



## The Value of Stability



A brother visited Abba Moses at Skete asking him for a saying. The elder said to him, "Go and stay in your cell; your cell will teach you everything" (APAlph Moses 6).

Do you know that God is never in a rush? Everyone says that we need to get there soon; we need to see results quickly. But where do we need to go? And what is it that we must do with such haste? God is never in a hurry, and neither are the trees. Over a lifespan of a few hundred years, a tree is successful if it gives birth to just one seedling that survives. Only one is needed to replace the elder tree when its life is over.

Do you know that the lilacs in these parts are in bloom for only a brief time each spring? Usually over a few days in May. And the most important thing you can do when this time comes around again is to make sure that you smell a lot of lilacs.

"The grass is always greener on the other side." This is an old proverb learned through careful observation. Most humans appear to be consumed by a craving madness to get somewhere else, to be someone else, to get something else, to go somewhere else – anywhere else! This is not what we learn from God nor from the wisdom of the earth. Wherever we happen to wake up in the world, the truth is that we have everything we need in that place, because we have God with us. And God is always enough.

Abba Moses instructed a young spiritual seeker to find a place and to stay put. This is deep wisdom. There is no point in endlessly seeking the newest information, the trending topic, the popular hashtag, the latest polls, the hip new teacher. Find your place and stay there, because "your cell will teach you everything." Watch how the trees grow, how the wind pushes the falling leaves, how your body digests and distributes energy. Consider how God sustains the life of this remarkable planet. And then make a decision to turn away from the compulsive madness of human society. You don't need any of that, because you have God. And God is always more than enough.

*Nathan W. Ferrell +*

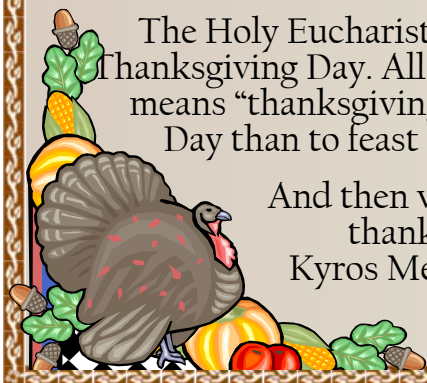
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## Thanksgiving Eve Wednesday, November 27, 6pm Thankful Family Eucharist and Celebratory Tree Lighting

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

And then we go outside to celebrate the people for whom we are most thankful, both living and deceased, with the Lighting of the Kyros Memorial and Celebration Tree. *Drop or send your names in to the parish office by Monday, November 25*



## From the Deacon's Corner:

During the recent nor'easter, a large tree which had been leaning precariously toward my house, came down with a crash in the wee hours of the morning. The power was out, and it was very dark inside the house and even darker outside with the wind and rain obscuring everything. Armed with a ridiculously small flashlight, I felt my way to the back door hoping to see what had caused the crash. The realization came slowly as I scanned the backyard with the flashlight. A huge tree had fallen down across my yard onto my roof and deck. Immediately I was afraid that the tree had made a hole in the roof. I felt absolutely helpless as I waited in the dark for the next few hours until I could call my son. David lives in Portland and was able to come right away. His first words when he saw the situation were colorful!!! He has cleared the tree and hauled it away, and I am so grateful for him and for my grandson Gavin who was a tremendous help. The roof needs a few new shingles but otherwise is fine.



The tree that succumbed to the storm had been around for a while, years probably. It was covered by a vine that bloomed in the spring. In its highest branches, we found a bird's nest. I wish I could call this tree by its proper name, but I do not know it. I feel so blessed by the trees around my house. White pine, red maple, oak, sugar maple and others I can't name. Because of them I have a variety of birds coming to my feeders and other creatures like red and gray squirrels, chipmunks, and a very fat woodchuck. A flock of turkeys drop in once in a while. This fall the trees around my house have been brilliant with color as their life cycle comes to an end and winter approaches. What a blessing it is to live in this vibrant natural oasis as I am bounded on two sides by heavily traveled roads and constant traffic.

We and all life around us is created, grows, flourishes for a time and dies. Along the way, storms, disease, accidents, things done and left undone affect us and all life around us. I am grateful for the tree that came down in my backyard, for its life and work in my little corner of the world, and I feel sad that it is gone and glad its demise didn't make a hole in my roof! Thanks be to God!

Deacon Christine

## A Prayer for Use When Visiting a Grave

Many Christians make a visit to the graves of loved ones around the time of the celebration of All Saints' Day (Nov 1) and the commemoration of All Faithful Departed (Nov 2). Here is one prayer suggested for use on this occasion.

*Thank you, God, for the good earth which cradles the body of our beloved NAME, and which supports us all on our long journey through this life. Continue to meet us here, at this holy resting place, where earth and ashes and dust are returned to their source. Comfort us, today and always, in our sorrow and loss. Keep our feet firmly planted in the path of your Word, and turn our hearts and eyes to heaven, where our sister/brother now lives with you in peace; through Christ our Lord. Amen.*



## CONFIRMATION, RECEPTION AND COMMUNION WITH BISHOP BROWN



**THURSDAY, November 21, 7 PM**

**Following our Common Ground potluck dinner with the Bishop beginning at 5 PM, please come and celebrate at the Lord's Table with him and welcome new members.**



# Vestry Highlights from the Wardens

by Janet Bowne

The Vestry met on October 16. Deacon Christine Bennett attended to explain the role of a deacon and to share her thoughts on her own ministry as well as an update on her Living with Grief Group. Saint Mary's leadership is extremely grateful for Deacon Christine's ministry and all of the ways she supports us.

Treasurer Ben Parks-Stamm presented the financial update. We continue to be very close to budget on revenue and expenses. However we do see a shift, which is hopefully an anomaly. Many people are giving regularly but did not complete a pledge form for 2019 so our non-pledge offering is higher than expected but when added to the pledge totals is close to our budget. Our pledging households have historically been at around 145, but we are at less than 120. Our parishioners are generous but the lack of a pledge commitment makes budgeting difficult. Despite reminders, many regular parishioners forgot to send in a formal commitment.

