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The Episcopal Church of Saint Mary - Falmouth, Maine



From the Rector: Our 2016 Mutual Study of Ministry

Definition of DISCERNMENT

- 1. the quality of being able to grasp and comprehend what is obscure
- 2. an act of perceiving or discerning something

Saint Mary's is now in a process of discernment called a Mutual Study of Ministry. Our entire parish community will participate in a review of our shared ministry, as it currently exists. Ministry is something that each baptized person does. To be a minister of the good news is what it means to be baptized into Christ. Our question is, what exactly does ministry look like in this time and place? In a rapidly changing society, what does it mean for you and me to serve as ministers of God's good news to



our neighbors and co-workers and classmates? The specific contours of this answer are obscure, which is why we need to practice discernment.

For us at Saint Mary's, the very first act of discernment is prayer. We all need to ask the Holy Spirit to give us the ability to perceive how we can be fruitful in ministry. After all, God wants us to be fruitful! The second act of discernment is listening. Through a representative set of interviews, your Vestry leadership will be listening to our entire parish family as we discuss who Saint Mary's is now and who we might become. We will gather the interview responses and look for common threads, important insights, and promising ideas. After more prayer and more discussion, the Vestry will identify a few key goals and directions which the Holy Spirit seems to be bringing to our attention. In September, our entire parish community will have a look at these goals, and they will guide our conversations as we prepare our budget for 2017 – and beyond.

If you receive a call from a Vestry member to participate in an interview, please take that call and do everything in your power to be part of our mutual discernment process. Thank you in advance for your willingness to participate and to share your ideas! Watter W. Fevell +

MISSION MORNING at Saint Mary's May 22nd 9:00 AM - 12 NOON

Reach out and "love our neighbors as ourselves!"

Our next Mission Morning at Saint Mary's is scheduled for Sunday, May 22. Parishioners of all ages (this is VERY family-friendly) are invited to gather in the Auditorium at 9 AM for a short service and to disperse in small groups to venture into the community for various projects appealing to every interest and capability. We return at 11:30 for the Eucharist and a quick lunch. The nursery will be available for our youngest parishioners (up to 3 ½ years) beginning at 9am.

All parishioners are encouraged to donate children's socks (size 9-2) or underpants for boys or girls (sizes 4, 5, 6) As you will see, the selection of projects offers something for every age, physical capability and "comfort zone!"

- Morning at Milestone. Spring Clean-up at the Old Orchard Beach Residential Treatment Center
- **Bringing Spring to Seniors.** Bring marigolds to and visit with residents of a local convalescent home, leaving your "touch of spring" with them! (Family Friendly!)
- **Falmouth Food Pantry Art Project.** Stay at Saint Mary's to create a collage to cheer the Food Pantry clients. (Family Friendly!)
- Spring Clean-up for Neighbors in Need. Indoor and outdoor projects at homes of fellow parishioners and neighbors in need. (Family Friendly!)
- Lumberjacks for Cumberland. Cut, split, stack or deliver firewood for the Cumberland Food Bank (provides heating assistance to Cumberland residents.)

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From the Deacon's Corner:

Dear Ones,

The Wisdom Seekers study group is reading <u>Half Truths</u> by Adam Hamilton. The author presents five commonly used phrases that we say, believing they are biblical in origin and true to the way in which we believe God operates in the world. This book study has made me think about how powerful language is and how the things we say to each other can be healing or hurtful, even damaging to the



"Everything happens for a reason" is the first phrase the book discusses. Yesterday there was a terrible accident on Route 302 just west of where we live. A 29-year-old teacher was killed instantly when his car was hit by a truck. Imagine saying that to that young man's family and friends? What reason could there be for a young man to lose his life in such a shocking way? "It must have been God's will," we might say, or "it must have been his time." These comments are not only comfortless to those who hear them but also contradict our understanding of the God of mercy and compassion who comforts those who mourn and dries every tear.

We believe in a God of hope and presence who loves us into being and never leaves us, a God who creates us in God's image and gives us a free will to choose how we live. That knowledge in our hearts and minds will help us to choose words of comfort and hope when we need them.

I recommend <u>Half Truths</u>. I am also grateful for the reminder the book has given me not only to think before I speak but, even more importantly, to do more listening than talking!!

Deacon Christine

You're a part of Saint Mary's Family Be a part of Saint Mary's Pictorial Directory

They capture the moment and make memories for a lifetime!

