



From the Rector: Lent: A Time for Fasting and Forgiveness



This year, Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, February 14. Go ahead and eat your Valentine's chocolates a bit early because Ash Wednesday is a day set apart for fasting and prayer. There are two days set apart in each year when every Christian person is expected to fast and both of them are in Lent: Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Why is fasting so important? Fasting is a way for us to recognize that **WHAT** is not the same as **WHAT SHOULD BE** – to physically remind ourselves that our regular patterns of life often normalize the brokenness of sin in a multitude of ways. The ways we eat and drink, the ways we consume media, the ways we

transport ourselves, the ways we use natural resources – all of these contribute to unnecessary suffering for our fellow creatures. We cannot change all these things by ourselves, but we can begin to break free from these harmful patterns through the practice of fasting. When combined with intentional prayer, fasting can be a transformational practice that brings our lives closer to the reality of God's kingdom.

The other essential element of Lent is forgiveness. The first Sunday of Lent is often known as Forgiveness Sunday among the churches of the East. These churches begin the season on the First Sunday of Lent with the ancient practice of the Rite of

Forgiveness. It is a beautiful way to **DO** forgiveness rather than to think or talk about it. By asking and offering forgiveness to each person, we recognize the deep truth that sin has affected every relationship on earth - whether we are aware of it or not. As a first Lenten step toward breaking the power of sin, we practice forgiveness with everyone gathered in our church community. But it is not supposed to stop there! This is practice, so that all of us will be more prepared to share God's forgiveness in the places where we live, work and study.

Forgiveness Sunday is a very special time here at Saint Mary's. We begin with the ancient Anglican practice of chanting (or praying) the Great Litany, which was the first liturgy translated into English by the Archbishop of Canterbury Thomas Cranmer in the year 1544, though the roots of this Litany go back nearly 1000 years before that. After the Readings, we continue with the Rite of Forgiveness in a large circle around the Sanctuary as we ask for forgiveness from each person by saying:

"Forgive me, sister (or brother), for I have sinned."

The other person responds with, **"God forgives, and so do I."**

Each person walks the circle once, asking for forgiveness, and each person stands and receives the circle while offering forgiveness. It may sound complicated, but it is quite simple. It takes some time, but I promise that you will not do anything else remotely like this at any point in the year!

Lent is coming. Make plans to fast in some meaningful way. Schedule times to spend with God in prayer. And grow in the practice of forgiveness. Do these things, and your life – along with the lives of those around you – will be richer and fuller because of it.

Nathan W. Jewell +

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How will you observe your 2018 Lent?

Mark your Calendar: Ash Wednesday, February 14, 2018

The Ash Wednesday Liturgies will be as follows:

12noon: The Ash Wednesday Liturgy in the sanctuary

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*.



THE
GOOD BOOK
CLUB

Beginning February 11, all around the world, Episcopalians will read the Gospel according to Luke during Lent and the Book of Acts during the Great 50 Days. Join the movement as we explore the entire story of Jesus' life as told by Luke and the experiences of the earliest disciples as shared in Acts. There are a ton of resources available to assist and inspire you at this website: www.goodbookclub.org. Be on the lookout for more resources soon. To start, here is the reading list for February:

Sunday, February 11, Last Sunday after Epiphany	Luke 1:1-56
Sunday, February 12	Luke 1:57-80
Sunday, February 13	Luke 2:1-21
Sunday, February 14, Ash Wednesday	Luke 2:22-52
Sunday, February 15	Luke 3:1-20
Sunday, February 16	Luke 3:21-38
Sunday, February 17	Luke 4:1-13
Sunday, February 18, Lent 1	Luke 4:14-44
Sunday, February 19	Luke 5:1-16
Sunday, February 20	Luke 5:17-39
Sunday, February 21	Luke 6:1-26
Sunday, February 22	Luke 6:27-49
Sunday, February 23	Luke 7:1-36
Sunday, February 24	Luke 7:36-50
Sunday, February 25, Lent 2	Luke 8:1-25
Sunday, February 26	Luke 8:26-56
Sunday, February 27	Luke 9:1-27
Sunday, February 28	Luke 9:28-62

... BE STILL ...

Through Guided Centering Prayer
Mondays in Lent 5:30-6:30pm

There is no more precious season than Lent to search for moments of peaceful communion with God. And what better place at the end of the day to do that than a candlelit Father James Chapel?

So come to BE STILL every Monday during Lent from 5:30 to 6:30. Give yourself the gift of the refreshing silence offered by a guided practice of Centering Prayer. We will begin with a few minutes of accompanied Taize chanting before entering into 20 minutes of meditation. We will then offer Lectio Divina, during which we listen and silently contemplate a brief scriptural reading, ending with the opportunity to share, if desired, our feelings that this reading evokes. We can promise that you will leave the chapel with a sought-for peace, calm and renewal. Please join us!

