



From the Rector: High School Community Service

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 on it.** It is put there to help each one meet the requirements of her or his school regarding community service hours. It is my 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 that it is impossible to list them all. But here are a few of the most regular ways:

Helping Others

- Serving 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
- Helping as Assistant Leaders in our Guiding RAY classrooms
- Tutoring after-school with young new Mainers
- Volunteering as a childcare leader on Saturdays at the Portland Public Library during the "In her Presence" program offered to Maine Immigrant families.
- Providing Coffee Hour on Sundays



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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 the Christian community is a vital part of what it means to walk in the way of Christ. Make sure you stop by the volunteer room and look for the file called "Youth Hours" and look for your chart (or your child's chart). And let us know of any other ways that we can help our young people to grow into the full potential that God has intended for them.

Nathan W. Ferrell +

Columbus Day Faith Family Hike

Monday, October 9, departing Saint Mary's at 9 AM, we will climb Pleasant Mountain located in Bridgton and Denmark (where Shawnee Peak is located). It is southern Maine's tallest mountain at 2,006 feet and the views over the Sebago Lake region and into the White Mountains are unbeatable!

EVERYONE is welcome to join us. All ages and families are welcome, as well as friendly dogs on a leash. We will hike about 4 miles, but we can break into groups as needed based on speed and ability. We will carpool from Saint Mary's. Bring your own lunch and water, and be ready to stop on the way back to share dinner together.



MARATHON WEEKEND BEGINS

Autumn Mission Morning: Saturday, September 30, 9 AM - Noon

We are called to seek true union at all levels – with ourselves, our neighbor, the outsider, with nature and with the divine. Richard Rohr

We kick off the season with Mission Morning on (please note) **Saturday**, September 30, following the 8am Eucharist on this Marathon Weekend. Once again, we will offer opportunities for parishioners of all ages and abilities (this is VERY family friendly.) You are invited to gather in the Auditorium at 9am for a short reflection, after which we will disperse in small groups into the community for various projects through which we seek God in His creation, returning at 11:30 for fellowship and a quick lunch. ***The nursery will be available for our youngest parishioners (up to 3 ½ years) from 9--noon.***

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

Coastal Clean-up: Bonny Rodden will lead the clean-up of the shoreline around Mackworth Island. Please bring sturdy shoes and gloves. *(Family Friendly)*

Morning at Milestone. Painting and organizing closets at the Milestone Residential Treatment Program in Portland. Car-pool from Saint Mary's

Bringing Spring to Seniors. Bring fall flowers to and visit with residents of The Cedars convalescent home. *(Family Friendly!)*

Art Project. Stay at Saint Mary's to create “Kindness Rocks” that will, the following Sunday, be distributed to parishioners to place around the community as a “random act of kindness.” *(Family Friendly!)*

Fall Clean-up for Neighbors in Need. Indoor and outdoor projects at homes of fellow parishioners and a Falmouth Food Pantry Client *(Family Friendly!)*

Sharing the good news of Jesus Christ in word and deed!



Saint Mary's Godspeed teams - Come cheer them and everyone on!

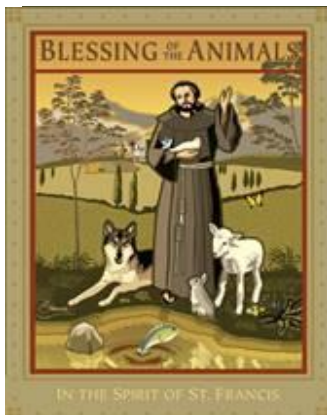
Meet around 7:30 AM and stay as long as you're able. There's parking on Route 1, which will enable you some flexibility. There's a path from Route 1 to Route 88. Bring drums, noise makers and enthusiasm to **give these runners a big Saint Mary's boost!**

Saint Mary's GODSPEED teams 1, 2 & 3 (4 runners each, as

Tim Record
Nathan Ferrell
Ben Pollard
Bruce Fithian

Erin Ferrell
Rob Woodman
Lura Robichaud
Joan Cohen

Jessica LaPlante
Jen Means
Alice Gouge
Terry Brown



MARATHON WEEKEND CONTINUES ON SUNDAY AFTERNOON

The Blessing of the Animals: Sunday, October 1, 5 PM

“We are free to make choices: to love, to create, to reason, and to live in harmony with creation and with God” (The Book of Common Prayer, p.845). One way to express this choice to live in harmony with creation is by blessing the animals with whom we share our lives. Bring all of your pets to Saint Mary's on Sunday afternoon at 5 PM. We will sing, pray and ask God to bless our animals and all the wild creatures upon whom our lives depend. Invite your friends and neighbors, too. All are welcome!

Vestry Highlights from your Wardens

The Vestry met on 9/20. Father Nathan opened with a teaching moment about Rosh Hashanah.

Bill Gowen gave an update on our financial situation. Pledge income is down year to date. We hope that people will catch up with their pledging now that we've kicked off the fall season. Budget planning for 2018 is beginning. And the 2018 Stewardship Campaign will start in early October. We discussed the need to adjust our policy on unrestricted bequests. Since the Legacy campaign, all unrestricted bequests have been allocated to our Building and Grounds Endowment. This is the last pledge year of the Legacy Capital Campaign. Going forward we need to have a plan in place to handle unrestricted bequests. We hope to strike a balance between allocating money to an endowment fund and supporting operational needs.

