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"GREETINGS MARY, FULL OF GRACE."



The Episcopal Church of Saint Mary - Falmouth, Maine

From our Rector:



When abba Romanus was about to die, his disciples gathered around him, saying, "How should we be governed?" The elder said, "I am not aware of having ever told one of you to do something unless I had first made a resolution not to be angry if he did not do what I said. And in this way we lived together in peace all our days."

(From the Alphabetical Collection of the Apophthegmata Patrum)

Do you ever experience anger because people - whether those in your family, in your school, in your parish, or in your government - do not do what you want them to do? Of course you do - welcome to life as a human being! Whether or not you are in a position of leadership like abba Romanus, imagine how your experience would be different if you consistently made a similar resolution not to be angry when things do not go as you wish. Even more, imagine how the entire world would be different if everyone made such a resolution to cut off anger before it arose!

Anger is the rotten fruit of a desire for control. If there is someone calling you to be angry - no matter what the situation or issue or cause - then I guarantee you that they are trying to control your behavior for their own goals. Don't fall for it, my friends! Never allow yourself to be used as a pawn in someone else's game.

Now don't misunderstand. A rejection of anger is not the same as rejecting standards for behavior. You can be sure that abba Romanus had clear standards for how the brothers were to live together in their small Christian community. But the stark truth is that no one is able to control the behavior of another, apart from reliance on harmful forms of manipulation. The very best that one human can do is to struggle to control one's own behavior. That certainly is challenging enough! Abba Romanus learned this lesson after many years of leading others. We would be wise to heed his guidance. There are clear moral standards for behavior, and we need to keep each other accountable to these standards. But this must always be done apart from our ego need to control or punish others. Making a commitment beforehand to reject anger is one sure step toward a more peaceful and loving community.

I challenge you to try this out for yourself and see what happens. Make this resolution to reject anger before you read or watch the news. Make this resolution before a visit with challenging family members. Make this resolution before a performance evaluation review at work. Make this resolution before handing in an assignment at school. Whatever the situation you face, try moving forward in this way.

Our shared commitment to reject anger is one of the ways that we manifest ourselves as students of Jesus, as members of the Body of Christ. Let's practice this together and see how we can embody the love and grace of God in all the places that we live, study and work.

Nathan W. Ferrell +

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Celebrate Summer in Maine



Saint Mary's FARM-TO-TABLE Dinner & Auction



ONLY THE BEST...

Organic, local Beef, Chicken, & Pork \$35
Local, grass-fed Hamburger or Hot dog \$10
Locally-grown Vegetable-only option \$10

Call to reserve your meal, 781-3366 or [email](#)

SATURDAY, 08.18.18

4:30 - 8 PM, EAT AT 6PM

ON THE GROUNDS WITH ENTERTAINMENT

**Plus between bites, visit our silent auction where
Exciting Experiences and Welcome Services Await You!**

- Gift Certificates to restaurants, salons, spas, florists, local shops . .
- Memberships/passes to fitness centers, museums, golf outings, etc. .
- Tickets to sporting events, concerts, theater, tours . .
- Services: handyman, gardening, financial, housecleaning, transportation . .
- Handmade delights - some to eat and some not.
- Themed parties or host a game night

If you're able to make a donation to the auction, please contact

Melissa Kane at melissa1959@earthlink.net or Janet Bowne at janetbowne@maine.rr.com

Summer Message from the Wardens

by Janet Bowne

The Vestry doesn't meet in July so in lieu of a Vestry highlights column, we are sharing some summertime thoughts.

- Saint Mary's continues to be a fantastic community of caring and compassionate individuals who clearly are motivated by a Godly spirit to help others both inside and outside of our parish. This is especially apparent during Father Nathan's sabbatical. We are taught that we are all ministers in our daily lives. At Saint Mary's, it is a reality with so many among us supporting those who are in crisis as well as those who help ensure that our missions and ministries continue during Father Nathan's absence. Thank you to all who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.
- Despite this being vacation season, so many of our guilds and committees are functioning at a very high level. The various guilds and committees associated with the worship services continue to provide weekly support including the Altar Flower Guild, the Ushers, Eucharistic Ministers, Lay Readers and Altar Guild. Our Memorial Reception Guild has hosted two receptions supporting grieving families after the death of a loved one. The Building and Grounds Committee works daily to ensure our campus is welcoming to all. The Farm-to-Table Dinner and Auction Committee is working on our 8/18 event which promises to be a wonderful evening. The Sparkles Team never stops working, meeting over the summer to prepare for our annual sale in December. We are blessed with a staff who continues to keep the Parish functioning and ensure that our supply clergy have what they need to serve us in Nathan's absence. Thank you to all who support our daily life and work.
- We are looking forward to welcoming Father Nathan and family back to Maine. If you're not on social media, ask a parishioner who is to see their postings about life



