



The Episcopal Church of Saint Mary - Falmouth, Maine

**"I worship the God of our ancestors according to the Way."**

**St. Paul in Acts 24:14**

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"What does your parish offer for children and youth?" This is a common question posed to people in my occupation. And, usually, I know what information they are looking for: a list of the specific programs and groups we have in place that are tailored to young people. But do you know what I think is a better answer to this question? What I always want to say (and sometimes do) is this: "We offer a Way of life that changes everything. This Way changes how we understand education, politics, economics and everything else. This Way changes how we respond to other people, how we approach our careers, how we view our bodies. Together, we are traveling in the way of Jesus and we invite your children, your entire family, to join us as we walk this way together. It's not easy and neat and clean. In fact, it's quite messy and un-

predictable! We are like a huge extended family whose don't always agree, and sometimes we have fights. But we share the same goal, and we are committed to traveling this Way of Jesus together as the Holy Spirit teaches us and guides us. ALL OF THIS is what we offer children and youth."

Faith formation is a process – a Way of life – that incorporates every moment of our lives. This includes the home, where our life journey begins and usually ends. Faith formation cannot be outsourced to "the professionals." The programs that Saint Mary's offers are always intended to support and enrich the faith formation that happens in your home because what happens in the home shapes the faith formation of every person, and especially our young people. Social studies bear this out. "The best social predictor of what a teenager's religious life will look like is to ask what her parents' religious lives look like" (Dr. Kenda Creasy Dean in Almost Christian, Oxford University Press, 2010: p. 203). Believe it or not, most young people follow the real-life examples of their parents. Real faith cannot be faked or put on just once in a while. It is a lived experience that others can clearly observe for themselves.

So how do we practice the way of Jesus in our homes and in our daily lives? Thankfully, there are abundant resources available on the Internet to support Christian families in their faith-sharing at home. Here are a few quality digital resources which I encourage all of you to explore, bookmark, and put to use in your homes and lives throughout the year 2020 and beyond:

[www.buildfaith.org](http://www.buildfaith.org) – Christian formation inspiration for all

[www.vibrantfaithathome.org](http://www.vibrantfaithathome.org) – support for faith-sharing at home

[www.going4growth.com](http://www.going4growth.com) – resources from The Church of England

[www.faithathome.com](http://www.faithathome.com) – evangelical Protestant, very useful resources

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*Nathan W. Ferrell +*



**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](#).

## From the Deacon's Corner:

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I pray that the deep peace of God may be with each of us in this new year! ... not only a new year but a new decade as well! Because we belong to Jesus, we have every hope that in Christ our lives are a gift from God to be lived for the sake of God's people. We celebrate New Year's Day on January 1, and it is also the day the Church celebrates The Holy Name.

The gospel reading from Luke appointed for that day tells us that when Jesus was eight days old, as was the custom in the Jewish faith, Mary and Joseph took Jesus to be circumcised and "He was called Jesus, the name given by the angel before he was conceived in the womb."

Naming a new baby is a big deal. When named, the infant becomes a fully-fledged member of the family, and the child's individual identity begins to be formed. The chosen name often identifies the family's cultural heritage or honors loved ones and identifies the family to whom the child belongs. Sometimes in a very mysterious way the name seems to influence who the child will become. When I was awaiting the birth of my son, my husband and I wanted to honor my dad, so we decided that our son's middle name would be Keith. My son grew to look very much like my dad and even inherited my dad's lovely baritone voice.

When we are baptized, our full name is said, followed by "in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit" and in that way we become a member of God's family - sons and daughters of God. We are anointed with oil "marked as Christ's own forever," claimed by God. We are sons and daughters of God and heirs of God's promises.

As we live into this new decade, I pray that we will remember to whom we belong and that when we pray in Jesus' name and live in His love we can and will be bearers of his healing in the world.

With prayers for healing and peace,

Deacon Christine



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## Make a Joyful Noise: Stewardship 2020

Joyful Noises were all around us in December. Beginning with Lessons and Carols on December 1st, Be Still Mondays, Sunday formation and Quiet Mornings, followed by Sparkles and the Schola Concert, rounded out by two Souper Supper Fridays, finishing with the Christmas pageant and Christmas Eve and Christmas Day services, hardly a day went by without many joyful noises filling our buildings. Thank you for being a part of it all!

Update: 65 parishioners have turned in their pledge forms totaling \$169,253 toward our goal of \$290,000.

We still have a long way to go to reach our goal. Please help us close the gap soon—save us a reminder call. Pledging is important as it helps ensure that we can meet our obligations to continue our mission and ministries. Complete the pledge form—you'll find one in this edition of the AVE on page 14-15. Once completed, return to Beth Shaw by email ([admin@smay.org](mailto:admin@smay.org)) or in an envelope dropped in the collection plate on Sunday or via mail to: 43 Foreside Road Falmouth, ME 04105



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# Vestry Highlights from the Wardens

by Janet Bowne

The Vestry met on December 18. Jennifer Gregg joined us to share an update on our Outreach programs. Outreach will extend in 2020 the "opioid program" begun last year to help the community better understand the nature of and means of helping those suffering from substance-use disorder. Outreach is adding a new opportunity in 2020 to help the homeless through Family Promise (see page 8) and will continue to nurture other existing and special outreach opportunities already known to the parish (see page 6).