To schedule your professional family portrait go to:

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<u>theepiscopalchurchofsaintmary/index.php?page=10</u>

Or

The Saint Mary's website: www.smary.org

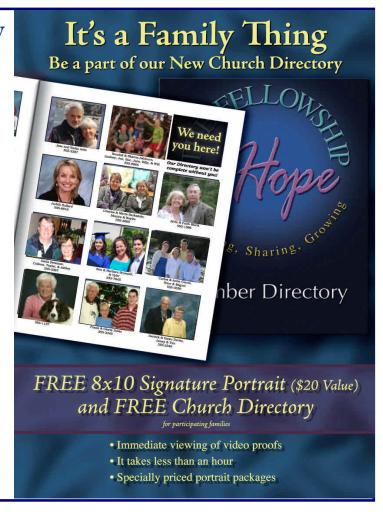
Or

call Beth in the church office **781-3366** to make your appointment

Wednesday, June 1, 2pm - 9pm Thursday, June 2, 2pm - 9pm Friday, June 3, 2pm - 9pm Saturday, June 4, 10am - 5pm

Schedule now for the best times!

Go online to the link above, or to www.smary.org



Vestry Highlights from your Wardens

We met on Wednesday, April 20. Fr. Nathan opened with a discussion of the biblical day and the church's cycle of fasts and feasts. In the biblical vision, each day begins at sunset. There is a gift in this perspective, as the day begins with God's activity while we rest. We rise in the morning to participate in God's work, rather than running the world ourselves. Based on this vision, the church developed a cycle of fasts preceding the major feasts of the year. The transition between these is called a vigil, which grew out of the prayers of Havdalah marking the end of Sabbath on Saturday evening.

We welcomed Garrett Bowne representing the Audit Committee who shared the results of the 2015 Audit. Changes and recommendations from prior audits have been implemented, and our financial processes are in good shape. We will continue to adjust and refine the accounting procedures to ensure that they are accurate and efficient. The Vestry accepted the 2015 Audit and thanked Mary Smith and Garry for their work. We also recognized Beth Shaw's tremendous commitment to the audit process as well as Father Nathan's and Bill Gowen's openness and responsiveness.

Our financial picture continues to be positive. We are early in the budget year, and fuel and other winter costs have been low so far this year. Our pledge level has reached \$272,800 with a couple of pledge commitments outstanding due to some of our parishioners wishing to get through tax filing before pledging. Thank you to all of our generous parishioners for their support and to everyone who carefully stewards the money toward our mission and ministry. We approved the Parochial Report which was filed on March 1st.

We discussed our insurance coverage and the importance of ensuring that it's up to date and offers the proper level of coverage, as well as making sure we have images of fine arts pieces. Bill Gowen is going to follow up on this with the Budget and Finance Committee.

We gave all who were present their packet of interviews for the Mutual Study



tual Study Janet Bowne, Jr. Warden and Jim Kane, Sr. Warden of Ministry. Thank you to the Vestry for taking this on and thank you to the parishioners, representing a cross section of the parish, who will be interviewed! This is a very important process for our parish. It will help us set our goals for 2016. We ask all interviews to be completed by mid-May.

Father Nathan shared information about the upcoming Bach Festival (see related articles in this month's AVE and e-news announcements). We discussed the experimental moving of the choir pews in the Chancel giving us more space to accommodate musicians for the spring concert events.

We also discussed pianos! We have a new 1896 Steinway (see related articles) and we moved the existing grand piano to the Guiding RAY space. We hope that we can find a piano teacher willing to offer piano lessons in the GR space.

We sampled the two chairs suggested to replace the breaking Guild Room chairs. We welcome all parishioners to drop in to see the samples and let us know your thoughts. Thank you to Barbara Bell for coordinating this sample sitting ,so we can choose the replacements. We talked about the need for at least half of the Guild Room chairs to have arms.

We always end the meeting realizing how much is happening at Saint Mary's and how critical each parishioner, no matter the capacity we serve to furthering our mission.



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Spring WorkSaturday - June 4th

PLEASE JOIN US for our Annual Spring Volunteer Work Day to clear away winter and prepare the Camp for summer. Due to our large septic project this spring, we will put in a long hard day of work Saturday, June 4th and make sure camp is ready to open on June 26th! There will be projects for people of all ages, and skill levels.

Bring your work gloves, sturdy shoes, clothes for layering.

To learn more, please contact Mike.