Father Nathan reported that the new Vestry Greeter program is going well. Vestry members are taking turns to be greeters from approximately 9:30 until 10 to welcome and direct newcomers as well as generally getting acquainted.

Father Nathan has not yet finalized his sabbatical plan but it's getting closer to being defined. The Wardens and Nathan met with Jonathan Appleyard, a retired priest who covers sabbatical work. We are hoping to finalize plans soon. Father Appleyard will serve as our supply clergy on December 10th when Nathan is away for the Army/Navy game.

RSCM and Guiding RAY are off and running.



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

RSCM is starting slowly, but we are committed to growing this valuable program for our youth. All should encourage friends, neighbors and colleagues to check it out for their children. We are also looking into the possibility of starting an Angel Choir, which is for our preschoolers and kindergarteners.

The Long Range Planning Committee gave us its report. Rick Hirschman, Chairman of the Committee, presented the highlights. The goal of this Committee is to review, research, and project big expenditures for the grounds and buildings. The Committee is comprised of Rick Hirschman, David Robinson, Hugh Smith, Jim Stoddard, and Garry Bowne. The Vestry thanks the members for their diligent and comprehensive work. We'll be sharing more of this information with the parish soon.

Stewardship 2018

by Janet Bowne

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

"Saint Mary's has made all the difference in my life."

This comment is from a recent coffee hour conversation. Who among us made the comment isn't important. The essence of the statement reflects what we are all about. We all have joined this community because we are searching for something: a deeper connection with God, a way to put the world situation in a context; a need to be part of a community, and many other reasons. Some of us are here for a number of reasons. Some of us may not know exactly why we are here. But together we are part of a vibrant community seeking to see Christ in all people.

Building this vibrant community and using our hands to do God's work takes energy, determination and money. Money to support our programs: electricity and heat to welcome our Souper Supper guests, materials for our children's program, music for our choir and repairs to our beautiful organ, maintenance for our buildings and salaries for our staff.

Soon you'll receive the stewardship packet for 2018. Please consider it carefully and make a pledge. No matter the size of your pledge, when we add all of our pledges together, we can accomplish a lot in 2018. Use your hands to continue to do God's work and ensure that Saint Mary's can make a difference in people's lives.

What is a "Healing Prayer Team" and what do they do?

You probably have noticed that every Sunday bulletin includes this: "a member of the healing prayer team is available to pray with you during Communion." What actually goes on in the Robing Room to the left of the pulpit? Or at the back of the church during the 8AM service?

The members of the Healing Prayer Team do not claim magical curative powers. They do claim that God is actively present in every person's life, including times of illness and distress. They do rely on Jesus' promise, "I am with you always, even unto the end of the world" (Matthew 28:20). Prayer opens us to the Divine Presence and helps us allow God to enter into challenging situation, whatever it is.

Healing can take many forms and prayer helps us recognize healings we might never have expected. As we participate in Communion, we are accepting the Prayer Book invitation to "feed on Christ in our hearts, by faith with thanksgiving." We can continue to receive that nurturing by engaging in healing prayer with another member of the congregation who is prepared for this ministry.

You can reveal as much or as little as you wish to the person offering healing prayer. Every prayer request is completely confidential.

As shared by Merle Marie Troeger



Nominating Committee

by Nadine Timberlake

The Nominating Committee has accepted many nominations of parishioners to serve on the 2018 Vestry as well as delegates to the 2018 Diocesan Convention. Thank you to all who participated in this process by nominating parishioners to fill the four vestry openings and four-five Diocesan Convention delegates (the wardens and treasurer serve as alternates). Nominations are closed as of October 1, and the committee will begin their review. Thank you! With any questions or comments, please feel free to contact Nadine Timberlake at ntimberlake@aol.com

wear blue:run to remember

- What?** A group run, jog or walk, each at their own pace, preceded by a Circle of Remembrance. Free and open to the public. Everyone is dressed in blue in a show of solidarity.
- When?** The first Saturday of each month at 1200 Noon
- Where?** Around Back Cove in Portland (meet at the parking lot on Preble St near Hannafords)
- Why?** To remember our servicemembers who have died in defense of our nation, to support their families, and to honor those who continue to risk their lives each day for our freedom.
- Who?** Nathan and Erin McGee Ferrell are helping to organize and lead this group, along with other Navy reservists from Nathans unit.

The FIRST wear blue: run to remember in Portland will be Saturday, October 7 at 12 noon. Everyone is welcome. Spread the word and invite others! FMI, see the official website: www.wearblueruntoremember.org.



#runinblue #forthefallen

"FOR THE FALLEN. FOR THE FIGHTING. FOR THE FAMILIES."

FMI, visit the website: www.wearblueruntoremember.org

Outreach Ministry ~ All Ages Serving Near and Far

Welcome, New Mainers' Mission: Opportunities Abound!

You are cordially invited to learn ever more about and from our new neighbors throughout 2017!

We are kicking off the season with a **wonderful concert by**

Pihcintu Chorus on Sunday, October 15 at 4pm, with a reception to follow.

