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"GREETINGS MARY, FULL OF GRACE."



The Episcopal Church of Saint Mary - Falmouth, Maine

From the Rector: *"Lord, I long for your saving help.
Your instruction is my joy!" Psalm 119:174*



The late Dallas Willard, a primary guide for my discipleship journey, once suggested that "our local Christian assemblies must become academies of life as it was meant to be. From such places there can go forth a people equipped in character and power to faithfully and reliably judge and guide the earth." (The Spirit of the Disciplines, 1988)

What would it mean for us to consider Saint Mary's as an academy of life? How would this change our priorities, our programs or our budget? I think that this is a very important consideration.

We are constantly bombarded by loud voices which

tell us how we ought to order our priorities, how we ought to feel about others, and how we ought to make choices. And these voices have a vested interest in persuading us to follow their recommended path. But doing so will not take us where we truly want to go. Our deepest longings cannot be satisfied by anything other than the abundant life that God provides.

The Church is an academy which invites everyone to learn how to truly live by imbibing the wisdom of our Master Jesus and his people. There are vast treasures of wisdom in the Church that are more than any one person can ever explore. Even I have only begun to scratch the surface. I think it must be a primary task of Saint Mary's to introduce our people to this incredible heritage and to invite them to be lifelong learners of the Way.

Why is this so important? Because human beings do not automatically know how to live well. We are all shaped by our cultures and our surroundings far more than most of us realize. It takes intention and discipline to pursue a different path, and we must learn it from others who are also walking along the Way.

As you enter the year 2018 and reflect on your life, I invite you to consider becoming a student of the Way of Jesus. Not for a month or for a season, but for life. After all, we are in a marathon, not a sprint. It is how we live our lives over the long haul that matters far more than short-term efforts or spontaneous decisions that do not last. The Church can show you where to dig and what to dig for, but the digging you must do yourself. If you are willing to learn faithfully and diligently from Jesus and his people, I promise that you will discover gems of hope, joy, peace and compassion that had previously been hidden. Let this new year be the time when you commit (or re-commit) yourself to live as a student of the Master. May it be so!

Nathan W. Ferrell +

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Vestry Highlights from your Wardens

The Vestry met on December 20; the main agenda items surrounded our current financial picture and the proposed budget for 2018. The Treasurer's Update: we've collected \$243,000 on our pledges year to date on a pledge total of \$276,000. The Schola was successful bringing in almost \$2,900. Sparkles was a success with the net being \$17,253. Congratulations to the Sparkles and Schola team on an amazing effort. The Vestry approved the 2018 Budget currently has a deficit of \$37,000. Pledges are just over \$200,000 toward our goal of \$285,000. We have about 87 households pledging toward a goal of 170. Pledges are important as they are the largest source of revenue. We will make reminder calls on Wednesday January 3, 2018 to those who have not turned in their pledge forms.

The Vestry approved a temporary policy on unrestricted bequests following the last pledge year for the Legacy Campaign. The Budget and Finance Committee is working on a new policy but has not come to agreement on the best policy. Effective January 1, 2018, all unrestricted bequests will be deposited temporarily with separate accounting in the JM Brown 1241 fund until the new policy from Budget and Finance is presented to the Vestry.

Plans for Father Nathan's Sabbatical are in place however, Reverend Appleyard will not be our visiting priest. He doesn't feel we are a good fit for him at this time. We are working on finding a new visiting priest.

The Nominating committee presented the following slate for convention delegates for 2018: Maggie Gardner, Mary Lalumiere, Bonny Rodden and Will Salomon. Thanks to Nadine and the Committee for their work. We will need



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

to elect delegates for the Bishop nominating convention for February 2019. Nathan recommends that we elect those delegates in the fall of 2018.

The Annual Meeting is on January 28th. We will have a short but important business meeting but will also have intergenerational programming as part of the meeting.

We need ushers for both 8 and 10. Jack Heinzman is retiring from the chairmanship after 6 years of chairing the usher committee. Thank you Jack for your leadership and glad to know you'll remain an usher regularly. Hugh Smith has agreed to chair the churchyard committee. Lucy Ellis is stepping from leading this important committee for many years. We thank both Jack and Lucy for their service. Thanks to Hugh Smith for assuming the chairmanship of the churchyard committee.

Submitted by Jim Kane and Janet Bowne

Stewardship 2018

by Janet Bowne



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

"There's a lot going on here." A new parishioner recently made this comment. Those of us who have been around for a few years know that this is the norm. We have always been blessed with a community that is interested in being engaged on a personal level. Whether it's Bible or book study, like Wisdom Seekers or our twice a month Souper Supper celebrating 9 years of serving soup and fellowship to the larger community, Saint Mary's parishioners use their gifts to serve Christ in all people.

