

**REPORT TO THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING:  
January 27, 2019**



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# The Episcopal Church of Saint Mary

## Annual Meeting of the Parish and Faith Family Event

Sunday, January 27, 2019 at 11:30 AM

**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.

### Our Four Growth Directions:

- Grow our Engagement with Children and Youth
- Grow in Deeper Connections with God and One Another
- Grow in Compassionate Care for Those Who are Struggling
- Grow in Welcoming Those Who are Seeking God

## Meeting Agenda

Report on a Quorum and the Call to Order	Jim Kane
Approval of 2018 Annual Meeting Minutes	Jim Kane
Report of Nominating Committee	Rick Hirschman
-Wardens, Treasurer, Vestry members and Diocesan Convention delegates	
Election of the Slate	Jim Kane
Election of new Nominating Committee	Jim Kane
Review of Parish Finances and Budget	Garry Bowne on behalf of The Budget & Finance Committee
Acknowledgments and Thanks	The Wardens
Necrology: Remembrance of our departed	Nathan Ferrell
Adjournment and Blessing	Nathan Ferrell

**The Episcopal Church of Saint Mary**  
**Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Parish**  
**Sunday, 28 January 2018**

**Opening Prayer:** The meeting began at 10:46 AM with a prayer offered by Father Nathan.

**Report on a Quorum and Call to Order:** The Senior Warden, Jim Kane, reported that a quorum was present (67 members signed-in) and therefore the meeting was authorized to begin.

**Approval of 2017 Annual Meeting Minutes:** Margaret Jean Taylor moved to accept the minutes from the 2017 meeting. This was seconded by Nadine Timberlake. The motion passed without objection.

**Report of Nominating Committee and Election of the Slate:** Nadine Timberlake reported on the slate of new Vestry members being presented to the parish to serve three-year terms: Sandra Couch-Kelly, Matthew Fulton, Jan Mordarski, and Jessica LaPlante. She expressed her appreciation for their willingness to serve. Rayle Ainsworth moved to elect the slate as presented. This was seconded by Len Taylor. The motion passed.

Nadine explained that we are allowed to send four delegates to our 2018 Diocesan Convention based on our 2017 Average Sunday Attendance of 147. The delegates presented were Maggie Gardner, Mary Lalumiere, Bonny Rodden, William Salomon, with our Wardens and Treasurer serving as alternates. Jim Stoddard moved to elect the delegates as presented, and Portia Hirschman seconded. The motion passed.

**Election of new Nominating Committee:** Jim Kane explained our practice of electing the outgoing Vestry members to serve as the Nominating Committee for the new class. In 2018, the outgoing Vestry members will be John Fallon, Rick Hirschman, Julie Otte and Tim Record. Connie Dayton moved to elect these four as our new Nominating Committee and Mary Smith seconded the motion. A request was made for additional nominations from the floor, but none were made. The motion passed.

**Review of parish Finances and Budget:** Our Treasurer, Bill Gowen, explained that we ended the year 2017 with a slight surplus due to strong giving at the end of the year and the control of expenses. He explained that our pledge goal for 2018 is \$270,000, however we actually need close to \$300,000 to avoid a deficit budget. The projected deficit for 2018 is approx. \$38,000. There are a number of things being considered to reduce that throughout the year. Bill explained that he is available for questions at any time.

**Introduction of Faith Family Event:** Father Nathan introduced our Faith Family Event. Each table was asked to spend time using their own words to complete the following prayer: “Jesus, we know you love us because only someone who loves us would ...” The responses were recorded on paper and shared aloud with the meeting.

After this, every person in attendance was asked to sign and decorate a star as part of a Faith Family mobile which will hang in our Sanctuary. This will serve as a visual symbol of our parish family and of our mission to create “authentic, vibrant Christ-centered community” which incorporates people of all kinds.

**Acknowledgements and Thanks:** After these activities, Jim Kane thanked the outgoing Vestry members and others who have contributed to our shared parish life. Hugh Smith thanked Lucy Ellis for her many years as chair of the Churchyard Committee. Jim Kane also thanked those who worked in the kitchen to offer another wonderful brunch for everyone.

**Necrology:** Remembrance of our Departed: Father Nathan read the names of parishioners who died in 2017 and asked that God bless them with peace in the communion of saints.

**Adjournment and Dismissal:** Jim Stoddard moved to adjourn the meeting. This was seconded by Ed Ainsworth. The motion passed as all stood for the Dismissal to “go in peace to love and serve the Lord” offered by Father Nathan. The meeting adjourned at 11:56 AM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Nathan Ferrell, Rector

# Voter Qualifications

According to the Constitution of Saint Mary's, membership in the parish and voting privileges at the annual parish meeting are defined as:

"Any person age fifteen years or older, who has attended and supported the Church for six months and accepts its Constitution, shall be considered a voting member of the Parish. Members who have not attended or supported the Church for a year may cease to be a voting member of the Parish."

## Slate of Nominations for the Year 2019

At the Annual Meeting of the Episcopal Church of Saint Mary on Sunday, January 27, 2019 elections will be held to fill leadership positions on the Vestry and to elect delegates to the Diocesan Convention. Our thanks to the following parish members who have agreed to serve for the upcoming years, if elected by the parish:

Senior Warden:

Two-year term (2021) **James (Jim) Kane**

Junior Warden:

Two-year term (2021) **Janet Bowne**

Treasurer:

Two-year term (2021) **Ben Parks-Stamm**

Vestry:

(4) Three-year terms (2022) **Darren Clark**  
(2022) **Stan Eaton**  
(2022) **Aaron Splint**  
(2022) **Jan Wentling**

Convention Delegates For 2019, we will have four, based upon our 2018 Average Sunday Attendance.

**Stan Eaton**

**Betsy Stoddard**

**Jim Stoddard**

**Nadine Timberlake**

Bonny Rodden and the Wardens have agreed to serve as Alternates.

Respectfully submitted,

The Nominating Committee: Rick Hirschman, chair. Joined by: Tim Record, Julie Otte and John Fallon

**Thank you to these Vestry members who are moving on to other ministries within the church**

**Thank you to the 2018 Convention Delegates :** Janet Bowne, Maggie Gardner, Bonny Rodden, and Will Salomon

## New Vestry Biographies

**BEN PARKS-STAMM, Treasurer:**

Ben Parks-Stamm serves as Onpoint's Director of Financial and Administrative Services. Ben is a seasoned financial management professional with many years' work in accounting and financial analysis roles, most recently serving as Onpoint's lead in both areas. Prior to joining Onpoint, Ben owned and operated a small business in central Maine. Ben, his wife, Betsy, and their children, Polly, Brownlow, and Agnes have become ensconced in Saint Mary's life with participation in Guiding RAY, the RSCM choirs, Eucharistic minister, and lectors. We welcome Ben's fresh outlook and financial expertise.



### *DARREN CLARK, Three-year Vestry member*

Darren Clark is a registered professional engineer and project manager for GEI Consultants, Inc., where he has worked for 20 years, first in Massachusetts, then in Maine. He specializes in geotechnical engineering and instrumentation for foundations and dams.

Darren was raised a Congregationalist in Plymouth, Massachusetts, was an eagle scout, and graduated from Tufts University with a degree in civil engineering. After living in Massachusetts for many years, Darren and his wife, Katie, moved to Maine when Darren's company opened a Maine office. Darren lives in Falmouth with Katie and their twin daughters, Hope and Lily.

Darren and Katie became members of S. Mary's in 2013 after moving to Maine. Although Darren and Katie were raised in different traditions (Katie was raised Catholic), they both felt at home at Saint Mary's immediately, and were particularly thankful for the support of the Saint Mary's community during the process of adopting their daughters from China. Hope and Lily are now in the Guiding RAY program. Darren says, "Both Katie and I believe that being members of a church community carries a responsibility of being active within the community. It is an honor to be considered as a candidate for Vestry, and I'm excited about the possibility of serving our community and our church as a Vestry member."



### *STAN EATON, Three-year Vestry member*

The church has always been central in my life. I was baptized, confirmed, ordained, and first married in the Wilton, CT Congregational Church (UCC). After undergraduate studies at Springfield College, I attended Andover Newton Theological School and was ordained to the parish ministry in 1971, serving full-time in South Windsor CT (Wapping UCC) and Hebron CT (First Cong.), as well as part-time interim and supply positions in CT over the next two decades. Since mid-1980 I have been in business management and education settings, Alumni Affairs at Northfield Mount Vernon School and Special Education at Greely High School. I retired in 2015.

Music has been a key thread throughout: beginning with the Children's Choir in second grade and running through the four-choir program as I grew up; multiple choral experiences in college; frequently singing with the choir in churches where I served; and such community-based groups as the Asylum Hill Oratorio Choir, Portland Community Chorus, and the Magic of Christmas Chorus. Although I am "from away," Maine has always been a part of my life (my parents are from Portland), and I moved here in 1997, worshipping at First Parish Church, Saco, until Linda and I were married in 2002. We participated in Christ Church Episc. in Gardiner before joining the fellowship of S. Mary's on Epiphany Sunday 2007, where I currently serve in the choir, Parish Partners, and Eucharistic Ministry programs. The extensive range of experience which I bring to S. Mary's as both an active lay person and ordained minister could be helpful to this fellowship as we go forward.



### *AARON SPLINT, Three-year Vestry member*

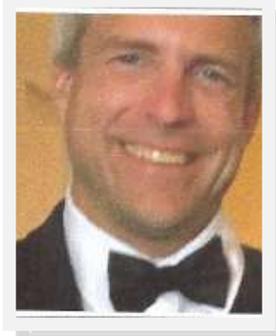
Aaron grew up on Cousins Island in Yarmouth attending St. Bartholomew's Church and was an acolyte under Father Gill Burney. After graduating with a desire to enter the medical field, schooling and career changes along with stints in New Haven, CT, and Grand Rapids, MI, Aaron ended up back in Maine and working in Tech Medicine in spite of his Business Management degree.

Aaron is happily married and is blessed with two girls (you may have seen Julia helping in the nursery). Aaron's mom, Johanna Frissell, also travels to Saint Mary's from Brunswick as she loves this parish almost as much as Aaron does.

Aaron says, "My path long ago was paved by temptation as well as other problems. It is here with all of you and Father Nathan that I am kept strong and willful...thank you."

### *JAN WENTLING, Three-year Vestry member*

I grew up in an Episcopal Church outside of Philadelphia where I went to Sunday school and was then in the choir for ten years. I was on the Altar Guild and had been head of the Flower Committee for more than thirty years. Having summered on Chebeague Island all my life, my husband and I retired to Maine in 2004 where we attended and were active at St. Bartholomew's Church in Yarmouth for many years. Having been in the landscaping business, I designed the front gardens at St. Bart's. I am a member of the St. Mary's Garden Club. Since moving to Oceanview over a year ago, I've been attending and have enjoyed becoming a member of Saint Mary's Church and look forward serving on the Vestry. In my free time, I also enjoy sewing, gardening, and reading.