The 2020 stewardship campaign will be structured to be more visible and focused on pledge goals. The stewardship campaign will kick off in November. The Make a Joyful Noise campaign will be noticeably different than previous years. We have financial goals we'd like to meet both aspirational and tangible. So this year, we will have a campaign that first meets our annual budget needs. We will have a stretch goal that will allow us to get back to 7% for outreach needs and a capital goal to fund projects that need to be done allowing us to be faithful stewards of the buildings that house our programs. See page 4 for the complete details on the 2020 pledge campaign.

The Nominating Committee has received nominations for Senior Warden (Jim Kane is stepping down one year early), Junior Warden (Janet Bowne is nominated to fill out his term) and 3 vestry positions. We are looking for three vestry members instead of four. We learned recently that we've been out of compliance with the state law governing the size of vestries which should be 9 instead of our 12. By cutting down the number this year, we will meet the size requirement in 3 years which is more prudent than making a drastic cut in one year.

We will be voting on the following bylaw change at the 2020 Annual Meeting. This was passed by the vestry in 2018 but was tabled until it was approved by the Diocesan Standing Committee in March 2019. The proposed bylaw change is: "No vestry member shall serve more than ~~one~~ **two** three year terms unless that vestry member has taken at least one year off."

On Sunday, November 3 we will host a ministry fair to help



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

guilds and committees share their ministries and recruit volunteers. We also have the important position of Hospitality Chairperson that is still open.

We are thrilled to have filled the spot of nursery coordinator. Samiyah Alshimali has been serving in that capacity for a few weeks. We continue to need volunteers to serve with her in the nursery and as leaders in the robust Guiding RAY program.

Father Nathan will be away from 11/25-12/6 to make a long delayed trip to see Angus in Hawaii. Pastor Sara D'Angio White will serve at the Thanksgiving Eve service. Deacon Christine will lead the 12/1 service of Lessons and Carols. Rev. Portia Hirschman will lead the 12/5 noon Eucharist. Joyce Verey and volunteers will manage the blood drive on 11/30.

Thank you to the Vestry for your guidance and service to Saint Mary's.

## Annual Fall Clean-Up 9am-12 noon Saturday, November 9

Grab your rakes and gloves!  
And mark your calendars for the Annual Fall Cleanup. We need "all hands on deck" to work together to clean up our campus before winter. Coffee, drinks and snacks provided. Questions? Contact

Jim Stoddard  
[jbstod@myfairpoint.net](mailto:jbstod@myfairpoint.net)

Raindate: Nov 16



**Nov. 3**





**Join with leadership and fellow parishioners to show your support for  
Saint Mary's mission and ministries.  
Help ensure that we can continue to do the work**

## **What can we do?**

Listen for how God is directing you toward opportunities for mission and ministry within our parish and make a commitment to volunteer to help.

Let your voice be heard—engage in conversations with our leadership about the things you feel are important. Consider volunteering to be part of our leadership, which is shared among all of our members.

Make a choice to support Saint Mary's financially. Pledging to make a gift to Saint Mary's—whether it's a one-time gift or given over the course of a year - is critical to our ability to meet our obligations supporting our staff, fixed expenses like heat and lights, maintenance expenses, outreach, program, and worship costs.

## **2020 Goals!**

**Our goal for 2020 is ambitious - and we're trying something new!**

Our first goal is the amount we need to raise to meet our annual budget needs: \$285,000

Once we reach our annual amount, we hope to raise an additional \$15,000 to get us to \$310,000. Doing this will allow us to increase our support for our Outreach Programs. Several years ago, we decreased the percentage we offer for outreach to 5%. In 2020, we will increase to 7% if we reach \$310,000.

Our last threshold goal is \$341,000. This will enable us to do two important major projects. The ringing mechanism of the Church Bell malfunctions often, so we need to do some work to ensure it rings for many years. We also need to replace our sound systems so that all who enter our Sanctuary and Auditorium can hear as well as possible. These projects are very important and are beyond the scope of our annual major projects budget.

## **Things to know:**

Pledge revenue is our primary source of revenue. Our fundraisers contribute significantly, but pledge support is critical to ensuring we can meet our financial obligations.

Our plan, over the next few years, is to increase our Outreach support to the Biblical tithe of 10%. By adding a small increase each year, with your support, we will reach that goal!

Taking on a major project or two each year is a measured approach to stewarding our buildings and grounds ensuring that Saint Mary's is sustained for future generations.

If we don't raise all \$341,000, the Vestry will consult with the Buildings and Grounds team to determine how best to allocate the project money.

We recognize that some parishioners may want to support the projects. The best way to do that is to increase pledging. If those of us who can increase our pledge do so, we'll be successful. But our priority is to ensure that we meet our annual obligation to our staff and programs.

**CELEBRATE**



**HONOR**



**SERVE**

# 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.

**NOV 7 : Honoring our Veterans** – What’s it like to wear the uniform? Hear from our own veterans as they share their own first-person stories.

**NOV 14: Partners for World Health** – Led by Len and Joyce Verey and staff from PWH. Learn about this remarkable local nonprofit and its impact on the world.

**NOV 21: Q & A with Bishop Brown** – Join us for this unusual sit down with our bishop as he joins us for our weekly potluck and talks about his ministry.

**This special Common Ground is followed by a regional Confirmation and Communion liturgy here at 7 PM.**

**NOV 28: Happy Thanksgiving!** No parish gathering

**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.

## 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 & CONVERSATION** in the Auditorium: led by Fr. Nathan

**November 3 – Ministry Fair** – learn more about the many different ministries of this parish

**November 10 – Foster Care** – meet some of the kids in foster care who need a home right now

**November 17 – The Miracle of L’Arche** – watch a video interview with Jean Vanier about the beauty of people with disabilities and how Jesus speaks through them

**November 24 – Streams of Living Water: The Six Christian Traditions** – learn about the six primary “streams” of the Holy Spirit in the history of the Church

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

Recharge from the busyness of life, and leave the chapel at peace and calm.

