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"GREETINGS, MARY, FULL OF GRACE."

The Episcopal Church of Saint Mary - Falmouth, Maine



From the Rector:

**"Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called
and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses"
(1 Timothy 6:12).**

Take hold of eternal life. This is excellent guidance for any day of the year, but it seems particularly poignant around New Year's. Of course, the start of the new calendar year is the familiar time in our society when people evaluate their lives and their health and make decisions about how to improve these in the months to come.

Take hold of eternal life. This is also an excellent time to evaluate your spiritual life and make decisions about how to improve this in the months to come. Eternal life is the gift of God. We do not earn it or merit it. We receive it as a gift. Eternal life is the life of God which we see most clearly in the Word made flesh, Jesus Christ our Lord. As such, it is different in quantity and quality than ordinary human life. Like any gift which we receive, the benefits of this gift of eternal life are understood and appropriated over time as we learn and discover more.

Take hold of eternal life. The classic Christian way to do this is by creating a Rule of Life. This is a statement of intention, values and purpose. It outlines the areas where growth is needed and what you intend to do to grow in each area. A Rule of Life explains your daily and weekly spiritual practice. It is descriptive of current reality and also aspirational. There needs to be some level of challenge included. And every Rule needs to have a component of accountability to others. I am in the process of developing one for myself as I seek to become a member of the Third Order of the Society of Saint Francis – an Anglican Franciscan Tertiary. Feel free to Google this! You'll hear more from me about this later on.

Take hold of eternal life. Here at Saint Mary's, everyone will be invited during Lent to develop a Rule of Life. Ash Wednesday comes very early this year – on February 10. Beginning at our Annual Meeting on January 31, we will have resources available for everyone to take home in preparation for this Lenten exercise. Every good thing in our lives requires intention, dedication and commitment. The goal of living our real, daily lives as interwoven parts of God's beautiful and eternal life is no different. And I can think of no goal which is more deserving of our efforts.

Nathan W. Ferrell +



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Saint Mary's partners with the Salvation Army for Giving Tree



Our Advent *giving tree* this year was abundantly full with wonderful gifts from so many parishioners. Our thanks go out to all thirty of the Saint Mary's families that took tags and provided desired gifts and treasures for folks who would normally go without. We shine brightest when we are giving.

Annual Meeting - Our Vision Event - January 31, 2016

Notice is hereby given that the Annual Meeting of The Episcopal Church of Saint Mary will take place on **Sunday, January 31, 2016 beginning at 10:15 in the morning.**

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

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

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

Our Vision Statement

At The Episcopal Church of Saint Mary, we are building authentic, vibrant, Christ-centered community as we...

CELEBRATE the goodness of God and the gift of life,

We are committed to maintaining our traditional Christian liturgy while extending our offerings to meet the spiritual desires and needs of the wider community.

To do this, we will...

- ♦ Experiment with different days, times and venues for worship
- ♦ Experiment with more contemplative liturgies
- ♦ Invite all parishioners into worship leadership roles, especially children and youth

HONOR the presence of Christ in one another,

We are committed to the spiritual growth of all God’s children. We are committed to treating all people with dignity and respect and to increasing the care we provide for one another.

To do this, we will...

- ♦ Grow our Godly Play program
- ♦ Invest in the ministries of Young Life and our Diocesan Youth programs
- ♦ Invite more adults into small groups for Bible Study and theological reflection
- ♦ Offer regular teaching on prayer and meditation and contemplation
- ♦ Train and equip more parishioners to participate in our ministries of caring for one another

SERVE the world in the power of the Holy Spirit.

We are committed to serving others in our community and in the world, trusting in the power of the Holy Spirit to lead and guide us.

To do this, we will...

