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"GREETINGS MARY, FULL OF GRACE."

The Episcopal Church of Saint Mary - Falmouth, Maine



From the Rector: Foster Parents and God's Plan for Growth

The early church was renowned for its care of unwanted children. Most of Roman society turned a blind eye, choosing instead to focus on personal needs. It was the church that took in these children and cared for them. This was one of the key reasons behind the explosive growth of the early church. Writing around the year 125 AD, a writer named Aristides described the behavior of the early disciples in this way:

"Kindliness is their nature. There is no falsehood among them. They love one another. They do not neglect widows. Orphans they rescue from those who are cruel to them."

My friends, I want us to return to these roots! I want people to be amazed by our care for children in need. And I believe that God longs for this as well.

The need is clearly calling out to us. Last year, 905 children in Maine entered into state foster care. Maine's Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) says over 60 percent of children coming into care have parental substance abuse as a contributing risk factor to the abuse or neglect. Maine currently has about 1500 foster homes and over 1800 children in care. But the need is far outpacing the supply of foster homes. These children truly are the victims in these situations. No one can choose where to be born, and these children deserve a safe home, healthcare and a good education no less than any other children.

I believe that Saint Mary's is being called to step up and meet this need, to care for children who need a safe place to live, and who need to know that God loves them and cares for them no less than a child born into wealth and privilege. Just imagine what our parish gatherings might be like with dozens of foster children in the mix! Together we can do this by supporting one another in community, because "God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us" (Romans 5:5).

Those of you who are open to meeting this need are invited to call Samantha at the Portland DHHS office (822-2267), and to mark June 13 at 6 PM on your calendar. A general information meeting is held at 6 PM on the second Tuesday of each month for those exploring the idea of serving as foster parents. Single adult homes are invited as well, and you do not need any special qualifications apart from a willingness to love and a spare bedroom. I am excited to see what God does among us and what new children God brings into our parish family!

Nathan W. Ferrell +



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Open House Weekend: June 2-4

Spend one or two nights and experience camp with your children. Highly recommended for first-time campers.

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 famous congo bars.

For schedule and related costs, visit the website

www.bishopswood.org

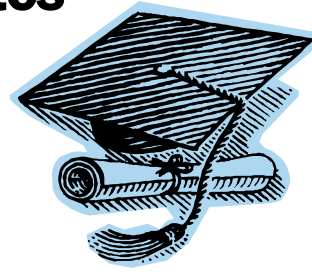
Congratulations to all our 2017 Graduates

Dear God,

We ask that you protect our graduates as they head into the future. We give thanks for the remarkable young adults they have become. May You continue to offer strength, courage, and discernment as they go into our beautiful and challenging world.

May they find fulfillment and joy, and may they find your plan for them in the experiences You provide. Lord, we ask you to protect and provide for our young adults as they move forward and continue to grow in wisdom and in understanding.

In your name we pray, Amen.



John (Trey) Fallon will be attending Lafayette College in Easton, PA in the fall of 2017. His plans are to major in Mechanical Engineering. He is very excited to play Division 1 football and be a part of the Lafayette Leopard team.

Ayden Henson will be attending the University of Vermont in the fall to study engineering and take advantage of the mountainous outdoors that Vermont has to offer.

Bryce Henson also will attend the University of Vermont, study engineering and is looking forward to outdoor adventures.

Alexandra (Ally) Hurdman will be attending Bucknell University in Lewisburg, PA. She will be enrolled in the college of arts and sciences and may pursue a degree in chemistry.

Mary Hyland is going to Drexel University to study Product Design.

Julia Stinneford will attend the University of New Hampshire in the fall of 2017. She plans to major in English/Journalism and minor in History. She also plans to play volleyball at the club level, work on the school newspaper and study abroad. She is excited to finish high school and move onto college.

Peter Stegemann is delighted to attend Western New England University in Springfield, Massachusetts in the Fall of 2017. Peter plans to major in Mechanical Engineering and has been admitted into the MBA program thereafter. Peter plans to play DIII tennis and will join the Race Car Club.

**Congratulations to Spencer Funk, Frederick Goodrich,
Madeline Michaud, Christos Orestis, Caroline Swaney and all the graduates
who will be heading off to new adventures.**

**AND...our congratulations and our prayers for strong and faithful
futures to our other recent college graduates:**

Sam Brown from Fordham University in NYC; **Thomas Fast** from University of Puget Sound, in Washington; **Alison Hayward** from University of Southern Maine; **Mallory Ianno** from Boston College's Carroll School of Management; and **Jacob LaPlante** from Elon University in North Carolina.

If we've missed anyone, please let us know so we can share with parishioners and pass on our well wishes.