See September AVE for more details or contact Jennifer Gregg, [jenniferanngregg@gmail.com](mailto:jenniferanngregg@gmail.com)

## Nominating Committee Update

The Nominating Committee has accepted many nominations of parishioners to serve on the 2020 Vestry as well as delegates to the 2020 Diocesan Convention. Thank you to all who participated in this process by nominating parishioners to fill the three vestry openings and the Diocesan Convention delegates. Nominations closed as of October 20, and the committee has begun their review. Thank you! With any questions or comments, please feel free to contact Peter Fitch @ [peterhfitch@gmail.com](mailto:peterhfitch@gmail.com) (Cell) 207-576-0346

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





# Think Sparkles



It was great to see everyone who came out for Sparkles Spirits. As always, Jan and Onnie did a great job organizing this event, and the wonderful Saint Mary's cooks outdid themselves with the delicious appetizers they made for us to try and buy. It's a wonderful symbol of the Sparkles Community, and it's going to make Thanksgiving and Christmas entertaining much easier for a lot of us.

**On November 10, the Sparkles Committee will host both Coffee Hours at Saint Mary's.** Please come to sample a some of the delicious treats we will be offering for sale AND to sign up to HELP. Check out the sign-up sheets and see what fits your time and talents.

Pre-order sheets for greens/poinsettias, lobster stew, boxwood trees, Schola tickets and Rick Hirschman's fantastic Coffee Cake will also be available for ordering and pre-paying, so bring your checkbook. And, if you volunteered to make a Gift Box, they are also due on November 10.

The lighting of the Kyros Memorial and Thanksgiving Tree will take place following the Thanksgiving Eve Eucharist on **Wednesday, November 27**. Please complete the available form to let us know those you would like to have remembered or honored and join us for this meaningful event.

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

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

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

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

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

**BAKE SALE** – Do you have a special cake, bread, pie or other goodie that you enjoy making? Please bake several and give one or two or three to Sparkles to sell. If you'd like a suggestion, we know what usually sells best. We also need people to sign up to bake our famous Scandinavian Almond Cake.

## SAINT MARY'S SPARKLES CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Sunday, December 15, 4 o'clock

# *A Babe Is Born*

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

Gala Reception follows in the Parish House.

Tickets will not sold at the door, nor reserved. For tickets, visit [www.stmaryschola.org](http://www.stmaryschola.org) or purchase during coffee hour or the parish office. Ticket prices: Adults \$30 (*students 25 and under are free*)

Visit the Schola website for information on other performances [www.stmaryschola.org](http://www.stmaryschola.org)



# Think Sparkles

**SPARKLES TOYLAND** -- We are again opening the downstairs Guiding Ray rooms to **Sparkles Toyland** (not just for children). Santa and Mrs. Claus will be available to take special Christmas requests, and to pose for photos. There will be food and crafts for the kids, a room where kids shop for Christmas (No Grown-ups Allowed), and a room where adults shop for toys and other kids' items. We'll have free apple cider and popcorn for all the good boys and girls (of all ages).

**CONCERT AND RECEPTION** – This year's Schola Concert will be presented on Friday, December 13 and again on Sunday, December 15 in the Sanctuary, under the direction of Bruce Fithian. A gala reception follows the Sunday concert, and is a joyful conclusion to our beautiful season of Sparkles events. Once you have attended, you will see why this is a holiday tradition for many. Tickets for the

Friday concert are \$20, and for Sunday are \$30, (which includes an elegant reception). They may be purchased during coffee hours, at the Parish office, or on-line at [www.stmaryschola.org](http://www.stmaryschola.org). We do need help with set-up, food and clean-up for the reception – sign up in the auditorium or call Bob or Nadine Timberlake, reception chairs.

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

Happy Sparkling,  
Jana Burke and Kathy Galen  
Co-Chairs

## SAVE THESE DATES:

**Sparkles Coffee Hour & Sign-up Sheets:** November 10

**Drop Off Dates:** November 9, 16 and 23

**Planning Meetings:** November 3 and 17, if needed

**Making Friendship Soup:** November 17

**Garlanding for Sparkles, including Sparkles Toyland:** November 23

**Thanksgiving Service and Lighting of the Memorial Tree:** November 27

**Sparkles:** December 7

**Schola & Reception:** December 15



## *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 that our ensemble is noted for.

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.

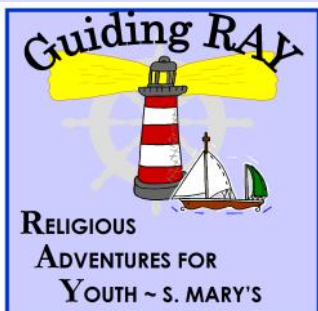
We will then feature the higher voices of the Schola members in the motet *O magnum Mysterium*, by the Renaissance master, Cristobal de Morales. And our concert will end with a joyous 'Gloria' by Claudio Monteverdi.

We are delighted to add to our men's ensemble two new singers: bass, Ross Crolius, 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 tickets: [stmaryschola.org](http://stmaryschola.org)





# Christian Formation - RAY Beams - November 2019



During the month of October, we in Guiding RAY immersed ourselves in the stories of the Prophet Elijah and the knowledge that God will always take care of us. Elijah's scriptures are action-packed stories as he interacts with God. We learned how God provided for Elijah by having ravens bring him food, and then how God once again provided for Elijah in a miraculous way. Not only had God provided for Elijah, God's servant,

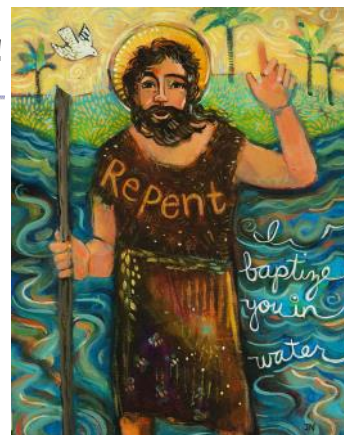


God provided for a poor widow from Zarephath and her son. And we learned of Elijah's joy when God had answered his prayer quickly and that the people of Baal knew who the true GOD really was.