- ♦ Offer hands-on service opportunities for all of our members in partnership with local non-profits
- ♦ Continue our commitment to Institution Univers in Haiti
- ♦ Invest in key partnerships on all levels (local, state, national, international) where we can make the most impact in God’s work of reconciliation and healing in relationships of mutual support
- ♦ Offer opportunities to learn about critical issues affecting our world and how we might respond



CELEBRATE



HONOR



SERVE

Vestry Highlights from your Wardens

The Vestry met on December 16 with almost 100% attending! Thank you for making the Vestry meeting a top priority during this busy season!

BUDGET: The Vestry passed the 2016 budget which will be distributed two weeks prior to the Annual Meeting. The budget is based on a revenue figure of \$265,000 for pledges in 2016. At the current time, we are just at \$200,000 pledged by 98 parishioner families. Typically we receive pledge commitments from about 150 households.

BYLAWS: We also passed a by-law change to be voted on at the Annual Meeting, January 31, 2016 following the ONE 9:00am service. The affected guilds and committees have been involved in the drafting of this by-law change.

Currently, we have four constitutionally defined Committees with clear responsibilities: Budget and Finance Committee, Churchyard Committee, Nominating Committee, and Executive Committee. These are appointed by Vestry annually and report to the Vestry for accountability and oversight, as required. A Guild is organized around common interests and self-appoints their own leadership. They do not report to the Vestry, even though most have small budgets of their own which they administer.

Proposal:

We reorganize the Outreach Committee as follows: Outreach becomes a constitutionally defined Committee with a minimum of 5 members who are approved by the Vestry on an annual basis, with the Chair also approved by the Vestry (1 year terms). The Chair is required to report to the Vestry in the Spring and Autumn of each year to report on project

planning (Spring) and expenditures (Autumn). Projects are managed by Project Teams who do not need to be members of the Committee but who work with Committee members on an ad-hoc basis. These Project Teams do not have clearly defined members. Parishioners assist with projects as needed.

We also reorganize the Buildings and Grounds Committee as follows:

Buildings and Grounds becomes a constitutionally defined Committee with a minimum of 5 members who are approved by the Vestry on an annual basis, with the Chair also approved by the Vestry (1 year terms). The Chair is required to report to the Vestry at each regular Vestry meeting (either with a written report or in person) on project planning, major expenses, and budgetary needs. The Chair will also attend Executive Committee meetings with voice and vote. Projects are managed by Project Teams who do not need to be members of the Committee but who work with Committee members on an ad-hoc basis. Parishioners assist with B&G projects as needed without needing to join the Committee.

It is proposed that we present this to the parish at the Annual Meeting on January 31, 2016 to be included as part of an expanded Section V (Regular Committees) of our Bylaws.

We have set Saturday, February 6th for our Vestry retreat from 9-2. We will hold a new Vestry orientation as well



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

Celebrate Honor and Serve - Stewardship 2016

by Janet Bowne

At press time, we are over the \$210,000 mark toward our goal of \$265,000 for our annual pledge campaign. THANK YOU to the 98 families who have turned in their pledge forms. It's a busy time and such a detail is easy to set aside for revelry with family and friends. On January 6th, the vestry will gather to make reminder calls. Having the pledge forms in by early January helps us have the confidence that our budget is based on sound information.

If you need a pledge form, contact Beth Shaw in the Parish Office (admin@smary.org or 781-3366). Pledge forms are located in the Narthex of the church and in the Parish Hall. At this time of year, we are blessed to receive gifts of appreciated stocks or securities. If you are interested in making a transfer, the details to do so can be found on our web site www.smary.org or by contacting Beth (remember the Parish Office is closed 12/28-1/1). It's also very helpful if you're able to advise us to expect the transfer. Usually the transfers come to us without any attribution.

Recently a parishioner said she felt that her pledge was too small to matter. At Saint Mary's, EVERY pledge matters, no matter the size. By all sharing what we can, our impact is maximized and together we can Celebrate, Honor, and Serve God! Thank you!



