



Building authentic, vibrant, Christ-centered community



In our towns, in our cities, in our nation, the basic institutions of community are dying from a thousand small cuts. Slowly but surely, these gathering places are passing away. I can see this happening in my own life. I have not walked into a bank building for years now. Why should I? All my banking is done electronically, and I have no need for a bricks-and-mortar location. Our family used to go to the public library to borrow many books and DVDs and books on CD, but not anymore. Now we can access all these things through the internet, and we have little need for an actual library. Membership in fraternal organizations

continues to plummet, and I am one who feels no compelling need to join the Masons or the Moose Lodge or the Rotary Club. My life is already filled with other obligations. And so, I unwittingly contribute to the crumbling of community in our land.

Change is inevitable. We can never stop it. Every single thing in the universe is in constant motion. Everything! We cannot stop change, but we can observe it and learn from it. We can adapt and be better prepared for the future. Nearly all the ways in which local people have interacted with each other are becoming obsolete. This is sad for many reasons, but it is also an opportunity for the local church. You see, what we do cannot be outsourced to the internet. You cannot receive holy baptism remotely. You cannot livestream the sharing of holy communion. You cannot receive the laying on of hands for healing over the internet. You cannot feel the power of singing together in harmony while sitting alone in your living room and staring at a screen.

As our society continues to change, what we do – and who we are – as Saint Mary's will only grow in importance. I truly believe this. We are a womb of community – of authentic, vibrant, Christ-centered community. The kind of community that one can never experience on Facebook or Snapchat or Twitter. Spiritual community that is deeper and more real than any other. This means that we must be careful to safeguard this community and protect it from harm – either deliberate or otherwise. So, will you invest in this God-inspired project and help us to build this together? Christ has called us to this labor of love, and our world needs it more than ever. As change disrupts our established institutions of community, it is time for the local church to rise-up and fill the gap. To build authentic, vibrant, Christ-centered community that celebrates, honors and serves together. Are you ready to be part of the Saint Mary's team that will make this happen?

Nathan W. Ferrell +

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From the Deacon's Corner

Dear Ones,

I want you to know that the Holy Spirit is alive and well and at work among us!! I know because I have seen it! I have heard it and I have felt her living creative power! I am not alone. If you were with us in the auditorium watching the Presiding Bishop Michael Curry preaching to hundreds at the Temple in Ocean Park; if you were at the Cathedral of Saint Luke in Portland on June 22 for the Ordination and Consecration of the 10th Bishop of the Diocese of Maine, Rt. Rev. Thomas Brown or watching the event from a distance, you felt the incredible power of the Spirit filling the church and surrounding every person there.

I attended the Association for Episcopal Deacons Triennial in Providence, Rhode Island, June 7-9. There were 250 deacons there from all over the country. The Presiding Bishop preached at the opening Eucharist on Thursday evening and gave the keynote address the next morning. The room was alive with the presence of the Holy Spirit. The joy was contagious, and we were all filled with the hope that only our faith in Jesus Christ can give. The diocese of Maine was represented by our Archdeacon, five deacons and three deacons in formation.

These are occasions when there can be no doubt that the Spirit is alive. It is impossible to miss her presence and activity unless you have fallen asleep! The Holy Spirit is often more quiet, less obvious, subtle and easily missed if we aren't paying attention. The quiet conversation and prayer with a friend who feels sad or alone are moments where the Spirit is alive. The loving moment with a precious child or the uplifting sound of favorite music are all moments to experience the Spirit and to be lifted up by hope and joy. Love God. Love each other. That is the Presiding Bishop's message, inspired by the Holy Spirit, to the Church and to each of us. May we all be so filled to overflowing by the Spirit that we feel compelled to reach out and share the love.

Faithfully,

Deacon Christine



A Full weekend in the Episcopal Diocese of Maine



Fr. Nathan with Presiding Bishop Curry

June 21-23 was a packed weekend with the Clergy Day luncheon at Saint Mary's on Friday, followed by the Consecration of Maine's 10th Bishop on Saturday, June 22 at the Cathedral of St. Luke, [watch Consecration video \(https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ecpU2vkDFTM&feature=youtu.be\)](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ecpU2vkDFTM&feature=youtu.be) and a stirring sermon given by the Most Rev. Michael Curry at Ocean Park on Sunday, June 23. [Watch Ocean Park service video \(https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ROzsZ6hy37k\)](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ROzsZ6hy37k)



Bishop Thomas Brown surrounded by two prior Maine Bishops, Knudsen and Lane

SUMMER FINALE/FAMILY CAMP IT'S CAMP FOR EVERYONE! August 22 - 25

Families! Singles! Couples! Retired folks! Young adults! Grandparents!

This is a great way to experience camp and do all the fun things kids do all summer as a family.

This year, Finale is from Thursday, August 22nd, until Sunday, August 25th.