Treasurer, Ben Parks-Stamm, shared the latest financials. Year-to-date we are on budget for most of our expenses. Thanks to so many hard working volunteers, Sparkles was a big success which is so important to our revenue stream. Ben also reviewed the proposed 2020 budget with the final tweaks made. The Vestry approved the 2020 budget as presented.

Our 2020 budget is built upon our ambitious stewardship goal. We continue to be blessed by so many parishioners who support us with their time, talent and treasure. As of this meeting, we had received about 60 pledges (out of a hoped for 150) so we have a long way to go. Sparkles, Advent and Christmas are busy times, but we hope that all of our parishioners will complete their pledge forms and return them to Beth Shaw.

The Nominating Committee reported that Aaron Splint will run as Junior Warden, filling out Janet Bowne's term. Janet is running for Jim Kane's unexpired term as he steps down from his role as Senior Warden. Thank you, Aaron!



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

Father Nathan is planning several programs for 2020. Couple Checkup will be available for all couples to invest in their relationship health. On February 9 and 16, Father Nathan will run an instructed Eucharist which is a step-by-step explanation of our liturgy taking place instead of a sermon on those days. He is planning a Lenten program for Thursday evenings, titled Faith for Exiles. Following Easter, taking inspiration from the Coptic Church, parishioners will be invited to bake fresh bread to be used on Sunday for Communion.

## By-Law Amendments

### Back to last year's proposed Bylaw change

We have the green light now to go ahead with this proposed change at our Annual Meeting on January 26, 2020:

**Article II. Wardens and Vestry:** "No Vestry member shall serve more than ~~one~~ two three-year terms unless that Vestry member has taken at least one year off."

### Additional By-law changes now needed

Now that we are aware of our non-compliance with State statutes regarding the size of our Vestry, we need to update our Constitution and By-laws. Here are the two necessary changes:

**Article II. Wardens and Vestry:** "There shall be two Wardens and ~~twelve~~ nine Vestry members."

**And:** "The governing body of the Parish shall be comprised of the Rector, two Wardens and Treasurer, and ~~twelve~~ nine Vestry members."

## Annual Meeting and Program: January 26, 2020

**Notice is hereby given that the Annual Meeting of The Episcopal Church of Saint Mary will take place on Sunday, January 26, 2020 beginning at 9:30 AM.**

At 9:30, all are asked to gather for one Eucharist. At 10:30, everyone will move into the Parish House for a delicious brunch. At 11:30, we will begin our Annual Meeting business. We elect new Vestry members and new Diocesan Convention delegates. We discuss plans and hopes for 2018. Our intention is to conclude by 12 noon.

There will be a number of resources available to all, including 2020 parish budget. In order to vote, you must be at least 15 years of age and have been attending and supporting Saint Mary's for at least 6 months prior to the Annual Meeting. But whether you are voting or not, all are welcome to come and gather together.



# 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.

Common Ground resumes on 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 JAN. 5, 12, 19

**January Series:**

**How To Pray With Your Hands**

1/5 – Praying with Anglican Prayer Beads

1/12 – Praying the Latin Rosary

1/19 – Praying with an Eastern Prayer Rope

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.



## Thursday, January 23, 2020: 5-7 Common Ground Ice Skating

Mark your calendars now to join your parish family for outdoor ice skating at the Lee As part of our Common Ground, there will be Friendship Bean Soup and hot chocolate by the fireplace. Feel free to bring cookies! Bring your own skates or rent them from Family Ice Center. All are welcome. *Grab your family, neighbors, and friends, and join us for fellowship and fun!!*

**January 30 Common Ground:** Join us to taste and learn about the culinary talents of two women from *In Her Presence*: Angelique from DR Congo, and Nahla from Iraq. They will share their culture, their recipes, and their love of cooking, while serving their delicious food as part of our potluck dinner. Both women were featured in the MECA video, “In Her Kitchen.” Join us for an evening of delicious ethnic food and cultural enrichment, and please bring your own special dish to share.



**In Her Kitchen**  
Unity Through Recipe

**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?

## “Be Still” contemplates the Beatitudes on Sundays

Our Sunday contemplative formation time will continue at 9:30 most Sundays in the chapel. We'll consider the meaning of the “Blessings” as they are found in the Gospel of Matthew. They come from a long discourse Jesus gave that became known as “The Sermon on the Mount.” In a world in which blessings flow to the wealthy, the powerful and the self-sufficient, Jesus turns those values upside down. He claims that the poor in spirit, the meek and the peacemakers, among others, are the ones who are truly blessed. We'll consider one beatitude a week from now until Lent. Feel free to join us for some or all of these reflections. (If you have questions, contact Jennifer Gregg, Becky Pride or Merle Marie Troeger.)