Churchyard Burial Lots

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

Churchyard Areas

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

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

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

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

Lucy Ellis, Churchyard Chair



"Be Still"

Parishioners and friends are warmly invited to gather in the Father James' Chapel on Mondays during Advent and Lent 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 : Mondays in Advent and Lent 5:30 - 6:30 PM
Returning on February 15

Christian Formation ~ High Schoolers



Young Life Casco Bay: Club on Mondays at 7:31 PM

It's time! All area high schoolers are invited to crash the Herdrich's home at 2 Town Landing Rd in Falmouth (the corner of Foreside Rd and Town Landing). Park in the corner lot. Bring ALL of your friends!

Saint Mary's High School COMMUNITY SERVICE Group!

This group serves as a vehicle for service, fellowship and spirituality for high schoolers and focuses 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.

Christian Formation ~ RAY Beams ~ January 2016



Happy New Year to all our Guiding RAY families!

We have all manner of great things ahead for your children in 2016, and invite you to review key upcoming dates to save, below.

But first, here's what's happening in Guiding RAY this month:



Sunday, January 3, Godly Play Session: The Story of Epiphany (all classes)

Sunday, January 10, Godly Play Session: The Story of The Good Samaritan (pre-k thru 1); The Story of Mary (Grades 2-5)

Sunday January 17, Godly Play Session: The Story of Mary (pre-k thru 1); Julian of Norwich (Grades 2-5)

Sunday, January 24, Guiding RAY Service Project (winter scarf making)

Sunday, January 31: Saint Mary's Annual Meeting: One service at 9am. No Guiding Ray; child care for ages infant - 5th grade available downstairs for entire morning.

Upcoming Dates to Save

January 25 5:30pm: Skating with Father Nathan at Family Ice

February 28 Mission Morning at Saint Mary's: Families are invited to join fellow parishioners of all ages in family-friendly service projects throughout the community (including hanging the winter scarves your children create on January 24th)

March 25, 4pm: Children's Stations of the Cross

April 30, May 1: First Communion & Preparation (Please contact Father Nathan if your child wishes to participate)

With all the above to look forward to, let's remember some merry moments at the Saint Mary's Christmas pageant, Sunday, December 20, 2015



Guiding RAY Leadership Team

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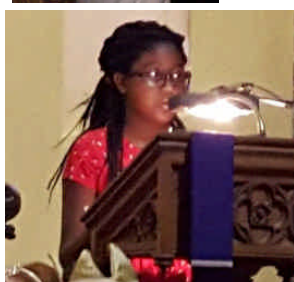
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www.cascobaycan.org

Casco Bay CAN
CREATE AWARENESS NOW

Visit us on Facebook and Twitter

Prevent and Reduce Youth Substance Use: January 2016 Tip of the Month

U Can Tip! Anonymous Tip Line for Underage Drinking or Illegal Drug Use

Hear about an underage drinking party? Not sure what to do?

Send an anonymous, encrypted tip!

- Online on your local police department website or at www.cascobaycan.org
- Text "UCANTIP" with your tip to 274637
- Download the free "Tipsubmit Mobile" application for iPhones, iPods, and Droids

Casco Bay CAN is a grant funded project sponsored by Cumberland County Government

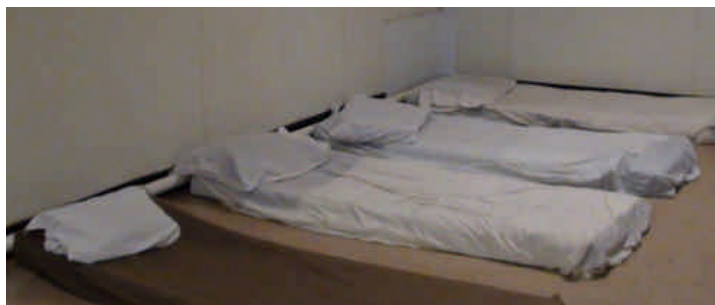
Outreach Ministry - All Ages Serving Near and Far

Saint Mary's Partnership with Milestone Foundation

Milestone Foundation, in Portland and Old Orchard Beach, provides the best quality of services to empower individuals with substance use problems to attain stability, dignity, recovery and an enhanced quality of life. They operate the ONLY overnight emergency "wet" shelter for homeless men in Maine. This shelter on India Street provides a safe place to sleep, nutritious meals, clean clothes, showers, and substance abuse counseling.

