



Advent: The Struggle Is Real

Inside this edition



Who celebrates the birth of a child weeks before the child is actually delivered? It's preposterous, isn't it? Advent is a gift from the Church given to us that we might be spiritually formed in a particular way. Make no mistake about it: every single person is daily undergoing a process of spiritual formation. If you are alive, then your character is being shaped by forces around you each day. For the average person, December is a time to be shaped by forces of materialism and superficial concerns. If we allow ourselves and our children to be carried along by this flood of marketing, then we will certainly end up as unhappy and unaware as the average person.

Advent creates a different awareness and a different spiritual formation if we enter the season with intention. In Advent, we are invited to carefully remember all of the hopes and promises that pointed to the birth of Jesus. And we remember all of the pain and suffering that signifies our need for a Savior. This is why Advent is semi-penitential. Alleluias go away. Our music becomes more plaintive and somber. We make a full confession of our sins against God and our neighbor. We use the same purple color as in Lent. Everything is carefully designed to create in us the sense that - yes, indeed - we ourselves need God to send a Savior to redeem us and this world. This awareness of need within us and around us makes us more receptive to the immense joy of the festival that begins when the sun sets on December 24.

You can see why the month of December is so challenging for those of us who desire to be spiritually formed toward Jesus rather than toward the hottest deals on Amazon. Advent is in direct conflict with the dominant narrative of American society. Buying and receiving gifts will not make us happy; God is the source of true joy. Every kiss does not begin with Kay; God is Love and those who live in love, live in God. Santa is not making a list of good and bad deeds; Christ will come as judge of the living and the dead. It is impossible for us to resist entirely the false claims of "the holidays." But we can - and we must - make an effort each day to re-

orient ourselves toward Christ, the One who has come, who is here, and who is to come. Advent is a gift to help us do exactly this, and there are many Advent resources available to assist in this spiritual formation process. So I invite you to keep Advent this year - not out of any kind of anger or frustration, but out of a deep hunger to reconnect with the true Source of life and the Redeemer of the world. You will not regret it.

Nathan W. Ferrell +

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Advent begins December 1: How do you make it meaningful?

Be part of the Anglican Communion's Global Advent Calendar. It's an innovative way to engage in the season of Advent with people all over the world. Simply respond to the daily meditation emailed to you with images and prayers that speak to your heart. To learn more, Visit: <http://adventword.org/>



Advent and Christmas 2019 at Saint Mary's

Sunday, December 1: Advent 1

8 Advent Lessons & Carols

9 Advent Wreathmaking

10:15 Advent Lessons & Carols

Saturday, December 7

9 - 2 SPARKLES FAIR with Boutique, Café, Baked goods & Toyland

Sunday, December 8: Advent 2

8 Contemplative Eucharist

9:30 Formation groups for all ages

10:15 Choral Eucharist

Thursday, December 12

5 - 7 Common Ground potluck & talk: *Christmas Around the World*

Friday, December 13

4:15 Christmas Caroling at Falmouth-by-the-Sea and Souper Supper

Saturday, December 14

9 - 12noon Advent Quiet Morning in the Fr. James Chapel

Sunday, December 15: Advent 3

8 Contemplative Eucharist

9:30 Formation groups for all ages

10:15 Choral Eucharist

4 Sparkles Concert & Reception: Saint Mary Schola presents *A Babe Is Born*

Sunday, December 22: Advent 4

8 Contemplative Eucharist

10:15 Christmas Pageant and Holy Eucharist

Tuesday, December 24: Christmas Eve

4 & 6 PM Family Christmas Lessons and Carols

A one-hour service designed for families and young people

9 PM Choral Candlelight Christmas Eve Eucharist

Beginning and ending in candlelight with magnificent music from the Choir

Wednesday, December 25: Christmas Day

10 Joyful Christmas Morning Eucharist



From the Deacon's Corner:

Dear Ones,

Thank you does not begin to express the gratitude I feel for the love and support Saint Mary's has given me. I felt your prayers surrounding me from the initial diagnosis of breast cancer through the recovery from the lumpectomy procedure. The cards you sent and the wonderful food that I enjoyed prepared and delivered by the Meal Train angels were food for body and soul. Most of all, I am grateful to God for the relatively simple process that I have undergone and that my continuing treatment will be the hormone blocker, which I will take daily for the next five years.

"Do unto others as you would have them do unto you." This is an all too familiar nugget of wisdom from Jesus. It is also a way of life for those of us who want to follow Jesus and try to do that every day. As a community, the people of Saint Mary's are giving and loving and go the extra mile to help others. We do the "Do unto others" very well. What about the second part of the golden rule, which assumes that we will allow others to do the same for us? Do we welcome others who want to give back to us?

Many of us find it difficult to ask for help. It makes us feel needy or weak. We value being independent and strong. It is very humbling to admit that we need others. It is more satisfying to be the giver than the receiver. I am learning that in receiving I am also giving a gift by offering an opportunity for someone to give. In receiving we are also giving. We need each other.

We have been created by God to be in relationship with God and one another. In giving and receiving our relationships grow and deepen. During this Advent and Christmas season, we are focused on giving and especially giving to those in need, and that is as it should be. Remember that when others give to you and you receive with love and gratitude, you, too, are giving a gift.

Faithfully, Deacon Christine



Joyful Noise

Most of us associate "making a joyful noise" with music and singing. It's our stewardship theme for 2020 which does refer to the projects we'd like to complete next year. However, on 11/24, Saint Mary's Outreach hosted the annual Multicultural Fair. It was a cold, rainy, dreary afternoon.

It was the type of day that many might have wanted to curl up with a good book and cup of tea. And, yet, the Parish Hall was alive with the chatter of friends sampling delicious food, the sound of sizzling foods, the conversations between buyers and sellers about colors, sizes and gifts.

All of these were joyful noises---and they were possible because of the generosity of our parishioners. Without your support, we could not have held the Multicultural Fair! Your gifts paid for the electricity and heat on a dark and cold day. Your gifts made it possible to print posters and boost social media postings. Your gifts bought the tables and chairs for both the vendors and the customers to enhance their enjoyment of the fair.

Thanks to all who have turned in their pledge forms for 2020. But we need EVERYONE to make a pledge to enable us to continue this work. Soon the members of the Vestry will be calling everyone to remind our parishioners to submit their pledge forms. If you've completed your pledge intention, please send it confidentially to Beth Shaw, Parish Manager, admin@smary.org. If you'd like to make a gift of appreciated stocks or from your IRA, please call her at 781-3366 for assistance.



Learning and Growing together

COMMON GROUND



An informal time from 5-to-7 PM on Thursday evenings for **“building authentic, vibrant, Christ-centered community.”** Each week we share a potluck meal in the Auditorium and learn together. The presentation time begins around 5:45 PM, but drop in anytime throughout the two hours for a free potluck dinner. Open to all ages and all people, no questions asked.

DEC 5: SPARKLES PREP PARTY - Pizza for all as we all help get ready for the big Sparkles Fair on 12/7

DEC 12: CHRISTMAS AROUND THE WORLD - with Meg and Charlie Hurdman, learn about different Christmas traditions among Christians in various lands.