Open House

Sunday, June 5th 11am - 2pm

This is a great time to take a tour of camp, meet some of the summer camp staff, swim in beautiful Lake Megunticook, or go for a family canoe ride. Bring a picnic lunch and try some of our famous congo bars. Because of the septic project this year, this will be a one-day Sunday event

For schedule and related costs, visit the website www.bishopswood.org

Christian Formation - RAY Beams - May 2016



Spring is TRULY here, Maine-style! Our Guiding RAY spring will be full of joy and new beginnings as we anticipate another wonderful Maine summer!



We begin with the First Communion Retreat (April 30, May 1)



where Father Nathan will spend Saturday with our children to delve into the mysteries of the Eucharist and foster and celebrate the Community of Christ. On Sunday, we will honor the participants—Sophia and Ava Draeger, Eloise Fulton, Matthew Grace, Maggie Holt, William, Felicity and Alden Recordat the 10am service that they will help to lead.

Interspersed among Godly Play classes, the focus in May is on service and mission!

On May 8th, a Habitat for Humanity family visits Guiding RAY to meet with our children. See page 6 for the full article. Through guided conversation and crafts, we learn about this family's needs, hopes, dreams and accomplishments. The following Saturday May 14 is the annual Falmouth Foreside Walk for Habitat for Humanity! A 5K run or walk that is a perfect opportunity for families to join together with the greater community to support the effort to provide safe and affordable housing. Registration begins at 8am at Saint Mary's. The Walk/Run begins at 9am—Walk the loop on Foreside Road and you should be back at Saint Mary's by 10am for prizes and healthy snacks!



Mission Morning on Sunday, May 22, 9am! In lieu of Guiding RAY, children and their parents are invited to join their fellow parishioners in service to the community. We gather in the auditorium at 9am and, following a quick service, move outside to find and serve God in others. Family-friendly projects include:

- Bring Spring to Seniors! A wonderful project for families and singles, alike! We will travel as a group to a local convalescent home for brief visits with residents, bringing marigolds as a touch of spring to leave behind. Our Guiding RAY children will have already created festive tags for each marigold.
- Art for the Falmouth Food Pantry! Stay at Saint Mary's to create beautiful collages to brighten the lives of those visiting the Falmouth Food Pantry facility.
- Home and Yard work for Neighbors! Help bring spring to those in need by helping to ready their yards and homes.

May in Guiding RAY

Sunday, May 1: First Communion Sunday: No Guiding RAY (Nursery open)

<u>Sunday, May 8</u>: Habitat for Humanity in Guiding RAY. A visit from a Habitat Family with guided conversation and crafts.

Sunday, May 15: Godly Play – The Story of Pentecost for all children

Sunday, May 22: Mission Morning at S. Mary's; No Guiding RAY (Nursery open)

Sunday, May 29: Godly Play

Pre K-1: Parable of the Mustard Seed 2-5: The story of Paul's Discovery

Christian Formation - RAY Beams - May 2016

A New Piano Graces the Guiding RAY Spaces! Thanks to the generosity of Jody Liddell (see article on page 10), Guiding RAY will enjoy the beautiful Khabe Grand Piano that formerly resided in the Auditorium.





What a wonderful opportunity for your children to develop or renew their interest in music! Early arrivals to Guiding RAY on Sunday are encouraged to explore and play this lovely instrument!!!

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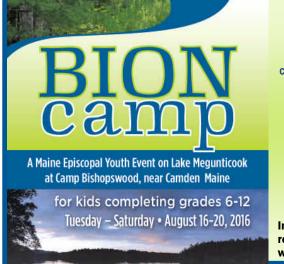
Christian Formation - High Schoolers & Middlers



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!

<u>Saint Mary's Middlers are in Transition:</u> 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!



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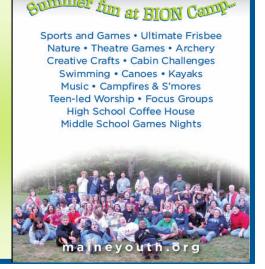
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Register before June 20 for a \$30 DISCOUNT Don't let money stop you!

Email for financial aid info FMI on Maine Episcopal Youth Events www.maineyouth.org

Info about Camp Bishopswood regular camping season www.bishopswood.org







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

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

PRE REGISTER <u>www.habitatportlandme.org</u>, click "Events" or click here <u>PRE-REGISTER!</u>

Putting a Face on the Saint Mary's-Habitat for Humanity Partnership!