...and know that I am God.

2018 Lent - There's something for everyone

COFFEE AND A PRAYER - FRIDAYS DURING LENT

Why not start your day with a few quiet moments in the Father James Chapel on Fridays during Lent? The chapel will be open at 7 a.m. so you can drop by for a time of quiet prayer. You may want to participate in silent guided centering prayer. Or you might just want to enjoy the simple silence as the morning sunlight begins to fill the chapel. We'll also have a poem or two to contemplate also if that's more your style. However you spend your time or however long your stay, give yourself the Lenten gift of quiet prayer time with God in sacred space. And grab a cup of coffee too.



Learn about the Saints!

Pick your brackets!

Vote online!

Could your pick win the Golden Halo?!

Join the journey toward Resurrection!

Pray that through this online devotion, you will be drawn ever closer to the risen Christ.

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ROUND OF 32

SAINTLY 16

ELITE 8

FAITHFUL 4

THE GOLDEN HALO

Forward Movement
www.forwardmovement.org

Biblical

- Peter
- Paul
- Phoebe
- John the Evangelist
- Esther
- Lazarus
- Anna the Prophet
- Michael

Monastics & Martyrs

- John of Beverley
- Martin de Porres
- Dymphna
- Gertrude of Nivelles
- Thomas à Kempis
- Maria Skobstova
- Genesius
- Quiteria

Mostly Modern

- Anna Alexander
- Peter Claver
- John Wesley
- Edith Cavell
- Eglantyne Iebb
- Seraphim of Sarov
- Isaac Watts
- Catherine Winkworth

Miscellaneous

- Isidore the Farmer
- Phocas the Gardener
- Wulfstan
- Katharina von Bora
- Mary of Egypt
- Richard Hooker
- Margaret of Scotland
- Charles I

Highlights from your Wardens

by Janet Bowne

Our January Vestry meeting was cancelled due to a nasty lingering snow/ice storm. The Parish Council met the following week. The purpose of the Parish Council is to share information on our parish life with the leaders of the church, Vestry members, Committee and Guild Chair, as well as staff and interested active volunteers.

We had a large group convene, and we shared information on Father Nathan's sabbatical, the importance of clearing meetings and group activities with Beth, our Parish Manager, as well as information about upcoming events.

We discussed the program offerings for this upcoming Lent working around the challenges of Nathan's sabbatical beginning in the middle of Lent.

We discussed the plans for our summer fundraiser which has historically been a lobster bake and auction. Our lobster connection is retiring after many years of service, and we are grateful for Jack and Susan Thomas' support as well as for Chris and Missy Smithwick's sponsorship of the grill food for that event. Jim and Betsy Stoddard have stepped down from chairing the event. We've discussed many options for this event, and it seems that there's a lot of interest in a Farm-to-Table dinner and auction. Barbara Bell is working on the food side of the event, and Valerie Kyros will run the auction component of the event. The date is Saturday, August 18th. Please watch for more details.



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

We discussed the plans for more events featuring our New Mainers effort within the Outreach Committee. The Outreach Committee also advised that the Habitat Walk/Run will now be the Habitat 5K Run on May 5th. Please encourage all the runners you know to sign up for this important event.

We also discussed the Falmouth 300th anniversary and hoping to tie in an event to coincide with our Memorial Day post parade reception.

Beth passed out copies of the calendar for 2018 and asked all to review and be sure all events are logged for both coordination and marketing reasons! There's so much going on at Saint Mary's we'd hate to miss any events.

Thanks to all who came out to contribute to this important discussion.

Sabbatical News

As many of you may know, the Diocese requires a 4-month sabbatical every 5 years for clergy. Father Nathan is beginning his sixth year with us. He will be taking his sabbatical beginning in mid-March. The first portion of his time away will be for chaplaincy training with the Navy as part of his reserve service. The second piece will be family and recreation activities. The third piece will be spending time in Ecuador. Between each of the intervals, he will return for a couple of weeks. His sabbatical ends in mid-August. Most of the sabbatical will be covered by the Reverend Sara D'Angio-White. We'll share a more detailed biography of her as soon as we receive it. Reverend Sara works on youth ministry for the Diocese. Previously she was an Associate Rector at Christ Episcopal Church of Pittsford, NY. She attended Virginia Theological Seminary and was ordained in 2013. She is married to Andrew D'Angio-White who is the Rector of Saint David's, Kennebunk.

OUR MISSION

At The Episcopal Church of Saint Mary,
we are building authentic,
vibrant, Christ-centered
community as we ...