# Saint Mary's - Summary of Activity

Actual 2016 – 2018(*unaudited*) and Budget 2019

	2016	2017	2018	Budget 2018	Budget 2019
<b>Operating Account</b>					
<b>Revenue</b>					
General Support					
Regular Support					
General Pledges	259,938.53	265,364.15	277,292.50	270,000.00	280,000.00
Non-Pledge Payments	15,367.00	9,000.00	10,690.00	8,000.00	8,500.00
Loose Offerings	10,096.72	10,505.31	10,363.42	8,500.00	10,500.00
Prior Year Pledges	994.00	5,305.00	2,280.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Special Offerings	<u>5,665.00</u>	<u>2,976.00</u>	<u>4,456.21</u>	<u>4,500.00</u>	<u>4,500.00</u>
Total Regular Support	292,061.25	293,150.46	305,082.13	292,000.00	304,500.00
Unrestricted Gifts	5,625.30	5,080.00	4,647.00	3,000.00	3,000.00
Use of Parish Houe	12,086.00	11,894.00	13,653.00	12,000.00	12,500.00
Use of Worship Space	3,720.00	5,050.00	4,650.00	4,000.00	4,000.00
General Fundraisers	25,682.18	27,909.00	26,320.69	24,000.00	24,000.00
Dedicated Revenues					
Altar Flowers	2,575.00	2,490.00	1,555.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
Capital Projects	3,100.00	600.00	750.00	600.00	500.00
Churchyard	2,087.50	4,300.00	4,398.75		
Kneelers	30.00		2,041.00		
Outreach					
Souper Supper	4,059.43	3,322.00	3,629.00	3,750.00	3,500.00
Long Creek Youth Center	-	300.00	500.00	375.00	375.00
In Her Presence			1,000.00		
Funds Received for Transmittal to Other Organization	3,096.00	60.00	2,220.35	3,000.00	1,500.00
Other Outreach Revenue	<u>2,383.29</u>	<u>2,156.15</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total Outreach	9,538.72	5,838.15	7,349.35	7,125.00	5,375.00
Dedicated Revenues	17,331.22	13,228.15	16,094.10	9,725.00	7,875.00
Other Operating Revenues	-	-	-	-	-
Total General Support	356,505.95	356,311.61	370,446.92	344,725.00	355,875.00
Income Distributions from Invested Funds	<u>53,586.48</u>	<u>57,645.44</u>	<u>61,184.84</u>	<u>55,726.00</u>	<u>58,000.00</u>
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>410,092.43</b>	<b>413,957.05</b>	<b>431,631.76</b>	<b>400,451.00</b>	<b>413,875.00</b>
<b>Expenses</b>					
Diocesan Assessment	54,615.00	54,808.08	55,374.00	55,374.00	56,356.00
Personnel Expenses	205,657.85	218,098.40	220,033.00	238,382.56	223,912.75
Buildings and Grounds					
Maintenance	22,816.44	19,829.55	24,034.90	24,500.00	24,150.00
Fuel	6,137.45	14,409.80	17,078.81	13,700.00	15,650.00
Electricity	8,662.89	5,769.09	6,381.33	6,100.00	6,250.00
Water & Sewer	4,614.86	4,786.31	4,954.11	4,865.00	5,075.00
Telephone	4,551.10	4,419.21	4,503.76	4,444.60	4,630.00
Waste Removal	926.99	897.41	1,054.39	1,024.00	1,100.00
Professional Cleaning	8,506.16	7,736.30	7,798.31	8,200.00	8,200.00
Property/Worker's Comp Ins	16,339.00	15,844.00	16,713.00	17,766.96	18,200.00
Taxes	<u>4,835.45</u>	<u>4,996.52</u>	<u>5,221.04</u>	<u>5,042.86</u>	<u>5,450.00</u>
Buildings and Grounds	77,390.34	78,688.19	87,739.65	85,643.42	88,705.00
Other Operating Expense					
Office Supplies and & Repairs	5,648.22	6,279.74	6,777.91	5,634.08	6,750.00
Postage	784.00	1,165.08	1,115.68	1,200.00	1,200.00
Advertising	762.71	1,087.62	167.99	500.00	500.00
Vestry/Diocesan Expenses	129.27	440.64	90.94	100.00	1,000.00
Stewardship Expense					
Discernment Expense					
Professional Fees	255.00	312.00	312.00	312.00	312.00
Printed Materials	195.00	185.00	-	500.00	500.00
Licenses & Permits	25.00		25.00	25.00	25.00
Parish Memberships				249.00	249.00
Miscellaneous Expense	821.18	550.16	843.79	1,000.00	1,000.00
Other Operating Expense - Other	-	-	-	-	-
Other Operating Expense	8,620.38	10,020.24	9,333.31	9,520.08	11,536.00
Program Expense					
Worship Expense	6,653.21	4,389.96	6,086.48	4,700.00	5,650.00
Christian Formation	6,381.34	3,916.81	3,152.87	3,540.00	3,850.00
Hospitality	2,143.90	1,298.43	1,888.95	1,800.00	1,800.00
Music	6,286.47	6,793.79	6,911.65	8,100.00	12,600.00
Royal School of Churh Music		1,989.50	1,508.50	1,400.00	600.00
Outreach	21,021.88	19,801.00	21,830.99	20,750.00	19,375.00
Special Programs/Events	<u>2,135.33</u>	<u>1,758.02</u>	<u>630.94</u>	<u>500.00</u>	<u>500.00</u>
Program Expense	44,622.13	39,947.51	42,010.38	40,790.00	44,375.00
Major Improvements and Capital Expenditures	32,737.64	9,980.94	7,975.87	9,000.00	12,500.00
Other Expenses	-	-	(353.62)	-	-
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>423,643.34</b>	<b>411,543.36</b>	<b>422,112.59</b>	<b>438,710.06</b>	<b>437,384.75</b>
<b>Change in Operating Account before Principal Distributions</b>	<b>(13,550.91)</b>	<b>2,413.69</b>	<b>9,519.17</b>	<b>(38,259.06)</b>	<b>(23,509.75)</b>
Principal Distributions from/(to) Invested Funds	<u>13,991.36</u>	<u>24,000.00</u>	<u>(6,500.00)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Operating Account Increase or (Decrease) in Net Assets</b>	<b>440.45</b>	<b>26,413.69</b>	<b>3,019.17</b>	<b>(38,259.06)</b>	<b>(23,509.75)</b>

# Saint Mary's 2018 Balance Sheet

	12/31/2016	12/31/2017	12/31/2018
<b>ASSETS</b>			
Current Assets			
Cash and Cash Equivalents	51,133.85	103,869.16	91,485.29
Accounts Receivable	19,000.00	-	-
Total Current Assets	70,133.85	103,869.16	91,485.29
Other Assets			
JM Brown Memorial Fund	413,613.48	417,769.42	446,689.00
Mellie G. Estes Fund	14,037.92	14,942.13	16,019.62
Sabbatical Fund	6,408.44	3,033.84	3,418.88
Churchyard Fund	59,564.60	62,890.86	73,581.31
CEW Worship fund	398,376.35	420,671.55	447,615.71
Buildings & Grounds Endowme	342,273.40	405,301.64	441,469.42
Programs Endowment	197,853.58	207,624.41	219,572.83
Total Other Assets	1,432,127.77	1,532,233.85	1,648,366.77
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>1,502,261.62</b>	<b>1,636,103.01</b>	<b>1,739,852.06</b>
<b>LIABILITIES &amp; NET ASSETS</b>			
Liabilities			
Current Liabilities			
Accounts Payable	8,339.60	2,750.00	
Deferred Income - Other	700.00	2,984.95	1,035.37
Pledge Prepayment	38,668.53	49,302.79	39,249.03
Total Current Liabilities	47,708.13	55,037.74	40,284.40
Total Liabilities	47,708.13	55,037.74	40,284.40
Total Net Assets	1,454,553.49	1,581,065.27	1,699,567.66
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; NET ASSETS</b>	<b>1,502,261.62</b>	<b>1,636,103.01</b>	<b>1,739,852.06</b>

## Saint Mary's 2018 Summary of Invested Funds

Owned Investments	Balance 1/1/2018	Contributions	Income Net of Expenses	Transfers	Distributions	Gain or (Loss)	Balance 12/31/2018
<b>Unrestricted Investments</b>							
J.M. Brown Fund	417,769.42	-	7,028.24	-	(14,551.69)	36,443.03	446,689.00
<b>Unrestricted - Sub-total</b>	417,769.42	-	7,028.24	-	(14,551.69)	36,443.03	446,689.00
<b>Temporarily Restricted Investments</b>							
Seminary/Sabbatical Fund	3,033.84	-	48.73	-	-	336.31	3,418.88
Churchyard Fund	62,890.86	6,500.00	1,112.37	-	(2,350.64)	5,428.72	73,581.31
<b>Temporarily Restricted -Sub-total</b>	65,924.70	6,500.00	1,161.10	-	(2,350.64)	5,765.03	77,000.19
<b>Permanently Restricted Investments</b>							
Millie G Estes Fund	14,942.13	-	247.98	-	(516.97)	1,346.48	16,019.62
CEW Worship Fund	420,671.55	-	7,271.29	-	(14,278.61)	33,951.48	447,615.71
Buildings & Grounds Endowment	405,301.64	12,800.00	7,121.39	-	(14,385.83)	30,632.22	441,469.42
Programs Endowment	207,624.41	-	3,650.30	-	(7,537.48)	15,835.60	219,572.83
<b>Permanently Restricted - Sub-total</b>	1,048,539.73	12,800.00	18,290.96	-	(36,718.89)	81,765.78	1,124,677.58
<b>Owned Investments - Total</b>	1,532,233.85	19,300.00	26,480.30	-	(53,621.22)	123,973.84	1,648,366.77

Investments Held by the Diocese of Maine for the Benefit of The Episcopal Church of Saint Mary							
	Balance 1/1/2018	Contributions	Income Net of Expenses	Transfers	Distributions	Gain or (Loss)	Balance 12/31/2018
John M Brown Fund	16,730.38	-	277.10	-	(579.24)	1,514.53	17,942.77
Alida Brown A Fund	3,119.57	-	51.78	-	(107.84)	280.51	3,344.02
Alida Brown B Fund	65,124.41	-	1,081.65	-	(2,252.22)	5,900.41	69,854.25
John & CL Giffard Fund	19,042.19	-	316.59	-	(658.18)	1,707.30	20,407.90
Roger & Katherine Woodman Fund	92,706.54	-	1,541.27	-	(3,204.59)	8,314.60	99,357.82
<b>Total</b>	196,723.09	-	3,268.39	-	(6,802.07)	17,717.35	210,906.76

**Notes:**

- 1) Investment Funds are updated quarterly. The beginning and year-end balances are as of September 30th since quarterly statements are not received until after the year-end statements are published. The ending balance for the Investment Funds reported above includes Income Net of Expenses, Income Distributions and Gains or (Losses) from 9/30/17 thro 9/30/2018
- 2) Distributions include distributions of investment income and principal. During 2018 \$6,500 was transferred from the General Fund to the Churchyard Investment Fund and \$12,800 was added to the Buildings and Grounds Endowment.

# Saint Mary's 2018 Change in Funds Balances *(unaudited)*

<u>Fund Name</u>	<u>Balance 1/1/2018</u>	<u>Revenue/ Contributions</u>	<u>Investment Income Net of Expenses</u>	<u>Expense/ Distributions</u>	<u>Gains/(Losses)</u>	<u>Transfers</u>	<u>Balance 12/31/2018</u>
<b><u>Operating Account</u></b>							
General Fund	14,673.63	415,537.66	-	(411,775.81)	-	7,650.00	26,085.48
Designated Funds							
Souper Supper	1,058.13	3,629.00		(3,227.49)			1,459.64
Altar Flowers	5,474.26	1,555.00		(2,367.69)			4,661.57
Kneelers	333.69	2,041.00		(482.00)			1,892.69
Churchyard	4,300.00	4,398.75				(6,500.00)	2,198.75
Capital Projects	900.00	750.00					1,650.00
Memorial Receptions	508.85	-					508.85
Long Creek Youth Center	240.57	500.00		(392.87)			347.70
In Her Presence		1,000.00		-			1,000.00
Outreach	3,826.33	-		(2,000.00)			1,826.33
Sabbatical	7,650.00					(7,650.00)	-
Furniture	550.43						550.43
Vestments	1,513.54						1,513.54
Funds Received for Transmittal		2,220.35		(2,220.35)			-
Worship		-					-
Garden Redesign	-	-		353.62		-	353.62
Other Dedicated Funds		-					-
Total Designated Funds	<u>26,355.80</u>	<u>16,094.10</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(10,336.78)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(14,150.00)</u>	<u>17,963.12</u>
<b>Total Operating Account</b>	<b>41,029.43</b>	<b>431,631.76</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(422,112.59)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(6,500.00)</b>	<b>44,048.60</b>
<b>Discretionary Fund</b>	<b>4,946.32</b>	<b>2,733.00</b>		<b>(1,982.70)</b>			<b>5,696.62</b>
<b>Legacy Capital Campaign</b>	<b>2,855.67</b>	<b>11,600.00</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(13,000.00)</b>	<b>-</b>		<b>1,455.67</b>
<b>Investment Funds</b>	<u>1,532,233.85</u>	<u>19,300.00</u>	<u>26,480.30</u>	<u>(53,621.22)</u>	<u>123,973.84</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,648,366.77</u>
<b>Total All Funds</b>	<b>1,581,065.27</b>	<b>465,264.76</b>	<b>26,480.30</b>	<b>(490,716.51)</b>	<b>123,973.84</b>	<b>(6,500.00)</b>	<b>1,699,567.66</b>

- Notes: 1) Investment Funds are updated quarterly. The beginning and year-end balances are as of September 30th since quarterly statements are not received until after the year-end statements are published. The ending balance for the Investment Funds reported above includes Income Net of Expenses, Income Distributions and Gains or (Losses) from 9/30/17 thru 9/30/2018
- 2) During 2018 \$6,500 was transferred from the General Fund to the Churchyard Investment Fund and \$12,800 was added to the Buildings and Grounds Endowment.

## 2019 Budget Comments

To the members of the Parish

### **LOOKING BACK TO 2018:**

We ended the year 2018 with an operating surplus of \$3,020.

**REVENUES:** General pledges for 2018 exceeded the budget of \$270,000 by \$7,293. Other revenue items, including unrestricted gifts, use of the parish house and worship space, fundraising and investment income also exceeded budget. As a result total revenue for 2018 was \$431,632 compared to a budget of \$400,451.

**EXPENSES:** Total expenses were \$422,113, which was \$16,597 under budget. Expense were lower than budget due to a \$19,904 favorable variance for health insurance expense, resulting from the Rector's decision to opt out of the health insurance plan offered by the Episcopal Diocese of Maine. Most other expenses were in line with budget except fuel expense, which was \$3,379 over budget.

### **THE ASSET SIDE:**

Year-end cash decreased \$12,384 compared to the prior year-end. The decrease is primarily a result of decreases in the Sabbatical, Churchyard and General Operating funds. The decrease in the Sabbatical fund was planned and a result of expenses associated with the Rector's sabbatical, primarily for supply clergy while the Rector was away. The decrease in the Churchyard fund occurred as a result of a normal transfer of funds to the Churchyard investment fund, which provides for an endowment to maintain the churchyard. The decrease in the general operating fund was a result of a decrease in prepaid pledges. In December 2017 prepaid pledges were higher than normal as a result of anticipated changes in tax laws.

The total balance in the parish's investment funds increased \$116,133 over the prior year. The increase included the transfer to the Churchyard investment fund, donations to the Building & Grounds endowment, plus increases in market value less distributions to support operations.

**LOOKING AHEAD TO 2019:**

**REVENUES:**

The general pledges for 2019 are budgeted at \$280,000 or \$10,000 more than the 2018 budget. As of January 16, 2019 the Stewardship Committee reports that we have received pledge commitments of \$207,400. So at this writing need an additional \$72,600 to achieve the 2019 pledge budget. We cannot emphasize how important pledges are to our financial needs. Pledges represent 79% of our total general support for 2019.

**EXPENSES:**

The total expense budget for 2019 is \$437,385, which is a \$1,325 decrease compared to the 2018 budget and an increase of \$15,272 over 2018 actual results. The budgeted increase for 2019 over 2018 actual expense is due to increases in the following: \$4,525 major projects, \$5,000 organ repairs, \$3,900 personnel expense, \$1,000 buildings & grounds expense, and \$2,200 for other operating expenses.

The result is a budgeted operating deficit of \$23,510. The operating deficit can be significantly reduced if we can achieve or exceed our pledge budget, and other giving, fundraising, and use of the parish house and worship space equals 2018 levels.

**FINAL COMMENTS:**

The preparation of the budget begins with the Budget and Finance Committee (BFC). After the BFC develops a preliminary budget, it is given to the Executive Committee (EXCOM) for input and suggestions. The BFC meets again to review the EXCOM suggestions and make adjustments. The Vestry received the 2019 budget at its October meeting for initial study and comments. The BFC met again to review Vestry comments and suggestions and make appropriate additions or reductions. The Vestry continued to study the budget at its November and December meetings. Final Vestry approval was made at the December meeting.

