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"GREETINGS, MARY, FULL OF GRACE."

The Episcopal Church of Saint Mary - Falmouth, Maine



From the Rector: *What is Worship?*

Soren Kierkegaard (Danish Christian writer, 1813-1855) is famous for writing about the act of worship in a way which challenges the assumptions of many. Imagine going to watch a live drama or orchestra performance on the stage. It is easy for most of those attending the Liturgy of the Church to assume that the roles in both settings are fairly equivalent. That is, in worship, the Word of God is the script or score being followed, the ordained leader is the actor, and the congregation is the audience. While it is true that the Liturgy is a kind of performance, the spiritual reality of worship changes the roles entirely. When the Body of Christ gathers for worship, it is the Body of Christ which performs the drama of the Liturgy. The assembly of God's people is the orchestra, the performers. The leaders (clergy, music director) are the directors and conductors. And truly speaking, we stand and perform in the presence of God, who is the audience.

Perhaps the best way to understand the original meaning of the Greek work *leitourgia* (liturgy in English) is that it is a public works project (intended for the common good) that is undertaken at private expense. The Liturgy of the Body of Christ, particularly the Holy Eucharist, is a weekly project which we undertake at our own expense for the benefit of the entire world. In this way of understanding, the only ones who are supposed to "get" anything from worship are God (who receives our love, praise and adoration) and the rest of humanity (whose future well-being relies upon our continual remembrance of the sacrifice of Christ).

All of this reaches its culmination when we gather to perform the Liturgies of Holy Week. Over the course of these 8 days, we re-tell the story of the Messiah's final acts on earth, of his suffering and death, and of his resurrection to a new and different kind of life which never ends. It is the Body of Christ who re-members (re-animates) this story in the presence of God and on behalf of all humanity. And, as the Body of Christ, you and I need to re-tell this story each and every year. The Liturgies of Holy Week are not "lovely" or "beautiful" or "nice." They are essential. They are necessary. They are redemptive. It is the core of who we are to re-tell this story, to RE-MEMBER these world-transforming days as the Body of Christ in this time and place.

My friends, do not allow this Holy Week to pass by as if it were just any ordinary week. There is too much at stake. Become who you are as we gather to remember the Passover of our Lord from death to life. You will not regret it. And God will be praised.

Nathan W. Ferrell +



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**American
Red Cross**

Share the Gift of Life on Good Friday, March 25, 2016 7:30am - 1pm

Make this year's Good Friday extra good for those who need blood. On Good Friday, March 25, we will be hosting the American Red Cross in the auditorium from 7:30am - 1:00pm for a Blood Drive. To streamline your process, you can even schedule your donation online. Just go to red-crossblood.org, to learn about the types of donations needed, eligibility requirements, and what to do just before your donation. Then, click on and follow the instructions for donating. Use the Sponsor Code: **smary** to be taken directly to our Drive.

We also need volunteers to help distribute flyers and posters prior to the Drive, and to help with checking in and assisting donors on the day of the Drive. If you could help in any way, please contact Jana Burke at jana.burke@gmail.com or 272-4535.

Holy Week & Pascha 2016 at Saint Mary's

PALM SUNDAY: SUNDAY OF THE PASSION, MARCH 20

The Palm Sunday liturgy, the Passion reading, and Holy Eucharist
at 8:00 and 10:00 AM

The 10 AM Celebration begins in the Auditorium

MONDAY, TUESDAY & WEDNESDAY IN HOLY WEEK

12 Noon: Noonday Prayer in the Fr. James Chapel

MAUNDY THURSDAY, MARCH 24

12 Noon: Holy Eucharist in the Chapel

6 PM: *Agapé* meal in the Parish Hall

The Liturgy of the Word and Footwashing.

Reservations are suggested: sign up outside the guild room, or call the church office at 781-3366

7 PM: The Liturgy continues in the Sanctuary

8 PM - FRIDAY, 12 NOON: ALL-NIGHT PRAYER WATCH
BEFORE THE BLESSED SACRAMENT IN THE CHAPEL

GOOD FRIDAY, MARCH 25

12 Noon: Good Friday Liturgy & Communion in the Chapel

7:30AM - 1PM: Blood Drive in the Auditorium

6 PM: Good Friday Liturgy in the Sanctuary

The Chanting of the Passion according to Saint John and the Veneration of the Cross.

HOLY SATURDAY, MARCH 26

THE GREAT VIGIL AT 7:01 PM

THIS IS THE HIGHLIGHT OF THE ENTIRE CHURCH YEAR!

The blessing of the New Fire and lighting of the Paschal Candle. The chanting of the Exsultet.

The history of Salvation. Renewal of our Baptismal Covenant. The first Paschal Eucharist.

