



The Voice of the Prophets



The Rev. Nathan W. Ferrell

Everyone at Saint Mary's has been invited to join in a parish-wide project of reading through the Hebrew prophets from February 12 to April 2. If you have agreed to this challenge, you will know by now that this is not necessarily an easy task. Reading all of their passionate rebukes in quick succession can feel quite deflating and redundant, particularly without an understanding of their original context. What are we to make of this prophetic task? And are there prophets in our day?

The wonderful gift of the prophets is that they drag us, as Richard Rohr explained, "into the pathos, intensity, and pain that characterize the heart of God" (Twitter, 14 Feb 2023). Even though the prophet's condemnations can sound harsh, they point us to the love of our Creator who is too deeply invested in humankind to simply leave us alone. After all, the opposite of love is not hate; it is apathy. The prophets demonstrate with persuasive zeal that God is anything but apathetic about the state of this world.

The task of the prophet then is not to predict the future. It is true that there are moments of remarkable foresight that flow through them by their openness to the Holy Spirit. But their principal task is to communicate the passionate heart of God in words and images that the people can understand, and to warn them about the inevitable dangers that await all those who scorn and reject the wisdom of God.

Are their modern day prophets in our midst? It seems wise to assume so. After all, the state of humanity has not improved so dramatically as to remove the dangers that confront us. So how can we know if one is a prophet inspired by God? The apostle Paul wrote this: "Don't brush off Spirit-inspired messages, but examine everything carefully and hold on to what is good" (1 Thessalonians 5.20-21). Inspect the fruit of the message. If it leads people toward justice, equality, compassion, generosity, and peace, then you would be wise to listen. Because God is still passionately concerned about each of us and about the state of our world, and God is still speaking and calling us to change and to become more.

Nathan W. Ferrell +

Celebrate your loved ones

Honor your loved one! Remember their birthday, graduation, or any special day

Sign up to have the altar flowers in their honor. In this *AVE* is a form that anyone can fill out to honor the memorial of a loved one OR to honor and celebrate a special event or that special someone whom you would like to recognize.

See the inserted (insert or last page) Altar Flower Fund form or find it in the Parish House or Narthex.



2023 Class for Confirmation, Reaffirmation and Reception

Concerning the Service of Confirmation (from the BCP, p. 412): In the course of their Christian development, those baptized at an early age are expected, when they are ready and have been duly prepared, to make a mature, public affirmation of their faith and commitment to the responsibilities of their Baptism and to receive the laying on of hands by the bishop. Those baptized as adults, unless baptized with laying on of hands by a bishop, are also expected to make a public affirmation of their faith and commitment to the responsibilities of their Baptism in the presence of a bishop and to receive the laying on of hands.

Who are candidates for Confirmation?

1. Those who have been baptized.
2. Those who are ready to make a public statement of their identity as a follower of Jesus.
3. Those who are between 14 and 110 years of age. Each young person must at least currently be of high school age.

Who are candidates for Reception?

1. Those who have been baptized and confirmed in another tradition which also has bishops in apostolic succession.
2. Those who wish to make a public statement of their identity as a member of The Episcopal Church and The Anglican Communion.

Who are candidates for Reaffirmation?

1. Those who have already been confirmed by an Episcopal or Anglican bishop.
2. Those who feel called, after time away from the church or after an important life transition, to make a public statement about their renewed commitment to Christ.
3. Those who desire our Bishop Brown to lay hands upon them and to pray for the Holy Spirit to strengthen and uphold them.

If you are one who fits any of these three categories, and if you feel led to pursue Confirmation, Reception or Reaffirmation, please contact Fr. Nathan soon as a new class begins to form. Details of this class will depend on the make-up of the group.



LENT FORMATION SERIES

9:30 - 10 AM Sundays in the Auditorium
Join Fr Nathan for coffee and conversation

THE 7 CAPITAL VICES

(also known as the 7 Deadly Sins)

Feb 26: Pride - the root of all the vices

Mar 5: Envy (Jealousy)

Mar 12: Anger (Wrath)

Mar 19: Greed (Avarice)

Mar 26: Lust & Gluttony

Apr 2: Sloth (Akediah)

Vestry Highlights from the Wardens

by Janet Bowne

The Vestry held two meetings in February. The Vestry Retreat was held on February 4th. The Retreat is an annual gathering to welcome and orient new vestry members and to take time to build an institutional rapport to enable effective leadership.

