



## From the Rector: The Journey of Discovery



In August of 1805, the Corps of Discovery Expedition reached the Continental Divide between present-day Montana and Idaho. Lewis and Clark expected to find a river that they could easily paddle down to the Pacific Ocean. Instead, they discovered the unrelenting ridges of the rugged Rocky Mountains. It quickly became obvious that their initial goal was impossible: that is, to find a direct water route across the continent. They had to adapt, and do it quickly. Thankfully, they had the necessary source of knowledge in their midst: Sacagawea. A young nursing mother, an American Indian, who was herself kidnapped as a child, she became the key to their survival. Just as Peter and the apostles learned about the

Resurrection from Mary Magdalene, Lewis and Clark were required to learn from Sacagawea. This required humble-mindedness and an openness to learn in every situation.

Lewis and Clark decided that the process of discovery was more important than the goal of finding an easy water route to the Pacific. In his book called "Canoeing the Mountains: Christian Leadership in Uncharted Territory," author Tod Bolsinger uses this story to help churches and church leaders think about adapting in a changing context in order to discover what is truly important. Trying harder was not going to help Lewis and Clark at all. They had to learn entirely new skills if they were going to cross the Rockies. And they had to learn these skills from people who were not successful by social standards.

The Church here in Maine faces a changing that is going to require a new set of skills. For us to continue to grow and to reach new people with the Good News of God in Christ, it is not going to help if we just try harder. Like Lewis and Clark, we must be humble-minded enough to learn from others, whoever they might be. After all, disciples are committed learners who expect to continually learn from the Master. I believe that our Bishop-elect Thomas Brown understands this position of humble learning and is ready to practice it with us all – continuing the adaptive leadership of Bishop Lane. We will need to learn together if we are going to continue as part of the Body of Christ here in Maine.

Without a doubt, the future will be challenging for us here at Saint Mary's and in the Diocese of Maine. But we approach it with unshakeable hope in the Risen One who goes before us and leads us forward. Let us continue to learn from Christ, to respond to the movement of the Holy Spirit, and to be bold in inviting our friends and neighbors to experience life with God. I look forward to continuing on this journey of discovery along with all of you.

*Nathan W. Ferrell +*

### The Burying of old Bibles: June 2, 9:30 am

Do you have an old Bible or Prayer Book that is damaged, worn out, or no longer useable? Bring it to Saint Mary's, and we will bury it and return it to the earth with a respectable burial in an inconspicuous part of our grounds. All are welcome to join Nathan+ for this special event after Coffee Hour, and he especially needs help from our parish children!

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## From the Deacon's Corner

### *Alleluia! Christ is risen!*

It feels so good to be able to say "Alleluia" again after the long season of Lent and to say it with energy and joy. I love words and learning their roots. *Alleluia* comes from a Hebrew word that means "praise to Jehovah" and has been used in Jewish worship for centuries just as we use it today. The Church has a distinctive language of its own, and it can feel like a jargon for insiders when we come to the Episcopal Church from another tradition or from no, "gradual hymn," and "creed" are familiar to most of us but may not be to a visitor or seeker who joins us on Sunday. Some of us who have been around for a while may not understand all the church terms we use and may not want to admit it!

Kathleen Norris has written a wonderful book called **Amazing Grace: A Vocabulary of Faith**. In her book she picks out some of the words we hear and use in church and writes her own definition and understanding of each word. Starting on Sunday, May 5, during the 9:30 to 10:00 AM adult formation time, we will take one word at a time and talk together about what that particular word means in general and to each of us individually. Copies of the word for the week and the author's commentary will be available on the table outside the Guild room if you wish to look it over ahead of time. All are welcome for any or all sessions. I look forward to our conversation.

Deacon Christine



**THE NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER | MAY 2, 2019**

**6:30 PM at The Episcopal Church of Saint Mary (43 Foreside Rd, Falmouth)**

★ PRAY FOR AMERICA ★

**LOVE ONE ANOTHER**

LOVE ONE ANOTHER. JUST AS I HAVE LOVED YOU JOHN 13:34

***People of All Faiths Praying Together***



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## Vestry Highlights from the Wardens

by Janet Bowne

The Vestry met on April 10th and was treated to a teaching moment by Megan Akers, Director of the Guiding RAY program. Megan shared how the year has gone as well as where she needs help. We have over 70 children enrolled. Not all attend weekly, but her weekly attendance is approximately 30-35 children. The Middle School program has begun under the leadership of Michelle and Will Chappell. The Middlers meet twice a month in the youth room. All children in grades 5-8 are welcome to join the Middlers.

The Guiding RAY formation time between 9:30 – 10 AM is a special time when guilds, committees, and parishioners share how they live their love of Christ with the kids. The Kneeler Guild, Sparkles, Saint Mary's Veterans, and Mission Morning folks are just a few of the groups that have so far presented to the children.

In addition to sharing an update about the program, Megan shared a typical agenda for the Guiding Ray time and a lesson she used on April 7th with the students. The lesson explained the reason Christ served his disciples at the Last Supper, washing their feet. The children then made an Epson salt foot wash to take home and wash one of their family member's feet. She also outlined the plan for Palm Sunday, which included a number of rotations and a supper similar to what Christ and the Disciples would have shared.

Megan explained the biggest challenges she has as the Director. She needs leaders. As the Director, she provides the curriculum and gathers the supplies needed for projects. The leaders need to read the lesson and be prepared to teach it. Leaders need only commit to a 3-week rotation but are welcome to commit to more. We also need support in the nursery. We have several new young families with babies, toddler and preschool children and open the nursery at 9 am so parents can participate fully in the formation program. We need to staff with at least two people who have completed Safe Church training. Anyone interested in working with Megan should contact her directly at [GuidingRAY@smary.org](mailto:GuidingRAY@smary.org).

