

REPORT FOR THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

26 January 2020



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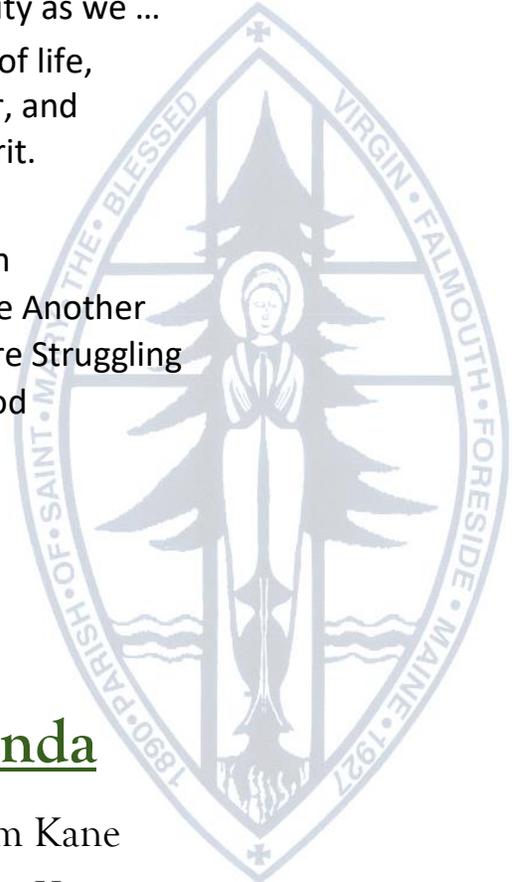
The Episcopal Church of Saint Mary
Annual Meeting of the Parish
Sunday, January 26, 2020 at 11:30 AM

OUR MISSION: At The Episcopal Church of Saint Mary, we are building authentic, vibrant, Christ-centered community as we ...

- ❖ **CELEBRATE** the goodness of God and the gift of life,
- ❖ **HONOR** the presence of Christ in one another, and
- ❖ **SERVE** the world in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Our 2016 Four Growth Directions:

- Grow our Engagement with Children and Youth
- Grow in Deeper Connections with God and One Another
- Grow in Compassionate Care for Those Who are Struggling
- Grow in Welcoming Those Who are Seeking God



- 9:30 AM One Parish Eucharist
- 10:30 AM Brunch and Faith Family Project
- 11:30 AM Business Meeting

Business Meeting Agenda

Report on Quorum and Call to Order	Jim Kane
Approval of 2019 Annual Meeting Minutes	Jim Kane
Vote on Changes in Parish Bylaws	Jim Kane
Report of Nominating Committee + Vestry members, Wardens and Diocesan Convention delegates	Peter Fitch
Election of the Slate	Jim Kane
Election of new Nominating Committee	Jim Kane
Review of Parish Finances and Budget	Ben Parks-Stamm
Acknowledgments and Thanks	Janet Bowne
Necrology: remembering our faithful departed	Nathan Ferrell
Adjournment and Blessing	Nathan Ferrell

The Episcopal Church of Saint Mary

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Parish: 27 January 2019

Jim Kane called the meeting to order at 11:31 AM

Report on a Quorum and the Call to Order: Senior Warden, Jim Kane, reported that a quorum was present (76 members signed-in) and the meeting began with the highest reported attendance in last four years.

Approval of 2018 Annual Meeting Minutes: Bonny Rodden moved and Stan Eaton seconded, to accept the minutes from the 2018 annual meeting. The motion passed without discussion.

Report of Nominating Committee: Rick Hirschman reported on the slate of new Vestry members

- Senior Warden – Jim Kane
- Junior Warden – Janet Bowne
- Treasurer – Ben Parks-Stamm
- Four new Vestry members to serve three-year terms:
Darren Clark, Stan Eaton, Aaron Splint, Jan Wentling
- Diocesan Convention Delegates
Stan Eaton, Betsy Stoddard, Jim Stoddard, Nadine Timberlake
Alternates: Bonnie Rodden, Janet Bowne and Jim Kane

Tom Troeger moved to elect the slate as presented. The motion was seconded by Lloyd Reynolds. The motion passed. Jim Kane thanked the Nominating Committee for their fine work.

Election of new Nominating Committee: Jim Kane explained our tradition of having the members of the Vestry serving their last term serve as the Nominating Committee for the new group. Outgoing Vestry members in 2019 will be: Ed Ainsworth, Peter Fitch, Maggie Gardner and Len Taylor.

Michael Manetti moved to elect those named above (outgoing Vestry Members) as the new Nominating Committee and Stan Eaton seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Review of Parish Finances and Budget: Jim Kane thanked the Budget and Finance committee for their work, followed by Budget and Finance Committee member Garry Bowne presenting that we ended the year with a slight surplus. All donations and pledges made the many programs of S. Mary's possible. Garry reported that there is a budgeted deficit for the coming year though he remains hopeful that incoming pledges and fundraising activities will lead to another surplus year. Garry explained that the budget presented does not include our need for capital improvements. The budget presents what we can afford at this time. It was noted that the Music budget is going up to cover costs or organ repair. Garry closed by thanking members of the committee with special thanks to outgoing Treasurer, Bill Gowen.

Janet Bowne reported that the Stewardship Committee has gathered pledges totally \$218,000 so far and requested that those who have not yet pledged, to please do so at their earliest convenience. Janet also shared that Pledge statements are available.

Necrology: remembering our faithful departed: Fr. Nathan Ferrell read the names of parishioners who died in 2018 and asked that God bless them and keep them.

Other business and News:

- Betsy Stoddard presented three opportunities for ministry:
 1. Time and baked goods for coffee hour needed.
 2. Altar flower delivery is also looking for people to deliver flowers after Sunday services.
 3. March 16 is the date for the Book Sale and asked people to bring their donations.
- Lee Snow, parish archivist, shared that historical photo albums and news clippings were on display in the back of the room for anyone interested in looking at them for viewing pleasure.
- Andrea Myles-Hunkin invited everyone to perform in the Mardi Gras variety show on March 3 from 4-6 pm.
- Adjournment and Blessing: Len Taylor moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Portia Hirschman. The motion passed and all stood for the dismissal and blessing offered by Father Nathan.

The meeting adjourned at 11:54 am.