Common Ground takes a break until January 9

JAN 9: SELF-REGULATION AND PRAYER - with Betsy Parks-Stamm.

JAN 16: BECOMING A TRAUMA-INFORMED CHURCH - with Kim Davis.

JAN 23: ICE SKATING NIGHT - at Twombly Pond with Friendship Bean Soup

JAN 30: INTERNATIONAL COOKING LESSONS - with the Outreach committee and friends from Welcome New Mainers.

FORMATION



Our Sunday Formation is a method for all to grow together as we build **“authentic, vibrant, Christ-centered community”** in this place.

Everyone is invited to gather at 9:30 in either of two groups – a prayerful group in the Chapel, and a discussion group in the Auditorium.

BE STILL in the Fr. James Chapel: Prayer & Discussion (led by Merle Marie, Jennifer or Becky)

COFFEE AND CONVERSATION WITH NATHAN
– *IN THE AUDITORIUM ON DEC 8 & 15*

December 8: Being a Pilgrim: Walking the Camino – join Portia Hirschman, Betsy Elliman and Lee Van Dyke in a conversation about making a pilgrimage on the Camino de Santiago in Spain

December 15: The Prophets: What Does It Mean To Be Prophetic Today? – listen to the great Dr. Walter Brueggemann and Dr. Kenyatta Gilbert discuss the role and risk of a prophet, and then discuss together what it means to be prophetic.

If you have a group that you would like to facilitate or to see offered, please speak with Nathan or your Wardens at any time.

Be Still: Guided Centering Prayer: Monday evenings at 5:30pm

The busyness of our lives can be mentally, emotionally and spiritually draining. All the more welcome to the soul, then, are moments devoted to quiet communion with God. And what better place at the end of the day to do that than a candlelit Father James Chapel?

Give yourself the gift of the refreshing silence offered by a guided practice of Centering Prayer. We will begin with a few minutes of accompanied Taizé chanting before entering into 20 minutes of contemplation, followed by a reading from scripture or poetry and ending with the opportunity to respond. We hope that you will leave the chapel with sought-for peace, calm and renewal. Please join us!

FMI: Jennifer Gregg, jenniferannregg@gmail.com

Contemporary Language at 8 AM in Advent & Christmas

Once again, in this season we will experiment with the use of contemporary language texts (called Rite II) at our 8 AM Eucharist. It is important for everyone to become accustomed to these texts, as the old Elizabethan texts will be discontinued at some point in the future. Change is continuous, though it is difficult at times. Please speak with Nathan+ if you have thoughts or concerns about this.

Vestry Highlights from the Wardens

by Janet Bowne

The Vestry met on November 20. Father Nathan led off the meeting with a teaching moment about C.S. Lewis who died on November 22, 1963 just before the assassination of President Kennedy. He shared some of C.S. Lewis' writings and themes.

The treasurer, Ben Parks-Stamm, reported on our current financial position. We are tracking on budget, but we are lagging in paid pledges. Ben presented the proposed budget for 2020. We discussed the ambitious pledge goal of \$290,000. We clearly have the potential to reach the goal as many of our regular donors don't pledge, preferring to give as the spirit moves them. We hope they will make a commitment to pledge. We will be calling all of our parishioners to remind them of the pledge campaign and the goal.

The Nominating Committee reported that they have a slate of nominees for Vestry. They are still working on a Junior Warden candidate and will fill the convention delegate nominees now that the Vestry candidates are final. Look for information on the new class of Vestry in this AVE.

We will be voting on by-law changes at our Annual Meeting. The first change will be to allow termed Vestry members to serve two consecutive terms if they wish to do so. The second by-law vote will be to reduce the size of the Vestry from 12 to 9 members. We are (and have been) out of compliance with Maine law governing the size of Episcopal church vestries.

We discussed the need for volunteers to help with Sparkles.



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

It's a big effort, but it's important to both our *friend-raising* efforts and our fundraising efforts. It's fun and is truly an example of many hands making light work!

We also discussed the success of our Guiding RAY program and how it also needs volunteers to assist. Vestry members Darren Clark and Len Taylor have been lesson leaders in the program and shared their thoughts emphasizing that it's important for us all to help out.

Thank you to all the Vestry members for sharing their opinions, vision and leadership with Saint Mary's!

Buildings & Grounds Update

Jim Stoddard, Chair

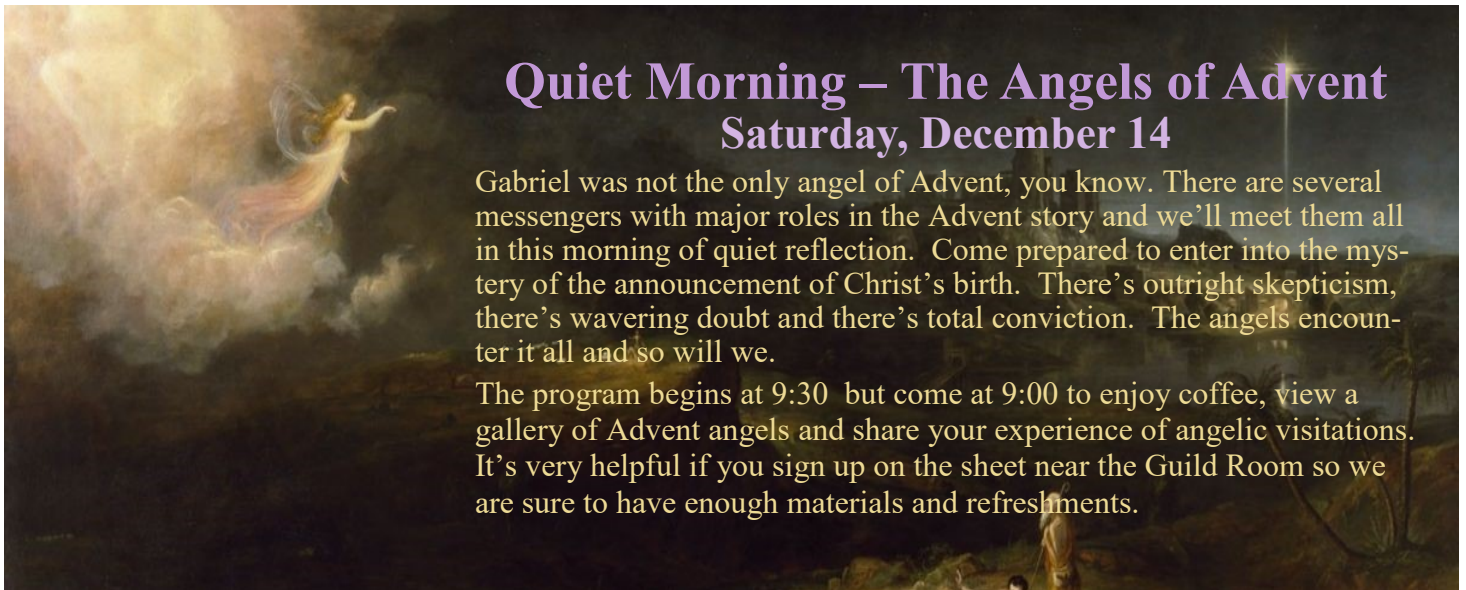
Well, it looks like we are ready for winter. The snowplowing contract is in place, and the leaves were raked up and have been removed. For this, I want to thank all of you who came out to clean up our campus of leaves. Over the winter, B&G will have various chores to accomplish as well as preparing a to-do list that will be attended to in the Spring. Ah, our work is never done.