Stay in cabins or camp in tents, and let us do all the cooking and provide the fun activities.

To learn more about Summer Finale, [click here](#).

We still have a few more cabins left.

[A video from our first summer!](#)

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

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



Vestry Highlights from the Wardens

by Janet Bowne

The Vestry met on June 19, 2019. Father Nathan opened the meeting with a teaching moment on Juneteenth, the celebration of the implementation of the Emancipation Proclamation in 1865.

We welcomed two visiting presenters. Emily Rodgers is chairing the Farm-to-Table Dinner, Auction and Contra dance on August 10th at 5 p.m. She shared with us the structure of the event, which will include a delicious dinner, silent auction and contra dance. She also asked for help in setting up and running the event as well as asked us all to invite friends and neighbors to join in. Details will be in both the July AVE and weekly e-news blasts. Interested in helping? Contact Emily: emilymayrodgers@gmail.com

Jim Stoddard, Chairman of Buildings and Grounds, joined us to update us on the projects done to date and those scheduled for the next several months. The project with the biggest impact on our daily life will be the refinishing of the floors in the church, auditorium and the Guild Room. This work will be done later **in July or early August**.

Treasurer Ben Parks-Stamm gave an update on our finances. We are running very close to budget as we hit the half way point of the year. We are going into a slower time so it's important for all to stay current on pledging so we can meet our overhead obligations over the summer months.

Darren Clark and Matt Fulton gave an update on volunteer recruitment. Several people took the volunteer information at the Pentecost Party, but no actual sign ups have occurred probably due to the busy end-of-school and start



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

-of-summer timing. We talked about the need for all to work on encouraging others to volunteer. We also talked about monitoring what we are doing and balancing the strain on volunteers.

We are working on scheduling for the fall. Common Ground will return. Ideas for topics are welcome and should be sent to Father Nathan or Janet Bowne.

Choir member/parishioner Maria Belva is going to lead the youth choir beginning in the fall. She's working with Megan Akers, our Guiding Ray Director, Father Nathan and Bruce to work out logistics and recruiting. 2021 General Convention Delegates will be nominated at the Diocesan Convention in October. The Maine Diocese gets 4 lay delegates and 4 clergy delegates. However, nominations need to be made online by September 9th. The 2021 Convention is in Baltimore from June 30-July 9, 2021. Please let Father Nathan know if you're interested in running for a delegate spot.

Janet Bowne

Growing together: Common Ground Summer



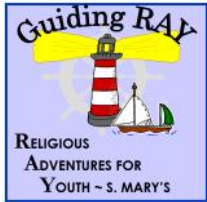
As a way to keep us connected during the summer Common Ground Thursdays will continue but with a slight time change. Join us on Thursdays from 9:00 – 11:00am (or later if you wish...bring a picnic to the playground) for fellowship and various activities and programs. Ice coffee, lemonade and snacks will be provided.

A few activities planned are...

- Listen to Presiding Bishop Curry's podcasts on "The way of Jesus is the Way of Love. And the Way of Love can change the world"
 - Weed and water the Saint Mary's Vegetable Garden
 - Play in the nursery (all ages welcome!)
- On July 18 Denise Curry, owner of Bfit Fitness, will share her expertise on aging well with exercise and nutrition, emphasizing natural and organic strategies on skincare, weight loss and stress management. Denise will also conduct private body fat measurements for anyone interested in getting a better understanding of their baselines!
 - Sparkles projects

Or just spend some time chatting with each other. All are welcome!!

Christian Formation - RAY Beams - Summer 2019



Summer Schedule. During the summer there are no Guiding RAY classes. Resources are placed at the back of the church to help keep your children happy and busy during the service. **The nursery, however, is open for business every Sunday from 9:15-10:45, with loving care provided by Ashley Ricker and Meg Hurdman.**



Please mark your calendars now for our Kick Off Sunday, Teacher Commissioning and Blessing of the Backpacks on **September 8** when we return to our 10:15am

Summertime does not mean vacation time for Guiding RAY. If you are interested in helping to plan the curriculum and events for the coming year and preparing the Guiding RAY classrooms, please contact Megan Akers. All help is welcome!



IMPORTANT: We have several slots open for Guiding RAY leaders for the 2019-2020 school year and are in great need of parishioner support. We particularly ask parents of children registered in Guiding RAY to discern the time and energy they might be able to give to this important ministry of our church community. We make it super easy for you! Please reach out to Megan Akers for more information.

Register NOW for 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.

Register your child or yourself now at www.bishopswood.org. See the website for more information.



