

"GREETINGS MARY, FULL OF GRACE."

The Episcopal Church of Saint Mary - Falmouth, Maine

From our Rector: Thy Kingdom Come



Once again this year, during these Great Fifty Days, the Archbishop of Canterbury has invited churches all around the world to join together with intention by praying for God's Kingdom to come. This idea grew out of the ancient practice of praying a Novena. Now, in case you do not know, Novena comes from the Latin word for nine, and it refers directly to the nine days between the Ascension and the day of Pentecost. Do you remember what Jesus instructed his followers to do? He told them to "stay in the city until you have been furnished with heavenly power" (Luke 24:49). So that is what they did, even though they had no idea what was coming!

Mary was there in the upper room with the disciples and

for nine days they "all were united in their devotion to prayer" (Acts 1:14). Ever since those days, other disciples have been inspired by their example and have committed themselves to an intentional prayer practice for the Novena between Ascension (May 10) and Pentecost (May 20).

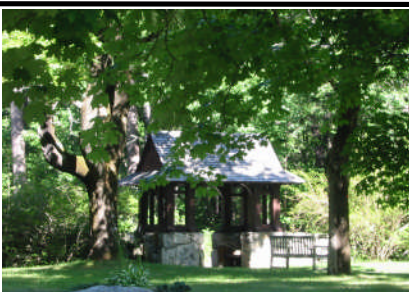
When we join together to pray "thy kingdom come," we are participating in a vast revolutionary movement that is intended to change the way the world works. No more "business as usual"! All around the world, disciples of Jesus are bringing hope to the hopeless, fighting against oppression and poverty, lifting up those who are brokenhearted, and guiding the young and old into the experience of God's abundant life. My friends, you and I get to be part of this! I hope that the thrill of this reality has not yet worn off for you. If so, spend some time on the website www.thykingdomcome.global, and you will be inspired. When the first disciples joined together to pray for nine days, amazing

things happened. Who knows what might take place when millions of Christians from many different churches join together to pray this year? Pledge to pray "thy kingdom come" and be part of the Jesus movement that continues to work with God to change the world. I'll be praying, and I hope you will too.

Nathan W. Ferrell +

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Adopt a Bed

Interested in "adopting" a bed on our beautiful campus? Pick any area and think of it as your own! Your commitment would simply be to keep an eye on it and weed it as needed. Note that this work does not include the formal beds behind the chapel that are beautifully maintained and being redesigned by members of St. Mary's Garden Club. Contact Lucy Ellis, Landscape Team (cell) 450-3650.

CELEBRATE

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Holy Week at Saint Mary's

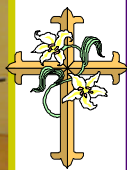
Our journey together through Holy Week was filled with anticipation, passion, prayer, grace, and joy.



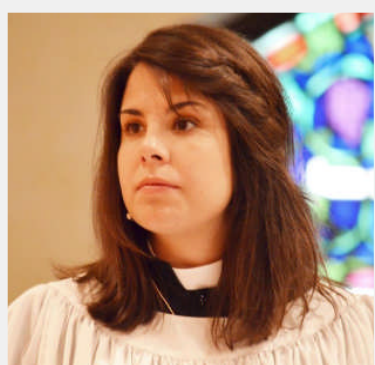
As every year, we began with Palm Sunday, we moved through the week toward the adoration of Holy Thursday, the starkness of Good Friday, the quiet of Holy Saturday, and ended with the joy of Resurrection Sunday.

It is a period that we are invited to be very intentional and thoughtfully set aside time for participation in the liturgy and for quiet prayer.

Set aside time for Holy Week 2019: April 14-21



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God is doing a new thing in us

by Pastor Sara D'Angio White

Spring is here! I know this less because of the promise of tulips and daffodils outside, and more because my rain jacket has become my constant companion. Before moving to Maine, I had never heard the term "mud season," but I would say I now understand the nomenclature. And isn't it so true that what we want to be harbingers of a particular season or event are often so different from the signs we actually receive?

