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"GREETINGS MARY, FULL OF GRACE."

The Episcopal Church of Saint Mary - Falmouth, Maine

From our Sabbatical Pastor



Welcome to the whirlwind! As we travelled together in our first week of worship, these words kept playing over and over in my head. Welcome to the whirlwind. And welcome me you did – thank you! From our triumphal march into Palm Sunday, to our more somber moments in Holy Week, and through our alleluias on Easter, we have worshipped together with abandon, and though we might have been a bit more jostled about than usual at this time of year, it has been a joyous ride. Thank you for your tremendous gift of welcome and worship here at Saint Mary's.

Though the immediate storm of Holy Week and our new relationship has calmed, I am sure that the whirlwind we have stepped into will continue to swirl about us from time to time. Once in her grip, the Holy Spirit rarely tends to let us go. In our common life together, this is a good thing, though at times it may leave us feeling less grounded than we'd like to be. These moments are moments to pay attention to. Being off-kilter can help us re-assess what it is that we need to keep us grounded, help us shed that which is not useful, and give us new perspectives we didn't even know we were seeking.

For me, in stepping into a place that is unfamiliar in so many ways, I have been reminded of how grounding it is to stand at the door of the sanctuary at the end of the service and shake hands with each of you. Though I wish I could say I will immediately remember each of your names, I can say that each handshake, each introduction and each tiny conversation is life-giving.

All of that said, this sabbatical substitute is going to rub some of you the wrong way sometimes, and not all of that is going to be Spirit-filled stuff! Please know that my ears and my heart are open. Our relationship is time-bound by Father Nathan's sabbatical, yet though our walk together is short, it is nonetheless important and holy. I look forward to figuring out with each of you how we can make this time work, whatever that looks like, for all of us.

Thank you again for your welcome. Thank you for digging in as the wind picked up, for settling in as the wind calms down, and for breathing in as the Spirit fills us with the hope of our new life together. Alleluia! Christ is risen! Come, let us adore him.

Peace,

The Rev. Sara D'Angio White

Sara D'Angio White

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The Deacon's Corner

Alleluia! Christ is risen! The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

The great fifty days of Easter have begun, along with spring, we hope! A season of new life and new beginnings. I am so happy to be among you again serving on Sunday as deacon in the liturgy. Your welcome home hugs and smiles have warmed my heart.

On Monday of Holy Week, the Wisdom Seekers Bible study group went on a field trip to see the movie "Paul, the Apostle of Christ." Our fellow movie goers were all folks of a "certain age" hoping to learn more of our history as followers of Jesus. The story takes place in Rome in 67AD at the end of Paul's life and ministry, and he is imprisoned in a dungeon charged with treason against Rome. The Christian community is in hiding, and every Christian in the city is a potential victim of the incredible cruelty of the Roman regime. Half the city has gone up in flames, and Emperor Nero is blaming the Christians for the destruction of property and loss of life. Luke visits Paul in prison and decides to write down Paul's incredible story of conversion, preaching, and ministry to the Gentiles, the story that we know as the Acts of the Apostles.

This is part of our legacy as Jesus people. This is our story. This is the Easter story of new life and new beginnings. The story is also one of struggle and suffering, and for many of our brothers and sisters around the world that is still true today. As blessed as we are to have the freedom to believe and practice our faith as we choose, we all have struggles and suffering at some time in our lives. We will probably never travel 10,000 miles for the sake of the Gospel as Paul did or be executed for our faith as he was, but we do have the same saving grace of Jesus that our Christian ancestors had. During these fifty days, the Wisdom Seekers will study the Acts of the Apostles, and all are welcome to join us on Tuesdays at 10:30. May the Risen Christ fill you with renewed faith, hope and joy.

Deacon Christine.

Greetings from South Carolina

A Buddhist, an Episcopalian, a Roman Catholic, and an Evangelical walk into a bar...Sounds like the start of a joke, but Professional Naval Chaplaincy is certainly no joke! This photo is of the 4 members of our class of 21 who were also together in Rhode Island in January. Our class so far has included detailed instructions about how Navy Chaplains function within the United States Code of law, and within the Marines, the Coast Guard, and the Navy. A highlight was a visit by a retired Chaplain, CAPT Stanley Beach, who received the Purple Heart award for his heroic efforts to help Marines in Vietnam while himself being severely wounded. Soon we will take overnight trips to visit the Marine Corps Recruit Depot at Parris Island and the brand new supercarrier USS Gerald Ford (CVN-78) in Norfolk. That should be very exciting!

Have a most joyful celebration of our Lord's resurrection. Keep the faith and see you soon!



