



From the Rector: *On Care for our Common Home*

"Everything is related, and we human beings are united as brothers and sisters on a wonderful pilgrimage, woven together by the love God has for each of his creatures and which also unites us in fond affection with brother sun, sister moon, brother river and mother earth" (Pope Francis in Laudato Si', Paragraph 92).

Humanity is at a crossroads. We have been conditioned, through biology and culture, to give priority to our tribe, to our state, to our nation, to those who share a common heritage with us. We are constantly tempted to build walls, barriers and divisions between people based upon capricious and subjective categories. But the Holy Spirit tells us that this way of thinking and acting is deadly. And as we see now all too clearly, war and disaster and hardship in



any land affects us all. Like it or not, we are all united on a common pilgrimage, as Pope Francis has explained in his encyclical. And we all share one common home. "A fragile world, entrusted by God to human care, challenges us to devise intelligent ways of directing, developing and limiting our power" (Par. 78).

How can we develop "a non-consumerist model of life, recreation and community" (Par. 112) that will allow us to live in harmony with the earth and to share resources more equitably with the poor? This is the way that Jesus lived, the way that St. Francis of Assisi lived, and the way of life to which Pope Francis is

calling all people of good will.

Let's explore this challenge together in more detail! The local clergy in Falmouth have invited all people – of any faith or no faith – to gather and discuss this teaching by the Pope and to explore ways in which we might together respond to "both the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor" (Par. 49). To do this, everyone is invited to any or all of the following events:

Saturday, Oct. 3, 6:30 PM: Ecumenical Vigil for the Earth, Our Common Home – at Foreside Community Church

Wednesday, Oct. 7, 6:30 PM: Introduction to Laudato Si' by Fr. Daniel Greenleaf of Holy Martyrs – at the Maine Audubon Center, Gilsland Farm

Wednesday, Oct. 14, 6:30 PM: Science and Creation by the Rev. Janet Dorman of Foreside Church – at the Plummer Motz Building, Falmouth

Wednesday, Oct. 21, 6:30 PM: Humans and Technology (leader TBD) – at the Maine Audubon Center, Gilsland Farm

Wednesday, Oct. 28, 6:30 PM: Sustainable Development by the Rev. Bob Gustavson of Emmaus Lutheran – at the Plummer Motz Building, Falmouth

Wednesday, Nov. 4, 6:30 PM: Spirituality and Action by Fr. Nathan Ferrell of Saint Mary's – at the Maine Audubon Center, Gilsland Farm

We need each other to learn and to grow. "The ecological conversion needed to bring about lasting change is also a community conversion" (Par. 219). Will you take the step forward to join this crucial conversation which is, in fact, taking place all around the world? I hope so. See you there!

Nathan W. Ferrell +

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From the Deacon's Corner:

Dear Friends,

Most of us think of November as the month for "thanksgiving." Any time is a good time to be thankful, and for me October is the month when I am especially aware of God's goodness and blessings in my life. On October 17, I will celebrate the 17th anniversary of my ordination to the diaconate. These years have been challenging and enriching in so many ways. The greatest gift has been the incredible people who have come into my life because of my work as a deacon. Some of those folks might surprise you because among their number have been inmates, drug addicts, the mentally ill and others whose lives are difficult at the very least and unbearable at worst. I have learned about hope, perseverance, gratitude and compassion from them.

I have met incredible people of faith from many faith traditions and from no faith tradition. I have worshipped, learned and served with amazing Episcopalians: lay folk, brother and sister deacons; inspiring priests and remarkable bishops. I have also been blessed to serve with two very special congregations: St Ann's in Windham and Saint Mary's. The people of Saint Mary's have become family for Larry and me, and I hope will be for years to come. I pray for us as a community of faith to be so overwhelmed by the blessings and joy that we have through Jesus Christ that we will feel compelled to take every leap of faith the Spirit offers us to reach out even beyond what we think we are able to do for others; beyond everything we are already doing. My experience as a deacon has shown me that with God nothing is impossible.

With love and gratitude,
Deacon Christine



New Acolyte Training: November 1 & 8

An acolyte is someone who helps the clergy lead a church service. Saint Mary's Acolytes are a faithful and dedicated group of young people. During the school year, our acolytes quietly assist Father Nathan and Deacon Christine during our 10am worship service and during Christmas and Easter. Three acolytes serve together at each service. We have a Crucifer, a Gospel Acolyte and an Epistle Acolyte. The Crucifer carries the cross. The Gospel and Epistle Acolytes are the torch-bearers who carry the candles. The Crucifer and Acolytes lead the opening procession at the start of the service, lead the procession for the reading of the Gospel, lead the recession at the end of the service, and they help Father Nathan and Deacon Christine lead the service by saying the prayers and joining in the singing of the hymns. It is a fun way for young people to serve God and our Church, to make new friends and to participate in our worship service. And it builds confidence, character and a connection to the community. It is also a great way for families to worship together. The training is quick and easy, and most acolytes serve once a month. We invite you to join our very important ministry! FMI: Tricia Wheeler at tjwheel@maine.rr.com

Columbus Day All-Parish Hike: Monday, October 12

Come out and experience the peak of fall foliage colors in beautiful Evans Notch. We'll drive up to this part of the White Mountain National Forest that straddles the Maine and New Hampshire border. Current plans are to climb Speckled Mountain (2,906 ft) and to visit the Bickford Slides waterfalls. All ages and abilities are welcome, as well as all friendly dogs, and we will adjust our hiking goals to suit the group. Afterward, we'll stop for dinner together on the way back home. Bring your own lunch and water – and camera for the views!

