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"GREETINGS MARY, FULL OF GRACE."

The Episcopal Church of Saint Mary in Falmouth, Maine



From our Rector: *HOW TO DIE WELL*



For thousands of years now, the First of November has been a time to remember the dead. Let us also make November a time to prepare for the inevitable death that awaits us all. From the moment we are born, this is the one thing of which we can be certain. This is the one destination toward which we all are traveling, no matter who we are. And yet, oddly enough, this is the one thing that most of us avoid speaking or thinking about. Does that make any sense at all? If you knew that a major event was coming that would change everything for you and your family – but that it was coming at a time that you could not predict – why would you not prepare for this event as best as you could? It

is my conviction that death is the one thing for which all of us ought to be most prepared. After all, we've had our entire lives to get ready!

Sadly, the way that most of us handle death is expensive, unnecessarily complicated, and harmful to those around us – and to the earth. It does not have to be this way! At a practical level, our death can be a blessing to those around us and to the life of our planet. There is nothing dangerous about the death of a human body. It is a simple, natural process that can be handled in a simple, natural, inexpensive way that is also dignified and honorable.

Here at Saint Mary's, we will have two opportunities in early November to learn about how we can ensure that our death does no harm but rather is a blessing to others.

November 1, Thursday, 5 – 7 pm: How To Die Well at *Common Ground*

-potluck dinner followed by a presentation with both spiritual and practical applications

November 10, Saturday, 10 am – 3 pm: Green Cemeteries and Natural Burial – a statewide convention of the Funeral Consumers Alliance of Maine

-free convention open to all, hosted by Saint Mary's, with workshop presenters from across Maine and even thematic entertainment (if you wish to stay for the entire day, bring your own lunch)

I am very much looking forward to both of these gatherings. And I hope that we Saint Marians can be on the forefront of a new movement that changes the way all of us approach death.

Nathan W. Ferrell +

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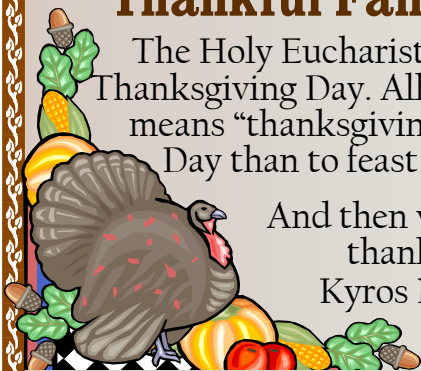
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Thanksgiving Eve Wednesday, November 21, 6pm

Thankful Family Eucharist and Celebratory Tree Lighting

The Holy Eucharist with favorite Thanksgiving hymns will be celebrated the night before Thanksgiving Day. All ages are welcome, and bring your guests! Since the word "Eucharist" means "thanksgiving" in Greek, what more fitting way to prepare for Thanksgiving Day than to feast here together at the Lord's Table on Thanksgiving Eve?

And then we go outside to celebrate the people for whom we are most thankful, both living and deceased, with the Lighting of the Kyros Memorial and Celebration Tree. *Drop or send your names in to the parish office by Monday, November 19*



From the Deacon's Corner



Dear Ones,

I have been spending time at West Point during the last several weeks with my daughter and her family. As with most young people, they have the latest in technological gadgetry from phones to laptops to tablets and televisions. I live a simpler life in that regard, so when asked to access Netflix by my five-year-old granddaughter, I was forced to admit that I had no idea how to do it. With a sweet smile on her face C.C. said, "Grammy, you don't know very much, do you?" Sometimes I feel as though I don't know very much at all! This old world has changed so much I don't recognize it anymore!

There is one thing I know for sure, one constant, eternal truth and that is that the Holy Spirit is alive and well and at work in us and in the world around us. We may have to be a little more tuned in, a little more alert and aware of the Presence because the world can be a little louder, more contentious, more hostile than in times

past, but the Spirit of love and light is all around us.

I was very aware of being protected as I drove back and forth to New York on my own, even sending me a good Samaritan to give me directions when I pulled over because I was lost. I felt the Spirit of generosity and care from my daughter's neighbors who brought food, watched kids, stopped by with words of encouragement, and helped with C.C.'s birthday party. I felt the Spirit of care and concern when a surgeon Laura works with went above and beyond to support her and insure that she received appropriate care after her hip surgery.

The Spirit is even more powerfully present in places where we might least expect it. For me that place is the Maine Correctional Center in the midst of a small group of women inmates as we work together through issues of grief. They are bonded together by their experiences of substance abuse, incarceration, motherhood and grief. They encourage and support each other. They risk being honest about themselves and share their hopes for the future. One member of the group talked about dreaming at night of being in her grandmother's home and feeling the peace and security of being in that place as a child. The dream is a healing gift to her from the Holy Spirit for which she is deeply grateful.

All things are possible through the Holy Spirit, and we bear that Spirit within us. Each time we act in love toward others with even the smallest gesture we are agents of the Holy Spirit, bringing love and light to even the darkest corners. The world may feel unfamiliar, and it might seem simpler or safer to turn away from it, but as followers of Jesus, we have the greatest gift of all to share: the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Faithfully, Deacon Christine

Stewardship: Grace Given

by Janet Bowne

Each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift. Ephesians 4:7

This passage in Ephesians explains that Christ descended to earth and gave gifts and that some would be apostles, some prophets, some pastors and teachers to equip God's people for the work of ministry.

We know that we are all ministers. We have been given gifts. Saint Mary's is blessed in so many ways. Our parish is filled with compassionate, intelligent, active members. We come together to serve God in so many ways. Our staff and leadership work to manage our programs. We work on committees and guilds to welcome those who are seeking, support those who are needy and see Christ in all people. This takes determination, commitment, vision and money. Soon, everyone will receive information on our annual stewardship campaign.

Our goal for 2019 is \$285,000. It is our hope to have all parishioners offer a pledge of financial support for 2019. Pledging allows our leadership to budget to meet our financial obligations including our fixed and program costs. Pledges are the single largest revenue source. Pledge amounts range tremendously and are confidential. Parishioners can opt to pay weekly, monthly, quarterly or annually. And if your circumstances change after you make your pledge, let us know. Pledging should never be stressful, rather it's a source of joy and a sign of the grace given to you!

When the packet arrives, please consider it prayerfully. Complete the pledge form, place it in an envelope and drop it in the collection plate on Sunday or send it to Beth Shaw, Parish Manager, by mail or email.