At press time for the January AVE, we have received \$201,924 in pledge commitments from 87 parishioner households. **Thank you to all who have made a pledge for 2018!** We have a big gap to close to get to our goal of \$285,000 and participation from 170 households. The Vestry will have a call-a-thon in early January to reach out to those folks from whom we haven't heard. Help us continue to be able to celebrate, honor and serve Christ in all people. Complete your pledge form and return it confidentially to Beth Shaw, Parish Manager, admin@smary.org or in person at the Parish Office or by mail to 43 Foreside Road, Falmouth, 04105.

Annual Meeting and Program: January 28, 2018

Notice is hereby given that the Annual Meeting of The Episcopal Church of Saint Mary will take place on Sunday, January 28, 2018 beginning at 9:30 AM.

- At 9:30, all are asked to gather for one Eucharist which will feature all of our choirs, including our new Royal School of Church Music youth choirs.
- At 10:30, everyone will move into the Parish House for a delicious brunch. There will be fun, intergenerational activities at each table.
- At 11:30, we will begin our Annual Meeting business. We elect new Vestry members and new Diocesan Convention delegates. We discuss plans and hopes for 2018. Our intention is to conclude by 12 noon.

There will be a number of resources available to all, including copies of our Constitution and By-laws, updated Parish Directories, and Annual Meeting booklets with our 2018 parish budget. In order to vote, you must be at least 15 years of age and have been attending and supporting Saint Mary's for at least 6 months prior to the Annual Meeting. But whether you are voting or not, all are welcome to come and gather together.

Centering Prayer Opportunities on Two Saturdays in January

Centering Prayer is not a "skill" or "special knowledge," but it helps to have some practice. So, we'll gather on two Saturday mornings (9:00 to 10:15) in January to spend time together in a type of prayer that one wise person has called "Wasting Time with God." Each morning we'll take a different avenue into the heart of centering prayer and then spend some time sitting with the Mystery that is God. There is no specified "outcome" other than the spiritual rewards and risks of being on Holy Ground together. You are welcome to come to one or both sessions. Each can stand on its own, but you might enjoy the cumulative effect of attending both. Please sign up on the clipboard near the Guild Room so we have enough coffee, but if you don't have a chance to do that, come anyway.



When: Saturdays, January 13 and 20, 2018

Time: 9:30 – 10:15 a.m.

Place: Father James Chapel

Offered by: Merle Marie Troeger

Christian Formation - High & Middle Schoolers

Resolve to live healthy and share healthy habits with youth

January 2018
Tip of the Month



- Eat nutritious foods
- Exercise regularly
- Get enough sleep
- Regular checkups
- Enjoy alcohol-free activities
- Spend time with family/friends

younglife.

Young Life of Casco Bay continues to grow!

Right now, plans are being made to go to camp at Lake Champion

July 7 – 13.

Early bird discounts are available.

This is the most amazing camp experience ever! It is open to all high schoolers. FMI, go to

www.cascobay.younglife.org.

Christian Formation - RAY Beams - Winter 2018

During the season of Epiphany, we remember and recognize Jesus as God. It is also a time for rededicating ourselves to our own ministries and our missionary task - to continue the spread of Jesus' light in the world. We



"Prepare the way of the Lord!"

will only have 4 Sundays in Guiding RAY before Lent begins, and we will spend them by continuing to grow our love for Jesus and learning ways to share His love.

Our younger Guiding RAY kids will be learning how God created the world. With the gift of each day, God said, "It is good." We will spend some time thinking about the 7th day when even God rested and gave us the gift of a day to remember all the gifts.

The older kids will be focusing on how they can share their love of Jesus by helping the homeless and the hungry. We will be joining in the Souper Bowl of Caring program which uses the



Preparing Mexican Hot Chocolate



Introspection with white space

energy of the Super Bowl to mobilize youth in a united national effort to care for people in their local communities who are hungry and those in need. The

**Here's
what is
coming up
in January
2018**

January 7 - The Creation

January 14 - Mission Morning - No Guiding RAY programming

January 21 - Jonah, the Backwards Prophet

January 28 - Annual Meeting - Faith Family Sunday

February 4 - Souper Bowl of Caring

We need leaders... part-time, temporary or longer-term!!

Sharing God's love with children requires no special knowledge or experience, just a willingness to support our children on their faith journey. Guiding RAY needs church members who are looking to make a difference in the lives of our children, someone who has a desire to encourage our youth, have fun and teach them the word of God. An easy-to-follow curriculum is provided with all the support you need. Please contact Megan Akers if you are interested in sharing your love of God with our children. It is an awesome and rewarding experience, and the benefits are eternal!