Being people who celebrate life over death, light over darkness, we are particularly good at looking for signs of light and life. The green shoot poking out of the ground, the sun creeping earlier and higher into the sky. It can be harder, and messier, to root about in the mud. But just as mud season is integral to spring, and eventually summer, muck is a part of life. The muck of broken relationships, failed resolutions and dead ends is muck that we have in common. And each of these is messy, and hurts us and others more or less, depending on how much muck we've turned up. And each of these can be a mud season, a sign that, while we aren't perfect, we're dirty but not irrevocably buried.

As we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus, we are constantly invited into new life whenever we fall short of perfection. That is why Jesus lived and died and rose again for us – because perfection just isn't human, and God wants us to know that no matter how many times we are reminded of our own imperfections, we are forgiven and loved and asked to be in relationship again. The mud of our imperfections is part of the reality of life, a sign that we are but human, and a reminder that we ARE human – a reminder that we are part of God's awesome creation, and that God is always doing a new thing in us.

Sara D'Angio White

Vestry Highlights from your Wardens

by Janet Bowne

The Vestry met on April 25th and welcomed Father Nathan back from the first segment of his sabbatical. This meeting is a week later than usual due to school spring break week. He shared a teaching moment from the writings of the Desert Fathers.

Lucy Ellis attended to present the garden redesign on behalf of the Saint Mary's Garden Club (SMGC). For those who don't know, the SMGC started many years ago and was primarily made up of parishioners. Over the years, the membership has opened to the community. As part of their mission, they maintain the garden behind the Parish House and other gardens including a garden at the Falmouth Middle School. Access and visibility of the garden behind the Parish House changed when the office wing and chapel were built. The SMGC has also been working to eradicate Bishop's Weed, an invasive plant. All of these issues led to the SMGC deciding to redesign. They formed a design team composed of extremely talented garden experts. The proposed redesign will take 3 years to complete and will ultimately include an accessible path as well as a natural setting for ceremonies like weddings. The Vestry voted to support this project. Saint Mary's will work in collaboration with the SMGC. SMGC is providing a great deal of the funding for this three-year project.

Bill Gowen, Treasurer, was absent, but he sent a report. Our cash position is good now, but we still have a deficit projected for the year end. We are still receiving pledges. Thank you for all who pledged. If you didn't pledge for 2018 and would like to do so, Beth Shaw, our



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

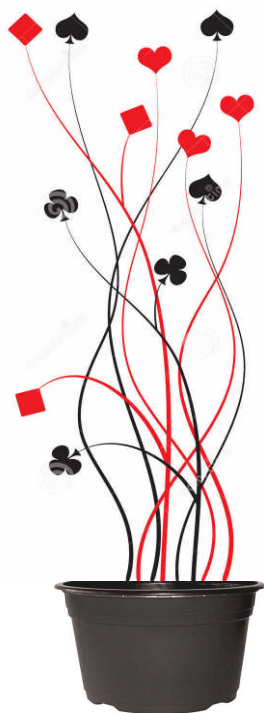
Parish Manager, can get you the information to do so.

Father Nathan shared some of his experiences from the first part of his sabbatical. We discussed his time away and the daily workings of Saint Mary's. The consensus was that Holy Week, Easter and beyond ran smoothly. Thanks to Pastor Sara and our staff for their roles in making that happen.

We discussed briefly the Farm to Table Dinner and Auction slated for August 18, 2018. We are working on pricing for the meal portion and will soon start gathering auction items.

Jim Kane announced that the annual Katahdin trip will take place on August 23-25. He encouraged all people over age 10 to consider this wonderful experience. Anyone interested should contact Jim Kane, melissa1959@earthlink.net.

Our next meeting is Wednesday, May 16th, at 6PM



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!



It doesn't have to be work

by Merle Marie Troeger



The second chapter of Mark contains one of my favorite Bible stories. It's the one where several men carry a paralyzed man to a house where Jesus is teaching. Upon arrival, they find the place so crowded they can't get in the door. They have to haul the stretcher up to the roof, somehow make a hole in the roof and let him down with a kind of rope arrangement. Think of all that work! It couldn't have been easy, making the stretcher, putting him on it, carrying him the distance to where Jesus was teaching, hauling him up the stairs, to say nothing of making a hole in the roof. How would you even go about doing that? And then they had to lower him without dropping him in Jesus's lap!

Who were these guys? How did they know the paralyzed man? Why go to so much trouble?