Members of the BFC are available to meet with any member of the parish who might have questions or comments regarding the finances of the church. Please contact Beth to arrange the meeting.

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# 2019 Annual Reports

<u>2018 Saint Mary's Vital Statistics</u>	
Celebrations of the Holy Eucharist	172
Baptisms	4
Confirmations, Receptions and Reaffirmations	0
Marriages	4
Burials	15
Average Sunday Attendance (ASA)	130

## Rector's Report

The year 2018 was different for all of us here at Saint Mary's. This is primarily due to my Sabbatical leave. This extended time away was part of our negotiated Letter of Agreement in 2012. In accordance with a practice that is quickly becoming normative throughout The Episcopal Church, our Letter of Agreement stipulates that the rector is eligible for 4 months of extended leave after every 5 years of service at Saint Mary's. If you are one to look ahead, the next Sabbatical will likely take place in late 2023 or early 2024.

The 2018 Sabbatical was taken in three distinct segments, each of which had a particular focus. The first was Phase One of basic training at the Navy Chaplaincy School and Center at Fort Jackson, South Carolina. This went as expected and I am scheduled to return to this Center (now moved to Naval Station Newport, Rhode Island) to complete Chaplaincy training in July. The second segment was time off for family events and needs. These included the unforgettable graduation of our son, Angus MacLean Ferrell, from The United States Military Academy at West Point, extensive work at our family cabin in New Hampshire, participation in the Trek Across Maine bike event with other Saint Marians, and a fun family gathering to celebrate Fiona's sixteenth birthday. The final segment of Sabbatical time was spent on a family trip to Ecuador. This was quite an adventure and a great experience together in a different land.

Throughout most of this Sabbatical time, Saint Mary's was blessed to have the leadership of the Reverend Sara D'Angio-White (Pastor Sara). Everyone at Saint Mary's welcomed her and supported her. After the Sabbatical, Sara commented to me that serving here was fairly simple because Saint Mary's functions like a well-oiled machine. That is a compliment to all of you who give your time and your skills and your resources on a regular basis to enable our parish family to function and grow.

Changes continued as we moved into the autumn season. The Staff and Vestry agreed to implement a minor shift in our Sunday morning schedule. By moving our later Eucharist to 10:15 AM, we created space each week for a thirty-minute Formation time for all ages beginning at 9:30. In addition, we launched a regular potluck dinner and discussion time on Thursday evenings called *Common Ground*. These two new initiatives are allowing us to better meet our shared objective of growing in deeper connections with God and one another. I am very excited to see how these gatherings will spur our community to further growth in the coming years.

Remember that Christianity does not exist. What our Lord Jesus and the Apostles created was the Church – a movement of diverse people who come together in each place to CELEBRATE the goodness of God and the gift of life, to HONOR the living presence of Christ in and among us, and to SERVE others in the strength and power of the Holy Spirit. We are so blessed to continue this divine way of life here in this very special community known as Saint Mary's.



Nathan W. Ferrell, *Tenth Rector of The Episcopal Church of Saint Mary in Falmouth, Maine*

## Deacon's Report

I was assigned to serve as deacon at The Episcopal Church of Saint Mary the Virgin in September of 2007. On August 31 of 2016 I retired due to my husband's declining health. Larry died in September 2017. Early in 2018, I had a call from Nathan+ telling me about his upcoming sabbatical and asking if I would be interested in coming back to Saint Mary's to help out. He made me an offer I couldn't refuse! The people of Saint Mary's welcomed me home with love and I give God thanks for the opportunity.

I met with Bishop Steve+ during the summer. All deacons meet with our Bishop annually and during that conversation he asked me if I really wanted to be retired. I hadn't really thought about it, but my answer was "no." I asked Nathan+ if he would consider my returning to Saint Mary's, and he graciously agreed. After the bishop, the rector, and the deacon had agreed to and signed a letter of agreement, the deed was done! I am grateful to be serving again as your deacon.

The sabbatical was an interesting and busy time. Because of the considerable time, talent, and energy of so many, especially Beth, Janet, Sarah+ and too many more to name, life went on at Saint Mary's very smoothly. During those months I provided premarital counseling to one couple and officiated at their wedding. I also officiated or assisted at five memorial services and offered pastoral support to family members.

I offered the opportunity for myself and others to meet once a week for six weeks to share our experiences of caring for our husbands through their illnesses and subsequent deaths. It was a healing experience for all of us.

I also returned to the Maine Correctional Center to offer a group process for grieving women. I had not done that work for three years but, as strange as it may sound, it felt like coming home, and I am grateful and look forward to leading another group in the spring.

I continue to serve on the Commission on Ministry, the diocesan group who shepherd people through the ordination process. We are also beginning to explore ways to support all of God's people to discern and follow their calls to ministry. May all that we do together always be to the glory of God and the welfare of God's people.

Faithfully,

Deacon Christine A. Bennett

## Sr. Warden's Report

Dear Fellow Saint Marians,

Thank you, thank you, thank you!

As 2018 comes to a close, I am very pleased to report that, through the hard work of so many people and the grace of our Lord, that Saint Mary's is prospering in so many ways! Through the dedicated work of our talented staff, clergy, Vestry, Committees, Guilds and our parishioners we are growing in so many ways, as you will see throughout this Annual Report. The growth in our various "youth programs" are a particular source of pride as that has been a focus area and challenge for Saint Mary's for several years.

I am very thankful for the dedicated service of our now returned Deacon Christine and especially thankful for Nathan Ferrell, our pastor, and for his extended family who bring such energy and joy to our Episcopal community.

Looking ahead to 2019... a CHALLENGE for us individually and as a community!

As I personally plan for 2019, I asked myself ... How can I grow closer to GOD? How can I progress in my lifelong "Journey of Faith"? Similarly, for Saint Mary's ... how can we help each other grow closer to God? How can we better understand what Our Lord asks of us ?

An important question is: Do we (each privately and as a faith community) have specific, measurable and obtainable next steps to bring us closer to God and to follow the path our Lord has for each of us? That is a good question ... and I look forward to exploring it together. Together and with God's grace we can accomplish great things ... the world out there needs us! Thank you for coming along on the ride!

Jim Kane,

Senior Warden

## Jr. Warden's Report

I am extremely privileged to be Saint Mary's Junior Warden for Saint Mary's. I've looked through our archived files and read minutes and budgets from previous vestries. It's amazing how the numbers change but the concerns are the same. I continue to be mindful of the importance of passing Saint Mary's on to the next generation. 2018 was another busy year for our parish. For the first time in many years, our Rector and family took a sabbatical as directed by the Diocese. We appreciate the discipline of former vestries to reserve funds to help us manage the cost of the sabbatical. Fortunately we managed well financially enabling us to support Father Nathan's sabbatical program and to continue to meet the needs of the parish. It was a delight to welcome Reverend Sara D'Angio-White as our sabbatical supply clergy. Together with Deacon Christine Bennett, the lay pastoral team and parish leadership while guided by our professional staff of Beth, Bruce, Megan and Roy, we managed the sabbatical time well. Thank you to everyone who jumped in to help with parish management. The sabbatical time offered us proof that we are all ministers. While we need a leader in the role of our Rector, volunteers continue to play a significant role in our life at Saint Mary's.

We continued to focus on our goals as established by our Mutual Study of Ministry. We continued to see the investment in our Guiding RAY program show dividends. Megan Akers, Director of Christian Formation, has developed the Guiding RAY program fully. Megan's creativity and energy are boundless and, as a result, she has woven many creative elements into the new program.

The Royal School of Church Music program, directed by Priscilla Rigg, has continued to develop. The choir sang at several services during the year. Going forward we hope to add more members. We appreciate Priscilla's devotion and determination in bringing this program to Saint Mary's. Priscilla was also instrumental in bringing a hand bell choir to Saint Mary's. This choir has attracted a diverse group of parishioners. We are grateful to them for developing this new program.

We also continue to offer programs to support adults on their journey with God. Weekly Wisdom Seekers continue on Tuesdays. Regular Thursday noon Eucharist services offer teaching and healing elements. Daily noon prayer is held Mondays-Thursdays. The Care Team and Prayer Team, groups of parishioners dedicated to personal ministry with those in need, work in concert with leadership to do their ministry. Guided by motivated parishioners, we are offering regular opportunities for quiet, meditative experiences. We changed our Sunday schedule to allow for formation between the two services. Also in 2018, we began offering a Eucharist at the Falmouth House and Legacy Memory at OceanView. Our Choir continues to provide prayer through song with Evensong and Concert Spirituel. We also began Common Ground, a gathering on Thursdays from 5-7 to encourage fellowship and topical discussions. In the first few Common Ground gatherings, we discussed addiction, social discourse, ways to keep a holy Advent as well as hosted a recap of the Ferrell's sabbatical. Our Outreach Program continues to be strong especially the New Mainer program and Souper Supper which faithfully serves the community twice a month. This report has a comprehensive review of our Outreach work in 2018 and plans for 2019.

In 2018, we redesigned our summer fundraiser. Under the guidance of Barbara Bell, we switched from a Lobster Bake and Auction to a Farm-to-Table dinner and Auction. Barbara encouraged parishioners to share their home grown produce. Barbara and many volunteers transformed a variety of donated produce into a delicious dinner. With generous support from G and T Farm providing the grass-fed beef as well as donations, we enjoyed a fantastic dinner. The weather pushed us inside for the evening which always lowers auction proceeds. Like our Sparkles Fair, it's a fundraiser but also a friend-raiser with many parishioners enjoying the fellowship of chopping and grilling!

All parishioners should know that the decisions we make at the Vestry are based on the best and most thorough discussion and research possible. We are blessed that each class of Vestry brings with it collaborative and discerning members. Far from likeminded, we are best when we have healthy and earnest debate. Like any family, we can debate and disagree, but in the end we all remain part of the flock!

One other role that I have is to guide our Stewardship activities. Saint Mary's parishioners continue to be generous with their volunteer time and financial support. We began 2018 with a projected deficit. However, we were able to reduce costs associated with employee benefits. Sparkles 2018 did very well and non-pledge income and use of the parish hall exceeded expectations. We are grateful for parishioners who give but do not pledge. However, we hope to see more parishioners offer a pledge intention. Doing so helps the leadership understand the revenue expected and allows us to plan accordingly. We have many parishioners who make a pledge for financial support. Our biggest challenge is to forecast our revenue (or donations from parishioners) to ensure we match our expenses. Knowing a parishioner's financial intention is the only way to know what to expect for revenue. The Alida Greely Brown Heritage Society is composed of parishioners who are planning to make a gift to us in their estate plan.

Thank you to our dedicated staff who provide the structure and context for our programs and ministries. They each contribute so much to our parish. We are truly blessed to have their expertise and support.

Thank you to all the parishioners who take time to share their opinions and thoughts with the Vestry and Wardens. Please feel that you can contact us with your thoughts, concerns and vision for Saint Mary's. Without you, we would not be the vibrant community of faith that we are!

Janet Bowne,  
Junior Warden



# Reports from Saint Mary's Ministries, Guilds and Committees



Our mission here at Saint Mary's remains constant as we continue to grow and learn to be a vibrant, Christ-centered community and to:

**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.

We do this every day in our ministry work and in many forms we:

**CELEBRATE**

**HONOR**

**SERVE**

## CELEBRATE

### the goodness of God and the gift of life

We are committed to maintaining our traditional Christian liturgy while extending our offerings to meet the spiritual desires and needs of the wider community.

## Acolytes

Saint Mary's Acolytes represent a faithful and dedicated group of youth and adults who assist the clergy in our public worship. We have three acolytes consisting of two torch bearers and one crucifer at the 10:15am Sunday service and Holidays during the school year. Acolytes have the summer off.

We currently have sixteen acolytes. We welcomed William Guerin & Rod McGarry (grandfather to Jamie & Archer Akers) as new acolytes in November. Special thanks to Emily Stinneford & Michael Manetti for leading the training session.

We are thankful to all of our acolytes who continue to be an integral part of our worship.

Archer Akers

Jamie Akers

Thomas Gale

William Gale

Maggie Gardner

William Guerin

Ellie Holt

George Holt

Maggie Holt

Sarah Kelly

Lauren Lamberson

Kevin Lamberson

Kyle Lamberson

Michael Manetti

Rod McGarry

Harrison Rana

William Rana

Emily Stinneford

Anabelle Teng

Cole Teng

Respectfully submitted by,  
Tricia Wheeler, Coordinator

## Altar Flower Guild

The members of the Altar Flower Guild take great pleasure in creating floral arrangements for the Sunday services at Saint Mary's. It is because of the generosity of parishioners' donations, made prior to the Easter Season, that we are able to have fresh flowers each week.

We also create various displays for the holy seasons of Advent, Easter and Christmas on the altar, in the chancel, the nave, the chapel and the outdoor Easter garden. Although we vary the displays from year to year, they serve to support the worship services and add beauty and solace to all.

The flowers and needed supplies come from a variety of places, including many of our own backyards and the gardens of the church. The co-chairs are Jessica LaPlante and Onnie Hastings. The committee consists of: Onnie, Jessica, Hannah Russell, Helga Ryder, Melissa Kane, Lynne Shepherd, Jan Mordarski, Jana Burke, Maura Fitch, Nece Caratelli and Valerie Kyros. Our newest members are Katie Porter and Jan Wentling

The Guild would like to extend an invitation to anyone who would like to join our group, as extra hands are always needed. This is a wonderful group of talented people who would love to learn from others or share their talents. Please let Onnie (878-6684) or Jessica (650-7977) or Beth in the office know if you'd like to help in any way. Onnie Hastings and Jessica LaPlante, Co-chairs

## Altar Guild

The quiet duties of the Altar Guild are essential to the smooth running of our services. They are also an important part of worship in our beautiful church and chapel. We work closely with Father Nathan to determine the best practices to follow.

