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Saint Mary's AVE

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"GREETINGS MARY, FULL OF GRACE."

The Episcopal Church of Saint Mary - Falmouth, Maine



From the Rector: Time To Get Moving!

"Do you not know that in a race the runners all compete, but only one receives the prize? Run in such a way that you may win it." (1 Corinthians 9:24)

Spring has arrived! And it's time to start moving and exercising. A growing number of reputable medical studies have pointed to direct links between our physical fitness, our mental acuity, and our emotional health. Because we are incarnational beings made up of body, mind and spirit, it only makes sense to consider that our spiritual well-being is also connected to all of these. When the Fourth Gospel teaches that Jesus came so that we might have "life to the fullest" (John 10:10, Common English Bible), it is clear that this entails an integration of all the different elements of human life. God intends for us to be intentional about wellness in all areas, including our physical fitness.

In the month of May, we are sponsoring a few different events which can help all of us to have a fuller and more abundant life. If you are not ready to run, then the Habitat 5K on May 6 may be perfect for you. You can jog, run or walk this course along Foreside Road in a fun, friendly environment. Dogs and kids on bikes are usually involved and free snacks are included. The Casco Bay 5K takes place on May 20. Please NOTE that this has been changed from a 21K race to a 5K race to make it more accessible to the broader community. To improve your health even further, each of these events will be held on Saturdays beginning at 9 AM – which means that you can participate in both of these while still getting your Saturday morning extra sleep AND joining us for the Eucharist on Sundays. Registration details for both events are included inside this AVE. Of course, another good reason to come out for these is to support excellent organizations making a tangible difference in our communities.

This is what it means to be church – a distinct community called together by the Author of Life to reflect God's goodness in how we live our everyday lives. So let's run this race together with a determination to win! To be the best that we can be! I look forward to seeing you out on the road with your sneakers on.

Nathan W. Ferrell +

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SUMMER FINALE WEEK is perfect for:

August 21-27



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.

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

“MISSION MORNING” at Saint Mary's

May 21, 9:00 am-Noon

“The reward for kindness...is the electricity of giving that keeps us alive.” - Mark Nepo

Our next “Mission Morning” at Saint Mary's is just around the corner on Sunday, May 21. Parishioners of all ages (this is VERY family friendly) are invited to gather in the Auditorium at 9am (directly following the 8am Eucharist) for a short reflection, after which we will disperse in small groups into the community for various projects. We return at 11:30 for fellowship and a quick lunch. ***The nursery will be available for our youngest parishioners (up to 3 ½ years) from 9am-12noon.***

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



**Help to BE
the difference**

- ◇ **Morning at Milestone.** Planting flowers with residents of the Milestone Residential Treatment Program in Old Orchard.
- ◇ **Bringing Spring to Seniors.** Bring marigolds to and visit with residents at The Cedars convalescent home, leaving your “touch of spring” with them! *(Family Friendly!)*
- ◇ **Art Project.** Stay at Saint Mary's to create placemats for ‘Meals On Wheels’ recipients. *(Family Friendly!)*
- ◇ **Spring Clean-up for Neighbors in Need.** Indoor and outdoor projects at homes of fellow parishioners and a Falmouth Food Pantry Client *(Family Friendly!)*
- ◇ **Front Street Community Center.** Together with the neighborhood children, we will beautify, and add plantings so they may grow and share in the pride of their community center.

God and Country

April 23, 2017 was a historic day at Saint Mary's. Sunday afternoon, about 75 people gathered to witness Father Nathan take the oath of office to serve as a chaplain in United States Navy Reserves. While our founder was a distinguished military officer, this was the first documented military swearing in ceremony in the church. Captain Mark Winter (and parishioner) administered the oath of office; parishioners and Naval officers, Shae Bickerstaff and JD Walker were also in attendance. The program including singing the Navy Hymn and the National Anthem. Father Nathan thanked his family and the parish for supporting him through this process. In his remarks, Captain Winter noted that Erin is now an Army mom and Navy wife! It's worth noting that Father Nathan outranks his son, Angus, a cadet at the US Military Academy...for now!