Celebrate the goodness of God and
the gift of life,

Honor the presence of Christ in one
another, and

Serve the world in the power of the
Holy Spirit.

Christian Formation - RAY Beams - Winter 2018



The Guiding RAY kids designing a poster and collection box for the Souper Bowl of Caring

Guiding RAY has many exciting stories and activities coming up in February. As a starter, we have begun collecting soup for the Souper Bowl of Caring as a part of our learning to love our neighbors. Through this mission, we are learning what it's like to make a positive difference in the world – as we work to collect food for the hungry and gain compassion for those in need. Join us in being part of this movement that is sharing God's love, and please give generously on Super Bowl Sunday. Every can of soup (low sodium preferred) we collect will be donated to the Falmouth Food Pantry, our Souper Bowl of Caring charity of choice.

Many of the kids have already begun practicing their acts for the Messy Church Mardi Gras Talent show on Sunday, February 11th. Please be sure to come and enjoy some Saint Mary's Faith Family fellowship, entertainment, and pancakes and sausage!



On Ash Wednesday we begin our journey into Lent, a time for spiritual growth and preparation for Easter. Older Guiding RAY kids (with the guidance of Meg Hurdman) will begin a study on Peter and learn how Jesus's forgiveness and the gift of the Holy Spirit strengthened Peter in ways that he never knew. Other Guiding RAY classes will learn about Holy Week, looking in detail at the last days of Jesus' life on earth before his crucifixion. During Lent, our youngest parishioners will enjoy learning stories of how God relates to His people and His creation as they prepare to enter the Mystery of Easter.

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

February 4 - Souper Bowl of Caring

February 11 - The Transfiguration of Jesus and

Messy Church Mardi Gras Talent Show 4:00 - 6:00 p.m.

February 14 - Faith Family Ash Wednesday Service 4:00 p.m.

February 18 - Noah's Ark

February 25 - God's Promise to Abraham

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@smay.org, 415-4260

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

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

Christian Formation - High & Middle Schoolers

Encourage Healthy Coping Skills

February 2018
Tip of the Month



Young Life of Casco Bay continues to grow!

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

July 7 – 13.

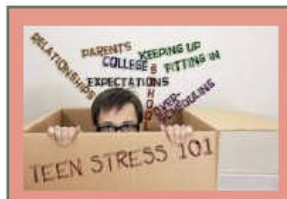
Early bird discounts are available. This is the most amazing camp experience ever! It is open to all high schoolers. FMI, go to

www.cascobay.younglife.org

Parents, share with your kids that using alcohol or misusing prescription drugs or marijuana to ease anxiety/stress is unhealthy.

Encourage:

- *Healthy eating habits*
- *Exercise, yoga and meditation*
- *Talking to a friend, a trusted adult, or a counselor*



Parents, kids think you breeze through your day. Share a mistake or unexpected situation and how you dealt with it. This can be a powerful lesson.

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Cumberland County

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REACH:

Reaching IN, Reaching OUT, Reaching GOD

The Episcopal Diocese
of Maine's
Winter Youth Event
for 6-8 Graders

MARCH 2-4

at Christ Church Episcopal
2 Dresden Ave, Gardiner, ME

[Download a flyer.](http://www.maine-youth.org)
www.maine-youth.org

CALLED TO SERVE

Jesus calls us to love our neighbor as ourselves,
and as a part of that love, we are called to serve.

The Episcopal Diocese
of Maine's
Winter Youth Event
for 9-12 Graders

MARCH 16-18

at Grace Episcopal
Church in Bath

[Download a flyer.](http://www.maine-youth.org)

FMI and to register, visit
www.maine-youth.org



MARDI GRAS MESSY CHURCH



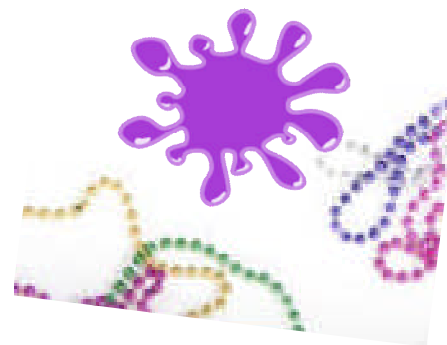
Talent Variety Show and Pancake Pigout!!

4 - 6pm February 11, Shrove Sunday

and will be an early celebration of Fat Tuesday! aka Mardi Gras
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.



Still looking for acts!!!
Contact Andrea at
mylesfromhome@msn.com



Fall Mission Morning at Saint Mary's ReCap

When the face of the other...is received and empathized with, it leads to transformation of our whole being. It creates a moral demand on our heart that is far more compelling than laws. Just giving people commandments on tablets of stone doesn't change the heart. It may steel the will, but it doesn't soften the heart like an I-Thou encounter can. (Richard Rohr, O.F.M.)

