



From the Rector: "Present Yourself as a Living Sacrifice" (Romans 12:1)

We need to talk about money. After all, our Teacher Jesus spoke about this as much as anything else. And why is that? Because our use of money is a reliable indicator of what we value and prioritize. If we honestly intend to love God with our whole selves, how is this demonstrated in the way we use our money? At Saint Mary's, our annual Stewardship Campaign is one avenue for all of us to put our money where our mouth is. If we truly love God and the saving mission of God, then we will pledge our support to the local church.

It is Stewardship season once again. Find a few hours to make a draft budget for your household in 2018. Then

pray and ask the Holy Spirit to help you demonstrate your love for God in that budget. If 2% of your income in 2017 was given to support the mission of God, then make a commitment to increase that to 3% in 2018. Figure out how much you gave (or will give) in this year and make a specific plan to increase it in some way next year. The goal for all of us is to pledge the tithe. That means to give 10% of our income back to God in support of God's mission among humanity. And yes, this is in fact achievable for each household, because it depends entirely upon the choices we make.

It is no accident that we focus on Stewardship in the month of November. The basis of all this is gratitude. The money at our disposal is a gift given to us by God so that with it we can participate in God's work of blessing the world. Money is NOT entrusted to you for your comfort, for your pleasure, for your desires. It is given to you for GOD's desires, so that you can show the world what it is that God treasures and cherishes. So in this fast-approaching holiday season, let us present ourselves as a

living sacrifice to God by pledging a portion of our income to this local church known as Saint Mary's. And together let us show the world that we truly love God and the saving, healing, reconciling mission of God as seen in Jesus Christ our Lord.



Nathan W. Ferrell +

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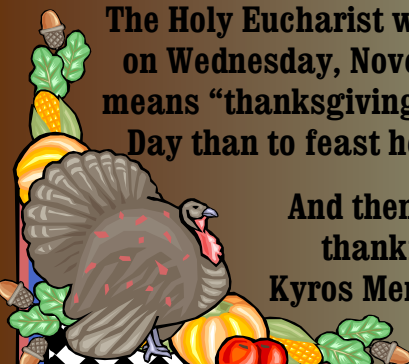
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Thanksgiving Eve Wednesday, November 22nd 6pm

Thankful Family Eucharist and Celebratory Tree Lighting

The Holy Eucharist with favorite Thanksgiving hymns will be celebrated at 6:00 pm on Wednesday, November 22 for the whole family. Since the word "Eucharist" means "thanksgiving" in Greek, what more fitting way to prepare for Thanksgiving Day than to feast here together at the Lord's Table on Thanksgiving Eve?

And then we go outside to celebrate the people for whom we are thankful, both living and deceased, with the Lighting of the Kyros Memorial and Celebration Tree. *Drop or send your names in to the parish office by Monday, November 20 (form on back page)*





Messy[®] CHURCH

at Saint Mary's
Episcopal Church
an evening of fun
for all ages !

Brand new this fall is Messy Church, an interactive, fun time on Sunday evening. This is a great way for the Saint Mary's Faith Family to explore church in an interactive and messy way.



• **Sunday, November 12**

4-6 pm

FREE dinner

service projects,
crafts, games
and much more



Everyone is invited

Just come!

Vestry Highlights from your Wardens

The Vestry met on October 18, and our October meeting was focused on the financial workings of Saint Mary's. The Budget and Finance Committee presented a draft 2018 budget. After extensive work, the budget presented has a deficit of over \$20,000. In the next few weeks, the Vestry will share their input with the Executive Committee, and we'll reexamine our priorities to reach a final budget.

We also discussed our Stewardship Campaign for 2018, God's Work, Our Hands. Our goal is \$285,000, and it's imperative we meet that goal to enable us to support our goals to continue growing our engagement with children and youth, increasing our intentional opportunities for deeper connections with God and each other, offering compassionate care for those struggling, and welcoming those seeking God. The Vestry received their pledge packets at the meeting. Parishioners will receive their packets by the time the AVE is published. Vestry members asked that we provide more information for parishioners, which you will find on pg. 8 of this AVE, on the budget and the importance of pledging to our overall financial health.

We discussed the plans for our summer fundraiser. Betsy and Jim Stoddard are stepping down from chairing the event after many years. We are indebted to them for their steadfast work on this event for so many years. Jack and Susan Thomas and Missy and Chris Smithwick are hanging up their aprons too. Jack



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

and Susan and Missy and Chris have generously donated the food for our event and served as the chefs! We are so grateful for their service. Replacing them will be hard! We talked about finding other lobster providers or changing up the event, perhaps to a Farm-to-Table event. Anyone interested in helping with this event should let Father Nathan or the Wardens know of their interest!

The Nominating Committee chaired by Nadine Timberlake reported that they have received 16 nominations for Vestry and Convention delegates. The Nominating Team is working through the nominations, speaking with people to determine their interest. Thank you to all who nominated and to those considering the possibility of serving Saint Mary's in this way.

Stewardship 2018

by Janet Bowne

God's Work, Our Hands (*Proverbs 3:27*)

“Saint Mary's has so many programs, so much going on!”