Respectfully submitted,
Melissa Kane

Voter Qualifications

According to the Constitution and Bylaws of Saint Mary's, membership in the parish and voting privileges at the annual parish meeting are defined as:

"Any person age fifteen years or older, who has attended and supported the Church for six months and accepts its Constitution, shall be considered a voting member of the Parish. Members who have not attended or supported the Church for a year may cease to be a voting member of the Parish."

Proposed Changes in Parish Bylaws

The strikethrough words are to be deleted from the Bylaws. The words and letters that are in bold and underlined are to be added to the Bylaws. There are three sentences to be changed, as follows:

*Change #1: **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."

Explanation: By changing one word and adding one letter, we will allow good and motivated Vestry members to remain on the Vestry for up to six years – but only if they feel called to do so and if they are elected as usual at an annual meeting of the parish.

*Change #2: **Article II. Wardens and Vestry:*** "There shall be two Wardens and ~~twelve~~ **nine** Vestry members."

*Change #3: **Article II. Wardens and Vestry:*** "The governing body of the Parish shall be comprised of the Rector, two Wardens and Treasurer, and ~~twelve~~ **nine** Vestry members."

Explanation: In 2019, the Chancellor of the Diocese (legal adviser) informed the Rector that we are out of compliance with State statutes regarding the size of our Vestry. The State of Maine requires each Episcopal congregation to have nine Vestry members. These two changes bring us into compliance with these statutes.

Slate of Nominations for the Year 2020

Our parish needs to elect Wardens, to fill positions on the Vestry, and to elect delegates to Diocesan Convention. This election is slightly different from previous ones due to a number of factors. First, our Senior Warden Jim Kane has resigned his position as soon as a new Senior Warden is elected by the parish. Janet Bowne has agreed to leave her position as Junior Warden and to complete the second year of Jim's term. Second, if the parish approves the above changes to our Bylaws, required to comply with Maine statutes, then we need to reduce the number of Vestry members. Therefore, the slate of new Vestry members is smaller than in previous years as we move toward compliance. We are grateful for the following parish members who have agreed to serve in the following ways, if elected by the parish:

Wardens:

Senior Warden: Janet Bowne (filling the vacancy left by Jim Kane for one year)

Junior Warden: Aaron Splint (two year term)

Vestry:

(3) Three year terms Rick Hirschman, Tom Pettengill, Will Salomon
(expiring in 2023)

Convention Delegates For 2020, we will have four, based upon our 2019 Average Sunday Attendance.

Nominations for Convention Delegates will be accepted from the floor of our Annual Meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

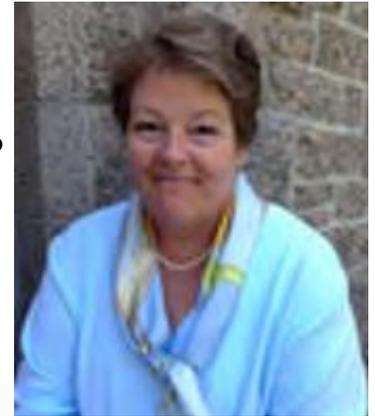
The Nominating Committee: Peter Fitch (Chair), Ed Ainsworth, Maggie Gardner and Len Taylor

Candidate Biographies

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 is well known as a regular usher – and as one who wears shorts for twelve months of the year! The hardy Mainer says, "My path long ago was paved by temptation as well as other problems. It is here with all of you and with Father Nathan that I am kept strong and willful...thank you."

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 fourth 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.



Saint Mary's Financial Reports *(unaudited)*

Summary of Activity & Budget *(unaudited)*

	2017	2018	2019	Budget 2019	Budget 2020
Operating Account					
Revenue					
General Support					
Regular Support					
General Pledges	263,364.15	277,292.50	276,349.60	280,000.00	290,000.00
Non-Pledge Payments	9,000.00	10,690.00	17,756.00	8,500.00	12,000.00
Loose Offerings	10,505.31	10,363.42	14,973.32	10,500.00	11,000.00
Prior Year Pledges	3,305.00	2,280.00	3,682.00	1,000.00	2,000.00
Special Offerings	2,976.00	4,456.21	4,265.00	4,500.00	4,500.00
Total Regular Support	293,150.46	305,082.13	317,025.92	304,500.00	319,500.00
Unrestricted Gifts	5,080.00	4,647.00	4,600.00	3,000.00	3,000.00
Use of Parish House	11,894.00	13,653.00	14,287.00	12,500.00	13,500.00
Use of Worship Space	5,050.00	4,650.00	2,350.00	4,000.00	4,000.00
General Fundraisers	27,909.00	26,320.69	25,146.60	24,000.00	23,500.00
Dedicated Revenues					
Altar Flowers	2,490.00	1,555.00	2,600.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
Capital Projects	600.00	750.00	1,250.00	500.00	750.00
Churchyard	4,300.00	4,398.75	2,942.50		
Kneelers		2,041.00	450.00		
Music			1,840.00		
Dedicated Revenue - Other			2,350.29		
Outreach					
Souper Supper	3,322.00	3,629.00	3,464.00	3,500.00	3,500.00
Long Creek Youth Center	300.00	500.00	500.00	375.00	300.00
In Her Presence		1,000.00			
Funds Received for Transmittal to Other Organizations	60.00	2,220.35	2,658.75	1,500.00	2,000.00
Other Outreach Revenue	2,156.15	-	2,915.39	-	2,250.00
Total Outreach	5,838.15	7,349.35	9,538.14	5,375.00	8,050.00
Dedicated Revenues	13,228.15	16,094.10	20,970.93	7,875.00	10,800.00
Total General Support	356,311.61	370,446.92	384,380.45	355,875.00	374,300.00
Income Distributions from Invested Funds	37,645.44	61,184.84	66,290.68	38,000.00	63,500.00
Total Revenues	413,957.05	431,631.76	450,671.13	413,875.00	437,800.00
Expenses					
Diocesan Assessment	34,808.08	35,374.00	36,302.08	36,356.00	37,086.00
Personnel Expenses	218,098.40	220,033.00	216,748.37	223,912.75	231,638.50
Buildings and Grounds					
Maintenance	19,829.55	24,034.90	28,532.14	24,150.00	24,645.00
Fuel	14,409.80	17,078.81	18,224.96	15,630.00	17,100.00
Electricity	5,769.09	6,381.33	6,510.64	6,250.00	6,675.00
Water & Sewer	4,786.31	4,954.11	5,076.82	5,075.00	5,181.23
Telephone	4,419.21	4,503.76	5,110.04	4,630.00	4,645.00
Waste Removal	897.41	1,054.39	1,255.66	1,100.00	1,150.00
Professional Cleaning	7,736.30	7,798.31	7,807.12	8,200.00	8,200.00
Property/Worker's Comp Ins	15,844.00	16,713.00	17,309.50	18,200.00	19,381.00
Taxes	4,996.52	5,221.04	5,424.42	5,450.00	5,561.99
Buildings and Grounds	78,688.19	87,739.65	95,251.30	88,705.00	92,539.22
Other Operating Expense					
Office Supplies and & Repairs	6,279.74	6,777.91	6,656.70	6,750.00	6,884.08
Postage	1,165.08	1,115.68	598.10	1,200.00	1,200.00
Advertising	1,087.62	167.99	43.00	500.00	500.00
Vestry/Diocesan Expenses	440.64	90.94	165.92	1,000.00	1,000.00
Professional Fees	312.00	312.00	312.00	312.00	312.00
Printed Materials	185.00	-	294.64	500.00	500.00
Licenses & Permits		25.00		25.00	25.00
Parish Memberships			183.95	249.00	249.00
Miscellaneous Expense	550.16	843.79		1,000.00	1,000.00
Other Operating Expense	10,020.24	9,333.31	8,256.31	11,536.00	11,670.08
Program Expense					
Worship Expense	4,389.96	6,086.48	8,574.13	5,650.00	5,850.00
Christian Formation	3,916.81	3,152.87	3,833.92	3,850.00	7,845.00
Hospitality	1,298.43	1,888.95	2,617.66	1,800.00	3,000.00
Music	6,793.79	6,911.65	12,957.67	12,600.00	8,600.00
Royal School of Church Music	1,989.50	1,508.50	1,656.54	600.00	3,300.00
Outreach	19,801.00	21,830.99	24,432.59	19,375.00	20,600.00
Special Programs/Events	1,758.02	630.94	484.25	500.00	500.00
Program Expense	39,947.51	42,010.38	54,556.76	44,375.00	49,695.00
Major Improvements and Capital Expenditures	9,980.94	7,975.87	9,135.64	12,500.00	12,500.00
Other Expenses	-	(353.62)	422.00	-	-
Total Expenses	411,543.36	422,112.59	440,672.46	437,384.75	455,148.80
Change in Operating Account before Principal Distributions	2,413.69	9,519.17	9,998.67	(23,509.75)	(17,348.80)
Principal Distributions from/(to) Invested Funds	24,000.00	(6,500.00)	(7,500.00)	-	-
Operating Account Increase or (Decrease) in Net Assets	26,413.69	3,019.17	2,498.67	(23,509.75)	(17,348.80)