December 29	Blessed are the poor in spirit
January 5	Blessed are those who mourn
January 12	Blessed are the meek
January 19	Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness
January 26	Blessed are the merciful
February 2	Blessed are the pure in heart
February 9	Blessed are the peace makers
February 16	Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake
February 23	Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you



## Making Our Mark

by Merle Marie Troeger

Tom and I had been married about a month when I asked him to start a pot roast in our brand-new wedding gift, an electric frying pan. The thing was equipped with a lovely big cover and a little vent on top that could be opened or closed with just a flick of a finger. I left the directions on the kitchen counter while I went off to my teaching job. The directions were incomplete because they did not indicate whether the little vent should be opened or closed. Tom came up with a great solution.

He went to the top! OK, he didn't contact God. But he did the next best thing. He called the wife of the president of the seminary he'd just started attending. I can't help wondering what Jean thought when she received the phone call from this newlywed guy about the little itty bitty vent on the cover. Open? or closed? he asked. I suppose she answered “closed” because the pot roast was delicious.

She never forgot that exchange, and I've never forgotten the story.

This week we received a letter from her. Jean is now 93 years old. She has faithfully sent out a Christmas letter for years and years. This one, she said, would be her last annual greeting. Although the letter was a model of clarity and moving news about the ministries of herself and her family members, she is ready to give up this wonderful tradition.

So from pot roast consultant to faithful correspondent, Jean is bowing out of this connection with us and many others, who, I know, cherish her and her annual greetings. It has made us sad to know that the next time we hear of her, it will probably be news of her death. She is beginning to make that slow withdrawal from the larger network that feeds us so delightfully and that, at some point, is just too much work to maintain.

Jean's last card left us with a wonderful quotation from novelist Frederick Buechner, one of her favorite authors. Here it is.

***When I remember you it means that  
I have carried something of who you are with me,  
that you have left some mark of who you are on who I am.  
It means that I can summon you back to my mind even  
though countless miles and years may stand between us.***

Isn't that what we hope for? Isn't that what our faith asks us to do? That we can leave a mark on each other? That we can summon up each other even when miles, years, or even death separate us? I am so happy to be able to tell that funny little story about Tom and Jean - and to be able to pass along her poignant wisdom.

# Outreach Ministry - All Ages Serving Near and Far

'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.' (Matthew, 25:40)

## ***A New Year of Opportunities to Participate in Saint Mary's Outreach***

The calendar changes; a new year opens before you. As you consider new priorities and opportunities, you are warmly invited to add outreach to the mix. Practicing in real life what we learn and pray for and about on Sunday will be life-changing for those you touch--and for you. Here is a synopsis of opportunities for the rest of the program year, to learn from, to grow with, to become one with your neighbor. FMI: Jennifer Gregg, [jenniferanngregg@gmail.com](mailto:jenniferanngregg@gmail.com)

- ♦ **Every Saturday Morning (10-noon):** Rotational group-teaching of "In Her Presence" New Mainer Women at the Portland Library
- ♦ **Third Tuesday morning:** St. Elizabeth's Jubilee Center at St. Luke's cathedral (8:30) Serve neighbors in need by distributing clothes and other household goods to people from all around the world.
- ♦ **2nd & 4th Fridays of each month:** Souper Supper at S. Mary's - Free dinner for the community.
- ♦ **Every six weeks:** meet with and mentor incarcerated youth at Long Creek Youth Development Center
- ♦ **Ongoing** - Distribute food to neighbors in need at Falmouth Food Pantry
- ♦ **Wednesday-Friday,** welcome refugees and asylum seekers for three hours at St. Luke's Cathedral

## ***Special Outreach Opportunities***

**January 12, 4-6pm** - Responding to Maine's Opioid Crisis: Learn about the Various Approaches to Recovery from Leslie Clark, Exdir, Portland Recovery Community Center, St. Mary's Auditorium

**January 19** - (Week of) Family Promise at Falmouth Congregational Church - Cook a meal for homeless families

**January 30, 5-7pm** - Welcome New Mainers: Taste and learn about the culinary talents of two women from In Her Presence at Common Ground-

**February 13, 5-7pm** - Responding to Maine's Opioid Crisis: Learn about those in recovery finding purpose and dignity through MaineWorks from Margo Walsh and Joanne Arnold at Common Ground

**April 10 - All Day:** Help provide housing to those in need: Participate in the Cumberland Good Friday Habitat Walk

**April 26 , 4-6pm** - Responding to Maine's Opioid Crisis: Learn about facing and overcoming stigma from Suzanne Fox, Yellow Tulip Project

**April 30, 5-7pm** - Welcome New Mainers -Taste and learn about the culinary talents of two women from In Her Presence at Common Ground

**May 3 - (Week of)** Family Promise - Cook a meal to take to Falmouth Congregational Church for homeless families

**May 14, 5-7pm** - Responding to Maine's Opioid Crisis: Learn how to talk to children of all ages about substance-use disorder from Casco Bay CAN at Common Ground

## **Souper Supper: January 10 and 24**

Enjoy this community-wide fellowship offering, dining in a relaxed, candle-lit atmosphere. You will be feted with a complimentary main course, salad, rolls, dessert and beverage.