Lastly, Building and Grounds Committee wishes everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Quiet Morning – The Angels of Advent Saturday, December 14

Gabriel was not the only angel of Advent, you know. There are several messengers with major roles in the Advent story and we'll meet them all in this morning of quiet reflection. Come prepared to enter into the mystery of the announcement of Christ's birth. There's outright skepticism, there's wavering doubt and there's total conviction. The angels encounter it all and so will we.

The program begins at 9:30 but come at 9:00 to enjoy coffee, view a gallery of Advent angels and share your experience of angelic visitations. It's very helpful if you sign up on the sheet near the Guild Room so we are sure to have enough materials and refreshments.



Sparkles is Here!!



We've lit the Advent Kyros Memorial Tree and remembered those we celebrate both living and gone, and now we look forward to the Advent Lessons & Carols at the 8 and 10:15 services on December 1 with an Advent Wreath-making Workshop between the services beginning at 9am. Join us!

December 7 is the festive and "sparkling" Fair with Boutique, Cookie Walk, Bake Sale, Cafe (with delicious lobster stew and yummy tomato basil soup), Sparkles Toyland with Santa with Mrs. Claus. We hope you will join us for fun, good food and wonderful shopping. We are still looking for more baked goods and warm bodies to help out the day of the Fair and for the Schola reception.



December 13 is when we gather at 4:15 to sing praises through Christmas Caroling at Falmouth-by-the-Sea and then to the folks at our own Souper Supper----and join in for a delicious meal.

December 15 continues the Sparkles Season with the beautiful Schola Concert with a Gala Reception to follow. The concert on Sunday begins at 4:00, but you might wish to come early at 3:30 and listen to the lecture on the early music that inspires the concert. Ticket price (\$30) includes the lecture, concert and elegant reception. Tickets are available for sale online and in the office. See www.stmaryschola.org for other Christmas performances.

Your Sparkle Chairs (Jana Burke and Kathy Galen) wish to thank all of you who have helped by donating goods and doing all the many chores that are necessary to make Sparkles a success. Sparkles would not happen without so many willing volunteers. THANK YOU, and a VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS and a HAPPY NEW YEAR.

The three weeks of Sparkles concludes with the Schola Concert, but Advent continues until Christmas Eve when we welcome the Baby Jesus among us.

An Outreach Opportunity - Saint Mary's Giving 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 our annual Advent Giving Tree. 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 15 with the Snowman tag on them. For more information, contact Betsy or Jim Stoddard

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Traditional Family Christmas Caroling: Dec 13

Where: Falmouth-by-the Sea and Foreside Harbor

Who: ALL ages welcome!

When: Friday, December 13, 4:15-6pm

Parishioners of all ages are warmly invited to gather at Saint Mary's at 4:15 pm to carpool to Falmouth by the Sea and Foreside Harbor to sing Christmas carols with and for the residents of both facilities. Fol-

lowing this, we return to Saint Mary's to enjoy a holiday Souper Supper with our guests and offer a second round of caroling. Caroling booklets provided!

This is a truly wonderful opportunity to enter into the true meaning of Christmas, a fun and needed break in the race to the frenetic lead-up to this important holiday, and one that never fails to bring such joy to all involved! Don't miss it! A sign-up sheet is outside the Guild Room.



Advent and After

by Merle Marie Troeger

Here's an Advent spiritual exercise for you. Why not assume the identity of one of the biblical characters who is waiting for Jesus? Pick one and walk in his/her shoes for a while.

Advent is full of their stories. Mary comes to mind immediately, of course. But there's also Joseph. What is he thinking and feeling? And then there's Elizabeth, suddenly pregnant after long years of waiting. We don't often hear the story of her husband Zechariah, but he has an especially interesting story. What about Gabriel? What's his reaction to Mary, and how does he think things will turn out? I think of the magi as Advent characters too. They're waiting and watching the skies for something new.

Their stories are full of potential for spiritual insight. After all, they *all* go through enormous transformations. (Well, okay, I don't really know about Gabriel.)

Here's the idea. Once you've assumed your new biblical identity, ask some of these questions:

- How did I get here?
- Who is God for me?
- What am I thinking as I wait?
- What is my prayer?
- What's my "back story"?
- What am I hoping for?
- What am I feeling as I wait?

Now move the story forward. Advent has come and gone. Christmas has come and gone. Now is the time to ask some of these questions:

- What was important in that story?
- How have I been changed?
- What are my feelings now?
- Where am I now?
- Who is God for me now?
- What are my thoughts now?
- What is my prayer now?

It might be interesting to stay in character for a while. What will it be like next Pentecost (May 31, 2020) to be Mary? Joseph? Gabriel? Zechariah? Stick with this exercise and see.

Bible references:

Mary: Luke 1:26-56

Joseph: Matthew 1:18-25

Elizabeth: Luke 1:39-45

Zechariah: Luke 1:5-24 and 57-79

Gabriel: Luke 1:26-38

Magi: Matthew 2:1-12



A Joyous Musical Season at Saint Mary's

We usher in this season with the **traditional Lessons and Carols for the First Sunday in Advent on December 1**. Similar to the Vigil for the Resurrection, this service traces the history of salvation from Adam and Eve until the birth of Jesus. The service will begin with a fitting Introit '*Prepare the way of the Lord!*', sung by the Guiding SAY Youth Choir under the direction of Maria Belva and accompanied by the Saint Mary Handbell Choir. Following the readings, we will all enjoy singing such seasonal favorites as *O come, O Come, Emmanuel*, *Comfort Ye My People, People, Look East*, and *Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending*.

The choir will sing some beautiful anthems: '*Adam Lay-ybounden*', the lovely German carol, *A Rose There is a-springing*, '*The Moon With Borrowed Light*' based on a poem by Thomas Troeger, and the medieval carol '*Gabriel to Mary Came*.'

For the **Christmas Pageant on December 22**, we will join the children in singing the familiar Christmas carols as well as enjoying the touching anthem based on the German carol, '*Still, Still, Still*' sung for us by the Guiding SAY Youth Choir and accompanied by handbells.