Saint Mary's 2019 Balance Sheet *(unaudited)*

	12/31/2017	12/31/2018	12/31/2019
ASSETS			
Cash and Cash Equivalents	103,869.16	91,485.30	95,225.15
Accounts Receivable	-	-	-
Total Current Assets	103,869.16	91,485.30	95,225.15
Other Assets			
JM Brown Memorial Fund	417,789.42	446,889.00	478,115.30
Mellie G. Estes Fund	14,942.13	16,019.62	16,488.58
Sabbatical Fund	3,033.84	3,418.88	3,831.58
Churchyard Fund	62,890.88	73,581.31	80,578.44
QW Worship fund	420,671.55	447,615.71	481,013.67
Buildings & Grounds Endowment	405,301.64	441,489.42	476,094.01
Programs Endowment	207,624.41	219,572.83	242,397.25
Total Other Assets	1,532,233.65	1,648,966.77	1,756,296.79
TOTAL ASSETS	1,636,103.01	1,739,852.07	1,851,521.94
LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS			
Liabilities			
Current Liabilities			
Accounts Payable	2,750.00		3,179.16
Deferred Income - Other	2,984.95	1,035.37	9,050.00
Norway Savings Bank LCC loan			
Pledge Prepayment	49,302.79	39,249.03	39,397.78
Total Current Liabilities	55,037.74	40,284.40	42,626.92
Total Liabilities	55,037.74	40,284.40	42,626.92
Total Net Assets	1,581,065.27	1,699,567.67	1,808,895.02
TOTAL LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS	1,636,103.01	1,739,852.07	1,851,521.94

Saint Mary's 2019 Change in Funds Balances *(unaudited)*

<u>Fund Name</u>	<u>Balance</u> <u>1/1/2019</u>	<u>Revenue/</u> <u>Contributions</u>	<u>Investment</u> <u>Income Net</u> <u>of Expenses</u>	<u>Expense/</u> <u>Distributions</u>	<u>Gains/(Losses)</u>	<u>Transfers</u>	<u>Balance</u> <u>12/31/2019</u>
Operating Account							
General Fund	26,085.48	432,472.49	-	(429,664.65)	-	(2,365.23)	26,528.09
Designated Funds							
Souper Supper	1,459.65	3,464.00		(4,086.50)			837.15
Altar Flowers	4,661.57	2,600.00		(3,902.90)		26.36	3,385.03
Kneelers	1,892.69	450.00		-			2,342.69
Churchyard	2,198.75	2,942.50				(5,000.00)	141.25
Capital Projects	1,650.00	1,250.00					2,900.00
Memorial Receptions	508.85	-					508.85
Long Creek Youth Center	347.70	500.00		(109.95)			737.75
In Her Presence	1,000.00			(1,000.00)			-
Outreach	1,826.33	2,915.39		(1,600.00)		(229.51)	2,912.21
Sabbatical	-					-	-
Music	-	1,840.00				(50.00)	1,790.00
Royal School of Church Music	-			2,350.29		50.00	2,400.29
Furniture	550.43						550.43
Vestments	1,513.54						1,513.54
Funds Received for Transmittal		2,658.75		(2,658.75)			-
Worship		-					-
Garden Redesign	353.62	(422.00)				68.38	-
Other Dedicated Funds							-
Total Designated Funds	17,963.13	18,198.64	-	(11,007.81)	-	(5,134.77)	20,019.19
Total Operating Account	44,048.61	450,671.13	-	(440,672.46)	-	(7,500.00)	46,547.28
Discretionary Fund							
Legacy Capital Campaign	5,696.62	3,516.00		(3,161.67)			6,050.95
	1,455.67	4,075.00		(5,530.67)			-
Investment Funds	1,648,366.77	60,540.67	28,499.04	(58,061.53)	76,951.84	-	1,756,296.79
Total All Funds	1,699,567.67	518,802.80	28,499.04	(507,426.33)	76,951.84	(7,500.00)	1,808,895.02