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

in Ecuador. No doubt all are being refreshed and reenergized by the experience. The Ferrells will join us for the Farm-to-Table Dinner and Auction on 8/18/18 as will Pastor Sara and her family. It will be a splendid occasion for a welcome home for the Ferrells and a grand thank you to Pastor Sara. Please be sure to reserve your tickets!! Also the Katahdin trip still has a few spots; please let us know if you're able to go with us this year!

We look forward to a busy fall. We are making some programming changes to allow for greater fellowship and connectivity. Beginning with our Kick Off Sunday on 9/9/18, the second service will start at 10:15 allowing for a good period for Christian formation between services. Beginning on Thursday, 9/20, we will host weekly fellowship programs with an informal potluck from 5-6 and a topical conversation from 6-7. We encourage guilds and committees to host their meetings before and after this structure to allow for greater synergy on fellowship.

Thank you to everyone who is in our engaging and loving community.
Jim and Janet

Thanks to the many that have pledged to help with the extra costs associated with the Garden Redesign project.



Statement of Support Intention for 2018 - 2020 Garden Space Redesign Project

In thanksgiving to God for the many blessings at Saint Mary's,

I/we pledge _____ as a
_____ One time gift _____ installments

Name: _____
Signature: _____
Address: _____
Zip _____ Phone: _____
Email: _____

_____ I would like to make a gift of stock or securities
_____ I would like to make a memorial or celebratory gift to honor



Outreach Ministry ~ All Ages Serving Near and Far

Another great year for the women of *In Her Presence*

by Becky Pride

On June 16th, *In Her Presence* held its end-of-the-year celebration in our auditorium with 90 guests present. With many of our immigrant guests dressed in their exquisite native dresses, the day was colorful, upbeat, and a real tribute to the accomplishments of these women from 12 countries who have worked all year to learn and improve their English.

On hand to serve and to join in the celebration were our Saint Mary's team of teachers and assistants.

Our team worked side-by-side with our young mothers at the Portland Public Library for many Saturdays throughout this past school year from 10 a.m. to noon. Our teaching was a most rewarding way to help others who are eager to learn and who are so grateful to be in America; we looked forward to our time together, which meant as much to us as it did to our students.

If you are interested in joining our Saint Mary's team, we guarantee you will find great reward and joy in the "work." Because there are presently 10 of us



Our Saint Mary's team: *Becky Pride, Katie Porter, Molly Felton, Lee Dernehl, Judith Brooks, Jennifer Gregg, Anne LaFond, Caroline Trott, Susan Schraft.* Absent from photo: *Penny Daborn, Ginny Stelk, Mary Roy, Mandy Garmey.*



who volunteer, there is much flexibility in which Saturdays you could choose to attend. Whether it's once a month, every week or every six weeks, you choose the days you are able to come.

If interested in learning more about this opportunity to reach out, ask any of our enthusiastic volunteers: Judith Brooks, Molly Felton, Katie Porter, Penny Daborn, Lee Dernehl, Ginny Stelk, Caroline Trott, Susan Schraft, Mandy Garmey, Mary Roy, and our teammate Jennifer Gregg who tutors immigrant families rather than at PPL.

Becky Pride and Anne LaFond



Classic Cinema

Our monthly **FREE** in-house movie

Presents on August 10

Pillow Talk (1959)

Starring: Rock Hudson, Doris Day, Tony Randall, Thelma Ritter
A man and a woman who share a party line cannot stand each other, but he has fun romancing her with his voice disguised.

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



MARK YOUR CALENDARS

OUTREACH BOOK SALE: SATURDAY, MARCH 16, 2019 !

For everyone who may be interested in helping out with this popular Outreach fundraiser, from leading/organizing a portion of it (big or small) to volunteering for a couple hours before, during or after.

Help needed at all levels of involvement.

If you have any questions. PLEASE EMAIL retired chair Becky Pride at rebec-capride1@gmail.com or call her at 781-4391.