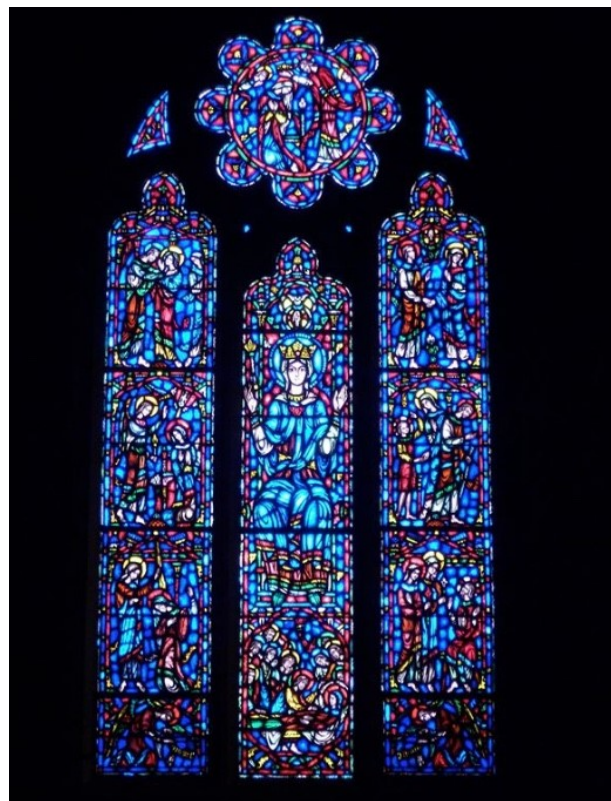
On Christmas Eve, December 24 for the 4:00 Christmas Eve service, under the direction of Maria Belva, members of the Guiding SAY Youth Choir and the Girl Singers of Maine's 'Bella Canta' ensemble will sing Bob Chilcott's carol '*Mid-Winter*.'

And the Epiphany season will continue in January with more wonderful music.

On Friday, January 3 at 7:30 pm in the Auditorium, the Choral Art Camerata will be presenting a Preview concert of their Epiphany program. And they have asked that the Saint Mary Choir join them as well and sing our own anthem, Bob Chilcott's '*Jesus, Springing*.' There will be a free will offering to benefit Saint Mary's Outreach program.

On January 5, the choir will sing the offertory anthem: *The Hands that first held Mary's Child*, based on the poem by Thomas H. Troeger, and accompanied by John Bennett, cello.

Make a Joyful noise indeed!



ST MARY SCHOLA
BRUCE FITHIAN, MUSIC DIRECTOR

A BABE IS BORN

"A magnificently polished group"
Allan Kozinn,
Portland Press Herald

Friday, December 13 7:30 PM
Sunday, December 15 4:00 PM with reception
Church of Saint Mary, Falmouth

Tuesday, December 17 7:30 PM
Cathedral of Saint Luke, Portland

Tickets at stmaryschola.org

St Mary Schola is Maine's premier professional early music ensemble.

A Babe Is Born presented by the Saint Mary Schola

Friday December 13, 7:30 PM, Church of Saint Mary, Falmouth

Sunday December 15, 4 PM, Church of Saint Mary with reception - Sparkles Fundraiser for S. Mary's

Tuesday, December 17, 7:30 PM, Cathedral Church of Saint Luke, Portland

We will begin our eleventh season with medieval processional and a beautiful work by the early baroque composer, Hermann Schein, *Verbum caro factum est*. This six-voice motet is based on the famous text for the Christmas season, *and the word was made flesh*, and features the vocal splendors for which our ensemble is noted.

We are proud to present music that you would have to travel to Boston or New York to hear, including the mysterious and uplifting motet *Responsum acceperat Simeon* by the great Renaissance master, Josquin Des Prés.

We like to offer contrasts in our programs, so the first half concludes with some effervescent arias, duets and choruses from J. S. Bach's cantatas. The second half begins with the serene *Pastorale* from Arcangelo Corelli's *Concerto Grosso Natale*, and continues with another realization of the text, *and the word was made flesh*, this time by Heinrich Schütz.

We will then feature the higher voices of the Schola members in the motet *O magnum Mysterium*, by the Renaissance master, Cristobal de Morales. And our concert will end with a joyous 'Gloria' by Claudio Monteverdi.

We are delighted to add to our men's ensemble two new singers: bass, Ross Crolus, who sang for 25 years with the Metropolitan Opera Chorus, and tenor, David Myers, who recently earned his Masters Degree in Vocal Pedagogy from USM. It will be a treat to hear this splendid male sound in Victoria's *Duo Seraphim* and the lovely French carol, *Entre le boeuf et l'âne gris*. For ticket information on all three concerts: stmaryschola.org



SPARKLES SCHOLA RECEPTION

We are all looking forward to the holidays before us. Preparations are well underway for the Sparkles festivities, including the Fair on December 7th and the St Mary Schola Concert and gala reception on December 15th. Your help is needed to make it the success we have come to expect. Sign-up sheets can be found in the Parish Hall for you to indicate where you are willing to donate your time, etc. The reception is in need of food items such as desserts and wine, and for help in set-up, clean-up and serving in the kitchen. Saint Mary's parishioner involvement has been extraordinary in the past, and we look forward to continuing that tradition. Thank you in advance.

Nadine Timberlake and Joyce Verey



A Ceremony of Carols

Presenting Benjamin Britten's famous work and other seasonal treble trios from Medieval to 20th Century.

Friday, December 20 at 7:30pm

Saint Mary's Auditorium featuring

Abra Mueller, Jenna Guiggey and Molly Harmon

Assisted by Patrice Lockhart on the Harp and Evan Cuddy at the piano.

\$10 suggested donation (accepting cash, Venmo and PayPal.



Sing We Noël

Saturday, December 21: 11am, 2pm, 5pm

In the Saint Mary's sanctuary with cookies & cocoa to follow

For ticket information, visit <https://oratoriochorale.org/>

AND OTHER JOYFUL
CONCERTS AT SAINT MARY'S

Outreach Ministry - All Ages Serving Near and Far

Responding to Maine's Opioid Crisis

November 3rd Presentation Offers Clarity Regarding Recovery Houses



It is well established and understood that group recovery houses are a dire need to those in recovery as they begin to rebuild their lives in society. The oversight process is more opaque and, thus, both controversial and worrisome to both those in recovery and their neighbors. We were, therefore, so fortunate to welcome Ron Springel, a former emergency room physician and Project Manager for the Maine Association of Recovery Residences and part-time volunteer with the Governor's Director of Opioid Response to speak on November 3rd at our fourth educational program in Saint Mary's "Responding to Maine's Opioid Crisis."

Dr. Springel has devoted much of his life to the subject of Recovery Houses and offered frank and elucidating comments on both the needs and difficulties in establishing and running recovery houses that are safe both for the residents and the neighborhood. For the former, recovery houses are a crucial, often first, step in reintegrating to society in a safe and supportive, albeit personally demanding, atmosphere. For the neighbors, fear of the unknown, often exacerbated by lack of factual knowledge hampers understanding and fans opposition. For both residents and the community, the lack of formal regulation of these houses is both frightening and worrisome. To fill that regulation gap is the Maine Association of Recovery Residences, (MARR: mainerecoveryresidences.com) which provides levels of certifications to those recovery houses who choose to seek it. The certifications are based on national standards and the list of those houses who have these certifications (a small but growing percentage in Maine) are available through MARR.

Enriching the discussion about the need, efficacy and safety concerns of all were the testimonials from two MaineWorks alums, Steve Lawrence and Joey Robichaud, who generously spoke of their own recovery house experiences, painting a vivid picture of the needs and obstacles. There followed an energetic and fruitful exchange among the members of the audience as they exchanged ideas about how to respond to these critical needs positively.