Nathan W. Ferrell +

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Vestry Highlights from your Wardens

by Janet Bowne

The Vestry met on Wednesday, March 7, 2018 at 5 PM as we welcomed another nor'easter.

Youth Christian Formation Update:

Megan Akers, Director of Christian Formation, joined us to share her insights on the Guiding RAY program. Guiding RAY has somewhat shifted from the Godly Play program for the older children, and the Vestry voted to allow her to sell pieces that are not being used. The current program is more traditional. Children are typically grouped by age although with bad weather, ski season, etc. we sometimes we have to use one class room which works very well. We've also hosted two Messy Church gatherings. These gatherings are held on Sunday afternoons and offer a brief spiritual message combined with activities and, of course, food. Designed to be intergenerational, the first two have been well attended. We have also had several Faith Family Sundays, which is also intergenerational. The Royal School of Church Music choirs have also sung at these services. Guiding RAY is planning to plant two raised garden beds to grow produce. The produce will be donated to the food pantry, may make its way into a Souper Supper soup and make its way into a special dish at the Farm-to-Table event in August. Faith Family Garden Sunday is May 12th.

Financial Update:

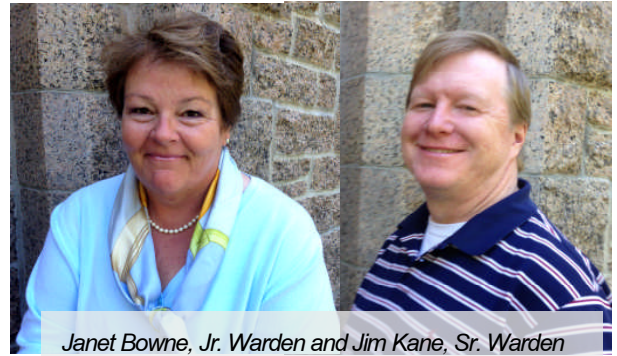
Financially, we have started the year off well. We did not reach our pledge goal of \$285,000, but we still have new pledges coming in. We had a number of parishioners pre-pay their 2018 pledges.

Safe Church

As a parish we adhere to the Safe Church program. However, we need to work on a way to be sure lay leaders have taken this training and are implementing it when dealing with their various ministries.

Committee Memberships

We approved the memberships of the Budget and Finance Committee, Buildings and Grounds Committee and the Churchyard Committee as required by our by-laws.



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

Vestry Liaisons

We are working to task each member of the vestry as a liaison to a guild or committee. The goal of this is to improve communication between the committee leadership and the Vestry.

Active Threat Training

Jim has worked with the ushers and Guiding RAY teachers to be prepared for a threat to the parish.

Sabbatical Update

Father Nathan left on March 12 for the first phase of his sabbatical. Reverend Sara D'Angio White will cover most of the time Father Nathan is away. Pastor Sara joined us on March 22 for the noon Eucharist and the celebrated Palm Sunday. She will be with us through April. We are blessed to have the support of Deacon Christine during the sabbatical. She will work with Pastor Sara and the staff to support parishioner care needs. We will have Vestry greeters to help welcome people on Sunday mornings. This will help Pastor Sara get centered for the Eucharist and ensure our guests are welcomed warmly.

Father Nathan revisited the discussion of the need to make time on Sunday mornings for spiritual formation for all ages. One suggestion would be to move the 10 a.m. service to 10:15 giving more time between services for formation. We'll continue the discussion in upcoming meetings.

Plans are in the works for another climb of Mt. Katahdin in late August.

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!!

The Witness of Thomas

by Merle Marie Troeger

I don't know why we disparage the disciple Thomas by calling him "doubting." (We read about him on the Sunday after Easter.) There he is, just like us most of the time. "Seeing is believing," we say.

Thomas gets the news of Jesus' resurrection second-hand, just like us. He heard about it from others, just like us. The other disciples had the good fortune to see the risen Jesus the week before. But for some reason Thomas wasn't with them then. I'd like to think he was absent because he was doing some good work: feeding the hungry, giving a drink to the thirsty, making the lonely welcome, clothing the naked, looking after the sick, visiting prisoners - all those deeds Jesus taught.

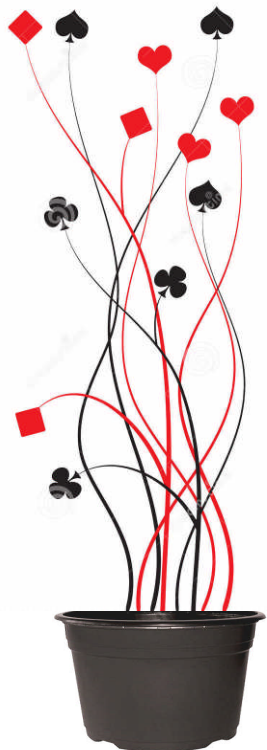
You could say Thomas is a kind of Christian hero. He is the disciple many of us follow. He dares to express the doubt he feels, gives voice to his questions, refuses to believe without some sign. He admits to uncertainty.