Neither the snow nor the holiday weekend kept twenty-five devoted missionaries from responding to Christ's calling and honoring the legacy of Martin Luther King, Jr. at Mission Morning on January 15th!

Thank you to those who helped sort donations at Milestone in Portland. The winter clothing and other offerings that you organized will be a balm to those struggling with addiction who are served by The Milestone Foundation.

Thank you to those who met and chatted with residents at The Cedars, bringing them the warmth of human interaction and you the memory of the light in their eyes that you will hold forever in your hearts.

Thank you to those who stacked needed firewood at the home of a local Falmouth Food Pantry client who will relish the heat this wood will provide in the family's otherwise frigid home.

Thank you to those who created colorful and loving tags for warm gloves to be offered to Falmouth Food Pantry clients. Your creativity will bring warmth to their hearts.

Jennifer Gregg



Outreach Ministry ~ All Ages Serving Near and Far

Community Souper Supper February 9 and 23

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

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



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

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

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

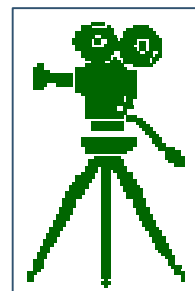


Classic Cinema Our monthly FREE in-house movie on February 9

Featuring "Strada" (1954)

Directed by: Fellini Starring: Masina, Quinn

A care-free girl is sold to a traveling entertainer, consequently enduring physical and emotional pain along the way.



Honor your loved one! Remember their birthday, graduation, or any special day

Sign up to have the altar flowers in their honor. Attached to this AVE is a form that anyone can fill out to honor the memorial of a loved one or to honor and celebrate a special event, or that special someone whom you would like to recognize or memorialize.

See the attached Altar Flower Fund form



Outreach Ministry - All Ages Serving Near and Far

In Her Presence Celebrates the New Year at Saint Mary's

Some 60 immigrant women from fifteen different countries and of different faiths gathered together with some 20 teachers and friends at Saint Mary's on a bright, sunny December 30th to celebrate the holidays and to welcome the New Year together. This international pot-luck and gift-exchange affair is an annual event for *In Her Presence* participants, one which offers a break from study and concerns and provides a chance for limitless sharing and fellowship. This year, St. Mary's was fortunate and delighted to offer what was a perfect venue for the gathering.



In addition to the superb buffet of delicious and unending dishes and treats, we were treated to prepared comments from two women who regularly attend the Saturday morning *In Her Presence* literacy classes at the University of Maine and the Portland Public Library with St. Mary's volunteer teachers and volunteers.

Nahla, recently arrived from Iraq, spoke of the importance and opportunities that her experience with *In Her Presence* offers: "Each one of [us has] a beautiful and a special thing in [ourselves]. We need to find this thing and work hard to make it creative. [We] need to identify our dreams and

goals, then focus on achieving these goals."

Marie Immaculee, from the Democratic Republic of Congo, spoke for all as she described their common journey, desires and goals: "Here we are in America; whoever could have anticipated this? We come from diverse cultures, different walks of life but share one common goal: to be useful in and to our new country, to work tirelessly to add our singular pieces to the building of this America we love...to not be a burden but rather to be co-workers on whom the nation can count."

The wonderful and inspiring day was best summed up by our own Becky Pride: "Our time with our friends from around the world was a gift to each of us. Joy... beauty... togetherness...abundance of feast and friendship and service."

And the founder of *In Her Presence*, Claudette Ndayininahaze wrote in thanks, "Our heart is full of love, joy and gratitude ... I can't get words to express myself. Today was a huge success for *In Her Presence*, our partnership and volunteer teams..... We would like to say a simple thank you to the Episcopal Church of Saint Mary...Your commitment, engagement, contribution and welcoming were sincere. Your arms are always open and supportive; and we are blessed to be part of your life."



In Her Presence is a non-profit organization led and organized by immigrants living in Maine and seeks to bring together all immigrant women and create space that supports women's empowerment and personal ambitions. A dozen St. Mary's parishioners provide literacy training on Saturday mornings for *In Her Presence* participants. FMI: Becky Pride rebeccapride1@gmail.com and Anne Lafond akblafond@gmail.com

Music at Saint Mary's

by Bruce Fithian

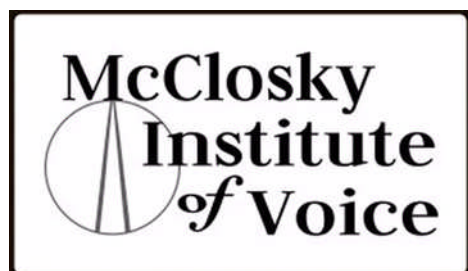
Saint Mary's Handbells: The Bells of Saint Mary