Out of YOUR pledges and offerings in 2015, the Outreach Committee of Saint Mary's has provided Milestone with funds to purchase NEW sleeping mats and blankets for the men who will sleep there this winter. Forty-one men sleep there every night. Remember to praise God that we at Saint Mary's can work together to help these men, and pray for them as they struggle with the demons of addiction.

FMI: www.milestonefoundation.org



Community Souper Souper January 8th and 22nd

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 Souper" 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

presenting classic films on the 2nd Friday of every month,

Presents on January 8th - "The Bad Seed"

(1956) A housewife suspects that her seemingly perfect 8-year-old daughter is a heartless killer.

Starring: Nancy Kelly, Patty McCormack

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



Outreach Ministry - All Ages Serving Near and Far

Our Annual BOOK, BAKE, and SOUP SALE!

Save the date: Saturday, March 5th, 2016

The Outreach Committee is once more holding its annual event in the dark days of March to gather us together as a parish family for a heartwarming day of good food and good reads available at practically give-away prices. As many parishioners will remember ~ and for those who are new to the parish, the dual purposes of this major activity are *fellowship*, the coming together of many parishioners and community members ~ not to mention book dealers from as far away as Presque Isle and New Hampshire ~ and *raising money for our mission work!!*

Outreach's mission in organizing this event is to offer the community and our parish family a chance to have some fun together time and to welcome folks from near and far into the fold of our joyous Christian family. We also raise several thousand dollars for mission work. All books that are not sold are donated to the Salvation Army, so this entire event is a charitable cause!!

Sign-up sheets will be outside the Guild Room by mid-January. Please consider how you can help!

CALLING ALL BOOKS & BAKERS!!!!

Plan for our annual

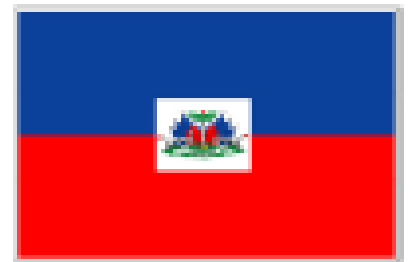
BOOK, BAKE & SOUP SALE

donate books • sort books • sell books

Greet folks • help in the kitchen • bake for the bake sale

WE'RE THRILLED THAT OUR MISSION WORK IN HAITI CONTINUES...

Tommy Martin, Sé Ferrell, Erin Ferrell, and Jim Kane



**CONTINUE OUR TRADITION OF TRAVELING TO HAITI TO SERVE
and TEACH AT OUR SCHOOL, INSTITUTION UNIVERS!!**

While our team will be doing multiple projects while at our school, Jim will be mainly in charge of teaching a TOEFL class to seniors, while Erin, Sé, and Tommy will be teaching 36 students in an art class. We are thrilled to announce that Institution Univers has hired its first art teacher, and Erin will be teaching the new art teacher how to teach!!

You will be hearing soon about ways all of us can help with our art supplies for Haiti!! **STAY TUNED!**

The trip is scheduled for February 26th to March 5th. We give thanks to Erin, Se, Tommy & Jim for your willingness to serve and to represent the best of Saint Mary's in Haiti!!

GOD BLESS YOU and all our brothers and sisters in Haiti!!

We've SPARKLED!!!!

The Sparkles events may be over for 2015 but the glow and happy memories continue to warm our hearts. THANK YOU again to all who helped in so many ways----both big and small.