There's another thing Thomas does that I admire. He doesn't try to handle his doubt on his own. He joins the other disciples the next week despite his own misgivings. He takes the chance to show up there with his friends. John's gospel doesn't say his friends berated him for his doubt or didn't welcome him. It simply says Thomas was with them. Did he, or anyone else, expect Jesus to come again and stand in the middle of them? They just gathered together, perhaps as they had done the week before, because they were afraid. The gospel doesn't even say they were praying. They were just "together."

When Jesus appeared again, he said the very thing he's said the week before. "Peace be with you." He said those words to everyone in the room, including Thomas, perhaps especially to Thomas. "Peace be with you, Thomas, you who have the integrity to tell your skepticism, you who have the spirit to gather with my disciples, you who insist on evidence."

If you are one of those people, like Thomas, who cannot give your intellectual assent to certain doctrinal propositions, if you are someone who admits to honest doubt, if you have searching questions, Jesus has a word for you too.

"Peace be with you."



**Save the Date and reserve your table for
Saint Mary's Annual**

BRIDGE-A-THON

Friday, May 4, 12:30-4 PM

join us for an afternoon of friendly bridge, mahjong,
or any card or table game you choose to play!

Tea, coffee and sumptuous refreshments
included in price of admission.

Admission: \$12 per person / \$48 per table.

20 tables available.

Prizes & raffles!

Reserve your table by calling Beth Shaw 781-3366



St Mary Schola

Bruce Fithian, Music Director

10TH ANNIVERSARY GALA & WINE TASTING

Tickets \$50 only in advance

stmaryschola.org

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Sunday April 15 Episcopal Church of
2:00 PM Saint Mary, Falmouth



10 years! Saint Mary Schola Fundraising Event

Dear Saint Marians,

Believe it or not, it was ten years ago in April of 2008 that St Mary Schola presented its first concert, *Concept spiritual*, at the church, arising from the inspiration of the late Fr. James Dalton-Thompson and Bruce Fithian's musical genius. Since that date the Schola has offered inspirational concerts of early music to the southern Maine community, offering works of deep spirituality as well as vivacious entertainment.

I now want to invite you to join St Mary Schola for a gala **10th Anniversary Concert and Wine Tasting on Sunday, April 15, 2018 from 2:00-4:00PM**. This event will be held in the Parish Hall Auditorium where seating will be limited. In addition to hearing some of our best musical offerings of the past 10 years, you will enjoy tasting some fine wine under the direction of Erica Archer. She is a professional sommelier who has gained a great following for walking wine tours around Portland restaurants, wine tasting and sailing in Portland Harbor aboard the *Frances*, as well as guiding tours further afield in California, France, and Italy. Erica is a true oenophile, having obtained high levels of certification in her field. In 2010, she was awarded the Wine Spirit and Education Trust Level Three Advanced Certification in Wines and Spirits (with merit), became a Sommelier in the American Court of Master Sommeliers, and received her Certified Wine Professional award from the Culinary Institute of America in St Helena, CA. She takes guests beyond a typical tasting with her intimate understanding of what makes each wine unique. And she'll do it with her trademark down-to-earth style.

This event is a fundraiser to help Schola record our first CD. Ticket prices are \$50 per person which includes hearing some truly splendid early music, having a professional sommelier educate you more about wine, and eventually receiving a copy of our CD when recorded. There are **no walk-ins** for this event. Tickets must be purchased before April 11, 2018 to give us adequate time to acquire the proper amount of wine, cheese and crackers for the program. Needless to say, patrons must be at least 21 years of age to attend. You may obtain tickets on line at www.stmaryschola.org or from Bob and Nadine Timberlake at coffee hour. I urge you to act promptly if you want to attend this special event.

Robert Timberlake, President, St Mary Schola

Classic Cinema On April 13

Our monthly FREE in-house movie

Featuring "Goldfinger" (1964)



Starring: Sean Connery Investigating a gold magnate's smuggling, James Bond uncovers a plot to contaminate the Fort Knox gold reserve. **Movie begins at 7PM (after Souper Supper) in the Parish House, and it's free!**

Outreach Ministry ~ All Ages Serving Near and Far

Community Souper Supper April 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, Black & Tan - a medium-darker roast, OR Rebel Blend, a dark 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!