Long Creek: Barbecues and Birthday Cupcakes by Marian McCue

A faithful team from Saint Mary's continues their work as the sponsors of a unit at the Long Creek Youth Correctional Center in South Portland, but we're always on the hunt for more good souls to **join the team**. We have sponsored this unit for several years, and we make regular visits.

This summer, as in past summers, we have been putting on barbecues for the residents on Maple Unit. Thanks to the hard work of our chef, Jim Stoddard, and a team that includes Betsy Stoddard, Rayle Ainsworth, Becky Pride, David Robinson, John Henson, and Marian McCue, we are able to provide hot dogs, hamburgers and treats to the 15 or so residents on the unit.



These kids, some as young as 11 years of age, appreciate that a group of people come in and enjoy spending time with them. Maple Unit is the place where youths are first placed when they come into contact with the criminal justice system, or who are awaiting placement into a group home or other residential setting. Many of the kids turn up there because of bad family situations and a lack of mental health treatment options for young people.



We would be pleased to have more people join our group, which does require a criminal background check and volunteer orientation.

We also continue to provide birthday cupcakes on the second Monday of each month, which must be store-bought and delivered to the facility on Westbrook Street in South Portland. **There is a sign-up sheet for anyone who is interested; it's a great family learning opportunity!** Contact: marian.l.mccue@gmail.com.

Community Souper Supper

August 10 and 24

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

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



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

Casco Bay - a medium roast, Black & Tan - a medium- darker roast, OR Rebel Blend, a dark roast

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

Exciting Autumn offerings beginning to take form

As Nathan explained in the June AVE, beginning September 9, we will implement a slight shift in our Sunday morning schedule in order to accomplish **our mission of “building authentic, vibrant, Christ-centered community” where we celebrate, honor and serve together.**

The overall Sunday schedule for the school year will look like this:

- 8 am: Contemplative Eucharist (Rite 1 or Rite 2)
- 9:15 am: Choir practices (adults and youth)
- 9:30 am: Christian Formation for all ages
- 10:15 am: Choral Eucharist

As always, coffee and snacks will be offered after each Eucharist and throughout the morning. This schedule shift will give the adults in our community a solid 30 minutes between 9:30 to 10 am for small groups to gather for Bible study, book study, storytelling, centering prayer, outreach conversations, and seasonal events. I am really excited about the possibilities that this will enable for Saint Mary's. If you have a group that you would like to facilitate or to see offered, please send Fr. Nathan an email or reach out to your wardens.

*Here are some of the **Sunday Formation offerings** we have planned so far. More to come!!
Maybe a MOTH group!? Could have a seasonal liturgical study! Endless possibilities!*

Episcopal Church 101 . . . Sundays, 9:30 - 10am

Learn or relearn about the beliefs, traditions, creeds, worship, rituals, and cornerstones of the Episcopal Church. Discuss the Book of Common Prayer, personal devotions, the reasons behind the traditions, other influences, and how it all applies to our lives today. Led by Father Nathan most weeks.

BE STILL . . . Sundays, 9:30 - 10 in Fr James Chapel

Have you ever wished for just half an hour to yourself, a time you claim for your own –

- To think big or small thoughts,
- To be “in the moment,” as we sometimes say,
- To encounter the Divine or
- To encounter the Divine in others?

Come to Father James Chapel on Sunday mornings from 9:30 – 10. We'll spend a while engaging with a short reading–

- Maybe one of the desert mothers or fathers,
- Maybe a medieval mystic,
- Maybe a modern contemplative,
- Maybe a poet,
- Maybe the text of a song.

We'll react, share, allow some silence, take a deep breath, and then pick up the rest of our day. Come as often as you wish. Each session will stand alone.



Weekly Gospel and Lectionary Dive . . .

Sundays, 9:30 - 10am

Deacon Christine will lead a discussion group based on the weekly scripture

readings. The lector or deacon reads it; the priest preaches on it, but let's delve further to learn and discuss the background and the possible effects on our lives and lives of those around us.

The weekly lectionary can be found at thelectionarypage.net

PLUS . . .

Thursday Community Connections is taking shape for our program year. Beginning on Thursday, September 20th we will host *weekly* events which will combine food, fellowship and community engagement. Thank you to all who have helped or advised this new program.

We encourage all committees and guilds to hold their meetings either before or after this core event which will create a greater synergy for connecting!

The basic structure is:

5-6pm Potluck-style dinner. Take a break from cooking a whole meal. Bring a piece or just eat what we have.