This comment has been made by many parishioners over the years. While it may be true about other churches as well as Saint Mary's has a long history of having lots of programs and activities. In the early days of our parish, after the Brown family gave the church and the buildings to the Diocese, we have been an action hub. Over the years, the Parish House has hosted a pediatric clinic, preschool, and served as a Red Cross station during World War II. Parishioners actually rolled bandages and collected other supplies to support the war effort. Saint Mary's has hosted lectures, concerts, and other community programs. Today, we host AA and Al-Anon meetings, Bible study groups and our twice-monthly Souper Supper free community dinners. Our spaces welcome musicians of all ages for rehearsals and concerts, noonday prayer three days a week and a Eucharist on Thursdays. Our buildings welcome many and provide comfort to all who need it. Our recent renovations ensure parishioners and guests are warm and comfortable. Our staff juggles the schedule and welcomes the community. Our annual pledge campaign supports the costs associated with heating, lighting, cleaning, maintaining and insuring our buildings to ensure they continue to serve the community and our parish.

Our 2018 Stewardship Campaign is under way. The pledge packets are in the mail. Our goal this year is \$285,000. It's a big number, but together we can reach it. Thank you for pledging to support our ability to use our hands to do God's work.

Think Sparkles ... We're gearing up !

Thanks so much to those who came to Sparkles Spirits on Friday, October 20. Thanks also to Jan Mordarski and Onnie Hastings for organizing this event, and to all the wonderful Saint Mary's cooks who made delicious appetizers for us to try and buy. It was a wonderful symbol of the Sparkles Community, and it was great to have so many people participate. Plus, it's going to make Thanksgiving and Christmas entertaining much easier for those who purchased appetizers.

On November 5, the Sparkles Committee will host the Coffee Hours at Saint Mary's. Please come to sample a few of the delicious treats we will be offering for sale AND sign up to HELP. Please peruse the sign-up sheets and see what appeals to your time and talents. We need lots of help!!!

Pre-order sheets for *greens/poinsettias, lobster stew, boxwood trees, Schola tickets and Rick Hirschman's fantastic Coffee Cake* will be available for ordering and pre-paying, so bring your checkbook.

The **Lighting of the Kyros Memorial and Thanksgiving Tree** will take place following the Thanksgiving Eve Eucharist on Wednesday, November 22. Please complete the available form to let us know those you would like to have remembered or honored, and join us for this meaningful event.

Advent begins on November 26, and so begins our season of joy and the Sparkles Season. But Sparkles is a community, and we need help from all of you . . .

VOLUNTEERING – A variety of opportunities, some for an hour and some for much more, some ahead of the actual fair, some on the day of Sparkles, and some after. We need MANY bakers for both baked goods and cookies. We need help with decorating, setting up and tearing down the displays, greeting shoppers, cashiering, serving in the café, bagging purchases and MORE! Many hands make light work, and we welcome everyone. We promise that it will be fun, festive, and rewarding – plus it is a great way to meet new people.

FLYERS – Each year, we print flyers that need to be placed around Falmouth, Cumberland, Yarmouth, Portland, and other close environs to remind the general public about our Sparkles activities. Please take 3 or 4 of them, and hang them at places you frequent or work.

CAFÉ – The café will be offering lobster stew, tomato basil soup, and cinnamon buns. We have our soup chefs, but we need people to help serve and staff the kitchen.

COOKIE WALK – We sell cookies by the pound at our famous Cookie Walk, and we need LOTS of cookies to sell. One year, we ran out of cookies at 10:30, and we don't ever want that to happen again – so please sign up to bring cookies. This is a fun activity to do with your children – bake four dozen, keep one and bring in three.

All Saints Service, November 5

We will celebrate the Feast of All Saints on Sunday, November 5. This will be an all family Sunday in which the children from Guiding RAY will participate in the whole service. During the 10:00 AM service, the RSCM Angel Choir will present a special anthem, 'I'm Goin' Up a Yonder,' and the choir will sing a beautiful All Saints' anthem: 'Give us the wings of faith.'



This will be our a Faith Family Service - by including children in worship, we help them learn how adults worship and sing praises to God. Our Guiding RAY kids will be participating by singing hymns, reading the scripture, and praying the Prayers of the People. Our Faith Family Sundays are held on the first Sunday of the month; a time when we can all enjoy communal worship.

Think Sparkles ... Join in on the fun!

BAKE SALE – Do you have a special cake, bread, pie or other goodie that you enjoy making? We are asking you to bake, and give one to Sparkles to sell.

SPARKLES FOR CHILDREN -- We are also opening the downstairs Guiding RAY rooms to **Children's Sparkles**. Santa and Mrs. Claus will be available to take special Christmas requests and to pose for photos. There will be food and crafts for the kids, a room where kids shop for Christmas (No Grown-ups Allowed), and a room where toys are sold. We'll have free apple cider and popcorn for all the good little boys and girls.

CONCERT AND RECEPTION – This year's Schola Concert will be presented on Sunday, December 10, in the Sanctuary. The Saint Mary Schola is under the direction of Bruce Fithian. The concert and gala reception are a joyful conclusion to our three weekends of Sparkles events. Once you have attended, you will see why this is a holiday tradition for many. Tickets are \$30, and include the elegant reception. They may be purchased during coffee hours, at the Parish office, or on-line at www.stmaryschola.org. We do need help with set-up, food and clean-up for the reception – sign up in the auditorium or call Bob or Nadine Timberlake, reception chairs.

As you see, plans are well underway to make Sparkles a most successful event, and that it takes many people helping. PLEASE find a way to participate, then sign up and add your special touch to the holiday season.