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***Mary, Mary, Oh Saint Mary,
how does your garden grow?
With love and care and plenty of veggies to share!***

From the garden of Eden to the garden in John's gospel where Jesus makes his first post-resurrection appearance, a garden is a place where God dwells, a place where God proclaims that everything is good, a place where God in Christ calls us by name. The kids in Guiding RAY have begun planting seeds for the Saint Mary's garden this year. The produce will then be donated to the Falmouth Food Pantry. For more information about how you can help the Saint Mary's Garden grow, please contact Master Gardener and parishioner, Bobbi MacCallum at bmaccallum43@gmail.com

Guiding RAY Coordinator: Megan Akers: *Director*, GuidingRAY@smary.org, 415-4260

Christian Formation - RAY Beams - Summer 2019

The youth group led us all in Prayers of the People with prayers that they had written following guidelines in the Book of Common Prayer.



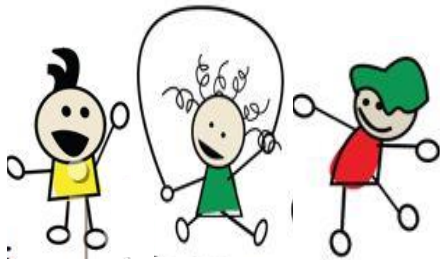
Middle School Youth Group will return in the fall. Stayed tuned for information about a Seadogs game and kick off tailgate party. We use a combination of games, lessons, and reflection to get the most out of our time together. We hope to see you there!



-Michelle and Will Chappell



High Touch High Tech of Maine is happy to announce that we will offer Summer Camps at Saint Mary's August 19-23 and August 26-30. Saint Marians are eligible for 5% discount (use code st. mary's at checkout). Visit our website for more information.)



Summer is here! And with the warmer weather the kids love to play outside during coffee hour. Please be aware that the playground is not supervised during this time and kids are welcome to



Young Life Casco Bay

Interested in having the best week of your life? Then sign up for YL Camp! Open to all high schoolers, this year our group is at camp July 13-19. You are guaranteed to never forget it. FMI, visit www.younglifecb.com

Safe Summer Parties

Tip of the Month



Discuss with your teen how to handle a situation where alcohol or drugs may be present

- Know where your teen will be
- Confirm the parents of the party host are home
- Know how your teen will get home from the party
- Let your teen know your expectations
- Devise a code word or phrase for your teen to use to exit the party gracefully (example: have your teen text you the letter "X" telling you they want to leave)

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Dine, Dance, & Donate

Please join us for a
farm-to-table dinner and contra dance
benefiting

The Episcopal Church of Saint Mary

**Saturday, August 10
5 PM**

On the church lawn
43 Foreside Road Falmouth, Maine

Tickets: \$40/adult in advance & \$50/adult at the door

Children over age 5: \$10

Children under age 5: Free

Childcare will be provided for children under age 5

**Please bring your
favorite summer beverage**



Want to help Sponsor this fun evening?

Please consider which angel you or your
business could be for this event:

Seraphim: \$800

- 8 tickets to the event
- Recognition in all promos
- 1/2 page ad in next 2 AVEs
- Recognition in our Annual Report

Cherubim: \$400

- 6 tickets to the event
- Recognition in all promos
- 1/4 page ad in next 2 AVEs
- Recognition in our Annual Report

Archangel: \$300

- 4 tickets to the event
- Recognition in all promos
- 1/4 page ad in next 2 AVEs
- Recognition in our Annual Report

Angel: \$200

- 2 tickets to the event
- Recognition in all promos
- 1/8 page ad in next 2 AVEs
- Recognition in our Annual Report

Saint Mary's Farm-to-Table Dinner & Contra Dance Fundraiser

I would like to be an angel for this event:

☐ Seraphim: \$800 ☐ Cherubim: \$400 ☐ Archangel: \$300 ☐ Angel: \$200

I would like to purchase _____ \$40 farm-to-table adult tickets

I would like to purchase _____ \$10 farm-to-table child tickets

Please make checks payable to: The Episcopal Church of Saint Mary





Our newest Parish Photo taken on June 8, 2019, Pentecost Sunday.

Photo by Peter Guyton

Godspeed Team Completes 2019 Trek Across Maine

The S. Mary's based "Godspeed" team recently completed a joyful (albeit hilly) three-day adventure participating in the new 186-mile loop Trek Across Maine course, starting and finishing at Brunswick Landing, on the site of the former Naval Air Base. Through this effort Godspeed Team members Nathan & Erin Ferrell, David & Kyla Duchin, Greg Fergin, Bruce Fithian and Charlie Hurdman raised \$7,225 in support of the American Lung Association, and

**TREK ACROSS
MAINE**
CYCLE FOR AIR



thank the many S. Mary's Parishioners who supported their effort – both financially and otherwise! Even though the ride is over, it's not too late to make a financial contribution; if you'd like to do so please contact any team member and they will provide guidance about how to make a contribution. This is a great event that supports an important cause. We hope to field the 3rd annual S. Mary's-based Godspeed team for the 36th Annual Trek in 2020 and would love more parishioners to join our merry band of pedalers.