OUTREACH: Welcome, New Mainers

Ekhlas Ahmed and Pihcintu Visit Saint Mary's

"I felt [this program] was a huge break-through for Saint Mary's. Perhaps it is because of all that is so troubling in our world today, but Ekhlas Ahmed was so powerful. What a wonderful way to let an audience be exposed to the underbelly of pain, of love, of loss, of courage. The performance by Pihcintu followed was equally moving. The lyrics that Pihcintu sang were keys to peace and love on Earth. Moving, Joyous, Hopeful. The crowd was fed something that could ignite the world in such a positive way. That spiritual food will sustain me for a long time."

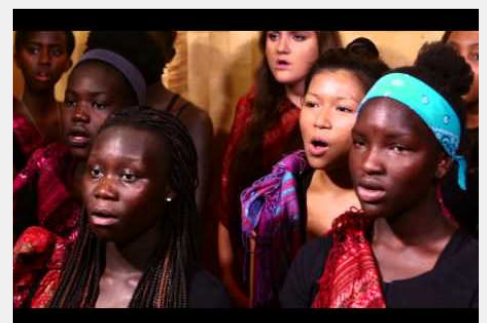
~ A Thankful Saint Marian



devoting her life in her new country to helping those facing the same challenges she confronted as a young student in a strange land. Her comments exuded the compassion, dignity, and resolve so sorely needed in this world.

The Pihcintu Chorus followed with an equally inspiring performance – this international chorus performs together throughout Maine and the United States under the direction of Con Fullam, and they had the audience first spell-bound, teary-eyed, and then on their feet singing along. As the Pihcintu website notes, "Through the healing power of music, these vulnerable, yet brave, young women have learned to trust, hope and laugh again. The children and their music are transformative."

And transformative they were. It would have been very hard to leave that room unchanged.



Outreach Ministry - All Ages Serving Near and Far

Outreach meeting set for May 9 - Join us for new and exciting things

The Outreach Committee will be hosting a meeting on Wednesday, May 9 to have a general discussion about the role of Outreach at Saint Mary's and the work of the Outreach Committee. We want to let people know about Outreach projects and to solicit ideas for our work.

The meeting will be on Wednesday, May 9 at 4:30 pm in the Parish House. Parishioners are welcome to attend or to share their ideas with the committee members prior to the meeting. Please contact marian.l.mccue@gmail.com for more information.

HOLD THE DATE: Sunday, May 20th, at 4 PM

Welcome, New Mainers! is hosting its third presentation.

Nancy Markowitz of *Welcoming the Stranger* and Lucky Hollander of *Hopeful Links* will introduce several new Mainers, immigrants who will speak to us about their experiences in America.

Welcoming the Stranger (WTS) is a grassroots project matching mentors with asylum-seekers to help them integrate into the Greater Portland community.

Hopeful Links is a volunteer-based program that matches unaccompanied minors with potential guardians and safe housing. The organization also enlists a volunteer attorney to help file a guardianship petition in preparation for filing an immigration petition.



Falmouth Foreside 5K RUN

Saturday, May 5, 2018



Habitat
for Humanity®
of Greater Portland

Join us for a family-friendly 5K run along Falmouth's Foreside Rd .

8am registration / 9AM start **Cash prizes!**

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Christian Formation - RAY Beams - Easter 2018



Alleluia !!

Easter is a joyous day here for everyone, especially our children. The kids in Guiding RAY have been preparing all Lent to celebrate the Resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ. We had wonderful

opportunities to learn about Jesus' love! We finished the Lenten season with a journey through Holy Week during which we created palm crosses, resurrection gardens, and enjoyed an agape style feast together as we learned about the sequence of events leading to the crucifixion and resurrection.



Guiding RAY kids with their Resurrection Gardens

And now with the arrival of crocuses, we celebrate our own spiritual rebirth during Easter. Alleluia!



From the story of The Bronze Serpent we learned to be content and grateful for what God gives us.



We learned how Jesus got Peter to change his job from being a Fisherman to becoming an Evangelist.

Our next series of lessons in Guiding RAY is going to take a look at some of the kids of the Bible. Sometime, kids think they have to be grown-ups to serve God. But just like many of the young disciples we are going to learn about, God has a purpose for us all...no matter our age.

Here's
what is
coming up
in April
2018

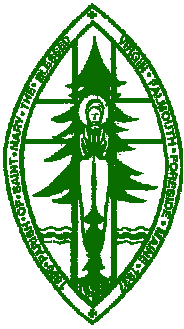
April 8 - Can you Believe it? The story of Thomas
We begin our in-depth study of Kids in the Bible
April 15 - The Amazing Life of Joseph - Part 1
April 22- The Amazing Life of Joseph - Part 2
April 29 - Miriam Saves Baby Moses

Alleluia !!