Happy Sparkling,

Jana Burke and Kathy Galen, Co-Chairs

SAVE THESE DATES:

November 5: Sparkles Coffee Hour & Sign-up Sheets

November 4 and 18: Drop Off Dates

November 4 and 21: Planning Meetings

November 11: Wrapping Gift Boxes

November 18: Garlanding for campus, Sparkles and Children's Sparkles

November 19: Soup making after church

November 22: Thanksgiving Service and Lighting of the Memorial Tree

December 2: Sparkles Fair

December 8: Christmas Caroling to Nursing Home and Souper Super

December 10: Sparkles Christmas Concert featuring the St. Mary Schola & Reception

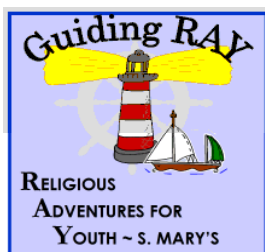


Calling all young Singers for our Angel Choir

In support of the RSCM program, we are thrilled to announce that Priscilla Rigg has volunteered to lead our young children Pre-school to 4th grade in a new children's choir. The young singers will gather at 9:30 to 10 beginning October 15 in the Father James Chapel for joyous singing through the use of puppets and hands-on percussion instruments.

Priscilla has decades of successful experience engaging children to be excited about music and singing. She is the former organist/choirmaster at St. Luke's Episcopal Church in East Greenwich, RI and current parishioner at Saint Mary's.

Christian Formation - RAY Beams - Autumn 2017



Our first Faith Family Sunday this year will be November 5th Worship is the most important work of our congregation, and all ages are welcome. By including children in worship, we help them learn how adults worship and sing praises to God. Our kids will be participating by singing hymns, reading the scripture, and praying the Prayers of the People. Our Faith Family Sundays are held on the first Sunday of the month; a time when we can all enjoy communal worship.

Messy Church - Sunday, November 12, 4:00 - 6:00 PM Messy Church is for everybody! It's not a kids program, it's not an adult study, it's all ages together mixing faith with our messy relationships, messy questions, messy schedules and our messy lives.

A few of the activities planned:

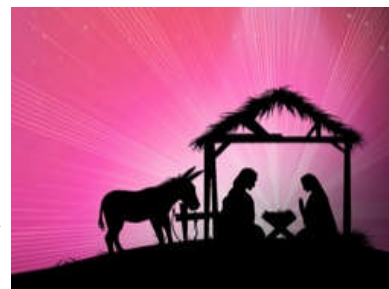
- The older Guiding RAY kids (formerly the Middlers) will finish constructing their "Paul Tent." Join them under their creation to explore a bit of Paul's world with some stories and traditional eats.
- We will send words of hope to *Any Refugee*.
- We will plan ahead some expressions of gratitude to go along with our Thanksgiving feasts.

FREE dinner!

It's going to be messy and fun, and we also know God shows up. If you would like to be a part of the Messy Church planning team, please contact Megan Akers.



Pageant Sign-up: November 19 - Calling all Angels, Shepherds, Inn Keepers, Kings, Soldiers, Townspeople and Musicians – Saint Mary's Christmas Pageant is coming, and we want you to be involved! Practices will be held between the 9:00 and 10:00 hour beginning Advent 1, December 3rd. We'll be rehearsing lines, practicing songs, working on set-up, and enjoying Advent activities. All ages are invited!



Thank you so much to the Altar Guild for coming to Guiding RAY and teaching us about World Communion.

Volunteer with us!

Saint Mary's offers formation options for children ages 4 through 8th grade. We are always in need of more leaders and assistant leaders for our many formation programs and the new structure is designed to make it easy to be involved. Want to help, but don't know how? Would you like to work with a certain age group? Want to work behind the scenes but not with the children? There are tasks for all, whether you wish to serve once a week, once a month, or once a year. E-mail Megan Akers for more information. GuidingRAY@smary.org

Coming Up:

November 5: Faith Family Sunday

November 12: The Weak and the Strong

November 12: 4-6pm Messy Church

November 19: Stewardship and Pageant Sign Up

November 22: 6pm Thanksgiving Eucharist followed by the lighting of the Memorial & Celebration Tree.

November 26: Pocket Advent Wreaths

Guiding RAY Coordinators

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Heather Gale, hpgale@earthlink.net, 899-3560

Meg Hurdman, hurdman@maine.rr.com, 781-7478

Christian Formation High & Middle Schoolers



Fr Nathan speaks to MS & HS Community Service

NEW!!! WYLDLIFE CLUB!!! Every Other Friday, 7 – 8 pm

For ALL Cumberland, North Yarmouth & Yarmouth Middle Schoolers, this is the BEST thing happening on a Friday night! **Young Life Casco Bay** is reaching out to middle schoolers and offering a wicked fun way to hang out with your friends and to meet some new ones.

All are welcome! Just show up at 47 Hillside Ave in Cumberland.

For parents: This is a safe way for middle schoolers to be with their peers in a supervised setting which is still lots of fun. All Wyldlife leaders go through background checks and training.

[Click for a Casco Bay Young Life Calendar of Events](#)

Falmouth YOUNG LIFE Club: Mondays at 7:31 PM

Every single high-school student in the area is invited!

