



From the Rector: THE TABLE GRACE: A BEAUTIFUL AND MEANINGFUL CUSTOM

“One expression of [the mind of Christ] is when we stop and give thanks to God before and after meals. *I ask all believers to return to this beautiful and meaningful custom.* That moment of blessing, however brief, reminds us of our dependence on God for life; it strengthens our feeling of gratitude for the gifts of creation; it acknowledges those who by their labors provide us with these goods; and it reaffirms our solidarity with those in greatest need.” (Pope Francis in *Laudato Si'*, paragraph 227)



Sometimes we have a tendency to overcomplicate things. In the course of my careful reading of the Pope's new Encyclical, I was struck by the simple yet profound wisdom of this paragraph. What can we – as ordinary people – do to make a real impact in the problems facing humanity? There are so many problems today which are quite complex. How can you and I help humanity to “escape the spiral of self-destruction which currently engulfs us”? (*Laudato Si'*, 163)

To be sure, each of the choices we make can have an impact upon the well-being of all humankind. But the analysis of the impacts of each decision can easily overwhelm our need to simply get through each day. At the very least, you and I can return to some of the simple and basic spiritual practices which once nurtured the souls of our ancestors – like pausing to give thanks to God before placing any morsel of food in our mouths and pausing to say thank you once our bodily hunger is satiated. This is such a simple practice, but it can be a powerful tool in our process of learning once again “how to live wisely, to think deeply, and to love generously” (*Laudato Si'*, 47).

Our culture tempts us to adopt a technological approach toward all of the challenges of life. We want to find the strategy, method or tool that will fix the problem before us. But this temptation can undermine our deeper awareness of reality. “Rather than a problem to be solved, the world is a joyful mystery to be contemplated with gladness and praise” (*Laudato Si'*, 12). You do not need to employ any special words when you pause to give thanks to God. Nor are many words needed. All that is required is awareness, gratitude and praise. Do you think that you can do this? Can you adopt this simple yet profound practice of “Table Grace” in your everyday life? The world will not suddenly change around you, but you will make one daily step toward cooperating with God in the healing of this earth. And that's a very good thing.

Nathan W. Jewell +

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MAN CAMP November 13-15, 2015

Are there MEN out there who are interested in a weekend dedicated just to MEN? Flag football, skeet shooting, archery, tailgating, card games, rock climbing, firing range, hatchet throwing, magic shows, massive amounts of unhealthy food... AND solid teaching about how to honor God as a Christian man.

\$175 per person includes all meals, two nights in a cabin plus all of the crazy fun and games. Held at Berea on Newfound Lake in New Hampshire, 100 miles due west of Portland. Want to learn more? Watch this fun video from Berea: [MAN CAMP PROMO](#) Seriously interested? Speak with Nathan+ to form a group from Saint Mary's.

From the Deacon's Corner:

Dear Friends,

I hope you are all having a joyful, relaxing summer. The highlight of my summer so far has been a retreat at Adelynrood retreat house in Massachusetts. The speaker for the week-end was retired bishop of Alaska, Steven Charleston. Steven Charleston is a citizen of the Choctaw nation of Oklahoma. His father and grandfather were Christian pastors, and he has followed in their footsteps. In addition to serving as the bishop of Alaska, he has served as president and dean of Episcopal Divinity School in Cambridge; director of Native American Ministries for the Episcopal Church and professor of systematic theology.

For all of his impressive credentials, Bishop Steven is down to earth, funny and faithful. Using the Gospel of Matthew, his latest book called the "Four Vision Quests of Jesus" offers a view of Jesus' spiritual visions through a Native American lens. During the retreat, Bishop Steven taught from his new book, and my mind and heart were expanded with new insights. I recommend the book and also suggest that if you are on Facebook, you look for his daily meditations which are both simple and profound.

Bishop Steven's message is one of love, inclusion and forgiveness. He is a powerful advocate for native people and for the hope and joy that bring all of God's people together in a common quest for justice and peace.

Blessings,

Deacon Christine



KOINONIA: summertime prayer and fellowship

Each evening begins at 6:30 PM. Bring your own camp chair or blanket. Bring a dessert to share, as explained below. All events are rain or shine. In case of inclement weather, we will move inside to the Auditorium.

August 12: Ice Cream and a Family Movie (The Iron Giant) – an outdoor movie on the lawn, bring a quart or half-gallon of ice cream to share.

August 26: Intro to the Ukulele with The Flukes – led by the Falmouth Library Ukulele band, bring any kind of hand-held dessert to share afterward.

Long Creek Birthday Cupcakes

Saint Mary's is continuing its tradition of bringing birthday cakes to the kids at the Long Creek Youth Development Center in South Portland. We bring these cakes on the second Monday of every month to celebrate monthly birthdays; for some, it's the first recognition of their birthday that has ever occurred. Be a part of this ministry.

There is a sign up sheet outside the Guild Room if you would like to help. The cupcakes need to be store-bought, and range from four dozen to five dozen, depending on the size that you purchase. Plastic containers of cupcakes can be purchased in the bakery section at Hannaford's or Shaw's.



Vestry Highlights

The Vestry did not have a meeting in July as is the custom of our Vestry. However, we had an informal barbeque including spouses which included a lot of laughs and great food! It was a fun evening allowing us to get to know each other on a different level. Thank you to all who attended. To those who were unable to join us, we'll have another social gathering later in the year!