Special thank s to Len Taylor, Katie and Darren Clark, Meg Hurdman and Heather Dougan for leading during this rotation. It takes a parish to help raise our children! Please consider volunteering your time with the kids of Guiding RAY. We are always looking for leaders and assistant leaders. And it is A TON of fun!



**For our outreach portion of this rotation, we learned that we too can help God and help provide for people. The kids harvested the rest of the garden, and we estimated that we were able to donate 50 lbs of fresh vegetables to the Falmouth Food pantry. We also helped the pantry by creating colorful pinecone centerpieces for the Community Harvest Supper. Nancy Lightbody, the manager of the Food Pantry, sent us a thank you card in appreciation for all of the kids good work!**



## Coming up in November...

### Rotation #3 - John the Baptizer

We begin a new rotation this month on John the Baptizer. We will learn 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 will learn that we too are called to prepare for God entering our lives. Our leaders for this rotation are Jess Lewis, Jill Stevenson and Sandy Couch-Kelly... but we still need 2 more! Please contact Megan Akers if you would like to help with 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 - 1:00 p.m. and pizza will be provided. Please contact Megan Akers if you would like to be involved in this Christmas celebration.



# Christian Formation - RAY Beams - November 2019



The Ignite Youth Group invites all 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders to join us every other Sunday. Our meetings are a mixture of fun, fellowship and great discussion. In November, the group will be meeting November 3<sup>rd</sup> and November 17<sup>th</sup>. Here are just a few things we are looking forward to in November:



- The return of a favorite game from last year "Let's Make a Deal"
- Pancakes!
- Planning the youth-run coffee hour in January

We hope to see you there! - Michelle and Will Chappell

## Acolyte Training: November 10

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



### Hello Young Singers!

There is a lovely group of singers meeting each Sunday and singing some really fun songs! We will soon begin to work on songs for the Pageant (December 15th) and for Christmas Eve. Interested singers can just show up at 9:35 in the Guiding Ray rooms to learn the songs. If there is enough interest, we will sing one song for the Lessons and Carols Service on December 1st. If you have any questions, please contact me, Maria Belva, at [mariabelva@gmail.com](mailto:mariabelva@gmail.com).



### Adults Are Positive Role Models Celebrate Safely

- Offer non-alcoholic drink options
- Serve alcoholic and non-alcoholic drinks at separate locations
- Choose a designated driver ahead of time
- Host alcohol-free gatherings
- Prevent accidental poisonings – lock up medicine and marijuana

#### Tip of the Month



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

**Casco Bay CAN**  
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TOGETHER, PREVENTING YOUTH SUBSTANCE USE  
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## 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



# Outreach Ministry - All Ages Serving Near and Far

## Mission Morning Last Hurrah After Four Years

Thank you to all of those who participated in Mission Morning on September 29. It was a beautiful morning and the turnout and enthusiasm for all opportunities was wonderful at The Maine Veteran's Home, the homes of those

fellow-parishioners who received loving attention and help inside and outdoors, Milestone Foundation and right here at Saint Mary's where scarf and hat-makers were busy!

It is therefore with a mixture of sadness and excitement that we must announce this was our final Saint Mary's Mission Morning. After considerable thought and deliberation, we have concluded that the disruption to flow of worship and other activities on Sunday morning that Mission Mornings entail is unsustainable.

This decision brings sadness because we know how meaningful this has been for all

who have participated, young and old, and all who have been served. But it also brings a sense of excitement as the Outreach Committee determines how best to continue the wonderful ministries to which we have been introduced through Mission Morning.

And continue we will. The Outreach Committee is committed to deepening our relationship with Milestone, offering you and other parishioners the opportunity to build relationships with Milestone residents. We are committed to finding ways each year to bring parishioners together to care for the earth through Coastal Clean-ups and other such activity. We are committed to helping our neighbors in need through our strong relationship with the Falmouth Food Pantry and the nascent "Helping Hands at Home" ministry. We will investigate the possibility of extending our new relationship with the Maine Veterans Home through song or other. In sum,

we will seek to nurture all of these ministries we have come know and love.

Thank you for your devoted support to Mission Morning over the last many years. And particular thanks to the "founders" whose vision created Mission Morning: Father Nathan, Janet Bowne, Marian McCue, Becky Pride, Judith Brooks, Margaret Fast and Betsy Elliman. Without their vision and ingenuity--and long-term support, Mission Morning would ever have thrived as well as it did. So many are so grateful.



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## THANKSGIVING BLOOD DRIVE

at SAINT MARY'S

*Saturday, November 30, 9AM - 2PM*

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

Go to [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org) and use sponsor code "SMary" to make your donor appointment. Contact our Coordinator, Joyce Verey, 536-0195, [joyceverey@gmail.com](mailto:joyceverey@gmail.com)

Can you help our donors at the drive? Volunteers are needed. Call Joyce Verey [joyceverey@gmail.com](mailto:joyceverey@gmail.com) or email Beth in the parish office at [admin@smary.org](mailto:admin@smary.org)



## Outreach Ministry - All Ages Serving Near and Far

### Saint Mary's Continuing "Responding to Maine's Opioid Crisis" Program - November 3, 2019

As part of Falmouth's community wide response to the opioid crisis we will be hosting another program on Sunday, November 3, this time featuring state expert on group recovery houses. Ron Springel, a former emergency room physician who assists the director of the Governor's Opioid Response, will speak on "Recovery Houses: The Needs and Hurdles," from 4-6pm. Once again, this will be open to the public, so we hope you will consider not only attending, but also inviting friends.

It's important to have group recovery houses for people transitioning from structured treatment facilities to every-day living but there are a lot of questions about the industry which has grown with the increase in opioid deaths. Ron Springel is an expert who can talk about oversight, the variety of costs and services and the impact on neighbors.