Where? 41 Stapleford Dr, Falmouth, ME 04105, USA ([map](#))

Who? Falmouth & area High School Peeps come kick it @ the BEST thing happening on a Monday night GUARANTEED!

Why? Well, why not? FMI, visit www.younglifecb.com

Many schools in our area have been increasing the requirements for community service hours. Here at Saint Mary's, we think this is a great thing! In order to help with this, **each high school student who is part of our Saint Mary's parish family has a chart in our parish office with his/her name of it.** It is our hope, when you think about these requirements and how you will meet them, that your first thought will be to help out at Saint Mary's! There are so many different possibilities for how you can do this, and here are a few of the most regular ways:

- ♥ As an Acolyte
- ♥ Helping in the Nursery
- ♥ Serving at Souper Supper
- ♥ Delivering Altar flowers to a homebound member
- ♥ Weeding in our garden beds and pathways
- ♥ Assisting with our Royal School of Church Music choir
- ♥ Help as Assistant Leaders in our Guiding RAY classrooms
- ♥ After-school tutoring with young new Mainers
- ♥ Volunteer childcare needed on Saturdays at the Portland Public Library during the "In her Presence" program offered to Maine Immigrant families.
- ♥ Providing Coffee Hour on Sundays

We want our young people to know that they have a place here at Saint Mary's, that we support them in succeeding in school, and that serving others within Christian community is a vital part of what it means to walk in the way of Christ.

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Parents Are A Positive Role Model

November 2017

Tip of the Month



Social events and family gatherings are a great time to teach your child about celebrating safely

- Offer a variety of non-alcoholic drink options
- Separate locations for alcoholic & non-alcoholic drinks
- Appoint a designated driver
- Host alcohol-free gatherings
- Prevent accidental poisonings- lockup medications and marijuana



Casco Bay CAN

Visit us on Facebook and Twitter

www.cascobaycan.org

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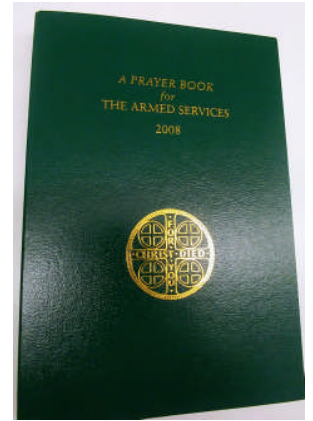
Casco Bay CAN

CREATE AWARENESS NOW
TOGETHER, PREVENTING YOUTH SUBSTANCE USE

Outreach Ministry ~ All Ages Serving Near and Far

Prayer Book for the Armed Services

The Outreach Committee recently purchased a number of The Episcopal Church's special Prayer Book for the Armed Services so that Fr. Nathan could give these for free to Navy sailors upon request. It just so happened the first day that Chaplain Ferrell (as he is known in the Navy) showed up with these Prayer Books, two sailors asked if he happened to have any Prayer Books with him! (There are no coincidences.) He was able to give out two of these right away, and also to leave a stack of them at the Navy Reserve center in Bangor for other sailors who may be interested, thanks to the generosity of Saint Marians and to our Outreach Committee. Thank you!



MILESTONE
RECOVERY

Please come to a talk by
Anne Bartlett,
RN, BSN,
the Director of Nursing at
Milestone Recovery

November 12, 9am

during the coffee hour between services in
the Saint Mary's Auditorium

In her talk, Anne will explain what detox is, who uses their services, what the staff has noticed with regard to changes in the client population, and how the detox fits within the system of care.

Anne was hired at Milestone in 2013 as a registered nurse in the Detoxification Program. A Maine native, Anne has developed a deep sense of compassion for the population that Milestone serves. Anne graduated from the University of Southern Maine with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing, as well as a Bachelor of Science in Health Sciences with a minor in Holistic and Integrative Health. In July of 2017, Anne stepped into the Director of Nursing role at Milestone. Anne draws on her experience as a Milestone RN and her educational background to bring innovative ideas and continuous support to the Detox Program. Bob Fowler, the Executive Director of Milestone Recovery, will also be in attendance to answer questions that come up regarding Milestone generally.



Saint Mary's Operating Finances - as of September 30 2017

INCOME

General plate & pledge Support	208,766
Use of Parish House & Sanctuary	14,240
Fundraisers	11,161
Invested Fund Revenue	40,882
Dedicated, Gifts & misc.	7,783
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EXPENSE

Dio Assessment	41,106
Personnel (includes, taxes, benefits, & pensions)	159,022
Maintenance & Capital	26,536
Operating Program	50,267
Countless Mission & program hours	20,985
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Outreach Ministry ~ All Ages Serving Near and Far

The Pihcintu Chorus Performance a Smashing Success

by Jennifer Gregg

What a joy to welcome the Pihcintu Chorus to Saint Mary's on October 15! This well-reputed Portland-based Chorus of immigrant girls did not disappoint. They had me with their opening number, "We Are The World," sung as they entered the auditorium that was packed with 75 people from the parish and community who had gathered to hear them.

The Pihcintu Multicultural Chorus helps restart young lives. War-torn villages, bloodshed, refugee camps, famine, and political turmoil were devastating realities for many of these young singers before being embraced by the warmth, companionship and harmony that Pihcintu provides. The very warm welcome at Saint Mary's only served to reinforce that sense of community.

Following the concert, the choir and audience enjoyed conversation and delicious culinary delights from The Wayside Kitchen, Ameera Bread, and the Orchid Thai Restaurant.