Wonderful for singles and families alike!

Offered twice each month on the 2nd and 4th Fridays from 5-7 PM in the parish

house. No reservations required. Just bring your family and friends and enjoy! It's a blast!

*And a Classic Cinema offering will be shown on the second Friday night of the month: Jan. 10*



***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!



# Outreach Ministry - All Ages Serving Near and Far



## 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, January 12, 4-6PM

### *“Various Approaches to Recovery”*

**Featuring Ms. Leslie Clark, Executive Director of  
Portland Recovery Community Center**

**Presentation, Personal Testimony, Q and A**

This is the **fifth** 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 Presentation:

**“Facing and Overcoming Stigma” featuring Suzanne Fox, Executive Director of the Yellow Tulip Project  
Sunday April 26, 2020, 4-6pm**

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)

## ChoralART<sup>SM</sup>

ROBERT RUSSELL | MUSIC DIRECTOR



Outreach program.  
[epiphany-prelude/](https://www.choralart.org/Events/epiphany-prelude/)

On Friday, January 3 at 7:30 pm in the Auditorium, the ChoralArt Camerata will be presenting a Preview concert of their Epiphany program. **And they have asked that the Saint Mary Choir to 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

For more information, visit <https://www.choralart.org/Events/epiphany-prelude/>

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.

Candlemas occurs on Sunday, February 2. We will celebrate this service that commemorates the presentation of Jesus in the Temple (Luke 2:22-40). There will be a procession and wonderful imagery of bringing light to this broken world.

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## Saint Mary's joins forces with Family Promise of Greater Portland—Falmouth Chapter

### *Help provide a meal during the week of January 19!!*

Saint Mary's Outreach Committee invites you to join fellow parishioners in offering a meal for twelve. The meal will feed families who are clients of Family Promise and will be delivered to the Falmouth Congregational Church by 5pm one evening during the week of January 19 (date to be determined the week before) You can offer the main course, a side, a salad or a dessert. If you wish to participate, please contact Jennifer Gregg, [jenniferanngregg@gmail.com](mailto:jenniferanngregg@gmail.com) or indicate your interest on the sign-up sheet outside the Guild Room..

Greater Portland Family Promise is an affiliate of the national Family promise program and is dedicated to addressing the needs of families facing homelessness in the Greater Portland area. Through an interfaith network and connections with existing community resources, Family promise provides housing, meals, case management and community for children and their families experiencing homelessness. (FMI, visit [www.greaterportlandfamilypromise.org](http://www.greaterportlandfamilypromise.org)) The Falmouth Chapter is coordinated by the Falmouth Congregational Church which houses the families for one week, four times a year. Saint Mary's will provide a dinner **at least** one time during **each of** those weeks.



## Calling all books for Saint Mary's **OUTREACH BOOK & SOUP SALE** **SATURDAY, April 4, 2020**

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

- Betsy Stoddard at [jbstod@myfairpoint.net](mailto:jbstod@myfairpoint.net)
- Jan Mordarski at [janmordarski@gmail.com](mailto:janmordarski@gmail.com)
- Becky Pride at [rebeccapride1@gmail.com](mailto:rebeccapride1@gmail.com)



## 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, [jenniferanngregg@gmail.com](mailto:jenniferanngregg@gmail.com)

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# Sparkles has *Wrapped up* for another year



The Sparkle festivities may be over for this year, but the happy memories continue to warm our hearts. THANKS again to all who helped in so many ways.

From the beginning in November with our delicious Sparkles Spirit appetizer tasting, to Thanksgiving Eve with the lighting of the Kyros Memorial/Celebration Tree, to the Sparkles Fair, to the friendship of Christ-

mas Caroling and Souper Supper and then finishing with the glorious music of the Schola Concert and Reception--- we came together to give of ourselves, to reach out to our community, and to celebrate this Season of Light and Hope.

We are happy to report that our efforts are "on track" to exceed last year's financial results, but the most important results are found in the fellowship, laughter and memories that we made that will last. This year we had help from many old friends as well as several new ones ..... and that, too, is how Sparkles shines.

We also want to thank the companies that donated items for our use:

---Skillins Greenhouse for two Christmas trees, and a gift certificate

---Coffee by Design for the 50 lbs. of their special Sparkles Blend coffee  
If you have the opportunity, please give these merchants a thank you.

Another person to whom we owe special thanks is Colleen Donovan from Foreside Antiques, who helps us with pricing our very special donated items. If you have the opportunity, please give these merchants a thank you.

In closing, your Sparkles Chairs, Jana Burke and Kathy Galen, say thank you again and may you all have a happy and blessed 2020!!