Vestry Highlights from the Wardens

by Janet Bowne

The Vestry met for its regular October meeting on Wednesday, October 17th. Father Nathan led a teaching moment about Saint Luke (Lucas). He is remembered as a physician and is the patron saint of healing. Spiritual healing through the focused prayers of a community gathered in the name of Christ has always been part of the Church's work. At Saint Mary's we have two regular opportunities for healing prayers. Sunday mornings, while communion is being received at both the 8 and 10:15 services, parishioners may experience a healing moment. Thursdays at noon we hold a chapel service at noon for healing and the laying on of hands. All who feel called to this ministry should speak with Father Nathan.

We welcomed Garry Bowne to the meeting to present the 2019 budget. It's a draft at this time but will be formally presented at the November meeting for a vote in December.

Stewardship packets will go out as soon as our new stock transfer agent is finalized. Our goal for 2019 is \$285,000. Bill Gowen presented the plan to use Fidelity for our transfer agent. We voted to approve this proposal from Budget and Finance.

We reviewed the revised Safe Church policies from the Diocese and voted to adopt them for Saint Mary's.



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

Father Nathan reported on the start of the program year as well as the current pace at Saint Mary's. The fall has started off well. RSCM is working to find the right time for rehearsals. Guiding RAY is doing well despite the interruptions by the marathon and the three-day weekend. Our new Thursday night programming is going well. Attendance has been good. The range of speakers' presentations has been good. The 15 minute change for the start of the second service has enabled new formation experiences which seem to be going well.

We have hosted several funerals, a wedding, Mission Morning, and Evensong. Thank you to all those who help make these services so special.

Please join us for a day of information presentations and conversations on...

Green Cemeteries and Natural Burial

An environmentally friendly choice





Saturday, November 10, 9am - 3pm

The Episcopal Church of Saint Mary - All are welcome to this free event!

Bring your own lunch and beverage or pre-pay \$15 to order lunch by emailing (by Nov. 1)

Alison Rector at arector@fcmaine.net



-  Learn what makes a burial "green"
-  Hear from a panel of experts
-  Learn how to make your own "green" coffin
-  Find out the latest on green burial efforts in Maine and across the country

Keynote Speakers: Carol Coan, Co-founder Green Burial Massachusetts
Joan Pillsbury, Green Burial Massachusetts, FCA Western Mass.



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Planning a funeral shouldn't be.*

Outreach Ministry ~ All Ages Serving Near and Far

Don't miss our NOVEMBER 4th MULTICULTURAL FAIR!

Our Welcome, New Mainers fall event will celebrate immigrant entrepreneurial endeavors.

We have over 15 New Mainer entrepreneurs who will be selling their products. There will be foods from Italy, Latin America, the Middle East and Ethiopia, along with beautiful crafts and art including jewelry, clothing, woodworking, custom baked cakes, photography from Argentina, Iraq, Ghana, Congo, Colombia, and Angola.

Come learn, shop, and enjoy!! It will be a festive, ethnic fair. What a great opportunity to do some unique holiday shopping! Admission to the Fair in Saint Mary's auditorium is free, and Saint Mary's won't be charging for vendor table space. All vendors will keep 100 percent of their sales.

This will be an opportunity for New Mainer entrepreneurs to promote and sell their products, services, and introduce us to their culture.



MULTICULTURAL FAIR

Sunday, November 4, 3-6 pm

Come learn, shop and enjoy!!

*Celebrate and support New Mainer entrepreneurialism
as we welcome Artisans & Chefs from around the world*

*Foods from Syria, Italy, Latin America, Republic of Congo, Ethiopia, the Middle East
Artisans with Jewelry, Artwork, Clothing, Pyrography, Baskets*

Happily brought to you by the *Welcome, New Mainers* ministry
at The Episcopal Church of Saint Mary's auditorium
43 Foreside Road, Falmouth 207-781-3366

*Start your
holiday
shopping!*



ST. ELIZABETH'S JUBILEE CENTER



Tuesday, December 4

Come all ye faithful to volunteer at St. Elizabeth's Jubilee Center on Tuesday, December 4, 9 to 11 a.m.

All Episcopal parishes in the Portland area take turns volunteering at St. Elizabeth's and St. Mary's turn to volunteer in December is Tuesday, December 4. We meet in the Undercroft of St. Luke's Cathedral in Portland to distribute used clothing and household goods to a diverse group of needy people. We arrive by 9 (or 8:30 for early birds). It always feels worthwhile and at this time of year is especially meaningful.

Please bring any used toys or Christmas decorations you are willing to donate. You will be amazed at what fun it is to see the children whose lives are brightened by the donations. If you can't join us, please drop your donations in the St. Elizabeth's box in our Parish House. In addition to toys and Christmas decorations, we always need gently used clothing for all ages but especially babies and men. Warm hats, mittens, scarves and boots help at this time of year. Any Questions? Call Betsy Elliman at 207-400-6871, or email betsyelliman@msn.com



Outreach Ministry: All Ages Serving in our Community

October Mission Morning - A Wonderful Wrap!

Many thanks to the 30-plus parishioners of all ages who participated in Mission Morning activities on Sunday, October 21! Designed to further our relationship with God and His creation outside the doors of the sanctuary, the morning did not disappoint, beginning with a wonderful send-off by Father Nathan and dispersal in several groups on different mission projects. Lunchtime snacks were provided to those who wished to return to St. Mary's at 11ish to compare notes and enjoy fellowship.



Mary's at 11ish to compare notes and enjoy fellowship.

Opportunities included a fall clean-up at the home of a Falmouth parishioner in need, travel down the street to Falmouth By the Sea to chat with residents (and deliver pumpkins to further brighten rooms and hearts), creating woolen scarves at St. Mary's to distribute in the winter in Portland, working at Milestone Foundation's brand new women's addiction recovery facility in Portland, and, last but definitely not least, protecting God's creation by cleaning the Portland Back Cove area of trash.



Mark your calendars NOW for the next Mission Morning which is scheduled for Sunday, February 10, directly following the 8am Eucharist. As always, there will be fun yet meaningful projects that will offer opportunities for all ages, interests and capabilities to serve and see God in the world around us.



The eleventh annual Harvest Community Supper

that was held at the Falmouth Congregational Church on October 18 and put on by all the churches and the Jewish faith community of Falmouth was lots of fun and a big success! Over 600 guests were served a free roast turkey dinner, and over 190 people cooked or volunteered their time. Colorful table decorations with decorated pine cones and marigolds grown in Saint Mary's youth garden were created by the Guiding RAY youth. Free-will donations to the Falmouth Food Pantry hit a new record of just under \$10,000!

Because 100% of the food, labor, supplies, and space for the Community Supper was donated by individuals and area churches, there are no "expenses" to deduct.