This will be the first of three gatherings at Saint Mary's involving our new neighbors during 2017-2018. All will be free and open to the community!

The Pihcintu Chorus welcomes immigrant children from around the globe, helping them through music to restart their lives following their flight from war-torn villages, bloodshed, refugee camps, famine and political turmoil. The group is led by Con Fullam, award-winning producer, musician and songwriter. ***The children and their music are transformative. Being in their presence is a life-enhancing experience, and they touch the hearts of all who hear them!***

PIHCINTU
Acclaimed performances at the Kennedy Center and the NBC Today's

PLEASE JOIN US for another *Welcome, New Mainers* event

PIHCINTU

Maine's Multi-National Refugee and Immigrant Girls Chorus

Sunday, October 15, at 4 PM
at Saint Mary's Auditorium, 43 Foreside Road, Falmouth
followed by a reception provided by Wayside

Admission free ~ Donations accepted

*"Pihcintu: Welcoming immigrant children from around the globe,
the Pihcintu Multicultural Chorus helps restart young lives."*



CELEBRATE



HONOR



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Christian Formation - RAY Beams - Autumn 2017

Guiding RAY is in full swing! Our new program style has been well received by kids, parents and leaders...everyone is enjoying beginning with social time! All are welcome to join us.

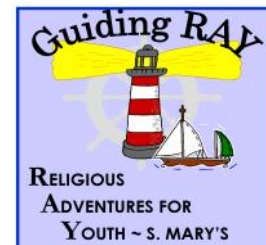
This Fall we have been studying Romans and how it relates to “Who is my Neighbor.” By following the same lessons that adults are studying, we hope to foster conversation and learning with all ages.

► Our younger children have been learning how to “BEE a worker for Jesus” by BEEing faithful, forgiving, kind, happy, loving, obedient, content, respectful, considerate, and truthful. That is a lot to learn! Thank you, Julie Otte for leading.

► The children in Grades 4-6 have also focused on forgiving and faith and with the help of Heather Gale have explored how they can make a difference in the lives of people around them.

► Our older kids (grades 7 & 8) have become thoroughly engrossed with learning about Paul’s life, his travels, and his faith in God. Meg Hurdman brings her own passion for Paul to this group, and her passion is contagious! Please let any 7th & 8th graders know that they are now a part of Guiding RAY and are welcome to join this fun and faith-forming group.

Penny Guyton, Alison Hayward, Janet Bowne, Linda Eaton, Fiona Ferrell and Sammy Means have also lent their time to leading in Guiding RAY. It takes a parish to help raise our children...please consider lending some of your time as well.



The Guiding RAY bulletin Board! Special thank to Diane Fletcher, Pat Rogers and Priscilla McGarry for BEEing so creative!

Coming Up:

October 1: Maine Marathon—there will be no Guiding RAY program.

Join us for the Blessing of the Animals at 5:00 PM

October 8: Celebrate World Communion Sunday

October 15: Living in Harmony

October 22: Love and Forgive

October 29: Our favorite Saints

Save the date - November 5: Faith Family Sunday



Saint Francis of Assisi
Patron of Animals, Merchants & Ecology

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.

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Guiding RAY Coordinators

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Christian Formation High & Middle Schoolers



NEW!!! WYDLIFE CLUB!!! Friday, October 13, 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 Wydlife leaders go through background checks and training.

Young Life Casco Bay Annual Banquet

Thursday, October 26, 5:30 pm at the Woodlands

Want to learn more about Young Life? Want to support a growing ecumenical movement to reach all area youth with the love of God in Christ? Join Nathan and Erin Ferrell at this fundraising banquet. Dinner is free, but there will be an opportunity to give in support of Young Life – if you choose. Speak with Nathan or Erin soon if you are interested.

ACOLYTES



Children and youth (ages 8 and up) are invited to be acolytes. Our acolytes help the clergy with the worship service Sundays, Christmas, Holy Week and Easter. Acolytes have the summer off. The Gospel and Epistle acolytes carry the torches (candles), and the Crucifer carries the cross. They lead the procession at the beginning of our service and lead the recession at the end of our service. They also help clergy set and clear the altar for Communion. The training provided by Father Nathan is short and easy. **Training for this year is scheduled for Sunday, October 15, after the 10am service.** Acolytes generally serve once a month. It is a wonderful way for youth to be involved in worship and connect with each other and the St. Mary's community. Additionally, some area high schools require community service hours for graduation. High school students may earn community service hours as an acolyte. FMI and to sign up for training, please contact Tricia Wheeler at tjwheeler@maine.rr.com.

Casco Bay CAN

(Create Awareness Now to Prevent and Reduce Youth Substance Use)

October 2017 Tip of the Month

Talk Early, Talk Often, and Keep Talking

- ♦ Start the conversation early with children
- ♦ Talk to youth regularly about your expectations
- ♦ Lock up/track alcohol and drugs at home
- ♦ Get to know the parents of your teens' friends
- ♦ Keep the conversation going with your teen



Casco Bay CAN



Visit us on Facebook and Twitter
www.cascobaycan.org

Casco Bay CAN is a grant funded project sponsored by Cumberland County Government

The Episcopal Diocese of Maine invites you to:

Pathways to Peace

YOUTH EVENT FOR EVERYONE IN GRADES 6-12

Columbus Day Weekend
St Luke's Cathedral
back door, 134 Park St.
Portland

For more information and to register visit maineyouth.org

Think Sparkles ... We're gearing up !