Janet Bowne, Jr. Warden and Jim Kane, Sr. Warden

The Episcopal Church elects its 27th Presiding Bishop at the 78th General Convention

The Rt. Rev. Michael Bruce Curry, Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of North Carolina, was elected the 27th Presiding Bishop of The Episcopal Church on the first ballot on June 27, 2015. Bishop Curry is the first African-American to be elected Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church.

Bishop Curry, 62, was ordained Bishop of North Carolina on June 17, 2000. Prior to that he served as rector at churches in Maryland, Ohio and North Carolina, and was chaplain of the Bethany School.

He currently serves on several boards and committees. He is chair of the board of Episcopal Relief & Development; chair of the advisory committee for the Office of Black Ministries; current on the board of trustees at Saint Augustine's University; North Carolina Council of Churches; Moral Monday Movement; and the TREC/Task Force for Reimagining the Episcopal Church.

Curry holds a Bachelor of Arts with high honors from Hobart and William Smith College; a Masters of Divinity from Berkeley Divinity School at Yale; Continuing Studies at The College of Preachers, Princeton Theological Seminary, Wake Forest University, The Ecumenical Institute of St. Mary's Seminary and Institute of Jewish Christian Studies; and D.D., honoris causa, from Sewanee, The University of the South, Berkeley Divinity School at Yale, Virginia Theological Seminary, and The Episcopal Divinity School.

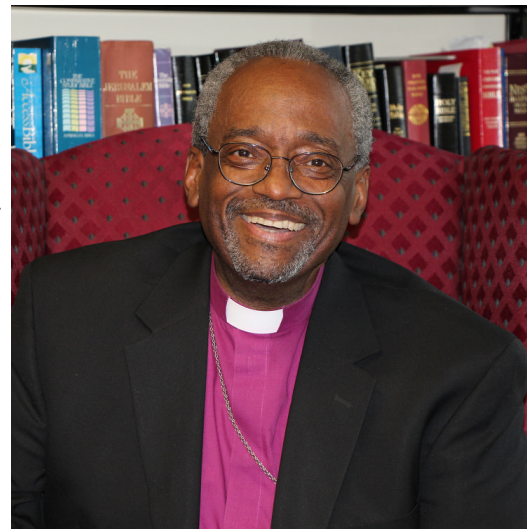
Among his many books and publications are, most recently "Songs My Grandmother Sang" (Morehouse Publishing, Spring 2015); "Crazy Christians: a Call to Follow Jesus" (Morehouse Publishing, 2013) and an opinion piece, "Some Strange Things Are Happening in Charlotte," (The Huffington Post, Sept. 4, 2012).

He and his wife Sharon are the parents of two adult children.

Speaking on evangelism, he said, "I am looking forward to serving and working for the cause of the Jesus movement in the world ... to help this become a transformed world that looks more like God's dream and less like our nightmare. That's what energizes me and what I believe in and we can really continue and build on the good work that's been done in Bishop Katharine's years."

"Everybody knows I really do take evangelism seriously and discipleship and witness and service and social advocacy, the gospel principles that we hold. Those three things are critical and needed in this time. I think the Episcopal Church has something to offer in the public square. We have a way of looking at the gospel that makes known the love of God in Jesus."

The 78th General Convention of The Episcopal Church met from June 25-July 3 in Salt Lake City, Utah (Diocese of Utah). The Episcopal Church's General Convention is held every three years and is the bicameral governing body of the church. It comprises the House of Bishops, with upwards of 200 active and retired bishops, and the House of Deputies, with clergy and lay deputies elected from the 108 dioceses and three regional areas of the church, at more than 800 members.



The NEW Presiding Bishop is coming August 23!

Well, not in person exactly, BUT we will have a chance to hear him preach at our Eucharists on August 23! At the end of General Convention, after his election as our next Presiding Bishop, the Rt. Rev. Michael Curry delivered a powerful and moving sermon about God's call to the Episcopal Church today. Many parishes have been watching a video of this sermon so that everyone in the Church has a chance to absorb his message. We will do the same on Sunday, August 23. So come and hear the Word from our new Presiding Bishop!

Outreach Ministry - Serving Near and Far

St. Elizabeth's Essential Pantry has changed its name to St. Elizabeth's Jubilee Center!

The main reason for the name change was because St. Elizabeth's Essential Pantry was designated as a Jubilee Center by the Episcopal Church headquarters in New York City this past spring. There are approximately five hundred Jubilee Centers spread out in all the provinces of the Episcopal Church. Bishop Lane presented the Jubilee certificate at the Center's advisory board meeting this past May. Quoting from Resolution A080, he read the following: "A Jubilee Ministry is a ministry of joint discipleship in Christ with poor and oppressed people, wherever they are found, to meet basic human needs and to build a just society." A further resolution affirmed "Jubilee Ministry as a vital expression of the type of relational ministry that is being called forth from local congregations of the church as they seek to reconcile all people to unity with God and each other in Christ."



The Center also derives a part of its name from St. Elizabeth of Hungary who committed her life to serving the poor and the sick.

St. Elizabeth's Jubilee Center, housed at St. Luke's Cathedral in Portland for the past ten years, is a mission effort of The Episcopal Diocese of Maine. It is a mission distributing non-food essentials, clothes, and small household items to the most needy among us. It also is a gathering place where people chat with friends and enjoy companionship, and a place where every week we can be Christ for others as we see Christ in others. Supported by eight local Episcopal churches, the Center is a non-barrier program serving all those in need. An average of 250 individuals are served each week, many of whom are immigrants and refugees for whom English is not their primary language.

The Center is opened every Tuesday from 9:30am until 11:00am. Volunteers from the community, as well as volunteers from the eight supporting Episcopal parishes and sometimes students from local public schools spend that morning helping to set up, distribute items and clean up afterwards. Volunteers are trained on the spot.