Departure: 9 AM from Saint Mary's parking lot. We'll make carpool plans then.

Vestry Highlights from your Wardens



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

Your vestry held their September meeting on Wednesday the 16th. Good fellowship and a cooperative spirit were present as they have been all year. Attendance was good and the meeting moved along nicely.

Vestry discussion highlights included:

* Music Ministry Update: Bruce Fithian was present to speak with the Vestry about some needs and goals in our Music Ministry. The organ needs some repair which is expensive. Discussion followed about how best to handle this, since our budget is tight but the organ is a treasure which we want to keep in top condition. The idea of having Choral Scholars from local universities to lead each choir section was also discussed.

* Our financial situation is currently strong and it will be important for pledges to continue to come in through the fall ... thank you in advance. As planned, we conducted our 6-month review of our calendar year operational budget and although pledges are a little behind we are in pretty good shape and have not had to dip into savings as we have had to do in the last few years.

* We continue to explore the possibility of converting from heating oil to natural gas. However, due to falling oil prices and our need for more information, a decision on this will be postponed until the spring.

* The Vestry approved a standing agreement with St. Mary Schola that outlines the annual donation that Schola will make to the parish for building usage.

* The Vestry reviewed a 1 page synopsis of the recent Leadership Survey completed by Vestry members. Our Vestry members believe that:

- Things are going well in most areas

- Saint Mary's is a strong congregation

The synopsis also highlighted areas of growth and improvement. We

will further explore this important feedback at our winter planning retreat. A 2016 parish-wide "Mutual Study of Ministry" was also discussed. More on this very important initiative in the months to come.

* Vestry openings for 2016: the Nominating Committee is hard at work and recruiting is underway for the 4 vestry seats with expiring terms.

Father Nathan led us in our continued year-long discussion of the book "People of the Way: Renewing Episcopal Identity". We discussed how our local parish might serve as the "home village" for people in our area who are transient, dislocated, and without the support of community.

Please read through our 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".

Janet and I 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 the busy winter season and all of our planned and unplanned activities all of which reinforce our Mission to CELEBRATE, HONOR and SERVE. We are humbled to be your wardens and appreciate the trust you have granted us!

Jim Kane and Janet Bowne

Maine Marathon / St. Francis Weekend

October 3, 9am: Mission Morning *Wear your work-clothes for a morning filled with service projects out in the community, followed by Communion & free lunch for all.*

October 3, 6:30pm: Ecumenical Vigil for the Earth, Our Common Home
At Foreside Community Church – this gathering is for all in the community to come together and pray for "global ecological conversion"

(REMEMBER: NO SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP!)

Sunday, October 4, 8:00 am: Maine Marathon Supporters

Gather for coffee and food. Come to watch the race and cheer on the runners, especially our 3 GODSPEED relay teams!

Sunday, October 4, 5:00 pm: HOLY BAPTISM & EUCHARIST

A special evening gathering in the Church Sanctuary

Celebrate Honor and Serve ~ Stewardship 2016

by Janet Bowne

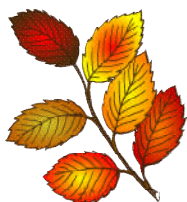
It has been quite a year for us at Saint Mary's. We have truly celebrated, honored and served our community, near and far. It gave us the opportunity to connect with our history, the national church and our community. And it launched a new program: Mission Mornings, planned mornings throughout the year, when we leave our church building and volunteer in our community. The next mission morning is Saturday, October 3rd—see below for more information on the plans for that day.

We now have to turn our attention to planning for 2016. We continue to be focused on supporting programs for our youngest parishioners through Guiding Ray and Young Life. Outreach programs like Souper Supper will continue to serve others, our Haiti mission will embark on another trip in 2016 and our Long Creek Youth Development volunteers will continue to carry out their important work. The Vestry will begin working with all of the parish on a Mutual Study of Ministry (strategic plan) in early 2016 to discern the next chapter for Saint Mary's.

In early October, our annual stewardship packet will land in your mailbox. Why so early? We are launching our campaign in October with the hope that we will have all the pledge forms in by the end of the year. Pledging on a calendar year basis is in line with our annual budget. Knowing the intentions of our parishioners is the financial foundation for our infrastructure and program expenses. Understanding what is pledged also helps us determine goals for our fundraisers and need for other revenue. Our pledge goal for 2016 is

\$265,000. In 2015, we were blessed by 142 households who pledged \$248,610; the average pledge is \$1,751. We have many more households who make contributions but haven't pledged. If those households agree to pledge in 2016, we would easily reach our goal.