---From the beginning with the Advent Lessons and Carols, the Advent Wreath Workshop with potluck and the solemnity of the Memorial/Celebration Tree Lighting, to the fun and festive Sparkles Fair, to the glorious music of the Christmas Caroling and then the Schola Concert and beautiful reception. We came together to give of ourselves, to reach out to our community, and to celebrate this Season of Light.

---We are happy to report that our efforts raised something nearing \$15,000 which goes toward funding our many programs here at Saint Mary's, but the most important results are the fellowship, laughter and memories that we have that will last and last.

We also want to thank the companies that donated items for our use:

- Skillins Greenhouse for two Christmas trees
- Coffee by Design for 50 lbs. of the special Sparkles Blend Coffee
- Mainely Wraps for the 100 herbed cheese biscuits

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

Also, special thanks to Valerie Kyros for her donation of all the paper products that we sold in our "Paper Store." Check out the Book, Soup and Bake Sale in March for fabulous Easter paper products.

In closing, your Sparkles Chairs, Onnie Hastings and Jan Mordarski, again say thank you and may you all have a happy and blessed 2016 !!



Sparkles Concert - A Sell Out!!

Congratulations to our Bruce Fithian and the St. Mary Schola for their standing-room only performance for Saint Mary's Sparkles on Sunday, December 13th. The Christmas Concert, *Today's Light*, was a huge hit at all three venues, and we're looking forward to the Lenten and Spring concerts in March and May. Visit the Schola website for more information: www.stmaryschola.org



Bob and I want to thank ALL OF YOU for helping make the Schola concert and reception such a wonderful evening. It would not have been possible without everyone's willingness to jump in (as St Marians are wont to do), roll up sleeves, don aprons and do whatever is necessary to make it such a success. Whether it was setting-up, decorating, food preparation, bringing food/wine or clean-up - all played important roles.

Of course we would be negligent if we did not include two other groups in our "thank yous" - the musicians, without whom there would be no concert or celebratory reception, and those parishioners/patrons, who took time out from their busy schedules to treat themselves to glorious holiday music. With all of your help, this Sparkles benefit concert raised over \$2500 for the church. Now we both want to wish you a Happy New Year, and we look forward to seeing you again at our Lenten Concert on Sunday, March 13th.

Nadine Timberlake

Reflections on Sparkles Christmas Caroling with Saint Mary's

"This was my first time with the Saint Mary's caroling group, and I hope to make it a yearly tradition. I joined with a small but hearty band on Friday, December 11, led by Pat Mordecai and, benefiting from her choir experience, we all enjoyed it.

The residents at Falmouth by the Sea appreciated our visit, and it was wonderful to feel like we were providing even brief entertainment for these folks. We sang as we walked through two buildings, three dining rooms, and all the hallways in the main building.

The staff there was also appreciative, and joined us in the singing. After the nursing home, we returned to the church and sang for the folks gathered for Souper Supper. It is the first time I sang for my supper.

I'm hoping we can expand this group next year, and maybe visit another nursing home." - Marian McCue

"We were singing in a dining room at Falmouth by the Sea when she rolled her wheelchair in to listen. Her face was expressionless. She wouldn't smile, perhaps couldn't smile, even when I caught her eye. We belted out our carols, our motley crew from Saint Mary's, none of us professionals except for Pat, our leader from the choir. But when we launched into harmony and our voices merged beautifully together, the woman in the wheelchair looked directly at me and gave me a "thumbs-up" to show her approval.