This was the first real attempt to "go green," and it was a success. Everything was either composted or recycled except 3 1/2 bags of trash: quite a difference from past years when there were so many trash bags that the church had to schedule an extra visit from the dumpster company.

Many thanks to all who helped with this true community event!



Outreach Ministry ~ All Ages Serving Near and Far

Long Creek project brings many rewards

The connection between Saint Mary's and the Long Creek Youth Correctional Center in South Portland goes back many years, and we hope to strengthen and continue it. The work is very rewarding, and does not require a huge time commitment.

Long Creek is the state's only detention facility for kids who have been arrested. Most of them come from very difficult family situations, and many are struggling with mental illness.

The church's first connection to the facility came from Hannah Russell and her sister, Connie Kayser, who helped the kids establish a garden and began bringing birthday cakes into the facility for celebrations.

For the past several years, Saint Mary's has sponsored a steady group of volunteers who visit every six weeks or so with the young people living on the Maple Unit, where kids are held when they are first arrested and awaiting the disposition of their cases. Some will end up on the committed units at Long Creek, and some await placements in other youth or substance abuse facilities.

We provide soft drinks and snacks, and games under the direction of our game director, Rayle Ainsworth. In the summer, we do barbecues for the kids, under the devoted leadership of Jim and Betsy Stoddard. The kids never seem to tire of hot dogs and hamburgers. Also working in this group are Becky Pride, John Henson, David Robinson, and Marian McCue.

We usually spend only an hour or two in each visit, but even that small amount of time makes a difference to these kids. They enjoy talking to adults who are interested in them, and who are not there to judge any of their actions.

Although it is difficult to see young people incarcerated, the staff and volunteers work hard to provide a positive experience, such as secondary and even college level classes, and special programs such as culinary instruction and small engine repair.

Saint Mary's has also supported the work of the Friends of Long Creek, a non-profit organization that seeks to provide programming for young people involved in Long Creek, as well as those who are being supervised on the outside. For example, the Friends provide funds for extra programs inside the facility, as well as to kids on the outside or recently released. That support might include gas cards or even a bike so a kid could obtain a job. Several members of Saint Mary's have served on the board of that group.

Responses to the recent Mission Morning survey indicated interested in helping troubled youth; this is your opportunity! We would welcome others to get involved in Long Creek. It does require a background check, and an orientation session. Please contact Marian McCue at marian.l.mccue@gmail.com for more information.



Outreach Opportunity - Saint Mary's Snowman Tree



We, at Saint Mary's look forward to having a Giving Tree once again! Here is an opportunity to become engaged in the spirit of giving this Christmas. Saint Mary's, together with the Salvation Army, are hosting a Snowman Giving Tree. Snowman tags will be on the Christmas tree with a child's gift request. Kindly take a tag, purchase item(s) on the tag, and bring back to Saint Mary's. To ensure the families receive them in time for Christmas, the unwrapped gifts should be out back under the tree no later than December 9 with the Snowman tag on them. For more information, contact Betsy or Jim Stoddard 829-2026. jbstod@myfairpoint.net





Classic Cinema

**Our monthly *FREE* in-house movie
Presents on November 9**

Run Silent, Run Deep (1958)

Starring: Clark Gable, Burt Lancaster
A U.S. sub commander, obsessed with sinking a certain Japanese ship, butts heads with his first officer and crew.

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



Community Souper Supper November 9 and 23



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, OR 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!



**American
Red Cross**

THANKSGIVING BLOOD DRIVE at SAINT MARY'S

Saturday, November 24 9AM - 2PM

In this season of Thanksgiving, let us share our many gifts by giving the gift of life to others by donating our blood! Sign-up today to be a blood donor, and help give to those who need your blood to survive!

Go to www.redcrossblood.org and use sponsor code "SMary" to make your donor appointment. Contact our Coordinator, Jana Burke, at 272-4535 or jana.burke@icloud.com.

Can you help our donors at the drive? Volunteers are needed. Call Jana Burke (272-4535) or email Beth in the parish office at admin@smary.org

Think Sparkles!

It was great to see everyone who came out for Sparkles Spirits. As always Jan and Onnie did a great job organizing this event, and the wonderful Saint Mary's cooks outdid themselves with the delicious appetizers

they made for us to try and buy. It's a wonderful symbol of the Sparkles Community, and it's going to make Thanksgiving and Christmas entertaining much easier for a lot of us.

On November 4, the Sparkles Committee will host both Coffee Hours at Saint Mary's. Please come to sample a some of the delicious treats we will be offering for sale AND to sign up to HELP. Check out the sign-up sheets and see what fits your time and talents. We need lots of help!!!



Pre-order sheets for greens/poinsettias, lobster stew, boxwood trees, Schola tickets and Rick Hirschman's fantastic Coffee Cake will also be available for ordering and pre-paying, so bring your checkbook. And, if you volunteered to make a Gift Box, they are also due on November 4.

The lighting of the Kyros Memorial and Thanksgiving Tree will take place following the Thanksgiving Eve Eucharist on Wednesday, November 21. Please complete the available form to let us know those you would like to have remembered or honored, and join us for this meaningful event.

But Sparkles is a community, and we need help from everyone . . .

VOLUNTEERING – A variety of opportunities, some for an hour and some for much more, some ahead of the actual fair, some on the day of Sparkles, and some after. We need MANY bakers for baked goods and cookies. We need help with decorating, setting up and tearing down the displays, greeting shoppers, cashiering, serving in the café, bagging purchases and MORE! Many hands make light work, and we welcome everyone. We promise that it will be fun, festive, and rewarding – plus it is a great way to meet new people.

FLIERS – Each year we print fliers that need to be placed around Falmouth, Cumberland, Yarmouth, Portland, and other close areas to remind the general public about our Sparkles activities. Please take 3 to 4 of them and hang them at places that you frequent or work.

CAFÉ – The café will be offering lobster stew, tomato basil soup, and cinnamon buns. We have our soup chefs, but we need people to help serve and staff the kitchen.

COOKIE WALK – We sell cookies by the pound at our famous Cookie Walk, and we need LOTS of cookies to sell. We usually sell around 100 lbs. of cookies at Sparkles. One year, we ran out of cookies at 10:30, and we don't ever want that to happen again – so please sign up to bring cookies. This is a fun activity to do with your children – bake four dozen, keep one and bring in three.

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Calling all books for Saint Mary's OUTREACH BOOK & SOUP SALE SATURDAY, MARCH 16, 2019

To donate books, help sort books, lead a section, or if you have any questions. PLEASE EMAIL

- Betsy Stoddard at jbstod@myfairpoint.net
- Jan Mordarski at janmordarski@gmail.com
- Becky Pride at rebeccapride1@gmail.com



Think Sparkles!