THE SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION: PASCHA: EASTER DAY, MARCH 27

9:00 AM and 11:00 AM: Two grand and joyful Celebrations of the Holy Eucharist
with flowers, organ, brass, choir, and lots of joyful singing!



Have you ever wondered how the flowers get on the altar?...

By our Altar Flower Guild, of course. Because Easter is upon us, we are extending the opportunity for Easter Memorials, and At the end of this AVE is a form that anyone can fill out to honor the memorial of a loved one or to honor and celebrate a special event, or that special someone who you would like to recognize.

It could be a living mother, father, child, a graduate or just a marking of a special time. For more information, contact the parish office.



Vestry Highlights from your Wardens

The Vestry didn't have a regular meeting in February. Instead, we held a retreat on February 6th. The goal of the retreat was to welcome our new members and to plan for the year ahead. Much of what we hope to accomplish in 2016 surrounds our Mutual Study of Ministry or strategic planning process. Part of our retreat was devoted to reviewing the parish profile written during our last rector search.

Beth Shaw and Bruce Fithian also joined in for part of the day. We were fortunate to have their presence and insights. Thank you to all who attended.



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

Jim & Janet



Foyers on March 9 & 10!!

You remember that 'Foyers' are places in our homes where folks go for warmth and welcoming. For our purposes, Foyers are small neighborhood gatherings of parishioners where we welcome one another, enjoy the fellowship and discuss an article that is a companion to the Lenten program.

At AVE press time, we are finalizing the plans for our March 9th Foyers! Thank you to all the hosts. Our goal is to invite everyone in the parish to attend a Foyer. We'll read and discuss this article, [*Living in Rhythm: Following Nature's Rule*](#), that is inserted or attached to this AVE. This article is connected with our Lenten study of Growing a Rule of Life. However, you do not have to be doing the program to participate. The article will provide the fodder for a good discussion. The Foyers will start at 6:30 pm and our hosts will offer cookies or another type of dessert to fuel us for the discussion!

CELEBRATE HONOR SERVE

**MOST CASCO BAY
TEENS CHOOSE NOT
TO USE ALCOHOL OR
DRUGS FOR GOOD
REASONS**

Think about the
consequences
before you use

www.cascobaycan.org



March 2016
Tip of the Month

it could ruin my goals and ambitions in life
KILLS MY BRAIN CELLS It's easy to have fun in other ways
It affects my education and athletics I respect my body and my mind
I am stronger than that I would get kicked off my team
I WANT TO REACH MY HIGHEST POTENTIAL I'LL REGRET IT
It will set back my hard work and training It would impact the rest of my life
I won't get into my first choice college
it's bad for my body
I don't feel the need to use
it can ruin my future
I WANT ME AND MY FRIENDS TO STAY SAFE



"Be Still"

Parishioners and friends are warmly invited to gather in the Father James Chapel on Mondays during 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 Lent

5:30 - 6:30 PM

March 7, March 14, and March 21

Christian Formation ~ High Schoolers & Middlers



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

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.

Saint Mary's Middlers are in Transition: The Middlers program is on hold until two new leaders are found. We are hoping soon to hire two young adults to lead the group every Sunday from now until June. Until then, youth are welcome to hang out in the Youth Room. But they are asked not to stay there during the Eucharist, but rather come and join their families in the liturgy. Thank you!

Christian Formation ~ RAY Beams ~ March 2016



February 10,
Ash Wednesday,
family service in the
Chapel. *Broken
plates..... Easy to
break, hard to fix.*



Guiding RAY is in full Lenten mode, with the wonderful news of the Resurrection beckoning! Following a great Ash Wednesday Children's Service with Father Nathan in the Chapel, Guiding RAY sought to bolster and further the understanding of Lent...and why we do what we do in Lent....on the following Sunday. There followed the Godly Play story of The Faces of Easter (Parts I-IV) and then Mission Morning Sunday (look for a photos on pages 8-9 of this AVE!)

March in Guiding RAY

Sunday, March 6: The Faces of Easter (Parts V-VII) for all classes

Sunday, March 13: Pre K thru 1: The Story of Easter Eggs
2-5: The Mystery of Easter

March 20: Palm Sunday (No Guiding RAY classes) Nursery is staffed

March 27: Easter Sunday (No Guiding RAY classes) Nursery is staffed

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Christian Formation - RAY Beams - March 2016

HOLY WEEK for FAMILIES

Opportunities for Children to Participate in Services

March 20: On Palm Sunday, you and your children are invited to worship together at the 10am service, and your children are encouraged to read one of the roles during the Passion. Please contact Beth Shaw soonest to reserve the role for your child! We gather in the Parish House, and process to church. The first two rows of the seating on each side of the church will be reserved for families.