We invite any and all to join us. We are always looking for new members. We try to maintain staffing so that each of us is on duty about once a month. We do have members who periodically are away for extended periods. We are able to fill in easily. So if your schedule involves travel, know that Altar Guild might be a good place for your volunteer energy. If you are interested in serving on the Altar Guild, please contact Mary Smith or Janet Bowne.

For parishioners unfamiliar with what we do, our duties are simple. Two or three members are on duty each week. They meet at a mutually agreeable time, usually Friday evenings or Saturday mornings for routine duties and to prepare for Sunday services. They clean up after the 8:00AM Sunday service, set up for the later service, and clean up a final time. Periodically, we have to plan to set up and cleanup for funerals, weddings or baptisms. We set up for the Thursday morning Eucharist in the Chapel. We also care for all the linens, silver and brass used on the Altar and for the Eucharist

Christmas and Easter seasons are busy for the Altar Guild. The whole membership shares in the duties during this time. Prior to Christmas and Easter, we all gather for a major cleaning and polishing of all the brass and silver as well as a thorough cleaning of the altar area and oiling of all the wood in the chancel.

Members: Janet Bowne, Jana Burke, Betsy Elliman, Kathy Galen, Maggie Gardner, Portia Hirschman, Kelly Ianno, Mary Lalumiere, Barbara Murray, Katie Porter, Mary Smith, and Tricia Wheeler.

## Healing Team

The Healing Team offers prayers during Communion at both Sunday services. A primary focus of Jesus' ministry was healing the sick in body, mind and spirit and Jesus commissioned his followers to do the same. Laying on of hands and anointing for healing is as old as the Church and an important opportunity to offer God's healing grace to one another. If interested in being trained to join this team, please contact Deacon Christine or Lee Snow.

## Kneeler Guild

The Kneeler Guild finished a several-year project of cleaning and repairing the 170 beautiful kneelers found in the sanctuary. On September 16th the Kneeler Guild hosted the coffee hours to honor Hannah Russell, who has researched, designed and painted all the kneelers, to show parishioners the process of creating a kneeler, and to replenish the Kneeler Guild funds that had been completely used to refurbish the kneelers. We displayed the 13 kneelers that had not been given with a contribution to the Guild to fund its continued work.

We are pleased to report that 10 of the 13 kneelers were given at \$150 each plus an additional gift of \$100 was received, thereby providing the Kneeler Guild with \$1,600 to support both the costs of upholstering two kneelers that are being stitched (needlepoint), a third one that is being designed, and some money reserved for the future care of the kneelers.

Saint Joseph, a new kneeler for the Saints Series, is being designed by Hannah and will feature the tools of a carpenter that Joseph likely used. After Hannah completes her design, it will be transferred to needlepoint canvas, the yarn colors and amounts selected, and a Guild member will bring the design to life. Then, it will be upholstered and finally dedicated during a church service for placement in the sanctuary with the others in the series.

The Kneeler Guild members include Helga Ryder, Hannah Russell, Debby Hammond, Barbara Murray, Grace Robinson, Jan Mordarski, Jana Burke, Ginny Stelk, Priscilla McGarry, Pat Rogers, Jessica LaPlante and Gaby DiDomenico. If you are interested in joining the Kneeler Guild, please contact Jan Mordarski at [janmordarski@gmail.com](mailto:janmordarski@gmail.com) or 899-4099.

## Creation of a Kneeler

**Kneeler designing/painting:** All created by Hannah Russell beginning in the 1970s and continuing for four decades.

**Kneeler stitching:** Nearly 100 women & men have stitched one or more of Saint Mary's Kneelers.

**Kneeler upholstering:** New internal wooden blocks made by George Barrett and then upholstered by local professionals.

**Kneeler gifting:** Contribution of \$150 to memorialize or celebrate a loved one and in support of the Kneeler project.

**Kneeler dedication:** Blessing to dedicate the kneeler to the Glory of God and for our use in the sanctuary.



## Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, and Eucharistic Visitors

We have a wonderful team of persons who feel called to serve God by reading scripture, serving at the altar, and taking the Eucharist to those who are unable to attend church. **Our lectors** who have read lessons during 2018 are:

Erin McGee Ferrell  
Jennifer Gregg  
Maureen Manetti  
Marian McCue

Rod McGarry  
Ginny Stelk  
Betsy Stoddard

**Eucharistic Ministers** are confirmed adult communicants in good standing authorized to administer the Consecrated Elements at the Holy Eucharist, many of whom are also lectors. Our Eucharistic Ministers who have served during 2018 include:

Alvin K. Ahlers  
Terry Brown  
Linda Eaton  
R. Stanley Eaton  
Maggie Gardner  
Mary Ann McLean

Andrea Myles-Hunkin  
Rebecca Clifford Pride  
David Robinson  
Virginia Stelk  
James Stoddard

Leonard A. Taylor, Jr.  
Leonard A. Taylor, III  
Nadine Timberlake  
Gregory W. Unfricht

**Eucharistic Visitors** are confirmed adult communicants in good standing authorized to take the Sacrament to members of the congregation who are unable to be present at the Eucharist, by reason of illness or infirmity. Our Eucharistic Visitor team includes:

Stanley Eaton  
Paul Engel  
Rebecca Pride  
Nancy Lee Snow

Virginia Stelk  
Nadine Timberlake  
Merle Marie Troeger

We are happy to welcome new Eucharistic Ministers and lectors that will be joining us in 2019 once trained. Eucharistic Ministers: Diane Fletcher, Elise Kiely, Betsy Parks-Stamm, and Ben Pollard. Lectors: Will Salomon

# Music Ministry at Saint Mary's

## Saint Mary's Adult Choir

We are blessed with the wonderful choirs at Saint Mary's who offer their faithful commitment to worship and to give joy to our parish family.

For the 2018 **Epiphany season**, the choir celebrated this time of year with the festive anthem 'Far away, what splendor comes this way?', the traditional French carol about the three kings. At our annual meeting's service on January 28, we enjoyed the participation of the Saint Cecilia Youth Choir, under the inspired leadership of Priscilla Rigg, as the choir presented 'I'm Goin' Up a Yonder.' The sacred space of the nave enabled the two choirs to answer each other, creating an enchanting experience. The youth choirs also learned some of the Episcopal hymn tradition by singing such loved hymns as 'Let us break bread together on our knees,' and 'Seek ye first the kingdom of God.' Other offertory anthems before Lent included Everett Titcomb's 'Jesus, Name of Wondrous Love,' the festive 'Hallelujah, Amen' by Handel, and Bach's touching song of love 'Bist du bei mir' (When thou art near) sung by our wonderful soprano section leader, Lesley Dolinger.



**For Lent**, we honored a great musical citizen of Portland: Hermann Kottschmar, by singing his anthem 'O Lord! O Lord!' As in the recent past, the choir led the Lenten season in the chancel with 'a cappella' anthems such as 'The God of love my Shepherd is,' a setting of psalm 23 by George Herbert (1593-1633) and music by the great Elizabethan master, Thomas Tallis (familiar for most from Vaughan Williams 'Fantasia on a Theme of Thomas Tallis'). Lent 3 featured the Saint Cecilia youth choir singing the 'Meditation for Lent' in which the children learned the beautiful hymn 158 'Ah, holy Jesus, how hast thou offended.' Further Lenten anthems included Flor Peter 'Ave verum,' and the magnificent 'Ave Maria' from Rachmaninoff's Vespers Service. The Saint Cecilia Choir continued to grace the communion time by singing hymn 383 Fairest Lord Jesus and 'Grant, O God, your blessing' by Michael Bedford, accompanied by our newly formed handbell choir.

Bruce reflected on the Lenten season by playing organ works such as Buxtehude's 'Ach Herr, mich armen Sünder' (Ah Lord, I a poor sinner), Bach's 'Herr Gott, nun schleuss den Himmel auf' (Lord God, now unlock Your Heaven), 'Erbarm dich mein, O Herre Gott' (Have mercy on me, O Lord), and since the ten commandments have an important role during Lent, settings of 'Dies sind die heiligen zehn Gebot' (These are the ten holy commandments) by Pachelbel and Bach.

Other Lenten organ works included a particularly beautiful setting of 'O Mensch, bewein dein Sünde Gross' (O man, bewail thy great sin) by Bach and 'Da Jesus an dem Kreuze stund' (When Jesus hung upon the cross) by Samuel Scheidt. In keeping with the quiet tradition of meditation during this season, the choir led the congregation in singing the ancient plainchants: 'Kyrie eleison' (Lord have mercy) and weekly psalms, as well as the anthem 'God so loved the world' by Bob Chilcott.

The St Mary Schola offered stirring music with its 'Masterworks of Lent,' including some sublime works by Gesualdo: his 'Tenebrae factae sunt' from holy week, Josef Rheinberger's 'Abendlied' and the famous 'Beati Quorum Via' by C. V. Stanford. Also featured were two great Bach cantata Lenten arias from 'Ich habe genug' and 'Vergnügte Ruh' and a Handel aria from 'Thodora.' The final work 'Jona,' an early oratorio by the Italian master Carissimi, brilliantly brought to life Jonah's story, accompanied by period instruments, and bringing to life sea storms and sea monsters.

**Holy week** was ushered in with Palm Sunday's passion music: hymns 168 'O sacred head, sore wounded' and 158 'Ah, holy Jesus, how hast thou offended,' as well as the powerful anthem 'Ride on,' by Grayston Ives. The choir graced the Maundy Thursday Agape meal in the auditorium, and in the ensuing church service, a particularly appropriate aria from Bach's St. Matthew Passion, 'Aus Liebe will mein Heiland sterben' (Out of love my Savior is willing to die), was offered by St Mary Schola soprano, Jennifer Bates, accompanied by Thomas Troeger, flute. For the solemn Good Friday service, the ancient plainsong setting of the Saint John Passion was sung by Bruce Fithian, Bruce Canterbury and David Vernier and the choir sang a haunting setting of 'Were you there?' by Bob Chilcott, during the Veneration of the Cross.

For many, the Saturday Great Vigil is a special experience not to be missed. Beginning at sun down at 7:05 with the lighting of the Paschal candle, this service was graced by anthems that reflected on the history of salvation from Genesis to the New Testament, such anthems as Bob Chilcott's 'God so loved the world,' Walford Davis' 'God be in my Head,' Giuseppe Pitoni's 'Cantate Doimo,' and for the glorious first eucharist of the Resurrection: R.S. Thatcher's 'Come, ye faithful!'

**Sunday of the Resurrection** continued the celebration on the next morning and exploded with festive music accompanied by a brass quartet. The St. Cecilia youth choir graced this service with its anthem 'Alleluia! Christ is Risen!' and 'An Easter Carillon' by W. Leonard Beck.

The adult choir had been singing in six huge services during holy week (Sunday, Wednesday rehearsal, Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday), and it is at this most holy season of the year that we truly appreciate their unending commitment and devotion. The great fifty days of the Resurrection was celebrated by our soprano section leader Lesley Dolinger singing the famous aria from Handel's Messiah, 'I know that my Redeemer liveth,' and the adult choir anthems, Susan Cherwein's 'O Blessed Spring,' Henry Ley's 'The Strife is O'er,' and César Frank's 'Panis angelicus.'



We were happy to fulfill a long time wish to celebrate a wonderful Anglican tradition - **the Choral Evensong** - on Sunday afternoon, May 6. During this wonderfully quiet and meditative service, the St. Cecilia Youth choir sang a lovely setting of the Phos Hilaron' (Now as we come to the setting of the sun) accompanied by the St Mary Handbell Choir. The adult choir sang a beautiful setting of the Magnificat (Mary's song: My soul doth magnify the Lord) and Nunc Dimittis (Simeon's song: Now, lettest thou thy servant depart in peace) by Richard Shephard. For Mother's Day, May 13, the adult choir enjoyed offering a particularly appropriate anthem, 'Mothering God, You Gave Me Birth,' based on a poem by Julian of Norwich (1342-1416).

**Pentecost** was celebrated by a setting of the wonderful poem by Robert Herrick (1591-1674), the 'Litany to the Holy Spirit.' Bruce played special music for this feast day, Buxtehude's 'Nun bitten wir den heiligen Geist' (Now we pray to the Holy Spirit) and Bach's Fantasia on 'Komm, heiliger Geist, Herre Gott' (Come, holy Spirit, Lord God).

On Saturday, May 26, we were fortunate to welcome the Cecilia Ensemble, a select group of young women under the direction of Maria Belva and accompanist David Vernier, from Peterborough, New Hampshire. They had recently returned from a concert tour of the Czech Republic during which they sang 'Nezapomen' at the Terezin Concentration Camp, the place where the song was written 74 years ago. After a dinner of fellowship, the young women presented a stunning concert of their repertoire. We were appreciative of Saint Marians who hosted the singers, as the next morning they graced our morning service by singing 'Nezapomen' as well as Jacob Narverud's 'Dominus Vobiscum,' and 'Deep River.'

On Sunday afternoon, June 3, The St Mary Schola presented 'Love Conquers All,' a light-hearted concert of Elizabethan madrigals, French cantatas and a delightful 'pastorale' by Marc Antoine Charpentier.

For the June 3 Sunday liturgy, we enjoyed singing the beautiful 'Song' by Bob Chilcott, with Lesley Dolinger, soloist and Jocelyn Carr, horn.

For the final Sunday of the spring season, the St. Cecilia Youth Choir sang ‘Come Holy Spirit, Come’ by Michael Bedford, accompanied by the Saint Mary Handbell Choir.

On June 9, we were able to enjoy a choir picnic and a ‘bon voyage’ send off to Cameron Michaud, who would be soon joining the United States Navy.

Although the choirs had a deserved break during the summer, we still enjoyed the beauties of our sacred space, with the playing of our dearly loved Casavant organ during hymns, service music and special organ solos by Bruce and guest organists Mark Howard and Harold Stover.

For September 9’s Kick-Off Sunday, the Saint Mary Handbell Choir graced us with a morning prelude, and the choir presented the festive anthem ‘Praise ye the Lord’ by Alan Bullard.