I think I have an idea. They loved him. They probably wouldn't have said those words; you know how guys can be. But they showed their love just the same.

Here's a story from 2018. Some of you know my brother is ill with a form of blood cancer. He is waiting for a bone marrow transplant and in the meantime, his doctor has strictly forbidden any skiing. My brother faithfully, if unhappily, followed the doctor's advice until one Sunday a friend from church said, "Let's go skiing this week." "Can't do it," my brother said, "Doctor's orders." He explained that his doctor was worried he'd fall and injure his enlarged spleen. "I've got just the answer. Wear one of the life vests we keep in our boat. That should protect you."

My brother took up the suggestion. He went skiing with his friend. He wore the life vest. What's more, his church friend brought along two other friends who skied with them. They all skied around my brother so no other skier could accidentally bump into him. They all had a ball. At the top of the mountain, the ringleader took a photo of my brother who had the biggest grin on his face since his diagnosis.

Christian love can be a blast! Who do you know that could use a lift?

Saint Mary's Team Participating in 2018 Trek Across Maine

The Trek Across Maine is a 3-day, 180-mile cycling event from the mountains of Sunday River to the sea in Belfast. As the largest fundraising event of its kind in the nation for the American Lung Association, the Trek has raised more than \$24 million in the past 30+ years. Nearly 2,000 cyclists and 750 volunteers participate in this one of a kind annual journey on Father's Day Weekend.

The Saint Mary's Trek team, named **Godspeed**, is currently comprised of Father Nathan, Bruce Fithian, John Henson, Greg Fergin and Charlie Hurdman. Other members of the Parish are welcome to join the Godspeed team, and should simply speak to Charlie Hurdman or

one of the current team members if he/she is interested in doing so.

The **Godspeed Pedalers** will be

hosting coffee hour following the 10:00 service on Sunday, May 6th. During that time members of the team will be happy to answer any questions parishioners may have about the Trek and explain how anyone interested in doing so can support the team's fundraising goal of \$2,000 it has pledged to raise to support the mission of the American Lung Association.



**Four Members of the S. Mary's Godspeed Pedalers Team
on the First Group Training Ride Together**



CHORAL EVENSONG, MAY 6, 4:00 PM

One of the great Anglican traditions is the choral evensong. This service is held in the late afternoon and is associated with particularly beautiful prayers, responses and musical anthems. If you go to a cathedral town in England, the evensong is sung every day. St. Luke's Cathedral presents an evensong on the first Sunday of every month from October through May. It is our fervent desire to celebrate an evensong in the fall and spring at Saint Mary's in the future.

This service is listed in the Book of Common Prayer as Evening Prayer and begins with the *Phos Hilaron* (O gracious light), which is an ancient Christian hymn originally written in Koine Greek. It is the earliest known Christian hymn recorded outside of the Bible that is still in use today. The RSCM St. Cecilia Choir, directed by Priscilla Rigg, will sing this mystical work accompanied by our newly acquired handbells.

*O gracious Light,
pure brightness of the everlasting Father in heaven,
O Jesus Christ, holy and blessed!*

*Now as we come to the setting of the sun,
and our eyes behold the vesper light,
we sing thy praises, O God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.*

*Thou art worthy at all times to be praised by happy voices,
O Son of God, O Giver of life,
and to be glorified through all the worlds.*



Following the *Phos Hilaron* will be a setting of psalm 98 sung by the combined choirs. This will be sung using another great tradition: Anglican chant, in which the choirs sing the verses of the psalm to a well-known harmonization by Luther (A Mighty Fortress is our God).

Every evensong includes the Magnificat - Mary's song of praise and the Nunc Dimittis - the song of thanksgiving by Simeon who upon seeing the baby Jesus in the temple sang these beautiful words:

*Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace according to thy word.
For mine eyes have seen thy salvation,
Which thou hast prepared before the face of all people;
To be a light to lighten the Gentiles and to be the glory of thy people Israel.*

The Saint Mary Choir will present these two famous texts with a setting by the eminent English composer, Herbert Howells (1892-1985), with tenor soloist Jonathan Scott.



The Apostle's Creed and Lord's Prayer are intoned by all, followed by Mozart's greatly loved anthem *Laudate Dominum*, with Lesley Dolinger as soloist.