When the packet arrives, please review it carefully. Pledging should be joyful, not stressful. Think about what you can do to help us celebrate the goodness of God, 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

“MISSION MORNING” at Saint Mary's October 3rd 9:00 am - Noon

Many parishioners who participated in “Sunday of Service and Goodness” last May will be delighted to learn that we are continuing this popular spiritual opportunity during which we seek as a parish family to fulfill the *second great commandment*: to reach out and “love our neighbors as ourselves.” We are now calling this “Mission Morning” at Saint Mary's.

Our next outing will be on October 3rd—a Saturday, because this is “Maine Marathon” weekend, and there are **no Sunday morning services**. So, we will gather on Saturday morning in the Auditorium for a short service and disperse in small groups into the community for FAMILY FRIENDLY projects, returning at 11:30 for the Eucharist and a quick lunch. The nursery will be available for our youngest parishioners (up to 3 ½) from 9:30am - noon.

As you will see, the selection of projects offer something for every age, physical capability and “comfort zone!”

- ♦ Coastal Clean-up on Mackworth Island (Wear sturdy shoes and bring garden gloves)
- ♦ Singing and visiting at a local Nursing Home
- ♦ Home /yard work for select community members in need



**Help to BE
the difference**



Outreach Ministry - Serving Near and Far

Come out for the 7th Annual Harvest Community Dinner to benefit The Falmouth Food Pantry



**Thursday, October 15,
2015, 4:30 - 7pm**

**Falmouth Congregational Church, 267 Falmouth Rd.
Free Roast Turkey dinner with all the fixings.
Donations will be collected.**

Saint Mary's, the other Falmouth churches and the Jewish community will again band together to host a free turkey supper to raise funds (donations requested at the door) for the Falmouth Food Pantry, a resource serving the growing need experienced by many of our neighbors.

Please come by and enjoy an evening of good food, goodwill and friendship. We need Saint Marians who are willing to donate and cook turkeys, bake squash, and to help with serving and clean up. Please sign-up to volunteer before October 5 by the Guild Room. FMI, please contact John Brooks (781-2097).

Community Souper Supper October 9th and 23rd

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 5-7 PM 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 slightly darker roast

"Coffee by Design" 12 oz. bags of ground fair-traded, organic, delicious coffees are on sale at S. Mary's for \$10 a bag (Decaf is \$11). ...and support fair trade practices ...and a local parishioner-owned business... and get GREAT organic coffee! Win! Win! Win!

Classic Cinema on October 9th

The feature will be "Niagara"

(1953) As two couples are visiting Niagara Falls, tensions between one wife and her husband reach the level of murder. Film-Noir Thriller starring Marilyn Monroe and Joseph Cotton.



Autumn Study Groups: It's never too late to participate!



Look for the sign-up sheets outside the Guild Room to ensure that we have enough room and plenty of books for all to participate. Join us for one or more!

Tuesdays at 10:30 AM (began September 22)

"The Four Vision Quests of Jesus" – a six-week study of Bishop Steven Charleston's book led by Deacon Christine. This book offers us a new perspective on four of the key events of Jesus' ministry through the lens of Native American spirituality.

Tuesdays at 4:00 PM (began September 23)

"Prayer: Finding the Heart's True Home" – a six-week study of Richard Foster's book led by Deacon Christine. The book is a classic on every kind of prayer from adoration to contemplation and everything in between.

Wednesdays at 6:30 PM (beginning October 7) *see front cover*

"Care for Our Common Home" – at the Maine Audubon Center at Gilsland Farm.

Come together for a community study of Pope Francis' recent teaching letter which calls on every single human being to understand "just how inseparable the bond is between concern for nature, justice for the poor, commitment to society, and interior peace." All Falmouth congregations are participating in this study group which will continue for 5 weeks.

Christian Formation ~ Middle & High School

Miqra

The Diocesan fall event for high schoolers

Columbus Day weekend: Saturday, October 10 - Monday, October 12

At St. Ann's in Windham

Invite your friends! Family is invited to closing worship on Monday!

FMI or to register, <http://maineyouth.net/site/wp-content/uploads/2013/01/2015-Miqra-flier.pdf>

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.



Young Life Casco Bay Annual Banquet: Thursday, October 29

This fundraising event begins at 6 PM in the clubhouse of the Falmouth Country Club. It is a special way to learn more about the ministry of Young Life, to meet the local leaders, and to support our efforts to share the good news of God's amazing love with all of our area teens. There will be a number of tables hosted by Saint Marians. If you are interested in attending, please speak with Fr. Nathan, Jane and Tom Stegemann, or Marge Devine.

CELEBRATE

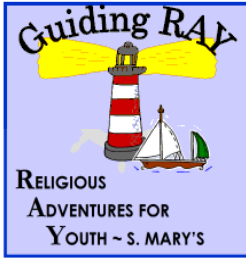


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Christian Formation - RAY Beams - October 2015



The drizzle and fog did nothing to dampen the enthusiasm of children and teachers on Welcome Home to Guiding RAY Sunday on September 13th! We had a banner enrollment and how fun and gratifying it was to greet new and returning children after our summer vacation---to say nothing of being "back home" in our renovated Guiding RAY spaces downstairs in the Parish House.

