Habitat Walk/Run 9am - BSM 2pm BSM Concert
<b>10 The 6th Sunday of Easter</b> <b>Happy MOTHER'S Day</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>11</b> 11am - Garden Club 12 - Noonday Prayer 3:30-6:30 - Math is Fun	<b>12</b> 11am - Wisdom Seekers 12 - Noonday Prayer 1pm - Staff Meeting 1pm - Get Stitching 7pm AA in Auditorium 7:30 AIA non (6:30 beginners)	<b>13</b> 12 - Noonday Prayer 6-9pm Jr League	<b>14 Ascension Day</b> 12 - Ascension Day Eucharist 4pm Boy Singers of Maine 7pm Choir rehearsal	<b>15</b> Office Closed 12 - Noonday Prayer 5:30pm Alanon	<b>16</b> 9am - BSM 4-8pm NYA Prom dinner
<b>17 The 7th Sunday of Easter</b> <b>Day of Service and Goodness</b> 9am - Gather with coffee 9:30am - Community Projects for all ages 12noon - Re-gathering for communion and lunch	<b>18</b> 12 - Noonday Prayer 3:30-6:30 - Math is Fun	<b>19</b> 11am - Wisdom Seekers 12 - Noonday Prayer 1pm - Staff Meeting 1pm - Get Stitching 1:30pm Food for the Soul 4pm pp 7pm AA in Auditorium 7:30 AIA non (6:30 beginners)	<b>20</b> 12 - Noonday Prayer 12 - Portland Clergy Gathering 6pm - Vestry	<b>21</b> 12 - Healing Eucharist 7pm Choir rehearsal	<b>22</b> Office Closed 12 - Noonday Prayer 4pm - Desorbo Wedding 5-7pm Community Souper Supper 5:30pm Alanon 	<b>23</b> 9am - BSM
<b>24 Day of Pentecost: Whitsunday</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>25</b> Office closed <b>10am Memorial Day Parade.</b> <b>Refreshments at S. Mary's</b> 12 - Pray wherever	<b>26</b> 11am - Wisdom Seekers 12 - Noonday Prayer 1pm - Staff Meeting 1pm - Get Stitching 7pm AA in Auditorium 7:30 AIA non (6:30 beginners)	<b>27</b> 12 - Noonday Prayer	<b>28</b> 12 - Healing Eucharist 4pm Boy Singers of Maine 7pm Choir rehearsal	<b>29</b> <b>12:30-4pm - Bridge-a-Thon</b> 5:30pm Alanon Camp Bishopswood	<b>30</b> 9am - BSM <b>9-11am Garden Club Plant Sale</b> Work Weekend
<b>26 The 4th Sunday of Easter</b> <b>125th Anniversary Celebration</b> 9am - One Holy Eucharist with the Presiding Bishop followed by Coffee Hour and Town meeting	<b>27</b> 10am - GR leader ship team 12 - Noonday Prayer 3:30-6:30 - Math is Fun	<b>28</b> 11am - Wisdom Seekers 12 - Noonday Prayer 1pm - Staff Meeting 1pm - Get Stitching 7pm AA in Auditorium 7:30 AIA non (6:30 beginners)	<b>29</b> 12 - Noonday Prayer	<b>30</b> 12 - Healing Eucharist 4pm Boy Singers of Maine 7pm Choir rehearsal	<b>31</b> 8am Schola 10am Spring Concert	

## The Episcopal Church of Saint Mary

### Worship Leader Schedule: May - June 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
26-Apr Easter 4 Presiding Bishop	One service followed by town hall meeting		9am Usher Jack Heinzman Tom LaPlante Charlie Hurdman	9am Lector Len Taylor	9am EMs Nadine Timberlake Jim Stoddard	9am Acol Michael Sam & Lauren	Hannah & Helga	The Stoddards	Hospitality +
3-May Easter 5	Ed Ainsworth Rayle Ainsworth	Mary Ann McLean	Harold Otte Lowell Brown	Harold Otte	Ginny Steik Tom Pettingill	Maggie Geo & Ellie	Jan M.	The Nicholson	Ginny, etc
10-May Easter 6	Baer Connard Mac Hinkel	Becky Pride	Jack Heinzman Rudy Israel	Lowell Brown	Andrea M-H Jim Stoddard	Michael Sam & Eliz	Helga	The Daytons	OPEN
17-May ay of Service	One 9am Service		Andrew McIntosh Jim Kane		9am (12noon) Terry Brown Greg Unfricht	~			Potluck Hospitality
24-May Pentecost	Becky Pride Tom Donaldson	Alison Hayward	Chuck Horton Tom LaPlante	Ella Brown	David Robinson Jeff Campbell	Grace Julie & Emily	Hannah	Mark Stimson	OPEN
31-May Trinity	Dave Fenderson Len Taylor	Len Taylor	Charlie Hurdman Jack Heinzman	Marian McCue	Stan Eaton Carla Birt	Sarah Kevin & Lauren	Jan. M	Edie Tucker	OPEN
7-Jun 2 Pent	Baer Connard Jim Kane Al Ahlers	Mac Hinkel	Harold Otte Andrew McIntosh Lowell Brown	Betsy Stoddard	Greg Unfricht Linda Eaton		Jessica	Ruth Kimball GR - Strawberry Shortcake	
14-Jun 3 Pent	Ed Ainsworth Rayle Ainsworth	Al Ahlers	Jack Heinzman Tom LaPlante	9:30am Harold Otte	9:30am Tom Pettingill Nadine Timberlake	~	Alison	The Stoddard	OPEN
21-Jun 4 Pent	Mac Hinkel Tom Donaldson	Becky Pride	Charlie Hurdman Rudy Israel	Lowell Brown	Jim Stoddard Terry Brown	~	Pat K.	The Nicholson	OPEN
28-Jun 5 Pent	Becky Pride Len Taylor	Mary Ann McLean	Chuck Horton Harold Otte	Ginny Steik	Linda Eaton Andrea M-H	~	Jan. M.	The Dayton	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



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#### SUNDAY Hours

8:00am - Traditional Eucharist

10:00am - Contemporary Eucharist

MONDAY TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY & FRIDAY

Noon Day Prayer in the Chapel  
and wherever you find yourself

THURSDAY 12 noon—Healing Eucharist

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**Deadline June AVE is May 20**

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