There are wonderful evening hymns that we never get to sing on Sunday mornings, but we will May 6: hymn 24, 'The day thou gavest, Lord, is ended.' Finally the service ends with the ancient Prayer of St. Chrysostom (c. 349-407), an early Church Father.

This will be a wonderful way to celebrate spring and support our growing children's choirs.

Come and be transported!

Outreach Ministry ~ All Ages Serving Near and Far

Community Souper Supper May 11 and 25



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. No reservations required. Just bring your family and friends and enjoy! It's a blast!

PLUS, on the 2nd Friday, stay for the **FREE Classic Movie**

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

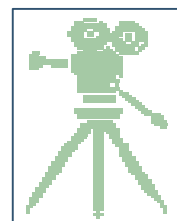
"Coffee by Design" 12 oz. bags of ground fair-traded, organic, delicious coffees are on sale at Saint Mary's for \$10 a bag (Decaf is \$11). ...and support fair trade practices ...and a locally-owned business... and get GREAT organic coffee! Win! Win! Win!

Classic Cinema will take a break in May

Movies are typically held on the second Friday of each month at 7pm after Souper supper)

Check back in June for **Our monthly FREE in-house movie**

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



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!**

PRE REGISTER www.habitatportlandme.org, click "Events" or click here

PRE-REGISTER!

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 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.

WELCOME, *NEW* MAINERS!



**Please join us for Saint Mary's fourth
New Mainers' presentation on**

Sunday, May 20, 4 PM

Nancy Markowitz *of Welcoming the Stranger*
and

Lucky Hollander *of Hopeful Links*
will introduce their programs that support new Mainers.

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.



In addition to hearing from Nancy and Lucky, we will hear from several local families who have mentored immigrants.

SO, come for an hour and enjoy hearing about our new neighbors and their experiences in America and from our 'old' neighbors about their experiences mentoring. [Who knows when an opportunity might present itself for any one of us!!]

Naturally, there will be lovely goodies provided as well.

**SPEAK THE
TRUTH,
EVEN IF YOUR
VOICE SHAKES.**

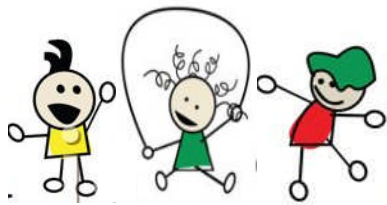
Christian Formation - RAY Beams - Easter 2018



Research shows that the greatest impact on the spiritual development of children comes from their parents. In an effort to support our families, Merle Marie Troeger facilitated a one-night bible study program on *Children in the Bible*.

Children in the Bible is our focus for the Guiding RAY kids for the rest of the spring, and we thought what better way to assist families by encouraging conversations at home. The evening was a huge success with everyone realizing that God has a plan for us all, no matter our age.

Spring is here! And with the warmer weather the kids love to play outside during coffee hour. Please be aware that the



playground is not supervised during this time and kids are welcome to "play at their own risk!"



Here's what is coming
up in May 2018

Our in-depth study of *Kids in the Bible*

May 6 - Faith Family Sunday

May 13 - David & Goliath - Sometimes we think that we have to be a grown-up to be strong. But kids will learn that God can give them strength to do his will right now.

May 20 - Miriam Saves Baby Moses - Sometimes we think that we have to be a grown-up before we can care for and protect others. But kids will learn that God can use them too!

May 27 - The Lord Calls Samuel - Sometimes we think that we have to be a grown-up to hear God's call. But kids will learn that they can hear that still, small voice of God right now.

June 3 - Little Children - Sometimes we think that we won't have the kind of faith that God wants us to have until we are grown ups. But kids will learn that Jesus recognized that they have a special faith to see and follow him right now.



Saturday morning, May 12, 9am-noon

We will be constructing our Saint Mary's Vegetable Garden with the harvest to be donated to the Falmouth Food Pantry and our summer Farm-to-Table Dinner and Auction.



Guiding RAY Coordinators

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Camp Bishopswood

Mike Douglass, Exec. Dir.
98 Bishopswood Rd.
Hope, Maine 04847
mike@bishopswood.org

Spring Work Weekend May 4 - 6

PLEASE JOIN US for our Annual Spring Volunteer Work Weekend to clear away winter and prepare the Camp for summer.