Vestry Highlights from your Wardens

The Vestry met on April 19; Bishop Lane was our guest. This was the second half of his official visit, as he came for confirmation in December 2016, but there wasn't time to meet with leadership. We had a lengthy discussion with him. He shared his views on the health of the Diocese with us. He feels that we have made great strides in recovering from the recession. Attendance overall is up, and finances are generally better. There are no plans to close any parishes this year. He also said that we are in a staffing crunch. Several years ago, the Church Pension Group incentivized clergy to retire, but they did not retire as hoped. The result was little room for new clergy. Now they are retiring, and we have more Millennials as priests than we do Gen Xers. We had 7 priests and 11 deacons retire last year. Combined with tight finances at the state-level following the recession, more congregations are relying on part-time priests. For more details on his comments, please contact Janet Bowne.



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

The Budget and Finance Committee presented the audit for 2016. The Vestry accepted the audit with gratitude to all who prepared it. The audit showed no irregularities but, as always, gave us opportunities to continue to improve our processes going forward. A special thanks to Beth for her dedicated work with the Budget and Finance Committee. The Vestry voted to accept the 2016 Audit with thanks to Garry Bowne, David Robinson and all who worked on it.

We accepted and approved the Budget and Finance Committee's nomination to add Pat Mordecai to the Committee with thanks to her for service.

We have not yet met our pledge goal of \$285,000 for 2017. Some parishioners have opted to give but not state a pledge. We don't know their annual intention. We are hopeful, as we've seen in the past years, that we will be able to meet our financial goals through general unplanned support. As in 2016, we ended up meeting our pledge goal but the uncertainty is unsettling with a planned budget deficit. We need to monitor this situation closely and encourage giving whenever we can.

Father Nathan is due for a sabbatical in 2018. The plans are evolving. He plans to share the details with us in June.

Thank you to the Vestry members for calling all potential confirmands. If anyone is interested in being confirmed, please contact Father Nathan.

Father Nathan is offering a companion book study with Mass on the Grass for an alternative summer worship program. Stay tuned for more information as it's available.

Respectfully,
Jim Kane and Janet Bowne

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 which 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



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.

Outreach Ministry ~ All Ages Serving Near and Far

How we are welcoming New Mainers

The two great commandments: And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and all your strength. You shall love your neighbor as yourself. ~ Mark 12:30-31

Yes, Lent is over, but our Outreach Lenten Mission is not!! The May 3, Welcome New Mainers Event will be an opportunity for many of us to learn about the immigrant community: where they came from, the challenges they face, and the many opportunities available to help them become fluent, educated, successful citizens.

In the April AVE, Becky introduced you to a few of her friends. Anne and Jennifer would like you to meet Galbed, Hajar and Alaa.

Anne has been helping students prepare for One hundred questions about government, History and Geography make the test most difficult, but by the time they are ready to take the exam, they are more versed in American History and Government than many of us who were born here.

Two of the students Anne has been tutoring in preparation for naturalization are Galbed Gulled and Hajar Jafari. Galbed, a Somali refugee, came to Portland alone in 2001. Coming from a rural area in Somalia, she never learned to read or write in her own language. Once here, she was able to get a job as a clerk at Goodwill on Forest Ave. and has been there for 14 years. Her conversational English is excellent, but reading and writing have challenges. After 5 years of studying, between working two jobs and taking English classes, she finally passed the Citizenship test on March 6th, 2017.



After a long, painful journey, Galbed can finally call this country her home. She is very proud of her American citizenship, and she loves Maine: "I love the trees, the ocean, the people. I feel safe in Maine."

Hajar is a refugee from Afghanistan. In 2012, Hajar came to Portland with her two sons, who at the time were 11 and 17. She learned a little English at the Slovakian refugee camp, but over the past five years has learned more on her own and become very proficient. Her oldest son is now at SMCC, and her youngest is a junior at Portland High School. Hajar is working at a uniform company and at Sea Bags as a stitcher. Sometime this summer she hopes to take her Citizenship test. She wants more than anything for her sons and herself to be American citizens.