We now begin our three-pronged Guiding RAY program in earnest: throughout this year our children will learn about Loving God and our Neighbors through our Godly Play curriculum, music with Mrs. Stoddard and service opportunities to reach out to others... and some fun fellowship events thrown in for good measure!



Guiding RAY in October

Saturday, October 3: "Mission Morning," 9am - 12noon. Because this is "Maine Marathon" weekend, there are **no Sunday morning services**. Instead, we all gather on Saturday morning in the Auditorium for a short service and disperse in small groups to head into the community for FAMILY FRIENDLY service projects, returning at 11:30 for the Eucharist and a quick lunch. Nursery available throughout (9am-Noon). Project are scheduled to include: Coastal Clean-up on Mackworth Island

Singing and visiting at a local Nursing Home

Home /yard work for select community members in need

Sunday, October 11:

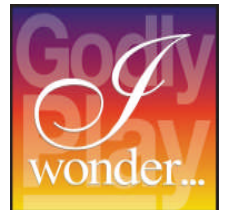
Godly Play, (Pre-K thru 1) The Great Family (Grades 2-5) : Ark and the Temple

Sunday, October 18:

Godly Play: (Pre-K-1) Exodus (Grades 2-5): David

Sunday, October 25:

Godly Play: (Pre-K thru 1) The Ten Best Ways (Grades: 2-5) Abraham



Guiding RAY Service and Fellowship in October

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

October 17th. 9am-11am Apple-picking and games at the Grace-Cleale Falmouth Orchard. This is a perennial favorite and not to be missed!

October 9th and 23rd 5-7pm: Family community service at Souper Supper (fmi:jenniferannregg@gmail.com)

November 29th: Family Advent Wreath-Making (followed by the lighting of the Memorial and Thanksgiving Tree.)

December 20th : Christmas Pageant



Guiding RAY Leadership Team

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Guiding RAY Teachers and Volunteers

Monique Brown, Sandy Couch-Kelly, Jennifer Curran, Heather Gale, Penny Guyton,

Alison Hayward (Nursery) Julie Otte, Heather Teng, Carolyn Thomas

SPARKLES NEWS



The year is moving along ---
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!



The energizing kick-off meeting was held on September 10th, and we discussed some wonderful new ideas and fine-tuned the tried and true successes for this Advent Sparkles Season. We welcomed some new helpers and learned a bit about the actual history of Sparkles.

SPARKLES BOUTIQUE---The "anchor" of the Sparkle activities. We welcome gently used treasures and household and decorating items. Please save books for the Book Sale later in March. We do not take clothing but good linens are welcome. Drop off dates are October 10th, 24th and 31st and November 7th and 21st.

KNITTING NOOK---Always a huge attraction for shoppers, SO we need your hand knitted, crocheted or felted items. Please contact Barbara Murray (799-1326) for more information OR drop off your completed items during the above drop off dates. We also welcome unused yarns and fabrics.

Saint MARY'S GEMS---Babs Bell is organizing this always popular table and will have many lovely new pieces for sale. If you have jewelry with which you are willing to part (good or costume--even if it is broken) please drop it off at one of the above dates.

BOXWOOD TREES and CENTERPIECES---Jessica LaPlante and friends will be making these wonderful creations (under the watchful eye of Helga Ryder and Hannah Russell) and will be taking orders at the Sparkles Hosted Coffee Hour on Nov. 1st. If you want one of these beautiful creations, be sure to order one.

THEME GIFT BOXES---A perennial favorite! The boxes are already in the auditorium for you to take home, fill and return to the office NO LATER than Nov. 12th. You fill them, but Carla Birt and her crew will label and wrap them for sale. We price these at \$20 to \$40 so shop accordingly.

Saint MARY'S COOKIE WALK and BAKE SALE--- Start baking and freezing NOW!!! We need lots of cookies and a variety of baked goods for these tables. Call Norma Jean Brilliant for more information (899-4547).

Saint MARY'S FRIENDSHIP SOUP--- A recent project and a huge success BUT --we need lots of dried beans donated (any color, any type but NO lentils please) just place your donation in the basket outside the Guild Room. We need them no later than November 13th.

NEW THIS YEAR-----Saint MARY'S WREATHS and POINSETTIAS ---- these will be pre-ordered (and prepaid) beginning on November 1st at the Coffee Hour and ready for pick up on Sunday, November 29th at the Advent Wreath Workshop. They will be from local growers in Maine and distributed through Skillin's---so plan to get your Christmas greenery through Saint Mary's.

SAVE these DATES

Boutique Drop Offs: October 10th, 24th and 31st and November 7th and 21st

Planning Meetings: October 8th and 15th at 6:30 in the Guild Room ALL WELCOME!!

Gala Sparkles Coffee Hour: November 1st---sign up to participate in some area of this signature event. A fun way to meet fellow parishioners.