Look for the return of the "alleluias" as we celebrate the joy of Christ's resurrection and the joy of our own new lives.

Guiding RAY Coordinators

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 Heather Gale, hpgale@earthlink.net, 899-3560
 Meg Hurdman, hurdman@maine.rr.com, 781-7478



Mary, Mary, Oh Saint Mary, how does your garden grow?

With love and care and plenty of veggies to share!

From the garden of Eden to the garden in John's gospel where Jesus makes his first post-resurrection appearance, a garden is the place where God dwells, the place where God proclaims that everything is good, the place where God in Christ calls us by name. Saint Mary's garden is in the planning stages. Two raised beds will be constructed and the Guiding RAY kids will decide what seeds and seedlings to plant in the gardens. The produce will then be donated to the Falmouth food pantry. The raised bed construction and first planting is scheduled for **Saturday, May 12**, so please mark your calendars! For more information about how you can help the Saint Mary's Garden grow please contact, Master Gardener and parishioner, Bobbi MacCallum at bmacallum43@gmail.com.



Acolyte Training

May 6, 2018 After the 10am service 11:15 - 1:15

It's fun, flexible, impressive on your resume,
counts as school community service, and more!

Sign up outside the Guild Room, or email Tricia Wheeler at tjwheel@maine.rr.com
Training led by Emily Stinneford, Michael Manetti and Tricia Wheeler

Christian Formation - High & Middle Schoolers

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Right now, plans are being
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www.cascobay.younglife.org

Register NOW for the Summer 2018 at CAMP BISHOPSWOOD

Located on the shores of Lake Megunticook in the Camden Hills, Bishopswood is one of the best kept secrets among Maine summer camps. Operated by the Diocese of Maine since the early 1960s, Bishopswood is affordable, safe, well-managed, beautiful – and great fun for all young people.

There are mini-sessions for first-time campers, multi-week sessions, and a family weekend. This year, there is also a free Work Weekend (May 4-6) when anyone can stay and eat at camp by helping prepare it for summer. Check it out during the Open House Weekend on June 1-3 or go just for the afternoon on Sunday, June 3.

Register your child or yourself now at www.bishopswood.org. See the website for more information.



Camp Bishopswood

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www.bishopswood.org



The Episcopal Church in Maine

Spring Training 2018

A day to gather - learn - share

Saturday, April 28, 2018 9 AM to 3 PM

South Parish Congregational Church, 9 Church St, Augusta, Maine

Gather with Bishop Steve Lane and Episcopalians across the diocese for a day of learning, sharing and growth.

A church leader? A clergy person? Someone interested in spiritual growth or community outreach?

With 20 workshops to choose from, you'll find what you're looking for.

A morning snack and refreshments provided; please bring your own bag lunch and a name tag.

Because space is limited, registration is required.

For event FAQs, full worship descriptions and registration, visit www.episcopalmaine.org

Saint Mary's Operating Finances - as of February 28, 2018

INCOME

General Plate & Pledge Support	98,103
Use of Parish House & Sanctuary	3,392
Fundraisers	13
Miscellaneous Gifts & Revenue	12,957
Dedicated Gifts	345
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EXPENSE

Dio Assessment	9,229
Personnel (includes, taxes, benefits, & pensions)	30,202
Maintenance, Capital	7,034
Operating (utilities, insurance, taxes, supplies)	9,014
Program	3846
Countless volunteer donated hours of time	0
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	\$ 65,189

+49,612



SAVE THE DATE: Celebration of Maine on August 18, 2018. A Garden-to-Table Dinner and Auction fundraiser,



Spring is almost here and, as you may have heard, the Lobster Bake and Auction is having a makeover. We're still having the auction portion of the event, but the dinner will be a sit-down meal in the farm-to-table style. We will be serving a variety of things from the gardens and farms of Saint Mary's parishioners.

Do you garden? Do you have a small farm? Do you have chickens for eggs or meat? Berries or fruit? Do you have other food products/ raw ingredients that we might be able to use in a four-course meal? We will be looking for your donations to come in Friday, August 17 this summer. By the calendar we are now in spring and many of us are working towards our garden. Join the Guiding RAY children in growing something special for this event, so as you plan your garden could you add a row or a small bed for Saint Mary's? We will be

looking for tomatoes, peppers, onions, potatoes, carrots, corn, herbs, summer squashes, salad greens, etc., the bounty of a Maine garden.

If you think you might be able to grow or provide some of these, could you put the information about what you might be able to grow for us on this link.