Out of the starting gate on Friday morning, June 14



And over the finish line, 186 miles later, Sunday afternoon June 17



Left photo (l to r): Greg Fergin, Bruce Fithian, Dave Duchin, Kyla Duchin, Erin Ferrell, Charlie Hurdman, Nathan Ferrell

Outreach Ministry - All Ages Serving Near and Far



Responding to Maine's Opioid Crisis

Education, Compassion and Community

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On Sunday, June 9th, Saint Mary's held the third and final presentation of our spring Opioid Crisis series, "Overcoming Obstacles in Recovery: Jobs, Housing and More". Margo Walsh, Founder and CEO of MaineWorks, was our keynote speaker. MaineWorks is an innovative employment company with a social mission: to dignify the experience for people who face real barriers to workforce reentry, including people recovering from substance use disorder and people with felony convictions.

Margo began her presentation by showing a trailer from a beautifully produced VIA agency documentary, *Now What?*, which describes the journey of 5 men through their recovery and how MaineWorks was pivotal in helping them rebuild their lives.

After Margo spoke, we heard from three MaineWorks employees, each of them in recovery. They shared their stories and spoke about the difference MaineWorks has made in their lives, their successes, and their difficult journeys. MaineWorks employees Casey Tucker, Brett Longo and Steve Lawrence rocked the house with their clarity, insight and wisdom.

Jeff Buckwalter, CEO of Holy Donuts, and Charlie Bickford, President of Maine Paint, shared their experiences in hiring people in recovery and how it has helped not only those in recovery, but their companies and fellow employees. As Jeff Buckwalter said, "It has helped the individuals, and it has helped shape the culture of Holy Donuts for the better. It's my hope that more businesses are constructed in such a way that would allow for them to both bring on people in recovery to enrich their culture and help some very deserving people find their way again."

A moving testimonial from The Reverend Carie Johnson ended the evening. Carie has a son who has been struggling with recovery and she described the highs, the lows and the impact it has had on Carie and their family.

Portraits of MaineWorks employees by photographer Joanne Arnold lined the Saint Mary's auditorium. Joanne also spoke about the dedication of MaineWorks employees and the amazing impact Margo and MaineWorks has had on so many people.

The afternoon was an incredibly informative, and at times heartbreaking, view into the challenges and obstacles of recovery and the workforce. A most significant message throughout was how important it is for businesses to recognize the value of an employee in recovery as they most often have the a deep strength, determination, and will to rebuild their lives.

We look forward to continuing our series on "Responding to Maine's Opioid Crisis: Education, Compassion and Community" in the fall.



Garbage to Garden

Composting in Saint Mary's Kitchen

In response to our call to be responsible stewards of God's creation, Saint Mary's is now composting. Through a cost-effective contract with Garbage to Garden, we will have two moderately sized tubs delivered each week in which to collect compostable material. These will be picked up and the new tubs delivered on trash day. Special thanks to our recycling crew, Marian McCue, John Henson and Jennifer Gregg for ensuring that the full tubs are put out with the recycling each week. And thanks in advance to ALL parishioners for *composting and recycling responsibly* at Saint Mary's. Check out the list of compostable items that is displayed in the kitchen next to the tubs--and the list of recyclable items that is taped to the top of the recycling bins. Any questions? Please contact Jennifer Gregg, jenniferanngregg@gmail.com, or any member of the Outreach Committee.

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Casco Bay CAN "Table Talks" Elicit a Great Response

As an integral part of Saint Mary's efforts to address the addiction crisis in Maine, we welcomed Casco Bay CAN (www.cascobayCAN.org) representatives to Saint Mary's Common Ground to conduct "Table Talks"--small group discussions to guide adults with relationships of influence with children about how we can talk to our children about substance use. Some 20 parents and grandparents participated on May 30th as part of the scheduled "Common Ground" evening. The group was divided into adults with children in elementary school and adults with children in middle/high school and beyond.

A parent of elementary school age children shared that, "the Round Table discussion was very informative. The facilitator gave us important insights on how parents' daily behavior, specifically in regard to alcohol, can influence kid at this age."

A parent of elementary and middle school children shared: "Thursday night was incredible!! It was such an informative evening! I walked away feeling happy with what we have already preached to our children, but also aware of so much more. Really, really a good night and the leaders were great! I look forward to more next year! I loved how they said that so much is social these days and the stress that is put on kids....if we can help them navigate failure, they will be less stressed and less likely to turn to drugs and/or alcohol- that was the biggest message I got and have passed along to people. And I have already spoken a lot to friends who couldn't be there. Thank you for helping to make those happen!! Please keep them coming!"

The grandparents in the group felt strongly about their role in talking to their grandchildren and found the Table Talks to be an excellent help in learning how to talk openly and learn to speak with young people about underage drinking and illegal substance use. "We found it particularly informative as grandparents and look forward to more such sessions."