BAKE SALE – Do you have a special cake, bread, pie or other goodie that you enjoy making? Please bake several and give one or two or three to Sparkles to sell. We also need people to sign up to bake our famous Scandinavian Almond

Cake.

SPARKLES FOR CHILDREN -- We are again opening the downstairs Guiding Ray rooms to Santa's Toyland (not just for children). Santa and Mrs. Claus will be available to take special Christmas requests,



and to pose for photos. There will be apple cider and popcorn for all the good boys and girls (of all ages!) and crafts for the kids, a room where kids shop for Christmas (*No Grown-ups Allowed*), and a room where adults shop for toys and other kids' items.

CONCERT AND RECEPTION – This year's Schola Concert will be presented on Friday, December 7 and again on Sunday, December 9 in the Sanctuary, under the direction of Bruce Fithian. A gala reception follows the Sunday concert and is a joyful conclusion to our beautiful season of Sparkles events. Once you have attended, you will see why this is a holiday tradition for many. Tickets for the Friday concert are \$20, and for Sunday are \$30, (which includes an elegant reception). They may be purchased during coffee hours, at the Parish office, or on-line at www.stmaryschola.org. We do need help with set-up, food and clean-up for the reception – sign up in the auditorium or call Bob or Nadine Timberlake, reception chairs.

As you see, plans are well under way to make Sparkles a most successful event, and it takes many people helping. PLEASE find a way to participate, then sign up and add your special touch to the holiday season.

Happy Sparkling,

Jana Burke and Kathy Galen, Co-Chairs

SAVE THESE DATES:

Sparkles Coffee Hour & Sign-up Sheets: **November 4**

Drop Off Dates: **November 3 and 17**

Planning Meetings: **November 9 and 15 (if needed)**

Wrapping Gift Boxes: **November 10**

Garlanding for Sparkles, including Santa's Toyland: **November 17**

Soup making: **November 18**

Thanksgiving Service and Lighting of the Memorial Tree: **November 21**

Sparkles Fair: **December 1**

Caroling at Falmouth by the Sea and at Souper Supper: **December 14**



SAINT MARY'S CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Sunday, December 9, 4 o'clock

Christmas Story

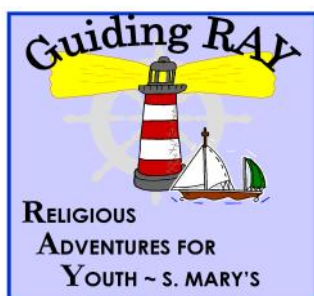
A Benefit Concert for Saint Mary's presented by the
Saint Mary Schola, Bruce S. Fithian, Music Director

Gala Reception follows in the Parish House.

Tickets will not sold at the door, nor reserved. For tickets, visit www.stmaryschola.org or purchase during coffee hour or the parish office. Ticket prices: Adults \$30 (students are free) Visit Schola website for other concerts.



Christian Formation - RAY Beams - November 2018



For the month of October, we in Guiding RAY immersed ourselves in the story of Noah and his Family. Noah's Ark is a great story! We learned how Noah loved God, trusted God and sought to obey God. We learned of God's promise to Noah, to God's family, and to us. The sign God gave to show the promise was a rainbow. We saw God's grace and mercy throughout Noah's life. And as we look at our own lives, we are thankful that we have a grace-filled God who loves us.



Father Nathan joined us in Guiding Ray for Family Chapel and shared the story of Saint Francis.

Coming up in November...

We begin our 3rd rotation with the lesson about **Abram and Sarai** (who God later renamed Abraham and Sarah) who left their home and family for a place that God would show them. They found God was with them everywhere they went, not just in this place or that place. God promised that he would make of them a "Great Family." And God did keep God's promise and made of them a great family of many generations, including us. "As many as the grains of sand in the desert, as many as the stars in the sky." The children



The kids learning about God's Promise to Noah while making rainbow slime.

will learn about Abraham's and Sarah's trust in God and that they can trust God too. And since Abraham and Sarah lived in a tent, don't be surprised to see Guiding RAY turned into a tent as well.

We still need leaders for this next rotation, and if you would be interested in helping with this ministry, please visit our website, smary.org, to volunteer or contact Megan Akers.

November 4: 9:30 - 10 Family Chapel with Fr. Nathan
Rotation #3 Abram and Sarai

November 18: 9:30 - 10:00 -Sparkles
Abram and Sarai

November 11: 9:30 - 10 Special Veterans Day celebration with Saint Mary's Veterans
Abram and Sarai

November 25: Movie Day!
Abram and Sarai Movie
with Popcorn

Acolyte Training: November 11

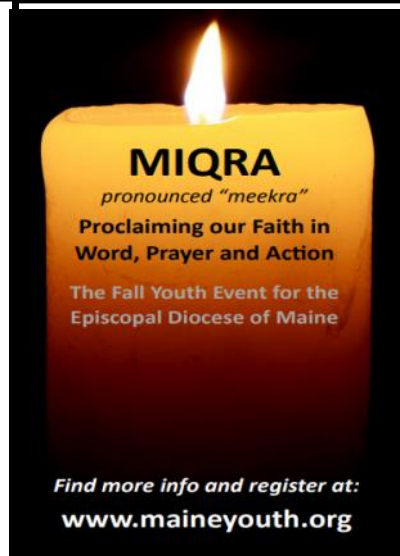
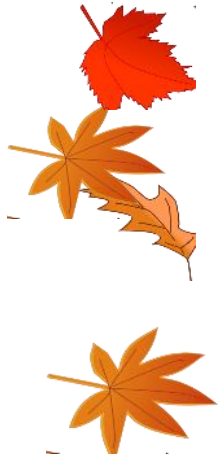
Being an acolyte is a service of honor to God and to the worshipping community. As acolytes bring in the light, they remind us that the light of Christ is present when we gather in the name of Christ. When they depart carrying the light, we remember that each of us carries the light of Christ out of the church and into the world. Our Saint Mary's Acolytes are a faithful and dedicated group of young people. Being an Acolyte is a fun way for young people to serve God and our Church, to make new friends and to participate in our worship service. And it builds confidence, character and a connection to the community. It is also a great way for families to worship together. The training is quick and easy, and most acolytes serve once a month. We invite you to join our very important ministry! FMI: Tricia Wheeler at tjwheel@maine.rr.com



Christian Formation ~ High Schoolers & Middlers



Save the date:
Middle School Youth Group
November 18 from 4:00 -6:00 pm
Tuttle Road Methodist Church....
(that is if all of the Middlers are able to
ESCAPE THE CRYPT)



Join Youth from across Maine in Portland
from November 2nd—4th, 2018
for Everyone in Grades 6-12 .