It is a privilege to tutor, but also to learn and to appreciate the civic pride these refugees have for America and for being Americans. Being a citizenship tutor is an enriching experience. These new friends have taught me far more than I have taught them.



Jennifer has recently established a tutoring relationship with Alaa, who came to the United States from Iraq with her husband seven years ago. The couple has since acquired US citizenship and is raising a family in Portland (including her 3 year-old daughter, pictured on next page.) Alaa is currently a stay-at-home mom,

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while her husband works full time for Wal-Mart. She seeks to develop her English language skills to the level that will permit her to pursue higher education. Her objective is to secure a good job, possibly in the medical field. As she pursues this path, she most recently passed her DMV permit test, which was no mean feat! (Think back to the day you took that written test and imagine passing it in a language that is not your own!)

Jennifer and Alaa study together twice a week for 90 minutes, and Jennifer confesses that her own motivation has much to do with developing a relationship with Alaa and learning from her: learning her hopes, her struggles, her dreams...and in that way, seeing God at work through Alaa's life.

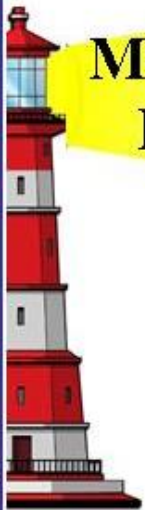
On May 3rd, from 6:30 – 8:00, you will have an opportunity to meet these amazing new neighbors of ours. Please join us !!

WELCOME, *NEW* MAINERS!

Please join us on

Wed, May 3 from 6:30-8PM

Saint Mary's Episcopal Church
43 Foreside Rd, Falmouth



Meet some of our newest Mainers.

Learn about their journeys, hopes, and dreams.

Learn how you can help shine some light!

Coffee, tea, dessert for all! Join us!

For information, contact Anne LaFond
akblafond@gmail.com, 266-0475

Two incredible reasons to Run, Race or Walk

Falmouth Foreside 5K Run and Walk

Saturday, May 6, 2017



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 for individuals, \$30 race day
\$10 - Student registration Cash prizes!

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

PRE-REGISTER!



The Casco Bay 5K

Run, Walk & Race

SATURDAY, May 20, 2017

9 AM start at Saint Mary's
All proceeds support Young Life Casco Bay

- ♦ We'll run the 2.5 Kilometers up Foreside Road and then back to Pine Grove School parking lot across from Saint Mary's.
- ♦ All proceeds go toward supporting the work of Young Life Casco Bay with youth in all Casco Bay communities. Early entrance discounts!
- ♦ T-shirts, goodie bags, massages, official timing and results with awards for best times
- ♦ FMI, contact jordandroge@gmail.com



REGISTER NOW at www.younglifeCB.com

Community Souper Supper

May 12 and 26

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!



Camp Bishopswood

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Spring Work Weekend

May 19 - 21

PLEASE JOIN US for our Annual Spring Volunteer Work Weekend to clear away winter and prepare the Camp for summer.

Wash windows and walls, clear trails, prepare cabins and camp sites, set up the swim area, and more.

Stay for the weekend or join us for the day on Saturday.

Lodging and meals provided. Donations appreciated.

Bring your work gloves, sturdy shoes, clothes for layering, bedding, toiletries, shop vacs, tool kits and your camp spirit.

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 of our famous congo bars.

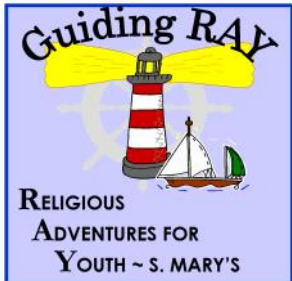
For schedule and related costs, visit the website
www.bishopswood.org

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 the website for more information.



Christian Formation ~ RAY Beams ~ Spring 2017



Spring is here and what better way to welcome it than by enjoying beautiful music that the St. Cecelia choir will share with us this Sunday. Our plans to have our own Royal School of Church Music program are well under way for the fall. Linking music and liturgy is a wonderful way to enrich the spiritual lives of our children and prepare them to be able to participate in music throughout life.