Many thanks to those who attended for that warm welcome and your generous donations totaling \$658.00 to the Pihcintu Chorus added to the \$250.00 donation from the Saint Mary's Outreach program.. Many thanks to Anne LaFond who spearheaded this event, as well as those who attend.



**American
Red Cross**

THANKSGIVING BLOOD DRIVE

at SAINT MARY'S:

Saturday, November 25 9AM - 2PM

In this season of Thanksgiving, let us share our many gifts by giving the gift of life to others by donating our blood! Sign-up today to be a blood donor, and help give to those who need your blood to survive!

Go to www.redcrossblood.org and use sponsor code "SMary" to make your donor appointment. Contact our Coordinator, Jana Burke, at 272-4535 or jana.burke@icloud.com.

Can you help our donors at the drive? Volunteers are needed. Call Jana Burke (272-4535) or email Beth in the parish office admin@smary.org

CELEBRATE



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SERVE

Outreach Ministry ~ All Ages Serving Near and Far

Community Souper Supper November 10 and 24

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

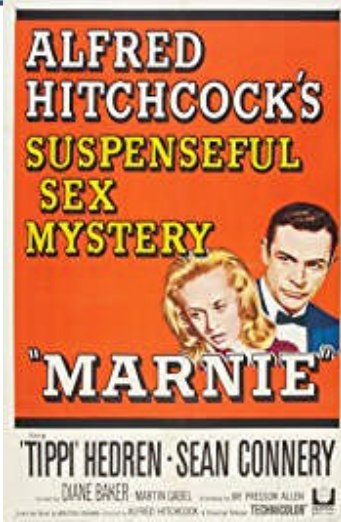
Classic Cinema Our monthly **FREE** in-house movie Presents on November 10 "Marnie"

(1964) Stars: Tippi Hedren, Marten Gabel, Sean Connery

Director: Alfred Hitchcock

Mark marries Marnie although she is a habitual thief and has serious psychological problems, and tries to help her confront and resolve them.

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



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



Fall Mission Morning at Saint Mary's ReCap

October MISSION MORNING

A Wonderful Opportunity to Seek and Serve God in Community

An enthusiastic small group of 25 parishioners gathered on the bright autumn Saturday morning of September 30 to praise God at the 8AM Holy Eucharist and to DO God's work at Saint Mary's Fall Mission Morning. After a brief prayer and a song, groups went into the community to care for God's creation along Casco Bay, to visit residents at The Cedars, care for selected Falmouth neighbors in need of assistance and to create Kindness Rocks. Still yet another group visited and worked at Milestone in Portland. We all returned to Saint Mary's to share stories over lunch.

A busy group went to Milestone to organize, clean and paint.



Mark your calendars NOW for the **next Mission Morning: Sunday, January 16 9-11:30AM**, following the 8am liturgy but in lieu of the traditional 10am worship service.



Some of the 'Kindness Rocks' that were made by a group that stayed in the Parish House - then given and distributed all around sharing messages of love, peace, tolerance and support.



Yet another group picked up trash along the shores of Mackworth Island.

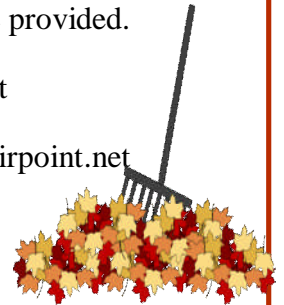
IF THE ONLY
PRAYER YOU
SAID IN YOUR
WHOLE LIFE WAS,
"THANK YOU,"
THAT WOULD
SUFFICE.

Meister Eckhart

Grab your Gloves and
Rakes - Annual Fall
Clean-Up and Garlanding:
8am-12 noon
November 18th

Mark your Calendars for the Annual Fall Cleanup! Please circle the date on your calendar and join the fun. We will be working outside to spruce up our campus for the winter season. Food and drinks will be provided. Questions? Please contact Jim Stoddard jbstod@myfairpoint.net

See you then!



Outreach Opportunity - Saint Mary's Snowman Angel Tree



We, at Saint Mary's look forward to having a Giving Tree once again! Here is an opportunity to become engaged in the spirit of giving this Christmas. Saint Mary's, together with the Salvation Army, are hosting a Snowman Giving Tree. Snowman tags will be on the Christmas tree with a child's gift request. Kindly take a tag, purchase item(s) on the tag, and bring back to Saint Mary's. Unwrapped gifts should be out back under the tree no later than December 10 with the tag on them to ensure the families receive them in time for Christmas. For more information,



Contact Betsy
or Jim Stoddard
829-2026.

jbstod@myfairpoint.net



CELEBRATE



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St Mary Schola "Sparkles" Concert

On Sunday, December 10th at 4:00 PM at the Episcopal Church of Saint Mary, the St Mary Schola is presenting a concert entitled *Christmas Pastorale* preceded at 3:30PM by a pre-concert lecture. As always, there will be a gala reception in the Parish Hall with food and wine for concertgoers and musicians following the performance. This has become so popular that the concert sells out with some people having to be turned away for lack of space. If you want to secure a seat and come to the reception, I urge you to buy your tickets early either in the Parish Office, at Sunday coffee hour, or online at www.stmaryschola.org.