We took a few minutes at the end to approve our parish committee memberships for the year, as follows:
 Buildings & Grounds Committee - Fred Webber, Hugh Smith, Chuck Horton, George Barrett, Al Ahlers, Ed Ainsworth, David Andrews, Lucy Ellis, Jan Mordarski, Baer Connard



Janet Bowne, Sr. Warden



Steve Conley, Jr. Warden

Outreach Committee - Betsy Parks-Stamm, Ben Parks-Stamm, Stan Eaton, Vanessa Record, Bonny Rodden, and Anne LaFond

Budget & Finance Committee - Peter Guyton, Nathan Ferrell (ex officio), Mary Smith, Garry Bowne, Ben Parks-Stamm

Churchyard Committee - Hugh Smith, Ed Ainsworth, Ginny Stelk, John Teets, Becky Pride

The second meeting was on February 15. The purpose of this meeting was to review and approve the annual Parochial Report and to discuss the ongoing issues with the Diocesan Funds. We have been consistently frustrated by the lack of accurate and timely information on our investment funds managed by the Trustees of Diocesan Funds. As a result, over the last few months, the Budget and Finance Committee has sent out requests for proposals to fund management companies able to help us manage our own investment funds.

The Vestry voted unanimously to withdraw from the Diocesan Funds program. The Vestry also voted unanimously to work with Harpswell Capital Advisors pending their response to questions that resulted from our review of their proposal. Treasurer Peter Guyton will be pulling together a list of questions from our discussion and will report back on the answers.

Father Nathan presented the 2022 Parochial Report, which was approved pending some minor changes to page 8. Once those changes are made, the Parochial Report will be sent to the Diocese before March 1.

Saint Mary's BOOK SALE Saturday 04 MARCH 9-12 noon

If you have any questions or would like to volunteer, please feel free to contact:

Jan Mordarski at janmordarski@gmail.com

Vanessa Record at vanessarecord@gmail.com

Becky Pride at rebeccapride1@gmail.com

No encyclopedias, magazines or textbooks, please.

**This event will
specifically benefit
*In Her Presence***

Co-host a Coffee Hour in March!

If you would like to host a coffee hour but want support, look no further than the month of March.

Robin Webber is hosting all Sundays in March except the 12th. She would love to have a co-host on these Sundays! Let her know the day (5, 19, 26) that works best for you. You can work out the details by phone, email or in person. This is an opportunity for you to bring your spirit and service to this important Saint Mary's ministry.

Robin can be reached by email, webberonsebago@msn.com, or cell 202-302-9554.

How we handle our waste

From Fr Nathan: I am asking everyone to please help us maintain a neater and cleaner Parish House by following these new signs in the Kitchen and Auditorium. First and foremost, all Garbage to Garden buckets must be stored on the back porch, while compost items can be collected in the countertop containers and in the large green Auditorium container. If you are part of an event that involves food, as part of the clean-up at the end of your event, please empty all compost containers in the buckets on the back porch.

In the Auditorium, please keep the waste containers in the one designated spot next to the kitchen door, and in the order outlined by the sign. Hopefully these signs will eliminate some confusion and will allow us to maintain more order over our waste management.

Let's try out this system for a while and see if this helps. Thank you for your cooperation!



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Last Sunday Offering Saint Mary's Monthly

MISSION focus |



Our March Focus is: *In Her Presence*

The last Sunday offering in March will go to *In Her Presence*.

Organized and led by immigrant women living in Maine, *In Her Presence* strives to bring together immigrant women from across communities and generations to ensure that Maine's economic agenda includes the aspirations and needs of immigrant women.

Their main objective is to provide educational opportunities, which include community wellness classes and Women's Conversational English Groups focused on various conversation topics, activities and group building exercises that will allow attendees to improve their level of English proficiency and confidence with the language.

The goal of *In Her Presence* is to create and increase educational opportunities and provide access to knowledge through high level training, to empower more women and girls to reduce systems of inequity, to advocate for themselves and their families, to understand, to analyze and to assess the impact of racial injustices and learn tools to combat inequities.

We are pleased to be supporting In Her Presence during the month of March. FMI www.inherpresence.org

2021-2022 Sacred Ground Program Wraps up



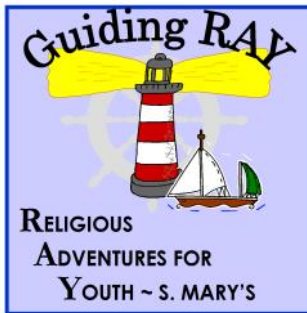
"Challenging." "Compelling." Truth-telling." "Mind- and life-altering." That's the way some of the participants described Sacred Ground, the dialogue series on race, grounded in faith, recently offered at St. Mary's. They watched documentary films, read many articles and two books, *Waking Up White* and *Jesus and the Disinherited*. Eighteen St. Marians formed two Dialogue Circles that met for 11 sessions during 2022 and concluded in January. The participants shared their perspectives and life stories, especially as those experiences intersected with people from very different backgrounds, ethnicities and races. One common reaction was the realization that ideas about race deeply permeate our world and govern more aspects of our lives than we recognized. While there is a great deal to lament about our country's history of racism and exclusion, the participants also found there is a great deal to celebrate about the resilience of the people who suffered under repressive circumstances. One person noted