On May 8th, the Sunday before the May 14 Walk/Run for Habitat for Humanity, we welcome the most recent Habitat for Humanity homeowner to Saint Mary's. Brittany Mackowiak and her family will be meeting with Saint Mary's children during Guiding RAY and will attend part of the 10am service as well as the coffee hour to follow. Please welcome her warmly and learn all about her hopes and dreams that Habitat - and Saint Mary's—will help her fulfill!

Brittany and her three young children will be moving into the first home on Carpenter Court, Habitat for Humanity of Greater Portland's Scarborough project, in the next few months. A native Mainer, Brittany has wanted to create a stable home for her family, but has been unable to do so while renting. When a coworker suggested she look into the Habitat program, she jumped at the idea of giving her kids a place to grow up and form memories. One of her children has special needs, and she looks forward to having the consistency and stability of a safe home to give her the opportunity to grow and thrive in a way she hasn't had before.

Although she looks forward to giving her family the home they deserve, she is also determined to put down roots and help create the Carpenter Court community, her new neighborhood: "The Habitat program means not just owning a home, but having a personal investment in the house that I helped to build. It means being a part of the community, and building those relationships. I know move in day will be surreal. I will be very happy, having finally obtained my dream. It will be a very emotional day. I will be so grateful, not only to have our own home, but to have seen the efforts from the volunteers that did all this to help my children and I. I know there are people out there that want to help me get to where I want to be."



... to Run, Race or Walk



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
- FMI, contact jordandroge@gmail.com



REGISTER NOW at www.runinarace.com/CascoBay

Save the Date and reserve your table before they are all gone! Saint Mary's Annual

BRIDGE-A-THON

Friday, May 20th 12:30-4 DM

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

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

20 tables available. Prizes for top player at each table.

Admission: \$48 per table / \$12 per person

Reserve your table by calling Beth Shaw 781-3366

Outreach Ministry - All Ages Serving Near and Far

Mission and Outreach

by Jennifer Gregg

Over the last decades, Saint Mary's has sought to broaden its vision of Outreach and more recently to include the concept and practice of Mission. Here is one way to think about this:

Outreach: Outreach projects are performed by both faith and civic organizations. These projects focus on doing "good works" for others in need. We as a parish provide sustenance in many forms (through our time, talent and treasure) to those we visit. The projects we undertake are "our" projects, designed and executed by us for the benefit of others.

Mission: Mission is entirely different from outreach and is the purview of only faith institutions. Its objective is on developing spiritual relationships with those we visit with the hope of developing greater insights into how God is working through each of us and on fulfilling our baptismal covenant to love our neighbor as ourselves and to respect the dignity of every human being. It is all about developing relationships and its benefits are shared. Mission is not "our mission" --it is God's mission and we are called to participate.

Outreach and Mission can and often do go hand in hand. "Our" hands on, communal outreach projects serve as wonderful vehicles for Mission, e.g one goes to Haiti to teach TOEFL or to the soup kitchen to serve lunch to those in need. Through participation in that project, one is given the opportunity to find and see God working through those we teach and serve as well as find and see God working through ourselves. Any handson community outreach activity has the capacity to include Mission.

Another example:

Outreach: One can help build a house for Habitat for Humanity. In so doing, one performs a valuable, needed service for those in need of shelter.

Mission: One can help build a house for Habitat Humanity. Working side-by-side with others and/or with a future Habitat homeowner, one has the opportunity to get to know others and the Habitat family, the opportunity to open our hearts and eyes to these persons who are different from ourselves. In the context of "pounding nails" together, one has the opportunity to develop a relationship with the homeowner and/or our fellow "missioners." God is working through those persons. How, in what manner and what are we learning from them about God?

At the end of the day, how has God moved, changed or transformed us through our relationship with others? If you are willing to ask that question and seek the answer, you are on mission.

Community Souper Supper May 13 and 27

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!

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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!



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!

Classic Cinema

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

Presents on May 13 - "Cape Fear "

(1962) Starring Gregory Peck, Robert Mitchum, Polly Bergen A lawyer's family is stalked by a man he once helped put in jail.

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





Outreach Ministry - All Ages Serving Near and Far

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St. Mary's Schola Concert: Ode to Music



I'm sure many of us have been consoled by the beautiful stained glass windows in the chancel, especially as the Sunday morning sunlight makes the colors glow. The window on the left features St. Cecilia, in memory of Alida Carroll Brown, who was a music and art student in Switzerland when she unexpectedly died at a young age in 1889. Cecilia has become the patron saint of music. Due to a legend, because of a forced marriage, she sang fervently to God and influenced the conversion of her husband. They both were later martyred, and a church was built in Cecilia's honor in Trastevere, Rome, in the fourth century. Since the 14th century Cecilia has been represented as playing the organ, evidently to express the idea that while musicians played at her wedding, she sang in her heart to God alone. Our stained glass window shows Cecilia playing the organ.