It's early in the year, but we are running close to budget. We discussed the Moving Forward question responses from the parish survey completed in January. The responses were thought-provoking and reflected the passion that our parish-



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

ioners have for Saint Mary's potential. One thread that we discerned is staffing both with our paid staff and our volunteer base. We also discussed clergy development and the larger church.

We discussed the time change made at the start of the program year. We moved the start of the second service from 10 to 10:15. Generally speaking, parishioners seem to like the time and many have been able to attend the formation options. We suggested that more internal marketing might help boost attendance to the formation programs. Common Ground, our Thursday program, has a following. It's too soon to know what the future holds for Common Ground next year.

We discussed the need to be sure our volunteer committees and guilds are staffed properly. Three vestry members, Jan Mordarski, Matt Fulton and Darren Clark, have formed an ad hoc committee to examine the needs and how to fill these positions.

Father Nathan has led an initiative to celebrate the National Day of Prayer on Thursday, May 2. He's assembled clergy from Falmouth including all of the churches as well as a newly formed synagogue and a practicing Buddhist leader.

Thanks to the Vestry for its service.

## First Communion Camp and Celebration: May 4 and 5

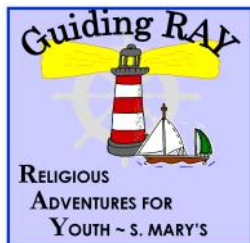
This experience is open to all our young people (including those who have already been receiving Communion), but it is specifically designed for third grade and up. On Saturday, there will be a one-day camp in the Parish House with Father Nathan from 9 AM - 3 PM. The camp will include bread-making, candle-making, writing prayers, and a time for the children to experience Reconciliation, as well as time for lunch and some fun! When the parents pick them up, we will discuss what we learned in the camp and go over all the details for the next day.

On Sunday morning, May 5 at our 10:15 AM Eucharist, our First Communicants will be "the stars of the show" as they carry their candles into the church, lead us in singing a song, and be the first ones on this day to receive Communion, using the bread that they made the previous day!

Remember: this is not required to receive Communion; it is offered as a special learning opportunity and memorable celebration. If you or someone you know would like to participate, reach out to Megan Akers in Guiding RAY to be added to the list.



# Christian Formation - RAY Beams - May 2019



During our journey through Lent, we focused on prayer and learned that we too can pray the way Jesus taught the Disciples. We created finger-tracing crosses of the Lord's prayer and special prayer stones to help remind us how God likes us to pray.

On Palm Sunday we experienced Holy Week through a number of interactive prayer stations. Jesus's entry into Jerusalem, The Last Supper and washing of feet, Gethsemane, crucifixion, tomb and the Resurrection were all reviewed.

We created Holy Week treasure hunt bottles to help us retell and remember the importance of Jesus's sacrifice for us. And the kids were thrilled to share palm crosses and new life seeded butterflies with people during coffee hour.



A few of the Garden prayer stones that the kids created. Thanks to Jim Kane for helping us mix the cement!



A special thank you to Patty Sarchi and Jeff for sharing their story with us during our 9:30 - 10:00 formation time.



## Here is what is coming up for May in Guiding RAY Rotation # 9 - Baptismal Covenant

We journey through the Great Fifty Days with a new rotation on the Baptismal Covenant. Baptism is a sign of a new life with God and during this rotation we will explore the elements of the rite of Baptism in our Episcopal tradition. We will learn about the symbols of Baptism and review our promise to God and wonder about the experience of being known to God by name.

**May 5** Baptismal Covenant

**May 19**

Rotation #10 - The First Christians:  
Secret Signs and Symbols

**May 12** Baptismal Covenant  
**First Communion**

**May 26**

The First Christians: Secret Signs and  
Symbols

**We need leaders...** Sharing God's love with children requires no special knowledge or experience, just a willingness to support our children on their faith journey. Guiding RAY needs church members who are looking to make a difference in the lives of our children, someone who has a desire to encourage our youth, have fun and teach them the word of God. Please contact Megan Akers, [guidingray@smmary.org](mailto:guidingray@smmary.org), if you are interested in sharing your love of God with our children. It is an awesome and rewarding experience, and the benefits are eternal!

### Guiding RAY Coordinators

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# Learning and Growing together



Common Ground is our secondary meeting time each week when our parish family has the opportunity to come together to share a meal, to do ministry together, and to discuss things that are important to our life. This is a flexible time and people are welcome to come and leave as necessary. It is a time to reconnect during the week in an informal setting. 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 for Thursday Common Ground is:

**5 - 7PM** Potluck dinner. Take a break from cooking a whole meal. Bring a piece or just eat what we have. If you can't eat this early, come and enjoy fellowship and discussion. Open to everyone!! The food is available throughout the two hours, so come whenever you can.

**5:45PM** The presentation of topical issues and discussion will begin. We will end around 6:45 to clean up.

**May 2: National Day of Prayer at 6:30 pm** (see page 2). Bring a dessert to share afterward with all of our guests from the community!

**May 9: College Planning** - tips and advice - *FMI, see below*

**May 16: David Masengesho** shares his life to the present time—if you missed part 1, be sure to join us for this conclusion to his story.

**May 23: Streams of Living Water: The Six Christian Traditions**—learn from Nathan+ about how the Holy Spirit has inspired different parts of the Church

**May 30: Casco Bay CAN Table Talks for Parents** - *FMI see page 10*

**Questions? Ideas for future topics? Contact Janet Bowne ([janetbowne@maine.rr.com](mailto:janetbowne@maine.rr.com))**

## College Planning Landscape: A discussion for parents of younger children

Join us for an informative Common Ground on Thursday, May 9<sup>th</sup> for an informal and candid discussion about planning for college in 2019 and beyond. Specifically designed to help parents of older elementary and middle school students, this program is open to all who want a better understanding of how college planning and guidance has changed in the last decade.