I didn't fully comprehend the role that the culture in which I was raised allowed me the privileges I enjoyed, and at the same time stripped others of access to those same privileges. Before this program I placed far more emphasis on an individual's strength to create one's life in spite of the sufferings experienced.

Sacred Ground is an ongoing program of The Episcopal Church. Dialogue Circles can be formed at any time and meet for 11 sessions. Here's a link to the web site for more information about the program. <https://www.episcopalchurch.org/sacred-ground/>

If you think you might like to join a Dialogue Circle here at St. Mary's, please let the parish office know. There may be a Sacred Ground Dialogue Circle in your future.

Youth Christian Formation



Guiding RAY is what we call the children's education program at Saint Mary's. It's a time for children from birth to sixth grade to make friends, learn about Jesus, and grow in their faith. It takes place from 9:30am-11am each Sunday morning and then children (except for those in the nursery) join their parent(s) for communion in the sanctuary.

Guiding RAY is a cooperative program so we hope all parents will volunteer in some way. Whether you choose to teach, substitute, help with a movie day or special event, your efforts will be greatly appreciated.

Our winter program has been going well. The children are a joy. Their enthusiasm is uplifting. I want to thank

volunteers Michele Duvall, Melissa Kane, Valerie Kyros, Andrea Myles-Hunkin, Bobbi MacCallum and Merle-Marie Troeger for helping in January and February.

Wish List for Guiding RAY:

I am seeking volunteers for projects that can be done on your own time!

Bulletin Boards - We need them changed seasonally: Winter, Spring, Summer, and Fall. We have all the supplies.

Organize Curriculum - We have lots of paper curriculum that needs to be sorted and filed by Bible story.

Baking - Seeking homemade treats for Sunday mornings or special events. If you can bake ahead St. Patrick's Day sugar cookies for the children to decorate on Sunday, March 19, let Meg know.



Meg Hurdman,
Interim Guiding RAY Coordinator

Upcoming Lessons:

We continue to follow the Lectionary for the children's program

March 5 Second Sunday in Lent - John 3:1-17 (Nicodemus is Born Again)

March 12 Third Sunday in Lent - John 4:5-42 (The Woman at the Well)

March 19 Fourth Sunday in Lent - John 9:1-41 (Jesus Heals a Blind Man)

MOVIE DAY Learn about St. Patrick, Ireland, and Snakes!

March 26 Fifth Sunday in Lent - John 11:1-45 (Lazarus is Alive)

FORMATION



**Sundays in
March
at 9:30**

➔ Guiding RAY for Youth

Lessons, crafts, and fun every Sunday following the lectionary and holy seasons from church. Always looking for volunteers.

➔ Be Still: Every Sunday in the Chapel

Everyone is invited to gather in the Chapel for times of silence, for contemplation of poetry and spiritual writings, and for group discussion. The only thing needed is an open heart and a beginner's mind. See page 12 for a sample of reflective prose.

➔ Lent Series in the auditorium

Join Father Nathan in the Auditorium for Coffee and Conversation

Lent Discussions: The 7 Capital Vices (aka Deadly Sins) See page 2 for more details

Guiding Ray Garden News

The Guiding RAY garden also known at S. Mary's Children's Garden was started in the Spring of 2018. At the time we had two 4 x 8 raised beds. The main purpose of the garden is to grow and donate fresh produce to the Falmouth Food Pantry. Equally important is the opportunity it gives the children to experience God's creation and to learn how to tend a garden. They definitely get their hands dirty! This year we will be growing tomatoes, peppers, beans, onions, cucumbers, squash, carrots, etc. In April, we will be starting our tomatoes and peppers indoors, under grow lights.

We are in the process of moving the garden to the fenced-in play area. We moved one bed last fall so we could plant garlic. Because I am a Certified Master Gardener, we were able to secure a grant from the Norm Steele Seed Grant Program through the Cumberland County Extension Office. With this grant we are getting three more elevated beds and other items to make the care of the garden more efficient.