Guiding RAY Coordinators

Megan Akers: *Director*, GuidingRAY@smayr.org, 415-4260

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

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

Monday, January 22, 2018: 5:30 - 7:30pm: Faith Family Ice Skating

Mark your calendars now to join your parish family for outdoor ice skating at the Lee Twombly Pond in Falmouth (behind Walmart). There will be hot chocolate, hot tea, cookies and snacks by the fireplace. Bring your own skates or rent them from Family Ice Center. All are welcome. *Grab your family, neighbors, and friends, and join us for fellowship and fun!!*



How many words does it take?

By Merle Marie Troeger

The magazine Christianity Today once included an article about defining the essence of Christianity in only 7 words. Several theologians, who typically write at length on the gospels, responded with their 7-word contributions. Here's a sampling:

In Christ, God's "yes" defeats our "no". (Beverly Roberts Gaventa)

God, through Jesus Christ, welcomes you anyhow. (Martin E. Marty)

God gets the last word. (Martin B. Copenhaver)

God is love. This is no joke. (Kathleen Norris)

Was this just a gimmick? A nod to Twitter? What's the point in trying to reduce the complexities and nuances of our faith to 7 words? People have worked hard to express the meaning of Christ in words, including the writers we call Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. What if they'd been given a word limit? Think of the richness we'd have missed!

Then I remembered that, for most of us, faith wanders back and forth between the head and the heart. The head needs the words. The brain thrives on all the formulations. The left hemisphere loves language. But the heart doesn't. The heart knows what it knows but cannot explain. The heart comprehends what is beyond language. When I was 22, someone could have listed all Tom's positive characteristics, but I married him because my heart grasped something more about him that could not be put into words.

I've come to think the 7-word exercise is for the heart. Just a few words that attempt to catch what each believer's heart would say if it had language. It doesn't end the reading, writing, preaching, praying, singing and reflecting I do as part of being a Christian. But it does push me to go to the essence. What does my heart "get" that my mind may not? What does my heart know that my brain will never grasp? What does my center say when I inquire? So, I'll give the exercise a try. Here's one for today: "God's impossible foolishness makes us whole."

If you have a few minutes while you're stopped at a red light, see what 7 words you come up with. Then share them with me at merlemarietroeger@gmail.com or Nathan at nathanferrell@smay.org.

Saint Mary's partners with the Salvation Army for Giving Tree

Our Advent *Giving Tree* this year was abundantly full with wonderful gifts from so many parishioners. Our thanks go out to all thirty of the Saint Mary's families that took tags and provided desired gifts and treasures for folks who would normally go without. We shine brightest when we are giving.



Outreach Ministry ~ All Ages Serving Near and Far

Community Souper Supper January 12 and 26

Enjoy this community-wide fellowship offering, dining in a relaxed, candle-lit atmosphere. You will be feted with a complimentary main course, salad, rolls, dessert and beverage. Wonderful for singles and families alike! Offered twice each month on the 2nd and 4th Fridays from 5-7 PM in the parish house auditorium. No reservations required.



PLUS, on the 2nd Friday, stay for the **FREE Classic Movie**
Just bring your family and friends and enjoy! It's a blast!



**Support "Souper Supper" Buy Fair Trade
"Coffee by Design" Coffee!**

*Casco Bay - a medium roast OR
Black & Tan - a slightly darker roast*

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

Classic Cinema Our monthly **FREE** in-house movie on January 12 **Watch for the coming attraction!**



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



Seeking Woodworker Interested in a Winter Project!

In the spring the Churchyard Committee will be installing a brochure box on a post by the entrance to the Burial Garden. It will contain a trifold document with information on the lots available and general information for Churchyard lot holders. We are seeking a woodworker who would encase the brochure holder (8 1/2 x 11) in a wood box with a cover and partially open front. The box would be mounted on a post. Interested? Contact Lucy Ellis at 781-3423.

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Do You have a few hours a month to welcome a new neighbor?

Become a Volunteer Housing Coach for "SIT" TRAINING

Saturday, January 6, 10am - 12noon

At HopeGateWay
509 Forest Ave, Portland

*Peu importe vos origines,
vous êtes chez vous
dans notre communauté.*

No matter where you are
from, we're glad you're
our neighbor.

لا يهم اين ولدتم، و لكننا
سعداء انكم جيراننا.

"SIT" is *Supporting Immigrant Tenants*, a Program of Community Financial Literacy "CFL" getting ready to offer no-interest loans for security deposits to new immigrants in the Greater Portland Area. Each borrower will be matched with a housing coach as a support and an advocate on issues raised by apartment living in a new culture. Email su-erudalevige@gmail.com to register* or for more information. *Registration is helpful but not required.