St. Elizabeth's Jubilee Center is supported by direct donations of dollars and goods like bar soap, toilet paper, diapers, clothing, towels, bedding and other household items. Because the Center's demands always outstrip their supplies, additional goods are purchased with cash donations from individuals, congregations and the occasional foundation grants. Gifts to support the bulk purchase of high demand items such as diapers and toilet paper are extremely welcome.

The Center is grateful for all seasonally appropriate donations. You may leave them in the designated box in the Parish House. They are transported down to St. Luke's once a week. Please put them in bags that are small enough to transport with ease. The suggested donation "Item of the Month" for August is *deodorant*.

For more information:

Judith Brooks (781-2097) or Betsy Elliman (899-1039)

Congratulations St. Elizabeth's on the great work!!

Safe Passage Documentary Showing and Fundraiser Night

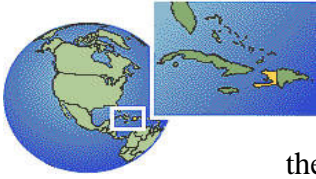
Safe Passage is a Yarmouth-based, 4-star, US initiative that provides hundreds of at-risk, Guatemalan children with a comprehensive and integrated program that fosters hope, good health, educational achievement, self-sufficiency, self-esteem and confidence.

A local Safe Passage Support Team is holding a silent auction and a documentary showing at Saint Mary's on August 5th. They are auctioning off a variety of items such as gift cards, fitness classes, hand-made jewelry... etc. The silent auction will start at 6:30 along with hors d'oeuvres and drinks, and then we will show a short film about Safe Passage around 7:00-7:15pm.

100% of proceeds will go directly towards Safe Passage to help fund their amazing program! All in the community are invited to join in the fellowship, the bidding, and the learning opportunity.



Outreach Ministry - Serving Near and Far



NEXT HAITI TRIP INFORMATION!

DATES: February 27 to March 5 (or optional, later)

We'll be leaving the weekend of February 27, 2016 (possibly on Friday, the 26th.) We anticipate flying to Miami [overnight] then to Cap Haitien the next day. We'll be at Institution Univers in Ouanaminthe, Haiti from Sunday to Friday. We will be working at Institution Univers with elementary classrooms and TOEFL (Test of English as a Foreign Language) prep training in the afternoon. Other work options are possible. Several mornings will be set aside for cultural immersion activities - in and around Ouanaminthe: the market, "old folks home," orphanage, Univers medical clinic, bakery, farm, nearby Industrial Park, etc. We will be traveling back to the Hotel Christophe in Cap Haitien on Friday, March 4, options to return home March 5 or later.

PLEASE LET US KNOW if you are interested in getting on the email list as a potential mission trip participant

Contact interest to Becky at rebeccapride1@gmail.com
or Kelly at mianno@maine.rr.com

Dan-Herley Mathieu is one of the TOEFL students that Becky and Kelly taught in past trips to Haiti. He is now studying at Southern Maine Community College in South Portland and attends Saint Mary's quite often since traveling to Maine a year ago. He plans to become a dentist and return to serve the people of Haiti. He loves writing, and we have published a couple of his articles in past AVEs; here is another of his latest works.



" I think that we already have the answer."

Man, I don't like the world. There are too many bad things going on at once. There is too much violence right now, too much corruption, too much bad news, too much people die, and too much people without a human heart alive.

As far as I know we have tried to come up with some solutions to those problems. But, unfortunately we have try all the wrong solutions possible.

We fight other countries in order to have what we call peace in the world. We kill those who don't want to follow us to make the world a better place. We invented laws to command others. Man, we are going too far.

One of us need to step up and say that those are not the solutions, and show the rest us that we have been doing the wrong thing since day one. One of us has to show to the rest that we are going to lose the world if we continue to act the way we are acting now. One of us has to do something. One of us has to raise his voice to say no to what we are actually doing.

I think we already have the answer, but we choose to ignore it. We know what to do to make the world a better place, but we choose to do differently. We know that love, true love is the key that can make the world a better place. But, we are afraid of trying it.

Imagine a world in which everybody love everybody. It won't matter where you come from, what color your body is, your race, your ethnicity, what religion you believe in, what your sexual orientation is, what things you value the most ... All of those won't be a problem, what will be considered important is the fact that we are all the same, we are all one. We are all humans and we can love each other as we are.

Imagine a world where everyone can embrace each other cultures, beliefs, styles. Imagine a world where we know that we have different taste, but still love each other. Imagine a world in which we will send our children to save lives instead of military forces for human destruction.

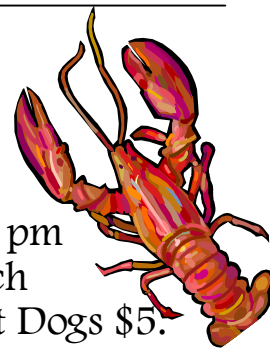
Imagine a world where every country is truly happy and celebrate when a new country gets rich instead of stealing its resources. Imagine a world where we will smile to anyone that we pass by. Imagine a world where we can laugh with everyone.

Let's consider each person as a human being. Let's consider each other as someone who is equal to us. Let's have a different mindset about power. Let's see the world differently. It's not too late. We get enough time to start loving and embracing each other just as we are. We might have different points of view on many topics, but we still have respect for each other. The world can still be a better place.