Thanks to the kind donations by Priscilla Rigg and Stan and Linda Eaton, Saint Mary's now possesses a three octave set of handbells to complement our liturgy. These Dutch-made bells by Petit and Fritsen are much appreciated by churches the world over, and we are looking forward to starting a handbell choir to begin rehearsing music that will enhance our services. For all who are interested in participating, and have some musical background, please see either Bruce Fithian or Priscilla Rigg, and we will set up a day and time that will work best for everyone. We will also need some help with constructing shelves to store the bells, handbell notebooks and music, and carts for transporting the bells from the Parish House to the Church.



McClosky Method Masterclass: March 24

Our new choir member, Maria Belva, is a licensed David Blair McClosky Voice Technician, and we are happy to announce that she will be leading a vocal masterclass for singers on Saturday, March 24, 10-12 a.m. in the auditorium. The McClosky method is superbly suited for singers of all abilities. The focus is on learning to sing with ease, emphasizing the ideal means for vocal health. It is especially useful for amateur and older singers who can learn to extend their range and sing with more comfort. The workshop will be open to singers at the cost of \$20, with \$10 donated to the church by Maria. If interested, please e mail Bruce Fithian: bsfithian@aol.com. If there is enough interest, we will host a second workshop that afternoon.



Our clients come to us with various goals:

- Improving vocal sound, stamina and longevity
- Refining an established vocal technique
- Preserving the voice in the classroom
- Learning new teaching methods
- Singing and speaking with freedom!
- Eliminating vocal pain

Saint Mary Schola: Masterpiece of Lent

Lent is a special time of year and the music associated with this season is very rich and moving. The St Mary Schola will present 'Masterworks of Lent' on Sunday, March 11 at 4 p.m. (repeat concerts on March 9 at the Cathedral of Immaculate Conception and March 13 at St. Luke's), a concert in which the great tenabrae service from Holy Week will feature some sublime motets by the Renaissance master, Gesualdo. Coupled with Gesualdo will be the greatly loved anthem from our Anglican tradition, by C. V. Stanford's 'Beati Quorum Via,' and a lovely 'Evening Song' by Josef Rheinberger, referring to Christ's plea to his disciples to 'stay with me - the evening approaches.'

From J. S. Bach's sacred music repertoire, a transcendental aria 'Blessed peace,' and another aria from his Lenten cantata 'Ich habe genug' (it is enough) will console our spirits. The concert will conclude with the oratorio by Giacomo Carissimi, Jona, which brings to life Jonah's dramatic story of sea storms, sea monsters and redemption, complete with period instruments.

Tickets can be purchased on line at stmaryschola.org or at the door.



St Mary Schola

Bruce Fithian, Music Director

MASTERWORKS OF LENT

Friday, March 9
7:30 PM

Cathedral of the Immaculate
Conception, Portland

Sunday, March 11
4:00 PM

Church of Saint Mary,
Falmouth

Tuesday, March 13
7:30 PM

Cathedral of Saint Luke,
Portland

Tickets at stmaryschola.org
\$20 ~ Students Free

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

Saint Mary's Operating Finances - as of year-end, December 31, 2017

INCOME

General Plate & Pledge Support	293,150
Use of Parish House & Sanctuary	16,944
Fundraisers	27,909
Miscellaneous Gifts & Revenue	5,080
Dedicated Gifts	13,228
	<u>\$ 413,956</u>

EXPENSE

Dio Assessment	54,808
Personnel (includes, taxes, benefits, & pensions)	218,098
Maintenance, Capital	29,810
Operating (utilities, insurance, taxes, supplies)	68,879
Program	39,948
Countless volunteer donated hours of time	0
	<u>\$ 411,543</u>

+ 2,413



Godspeed and the Trek Across Maine

Do you like road cycling? Ever want to bike across Maine? Then consider joining our GODSPEED group in the Trek Across Maine. A very popular annual fundraiser for the American Lung Association, this year's three day and 180 mile event takes place June 15-17. It begins in Newry, Maine and ends in Belfast. There are also options to bike for one day or two days. Overnight accommodations are provided at UMaine Farmington and Colby College. Come and join our Godspeed Team! Register at Trek Across Maine.



Join Fr. Nathan and Bruce!!

CELEBRATE



HONOR



SERVE

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

Thanks to ALL who helped with our Annual Meeting. Many hands make light work. From setting up to food prep and service to preparing the annual report and planning the agenda....THANK YOU!

Thank you to all who participated in the MLK Jr. Mission Morning. We hope you found it an opportunity to see Christ in all people.

Yay!