We want to thank ALL OF YOU for helping make the St Mary Schola Christmas concert and reception such a wonderful evening. It would not have been possible without everyone's willingness to jump in (as St Marians are wont to do), roll up sleeves, don aprons, and do what was necessary to make it such a success. Whether it was setting-up, decorating, food preparation, bringing food/wine, or clean-up, all played important roles. Of course we would be negligent if we did not include two other groups in our "thank yous - the musicians, without whom there would be no concert or celebratory reception, and those parishioners/friends, who took time out from their busy schedules to treat themselves to glorious holiday music. With all of your help, this Sparkles benefit concert raised over \$1200 for the church. Now we both want to wish you a Happy New Year, and we look forward to seeing you again at our Lenten concert in April, featuring Andre' Campra's *Messe de Requiem*.

Nadine Timberlake and Joyce Verrey



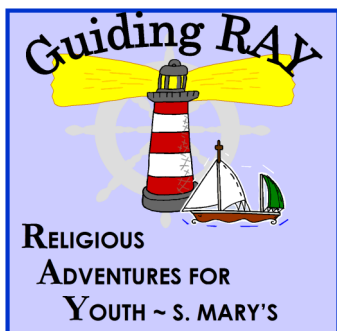
**ST MARY SCHOLA**  
BRUCE FITHIAN, MUSIC DIRECTOR

## Sparkles Caroling

What a treat for the residents of Falmouth by the Sea, Foreside Harbor and also Souper Supper guests (pictured below) to enjoy the joyous spirit and voices of Saint Marians as they strolled through all the premises singing Christmas carols on December 13th! Many, many thanks to Alex Barr, Greg Fergin, Debby Hammond and the Rana children--as well as Kue John Lor who filled in at the spur of the moment to warble at Souper Supper!



# Christian Formation- RAY Beams - January 2020



During Advent the kids in Guiding RAY continued to learn about how God's Promises come true. We learned about

the prophets Isaiah and Micah. Prophets are people who come so close to God and God comes so close to them that they know what God wants. Isaiah and Micah told about the coming of Jesus! Isaiah also gave clues as to who Jesus would be, with the names he used for Jesus; the Prince of Peace, Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father and Jesus Christ our Savior. Micah foretold that Jesus would be born in the small town of Bethlehem. Our lessons were echoed by the narrators during our beautiful Christmas pageant. Thank you to all participants, young and old, who helped to retell the blessed story of the birth of Jesus.



**Thank you to Courtney and Jeff Morgan, Jill Stevenson, and Meg Hurdman for leading our Advent rotation.**

**Here is what is coming in for January ...**

## **Rotation # 5 The epic story of Moses**

The story of Moses is one of the most important stories in the Bible. We are going to spend several weeks learning about Moses and his many adventures. We'll see how God used him to help save his people. During this rotation we will learn:

- The history of Moses' life and an explanation of how the Hebrew people became enslaved in Egypt
- How God chooses, prepares and leads leaders.
- God placed Moses in unusual circumstances in order for him to accomplish great things.
- Moses did not think he was good enough to be God's Messenger; however, he knew God was with him so he did not give up.
- God's Kingdom is for all the peoples of the earth, and God uses His people to proclaim the greatness of His name.



**January 5    January 12    January 19**  
**January 26: Annual Meeting/ Movie Day in Guiding RAY**

**Guiding RAY Coordinator:** Megan Akers: *Director*, [GuidingRAY@smary.org](mailto:GuidingRAY@smary.org), 415-4260



# Christian Formation - RAY Beams - January 2020



During our December meetings, the Ignite kids were been busy planning an 'in-reach' project and are excited to host coffee hour this Sunday (1/5). Our next meeting is 1/19 and all 6-8 graders and their friends are welcome

to join us! We have a lot of fun learning about the love of God while getting to know each other better and having fun and fellowship. -

Michelle and Will Chappell



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



**tacklehunger.org**

In 2020 **Souper Bowl of Caring** will celebrate 30 years of giving and serving in the weeks leading up to the Super Bowl and Guiding RAY will

celebrate 3 years! As part of our Winter Outreach, Guiding RAY will again be participating in the Souper Bowl of Caring. Through this mission, we will learn what it is like to make a positive difference in the world - as we work to collect food for the hungry and gain compassion for those in need. Join us in being a part of this movement that is sharing God's love and please give generously on Super Bowl Sunday. Every can of soup (low sodium preferred) we collect will be donated to the Falmouth Food Pantry, our Souper Bowl of Caring charity choice.



## Upcoming Event for 9 -12 graders



*Club will begin again once school returns.*

Serving the High School youth in the communities of Portland, Falmouth, Freeport and everything in between.