We will play games, enter into great conversations, meet new friends, reconnect with old friends, explore Portland and explore our faith.

We'll hold a nighttime vigil as we read the Bible cover to cover. We'll take a look at our faith, and practice living out what we think and read and feel.

Register at www.maine-youth.org Questions? Contact Youth Missioner Sara D'Angio White at (585) 749-9125 or sdangiowhite@gmail.com



Join our Nursery Ministry

We are in need of volunteers each Sunday to help care for our littlest Saint Marian's. The nursery is open each Sunday from 9:30– 11:30am. Anyone who enjoys reading stories, having tea parties and building amazing structures is encouraged to volunteer (teens, grandmas, grandpas, etc.). Please contact Alison Hayward, ajhmcmonagle@gmail.com, and sign up today.



Young Life Casco Bay
Fall Weekend at Saranac:
November 10-12 (Sat - Mon)

Weekly Club: Mondays at
7:31 pm at 56 Quiet Lane in
Portland

All high schoolers are invited!

FMI, visit the website:

www.younglifecb.com.

or call Jordan Droge at
 805-453-1999

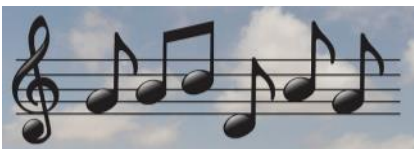
Parents Are A Positive Role Model

November 2018
 Tip of the
 Month



Social events and family
gatherings are a great time
to teach your child about
celebrating safely

- Offer a variety of non-alcoholic drink options
- Separate locations for alcoholic & non-alcoholic drinks
- Appoint a designated driver
- Host alcohol-free gatherings
- Prevent accidental poisonings- lockup medications and marijuana



Music at Saint Mary's

Concert spiritual: November 18 at 4pm

The Saint Mary Choir, the St. Cecilia children's choir, and guest violinists from the St Mary Schola, Mary Jo Carlsen, and Lauren Hastings Genova, will present a special concert of sacred music: *Concert spirituel*, on Sunday November 18 at 4:00 pm. The title: *Concert spirituel*, refers to the first public concerts of classical music in Paris in the 18th century, in which sacred and chamber music was offered to the public. In northern Germany, at the Saint Mary's Church in Lübeck, Dietrich Buxtehude also ran a series of musical evenings of his sacred music, known as *Abendmusik* (Evening music), so it is fitting that the choir and soloists will sing two of his cantatas: *In dulci jubilo* (familiar from our Christmas hymn 107, Good Christian friends, rejoice) and *Singet dem Herrn* ('Sing to the Lord,' based on psalm 98) with Lesley Dolinger as soloist.

The St. Cecilia children's choir, hand bell choir and Thomas Troeger flutist, under the direction of Priscilla Rigg, will sing 'All Things Bright and Beautiful.'

Bruce Fithian will play a grand work of Bach, the prelude in E flat Major, and the concert will end with a moving verse anthem by Henry Purcell, 'O God, Thou Art my God,' based on psalm 63. The term 'verse anthem' refers to motets written in the 18th century, in which the full chorus alternates verses with an ensemble of soloists.

We rejoice that we can feature many talented and generous people at Saint Mary's!



Advent Lessons & Carols, December 2

We look forward to our annual celebration in Advent with the Lessons and Carols Service on the first Sunday of Advent, December 2 at the 10:15 service. With accompanying hand bells, the service will begin with hymn 56, O come, O come Emmanuel, one of the great "O" anthems for Advent.

Then, like at the vigil of the resurrection, readings from the Old and New Testaments will trace the history of redemption, followed by fitting anthems, such as 'Adam lay abounden' (The story of Adam and Eve), and 'The Dream Isaiah Saw' (poem by Thomas H. Troeger, reflecting on Isaiah).

The St. Cecilia children's choir and handbells will offer 'Jesse's Root,' reflecting on the reading from Micah 5:2-4.

Our choir member and noted composer, David Vernier, has written a lovely anthem based on a 15th century English carol: 'I Sing of a Mayden,' and Bruce Fithian has composed a new anthem setting of Thomas Troeger's poem, 'Through Human Love God's Love Is Known.'

We will all enjoy singing favorite hymns such as Hymn 60, Creator of the stars of night; People Look East; and Hymn 57, Lo! He comes with clouds descending.

What a wonderful way to begin the Advent season!



Christmas Story presented by the Saint Mary Schola

As part of the Sparkles festivities, the St Mary Schola will present their annual concert, *Christmas Story*, on Sunday, December 9 at 4:00 pm, followed by an elegant reception in the auditorium. The featured work will be a festive cantata by Heinrich Schütz, bringing to life the birth of Jesus through shepherd songs, angel choruses, solemn wise men processions and an expanded ensemble of period instruments: strings, lute, organ, recorders, and brass.

The program will begin with joyous processions from the medieval ages, perfect for our Norman style chapel, beautiful motets, a special piece from our own Sabbathday Shakers and a newly composed anthem by Bruce Fithian. Tickets are available at the church office, after coffee hour or on line at stmaryschola.org. If for some reason you can't make the Sunday performance, the program will also be offered on Friday December 7, 7:30 pm at St. Mary's and Tuesday, December 11, 7:30 pm, at St. Luke's Cathedral.

Fall additions recap

FORMATION



This Autumn, we 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 school 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)

Being Christian, Being Disciples with Fr. Nathan – in the Guild Room

Walking The Way of Love with Deacon Christine – in the Kneeler Room

Be Still: Meditation and Prayer with Jennifer Gregg and Merle Marie Troeger – in the Chapel

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. Look for new groups to begin in Advent.

COMMON GROUND



Every Thursday, we are gathering on Common Ground.

We are creating a secondary meeting time each week when our parish family comes 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 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!! Food will be available throughout this time.