Led by Katherine Thomas, and Steve, parents will have an opportunity to ask questions, dispel myths and get an understanding of what the process is today.

**Katherine Thomas** has spent her entire career in the field of College Counseling. She has been the Director of College Counseling for the past 13 years, and prior to that was the Director of College Counseling at Foxcroft School (an all-girls boarding school) in Middleburg, Virginia. Before taking on the director position at Foxcroft, she worked as a College Counselor at Woodberry Forest School (all boys boarding) north of Charlottesville, VA.

**Steve Thomas** has spent his entire career in the field of education. He taught and coached at schools in Connecticut and California and then served as the Director of Admission at Moses Brown School in Providence before taking his first college admissions job at Bates. After Bates, Steve served as the Director of Admission and Student Services at College of the Atlantic, and was then the Director of Admissions at Colby College for 15 years. Steve now works part-time in the college counseling office at NYA and also serves as the Director of International Admission for Rhodes College in Memphis, TN.



# Learning and Growing together

## Sunday FORMATION:

To build in time for Formation for all, we've implemented a slight shift in our Sunday morning schedule in order to better accomplish **our mission of "building authentic, vibrant, Christ-centered community" where we celebrate, honor and serve together.**

**The overall Sunday schedule for the program year looks like this:**

**8:00AM: Contemplative Eucharist (Rite 1 or Rite 2)**

**9:30 AM: Formation for all ages (Guiding RAY and choir rehearsal for youth)**

**10:15 AM: Choral Eucharist**

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.

## FORMATION



### **Beginning May 5, the Sunday morning Adult Formation offerings will be:**

**Amazing Grace: The Vocabulary of Faith** – meeting each Sunday in the Guild Room. Led by Deacon Christine. Join the conversation about the words we use to talk about God and faith.

**Be Still and Know: Guided Meditations** – meeting each Sunday in the Chapel. Led by Becky Pride, Merle Marie Troeger and Jennifer Gregg. Gather in that beautiful space to pray and explore our connection with God.

Both are open for anyone to drop in and participate on any given Sunday.

## Who was that?

*from Merle Marie Troeger*

Mary Magdalene thought he was a gardener. A couple of disciples walking to Emmaus thought he was an oblivious stranger. The disciples trawling Lake Tiberias with Peter thought he was a fishing expert. It took them all some time before they realized they were in the company of the resurrected Jesus. After all, Mary Magdalene was grief stricken. She was weeping outside the tomb and couldn't imagine anything beyond her grief. All she wanted was to locate the body of her Teacher. Her anguish blinded her until Jesus spoke her name.

Those two disciples were hurrying out of Jerusalem toward Emmaus, perhaps in fear for their own lives, certainly full of cruel disappointment that Jesus had not been the Messiah they were counting on. Their disillusionment blinded them until Jesus broke the bread at dinner and blessed it. Peter and his companions had given up and gone back to their old routines. Long ago, they had put their nets down immediately when Jesus tapped them. There was nothing to do now, though, but go back to sea, useless as that seemed. They couldn't see past their drudgery until their nets overflowed with fish.

We shouldn't be too hard on those biblical witnesses. We have the same trouble. We are sometimes blinded by grief and can't lift our heads. We are sometimes bitterly disappointed and stay in our "if only" despair. We sometimes think we're completely on our own and forget to look around. The reactions of all these biblical characters are very natural, and I find them reassuring. We are in good company. There is something more here too. It was at the lowest moments of their sorrow, disenchantment and hopelessness that the resurrected Jesus appeared. Our Easter celebrations tend to obscure this fact. We are singing our alleluias, but the people who bring us the story are grief-stricken, confused, worried, scared, angry or disillusioned. Jesus appears to them as they experience all those emotions and more. The gospel seems to be telling me that, as awful as those moments are, Jesus is nearby. It's hard to look up. It's hard to look around. Yet, when we do, we may see a glimpse of resurrection.



# Outreach Ministry - All Ages Serving Near and Far

## In Her Presence

by Becky Pride

A number of Saint Mary's volunteers have the joy and pleasure of working with twenty of Portland's young immigrant mothers almost every Saturday morning during the school year. As part of the volunteer staff of the non-profit *In Her Presence*, we are enjoying another successful year teaching these wonderful women English and other relevant topics at the Portland Public Library. Our main focus is teaching English conversational skills so that our women can navigate life in Maine more successfully and comfortably. Of course, equally important to us is the bond we have built with these women, the assurance and delight that comes with the knowledge that they are welcomed and nurtured by other children of the same God.

The women we serve come from DRC Congo, Gabon, Burundi, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, and Angola, but any given Saturday that could change. Some of the women have been here one week, one month, a year or 18 months.

A sampling of our lessons have included: giving and following directions; viewing art in a gallery and responding to what a favorite piece evokes from us; identifying English names of fruits and vegetables; learning more sophisticated grammar, definitions, and spelling; listening to dictation and writing down what is heard. The women have great interest in the presidential campaign trail, climate change, geography.



A few weeks ago, our two resident artists, Judith Brooks and Kate Gerwig, taught a fabulous lesson on collaging. The women created beautiful artwork of their own. [See photos.]

The women are also benefitting from a United Way Family Literacy Grant offered by Portland Public Library personnel and from monthly lessons offered by nurses on women's health.