The children will be working in the garden until school gets out in early June. At that point, would you please consider giving some time to visit the garden to weed and harvest over the summer? We have a watering system on a timer, so watering is not a problem. I will be there several days a week to assist.

Bobbi MacCallum bmaccallum43@gmail.com



Dear S. Mary's Guiding RAY and parishioners,
 "What a wonderful gift you made possible for the Falmouth Food Pantry through your Souper Bowl collection. There must have been at least 150 cans of soup along with boxes and boxes of pasta and cereals: I couldn't even believe it! I had a bulging car when I picked them up. Thank you very much, and please be sure to thank all Guiding RAY participants and the parishioners that helped out too."

~ Nancy Lightbody, a FFP Manager



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Our Adopted Family - The Vemba Family Update

Joao and Belinda are awaiting the birth of Jasmine! Belinda is doing well, but very ready for Jasmine to enter the world. They really have no immediate needs right now, and Belinda said it is all because of the wonderful gifts they received from the shower. She feels ready with everything for a newborn.

Joao and Belinda finally have their work permits!! Joao is applying for jobs and would like to work in Westbrook to be close to his family and rely on local transportation. In the meantime, he's taking a welding course, completing a workforce program and plans to start courses for a Business Administration degree. Belinda is concluding her studies at Portland Adult Education and still serves as an interpreter for *In Her Presence* and for Eastpoint Church.

We'll keep you posted on Baby Jasmine!!



Family Promise update

Dear GPFPP congregational partners,

I wanted to share the good news with you (if you haven't already heard). Greater Portland Family Promise will be receiving funding from Maine Housing to open up a 24-hour winter warming shelter at Woodford's Church. This means that we will be vacating the YMCA and temporarily pausing our rotational shelter model and giving the families a chance to settle into one place while we take a breath and figure out what's next (the long-term solution). This will also allow us to double our capacity from 3 families/18 individuals to 6 families/36 individuals.

We are incredibly grateful for this opportunity but know that a lot of work lies ahead. We are hoping that you and your volunteers will stick with us as we pivot and adapt to the changes around us and will continue to volunteer with us at this static location.

Michelle Lamm, Executive Director, Greater Portland Family Promise

Stay tuned for more details and how you can help

PLEASE look over your calendar and fill a time when YOU can volunteer. Then go here to sign-up:

<https://signup.com/go/NEEvVuF>



Helping Hands at Home

If you are in need of indoor or outdoor odd-job help at your home, please reach out. The 'Helping Hands at Home' ministry will try to assist! Contact Beth Shaw, admin@smary.org or Jennifer Gregg, jenniferanngregg@gmail.com

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Welcome from St. Elizabeth's Jubilee Center



St. Elizabeth's
— Essentials Pantry —

Thank you for your generous support!

Yet the need goes on and, in fact, increases!

Average weekly attendance has grown from 150 to almost 300 neighbors in 18 months. We distribute the following items. Can you imagine doing without these essentials?

- ◆ Toilet paper (25,750 rolls), soap bars (10,000 bars of bath soap), laundry detergent (enough for 37,650 loads), feminine pads (45,500 pads) (handed out weekly)
- ◆ Infant diapers (51,000 diapers), dental products, bedding, towels, kitchen wares (handed out monthly)
- ◆ Personal care products, home cleaning products, winter hats, scarves, gloves (handed out as available)
- ◆ Adult winter coats - approx. 600+, winter boots - approx. 225+ pairs (handed out seasonally)

Recent numbers from St. Elizabeth's Essentials Pantry 2022 Facts-at-a-Glance:

- ◆ 9,412 Neighbor Visits - representing 18 countries & 20 different languages
- ◆ 8 Partner Churches providing 45 Volunteers giving 1,300+ hours of hands-on direct service
- ◆ Financial Donations: 100+ individuals, consignment sales (\$1,900), churches (8) & Diocese support, grants (3 @ \$13,500), plus in-kind donations from businesses/organizations (14) and countless community individuals

There are several ways you can help. Monetary donations can be made by mailing a check to: St. Elizabeth's Jubilee Center, PO Box 4036, Portland, ME 04101 or by making a payment online - see www.stelizabethsmaine.org/give. Our Amazon Wish List is at this link too. Please consider making a donation as a Christmas gift to a friend or family member. Your generosity gives hope and love to neighbors who are facing hard times.

For more information, please contact Stan Eaton at stan.eaton@gmail.com.