Zenith Journey to the Summit of Maine: Katahdin! Thursday – Saturday (2 nights): August 17 – 19

There is nothing else like Katahdin here in Maine. Is it a difficult climb? Yes, but no one has to go all the way to the summit. Is it worth the effort? Absolutely. If you have never made it up Katahdin or even to Baxter State Park, please consider joining Nathan's group. Two nights will be spent in 3-sided shelters (called lean-to's), so no one needs to bring a tent. Most meals are shared, so the work load is minimal. And the food is typically fantastic! It certainly tastes wonderful after a day of mountain climbing. Families can make the climb together. Curious to learn more? Ready to sign up? Contact Nathan at 310-0268 or nathanferrell@smary.org.



Vestry Highlights from your Wardens

The Vestry met on May 17, 2017. We welcomed Betsey McCandless, parishioner and a trustee of the Diocesan Funds, to meet with us to share her insights on estate planning and her role as a trustee of the Diocesan Funds. In June, we will welcome Terry Reimer, CFO of the Diocese of Maine, and Frank Governali, Chairman of the Diocesan Funds, to review very specific questions submitted by our Budget and Finance Committee. Betsey shared that she's been a trustee for 16 years and also serves on the board of Hospice of Maine and the Portland Museum of Art. The Diocese likes to have an attorney as a Diocesan Funds trustee. Betsey fills that role.

On the subject of estate planning, Betsey offered to host a talk for parishioners. We'll schedule her talk for September. She has been a speaker guest of the Alida Greely Brown Heritage Society, Saint Mary's planned giving society. She encourages parishes like ours to provide information for parishioners. The Vestry appreciated Betsey sharing her time with us and for her offers to help our parishioners by offering a general discussion on estate planning.

Bill Gowen gave the treasurer's update. We are heading into the summer months, and it's important for all to keep up on their pledge payments while they are away. We discussed the importance of the Long Range Financial Planning Task Force to begin meeting so that they will have some important information for the budget process. The Budget and Finance Committee will also examine our year to date picture in June and forecast for the summer and fall.

We discussed how to better serve our young families especially with the pressures of daily life and competing activities. We reviewed upcoming activities like Mission Morning, Mass on the Grass and recognition Sunday in June before we switch to the summer schedule.



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

FRESH AIR Mass on the Grass **An eight-week summer study beginning** **Wednesday, June 28, 6:30 PM**

From June 28 to August 16, all Saint Marians are invited to read and reflect together on the presence and work of the Holy Spirit. We will study a book called **Fresh Air: The Holy Spirit for an Inspired Life** from Paraclete Press. Each of the 8 chapters will be presented and discussed at our weekly Mass on the Grass gatherings. Even if you cannot attend, you are encouraged to pick up a copy of the book and read it over the summer. Dr. Levison's insights from Scripture are quite profound, and you are guaranteed to learn something new. A few copies of the book will be available in the Parish Office.

You can hear directly from the author by watching this YouTube video: [Jack Levison talks about Fresh Air](#) .



Outreach Ministry - Serving Near and Far

Saint Mary's Welcomes New Mainers!

Jennifer Gregg, Anne LaFond, Becky Pride

In our hearts, no matter what our backgrounds, no matter where we come from, we all seek love, we all seek compassion, we all seek peace. On May 3rd, we came together in one room in hopes of building a far bigger space in which to grow and share that love, compassion and peace.

The auditorium was filled with people from Saint Mary's, the local immigrant community, members of the Falmouth and Portland communities-at-large and a small representation of non-profit social service providers. All came to hear and learn from three new Mainers who told of their experiences as they try to build a new life in this new land.

The evening began with a beautiful Kinyarwanda traditional dance performed by four Rwandan sisters, Marie, Zine, Christine and Esperance. All four came to America with their father who himself is a minister who was forced to flee to avoid religious persecution.

We then heard of the voyages of Constant and Johnny who are both legal asylees from Burundi and the Congo, respectively. Both were compelled to flee their native countries due to political corruption and exploitation. Constant has been in Maine for 14 months, is a lawyer by training and is seeking entry-level employment as an interpreter to establish himself and his pregnant wife. Johnny, a geologist by training, has been in America for 14 months. Both men are fluent in 6 languages. Last but certainly not least, we heard from Claudette Ndayinshyamba, who came to the United States from Burundi 5 years ago. Now a U.S. Citizen, Claudette has made it her life's mission to help other new Mainers successfully transition to life in America. She works with Opportunity Alliance and has recently founded her own non-profit organization, "In Her Presence," that brings together immigrant women from across communities and generations by creating spaces to support women's empowerment and personal ambitions.



As asylees and refugees, all our presenters would be subject to danger, imprisonment, and/or loss of life were they forced to return to their home countries. All left members of their immediate and extended families, friends, and way of life, perhaps forever; such is their plight. Their stories of arrival in America were both moving and inspiring, as were those shared by several other new Mainers in the audience. For refugees and asylees, there is nothing easy about emigration. It is humbling, scary and difficult on every level to try to make a new life in a new country. Refugees are not "economic immigrants." This is not a question of "just" trying to find a better life, as important as that is for many immigrants coming to America. Rather, it is a question of finding a place where one has a chance to live life freely and safely.