Garlanding: November 21st --Help to decorate Saint Mary's inside and out. Give one or two hours to hang lights, garlands and trim trees and you will have a special place in heaven!

First Sunday in Advent: November 29th --Lightening of the Memorial Tree and Advent Wreath Workshop.





This year All Saints Day falls on a Sunday, November 1, and in the morning at the 10am service, we will sing such wonderful hymns as 'For all the saints, who from their labors rest' (#287), 'Ye holy angels bright' (#625) and 'I sing a song of the saints of God' (#293).

November 1st will be a day in which we can remember those great souls who paved a better life for the whole world, as well as a day to remember our loved ones. Our culture sometimes stresses too much the need to 'move on' at the expense of forgetting the wisdom from the past. So on a cool, crisp November day, we will gather and take time to contemplate the gifts that have been showered upon us.

In the afternoon at 4 PM, there will be an evensong service, in which we will sing some other powerful All Saints hymns: 'Who are these like stars appearing' (#286), which we sang at the conclusion of Father James' memorial service, and 'Abide with me, fast falls the eventide' (#662). The choir will lift their voices in presenting a special offering - Gabriel Fauré's Requiem, with organ, harp, violin and horn accompaniment.

The requiem mass (requiem means 'rest') dates from the early church and was meant to offer consolation to the bereaved as well as to honor the deceased. Music played an important role from the very beginning, perhaps because a mystery beyond words could be best understood through the moving mysteries of melody and harmony. Starting first with the ancient Gregorian chant (used by Maurice Duruflé in his magnificent 20th century Requiem), such composers as the Renaissance mystic Tomás Luis de Victoria offered profound settings (The St Mary Schola sang the Victoria Requiem in 2011).

The baroque era offered the great Heinrich Schütz's 'Musikalische exequien' (also sung by the Schola) and in the romantic era, Johannes Brahms followed Schütz's model with the mighty 'Ein Deutsches Requiem.' Verdi honored the great Italian writer with his 'Manzoni Requiem.' But for many, the Fauré Requiem is the most sublime of all. It's difficult to put into words why the Fauré Requiem is so moving - and it is best to experience it live - but I will make an attempt. Fauré is most famous as a vocal composer. His songs are greatly loved because they offer soaring phrases that thrill the singer as well as the listener. But Fauré is also fundamentally very humble. His music is full of longing, sighing, ecstatic passion, but it is never bombastic. He wraps the listener in a blanket of wonder. His Requiem is primarily a song of joy, and we look forward to sharing this with our parish family.

Proud of Our Heritage

Each week at Saint Mary's, we all lift our voices in praise and when the choir sings, it is not a performance but a humble offering for just what Bach treasured: our needs and desires are nothing compared to the glory of God.

At Saint Mary's, we are very fortunate to be blessed with an instrument that aids us in our worship. Our Casavant organ is a unique masterwork built by a master craftsman, Gerhard Brunzema. What you may not know is that our organ is virtually identical to an organ from Bach's time - that is, it is a fully mechanical instrument whose only modern addition is the wind source (an electronic bellows).

I would like to invite you all to learn more about this beautiful treasure by attending an [organ tour on Sunday, October 18 at 9 AM](#). The outside walls of the organ casing will be removed, so that you can see the pipes and mechanical action inside - and I will explain how the organ stops work and provide diagrams on mechanical organs. Children and people of all ages will find this to be fascinating. Afterwards I will play a magnificent work by Bach, his Toccata in F major. Bruce Fithian



Nominating Committee Update

We are MOST grateful that SO MANY parishioners' names have been forwarded to be considered for nomination. Presently we are contacting everyone on our lists to see if each would be willing to serve if the committee were to choose that person for the available positions. At our next meeting, we will begin the process of considering the balance that is most representative for our church leadership at this time.



Thanks to all who forwarded names and to all the many prospects who have said yes ~ for their willingness to be considered at this time.

It's a real tribute to our parish family that so many folks were involved in providing names and that so many Saint Mary's members are considered excellent choices for the four Vestry and convention delegates.

The Nominating Committee: Anne LaFond, Mary Ann McLean, Jim Stoddard, and Shelly Maher

Ministry Fair: Sunday, October 25

Save the Date and then decide how you want to be involved at Saint Mary's. We have committees, guilds and ministries for everyone depending on time, talent and desire following each church service on Sunday, October 25. There's a place for you here!



Buildings & Grounds Update

by Jim Stoddard

As reported in the September AVE, we were seriously considering converting to natural gas. After much research and discussion, the Vestry decided to stay with heating oil for now. The steep decline in the price of heating oil as well as the amount of time it would take to recover the expenses of conversion weighed heavily in the decision. We are flexible and will look further into the subject of conversion in the spring. We are having discussions with various oil companies to get the best possible price for our heating oil. The cost of heating oil is currently around \$1.70 for automatic fill. The contract price is currently \pm \$1.98 per gallon. We are contemplating having delivery on an automatic refill without a set price contract. The consensus is that the price will continue to decline throughout the winter season.