If you can't imagine eating early, come and enjoy fellowship and discussion. Open to everyone!!

6-7pm We will host individual or panel discussions on topical issues facing our community. Watch the eNEWS and the September AVE for the specific schedule!

Questions: Contact Janet Bowne (janetbowne@maine.rr.com) for more information.

Saint Mary's FARM-TO-TABLE Dinner & Auction



Wanted: Auction Items!

Experiences! Services! Host a themed-party!

Donate a Gift Certificate!

Donate a Homemade item!

If you're able to make a donation to the auction, please contact:

Melissa Kane at melissa1959@earthlink.net or

Janet Bowne at janetbowne@maine.rr.com

or find a form in the parish house or parish office



After considering the donation of an auction item, next, you can decide which unbelievably luscious, local meal you will have at the event on August 18. That's 8...18...18!

Organic, local Beef, Chicken, & Pork \$35
Local, grass-fed Hamburger or Hot dog \$10
Locally-grown Vegetable-only option \$10

Call to reserve your meal, 781-3366 or email the parish office admin@smary.org



**Sunday,
September 30**

RUNNERS and VOLUNTEERS needed!

Saint Mary's will have 3 GODSPEED RELAY TEAMS on the course AND volunteers serving cold drinks to all of the runners and walkers. There is room for EVERYONE to participate on this very different kind of Sunday morning here at Saint Mary's. If you are ready to join the fun, email Fr. Nathan (nathanferrell@smary.org) or Janet Bowne (janetbowne@maine.rr.com).

Zenith Journey to Katahdin: August 23 - 25

Every Mainer should visit Chimney Pond in Baxter State Park and reach the summit of Katahdin (the zenith of Maine), if he or she is able. Join this group of up to 10 people for a summer-time adventure in amazing Baxter State Park. Two nights in lean-to's, one of which will be at the famous Chimney Pond campground. Space is limited, so speak with Sr Warden, Jim Kane, now. 329-1764 or email melissa1959@earthlink.net



Join Us for a Special Coffee Hour

On September 18, the Kneeler Guild will be hosting coffee hour after both services. We invite you to come to learn more about and to see the Kneelers that have never been gifted to honor or memorialize a loved one. The Kneelers presented will be in various stages of completion or completely finished.

The cost of gifting one kneeler is \$150. The money is used by the Guild to clean, care for and maintain our beautiful and meaningful Kneelers. Each one has a story or represents something or someone special in Church or Bible history. Also available will be the opportunity to give a lesser amount to the Kneeler fund.

The Kneeler Project began in the late 1970's when our own Hannah Russell researched, designed and painted all the canvases. They have been stitched by many members over the years. The first Kneelers were gifted and dedicated in 1980.

Please plan to come to this colorful and informative coffee hour.



A Lamb and a Sinner

by Merle Marie Troeger

I attended a memorial service a few Saturdays ago. The deceased was a neighbor here at our retirement community, and his wife is a good friend. The mood was upbeat as many people remembered Pete's friendship and faith.

As the service was ending, I was struck again by a prayer from the burial service that asks our Savior to "acknowledge a sheep of your own fold, a lamb of your own flock, a sinner of your own redeeming" (BCP 499).

It was a powerful reminder for me of my Christian identity. I am one of the sheep of Christ's flock. When I get into trouble, I am one of the lambs that Christ leaves the ninety-and-nine to search for. And that means I am part of a larger community that Christ tends and cares for. God loves me with the kind of tenacity that will not let me go even when I stray. Christ's care is constant even when I am completely oblivious to it.

I love the metaphor of Christ as Good Shepherd.

But then the prayer calls me to go deeper: I am also "a sinner of your own redeeming." I am a sinner saved by Christ. Sometimes I don't feel like a cute little lamb gone astray. I am in misery over my own sin. I am anguished by the corporate sin I acquiesce to every day. I despair that I repeat the same failings over and over. Yet this prayer reminds me I am released from the grief and guilt. Christ's life, death and resurrection teach me and heal me. That's my current definition of "redemption".

You don't have to go to a funeral to know Christ's redeeming love. The end of the funeral prayer is very appropriate for those of us living out our lives here and now: "Receive (me) into the arms of your mercy, into the blessed rest of everlasting peace, and into the glorious company of the saints in light."

It seems to me we live simultaneously as lambs and sinners in the Kingdom of God that is present to us right now.