Thanks so much to those who came to our first Sparkles 2017 meeting on September 7. We had a wonderful showing of veteran Sparklers, and some new members with some great, new ideas! Sparkles is such a community at Saint Mary's, and it was great to see so many people participate. Everyone came with enthusiasm and creative ideas for a great Sparkles this year.

This year, we have 2 new additions to Sparkles! On **October 20**, we will have an appetizer tasting, **Sparkles Spirits**. Tickets will sell for \$10 in advance (\$12 at the door), and we'll offer wine and tastings of appetizers that you'll be able to pre-order in time for Thanksgiving or Christmas. The appetizers will be frozen, and ready to thaw and cook whenever you need. Be ready for your holiday gatherings and unexpected guests by having some of these tasty appetizers in your freezer.

We are also opening the downstairs Guiding RAY rooms to **Children's Sparkles**. 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 welcome donations of gently used toys as well as small items appropriate for kids to purchase. And, we are also expecting a couple of *very* special guests. We don't want to give anything away, but they are married, wear red velvet, and LOVE children. They'll have free apple cider and popcorn for all the good little boys and girls.

Upstairs is our **Boutique**, the anchor of our Fair. We welcome a variety of gently-used treasures, such as china, glasses and silver, as well as kitchen and household items, decorative items, and Christmas things. (No books or rummage.) Drop-Off dates are October 7, 21, and 28, and November 4 and 18, and we'll have helpers available to assist you in unloading your car or truck.

Our **Knitting Nook** is always a huge attraction for shoppers, so we need your hand-knitted, crocheted or felted items. Please contact Barbara Murray (799-1326) for more information, or drop off your completed items during the drop-off dates listed above. We also welcome unused yarn and fabrics, and other items, such as knitting needles, crochet hooks, sewing notions, etc.

Saint Mary's Gems is also always a popular table offering new and vintage jewelry, both fine estate jewelry and costume jewelry. If you have jewelry to donate, we'd love you to bring it on one of the drop-off dates.

Gorgeous Boxwood Trees and Centerpieces will be provided by Lynne Shepherd and friends. They'll be taking orders at the Sparkles Coffee Hour in November. If you want one of these beautiful creations, be sure to order one then.

Theme Gift Boxes - For the past eight years, we have had beautiful themed gift boxes for sale, and we have those boxes in the auditorium for you to take home and fill. Please return them to the office by November 3.

Saint Mary's Cookie Walk and Bake Sale - Please start baking and freezing now!!! We need lots and lots of cookies and baked goods for these tables. We'll have pans for our traditional almond cakes available, as well.

Saint Mary's Friendship Soup - We need lots and lots of beans donated to create this traditional favorite at Saint Mary's. There is a basket outside the Guild Room, so please help us fill it with beans - any color or type -- by **November 19**.

Saint Mary's Wreaths and Poinsettias - Janet Bowne will be coordinating this again, in conjunction with Skillins Nursery. These will be pre-ordered and pre-paid beginning at the November Sparkles Coffee Hour, and they will be ready for pick-up on Sunday, **November 26**.

For more information, please contact Jana Burke (272-4535 call or text, or jana.burke@gmail.com) or Kathy Galen (kathleendaisy@aol.com).

SAVE THESE DATES:

Drop Off Dates: October 7, 21, and 28, and November 4 and 18

Planning Meetings: October 6 and 26, and November 4 and 21

Sparkles Spirits: October 20

Garlanding the Saint Mary's campus for Sparkles : November 18

Thanksgiving Eucharist and Lighting of the Memorial Tree: November 22



St. Cecilia Choir Looking for New Members

by Bruce Fithian

We've had a few families show interest in their young people participating in the Royal School of Church Music America at Saint Mary's. We are looking for new members to join this wonderful program. I will be in the Father James Chapel on Sundays from 9:30 to 9:45AM to lead children in singing some of the songs we will be enjoying. That is also a time I can speak with parents about the merits of this enterprise.

In addition, I will be in the choir room, Wednesdays 4:00 PM to meet with any families who would like to have a little more time to look over the music notebooks - five levels from beginning to advanced - that teach children all the basics of music theory, sight singing, and church liturgy.

This is an inspirational endeavor, and I am sure Saint Marians will eagerly join our efforts once they learn the value of the RSCM program, which include:

- ♦ singing as a physical exercise
- ♦ discovering the beauty of each voice, through singing lessons
- ♦ learning to sing the great hymns from our tradition
- ♦ becoming a member of an ensemble
- ♦ learning the value of working together in harmony
- ♦ being proud of achievements
- ♦ learning about our church's liturgy



Please feel free to contact me for more information: Bruce Fithian 831-7113; bsfithian@aol.com



Calling all young Singers for NEW 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.