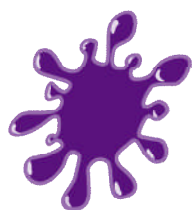
Winter Mission Morning January 14, 9AM -12NOON

Our next "Mission Morning" at Saint Mary's is scheduled for Sunday, January 14. Parishioners of all ages (this is VERY family friendly) are invited to gather in the Auditorium at 9am (directly following an 8am Eucharist) for reflection and send-off and then disperse in small groups to venture into the community for various projects appealing to every interest and capability. We return at 11:30 for lunch and an opportunity to share the highlights and lessons of our morning.

The selection of projects offer something for every age, physical capability, and "comfort zone!"

- ◆ Service at the Milestone Foundation facility in Portland (supporting those facing addiction and homelessness)
- ◆ Service at Falmouth Food Pantry, preparing and spiffing up the premises
- ◆ Helping parishioners in need (indoor projects)
- ◆ Visiting residents at the Cedars in Portland
- ◆ In-Place Project at Saint Mary's

Families...Singles...newcomers ...couples All are welcome!



SHROVE SUNDAY MESSY CHURCH

Talent Show and Pancake Pigout!!

is scheduled for **February 11**

and will be an early celebration of Fat Tuesday!

If you like to flip pancakes, have a talent you're willing to share, have an idea for a project table or have always wanted to lead a Mardi Gras parade, please contact Beth in the office and be a part of this community and fellowship building event.



Mark your Calendar: Ash Wednesday, February 14, 2018

The Ash Wednesday Liturgies will be as follows:

12noon: The Ash Wednesday Liturgy in the Father James Chapel

4:00pm: Ash Wednesday Gathering for Families & Children in the Chapel

6:00pm: The Ash Wednesday Liturgy with choir in the sanctuary

FAMILIES!! At 4:00 pm on Ash Wednesday, Father Nathan will hold a special Children's Service. It will be approximately 30 minutes long and will include an imposition of ashes, but no Eucharist; it is specially designed to be *child friendly*.



PARISH FINANCES: Greetings to all from William 'Bill' Gowen, Saint Mary's Church Treasurer

The Budget and Finance Committee has completed its work on the 2018 church budget and has passed it along to the Executive Committee and the Vestry. The budget, as presented, will continue to provide the necessary funding to operate our church for 2018.

During 2017, the church decided to increase leadership funding for our youth and younger family programs; Megan Akers was hired as the Director. I have been told that participation in this program has added a new and exciting energy to that segment of our church population. This has been funded for 2018.

The pledge committee recommended that the pledge goal for 2018 is set at \$285,000. As of December 21, a total of \$201,924 pledges have been received which makes us \$83,076 short.

At the moment the projected budget deficit is slightly over \$37,000. There remain two line items that may need a small adjustment as new financial information is received.

I would ask you to please carefully consider the financial information below. Your pledges make up the largest line item in the budget. If you have never made a pledge, please give it some serious consideration as it helps the leadership anticipate revenue to meet our expenses for our ministries, missions, and maintenance of our buildings. The pledges are necessary to continue a strong and vibrant parish and to meet the goals you help establish during the Mutual Study of Ministry last year.

Saint Mary's Operating Finances - as of November 30, 2017

INCOME

General Plate & Pledge Support	255,387
Use of Parish House & Sanctuary	16,799
Fundraisers	9,822
Invested Fund Revenue	40,882
Miscellaneous Gifts & Revenue	4,718
Dedicated Gifts	12,792
	<u>\$ 340,400</u>

EXPENSE

Dio Assessment	50,241
Personnel (includes, taxes, benefits, & pensions)	195,337
Maintenance, Capital	27,349
Operating (utilities, insurance, taxes, supplies)	63,817
Program	27,698
Countless Mission & program hours	0
	<u>364,442</u>

<\$24,142>



Sparkles ... Wrapped up for the year!

The Sparkle festivities may be over for this year, but the happy memories continue to warm our hearts. THANKS again to all who helped in so many ways.

From the beginning on Thanksgiving Eve with the lighting of the Memorial/Celebration Tree, to the Sparkles Fair, to the friendship of Christmas Caroling and



Souper Supper, and then finishing with the glorious music of the Schola Concert and Reception----we came together to give of ourselves, to reach out to our community, and to celebrate this Season of Light and Hope.

We are happy to report that our efforts raised more than \$17,000, which goes toward funding our many programs here at Saint Mary's, but the most important results are found in the fellowship, laughter and memories that will last. This year we had help from many old friends as well as numerous new ones and that, too, is how Sparkles shines.

We also want to thank the companies that donated items for our use:

---*Skillins Greenhouse* for two Christmas trees, and

---*Coffee by Design* for the 50 lbs. of their special Sparkles Blend coffee.

Another person to whom we owe special thanks is Colleen Donovan from *Foreside Antiques*, who helps us with pricing our very special donated items. If you have the opportunity, please give these merchants a thank you.

In closing, your Sparkles Chairs Jana Burke and Kathy Galen again say thank you and may you all have a happy and blessed 2018!!