Notes: 1) Investment Funds are updated quarterly. The beginning and year-end balances are as of September 30th since quarterly statements are not received until after the year-end statements are published. The ending balance for the Investment Funds Funds reported above includes Income Net of Expenses, Income Distributions and Gains or (Losses) from 9/30/18 through 9/30/2019

Saint Mary's 2019 Summary of Invested Funds

Owned Investments							
	Balance		Income Net			Gain or	Balance
	1/1/2019	Contributions	of Expenses	Transfers	Distributions	(Loss)	12/31/2019
Unrestricted Investments							
J.M. Brown Fund	446,689.00	-	7,479.24	-	(13,367.18)	20,644.24	459,445.30
Unrestricted - Sub-total	446,689.00	-	7,479.24	-	(13,367.18)	20,644.24	459,445.30
Temporarily Restricted Investments							
Seminary/Sabbatical Fund	3,418.88	-	52.75	-	-	159.93	3,631.56
Churchyard Fund	73,381.31	16,670.00	1,266.41	-	(2,693.63)	3,424.35	92,248.44
Temporarily Restricted -Sub-total	77,000.19	16,670.00	1,319.16	-	(2,693.63)	3,584.28	95,880.00
Permanently Restricted Investments							
Millie G Estes Fund	16,019.62	5,000.00	263.93	-	(553.12)	736.13	21,466.56
CEW Worship Fund	447,615.71	22,200.67	7,747.16	-	(15,282.50)	20,933.30	483,214.34
Buildings & Grounds Endowment	441,469.42	16,670.00	7,805.81	-	(16,121.75)	20,739.86	470,563.34
Programs Endowment	219,572.83	-	3,883.74	-	(8,043.35)	10,314.03	225,727.25
Permanently Restricted - Sub-total	1,124,677.58	43,870.67	19,700.64	-	(40,000.72)	52,723.32	1,200,971.49
Owned Investments - Total	1,648,366.77	60,540.67	28,499.04	-	(58,061.53)	76,951.84	1,756,296.79

Investments Held by the Diocese of Maine for the Benefit of The Episcopal Church of Saint Mary							
	Balance		Income Net			Gain or	Balance
	1/1/2019	Contributions	of Expenses	Transfers	Distributions	(Loss)	12/31/2019
John M Brown Fund	17,942.77	-	294.94	-	(619.80)	823.88	18,441.79
Alida Brown A Fund	3,344.02	-	55.11	-	(115.40)	153.72	3,437.45
Alida Brown B Fund	69,854.25	-	1,151.68	-	(2,411.22)	3,210.92	71,805.63
John & CL Giffard Fund	20,407.90	-	337.03	-	(704.25)	938.58	20,979.26
Roger & Katherine Woodman Fund	99,357.82	-	1,640.41	-	(3,428.92)	4,569.32	102,138.63
Total	210,906.76	-	3,479.17	-	(7,279.59)	9,696.42	216,802.76

Notes:

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2020 Budget Comments

To the members of the Parish

LOOKING BACK TO 2019:

We ended the year 2019 with an operating surplus of \$2,499.

REVENUES: General pledges for 2019 were slightly under the budget of \$280,000 by \$3,650. Other revenue items, including non-pledge payments, loose offerings, unrestricted gifts, fundraising and investment income exceeded the budget. As a result, total revenue for 2019 was \$450,671 compared to a budget of \$413,875.

EXPENSES: Total expenses were \$440,672, which was \$3,288 over budget. Expenses were slightly lower than budget for personnel and other operating expenses (largely office expenses) while expenses for programs and building and maintenance were slightly overbudget (including fuel costs which were \$2,575 over budget). Most other expenses were in line with budget.

THE ASSET SIDE:

Year-end cash increased slightly by \$3,740 compared to the prior year-end. The total balance in the parish's investment funds increased \$107,930 over the prior year. The increase included the transfer to the Churchyard investment fund, donations to the Building & Grounds endowment, plus increases in market value less distributions to support operations. There only minimal liabilities at year-end including some payables (\$3,179), deferred income (\$9,050), and pledge prepayments (\$30,398).

LOOKING AHEAD TO 2020:

REVENUES:

The general pledges for 2020 are budgeted at \$290,000 or \$10,000 more than the 2019 budget. As of January 17, 2020, the Stewardship Committee reports that we have received pledge commitments of \$206,600. So at this writing, we need an additional \$83,400 to achieve the 2020 pledge budget. We cannot emphasize how important pledges are to our financial needs. Pledges represent 77% of our total general support for 2020.

EXPENSES:

The total expense budget for 2020 is \$455,149, which is a \$17,764 (4.1%) increase compared to the 2019 budget and an increase of \$14,177 (3.3%) over 2019 actual results. The budgeted increase for 2020 over 2019 actual expense is due to increases in the following: \$3,364 major projects, \$14,910 personnel expense, and \$3,414 for other operating expenses.

The result is a budgeted operating deficit of \$17,349. The operating deficit can be significantly reduced if we can achieve or exceed our pledge budget, and other giving, fundraising, and use of the parish house and worship space equals 2019 levels.

FINAL COMMENTS:

The preparation of the budget begins with the Budget and Finance Committee (BFC). After the BFC develops a preliminary budget, it is given to the Executive Committee (EXCOM) for input and suggestions. The BFC meets again to review the EXCOM suggestions and make adjustments. The Vestry received the 2019 budget at its November meeting for initial study and comments. The BFC met again to review Vestry comments and suggestions and make appropriate additions or reductions. The Vestry continued to study the budget at its December meeting. Final Vestry approval was made at the December meeting.

Members of the BFC are available to meet with any member of the parish who might have questions or comments regarding the finances of the church. Please contact Beth to arrange the meeting.

Ben Parks-Stamm, Treasurer

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<u>2019 Saint Mary's Vital Statistics</u>	
Celebrations of the Holy Eucharist	160
Baptisms	5
Confirmations, Receptions and Reaffirmations	5
Marriages	1
Burials	15
Average Sunday Attendance (ASA)	149

Rector's Report

My dear friends, fellow Companions in the Way of Jesus which is the Way of Love, we have come to the start of another decade. This will be the eighth Annual Meeting that I will participate in with you. The year 2019 was eventful for the Ferrell household, but not so much for our parish family. In 2019, Erin completed her extensive treatments for metastatic breast cancer. I was with her at every chemotherapy appointment, except for one, and many other medical appointments in addition. Because of this long and difficult process, our household is not terribly sad to say goodbye to the year 2019.