Matdanley



Saint Mary's 11th Annual **Lobster Bake & Auction**



When: Saturday, August 8th 4:30 pm, dinner served at 6:00 pm

Where: Beautiful campus of Saint Mary's Church

Lobster Dinner \$30. Grilled Chicken \$10. Burgers & Hot Dogs \$5.

Cole Slaw, Desserts, and Soft Drinks available

Bring Your Own adult libations and pre-dinner snacks

Beginning at 4:30 pm, rain or shine, join fellow parishioners/friends/neighbors for a succulent lobster and steamer dinner or a BBQ chicken dinner. We are limited to 100 lobster dinners, and we're almost sold out! \$30 for lobster, \$10 for chicken and \$5 for burgers and hotdogs. Salads and desserts will be provided. Adult refreshment: BYOB. Sodas will be provided. Bring appetizers/snacks to share with your table mates.

Before our 6 pm dinner hour, as you mingle with friends, you have the opportunity to bid on fabulous offerings parishioners/friends/vendors have so graciously donated. We also have the pleasure of listening to **Little Black Dress**, a very talented group of musicians! This will truly be a fun evening.

If you are away on August 8th, don't worry, you still have the opportunity to bid. The Auction catalog will be available to peruse before the event. Ask a friend who is attending to be your bidder. Purchasers will be asked to pay for items that evening or if you aren't attending, we can make arrangements. Cash or checks gratefully accepted.

LIVE AUCTION OFFERINGS

One Week Getaway at Sanibel Island, FL

2 Nights/3 days at Saddleback Mountain, ME

2 Nights/3 days Village Center condo, Sugarloaf

Take a look at these fabulous silent auction offerings

AVA Non-toxic, natural products
Gather Eatery gift card
Hand-knitted Baby Sweaters (3)
Grand Slam Bridge Party
Azure Restaurant gift card
Homemade Chocolates
Barrel Stave Painting
Kitty-Cat Hammock
Baking Class with Pastry Chef
Little Black Dress Event
Boston Red Sox tickets
Lobstering Experience
Boston Bruins tickets
Lyric Music Theater tickets
'Budding Heart' artwork
Magic of Christmas tickets
Child-sitting (4 hrs)

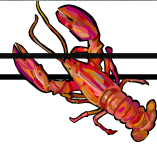
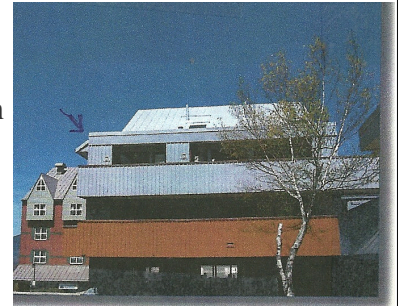
Mid-Coast Symphony tickets
Classic ME blueberry pies
Narragansett Bay Favorites
Conundrum Wine Bistro certificate
One Hour Massage Therapy
Copper Wall Maps of Maine (2)
Orchid Thai gift card
Copper Spiral Candleholder
Paragon Salon Facial
Fly Fishing Experience
Peony Photograph - framed
Foreside Tavern gift card
Portland Community Chorus tickets
Fort Williams Oil Painting
Rainbow Toys gift card (2)
Saint Mary's 125th Anniversary t-shirts
School Supplies Galore

Shaws gift card
Skillins gift card
Sparkles Gift Basket
Stainless Steel Cribbage Board
Stirling & Mull gift card
The Dog Wash Etc gift card
Trendsetters gift card
Trendsetters Hair Products Basket
Val Halla Golf Outing
Vintage BLENKO Bookends
Vintage Ski Posters jigsaw puzzle
Watercolor of Falmouth Town Landing
Zapoteca Restaurant gift card
Calligraphy artwork
Cruisin' on Casco Bay
Pure Naked Beauty Products

Lobster Bake & Auction: LIVE Auction

Seeking Snow at Sugarloaf: Condo: Sleeps 4

Enjoy a 2 night/3 day stay in our cozy and quaint Village Center condominium, a perfect and convenient location at the base of the mountain! Condo has three levels. Kitchen, dining and living areas and full bath on the first level, queen bed with half bath on the second level and twin beds on the third floor in a loft space. Entire condo is an open layout. Winning bidder should bring own sheets and towels. Condo comes with 2 parking spots in top lot. Dates need to be mutually agreed upon with owners. Not available during Columbus Day weekend, Thanksgiving and Christmas weeks, February and April school vacation weeks or weekends in the winter. Mid-week skiing would be the perfect time to use this condo! Condo is available in the summer, fall and spring as well. Expiration date is August 8, 2016. Offered by Adam & Christie Rana.



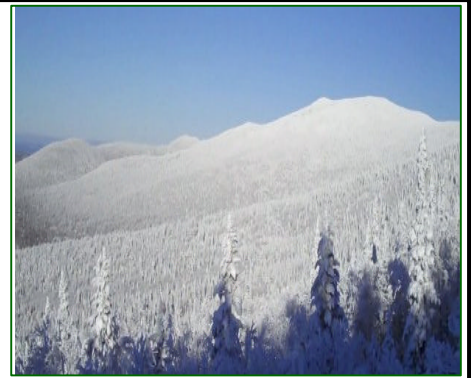
Seeking Seashells on Sanibel

Marian McCue has offered her Sanibel Arms West condominium for one week! Sanibel Arms West Condos are situated on 6 acres of tropical landscape with 500 feet of white sandy private beach stretching along the gorgeous sparkling Gulf of Mexico. The condo is located on the second floor (B-8) with one king bedded room, one twin bedded, two baths, full kitchen, dining room and living room. It also has a private screened-in porch, pool and tennis courts. The dates available are December 5 through December 26, 2015, and all of January until February 12, 2016. It is also available March 22 through April 12, 2016.