Our 2023 March Lectionary

March 5: 2nd Sunday of Lent: Genesis 12:1-9; Psalm 121; John 3:1-17

March 12: 3rd Sunday of Lent: Exodus 17:1-7; Psalm 95; John 4:5-30

March 19: 4th Sunday of Lent: 1 Samuel 16:1-13; Psalm 23; John 9:1-17, 34-39

March 26: 5th Sunday of Lent: Ezekiel 37:1-14; Psalm 130; John 11:1-44

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Souper Supper: 2nd & 4th Fridays

Soup, salad, bread and a sweet treat.

5 – 7 PM. ALL are welcome!

Enjoy this community-wide fellowship meal in a relaxed atmosphere. You will be feted with a homemade hearty soup, salad, rolls, dessert and beverage.

Wonderful for singles and families alike.

Gather in the Auditorium. No reservations required.

Just bring your family and friends and enjoy!



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

Medium to robust coffees: Casco Bay and Rebel Blend

"Coffee by Design" 12 oz. bags of ground fair-traded, organic, delicious coffees are on sale at Saint Mary's for **35% less than suggested retail!**

Regular is \$11; Decaf is \$12

Plus you can support fair trade practices ...and a locally-owned business... and get GREAT organic coffee! Win! Win! Win!

Temporary Housing Needed for Angolan Couple



Paul and Rose are a young married couple who are asylum seekers from Angola, having just arrived in Portland this fall. They have become valuable volunteers at St. Elizabeth's Essentials Pantry and St. Luke's Food Pantry.

We are seeking host families for Paul and Rose for short 2-week stays in parishioners' homes while they **continue the search for permanent housing**. Currently, they are staying in two Yarmouth homes with St. Bart's families until March 3. **They are in need of temporary housing from March 3-17 and possibly beyond.**

Paul has many years of experience as a teacher of science and geography. He has a strong command of the English language and is skilled as a translator for our Portuguese neighbors. Rose is fluent in French and Portuguese, is trained as a cook and is currently taking English classes. They are very self-sufficient and eager to begin their new lives in Maine. Those who have hosted them so far share that it has been an enjoyable and rich experience. They are available to answer any questions.

If you are interested in hosting Paul and Rose in your home in the coming weeks, please contact St. Elizabeth's Executive Director, Sarah Borgeson: sarah161@comcast.net or Stan Eaton: stan.eaton@gmail.com

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REGISTER NOW FOR SUMMER 2023 AT CAMP BISHOPSWOOD

Located on the shores of Lake Megunticook in the Camden Hills, Bishopswood is

one of the best kept secrets among Maine summer camps. Operated by the Diocese of Maine since the early 1960s, Bishopswood is affordable, safe, well-managed, beautiful – and great fun for all young people. There are mini-sessions for first-time campers, multi-week sessions, and a family weekend. But spots are filling up fast, so get online now if you are interested. Register your child or yourself now at www.bishopswood.org.



St Mary Schola presents De Profundis: Music for the Lenten Season

The program includes
a capella works by
Champion and Josquin and
Cantata 131 *Aus der Tiefen*
by J.S. Bach.

Also featured is a rare
performance of a
Miserere mei setting to
Costanzo Festa which likely
served as a model for the fa-
mous setting by Gregorio Al-
legri.

Tickets:

\$25 in advance or
\$30 at door /
Students (25 under) free

Available at
stmaryschola.org

ST MARY SCHOLA

Paul McGovern,
Interim Music Director

DE PROFUNDIS: MUSIC FOR THE LENTEN SEASON

Sat, March 25, 2023 at 4:00 pm
Cathedral of Saint Luke, Portland

Sun, March 26, 2023 at 4:00 pm
Church of Saint Mary, Falmouth



Be Still.....and know that I am God.

Most Sunday mornings, from 9:30 to 10:15, a group meets in the Chapel to enjoy a few minutes of silence, some poetry and conversation. Everyone is invited and if you'd like to try it out, just come into the Chapel. If you'd like to join via ZOOM, let Jennifer Gregg know (jenniferanngregg@gmail.com). Below are a few of the passages we considered in February

I have come into this world to see this: the sword drop from men's hands even at the height of their rage because we have finally realized there is just one flesh that we can wound.
~ Hafiz of Persia

You can survive on your own; you can grow strong on your own; you can prevail on your own; but you cannot become human on your own.
~ Frederick Buechner

Why struggle to open a door between us when the whole wall is an illusion? ~ Rumi

To journey for the sake of saving our own lives is little by little to cease to live in any sense that really matters, even to ourselves, because it is only by journeying for the world's sake - even when the world bores and sickens and scares you half to death - that little by little we start to come alive.

~ Frederick Buechner

Mary Oliver mourns:
For Tom Shaw S.S.J.E. (1945-2014)

Where has this cold come from?
"It comes from the death of your friend."