As for Saint Mary's as a whole, our common life has continued on a steady and positive track. Financially, we completed the previous year of 2018 without a deficit and this good trend continued throughout 2019. Our Guiding RAY programs for children and youth continue to slowly attract more participants. And especially in the Nursery where it is not uncommon to have 6 or more little ones on a Sunday morning. Thanks be to God – this is a wonderful challenge to have! We continued with our revised weekly schedule that includes our Thursday evening Common Ground gatherings and our Sunday morning Formation groups. Our Outreach Committee continued our community engagement around the Opioid crisis, as well as our connection with various *Welcome, New Mainers* initiatives. Our Music Ministry continued its excellent ministry to our parish and the community. We did have a setback with the unexpected death of Priscilla Rigg, the enthusiastic Director of our nascent Royal School of Church Music group. Thankfully, another parishioner, Maria Belva, stepped in to offer her own gifts in leading children in singing. This effort continues into 2020, and we are all hoping to see this group grow throughout the year. Our CARE Team (Community Actively Reaching Everyone) also continued to grow as we seek to make sure that no one connected to Saint Mary's is ever forgotten, lost or left behind – especially those who are limited or challenged in their ability to participate in our gatherings.

In all of our various ministries, we are seeing a slow and steady growth, a process of maturation. God has been very good to us here at Saint Mary's. As we journey together into a new decade of life on planet earth, let us all be ready and prepared for whatever challenge or opportunity God may send our way. I am certain we will be ready, because the foundation here at Saint Mary's has been built on Christ the Solid Rock, and it is strong indeed. Thanks be to God!



Nathan W. Ferrell, *Tenth Rector of The Episcopal Church of Saint Mary in Falmouth, Maine*

Deacon's Report

During 2019, I continued to serve as deacon during the Sunday services of Holy Eucharist. The deacon's liturgical actions call the community to confess their sins against God and their neighbor preparing them to be forgiven and to be prepared to receive the bread and wine of communion. The deacon carries the Word into the midst of the worshipping community where the Gospel lesson for the day is proclaimed for all to hear, preparing them for the preacher's message. The deacon sets the table preparing for the celebration of the Eucharist and stands with the priest ready to offer assistance. The deacon assists in the distribution of the Eucharist along with the priest and Eucharistic ministers, serving the whole community together. The deacon clears the table in the manner of a table servant so that the service may continue with prayer and blessing. Finally, the deacon sends the people out, fed and renewed to serve the people of God wherever and whenever those opportunities present themselves in our everyday lives. As the deacon appointed by our bishop to serve the people of the Episcopal Church of St. Mary the Virgin it has been and hopefully will continue for a while longer to be my joy and privilege.

Other activities at Saint Mary's include participating in weekly staff meetings, the Wisdom Seekers bible study group, the Prayer Partners, the Healing Prayer Team and the Care Committee. During 2019, the Holy Spirit opened a new opportunity for me and Suanne Williams-Lindgren of Faith Lutheran Church to develop a new grief support program which we named "Living with Grief".

For many years I have offered grief support groups in the parish context as well as at the Maine Correctional Center in Windham. After my own husband's death in 2017 it was clearer to me than ever that this work is what I am meant to be doing at this time in my life and that there certainly is a need for this kind of program. Suanne has been an amazing partner and together we are learning and growing the "Living with Grief" program. Our first group met

beginning in October. Their participation and feedback will be invaluable as we continue to refine what we are offering and which we hope has been helpful and healing for them.

I am a member of the Commission on Ministry by appointment of the bishop. COM as we refer to it is responsible for shepherding people the bishop puts forward for possible ordination as either deacons or priests. It is a real joy to walk with people as they discern and prepare academically and spiritually to take on vocations in and for the Church. COM is also working towards providing resources to support those who feel called to other forms of service to the Church. I have one more year to serve on the current appointment.

Saint Mary's is a vibrant and loving community that continues to grow. We are blessed by God to do and to give more and to continue to deepen our connection to God and to God's beloved in need. My prayer for the new year ahead is that together we might dare to reach out just a little further; to risk just a little more beyond our comfort zone; to listen just a wee bit more so that our minds might let in a tiny speck more understanding and to love a little more deeply that our hearts might know the joy of love returned full to overflowing.

Faithfully,
Deacon Christine A. Bennett

Senior Warden's Report

Dear Fellow Saint Marians,

Thank you, thank you, thank you ... for the privilege of serving as your Senior Warden for the last 5 years. As 2019 comes to a close, I am very pleased to report that, thru the hard work of so many people and the grace of our Lord, that St. Mary's is prospering in so many ways!

Through the dedicated work of our talented staff, clergy, vestry, committees, guilds and our parishioners we are growing in so many ways, as you will see throughout this Annual Report. The growth in our various "youth programs" are a particular source of pride as that has been a focus area and challenge for Saint Mary's for several years.

I am very thankful for the dedicated service of our clergy and staff who are such an important part of our lives. I am especially thankful for Nathan Farrell, our Pastor, and for his extended family ... bringing such energy, dedication and youth to our Episcopal community.

Looking ahead to 2020... a CHALLENGE for us individually and as a community!
As I personally plan for 2020, I asked myself ... How can I grow closer to GOD ? How can I progress in my lifelong "Journey of Faith"? Similarly, for Saint Mary's ... how can we help each other grow closer to God? How can we better understand what Our Lord asks of us? An important question is: Do we, each privately and as a faith community publicly, have specific, measurable, and obtainable next steps to bring us closer to God and to follow the path our Lord has for each of us?

That is a good question ... and I look forward to exploring it together.

Together, and with God's grace, we can accomplish great things ... the world out there needs us !

Thank you for coming along on the ride !

Jim Kane, Senior Warden

Junior Warden's Report

I am so appreciative of the trust that the Parish has placed in me as I serve as Junior Warden. I continue to be mindful of the importance of passing Saint Mary's on to the next generation in good shape. We all feel the social headwinds that have contributed to the decline of church attendance. Our Parish is welcoming and inclusive. Our programs, outreach and ministries do important work both within and outside of our walls. Our talented and professional staff does an excellent job with balancing competing needs. We are truly blessed.