5:30PM Voice For Life: music training for all ages (adult and youth) **OR**

5:45PM Group presentations and discussion. Topics will vary or be seasonal. **Coming up:**

November 1: How to Die Well - presentation by Fr. Nathan

November 8: Saint Mary's Ministry at Long Creek - by Long Creek staff

November 15: The Episcopal Church and the Visual Arts - by Erin Ferrell

November 29: Sparkles Prep Party - with Falmouth House of PIZZA for all

6:45PM Compline in the Chapel and clean-up

Questions? Ideas for future topics? Contact Janet Bowne (janetbowne@maine.rr.com)

Ephesians Autumn Sermon Series

From September 9 through November 25, the Sunday sermons will guide us through this very special Letter in the New Testament. Each Sunday will include a reading from Ephesians which includes many people's favorite Bible passages. The best way to engage in this teaching series is to prayerfully read ahead and to be prepared on Sundays. The readings will be as follows:

Nov. 4	Ephesians 4:25- 5:2
Nov. 11	Ephesians 5:3-20
Nov. 18	Ephesians 5:21- 6:9
Nov. 25	Ephesians 6:10-20, 23-24

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An Invitation to Join Saint Mary's "Merton Group"

Study and Contemplation on Thursdays 2-3 pm

The "Merton Group" is a small, spiritually diverse, inquisitive, tolerant, open-minded, and supportive group of "seekers."

We do this by meeting to read and discuss spiritual works that draw from the Christian and other faith traditions in an effort to help us reflect upon our own and the world's spiritual roots and fuel personal growth. Over the last few years this intimate group has grown from 2 to 3-6 people who meet weekly (currently on Thursdays from 2-3pm) in the Father James' Chapel. There is no "homework" and regular attendance is not necessary!

Choosing a new book each year, we pray, read aloud, question and respond from heart and mind as each are motivated. Above all, we listen to the author and each other and bravely explore new ideas. Our authors to date have included those steeped in the "perennial" and "contemplative" traditions such as: Thomas Merton, Julian of Norwich, Richard Rohr, Cynthia Bourgeault, and the Anonymous author of *The Cloud of Unknowing*.

We have just begun the book *The Meaning of Mary Magdalene* by Cynthia Bourgeault this fall.

We welcome any who might be curious or feel called. You are invited to drop in and test the waters at any time. FMI: Contact Jennifer Gregg (jenniferanngregg@gmail.com), Aleece Herlihy (aleece.herlihy@gmail.com), Judy Noonan (judynoonan@ymail.com), Lee Dernehl (l_dernehl@yahoo.com), Talie Harris (homerbird@hotmail.com), Angela Kase (armkase@gmail.com)

"Rest for your Soul"

An Advent Quiet Morning sponsored by the Outreach Committee

Saturday, December 15

An Advent Quiet Day is a traditional way to prepare expectantly together for the coming of Emmanuel. This Advent we will offer a quiet (but not silent) opportunity to pray and meditate about the balance between our activity in the world and our very human need for rest and refreshment. We'll start at 9:00 AM and conclude no later than 12:30 PM. The date was selected to provide a quiet interlude after the wonderful bustle of Sparkles and take advantage of the lull before Christmas is upon us. The intention is to provide some "breathing space" during a very busy time of the year. As the name implies, we will focus on biblical and non-biblical injunctions to rest, a theme we need to keep in mind year round.

It would be helpful if you would let us know that you are coming so that we can set up appropriately. Sign ups are at the door to the Guild Room. Still,



Exploring Our Anglican Roots

This is a spring trip (April 29-May 10) to Canterbury, Salisbury and London, led by the Rev. Claudia Smith, the rector of St. Francis in Blue Hill. She has taken groups to England previously to visit the locations central to the story of Anglicanism. Flyers are on the table in the parish house or you may contact www.eo.travel (800-247-0017). Travelers will investigate the origins of Anglicanism by visiting religious sites and hearing foundational stories of our branch of the Jesus Movement.

Short Days, Long Nights

by Merle Marie Troeger



When the calendar tells me to turn the clocks back (on November 4 this year), I always take a deep breath. Yes, I enjoy the light in the morning. It's nice not to have to get up in the dark. But the evening closes in so quickly. It's dark before five now. We move inside, start a fire and watch the flames dance. I have to remind myself that before the widespread availability of electricity, the fall of evening meant the end of the workday. No wonder the church developed the beautiful season of Advent in recognition of this special time.

At this time of the year, the nights are longer than the days, but that will change on December 21, when the days will start getting longer. We live our lives in cycles of day and night.

It is good to remember that both day and night are of God. After all, the first creation story of Genesis tells us that the very first thing God did was to separate the light from the darkness and name the light "Day" and the darkness "Night."

It seems to me that the lengthening darkness calls us to slow down, invites us to take a deep breath, spiritually at least. That might mean taking a moment for prayer as the afternoon darkness descends. *Dear God, thank-you for the gift of light – and the gift of darkness. Help me recognize the unique gifts of both. Give me the grace to live in your darkness and your light with gratitude. Amen.*

Here's a poem that reminds me of the gifts of this time of year.

Dear God,

Let us prepare for winter.

The sun has turned away from us
and the nest of summer hangs broken in a tree.

Life slips through our fingers and,
as darkness gathers, our hands grow cold.

It is time to go inside.

It is time for reflection and resonance.

It is time for contemplation.

Let us go inside.

Amen.

Grab your Gloves and Rakes - Annual Fall Clean-Up and Garlanding: 8am-12 noon November 17th

Mark your Calendars for the Annual Fall Cleanup! Please circle the date on your calendar and join the fun.

We will be working outside to spruce up our campus for the winter season. Food and drinks will be provided.

Questions? Please
Contact Jim Stoddard
jbstod@myfairpoint.net

See you
then!



Congrats to our two Saint Mary's GODSPEED relay teams and two half marathoners who ran the Maine Marathon on September 30. Hooray to Jessica LaPlante, Brooke Curry, Michael Manetti, David Massengesho, Erin Ferrell, Michelle Duvall, Steve Conley, Greg Unfricht, Bruce Fithian and Nathan Ferrell.



Our four teams finish the race represented here by Fr. Nathan, David, Erin and Bruce

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)



The Falmouth Food Pantry would like to thank the kids of Guiding RAY for providing the beautiful centerpieces for the Harvest Community Supper. The marigolds were planted from seeds by the kids last spring!

Thanks to Bruce, Priscilla, David, Jonathan and all members of the several hardworking choirs for the hard work, dedication and sharing of time and talent. We are so fortunate!

Thanks to Jane Stegemann for filling in at a crucial time in the nursery.

Thanks to Portia Hirschman for filling in during Sunday Formation time. It was seamless!

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Thanks to Janet and all the volunteers who worked and cheered runners at the Saint Mary's water station during the Maine Marathon. Good work!

GRACIAS

Thanks to all who baked, donated, and worked so tirelessly to comfort families and friends at the three memorial services this past month. Your work is so important

A Note received following Andrew Leighton's memorial Service:

I just wanted to thank you so much for all you have done for us. This, of course, was a very unique situation and you handled it beautifully. You and Saint Mary's have always been there for us, and we're so grateful. Thanks for everything. My Best, Kate Keene & family



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Thanks to Bruce for organizing the Kotzch in a Box activity at the Godspeed Messy Church. Fun and informative!