As always, light refreshment will be available and there is no entry fee--or sign-up sheet! FMI: [jenniferanngregg@gmail.com](mailto:jenniferanngregg@gmail.com)



## Responding to Maine's Opioid Crisis

### *Education, Compassion and Community*

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

## Sunday, November 3, 4-6PM

### *"Recovery Houses: The Needs and the Hurdles"*

Featuring Mr Ron Springel, Opioid Response, Office of the Governor, State of Maine. Author of *"Good Neighbor Policy"*

### Presentation, Personal Testimony, Q and A

This is the **fourth** in a series of presentations providing persons of every age with the opportunity to learn about

- ◆ Sources and causes of the crisis
- ◆ The physiological consequences of addiction
- ◆ Identifying signs of addiction
- ◆ Responding to an addiction concern
- ◆ Reaching out for long term recovery assistance
- ◆ Reaching out to help those currently affected

### Upcoming Presentations

January 12: Various Approaches in Recovery

April 26: Stigma - The Reality and How to Overcome.

For more information, contact Jennifer Gregg, 781-2665, [jenniferanngregg@gmail.com](mailto:jenniferanngregg@gmail.com)  
Or the parish office, 781-3366, [smary@smary.org](mailto:smary@smary.org)

# MULTICULTURAL FAIR

Sunday, November 24, 3-6 pm

In the Saint Mary's Church auditorium

*Come learn, shop  
and enjoy!!*



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

*Foods from* Syria Italy Latin America Republic of Congo  
Ethiopia Middle East Iraq

*Artisans with* Earrings Necklaces Baskets Bracelets  
Wood Burning Art Scarfs Artwork Bags Clothing

*And so much more!!*

Happily brought to you by the *Welcome, New Mainers* ministry  
of The Episcopal Church of Saint Mary's  
For more information, contact Anne [akblafond@gmail.com](mailto:akblafond@gmail.com)

## Outreach Opportunity - Saint Mary's Snowman Tree



We, at Saint Mary's look forward to having a Giving Tree once again! Here is an opportunity to become engaged in the spirit of giving this Christmas. Saint Mary's, together with the Salvation Army, are hosting a Snowman Giving Tree. Snowman tags will be on the Christmas tree with a child's gift request. Kindly take a tag, purchase item(s) on the tag, and bring back to Saint Mary's. To ensure the families receive them in time for Christmas, the unwrapped gifts should be out back under the tree no later than December 15 with the Snowman tag on them. For more information, contact Betsy or Jim Stoddard

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# Our Music at Saint Mary's

## Constellation Compline: November 2, 7 pm

On Sunday, November 3 at 7:00 PM, the superb men's ensemble from Chicago, Constellation, will be presenting a sublime compline-themed concert at Saint Mary's. This professional vocal group is dedicated to creating distinct performances in unique spaces, empowering the next generation of singers through educational engagement, and expanding the repertoire for **men's** vocal music by commissioning new works from both emerging and established composers.



## Concert Spirituel: November 17, 4 pm

by Bruce Fithian

### Celebrating the 40th Anniversary of the Saint Mary Organ

In 1979, The Church of Saint Mary commissioned the eminent organ builder Gerhard Brunzema to construct the magnificent instrument that graces our sanctuary. At the time, Robert Renwick was the choirmaster/organist, when previously, the organ was located in the chancel (with pipes even in the ceiling of the tower!). Under Robert's leadership, the beautiful Casavant Opus 3384, was installed in the gallery. Brunzema grew up in northern Germany and fashioned his masterworks after the magnificent baroque organs of his youth. Indeed, the Saint Mary's organ was one of his favorites, and he advised any future clients to visit the church to see his best work. The organ is very versatile, but it particularly sounds wonderful in works from the German baroque era. It is always a joy for me to play Bach on this instrument. To me it is like participating in a musical prayer. We are so fortunate that Charles Shipman Payson, a relative of Saint Mary's founding member General John Marshall Brown, helped generate funds for the organ. It was dedicated in 1979 with a plaque reading: *Te Deum Laudamus, Anno Domini 1979, Given in memory of Herbert Payson, Sally Carroll Payson, and Joan Whitney Payson by Charles Shipman Payson. Praise Him upon the strings and pipes.*



Casavant Opus 3384, Gerhard Brunzema 1979

- 2 manuals. 3 divisions. 20 stops. 26 ranks. 20 registers. 1300 pipes. 56-note manuals. 30-note pedals.
- Slider chests. Mechanical key action. Mechanical stop action.

What better way to celebrate this anniversary than to enjoy a 'Concert Spirituel,' an organ and chamber music recital. On Sunday afternoon, November 17, at 4:00 PM, we will present the Baroque music so beautifully suited for our program: chamber music of Bach and Telemann, with our resident virtuosos: Tom Troeger on flute, and John Bennett on cello. And I will play a piece dear to my heart (and many other music lovers): the magnificent Passacaglia in c minor by Bach. *Praise Him indeed upon the strings and pipes!*

## Community Souper Supper November 8 and 22



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: November 8*

**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!



## 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.

## Garden Redesign - Year Two

The second stage of garden redesign took place in mid August. The garden's redesign is a gift from St. Mary's Garden Club to the church. The garden is maintained by the garden club per club Bylaws.

This second of three stages included the following:

- removal of many rug sections that graced our lawn, adjacent to the rock wall, for over two years in an effort to kill entrenched Bishop's Weed! The area was graded, tamped and seeded by Gnome and the grass is coming in astonishingly fast.
  - preparation of the bed directly in front of the rectory deck - it was cleared, delineated and Saint Mary's Garden Club members who came out in force that day. Items include Emerald Green Arborvitae, a Sherwood Flame Japanese Maple, Red Twig Dogwoods and more.
- planting of three River Birch trees in the Parish House alcove next to the chapel. The trees were anonymously donated by a garden club member.

Next summer the third and final stage of the garden's redesign will take place. It will transform the area next to the walkway and feature a sitting area. The new garden will be rededicated in the fall of 2020.