Now that fall is here, we must prepare the church grounds for the winter season ahead. We have scheduled a fall cleanup for Saturday, **November 21**. B&G has also scheduled various projects: setting granite markers to designate burial plots and remove unwanted Norway maples from the front of the church. Also of great importance is setting a budget for the coming year. We are improving our balance sheet, but we must remain prudent.



The 196th Convention of the Diocese of Maine: October 23 - 24 in Portland



"We are God's Dwelling: Rooted in Scripture and Nurtured by Grace"

Please be faithful in praying for all of us who will gather for our annual Convention: that we will be open to listen to the Holy Spirit and be courageous in following the Spirit's guidance. Convention will take place in 3 locations in Portland: the Abromson Center at USM, the Italian Heritage Center, and at the Cathedral Church of Saint Luke. Everyone is invited to participate in the closing worship celebration with Bishop Steve at Saint Luke's at 1 PM on Saturday, October 24.

Saint Mary's Godspeed teams - Come cheer them and everyone on!

Join us on Sunday, October 4 to cheer on the Maine Marathon runners as they pass by Saint Mary's!! Meet at 7:30 AM and stay as long as you're able. We're arranging for parking on Route 1 which will enable you some flexibility. There's a path from Route 1 to Route 88. Bruce will be playing the organ after his first leg run; bring drums, noise makers and enthusiasm to **give these runners a big Saint Mary's boost!** We'll have coffee, bagels and fellowship for all who come!

Our thanks to all 12 runners who will be representing Saint Mary's; we're so proud of you!!

Saint Mary's GODSPEED teams 1, 2, & 3 (4 runners each, as shown)

Michael Manetti
Nathan Ferrell
Heather Griffin-Browne
Penny Guyton

Andy Fitch
Greg Unfricht
Peter Fitch
Denise Lund

Bruce Fithian
Lura (DeSorbo) Robichaud
Adam Rana
Christie Rana



Our Gratitude Progressive Dinner - November 7th

If you attended or hosted last year, you know what a good time we all had. Mark your calendars for Saturday, November 7th. Early November is a good time to gather and be thankful and celebrate all that we have experienced as a parish! And Saint Mary's chefs are the best in southern Maine so why wouldn't you sign up???

How does it work?

We will all gather at the Parish House at 5:45 p.m. for a social time. At approximately 6:30pm, everyone will head off to their assigned homes for dinner, including directions. (Attendees will be assigned to a host home for the entrée portion of the evening. Hosts will get their list of guests the week prior to the dinner). At 8:45 everyone will return to the Parish House for dessert!

Those not hosting with last names beginning with A-L should bring a simple appetizer to share for the social hour. Those not hosting with last names beginning with M-Z should bring a simple dessert to share. This is a fun and casual way to get to know fellow parishioners.

Of course, there is a sign-up sheet for hosts and attendees, outside the Guild Room or contact Janet Bowne (janetbowne@maine.rr.com or 781-3844). Please indicate on the sign-up sheet if you'd be interested in child care being offered at the Parish House from 5:45-9:30 p.m.



Meet at the church for appetizers



Main course is served at hosts' houses



Back to church for dessert

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 everyone who made the Welcome Back picnic so successful: Anne LaFond, our team captain and to Heather Gale and all who set up, took down, swirled cotton candy, staffed the bounce house and cleaned up!

Thank you to the team continuing to monitor the lower level: Jennifer Gregg, George Barrett, Jim Stoddard, Hugh Smith, Chuck Horton and David Robinson.

Thank you to our team of Guiding RAY volunteers. We appreciate the time and talent you bring to this wonderful ministry.

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Thanks to Rose Claar and Peter Stegemann for all their help on Sept. 6th, when we moved the entire nursery furniture, toys, etc. down from the sewing room to the newly renovated downstairs nursery.

Kudos to Andrea Myles-Hunkin for assisting with the Eucharistic service at a recent wedding.

Thank you to Lucy Ellis and all who helped staff the Ready, Set, Not Going Yet fair. Thank you for making a challenging subject thoughtful, meaningful and light hearted at the same time.



Thanks to all the teen helpers who have helped to take care of the vastly growing number of children in the nursery since our move back down: Rose Claar, Ben Otte, Julia Stinneford, Emily Stinneford, Phoebe (friend of Emily's), and Sara Fallon. (Couldn't have done it without you as we had seven children/babies on the 13th!)

T H A N K S !

Kudos to all who helped make "Ready, Set... and Not Going Yet!" a success! Thank you so much for your help.

**Ed Ainsworth
Janet Bowne
Julie Ann Johnson and Randy Wilday from A T. Hutchins
Nathan Farrell
Christine Bennett
Portia Hirschman
Bruce Fithian
James Liddell
Katherine Littlefield
Marian McCue
Catherine Cleale
Beth Shaw
Lucy Ellis
George Bokinsky
Jennifer Gregg
Susan Dodge - designer
Anne La Fond
Jim and Betsy Stoddard**

M e r c i

Saint Mary's t-shirts

If you missed the Day of Service when folks earned a free t-shirt, we'd be happy to accept a \$10 donation for one of your very own. All sizes from a few Youth XS to 3XXL See select coffee hours or Beth in the parish office or call 781-3366.