We brought something special into her life that night, and that's why I would go caroling again and again with a crew from Saint Mary's." - Bonny Rodden

"I am not sure if we or the residents had more fun! Their smiles were the best gift I could have ever received this year. It certainly was a rewarding experience for us, and we look forward to doing it again next year!" - Maureen Hale

"It is amazing how one hour of one's time during the holidays can make a difference for so many people. A small group of carolers of all ages from St. Mary's visited Falmouth by the Sea to bring the Christmas spirit and meaning to the residents as we walked (maybe decked!) the halls and sang in dining room and lounge areas. It was clear how much our being there meant to the residents and helped bring some holiday cheer to their lives -- a small gift on our part but a big gift to them. Maybe others will join in next year!" - Pat Mordecai



News, Notes, Kudos, Dates & Reminders

(Send your 1-3 line notes, announcements or thanks to Beth at admin@smary.org by the

Thank you to the cast of hundreds who made our Sparkles Fair such a huge fundraiser and friendraiser! It's impossible to name everyone who helped...but a huge thanks to Onnie Hastings and Jan Mordarski for being our Sparkles Team Captains! Outstanding!!

Eucharistic Minister Refresher
Sunday, January 17, 9:15-9:45am

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Thank you to Saint Mary Schola for the sold-out, standing-room only concert to benefit Saint Mary's. What a flawlessly beautiful way to cap off this year's Sparkles Season.

Thank you to our Souper Supper crew who faithfully serve even during a busy Christmas season---especially this year, when Souper Supper falls on Christmas.

A huge thanks to Betsy Stoddard who once again organized the Advent Giving Tree and delivered each present.

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To all our committees, guilds and ministries, what a wonderful year of working together with the common purpose of celebrating, honoring and serving! We couldn't have honored our founders and our Lord more. Thank you to all!

My dear Saint Mary's family,

How does someone adequately thank a group of amazing people who give comfort and inspiration all year? And then they surpass belief with thoughtful words, cards, remembrances and goodies at Christmas time! This is what you have done for me. And then to add to the already incredible gift - an envelope with a combined treasure...is beyond comprehension. Stunning!

I feel so blessed to be a part of your church family that words can not express my gratitude. You inspire me; you encourage me, you make me a better person. Thank you from every inch of my heart.

Merry Christmas and Happy New year to you all!!

Much love and humbleness, Beth

Thank you to all who volunteer their time and talent in Advent and over Christmas: the pageant staff and actors; our ushers; the readers; nursery staff; the flower and altar guilds; the building and grounds team; the choir; and all who serve on the altar. Your support enriches our liturgy enormously.

Merci



Thanks to Julie Otte, ably assisted by her son, Ben, and all who contributed in the Christmas pageant on Sunday, December 20. It was a wonderful pageant, perfectly directed and executed by every little one there. It couldn't have been done without all the many helping hands, but especially to Julie who was in the midst of many outside major happenings as well. THANK YOU!

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

Save the date and plan your New Year's resolution to get in shape!



May 14, 2016

**For more information or to sign up early,
visit the links below**

Habitat for Humanity 5k Run or Walk

habitatportlandme.org, click on "events"

Casco Bay Young Life 21K half Marathon or Relay Race

Casco Bay Young Life



January 2016 AVE

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

Happy January Birthdays to:



1	Margaret Fast	7	Helena McMonagle		
3	Hilary Isacke	9	Jamie Kane		
4	Dave Stimpson	9	Drew Cheney	24	Charlotte Doughty
6	Katie Doehne	11	Sarah Amato	26	Will Smithwick
6	Kristin Doehne	13	Jim Whittemore	27	Michael Claar
6	Katharine Echavarri	17	Neil Kiely	29	Carrie McIntosh
6	Liam Keefer	18	Bernie Echavarri	29	Michael Wing
6	Noelle Unfricht	18	Kate Ernst	30	Ellie Asherman
7	Amelia Hanson	22	Kathy Edwards	31	Patrick Diamond
7	Johanna Kearins	22	Andrea Gauvreau		

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!

Something to Think About

I asked God to take away my bad habit.

God said, No. It is not for me to take away, but for you to give it up.

I asked God to make my handicapped child whole.

God said, No. His spirit is whole, his body is only temporary

I asked God to grant me patience.

God said, No. Patience is a byproduct of tribulations; it isn't granted, it is learned.