January 12, 2020, 4-6pm: Please Save the Date for the next presentation in this series, at which Leslie Clark, Executive Director of Portland Recovery and Community Center, will speak on "Various Approaches to Recovery."

Community Souper Supper December 13 and 27



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!

And a Classic Cinema offering will be shown on the second Friday night of the month: Dec. 13

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

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

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



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Outreach Ministry ~ All Ages Serving Near and Far

Welcome, New Mainer's Multicultural Fair on November 24 was a huge success!

November 24th was cold, raw and rainy, but it didn't prevent the **Multicultural Fair** from being a success!

There were 16 New Mainer vendors, 8 artisans and 8 chefs - all talented entrepreneurs anxious to use their talents and skills to build successful businesses. Artists, seamstresses, clothing designers, jewelry designers, and chefs filled S. Mary's auditorium with a colorful, vibrant and lively display of unique products. Not only were customers buying unique gifts and tasting delicious ethnic foods, but they were also a wonderful sharing of two worlds...the "old Mainer" and the "new Mainer." Aklili from Ethiopia talking about his delicious foods, Eb from Ghana with his outgoing personality and beautiful silver and gold jewelry, creative Diana from Columbia with her hand collection of crocheted and knitted accessories and jewelry, Nana from DRC with her striking African clothing just a few of the vendors present.

Once again, the Multicultural Fair shares cultures, forms friendships and gives us the opportunity to embrace and appreciate the New Mainer's determination, work ethic, love of community and of this country. The Fair continues to be an uplifting event for all.



YASC

YOUNG ADULT SERVICE CORPS

The Young Adult Service Corps is a missionary program that gives young Episcopalians ages 21-30 an opportunity to be the hands and feet of the Episcopal branch of the Jesus Movement across the worldwide Anglican Communion. Our Baptismal Covenant calls us "to seek and serve Christ in all persons", loving our neighbors as ourselves. The young people who serve as YASCers take this call seriously as they engage in loving, liberating and life-giving relationships with our Anglican brothers and sisters around the world. FMI, visit the YASC pages on the Episcopal Church website [or click here](#).

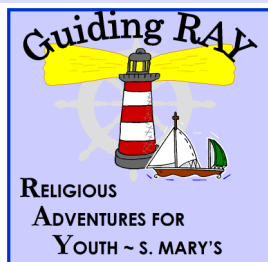


Realm is Saint Mary's new church database software program. It's how we track parishioners' address, emails, contributions, committees, meetings, and so much more. One of the features of **Realm** is **you** may have access to your own information or 'Profile' from address to donations.

But first, you have to accept the invitation ! It's in your email Inbox from

[Notifications @ onrealmmail.org](mailto:notifications@onrealmmail.org). If you haven't received the Invitation to join our online community, please contact Beth Shaw at admin@smary.org

Christian Formation- RAY Beams - December 2019



PREPARE THE WAY! During November's rotation, the kids in Guiding RAY learned about John the Baptizer. We learned that God called John into existence for a special purpose: to turn people toward God and to prepare them for the coming of the Lord. We also learned that we too are called to prepare for God entering our lives. A big thank you to our leaders for this rotation Jess Lewis, Jill Stevenson, Sandy Couch-Kelly, Rebecca Robich, Rev. Portia Hirschman, Aaron Splint and the Sparkles team.



As a part of our Outreach in November, we got to experience the joy of preparing for Christmas! The kids helped to decorate the Saint Mary's Giving Tree and had a chance to reflect on how they can help some less fortunate kids this Christmas season. We also had a great time preparing Holy Smokes to sell at Sparkles!



The Guiding RAY kids had a special lesson from Rev. Portia on the meaning of baptism and the baptismal vows. They then had the opportunity to witness real baptisms of Harleigh Clark and Ian Coburn.



Guiding RAY kids using Legos to build the story of the Baptism of Jesus



Coming up in December...

Our rotation theme is **Advent through the Eyes of the Prophets**. Join us as we learn about a few prophets - God's spokesmen - who foretold Jesus' birth hundreds of years before it occurred. Special thanks to Courtney and Jeff Morgan and Jill Stevenson for leading during this rotation. **WE STILL NEED two MORE LEADERS!** Please contact Megan Akers if you are able to assist during this rotation.



The Saint Mary's Christmas Pageant will take place during the 10:15 a.m. service on Sunday, December 22. The Saint Mary's Christmas pageant has a role for anyone who wants to be involved in this beautiful retelling of the Nativity story in scripture and carols. One pageant practice will be held on Sunday, December 15 from 11:30 - 1 pm, and pizza will be provided. Please contact Megan Akers if you would like to be involved in this Christmas celebration.

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The Ignite Youth Group invites all 6th, 7th and 8th graders to join us on two Sundays a month. Our meetings are a mixture of fun, fellowship and great discussion.

In December, the group will be meeting on December 8 and 15. Here are just a few things we are looking forward to in December:

- Continue our discussion around navigating through the Bible. We've been working on finding different books and particular verses, and we will be continuing that with a little team competition!
 - Planning the youth-run coffee hour in January. We hope to see you there!
- Michelle and Will Chappell



Ignite Youth enjoying a moment of fellowship learning about each other and playing Giant Jenga!



Have you met Samia? Samia is our new Lead Nursery Care person and our youngest parishioners adore her! Be sure to say hello if you see her at Coffee Hour. And we have many young parishioners so Samia could use a volunteer or two. If you would be interested in assisting in the nursery, please let Megan

Akers know.

Samia is available for afternoon and evening childcare. Please text her at 207-409-5600 if you are interested.

Singing Adventures for Youth I ♥ 🎵

December is chock full of singing for everyone! **SAY** singers will have three different opportunities to sing at services during Advent: The First Sunday, December 1, we join forces with St. Mary's Bell Choir to sing a very catchy Advent song—*Prepare the Way of the Lord*. For the Pageant, on December 22, one child will sing the first verse of *Once in Royal David's City*. All children will join the congregation in singing the well-known Advent Hymns. And **SAY** singers, St. Mary's Bells, and the Adult Choir will join to sing a beautiful arrangement of *Still, Still, Still*. At the 4 o'clock Christmas Eve service, **SAY** singers will perform *Midwinter*, by well-known children's choir composer Bob Chilcott. All children are welcome to sing! Please join us in rehearsing Sunday mornings from 9:35 until 10:00 in the Guiding RAY rooms. ~ Maria Belva

Community Service Hours

Volunteering at Saint Mary's is a great way to earn community service hours.

- ♦ Volunteer in the Nursery
- ♦ Assist in a Guiding RAY classroom
- ♦ Weeding, raking, yard work
- ♦ Join Outreach (first Tuesday of each month at 4:30pm)
- ♦ Acolyte

**Teen
VOLUNTEER
OPPORTUNITIES**



Tip of the Month

Spending Time Together is the Best Gift



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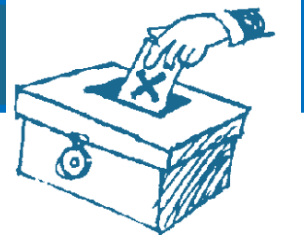
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Wishing you a safe and healthy holiday season!