Reformation Jubilee 500, Sunday, October 29, 5 PM

October 31 is the five-hundredth anniversary of the start of the Reformation by Martin Luther when he nailed his 95 theses to the door of the Castle Church in Wittenberg, Germany. Since October 31 now is Halloween in America, we have decided to recognize this momentous occasion with a special ecumenical service on October 29. Along with Emmaus Lutheran Church and the other Falmouth churches, Saint Mary's will host a very special time of celebration of Luther's legacy as well as a time of confession over our divisions within the Body of Christ. One unique element will be a shared confession between Lutheran and Roman Catholic clergy, asking for forgiveness from each other and from our one Lord.



Special music will include organ music based on Martin Luther chorales ("Savior of the nations, come!" and "'A mighty fortress is our God'"), a processional hymn with all the choirs and clergy in their vestments, a Mendessohn anthem by the Saint Mary's choir based on Martin Luther's 'Verleih uns Frieden (Give us your peace)', a stirring anthem with all the Falmouth church choirs singing, and of course, the famous hymn 'A mighty fortress is our God.'

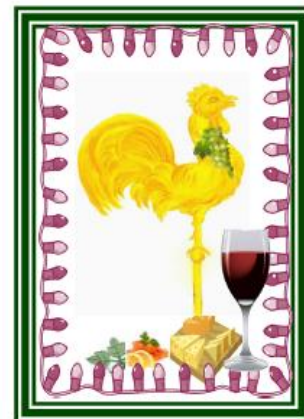
All the music will be accompanied by a brass quartet composed of three Saint Mary members: Jennifer Curran, Jocelyn and Alan Carr as well as the Director of Music at the Foreside Community Church, Trevor Lavenbein.

Come join us for this very special commemoration.

Sparkles Spirits

Join us and Bring your Friends for

AN EVENING OF TASTING AND SIPPING



Friday, October 20, 2017 6 - 8 PM

Saint Mary's Guild Room

*While sipping on a beverage of your choice,
appetizers will be presented, sampled and made available
to order for your holiday gatherings*

Pick-up dates will be November 19 and 26

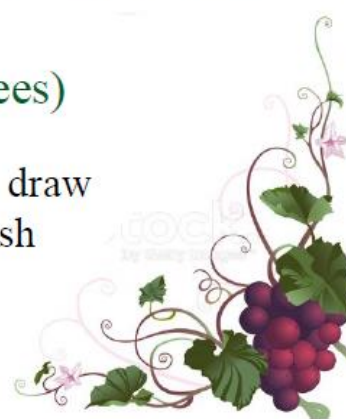
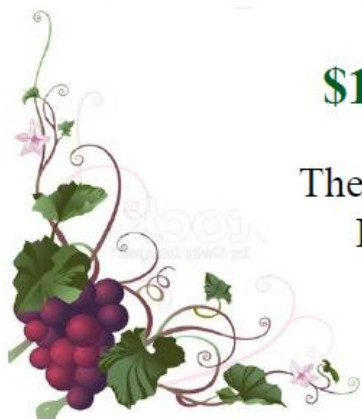
Attendance is limited to 75. Tickets are available at the office or on Sunday coffee hours

\$10 pre-event

\$12 at the door (up to 75 attendees)

The evening will include a chance wine draw
Pre-pay that evening by check or cash

The Episcopal Church of Saint Mary
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In Her Presence

In Her Presence, an organization created and led by immigrant women living in Maine, teaches English and essential skills necessary to empower immigrant women to attain their personal ambitions while honoring their unique identity.

As part of Saint Mary's commitment to supporting our New Mainers, a group of six parishioners and several others are volunteering on Saturday mornings to teach practical skills necessary for integrating more fully into the community and for living more engaged and fulfilling lives as new Americans. [The commitment would be one Saturday morning a month at most; the curriculum is provided. We have an awesome team!] Our team orientation is October 4th.

Being with these remarkable women from all over the world is so inspirational, fun, and engaging, it may be the best two and a half hours of your week!! If you are interested in learning more, please contact Becky Pride at 781-4391/ rebec-capride1@gmail.com, or Anne Lafond at 781-8820 /



Outreach is hoping for your input!

The Outreach Committee is discerning to which charities to send our pledge dollars. If you have a favorite charity ~ local, state, national, or international ~ you'd like us to consider, please contact Marian McCue, chair of Outreach, at 761-1936 or marian.mccue@gmail.com

Thank you for participating.

St. Paul's Letter to the Romans: our Autumn 2017 Teaching Focus

On October 31, 1517, Martin Luther nailed 95 Theses to the door of the Castle Church in Wittenberg, Germany, in opposition to the Vatican's sale of indulgences. This spark lit the wildfire that became the Reformation.

The primary source for Luther, and for all of the Reformers, was the Letter to the Romans. The claim has been made that this is the most important letter in the history of Western civilization.