Seeking Where Wilderness and Recreation Meet!

It's at this Saddleback Mountain, Rangeley, ME condominium offered by parishioner Jan Mordarski. Enjoy two nights and three days at her beautiful fully equipped condominium. Sleeps six maximum: two bedrooms with queen-size beds and one bedroom with a day bed which can be made up as two twins. There are two bathrooms. Saddleback is one of New England's finest family ski resorts as well as summer resort area. Not available Christmas week or 2016 winter school break. Offer is good for any season, but must negotiate with donor for winter weekends. Weekdays available in the winter as well.



"Be Still"

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

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

"Be Still"

Father James Chapel : 7- 8 PM on August 3, September 7, and October 5

Legacy Project- Post Construction Notes

by Jennifer Gregg

The air testing results are in and we are poised to reoccupy the downstairs of the Parish House on a full-time basis in September!

Following the replacement of flooring in the Guiding RAY spaces with a “floating floor,” Saint Mary's brought in Air Quality Management Services (AQMS) for a re-test of the spaces. Testing was conducted in June under the most challenging of conditions: The room had been closed for a week without air circulation; outdoor temperature and humidity levels were high. The results nonetheless indicate that the replacement of flooring has resolved the existing issues, with the levels of Total Volatile Organic Compounds (TVOCs) dropping significantly, moving from the AQMS Laboratory's “elevated” category to “moderate” category. (Please remember that there are no formal regulatory guidelines for TVOCs, since results are a mixture of different chemicals, many of which are unknown, in varying proportions. Recommended levels vary widely around the world.) The June testing once again determined that formaldehyde levels were below OSHA limits and mold levels were “trace” and “pose no risk.”

AQMS counsels that TVOC levels be reduced still further and believes that this will likely happen naturally as the usual “off-gassing” of the new flooring proceeds. To expedite that process, we have adopted the procedure suggested by AQMS involving a combination of 24-hour a day heating combined with the constant use of the air-exchanger for several more weeks.

In the meantime, we have moved all of the furniture and furnishings back into the Guiding RAY spaces, and are permitting the use of the downstairs spaces this summer on a case-by-case basis. We are prepared for full usage and re-occupancy of these spaces by the Choir, Guiding RAY, all committees and outside groups beginning in September. Saint Mary's Executive Committee has requested that the spaces be re-tested periodically throughout the year to ensure that TVOC levels continue to fall, as anticipated by AQMS. The next such test will be conducted in August.

We wish to thank everyone who was affected for their remarkable patience and flexibility throughout the process of this past year. This is yet one more testimony to the abundance of grace with which God has blessed this wonderful parish family.

On the Move with God

Vacation Bible School at St. Bart's Episcopal Church, Yarmouth

August 10 - 14, 2015 9am-12pm

TENTS! STORIES! CRAFTS! GAMES! SONGS! JOIN US AS WE TAKE A CLOSER LOOK AT BIBLICAL JOURNEYS AND THE PRESENCE OF GOD ALONG THE WAY. MONDAY, AUGUST 10 THROUGH FRIDAY, AUGUST 14TH FROM 9AM TO 12PM FOR AGES 4-12. SNACKS PROVIDED. \$30 SUGGESTED DONATION PER CHILD TO COVER THE COSTS OF FOOD AND CRAFT AND GAME SUPPLIES. DOWNLOAD A FLYER [HERE](#). FMI AND TO REGISTER,

Christian Formation ~ Middle & High School

Saint Mary's High School COMMUNITY SERVICE Group!

This group serves as a vehicle for service, fellowship and spirituality for high schoolers. This group is focusing on one of Saint Mary's popular and established outreach programs:

Souper Supper

on the 2nd & 4th Fridays of each month.

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

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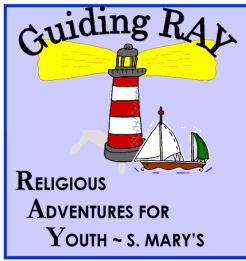


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Christian Formation - RAY Beams - August 2015



Sneak Preview of the Guiding RAY 2015-2016 Year!

With thanks to all of the Guiding RAY families who responded to the End-of-Year Survey (<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/JK7CTY>), your Guiding RAY Team gathered on July 9th to incorporate your comments and suggestions into the planning for the forthcoming year that will kick off (mark your calendars now!!) with "Welcome Home Sunday" on September 13th!



Survey Summary Results:

- Obstacles to participation in Guiding RAY activities centered entirely on competing family requirements and scheduling conflicts. We were gratified to determine that any lack of participation did not relate to programming!
- Responsiveness to Godly Play by children ran the gamut with some children excited to describe their experiences to others who were uncommunicative. The general experience of Godly Play continues to be highly positive.
- Much of the survey sought to determine the level of interest in and the types of family-friendly Outreach/Service opportunities, and responses were universally enthusiastic.
- There was also some interest expressed in offering opportunities for parents to gather together for informal fellowship and/or discussion/study.

Taking all this into consideration, we will endeavor in the coming year to improve the relevance of the program to our children by offering new and fresh Godly Play stories and crafts, supplemented with regular opportunities throughout the year to see and experience God through music, stewardship of the earth and through Outreach/service opportunities both as a youth group and with parents.

We will continue efforts to improve communications with families, both through electronic means (Weekly Guiding RAY Gazette, Weekly "Parents Pages offering synopsis of the Godly Play lesson and talking points), verbal announcements and personal contact with and among families. We hope to offer occasions for parents to gather informally for fellowship and discussion throughout the year and will seek to take advantage of existing events in church life to promote the growth of inter-generational relationships.