March 24, Maundy Thursday Agape Dinner, 6pm, A wonderful and moving family-friendly event remembering the Last Supper. Children are very cordially welcomed to help serve the meal which highlights home-made chicken soup and clam chowder. Please contact Jennifer Gregg (jenniferanngregg@gmail.com)

March 25, Good Friday Children's Stations of the Cross, 4pm. This moving service (outdoors, weather permitting) culminates with the burial of the Jesus in the tomb of the Children's Garden. A wonderful service for children of ALL ages in which children and parents do the readings then you are welcome to stay for Souper Supper!

March 28: On Easter Sunday, families are invited to worship together at 10am. The first two rows on both sides of the church will be **reserved UNTIL 9:45 AM** for families (first come, first served basis). And don't forget to check out the empty tomb in the Children's Garden on your way into church!

Upcoming Dates to Save!

April 30, May 1: First Communion Retreat and Sunday This experience is open to all of our young people (including those who have already been receiving Communion), but it is designed primarily for those in 2nd and 3rd grades in school. On Saturday, there will be a Retreat in the Parish House with Father Nathan from 11 AM until 5 PM. The Retreat will include bread-making, candle-making, writing prayers, and a time for the children to experience Reconciliation, as well as time for lunch and some fun! At 5 PM, the entire families of our First Communicants are invited to join together for a potluck supper. At that time, we will discuss what we learned in the Retreat and go over all of the details for the next day.

On Sunday, May 1 at 10 AM, our First Communicants will be "the stars of the show" as they process into the church, help to lead us in our worship, and be the first ones on this day to receive Communion, using the bread that they made the previous day! FMI - Please contact Father Nathan

May 14, 9-11am – Annual 5K Falmouth Foreside Walk-Run for Habitat for Humanity

You can walk, run, skate, cycle or crawl! Cash and other prizes! Great family event! Pets welcome! Registration and "continental breakfast" at Saint Mary's! FMI and Register: www.habitatportlandme.org.



May 22: Mission Morning at Saint Mary's

9am: Gather in work clothes in the Auditorium for prayers; 9:30-11:30 Participate in family-friendly service projects in the greater Falmouth community followed by the Eucharist and lunch in the Parish House.

Guiding RAY Leadership Team

Jennifer Gregg: Communication: jenniferanngregg@gmail.com, 781-2665

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Julie Otte: Nursery Coordinator: juliemomotter@aol.com, 207-781-2322

Guiding RAY Teachers and Volunteers

Monique Brown, Sandy Couch-Kelly, Jennifer Curran, Heather Gale, Penny Guyton, Alison Hayward (Nursery), Julie Otte, Roberta Stothart, Heather Teng, Carolyn Thomas

Outreach Ministry - All Ages Serving Near and Far

Two incredible reasons to Run, Race or Walk

Falmouth Foreside 5K Run and Walk

Saturday, May 14, 2016



Habitat
for Humanity®
of Greater Portland

Join us for a family-friendly 5K run and walk along Falmouth's Foreside Rd . 8am registration/9am start

\$25 Pre-registration is for individuals, **\$30** race day
\$10 - Student registration

PRE REGISTER www.habitatportlandme.org, click "Events" or click here

PRE-REGISTER!



The Casco Bay 21K Half Marathon & Relay Race SATURDAY, May 14, 2016

- ⇒ 9 AM start in Payson Park, Portland
- ⇒ Open relay race: no supervised relay points
- ⇒ All proceeds support Young Life Casco Bay

- ♦ We'll run 13 miles from Payson Park in Portland to the Big Indian in Freeport, including all of Route 88. Return transportation will be available upon request.
- ♦ **OPEN RELAY:** if you want, create your own team and divide the distance in any way. Set your own relay exchanges. Each family can split the miles as one relay team.
- ♦ All proceeds go toward supporting the work of Young Life Casco Bay with youth in all Casco Bay communities.
- ♦ T-shirts, goodie bags, official timing and results with awards for best times and outfits!



REGISTER NOW at www.runinarace.com/CascoBay

Outreach Ministry - All Ages Serving Near and Far

Our Annual BOOK, BAKE, SOUP (and Paper Goods) SALE!
Be sure to come!! Saturday, March 5, 2016
 Let's make it a date!!

You can help by baking for the bake sale,
 and by showing up any/all of the following times:

THURSDAY, 3/3: 6 - 6:45 pm ~ Move books from lower level to auditorium
 Bring a dolly if you have one

FRIDAY, 3/4: 8 -12 ~ Final organization of books

SATURDAY: 9 -1 ~ SALE! Join in the fun by selling books, helping in the kitchen, working the bake sale.