This year, as the 500th anniversary of the Reformation approaches, we are going to study Romans, because it is vital that each one of us understands the basics of this Letter and what it continues to say to the body of Christ. Sunday scriptures and sermons as well as Thursday Wisdom Seekers will be using these readings for topic, study and discussion. Please use your Bible to read ahead of time and to engage this remarkable text in your own quiet time. Here is our study plan to work through most of Romans this Autumn:

Sept 10	Romans 1:1-18
Sept 17	Romans 2:1-11
Sept 24	Romans 4:1-13
Oct 1	Marathon weekend
Oct 8	Romans 8:1-11
Oct 15	Romans 9:1-16
Oct 22	Romans 13:1-10
Oct 29 (Reformation Sunday)	Romans 11:25-36
Nov 5 (All Saints Sunday)	Romans 12:1-18
Nov 12	Romans 14:1-13
Nov 19	Romans 15:13-20
Nov 26 (Christ the King)	Romans 16:1-7, 16-20

Outreach Ministry ~ All Ages Serving Near and Far

Community Souper Supper October 13 and 27

Enjoy this community-wide fellowship offering, dining in a relaxed, candle-lit atmosphere. You will be feted with a complimentary main course, salad, rolls, dessert and beverage. Wonderful for singles and families alike!
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*

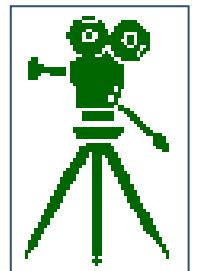
"Coffee by Design" 12 oz. bags of ground fair-traded, organic, delicious coffees are on sale at Saint Mary's for \$10 a bag (Decaf is \$11). ...and support fair trade practices ...and a locally-owned business... and

Classic Cinema

Our monthly FREE in-house movie

Presents on October 13 "The Big Sleep"

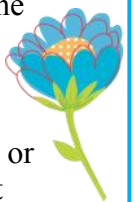
(1946) L.A. private eye Philip Marlowe (Humphrey Bogart) takes on a blackmail case...and wears out his gumshoes trailing murderers, nightclub rogues, the spoiled rich and more. Lauren Bacall joins Bogart under Howard Hawks' brisk and atmospheric direction of an ace adaption of Raymond Chandler's novel.



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



Our Serene Summer Chapel Tour

by Averyl Dawn Hill

The past summer from July through September Wayne and I visited seven new-to-us seasonal Episcopal chapels in Maine. I'm often asked what gave me the idea to do this "tour". The truth is that it just came to me, the same way the idea my blog *Serene New England* did during Easter Sunday while sitting in church at St. Mary's. I love to explore new-to-me places and meet new people. The theme of renewal and strengthening my relationship with God while appreciating unique places of worship in beautiful coastal Maine settings felt as if it would be Episcopal Summer Camp. And in many ways, I was right!

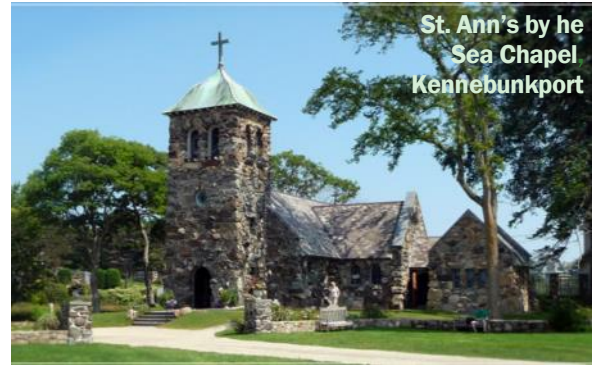
One of the special qualities of being an Episcopalian is that we all use the Book of Common Prayer, so that when you attend a service in a new-to-you church, you still feel at home because it will be familiar. Even so, each setting and sermon takes on the character of the community and clergy. Some services are more staid than others. At St. Ann's outside chapel overlooking the sea in Kennebunkport, we sang "He's Got the Whole World in His Hands" and "Morning Has Broken," two songs I sang in summer camp as a kid. (I was surprised to learn that Cat Stevens did not write that song, rather it was a Christian hymn published in 1931!) Each chapel and service was comforting in its familiarity yet new and exciting as we met people from all over the country and took in all the history, architecture and artistic touches.

Another unique quality of the summer chapels is that the clergy are also visiting "from away" - just like most of the summer people congregating there. The excitement of coming to Maine was often mentioned in the sermons and it was clear that it was a very special time for visitors to our state. Likewise, the people in town for a week or the whole summer seemed really happy to be at the chapels.



The chapels are unique in that except for one, they are self-sustaining and, while they are associated with the Diocese, they are not an official part of it. Wayne and I learned about the challenges faced by each century or more old chapel that has survived the years and harsh Maine winters. For example, there was an organ that was eaten by mice one winter, and it had to be replaced; others needed a new roof or stone exterior. Great care and expense goes into maintaining these historic treasures.

I have documented our experiences at each of these churches at my blog *Serene New England*. You can see all of the related posts by visiting <https://serenenewengland.com/tag/summer-chapel-tour/>. To view a list of all seasonal Episcopal chapels in Maine visit <http://www.episcopalmaine.org/congregations?id=65:summer-chapels&catid=46:summer-chapels>



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's 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)

Merci



Thank you to Megan Akers, Julie Otte and Heather Gale for their direction and help with Guiding RAY, our children's formation program.

Thanks to Bruce Fithian, Stan and Linda Eaton, Betsy Stoddard, Maggie Gardner and Will Salomon and others for their dedication to the Royal School of Church Music program. We look forward to seeing it grow!

Thanks to Megan Akers and all the people who helped with the Kick Off Sunday Carnival. It was a fun start to our busy fall season. Thanks to Anne LaFond for, once again, heading up the Cookout! Delicious!!

THANKS!