On Saturday, September 29, the youths, parents and friends of Saint Mary enjoyed a special Messy Church activity: the construction of a pipe organ! Loaned to us by the Friends of the Kotschmar Organ, the Kotsch-In-a-Box is a puzzle organ; all the parts of a pipe organ, under Bruce’s guidance, were assembled. This enabled all to really understand the basics of how a pipe organ operates and makes sounds. As a conclusion to the workshop, Felicity Record then played some phrases on the small organ and was answered by the same phrase by Bruce on the big Casavant organ. The panels of the Casavant organ case were removed, so that all could see that the mechanical construction of both organs was much the same. In fact, this mechanical construction had not changed since Bach’s days! The fact that the small Kotschmar organ had to be manually pumped using bellows also made everyone appreciate how hard that must have been in Bach’s day!



On October 14, the adult choir offered the anthem ‘Make Our Church One Joyful Choir’ by Jonathan Crutchfield, based on the poem by Thomas Troeger.

We were happy to celebrate another Choral Evensong on Sunday afternoon, October 21. We began with the ‘Lucernarium’ (Lighting of Candles procession), accompanied by the Saint Mary Handbell Choir.

The adult choir joined by the St. Cecilia Youth Choir sang an Anglican chant setting of the psalm. Anglican chant is a beautiful but challenging tradition that is treasured by all who learn it.

The ‘Phos Hilaron’ was sung by the Saint Cecilia Choir and the adult choir presented a masterwork by Herbert Howells, the Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis ‘Collegium Regale.’

For the anthem, we were delighted to offer for the first time, an anthem by choir member and noted composer David Vernier, his setting of ‘A Prayer for Quiet Confidence’ from the Book of Common Prayer.

On Sunday, November 11, on the occasion of the 100th anniversary of the Armistice, the choir sang Mendelssohn’s ‘Grant Us Thy Peace,’ the stirring hymn 597 ‘O day of peace that dimly shines,’ and the church bells tolled eleven times at approximately 11:11 AM.

On Sunday afternoon, November 18, ‘Concert Spirituel,’ a concert of sacred music was enjoyed by all, beginning with a concert prelude by the Saint Mary Handbell Choir, and continuing with Richard Shepherd’s ‘All Things Bright and Beautiful’ by the Saint Cecilia choir and Handbell Choir, directed by Priscilla Rigg, with Thomas Troeger playing flute.

The adult choir offered a church cantata by Dietrich Buxtehude ‘In dulci jubilo’ and the great verse anthem by Purcell ‘O God, thou art my God.’

Soprano, Lesley Dolinger and St Mary Schola violinists Mary Jo Carlsen and Lauren Hastings Genova also performed another church cantata by Buxtehude ‘Singet dem Herrn’ (Sing to the Lord a New Song).

The concert ended with a grand work for organ, Bach’s Prelude in E flat major BWV 552 and the combined musical forces in the lovely hymn 420 ‘When in our music God is glorified.’

We always treasure the Advent Lessons and Carols service for the First Sunday of Advent which occurred on December 2. Mirroring the same format as the Great Vigil of the Resurrection, this service explores the history

of salvation from Genesis to the birth of Christ. For the theme of Adam and Eve the choir presented the old English carol 'Adam lay abounden' set by Boris Ord.

Isaiah's great text from chapter 65 was reflected in Thomas Troeger's poem 'The Dream Isaiah Saw,' as set by Glenn Rudolph, accompanied by the haunting oboe of Billie Joe Brito. Choir member David Vernier's anthem 'I Sing of a Mayden' reflected on the foretelling of Mary, and the Saint Cecilia Choir's 'Jesse's Root' was a fitting deliberation of Jesse's lineage in the Micah reading.

Thomas Troeger had asked Bruce to write an anthem on his newly composed poem 'From Human Love God's Love is Known,' and the choir presented this stirring poem with great feeling.

The annual Sparkles Benefit concert by the St Mary Schola provided some beautiful Christmas music. Thanks to the generosity of the Reverend David Illingworth, the Schola was delighted to present the rarely performed Christmas Story of Heinrich Schütz, bringing to life angels, shepherds, wisemen, as well medieval processions, Shaker songs, and sublime motets of Praetorius and Thomas Tallis.

The Pageant on December 23 was a wonderful way to celebrate the last Sunday of Advent, with participation from the Saint Cecilia choir (Brownlow and Polly Parks-Stamm, Alden and Felicity Record) and the adult choir three kings (Kue John Lor, Timothy Shannon, David Vernier). We also appreciated the talents of violinists Anabelle Teng and William Guerin, who played the prelude and postlude.

And to round off the 2018 year, the Christmas Eve service was graced by the choir singing the lovely anthem by John Rutter 'Christmas Night.'

The choir continues to grow, with four new members who have greatly enhanced our merry group: Maria Belva, David Vernier, and Tim and Jamie Szal.

### The Saint Mary Choir

**Sopranos:** Alexandra Barr, Maria Belva, Nece Caratelli, Lesley Dolinger, Patricia Mordecai, Toosie Smith

**Altos:** Linda Eaton, Molly Felton, Betsy Stoddard, Jamie Szal, Jane Tholen, Nadine Timberlake

**Tenors:** Cameron Michaud, William Salomon, James Stoddard, David Vernier

**Basses:** Stanley Eaton, Gregg Fergin, Rick Hirschman, Kue John Lor, Thomas Pettingill, Benjamin Pollard, Tim Szal

## The Royal School of Church Music Program at Saint Mary's

Under the devoted leadership of Patricia Rigg, our young people at Saint Mary's were able to benefit from her longtime commitment to appreciating music and the Episcopal liturgy. Every Sunday morning, from 9:30 to 10:00, the young choristers learned about how to sing, sight read, becoming an active and cooperative member of an ensemble, and practice the beautiful music that they offered in church services throughout the year.

In addition, Mrs. Rigg also provided more in-depth guidance and training on Tuesday afternoons, from 4:30 to 5:30 for the Saint Cecilia Choir. This enabled the choristers to enjoy further guidance in the excellent RSCM program. To the parents and choristers, thank you so much for offering your gifts to the Saint Mary community. We continue to look forward to engaging new choristers in this unique and excellent program.



### RSCM Choirs

**Angel Choir:** Agnes Parks-Stamm

**St. Cecilia Choir:** Brownlow Parks-Stamm, Polly Parks-Stamm, Alden Record, Felicity Record, William Record & Faye Frongillo

## The Saint Mary Handbell Choir

Another gift from Priscilla Rigg's generosity is the Saint Mary Handbell Choir. Thanks in part to a gift from her and Stan and Linda Eaton, Saint Mary's has acquired a set of beautiful Petit and Fritsen handbells. The handbell choir members eagerly enjoyed working together on Mondays, developing handbell skills as well as learning the art of handbell ringing. A lot of logistical work went into finding tables, cushions, handbell notebooks, gloves, and patiently cleaning the whole set of bells (which had not been done in a long time). The result was the beautiful addition to our church liturgy, with accompanying psalms, service music, hymns and anthems. We especially enjoyed their first 'concert' music at the November 18 'Concert Spirituel.' This ensemble is devoted and greatly appreciated.



**The Saint Mary Handbell Choir:** Diane Fletcher, Leah Parrish, Maggie Gardner, Pixie Kubeck, Tim Record, William Record, Lee Robins, William Salomon, Joyce Verey, Len Verey

*To all our musical forces at Saint Mary's - a hearty thanks!*

## Ushers

Ushers play a key role in helping ensure that our clergy and congregation feel welcome and have the support they need to participate fully in and enjoy our worship services. We are the first people parishioners and new visitors see when they come through the door and may be the last they see when they leave, so it's an important ministry at Saint Mary's.

We have a great group of people, and we have fun ushering together. Serving as an usher is a good way to serve the parish and make some new friends at the same time. It doesn't require a significant time commitment, and it is a wonderful opportunity to experience our services from a slightly different perspective. Usually, each person only has to usher once a month, and if you can't make your scheduled time, others are always available to cover for you.

It is best to have a balance of "veteran" ushers and new recruits, and we welcome new recruits that would like to join. Even if your schedule makes it difficult for you to commit to a regular rotation, we would welcome the opportunity to include you on a standby list of potential fill-ins whom we might call upon in those instances when the regularly scheduled usher has a last-minute conflict.

We would like to express our thanks to all of the individuals who served as ushers throughout 2018 and look forward to having them continue their service in 2019. We welcome any questions, comments, or suggestions you might have about how the Saint Mary's ushers might better support your individual needs or those of the congregation at large during our worship services. If you'd like to join our ministry, contact Tom LaPlante at (207)272-5621 or via email at [tlaplante@lbean.com](mailto:tlaplante@lbean.com).

Our present ushers are:

### **8am Service:**

Al Ahlers  
Ed & Rayle Ainsworth  
Baer Connard  
Dave Fenderson  
Charlie Hurdman  
Jim Kane  
Jim Porter  
Len Taylor

### **10:15 am (9:30am) Service:**

Jack Heinzman  
Chuck Horton  
Tom LaPlante  
Aaron Splint  
Ryan Stinneford

### **Alternates:**

Rudy Israel  
Kevin Lamberson  
Rod McGarry  
Oscar Mokeme  
Tom Stegemann

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## the presence of Christ in one another

We are committed to the spiritual growth of all God's children. We are committed to treating all people with dignity and respect and to increasing the care we provide for one another.

### **CARE Team**

When Deacon Christine Bennett retired in 2016, the lay members of the groups involved in her "Caring Wheel" ministry came together to carry on with new kinds of organizations. With the blessing of our rector, Nathan+, there was an open invitation to many and all parishioners who wished to carry on this ministry of caring.

The result was the formation of a CARE group of caring parishioners concentrating on keeping track of everyone in our parish family who might need attention. A plan was made to meet monthly at a time convenient for Nathan+, the first Thursday of the month at 1:00 pm. A chart was created with names on the left and columns for various possible ministries, such as delivery of casseroles and soups, Eucharistic Visits with Communion, rides, cards, phone calls, hospital/rehab visits, etc. This group has met every month since. All discussions within this group are confidential. We would love to have anyone interested join this ministry group at any time. Call Beth at the office or Lee Snow at 781-2309, [nlsnow@aol.com](mailto:nlsnow@aol.com) or come to a meeting. A year or so ago, Prayer Partner members, led by Becky Pride, met with the CARE meeting every other month as many parishioners are in both groups. With Deacon Christine's return from retirement, we are delighted to have both clergy active in this ministry.

### **Churchyard Committee**

Some of you reading this may not know that Saint Mary's owns a cemetery which we refer to as the churchyard. It is L-shaped and fits inside the L-shaped Pine Grove Cemetery that runs along the back and right side of the church campus. We invite you to walk the grounds any time of the year, and we would be happy to answer any questions you may have and or give you a tour. Please contact a member of the committee or the Parish Administrator.

In 2018, we accomplished a couple of significant projects. Lucy Ellis, past Churchyard Committee chairwoman and Landscape Committee chair, was the prime driver for totally renovating a scraggly berm in the middle of the Burial Garden. The berm had several leggy, unattractive shrubs and some patchy ground cover. Under Lucy's direction, the shrubs were removed along with the other plants, the berm narrowed to avoid the burial plots next to it and a new tree donated by John and Corey Goodrich was planted along with pachysandra for ground cover. While the plantings will take some time to fill in, the berm already looks so much better.

The other project involves creating an accurate chart of the burial plots and ensuring that there are granite markers strategically placed so that burials and burial plots can be easily identified. George Barrett and Hugh Smith with help from other committee members have completed this task over the last two summers.



## 2018 Churchyard Activity:

### Burials/Internments:

	Churchyard	Saint Mary's Woods	Burial Garden
Burials /Internments	3	0	4

### Lots Acquired:

During the year 2 half units were acquired in the Churchyard.

**Churchyard Committee:** Hugh Smith (Chair),  
Ed Ainsworth, Becky Pride, Virginia Stelk, John Teets

## Common Ground – new in Autumn 2018

Beginning on 20 September 2018, we launched a new almost-weekly Thursday evening gathering called Common Ground. It is designed to be a time to share a meal together, to spend quality time together, and to learn together about issues and topics which are of current interest to our general community. In addition, our hope is that this will be a comfortable space where newcomers to Saint Mary's can feel welcome and get to know our parish family. To accomplish this, we have shared a potluck meal before starting the discussion. A number of guest speakers joined us to talk about important topics, such as the Milestone Recovery and what to do about the addiction crises, Long Creek Youth Development Center and the incarceration of youth, the Episcopal Church and the Visual Arts. These gatherings all concluded with an invitation to chant Compline together in the Chapel. Common Ground will continue through the school year, more-or-less weekly, with a special focus for Lent and other helpful topics for discussion.



## Formation Groups – new to Sundays in Autumn 2018

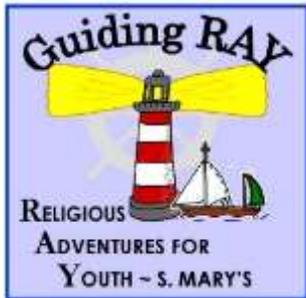
Beginning on 9 September 2018, we made a slight change in our Sunday morning schedule in order to create space for a thirty-minute block of time known as FORMATION. By moving our later liturgy to 10:15, we are now able to gather people from both of our Sunday liturgies in small groups between 9:30 and 10 AM. So far, these groups have included a discussion of The Seven Practices of the Way of Love (promoted by our Presiding Bishop Michael Curry), a discussion of the book Being Christian by Rowan Williams, a time of guided meditation in the Chapel, and a discussion of the Advent stories. In addition, we were able to use this FORMATION time for a special called parish meeting in October to elect delegates for the upcoming Convention at which a new Bishop will be elected for our Diocese.



This FORMATION time has also allowed our young people in Guiding RAY to gather and learn about – and to do - a variety of different things. It is a flexible time before regular classes begin to focus on seasonal topics. A few of these times have also included Family Chapel with Father Nathan and special teaching about important people like Saint Francis and Saint Nicholas.