The concert schedule contains wonderful music from 15th century English carols, and from composers such as Josquin des Prez, Claudio Monteverdi, Heinrich Schütz, Michael Praetorius, Guillaume Dufay, and of course J. S. Bach. Interspersed will be readings from the bibles of King James and John Wycliffe and even a reading in Old English from the Exeter Book of the 8th-9th century. It will be a truly unique program and one that any fan of early music and English history will not want to miss.

Tickets for this Schola concert at Saint Mary's are \$30 per person this year (students are free). I realize this is an increase over previous ticket prices, but for the fine music **with food and wine** to follow it's still a bargain (and similar to other community holiday concerts or Saint Mary's fundraisers like the Lobster Bake & Auction.) Since this concert is a fundraiser for Saint Mary's, the Schola Board hopes we can generate even more income for Sparkles than the approximately \$2400 raised the past two years. The concert will also be presented on Friday, December 8th at 7:30PM at the Cathedral Church of St Luke in Portland and on Tuesday, December 12th at 7:30PM at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Portland, both of which remain at \$20 per person as no reception follows these two programs.

I hope to see you at the Sparkles concert and reception.

Robert Timberlake,
President, St. Mary Schola

Alida Greely Brown Heritage Society luncheon, November 7

Father Nathan will once again host the Alida Greely Brown luncheon in the Guild room at 12:15 on November 7 directly following noon-day prayer. We offer this luncheon annually to thank all those Saint Marians who have included or intend to include SM in their estates. If you have not yet made your intentions know, please contact Beth Shaw so we may include you on our guest list.



Singles! Couples! Young! Not so young! Shy! Not so shy!

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

Well, there is . . . become an usher! Parents can usher while their kids are in Guiding RAY

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

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)

Kudos to: Our Godspeed Running Teams for representing Saint Mary's at the Maine Marathon. Congrats to the Men's Master's Team for placing 3rd!

THANKS!

Merci

To all who helped with the Pihcintu concert, the second of our New Mainers Events. Thank you to Jennifer Gregg, Becky Pride, and Anne LaFond for organizing and for all who attended and helped with set up, clean up

Kudos to all who organized, donated and cooked for Sparkles Spirits. What a wonderful and tasty evening AND a great way to kick off the Sparkles season!

Thanks to the OceanView Falmouth Chorus for adding their wonderful voices to our service on October 22. Lovely!

CHEERS!

Thanks to all who organized, led and worked the service projects for the Fall Mission Morning.

Thanks to all who cooked, served, cleaned up and attended the Annual Harvest Community Dinner to benefit the Falmouth Food Pantry. It was delicious and fun!

Thank you to the members of the Buildings & Grounds Committee and others who are constantly fixing little things here and there around the campus. It's not always noticed, but it is appreciated!

Yay!

Kudos to Terry Brown who has a new job as director of communications at the Maine Heritage Policy Center. Congrats!

Dear Saint Mary's family,

I give thanks for you every day. I am grateful for your prayers which carried Larry and me through the last few months as we moved out of our home in Raymond and finally into our new home in Scarborough. Throughout that time Larry struggled with issues associated with his cancer. It is amazing to me that even though we were not physically present at Saint Mary's, we always felt your love and support.

Our son, David, our daughter, Laura, and the rest of our family are deeply grateful to Nathan+ who had been to see us and to share communion with us only four days before Larry's death. We are also grateful to Nathan+ for his grace-filled leadership at Larry's memorial service. We give thanks for Beth and for her work to insure every detail. We thank Bruce for his gift of music and Jenn who blessed us by playing flaps."

We are especially grateful to everyone who provided the elegant hospitality to our family and friends following the service. The cards and phone calls have been wonderful. Saint Mary's is a Spirit-filled community with love you share freely and generously. May God continue to bless you as you have blessed the Bennetts and so many others.

Faithfully,

Deacon Christine



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

Side Door Coffee House

Friday, November 10 - Doors open at 6:30pm

Enjoy a specialty coffee and snack while listening to

Ronda Dale & Rob Babson

As they perform original songs and eclectic covers with blues, country, R&B and jazz influences

Bring your friends and neighbors for a relaxed evening out. All welcome! Refreshments. Free, but donations accepted.



November 2017 AVE

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

Happy November Birthdays to:



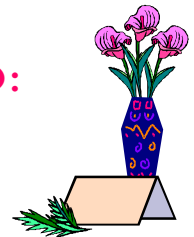
1	Julietta Smithwick	9	Judith Brooks		
3	Avery Buchanan	9	Sophia Kelly		
3	Jay Hurdman	9	Jean Wilkinson	22	Sophia McMonagle
3	Caroline Kyros	10	Eloise Fulton	22	Julie Woodworth
3	Liz Musacchio	11	Anabelle Teng	24	Lauren Lamberson
3	Benjamin Otte	12	Brooke Bazarian	24	John Musacchio
4	Margaret Jean Taylor	13	Phoebe Harris	24	Hugh Smith
5	George Barrett	13	James Liddell	25	Sophia Draeger
5	Wendy Craig	14	Gary Conway	25	Suzanne Farnham
6	Boone Guyton	15	Tucker Hyland	26	Ally Hurdman
6	Felicity Record	16	Brendan Melton	26	Chris Smithwick
6	Kim Vincent	19	William Record	27	Grace Brown
7	Megan Akers	21	Maura Fitch	28	Natalie Unfricht
7	Hunter LaFond	21	Ben Russell	30	Jenn Curran
8	Barbara Murray	22	Angus Ferrell		

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 NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARY WISHES TO:



10	Kelly & Michael Ianno
27	Gibson & Blake Wilkes



Going to the Hospital?? Having surgery??