A heartfelt thank you from the Akers family to the parishioners of Saint Mary's for your generous Christmas gift

THANKS!

Thank you to all who help keep sand and salt down for our visitors. It's a challenging winter with so much ice. Thank you for helping sand a slick spot when you see it!

Dear Parishioners and friends of Saint Mary's,

Christmas means so many things to different people, and you bring it to the core every year for me with your generous spirit, your love of Christ, willingness to share, and your many gifts to me. Thank you. I am humbled that I am a recipient not

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only at this time of year, but through out the year with your giving of time, talent as well as treasure. I am so grateful to work with you.

As we do the work of God together, we are reminded that we take much for granted and assume things will remain constant. My prayer is that we remain refreshed by our relationships with each other and with God. Thank you for being in my life and for the generous. Christmas gift.

Much love, Beth

Falmouth Congregational Church UCC

Coffee House

Rachael Kilgour

Friday, February 9, 2018

6:30 - 9:00 PM

267 Falmouth Road Falmouth, Maine

Free Will Donations Appreciated



Rachael Kilgour is a Minnesota-born, Boston-based songwriter and performing artist whose sincere, lyric-driven work bravely walks the line between personal and political. The 2015 grand prize winner of the esteemed international NewSong Music Performance & Songwriting Competition and 2017 winner of the Kerrville New Folk Contest, Kilgour has been featured at NYC's Lincoln Center, The Kennedy Center in Washington D.C. and by the ASCAP Music Cafe at the Sundance Film Festival. A versatile performer, Kilgour has shared stages with the likes of indie artists Haley Bonar & Jeremy Messersmith as well as folk legends Greg Brown, Cheryl Wheeler & Catie Curtis.

Come enjoy a beverage and a snack and support the Arts! This is a family friendly evening, all welcome.

FMI: 781-3413 or falmouthcongregationalchurch.org.

Please pray for our Bishop search process!

God of grace, we give you thanks for all of the blessings of our common life and ministries as the Episcopal Diocese of Maine, and for our leaders who are guiding us through this season of change. Grant to the Discernment and Transition Committees open hearts, minds, and spirits as they receive the Holy Spirit's gifts of faith, hope, and love to aid their work. We ask also that you send courage and vision to our next bishop of Maine as she or he discerns your call. In the name of Christ. **Amen.**



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. Contact Betsy Stoddard, 829-2026 jbstod@myfairpoint.net if you have questions.

Get Stitching: every Tuesday at 1 PM

We are gathering at the church EVERY TUESDAY AT 1:00PM to stitch. Some are knitting prayer scarves, some making dryer balls, some quilting, some making mitten, or socks, or vests. We help each other and chat about whatever we want. There is laughter as well as concern for our world. Everyone is welcome to an hour (and a half) of productive fellowship. For more information or inquiring about learning how to make a very simple prayer shawl, contact Ginny Stelk, lstelk@maine.rr.com



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

Happy February Birthdays to:



1	David Snow	9	Matthew McGonigle	19	Tim Follo
2	Tatjana Connors	9	Griffin Rhoades	19	Ellie Winter
2	Joe Herlihy	9	Mark Winter	21	Colby Becker
2	Regina Raeke	10	Katie Bryant	21	Aaron Demers
3	Valerie Kyros	10	Tim Kearins	21	Riley Ross
4	Terry Brown	11	Janet Corey	21	Hailey Talbert
5	Winston Corbett	11	Penny Daborn	23	Anna Dougan
5	Connie Dayton	11	Connor Lund	24	Monique Brown
5	Delilah Hastings	13	Sydney Young	24	Jordan Otte
5	Tom Pettingill	14	Harry Fast	24	Will Salomon
6	Maggie Holt	14	Lisa Novak	25	John Frongillo
7	Spencer Funk	15	Polly Parks-Stamm	26	Nikki Evans
7	Caleb Robinson	16	Elise Allen	27	Rose Claar
7	Emma Robinson	16	David Farnum	27	Lauren Hourihan
8	Ed Ainsworth	16	Bob Timberlake	27	Michael McIntosh
8	Chris Thomas	17	Cian Connors	28	Jack Heinzman
8	Nadine Timberlake	17	Teddy Orestis	28	Blair Lindberg
9	Luke Brown	18	Erica D'Alberto	28	Charles Locke

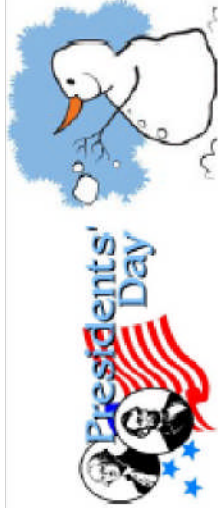
We'd love to include good wishes on your birthday and anniversary. If we don't yet have the dates, please send your and your family's special dates into the parish office and we'll be sure to include them on your special month. admin@smary.org or call 781-3366 or drop a note to the church. Thanks!