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 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!!

Sell books • Greet folks • Help in the kitchen • Bake for the bake sale

Please consider how you can help! For more info, contact Babs, Elizabeth, Barbara, Jan or Becky.

This event will benefit Saint Mary's Mission Work

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

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



All the Haiti Missioners gather at Saint Mary's on Friday, February 26 before heading out on their Haiti trip.



Are in Haiti **right now** -



Serving and Teaching at the INSTITUTION UNIVERS!!

They are scheduled to leave Haiti for home on March 5th.

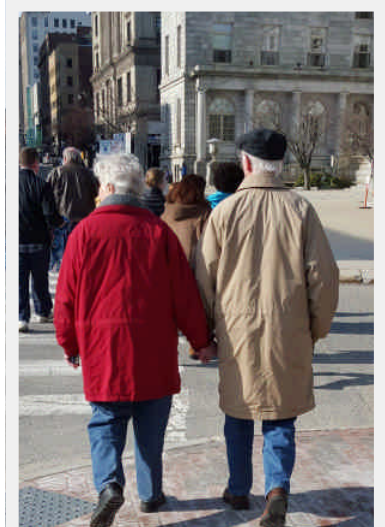


We give thanks to the four of you for your willingness to serve
 and to represent the best of Saint Mary's in Haiti!!
 GOD BLESS YOU and all our brothers and sisters in Haiti!!

Winter MISSION MORNING was Sunday, February 28

All were encouraged to attend this special time where we prayed, served and shared! We gathered at 9 AM in the Auditorium for prayer and scripture, and then our service began. We all went out for hands-on projects to spread God's goodness, love and joy in our community. We sang for the elderly; we delivered frozen soup to shut-ins; we hung warm scarves that we all made in trees and poles in the downtown Portland area for anyone who needed one; we created activity bags for Head Start children and worked at the Milestone Foundation.

After this good work, we returned together to the auditorium for Communion and lunch with our hearts full. A total of about 65 parishioners participated in this Winter Mis-



Winter MISSION MORNING was Sunday, February 28



We created...
 We gave...
 We sang...
 We prayed...
 We fed...
 We cleaned...
 We organized..
 We shared...
 We praised...



AFEDJ: Building Hope in the Holy Land				
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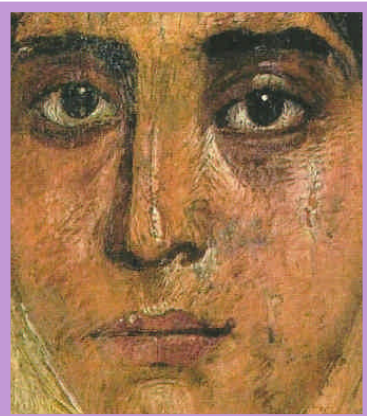
WE DID IT!

Our goal was to collect \$2500 in the loose (non-designated) offerings from our four Christmas liturgies in December, so that we could support the

Angels of Ahli in the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem

as they offer a free healthcare clinic and food pantry at Al Ahli Hospital in poverty-stricken and war-torn Gaza. These funds will provide for 7 patients each month at an average cost of \$30 per visit. Many of the 1.6 million people in Gaza do not have regular access to basic medical services. Because of YOUR generosity, we met our goal! We are helping to make a difference in this place. To learn more about the work of the Episcopal Church in Jerusalem, see www.AFEDJ.org

THANKS BE TO GOD!



Who Tells My Story?

Finding our stories in Scripture

SCHC Quiet Day, March 19, 2016

9am - 2pm Cathedral Church of St. Luke, Portland. Lunch will be provided.

What people or situations in Scripture help us tell our own stories? How can identifying with such a person or situation ground us, console us, amuse us, challenge us, delight us, horrify us, or otherwise engage us?

God has always chosen unlikely people - us, for example - to be part of Salvation History. It helps to spend time with our spiritual ancestors, to realize we are not alone in whatever our current state might be, and to be reassured that our actions and intentions cannot drive God away.

This Quiet Day will give us a chance to explore our connection with a variety of characters from Scripture, to identify our particular story, then to draw or write or pray in response to what we discover. All are welcome! To register, contact Sarah Braik at 415-6556 or sbraik642@gmail.com

The Society of the Companions of the Holy Cross is a community of women, Christ's disciples, called by God to a life of prayer, transformation, and reconciliation within ourselves, within our Companionship, within our faith communities and within the whole creation.

Community Souper Supper

March 11 and 25

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 Saint Mary's for \$10 a bag (Decaf is \$11). ...and support fair trade practices ...and a locally-owned business... and get GREAT organic coffee! Win! Win! Win!