Judith Brooks, Katie Porter, Molly Felton, Merle Marie Troeger, Caroline Knott, Pixie Kubeck, Kate Gerwig, Susan Schraft, Anne LaFond and Becky Pride form the team. If you are interested in joining us or simply coming to see how a class works, please call/text Anne or Becky.



## Good Friday Habitat for Humanity Walk/Run

Many thanks to all who walked, ran and sponsored participants for the 2019 ecumenical Cumberland Good Friday walk for habitat for humanity of greater Portland! It was a great success with some 80 participants and anticipated net income of over \$12,000...though we are still counting! Save the date for next year!

## Outreach Ministry - All Ages Serving Near and Far

### Spring **MULTICULTURAL FAIR** at Saint Mary's **Sunday, May 5, 3-6pm**

#### **Welcome New Mainers' Multicultural Fair at Saint Mary's!**

Last November's Fair was so well received, that many requested S. Mary's host another one in the spring. Almost all vendors from last November are returning, and we have new ones eager to share their skills.

Many New Mainers are artisans and chefs, with artistic and culinary skills they've brought over from their native countries. Some have established businesses and others are just getting started and need exposure. S. Mary's will not be charging for table space and all vendors keep 100% of their sales. It is a special opportunity for New Mainer entrepreneurs to promote and sell their products, services, and to introduce us to their culture.



*There will be jewelry, clothing, baskets, and delicious ethnic foods,  
from Italian desserts and pasta, to Argentinian empanadas,  
Syrian cuisine, Japanese miso and more!!*

**It is a festive ethnic event, and a great opportunity to do some unique shopping for family and friends! We hope to see you on May 5<sup>th</sup> from 3-6pm**

For more information, please contact Anne LaFond [akblafond@gmail.com](mailto:akblafond@gmail.com)



## Responding to Maine's Opioid Crisis

*Education, Compassion and Community*

The Maine addiction crisis affects us all, directly or indirectly. To respond effectively, we are all called upon, in community, to become well-educated about this subject and approach the challenge from a place of compassion.

**Save the date: Sunday, June 9, 4-6 PM**  
**“Overcoming Obstacles to Recovery: Jobs, Housing, Transportation”**

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## Outreach Ministry - All Ages Serving Near and

# Community Souper Supper

## May 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!**

**Medium to robust coffees: Casco Bay, Black & Tan and Rebel Blend**

"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!

## Helping Hands at Home – Are You “In?”

Our experience with Mission Morning has revealed a need within Saint Mary's to provide household assistance to some of our parishioners that would enable them to stay in their own homes. Specifically, do we have a handful of men and women who would be willing to donate a few hours for housekeeping and “honey-do” chores/projects each month? The thought is to gather as a group once a month for about 2 hours to provide this assistance to a designated parishioner in need—though we are open to alternative organizational options!

Are you interested in lending 2 hours a month—or less, if many people respond—to help a fellow parishioner who is not in the position to hire this type of assistance? If so, please contact Jennifer Gregg, [jenniferanngregg@gmail.com](mailto:jenniferanngregg@gmail.com), 781-2665, or indicate your interest in principle on the sign-up sheet outside the Guild Room.



## Casco Bay CAN Table Talks: Thursday, May 30, 5-7pm

### Table Talks

Parents Connecting For Substance-Free Youth

An opportunity for parents and other adults to talk openly and learn how to speak with their teens about underage drinking and illegal substance use.

"I am so glad I attended. I realized other parents were all wondering about the same things. It feels good knowing that we can support each other. I learned great tips for starting to talk about this with my son."

—Parent of a local 10th-grade student

### WHAT TO EXPECT AT TABLE TALKS

- ♦ Learn new information about substance use trends and prevention
- ♦ Get resources and practical tips to use at home and share with other parents
- ♦ Learn how to look for signs of youth substance use
- ♦ Connect with other parents
- ♦ Learn how to support youth in making positive choices

**Casco Bay CAN: CREATE AWARENESS NOW**

Together preventing youth substance abuse [www.cascobaycan.org](http://www.cascobaycan.org)



## Godspeed Team Participating in 2019 Trek Across Maine

Following a fun and successful inaugural year in the 2018 Trek Across Maine, Team Godspeed is back for the 2019 Trek—scheduled for June 14-16. The S. Mary's parishioner comprised 2018 Godspeed Team raised \$8,200 – all of which directly supports the mission of the American Lung Association.

2019 marks the 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Trek Across Maine, which has raised more than \$30 million in support of the American Lung Association. The big news for 2019 is a brand new Trek course. After crossing the State of Maine from Newry to the Coast for the past three decades, this year's Trek will make a 180-mile loop starting and finishing at Brunswick Landing, on the site of the former Naval Air Base.

Returning 2018 Godspeed team participants include Bruce Fithian, Charlie Hurdman, David Duchin, and Nathan Ferrell. Newcomers joining the 2019 Godspeed pedalers include Erin Ferrell, Jim Kane and Kyla Duchin.

**How to Support Godspeed, and the American Lung Association:** Supporting Godspeed, and The American Lung Association is easy.

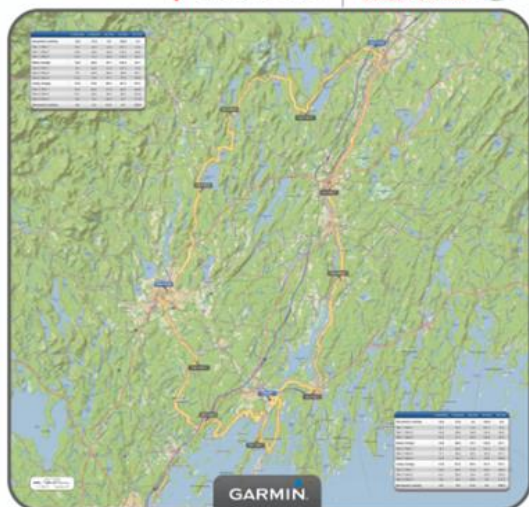
**Option #1:** Visit <http://action.lung.org/goto/TeamGodspeed> and click on “Donate.” From there you will have the option to either make a team level donation, or choose to contribute directly to one of the team members (by clicking on the link to any given team member's individual profile page).