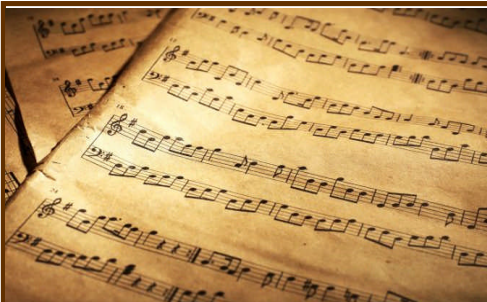
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This does not mean that you absolutely have to supply it, because as any gardener knows what you might want to grow in the spring does not always come to fruition. This will give us an idea if we have enough folks growing enough food for the event. If you are not a gardener but perhaps have a garden share and might have excess bounty, we could use that too. We are looking for the tastiest varieties, possibly heirloom.

As we get closer to the event, we will be looking for other people to help whether you're someone who can help in the kitchen to prepare the meal, do set up, wait tables or clean up. Questions on the dinner portion of the event, contact Barbara (Babs) Bell at babsi821@gmail.com, 207 653 4320 (She is a teacher, so not available to chat during the school day).

Auction Items!

Yes. We will be having an auction at this event too. If you're already able to make a donation to the auction, please contact Val Kyros, valkyros1@gmail.com.



“Then is Now”

[Sweetest in the Gale](#), the Oratorio Chorale's 30-voice women's chorus directed by Emily Isaacson will present a concert of music by living composers who imaginatively repurpose traditional or folk tunes.

Saturday, April 21, 7:00pm, Saint Mary's Church, Falmouth
Sunday, April 22, 4:00 pm, St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Brunswick

For more info on this unique concert visit the [Oratorio Chorale website](http://www.brownpapertickets.com/profile/1143574)
Tickets available at www.brownpapertickets.com/profile/1143574 (until 12 hours prior)
or call 1-800-828-3006

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 everyone who works to make Holy Week and Easter so special: our ushers, the Altar Flower Guild, our Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers, the Altar Guild, the Choir, the RSCM Choirs, Roy, our Sexton, Beth, our Parish Manager, Pastor Sara, Deacon Christine, Megan Akers and her team of teachers, Office Angels the Ushers and B & G who watch and take care of the little details

Thank you to Pastor Sara for being with us during Father Nathan's sabbatical. We look forward to getting to know you!

Thank you to Deacon Christine for coming out of retirement to serve at Saint Mary's again!!

Thank you to Sandy Couch Kelly for serving as the Clerk of the Vestry.

THANKS

Thank you to all of the office angels who helped cover the office in March.

Yay!

Sparkles thanks all who have donated items for the Sparkles 2018 Fair It 's going to be a wonderful !

When cleaning or sorting, please remember to Think Sparkles first !!

Gracias! Thank you to Megan Akers for lending her expertise and time while Beth was out of the office.

To anyone who has helped shovel, sand, salt and otherwise help keep our sidewalks, parking lots and steps safe for our parishioners and visitors this winter! Hopefully we are done!

Thank You to everyone who sent well wishes in various forms following my surgery. It made a difference knowing you were praying and sending good vibes. I felt them all. Much thanks!!

Beth

A Note from the Falmouth Food Pantry, Dear St. Marians,

Of course you know it but I just wanted to tell you yet again how much the clients of the Falmouth Food Pantry appreciate what you do for them: The work conveying wood for the Mission Morning's family, the brightly decorated gloves for clients in the doldrums of winter, and more recently, cans and cans of Super Bowl Soup! And your thoughtfulness keeps on: Just last week when it was colder again, a client visited the Pantry with her new gloves, and her daughter showed off the colorful card that had been attached to them originally. I don't know how to thank you enough, but hopefully, this is a little bit. And I look forward to doing what I can to help with your mission work.

Thank you, Nancy Lightbody,
Falmouth Food Pantry

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

invites all to their monthly **Coffee House**

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

Enjoy a specialty coffee and snack while listening to

Carolyn Currie

Carolyn's music has been described as haunting, luminous and spellbinding that intrigue listeners of all ages.

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





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

Happy April Birthdays to:

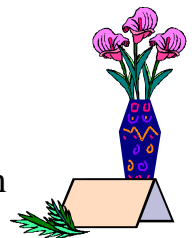


1	Lester Evans	15	Jo Mirschel		
3	Piper Bickerstaff	15	Alden Record	22	Katalina Echavarri
3	Chris McGonigle	15	Jeannie Gulliver	22	Hannah Russell
3	Tim McGonigle	16	Sara Fallon	23	Dan Funk
3	Skylar Spaulding	16	Trey Fallon	24	Samantha Galbraith
4	Mark Stimson	16	Jacob LaPlante	24	Jared Hourihan
7	Bexie Knowles	17	Alexis Lindberg	25	Kue John Lor
7	Rose Barrett	17	Ginny Stelk	25	Jordan Otte
8	Alice Hendry	18	Cayman Bickerstaff	25	Jane Sawyer
8	Bennett Smith	18	George Kendall	27	Andrew Taylor
10	Charlotte Brunelle	19	Connie Stimson	27	Lanny Wenthe
10	Rick Hirschman	20	Mallory Ianno	28	George Dougan
10	Richard Kourinos	21	Rebecca Nuzzi	28	Betsy Stoddard
10	Ella Brown - 12years old	22	Angelica Barrett	29	Sarah Brown
14	Evelyn Thurston	22	Luca Cianchette		