All of these remarkable individuals (and the hundreds like them in the Portland area) are determined to succeed. They are determined to navigate the understandably challenging "system," facing the confounding and demeaning, albeit vital, General Assistance program. Understanding that the key to success is learning English, they spare no effort to gain entry to and graduate from ESL programs offered by Portland Adult Education and other non-profits such as Learning Works and In Her Presence. They all seek to better themselves, to secure stable housing and decent jobs to support themselves and their families. They seek to become productive, American citizens. What came through loud and clear from exchanges and conversations at this event, however, is that what new Mainers seek is to be accepted and treated as fellow human beings. It is this, more than any government or non-profit program, that keeps them in Maine where, unlike in their native lands or other places in the world they have lived, they have found a warm and dignified welcome.

We were proud to offer such a welcome on May 3rd, and we were blessed to have the opportunity to meet these remarkable individuals from whom we all could learn so much. We also learned about many ways we can all, individually and as a parish, assist and come to know our new neighbors better.



Outreach Ministry ~ All Ages Serving Near and Far

Check a few of these opportunities out! Questions? Contact Becky Pride, Anne Lafond or Jennifer Gregg

Spend 2 hours on a Saturday morning speaking English with a group of engaging women at "In Her Presence" inherpresence.wixsite.com/inherpresence/contact

Spend 5 minutes once or twice a week conversing on the phone (or exchanging texts) with new Mainers.

Contact Becky Pride, rebeccapride1@gmail.com

Donate furniture and furnishings to Furniture Friends info@furniturefriends.org

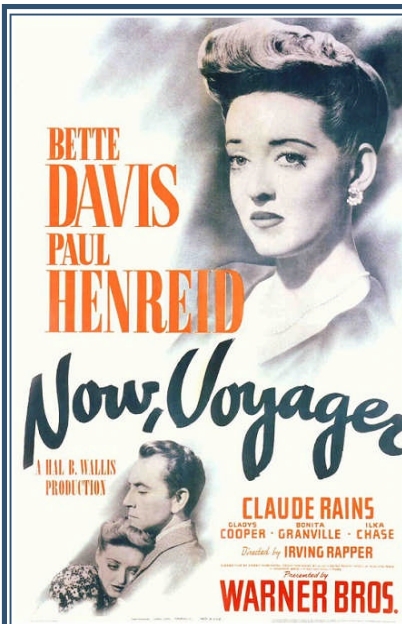
Spend 1.5 hours twice a week tutoring a student or helping students in the classroom to learn English with LearningWorks or Portland Adult Education. www.learningworks.me ; urchm@portlandschools.org

Spend 2 hours on a Tuesday distributing non-perishable goods to immigrants at St. Luke's St. Elizabeth's Jubilee Center www.stlukesportland.org/pages/general/st-elizabeths

Falmouth Foreside 5K Run and Walk



The day was damp but the spirits and energy were high for Falmouth's Annual Run and Walk for Habitat for Humanity raising \$12,000 for future homes.



Classic Cinema

Our monthly **FREE** in-house movie

Presents on June 9 "Now, Voyager"

(1942) Starring: Bette Davis, Paul Henreid, Claude Rains

A frumpy spinster blossoms under therapy and becomes an elegant, independent woman.

Movie begins at 7PM (after Souper Supper)
in the Parish House, and it's free!



Spring Mission Morning at Saint Mary's

May 21 was a beautiful morning graced by glorious spring sunshine and when Saint Marians joined together to walk the path of Jesus. Some visited with the elderly at The Cedars rehabilitation and skilled nursing facilities, leaving marigolds and a bit of love with residents, returning with smiles and full hearts. Others visited the Front Street Community Center to laugh and play with resident children, adding a ray of sunshine to the lives of all who participated. Others prepared spring gardens for and with neighbors in need, clearing the way for flowers to grow and friendships to take root. Still others gathered around a table at Saint Mary's to deepen relationships with each other as they crafted placemats for those in the community receiving the



services of Meals on Wheels.

We all gathered back together at 11:30 for a light lunch (with thanks to Elizabeth Heinzman for the leg-work on that!!) to share joyous stories of our experiences, and headed home with certain knowledge of God's abundance.

Thank you to all who participated. The Outreach Committee wishes all a safe and restorative summer and looks forward to welcoming you to our next Mission Morning next October! ---Jennifer Gregg



MISSION MORNINGS are held three times a year at Saint Mary's (fall, winter and spring,) This is when we have a chance to put God's directive to love our neighbor as ourselves into action and actually make a difference in our communities. They are organized by our Outreach Committee so that we can give back, build relationships, or teach our children that volunteering is important and a great way to start a life of service. Mark your calendars for Saturday, Oct 1 (which closes our portion of Route 88.)

Saint Mary's welcomes Bikers!

Saint Mary's will host the Coastal Drift team of Bike & Build on June 9 - 11 as they travel the 880 miles from Bar Harbor to New York City raising money for affordable housing and stopping to work on local builds along the way.