It seems that nearly everyone has graciously adapted to this change in schedule. We will continue with this Sunday schedule throughout the remainder of the school year and re-evaluate in June.

# Guiding RAY: Religious Adventures for Youth: Youth Christian Formation



Children's Christian Formation at Saint Mary's is vibrant and exciting, and I am honored and humbled to be a part of Guiding RAY. Guiding RAY, our Saint Mary's children's Christian formation program, is offered to preschoolers through 8th grade. We are committed to the spiritual formation of our children and our Guiding RAY program provides fun, interactive and spiritual instruction. Our classes are designed to both appeal to and offer our children an opportunity to learn key bible stories and to develop their relationship with each other and God.

year in Guiding our Saint Mary's their faith to their Our 2017-2018 Neighbor" and we taking part in the and collecting soup Falmouth Food



2018 was a Christ filled RAY as we supported children in connecting everyday experiences. theme was "Love your kicked the year off by Souper Bowl of Caring for those in need at the pantry. We took the

feeding the hungry idea further by designing, planting and harvesting a garden and sharing the produce. This type of hands on, experiential learning, engages and encourages our youth to discover how their faith and actions can make a difference in the lives of people around them.



In the spring we also took 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 of Jesus. We ended the year with a special study on kids in the bible and learned that you do not have to be a grown-up to serve God. God has a purpose for us all...no matter our age.

With our Kick-off Sunday this fall, we also returned to the *Workshop Rotation* model of teaching. Our program theme for 2018-19 is "God's Covenants". With this rotation model, children take an in depth look at a bible story for 3-4 weeks. Each week they explore the story in different workshops. The workshops are activities that



might include art, science, games, drama, video, or cooking. We use a curriculum that is Scripturally-based and consistent with Episcopal theological principles and spiritual practices. The program is designed to immerse children in Bible stories where they can experience God, discover and explore their innately spiritual nature, and wonder together about the marvelous things God is doing! So far we have re-created creation, built ark's with Noah and his Family, traveled with Abraham and Sarah and had a visit from the prophet Isaiah.

The change in time of worship has enabled us to increase our Guiding RAY time, and we are now "open" at 9:30 for special formation. During this time we have harvested our garden, learned the history of our kneelers, celebrated Family Chapel with Fr. Nathan, created Holy Smokes for Sparkles and honored our Veterans. All are welcome to join us and have a preview of the lesson we will be learning as well as have a chance to ask questions or just chat.

While Guiding RAY remains the core of the children's religious education program at Saint Mary's, the children have been involved in the life of the parish in other ways as well. Many of the children have joined our Saint Mary's Angel Choir and St. Cecilia Choir. These choirs provide wonderful music and ecclesiastical education. In 2018 our children have also served as acolytes, readers and ushers. We took part in parish wide activities, Ice skating, Mardi Gras Variety show, special Ash Wednesday program with Fr. Nathan, journeyed through the Stations of the Cross on Good Friday and shouted Alleluia as we resurrected our alleluia banners from the crypt on Easter Sunday. We Celebrated Pentecost with flying doves and participated with outreach in our Mission Mornings and Souper Suppers. During Advent, we presented a Christmas Pageant



that was a beautiful celebration of the Nativity. Sincere thanks to all the dedicated volunteers who helped make all the various children's offerings a success in 2018.

We are assured that the children's program will remain strong based on the number of little ones who are in the nursery every week. Our nursery offers a safe and playful environment for children up to three years old. Thank you to the many people who care for these children throughout the year alongside Alison Hayward, our capable and nurturing nursery supervisor. Seven new families have joined Guiding RAY this year! Most children attend our Guiding RAY classes on a regular basis,



and we average about 45 children and 5-7 adult volunteers on any given Sunday. Thanks to all the leaders and assistant leaders whose deep and passionate desire to pass the faith to the next generation has helped spread the love of God to our children over the last year. Thank you: Rayle Ainsworth, Janet Bowne, John Brooks, Monique Brown, Sandy Couch-Kelly, Linda Eaton, Fiona Ferrell, Heather Gale, Jamie Gale, Kathy Galen, Penny Guyton, Alison Hayward, Meg Hurdman, Charlie Hurdman, Jim Kane, Melissa Kane, Jess Lewis, Dana Madison, Bobby MacCallum, Priscilla McGarry, Rod McGarry, Betsy Parks-Stamm, Vanessa Record, Rebecca Robich, Pat Rogers, Julia Splint, Jill Stevenson, Betsy Stoddard, Pat Studley, Heather Teng, Tricia Wheeler and all who have made themselves available to assist our growing Christians. If you too, envision a generation who grow up to know, love, and serve the Lord, then please consider volunteering with Guiding RAY. We always need additional leaders and assistant leaders to keep this ministry fresh and exciting. Please contact Megan Akers, [GuidingRAY@smary.org](mailto:GuidingRAY@smary.org), if you are interested in contributing to the religious education of our children. Megan Akers, Director

# Hospitality Ministry

**ANNUAL EVENTS:** Our gratitude and special thanks to Anne LaFond who stepped down this year from 11 years at the helm of the Hospitality Ministry to pursue her interests in other areas of Saint Mary's - you are missed, Anne. As in every year, we continue to have parishioners volunteer to make events successful, from the preparation to serving, to cleanup. We have a very reliable group of people that always raise their hand! Our thanks always to Babs Bell, chef extraordinaire, for the Annual Meeting brunch, taking over the food aspect of the fall Kickoff picnic, in addition to the spectacular meal at the summer Farm-to-Table event! To Jim and Betsy Stoddard, who organize coffee hour every week and to Hugh and Mary Smith for continuing to make the Sunday coffee for the 8am and later services.

Other volunteers are numerous and we could not do this without them. Marti Galli, Ed and Rayle Ainsworth, Jessica and Tom LaPlante, Jennifer Gregg, Jack Heinzman, Al Ahlers, George Barrett, Hugh Smith, Geoff LaFond and Tim Record. The list could go on..... many, many thanks hospitality volunteers!!

**COFFEE HOUR:** Betsy Stoddard continues to do the difficult task of overseeing the scheduling and managing of coffee hour. Making sure Sunday coffee hour is covered is no easy task! We need to have more parishioners volunteer to sign up for a Sunday. Sign-up sheets are outside the Guild Room. You can sign up for a coffee hour as a family, as a guild or ministry or with a friend...it's an easy way to help. All you have to do is supply a simple snack, set out the coffee cups and juice, and clean up afterwards.

## **Hospitality events of 2018:**

January 28 - Annual Meeting Brunch

May 28 - Memorial Day Parade

June 10 - Strawberry Shortcake Feast

September 9 - Kickoff Cookout

Hospitality is looking forward to an eventful 2019. We are always looking for leadership and new members to join the committee! If interested in leading or joining the Hospitality Ministry, please contact Father Nathan or one of the Wardens.



# Memorial Reception Guild

The Memorial Reception Committee had the privilege to host four receptions this calendar year, remembering William Howell, Jean and David Lloyd-Rees, Andrew Leighton and George Street. We are blessed to be able to provide warm and comforting gatherings for grieving families and friends, and are so thankful to the many parishioners who generously donate most of the food and beverages for these receptions. We offer our thanks to the many who continue to participate in this ministry and welcome with open arms any and all who feel called to join in the coming year. If you have any interest or questions, please contact Jennifer Gregg ([jenniferanngregg@gmail.com](mailto:jenniferanngregg@gmail.com))

## Middle School Youth Group

Beginning September 2018, the Saint Mary's Middle School Youth Group was revived and began meeting on the second and fourth Sundays of the month from 4:00pm to 6:00pm. Our group is engaging and Christ-centered, focused on imparting the love and knowledge of God. Our ministry with youth grades 6th-8th encourages them to engage with their faith at a personal level by building authentic relationships. We also began collaborating with other Falmouth church Middle schoolers and formed an Ecumenical Youth Group that meets all together once a month for community service projects. S. Mary's hosted the Ecumenical Youth Group in October and all had some 'spooky fun' as we



'Escaped the Crypt' and made apple crisp. We made over 50 apple crisps that we shared with the Falmouth Food Pantry, Ronald McDonald House and Milestones. Thank you to Rod McGarry, Janet Bowne and Priscilla McGarry for their help making the event a success with 15 kids in attendance.

Beyond our parish, our youth are also encouraged to engage in Diocesan youth events, joining with teens from around the state in creating new worship experiences and long-lasting friendships. Two events are held each year for high school and middle school respectively.

Please join us in welcoming Michelle and Will Chappell to the leadership team for 2019! And stay tuned for special events coming soon. All middle school youth, from those who are merely curious about God to those who have a full-fledged desire to follow God are welcome to join us!

## Newcomers' Welcome Team

The Welcome Team of Saint Mary's is a group consisting of Welcome Team members and the Vestry. It is our objective to introduce new members of Saint Mary's to the rest of the congregation, and to make them feel welcomed into our parish family. We organize welcome coffee hours in the auditorium. To reach as many new folks as possible, we have these gatherings after the 8 and 10:15 services on a given Sunday morning. This works well for families with children. We have had a good year, with many new families joining us at Saint Mary's. These gatherings continue to be enjoyable gatherings for Vestry, Committee members, parishioners and newcomers alike.

Mary Ann McLean, Chair

## Prayer Partners

Prayer Partners is a long-standing group of over 30 parishioners who pray daily for a number of people within and without the parish. People ask to have their names or those of their friends or loved ones on this list. We gather regularly to go over the list, add names or uplift people, as well as to pray together and reinforce each other. The list is confidential to those who pray the list. If you would like prayers for yourself for any reason or for a friend, call Beth at the office or Becky Pride at 781-4391 or email her at [rebeccapride1@gmail.com](mailto:rebeccapride1@gmail.com).

## Prayer Shawl

The Prayer Shawl Ministry involves knitting shawls using *large needles-size 13* and a *very simple pattern*. You need not be an accomplished knitter to learn how to create these practical messages of comfort. They are called “Prayer Shawls” because the work is initiated with prayer, and the shawls are blessed prior to being given. One simple pattern involves casting on 57 stitches, then knitting three stitches and purling three stitches—representing the Holy Trinity. Most knitters enjoy repeating “Father, Son, and Holy Spirit” with the stitches. There are other more complex patterns available, but all involve a three stitch pattern invoking the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.



Our supply of completed and blessed shawls is on the low side, so we could use some replenishing. With our Eucharistic Visitor ministry as well as the Caring Circle, we hope more parishioners and friends in the hospital, nursing homes, new mothers or someone just needing support will be given one. We need your help to know who needs one. Just request a prayer shawl, and it will be given.

One of our other ministries is to knit prayer scarves for the seniors graduating from our local high schools. We will need several this year for the June celebration.

It involves casting on 27 stitches and knitting the three knit, three purl patterns for about 60 inches.

We are also happy with our newest ministry, which is to knit prayer scarves for the homeless or needy, and our youth or other volunteers take them to Portland where they tie them on lamp poles with a note. It is very rewarding to watch them being taken.

Those interested in more details and/or participating in any of these ministries should contact Ginny Stelk at 847-3602 ([lstelk@maine.rr.com](mailto:lstelk@maine.rr.com)). We need you.

## Wisdom Seekers

Wisdom Seekers meets weekly on Tuesdays at 10:30 am for Bible study or the occasional book study. We study verses found in the lectionary for the next Sunday, examining the historical background, how people at that time understood God's message, and what is it saying to us today. We have about eight persons who join in a lively discussion, sharing our thoughts and ideas. All are welcome to join at any time during the year.

## Young Life and Wyld Life of Casco Bay

The ecumenical outreach ministry known as Young Life continues to grow in our area. This effort is supported by individuals, businesses and congregations of all kinds. The approach of Young Life is to not hope for young people to come to church, but rather to take the good news of God's love to them where they are – at their high schools. Young Life believes that each young person deserves to hear this good news that God loves us and was willing to die for them in the person of Jesus Christ. Each young person is free to respond to this news how they will, and they are loved and supported by Young Life leaders no matter how they respond.



In 2018, our area also launched Wyld Life – a regular gathering for Middle School youth in the Cumberland and Yarmouth area. Due to growth in both Young Life and Wyld Life, our area had their largest ever groups attend summer camp at Lake Saranac and weekend camps at Lake Champion. Over 55 youth and leaders attended weekend camps in the Fall.

The ministry of Young Life is carried out by volunteer leaders who run weekly Club meetings (super fun social events), weekly Campaigners meetings (spiritual formation small groups), weekend trips, and week-long summer camps designed with only teenagers in mind. If you have never experienced Young Life, it is unlike anything else. Feel free to reach out to our area director Jordan Droge ([jordandroge@gmail.com](mailto:jordandroge@gmail.com) , 805-453-1999) at any time with questions – or if you would like to help out in some way! And see the website at [www.younglifecb.com](http://www.younglifecb.com) .

# SERVE

## *the world in the power of the Holy Spirit.*

*We are committed to serving others in our community and in the world,  
trusting in the power of the Holy Spirit to lead and guide us.*

### **Altar Flower Delivery**

Each week, the Altar Flower Delivery Guild delivers the flowers which have graced the altar to parishioners who are ill, home bound, or just observing a celebration in their lives. It is also a way of extending Sunday worship to perhaps those for whom prayers have been offered that Sunday. Our small group of dedicated members are Ruth Kimball, Cindy & Chuck Horton, and Betsy & Jim Stoddard. Thank you for your ministry. We certainly welcome new members. Kindly consider offering your time to this ministry. Perhaps this could be a one-time 'teaching moment' for your family. It takes very little time and effort and no special skill in floral arranging is necessary! The rewards are many. Please consider offering a week or two to this important ministry of Saint Mary's.

Betsy Stoddard, Chair

### **Blood Drives**



Saint Mary's coordinates with the American Red Cross for two Blood Drives each year during two traditionally difficult times of the year, the Saturday after Good Friday, and the Saturday after Black Friday.