Visit [www.younglifecb.com](http://www.younglifecb.com) or call Jordan Droge at 805-453-1999

## 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



**Wishing you a safe and healthy holiday season!**

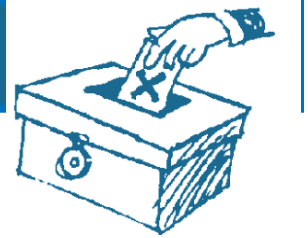
- Have fun with outside activities
- Include youth in holiday preparations
- Play games together
- Volunteer at a local organization

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# 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 @ peterhfitc@gmail.com (Cell) 207-576-0346

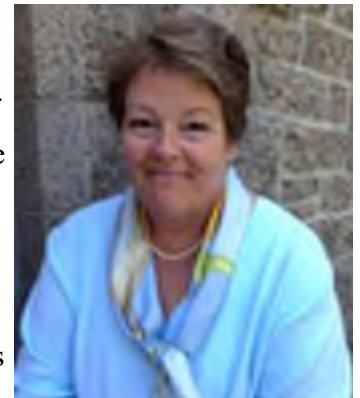
For the Nominating Committee: Peter Fitch, chair; Ed Ainsworth, Maggie Gardner, Len Taylor  
The Nominating Committee is pleased to announce a slate of nominees for election at the Annual Meeting on Sunday, January 26 as follows:

- ▶ Sr. Warden (2-year term): Janet Bowne
- ▶ Jr. Warden (2-year term): Aaron Splint
- ▶ 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.



## *Aaron Splint, Junior Warden*

Aaron grew up on Cousins Island in Yarmouth and attended St. Bartholomew's Church and was an acolyte under Father Gill Burney. After graduating with a desire to enter the medical field, schooling and career changes along with stints in New Haven, CT, and Grand Rapids, MI, Aaron ended up back in Maine and working in Tech Medicine in spite of his Business Management degree.

Aaron is happily married to his wife, Rose, and is blessed with two girls (you may have seen Julia helping in the nursery). Aaron's mom, Johanna Frissell, also travels to Saint Mary's from Brunswick as she loves this parish almost as much as Aaron does.

Aaron says, "My path long ago was paved by temptation as well as other problems. It is here with all of you and Father Nathan that I am kept strong and willful...thank you."



## 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.

### **Rick Hirschman, Vestry**

My wife, Portia, and I retired and moved to Maine in January 2014 and found Saint 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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.







## The Episcopal Church of Saint Mary

### *Questions Frequently Asked About Stewardship*

#### What is stewardship?

Stewardship is our personal response to God's generosity in the way in which we share the God-given resources of time, talent, and money. Stewardship encompasses all of our God-given resources. Just as we volunteer our time to help with the soup kitchen, serve on the vestry or altar guild, our annual pledge drive is an example of our personal resources.

#### Why do we pledge?

By making a pledge, you are indicating how much you plan to give to Saint Mary's during 2020. We can then add that amount to the other sources of revenue like fundraisers. The total amount of anticipated revenue is then allocated to cover the expenses of running a parish -- everything from salaries to utility costs and program related expenses. Knowing in advance that you expect to contribute that amount, allows us to plan accordingly. If you don't pledge and simply plan to donate weekly, leadership is challenged to know what can be funded. And from time to time throughout the year, our loose offerings are donated to other needs like natural disaster response. So what you might wish to go to Saint Mary's is directed elsewhere. The amount we dedicate to our Outreach budget (our programs like Souper Supper, Long Creek Youth Development Center, and Responding to the Opioid Crisis) is a percent of paid pledges so loose offering isn't counted toward that support.

#### What is a typical pledge?

There is no typical pledge. It depends on the individual's or family's circumstances. Last year, the pledges ranged from a few dollars/week to almost \$200/week. Our average annual pledge in 2019 was \$2140. Each person needs to do what is right for his/her household. If something changes for you after you pledge, let us know, and we'll adjust accordingly. Pledging should never be stressful. If we all do what we can, we will make our goal!

#### What happens if we don't reach the stretch goal for 2020?

When we designed this year's campaign, the leadership felt confident that the goals were attainable. However if we aren't successful in reaching the stretch goal, the Vestry will discern the best path forward.

#### How do I pledge?

The pledge mailing contains a pledge card. On that card, you indicate how much you'll pledge, how often and when. There are several options. Some people pay their pledges in a lump sum. Others send equal payments twice or four times during the year. We can provide pledge envelopes for you to send in a weekly contribution. You can set up a regular payment from your bank, on our website or arrange to make a stock gift. We also accept payments through Venmo. Beth Shaw, our Parish Manager, manages the pledge process efficiently and confidentially. Once completed, please mail, scan/email your pledge form and return it to Beth. You're welcome to drop your pledge form in the collection plate on Sunday but please be sure to put it in a sealed envelope first.







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: \$290,000
- Once we reach our annual amount, we hope to raise an additional \$15,000 to get us to \$305,000. 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 \$305,000.
- 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.

## The Episcopal Church of Saint Mary Statement of Intention for 2020

Names(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Home telephone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_



To the glory of God in Christ, I/we prayerfully offer the annual sum of \$\_\_\_\_\_ for the regular operating expenses of Saint Mary's parish community.

In addition, I/we offer an extra sum of \$\_\_\_\_\_ for our 2020 aspirational goals of increasing our Outreach giving and upgrading the Church Bell and our sound systems.