Since the seventeenth century, music festivals have been celebrated in Cecilia's honor, and on Sunday May 8 at 4 PM the St Mary Schola will present its own 'Ode to Music,' presenting marvelous works that explore this theme.

A motet by the Renaissance master Orlandus Lassus begins the program and makes reference to another symbol of music's power, Orpheus, who could charm the wild beasts and the underworld Charon with his sweet music. It is fitting that we present the prologue to Monteverdi's first opera 'Orfeo,' since it also intones the virtues of Orpheus.

A special treat in the program will be 'The City Cries,' a series of wonderful merchant calls sung by the Schola singers and accompanied by three viola da gambas and two violins.

We are also pleased to offer excerpts from two odes to St. Cecilia by Henry Purcell and G.F. Handel that include wonderful duets, solos and choruses with recorders, Baroque oboe, lute, harpsichord and strings. This will be a lovely way to celebrate Mother's day with joyous music. Bruce Fithian

Music Ministry: Gifts of Grace to Saint Mary's

We have been so fortunate at Saint Mary's to receive generous gifts in support of the ministry of musical worship. The choir room is graced by a lovely Young Chang baby grand piano, donated by Mark and Connie Stimson. Mark has been a long-time member of the choir and avid supporter of singing in the church. It is truly wonderful that each week, the choir enjoys the lovely sound of the Young Chang as we rehearse our musical strains and the right of the strains and the strains and the strains and the strains are strains as the strains and the strains are strains as the strains and the strains are strains as th

sic, and the piano is a testament to Mark's long service to Saint Mary's.

The piano that has graced the auditorium for years was a generous gift of Jody and John Liddell. They enjoyed their burled walnut Knabe Grand Piano for twenty-five years, and John especially loved his lessons in jazz and ragtime piano during his retirement. A few years after John's death and another move, Jody needed a new home for the Knabe and her first thought was a gift to Saint Mary's in John's memory. As Jody relates: "After a meeting with Fr. James, a date was set for him and Organist, Bruce Fithian, to see and play the instrument. Bruce was first at the keyboard, playing beautifully classical works with Fr. James to follow. Expecting to hear "church music," I was much surprised as jazz and ragtime was enthusiastically played very well by Father James, no music needed! The piano has been in the Parish Hall since that time.

Recently a concert grand piano has been given to the church and will replace the smaller Knabe in that space. Much to Jody's delight, the Knabe is now in the Guiding RAY space where the youth of the church will learn the joy of music. "There is no age limit on the impact of music and it is my hope, as has been true with

me, it will be a major influence in their lives."

The concert grand that Jody speaks of is a gift from Alison Eckert and her sister of South Portland. It is a vintage Model A 1896 Steinway piano, that has been meticulously cared for for 120 years. Due to an impending move to Cape Elizabeth, Alison very graciously offered the piano to Saint Mary's, knowing that it would be treasured and be a beloved resource for the parish as well as the general public for many years to come. The piano had belonged to her uncle, William H. Eckert, Jr., who grew up in Watertown, MA and was a very young boy when Alison's grandfather bought the piano in 1925. William attended Oberlin and Yale, served in the Ar-

my during WWII, studied in Paris with Maurice Duruflé at Saint-Etiènne du Mont, and then taught music for his professional career. He retired to Nantucket and was the pianist and organist at St Paul's Episcopal Church. Thus it is fitting that this beautiful instrument returns to find a home in an Episcopal setting. Alison and her sister were his closest relatives and one of their memories of him was that he practiced every day from 2-4pm no matter what else was happening. Many thanks to Nadine & Bob Timberlake for their contribution that enabled us to offset some of the moving costs.

Alison and her sister are eagerly looking forward to attending the dedication recital after coffee hour on Pentecost Sunday, May 15. This dedication will be an opportunity for all to share in this wondrous offering of grace. Children and adults of all ages are encouraged to contact Bruce Fithian (bsfithian@aol.com; 831-7113) to be a part of this festivity. There are no requirements to participate! - if you play the piano, an instrument, or sing, or want to make any joyful sound, we invite you to share together this gracious gift.