- Have fun with outside activities
- Include youth in holiday preparations
- Play games together
- Volunteer at a local organization

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

Nominating Committee Update



The 2020 Nominating Committee is comprised of 4 retiring Vestry members. This year we were pleased to have Peter Fitch serving as chair of the committee; he was joined by Maggie Gardner, Len Taylor and Ed Ainsworth. The Committee has been working to identify nominations to open Vestry, Warden and Diocesan Convention Delegates. Nominees for open positions beginning in 2020 were contacted to determine his/her willingness and availability to serve. After much prayerful discussion, work, and weeks of deliberation, the committee is pleased to announce the following nominees to fill vacant positions. We are most grateful to those others willing to serve as well!! Thank you! With any questions or comments, please feel free to contact Peter Fitch @ peterhfitch@gmail.com (Cell) 207-576-0346

For the Nominating Committee: Peter Fitch, chair; Ed Ainsworth, Maggie Gardner, Len Taylor

The Nominating Committee is pleased to announce a slate of nominees for election at the Annual Meeting on Sunday, January 26 as follows:

- ▶ Sr. Warden (2-year term): Janet Bowne
- ▶ Jr. Warden (2-year term): Nominee is still to be determined
- ▶ For the Vestry (3-year terms): Rick Hirschman, Tom Pettengill and Will Salomon.
- ▶ 2020 Diocesan Convention Delegates (4 or 5) contact Peter Fitch if you are interested. The Wardens and Treasurer typically serve as Alternates. Brief biographical information on the Vestry nominees follows.

Janet Bowne, Senior Warden

My family settled in Hampden, Maine, after my father retired from the Air Force. We attended the local UCC church there. I came to S. Mary's in 1985. Garry, my husband, and I were newly engaged. He is a lifelong Episcopalian from Massachusetts. Living and working in Portland, I had driven by S. Mary's many times and was drawn to its beauty and peaceful setting. It seemed the natural choice for Garry and me as we began our life together. Our adult children, Garrett and Caroline, were baptized and attended church school here.

I've served in many positions at S. Mary's. In the 90s I served on the Vestry. I currently am a co-chair of the Altar Guild and chair the Stewardship Committee. S. Mary's is our family. I was also the co-chair of the discernment committee that brought Father Nathan to S. Mary's and was active on the Legacy Cabinet that renovated and expanded our parish house. I have served as Junior Warden for several years and look forward to continuing to serve as the Senior Warden. Saint Mary's is blessed with a rich history of dedicated parishioners.



Rick Hirschman, Vestry

My wife, Portia, and I retired and moved to Maine in January 2014 and found St. Mary's. (Portia calls East Boothbay home.) I grew up in Indianapolis and moved to Maryland in 2001 when Portia became Rector of St. James, Mt. Airy. I received an MBA and a JD and was a member of the Indiana Bar. I was owner/president of a mattress manufacturing company for 20 years, a member of a law firm, a business manager of 3 different large Episcopal churches—two during search processes - and a professional pastry chef for 8 years.

I have been a Vestry member of two Episcopal churches including Saint Mary's and a board member and search committee member of an Episcopal day school. I have also served on the Board of Directors of Serta, Inc., Indianapolis Rotary Club, and Broadway Methodist Church (Indianapolis). I am a member of Saint Mary's choir and Portland Community Chorus. I enjoy baking and painting watercolors. We have two married daughters, one in Ohio and one in Illinois, and four grandchildren ages 2 to 11.



Tom Pettingill, Vestry

I was born and spent my youth in Portland attending Woodfords Congregational Church with my family. We moved to Falmouth where I finished my public schooling and went on to study at Boston University and Colby College.

I worked in my family's sheet metal business in Westbrook and became their full charge bookkeeper and office manager. Then I was the payroll and accounting manager and assistant to the controller for a structural steel fabricator in South Portland. In 2015 I made a total career change into healthcare and worked as a CRMA (medication aide) for an Alzheimer's/dementia assisted living facility. For the past 3 years I have worked as a CNA and Patient Care Tech on a cardiology unit at Maine Medical Center in Portland.

After living for 40 years in Falmouth (with a stint on Sebago Lake), I found myself drawn to S Mary's, first by their Souper Suppers, then by our beloved Father James, and the glorious choral music I heard on Sunday mornings. I joined the choir shortly thereafter and have been a chorister here ever since. I formerly sang with Portland Community Chorus and the PSO Magic of Christmas productions. I have also served as a Eucharistic Minister at S Mary's.

I have been a member of the Maine Chapter Appalachian Mountain Club since 1989. I enjoy hiking and climbing the mountains of Maine and New Hampshire. I am also a cat fancier and share my home with 4 pedigreed Maine Coon Cats.

This past summer I sold my Falmouth house. I have bought land in Cumberland and plan to build a high performance solar "net zero" house there in 2020.

I look forward to continuing to serve the community through my work in the medical field and for the opportunity to serve my church as a member of the Vestry.



Will Salomon, Vestry

Will Salomon is a 4th generation Californian who grew up in the San Francisco Bay Area. He was raised in the parish of St. John's Episcopal Church in Ross, CA where he was confirmed by Bishop James Pike and served as an acolyte.

His secondary education was at the Cate School in Carpinteria, CA where he was fortunate to take organ lessons on the school's Casavant instrument (Op. 2631 1961). He studied Physics at Occidental College (A.B.) and University of Chicago (M.S.). After several transitional years, he received his M.D. from the University of South Alabama (1971), was a Resident in Pediatrics at the University of So. Alabama and a Fellow in Neonatology at Stanford University.

He practiced in both Reno, NV and back at the University of So. Alabama before moving to Poland, ME in 1992 where he assumed the Medical Directorship of Central Maine Medical Center's Neonatal ICU. In 2000, he was awarded an NIH/National Library of Medicine Traineeship in Medical Informatics at Harvard, MIT and Brigham & Women's Hospital and received a Masters in Public Health in 2003. He then left the practice of clinical medicine to work in the medical software industry and now does independent consulting for Electronic Health Record implementations and clinical data analysis. He is Maine's first (and now only) holder of Board certification in Clinical Informatics as well as Board-certification in Pediatrics and Neo-natal Perinatal Medicine.

In 2008 after being long "lapsed," Will returned to the Episcopal flock at Church of Our Saviour, Brookline, MA and three years later discovered Saint Mary's as he was spending more time in Maine where he has become a full-time parishioner. Four years ago, due to a need in the choir to perform Fauré's Requiem, he began singing (for the first time ever!). Since then he has continued to sing with the choir and, upon the urging and mentoring of Priscilla Rigg, attended the Royal School of Church Music's annual Newport, RI workshops in 2017-19.

Will's other interests include hiking (particularly the Sierras), kayaking, choral singing with Oratorio Chorale, concert attendance (particularly Handel & Haydn in Boston) and Medical Ethics.



Exploring Our Anglican Roots

This is a spring trip (April 29-May 10) to Canterbury, Salisbury and London, led by the Bishop Thomas Brown. Flyers are in the parish office 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.

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)

Thank you to Anne LaFond and the New Mainer team for producing the wonderful Multicultural Fair. What a wonderful event and what an array of delicious food and lovely crafts!!