With this very positive feedback, we will be inviting Casco Bay CAN back next year! Many thanks to Outreach Committee members Anne LaFond and Diane Fletcher for organizing this wonderful and informative event, as well as to Julia Splint and Fiona Ferrell for providing childcare and to all the attendees who participated in the Common Ground Potluck supper!



With All Your Heart

by Merle Marie Troeger

When Jesus was asked what the greatest commandment was, he answered what any good Jew would answer: He quoted Deuteronomy. "Hear O Israel: The Lord is our God, the Lord alone. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might."

It seems pretty obvious that we should love the Lord with our hearts. After all, we think of the heart as the part of us that is primarily involved in loving. It is the seat of passion and romantic love.

It's that word "all" that bothers me. I have so many loves that take up space in my heart. There has to be space for my husband, my family, my friends, my hobbies. I suppose it's like parents and their children. A parent loves each child with *all* his or her heart. There is a mystery here that transcends our thought process.

When I think about it, I realize that mystery really is at the heart of loving with all my heart. I know that from my own experience of loving and being loved. There are no good explanations for that rush of feeling I have when a loved one gives me an embrace. There is no accounting for the relief and comfort of the heartfelt love that forgives and accepts my failings.

Loving the Lord with all my heart is beyond my reasoning powers, but I have the feeling that if I try to do that, all my other loves will fall into place too. I'll need help to do this. So here's a prayer that is very familiar and reminds me of the mystery of loving with my whole heart.

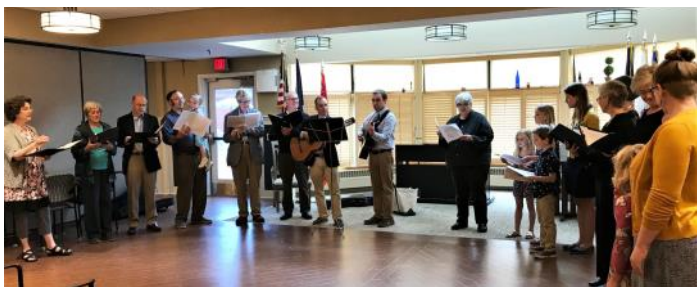


Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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Spring **MISSION MORNING** at Saint Mary's

Another Welcome and Gratifying Success



Thank you to the 30 some parishioners who participated in the Spring Mission Morning on Sunday, June 16 (Father's Day!)

The biggest draw was that of singing for Veterans at the Scarborough Maine Veterans' Home, led and organized by Ben Pollard. Members of the Saint Mary's Choir and the Choral Arts Society were joined by several families with children and other parishioners to sing

patriotic hymns, accompanied by guitars, to some twenty residents in the audience. The most popular was clearly the Battle Hymn of the Republic and several veterans were visibly moved during the rendition of the Armed Forces Medley. Several members of the staff and the residents enthusiastically offered invitations for a return visit.

And while these folk were warbling, other parishioners were working assiduously at Saint Mary's to create truly beautiful greeting cards for these Veterans, which were delivered to the Maine Veterans' home the following week. Thank you, Ben, for organizing and leading this wonderful mission!

Two smaller but no less enthusiastic groups spent Mission Morning working at a parishioner's home, inside and out, to ready it for spring. In responding to this assistance, this parishioner wrote, "I am over the moon with happiness. You are all such lovely people. And even the weather cooperated. Saint Mary's is my home and my family, and I am so blessed to be a part of this church and this congregation."

A second group battled ticks and traffic to clean up Route One in Falmouth of trash and debris. Undaunted, they returned to Saint Mary's with bags full! Thank you, Bonny Rodden, for leading this wonderful effort!

Throughout - whether singing or raking, cleaning, dusting or picking up trash - these parishioners enjoyed an amazingly rain-free morning in the presence of God and His creation. Thank you, All, and we now look forward to a new season of Mission Mornings beginning in September!



Community Souper Supper

July 12 and 26



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 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!



Thank you for keeping your pledges current!

For all you summer vacationers, please remember that if you will be out of town for a few weeks (or the entire summer), it is important to maintain your regular pledge to Saint Mary's. The parish is still active in the summer and continues to incur operating expenses, so it is important that we maintain cash flow. The easiest thing to do is to set-up automated bank transfers in advance so that you do not have to remember while away. This can be done through our website (www.smary.org) or through your own bank. That will give you one less thing that you'll have to remember.



Thank You!