At our Holy Week Drive, 18 donors were registered, and we collected 22 donations. At our Thanksgiving Drive, 22 donors were registered, and we collected 18 donations. Thanks to all who volunteered and donated, and we welcome any interested in becoming involved in 2019.

### **Buildings & Grounds Committee**

2018 was a fairly quiet year for projects but the few needed projects were costly.

A leak was detected in the front entrance of the church. It was determined that new flashing on the roof would solve the problem which was done in the spring and helped alleviate the flooding in the basement - a long-standing problem.

The front doors to the Church needed resurfacing. The B&G Group dismantled and delivered the doors which saved \$1500. The work was done in the Spring

Next, the front porch to the Rectory was experiencing water damage from a leaking roof. Bids were accepted in the Fall of 2017 and repaired in April of 2018.

After much discussion, it was determined that a new *Saint Mary* sign was needed. Because the Church is in residential zone, a variance was needed. With the guidance of Hugh Smith, we petitioned the Town of Falmouth to allow us to make a new sign and relocate it. The variance was granted in June and the project will be completed in May of 2019.

One project that needed attention was the elimination of several trees on the campus grounds. This was in conjunction with The St. Mary's Garden Club which was undertaking a three-year project to establish The Austin memorial Garden. B&G incurred the expense to remove several trees in that designated area. That was accomplished in mid-August.

The annual Fall Cleanup came to screeching halt due to an early snowfall in mid-November.

Lastly, water seepage has been detected in the Parish House basement in the hallway to the Guiding RAY area. It is the opinion that the water is coming in through the front wall and will need further waterproofing. That can be addressed in the Spring as it is not an urgent concern.

General maintenance of Church property was again this year ably attended to by our various vendors: Eric Booth for lawn mowing and small repairs, Bill's Maintenance for snowplowing and Roy Packard for weekly cleaning service.

2019 will be busy as there are major projects to be attended to.

I wish to especially thank my B&G Crew who make my job a bit easier. They come ready to work as well as to have fun. Thank You.

Jim Stoddard, Buildings and Grounds Chairman

## Casserole Ministry

Dozens of Saint Mary's excellent cooks prepare and deliver meals to parishioners who are in need and unable to cook following surgery or recovering from an illness or other life-changing events, such as the arrival of a new baby or other needs. Without formal meetings and relying on internet and telephone contact, we provide meals to numerous families in our church community. In some cases, it has been for one or two days while for others we have provided weeks of meals seasoned with kindness and care.

In 2018, we provided meals for 9 different meal trains for a total of 73 meals shared. If you are interested in helping this ministry, please contact the parish office or Jana Burke [jana.burke@gmail.com](mailto:jana.burke@gmail.com) 272-4535

## Landscape Team

The Landscape Team was created in 2013 and is a subgroup of the Buildings and Grounds Committee. It began with development of a strategy for plantings on the property; in particular, preferring native species, selecting plants with a hundred-year view, removing invasive plants and a bias for ease of maintenance. The church property is a designated "Casco Baykeeper" location so grass selection, fertilization, grass height, etc. are prescribed. New grass planted is fescue, grass is mowed high (3"), and chemicals are limited.

The team consists of **Adopt-a-Bed** members who sign up to maintain a specific bed/small area around the property and two/three part-time hired gardeners for summer weeding and mulching – the heavy lifting! B&G members assist with specific work items.

This year I am pleased to report the Burning Bush hedge alongside the rectory will be removed. This is being done at the request of St. Mary's Garden Club as part of the redesign of our main garden. We are in year two of the redesign! **The garden redesign is a gift from St. Mary's Garden Club to Saint Mary's and will be complete in 2020.**

### Key Accomplishments:

- Our fabulous Adopt-a Bed members maintained and improved their designated areas. – Thank you all!
- A **new compost bin** was added behind the garden shed. Please note it is for leaves, weeds and clippings. Branches, shrub clippings and sticks should be placed in the trailer.
- This past year the peninsula in the Burial Garden was redesigned and planted! Many thanks to Susan Carter for design input and to the Goodrich family for their donation. The area features a beautiful Kousa Dogwood, renewed pachysandra and a delineated perimeter.
- Readers: ***New Adopt-a-Bed members are welcome!*** You too may weed and trim a very small area of your choosing! **Pick a plot using the map across from the elevator.**

- The individuals hired to weed and mulch this past summer struggled for the second year in a row due to the area's browntail moth infestation. Fingers are crossed that 2019 will be better. Note that the webs are very visible now if you inspect treetops; in particular, fruit trees and oaks.
- The gravel paths were sprayed with vinegar plus Dawn in the spring and summer. The technique is working well.
- Invasive shrubs and vines continue to be treated; especially, Japanese Barberry and Rose of Sharon.
- At the suggestion of a representative from Maine Audubon a fetching pile of branches was built near the water retention area and a new pile is planned for the front wooded area. It will foster wildlife and is active!
- The stand of hemlocks across from handicapped parking is thinning out due to the hemlock wooly adelgid. Alas, that will continue to progress. There is no treatment available.
- The two-year drought conditions took a toll on the rhododendrons. The sad ones have been removed.
- The last two years, we have added european ginger and sweet woodruff by the door to the sacristy. It is taking hold in what was very compact ground. The plants are compliments of award-winning gardener, Anne Hilliard!
- Also, due to the drought, the island outside Beth's office has a new replacement tree. The tree is a Crusader Hawthorn and we hold out hope it will be handsome, strong and tolerant.

**2019 Plan:**

- B&G is doing the work of removing the hedge. A design for new replacement plantings is in the works. Meanwhile we have been happily removing all the baby burning bush dispersed throughout the area under the hemlocks. We look forward to its demise.

**Landscape Team Members:** Lucy Ellis, Team Leader

Ed Ainsworth	Lynne Shepherd
Mary Ann McLean	Jan Mordarski
Mary Smith	Kyla Duchin
John Teets	Betsy Stoddard
Jim Porter	Katie Porter

## Office Angels

Our devoted cadre of Office Angels continued throughout the year to support our Parish Manager, Beth Shaw in a wide variety of ways, including proof-reading, the preparation and mailing of the AVE and Sunday bulletins, monitoring the phones, posting Daily Meditations on the Saint Mary's Facebook page, purchasing kitchen and paper supplies, updating the archives, preparing name-tags, recycling paper waste, ...to name just a few! We were particularly fortunate to enjoy the assistance of Pat Studley who manned the phones and helped with "special projects" this year.

During the last year, we welcomed the participation of Dana Madison on our Recycling Crew. Dana popped in each week to collect and transport recycling, greatly assisting those who volunteer four times a year to collect and put out the recycling for curbside pick-up on Tuesdays.

And, as always, we welcome any and all who would like to spend a few hours a month folding and stapling the AVE or other mailings for Beth.

2018 Official Office Angels: Nece Caratelli, Susan Chapman, Lee Dernehl, Sheila Donaldson, Marti Galli, Maggie Gardner, Susan Grimaldi (with special thanks for posting on-line Daily Meditations every morning!), Alice Hendry, Cindy Horton, Pat Mordecai, Becky Pride, Lee Snow, Betsy Stoddard, Jim Stoddard, Tricia Wheeler and Recyclers: Jennifer Gregg, John Henson, Kelly Lynch and Dana Madison. Also, sincere thanks to the many "walk-ons" who responded during moments of great need!  
Jennifer Gregg, Coordinator

# Outreach Committee

## That We All May Be One

### *A NEW YEAR FOR Saint MARY'S OUTREACH*

Each and every one of us is called to reach out in love to our neighbors. With thanks to God, we live in an increasingly interconnected world that offers great opportunity for meeting those neighbors, “The Other,” whom we might not encounter during the course of our busy daily lives. Often these neighbors are unseen, marginalized as they cope with the difficulties that continue to plague humanity, be it issues of hunger, violence, abuse, and addiction, needs of the elderly and immigrants, to name but a few.



Though these challenges seem legion, the opportunities and our desire to find God in all whom we meet are, blessedly, limitless. The task of the Outreach Committee is to work with parish leadership to both provide some focus and to create multiple opportunities for each of us to do just that, to reach out, in love, to these neighbors in concert with our fellow parishioners. In 2017-2018, we chose to bring such a focus to the New Mainers living in our area, offering a series of three educational presentations to become better informed about their hopes, fears, plans, challenges and, most importantly, to offer opportunities to grow closer to and see God in each other. From this grew an ongoing and growing ministry of teaching and tutoring primarily through In Her Presence, but also through Portland Adult Education and through Learningworks.

In 2018-2019, the Outreach Committee will be offering a similar program focusing on the **Opioid Challenge in Maine**. We are scheduling a series of 2-3 educational presentations to become better informed about the origins and nature of what is widely considered to be an epidemic affecting both us and neighbors of every background and socio-economic level. We will also seek to learn about ways to recognize the signs and symptoms of addiction, hearing both from local experts in the field and those who have personally experienced addiction—those in recovery and those who have been touched. As such, we hope to learn not only academically about this important issue, but to offer parishioners and members of the community at large the opportunity to learn from those directly affected and, yes, most importantly, to offer opportunities to grow closer to and see God in each other. ***The first presentation is scheduled for Sunday, March 24<sup>th</sup> from 4-6pm, with a second to follow in on April 28.*** FMI: Contact Jennifer Gregg and Anne LaFond



Supporting this initiative will be an ongoing, vibrant association with Milestone Recovery, through which we are seeking to bring those in recovery to the Saint Mary's campus for joint projects with parishioners, and to seek regular opportunities for groups of Saint Marians to meet and work with those in recovery on one or more of the Milestone campuses. FMI: Contact Judith Brooks and Marian McCue

During the coming year, we will also enthusiastically continue to organize and promote opportunities to reach out to other neighbors in mission, together as a parish:

**Saint Mary's Mission Mornings** will take place on three Sunday mornings, February 10, June 16 and again in October 2019. Parishioners of all ages and abilities are invited to gather in the Auditorium at 9am for prayer, after which all participate in one of several service projects in Falmouth, Portland, Yarmouth and Cumberland, returning to Saint Mary's by 11:30am for a light lunch and fellowship. FMI: Contact Jennifer Gregg

**Saint Mary's “Souper Supper”** will continue to be offered on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Fridays from 5-7pm, during which parishioners nourish both bodies and spirits of our friends and neighbors in search of physical and social sustenance, all offered free of charge. FMI: Contact Jennifer Gregg

**St. Elizabeth's Jubilee Center in Portland** will continue to welcome a group of Saint Marians one morning every 6 weeks as parishioners serve as “the hands of Christ,” distributing non-food essentials to the most needy among us.

**In Her Presence** will continue to provide a venue at the Portland Public Library every Saturday during the school year from 10am-noon for Saint Marians to teach and tutor immigrant women thirsting to learn English. FMI: Contact Becky Pride or Anne LaFond.

**Welcome, New Mainers** will offer two opportunities during the year for Saint Marians and the community at large to meet with and learn from New Mainers. Mark your calendars now for a Multi-Cultural Festival (with music, crafts and food!) on May 5<sup>th</sup> and a reprise of the wildly successful Multi-Cultural Craft Fair in November. FMI: Contact Jennifer Gregg and Anne Lafond or Becky Pride.

**Long Creek** will continue to welcome a group of Saint Marians who serve as role models as they meet, talk, play games or enjoy a meal with young male youths on an afternoon every 6-8 weeks. FMI: Contact Marian McCue



Another role of the Outreach Committee focuses on the distribution of small grants on behalf of the Parish. This funding goes to those non-profits with whom we maintain a mission relationship, to non-profits suggested by and with whom individual parishioners who maintain a volunteer relationship and, last but certainly not least, selected non-profits serving those in need outside our state with which distance precludes our “hands on” involvement. Funding for these grants comes from *you* in the form of 5% of your pledge received each year. For this, and for so much more, we thank you. In 2018, the following grants were distributed:

## LOCAL

### June 2018

**St. Elizabeth's Jubilee Center- \$1000** (representing a 2017 obligation)

The St. Elizabeth's Jubilee Center distributes non-food essentials to the most needy and largely immigrant community in the Greater Portland community.

### September 2018

**Souper Supper Ministry - \$2000**

To subsidize purchase of foodstuffs purchased for meals served twice a month to the community free of charge.

### December 2018

**In Her Presence - \$1000**

Supports the supplies and activities of Saint Marians and others who provide literacy training to immigrant women at Portland Public Library each Saturday morning of the school year. Any funds remaining at the end of the calendar year will be distributed to **In Her Presence**, designated to programs that support literacy training.

**St. Elizabeth's Jubilee Center - \$1000**

The St. Elizabeth's Jubilee Center distributes non-food essentials to the most needy and largely immigrant community in the Greater Portland community.

**Long Creek Development Center – \$1,500**

– *Saint Mary's Long Creek Ministry Expenses - \$500*

– *Friends of Long Creek - \$1000*

The Friends of Long Creek collaborates with the Long Creek Youth Development Center staff, Juvenile Community Corrections Officers, and other non-profits to develop and fund projects that are critical to reducing criminogenic risk factors and reducing recidivism. Projects provide access to higher education and employment training. They focus on promoting healthy relationships with family; pro-social relationships with peers and community; and positive attitudes, beliefs and values. They also provide enrichment, recreational and sporting opportunities.

**Falmouth Food Pantry - \$1000**

For over 30 years the Falmouth Food Pantry has been serving the needs of citizens in Falmouth and surrounding communities (Cumberland, Yarmouth, Portland, and Westbrook). Six volunteer managers work with other volunteers to serve clients at the Pantry, bring meals to some clients, meet large food deliveries, and stock the shelves.

### **Milestone Recovery - \$1000**

The mission of Milestone Recovery, formerly Milestone Foundation, is to provide the best quality of services to empower individuals with substance use and behavioral health disorders to attain stability, dignity, recovery and an enhanced quality of life offering offer emergency shelter, medically managed detoxification and long-term treatment in Portland and Old Orchard Beach, Maine.

### **Back Pack Program - \$500.00**

A mission of the Mechanic Falls Vineyard Church and in coordination with the Good Shepherd Food Bank, this program serves the families of 67 children on a weekly basis, filling backpacks with food donations. At Christmas, children also receive a fleece blanket and mittens. Funds will be designated for food, only.