Bike and Build's mission, through these service-oriented cycling trips, is to benefit affordable housing and empower young adults for a lifetime of service and civic engagement.

The cyclists will join us for Souper Supper on June 9 and give a short presentation on their mission, goals and experiences and will be available to answer any questions. All are welcome and encouraged to attend. They will work on a local Housing project on Saturday and head on their way early Sunday morning. For more information, go to their website, Bike and Build Coastal Drift



Community Souper Supper

June 9 and 23

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.



PLUS, on the 2nd Friday, stay for the **FREE Classic Movie**
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 OR

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!

Register NOW for the Summer 2017 at CAMP BISHOPSWOOD

Located on the shores of Lake Megunticook in the Camden Hills, Bishopswood has been operated by the Diocese of Maine since the early 1960s. There are mini-sessions for first-time campers, multi-week sessions, and a family weekend in addition to the free working weekends above when anyone can stay and eat at camp. See page 9 of this AVE or the website for more information.



The Episcopal Diocese of Maine and Camp Bishopswood invite you to join us for our first-ever Summer Finale Camp. Everyone is welcome! Come and experience a wonderful, meaningful time in this camp community.

At Bishopswood you have the opportunity to unplug, relax, grow, play and enjoy life in God's creation.

SUMMER FINALE WEEK is perfect for:

August 21-27



- ⇒ Families
- ⇒ Single folks
- ⇒ Couples
- ⇒ Retired People
- ⇒ Grandparents and Grand-kids
- ⇒ Young Adults
- ⇒ A special youth camp track for kids in grades 6-12
- ⇒ It's camp for everyone!

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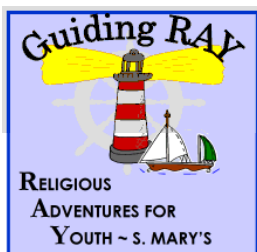


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Christian Formation ~ RAY Beams ~ Spring 2017



In late April we were blessed with a fantastic visit from the St. Cecilia Choir. Thank you to all who helped make the choir kids feel welcomed so that we could all enjoy their glorious music. If you are interested in becoming involved in our own children's choir this fall, please contact Bruce Fithian.

Later on in May, Guiding RAY kids built a Lego tower of the books of the Bible. A challenge and a fun way to learn an overview of the Bible. Another way to learn the books of the Bible ...Bible Book Bingo!

A big thank you to Acolytes Emily Stinneford, Julia Stinneford. Michael Manetti and William Gale for visiting us and sharing their experiences serving at God's table.



Meet Flat Saint Mary! She is based on Flat Stanley, star of a [book](#) by Jeff Brown in which a boy has remarkable adventures after waking up one day to discover he is flattened to half-an-inch thick. The Guiding RAY kids will be making their own Flat Saint Mary (and a few extra to share) to snap photos of during the summer months.

*Take her with you on vacation, to the beach,
the park, and even the gas station. Snap a picture and include her too!*

Remember her son Jesus is always with you.

Post pics on facebook or Instagram

#flatsaintmary

Or send to Beth at smary@smary.org

Let's make this a wonderful way to keep Saint Marian's connected during the summer vacation months. Have fun, be safe, and take a *Flat Saint Mary* with you wherever you go this summer!



Vacation Bible Camp at St. Bart's

WHO IS MY NEIGHBOR?

EXPLORING STORIES OF GOD'S
PEOPLE
MUSIC AND SINGING
CREATING AND PLAYING
OUTDOOR GAMES

June 26-29 from 9 to 12

FMI and to register:

kerrymansir@gmail

St. Bartholomew's, Yarmouth

Coming up:

May 28: This week in Guiding RAY the kids will make Flat Saint Mary's while learning about the mother of Jesus and her devotion to God.

June 4: The Altar Guild will visit Guiding RAY and talk about the way they show their love of God by caring for the altar, vestments, vessels, and altar linens of the parish.

June 11: Last Day of Guiding RAY and First Holy Communion. Families will be in church for the full service as we celebrate our First Communicants. Strawberry shortcake and fun fellowship will follow the 10:00 service.

Guiding RAY Coordinators

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GuidingRAY@smary.org, 415-4260

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

Guiding RAY Teachers and Classroom Volunteers

Sandy Couch-Kelly, Hannah de Sorbo,

Dee Dee Fournier, Heather Gale,

Penny Guyton, Julie Otte,

Vanessa Record, Roberta Stothart



Camp Bishopswood

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

Register NOW for the Summer 2017 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.

Register your child or yourself now at www.bishopswood.org.

Youth Camp - Ages 8-16

Session 1

YC 1: July 2 - 8 *Pirate Week*
YC 2: July 9 – July 15 *Reality Show Game*
YC 3: July 16 – July 22 *Bishopswoodstock*
YC 4: July 23– July 29 *Holiday*

* This week will have a modified schedule.