**Option #2:** For anyone who may prefer to write a check rather than making an online donation, there will be a supply of paper Pledge Sheets available during Sunday morning coffee hours between now and the Trek (all checks must be made out to “The American Lung Association”).

Our 2019 Godspeed pedalers and the American Lung Association will greatly appreciate and benefit from whatever moral and financial support S. Mary's parishioners can provide! Please contact Charlie Hurdman with any questions. [crhurdman@maine.rr.com](mailto:crhurdman@maine.rr.com)



2018 Godspeed Team Members: Charlie Hurdman, Bruce Fithian, Nathan Ferrell, John Henson, David Duchin & Greg Fergin



## Giant Yard Sale

**When:** Saturday, May 18th, 9-12

**Where:** Greely High School, Maine Street, Cumberland

**TO BENEFIT:** Safe Passage and YOU! [Suggested that each person donate 50% of what you make to Safe Passage; 50% you keep if you wish.] Buy a table for \$10, sort, price and sell your own stuff, carry in, carry out what's left.

**REGISTER** for a table at: [https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/14tyWL0F79F\\_MI2ubo5VTBaLTR3SIABenQRbLp6io62k/edit#gid=0](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/14tyWL0F79F_MI2ubo5VTBaLTR3SIABenQRbLp6io62k/edit#gid=0)

Any questions, call/text Becky Pride, 697-4020



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# SAVE THE DATE: SATURDAY, AUGUST 10TH

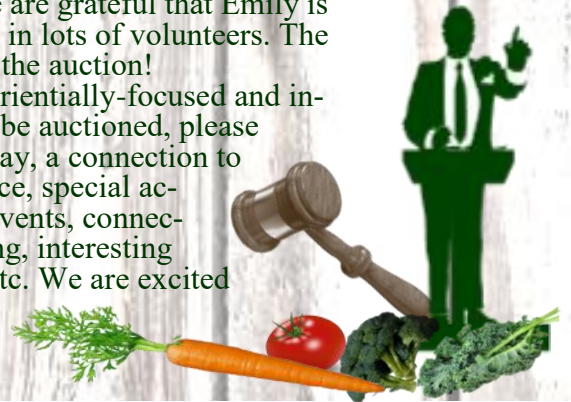
## SUMMER DINNER AND AUCTION

On Saturday August 10th, we'll gather to celebrate summer, eat a delicious meal and enjoy a spirited auction with both live and silent auction items! While the menu is not yet final, you can count on it being delicious.

Parishioner Emily Rodgers is chairing this year's auction. Emily, her husband Ben and adorable son, Neils joined our parish a couple of years ago and we are grateful that Emily is taking on the auction. No doubt her creativity and energy will pull in lots of volunteers. The result will be a fantastic list of fabulous experiences and items for the auction!

We'd really like to try to make this auction a bit more experientially-focused and involve the greater community. In lieu of just purchasing an item to be auctioned, please consider a way to donate your favorite Maine experience or getaway, a connection to someone who could donate an amazing one-time or monthly service, special access you might have to a unique opportunity, tickets or passes to events, connections to local chefs or brewers who would donate a dinner or tasting, interesting hobbies or skills you or someone you know might have to share, etc. We are excited to see what creative experiences the church body can provide!

With ideas, question or donation, contact Emily at [Emilymay-rodgers@gmail.com](mailto:Emilymay-rodgers@gmail.com).



## The Enchanted Island

Friday, May 31, 7:30 p.m. St. Luke's Cathedral, Portland

**Sunday, June 2, 4:00 p.m. Church of Saint Mary, Falmouth**

Tuesday, June 4, 7:30 p.m. Sacred Heart Church, Yarmouth

**The St Mary Schola** presents excerpts from Purcell's masque based on Shakespeare's *The Tempest*, bringing to life the fate of usurping dukes tormented by fiery spirits, the commanding Prospero, the gentle spirit Ariel and the young lovers' trials.

The genius of Monteverdi's mastery of the madrigals will feature sublime five part madrigals, later concerted madrigals and a final the toe tapping *ballo: Tirsi e Clori*.

### Pre concert Lecture:

### "The Tempest" and Dramatick Opera in Purcell's England

**Sunday June 2, 3:00 PM - Auditorium of the Church of Saint Mary, 43 Foreside Road, Falmouth**

Dr. Andrew R. Walkling, Associate Professor of art History, English and Theatre at Binghamton University will present a lecture on the unique genre of the masque in England, including the story of the huge popularity and musical settings of Shakespeare's "The Tempest."

Professor Walkling is the author of two books published by Routledge: *Masque and Opera in England, 1656-1688* and *English Dramatick Opera, 1661-1706*

## The Oratorio Chorale, working with the Maine Jewish Film Festival, Temple Beth El, and the Jewish

Community Alliance of Southern Maine, presents **What Binds Us Together**, a series of events including a multimedia lecture by Oratorio Chorale Director Emily Isaacson on April 23rd; Yom Hashoah - Holocaust Remembrance Day community observance and free film on May 1st; and concerts in Portland and Brunswick by the Oratorio Chorale on May 2nd and 4th. **Please see the attached document for details on these events.**

The Binding of Isaac is one of the most emotionally heart-wrenching stories in both the Hebrew Scriptures (Genesis 22) and the Qur'an (37:99-113). In this story, Abraham, the patriarch of Judaism, Christianity, and Islam, prepares to sacrifice his favorite son to show his devotion to God. "What Binds Us Together" is a series of interfaith, multimedia experiences aimed at creating dialogue among religious communities in southern Maine. The series is made possible with support from the Sam L. Cohen Foundation and the Maine Humanities Council; concert sponsor: Brann & Isaacson.