Thank you for everyone who attended the Ministry Fair on Nov. 3 and signed up to help with a guild or committee.

Thank you to Merle Marie Troeger and Jennifer Gregg for organizing the Be Still events and the upcoming Quiet Morning to help us stay centered during this busy Advent season.

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Thank you to the Sparkles Team for their devotion and endurance as we come up to the big day on Dec. 7!

Thank you to the new acolytes for serving and honoring a tradition of service at S. Mary's.

Thank you to the Vestry Nominating team for their careful consideration of the many nominees and for working through the list to develop a slate of nominees.

Thank you to all who have welcomed newcomers. This is a busy season at Saint Mary's, and it is easy to get caught up in the tasks of the morning. Taking the time to welcome a new person is so important to our visitors.

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Our thanks to Bruce Fithian, John Bennett and Tom Troeger for the gorgeous *Concert Spirituel*. It's unbelievable the talent in this parish!

yay!

Congratulations to all who were received and reaffirmed at the special Confirmation with the Bishop after the Common Ground with him on Nov. 21.

Thanks to all who shared veteran stories at the November Common Ground. Much appreciated and very honored.

Bakers, Set-up Hosts & Cleaners Needed.

Please sign up to help with Coffee Hour. There are three positions: **Baker** (bring a baked good and some fruit anytime during the weekend),



Set-up/Host (put out the *al-ready purchased* cheese and crackers, juice, coffee mugs, and the Baker's contribution),

Clean-up (tidy things up, put tables away and run the dishwasher). If you are an early bird, or need to head home after Church, maybe set-up is best for you. Not an early-bird? Maybe clean-up afterwards works better for you ! :) We all love coffee-hour. Thanks for your time. Sign-up sheets are outside the Guild Room. Thank you. FMI contact Sarah or Tim Caven thcaven@gmail.com

Thanks to all who came for the Campus Grounds Clean-up. Many hands do make lighter work. And thanks to all who helped garland the Parish House and campus getting ready for Advent & Christmas!

Gracias

Thank you to everyone who brought food and helped to serve and clean-up for Kate's Memorial Service. A Tea Party she would have loved!

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

Side Door Coffee House December 13, 6:30-9:00pm
Christmas Carol Sing-Along with Craig Page

Have a great cup of coffee, hot chocolate, a snack and support the arts! Bring your neighbors for a relaxed evening. **Free, but donations accepted.**
The Coffee House a family friendly event that show cases local musicians the second Friday of each month. Everyone is welcome!

Caring for God's Creation - A Tip for Saving Energy and Cash from the Outreach Committee

Adjusting temperature controls is an easy task. A typical home water heater should be set no higher than 120 degrees, a refrigerator should be around 35 to 38 degrees and a freezer at 0. Con Edison, says the refrigerator is the top energy-consuming appliance in most homes. Cleaning the condenser coils of dust and grime can also help reduce its energy use.

Save money and help the environment!



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

Happy December Birthdays to:



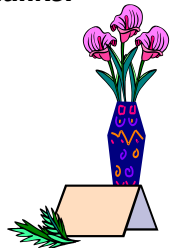
1	Len Taylor	14	Ava Draeger		
3	Cameron Meek	14	Andy Hyland		
3	McIntyre Robich	15	Kate Barter	20	Kayla Rose
5	Agnes Parks-Stamm	15	Sonia Barter	21	Harold Otte
6	Missy Smithwick	15	Elise Gauvreau	21	Elle Reeves
7	Kathryn Street	15	Jan Mordarski	22	Mary Ahlers
8	Neila Blake	15	Karee Rhoades	22	Emma Ross
8	Melissa Kane	16	Micaela Amato	24	Nancy Russell
9	George Bokinsky	16	Emily Kearins	25	Mark Legere
9	Adeline Scott	16	Ron Vincent	26	Caroline Grace
10	Chloe Fisher	17	Joe LaPlante	27	Garrett Bowne, V
11	Caroline Smith	18	Suisan Chapman	29	Michael Manetti
11	Elsa Dean-Muncie	18	Henry Shannon	29	Matthew Reevy
11	Michael Kane	19	Katie Clark	30	Obinna Mokeme
13	Sarah Caven	20	Teddy Baldacci	31	Ruth Kimball
14	Archer Akers	20	Nicholas Reevy	31	Mary Ann McLean
14	Lowell Brown, Jr.	20	Chris Richards		

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 December Anniversary wishes to:



23	Tatjana & Chris Connors
28	Kyla & David Duchin
29	Sarah & Tim Caven
30	Meredeth & Mark Winter



WELCOME TO OUR NEWLY BAPTIZED: NOVEMBER 3

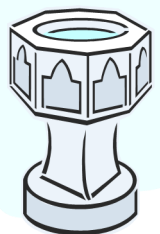
Harleigh Ann Clark, born August 2, 2018

Harleigh is the daughter of Austin and Jamie Clark

and

Ian Sterling Coburn, born May 5, 2018

Ian is the son of Seth & Helen Coburn



The Episcopal Church of Saint Mary

Worship Leader Schedule: December 2019 - January 2020

	8am	8am	10:15am	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	Guild	Flowers	Delivery	Host			
	Lessons & Carols												
Dec. 1 Advent 1	Rayle A Ed A	Elise, Hugh ane S, Jennifer,	Chuck H Harry D	Marian, Gary, Ginny, Betsy S	L & C no HE	Maggie	Mary S Barbara M	Greens	~	OPEN			
Dec. 8 Advent 2	Len T Charlie H	Lad	Joyce V Len V	Linda E	Betsy PS Andrea M-H	tbd	Portia H. Katie P	Greens	~	Sparkles - All			
Dec. 15 Advent 3	Baer C Lee VD	Becky	Dawn Y Ryan S	Erin F.	Will Maggie	Emily S Nat Lewis	Mary S Maggie & Mary L	Greens	~	B = Connie D			
Dec. 22 Advent 4	2 ushers	Len	3 ushers	pageant	Nadine Stan	Christy R	Betsy E Janet B & Jana B	Greens	~	B = Natalia F			
24-Dec Cmas Eve 4&6pm =L&C 9pm=Candle 4pm Acolytes:	4pm Usher x x x	4pm EM Becky Greg Unfricht	4pm Readers Terry Becky Greg Ginny	6pm Ushers x x x	6pm EM Maggie Stan	6pm Readers Rod Erin Stan E Maggie	9pm Ushers x x x	9pm EM Len Lad	9pm Lector Len				
25-Dec Cmas	10am Usher x	10am Lector AI	10:15 usher AI	10:15 lector Dawn	10:15 EM Maggie Terry	9pm Acolytes: Sarah K, Maggie, Emily	AG All	AFG Cmas	AFDeliver ~	Coffee Hr OPEN			
29-Dec Cmas 1	8 usher	8 EM AI	10:15 usher	Linda E	Justice Maggie	tbd	Jana, Betsy Mary L	Cmas	~	Ignite - All			
5-Jan Cmas 2	x x	Becky	x x	Maureen	Jim S Will	tbd	Portia H Barbara & Katie	x	x				
12-Jan Epiph 1	x x	Greg	x x	Katie C.	Andrea M-H Betsy PS	tbd	Betsy E & Maggie	x	x				
19-Jan Epiph 2	x x	Mary Ann	x x	9am Ushers Jeff Morgan	9am EM Mary Ann	9am Acolytes tbd	AG Jana & Portia	AFG x	AFDeliver x				
26-Jan Epiph 3	Annual brunch	Meeting at 10:15	x	x									