Session 2

YC 5: July 30 – Aug 5 *Color War **
YC 6: Aug 6 – Aug 12 *International*
YC 7: Aug 13 – Aug 19 *Cartoon Week*



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

MiniCamp - Ages 6-8

MC I: July 2 - 4
MC II: July 6-8
MC:III: July 30 - Aug 1

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.

Christian Formation ~ High Schoolers & Middlers



Every single high school student in the Casco Bay area is INVITED to gather for an amazing club at Laine Legere's house (56 Quiet Lane in Portland). This is crazy fun and growing each week. FMI: visit www.younglifecb.com

Young Life Club: Monday nights at 7:31 PM!

June 2017
Tip of the Month

Help Your Graduate Celebrate Safely!



Illegal substance use is a risk and a choice that has consequences

- Colleges can take away acceptances or scholarships for illegal behavior- *be cautious of social media postings*
- Limited job opportunities- licenses or certifications may not be issued

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Casco Bay CAN

CREATE AWARENESS NOW
TOGETHER, PREVENTING YOUTH SUBSTANCE USE

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We thoroughly enjoyed the Royal School of Church Music guest, the St. Cecilia youth choir, from St. Luke's Church in East Greenwich RI, during their visit with us on the weekend of April 30. Special thanks to Rodney Ayers for setting up this visit. The young people had a great time singing, eating ice-cream, visiting Portland Head Light and gracing us with their lovely voices Saturday evening and during the service Sunday morning.

We look forward to starting our own RSCM program here at Saint Mary's in September and would love to hear from parents who would like their children to benefit from this wonderful organization as well as folks who would like to assist in the organization of this worthwhile venture. Please see Bruce Fithian, so that we can prepare for the logistics in September (choir anthem books, cassocks, music work books, etc.) To help, to participate or for more information contact Bruce Fithian RSCM@smary.org



St Mary Schola

Bruce Fithian, Music Director

Saturday June 10 Church of Saint Mary's, Falmouth
7:30 PM Pre-concert Talk 7 PM

Tuesday June 13 Saint Luke's Cathedral, Portland
7:30 PM Pre-concert Talk 7 PM

Friday June 16 Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Portland
7:30 PM Pre-concert Talk 7 PM

Tickets \$20 | Students FREE
stmaryschola.org

St Mary Schola, a 501(c)(3) non-profit, is Maine's only professional early music ensemble



Altar Flower Delivery ~ Once every 4-6 weeks...bring a smile to a face!

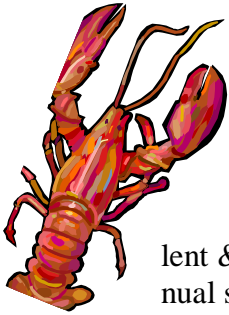
As part of the Caring Circle Ministries, the Altar Flower Delivery Guild is responsible for delivering the flowers that grace the altar each week to parishioners who are ill, homebound, or who are observing a special birthday or anniversary. It's one delightful way of extending our Sunday worship to those for whom we have prayed. Presently, we are a small team of dedicated members and would dearly like to expand our Guild. Please consider your participation in this giving ministry. If you have any questions or would like to learn more or become a member, please contact Betsy Stoddard, jbstod@myfairpoint.net



Enjoy several Concerts, Bach on a Blanket, Sing-Along, Bach & Beer, Bachtails, Master classes all at several venues that include: The Church of Saint Mary, The Cathedral of St. Luke, Ocean Gateway, Etz Chaim Synagogue and Bayside Bowl

Concerts at Saint Mary's include: Sunday, June 18 at 6:30pm and June 25 at 6:30pm with a Cantata Sing-along on Wed., June 21 at 6pm

For more information: www.portlandbachfestival.org/



Saint Mary's Church 13th Annual **Lobster Bake & Auction** **Saturday, August 12**



Come One, Come All to Saint Mary's 13th Annual Lobster Bake and Silent & Live Auction on Saturday, August 12th. Please mark your calendar for this annual summer event! Beginning at 4:30 pm, rain or shine, join fellow parishioners, friends and neighbors for fun, fellowship and feasting held on our beautiful campus of

Saint Mary's. Bring your own appetizers and libations. At 6 pm, a succulent lobster and steamer dinner, BBQ chicken dinner or grilled burgers and hotdogs will be served. \$30 for lobster dinner, \$10 for a BBQ chicken dinner and \$5 for a burger or hot dog dinner. To reserve your meal, contact Beth in the office 781-3366, admin@smary.org or Betsy & Jim Stoddard, 829-2026, jbstod@myfairpoint.net

Silent & Live Auction

Starting at 4:30 pm you have the opportunity to bid on fantastic gifts, experiences and services offered for auction by your fellow parishioners and local merchants. Once again we are asking for your help. We have already received silent auction items! We are looking for Live Auction items, such as a stay at your vacation home, original handiwork or any unique experience. Can you offer a service, such as gardening, chauffeuring, handyman work, dog sitting, etc? Can you offer an experience: tickets to sporting events, symphony or theater tickets, a special outing, a themed dinner? Gift certificates to salons, garden nurseries and restaurants are VERY popular. Not sure what to donate or prefer the auction committee do your shopping? We will gladly accept your monetary donation and purchase gift items on your behalf. Kindly give this some consideration and remember, no offering is too small. Contact Jim & Betsy Stoddard, jbstod@myfairpoint.net with any questions.