I asked God to give me happiness.

God said, No. I give you blessings; Happiness is up to you.

I asked God to spare me pain.

God said, No. Suffering draws you apart from worldly cares and brings you closer to me.

I asked God to make my spirit grow.

God said, No. You must grow on your own! But I will prune you to make you fruitful.

I asked God for all things that I might enjoy life.

God said, No. I will give you life, so that you may enjoy all things.

I asked God to help me LOVE others, as much as Christ loves me.

And God said, Ahhhh. Finally you have the idea.



Monday, January 25th 2016 ~ 5:30pm

Ice Skating for all at Falmouth Family Ice on Twombly Pond behind Walmart. Grab your family and friends and join us for fellowship and fun!!



January 2016

The Episcopal Church of



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
12/27 The First Sunday of Christmas 8am - Holy Eucharist followed by coffee hour 10:00am Choral Eucharist followed by coffee hour <i>The Twelve Days of Christmas</i> <i>Continue until the Epiphany on Jan 6</i>	28 Office Closed 12-Pray wherever you are	29 Office Closed 12-Pray wherever you are 7pm AA in Auditorium (6:30 begins) 7:30 A/Anon (6:30 begins)	30 Office Closed 11-2pm College Club Tea 12-Pray wherever you are	31 Office Closed 12-Pray wherever you are	1/1/16 Office Closed Happy New Year!! 12-Pray wherever you are 5:30pm Alanon	1/2/16
3 The Second Sunday of Christmas 8am - Traditional Eucharist 9:30am Family Chapel 9:45am Guiding RAY begins 10:00am Contemporary Eucharist followed by coffee hour	4 12- Noonday Prayer	5-9:12 Art Group in Aud 10:30am - Wisdom Seekers 12- Noonday Prayer 1pm - Staff Meeting 1pm - Get Stitching 3:30pm Excom meeting 7pm AA in Auditorium 7:30 A/Anon (6:30 begins)	6 Epiphany 12- Noonday Prayer 6-8 Choral rehearsal 6pm - OR in Guild Rm	7 12- Epiphany Eucharist 4pm BSM rehearsals 7pm SM Choir Rehearsal	8 Office Closed De-Garland 12-Pray wherever you are 5-7pm Community Souper Supper 5:30pm Alanon	9 9am BSM
10 The First Sunday after Epiphany Baptism of our Lord 8am - Traditional Eucharist 9:30am Family Chapel 9:45am Guiding RAY begins 10:00am Contemporary Eucharist followed by coffee hour 5pm - Adoption meeting & movie	11 9:30 - Garden Club meeting 12- Noonday Prayer	12 9:12 Art Group in Aud 10:30am - Wisdom Seekers 12- Noonday Prayer 1pm - Staff Meeting 1pm - Get Stitching 3pm - Pastoral Partners 7pm AA in Auditorium 7:30 A/Anon (6:30 begins)	13 12- Noonday Prayer 6pm - Vestry 6-8 Choral rehearsal	14 12- Thursday Eucharist 4pm BSM rehearsals 7pm SM Choir Rehearsal	15 Office Closed 12-Pray wherever you are 5:30pm Alanon	16
17 The Second Sunday after Epiphany 8am - Traditional Eucharist 9:15-9:45 - EM Refresher 9:30am Family Chapel 9:45am Guiding RAY begins 10:00am Contemporary Eucharist followed by coffee hour	18 Office Closed For MLK Day 12-Pray wherever you are	19 9:12 Art Group in Aud 10:30am - Wisdom Seekers 12- Noonday Prayer 1pm - Staff Meeting 1pm - Get Stitching 7pm AA in Auditorium 7:30 A/Anon (6:30 begins)	20 12- Noonday Prayer 7pm Vestry Feb. AVE deadline	21 12- Thursday Eucharist 4pm BSM rehearsals 7pm SM Choir Rehearsal	22 Office Closed 12-Pray wherever you are 5-7pm Community Souper Supper 5:30pm Alanon	23 9am BSM & Open House
24 The Third Sunday after Epiphany 8am - Traditional Eucharist 9:30am Family Chapel 9:45am Guiding RAY begins 10:00am Contemporary Eucharist followed by coffee hour	25 12- Noonday Prayer 5:30pm - Family Skating with Fr Nathan	26 9:12 Art Group in Aud 12- Noonday Prayer 1pm - Staff Meeting 1pm - Get Stitching 7pm AA in Auditorium 7:30 A/Anon (6:30 begins)	27 11-2pm College Club Tea 12- Noonday Prayer 6-8 Choral rehearsal	28 12- Thursday Eucharist 4pm BSM rehearsals 7pm SM Choir Rehearsal	29 Office Closed 12-Pray wherever you are 5:30pm Alanon	30
31 The Fourth Sunday after Epiphany 9am - ONE Contemporary Eucharist 10am - Brunch 10:30am - Vision 2016 Childcare available	2/1 12- Noonday Prayer	2/2 9-12 Art Group in Aud 10:30am - Wisdom Seekers 12- Noonday Prayer 1pm - Staff Meeting 1pm - Get Stitching 3:30pm Excom meeting	2/3 12- Noonday Prayer 6pm - OR in Guild Rm	2/4 12- Thursday Eucharist	2/5 Office Closed 12-Pray wherever you are 5:30pm Alanon	2/6 9am BSM & Board 9a-2p Staff & Vestry retreat tbd