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



December 2019

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 First Sunday of Advent 8 Advent Lessons & Carols 9 Advent Wreathmaking 10:15 Advent Lessons & Carols No Guiding RAY classes Nursery available	2 12 Noonday Prayer 5:30 Be Still in the Chapel 7 PCC rehearsal in Aud	3 7:30-9 BNI 9:30 Art Group 10:30 Wisdom Seekers 11 12-Step in LL 12 Noonday Prayer 1-5p Boxwood in Kitchen 6pm Scholarehearsal 7 AA in Aud; AlaTeen in LL 7 AIAAnon (6 Beginners)	4 12 Noonday Prayer 5-6:30 TOPS meeting 6 SinG rehearsal in Sanct <i>Sparkles Fair Set-up</i>	5 12 Chapel Eucharist 4:30pm Outreach COMMON GROUND 5-7 Pizza & Salad 6 Sparkles setup 7 SM Choir rehearsal	6 St Nicholas' Day Office closed 12 Playwhere you are 5:30pm Alanon Ferrells returns	 SPARKLES Fair 9am - 2pm
8 Second Sunday of Advent 8 Contemplative Eucharist 9:30 Formation for All 10 Guiding RAY classes 10:15 Choral Eucharist	9 10 Garden Club in Aud. 12 Noonday Prayer 5:30 Be Still in the Chapel 7 PCC rehearsal in Aud	10 7:30-9 BNI 9:30 Art Group 10:30 Wisdom Seekers 11 12-Step in LL 12 Noonday Prayer 12:45 Staff meeting 4:30 Executive Committee 6pm Scholarehearsal 7 AA in Aud; AlaTeen in LL 7 AIAAnon (6 Beginners)	11 9 Garden Club - LL 9 Mainly Weavers - Aud 12 Noonday Prayer 5-6:30 TOPS meeting 6 ORI & Dowisers in Aud 6 SinG rehearsal in Sanct.	12 12 Chapel Eucharist COMMON GROUND 5-7 Potluck Dinner 6 Presentation 6 Christmas Around the World 3 Merton Group 7 SM Choir rehearsal	13 Office closed 12 Playwhere you are 4 CMas Caroling 5-7 Souper 5:30 Alanon 7 Classic Cinema 7:30 Schola Concert	14 8-10 ² AG Clean-up 9-12 Angels in Advent Quiet Morning 10 - 2 JAYSA in Aud & Kit
15 Third Sunday of Advent 8 Contemplative Eucharist 9:30 Formation for All 10 Guiding RAY classes 10:15 Choral Eucharist 11:30 Pageant Rehearsal 4 Sparkles Schola Concert	16 12 Noonday Prayer 5:30 Be Still in the Chapel 4-8 Friends School (6pm Concert) in Aud.	17 7:30-9 BNI 8:30-11 St. Elizabeth's 9:30 Art Group 10:30 Wisdom Seekers 11 12-Step in LL 12 Noonday Prayer 12:45 Staff meeting 7 AA in Aud; AlaTeen in LL 7 AIAAnon (6 Beginners)	18 AVE deadline 12 Noonday Prayer 5-6:30 TOPS meeting 6 Vestry meeting 6 SinG rehearsal in Sanct	19 12 Chapel Eucharist COMMON GROUND will resume on January 9 3 Merton Group 7 SM Choir rehearsal	20 Office closed 12 Playwhere you are 5:30 Alanon 7:30-A Ceremony of Carols in SM Aud.	21 Oratorio Chorale Sing We Noel Concerts 11am, 2pm, 5pm
22 Fourth Sunday of Advent 8 Contemplative Eucharist 10:15 Choral Eucharist & Christmas Pageant No Guiding RAY classes Nursery available	23 12 Noonday Prayer 5:30 Be Still in the Chapel	24 Christmas Eve 4 Family Christmas Lessons and Carols 6 Family Christmas Lessons and Carols 9 Candlelight Christmas Eve Eucharist 7 AA in Aud	25 Christmas Day 10 Christmas Day Eucharist	26 St. Stephen's Day Office closed 12 Playwhere you are 3 Merton Group	27 St. John's Day Office closed 12 Playwhere you are 5-7 Souper 5:30 Alanon	28 Holy Innocents
29 First Sunday of Christmas 8 Contemplative Eucharist 9:30 Formation for Adults No Guiding RAY classes 10:15 Choral Eucharist No Guiding RAY classes Nursery available	30 12 Noonday Prayer 5:30 Be Still in the Chapel	31 7:30-9 BNI 11 12-Step in LL 12 Noonday Prayer 12:45 Staff meeting 4:30 Executive Committee 7 AA in Aud; AlaTeen in LL 7 AIAAnon (6 Beginners)	Jan 1 The Holy Name of Jesus 12 Playwhere you are 5-6:30 TOPS meeting 6 SinG rehearsal in Aud	1/2 Office closed 12 Playwhere you are	1/3 Office closed 12 Playwhere you are 5:30 Alanon 7 Camerata Preview Concert	

The Parish Office will close at noon on Tuesday through Friday



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Our Worship Schedule

Sunday worship

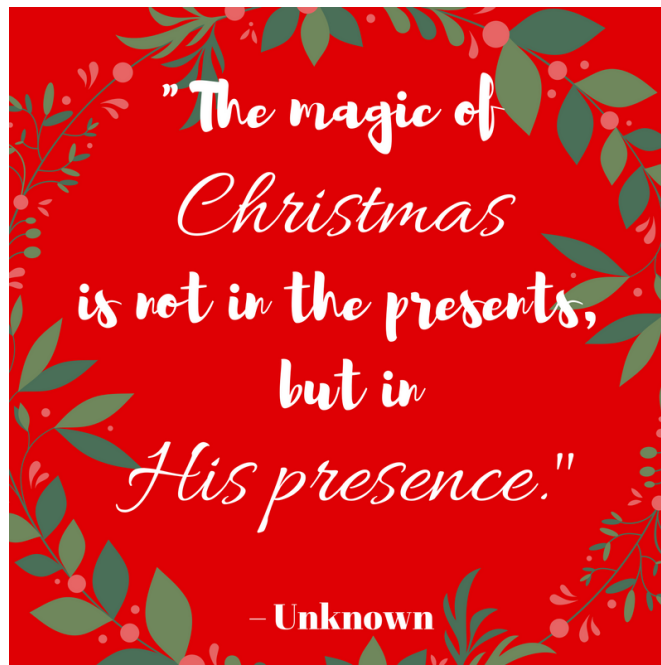
8 AM - *Contemplative Eucharist*
9:30 - 10AM *Formation for All*
10:15AM - *Choral Eucharist*

MONDAY - WEDNESDAY

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

THURSDAYS

12NOON - Chapel Eucharist



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