Classic Cinema

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

Presents on March 11 - "The Postman Always Rings Twice"

(1946) Based on the novel by James M. Cain (Double Indemnity, Mildred Pierce), this quintessential film noir stars John Garfield and Lana Turner as illicit lovers who botch a first attempt to bump off her husband, pull it off and betray each other at trial. Amorous attractions never proved so fatal as in this steamy classic.

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



**American
Red Cross**

**Please schedule your blood
donation appointment.**

The Episcopal Church of Saint Mary and the American Red Cross are hosting an upcoming blood drive.

Come and share the gift of life with others as we remember
the new life that Christ has given to us in the Paschal mystery.



At the Saint Mary's auditorium on Good Friday, March 25 from 7:30am - 1pm

Sign Up is helpful, but not necessary. [The Episcopal Church of St Mary appointment sign-up](#)

Or visit: www.redcrossblood.org Event code: smary

Still not done Sparkling or are we getting ready for next year!!



Come to the **Book, Bake and Soup Sale** and visit the **'Sparkles in Springtime'** table.

Featured will be beautiful spring and Easter decorations and paper products. Items will go on sale during the Book, Bake and Soup Sale on March 5th and will remain (with an Honor Box for payment) until March 25th.

Thanks to Valerie Kyros Riddle for the donation of the lovely goods.



Buildings & Grounds Update

by Jim Stoddard

This winter has been kind to us. Unlike past years, we have not had to battle with multiple snowstorms, icy roadways and sidewalks, ice jams on the parish roof or leaks. El Nino has been good to us, so far. We still have some winter ahead. Keep your fingers crossed.

B & G has been kept busy with indoor chores. Repairing and improving lighting in the church, improving the sound system in the auditorium of the Parish House, upgrading thermostats in the Parish House, and de-cluttering the B & G storage room are just a few of the projects that have been accomplished. There is a list of 'to do' projects that remain to be tackled at this time. Many must be put on hold until the spring. Also some of these projects must undergo further discussion as they impact our budget for the year.

It is hard to believe that Easter is almost here. B & G will prepare the campus for the holiest season of the church year. We wish you all a very Happy Easter.

St Mary Schola presents Dixit Dominus

Featuring Handel's rarely performed, early masterpiece Dixit Dominus as well as works by Monteverdi, Schütz and an original composition by Music Director, Bruce Fithian

March 8

Portland, Cathedral of the
Immaculate Conception

7:30PM

7pm pre-concert talk

March 11

Portland, Cathedral of
St. Luke

7:30PM

7pm pre-concert talk

March 13

Falmouth, Episcopal
Church of Saint Mary

4:00PM

3:30pm pre-concert talk

The St Mary Schola will offer a powerful Lenten Concert

Entitled 'Dixit', this program will begin with the Gregorian chant of the Lord's Prayer in Latin (Pater noster), followed by a beautiful late Renaissance Pater Noster motet based on the Gregorian chant by Willaert. Then Bruce Fithian has composed a setting of the Lord's prayer in Gothic, an ancient language that was particularly favored by J. R. R. Tolkien (if you have seen the *Lord of the Rings* movies, it sounds very much like Elvish).

The program will feature two powerful settings of Psalm 110, known as 'Dixit Dominus.' This psalm is the first psalm recited in the Sunday vespers (Anglican evensong) and has been a major part of worship for over a thousand years. The first setting by Claudio Monteverdi is full of wonderful vocal and instrumental contrasts. During the second half of the concert, we will present a major work of the young G. F. Handel, his version of 'Dixit Dominus,' which is an amazing piece of music, full of tremendous energy and thrilling vocal writing. We hope you can attend one of the concerts, as this music is rarely heard.

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)

SPECIAL THANKS TO Merle Marie Troeger, Janet Bowne, Fr Nathan and the Wisdom Seekers' group for leading and hosting Lenten study groups. Much appreciated!

Thank you for those who helped with the brunch for the Annual Meeting on January 31 but especially Barbara Bell, Anne LaFond, Melissa Kane, Jim Kane (who also fixed a pilot light so we could have

Danke

Thank you to all who made our annual meeting so successful. We were blessed with so many in attendance who shared their hopes for Saint Mary's. Thank you to all who set up and prepared and cleaned up our delicious brunch.

Thank you to Bruce Fithian and Beth Shaw for joining in on the Vestry Retreat. We appreciate their giving up a Saturday morning to share time with us.

Mer-ci



2 ovens.) Big thanks to Meg Hurdman and Charlie Hurdman who set up and slide show/music among other things. Huge thank you to Tom

T H A N K S !