In 2018, at the request of garden club, the church removed two large evergreen trees and is gradually removing all the Burning Bush in the rectory area. Members of both the church and the garden club have contributed for the purchase of trees and shrubs.

Lucy Ellis, Project Liaison with St. Mary's Garden Club



*Picture taken in the spring before the river birches were planted.*

### Seeking... a Wooden Table and Chairs

Are you downsizing and hope to find a good home for your outdoor set? Do you know of a set that might be available from someone else? Can you picture it outside in the alcove next to the Chapel?



## 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](http://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.





## And Your Neighbor As Yourself

When Jesus was asked what the *greatest* commandment is, he quoted from Deuteronomy: “love the Lord with all your heart, with all your soul and with all your strength.”

But there is more to the correct answer. There is another commandment: he says, that is “like it” (Matthew), and “as great” (Mark) or simply the rest of the sentence (Luke): “Love your neighbor as yourself.” In the ancient rabbinic mind, these injunctions were part and parcel of the same law (Leviticus 19:18). Loving God and loving neighbor were inextricably intertwined.

This part of the law sounds simple until I think about how hard it is to love myself. Somewhere along the line we learn that we are not lovable. I don’t really know how this happens. Why do we forget that we are each God’s beloved? When did I first think that I had to *earn* God’s love? How did I misplace a theology of grace – the one I took seriously when I was innocent enough to sing “Jesus loves me, this I know, for the Bible tells me so.”

So before I can keep the second commandment – to love my neighbor as myself- I need to reconnect with the confidence that I am truly lovable in God’s eyes, without ego, without pride, without self-consciousness. Where do I go for lessons in this kind of love? Perhaps I go to the same place we went as children – to the Bible. After all, that’s where Jesus goes for his understanding of the commandments of love. I am loved because the Bible tells me so. Here’s a sampling:

Psalm 136 – “For his steadfast love endures forever,” repeated 26 times

Exodus 19:4 – “You yourselves have seen what I did in Egypt and how I carried you on eagles’ wings and brought you to myself.”

Isaiah 46:4 – “Even to your old age I am he, even when you turn gray I will carry you. I have made, and I will bear; I will carry and will save.”

Loving neighbor as myself will be easier when I realize the truth of God’s love for me.

(If you have a reaction or would like to comment, please contact me at [merlemarietroeger@gmail.com](mailto:merlemarietroeger@gmail.com).)



## Buildings & Grounds Update

Well, Saint Mary weathered the recent Nor'easter on 10.17.19. Power was knocked out for several days, trees fell on power lines and branches and leaves were scattered hither and yon. Once power was restored, B&G went to work to set the campus back in order. Clocks were reset, logs were cut, and branches were gathered and taken to the transfer station. All that remains is to rake leaves, which is scheduled for Saturday, November 9, at 9 AM with rain date of the 16<sup>th</sup>. Come and help in the effort; refreshments will be in abundance.

The B&G crew has been meeting each Tuesday to complete tasks to maintain the building and grounds. Chores include: setting up lighting on new Saint Mary sign, resetting heat schedules in Parish House, trim and/or remove shrubs and trees at the Rectory, repair fencing, pick up and place donated picnic table for Guiding RAY classes, weed and place mulch in burial garden to name a few. There is always a to-do list.

Lastly, at this time of year, the Committee wishes all a very Happy Thanksgiving.

Till next time.

Jim Stoddard, Chair

## ***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 *already 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](mailto:thcaven@gmail.com)



## News, Notes, Kudos, Dates & Reminders

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

**Thanks to Jess Lewis and her boys for running the water stop for the Maine Marathon! And to North Yarmouth Academy and all of the volunteers who helped make our Maine Marathon water stop run smoothly.**

Thanks to Jennifer Gregg for organizing the Alida Greely Brown Heritage Society annual lunch.

In gratitude for Pat Rogers and her sharing her experience as a 9/11 responder with our Common Ground attendees.

### Merci

**Thanks to all who helped with the Conway and Howell funeral receptions.**

To the gremlins and goblins who joined us for Trunk or Treat on 10/31 and for all who volunteered to make the event fun and safe for our little ones!

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### Congrats to one of our own!

At the Maine Press Association 2019 Fall Conference at the Doubletree Hotel on Sat. October 19, Marian McCue was one of three distinguished inductees into this year's Hall of Fame for contributions to the publishing industry of Maine. "Marian McCue purchased a small fortnightly local town tabloid mailed directly to residents in 1990 and eventually turned it--with great foresight and a singular journalistic duty-- into what would become arguably "the" community newspaper of record for the greater Portland area. In 2003, knowing she was only a steward of the paper. McCue sold it to the Costello family agreeing to stay on as editor to launch the Portland edition the same year and the Mid-Coast edition two years later.

In 2006, she handed over the reins of the newspaper to her trusted and capable editor, Mo Mehlsak, but never really left journalism. Instead, McCue lent her reporting talents to many Maine newspapers on a freelance basis and for the last four and a half years has been writing a monthly column for The Forecaster focusing on issues at the Statehouse."

**yay!**

**We are grateful for all who came together for the wonderful Evensong service. The choir and the bell choir came together to offer the perfect end to the cold and rainy day. Thanks also to Father Nathan for celebrating this lovely service.**

Dear Pastor Amelia, Father Nathan, Pastor Tim, Pastor Geoff, Pastor Mac, Father Greenleaf, Deacon Dennis, and Rabbi Laura,

We have such a great community! More details will follow, but many new records were set on Thursday evening. At the supper we served over 725 guests (a record), and over 200 people cooked or volunteered their time (a record). Donations to the Food Pantry at the supper hit a new record of over \$11,450!

Thank you for all the publicizing that you did as well as all the cooking and serving volunteers that you provided, in addition to your attending the event itself. It would not have happened without your support!

Also, our continued efforts to "go green" worked well. Thanks to the conscientious help of our recycling and composting volunteers, 334 gallons were added to the green Garbage to Garden compost bins, two blue ecomaine recycling bins were filled, and only 1¼ bags of garbage had to be put into the trash dumpster.