HAPPY FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARY WISHES TO:



4	Cindy & Chuck Horton	26	Chamette & David Chadwick
15	Kim & Mark Diamond	28	Barbara & Michael Payson










FEBRUARY

2018

The Episcopal Church of Saint Mary



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1/28 Fourth Sunday after Epiphany ANNUAL MEETING 9:30am ONE Eucharist 10:30 Brunch & program for all-ages 11:45 Business session	1/29 12n Playwhere you are 6-9p Prid Comm Chorus	1/30 7:30-9am BNI 9:30-12 Art Group 10:30a Wisdom Seekers 12 Noonday Prayer 7pm AA in Auditorium 7:30 ALANON (6:30 beginners)	1/31 9:30am Staff meeting 10am Falmouth House Eucharist 12 Noonday Prayer 6-8 SinG rehearsal in aud 6:30 ORI in Guild Room	2/1 9:30 - GD Judges Council 12 Chapel Eucharist 1-4 SinG rehearsal in aud 1pm CARE 7pm SM Choir rehearsal	2 The Presentation Office Closed 12 Pray where you are 9-5pm Lifetime Screening 5:30pm Alanon	3
4 Fifth Sunday after Epiphany 8am Contemplative Eucharist followed by coffee hour 9:15am RSCM Choir rehearsals 10am Guiding RAY 10am Choral Eucharist followed by coffee hour 	5 9am - Garden Club wkp 10am - Garden Club in GR 12 Noonday Prayer 6-9p Prid Comm Chorus	6 7:30-9am BNI 9:30-12 Art Group 10:30a Wisdom Seekers 6-9pm Schola in sanctuary 7pm AA in Auditorium 7:30 ALANON (6:30 beginners)	7 9:30 - GD Judges Council 10am Falmouth House Eucharist 12 Noonday Prayer 6-8pm SinG in Aud	8 12 Chapel Eucharist 6-8:30 OC in Sanctuary 6-10pm Prid Land Trust 7pm SM Choir rehearsal	9 Office Closed 9a-12n B&G meeting 12 Pray where you are 5-7pm Souper  5:30pm Alanon 7pm - Classic Cinema	10 9a-3p Vestry Retreat
11 Last Sunday after Epiphany 8am Contemplative Eucharist followed by coffee hour 9:15am RSCM Choir rehearsals 10am Guiding RAY 10am Choral Eucharist followed by coffee hour 4pm Messy Church Variety Talent	12 12 Noonday Prayer 6-9p Prid Comm Chorus	13 7:30-9am BNI 9:30-12 Art Group in aud 9a-2p EGA in Guild Rm 10:30a Wisdom Seekers 12 Noonday Prayer 6-9pm Schola in sanctuary 7pm AA in Auditorium 7:30 ALANON (6:30 beginners)	14 ASH WEDNESDAY 8:30-10:30 BNI in Aud. 10-2pm Mainely Weavers 12 - Ash Liturgy 4pm Children's 6pm Liturgy w/music	15 12 Chapel Eucharist 7pm SM Choir rehearsal	16 Office Closed 12 Pray where you are 5:30pm Alanon	17  5-9p Alanon potluck
18 The First Sunday in Lent 8am Contemplative Eucharist followed by coffee hour 9:15am RSCM Choir rehearsals 10am Guiding RAY 10am Choral Eucharist followed by coffee hour	19 Office Closed for President's Day  12 Noonday Prayer 6-9p Prid Comm Chorus	20 Mar AVE deadline 7:30-9am BNI 9:30-12 Art Group 10:30a Wisdom Seekers 12 Noonday Prayer 6-9pm Schola in sanctuary 7pm AA in Auditorium 7:30 ALANON (6:30 beginners)	21 12 Noonday Prayer 12:30pm Staff meeting	22 11:30 - 4, College Club 12 Chapel Eucharist 6-15 Dowisers in GR 7pm SM Choir rehearsal	23 Office Closed 12 Pray where you are 4:30pm rehearsal 5-7pm Souper  5:30pm Alanon	24 4pm - Galli-Roberts wedding
25 The Second Sunday in Lent 8am Contemplative Eucharist followed by coffee hour 9:15am RSCM Choir rehearsals 10am Guiding RAY 10am Choral Eucharist	26 12n Playwhere you are 6-9p Prid Comm Chorus	27 7:30-9am BNI 9:30-12 Art Group 10:30a Wisdom Seekers 12 Noonday Prayer 6-9pm Schola in sanctuary 7pm AA in Auditorium 7:30 ALANON (6:30 beginners)	28 12 Noonday Prayer 6pm RSCM Dinner 6-8 Sing rehearse in sanctuary	3/1 12 Chapel Eucharist 1-4 SinG rehearsal in aud 7pm SM Choir rehearsal	3/2 Office Closed 12 Pray where you are 9-5pm Lifetime Screening 5:30pm Alanon	3/3 1-5pm Adoption Group