Think Sparkles First ... Even in Summer!



As many of you know, we are taking donations for the Sparkles Boutique year-round! If you have something you'd like to donate now, and don't want to store it until fall, please let us know!

Please contact Onnie Hastings (HASTBOBON@msn.com/671-6073), Kathy Galen (kathleendaisy@aol.com/(603) 723-5145) or Jana Burke (jana.burke@gmail.com/272-4535) to make arrangements.



We also offer pick up services if you need help with items. Many, many thanks to those who have already donated things this spring.

Ever wish there was an easy way to get a little involved with Saint Mary's and still have your busy life?

Well, there isBECOME AN USHER!

Your turn would happen once a month at most; there's no preparation; there's no homework; there's no monthly meeting.

But there's purpose, fellowship, worship, a sense of belonging, and you're helping out!

Interested? Contact Jack Heinzman for more information: jackheinzman@gmail.com

OR

If you are interested in becoming a reader/lector or Eucharistic Minister, please contact Becky Pride at rebeccapride1@gmail.com or call 781-4391



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)

Congratulations and "well done!" to David Velek on acquiring his DDS.

Yay!

For John Fournier who has sharpened all the knives in the kitchen!!

Thank you to Priscilla Rigg for her help in inviting the St. Cecilia Choir from East Greenwich, RI to visit us to share their talents with us.

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Anne Lafond for again leading and managing a successful 5K Run/Walk to benefit Habitat for Humanity--even in the pouring rain!

Thank you to the Hurdman Family, Smith-Hubbard Family and the Bowne Family for housing the choristers.

For the White Tornadoes who have given us a spotless and organized kitchen

THANKS!

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Thanks to Pat Studley and Tricia Wheeler for manning the phones while Beth was away.

Thank you to the Herlihy family (Aleece, Joe, Joseph & Joshua) for hosting a mega-coffee hour for the visiting choristers.

Coffee Hour – Hosts Needed

We need volunteers for the 10:00 service Coffee Hour. Please keep in mind that Coffee Hour is meant to be a quick parish gathering with coffee and juice available for children, along with a couple of store bought or home baked treats. Most Sundays, coffee is already made (thanks to Hugh & Mary Smith!) so hosts would do a simple set up and clean up. Remember the importance of Coffee Hour is the gathering together of our parish family.

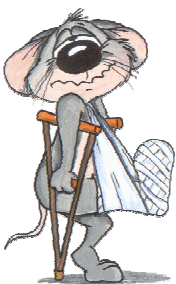
We need your involvement – Ask another person or family to host with you!!

Coffee Hour can't happen every Sunday unless we have more volunteers. The sign-up sheet is outside the Guild Room. Kindly consider this ministry once or twice a year. Contact Betsy Stoddard, 829-2026 or jbstod@myfairpoint.net if you have questions. Thanks.



HOSPITAL VISITATIONS & PATIENT CONFIDENTIALITY

Policies about patient confidentiality continue to change and become more restrictive. Maine Medical Center (MMC) will no longer keep or share generalized information on a patient's religion. If someone registers as "Episcopalian," this information will no longer be communicated to anyone else. They will only share information with a minister from our parish if a patient specifically registers as a member of "The Episcopal Church of Saint Mary in Falmouth" or "Saint Mary's, Falmouth." If you or a member of your family need to be admitted to a hospital for care, please register specifically as a member of our parish community so that we can support you with care, love and sacramental support.



Falmouth Congregational Church
(267 Falmouth Road, Falmouth, 781-3413)
invites all to their monthly

Coffee House

Friday, June 9 - Doors open at 6:30pm

Enjoy a specialty coffee and snack while listening to

Choro Louco

beautiful melodies, complex harmonies, and syncopated rhythms combine elements of European folk and classical, ragtime, jazz, Latin, and African music creating a style that is uniquely Brazilian.

Bring your friends and neighbors for a relaxed evening out. All welcome!

Refreshments. Free, but donations accepted.