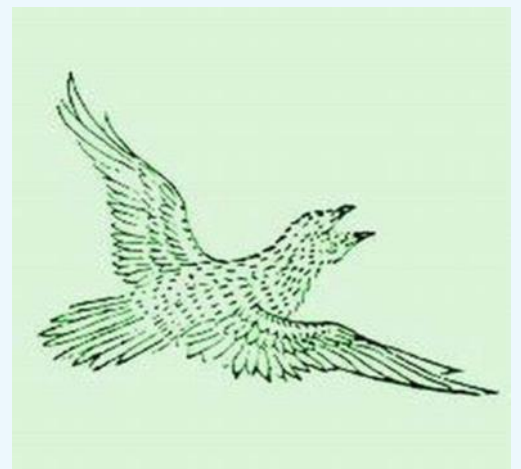
Will I always, from now on, be this cold?
"No, it will diminish. But always,
it will be with you."

What is the reason for it?
"Wasn't your friendship always as beautiful
as a flame?"

We're all just walking each other home. - Ram Dass

Often I imagine the earth
through the eyes of the atoms we're made of —
atoms, peculiar
atoms everywhere—
no me, no you, no opinions,
no beginning, no middle, no end,
soaring together like those ancient Chinese birds*
hatched miraculously with only one wing,
helping each other fly home.

~ Dan Gerber



**The mythology of the Jian is another testament to the fact that China doesn't only have a rich culture, but the country also has interesting mythological stories. The pair is not just believed to be created as a mating pair, but it is also believed that each member of the pair must join together if they are to fulfill their potential. This is so because the one eye and one wing possessed by a Jian bird means that it can neither fly nor be able to efficiently see. However, when they come together the way they were meant to be, they can both fly to heights they desire and see in every direction as they wish. When you think about this, it means the two must agree to jointly get things done if they are to be successful. The success of one means the success of the other, and vice versa.*

Thanks, Kudos and Notes!

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

Yay!

Thank you to the Thos. Moser Gallery and Showroom including Meg Hurdman and Steve Wyman for hosting our Sparkles 2022 party! The weather moved us a week later but the assembled crowd had fun and enjoyed the beautiful space and celebrated a terrific Sparkles season!

Thank you to everyone who donated soup for our Souper Bowl Celebration to tackle hunger!! What a fantastic response.

Kudos to everyone who helped with the book sale especially Vanessa Record and Jan Mordarski for their leadership.

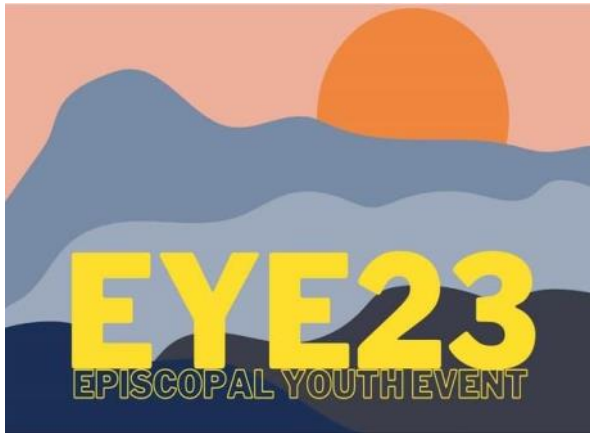
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Thank you to Father Nathan, Jim and Melissa Kane, Patrick Murray and Charlie Hurdman for coordinating the Mardi Gras Pancake Supper!! What a tasty way to end Epiphany and prep for Lent!

Thank you to Melissa Kane and Valerie Kyros for designing and coordinating the Diocese's clergy lunch on February 8th. And thanks to Steve Conley and Lynne Shepherd who helped out during the luncheon. What a wonderful and delicious event it was!

Huge thanks to the Scared Ground facilitators for their time, leadership, insight and devotion to this program. Thanks to Bonny Rodden, Becky Pride, Merle Marie Troeger and Jennifer Gregg.

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Do you know about EYE in 2023?

Celebrating its 40th anniversary in 2023, the Episcopal Youth Event is our second-largest event after General Convention, drawing nearly 1,500 people ages 15-19 from every Episcopal Province every 3 years.

This time, high school youths from across the Episcopal Church will gather 4 - 8 July 2023 at the University of Maryland. FMI, reach out to [Emily Keniston](#) with any questions. Find a helpful FAQ document [here](#). To receive EYE updates from Emily, complete this [form](#).

Send us your milestones, kudos and notes by the 20th of every month!!