These offerings will be made weekly \_\_\_\_\_ monthly \_\_\_\_\_ quarterly \_\_\_\_\_ or at one time \_\_\_\_\_ (select one)

\_\_\_\_\_ I/we wish to have pledge envelopes. If you choose to make your gift with securities or stocks, please contact S. Mary's Parish Manager, Beth Shaw. Beth is available for your assistance in the parish office at 781-3366 or admin@smary.org.

# 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)

**Thank you to *Helping Hands at Home* . You made my household chore so much easier, and I'm so grateful. – Pat S.**

Thank you to Meg and Charlie Hurdman for sharing their Christmas around the world presentation, at Common Ground.

Thank you to everyone who helped with Sparkles.

## Merci

What an amazing effort by all—especially our co chairs: Jana Burke and Kathy Galen. Sparkles Spirit chaired by Jan Mordarski and Onnie Hastings, and the Sparkles Schola Concert, organized by Nadine Timberlake and Joyce Verey, were also wonderful events rounding out Sparkles season.

Thank you to Barbara Mooar and Priscilla McGarry for decorating the Guiding RAY bulletin board. Spectacular!

Thank you, Megan Akers and Heather Gale, for directing the Christmas pageant. What a wonderful celebration of the Christmas story. Thank you to our parents and others who jumped into help with costumes, corralling angels and shepherds.

Thank you to the many volunteers that helped with our Christmas Eve and Christmas Day liturgies: Ushers, Altar Flower Guild, Choir, Soloists, Eucharistic Ministers, and Lectors.

Thank you to Aaron Splint, Rick Hirschman, Tom Pettingill and Will Salomon for joining our Vestry leadership team.

Thank you to our talented and hardworking staff: Father Nathan, Deacon Christine, Beth Shaw, Bruce Fithian, Megan Akers, Roy Packard, Maria Belva and Samia. We appreciate your dedication to Saint Mary's.

**Thanks to Deacon Christine and SueAnn for leading the Living with Grief Group. Thankfully we will look forward to another session in the future.**

Thank you to Jessica LaPlante for leading the Advent Wreath workshop between the services on Dec. 1. All who took wreaths home had a chance to make Advent come to life for which we are thankful.

We are so very grateful to Merle Marie Troeger for an Advent Quiet Morning" of inspiration and renewal. A wonderful few hours of respite and quiet space in which to grow. So many beautiful expressions of personal epiphanies. Such a blessing.

## ***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)



*Dear, dear Saint Mary's parishioners,  
We, the staff, have the pleasure of working with you throughout the year and are honored to be with you in worship, in prayer, in joy, and in grief.*

*The Christmas gifts that you give us just go beyond the gifts that we receive daily, and it is so appreciated. We are grateful and humbled by your generosity and kindness.*

*I personally am thankful to each of you for the constant support; you are truly extraordinary, and I thank God for bringing us together.*  
Beth



**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](mailto:admin@smary.org)**

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

## Happy January Birthdays to:



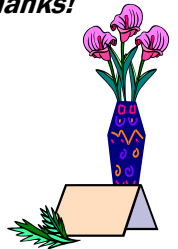
1	Margaret Fast	9	Jamie Kane	20	Claire Shannon
3	Hilary Isacke	9	Priscilla McGarry	20	Jill Malony
4	Ollie Brown	11	Sarah Amato	22	Kathy Edwards
4	Dave Stimpson	11	Penny Daborn	22	Andrea Gauvreau
5	Kayla Hourihan	12	Drew Cheney	26	Will Smithwick
6	Katie Doehne	15	Finn Walker	27	Michael Claar
6	Kristin Doehne	16	Jere Fox	29	Carrie McIntosh
6	Katharine Echavarri	17	Neil Kiely	29	Michael Wing
6	Liam Keefer	18	Bernie Echavarri	30	Ellie Asherman
6	Noelle Unfricht	18	Kate Ernst	31	Patrick Diamond
7	Johanna Kearins	18	Brownlow Parks-Stamm		
7	Helena McMonagle				

*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 January Anniversary wishes to:



18 Jere & Eleanor Fox



## Saint Mary's partners with the Salvation Army for Advent Giving Tree

Our Advent *Giving Tree* this year was abundantly full with wonderful gifts from so many parishioners. Our thanks go out to the more than thirty of the Saint Mary's families that took tags and provided desired gifts and treasures for folks who would normally go without. We also thank the Tuesday morning BNI group and Smithwick & Mariners for assisting Salvation Army families as well. We shine brightest when we are giving.

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

**Look for the Energy Star!** Energy Star refrigerators use approximately 50 percent less energy than average ones sold 15 years ago. Energy Star LED light bulbs use up to 90 percent less energy and may last 15 times longer than uncertified ones. Energy star [washing machines](#) use about 25 percent less energy and 33 percent less water than uncertified ones, on average. **For details,** <https://www.nytimes.com/2019/10/23/climate/nytimes-climate-newsletter-energy-star>.