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Think Sparkles First ... !

Wow! Only 4 months until the beginning of Advent and Saint Mary's Sparkles activities!

The Sparkles Boutique and Fair are on **Saturday, December 1**, but there are many things to do before then. The following dates are important, so please mark your calendars:

September 6 is the first organization meeting for Sparkles this year! It will be at **5:30pm in the Guild Room**. If you have helped with Sparkles before,

welcome back! If you have not helped before, but are interested in joining this fun group, please come to this meeting! We have many roles to fill, and we welcome your ideas, your suggestions, and your help – for as much or as little time as you have to give!



September 9 is the Welcome Back church picnic, and there will be a table with information about Sparkles. Please stop at the table, pick up a Newsletter, and get more information. We will also have gift boxes ready to take home and fill.

October 7 is our first Saturday Drop-Off day for items you are donating to the Boutique. Of course, we accept donations year-round, but we continue the fall drop off days for your convenience. We would love to have donations of gently used household items, family treasures, holiday decorations, silver, linens, and china for sale in the Boutique. If you are a knitter, crocheter, sewist, quilter or other crafter, we would love to have your handmade items. If you are sorting and simplifying, your stash of yarn, cloth, notions, and accessories is also welcome. We would also love to have your jewelry (fine or costume) and other fashion accessories, such as scarves, purses, belts, etc. And, we continue to request small plants or cuttings, especially ivies of all types and succulents, as well as items such as teacups, teapots, etc. that could be used as planters. Finally, don't forget our youngest members. We need toys, children's books, puzzles, games, and kids' sports equipment. A tax donation receipt will be provided for all donations.

October 13 is our second Sparkles Spirits: Spend a wonderful evening with family and friends tasting yummy appetizers, and sipping wine. Even better, all of these appetizers are available for order. You will pick up your order (frozen and ready to bake and serve) on November 18th (during coffee hour) just in time for Thanksgiving or Christmas (or whenever). You're ready for guests or for a treat for yourself.

If you are an **artist or artisan**, we will have 2-3 tables to display and sell your work. Please call Jan Mordarski (899-4099) for more information.

Be sure to "like" us on Facebook to keep up with what is new. SparklesSt.MarysFalmouth

We hope you will join in the fun!

Jana Burke and Kathy Galen, Sparkles Co-Chairs

Thank you for keeping your pledges current!

Saint Mary's Operating Finances as of June 30, 2018 (- 2,447)



INCOME

General Plate & Pledge Support	170,218
Use of Parish House & Sanctuary	9,648
Fundraisers	745
Miscellaneous Gifts & Revenue	30,232
Dedicated Gifts	5,386
\$ 216,229	

EXPENSE

Diocesan Assessment	27,687
Personnel (includes, taxes, benefits, & pensions)	111,500
Maintenance, Capital	20,723
Operating (utilities, insurance, taxes, supplies)	43,192
Program	17,954
Countless volunteer donated hours	0
\$ 221,056	

Christian Formation - RAY Beams - August 2018



Back by Popular Demand

This September Guiding RAY will return to the *Workshop Rotation* model of teaching, and we are all extremely excited for this program of Christian Formation. In a rotational learning setting, the same Bible story or theme is taught for several weeks. Each week, kids rotate to a different station. The story remains the same, but children encounter it in a different way in each station. They will be learning major Bible stories and concepts through kid-friendly, multimedia workshops: an art workshop, drama, music, games,

storytelling, and other educational media. Our overall theme for the year will be "God's Covenants".

We will continue to supplement the program with regular opportunities throughout the year to see and experience God through music, stewardship of the earth, and through Outreach /service opportunities. With our new fall schedule, Guiding RAY will be "open" at 9:30 for social time with games and activities, special outreach program presentations, and a special family chapel with Fr. Nathan once a month. If you have an idea for an activity during this time, please let us know!

Teaching children about worship and helping them feel comfortable in our community is not something left to parents alone. Everyone plays an important role in welcoming children and letting them know they belong in our family of faith. And there is nothing like the exuberance of a child. The wonder, the enthusiasm, and the spontaneity of children remind adults of those qualities in God – the mystery, the creative energy, the presence of God here and now in our lives. Please consider volunteering with Guiding RAY this year...we're always happy to welcome new volunteers from a wide range of background and experience – all we ask is that you arrive on Sundays willing to laugh and ready to talk authentically about your faith in Jesus. If you are interested in helping form the faith of our children, please contact Megan Akers at guidingray@smary.org.