If you are planning a trip to any of the area hospitals, please call the office and let us know so that we can pray for you, and the clergy and/or perhaps a member of the pastoral partners group can visit you.

If your trip to the hospital is unplanned, ask someone to call for you. When you register, indicate that you are a member of Saint Mary's in Falmouth. How you are doing matters a great deal to your S. Mary's family!

Be a SM-uber driver!

Do you have time to pick up a parishioner on Sunday mornings or for other church activities? If you do, you can be a SMuber driver! We have parishioners who need transportation from time to time or some who may need weekly rides. Interested? Contact Beth Shaw, 781-3366 or admin@smary.org!!





NOVEMBER

The Episcopal Church of Saint Mary

2017



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
29 Reformation Sunday 8am Contemplative Eucharist followed by coffee hour 9:30am Angel Choir in Chapel 9:45am Guiding RAY 10am Choral Eucharist 5pm Reformation Jubilee 500	30 12 Noonday Prayer 6-9p Pltd Comm Chorus	31 Happy Halloween 9:30-12 Art Group 10:30a Wisdom Seekers 12 Noonday Prayer 3:30 Executive Committee 7pm AA in Auditorium 7:30 AI/Anon (6:30 beginners)	11/1 All Saints' Day 10am Mainly Weavers 12 Noonday Prayer 12:30pm Staff meeting 6pm SinG rehearsal in Aud 6pm Magic of Gmas rehearsal in Sanctuary 6:30pm ORI	11/2 8a-5p Garden Club Landscape Design Class 12 Chapel Eucharist 1pm Care Circle & Prayer Chain 7pm SM Choir rehearsal	11/3 Office Closed 12 Play where you are 3-6pm OC Masterclass 5:30pm Alanon	11/4 9am-12noon Sparkles Drop-Off #4
5 All Saint's Sunday 8am Contemplative Eucharist followed by coffee hour 9:45am Guiding RAY to church 10am Faith Family Eucharist All in church followed by coffee hour	6 10am - Garden Club in GR 12 Noonday Prayer 6-9p Pltd Comm Chorus	7 7:30-9am BNI 9:30-12 Art Group 10:30a Wisdom Seekers 12 Noonday Prayer 12-15 AGB luncheon 4:30pm Outreach meeting 6pm Scholarship in Sanctuary 7:30 AA in Auditorium 7:30 AI/Anon (6:30 beginners)	8 9a-12 GC workshop in Aud 12 Noonday Prayer 12:30pm Staff meeting 6pm SinG rehearsal in Aud 6pm Magic of Gmas rehearsal in Sanctuary	9 Nathan+ on Navy duty 12 Chapel Eucharist 6-8pm Oratorio in Aud 7pm SM Choir rehearsal	10 Office Closed 9:30am - Sparkles meeting 12 Play where you are 5-7pm Souper Supper 5:30pm Alanon	11 VETERANS Day 11am Bells rung for peace
12 23rd Sunday after Pentecost 8am Contemplative Eucharist followed by coffee hour 9:30am Angel Choir in Chapel 9:45am Guiding RAY 10am Choral Eucharist 4pm Messy Church	13 Nathan+ away this week at Chaplain Training 11am Garden Club 12 Noonday Prayer 6-9p Pltd Comm Chorus	14 7:30-9am BNI 9:30-12 Art Group 10:30a Wisdom Seekers 12 Noonday Prayer 4-6pm Aging in Place in GR 7pm AA in Auditorium 7:30 AI/Anon (6:30 beginners)	15 12 Noonday Prayer 12-4pm College Club Tea in GR 12:30pm Staff meeting 6pm SinG rehearsal in Aud 6pm Vestry meeting 6pm Magic of Gmas rehearsal in Sanctuary	16 12 Chapel Eucharist 7pm SM Choir rehearsal	17 Office Closed 12 Play where you are 5:30pm Alanon 6-8pm Sparkles Spirits	18 8am - Fall Clean-Up and Gardening 9m-12noon Sparkles Drop-Off #2 Navy drill
19 24th Sunday after Pentecost 8am Contemplative Eucharist followed by coffee hour 9:30am Angel Choir in Chapel 9:45am Guiding RAY 10am Choral Eucharist followed by coffee hour	20 12 Noonday Prayer 6-9p Pltd Comm Chorus AVE deadline	21 Nathan+ on Navy duty 7:30-9am BNI 9:30-12 Art Group 10:30a Wisdom Seekers 12 Noonday Prayer 7pm AA in Auditorium 7:30 AI/Anon (6:30 beginners)	22 12 Noonday Prayer 12:30pm Staff meeting 6pm Thanksgiving Eucharist 7pm Kyros Tree Lighting	23 Thanksgiving Day Office closed	24 Office Closed 12 Play where you are 5-7pm Souper Supper 5:30pm Alanon	25 Give Thanks, Give Blood 9am - 2pm Saint Mary's BLOOD DRIVE
26 Christ the King 8am Contemplative Eucharist followed by coffee hour 9:30am Angel Choir in Chapel 9:45am Guiding RAY 10am Choral Eucharist	27 12 Noonday Prayer 6-9p Pltd Comm Chorus	28 Giving Tuesday 7:30-9am BNI 9:30-12 Art Group 10:30a Wisdom Seekers 12 Noonday Prayer 7pm AA in Auditorium 7:30 AI/Anon (6:30 beginners)	29 10am Mainly Weavers 12 Noonday Prayer 12:30pm Staff meeting 6pm SinG rehearsal in Aud 6pm Magic of Gmas rehearsal in Sanctuary	30 12 Chapel Eucharist 7pm SM Choir rehearsal	12/1 Office Closed 12 Play where you are 2pm rehearsal 5:30pm Alanon	12/2 Sparkles Fair 9am - 2pm