LaPlante for doing all of the dishes and Joe Herlihy for helping him! More thanks to Jessica LaPlante, Janet Bowne, John Fallon, Tim Record, Ed and Rayle Ainsworth, Mary Smith. We really had an army in there for cleanup which was wonderful!!! Again, Barb, Thank You!

Thank you to Father Nathan, Bruce Fithian and the Choir for the special programming during the Lenten season and Holy Week.

Thank you to Jennifer Gregg and all who have taken advantage of the 'Be Still' time during Lent and Advent. It's so wonderful to have the Fr James Chapel used for meditation and prayer.

Thank you to Garry Bowne for the extra and beyond the call of BFC duty work with the financial portion of the church business. His expertise and attention to detail is so much appreciated!

Thank you to the Outreach Committee, with special mention to Denise Lund and Judith Brooks, and to all who participated in organizing the projects, making scarves, and the over 60 parishioners and families who worked to 'reach out' to our community in so many ways. It was fabulous and great and solid foundation to grow participation even more!!

Saint Mary's is looking to replace an old and tattered oriental rug in the Church Sacristy (Nathan's robing room). Size is 3x5. Anyone who has a rug to donate please contact Beth. Thank you for considering this as a donation.



KUDOS AND THANKS

From Nathan and Erin Ferrell: We are extremely grateful for the outpouring of love and support during the three weeks that we cared for two beautiful foster children. This was our first fostering experience, and it was quite an introduction! It would have been impossible without the babysitting time, loans of baby gear, and gifts of clothes and diapers that were provided by you Saint Marians. You all are incredible. Thank you!

Much thanks to DeeDee & John Fournier who donated their winning auction item of 200 daffodil bulbs to Saint Mary's and having them planted all around the campus to bloom this Spring. Our thanks to John & DeeDee and Jennifer Cummings, owner of Full Circle Landscaping & Design.





March 2016 AVE

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

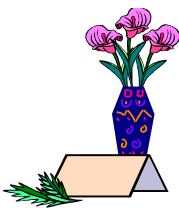
Happy March Birthdays to:



1	Halley Taylor	7	Annie Mead		
2	Janet Bowne	9	Carson Gall		
2	Emmett Frueh	9	Grace Richards	21	Elizabeth Heinzman
2	Tricia Wheeler	12	Peter Fitch	23	Sophia Bisson
3	David Squire	12	Sam Hyland	23	Ryan Stinneford
3	Andrea Myles-Hunkin	13	Talie Harris	24	Rayle Ainsworth
4	Al Ahlers	14	Derrick Buckspan	25	Frances Pratt
4	Joshua Herlihy	14	Judy Oliver	25	Will Winter
5	Rachel McGonigle	15	Gratia Banta	26	Cole Teng
6	Adrian Kendall	15	Bonny Rodden	27	Lilly Young
6	Frederick Goodrich	17	Ciara Mokeme	28	Justine Means
6	Bev Knudsen	17	Richard Trudo	28	Will Velek
6	Anne LaFond	20	Nolan Browne	29	Thomas Gale
7	Maureen Manetti	21	Cole Buchanan	31	Sam Claytor

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 MARCH ANNIVERSARY WISHES TO:



6 Don & Mary Jane Northrup
28 Onnie & Bob Hastings



Register NOW for the Summer 2016 at CAMP BISHOPSWOOD

Located on the shores of Lake Megunticook in the Camden Hills, Bishopswood is one of the best kept secrets among Maine summer camps. Operated by the Diocese of Maine since the early 1960s, Bishopswood is affordable, safe, well-managed, beautiful – and great fun for all young people. There are mini-sessions for first-time campers, multi-week sessions, and a family weekend. This year, there is also going to be an Alumni Weekend over Labor Day for those adults who want to go back and re-capture some of the old Bishopswood fun.

Register your child or yourself now at www.bishopswood.org. AND donations are still needed to help pay for the replacement of Bishopswood's entire septic system! Due to the age of the system and the proximity to the lake, an entirely new and updated system will be installed and ready to go for summer camp. But it is expensive! All gifts toward the Emergency Septic Appeal are tax-deductible. See the website for more information.