Sunday, September 9th: Kick Off Carnival!



Summer Nursery Care

Nursery Care for our youngest parishioners (0-3 years old) continues throughout the summer from 9:15-10:30 thanks to the devoted service of Alison Hayward. In order to abide by Safe Church policy and for the safety of our kids, we need to have *two* adults in the nursery area. We are asking the entire parish family to **consider assisting Alison ONE Sunday this summer**. If you can do so, please contact Alison directly, ajhmcmonagle@gmail.com

Guiding RAY Coordinators

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

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

Alison Hayward, Nursery, ajhmcmonagle@gmail.com, 207-400-4658

Please note: Guiding RAY does not meet in the summer. The first session of Guiding RAY for Fall 2018 will begin on Sept. 9th.

Christian Formation ~ High Schoolers & Middlers



Beginning September 2018, Saint Mary's Middle School Youth Group will meet every second and fourth Sunday from 4:00pm to 6:00pm. Our group is engaging and Christ-centered, focused on imparting the love and knowledge of God. We use games and discussion-based teaching to serve our students. Our prayerful desire is for our students to then take the Good News of the Gospel and introduce it to their communities.

NEW

We welcome all middle school youth, from those who are merely curious about God to those who have a full-fledged desire to follow Him. Watch for special events coming up!



Young Life Club: off for the summer.

In the fall, we'll begin again serving the High School youth in the communities of Portland, Falmouth, Freeport and everything in between.

Visit www.younglifecb.com or call Jordan Droge

Hosting a Safe Summer Party



Set ground rules with your teen when planning the party

Adults should monitor often by refilling snack trays and check-in

Label coolers containing alcohol and locate away from non-alcoholic drinks

Lock up your alcohol, marijuana and prescription medications



August 2017
Tip of the Month

Casco Bay
CREATE AWARENESS OWN
TOGETHER, PREVENTING YOUTH SUBSTANCE USE

A grant funded project sponsored by Cumberland County Government
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Cumberland County



The Episcopal Diocese of Maine and Camp Bishopswood invite you to join us for our first-ever Summer Finale Camp. Everyone is welcome! Come and experience a wonderful, meaningful time in this camp community.

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

SUMMER FINALE WEEK is perfect for:

August 20-26



- ⇒ Families
- ⇒ Single folks
- ⇒ Couples
- ⇒ Retired People
- ⇒ Grandparents and Grandkids
- ⇒ Young Adults
- ⇒ A special youth camp track for kids in grades 6-12
- ⇒ It's camp for everyone!

News, Notes, Kudos, Dates & Reminders

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

Special yummy thanks to Anne LaFond and her Hospitality team for providing the strawberry shortcake for our feast!

Yay!

Thank you to Jim Stoddard and George Barrett for representing Saint Mary's at the zoning board presentation about signage. And thanks to Hugh Smith for his research and filing.

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Thank you to Christie Rana and her family for organizing the fun outdoor games for the last day of Guiding RAY Strawberry Shortcake Feast and celebration. Fun for all!



Enormous gratitude to Anne LaFond for 11 years of chairing the Hospitality Ministry and being responsible for the planning and execution the parish picnics, cook-outs and food gatherings. A huge job that she has done so effortlessly. Thank you, Anne!



Thanks to all the members of the Memorial Reception Guild who donated and served this month--just a few of whom are pictured above! Your loving generosity made the day just a bit gentler for the Howell Family



**Save the Date!
Thursday, October 18
Community Harvest Dinner**

Become a hospice volunteer and make a difference

Next training sessions:
Fridays, Sept 28-Oct. 19, 9am - 1pm
and Thur, Oct 25 from 4:30 - 6:30pm



Beth Simmons, LSW, VNA
Home Health Hospice Vol. Coordinator
50 Foden Road, So Portland 400-8852

Falmouth Congregational Church

(267 Falmouth Road, Falmouth, 781-3413)

invites all to their monthly

Side Door Coffee House

Enjoy a specialty coffee and snack

August 10 is

Open Mic Night & Sing A-long

Bring your neighbors for a relaxed evening out.

All welcome!

Refreshments. Free, but donations accepted.

Please pray for our Bishop search process!