Marian Claxton and Alison Ecl

Angelus at Saint Mary's: June 11

Angelus, a group of seven young women from Mt. Vernon Senior High School Fine Arts Academy (Mt. Vernon, Indiana), will be singing their final concert of their east coast tour at Saint Mary's on Saturday June 11 at 7:00 PM. The superb acoustics of St. Mary's will be an ideal venue for their program, which includes medieval chant, contemporary Irish works, songs in the American Sacred Harp tradition, and a wide range of other styles. Completely unique among American high school ensembles, Angelus is dedicated to the performance of sacred music of varied religious traditions and historical periods. The ensemble has performed over seventy concerts in thirteen states and their recordings have been featured on "Celtic Connections" on National Public

Radio, Minnesota Public Radio, and in Europe on the Dutch program, "Song from Ireland." Most recently, the ensemble made their NYC debut at Lincoln Center on Sunday, Apr. 3.

The concert is free and open to the public. A free will offering will be received, and the ensembles CDs will be available for purchase.

The young women will be arriving Friday June 10, and since they have never been to Maine, they are excited about visiting our neck of the woods. If you would like to help out showing them around on Friday and Saturday, please contact Bruce Fithian (bsfithian@aol.com).

Portland's First Bach Festival

June 19-24

Lewis Kaplan, co-founder and longtime artistic director of the Bowdoin International Music Festival, is launching an early summer classical music festival in Portland that will celebrate the music of Johann Sebastian Bach, and the main concerts will be held at Saint Mary's. Why Saint Mary's? Mr. Kaplan explains: "We live in a crazy world, and that is not an outrageous statement. The idea of performing in a sanctified area and people finding peace and solace with some of the greatest music ever written is reason enough to make this festival."

The festival benefits from Kaplan's contacts in the music world. As he did when he ran the Bowdoin festival, he has recruited a dozen "major performers" from the United States and Europe, including Ariadne Daskalakis, a baroque and modern violinist from Germany; John Ferrillo, principal oboist for the Boston Symphony Orchestra; and Beiliang Zhu, who won the first prize and the Audience Award at the International Bach Competition in Leipzig in 2012. Kaplan himself is a renowned violinist, having studied with the legendary Ivan Galamian and being a member of the violin faculty at the Juilliard School of Music. Upon visiting Saint Mary's this past summer, Mr. Kaplan very graciously asked Bruce Fithian to take a large role in the festival. Bruce will play the continuo organ in three of the four concerts, as well as lead the Saint Mary Schola in the Thursday concert.

The opening concert at Saint Mary's is Sunday June 19 at 7:30 PM and will include Portland's municipal organist and music director at Brunswick's First Parish Church playing Bach's Prelude and fugue in G major (BWV 541) on our own lovely Casavant organ. Not to be missed is Beiliang Zhu playing the cello suite #6 on a piccolo cello, a historically constructed cello with an extra string for high notes. Also not to be missed is to hear the principal oboist of the Boston Symphony and Kaplan play the Concerto for Violin and Oboe. Then to cap off this inaugural concert, the Oratorio Chorale will sing the church cantata "Wachet auf" based on hymn 61 "Sleepers, wake!"

Monday, June 20's concert at 7:30 PM at the Cathedral Church of St. Luke will feature another cello suite (#5) with another outstanding cellist, Nicholas Canellakis; the trio sonata from "A Musical Offering," the sonata in E minor for violin and harpsichord, and a special treat: the Brandenburg Concerto #6.

Thursday's concert at St. Luke's (June 23, also at 7:30 PM) will feature the St Mary Schola singing a wonderfully exuberant Motet #1 'Singet Dem Herrn ein neues Lied" (Sing to the Lord a new Song). This is a great honor for the Schola to be heard on a concert with such luminary musicians. Also on that program is one of Bach's most sublime pieces, the Concerto for two violins, in which Bruce Fithian will play continuo organ, and the profound Chaconne in D minor payed by Mr. Kaplan.

The final concert at Saint Mary's on Friday, June 24 (7:30 PM) will include another church cantata, the concerto for three violins(!) and the effervescent Brandenburg Concerto #5. If you would like to help out as a volunteer for the Saint Mary concerts, please contact Bruce Fithian (bsfithian@aol.com) For more information and tickets, please visit the web site portlandbachfestival.org.