Tickets for the concerts on May 2nd at Temple Beth El in Portland, and on May 4th at the Unitarian Universalist Church in Brunswick can be purchased through [Brown Paper Tickets](#) (\$20 for adults/\$10 for students plus small handling fee) or at the door on the day of the concert (\$25/\$12.50).

## Register NOW for the Summer 2019 at CAMP BISHOPSWOOD

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

There are mini-sessions for first-time campers, multi-week sessions, and a family weekend.



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There is also a **free Work Weekend (May 3-5)** when anyone can stay and eat at camp by helping prepare it for summer.

Check it out during the **Open House Weekend on May 31-June 2** or go just for the afternoon on Sunday, June 2.

Register your child or yourself now at [www.bishopswood.org](http://www.bishopswood.org). See the website for more information.



## Reconnecting with Creation An Adult Retreat hosted by the Diocese of Maine June 14-16, 2019 at Camp Bishopswood in Hope, Maine

As human beings, we are each part of the divinely created world. In spite of our busy lives, we are connected to nature, to one another, and to Christ. Join us for a weekend on beautiful Lake Megunticook near Camden. The annual diocesan retreat is an opportunity to step away from everyday life and explore these connections through deep conversations, scripture, worship, art, poetry and quiet reflection. Draw closer to God by immersing yourself in the natural beauty of the lake and woods and by joining with others to explore God's love for all of creation. In the words of Psalm 19, "The heavens are telling the glory of God; and the firmament proclaims God's handiwork."

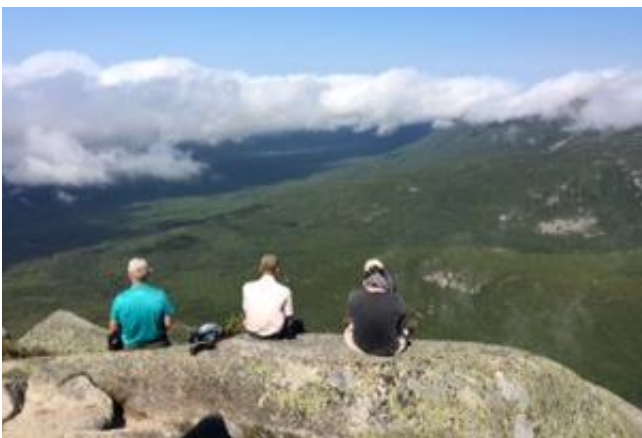
### Heart + Mind + Soul

Camp will open for recreation at 3pm Friday; dinner will be at 6pm; program begins at 7pm. The retreat ends Sunday before lunch.

Retreat costs include 2 nights lodging and meals. For a shared cabin clustered around the bath house: \$95

A few spaces are available in buildings with shared bathrooms: \$125. For those who wish to make their own lodging arrangements: \$65. Scholarships available for Maine Episcopal Sunday school teachers and youth event volunteers. Design Team: Merle Marie Troeger, Jean Cavanaugh, Deirdre Good, Jane Hartwell

To register: <https://episcopalmaine.formstack.com/forms/retreat2019> Space is limited to 60 people. Register by May 31. FMI: Contact Jane Hartwell at [jhartwell@episcopalmaine.org](mailto:jhartwell@episcopalmaine.org)



## Zenith Journey to Katahdin: August 15-17

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 either Portia Hirschman, [revportia1@msn.com](mailto:revportia1@msn.com) or Jim Kane, 329-1764 or email [kanejbabson@gmail.com](mailto:kanejbabson@gmail.com)

## News, Notes, Kudos, Dates & Reminders

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

**Alleluia**

### Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

Thank you to everyone who helped make Holy Week and Easter so special and meaningful for our parish especially, our very dedicated staff Father Nathan, Deacon Christine, Beth, Megan,

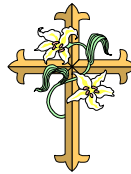
Bruce, and Roy. We so appreciate the dedication of enormous time and talent by our Choir. Thank you to the Ushers, Altar Flower Guild, Acolytes, Lay Readers, Eucharistic Ministers, Nursery caregivers and Altar Guild for working quietly to pull together all the pieces for the many services.



Thanks to Greg Unfricht for making the delicious Clam Chowder for the Agape Meal on Maundy Thursday. Yummy!

Thank you to the Outreach team for the meaningful and informative programs on addiction held in late March and late April.

**Merci**



Thanks to Joyce Verey for stepping in to chair the Blood Drive on Holy Saturday, and to the volunteers that registered people and manned the cantina. 19 pints! Not bad!!

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Thank you to the Buildings & Grounds crew for the extra grounds clean-up they've had to do with the early snow last November.



**Gracias**

Thank you to Megan Akers, Director of Guiding RAY, for presenting her program to the Vestry at the April meeting. It was creative, informative and a perfect snapshot of the Sunday morning programming.

*All are invited to:*

***A Farewell Gathering for Bishop Steve & Gretchen Lane***

**Friday, May 17, 5 PM** at the Westin Portland Harborview Hotel.

Reception with music and a brief program

Advance registration required (\$20) *deadline is first week of May*

<http://bishopquest.episcopalmaine.org/>

*(A Gathering in the northern part of the State is in Orono on May 11 FMI, [www.episcopalmaine.org](http://www.episcopalmaine.org))*

Please...no gifts, but donations to Camp Bishopswood would be welcome.