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





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


Happy August Birthdays to:

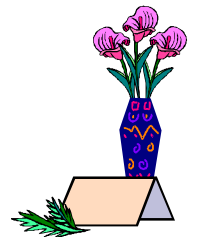


1	Alex Thomas	9	Erin Lindberg	20	Lucy Ellis
2	Ayden Henson	10	Nathan Ferrell	20	Walter Graeme
2	Bryce Henson	10	Juliette Teng	21	Babs Bell
2	Straughan Orestis	11	Hope Clark	22	Rob Wood
2	Roland Peixotto	11	Lily Clark	23	Margo Hesson
2	Scott Searway	11	Alexandra Galbraith	24	Dan Hourihan
2	Caroline Swaney	12	Pat Rogers	24	Blake Wilkes
3	Morgan Doehne	13	Aleece Herlihy	25	Marlena Fulton
4	Blake Lindberg	13	Kyle Lamberson	26	Linda Eaton
5	Kitty Peixotto	13	Andrew Marcelynas	26	Kevin Lamberson
6	Quinton Hastings	13	Nicole Mokeme	26	Becky Pride
6	Caroline Wilkes	13	Harrison Rana	28	Ellie Holt
7	Sé Ferrell	13	Olivia Vigue	28	Miles Isacke
8	George Brown	15	Chris Connors	28	Mary Smith
8	Kathy Galen	16	Henry Musacchio	29	Tacie Dougan
8	Eli Gratz	17	Elliott Billings	29	Faye Frongillo
9	Calia Browne	18	Davis Gall	31	Grace Buckspan
9	Anne Hilliard	19	Doug Gauvreau	31	Melissa Cott
		19	Harrison Rhoades		

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

HAPPY AUGUST ANNIVERSARY WISHES TO:

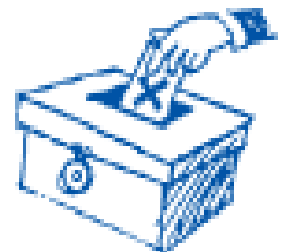
	2	Susan & Bryan Dench	15	Diane & Jeff Campbell
	3	Connie & Mark Stimson	18	Kim & Ron Vincent
	5	Kitty & Brad Babson	20	Becky & Doug Pride
	5	Angie & Charlie Hesson	21	Shelly & John Maher



Nominations Coming in September

During the month of September, the Vestry Nominating Committee will be seeking nominations for 2019 including: four Vestry members, Senior and Junior Wardens, Treasurer, and Diocesan Convention delegates. Nominees will be presented in November/December 2018 for vote at the Annual Meeting in January 2019. Please be thinking about potential nominees for all of these important positions. More to follow in the September AVE.

Rick



For the Nominating Committee: Rick Hirschman, chair; John Fallon, Julie Otte & Tim Record
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The Episcopal Church of Saint Mary

Worship Leader Schedule: August - September 2018

	8am Ushers	8am EM/Lectors	9:30am Ushers	9:30am Lector	9:30am Euch Minister	Altar Guild	Altar Flowers	Flower Delivery	Coffee Hour Host
5-Aug 11 Pent	Jim P Dave F	Becky Pride	Ron F Mark B	Jennifer Gregg	David Robinson Terry Brown	Portia Mary L	Maura	Ruth Kimball	OPEN
12-Aug 12 Pent	Baer C Al A	Mary Ann M	Chuck H Ryan S	Marian McCue	Jim Stoddard Nadine Timberlake	Mary S Betsy E	Jana & Nece	The Stoddards	OPEN
N+ returns 8/14	Dave F.								
19-Aug 13 Pent, SMV	Charlie H Jim K	Greg Unfricht	Tom L Jack H	Erin Ferrell	Andrea M-H David Robinson	Betsy E Barbara & Tricia	Onnie	The Hortons	OPEN
26-Aug 14 Pent	Rayle A Ed A	Len Taylor	Mark B Ron F	Terry Brown	Terry Brown Maggie G	Katie Maggie & Portia	Helga	Ruth Kimball	OPEN
2-Sep 15 Pent	Len T Jim P	Lad Taylor	Aaron S Chuck H	Dawn Y	Nadine Timberlake Andrea M-H	Mary L Kathy G	Onnie	The Stoddards	OPEN
Kickoff Sun	8am Ushers	8am EM/Lectors	10:15am Ushers	10:15am Lector	10:15am Euch Minister	10:15am Acolytes	Altar Guild	Altar Flowers	Coffee Hour Host
9-Sep 16 Pent	Dave F Al A	Becky Pride	Mark B Ron F	Linda Eaton	Stan Eaton Maggie G	tbd tbd	Katie P Janet B	Valerie The Hortons	Cookout
Sept 16 9:30am - All-Parish meeting to vote on our Delegates for the February 9 Bishop's Electing Convention									
16-Sep 17 Pent	Baer C Charlie H	Al Ahlers	Ryan S Aaron S	David Robinson	Jim S Andrea M-H	tbd tbd	Mary S Maggie & Portia	Jana B Ruth Kimball	OPEN
23-Sep 18 Pent	Rayle A Ed A.	Mary Ann M	Jack H Tom L	Nadine T	Nadine Terry Brown	tbd tbd	Betsy E Barbara M	The Stoddards	OPEN
30-Sep 19 Pent	Marathon Sunday y evening Messy Church						Jana B Kathy G	Marathon Sunday	