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


Happy October Birthdays to:

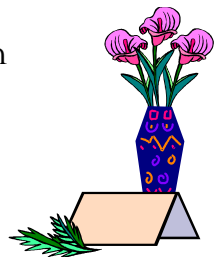


1	Adele Robinson	10	Winslow Robinson		
2	Lydia Stegemann	10	Lee Snow	23	Jo Ann Hetherington
3	Jessica LaPlante	12	Meghan Curran	25	James Bowen
4	Erin Ferrell	13	Isabelle Gale	26	Andrew Crocker
4	Garry Bowne IV	14	John Hale	26	Sydney Cheney
4	Carolyn Thomas	15	David Cheney	26	Isabella Diamond
5	Caroline Bowne	16	Elise Kiely	27	Kate Gulliver
7	Ann Billings	17	Savannah Talbert	28	Meg Hurdman
7	Karen Mynahan	18	Chris Edwards	29	Susan Dench
8	Christine Raeke	19	Beth Baldacci	29	Alec Hanson
8	Emma Shannon	19	Curtis Isacke	29	Elizabeth McIntosh
9	Grace Robinson	19	Luke Wilkinson	29	Christos Orestis
9	Amber Rose	20	Marti Galli	29	Anne Ter Wee
10	Gordon Oliver	20	Fritz Kendall	30	Edie Taylor

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.

HAPPY OCTOBER ANNIVERSARY WISHES TO:

3	Janet & John Corey		
6	Betsy & Jim Stoddard		19 Carolyn Thomas & Jenn Curran
10	Allie & Walker Matthews		22 Sarah & Chris Cameron
12	Janet & Garrett Bowne		31 Becky & Jimmy Costa



"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 October 5, November 2 and December 7
and every Monday during Advent



October

The Episcopal Church of Saint Mary



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
9/27 The 18th Sunday after Pentecost 8am - Traditional Eucharist 9:30am Family Chapel 10:00am Contemporary Eucharist followed by coffee hour 2016 Vestry Nominations close	9/28 9am - BFC meeting 12 - Noonday Prayer	29 9-12 Art Group in Aud 10am - OSJ 10:30am - 4 Quents of Jesus 12 - Noonday Prayer 1pm - Staff Meeting 1pm - Get Stitching 2:30pm Kneller meeting 7pm AA in Auditorium 7:30 AA/Non (6:30 begins)	30 12 - Noonday Prayer 6:30pm Downers	10/1 12 - Thursday Eucharist 4pm BSM rehearsals 7pm SM Choir Rehearsal	10/2 Office Closed 12 - Noonday Prayer 5:30pm Alanon	10/3 9am BSM 9am - 12noon Mission Morning 6:30pm Ecumenical Vigil for the Earth at Forester CC
4 The 19th Sunday after Pentecost ME Marathon Sunday NO morning Services due to Maine Marathon starting 8:00 Go SM Godspeed teams!! Come and cheer on the runners with us!! 5pm - Eucharist and Holy Baptism	5 12 - Noonday Prayer 4:30pm Outreach 7pm Be Still - In the Chapel	6 9-12 Art Group in Aud 10am - OSJ 10:30am - 4 Quents of Jesus 12 - Noonday Prayer 1pm - Staff Meeting 1pm - Get Stitching 3:00pm Excom 4:00pm - Prayer book study 7pm AA in Auditorium 7:30 AA/Non (6:30 begins)	7 10am - Mainly Weavers 12 - Noonday Prayer 4:00pm - Prayer book study 6:30 Laudatio St: Intro at Audubon	8 12 - Thursday Eucharist 4pm BSM rehearsals 6:30pm Sparkles meeting 7pm SM Choir Rehearsal	9 Office Closed 7:30-3pm Pine Grove training 12 - Noonday Prayer 5-7pm Community Souper Supper 5:30pm Alanon 7pm - Classic Cinema	10 9am-12noon Sparkles Drop-off #1 Midweek begins →
11 The 20th Sunday after Pentecost 8am - Traditional Eucharist 9:30am Family Chapel 10:00am Contemporary Eucharist followed by coffee hour	12 Office closed Columbus Day 9am - Depart for All-parish hike	13 9-12 Art Group in Aud 10am - OSJ 10:30am - 4 Quents of Jesus 12 - Noonday Prayer 1pm - Staff Meeting 1pm - Get Stitching 4:00pm - Prayer book study 7pm AA in Auditorium 7:30 AA/Non (6:30 begins)	14 12 - Noonday Prayer 4:00pm - Prayer book study 6:30 Laudatio St: Science & Creation at Plummer-Mott	15 12 - Thursday Eucharist 4pm BSM rehearsals 4:30 - 7pm Community Harvest Dinner 7pm SM Choir Rehearsal	16 Office Closed 12 - Noonday Prayer 5:30pm Alanon	17 9am Boy Singers
18 The 21st Sunday after Pentecost 8am - Traditional Eucharist 9am Organ Tour 9:30am Family Chapel 10:00am Contemporary Eucharist followed by coffee hour	19 9:30 Garden Club lecture & meeting 12 - Noonday Prayer	20 8:30am - 5 Marian's volunteer at St. Elizabeth's 9-12 Art Group in Aud 10am - OSJ 10:30am - 4 Quents of Jesus 12 - Noonday Prayer 1pm - Staff Meeting 1pm - Get Stitching 3:30pm Partners 4:00pm - Prayer book study 7pm AA in Auditorium 7:30 AA/Non (6:30 begins) AVE DEADLINE	21 12 - Noonday Prayer 4:00pm - Prayer book study 6pm - Vestry 6:30 Laudatio St: Humans & Technology at Audubon	22 12 - Thursday Eucharist 4pm BSM rehearsals 6:30pm Downers 6:30pm Sparkles meeting 7pm SM Choir Rehearsal	23 Office Closed 12 - Noonday Prayer 5-7pm Community Souper Supper 5:30pm Alanon Diocesan Convention	24 9am Boy Singers 9am-12noon Sparkles Drop-off #2 at USM
25 The 22nd Sunday after Pentecost 8am - Traditional Eucharist 9am Ministry Fair 9:30am Family Chapel 10:00am Contemporary Eucharist 11am Ministry Fair & Newcomer Welcome	26 12 - Noonday Prayer	27 9-12 Art Group in Aud 10am - OSJ 10:30am - Wisdom Seekers 12 - Noonday Prayer 1pm - Staff Meeting 1pm - Get Stitching 3:30pm Excom 7pm AA in Auditorium 7:30 AA/Non (6:30 begins)	28 12 - Noonday Prayer 6:30pm Downers 6:30 Laudatio St: Sustainable Development at Plummer-Mott	29 12 - Thursday Eucharist 4pm BSM rehearsals 6pm Young Life Banquet 7pm SM Choir Rehearsal	30 Office Closed 12 - Noonday Prayer 5:30pm Alanon	31 All Hallow's Eve 9am-12noon Sparkles Drop-off #3