ONLINE RESOURCES

All worship videos remain available on Facebook.

PRAYER AND WORSHIP

NOONDAY PRAYER AT 12 MON - WED in the Chapel and on [Facebook Live](#)

HEALING EUCHARIST AT 12 ON THURS in the Chapel and on [Facebook Live](#)

SUNDAY HOLY EUCHARIST: 10:15 AM available on [Facebook Live](#)

INTERACTIVE SPIRITUAL FORMATION

BE STILL CENTERING PRAYER: Mondays at 5 PM In the Chapel and [on ZOOM](#)

BE STILL SUNDAY MORNING: Sundays at 9:30 AM In the Chapel and [on ZOOM](#)

WISDOM SEEKERS: TUESDAYS AT 10:30 AM In the Guild Room and [on ZOOM](#)



Some important dates in our
Saint Mary's parish family

Happy March Birthdays to:



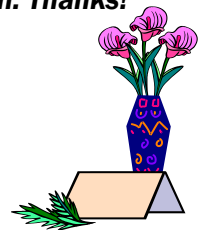
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2	Janet Bowne	12	Peter Fitch			
2	Tricia Wheeler	13	Talie Harris			
3	Andrea Myles-Hunkin	14	Derrick Buckspan			
4	Al Ahlers	14	Judy Oliver			
4	Allen Malony	15	Bonny Rodden		23	Ryan Stinneford
5	Rachel McGonigle	17	Ciara Mokeme		24	Rayle Ainsworth
6	John Brooks	17	Lillian Moore		25	Will Winter
6	Adrian Kendall	20	Nolan Browne		26	Cole Teng
6	Anne LaFond	20	Steve Conley		27	Lilly Young
7	Ada Fulton	20	Bobbi MacCallum	28	Justine Means	
7	John Giddens	21	Cole Buchanan	28	Will Velek	
7	Maureen Manetti	21	Elizabeth Heinzman	29	Thomas Gale	
7	Marianna Mead	21	Anna Kenlan	29	Roberta Stothart	
9	Carson Gall	21	Owen Ross			

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 March Anniversary wishes to:



28 Onnie & Bob Hastings



Worship Server Schedule

Be sure to let Beth in the office know if you have switched dates with someone. 781-3366 or admin@smary.org

Date	8am Ush- er	8am EM	10:15 Usher	10:15 Lector	10:15 EM	Acolytes	Altar Flowers	Coffee Hour
Mar 5 Lent 2	Baer C Charlie H	Greg U	Alice B Pat P	Chris M	Betsy PS Steve C	Polly Brownlow Agnes	Lent	Robin W & xx
Mar 12 Lent 3	Len T Judy O	John B	Dawn Y Steve R	David R	Joyce V Nadine T	tbd	Lent	Robin W & xx
Mar 19 Lent 4	Baer C Charlie H	Al A	Steve Cly Harry D	Linda E	Stan E Andrea MH	tbd	Lent	Robin W & xx
Mar 26 Lent 5	Len T Al A	Baer C	Joyce & Len V	Ginny S	Jim S Joyce V	tbd	Lent	Robin W & xx
April 2 Palm	tbd	Mary Ann	tbd	Joyce V	Joyce V Jeff H	Charlotte Harrison William	Palm	Hot Cross Buns