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



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
7/29 10th Sunday after Pentecost <i>The Rev. Tom White presiding</i> 8am Contemplative Eucharist 9:30am Choral Eucharist	7/30 12 Noonday Prayer	7/31 7am - 9am BNI in Aud. 8:30-11 AM at St. Elizabeth's 9:30 Art Group in Aud 12- Noonday Prayer 1pm- Staff meeting 7pm AA in Auditorium 7:30 A/Anon (6:30 beginners)	8/1 9:30-12pm Mainely Weavers 9-12h GC IC Workshop 12 Playwhere you are 13 6:15- ORI in auditor	8/2 12 Noonday Prayer	8/3 Office Closed 12 Playwhere you are 5pm Wedding rehearsal 5:30pm Alanon	8/4 5pm Carney Wedding
5 11th Sunday after Pentecost <i>The Rev. Tom White presiding</i> 8am Contemplative Eucharist 9:30am Choral Eucharist	6 <i>Transfiguration</i> 9am - Budget & Finance 10am - Garden Club in GR 12 Noonday Prayer	7 7:30-9am BNI 9:30-12:30 Art Group 10 - GC Board 10:30a Wisdom Seekers 12 Noonday Prayer 1pm Staff meeting 7pm AA in Auditorium 7:30 A/Anon (6:30 beginners)	8 12 Noonday Prayer	9 12 Noonday Prayer	10 Office Closed 12 Playwhere you are 5-7pm Souper 5:30pm Alanon 7pm Classic Cinema	11
12 12th Sunday after Pentecost <i>Pastor Sara D'Angio White, presiding</i> 8am Contemplative Eucharist 9:30am Choral Eucharist	13 12 Noonday Prayer	14 7:30-9am BNI 9:30-12:30 Art Group 10:30a Wisdom Seekers 12 Noonday Prayer 1pm Staff meeting 7pm AA in Auditorium 7:30 A/Anon (6:30 beginners) <i>Fr. Nathan back to work</i>	15 12 Noonday Prayer 1-3 C. Lechter rehearsal	16 12 Noonday Prayer	17 Office Closed 12 Playwhere you are 5:30pm Alanon	18 4:30-8pm 
19 Feast of Saint Mary the Virgin <i>Fr. Nathan back in the pulpit</i> 8am Contemplative Eucharist 9:30am Choral Eucharist	20 12 Noonday Prayer Sept AVE deadline	21 7:30-9am BNI 9:30-12 Art Group 10:30a Wisdom Seekers 12 Noonday Prayer 12pm Staff meeting++ 7pm AA in Auditorium 7:30 A/Anon (6:30 beginners)	22 12 Noonday Prayer 6pm Vestry meeting	23 12 Noonday Prayer 6:15 Dowisers in GR	24 St. Bartholomew Office Closed 12 Playwhere you are 5-7pm Souper 5:30pm Alanon	25
26 14th Sunday after Pentecost 8am Contemplative Eucharist 9:30am Choral Eucharist & Baptism	27 12 Noonday Prayer	28 7am - 9am BNI in Aud. 9:30 Art Group in Aud 10:30am - Wisdom Seekers 12 - Noonday Prayer 1pm- Staff meeting 7pm AA in Auditorium 7:30 A/Anon (6:30 beginners)	29 12 Noonday Prayer	30 12 Noonday Prayer	31	9/1  HAPPY LABOR DAY WEEKEND



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SUNDAY Hours

8:00am - Contemplative Eucharist
9:30am - Choral Eucharist

MONDAY - THURSDAY

Noon Day Prayer in the Chapel
and wherever you find yourself



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