The Episcopal Church of Saint Mary
Worship Leader Schedule: March -April 2016

	8am Ushers	8am EM/Lectors	10am Ushers	10am Lector	10am Euch Minister	Acolytes	Altar Flowers	Flower Delivery	Coffee Hour Host
						xxx			
6-Mar Lent 4	Tom Donaldson Dave Fenderson	Becky Pride	Tom LaPlante Andrew McIntosh	Stan Eaton	Stan Eaton Ginny Stelk	Quinn Maggie G	bare altar	~	Fultons
13-Mar Lent 5 (Conce	Baer Connard Mac Hinkel	Al Ahlers	Harold Otte Aaron Splint	Gail Carter	Jeff Campbell Carla Birt	Maggie G Julia Emily	bare altar	~	Thea Cerjanec
20-Mar Passion	Al Ahlers John Fournier	Len Taylor	Chuck Horton Megan Akers	Marian McCue	Nadine Timberlake David Robinson	Quinn Maggie G	palms		Hot Cross Buns
24-Mar Maundy Thursday			8pm Ushers Jack Heinzman	8pm lector Ginny Stelk	8pm EM Ginny Stelk	8pm acolytes Maggie G		~	~
25-Mar Good Friday			8pm Ushers Harold Otte	8pm lector Mary Ann McLean	8pm EM Mary Ann McLean		bare		~
26-Mar Easter Eve Vigil		7:01pm	Dave Fenderson Jim Kane	Becky Pride	Jim Stoddard Betsy Stoddard	7am acolytes Michael, Maggie & xxx			Chocolates & Sparkling drinks
27-Mar Easter/ Pascha	9am Ush Charlie Hurdman Len Taylor Tom Donaldson <i>Baptism at 10</i>	9am EMS AL Ahlers Mac Hinkel	9am Acolytes Maggie G x x	11am Ush Tom LaPlante Ryan Stinneford Jack Heinzman	11am EMS Jim Stoddard Andrea M-H	11am Lector Erin Ferrell	11am Acol Maggie G Julia Emily	AFG Easter	
3-Apr Easter 2	Baer Connard Mac Hinkel <i>Habitat Sunday</i>	Lad Taylor	Chuck Horton Aaron Splint	Megan Akers	Tom Petingill Greg Unfricht		Easter flowers	~	Heinzman Fam
10-Apr Easter 3	Ed Ainsworth Rayle Ainsworth	Mary Ann McLean	Andrew McIntosh Tom LaPlante	Jennifer Gregg	Jim Stoddard David Robinson		Easter flowers	~	Habitat
17-Apr Easter 4	Jim Kane John Fournier	Mac Hinkel	Harold Otte Jack Heinzman	Stan Eaton	Linda Eaton John Fournier			The Stoddards	OPEN
24-Apr Easter 5	Charlie Hurdman Al Ahlers	Len Taylor	Megan Akers Jack Heinzman	Gail Carter	Nadine Timberlake Jeff Campbell		Hannah & Helga	The Hortons	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