Saint Mary's Operating Finances - as of May 31, 2019 (+ 33,383)

INCOME

General Plate & Pledge Support	160,093
Use of Parish House & Sanctuary	7,007
Fundraisers	282
Miscellaneous Gifts & Revenue	35,657
Dedicated Gifts	<u>10,422</u>
Total Revenue	\$ 213,461

EXPENSE

Diocesan Assessment	23,459
Personnel (<i>includes, taxes, benefits, & pensions</i>)	89,613
Maintenance, Capital	15,365
Operating (<i>utilities, insurance, taxes, supplies</i>)	36,333
Program	15,308
Countless volunteer donated hours of time	<u>0</u>
	\$ 180,078

Only Five Months until Sparkles 2019!

Sparkles officially begins this year on Thanksgiving Eve, November 27 when we will when we will prep for the Advent season by lighting the Kyros Memorial Tree after the Thanksgiving Eucharist.

On Saturday, December 7, we will have the Sparkles Fair, with our beautiful Boutique, Bake Sale, Cookie Walk and Café, and our fun Sparkles Toyland. On Sunday, December 15, we will host the Schola Concert and Reception.

Mark your calendars! You won't want to miss a minute of these events. BUT – we need lots of help to make this all happen, and that help begins now!

ARTISANS AND CRAFTERS – There are spaces for 2-3 artisans/crafters to have a table at the boutique. If you would like to “sparkle” and show your talent, please sign up with Jan Mordarski (janmordarski@gmail.com). Artists set their own prices, collect payment, and take 50% of the proceeds from their table.

KNITTERS, CROCHETERS, AND OTHER HANDCRAFTERS – Please begin now to make things for the “Knitters” Corner. In past years, hats, scarves, felted items, bags and baby items have sold especially well. If you are cleaning out your “stash” of yarns, fabric, notions, or other supplies, please consider donating them, too. For more information, call Barbara Murray (799-1326).

SAINT MARY'S GEMS – This is always a popular table, so if you have vintage, estate, or new (fine or costume) jewelry, scarves, purses, belts, or other accessories, please save these for donation. They will be cleaned, and, if necessary, repaired or repurposed for sale.

THE BOUTIQUE – We offer gently used household items, family treasures, holiday decorations, silver, linens and china for sale in the boutique. No magazines or clothing. There will be specifically designated drop off dates in the fall, but we also accept donations year-round. If you need help with pickup or storage before fall, please contact Jana Burke (jana.burke@gmail.com) or Onnie Hastings (hastbobon@msn.com), and we will make arrangements. If you leave items at the church, mark them clearly for SPARKLES.

PLANTS AND GREENERY – A new and very successful area for Sparkles the last 2 years was our Plant table. We took cuttings over the summer and planted them in teacups and other small planters. This year, we are adding English Ivy wreaths to our offering. If you have English Ivy or other plants, we would love to have cuttings. As an alternative, small plants are often available reasonably this time of year. If you're not a gardener or don't have space, we have Sparkles members who will gladly take care of them until December.

SPARKLES TOYLAND – One of our most popular and fun sections is our *Sparkles Toyland*. There, we have toys, kids' sports equipment, and children's books and other items for sale. Another *Kid's Only* (NO GROWNUPS ALLOWED) room is set aside for kids to shop for others. Special elves help the kids choose gifts and wrap them so they're ready to put under the tree. If you have gently used toys, children's books, or other kids' items, we would love to add them to this area. Also, small items suitable for kids to buy for their parents or siblings would be great for our *Kids Only* room.

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)

A great big thank you to Peter Guyton for swiftly and skillfully taking the 'every-5-year' Parish Photo on June 9. Peter Guyton is a parishioner and professional photographer. Check out his website, www.PeterGuyton.com

To everyone who helped with the Memorial Day Parade reception especially Anne and Geoff LaFond for their leadership. It was a great day and always fun to welcome the parade goers to Saint Mary's.

Kudos! Christie Rana, Priscilla and Rod McGarry, Janet Bowne, Dana Madigan, Dawn and Noah Yerkes and the Guiding RAY families for making our Pentecost Party and Last Day of Guiding RAY such a blast!

To the Choir for sharing their musical gifts with the parish and enhancing our worship. Enjoy some time off this summer but keep those voices in shape!

Merci

To Emily Rodgers for her leadership on the Farm to Table Fundraiser! We'll enjoy the time together on 8/10/19 and know that our summer fundraiser will be successful!!

To Megan Akers and the Guiding RAY volunteers for their stewardship of our youngest parishioners. It's a wonderfully robust program filled with creative engagement for the children!

To the recycling team for setting up and implementing the compost program through Garbage to Garden.

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Thanks to Bobbi MacCallum, Jim Kane, Dana Madigan and the kids of Guiding RAY for prepping and planting the Saint Mary's Vegetable Garden.

Gracias

Thanks to Cindy Horton and Jan Mordarski who have taken on the task throughout

the year to clean corners of the kitchen as needed as well as all who have helped.

To the members of the Buildings and Grounds team for their ever present care of our property. There's always lots to do and we appreciate your attention to these important projects!