Joining God in the Neighborhood: Saturday, May 21

A One-Day Introduction to the New Thing God is Doing

We haven't failed: the world has changed"

-Bishop Lane in his 2009 Convention address

The world has changed. More and more of our neighbors are encountering God in places other than church buildings and services. And more and more, if we want to encounter God with our neighbors, we have to go out into our neighborhoods and see what God is doing.

Over the next two years, Episcopalians across Maine will work with our friends in the Dioceses of Connecticut... Southwest Virginia... and East Tennessee, doing experiments in how we might join God in our neighborhoods, and in coming together locally to learn from the results.

The first step is coming up soon, and you're invited!

WHAT: Joining God in the Neighborhood, a one-day program that will offer ways you can meet God where your neighbors are, and that will invite you to consider trying a few experiments in company with others

WHEN: Saturday, May 21, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. (coffee's on at 9:30)

WHERE: Christ Church in Gardiner

WHO: Everyone! We especially hope that a clergy person and at least a couple of lay leaders will come from many congregations, big and small, all across Maine

WHY: Because God is doing a new thing, and we're part of it

The fine print: Every Episcopalian in Maine is welcome and wanted. It's best (but not required) if you come with a few lay leaders and a clergy person from your congregation. Registration is NOT required, though it would be helpful if you let us know you're coming. Please send an email to Michael Ambler at mambler@episcopalmaine.org. Same thing if you need further information or have any questions. Bring a brown bag lunch, and whatever you need to take notes.



Youth Camp, ages 8-16 Mini Camp, ages 6-8 CIT, ages 16 and up

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 firsttime 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.

Youth Camp - Ages 8-16

Session 1

YC 1: June 26th - July 2nd Western Week

YC 2: July 3rd – July 9th Holiday Week

YC 3: July 10th – July 16th Color Wars *

YC 4: July 17th – July 23rd Bishopswoodstock

* This week will have a modified schedule.

Session 2

YC 5: July 24th – July 30th Big Freeze

YC 6: July 31st – Aug 6th Pirate Week

YC 7: Aug 7th - Aug 13th Cartoon Week

MiniCamp - Ages 6-8

MC I: June 26th - June 28th MC II: June 30th – July 2nd

MC:III: August 7th – August 9th



Arts & Crafts Camp Craft (Nature Studies) Low Ropes Challenge Course Archery G's Camper Kitchen Performing Arts Sports & Games Swimming Swimming Lessons Canoeina Rowing Kayaking Sailing Chapel Service Campfire

All kids need the opportunity of camp, and our tiered pricing is one of the ways we strive to get more kids outdoors, active, and of course, have ridiculous amounts of fun! Realizing that families have different abilities to pay, Bishopswood is offering a voluntary three-tier pricing schedule. You may choose the tier that is most suitable for your family. Check it out now at www.bishopswood.org. Scholarships available.

Zenith Journey up Katahdin: August 4 - 6

We are going back! For two nights in August, everyone is invited for an adventure to the most beautiful spot in Maine, Baster Peak and Chimney Pond. Preference will be given to those who have never been before because space is limited. All those interested in joining Nathan+ for a climb to the TOP of Maine, let him know right away! Everyone is welcome. Nathan's cell# 310-0268 or email nathanferrell@smary.org



Jesus Then and Now An Adult Retreat hosted by the Diocese of Maine June 17-19, 2016 at Camp Bishopswood

Join us for a weekend on beautiful Lade Megunticook near Camden and explore your connection with the many dimensions of Jesus, the Christ. This retreat is for everyone who wonders how Jesus made a difference in his own day and how He makes a difference today. How will you find your life story in the life story of Jesus? Come ready to experience God's love as revealed in Christ, the natural beauty of Camp Bishopswood and new friendships.

Camp will open for recreation at 3pm Friday; dinner will be at 6pm; program begins at 7pm. The retreat ends at 11:30am on Sunday.

Retreat cost include 2 nights lodging and meals. For a shared cabin clustered around the bath house: \$95 A few spaces are available in buildings with shared bathrooms: \$125. For those who wish to make their own lodging arrangements: \$65. Scholarships available.

To register: Visit www.tinyurl.com/AdultRetreat2016 Space is limited to 60 people. Register by May 31.

FMI: Contact Mary Ann Perry at maryann_perry@hotmail.com or Jane Hartwell at jhartwell@episcopalmaine.org

Town of Falmouth's Memorial Day Parade, May 30, 10am

The Falmouth American Legion, Post 164, in conjunction with the Falmouth Chamber of Commerce and sponsored by the Town of Falmouth, will organize this year's Memorial Day parade to take place on Monday, May 30 beginning at 10am at the Legion Hall and ending at the Memorial across the street from Saint Mary's. Falmouth Clergy will give the prayer of Invocation and the Benediction.