March 2016

The Episcopal Church of Saint Mary



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
2/28 The Third Sunday in Lent 9:00am Mission Morning in Auditorium 9:30am Mission work 11:45am Communion & lunch in Auditorium 4pm - Lenten Sm Group	2/29 12 - Noonday Prayer 3:30 - 6:30 - Math is Fun 5:30 - Be Still	1 9-12 Art Group in Aud 10:30am - Wisdom Seekers 12 - Noonday Prayer 1pm - Staff Meeting 4pm - Get Starching 7pm AA in Auditorium 7:30 Allanon (6:30 beginners)	2 10am - Mainly Weavers 12 - Noonday Prayer 6-8 Chorale rehearsal - Aud 6pm - ORI in Guild Rm	3 12 - Thursday Eucharist 3pm Oceanview Sm Group 4pm BSM rehearsals 7pm SM Choir Rehearsal	4 Office Closed 12 - Pray wherever you are 5:30pm Allanon	5 9am - 1pm Book, Bake & Soup Sale
6 The Fourth Sunday in Lent Newcomer's Sunday & Red Cross Sunday 8am - Traditional Eucharist 9:30am Family Chapel 9:45am Guiding RAY begins 10:00am Contemporary Eucharist followed by coffee hour 4pm - Lenten Sm Group	7 8:30-5:30 - Lifeline Screening in Aud. 12 - Noonday Prayer 3:30 - 6:30 - Math is Fun 5:30 - Be Still	8 9-12 Art Group in Aud 10:30am - Wisdom Seekers 12 - Noonday Prayer 1pm - Staff Meeting 4pm - Get Starching 5pm Outreach 7pm AA in Auditorium 7:30 Allanon (6:30 beginners)	9 12 - Noonday Prayer 6-8 Chorale rehearsal - Aud 6:30pm FOFERS	10 12 - Thursday Eucharist 3pm Oceanview Sm Group 4pm BSM rehearsals 7pm SM Choir Rehearsal	11 Office Closed 12 - Pray wherever you are 5-7pm Community Souper Supper 5:30pm Allanon	12 9am BSM
13 The Fifth Sunday in Lent DST 8am - Traditional Eucharist 9:30am Family Chapel 9:45am Guiding RAY begins 10:00am Contemporary Eucharist followed by coffee hour 3pm - Lenten Sm Group 4pm Lenten Schola Concert (3:30pm talk)	14 9:30 - Garden Club meeting 12 - Noonday Prayer 3:30 - 6:30 - Math is Fun 5:30 - Be Still	15 9-12 Art Group in Aud 10:30am - Wisdom Seekers 12 - Noonday Prayer 1pm - Staff Meeting 4pm - Get Starching 7pm Pastoral Partners 7pm AA in Auditorium 7:30 Allanon (6:30 beginners)	16 12 - Noonday Prayer 6pm - Vestry Meeting 6-8 Chorale rehearsal - Aud	17 St Patrick's Day 12 - Thursday HE 3pm Oceanview Sm 4pm BSM rehearsal 7pm SM Choir Rehe	18 Office Closed 12 - Pray wherever you are 5:30pm Allanon 6:30 Luau at Fal CC	19
20 The Sunday of the Passion: Palm 8am - Traditional Eucharist 10:00am Contemporary Eucharist followed by coffee hour 4pm - Lenten Sm Group	21 AVE deadline 12 - Noonday Prayer 3:30 - 6:30 - Math is Fun 5:30 - Be Still	22 9-12 Art Group in Aud 10:30am - Wisdom Seekers 12 - Noonday Prayer 1pm - Staff Meeting 4pm - Get Starching 7pm Kneeler meeting 7pm AA in Auditorium 7:30 Allanon (6:30 beginners)	23 12 - Noonday Prayer 6-8 Chorale rehearsal - Aud	24 Maundy Thursday 12 - Thursday Eucharist 4pm BSM rehearsals 6pm - Agape Meal Followed by Maundy Thursday Liturgy (7:00) 8pm - 12am Prayer Watch in the Fr. James Chapel	25 Good Friday 12am 12noon - Prayer Watch continues - Chapel 7:30 am - 1pm Blood Drive 12noon - Good Friday Liturgy & Comm 4pm Stations of the Cross 5-7pm Souper Supper 5:30pm Allanon 6pm - Good Friday	26 Holy Saturday 9am - BSM 7:01pm - The Great Vigil
27 The Sunday of the Resurrection 9am - Holy Eucharist followed by coffee hour 11am - Holy Eucharist followed by coffee hour	28 12 - Noonday Prayer	29 9-12 Art Group in Aud 10:30am - Wisdom Seekers 12 - Noonday Prayer 1pm - Staff Meeting 4pm - Get Starching 7pm AA in Auditorium 7:30 Allanon (6:30 beginners)	30 12 - Noonday Prayer 6-8 Chorale rehearsal in Sanctuary	31 12 - Thursday Eucharist 4pm BSM rehearsals 6:15pm Dowers 7pm SM Choir Rehearsal	4/1 Office Closed 12 - Pray wherever you are 5:30pm Allanon	4/2 9am BSM 7:30pm Sweetest in the Gale Concert (Women's Oratorio G)

Saint Mary's Altar Flower Fund 2016



Through the Altar Flower Fund, contributions are provided for the altar flowers that are given in memory or in thanksgiving or celebration throughout the year as well as for the special decorations at Easter, Thanksgiving, Christmas, and other occasions. (In the summer, flowers and greens from our gardens, fields and woods are often used).

As Easter (March 27) approaches, we ask for your support of the Altar Flower Fund.

Important: Whether you are making a first-time offering or regularly support the Flower Fund, please fill out this form so that your requests can be fulfilled.

1. Enclosed is my contribution to Saint Mary's Altar Flower Fund: \$ _____

Name _____

Telephone _____ E-mail _____

_____ Yes, I would like to join the Altar Flower Guild (training provided).

2. Please include these names among the Easter Memorials (requests must be received by Monday, March 21, 2016):

Name _____

Name _____

Name _____

3. Please provide flowers during the year *In Memoriam* (NO flowers are placed on the Altar during **Lent or Advent** with the exception of Rose Sunday during that season):

Name _____ on or a Sunday close to ____/____/____

Name _____ on or a Sunday close to ____/____/____

Name _____ on or a Sunday close to ____/____/____

4. Please provide flowers during the year in Thanksgiving for and celebration of (NO flowers are placed on the Altar during **Lent or Advent** with the exception of Rose Sunday during that season):

Name _____ on or a Sunday close to ____/____/____

Name _____ on or a Sunday close to ____/____/____

Name _____ on or a Sunday close to ____/____/____

Please return this form either by mail, in the offering plate or to the office with your check payable to:
The Episcopal Church of Saint Mary, Attn.: Altar Flower Fund, 43 Foreside Road, Falmouth, ME 04105



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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

OUR MISSION

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

Celebrate the goodness of God
and the gift of life,
Honor the presence of Christ
in one another, and
Serve the world in the power
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