Thanks to the Long Range Planning Committee for working to forecast projects and capital improvement projects we will need to tackle in the next few years. Rick Hirschman, David Robinson, Hugh Smith, Jim Stoddard and Garry Bowne staffed this committee very ably!

CHEERS!

Thank you to the Office Angels who support us in so many ways.

yay!

Thank you to the choir for being back in the loft and leading us in our musical prayers!

Thanks to everybody that donated asked-for items to Milestone Recovery. It makes such a difference to them!

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 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. Coffee Hour can't happen every

Sunday, unless we have more volunteers. The sign up sheet is on the table in the hallway.

Kindly consider this ministry once or twice a year. Contact Betsy Stoddard, 829-2026 jbstod@myfairpoint.net if you have questions. Thanks.



Hurricane Assistance through Episcopal Relief & Development

Episcopal Relief & Development (ERD) works closely with church partners after disasters, equipping them to meet needs of those most vulnerable in their communities. Currently, their staff is responding to areas devastated by multiple hurricanes, and watching developing tropical storms. Because of strong diocesan partnerships, ERD is ready to assist in the recovery of the impacted areas for as long as necessary. You can help provide critical relief to affected communities by donating to our Hurricane Relief Fund. To donate and read the latest updates, visit episcopalrelief.org/hurricanes2017.

Falmouth Congregational Church (267 Falmouth Road, Falmouth, 781-3413)

invites all to their monthly

Coffee House

Friday, October 13 - Doors open at 6:30pm

Enjoy a specialty coffee and snack while listening to

Putnam Smith & Ashley Storrow

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

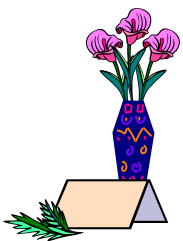
Happy October Birthdays to:



2	Lydia Stegemann	10	Winslow Robinson	20	Fritz Kendall
3	Jessica LaPlante	10	Lee Snow	23	Jo Ann Hetherington
3	Erin Ferrell	12	Meghan Curran	25	James Bowen
4	Garry Bowne IV	13	Isabelle Gale	26	Andrew Crocker
4	Carolyn Thomas	14	John Hale	26	Isabella Diamond
5	Caroline Bowne	16	Elise Kiely	27	Kate Gulliver
5	Marco Cianchette	17	Savannah Talbert	28	Meg Hurdman
7	Karen Mynahan	18	Chris Edwards	29	Susan Dench
8	Emma Shannon	19	Alex Robich	29	Elizabeth McIntosh
9	Grace Robinson	19	Beth Baldacci	29	Christos Orestis
9	Amber Rose	19	Curtis Isacke	29	Anne Ter Weele
10	Gordon Oliver	20	Marti Galli	30	Edie Taylor

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@smay.org or call 781-3366 or drop a note to the church. Thanks!

HAPPY OCTOBER ANNIVERSARY WISHES TO:



1	Megan & Mike Akers	12	Janet & Garrett Bowne
3	Janet & John Corey	19	Carolyn Thomas & Jenn Curran
6	Betsy & Jim Stoddard	22	Sarah & Chris Cameron
10	Allie & Walker Matthews	31	Becky & Jimmy Costa



OceanView Singers will Be Our Guests. . .

On October 22, the choir from OceanView at Falmouth, under the direction of Priscilla Rigg, will be joining us at the 10:00 AM service. They will be joining us in the singing of hymns and at the liturgy and presenting some special music during communion. We look forward to making them feel welcome and appreciated, as we welcome all faiths in our congregation.



The Episcopal Church of Saint Mary

Worship Leader Schedule: October - November 2017

	8am Ushers	8am EM/Lectors	10am Ushers	10am Lector	10am Euch Minister	Acolytes	Altar Guild	Altar Flowers	Flower Delivery	Coffee Hour Host
Sep 30/Oct 1 Mission AM	9/30, Sat. 8am Ushers Len Taylor & Jim Porter	Sat. 8am EM Becky Pride	Evening Service>>		10/1, Sun. 4pm Usher	Acolytes	Portia, Trish, Nece			
8-Oct Pent 18	Charlie Hurdma Al Ahlers	Becky Pride	Chuck Horton Tom Stegemann	Rod McGarry	Andrea M-H Jim Stoddard	Maggie G	Jana B Janet B	Maura	The Stoddards	Stoddards
15-Oct Pent 19	John Fournier Jim Kane	Greg Unfricht	Aaron Splint Tom LaPlante	Linda Eaton	Terry Brown Stan Eaton	Ellie H & Maggie G	Mary S Mary L	Jana & Onnie	Ruth Kimball	Todd & Keri Ross
22-Oct Pent 20	Dave Fendersor Baer Connard	Al Ahlers	Jack Heinzman Ryan Stinneford	Maureen M	Maggie Gardner David Robinson	Sarah Michael Meaghan	Kathy G Maggie G Portia H	Lynne S	The Hortons	OPEN
29-Oct Pent 21	Ed Ainsworth Rayle Ainsworth	Lad Taylor	Tom LaPlante Ryan Stinneford	Ginny Stelk	Jim Stoddard Andrea M-H	Emily Michael William G.	Katie P Betsy E Jana B	Jan M	The Stoddards	Outreach
5-Nov (DST) Pent 22	Charlie Hurdma Jim Kane	Len Taylor	Jack Heinzman Chuck Horton	kids	Stan Eaton Terry Brown	tbd	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	tbd	Tricia W Kathy G	Onnie	The Hortons	Joyce & Len Verey
19-Nov Pent 24	Al Ahlers John Fournier	Becky Pride	Jack Heinzman Tom LaPlante	Jennifer Gregg	Andrea M-H Jim Stoddard	tbd	Portia H Jana B Janet B	Lynne S	The Stoddards	OPEN
22-Nov Thanks 6pm		6pm Usher Becky Pride	6pm Lector Becky Pride	6pm EM Becky Pride						
26-Nov Last Pent	Dave Fendersor Baer Connard	Greg Unfricht	Tom Stegemann Chuck Horton	Maggie Gardner	Maggie Gardner Terry Brown	tbd	Mary S Mary L	tbd	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