Schola Christmas Concert & Reception

We want to thank ALL OF YOU for helping make the Schola Christmas concert and reception such a wonderful evening. It would not have been possible without everyone's willingness to jump in (as St Marians are wont to do), roll up sleeves, don aprons, and do what was necessary to make it such a success. Whether it was setting-up, decorating, food preparation, bringing food/wine, or clean-up, all played important roles. Of course we would be negligent if we did not include two other groups in our "thank yous" - the musicians, without whom there would be no concert or celebratory reception, and those parishioners/friends, who took time out from their busy schedules to treat themselves to glorious holiday music. With all of your help, this Sparkles benefit concert raised over \$2800 for the church. Now we both want to wish you a Happy New Year, and we look forward to seeing you again at our March 11th Lenten concert,

Masterworks of Lent.



Care and Prayer Chain

In Fall 2016, when Deacon Christine Bennett retired, the lay members of the groups involved in her “Caring Wheel” ministry came together to carry on with new kinds of organizations. With the blessing of our rector, Nathan+, an open invitation was issued to attend a productive meeting together on Sept. 15.

The result was the formation of a C A R E group of caring parishioners concentrating on keeping track of everyone in our parish family who might need attention. A plan was made to meet monthly with Nathan+, the first Thursday of the month at 1:00 pm. Beth invented a creative chart with names on the left and columns for various possible ministries, such as delivery of casseroles and soups, Eucharistic Visits with Communion, rides, cards, phone calls, hospital/rehab visits, etc. This group has met every month since. All discussions within this group are confidential. We would love to have anyone interested join this ministry group at any time. Call Beth at the office or Lee Snow at 781-2309, nlsnow@aol.com or come to a meeting.

In mid-winter 2017, Prayer Chain members, formerly led by Ginny Stelk and currently led by Becky Pride, meet with the C A R E meeting every other month. Many parishioners are in both groups.

Prayer Chain is a long-standing group of over thirty parishioners who pray daily for a number of people within and outside the parish. People ask to have their names or those of their friends or loved ones on this list. We gather regularly to go over the list, add names or uplift people, as well as to pray together and reinforce each other. The list is confidential to those who pray the list. If you would like prayers for yourself for any reason or for a friend, call Beth at the office at 781-3366 admin@smary.org or Becky Pride at 781-4391 or at rebeccapride1@gmail.com.



Nominating Committee Report

Thanks to the four retiring members of the Vestry: Barbara Bell, Terry Brown, Mary Lalumiere, and led by Nandine Timberlake for receiving nominations, prayerful discussion, work, and weeks of deliberation. The committee announces the following slate of nominees for election at the Annual Meeting on Sunday, January 28:

- For the Vestry (3-year terms):
Sandra Couch-Kelly, Matthew Fulton, Jessica LaPlante, Jan Mordarski,
- For 2018 Diocesan Convention Delegates (4)
Bonny Rodden, Maggie Gardner, Will Salomon, Mary Lalumiere

The Wardens and Treasurer typically serve as Alternates.

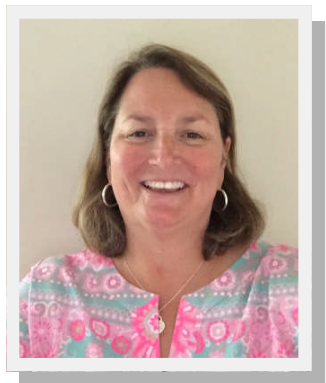
Brief biographical information on the Vestry nominees follows.

Sandra Couch-Kelly

Sandy has been involved with several community groups including Junior League of Portland in a variety of board positions and as president 2013-14. In direct service as a Girl Scout leader for 2 troops for 7 years and counting, she has had some involvement with Saint Mary's assisting and teaching in the Guiding RAY program. She currently serves on the Falmouth 300 committee, the Colby-Sawyer President's Alumni Advisory Committee, and she is a Falmouth Education Foundation board member. Sandy is currently tennis obsessed playing 3 times a week, and she is an avid face-booker.

She cares about the environment, animal welfare, and social issues. She values friendship and believes that not only through fellowship, we advance our own personal growth, but also equally as important, we can effect change where needed.

Sandy was baptized and confirmed at All Saints Episcopal Church in Omaha, attended St. Luke's in Portland from 2001 to 2010, then joined Saint Mary's in the fall of 2010.



Matthew Fulton

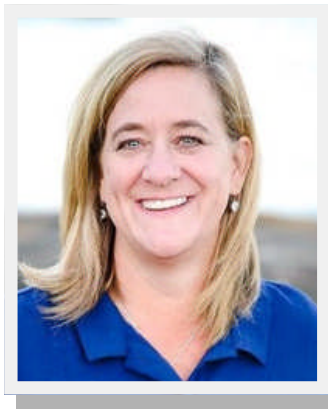
Matt and his wife, Natalia, moved from the Boston area in 2011 shortly after their first child, Eloise, was born. Matt grew up on the South Shore of Massachusetts. He attended college at George Washington University in Washington DC. He is a technologist and web developer by trade and currently works for MaineToday Media, producer of the Portland Press Herald newspaper, as the Vice President of Digital Products.