Lent and Holy Week were a busy time for our Guiding RAY children. We observed the season by talking about Lenten disciplines and hearing the Godly Play stories of the life of Jesus. We enjoyed working on being reverent and solemn during this important time of the year, but we also appreciated learning about other traditions such as Ukrainian eggs. A special thank you goes to Mrs. Otte and Mrs. Fournier for helping us to learn about and color our own Ukrainian eggs. Thank you so much for sharing your time and talent with us!



Dee Dee Fournier teaching the kids the tradition of Ukrainian eggs.

Have you heard about the model of the Temple? The older Guiding RAY kids can share a wealth of information with you about the history, construction and importance of Solomon's Temple. They built, learned and prepared to set their model on fire during The Great Easter Vigil. A hands-on learning experience that balanced fun and formation. Our Temple has now returned to dust. And just in case you missed it....here are a few pictures.

Fr. Nathan lighting the new fire at the Great Vigil.



Building the Temple



The finished Temple



The Great Easter Vigil. Just before lighting the Temple.

Coming Up:

May 6th: Habitat Run/Walk—Great for families!

May 7th: Books of the Bible

May 14th: Acolytes will visit Guiding RAY

May 21st: Mission Morning—No Guiding RAY program—Instead join us for family friendly activities that will help our neighbors in need. Nursery care available.

Guiding RAY Coordinators

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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!

May 2017
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

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TOGETHER, PREVENTING YOUTH SUBSTANCE USE
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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.



Buildings & Grounds Update

by Jim Stoddard, Chair

We can try to say *Spring has sprung* but let's say it quietly. We had a general cleanup of branches, twigs and leaves. Another round coming to make the the campus will look spectacular for Memorial Day.

As promised in the last AVE, we will give you an update and comparison of utility costs since our conversion from heating oil to natural gas. The facts are as follows:

Utility Costs	October 2015-April 2016	October 2016-April 2017
Heating	\$8,212 (Oil)	\$7,551 (Gas)
Electricity	\$5,297	\$4,152
Water/Sewer	\$2,547	\$2,390

The improvements are positive and even more so when one takes into consideration that 2015-16 was a relatively mild winter versus the cold and snowy winter of 2016-17.

I will now make a hypothetical evaluation to show that the conversion was most advantageous for us. Our oil contract for 2014-15 was for 8,000 gallons, and we consumed that much as it was a cold winter. In 2015 -16 we consumed 5,542 gallons of heating oil for the three buildings and that was a mild winter, as I had previously stated. For 2016-17, which was colder, we would have consumed close to an 8,000 oil contract. The average cost of heating oil for this was about \$1.95. That would have put the cost of heating our buildings at \$15,600 versus \$7,551. The one caveat is that we continue to pay a service fee for natural gas throughout the year versus a heating bill from October to April. We turn off the furnaces from the middle of May thru the middle of September. So that is my analysis of heating costs for Saint Mary. Feel free to ask me or any member of the Buildings & Grounds crew if you have further questions.

Jim Stoddard, Building and Grounds, Chairman

Town of Falmouth's Memorial Day Parade, May 29, 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 29 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.

St. Mary's
garden club

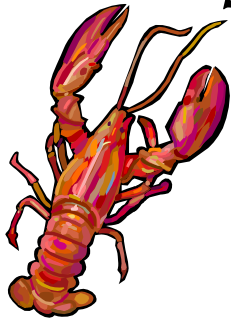
plant sale

Saturday, May 20
9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

St. Mary's Church
43 Foreside Rd. Falmouth

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annuals • perennials • grasses •
herbs •



Saint Mary's Church 13th Annual

Lobster Bake & Auction

Save the Date!

Saturday, August 12



Mark your calendar for this annual summer event held on the beautiful campus of Saint Mary's. Join fellow parishioners, friends and neighbors for fun, fellowship and feasting! More details to follow in the June AVE. For now, kindly be thinking about the **Auction** part of this event. Generous offerings by so many parishioners are what makes for a successful auction! Themed gift baskets, homemade items, gift certificates to restaurants, sporting events, concerts, and salons are all bestsellers. Can you offer an experience, sharing something you love to do? Any good antiques you care to part with? It's not too early to start planning. So please consider an offering and as always thanks for your support. Contact Jim & Betsy Stoddard jbstod@myfairpoint.net with any questions.