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
10/1 Marathon Sunday No morning services Go SM Godspeed teams!! Come and cheer on the runners with us!! 5pm - Blessing of All God's Creatures—outside, bring your animals	2 12-3 MEDio Parish Ad-min 12 Noonday Prayer 6-9p Pldd Comm Chorus	3 9-11am - St. Elizabeth's 9-30-12 Art Group 10-30a Wisdom Seekers 12 Noonday Prayer 3-30pm Executive Commi 7pm AA in Auditorium 7-30 AI/Anon (6:30 beginners)	4 10am Mainely Weavers 12 Noonday Prayer 12-30pm Staff meeting 6pm SinG rehearsal in Aud 6-30pm ORI	5 12 Chapel Eucharist 7pm SM Choir rehearsal	6 Office Closed 9-30am Sparkles meeting #2 12 Play where you are 2pm wedding rehearsal 5-30pm Alanon	7 9am-12noon Sparkles Drop-Off #1 3-30p Williams Wedding
8 18th Sunday after Pentecost 8am Contemplative Eucharist followed by coffee hour 9:45am Guiding RAY 10am Choral Eucharist followed by coffee hour	9 Columbus Day Office Closed 9am Faith Family Hike departs from S. Mary's 12 Play where you are 6-9p Pldd Comm Chorus	10 10-30a Wisdom Seekers 12 Noonday Prayer 4-30pm Outreach meeting 7pm AA in Auditorium 7-30 AI/Anon (6:30 beginners)	11 9a-12 GC workshop in Aud 12 Noonday Prayer 12-30pm Staff meeting 6pm SinG rehearsal in Aud 6pm Magic of Cmas rehearsal in Sanctuary	12 12 Chapel Eucharist 1pm Care Circle 6-8pm Oratorio in Aud 7pm SM Choir rehearsal	13 Office Closed 12 Play where you are 5-7pm Souper Supper 5-30pm Alanon 7pm Classic Cinema	14 9-11am Deacons in Guild Room
15 19th Sunday after Pentecost 8am Contemplative Eucharist followed by coffee hour 9-30am Angel Choir in Chapel 9-45am Guiding RAY 10am Choral Eucharist 11-15am Acolyte training 4pm Phicintu Chorus concert	16 10 Garden Club 12 Noonday Prayer 6-9p Pldd Comm Chorus	17 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)	18 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 Cmas rehearsal in Sanctuary	19 12 Chapel Eucharist 7pm SM Choir rehearsal	20 Office Closed 12 Play where you are 5pm Rehearsal 5-30pm Alanon AVE deadline Nathan+ at	21 9am-12noon Sparkles Drop-Off #2
22 20th Sunday after Pentecost Newcomer's Welcome 8am Contemplative Eucharist followed by coffee hour 9-30am Angel Choir in Chapel 9-45am Guiding RAY 10am Choral Eucharist with Oceanview Choir	23 St. James' Day 12 Noonday Prayer 6-9p Pldd Comm Chorus	24 9-30-12 Art Group 10-30a Wisdom Seekers 12 Noonday Prayer 7pm AA in Auditorium 7-30 AI/Anon (6:30 beginners)	25 12 Noonday Prayer 12-30pm Staff meeting 6pm SinG rehearsal in Aud 6pm Magic of Cmas rehearsal in Sanctuary	26 12 Chapel Eucharist 5-30am Sparkles meeting #3 6-15pm Dowseers 5-30 Young Life banquet at Woodlands 7pm SM Choir rehearsal	27 Office Closed 12 Play where you are 5-7pm Souper Supper 5-30pm Alanon	28 9am-12noon Sparkles Drop-Off #3 Diocesan Convention in Bangor
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 Pldd Comm Chorus	31 9-30-12 Art Group 10-30a Wisdom Seekers 12 Noonday Prayer 7pm AA in Auditorium 7-30 AI/Anon (6:30 beginners)	11/1 All Saints' Day 10am Mainely Weavers 12 Noonday Prayer 12-30pm Staff meeting 6pm SinG rehearsal in Aud 6-30pm ORI 6pm Magic of Cmas rehearsal in Sanctuary	11/2 12 Chapel Eucharist 1pm Care Circle & Prayer Chain 7pm SM Choir rehearsal	11/3 Office Closed 12 Play where you are 2pm rehearsal 5-30pm Alanon	11/4 9am-12noon Sparkles Drop-Off #4



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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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