Natalia grew up in the Portland area. Because of her childhood experience in Maine, they were determined to raise their children in nature and the beauty in Maine. They now live in Cumberland, also with a second daughter, Marlena. They are fortunate to have both sets of (grand) parents living in the area, and Matt's mother Betsy often attends services with the family.

Matt and Natalia began attending Saint Mary's about two years ago, as part of an open-minded search for a church that best reflected their values and ideas of faith. Saint Mary's was the fit, and in the summer of 2016, Eloise, Marlena, and Natalia were baptized in the church. They are looking forward to watching their children grow up in the church and having it serve as a reminder of meaning, hope and purpose in their lives as they grow.



Jessica LaPlante



Jessica came to Maine from Vermont and has never left! Jessica and her husband, Tom, have been members of Saint Mary's since 1990 when they moved to Falmouth. They have 3 grown sons.

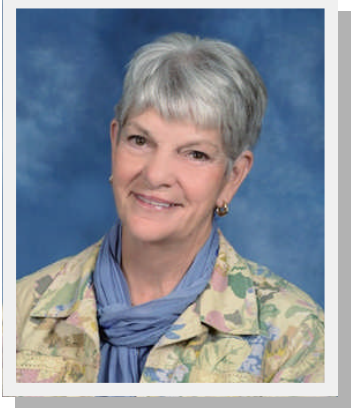
She has served in various roles throughout the years including being on the Vestry (twice!), church school teacher and coordinator, children's bell choir coordinator, hospitality, capital campaign, discernment committee co-chair and is presently the co-chair of the flower guild. Jessica was a registered nurse for nearly 20 years and is currently in her 14th year as a realtor at Locations Real Estate Group in Falmouth. In her free time, Jessica is an avid reader, hopeful painter, gardener and runner. Her favorite thing to do is to spend time with her husband and "boys," which is getting harder and harder to do these days!

Jan Mordarski

Jan Mordarski was born and raised a Presbyterian in State College, PA and moved to Bloomington, IN where she spent most of her adult life. In later years, with her second husband, she joined Saint Francis-in-the-Fields in Zionsville, IN. Jan started her working career as an RN and later earned her MSN and worked as a Nurse Practitioner until her second retirement in 2012.

After she was widowed, she moved to Cumberland Foreside in 2006 to be near her children and grandchildren. Her son, Kendall, and his wife Deanna and their two children (Gibson and Parker) live in Yarmouth and her daughter Kristina and her husband Brian live in Scarborough with their three children (Spencer, Grace and Avery).

Jan joined Saint Mary's shortly after moving here and is active on both the kneelers guild and the flower guild and is on the Buildings and Grounds committee. In the Fall of 2006 she joined the Sparkles group and served as co-chair of Sparkles for the last five years. She has also been instrumental in the leadership of our Book, Bake & Soup Sale over the past few years. She has felt so supported by the Saint Mary's family that she looks forward to working with the Vestry as a way to "give back."



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)

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Thank you Peter Fitch for building frames for advent posters

Thank you to all who made Sparkles such a huge success as a fundraiser and friend raiser!

Huge thanks to Heather Gale, Penny Guyton, Janet Bowne, Meg Hurdman, Rayle Ainsworth, Heather Teng, Charlie Hurdman, Kathy Galen, Monique Brown, Alison Hayward, Fiona Ferrell, Vanessa Record, Julie Otte, Erin Ferrell and Sam Means for their faith, dedication and work with Guiding RAY.

"Kudos to Hugh Smith for all his work pruning and raking in the Churchyard areas. We are in great shape for spring!"

THANKS!

CHEERS!

A heartfelt thank you to Hugh Smith from the Buildings and Ground Committee. Hugh is painstakingly re-caning the chairs in the church. He works quietly one chair at a time to ensure that we offer not only a safe harbor to people seeking God but also a comfortable seat.

Thanks to Ed Ainsworth, Dana Madison and helpers for getting up into those tall peaks and cleaning out all the gutters in the Parish House and Rectory. Hopefully the snow and moisture will now have a clear path off the

Thank you to our adult and children's choirs, ushers, flower guild, altar guild, acolytes, lectors, eucharistic ministers, Guiding RAY students for serving during Advent and Christmas. Your service is valued by all of our community and visitors.

Special shout out to Elf Harrison for his popcorn making skills!



Yay!