We very much look forward to re-inhabiting the newly-refurbished Guiding RAY spaces downstairs in September, and the team and teachers have been spending time this summer cleaning and freshening each classroom. We hope to expand opportunities for your children to serve in the life of the church as, for example, readers, ushers, gift-bearers and acolytes.

We bid a very fond farewell this year to Brenda Collins who departs the Guiding RAY Leadership Team in anticipation of moving to Boothbay Harbor. Jenn Curran and Heather Gale are also stepping down from this team in order to concentrate their efforts on teaching Godly Play. We welcome Elizabeth Heinzman who will be concentrating on our artistic needs and family liaison.

We are delighted to confirm that Alison Hayward, ably assisted by teens Rose and Jessie Claar, will be returning to respond to the needs of our youngest parishioners in the nursery.

We are very blessed by and grateful for the continued support in the coming year from our core cadre of Godly Play teachers (Monique Brown, Sandy Couch-Kelly, Jenn Curran, Heather Gale, Penny Guyton, Aleece Herlihy, Julie Otte, Heather Teng, Carolyn Thomas.)

Finally, we hope to continue to welcome additional adult participation in the Guiding RAY program—a fun, critically important and personally fulfilling experience! We ask all parishioners to seriously consider joining us for 45 minutes one or a few Sundays during the coming year (yes, you miss the first part of the formal worship service but are back in church in time for The Great Thanksgiving!) Any training you think you might need will be gladly provided! Men, women, single or married, 16 years or older, with or without experience with children are MOST welcome!! Just contact any member of the Guiding RAY Team or Father Nathan for further information.

And it is NEVER too late to respond to the electronic survey that provides you with the opportunity to make anonymous suggestions and comments <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/JK7CTYJ>



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SPARKLES NEWS



Summer is here---time to think
and prepare for the Sparkles Fair
on December 5th



Sparkles Events on
Advent 1, 2, 3 and 4!
There's something for Everyone!



Only four months until the beginning of Advent and Saint Mary's Sparkle activities! The Sparkles Boutique and Fair are on **Saturday, December 5th** and there are many things to accomplish before then. The following dates are important---so mark your calendars now!!

September 10th is the first organization meeting for Sparkles. It will be at 6:30pm in the Guild Room. If you have not helped before but are interested in joining, this is a fun group - please come to the meeting. We need lots of helpers to make all the Sparkle Events the festive and wonderful time that we have come to know and love. Oh, yes----it is a fundraiser as well.

September 13th is the Church Welcome Home Picnic, and there will be a table with information about Sparkles---so if you are new to Saint Mary's, please stop at the table, get a brochure and ask any questions you may have.

October 10th will be the first drop-off date for goodies you wish to donate to the Boutique. We take any beautiful and gently used household items and treasures. Donations are accepted between 9am and noon in the Parish Hall. If you are not sure if something is "Sparkles Ready" bring it on down ---we do sort through all donations, and those items that may not sell in the Boutique are given to St. Elizabeth's.

If you are a knitter, a quilter or a seamstress, your "stash" is always wanted by someone so this is a good time to sort and simplify. A tax donation receipt can be provided. PLEASE NOTE: We do NOT take clothing, books or rummage.

Saint Mary's Friendship Soup has become quite popular, and we will be asking for donations of beans to create this. We will also be asking for cookie ingredients. Watch for further information.

If you are an artist or crafter----we have two tables where an artist or crafter may display and sell their work. Please call Jan Mordarski (899-4099) or Onnie Hastings (471-6073) for more information. We hope you will join in the fun---Jan and Onnie, Sparkle Co-chairs



Ready, Set...and **Not Going Yet!**

Thought about your final arrangements?
Care to custom design your funeral?

This event offers you a **quick, fun forum** for selecting
your preferences regarding final arrangements.

Spare your family the angst of reading your mind!

Spend less than an hour, save money, and cross this off your life list!

Sunday, September 20th

9 am to 12:30 pm after (and during for community friends) church services



Want to learn more about the Christian faith and about other religious groups? Want to share ideas about faith in an open, supportive online community?

Then visit the new internet resource called Deily by clicking [HERE](#).

Deily (dā'lē), pronounced like daily) is a play on the Latin word for god or gods.

Deily is an on-line community who believes that by sharing our faith and our understanding, we can learn more about ourselves and one other

and so can make the world a better place.

Everyone who joins Deily (by creating an online account) is able to direct a \$10 donation to the religious organization of their choice. The Episcopal Church of Saint Mary in Falmouth has been registered as an organization with Deily, so each Saint Marian can direct their donation to our parish. It is easy, and it costs you nothing at all! The donations come from a generous supporter of Deily. Go ahead and grow in your understanding while supporting Saint Mary's at the same time!

Community Souper Supper

August 14th and 28th



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 parish-ioner-owned business... and get GREAT organic coffee! Win! Win! Win!

Classic Cinema on August 14

The feature will be "On the Waterfront"

(1954) An ex-prize fighter turned longshoreman struggles to stand up to his corrupt union bosses. Starring: Marlon Brando, Karl Malden, Lee J. Cobb, Rod Steiger, Eva Marie Saint
Director: Elia Kazan



August 22, 2015, 5pm ~ 8pm



You are invited to join us for an evening of food, art, and live music at this summer's inaugural fundraiser to benefit the Gardens at Tidewater Farm. This event will be held in the Saint Mary's Parish House and will feature appetizers and desserts created by renowned local chefs and artworks created by Maine artists as part of the evening's 10x10 Art Exhibit and Sale.