March



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
26 First Lent 8 Holy Eucharist 9:30 Formation groups 10:15 Holy Eucharist 5 Immerse Prophets ZOOM 7 12-step meeting	27 9 Staff Meeting 12 Noonday Prayer 1 TOPS meeting 4-6 HV rehearsal 5 Be Still	28 12 Noonday Prayer 6/7 12-step in Aud & GR 7 Schola rehearsal in sanctuary	3/1 9:30 Mainly Weavers 12 Noonday Prayer 5 - 8 HV rehearsal 6 ORI/Dowens in GR	3/2 12 Healing Eucharist 3 Merton Group 4 ExCom meeting 6:30 Choir rehearsal	3/3 Office closed	3/4 9 - 12 Book Sale
5 Second Lent 8 Holy Eucharist 9:30 Formation groups 10:15 Holy Eucharist 5 Immerse Prophets ZOOM 7 12-step meeting	6 12 Noonday Prayer 1 TOPS meeting 4-6 HV rehearsal 5 Be Still 6 PCC rehearsal	7 9-12 Art Group 12 Noon day Prayer 10:30 Wisdom Seekers 4 FLUKES rehearse in Aud 6/7 12-step in Aud & GR 7 Schola rehearsal in	8 12 Noonday Prayer 5 - 8 HV rehearsal 6 Parents A/Anon	9 12 Healing Eucharist 3 Merton Group 6:30 Choir rehearsal	10 Office closed 5-7 Souper Supper	11
12 Third Lent 8 Holy Eucharist 9:30 Formation groups 10:15 Holy Eucharist 4 - 6 OC rehearsal 5 Immerse Prophets ZOOM 7 12-step meeting	13 9 Staff meeting 9 Garden Club 12 Noonday Prayer 1 TOPS meeting 4-6 HV rehearsal/board 5 Be Still 6 PCC rehearsal	14 9-12 Art Group 12 Noonday Prayer 10:30 Wisdom Seekers 4 FLUKES rehearse in Aud 6/7 12-step in Aud & GR 7 Schola rehearsal in sanctuary	15 12 Noonday Prayer 5 - 8 HV rehearsal 6 Vestry meeting	16 12 Healing Eucharist 3 Merton Group 6:30 Choir rehearsal	17 Office closed St. Patrick's Day	18
19 Fourth Lent 8 Holy Eucharist 9:30 Formation groups 10:15 Holy Eucharist 4 - 6 OC rehearsal 5 Immerse Prophets ZOOM 7 12-step meeting	20 St. JOSEPH 9 Staff meeting 12 Noonday Prayer 1 TOPS meeting 4-6 HV rehearsal 5 Be Still 6 PCC rehearsal AVE deadline	21 8:30-11 St. Elizabeth's 9-12 Art Group 12 Noonday Prayer 10:30 Wisdom Seekers 4 FLUKES rehearse in Aud 6/7 12-step in Aud & GR 7 Schola rehearsal in sanctuary	22 12 Noonday Prayer 5 - 8 HV rehearsal	23 12 Healing Eucharist 3 Merton Group 6:30 Choir rehearsal	24 Office closed 5-7 Souper Supper	25 ANNUNCIATION OF OUR LORD 4 Lenten Schola Concert at Cathedral of St. Luke
26 Fifth Lent 8 Holy Eucharist 9:30 Formation groups 10:15 Holy Eucharist 4 Lenten Schola Concert at S Mary's 5 Immerse Prophets ZOOM 7 12-step meeting	27 9 Staff meeting 12 Noonday Prayer 1 TOPS meeting 4-6 HV rehearsal 5 Be Still 6 PCC rehearsals	28 12 Noonday Prayer 6/7 12-step in Aud & GR	29 12 Noonday Prayer 5 - 8 HV rehearsal	30 12 Noonday Prayer 3 Merton Group 6:30 Choir rehearsal	31 Office closed	4/1
Nathan at Kanuga in North Carolina for Episcopal Chaplains Conference						



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SUNDAY WORSHIP:

8:00 - Quiet Eucharist
9:30 - Formation for All
10:15 - Choral Eucharist

WEEKDAYS IN THE CHAPEL:

MONDAY - WEDNESDAY

12 Noon Day Prayer—also on Facebook Live

THURSDAY

12 Healing Eucharist—also on Facebook Live

BE STILL CENTERING PRAYER

5:00 Mondays



March 12 DST begins



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Copy deadline for April AVE: March 20

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Saint Mary's Altar Flower Fund 2023



Through the Altar Flower Fund, contributions are provided for the altar flowers that are given in memory or in thanksgiving or celebration throughout the year as well as for the special decorations at Easter, Thanksgiving, Christmas, and other occasions.
(In the summer, flowers and greens from our gardens, fields and woods are often used).

As Easter (April 9) approaches, we ask for your support of the Altar Flower Fund.
Important: Whether you are making a first-time offering or regularly support the Flower Fund, please fill out this form so that your requests can be fulfilled.

1. Enclosed is my contribution to Saint Mary's Altar Flower Fund: \$ _____

Name _____

Telephone _____ **E-mail** _____

_____ **Yes, I would like to join the Altar Flower Guild (training provided).**

2. Please include these names among the Easter Memorials (requests must be received by Monday, April 3, 2023):

Name _____

Name _____

Name _____

Name _____

3. Please provide Sunday Altar flowers during this next year

(NO flowers are placed on the Altar during Lent or Advent with the exception of Rose Sundays):

Circle **M** (Memorial) or **C** (Celebration)

M or C Name _____ on a Sunday close to ____/____/____

M or C Name _____ on a Sunday close to ____/____/____

M or C Name _____ on a Sunday close to ____/____/____

Please return this form either by mail, in the offering plate or to the office with your check payable to:
The Episcopal Church of Saint Mary, Attn.: Altar Flower Fund, 43 Foreside Road, Falmouth, ME 04105