Wash windows and walls, clear trails, prepare cabins and camp sites, set up the swim area, and more.

Stay for the weekend or join us for the day on Saturday.

Lodging and meals provided. Donations appreciated.

Bring your work gloves, sturdy shoes, clothes for layering, bedding, toiletries, shop vacs, tool kits and your camp spirit.

Open House Weekend June 1 - 3

Spend one or two nights and experience camp with your children. Highly recommended for first-time campers. This is a great time to take a tour of camp, meet some of the summer camp staff, swim in beautiful Lake Megunticook, or go for a family canoe ride. Bring a picnic lunch and try some of our famous congo bars.

For schedule and related costs, visit the website www.bishopswood.org

Register NOW for the Summer 2018 at CAMP BISHOPSWOOD

Located on the shores of Lake Megunticook in the Camden Hills, Bishopswood has been operated by the Diocese of Maine since the early 1960s. There are mini-sessions for first-time campers, multi-week sessions, and a family weekend in addition to the free working weekends above when anyone can stay and eat at camp. See the [website](http://www.bishopswood.org) for more information.



Summer Finale Camp - It's camp for everyone!

August 20-26 Families! Singles! Couples! Retired folks! Young adults! Grandparents!

Everyone is welcome! Come and experience a wonderful, meaningful time in this camp community.

At Bishopswood you have the opportunity to unplug, relax, grow, play and enjoy life in God's creation.

Christian Formation - High & Middle Schoolers

May 2018
Tip of the Month

Keep Your Teen Safe This Prom Season

Tips to celebrate safely:

- Talk to parents of your teens' friends to confirm plans and exchange phone numbers
- Let your teen know that colleges can take away acceptances or scholarships for illegal behavior
- If using a car or limo service, review expectations and provide parent phone numbers to the driver
- Consider hosting a substance-free after prom party

Maine
Cumberland County

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www.cumberlandcounty.org SAMHSA #1H79SP016497



YL 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



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

Welcome the Cecilia Ensemble from Peterborough, NH

At 7 pm Saturday evening, May 26th, Saint Mary's will host the Cecilia Ensemble in a concert that will benefit our music program. Preceding the recital, at 5:00 pm, there will be a festive potluck dinner in the Saint Mary Auditorium to meet and greet young musicians in a spirit of fellowship.

The Cecilia Ensemble, under the direction of Maria Belva, is an 18-voice auditioned choir of young women, ages 14-18 from Peterborough, New Hampshire. The mostly a cappella concert will include several Spirituals, Shaker Songs, and part-songs by contemporary American composers, as well as sacred pieces and arrangements by the choir's accompanist, David Vernier. A performance of a very special kind will be included in the concert: a Czech song titled *Nezapomeň (do not forget)* by Karel Vrbka that was composed in Terezin but never performed.

The Cecilia Ensemble has just returned from a Concert Tour of the Czech Republic. Included in the tour was a performance at the Terezin Concentration Camp where the choir sang *Nezapomeň* in the place where it was written 74 years ago. The girls also presented the Terezin Ghetto Museum with a recording of the song and a copy of the music that the composer sent to David Vernier.

Maria Belva and David Vernier are new to Portland and to Saint Mary's. They both now sing in the choir.



St Mary Schola

Bruce Fithian, Music Director

LOVE CONQUERS ALL

Friday June 1 Cathedral of the Immaculate
7:30 PM Conception, Portland

Sunday June 3 Episcopal Church of
4:00 PM Saint Mary, Falmouth

Tuesday June 5 Cathedral Church of Saint
7:30 PM Luke, Portland

Tickets \$20 ~ Students Free
stmaryschola.org



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.

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1pvB5hyNKTk0rDTpkTSR4PK7P1IQRIL9n0Q4sz2qJDrs/edit?usp=sharing>

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.