Umaine.edu/Cumberland 207.781.6099

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)

Thank you to Building and Grounds for tackling all the maintenance and improvement projects during the summer!

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Thank you to
Fr. Nathan for conceptualizing and organizing
the wonderful Koinonia offerings this summer.
They have been fulfilling, educational and fun!

Thank you to Owen
Wheeler and Alex for
their help with moving
the undercroft furniture
back to the right spots!

T H A N K S !

Thank you to the Guiding RAY team and all our other committees, guilds and ministries for giving up precious summer time for planning meetings and working to get the next program year ready for all.

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PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR Welcome Home Sunday September 13th,

With Picnic (Hospitality provides burgers & dogs)
bounce house and frolicking following the 10am service



Global Leadership Summit: August 6 – 7 in Greenland, NH

Bill Hybels, Sallie Krawcheck, Adam Grant, Liz Wiseman, Sam Adeyemi, Jim Collins, Brené Brown, Ed Catmull, Sheila Heen... these are some of the world-class presenters at this year's Global Leadership Summit which is broadcasted live from Willow Creek Church in Chicago to locations throughout the world. Fr. Nathan participates every year in a large group setting near Portsmouth, NH. The GLS promises a unique blend of spiritual inspiration and practical leadership training which applies to every arena of human leadership. If you want to grow as a leader, it will not happen by chance or by accident! You must apply yourself and work toward it. Join Fr. Nathan at the Summit and be prepared to grow! FMI: www.willowcreek.com/summit and email nathanferrell@smary.org.

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

Happy August Birthdays to:

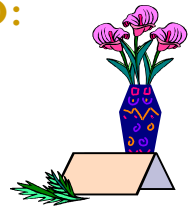


1	Alex Thomas	9	Anne Hilliard		
2	Ayden Henson	9	Erin Lindberg	19	Harrison Rhoades
2	Bryce Henson	10	Nathan Ferrell	20	Lucy Ellis
2	Straughan Orestis	10	Juliette Teng	21	Babs Bell
2	Roland Peixotto	11	Matthew Claar	22	Robert Wood
2	Scott Searway	11	Alexandra Galbraith	23	Margot Hesson
2	Caroline Swaney	13	Aleece Herlihy	24	Blake Wilkes
3	Kiersten Doehne	13	Kyle Lamberson	26	Linda Eaton
3	Quinn Hagerty	13	Nicole Mokeme	26	Kevin Lamberson
4	Blake Lindberg	13	Harrison Rana	26	Becky Pride
5	Kitty Peixotto	13	Olivia Vigue	28	Eleanor Holt
6	Quinton Hastings	14	Jett Morrison	28	Miles Isacke
6	Caroline Wilkes	15	Chris Connors	28	Mary Smith
7	Sé Ferrell	15	Mary Goodrich	29	Emma Bowden
8	George Brown	17	Elliott Billings	29	Tacie Dougan
8	Kathy Galen	18	Davis Gall	29	Faye Frongillo
8	Eliz Gratz	19	Alfine Fahray	30	Melissa Cott
9	Calia Browne	19	Doug Gauvreau	31	Jude Morrison

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 AUGUST ANNIVERSARY WISHES TO:

2	Susan & Bryan Dench	15	Diane & Jeff Campbell
3	Connie & Mark Stimson	20	Becky & Doug Pride
5	Katie & Jim Chalmers	21	Shelly & John Maher
5	Angie & Charlie Hesson		



Parish Life Information



A long-overdue project for this summer will be to update our database information on our parishioners. Having correct information for 'the whole Saint Mary's family' is important to effective communication and pastoral responses. We can do this in a couple of different ways. We'd like to include everyone's basic information, cell phone numbers and perhaps even emergency contacts in case of storm or power outages. It will not be shared with anyone outside this office. You can call in, write down, email (admin@smary.org) the below information to the office or pick up a form where all this information is included on the front side and additional (optional) information on the back side. Thank you. If you can't fill out or email the information, we'll be reaching out by phone this summer. Thank you!

Name, Birthdate, address, phone and **Cell Phone**

Prior church:

Church where & when Baptized? Confirmation? Married?

Children names & DOB:

Emergency contact: (family, friend or neighbor)

Cell phone:

The Episcopal Church of Saint Mary

Worship Leader Schedule: August - September 2015

	8:00am Ushers	8:00am EM/Lectors	9:30am Ushers	9:30am Lector	9:30am Euch Minister	Acolytes	Altar Flowers	Flower Delivery	Coffee Hour Host
2-Aug Pent 10	Jim Kane Baer Connard	Mac Hinkel	Jack Heinzman Charlie Hurdman	Marian McCue	Nadine Timberlake Jim Stoddard	~	Onnie H	The Nicholson	OPEN
9-Aug Pent 11	Dave Fenderson Mac Hinkel	Becky Pride	Tom LaPlante Lowell Brown	Ginny Stelk	Terry Brown Ginny Stelk	~	Melissa K	Mark Stimson	Host Coffee
16-Aug St. Mary	Al Ahlers Len Taylor	Mary Ann McLearn	Harold Otte Jack Heinzman	Andrea M-H	Andrea M-H David Robinson	~	Hannah R	Edie Tucker	Hour. It's fun to do with a
23-Aug Pent 13	Ed Ainsworth Rayle Ainsworth	Alison Hayward	Andrew McIntosh Chuck Horton	Betsy Stoddard	Stan Eaton Greg Unfricht	~	Pat K	Ruth Kimball	friend or on
30-Aug Pent 14	Jim Kane Tom Donaldson	Len Taylor	Tom LaPlante Charlie Hurdman	Greg Unfricht	David Robinson Linda Eaton	~	Alison H	The Stoddards	FMI Contact Betsy Stoddard
6-Sep Pent 15	Baer Connard Dave Fenderson	Mac Hinkel	Lowell Brown Harold Otte	Jennifer Gregg	Jeff Campbell Ginny Stelk	~	Jessica L	The Nicholson	
Welcome 13-Sep	Ushers	8am EM	10am Ushers	10am Lector	10am EM	10am Acolytes			
Pent 16	Len Taylor Mac Hinkel	Al Ahlers	Jack Heinzman Andrew McIntosh	Ella Brown	Jim Stoddard Tom Pettingill	tbd	Jan M.	Mark Stimson	Picnic
Ready, Set 20-Sep Pent 17	Ed Ainsworth Rayle Ainsworth	Lad Taylor	Chuck Horton Charlie Hurdman	Lowell Brown	Terry Brown Nadine Timberlake	tbd	Onnie H	Edie Tucker	
27-Sep Pent 18	Jim Kane Al Ahlers	Mary Ann McLearn	Tom LaPlante Lowell Brown	Marian McCue	Stan Eaton Greg Unfricht	tbd	Melissa K.	Ruth Kimball	

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



August 2015

The Episcopal Church of Saint Mary



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
2 5th Sunday after Pentecost 8am - Traditional Eucharist followed by coffee hour 9:30am Contemporary Eucharist followed by coffee hour	3 9am - BFC 12 - Noonday Prayer 4:30pm Outreach 7pm - <i>Be Still</i>	4 11am - Wisdom Sacrament 12 - Noonday Prayer 1pm - Staff Meeting 1pm - Get Starching 3:30pm Liturgy 7pm AA in Auditorium 7:30 Noon (6:30 beginning)	5 10am - Men's & Women's 6:30pm Safe Passage Social & Presentation	6 11am - WebEx PA meeting	7 Office Closed 12 - Noonday Prayer 5:30pm Almon <i>Summit in NH</i>	8/1 4:30 - 8pm Lobster Bake & Auction
9 The 6th Sunday after Pentecost 8am - Traditional Eucharist followed by coffee hour 9:30am Contemporary Eucharist and Holy Baptism followed by coffee hour	10 11 - Garden Club 12 - Noonday Prayer <i>Beth taking a water day</i>	11 11am - Wisdom Sacrament 12am - Rose Baptism 12 - Noonday Prayer 1pm - Get Starching 7pm AA in Auditorium 7:30 Noon (6:30 beginning)	12 12 - Noonday Prayer 6:30pm - Kithon is	13 12 - Noonday Prayer <i>Beth taking a water day</i>	14 Office Closed 12 - Noonday Prayer 5-7pm Community Souper Supper 5:30pm Almon 7pm - Classic Cinema	15 5p David - Muncie Wedding
16 The 7th Sunday after Pentecost 8am - Traditional Eucharist followed by coffee hour 9:30am Contemporary Eucharist followed by coffee hour	17 11am - Garden Club 12 - Noonday Prayer 6pm - Vellity	18 8-9p Spunkin' Service 11am - Wisdom Sacrament 12 - Noonday Prayer 1pm - Staff Meeting 1pm - Get Starching 3pm - Sparkles Pub Quiz 7pm AA in Auditorium 7:30 Noon (6:30 beginning)	19 12 - Noonday Prayer 12:15 - Prayer Chain <i>Sarah May's Karaoke top</i>	20 12 - Noonday Prayer AVE Deadline	21 Office Closed 12 - Noonday Prayer 5:30pm Almon	22 11am - Deep Ed A Taste of Tidewater
23 The 8th Sunday after Pentecost 8am - Traditional Eucharist followed by coffee hour 9:30am Contemporary Eucharist followed by coffee hour	24 12 - Noonday Prayer <i>Beth taking a water day</i>	25 11am - Wisdom Sacrament 12 - Noonday Prayer 1pm - Staff Meeting 1pm - Get Starching 1:30pm Food for the Soul 4pm PP 7pm AA in Auditorium 7:30 Noon (6:30 beginning)	26 12 - Noonday Prayer 6:30pm - Kithon is 6:30pm Downstairs	27 12 - Noonday Prayer <i>Beth taking a water day</i>	28 Office Closed 12 - Noonday Prayer 5-7pm Community Souper Supper 5:30pm Almon	29
30 The 9th Sunday after Pentecost 8am - Traditional Eucharist followed by coffee hour 9:30am Contemporary Eucharist followed by coffee hour Note: Regular Sunday service hours resume on September 13th.	31 12 - Noonday Prayer	9/1 12 - Noonday Prayer 1pm - Staff Meeting 4pm - Get Starching 7pm AA in Auditorium 7:30 Noon (6:30 beginning)	9/2 12 - Noonday Prayer	9/3 12 - Noonday Prayer 4pm BSM rehearsals 7pm SM Choir Rehearsal	9/4 Office Closed 12 - Noonday Prayer 5:30pm Almon	9/5 <i>Don't Miss</i> Wile's Home! Car Show & Carnival is September 13th



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Our Summer Worship Schedule

SUNDAY Hours

8:00am - Traditional Eucharist
9:30am - Contemporary Eucharist

MONDAY ~ FRIDAY

Noon Day Prayer in the Chapel
and wherever you find yourself

Select WEDNESDAYS

July 15, 29, Aug 12, 26
Koinonia Prayer & Fellowship



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