Churchyard Burial Lots

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

Churchyard Areas

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

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

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

The next steps: Walk the areas and select a general location, maps are available, meet with Beth or a Churchyard Committee Member and select a specific lot, complete the transaction, receive a Certificate of Utilization and notify family of your selection. Half lots cost \$500 while the full lots cost \$1000 with options for full body and multiple cremains.



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



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)

Thanks to Maggie Gardner who washed and ironed all the choir cassocks and cottas. Hours of work, and it is so appreciated.

Yay!

Thanks to Nece Caratelli for the deep cleaning she's done in several areas of the kitchen and equipment. Looks great!

Seen the latest Outreach Bulletin Board? It looks fabulous because of the Judith Brooks. Thanks for your talent and time!

Reminders

Kudos to all our wonderful acolytes and their families for serving during the school year on top of their busy school, social and athletic schedules. Thank you to: Grace Brown, Meghan Curran, William Gale, Maggie Gardner, Samantha Heinzman, Joseph Herlihy, Joshua Herlihy, George Holt, Ellie Holt, Maggie Holt, Sarah Kelly, Kevin Lamberson, Lauren Lamberson, Kyle Lamberson, Michael Manetti, Julia Stinneford & Emily Stinneford. And a special Thank You to Julia Stinneford for serving as an acolyte for 7 years. Also congrats to Julia for HS graduation and good luck at UNH next year.



Good Friday Blood Drive Report: We checked in 22 donors, and according to the Red Cross, they had 15 usable pints. The goal was 20 donors and 12 usable pints. There's always room for improvement, but we are happy with the results.

Thanks sooo much to our regular helpers - John Fournier, our computer check-in expert, and our hostesses DeeDee Fournier, Marti Galli, and Betsy Stoddard. With a huge thank you to Jana Burke for organizing and being there all day to assure that things went smoothly. It is such a wonderful outreach, as well as a benefit for the Red Cross. One donor said she is moving to OceanView, and looking for a new church home; hopefully we will see her back for services.

A letter to a fine man,

So often we see thanks written in the AVE to our parishioners of Saint Mary's for their good work and for good reason! I am writing this to recognize someone who as far as I know has not received that kind of recognition - at least from one of his parishioners for the good works that he has done for us.

This is all from a very personal perspective! As we were sitting in church on Ash Wednesday, my heart was filled with love and warmth as I watched our priest, Father Ferrell, distributing the ashes to his "flock" - so devout, but with a warm smile to each one! I realized at that moment that Chuck and I personally had the great pleasure of experiencing Father working with us in a capacity not many get a chance to have. We not only have him as our dear parish priest at Sunday mass to administer our Holy Communion and on Ash Wednesday to administer our ashes to begin Lent, but we had the great pleasure of having him re-marry us on our 50th wedding anniversary. He was loving, kind, and devout during the whole time as was evident as I walked down that aisle to his waiting there for me!

Our appreciation for all that he did not only for us to make our special day such a blessed event that will live in our hearts forever, but making us realize just how lucky we all are at Saint Mary's to have him as our parish priest in all capacities.

Our love to you, Father Ferrell, and kudos to you from us for all your great Godly work you do for us and all your 'flock.'

In God's love from Cindy & Chuck Horton

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, May 12 - Doors open at 6:30pm

Enjoy a specialty coffee and snack while listening to

Eric McDonald & Will Woodson

**Two of the finest young proponents
of Scottish music**

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 May Birthdays to:

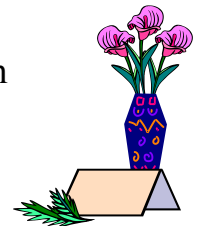


1 Judy MacDonald	11 Ashleigh Connors	20 Morgan Harris
1 Charlotte Rana	12 Kate Kirsch	20 Jane Tholen
2 Grace Brown	13 Lucas Michaud	21 Portia Hirschman
2 Caleigh Connors	14 Stan Eaton	23 Dee Dee Fournier
4 Holly Bernstein	15 Jessie Claar	23 Paul Varga
4 Samantha Heinzman	15 Ross Isacke	24 Betsey McCandless
4 Fritz Hessemer	15 Sydney Billings	25 Jack Walker
6 Larissa Norman	16 Charnette Chadwick	26 Robert Cott
7 Bruce Fithian	16 Dave Fenderson	26 Jack Haney
7 Jim Kane	16 Michael Richards	26 Shelly Maher
7 Sam LaPlante	17 Madeline Harris	27 Tom Stegemann
7 Jane Stegemann	18 Henry Kearins	28 Ellie Oberink
8 Henry Funk	19 Madeline Michaud	29 John Fournier
8 John Raeke	19 Patty Sarchi	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	24 John & DeeDee Fournier
15 Anne & Geoff LaFond	25 Edie & Lad Taylor
16 Jo & Jack Mirschel	28 David & Suzanne Farnham
21 Mary & Hugh Smith	31 Diane & Gerry Billings
22 Maureen & John Hale	31 Susan & Gary Conway
23 Bruce Fithian & Kue John Lor	



WELCOME TO OUR NEWLY BAPTIZED

Baptized at Saint Mary's Great Vigil, April 15, 2017

Averyl Dawn Hill

Baptized at Saint Mary's on Resurrection Sunday, April 16, 2017

Mungu Kadaffi and Joy Adiye



The Episcopal Church of Saint Mary Worship Leader Schedule: April - May 2017

	8am Ushers	8am EM/Lectors	10am Ushers	10am Lector	10am Euch Minister	Acolytes	Altar Guild	Altar Flowers	Flower Delivery	Coffee Hour Host
30-Apr Easter 3	Charlie Hurdman Jim Kane	Becky Pride	Aaron Splint Jack Heinzman	Erin Ferrell (kids)	Stan Eaton Terry Brown	Joshua Maggie Sam & Joseph	Kelly I Tric & Susie			Herilhy Fam
7-May Easter 4	Ed Ainsworth Rayle Ainsworth	Al Ahlers	Chuck Horton Tom LaPlante	Rod McGarry	Jim Stoddard Nadine T	Maggie, Meghan & xx	Mary S. Katie & Betsy	Onnie & Maura	The Stoddards	The Vereys
14-May Easter 5	Dave Fenderson Len Taylor	Lad Taylor	Jack Heinzman Tom Stegemann	Linda Eaton	Jeff Campbell Maggie Gardner	Maggie Kevin & Sam	Maggie Trish & Janet	Lynne	Ruth Kimball	The Fultons
21-May Easter 6	Tom Donaldson Baer Connard	Len Taylor	Mission	Morning	9am -12noon	~	tbd	Jan & Jana	The Hortons	Mission Morn
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	tbd	Melissa K.	The Stoddards	OPEN
4-Jun Pentecost	Charlie Hurdman Len Taylor	Becky Pride	Tom LaPlante Jack Heinzman	Greg Unfricht	Greg Unfricht Jim Stoddard	Lauren Kevin & Kyle	tbd	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 xx & xx	tbd	Hannah & Helga	The Hortons	Strawberry Shortcake
18-Jun Pentecost 2	Dave Fenderson Tom Donaldson	Lad Taylor	Ryan Stinneford Aaron Splint	Jennifer Gregg	Nadine T Terry Brown	~	tbd	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	~	tbd	Jessica	Ruth Kimball	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