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 APRIL ANNIVERSARY WISHES TO:

12	Nikki & Lester Evans	15	Julie & Harold Otte
12	Pam Peeler & Richard Casselman	19	Angelica & George Barrett
15	Meg & Charlie Hurdman	27	Elizabeth & Jack Heinzman



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.**



The Episcopal Church of Saint Mary Worship Leader Schedule: April - May 2018

	8am		10am		10am		10am		10am		Altar		Altar		Altar		Flower		Coffee Hour	
	Ushers	EM/Lectors	Ushers	Lector	Euch	Minister	Acolytes	Guird	Flowers	Delivery	Host									
1-Apr	9am Ush	9am EMs	9am Lector	9am Acolytes	11am Ush	11am EMs	11am Lector	11am Acc												
Easter/	Charlie H	Jim S	Betsy S	Sarah K	Ryan S.	Maggie	Maureen	Julia												
Pascha	Jack H.	Maggie G		Ellie H	Tom L.	Lad Taylor		Emily												
	Dave F			George H.	xx			Michael												
8-Apr	Baer C	Greg Unfricht	Jack H	Linda Eaton	Stan Eaton	Jamie A	Betsy	Easter												
Easter 2	Charlie H		Ron F.		Jim Stoddard	William R, Harrison	Mary L & Kathy													
15-Apr	Jim K	Len Taylor	Chuck H	Marian McCue	Maggie Gardner	Maggie G	Barbara	Easter												
Easter 3	Al A		Tom L		Terry Brown		Maggie & Mary S													
22-Apr	tbd	Lad Taylor	Tom L	Rod McGarry	David Robinson	Michael	Katie	Jan M												
Easter 4	tbd		Mark B		Andrea M-H	Anabelle & Cole	Jana & Janet													
29-Apr	Jim P	Becky Pride	Aaron S	Erin Ferrell	Andrea M-H	William G	Kelly	Jessica												
Easter 5	Len T		Jack H		Jim Stoddard	Thomas G, Sarah K	Mary L & Tricia													
6-May	Dave F	Al Ahlers	Chuck H	FF - Kids read	Nadine T	Michael M	Barbara	Jana & Nece												
Easter 6	Baer C		Ron F		Stan Eaton	Emily & ?	Betsy & Portia													
13-May	Al A	Mary Ann M	Ryan S	Jennifer Gregg	David Robinson	tbd	Mary S.	Maura												
Easter 7	Charlie H		Mark B		Maggie G		Kathy & Jana													
NO Mission Morning																				
20-May	Ed	Becky P	Tom L	Dawn Y	Maggie G	tbd	tbd													
Pentecost	Rayle		Aaron S		David Robinson															
27-May	Jim K	Greg Unfricht	Jack H	Ginny Stelk	Jim Stoddard	tbd	tbd	Melissa												
Trinity	Len T		Chuck H		Andrea M-H															