And please be sure to save the date for the THIRTEENTH annual Harvest Community Supper: **Thursday, October 22, 2020!**

Thank you all.

Nancy Lightbody (and all at the Falmouth Food Pantry)

### Falmouth Congregational Church

(267 Falmouth Road, Falmouth  
[Falmouthcongregationalchurch.org](http://Falmouthcongregationalchurch.org), 781-3413)  
invites all to their monthly

### Side Door Coffee House

**November 8, 6:30-9:00pm**

featuring

### Carolyn Currie

Carolyn Currie's music has been described as haunting, luminous and spellbinding. Her poetic lyrics intrigue the discerning listener, offering multiple layers of meaning and becoming highly personal for each individual as the stories unfold.

Have a great cup of coffee, hot chocolate, a snack and support the arts! Bring your neighbors for a relaxed evening out. **The Coffee House a family friendly event that showcases local musicians the second Friday of each month.**

**Everyone is welcome!**

**Free, but donations accepted.**

**Thanks to Buildings and Grounds members, Lucy Ellis, Fr. Nathan and other volunteers who helped clean up the mess left by the 10/17/19 nor'easter.**







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

## Happy November Birthdays to:



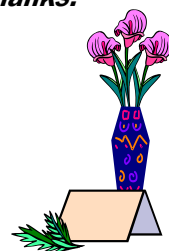
1	Julietta Smithwick	9	Judith Brooks	22	Julie Woodworth
3	Avery Buchanan	9	Sophia Kelly	24	Lauren Lamberson
3	Jay Hurdman	9	Jean Wilkinson	24	John Musacchio
3	Caroline Kyros	10	Eloise Fulton	24	Hugh Smith
3	Liz Musacchio	11	Anabelle Teng	25	Sophia Draeger
3	Benjamin Otte	12	Brooke Bazarian	25	Suzanne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

*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](mailto:admin@smary.org) or call 781-3366 or drop a note to the church. Thanks!*

## Happy November Anniversary wishes to:



10	Kelly & Michael Ianno
27	Gibson & Blake Wilkes



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

*For complete article, see "One Thing You Can Do: Slay the Energy Vampires, NYTIMES, Oct. 30, 2019*

Phantom Power and Ghost Load: Items plugged into an outlet and not being used. An average home can rack up roughly a whole month's worth of phantom power annually.

The Natural Resources Defense Council puts the cost at about [\\$165 per United States household, or \\$19 billion nationally](#). That translates to around 44 million tons of carbon dioxide, or 4.6 percent of the country's total residential electricity generation. In an office, things like printers, computers and phone chargers [can consume a quarter](#) of a building's energy.

To see which household items are frequent phantoms, check out a [free smartphone app called Dr. Power](#). It has a library of more than 100,000 appliances and devices. Shutting down a computer, for example, can cut energy use by 65 percent compared with leaving the device in idle mode.

Save money and help the environment!

# The Episcopal Church of Saint Mary Worship Leader Schedule: November - December 2019

	8am Ushers	8am EM/Lectors	10:15am Ushers	10:15am Lector	10:15am Euch Minister	10:15am Acolytes	Altar Guild	Altar Flowers	Flower Delivery	Coffee Hour Host
<b>Nov 3 DST Pent 21</b>	Rayle A Ed A	Mary Ann	Harry D Jack H	Dawn Y	Diane Terry	William R Harrison R	Katie P Jana B	Helga	Ruth K.	B=Jan Andrews Fair, CI=??
<b>10-Nov Pent 22</b>	Charlie H Al A	Len	Ryan S Aaron S	Betsy S	Stan Maggie	Emily	Kathy G. Barbara M	Helga	The Hortons	Sparkles - All
<b>17-Nov Pent 23</b>	Len T Jim K	Elise	Dawn Tom L	Maureen	Will Jim S	William R Harrison R	Mary S Portia H	Onnie & Katie	The Stoddards	Jan & Onnie-All
<b>24-Nov Pent 24</b>	Lee VD Baer C	Al	Ron F Mark B	Rod McGarry	Nadine Justice P.	Jamie, Archer Rod	Janet B Maggie G	Jan M. Thanks	~	B = Joyce V xx
<b>27-Nov Thanks</b>		6pm usher Doug	6pm EM Becky					Thanks	Dawn & Noah	~
<b>Dec. 1 Advent 1</b>		Lessons & Carols Elise, Hugh Jane S, Jennifer,		Lessons & Carols Marian, Garry, Ginny, xx	L & C no HE	tbd	Mary L Barbara M	Greens	~	B= Susan C
<b>Dec. 8 Advent 2</b>		Lad		Linda E	Betsy PS Andrea M-H	tbd	Portia H. Katie P	Greens	~	Sparkles - All
<b>Dec. 15 Advent 3</b>		Mary Ann		Erin F.	Will Maggie	tbd	Mary S Maggie & Mary L	Greens	~	B = Connie D
<b>Dec. 22 Advent 4</b>	2 ushers	Len	3 ushers	pageant no lector needed	Nadine Stan	tbd	Betsy E Janet B & Jana B	Greens	~	B = Natalia F

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





**Thanks and Congratulations to Saint Mary's eight Maine Marathon relay runners: Erin Ferrell, Heather Teng, Ben Parks-Stamm, Gwen O'Donnell, Bruce Fithian, Steve Conley, Justice Pollard, Greg Unfricht; and Fr Nathan running the half marathon . Great job!**