Falmouth Congregational Church

(267 Falmouth Road, Falmouth, 781-3413)

invites all to their monthly

Side Door Coffee House

July 12, 6:30-8:30pm

featuring

T'Acadie

They are a folk trio from mid-coast Maine and have been playing traditional New England and Canadian tunes along with waltzes, blues, zydeco and shanties in 3-part harmonies for nearly 30 years.

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.

Pentecost Party goes

Lee Snow and Annie Johnson all dressed in red and feeling the Holy Spirit!



Become a Hospice Volunteer and make a difference

Hold a hand, lend an ear, run an errand, or provide a comforting presence. If you are a compassionate, reliable individual with a sincere desire to help, we encourage you to join our team of valued Northern Light Home Care & Hospice volunteers.

Volunteers are needed most to help hospice patients in Cumberland and York counties. Healthcare experience is not required, and you will receive the necessary training and support needed to help you enjoy a positive and rewarding volunteer experience. Call today to learn about this opportunity and sign up for our upcoming training session! **Beth Simmons, LSW, Northern Light Home Care & Hospice Volunteer Coordinator 207-400-8852**

Fall Schedule: Dates: Thursday, September 19, 26, October 3 & 17 9:00am to 1:00pm | Tuesday, October 8 4:30 -6:30pm Location: Suite 1, 50 Foden Road, South Portland, ME



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

Happy July Birthdays to:



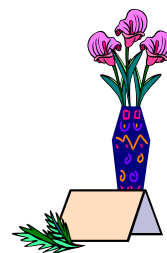
1	Caitlyn Becker	11	Tom Donaldson		
1	Andrea Smith	11	Maureen Hale		
1	Aaron Splint	11	Doug Pride		
2	Marcia Willock	12	Thomas Fast	20	Lincoln Stelk
3	Mark Diamond	12	Nick Horton	20	Julia Stinneford
3	David Robinson	12	Raughley Nuzzi	21	Ella Buchanan
4	Tim Follo	13	Max Orestis	21	Sarah Delaney
4	Bill Gowen	14	Sean Burke	22	Nick Leshey
4	Jim Stoddard	14	Ron Frye	24	Jamie Akers
6	Ike Kiely	14	Charlie Hurdman	24	Cameron DeSorbo
6	Gibson Wilkes	17	Hannah Kiely	25	George Holt
8	Peter Stegemann	17	Laura O'Neill	25	Allie Wilkes Matthews
9	David Chadwick	18	Amanda Henson	26	William Rana
9	Chris Hurdman	19	Joanne Varga	29	Johanna Frissell
9	Tom LaPlante	20	Mary Hyland	29	Maggie Gardner
				31	Hope Duchin

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 July Anniversary wishes to:



June 29	Al & Mary Ahlers
July 9	Jessica & Peter Kenlan
July 12	Ann & Robert Wood
July 14	Nancy & Vinny Licata



GODSPEED TEAMS are forming soon to run once again in **The Maine Marathon on Sunday, October 6.**

Be part of one of our Saint Mary GODSPEED relay teams and join this enormous community event. Runners of ALL ABILITIES are invited to join us. Distances are 6, 8.8, 6.2 and 5.2 miles. There is so much energy along the entire course. This is NOT a race, but a fun community event. If you are even **a little bit interested**, contact Nathan at 310-0268 or nathanferrell@smary.org.

CELEBRATE

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The Episcopal Church of Saint Mary Worship Leader Schedule: July - August 2019

Summer Hours	8am Ushers	8a. EM/Lectors	9:30am Ushers	9:30am Lector	9:30am Euch Minister	Altar Guild	Altar Flowers	Flower Delivery	Coffee Hr. Host
30-Jun Pent 3	Baer C Jim K	Len T.	Tom L xx	Rod McGarry	Andrea M-H Jim S.	Kathy G Betsy E	Jessica	The Stoddards	OPEN
7-Jul Pent 4	Rayle A Ed A	Becky P	Jack H Aaron S	Ginny Ben R	Ben Betsy	Portia Jana & Katie	Helga	Ruth K	OPEN
14-Jul Pent 5	Dave F Len T	Al A	Joyce V Len V	Marian	Diane Nadine	Mary S Mary L & Janet	Jan M	The Hortons	OPEN
21-Jul Pent 6	Baer C Jim K	Lad T	Ryan S Chuck H	Jennifer	Maggie Terry	Barbara Jana B	Onnie	Dawn & Noah	OPEN
28-Jul Pent 7	Al A Charlie H	Mary Ann	Ron F Mark B	Dawn	Andrea M-H Will	Katie P Portia & Maggie	Jana	The Stoddards	OPEN
4-Aug Pent 8	Rayle A Ed A	Len	Tom L Aaron S	Betsy S	Nadine Diane	Mary S Janet B	Melissa	Ruth K	OPEN
11-Aug Pent 9	Len T Dave F	Elise K	Jack H Ryan S	Maureen	Maggie Linda	Betsy E Barbara M	Helga	The Hortons	OPEN
18-Aug Pent 10	Jim K Baer C	Becky	Joyce V Len V	Jim S	Stan Betsy	Kathy G Portia H	Onnie & Jan W	Dawn & Noah	OPEN
25-Aug Pent 11	Charlie H Al A	Al	Mark B Ron F	Will	Jim Terry	Jana B Maggie G	Jana	The Stoddards	OPEN
1-Sep Pent 12	Dave F Len T		Chuck H Tom L	Andrea M-H	Andrea Diane	Janet B Mary L	Katie	Ruth K	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