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

### Happy May Birthdays to:

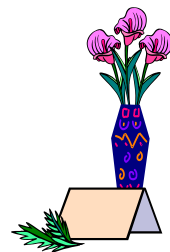


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|-----------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|
| 1 Judy MacDonald      | 10 Mary Follo         |                      |
| 2 Charlotte Rana      | 11 Ashleigh Connors   |                      |
| 2 Nancy Hill          | 12 Kate Kirsch        | 20 Morgan Harris     |
| 2 Grace Brown         | 13 Lucas Michaud      | 20 Jane Tholen       |
| 2 Caleigh Connors     | 14 Stan Eaton         | 21 Portia Hirschman  |
| 4 Holly Bernstein     | 15 Ross Isacke        | 23 Dee Dee Fournier  |
| 4 Samantha Heinzman   | 15 Sydney Billings    | 24 Betsey McCandless |
| 6 Larissa Norman      | 16 Charnette Chadwick | 23 Jack Walker       |
| 7 NormaJean Brilliant | 16 Dave Fenderson     | 26 Robert Cott       |
| 7 Bruce Fithian       | 16 Michael Richards   | 26 Jack Haney        |
| 7 Jim Kane            | 17 Madeline Harris    | 26 Shelly Maher      |
| 7 Sam LaPlante        | 17 Emily Legere       | 27 Tom Stegemann     |
| 7 Jane Stegemann      | 18 Henry Kearins      | 29 John Fournier     |
| 8 Henry Funk          | 19 Madeline Michaud   | 29 Noah Yerkes       |
| 8 John Raeke          | 19 Patty Sarchi       | 30 Carolyn Bernier   |
| 9 Mark Bentley        | 20 Lynda Conner       | 30 TJ 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 May Anniversary wishes to:

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



## Adopt-a-Garden Bed

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



**Falmouth Congregational Church**  
(267 Falmouth Road, Falmouth, 781-3413)  
invites all to their monthly

## Side Door Coffee House -

**May 10, 6:30-8:30pm** featuring

**Jim Gallant**

*Come hear his mix of Americana, blues, folk, and Rock*

Have a great cup of coffee, hot chocolate, a snack and support the arts! Bring your neighbors for a relaxed evening out.

All welcome! Free, but donations accepted.



# May 2019

The Episcopal Church of Saint Mary



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>4/28 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter</b> 8am Contemplative Eucharist No Adult <b>FORMATION</b> groups 10:00am Guiding <b>RAY</b> classes 10:15am Choral Eucharist <b>4-6pm Opioid Response Program</b>	4/29 12 Noonday Prayer	4/30 7:30-9am BNI 9:30-12:30 Art Group 10:30a Wisdom Seekers 12 Noonday Prayer 12:45pm Staff meeting 7pm AA in Auditorium 7:30 AIAnon (6:30 beginners)	<b>1 Ss. Philip and James</b> 9:30am Mainely Weavers in Aud 9:30am GCI Judges Council workshop in GR 12 Noonday Prayer 6pm SinG rehearsal in Aud 6pm ORI in GR	2 12 Chapel Eucharist 1pm CARE meeting <b>6:30pm National Day of Prayer Interfaith Gathering</b>	3 <i>Office closed</i> 12 Pray where you are 5:30pm Alanon <b>6-8pm</b> Evening Prayer and Vigil with the Body	4 <i>New times!!</i> <b>9am-3pm</b> First Communion Camp <b>4pm</b> Priscilla Rigg Funeral & Mem. Reception
<b>5 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter</b> 8am Contemplative Eucharist 9:30am <b>FORMATION</b> groups 9:30am Middle School Youth Group 10:00am Guiding <b>RAY</b> classes 10:15am Choral Eucharist and First Holy Communion <b>3-6pm MultiCultural Fair</b>	6 12 Noonday Prayer <i>Nathan+ Navy drill</i>	7 7:30-9am BNI 9:30-12:30 Art Group 10:30a Wisdom Seekers 12 Noonday Prayer 12:45pm Staff meeting 4:30 ExCom meeting 7pm AA in Auditorium 7:30 AIAnon (6:30 beginners)	8 12 Noonday Prayer 6pm SinG rehearsal in Aud	9 12 Chapel Eucharist <div>COMMON GROUND 5-7 pm Potluck 5:45pm Presentation College Planning</div> 7pm Choir rehearsal	10 <i>Office closed</i> 12 Pray where you are 5-7pm Souper 5:30pm Alanon <b>7pm Classic Cinema</b>	11 Magical History Tour
<b>12 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter</b> <i>Mother's Day</i> 8am Contemplative Eucharist 9:30am <b>FORMATION</b> groups 10:00am Guiding <b>RAY</b> classes 10:15am Choral Eucharist	13 10am Garden Club 12 Noonday Prayer	14 7:30-9am BNI 9:30-12:30 Art Group 10:30a Wisdom Seekers 12 Noonday Prayer 12:45pm Staff meeting 7pm AA in Auditorium 7:30 AIAnon (6:30 beginners)	15 12 Noonday Prayer <b>6pm Vestry</b> in GRm 6pm SinG rehearsal in Aud 7-9pm PCC board meeting	16 12 Chapel Eucharist <div>COMMON GROUND 5-7 pm Potluck 5:45pm Presentation David Masengesho</div> 7pm Choir rehearsal	17 <i>Office closed</i> 12 Pray where you are 5:30pm Alanon 7:00pm Christine Lectner & Andrea Graichen Recital 5pm Farewell to the Lanes in Portland	18 3:30-8pm NYA Prom Dinner in auditorium
<b>19 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter</b> <i>Graduation Sunday</i> 8am Contemplative Eucharist 9:30am <b>FORMATION</b> groups 9:30am Middle School Youth Group 10:00am Guiding <b>RAY</b> classes 10:15am Choral Eucharist	20 <i>AIE deadline</i> 9am-4pm EGA in Gld Rm 12 Pray where you are 5-9pm PCC Annual meeting & potluck	21 7:30-9am BNI 9:30-12:30 Art Group 10:30a Wisdom Seekers 12 Noonday Prayer 12:45pm Staff meeting 7pm AA in Auditorium 7:30 AIAnon (6:30 beginners)	22 9am-4pm EGA in Gld Rm 12 Noonday Prayer 6pm SinG rehearsal in Aud	23 12 Chapel Eucharist <div>COMMON GROUND 5-7 pm Potluck 5:45pm Presentation Holy Spirit and Christianity</div> 7pm Choir rehearsal	24 <i>Office closed</i> 12 Pray where you are 5-7pm Souper 5:30pm Alanon	25 
<b>26 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter</b> 8am Contemplative Eucharist 9:30am <b>FORMATION</b> groups 10:00am Guiding <b>RAY</b> classes 10:15am Choral Eucharist 6/2 9:30am Bible Burial 4:00pm Schola Spring Concert	<b>27 Memorial Day</b> <i>Office Closed</i> <b>10am Parade begins</b> <b>11am ends at S. Mary's</b> 12 Pray where you are	28 7:30-9am BNI 9:30-12:30 Art Group 10:30a Wisdom Seekers 12 Noonday Prayer 12:45pm Staff meeting 7pm AA in Auditorium 7:30 AIAnon (6:30 beginners)	29 12 Noonday Prayer 6pm SinG rehearsal in Aud	30 <b>Ascension Day</b> 12 Chapel Eucharist <div>COMMON GROUND 5-7 pm Potluck 5:45pm Presentation Table Talks for Parents</div> 6pm Dowders 7pm Choir rehearsal	31 <i>Office closed</i> 12 Pray where you are 5:30pm Alanon	6/1 9a-12n SM Garden Club Plant Sale