Thank you to all the parishioners who take time to share their opinions and thoughts with the Vestry and Wardens.

We continue to be guided by the goals set forth in the last Mutual Study of Ministry. Please feel that you can contact us with your thoughts, concerns and vision for Saint Mary's. Without you, we would not be the vibrant community of faith that we are!

Janet Bowne, Junior Warden



Reports from Saint Mary's Ministries, Guilds and Committees



Our mission here at Saint Mary's remains constant as we continue to grow and learn to be a vibrant, Christ-centered community and to:

CELEBRATE the goodness of God and the gift of life,

HONOR the presence of Christ in one another, and

SERVE the world in the power of the Holy Spirit.

We do this every day in our ministry work and in many forms we:

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the goodness of God and the gift of life

We are committed to maintaining our traditional Christian liturgy while extending our offerings to meet the spiritual desires and needs of the wider community.

Acolytes

Saint Mary's Acolytes represent a faithful and dedicated group of youth and adults who assist the clergy in our public worship. We have three acolytes consisting of two torch bearers and one crucifer at the 10:15am Sunday service and Holidays during the school year. Acolytes have the summer off.

We currently have eighteen acolytes. We welcomed Nat Lewis and Rebecca Morgan as new acolytes in November along with Christie Rana. Special thanks to Emily Stinneford & Michael Manetti for leading the training session.

We are thankful to all of our acolytes who continue to be an integral part of our worship.

Archer Akers

Jamie Akers

Thomas Gale

William Gale

Maggie Gardner

Ellie Holt

George Holt

Maggie Holt

Sarah Kelly

Lauren Lamberson

Kevin Lamberson

Kyle Lamberson

Nat Lewis

Michael Manetti

Rod McGarry

Rebecca Morgan

Christie Rana

Harrison Rana

William Rana

Emily Stinneford

Anabelle Teng

Cole Teng

Sandy Couch-Kelly, Coordinator

Altar Flower Guild

The members of the Altar Flower Guild take great pleasure in creating floral arrangements for the Sunday services at Saint Mary's. It is because of the generosity of parishioners' donations, made prior to the Easter Season, that we are able to have fresh flowers each week.

We also create various displays for the holy seasons of Advent, Easter and Christmas on the altar, in the chancel, the nave, the chapel and the outdoor Easter garden. Although we vary the displays from year to year, they serve to support the worship services and add beauty and solace to all.

The flowers and needed supplies come from a variety of places, including many of our own backyards and the gardens of the church. The co-chairs are Jessica LaPlante and Onnie Hastings. The committee consists of: Onnie, Jessica, Jana Burke, Nece Caratelli, Maura Fitch, Melissa Kane, Valerie Kyros, Jan Mordarski, Katie Porter, Hannah Russell, Helga Ryder, Lynne Shepherd, and Jan Wentling. We welcome our newest members, Jan Andrews.

The Guild would like to extend an invitation to anyone who would like to join our group, as extra hands are always needed. This is a wonderful group of talented people who would love to learn from others or share their talents. Please let Onnie (878-6684) or Jessica (650-7977) or Beth in the office know if you'd like to help in any way. Onnie Hastings and Jessica LaPlante, Co-chairs

Altar Guild

The duties of the Altar Guild, though very much behind the scenes, are essential to the smooth running of our services. They are also an important part of worship in our beautiful church. Father Nathan is our official leader. We work with him to determine the best practices to follow.

We invite any and all to join us. We are always looking for new members. We try to maintain staffing so that each of us is on duty about once a month. We do have members who periodically are away for extended periods. We are able to fill in easily. So if your schedule involves travel, know that Altar Guild might be a good place for your volunteer energy.

Members: Janet Bowne and Mary Smith(co-chair), Jana Burke, Joan Dow, Betsy Elliman, Kathy Galen, Maggie Gardner, Portia Hirschman, Mary Lalumiere, Barbara Mooar, Barbara Murray, Katie Porter, and Trish Wheeler.

Healing Team

The Healing Team offers prayers during Communion at both Sunday services. A primary focus of Jesus' ministry was healing the sick in body, mind and spirit and Jesus commissioned his followers to do the same. Laying on of hands and anointing for healing is as old as the Church and an important opportunity to offer God's healing grace to one another. If interested in being trained to join this team, please contact Deacon Christine or Lee Snow.

Kneeler Guild

It has been a quiet year for the Kneeler Guild. Two kneelers were repaired and reupholstered onto the boxes and two more were completed and upholstered and all are now in the sanctuary.

All the kneelers were vacuumed and cleaned when the floors were refinished. It is hoped that in the Spring we will be able to dedicate the kneelers which have previously not been so dedicated to the Glory of God and for use in the sanctuary.

The Kneeler Guild includes Helga Ryder, Hannah Russell, Debby Hammond, Barbara Murray, Grace Robinson, Jessica LaPlante, Jana Burke, Ginny Stelk, Pat Rogers, Priscilla McGarry, and Jan Mordarski. If you are interested in joining the Kneeler Guild, please contact Jan Mordarski at janmordarski@gmail.com or 899-4099.

Creation of a Kneeler

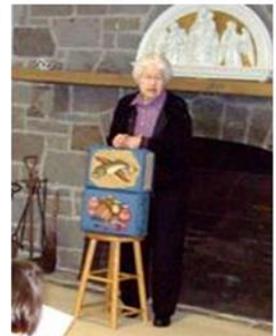
Kneeler designing/painting: All created by Hannah Russell beginning in the 1970s and continuing for four decades.

Kneeler stitching: Nearly 100 women & men have stitched one or more of Saint Mary's Kneelers.

Kneeler upholstering: New internal wooden blocks made by George Barrett and then upholstered by local professionals.

Kneeler gifting: Contribution of \$150 to memorialize or celebrate a loved one and in support of the Kneeler project.

Kneeler dedication: Blessing to dedicate the kneeler to the Glory of God and for our use in the sanctuary.



Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, and Eucharistic Visitors

We have a wonderful team of persons who feel called to serve God by reading scripture, serving at the altar, and taking the Eucharist to those who are unable to attend church. **Our lectors** who have read lessons during 2019 are:

Al Ahlers	Maureen Manetti	Virginia Stelk
Terry Brown	Marian McCue	Betsy Stoddard
Linda Eaton	Rod McGarry	James Stoddard
R. Stanley Eaton	Andrea Myles-Hunkin	Leonard A. Taylor, Jr.
Erin McGee Ferrell	Betsy Parks-Stamm	Leonard A. Taylor, III
Diane Fletcher	Justice Pollard	Nadine Timberlake
Maggie Gardner	Rebecca Clifford Pride	Gregory W. Unfricht
Jennifer Gregg	David Robinson	
Elise Kiely	Will Salomon	

Eucharistic Ministers are confirmed adult communicants in good standing authorized to administer the Consecrated Elements at the Holy Eucharist, many of whom are also lectors. **Our Eucharistic Ministers** who have served during 2018 include:

Alvin K. Ahlers	Elise Kiely	James Stoddard
Terry Brown	Betsy Parks-Stamm	Leonard A. Taylor, Jr.
Diane Fletcher	Justice Pollard	Leonard A. Taylor, III
R. Stanley Eaton	Rebecca Clifford Pride	Nadine Timberlake
Maggie Gardner	David Robinson	Gregory W. Unfricht
Mary Ann McLean	Virginia Stelk	
Andrea Myles-Hunkin		

Eucharistic Visitors are confirmed adult communicants in good standing authorized to take the Sacrament to members of the congregation who are unable to be present at the Eucharist, by reason of illness or infirmity. Our Eucharistic Visitor team includes:

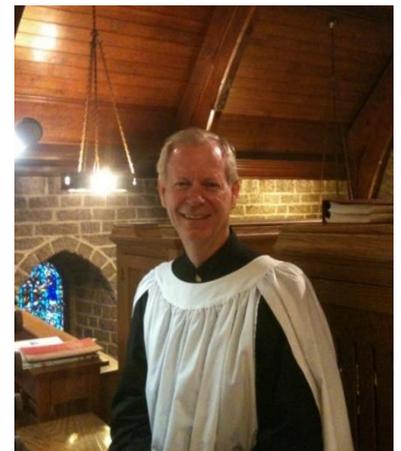
Stanley Eaton	Virginia Stelk
Paul Engel	Nadine Timberlake
Rebecca Pride	Merle Marie Troeger
Nancy Lee Snow	

Music Ministry at Saint Mary's Saint Mary's Adult Choir

The Ministry of Music was very active in 2019. Although there was much joy to share, there were also times of grieving for three members who have given so much to Saint Mary's: Pat Mordecai, Priscilla Rigg and Gary Conway. The choir offered three beautiful services in their honor, as a way of thanking them for their many gifts. We were particularly fortunate that one of Priscilla Rigg's last examples of leadership was the RSCM Children's Choir, accompanied by Justice Pollard, visiting the Maine Veterans' Homes in Scarborough.

There were many musical anthems that graced the first part of 2019, including R. Vaughan Williams' *Antiphon* from *The Five Mystical Songs*, David Willcock's *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*, and a masterwork by Gabriel Fauré, the *Cantique de Jean Racine*, during the Bishop's visit.

As a continuing tradition, the choir participated in a Choral Evensong on Sunday, February 24, with *preces* and *prayer responses* by John Sanders, a *Phos Hilaron* by Peter Crisafulli sung by the RSCM Saint Cecilia Choir and Saint Mary Handbell Choir, directed by Priscilla Rigg, an Anglican chant setting by John Goss for Psalm 37, and a stirring *Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis* by Howard Helvey. The service concluded with Balfour Gardiner's *Evening Hymn* and the wonderful hymn *Abide with me: fast falls the eventide*. On March 2, the choir was very generous by giving their time to remember Pat Mordecai with a beautiful service that included an organ piece that she had requested: *Going Home*, based on the New World Symphony by Anton Dvorak.



For the First Sunday in **Lent**, after the Great Litany, we continued the tradition of the choir situated in the chancel and the singing of the psalms with plainchant. The offertory anthem, *Maya's Prayer for Peace*, based on a poem by Maya Angelou with music by Tom Trenney, was particularly moving. The second Sunday in Lent coincided with Saint Patrick's Day, so we all enjoyed singing some great Irish music: the hymns *I bind unto myself this day*, *Morning has broken*, *The King of Love My Shepherd Is*, and *Be Thou My Vision*. For the offertory, the choir sang another version of *Be Thou My Vision* by Bob Chilcott, and his lovely *Irish Blessing* at the end of the service. For Lent 3, Bruce played *O Mensch, bewein dein Sünde Gross* (O Man, bewail thy great sin) by J. S. Bach as a prelude, and since the Ten Commandments (the Decalogue) are spoken during lent, he played Bach's *Dies sind die heiligen zehn Gebot* (These are the Ten Holy Commandments) as a postlude.

Other Lenten organ works included *Prelude on the Passion Chorale* by Gerald Near, *Ach Herr, mich armen Sünder* (O Lord, I a poor sinner) by Dietrich Buxtehude, and *Da Jesus an dem Kreuze stund* (When Jesus lay upon the cross) by J. S. Bach. The choir offered the haunting anthem *O vos omnes* by Tomás de Victoria during the Fifth Sunday in Lent.

For the Sunday of the **Passion**, we loved singing the moving anthem *There in God's Garden* by K. Scott Lee and the wonderful hymns *O sacred head, sore wounded*; *Ah, holy Jesus, how hast thou offended*, and *Were you there when they crucified my Lord?* In Holy week on Good Friday, the solemnity of this day was brought to life by the chanting of the passion by David Vernier, Bruce Fithian and Bruce Canterbury. The service continued with the hymn *O sacred head, sore wounded*, the anthem *Were you there* by Bob Chilcott during the Veneration of the Cross, and the final hymn *Sing, my tongue the glorious battle* (Pange lingua). On Saturday, The Great Vigil of the Resurrection started at sundown at 7:30, with the lighting of the fire and the paschal candle, the *Exultet* sung by Bruce Fithian and the wonderful service reenacting God's history of salvation from Genesis to the New Testament. The choir anthems and hymns offered commentary after the readings: The Story of Creation (Genesis 1:1-2:2) Hymn 412 Earth and all stars; Abraham's sacrifice of Isaac (Genesis 22:1-18) Thomas Morley's *Agnus Dei*; Israel's Deliverance at the Red Sea (Exodus 14:10-31; 15:20-21) Hymn 648 When Israel was in Egypt's land; A new heart and a new spirit (Ezekiel 36:24-28) *O Lord of Heaven and Earth and Sea* by Orlando di Lasso; and The Gathering of God's people (Zephaniah 3:11-18a) *Cantate Domino* by Giuseppe Pitoni.