May 2017

The Episcopal Church of Saint Mary



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
4/30 The Third Sunday of Easter Habitat Sunday 8:00am - Contemplative Eucharist followed by coffee hour 9:30am Family Chapel 9:45am Guiding RAY begins 10:00am Choral Eucharist with the RSCM St. Cecilia Choir followed by coffee hour	5/1 12 - Noonday Prayer 6pm - T'ai Chi class in aud	5/2 9:30a Art Group in Aud 10:30am - Wisdom Seekers 12 - Noonday Prayer 1pm - Get Starching 1pm - Staff meeting 3:30pm - ExCom 6pm - Scholar rehearsal 7pm AA in Auditorium	5/3 8:30-10:30 BNI in Aud. 12 - Noonday Prayer 6pm ORI in Guild Room 6pm - St. George's church 6:30-8pm New Members welcome in Auditorium	4 12 - Chapel Eucharist 6:15pm - Dowsers 7pm SM Choir rehearsal	5 Office Closed 9am - 5pm Lifeline Screening 12 - Play where you are 5:30pm AlAnon	6 9am - Habitat for Humanity Walk Run
7 The Fourth Sunday of Easter 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	8 9am - BFC with Mr Retmer 10-12p Garden Club 12 - Noonday Prayer	9 9:30a Art Group in Aud 10:30am - Wisdom Seekers 12 - Noonday Prayer 1pm - Get Starching 1pm - Staff meeting 4:30pm - Outreach meeting 6pm Orator rehearsal in church 7pm AA in Auditorium 7:30 AA/Anon (6:30 beginners)	10 8:30-10:30 BNI in Aud. 12 - Noonday Prayer Kitchen Clean-up	11 12 - Chapel Eucharist 1pm - Caring Circle 7pm SM Choir rehearsal	12 Office Closed 12 - Play where you are 5-7pm Souper 5:30pm AlAnon	13
14 The Fifth Sunday of Easter Happy Mother's Day 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	15 12 - Noonday Prayer 6pm - PCC annual meeting in auditorium 6pm - T'ai Chi class in GR	16 9:30 Art Group in Aud 10:30am - Wisdom Seekers 12 - Noonday Prayer 1pm - Get Starching 1pm - Staff meeting 7pm AA in Auditorium 7:30 AA/Anon (6:30 beginners)	17 8:30-10:30 BNI in Aud. 12 - Noonday Prayer 6pm SirG rehearsal 6pm - Vestry meeting	18 12 - Chapel Eucharist 6pm - OC dress rehearsal - CH 7pm SM Choir rehearsal	19 Office Closed 12 - Play where you are 5:30pm AlAnon 7:30pm OC - Amazing Grace Concert	20 9am VL 5K Race 9-12 - SM Garden Club Plant Sale 9:30am - Deacon's in GR 3-8pm NVA Pre-Prom dinner
21 The Sixth Sunday of Easter Mission Morning 8:00am - Contemplative Eucharist followed by coffee hour 9:00am Mission Projects for all ages	22 12 - Noonday Prayer 6pm - T'ai Chi class in aud June AVE deadline	23 9:30 Art Group in Aud 10:30am - Wisdom Seekers 12 - Noonday Prayer 1pm - Get Starching 1pm - Staff meeting 7pm AA in Auditorium 7:30 AA/Anon (6:30 beginners)	24 8:30-10:30 BNI in Aud. 12 - Noonday Prayer 6pm SirG rehearsal	25 12 - Chapel Eucharist 7pm SM Choir rehearsal	26 Office Closed 12 - Play where you are 5-7pm Souper 5:30pm AlAnon	27 11am Margaret Bazar Memorial service3
28 Seventh Sunday of Easter 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	29 Office Closed Memorial Day 10am Town Parade with refreshments at SM 12 - Play where you are	30 9am - SM volunteers at St Elizabeth's 10:30am - Wisdom Seekers 12 - Noonday Prayer 1pm - Get Starching 1pm - Staff meeting 7pm AA in Auditorium 7:30 AA/Anon (6:30 beginners)	31 8:30-10:30 BNI in Aud. 12 - Noonday Prayer 6pm SirG rehearsal	6/1 12 - Chapel Eucharist 6:15pm - Dowsers 7pm SM Choir rehearsal	6/2 Office Closed 9am - 5pm Lifeline Screening 12 - Play where you are 5:30pm AlAnon	6/3 8-10:30 Pine Grove School Road Race 4pm - Hanhan - Bohannon Wedding



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SUNDAY Hours

8:00am - *Contemplative Eucharist*
10:00am - *Choral Eucharist*

MONDAY ~ WEDNESDAY

Noon Day Prayer in the Chapel
and wherever you find yourself

THURSDAYS

12noon - *Holy Eucharist*

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

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