Our thanks to Nathan+, Erin & Fiona for sharing the tales of their Ecuador trip at the first Common Ground. And to all presenters and organizers of this special time to gather at Thursday Common Ground to share a meal and further our understanding.

Thank you for keeping your pledges current!

Saint Mary's Operating Finances as September 30, 2018 (- 9,345)



INCOME

General Plate & Pledge Support	228,433
Use of Parish House & Sanctuary	14,568
Fundraisers	7,716
Miscellaneous Gifts & Revenue	45,703
Dedicated Gifts	11,867
	<u>\$ 308,288</u>

EXPENSE

Diocesan Assessment	41,531
Personnel (includes taxes, benefits, & pensions)	168,719
Maintenance, Capital expenses	26,918
Operating (utilities, insurance, taxes, supplies)	55,977
Program	24,488
Countless volunteer donated hours	0
	<u>\$ 317,633</u>

Folk Art Retreat: Wednesday- Friday, February 20 - 22

The perfect opportunity for beginner artists to escape to the snowy woods of Greenfield, NH. Enjoy a relaxing mid-week retreat offering good company, great food and the chance to learn a brand new skill.



- ♦ Painting 101 with Erin McGee Ferrell
- ♦ Intro to Knitting with Cricket Cooper
- ♦ Learn to Quilt with Vickie Hill



For questions, more information or to register, please visit the Barbara C. Harris website: www.bchcenter.org/folkartretreat

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 November Birthdays to:



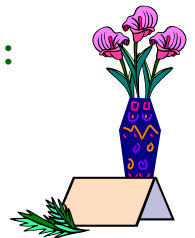
1	Julietta Smithwick	8	Barbara Murray		
3	Avery Buchanan	9	Judith Brooks	22	Angus Ferrell
3	Jay Hurdman	9	Sophia Kelly	22	Sophia McMonagle
3	Caroline Kyros	9	Jean Wilkinson 90!!	22	Julie Woodworth
3	Liz Musacchio	10	Eloise Fulton	24	Lauren Lamberson
3	Benjamin Otte	11	Anabelle Teng	24	John Musacchio
4	Eric Stevenson	12	Brooke Bazarian	24	Hugh Smith
4	Margaret Jean Taylor	13	Phoebe Harris	25	Sophia Draeger
5	George Barrett	13	James Liddell	25	Suzanne Farnham
5	Wendy Craig	13	John Young	26	Ally Hurdman
6	Boone Guyton	14	Gary Conway	26	Chris Smithwick
6	Felicity Record	15	Tucker Hyland	27	Grace Brown
6	Kim Vincent	19	William Record	28	Natalie Unfricht
7	Megan Akers	21	Maura Fitch	30	Jenn Curran
7	Hunter LaFond	21	Ben Russell		

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 NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARY WISHES TO:



10 Kelly & Michael Ianno
27 Gibson & Blake Wilkes



Coffee Hour – Hosts Needed.

We need volunteers for the Sunday morning Coffee Hour. Please keep in mind that Coffee Hour is meant to be a parish gathering with coffee and juice available for children, along with a couple of store-bought or home-baked treats. Most Sundays, coffee is already made (thanks to Hugh & Mary Smith!), so hosts would do a simple set up and clean up. Remember the importance of Coffee Hour is the gathering together of our parish family. We need your involvement. Coffee Hour can't happen every Sunday unless we have more volunteers. The sign-up sheet is on the table in the hallway outside the Guild room.

Kindly consider this ministry once or twice a year. Contact Betsy Stoddard, 829-2026 jbstod@myfairpoint.net if you have questions. Thanks.








November 2018

The Episcopal Church of Saint Mary



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
10/28 23rd Sunday after Pentecost 8am Contemplative Eucharist 9:30am FORMATION groups 10:15am Choral Eucharist 10:15am Guiding RAY classes begin 4-6pm Middle School Youth	10/29 8a-4p Lifeline Screening 12 Noonday Prayer 6-9p PCC rehearsal	10/30 7am-9am BNI in Aud. 9:30 Art Group in Aud 10:30am - Wisdom Seekers 12 Noonday Prayer 12:45pm Staff meeting 4:30pm - RSCM instruction 7pm AA in Auditorium (6:30 beginners) 7:30 A/Anon (6:30 beginners)	10/31 10am Falmouth House & Legacy Eucharist 12 Noonday Prayer 6pm-8pm SinG rehearsal in Aud 	11/1 All Saints' Day 12 Chapel Eucharist 1pm Care Group COMMON GROUND 5-7 pm Potluck 5:45pm Presentation 6:45pm Compline 4:30pm Outreach meeting 7pm Choir rehearsal	11/2 12 Play where you are 5:30 pm Wedding rehearsal 5:30pm Alanon	11/3 9-12n Sparkles Drop-off #4 1pm Hemond Wedding
4 All Saints' Sunday 8am Contemplative Eucharist 9:30am FORMATION groups <i>Fr Nathan with Guiding RAY</i> 10:15am Choral Eucharist 10:15am Guiding RAY classes begin 3-6 pm MultiCultural Fair	5 9am - AFG in Guild Room 12 Play where you are 6-9p PCC rehearsal	6 7:30-9am BNI 9:30-12:30 Art Group 10:30a Wisdom Seekers 12 Noonday Prayer 12:45pm Staff meeting 4:30pm - RSCM instruction 6pm Scholar rehearsal 7pm AA in Auditorium (6:30 beginners) 7:30 A/Anon (6:30 beginners)	7 10am Falmouth House & Legacy Eucharist 9am Mainly Weavers in Aud 9am GC Workshop in GR 12 Noonday Prayer 1pm College Club in Guild Room	8 12 Chapel Eucharist 1pm CARE & Prayer COMMON GROUND 5-7 pm Potluck 5:45pm Presentation 7pm Choir rehearsal	9 Office Closed 9:30am Sparkles meeting 12 Play where you are 5-7pm Souper 5:30pm Alanon 7pm Classic Cinema	10 10am - 3pm Green Cemeteries and Natural Burial conference
11 25th Sunday after Pentecost 8am Contemplative Eucharist 9:30am FORMATION groups 10:15am Choral Eucharist 10:15am Guiding RAY classes begin 11am Armistice Day Centenary 11:30 Acolyte Training	12 9am BFC 10am Garden Club in Aud 12 Noonday Prayer 6-9p PCC rehearsal	13 7:30-9am BNI 9:30-12:30 Art Group 10:30a Wisdom Seekers 12 Noonday Prayer 4:30pm - RSCM instruction 6pm Scholar rehearsal 7pm AA in Auditorium (6:30 beginners) 7:30 A/Anon (6:30 beginners)	14 12 Noonday Prayer 6pm-8pm SinG rehearsal in Aud 6pm Vestry meeting 	15 12 Chapel Eucharist COMMON GROUND 5-7 pm Potluck 5:45pm Presentation 6:45pm Compline 7pm Choir rehearsal	16 Office Closed 8a-4p Milestone Board 12 Play where you are 5:30pm Alanon	17 9-12n Sparkles Drop-off #5 B & G Clean-Up 2pm Nancy Craig Memorial
18 26th Sunday after Pentecost 8am Contemplative Eucharist 9:30am FORMATION groups 10:15am Choral Eucharist & Baptism 10:15am Guiding RAY classes begin 4pm Concert Spiritual	19 12 Noonday Prayer 6-9p PCC rehearsal Dec. AVE deadline	20 7:30-9am BNI 9:30-12:30 Art Group 10:30a Wisdom Seekers 12 Noonday Prayer 12:45pm Staff meeting 4:30pm - RSCM instruction 6pm Scholar rehearsal 7pm AA in Auditorium (6:30 beginners) 7:30 A/Anon (6:30 beginners)	21 12 Noonday Prayer 6pm Thanksgiving Eve Eucharist 7pm Kyros Tree Lighting 6pm-8pm SinG rehearsal in Aud	22 Thanksgiving Day Office closed 	23 Office Closed 12 Play where you are 5-7pm Souper 5:30pm Alanon	24 Give Thanks, Give Blood 9am-2pm Saint Mary's BLOOD DRIVE
25 Christ the King Sunday 8am Contemplative Eucharist 9:30am FORMATION groups 10:15am Choral Eucharist 10:15am Guiding RAY classes begin 4-6pm Middle School Youth	26 12 Noonday Prayer 6-9p PCC rehearsal	27 Giving Tuesday 7am-9am BNI in Aud. 9:30 Art Group in Aud 10:30am - Wisdom Seekers 12 Noonday Prayer 12:45pm Staff meeting 4:30pm - RSCM instruction 6pm Scholar rehearsal 7pm AA in Auditorium (6:30 beginners) 7:30 A/Anon (6:30 beginners)	28 12 Noonday Prayer 6pm-8pm SinG rehearsal in Aud	29 8:30am Falmouth day 12 Chapel Eucharist COMMON GROUND 5-7 pm PIZZA! 5:45pm Presentation 7pm Choir rehearsal	30 12 Play where you are 5:30 pm Wedding rehearsal 5:30pm Alanon	12/1  Sparkles Fair 9am - 2pm