Saint Mary's Operating Finances - as of March 31, 2018

INCOME

General Plate & Pledge Support	119,343
Use of Parish House & Sanctuary	4,013
Fundraisers	13
Miscellaneous Gifts & Revenue	12,449
Dedicated Gifts	668
	<u>\$ 136,486</u>

EXPENSE

Diocesan Assessment	13,844
Personnel (includes, taxes, benefits, & pensions)	59,076
Maintenance, Capital	10,622
Operating (utilities, insurance, taxes, supplies)	23,832
Program	7,789
Countless volunteer donated hours of time	0
	<u>\$ 115,163</u>

\$ 115,163 +21,323



News, Notes, Kudos, Dates & Reminders

(Send your 1-3 line notes, announcements or thanks to Beth at admin@smay.org by the 20th of the previous month)

Thank you to all the pastoral partners who help us care for those who need it!

Thank you to Deacon Christine for her steadfast and calm presence. We are so glad to have you active among us.

Thank you to Pastor Sara for her time with us during Father Nathan's sabbatical.

Thank you to the Buildings & Grounds crew for all the work they do behind the scenes to keep our campus safe and ready to serve the community.

Thank you to Janet, Jim & the Vestry for all the small things that need doing in Fr. Nathan's absence.

Thanks to Hugh Smith for switching the door swing going into the auditorium. It will make maneuvering so much easier.

Sparkles thanks all who have donated items for the Sparkles 2018 Fair.

It's going to be a wonderful event!
Remember, when cleaning or sorting,
think Sparkles first !!

Kudos to everyone who made Holy Week and Easter at Saint Mary's a holy and enriching experience.

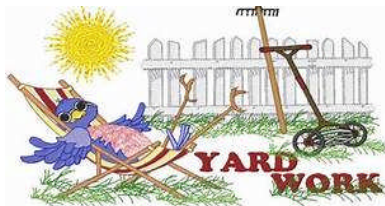
Thanks to Merle Marie Troeger for leading an enjoyable and informative study of 'Kids in the Bible' Although it's Guiding RAY leadership inspired, ALL would enjoy these wonderful evenings. Keep watch for the next date!

Save the Dates: 2018 Katahdin Trek

Thursday - Saturday, August 23-25
FMI, contact Jim Kane, 329-1764

Grab your Gloves and Rakes Annual Spring Clean-Up : May 5 8am-12 noon

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



Town of Falmouth's Memorial Day Parade, May 28 10am

The Falmouth American Legion, Post 164, in conjunction with the Falmouth Chamber of Commerce and sponsored by the Town of Falmouth, will organize this year's Memorial Day parade to take place on Monday, May 28 beginning at 10am at the Legion Hall and ending at the Memorial across the street from Saint Mary's. Falmouth Clergy will give the prayer of Invocation and the Benediction.

Following the program, all are invited to the lawn at Saint Mary's for refreshments. Contact Anne LaFond, 781-8820, if you can help with refreshments the day of the parade.



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

invites all to their monthly

Coffee House

Enjoy a specialty coffee and snack while listening to

Steamboat Gypsy

A combination of bluegrass, old-time and country music

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 May Birthdays to:

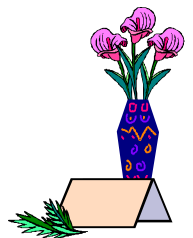


1 Judy MacDonald	10 Mary Follo	20 Lynda Conner
1 Charlotte Rana	11 Ashleigh Connors	20 Morgan Harris
2 Grace Brown	12 Kate Kirsch	20 Jane Tholen
2 Caleigh Connors	13 Lucas Michaud	21 Portia Hirschman
4 Holly Bernstein	14 Stan Eaton	23 Dee Dee Fournier
4 Samantha Heinzman	15 Jessie Claar	24 Betsey McCandless
4 Fritz Hessemer	15 Ross Isacke	23 Jack Walker
6 Larissa Norman	15 Sydney Billings	26 Robert Cott
7 Bruce Fithian	16 Charnette Chadwick	26 Jack Haney
7 Jim Kane	16 Dave Fenderson	26 Shelly Maher
7 Sam LaPlante	16 Michael Richards	27 Tom Stegemann
7 Jane Stegemann	17 Madeline Harris	28 Ellie Oberink
8 Henry Funk	18 Henry Kearins	29 John Fournier
8 John Raeke	19 Madeline Michaud	30 Carolyn Bernier
9 Mark Bentley	19 Patty Sarchi	30 Tillman Rhoades

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

HAPPY MAY ANNIVERSARY WISHES TO:

11 Margaret Jean & Len Taylor	24 John & DeeDee Fournier
15 Anne & Geoff LaFond	25 Edie & Lad Taylor
21 Mary & Hugh Smith	28 David & Suzanne Farnham
22 Maureen & John Hale	31 Diane & Gerry Billings
23 Bruce Fithian & Kue John Lor	31 Susan & Gary Conway



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: May - June 2018

	8am Ushers	8am EM/Lectors	10am Ushers	10am Lector	10am Euch Minister	10am Acolytes	Altar Guild	Altar Flowers	Flower Delivery	Coffee Hour Host
29-Apr Easter 5 N+ here 4/29, 5/6, 5/13	Jim P Len T	Becky Pride	Aaron S Jack H	Erin Ferrell	Andrea M-H Jim Stoddard	William G Thomas G, Sarah K	Kelly Mary L & Betsy	Jessica	The Stoddards	Tim Caven
6-May Easter 6	Dave F Baer C	Al Ahlers	Chuck H Ron F	FF - Kids read	Nadine T Stan Eaton	Emily S Michael & Cole	Barbara Tricia & Portia	Jana & Nece	The Hortons	Trekkers
13-May Easter 7	AIA Charlie H	Mary Ann M	Ryan S Mark B	Jennifer Gregg Marian McCue	David Robinson Maggie G	William Harrison & Sarah K	Mary S. Kathy & Jana	Maura	Ruth Kimball	OPEN
NO Mission Morning										
20-May Pentecost	Ed Rayle	Becky P	Tom L Aaron S	Dawn Y	Maggie G David Robinson	Maggie G Jamie & William G	tbd	H & H	The Stoddards	Guiding RAY
27-May Trinity	Jim K Len T	Greg Unfricht	Jack H Chuck H	Ginny Stelk	Jim Stoddard Andrea M-H	Michael Lauren & Kyle	tbd	Melissa	The Hortons	OPEN
3-Jun 2 Pent, P4	Jim P Dave F	Len Taylor	Ryan S Tom L	Stan Eaton	Terry Brown Stan Eaton	tbd	tbd	Jan	Ruth Kimball	OPEN
10-Jun 3 Pent	Baer C AIA	Lad Taylor	Ron F Mark B	FF - kids read	Stan Jim	tbd	tbd	Onnie	The Stoddards	Strawberry Shortcake
17-Jun 4 Pent	Charlie H Jim K	Becky Pride	Jack H Aaron S	Andrea M-H	Maggie Andrea M-H	~	tbd	Jess	The Hortons	OPEN
24-Jun 5 Pent N+ here: Jul 1 & Jul 8	Rayle A Ed A	Al Ahlers	Chuck H Ryan S	Betsy Stoddard	Jim Stoddard Nadine Timberlake	~	tbd	Jan	Ruth Kimball	OPEN
1-Jul 6 Pent, P8	Len T Jim P	Mary Ann M	Tom L Jack H	Dawn Y	Maggie G Jim Stoddard	~	tbd	Melissa	The Stoddards	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