The Episcopal Church of Saint Mary
Worship Leader Schedule: January - February 2016

	8am Ushers	8am EM/Lectors	10am Ushers	10am Lector	10am Euch Minister	Acolytes	Altar Flowers	Flower Delivery	Coffee Hour Host
27-Dec Cmas 1	Tom Donaldson Dave Fenderson	Len Taylor	Andrew McIntosh Jack Heinzman	Harold Otte	David Robinson Greg Unfricht	Quinn Michael Mcl Elizabeth	CMas	~	OPEN
3-Jan Cmas 2	Len Taylor Baer Connard	Lad Taylor	Aaron Splint Ton LaPlante	Andrea M-H	Linda Eaton Andrea M-H	Maggie G Michael M	CMas	~	OPEN
10-Jan Epiph 1/Bap	Al Ahlers John Fournier	Mary Ann McLean	Chuck Horton Harold Otte	Rod McGarry	Jim Stoddard Stan Eaton	tbd	Jan M	The Stoddards	OPEN
17-Jan Epiph 2	Ed Ainsworth Rayle Ainsworth	Becky Pride	Ryan Stinneford Jack Heinzman	Ginny Stelk	Terry Brown Ginny Stelk	Joseph	Onnie	Ruth Kimball	OPEN
24-Jan Epiph 3	Jim Kane Tom Donaldson	Mac Hinkel	Megan Akers Charlie Hurdman	Betsy Stoddard	Jeff Campbell Tom Pettingill	Julia S. Emily S.	Hannah & Helga	Mark Stimson	Guiding RAY Scarf making
31-Jan Epiph 4	One Service Annual Meeting	9am ushers	9am lector Al Ahlers	9am EM David Robinson Al Ahlers	9am Acolytes tbd		Jessica	The Hortons	AM Brunch
7-Feb Last Epiph		Len Taylor		Megan Akers	David Robinson Maggie Gardner		Onnie	The Stoddards	
14-Feb Lent 1		Lad Taylor		Jennifer Gregg	Linda Eaton John Fournier				
21-Feb Lent 2		Mary Ann McLean		Rod McGarry	Greg Unfricht Andrea M-H				
28-Feb Lent 3		Mac Hinkel		Erin Ferrell	Jim Stoddard Terry Brown				Welcome Coffee Hr

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 Feb. AVE is **Jan. 20**

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