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

Happy June Birthdays to:

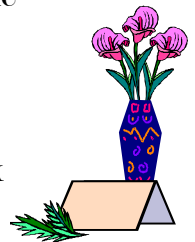


2	Anders Hesson	10	William Gale		
2	Robby Hurdman	10	Chance Guyton	18	Alexa Meek
2	Eliza Mellon	13	Stuart Whittier	19	Robert Cheney
3	Declan Frueh	13	Kim Wing	20	Rob Baldacci
3	Emily Stinneford	14	Charlotte Squire	20	John Isacke
4	Joel Harris	15	Carla Birt	21	Kevin Browne
4	Alison Hayward	15	Darren Clark	22	Marge Devine
5	Irwin Gratz	15	Michael Ianno	22	TJ Frongillo
5	Jennifer Kane	15	Sarah Kelly	23	Charlie Cott
5	Julie Otte	15	Helga Ryder	23	Sheila Donaldson
5	George Street	16	Jamie Frueh	23	Fiona Ferrell
8	Tommy Bazarian	17	Ellie Bryant	24	Mamie Whittier
8	Kitty Babson	17	Andrew Edwards	25	Christine Davik
9	John Edwards	17	Celia Funk	30	Margaret Fenderson
9	Anna Vigue	18	Peter Kyros	30	Pat Mordecai

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 JUNE ANNIVERSARY WISHES TO:

1	Katherine & Bernie Echavarri	17	Ginny & Lincoln Stelk
3	Emily & Tim Kearins	19	Nadine & Bob Timberlake
7	Kitty & Roland Peixotto	20	Rayle & Ed Ainsworth
8	Carla & Arthur Birt	22	Kathy & Mike Edwards
8	Lucy Ellis & George Bokinsky	25	Nathan & Erin Ferrell
8	Barbara & Roger Murray	25	Missy & Chris Smithwick
12	Kim & Michael Wing	27	Linda & Stan Eaton
14	Melissa & Jim Kane	29	Mary & Al Ahlers



Adopt a Bed

Interested in "adopting" a bed on our beautiful campus? Pick any area and think of it as your own! Your commitment would simply be to keep an eye on it and weed it, as needed. Note that this work does not include the formal beds behind the chapel that are beautifully maintained by members of St. Mary's Garden Club. Contact Lucy Ellis, Landscape Team (cell) 450-3650.

The Episcopal Church of Saint Mary Worship Leader Schedule: June - July 2017

	8am Ushers	8am EM/Lectors	10am Ushers	10am Lector	10am Euch Minister	10am Acolytes	Altar Guild	Altar Flowers	Flower Delivery	Coffee Hour Host
28-May Easter 7	Jim Kane Al Ahlers	Mary Ann Mc	Ryan Stinneford Aaron Splint	Andrea M-H	Andrea M-H David Robinson	Julia & Emily Maggie	Janet, Mary L & Maggie	Lynne	The Stoddards	Ben Otte
4-Jun Pentecost	Charlie Hurdman Len Taylor	Becky Pride	Tom LaPlante Jack Heinzman	Greg Unfricht	Greg Unfricht Jim Stoddard	Lauren Kevin & Kyle	Kelly, Janet & Kathy	Hannah & Helga	Ruth Kimball	Angela Kase
11-Jun Trinity	Ed Ainsworth Rayle Ainsworth	Al Ahlers	Chuck Horton Tom Stegemann	Stan Eaton	Stan Eaton Jeff Campbell	Maggie, Sam & William	Mary S., Jana & Betsy	Hannah & Helga	The Hortons	Strawberry Shortcake
18-Jun Pentecost 2	Dave Fenderson Tom Donaldson	Lad Taylor	9:30am Ryan Stinneford Aaron Splint	9:30am Jennifer Gregg	9:30am Nadine T Terry Brown	~	Portia, Kelly & Nece	Onnie & Jana	The Stoddards	OPEN
25-Jun Pent 3	Baer Connard Jim Kane	Len Taylor	Jack Heinzman Tom LaPlante	Betsy Stoddard	Maggie Gardner Nadine T	~	Katie, Janet & Mary L	Jessica	Ruth Kimball	OPEN
2-Jul Pent 4	tbd	Mary Ann McLean	tbd	Marian McCue	Andrea M-H Tom Pettingill	~	Tricia & Maggie	Lynne S.	The Hortons	OPEN
9-Jul Pent 5	tbd	Becky Pride	tbd	Will Solomon	David Robinson Jim Stoddard	~	Mary S, Betsy & Kathy	Onnie	The Stoddards	The Hastings
16-Jul Pent 6	tbd	Greg Unfricht	tbd	Nadine T.	Nadine T.	~	Katie, Mary L & Janet	Melissa	Ruth Kimball	OPEN
23-Jul Pent 7	tbd	Al Ahlers	tbd	David Robinson	David Robinson	~	Maggie & Jane	Maura F.	The Hortons	OPEN
30-Jul Pent 8	tbd	Lad Taylor	tbd	Erin Ferrell	Terry Brown	~	Portia & Nece	Jan & Jana	The Stoddards	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