The Episcopal Church of Saint Mary

Worship Leader Schedule: November - December 2017

	8am		10am		10am		10am		10am		Altar		Altar		Flower		Coffee Hour	
	Ushers	EM/Lectors	Ushers	Lector	Euch Minister	Acolytes	Guild	Flowers	Delivery	Host								
5-Nov (DST) Pent 22	Charlie Hurdma Jim Kane	Len Taylor	Jack Heinzman Chuck Horton	kids	Stan Eaton Terry Brown	Cole, William G. Sarah	Kelly I Mary L Katie P	Helga & Hannah	Ruth Kimball	Sparkles								
12-Nov Pent 23	Len Taylor Jim Porter	Mary Ann McLean	Ryan Stinneford Aaron Splint	Betsy Stoddard	David Robinson Maggie Gardner	Emily, Ellie Lauren	Tricia W Kathy G	Onnie	The Hortons	Joyce & Len Veray								
19-Nov Pent 24	Al Ahlers xx	Becky Pride	Jack Heinzman Tom LaPlante	Jennifer Gregg	Andrea M-H Jim Stoddard	William R, Harrison Anabelle	Portia H Jana B Janet B	Lynne S	The Stoddards	OPEN								
22-Nov	Thanks 6pm	6pm Usher	Becky Pride	Becky Pride	No HE at 10am													
26-Nov Last Pent	Dave Fenderson Baer Connard	Greg Unfricht	Tom Stegemann Chuck Horton	Maggie Gardner	Maggie Gardner Terry Brown	Michael, Lauren, Kyle	Mary S Mary L	tbd	Ruth Kimball	OPEN								
3-Dec Advent 1	Ed Ainsworth Rayle Ainsworth	Al Ahlers	Ryan Stinneford Aaron Splint	Rod McGarry youth youth	Marian McCue Ginny Stelk	Michael William R	Katie P Maggie G Janet B	Greens	~	Sparkles								
10-Dec Advent 2	Charlie Hurdma Jim Kane	Lad Taylor	Jack Heinzman Tom LaPlante	Stan Eaton	Nadine T. David Robinson	Emily	Trish W Kelly I	Greens	~	OPEN								
17-Dec Advent 3	Len Taylor Jim Porter	Len Taylor	Tom Stegemann Chuck Horton	Maureen M	Maggie Robinson Stan Eaton	Michael	Mary S Betsy E Janet B	Greens	~	OPEN								
Dec 24 Advent 4		10am Usher	The Pageant is the readings	10am EM	10am Acolytes													
		tbd		tbd	tbd													
					tbd & tbd													
24-Dec CMAS Eve	4pm Usher	4pm EM	4pm Readers	4pm Acolytes		9pm Ushers	9pm EM	9pm Lector	9pm Acolytes									
	tbd	tbd	tbd	William R		tbd	tbd	tbd	Emily									
	tbd	tbd	tbd	Harrison		tbd	tbd		Julia									
			youth	tbd					tbd									
			youth															
25-Dec Cmas Day	10am Usher	10am lector	10am EM															
	tbd	tbd	tbd															

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

FALMOUTH TOWN-WIDE Volunteer Fair

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2017

1:00-3:00PM

MASON-MOTZ ACTIVITY CENTER



MAKE YOUR MARK

Our Worship Schedule

SUNDAY Hours

8 AM - Contemplative Eucharist

10 AM - Choral Eucharist

MONDAY - WEDNESDAY

Noon Day Prayer in the Chapel
and wherever you find yourself

THURSDAYS

12NOON - Holy Eucharist



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Bruce S. Fithian, *Organist & Choirmaster*

Megan Akers, *Dir. of Christian Formation*

Beth Shaw, *Parish Manager*

Office Hours: Monday - Thursday

9:00 am to 4:30 pm



The OceanView at Falmouth Choir, under the direction of Saint Mary's parishioner, Priscilla Rigg, performed as part of the 10am service on Sunday, October 22. The choir was wonderful and the additional voices made for a beautiful musical day. Thank you for joining us and feel free to come again!



CELEBRATE & HONOR & SERVE

Your 2017 Saint Mary's Vestry

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SPARKLES' MEMORIALS CELEBRATIONS AND THANKSGIVINGS

Gather together on November 22, as we thank the Lord for our many blessings and the people who have made a mark on our lives as we light the Kyros Memorial and Celebration Tree honoring the memories of our departed loved ones and the blessings of our friends and family members.

Send the names of those you would like to celebrate with a blessing or memorial, complete this form and send the form, via email, hand delivery or place in the offering plate, to the Parish Office by Monday, November 20 to have the name included in the celebration leaflet.

In Memory of (please print):

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

In Celebration of (please print):

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

Your Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____