JULY

2019



The Episcopal Church of Saint Mary

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
6/30 3rd Sun. after Pentecost 8am Contemplative Eucharist 9:30am Choral Eucharist 12-7pm Schola recording in sanctuary	7/1 12 Noonday Prayer	2 7:30-9am BNI 9:30a Art Group in Aud 12 Noonday Prayer 7pm AA in Auditorium 7am AlaTeen in Youth Rm 7:30 AlAnon (6:30 beginners)	3 9a-12 GC Judges Council (GR) 12 Noonday Prayer	July 4 Office closed for Independence Day 12 Pray where you are 	5 Office closed 12 Pray where you are 5:30pm AlAnon	6
7 4th Sun. after Pentecost Celebrant: Rev. Anne Fowler 8am Contemplative Eucharist 9:30am Choral Eucharist	8 10am Garden Club 12 Noonday Prayer	9 7:30-9am BNI 9:30a Art Group in Aud 12 Noonday Prayer 7pm AA in Auditorium 7am AlaTeen in Youth Rm 7:30 AlAnon (6:30 beginners)	10 12 Noonday Prayer	11 12 Noonday Prayer	12 Office closed 12 Pray where you are 4pm Wedding Rehearsal 5-7pm Souper Supper 5:30pm AlAnon 7pm Classic Cinema	13 1pm Lalumiere - Smith Wedding
14 5th Sun. after Pentecost Celebrant: Rev. Sam Henderson 8am Contemplative Eucharist 9:30am Choral Eucharist	15 12 Noonday Prayer	16 7:30-9am BNI 9-11am S. Mary's serves at St. Elizabeth's 9:30a Art Group in Aud 12 Noonday Prayer 7pm AA in Auditorium 7am AlaTeen in Youth Rm 7:30 AlAnon (6:30 beginners)	17 12 Noonday Prayer 7-9pm PCC board meeting	18 12 Noonday Prayer	19 Office closed 12 Pray where you are 5:30pm AlAnon	20 AVE dead-line
21 6th Sun. after Pentecost Celebrant: Rev. Portia Hirschman 8am Contemplative Eucharist 9:30am Choral Eucharist	22 Mary Magdalene 12 Noonday Prayer	23 7:30-9am BNI 9:30a Art Group in Aud 12 Noonday Prayer 7pm AA in Auditorium 7am AlaTeen in Youth Rm 7:30 AlAnon (6:30 beginners)	24 12 Noonday Prayer	25 St. James 12 Noonday Prayer 6pm Dowders - Guild Rm	26 Office closed 5-7pm Souper Supper 5:30pm AlAnon	27 10am - 2pm In Her Presence
28 7th Sun. after Pentecost Fr. Nathan's home! 8am Contemplative Eucharist 9:30am Choral Eucharist	29 10am Jean Evans committal 12 Noonday Prayer	30 7:30-9am BNI 9:30a Art Group in Aud 12 Noonday Prayer 12:45 Staff meeting 7pm AA in Auditorium 7am AlaTeen in Youth Rm 7:30 AlAnon (6:30 beginners)	31 12 Noonday Prayer	8/1 12 Noonday Prayer	8/2 Office closed 12 Pray where you are 5:30pm AlAnon	8/3 12 - 3pm AA Workshop



THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF SAINT MARY

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Our Worship Schedule

Sunday worship

8 AM - *Contemplative Eucharist*
9:30 - *Choral Eucharist (mid-June—Sept 1)*

MONDAY - THURSDAY

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

Summer Prayer

Creator of all, thank You for summer!

Thank You for the warmth of the sun and the
increased daylight.

Thank You for the beauty I see all around me and for the opportunity
to be outside and enjoy Your creation.

Thank You for the increased time I have to be with my friends and family,
and for the more casual pace of the summer season.

Draw me closer to You this summer.

Teach me how I can pray no matter where I am or what I am doing.

Warm my soul with the awareness of Your presence, and light my path with Your Word
and Counsel.

As I enjoy Your creation, create in me a pure heart and a hunger and a thirst for You.
Amen.

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Copy deadline August AVE is July 20

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