Following the program, all are invited to the lawn at Saint Mary's for refreshments. Contact Anne



LaFond, 781-8820, if you can help with refreshments the day of the parade.

May 2016 Tip of the Month

Keep Your Teen Safe This Prom Season

Tips to celebrate safely:

- Talk to parents of your teens' friends to confirm plans and exchange phone numbers
- Let your teen know that colleges can take away acceptances or scholarships for illegal behavior
- If using a car or limo service, review expectations and provide parent phone numbers to the driver
- Consider hosting a substance-free after prom party





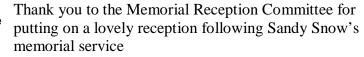
News, Notes, Kudos, Dates & Reminders

(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 Alison Hayward for her time and her giving spirit in the nursery, in the office, while reading scripture and while serving food. For all you do, we give thanks, and know we'll be praying for you and your family and looking forward to your return!

Special thanks to Will Salomon for taking the time to 'clean up' the computers and for working with **Hugh Smith to get the Chapel cam** to be a soon-functioning reality.

Thank you to the Budget and Finance Committee and the Audit Team for their completion of the 2015 audit. Thank you to Fr. Nathan and Beth for their cooperation in all things audit! Kudos to Garry Bowne and Mary Smith!



Thanks to Barbara Bell for working to find new chairs to replace the broken Guild Room chairs!

Thank you to our Haiti delegation for their moving presentation of their trip and for the legacy of the Art Club now meeting reqularly at the Institution Univers.



Thank you to Maggie Gardner for her help in taking on any number of organizational and administrative projects!

Thanks to the Buildings and Grounds team for their help with the lead up to the Bach Festival ensuring we have the space we need to welcome the musicians and patrons!

Falmouth Congregational Church 267 Falmouth Road hosts a free

Coffee House

Friday, May 13 at 6:30pm

Listen to Katherine Rhoda Bring your family, friends and neighbors for a relaxing evening out. This is a free family-friendly event. Donations accepted.

FMI 781-3413 or falmouthcongregationalchurch.org



Thank you to Portia Hirschman for embroidering the special baptismal towels.



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

Happy May Birthdays to:

1	Judy MacDonald	11	Ashleigh Connors		
1	Charlotte Rana	12	Kate Kirsch	20	Morgan Harris
2	Grace Brown	13	Lucas Michaud	20	Jane Tholen
2	Caleigh Connors	14	Stan Eaton	21	Portia Hirschman
4	Holly Bernstein	15	Jessie Claar	23	Dee Dee Fournier
4	Samantha Heinzman	15	Ross Isacke	23	Paul Varga
4	Fritz Hessemer	15	Winnie Leahy	24	Betsey McCandless
6	Larissa Norman	15	Sydney Billings	26	Robert Cott
7	Bruce Fithian	16	Charnette Chadwick	26	Jack Haney
7	Jim Kane	16	Dave Fenderson	26	Shelly Maher
7	Sam LaPlante	16	Michael Richards	27	Tom Stegemann
7	Jane Stegemann	17	Madeline Harris	28	Ellie Oberink
8	Henry Funk	18	Henry Kearins	29	John Fournier
8	John Raeke	19	Madeline Michaud	30	Carolyn Bernier
10	Mary Follo	20	Lynda Conner	30	Tillman Rhoades

We'd love to include good wishes on your birthday and anniversary. If we don't yet have the dates, please send your and your family's special dates into the parish office and we'll be sure to include them on your special month. admin@smary.org or call 781-3366 or drop a note to the church. Thanks!

HAPPY MAY ANNIVERSARY WISHES TO:



- 11 Margaret Jean & Len Taylor
- 15 Anne & Geoff LaFond
- 16 Jo & Jack Mirschel
- 21 Mary & Hugh Smith
- 22 Maureen & John Hale

- 23 Bruce Fithian & Kue John Lor
- 24 John & DeeDee Fournier
- 25 Edie & Lad Taylor
- 28 David & Suzanne Farnham
- 31 Diane & Gerry Billings
- 31 Susan & Gary Conway



WELCOME TO OUR NEWLY BAPTIZED

Baptized at Saint Mary's on April 3, 2016

Helena Piper Corbett, born September 3, 2015

Child of David & Marlena Corbett And little sister of two year-old Winston









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