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Worship Leader Schedule: February - March 2018

	8am Ushers	8am EM/Lectors	10am Ushers	10am Lector	10am Euch Minister	Acolytes	Altar Guild	Altar Flowers	Flower Delivery	Coffee Hour Host
4-Feb Epiph 5	Charlie Jim P	Greg Unfricht	Ryan Tom L	Rod McGarry	David R Stan E	Emily Michael, xxx	Portia, Betsy & Maggie	Jan & Nece	Ruth Kimball	OPEN
11-Feb Last Ep	Jim K Baer C	Al Ahlers	Jack H Aaron	Jennifer G	Andrea M-H Jim Stoddard	Michael xxx & xxx	Kelly Barbara & Kathy	Helga & Hannah	The Stoddards	OPEN
14-Feb Ash Wed		12noon EM Becky P		6pm EM Stan	Stan Eaton	~		~	~	~
18-Feb Lent 1	Rayle Ed	Mary Ann McLean	Tom L Ron Frye	Erin Ferrell	Nadine T Maggie G	tbd	Mary S Janet & Jana	~	~	OPEN
25-Feb Lent 2	Al Ahlers Charlie Hurdman	Greg Unfricht	Chuck Horton Aaron Splint	Maureen M.	Terry Brown Stan Eaton	Michael xxx & xxx	Betsy Maggie & Katie	~	~	OPEN
4-Mar Lent 3	Len Taylor onnard	Al Ahlers	Ryan Stinneford Tom LaPlante	FF - Kids read	Andrea M-H Nadine	tbd	Tricia Mary L & Kelly	~	~	OPEN
11-Mar Lent 4	Charlie Hurdman Jim Porter	Lad Taylor	Jack Heinzman Mark Bentley	Betsy Stoddard	Maggie G David Robinson	tbd	Betsy Maggie & Barbara	~	N+ last Sunday before Sabbatical	OPEN
18-Mar Lent 5	Ron Frye Jim Kane	Becky Pride	Chuck Horton Tom LaPlante	David Robinson	Jim Stoddard David Robinson	tbd	Katie Janet	~	~	OPEN
25-Mar Palm	Al Ahlers Len Taylor	Mary Ann M	Aaron Splint Ryan Stinneford	Nadine T	Jadine Timberlake Terry Brown	tbd	Portia Kathy	palms		Hot Cross Buns

If unable to fulfill your scheduled duty on the assigned day please find your own replacement and inform Beth in the office of the chance 781-3366

Saint Mary's Altar Flower Fund 2018



Through the Altar Flower Fund, contributions are provided for the altar flowers that are given in memory or in thanksgiving or celebration throughout the year as well as for the special decorations at Easter, Thanksgiving, Christmas, and other occasions. (In the summer, flowers and greens from our gardens, fields and woods are often used).

As Easter (April 1) approaches, we ask for your support of the Altar Flower Fund.

Important: Whether you are making a first-time offering or regularly support the Flower Fund, please fill out this form so that your requests can be fulfilled.

1. Enclosed is my contribution to Saint Mary's Altar Flower Fund: \$ _____

Name _____

Telephone _____ **E-mail** _____

____ **Yes, I would like to join the Altar Flower Guild (training provided).**

2. Please include these names among the Easter Memorials (requests must be received by Monday, March 26, 2018):

Name _____

Name _____

Name _____

3. Please provide flowers during the year *In Memoriam* (NO flowers are placed on the Altar during **Lent or Advent** with the exception of Rose Sunday during that season):

Name _____ on or a Sunday close to ____/____/____

Name _____ on or a Sunday close to ____/____/____

Name _____ on or a Sunday close to ____/____/____

4. Please provide flowers during the year in Thanksgiving for and celebration of (NO flowers are placed on the Altar during **Lent or Advent** with the exception of Rose Sunday during that season):

Name _____ on or a Sunday close to ____/____/____

Name _____ on or a Sunday close to ____/____/____

Name _____ on or a Sunday close to ____/____/____

Please return this form either by mail, in the offering plate or to the office with your check payable to:
The Episcopal Church of Saint Mary, Attn.: Altar Flower Fund, 43 Foreside Road, Falmouth, ME 04105



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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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Copy deadline March 2018 AVE is **Feb. 20**

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