# November 2019

The Episcopal Church of Saint Mary

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>3 All Saints' Sunday</b> 8 Contemplative Eucharist <b>9:30</b> Formation for ALL 10 Guiding RAY and <b>Ignite</b> 10:15 Baptism & Eucharist 4-6 Opioid event: Recovery Houses	4 Garden Club 12 Noonday Prayer 5:30 Be Still 7 PCC rehearsal	5 7:30-9 BNI 9:30 Art Group 10:30 Wisdom Seekers 12 Noonday Prayer 14 College Club Tea in GR 12:45 Staff meeting 4:50 Living with Grief 4:30 Executive Committee 7 AA and AlaTeen 7:00 AIAnon (6:00 beginners)	 6 Garden Club in Guild room 9 Mainly Weavers in Aud 10 Falmouth House service 12 Noonday Prayer 5-6:30 TOPS meeting 6 ORI & Dowzers 6 SinG rehearsal in Aud	 <b>COMMON GROUND</b> 5-7 Trunk or Treat 7 8:30 Falmouth clergy 12 <b>Chapel Eucharist</b> 1 CARE & Prayer 3 Merton Group 4:30 Outreach <b>COMMON GROUND</b> 5-7 Potluck Dinner 5:45 Presentation <b>Veterans Stories</b> 7 SM Choir rehearsal	11/1 All Saints' Day Office closed 6-8 Sparkles Spint	11/2 9-11 Falm. Colonial Village 7:30 Concert Constellation
<b>10 22nd Sun. after Pentecost</b> 8 Contemplative Eucharist <b>9:30</b> Formation for ALL 10 Guiding RAY classes 10:15 Choral Eucharist <b>11:30 Acolyte Training</b>	<b>VETERANS Day</b> 11 Garden Club 10 Bells Ring for Peace 12 Noonday Prayer 5:30 Be Still 7 PCC rehearsal	12 7:30-9 BNI 9:30 Art Group 10:30 Wisdom Seekers 12 Noonday Prayer 12:45 Staff meeting 4:50 Living with Grief 7 Schola rehearsal 7 AA and AlaTeen 7:00 AIAnon (6:00 beginners)	13 Noonday Prayer 5-6:30 TOPS meeting 6-8 Vestry meeting 6 SinG rehearsal in Aud	14 <b>Chapel Eucharist</b> 12 Merton Group <b>COMMON GROUND</b> 5-7 Potluck Dinner 5:45 Presentation <b>Partners for World Health</b> 7 SM Choir rehearsal	15 Office closed 12 Play where you are 5:30 Alanon	16 9 - Noon Sparkles Drop-off # 4 1 Bicentennial Eucharist, Gardner
<b>17 23rd Sun. after Pentecost</b> 8 Contemplative Eucharist 9 Sparkles meeting <b>9:30</b> Formation for ALL 10 Guiding RAY and <b>Ignite</b> 10:15 Choral Eucharist <b>4 Concert Spiritual</b>	18 Noonday Prayer 5:30 Be Still 7 PCC rehearsal	19 7:30-9am BNI <b>8:30-11 St. Elizabeth's</b> 9:30 am Art Group 10:30 Wisdom Seekers 12 Noonday Prayer 12:45 Staff meeting 4:50 Living with Grief 7 Schola rehearsal 7 AA and AlaTeen 7:00 AIAnon (6:00 beginners)	20 Noonday Prayer 5-6:30 TOPS meeting 6 SinG rehearsal in Aud <b>AVE deadline</b>	21 <b>Chapel Eucharist</b> 12 Merton Group <b>COMMON GROUND</b> 5-7 Potluck Dinner 5:45 Bishop Brown 7 Confirmation and Communion Liturgy	22 Office closed 12 Play where you are 5-7 Souper Supper 5:30 Alanon	23 <b>Garlanding</b> 9 - Noon Sparkles Drop-off # 5 2 Kate Kirsch Memorial
<b>24 Christ the King</b> 8 Contemplative Eucharist <b>9:30</b> Formation for ALL 10 Guiding RAY classes 10:15 Choral Eucharist <b>3-6 Multicultural Fair</b>	25 Noonday Prayer 5:30 Be Still 7pm PCC rehearsal	26 7:30-9 BNI 9:30 Art Group 10:30 Wisdom Seekers 12 Noonday Prayer 4:50 Living with Grief 7 Schola rehearsal 7 AA and AlaTeen 7:00 AIAnon (6:00 beginners)	27 Noonday Prayer 6 SinG rehearsal in Aud 6 Thanksgiving Eve Eucharist with Pastor Sara D'Angio-White <b>7 Kyros Tree Lighting</b>	28 Office closed Thanksgiving Day	29 Office closed 12 Play where you are 5:30 Alanon	30 9-2 Thanksgiving <b>Blood Drive</b> at Saint Mary's
<b>1 1st Sunday in Advent</b> 8 & 10:15 Lessons & Carols 9:30 Advent wreathmaking wksp	Fr. Nathan and the Ferrell family vacationing and spending Thanksgiving with Angus in Hawaii 11/25 - 12/6					



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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

# 2019 Autumn Scripture Plan Continues

We will diverge slightly from the Revised Common Lectionary with a different first Lesson throughout the autumn season. Please read ahead and follow along as we progress through three brief – but very important – letters (or epistles) in the New Testament. The Psalm and the Gospel will remain as appointed.

<b><i>Calendar</i></b>	<b><i>Sunday Lesson and Themes</i></b>
November 3 – All Saints' Sunday	2 Timothy 1.1-14 <i>Family heritage, boldness in the Gospel, steadfastness</i>
November 10	2 Timothy 2.1-15 <i>Work diligently, endure hardship, trust in God's faithfulness</i>
November 17	2 Timothy 3.1-7, 10-17 <i>Darkness of life apart from God, Scripture's importance</i>
November 24 – Christ the King	2 Timothy 4.1-8, 16-18 <i>Christ's return and appearing, faithfulness to God's truth</i>



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## SPARKLES' MEMORIALS CELEBRATIONS AND THANKSGIVINGS

**Gather together on November 27**, as we thank the Lord for our many blessings and the people who have made a mark on our lives as we light the Kyros Memorial and Celebration Tree honoring the memories of our departed loved ones and the blessings of our friends and family members.

Send the names of those you would like to celebrate with a blessing or memorial, complete this form and send the form, via email, hand delivery or place in the offering plate, to the Parish Office by **Monday, November 25** to have the name included in the celebration leaflet.

**In Memory of (please print):**

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_

**In Celebration of (please print):**

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_

**Your Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_