June 2017

The Episcopal Church of Saint Mary



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
5/28 Ascension Sunday 8:00am Contemplative Eucharist followed by coffee hour 9:30am Family Chapel 9:45am Guiding RAY begins 10:00am Choral Eucharist followed by coffee hour	5/29 Office Closed Memorial Day 10am Town PARADE with refreshments at SM 12 - Play wherever you are 12 - Play wherever you are	5/30 9am - SM volunteers at St Elizabeth's 10:30am - Wisdom Seekers 12 Noonday Prayer 1pm Staff meeting 6-9pm Scholar rehearsal 7pm AA in Auditorium 7:30 A/Anon (6:30 beginners)	5/31 Noonday Prayer 6pm Bach rehearsal	6/1 12 - Chapel Eucharist 6:15pm - Downers 1pm - Caring Circle 7pm SM Choir rehearsal	2 Office Closed 12 - Play wherever you are 4:30pm Wedding rehearsal 5:30pm AlAnon	3 8-10:30 Pine Grove School 5K 4pm - Hour of Prayer Bohrsen Wedding
4 The Day of Pentecost Graduate Recognition 8:00am Contemplative Eucharist followed by coffee hour 9:30am Family Chapel 9:45am Guiding RAY begins 10:00am Choral Eucharist followed by coffee hour 3-5pm Piano recital rehearsal in Aud	5 12 Noonday Prayer 6pm - Tai Chi class in aud	6 9:30a Art Group in Aud 10:30am - Wisdom Seekers 12 Noonday Prayer 1pm Staff meeting 3:30pm Executive Committee 4:30pm Outreach meeting 6-9pm Scholar rehearsal 7pm AA in Auditorium 7:30 A/Anon (6:30 beginners)	7 9-12 GC workshop in IL 10 - Mainely Weavers 12 Noonday Prayer Bach Festival rehearsal	8 12 - Chapel Eucharist 7pm SM Choir rehearsal	9 Office Closed 12 - Play wherever you are Bike & Builders arrive 5-7pm Souper w/B&B presentation 5:30pm AlAnon	10 1-5pm First Holy Communion Retreat 7:30pm Schola Concert Bishopswood Adult retreat
11 Trinity Sunday Youth Sunday, First Communion and Choir Appreciation 8:00am Contemplative Eucharist followed by Strawberry shortcake 9:30am First Communion meeting 9:45am Guiding RAY begins 10:00am Choral Eucharist followed by Strawberry shortcake feast 1-5pm Horton shower	12 10-a2p Garden Club 12 Noonday Prayer 12:30pm Office Angel Luncheon 6pm - Tai Chi class	13 9:30 Art Group in Aud 10:30am - Wisdom Seekers 12 Noonday Prayer 1pm - Get Stitching 1pm Staff meeting 6-7:30 - OC workshop 7pm AA in Auditorium 7:30 A/Anon (6:30 beginners)	14 12 Noonday Prayer 6pm - Bach rehearsal in Sanctuary	15 12 - Chapel Eucharist Season Finale 6pm - OC dress rehearsal in Sanctuary	16 Office Closed 12 - Play wherever you are 5:30pm AlAnon 6pm - Bach rehearsal in Sanctuary 6:30pm CM rehearsal in Aud	17 11am Charlie Dayton Memorial & reception 1pm - Bach rehearsal
18 2nd Sunday after Pentecost Happy Father's Day Start of Summer Schedule 8am Contemplative Eucharist 9:30am Choral Eucharist 6:30pm Bach Festival Opening Concert & Bach on a Blanket	19 12 Noonday Prayer 6pm - Tai Chi	20 9:30 Art Group in Aud 10:30am Wisdom Seekers 12 - Noonday Prayer 1pm Get Stitching 1pm Staff meeting 7pm AA in Auditorium 7:30 A/Anon (6:30 beginners) July AVE deadline	21 12 Noonday Prayer 6pm Vestry meeting 6pm Bach Festival Cantata Sing-Along	22 12 Noonday Prayer 6pm - Christina Morrill School piano & voice recital - Aud	23 Office Closed 12 - Play wherever you are Wedding rehearsal 5-7pm Souper 5:30pm AlAnon Bach rehearsals	24 Am Bach rehearsals 4pm Poirot-Meulier Wedding - non SM
25 3rd Sunday after Pentecost Celebrant: Rev. Tom White 8am Contemplative Eucharist 9:30am Choral Eucharist 4-6pm Concert rehearsal 6:30pm Bach Festival Closing Concert	26 12 Noonday Prayer 6pm - Tai Chi	27 10:30am Wisdom Seekers 12 Noonday Prayer 1pm Get Stitching 7pm AA in Auditorium 7:30 A/Anon (6:30 beginners)	28 12 Noonday Prayer 6:30pm Mass on the Grass	29 Feast of Saints Peter and Paul 12 Noonday Prayer 6:15pm - Downers	30 Office Closed 12 - Play wherever you are 5:30pm AlAnon	7/1





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Our Worship Schedule

SUNDAY Hours

8:00am - *Contemplative Eucharist*
10:00am - **(9:30 beginning June 18)**
C horal Eucharist

MONDAY - THURSDAY

Noon Day Prayer in the Chapel
and wherever you find yourself

WEDNESDAYS

6:30pm - *Mass on the Grass*
(beginning 6/28) - see page 3 for details)

THURSDAYS

12noon - *Holy Eucharist*
(June 15th is last Thursday
service for the summer)



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Copy deadline July 2017 AVE is **June 20**

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