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



April 2018

The Episcopal Church of Saint



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Sunday of the Resurrection: Pascha: Easter Day 9am - Holy Eucharist followed by coffee hour 11am - Holy Eucharist followed by coffee hour	2 Office Closed 12n Pray where you are 4:30 Tai Chi 6-9p Ptd Comm Chorus in Auditorium & Sanctuary	3 7:30-9am BNI 9:30-12 Art Group 10:30a Wisdom Seekers 12 Noonday Prayer 1pm Staff meeting 6-9pm Schola in sanctuary 7pm AA in Auditorium 7:30 AI/Anon (6:30 beginners)	4 10am Falmouth House Eucharist 10a Mainely Weavers, GR 12n - Noonday Prayer 6-8 SinG rehearse in Aud. 6pm ORI in GR	5 10:12 PAC: Beth at Diocese 12 Chapel Eucharist 1pm - CARE group 3:30 Spo 7pm SM Choir rehearsal	6 Office Closed 12 Pray where you are 9-5pm Lifeline Screening 5:30pm Alanon	7 12-5pm Women Helping Women in SolME (Aud & Kit)
8 The Second Sunday of Easter 8am Contemplative Eucharist followed by coffee hour 9:15am RSCM Choir rehearsals 10am Guiding RAY 10am Faith Family Choral Eucharist followed by coffee hour	9 10am - Garden Club in GR 12 Noonday Prayer 4:30 Tai Chi 6-9p Ptd Comm Chorus	10 7:30-9am BNI 9:30-12:30 Art Group 10:30a Wisdom Seekers 12 Noonday Prayer 1pm Staff meeting 7pm AA in Auditorium 7:30 AI/Anon (6:30 beginners)	11 12 Noonday Prayer 6-8pm SinG in Sanctuary	12 Chapel Eucharist 7pm SM Choir rehearsal	13 Office Closed B & G sound sys 5-7pm Souper 5:30pm Alanon 7pm - Classic Cinema	14 1-3pm Shodorhare in Aud
15 The Third Sunday of Easter 8am Contemplative Eucharist followed by coffee hour 9:15am RSCM Choir rehearsals 10am Guiding RAY 10am Choral Eucharist followed by coffee hour 2pm 10th Anniversary Schola Fundraiser in Auditorium	16 Office Closed for Patriot's Day holiday 12n Pray where you are 4:30 Tai Chi 6-9p Ptd Comm Chorus	17 7:30-9am BNI 9:30-12:30 Art Group 10:30a Wisdom Seekers 12 Noonday Prayer 1pm Staff meeting 6-9pm Schola in sanctuary 7pm AA in Auditorium 7:30 AI/Anon (6:30 beginners)	18 12 Noonday Prayer 6-8pm SinG in Sanctuary	19 Chapel Eucharist 7pm SM Choir rehearsal	20 Office Closed 12 Pray where you are 5:30pm Alanon	21 May AVE deadline 7pm - Sweetest in the Gale Concert
22 The Fourth Sunday of Easter 8am Contemplative Eucharist followed by coffee hour 9:15am RSCM Choir rehearsals 10am Guiding RAY 10am Choral Eucharist followed by coffee hour Earth Day	23 (Fri) Nathan back until 5/23 12 Noonday Prayer 4:30 Tai Chi 6-9p Ptd Comm Chorus	24 7:30-9am BNI 9:30-12 Art Group 10:30a Wisdom Seekers 12 Noonday Prayer 1pm Staff meeting 6-9pm Schola in sanctuary 7pm AA in Auditorium 7:30 AI/Anon (6:30 beginners)	25 12 Noonday Prayer 12:30pm Staff meeting 6pm - Vestry in the Guild Rm 6pm PBE	26 12 Chapel Eucharist 6:15 Dowisers in GR 7pm SM Choir rehearsal	27 Office Closed 5-7pm Souper 5:30pm Alanon 7pm - Classic Cinema	28 9a-3p Diocesan Spring Training in Augusta
29 The Fifth Sunday of Easter <i>Fr Nathan back for 1 of 3 weeks</i> Habitat Sunday 8am Contemplative Eucharist followed by coffee hour 9:15am RSCM Choir rehearsals 10am Guiding RAY 10am Choral Eucharist followed by coffee hour 1-5pm - Adoption Group in Aud	30 12 - Noonday Prayer 4:30 Tai Chi 6-9p Ptd Comm Chorus	5/1 7am - 9am BNI in Aud. 9:30 Art Group in Aud 10:30am - Wisdom Seekers 12 Noonday Prayer 1pm - Get Sticking 6-9pm Schola in sanctuary 7pm AA in Auditorium 7:30 AI/Anon (6:30 beginners)	5/2 10a Mainely Weavers, GR 12 - Noonday Prayer 5pm RSCM Dinner 6pm PBE rehearsal in Chapel 6pm ORI in Guild Rm	5/3 Nat'l Day of Prayer 8:30am - Fal Ecumen 9:30-12:30 Art Group 12 Chapel Eucharist 7pm SM Choir rehearsal	5/4 Office Closed 12 Pray where you are 12:30-4pm Bridge-a-thon 5:30pm Alanon	5/5 9am Habitat 5K Run 9-11am Deacon Discovey in Guild Room & Chapel



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Our Worship Schedule

SUNDAY Hours

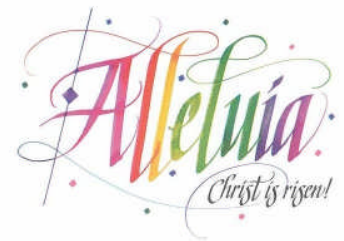
8 AM - *Contemplative Eucharist*
10 AM - *Choral Eucharist*

MONDAY - WEDNESDAY

Noon Day Prayer in the Chapel
and wherever you find yourself

THURSDAYS

12NOON - *Holy Eucharist*



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Copy deadline May 2018 AVE is **April 20**

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