Thank you to all who helped make the Schola concert such an amazing event: the musicians. But we also thank the volunteers who made the reception so welcoming.

Thank you to Priscilla Rigg for being the catalyst to bring the Royal School of Church Music to Saint Mary's. Thank you to Maggie Gardner and Will Salomon for their support and managing the daily details.

Thanks to Linda Eaton, Betsy Elliman, Becky Pride and Merle Marie Troeger for leading our Faith Family Advent Formation.



Gracias!

Thank you to parishioner, the Reverend Portia Hirschman, for assisting with the Candlelight Christmas Eve mass.

Thank you to the staff for making the magic happen for Advent and Christmas. From bulletin production to arranging for the musical feast and preparing the meaningful messages, designing our children's lessons and coordinating the weekly schedule for Guiding RAY and for keeping our buildings clean and welcoming. We appreciate all you do!

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.





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

Happy January Birthdays to:



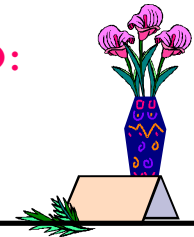
1	Margaret Fast	9	Jamie Kane		
3	Hilary Isacke	9	Drew Cheney	22	Kathy Edwards
3	Ollie Brown	9	Priscilla McGarry	22	Andrea Gauvreau
4	Dave Stimpson	10	Matthew Carr	23	Ayna Marcelynas
6	Katie Doehne	11	Sarah Amato	26	Will Smithwick
6	Kristin Doehne	15	Finn Walker	27	Michael Claar
6	Katharine Echavarri	16	Jere Fox	29	Carrie McIntosh
6	Liam Keefer	17	Neil Kiely	29	Michael Wing
6	Noelle Unfricht	18	Bernie Echavarri	30	Ellie Asherman
7	Johanna Kearins	18	Kate Ernst	31	Patrick Diamond
7	Helena McMonagle	18	Brownlow Parks-Stamm		

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 JANUARY ANNIVERSARY WISHES TO:



18 Eleanor & Jere Fox



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

Side Door Coffee House

Friday, January 12 - Doors open at 6:30pm

Enjoy a specialty coffee and snack while listening to

The Saccarappa Boys and a Girl

Featuring: Lou Mathieu, Maureen Mathieu, Dale Holman, Bob Stakel



The band plays traditional music including bluegrass, country, and old-time songs. The band currently includes Lou (guitar, fiddle, vocals), Dale Holman (guitar, vocals), Bob Stakel (guitar, vocals), and Maureen Mathieu (upright bass, mandolin, auto-harp, vocals).

Come enjoy a great cup of coffee, hot chocolate or tea and support the Arts! This is a family friendly evening, all welcome.

The Episcopal Church of Saint Mary

Worship Leader Schedule: January - February 2018

	8am Ushers	8am EM/Lectors	10am Ushers	10am Lector	10am Euch Minister	10am Acolytes	Altar Guild	Altar Flowers	Flower Delivery	Coffee Hour Host
31-Dec Cmas 2	Al Ahers Baer Connard	Mary Ann M	Aaron Splint Chuck Horton	Ginny Stelk	David Robinson Jim Stoddard	Maggie	Mary S, Mary L Jana B	Cmas		OPEN
7-Jan-18 Ep1 Bapt	Charlie Jim K	Len Taylor	Ryan Tom L	Andrea M-H	Andrea M-H Maggie G	Julia Emily & xx	Portia Maggie & Betsy	Val & Jessica	The Hortons	OPEN
14-Jan Ep 2 - MM	8am Ushers Jim P	8am EM/Lectors Lad Taylor	9am Mission Morning	~	~	~	Kathy Kelly	Jan M ?	Ruth Kimball	Mission Morning
21-Jan Epiph 3	Rayle Ed	Becky Pride	Chuck H Jack H	Marian McCue	Stan Eaton Terry Brown	Maggie xx & xx	Trish Katie, Jana	Melissa	The Stoddards	OPEN
28-Jan Ep 4 - AM	Annual Meeting	9:30am Ushers Len T Al A	9:30am lector Erin Ferrell	9:30am EMs Maggie Gardner Nadine Timberlake	9:30am Acolytes	Michael Jamie A & xx	Janet B Mary L, Kathy	Maura	The Hortons	Brunch
4-Feb Epiph 5	Charlie Jim P	Greg Unfricht	Ryan Tom L	Rod McGarry	David R Stan E	tbd	tbd	Jan & Nece	Ruth Kimball	OPEN
11-Feb Last Ep	Jim K Baer C	Al Ahlers	Jack H Aaron	Jennifer G		tbd	tbd	Helga & Hannah	The Stoddards	OPEN
14-Feb Ash Wed		12noon EM		6pm EM		~	~	~		~
18-Feb Lent 1	Rayle Ed	Mary Ann McLean		Erin Ferrell		tbd	tbd	~		OPEN
25-Feb Lent 2	Len T Charlie	Greg Unfricht		Maureen M.		tbd	tbd	~		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