May 2018

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
4/29 The Fifth Sunday of Easter 8am Contemplative Eucharist 9:15am RSCM Choir rehearsals 10am Guiding RAY 10am Choral Eucharist 1-5pm - Adoption Group in Aud	4/30 12 Noonday Prayer 4:30 T'ai Chi	5/1 7am - 9am BNI in Aud. 9:30 Art Group in Aud 10:30am - Wisdom Seekers 12 Noonday Prayer 1pm Staff meeting 3:43pm Till Death Do Us Part (2) 6-9pm Schola in sanctuary 7pm AA in Auditorium 7:30 AlAnon (6:30 beginners)	5/2 10am Falmouth House Eucharist 10am Mainely Weavers 12 Noonday Prayer 6pm PBE rehearsal in Chapel 6pm ORI in Guild Rm	5/3 <u>National Day of Prayer</u> 9:30-12:30 Art Group in Aud. 12 Chapel Eucharist 1pm - CARE meeting 7pm SM Choir rehearsal	5/4 Office Closed 12 Play/where you are 12:30-4pm Bridge-a-Thon 5:30pm AlAnon	5/5 9am Habitat 6K Run 8-12 Ground Clean Up 10-12 RSCM rehearsal
6 The Sixth Sunday of Easter 8am Contemplative Eucharist 10am Guiding RAY 10am Faith Family Choral Eucharist 11:15am Acolyte Training 4pm Evensong & 5pm Potluck	7 10am - Garden Club in GR 12 Noonday Prayer 4:30 T'ai Chi	8 7:30-9am BNI 9:30-12:30 Art Group 10:30a Wisdom Seekers 12 Noonday Prayer 1pm Staff meeting 3:43pm Till Death Do Us Part (3) 7pm AA in Auditorium 7:30 AlAnon (6:30 beginners)	9 9a-12h GC Judges Council 12 Noonday Prayer 4:30p - Outreach Conversation 6-8pm PBE in Auditorium 6:30pm B Pollard in Chapel	10 <u>Ascension Day</u> 9:30-12:30 Art Group in Aud. 12 Ascension Eucharist 7pm SM Choir rehearsal	11 Office Closed 12 Play/where you are 3:30p Wedding rehearsal 5-7pm Souper Supper 5:30pm AlAnon	12 9-12 - Build a Raised Bed 4pm Murray Wedding & Reception in Aud.
13 The Seventh Sunday of Easter 8am Contemplative Eucharist 9:15am RSCM Choir rehearsals 10am Guiding RAY 10am Choral Eucharist 1pm Seadogs Game Happy Mother's Day	14 11am - Garden Club 12n Noonday Prayer 4:30 T'ai Chi 6-9p Pidd Comm Chorus Annual Meeting	15 7:30-9am BNI 9:30-12:30 Art Group 10:30a Wisdom Seekers 12 Noonday Prayer 1pm Staff meeting 3:43pm Till Death Do Us Part (4) 6-9pm Schola in sanctuary 7pm AA in Auditorium 7:30 AlAnon (6:30 beginners)	16 12 Noonday Prayer 6pm Vestry 6-8pm PBE in Auditorium	17 9:30-12:30 Art Group in Aud. 12 Chapel Eucharist S+ 7pm SM Choir rehearsal	18 Office Closed 12 Play/where you are 5:30pm AlAnon 7:30pm Andrea Gaidhen Recital in Aud	19 9-11am Deacon Discovery Day 3:30-9p NIA Prom
20 The Day of Pentecost 8am Contemplative Eucharist 9:15am RSCM Choir rehearsals 10am Guiding RAY 10am Choral Eucharist 4pm Welcome New Mainers Event	21 12 Noonday Prayer 4:30 T'ai Chi June AVE deadline	22 7:30-9am BNI 9:30-12:30 Art Group 10:30a Wisdom Seekers 12 Noonday Prayer 1pm Staff meeting 3:43pm Till Death Do Us Part (5) 6-9pm Schola in sanctuary 7pm AA in Auditorium 7:30 AlAnon (6:30 beginners)	23 12 Noonday Prayer 6-8pm PBE in Auditorium	24 9:30-12:30 Art Group in Aud. 12 Chapel Eucharist S+ 6:15 Dowzers in GR 7pm SM Choir rehearsal	25 Office Closed Play/where you are 5-7pm Souper Supper 5:30pm AlAnon	26 5pm Potluck meet & greet 7pm Great Monadhock St. Cecilia Ensemble Concert
27 Trinity Sunday 8am Contemplative Eucharist 9:15am RSCM Choir rehearsals 10am Guiding RAY 10am Choral Eucharist	28 Office Closed Memorial Day 10am Town Parade with Saint Mary's refreshments 12 Play/where you are	29 7am - 9am BNI in Aud. 9:30 Art Group in Aud 10:30am - Wisdom Seekers 12 Noonday Prayer 1pm Staff meeting 3:43pm Till Death Do Us Part (6) 6-9pm Schola in sanctuary 7pm AA in Auditorium	30 10am Falmouth House Eucharist 10am Kneeler Meeting 12 Noonday Prayer 6-8pm PBE in Auditorium 6pm ORI in Guild Rm	31 <u>The Visitation</u> 12 Chapel Eucharist S+ 7pm SM Choir rehearsal	6/1 Office Closed 12 Play/where you are 5:30pm AlAnon	6/2 9a-12n SM Garden Club Plant Sale



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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 June 2018 AVE is **May 20**

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