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Worship Leader Schedule: October - November 2015

	8am Ushers	8am EM/Lectors	10am Ushers	10am Lector	10am Euch Minister	Acolytes	Altar Flowers	Flower Delivery	Coffee Hour Host
3-Oct	Day of Service	9am-12:30pm lunch							
4-Oct	ME Marathon - No morning service, but let's cheer on the runners!	HE and Baptism at 5pm							
11-Oct Pent 20	Tom Donaldson Baer Connard	Alison Hayward	Jack Heinzman Andrew McIntosh	Ginny Stelk	David Robinson Linda Eaton	tbd	Onnie H.	Debbie Nickert	Dayton/ Hortons
18-Oct Pent 21	Dave Fenderson Mac Hinkel	Len Taylor	Harold Otte Chuck Horton	Betsy Stoddard	Andrea M-H Ginny Stelk	tbd	Alison H	The Stoddards	Lee Snow/ Jean Wilkinson
25-Oct Pent 22	Ed Ainsworth Rayle Ainsworth	Mac Hinkel	Charlie Hurdman xx	Greg Unfricht	Jeff Campbell Tom Pettingill	tbd	Jan M.	Mark Stimson	Newcomer Coffee Hour
1-Nov All Saints	Len Taylor Jim Kane	Becky Pride	Jack Heinzman Tom LaPlante	Jennifer Gregg	Jim Stoddard Terry Brown	tbd	Jessica L	Edie Tucker	Debbie Nicholson
8-Nov Pent 24	Al Ahlers Tom Donaldson	Al Ahlers	Andrew McIntosh Chuck Horton	Ella Brown	David Robinson Carla Birt	tbd	Helga R	Ruth Kimball	Open
15-Nov Pent 25	Mac Hinkel Baer Connard	Lad Taylor	Harold Otte Lowell Brown	Lowell Brown	Linda Eaton Andrea Myles-Hunkin	tbd	Jan M.	Debbie Nickert	Open
22-Nov Last Pent	Ed Ainsworth Rayle Ainsworth	Mary Ann McLean	Jack Heinzman Charlie Hurdman	Marian McCue	Stan Eaton Jeff Campbell	tbd	xxx	The Stoddards	Open
Wed 25-Nov Thanks	6pm Usher Jim Kane	6pm EM Becky Pride						Mark Stimson to FFP	
29-Nov Advent 1	Len Taylor Dave Fenderson	Len Taylor	Lessons & Carols Tom LaPlante Andrew McIntosh	4 readers Ginny Stelk	no HE Tom Pettingill Terry Brown	~	greens	~	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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Our Worship Schedule

SUNDAY Hours

8:00AM - Traditional Eucharist

10:00AM - Contemporary Eucharist

MONDAY - FRIDAY

Noon Day Prayer in the Chapel
and wherever you find yourself

THURSDAYS

12noon - Holy Eucharist



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Copy deadline Nov..AVE is Oct. **21**

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