### **Pink Feather Foundation - \$500.00**

Provides clothing that is both comfortable and stylish to students in need. PFF supports two school districts (MSAD 17 – Oxford Hills and RSU 16 – Poland), a total of 15 schools. Clothing is donated, and freshened, repaired as necessary, photographed and cataloged, then posted to an online store for teachers to use with select students. Students “shop” for their clothes on this website. Items are delivered in a fashionable package so that it feels less like a handout and more like a shopping trip.

### **Maine Council of Churches - \$1000**

Sharing common values, the members of the Maine Council of Churches act as one voice to advocate for the disenfranchised, the downtrodden and the protection of God’s creation. Representing seven denominations, the Council is active in Augusta and beyond working with partner organizations throughout the state in our 550 churches. Begun in 1938, today it is a reliable and effective voice against torture, hunger and poverty and an advocate for justice, compassion and peace.

### **Camp Bishopswood Scholarships - \$950**

Located in the beautiful woods of mid-coast Maine, Bishopswood is an Episcopal coed overnight camp affordable and open to all youths ages 6-16. Funds to be used by Camp Bishopswood for camper scholarships

## **NATIONAL**

### **Hispanic Federation - \$1000 funded from the Book Sale Funds**

Hispanic Federation (HF) is the nation’s premier Latino nonprofit membership organization. Founded in 1990, HF seeks to support Hispanic families and strengthen Latino institutions through work in the areas of **education, health, immigration, civic engagement, economic empowerment, & the environment**. Funds will be earmarked for Puerto Rico recovery efforts as a result of the 2017 hurricane.

## **INTERNATIONAL**

### **American Friends of the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem (AFEDJ) - \$1000 – funded from the Book Sale Funds**

AFEDJ is dedicated to building peace from the ground up by financially supporting education and healthcare available to all in the Holy Land and raising awareness in the United States. AFEDJ was founded in 1988 as an independent, nonpolitical 501 (c) 3 organization. As a partner of the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem, AFEDJ is devoted to respect, human dignity and the inherent value of each person.

### **Konbit Sante - \$1000**

Konbit Sante's mission is to support the development of a sustainable health system to meet the needs of the Cap-Haitien community with maximum local direction and support. Konbit Sante works with two hospitals and two health clinics in Haiti, providing care for over 300,000 people.

The Outreach Committee welcomes and encourages the participation of all St. Marians, either through your participation in individual mission activities and/or by serving on the Outreach Committee! For more information on all of these initiatives and activities, please contact any one of the active or supporting members of the Outreach Committee: Deacon Christine Bennett, Judith Brooks, Betsy Elliman, Margaret Fast, Diane Fletcher, Jennifer Gregg, Sarah Kelly, Anne Lafond, Dana Madison, Marian McCue, Becky Pride, Bonny Rodden, Merle Marie Troeger.

# Stewardship

## *Annual Stewardship Campaign*

Stewardship encompasses the process of parishioners supporting the church with their volunteer time, their individual talents/gifts and, their financial resources. The goal of the Stewardship Committee is to help ensure that Saint Mary's is on a sustainable financial footing. However, we can't accomplish this alone and, therefore; we rely heavily on help from the Vestry and the Finance and Budget Committee. The Stewardship Committee works primarily to raise funds for Saint Mary's during the annual pledge drive. The Stewardship Committee also works on longer range fundraising efforts including planned giving.

We have continued to make good progress in growing our pledge base. In 2018, we had \$292,409 pledged by 148 households. We were successful in educating more people on the importance of pledging in helping the Vestry know the expected income. At Saint Mary's we are blessed to have so many generous parishioners who give their time, energy and financial support from their hearts. Thank you to all who support us!

## *Planned Giving: Alida Greely Brown Heritage Society*

The Planned Giving program aims to inform and recognize those among us who wish to remember Saint Mary's with deferred gifts to help ensure Saint Mary's long-term fiscal health. These unrestricted gifts were designated by the Vestry to be deposited to the Legacy Buildings and Grounds Endowment Fund.

Planned gifts are referred to as such because they require more planning, negotiation and counsel than many other gifts or donations. For the donor, planned gifts can result in immediate income, income over time or serve to delay a gift for life or other period of time during which the donor or others retain income and/or access to the assets used to fund the gift. The most common planned gift is detailed in an individual's will as part of estate planning. For St. Mary's, your planned gift ensures long term financial stability by providing a well-regulated income stream to supplement annual giving or help provide for capital needs.

Saint Mary's Alida Greely Brown Heritage Society enables individuals to make such gifts to Saint Mary's easily and recognizes those who have expressed their intention to provide such gifts. Membership may be public or private, as you so choose. If you have already provided for Saint Mary's in your will, we hope you will inform either Father Nathan or Beth Shaw so that we can properly thank you and invite you to join this society. Benefits include an annual luncheon hosted by Father Nathan and membership (should you so choose) in the Diocese' First Light Society which hosts periodic gatherings hosted by Bishop Lane.

We take the occasion to express our deep thanks to those parishioners who have already included Saint Mary's in their estate planning, thereby ensuring Saint Mary's viability for generations to come.

Should you wish to discuss Saint Mary's planned giving program further, we would welcome meeting with you. Please feel free to contact Jennifer Gregg (781-3366, [jenniferanngregg@gmail.com](mailto:jenniferanngregg@gmail.com)), Janet Bowne (781-3844, [janetbowne@maine.rr.com](mailto:janetbowne@maine.rr.com)) or Beth Shaw (781-3366, [admin@smary.org](mailto:admin@smary.org)).



## Souper Supper at Saint Mary's

The Souper Supper Ministry offers twice-monthly home-made soup suppers free to the community, served at table. We are delighted to celebrate this ministry's 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2019! While we hoped and envisioned that this would be a ministry that would resonate with community members in need of a meal and fellowship, we are also very gratified by what it brings to the many Saint Marians who participate in this ministry: the joys and fulfillment of relationship with fellow Saint Marians, our guests and through that, with God.

That first supper in 2009 attracted about twenty guests who, from the start, seemed to enjoy it—they came, ate quietly and left but came back again the next month, attracted, perhaps by not only the delicious home-made soup but also the fact that it was served at table—the table “dressed” with table linens, “real” silverware and tea-lights-- by welcoming and attentive parishioners. Or, perhaps they were attracted by the fact that this meal was cost-free; no donations were solicited. Or perhaps because it was “all you can eat...”

The attendance hit its peak in 2016, typically greeting 60-80 guests on each 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Friday evening every month. During the last year, we welcomed an average of 30-40 guests. Many of our guests are “regulars,” of all ages and walks of life. 90 percent are from the community at large, joined by a welcome and welcoming smattering of Saint Marians. Whereas that first evening our guests came to eat, they now come to dine, enjoying each other’s company and “table hopping” to chat with friends and acquaintances. They clearly come to fill not only their stomachs but also their hearts. And on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of each month, several of our guests stay to enjoy Classic Cinema (thanks to Tom Pettingill) following the supper.

This ministry has attracted about 60+ parishioners who volunteer to support it. There are those who shop for ingredients, those who cook the soup, those who set tables, those who provide desserts, those who dish-up in the kitchen, those who serve at table, those who clean-up, those who launder the linens. Some volunteer for every supper, others once a month, others periodically. Several families volunteer AS families with children as young as 4; families have discovered that this is a safe, “low bar” activity through which their young children can be introduced and learn to appreciate the need and value of service to others.

If you wish to become involved in this very appreciated ministry you will be most welcomed. If you are not in a position to volunteer, you are invited to support the ministry financially by purchasing bags of delicious “Coffee by Design” coffee available during the week in the office or on Sundays during coffee hour.

Any questions? Just contact Jennifer Gregg (781-3366; [jenniferanngregg@gmail.com](mailto:jenniferanngregg@gmail.com)) or contact any one of the following whom we take the opportunity to thank for their wonderful participation in this ministry during 2018: Norma Jean Brilliant, Janet Bowne, John and Judith Brooks, Jana Burke, Connie Dayton, Hanna DeSorbo, Linda and Stan Eaton, Diane Fletcher, Marti Galli, The Grace-Cleale Family, Jennifer Gregg, Jean Gulliver, Maureen Hale, Onnie Hastings, Mac Hinkel, Chuck Horton, Annie Johnson, Shari Krajlic, Cindy Lord, Dana Madison, Mary Ann McLean, Marian McCue, Becky and Doug Pride, The Rana Family, David and Grace Robinson, Bonny Rodden, Ginny Stelk, Roberta Stothart, Nadine Timberlake, Merle Marie Troeger, The Unfricht Family, Joyce and Len Verey, The Yerkes Family.

We thank and bid farewell to Connie Dayton who will be retiring in 2019 after providing delicious desserts for over 9 years!



# Fellowship & Fundraising Events

## Book, Bake and Soup Sale

This Book Sale is typically held every year in March and will return after a one-year absence this March 16, 2019 under the leadership of Jan Mordarski and Betsy Stoddard. We collect used books from parishioners which we sell to the broader community. Babs Bell, our blessing-in-the-kitchen will prepare soups bake breads along with baker, Rick Hirschman for consumption at the Sale or to take-home. All these funds are used for local mission and charity assistance coordinated by the Saint Mary's Outreach Committee. With questions or to participate, contact Jan Mordarski [janmordarski@gmail.com](mailto:janmordarski@gmail.com) or Betsy Stoddard [jbstod@aol.com](mailto:jbstod@aol.com)



## Bridge-a-Thon

This event happens every year in April or May and is a wonderful gathering of parishioners and friends for an afternoon of bridge, mahjong or any game you choose to play! Sumptuous refreshments included in price of admission. Prizes are offered for high scorer at each table! All proceeds go to the operating budget. With questions or to participate, contact Betsy Stoddard or Jan Mordarski.

## Saint Mary's 2018 Summer Meal & Auction

This event is held every year in August on our beautiful parish lawn. It is a wonderful summer event for parishioners, friends and neighbors to gather for a succulent dinner together with fabulous auction. 2018 was a year of change as the chairs from both the meal and auction retired to have time to do other Saint Mary's events. We thank Betsy and Jim Stoddard for their more than a decade of work in organizing this event and for soliciting, gathering and creating the catalogue for the auction. The Thomas and Smithwick families have been serving the lobster Bake & BBQ for this since its inception in 2005; with our gratitude and appreciation we accept the passing of the spatula. This summer of 2018, we switched our Lobster Bake, BBQ and Auction to a Farm-to-Table Dinner and Auction. We were blessed to have many talented chefs and many green-thumbed parishioners help Barbara Bell curate a fabulous dinner. Thank you to G. and T. Farm of Richfield Springs, NY for the donation of grass-fed beef. The auction was also filled with many treasures and experiences. Many thanks to Janet Bowne, Betsy Stoddard and Melissa Kane for their help with the auction. We welcomed home Father Nathan and family from their sabbatical and thanked Pastor Sara D'Angio White and her family for their support during the sabbatical. The weather threatened our event and at the very last minute moved the entire event inside. Historically we see the auction raise less money when it's moved inside. The event did well, raising more than \$7,300 to support parish mission and ministries. Save the date: August 10, 2019 for our next gastronomic fundraiser!



## Saint Mary's Sparkles - 2018

Sparkles includes the first three weeks of Advent and has just completed its 15th year. The Sparkles Mission is to be a major fund raiser and to also provide an opportunity for all members of the parish community to work together in different ways. It is a way of reaching out to the community to visit Saint Mary's to see and be welcomed to our beautiful facility and to provide a source of income outside of the parish.

Sparkles activities begin with Sparkles Spirits in October and continues with the Lighting of the Kyros Memorial/Celebration Tree. The Sparkles Fair includes the Boutique, Home Decor, a Bake Sale and Cookie Walk, the Cafe, and Jewelry, Artisans and Knitting Tables, as well as Sparkles Toyland, complete with Santa and Mrs. Claus. In 2018, we sold over 120 lbs. of cookies and almost 50 almond cakes, and 54 children sat on Santa's lap and relayed their fondest wishes for Christmas. Advent and Sparkles continue with caroling at a local retirement home and Souper Supper and concludes with the St. Mary Schola Concert (directed by Bruce Fithian) and Reception. Hundreds of parishioners of folks from the community come together in fellowship over the Sparkles season, and we also raised a net amount of nearly \$19,000. **With questions or to participate, contact Jana Burke or Kathy Galen.**



## 2019 Clergy, Staff & Vestry

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## Saint Mary's Garden Redesign

Janet Bowne and Lucy Ellis

We are fortunate to have the Saint Mary's Garden Club (SMGC) affiliated with our church. The SMGC was organized in June 1930 and was originally composed of only Saint Mary's members. In recent years, the SMGC broadened to include garden enthusiasts from the broader community. Among many projects it undertakes annually, the SMGC maintains the perennial garden between the chapel and the rectory. Recently, the garden club's membership realized that the garden's design has not been refreshed in many years. Plantings have aged, and light conditions have changed as trees matured or were removed. The large pine in the middle of the garden has taken a toll on the grassy area. Ants have taken up residence, and the soil is severely depleted. The SMGC de-

**Saint Mary's Parish Registry - 2018**

## Baptisms:

Hannah Grace Duchin  
Alden John Gulliver  
Neils Benjamin Ridgers  
Charlotte Mirella Chappell

## Deaths:

Eleanor G. Murray  
John vC. Parker  
William E. Howell  
Katharine Lloyd-Rees Kennie  
David E. Hunt  
Frank J. Berry  
Edward Thaxter Gignous. Jr  
James Grise

Andrew T. Leighton  
Roland Peixotto  
Geroge L Street, IV  
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Nancy B. Craig  
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## Marriages:

Jonathan Eugene Scott *and* Chelsea Rose Peluso  
Brian Bryson *and* Elizabeth Carney  
Mark Ronald Legere *and* Emily Joyce Avis  
Janathan Raymond Young *and* Brianna Marie Wing