Sparkles Fair Set-up

The Episcopal Church of Saint Mary

Worship Leader Schedule: November- December 2018

	8am	8am	10:15am	10:15am	10:15am	10:15am	10:15am	10:15am	Altar	Altar	Flower	Coffee Hour
	Ushers	EM/Lectors	Ushers	Lector	Euch Minister	Acolytes	Altar Guild	Flowers	Delivery	Host		
4-Nov Pent 24	Ed A Rayle A	Becky Pride	Tom L Jim P	Marian McCue	Stan Eaton Maggie	tbd tbd	Barbara Mary S & Kathy	Helga & Hannah	Ruth Kimball	Sparkles		
11-Nov Pent 25	Rayle A Baer C	Mary Ann M	Jack H Tom L	Erin Ferrell	Jim Maggie G	Emily Michael & xxx	Betsy Tricia & Jana	Nece	The Stoddards	OPEN		
18-Nov Pent 26	Charlie H Al A.	Greg Unfricht	Chuck H Aaron S	Rod McGarry	David Robinson Terry Brown	Sarah, tbd tbd	Barbara Maggie & Katie	open	Ruth Kimball	OPEN		
21-Nov Thanks Eve	6pm Aaron S.	6pm Becky Pride										
25-Nov Last Pent	Ed A Rayle A.	Len Taylor	Mark B Ron F.	Andrea M-H	Andrea M-H Maggie G	tbd tbd	Mary S Portia	open	The Stoddards	OPEN		
Advent L & C, No HE	4 Readers Lad Taylor	4 Readers Lad Taylor	Jack H Chuck H	5 Readers Stan Eaton Jim	x x	~	Janet Tricia & Katie	Greens	~	Sparkles		
9-Dec Advent 2	Baer C Dave F Len T.	Al Ahlers	Aaron S Ryan S	Ben	Nadine T Maggie	Kevin Lauren & Kyle	Betsy Mary L	Greens	~	OPEN		
16-Dec Advent 3	Al A Charlie H	Becky Pride	Jim P Jack H	Dawn Y	Andrea M-H Terry Brown	Emily tbd	Tricia Katie	Greens	~	OPEN		
23-Dec Advent 4	x x	Mary Ann M	x x	Pageant na	Jim Stoddard Stan Eaton	William Harrison &	Mary L Barbara & Portia	Greens	~	OPEN		
24-Dec Cmas Eve	4pm Usher x x x	4pm EM Greg Unfricht Terry Brown	4pm Readers Becky Pride Ginny Stelk Natalie U. Brown	6pm Ushers x x x	6pm EM Andrea MH Maggie	6pm Readers Rod McG Andrea youth youth	9pm Ushers x x x	9pm EM Len Lad	9pm Lector Maureen			
25-Dec Cmas	10am Usher x	10am Lector Al A.	10am EM Al A.	6pm Acolytes: Kevin, Lauren & Kyle	xx		9pm Acolytes: Emily, Julia & Michael	Cmas	~	~		
30-Dec Cmas 1	Becky Pride			Jennifer	Maggie G xx			Cmas	~	OPEN		

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



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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
and wherever you find yourself

THURSDAYS

12NOON - *Chapel Eucharist*
+5-7+pm - *COMMON GROUND*
Connecting with our community
5:00PM *Potluck dinner,*
5:45PM *Program & discussion*
6:45PM *Compline service*



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Copy deadline for December AVE - November **19**

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SPARKLES' MEMORIALS CELEBRATIONS AND THANKSGIVINGS

Gather together on November 21, as we thank the Lord for our many blessings and the people who have made a mark on our lives as we light the Kyros Memorial and Celebration Tree honoring the memories of our departed loved ones and the blessings of our friends and family members.

Send the names of those you would like to celebrate with a blessing or memorial, complete this form and send the form, via email, hand delivery or place in the offering plate, to the Parish Office by **Monday, November 19** to have the name included in the celebration leaflet.

In Memory of (please print):

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In Celebration of (please print):

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3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

Your Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____