# The Episcopal Church of Saint Mary Worship Leader Schedule: - January - February 2020

	8am	8am	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	
<b>5-Jan</b> <b>Cmas 2</b>	Rayle A Ed A	Becky	Chuck H Tim C	Linda E	Justice StanE	tbd	Kathy G. (Jana?) Mary L	Cmas	~	Ignite - All	
<b>12-Jan</b> <b>Epiph 1</b>	Baer C Len T	Greg	Ryan S Harry D	Maureen	Jim S Will	tbd	Portia H Barbara & Katie	Jan M.	x	Stoddards Marti G.	
<b>19-Jan</b> <b>Epiph 2</b>	Al A Lee VD	Mary Ann	Tom L Dawn Y	Katie C.	Andrea M-H Betsy PS	tbd	Betsy E & Maggie	Helga R	x	OPEN	
<b>26-Jan</b> <b>Epiph 3</b>	<b>Annual brunch</b>	<b>Meeting at 10:15</b>	9am Ushers Tom L Jennifer G	9am Lector Jeff Morgan	9am EM Mary Ann	9am Acolytes tbd	AG Jana & Portia	AFG Lynne S	AFDeliver x	AM Brunch	
<b>2-Feb</b> <b>Epiph 4</b>	Charlie H Greg U	Elise	Joyce V Lee V	Jeff Morgan	Stan Maggie	tbd	Mary S, Mary L Barbara	Katie P	tbd	OPEN	
<b>9-Feb</b> <b>Epiph 5</b>	Jim K Len T	Lad	Aaron S Tom L	Betsy S.	Will Justice	tbd	tbd	Onnie & Jan W	tbd	B = Connie D.	
<b>16-Feb</b> <b>Epiph 6</b>	Ed A Rayle A	Mary Ann	Ron F Mark B	Marian	Betsy PS Justice	tbd	tbd	Jessica L	tbd	OPEN	
<b>23-Feb</b> <b>Epiph 7</b>	Baer C Al A	Len	Chuck H Tim C	Jennifer	Nadine Terry	tbd	tbd	Melissa K	tbd	OPEN	
<b>26-Feb</b> <b>Ash Wed</b>								Lent Bare			

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



# January 2020

The Episcopal Church of Saint Mary

Happy New Year

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>12/29 1st Sunday of Christmas</b> 8 Contemplative Eucharist 9:30 Formation for Adults No Guiding RAY classes Nursery available 10:15 Choral Eucharist	12/30 12 Noonday Prayer 5:30 TOPS meeting 5:30 Be Still in the Chapel	12/31 7:30-9 BNI 11 12-Step in LL 12 Noonday Prayer 7 AA in Aud; AlaTeen in LL 7 AIAnon (6 Beginners)	<b>Jan 1 The Holy Name of Jesus</b> 12 Play where you are Annual Reports deadline 6 SinG rehearsal in Aud	1/2 Office closed 12 No Eucharist <b>COMMON GROUND</b> will resume on January 9 3 Merton Group 7 SM Choir rehearsal	1/3 Office closed 12 Play where you are 5:30 Alanon 7 Choral Arts Camerata Concert w/ SM Choir	1/4 
<i>The Parish Office will close at noon on Tuesday through Friday</i>						
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<b>19 Second Sunday of Epiphany</b> 8 Contemplative Eucharist 9:30 Formation for All 10 Guiding RAY classes 10:15 Choral Eucharist	20 <b>AVE deadline</b> Martin Luther King Day <b>Parish Office closed</b> 12 Play where you are 5:30 Be Still in the Chapel	21 7:30-9 BNI <b>8:30-11 St. Elizabeth's</b> 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 AIAnon (6 Beginners)	22 12 Noonday Prayer 5-6:30 TOPS meeting 6 Vestry meeting 6 SinG rehearsal in Sanct	23 <b>Chapel Eucharist</b> 3 Merton Group <b>COMMON GROUND</b> 5-7 Potluck Dinner 6 Presentation Ice Skating at Twombly 7 SM Choir rehearsal	24 Office closed 12 Play where you are 5-7 Souper 5:30 Alanon	25 
<b>26 Third Sunday of Epiphany</b> <b>ANNUAL MEETING</b> <b>9:30am</b> ONE Eucharist 9:30am Guiding RAY classes <b>10:30</b> Brunch & program for all-ages <b>11:30</b> 20 min. Business session	27 12 Noonday Prayer 5:30 Be Still in the Chapel	28 7:30-9 BNI 9:30 Art Group 11 12-Step in LL 12 Noonday Prayer 12:45 Staff meeting 4:30 Executive Committee 7 AA in Aud; AlaTeen in LL	29 12 Play where you are 5-6:30 TOPS meeting 6 SinG rehearsal in Aud	30 <b>Chapel Eucharist</b> 3 Merton Group <b>COMMON GROUND</b> 5-7 Potluck Dinner 6 Presentation Int'l Cooking with NewMatters 6 Dowisers in GR 7 SM Choir rehearsal	31 Office closed 12 Play where you are 5:30 Alanon	2/1 





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### EPIPHANY

#### 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*

**HAPPY NEW YEAR**

## CELEBRATE ∞ HONOR ∞ SERVE

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