## The Episcopal Church of Saint Mary Worship Leader Schedule: May - June 2019

	8am		8am		10:15am		10:15am		10:15am		10:15am		Altar		Altar		Flower		Coffee Hour	
	Ushers		EM/Lectors		Ushers		Lector		Euch Minister		Acolytes		Guild		Flowers		Delivery		Host	
28-Apr Easter 2	Rayle A	Mary Ann M	Mark B	Marian M	Andrea MH	W. & H. Rana	Jant B	Easter	Easter	Stoddards										
	Ed A		Ron F		Betsy PS.	& a Teng	Michael C	flowers												
5-May Easter 3	Charlie H	Len T	xx	Jennifer G.	Jim S.	Emily S.	Mary S	Easter	Easter	OPEN										
	AI A		Aaron S		Ben P.	William & Harrison	Betsy E	flowers												
12-May Easter 4	Baer C	Elise K	Tom L	Rod McG.	Nadine T.	William & Harrison	Jana B	Onnie	The Stoddards	OPEN										
	Len T		Joyce V		Diane F.	xx	Katie P	& Jan W												
19-May Easter 5	Jim K	Becky P.	Jim P	Dawn Y.	Terry B.	George B	Portia H	Jana B	Ruth K.	The Cavens										
	Charlie H		Chuck H		Maggie G.	xx & xx	Mary L													
26-May Easter 6	Rayle A	AI A.	Mark B	Betsy S.	Ben P.	tbd	Janet B	Helga R	The Hortons	The Vereys										
	Ed A		Ron F		Will S.		Michael C													
2-Jun Easter 7	AI A	Lad T	Aaron S	Erin	Stan	tbd	Mary S	Melissa K	The Stoddards	OPEN										
	Baer C		Jack H		Diane		Katie P													
9-Jun Pentecost	Len T	Ben Pollard	Joyce V	Nadine	Will	tbd	tbd	Helga &	Ruth K	Starwberry										
	Jim K		Len V		Maggie			Hannah		Shortcake										
16-Jun Trinity	Rayle A	Mary Ann	Mission Morning - Worshipping and serving God in the communi			tbd	Onnie	The Hortons	OPEN											
	Ed A						& Jan W.													
Summer	8am	8a.	9:30am	9:30am	9:30am		Altar	Altar	Flower	Coffee Hr.										
Hours	Ushers	EM/Lectors	Ushers	Lector	Euch Minister		Guild	Flowers	Delivery	Host										
23-Jun Pent 2	Charlie H	Elise K	Ryan S	Linda Eaton	Linda	~	tbd	Jana		OPEN										
	AI A		Chuck H		Stan															
30-Jun Pent 3	Baer C	Len T.	Tom L	Rod McGarry	Andrea M-H	~	tbd	Jessica		OPEN										
	Jim K		Jim P		Jim S.															

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



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### Our Worship Schedule

#### Sunday worship

8 AM - *Contemplative Eucharist*  
9:30 - 10:00AM *Formation for All*  
10:15AM - *Choral Eucharist*

#### MONDAY - WEDNESDAY

*Noon Day Prayer in the Chapel  
or wherever you find yourself*

#### THURSDAYS

12NOON - *Chapel Eucharist*  
5-7PM - *COMMON GROUND*  
*Connecting with our community*  
5:00PM *Potluck dinner,*  
5:45PM *Program & discussion*

## 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.



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