January

Happy
New Year

2018

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
31 First Sunday of Christmas 8am Contemplative Eucharist followed by coffee hour No Guiding RAY classes 10am Choral Eucharist	1/1 Feast of the Holy Name of Jesus Office Closed Happy New Year!! 12n Playwhere you are Annual Report Deadline	1/2 7:30-9am BNI 9:30-12 Art Group 10:30a Wisdom Seekers 12 Noonday Prayer 3:30pm ExCom meeting 7pm AA in Auditorium 7:30 A/Anon (6:30 beginners)	1/3 10am Falmouth House Eucharist 12 Noonday Prayer 12:30pm Staff meeting	1/4 12 Chapel Eucharist: Epiphany 1pm CARE Circle 7pm SM Choir rehearsal	1/5 Office Closed <i>De-garlanding!</i> 12 Playwhere you are 5:30pm Alanon	1/6 The Epiphany
7 First Sunday after Epiphany: Baptism of our Lord 8am Contemplative Eucharist followed by coffee hour 9:00am Angel Choir & Pageant rehearsal 10am Guiding RAY 10am Choral Eucharist followed by coffee hour	8 9am - Garden Club wkp 10am - Garden Club in GR 12 Noonday Prayer 6-9p Ptd Comm Chorus <i>Jan 8-19: Nathaniel at Navy Officer Training School, Newport, RI</i>	9 7:30-9am BNI 9:30-12 Art Group 10:30a Wisdom Seekers 12-3:30pm College Club Tea 7pm AA in Auditorium 7:30 A/Anon (6:30 beginners)	10 9a-12 GC workshop in Aud 12 Noonday Prayer 6pm RSCM Dinner 6-8pm SinG in Sanctuary	11 12 No Eucharist—Noonday Prayer 6-8:30 OC in Sanctuary 6-10pm Ptd Land Trust 7pm SM Choir rehearsal	12 Office Closed 12 Playwhere you are 5-7pm Souper Supper 5:30pm Alanon 7pm - Classic Cinema	13 9:30—10:15am Centering Prayer workshop
14 Second Sunday after Epiphany 8am Contemplative Eucharist 9am MLK Mission Morning 11:30 Lunch for all	15 MLK Day Office Closed 12 Noonday Prayer 6-9p Ptd Comm Chorus	16 7:30-9am BNI 9:30-12 Art Group in aud 9a-2p EGA in Guild Rm 10:30a Wisdom Seekers 12 Noonday Prayer 7pm AA in Auditorium 7:30 A/Anon (6:30 beginners)	17 12 Noonday Prayer 6pm SinG rehearsal in Aud 6pm Vestry meeting	18 Confession of St Peter 12 No Eucharist—Noonday Prayer 6-8pm Resilience in aud 7pm SM Choir rehearsal	19 Office Closed 12 Playwhere you are 5:30pm Alanon	20 9:30—10:15am Centering Prayer workshop
21 Third Sunday after Epiphany 8am Contemplative Eucharist followed by coffee hour 9:00am Angel Choir & Pageant rehearsal 10am Guiding RAY 10am Choral Eucharist followed by coffee hour	22 Feb AVE deadline 12 Noonday Prayer 5:30—7:30 pm Faith Family Ice Skating at Twombly Pond 6-9p Ptd Comm Chorus	23 7:30-9am BNI 12 Noonday Prayer 7pm AA in Auditorium 7:30 A/Anon (6:30 beginners)	24 12 Noonday Prayer 12:30pm Staff meeting	25 Conversion of St Paul 12 Chapel Eucharist 7pm SM Choir rehearsal	26 Office Closed 12 Play where you are 5-7pm Souper Supper 5:30pm Alanon	27
28 Fourth Sunday after Epiphany ANNUAL MEETING 9:30am ONE Eucharist 10:30 Brunch & program for all-ages 11:45 Business session	29 12n Playwhere you are 6-9p Ptd Comm Chorus	30 7:30-9am BNI 9:30-12 Art Group 10:30a Wisdom Seekers 12 Noonday Prayer 7pm AA in Auditorium 7:30 A/Anon (6:30 beginners)	31 9:30am Staff meeting 10am Falmouth House Eucharist 12 Noonday Prayer 6-8 SinG rehearsal in aud	2/1 12 Chapel Eucharist 1-4 SinG rehearsal in aud	2/2 The Presentation Office Closed 12 Playwhere you are 9-5pm Lifeline Screening 5:30pm Alanon	2/3



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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*

HAPPY NEW YEAR

CELEBRATE ∞ HONOR ∞ SERVE

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Copy deadline February 2018 AVE is **Jan. 20**

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