The **Resurrection** was celebrated by singing Henry G. Ley's *The Strife is o'er*. The Sunday day of Resurrection was graced by a brass quartet playing Giovanni Gabrielli's *Sonata pian e forte*, the wonderful *Jesus Christ is risen today* hymn and the Anthem: *Easter Rejoicing* by Joathan Willcocks (son of David Willcocks). Since the choir sang both services, they enjoyed a festive breakfast in between services. Their commitment to Saint Mary's during this time of year is really admirable: six services and one rehearsal in 7 days!

During **Eastertide**, we were able to remember Priscilla Rigg's legacy with a choral evensong on May 3, and a funeral service the next day in which many of Priscilla's choristers, family and friends from her former church of St. Luke's Episcopal Church, East Greenwich RI were able to attend. This was a busy week, as the choir also participated in the ecumenical church service for the National Day of Prayer on May 2, when they joined other nearby church choir members to sing the lovely anthem, *My Shepherd Will Supply My Need* by Virgil Thomson. For May 12's Mother's Day, we enjoyed singing *Mothering God, you gave me birth*, based on a text by Julian of Norwich with music by Tom Trenney. The choir enjoyed singing Benjamin Britten's rousing *Jubilate Deo* for Pentecost and then a much deserved rest from 'active duty' during the summer, a time in which Bruce, Charlie Hurdman, Greg Fergin, Nathan And Erin Ferrell were able to participate in the TREK across Maine.

In early **September**, we were fortunate to enjoy the talents of parishioner, John Bennet, who played cello, offering Bach's, sonata #2, *Après un rêve* by Gabriel Fauré, Bach/Gounod's *Ave Maria*, and the Prelude from Suite #1 in G major by J. S. Bach. September 8's Kick Off Sunday was graced by the offertory anthem *Make Our Church One Joyful Choir*, a setting of the poem by Thomas H. Troeger with music by Jonathan Crutchfield. The following Sunday initiated a new ministry led by choir member, Maria Belva: GuidingSAY (Guiding Singing Adventures for Youth). Meeting with children from 9:30 to 10:00 on Sunday mornings, Maria offered her many years of experience with youth choirs and we were happy that the commitment for children singing could continue. For September 29's Mission morning, we enjoyed traveling to the Maine Veterans' Home in Scarborough and singing the various service anthems. It was wonderful to meet some of the veterans from the various armed forces.

On Saturday **October 5** we enjoyed an Ecumenical St. Francis outdoor service, led by Father Nathan and Rev. Geoff Parker, and the next day several St. Marians participated or helped with the water station in the Maine Marathon. It was nice to usher in the fall season with bagpipes! On Oct. 13, Gary Eaton, Stan Eaton's brother, was visiting and we reveled in the rousing sounds of his instrument during the opening hymn *Come, ye thankful people, come*, the Doxology, and the final hymn *Guide me, O thou great Jehovah*. On October 14, we honored our wonderful friend Gary Conway with a beautiful service of remembrance, singing music he has wished for: Schubert's *In Memoriam*, Bach's *Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring* with Meagan McIntyre on violin, the hymns *Be Not Afraid* and *Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! The Strife is O'er*, the anthems *Laudate Dominum* by Mozart with Jennifer McLeod-Marengi soprano, Meagan McIntyre Violin and choir, the *Pie Jesu*, from Andrew Lloyd Webber's Requiem with Jennifer McLeod-Marengi and Lesley Dolinger sopranos, Mozart's *Ave Verum*, and *Going Home* arranged by Bruce Fithian. On October 27 we continued the tradition of presenting a choral evensong with the *Preces and Repsonses* by Kenneth Leighton, a *Phos Hilaron* by Frank Ferko, accompanied by the Saint Mary Handbell Choir, an Anglican chant setting of Psalm 84, and *The Portland Canticles*: settings of the *Magnificat* and *Nunc Dimittis* by Alfred Fedak. *The Portland Canticles* were commissioned by St. Luke's Cathedral in honor of Albert Melton's 20th anniversary as Organist/Choirmaster and we were happy that Albert was able to attend this service. Our choir member, David Vernier wrote a new anthem for us: *Christ In Me* based on a text attributed to Saint Patrick, and it was a treat for us to sing a newly composed piece of music under the composer's guidance.

For **November 3rd's** All Saints Sunday, we called again upon the talents of parishioners: John Bennett, cello and Thomas Troeger, flute. They graced us with Handel's Sonata in C Major. The choir sang a magnificent anthem, *There is a land of pure delight*, based on a poem by Isaac Watts with music by Grayston Ives. The theme of Nov. 10's Sunday was offering thanks to veterans and those who commit themselves to foster care, for which the choir sang the appropriate anthem: *If You Love Me, Feed my Lambs* by John Purifoy. On Nov. 17, we offered a *Concert spirituel* at 4:00. The recital was dedicated to organ and chamber music, with John Bennett, cello and Thomas Troeger, flute. Selections included Vivaldi's Sonata No. 5 in E minor, Handel's Sonata in G minor, and two works by J. S. Bach: the Sonata for viola da gamba in G major, and the Passacaglia in C minor.

Dec. 1's First Sunday in **Advent** was celebrated with the wonderful service of Lessons and Carols, beginning with the introit by Guiding SAY children led by Maria Belva director and the Saint Mary Handbell choir. In a festive morning, hymns and anthems were sung, including 15th century English carol, *Adam lay abounden*, the German carol, *A rose there is a-springing*, *The Moon with Borrowed Light*, based on a poem by Thomas Troeger, and another English carol, *Gabriel to Mary came*. The Advent season continued on Dec. 8 & 15 with the offertory anthems *Jesus, Springing* by Bob Chilcott, and *Thou shalt know him when he comes* by Mark Sirett. We always look forward to the Christmas pageant on the fourth Sunday in Advent and the children's participation by Elle Stevenson (*Once in Royal David's City*), Emma Shannon (*Duermete Niño lindo - Oh, sleep now, holy baby*) and the Guiding SAY children singing *Still, Still, Still*, accompanied by the Saint Mary Handbell Choir, conducted by Maria Belva.



For the Christmas Eve's lessons and carols service, we were again happy to feature the members of *Bella Canta*, Girl Singers of Maine and the Guiding SAY Choir singing the introit *Mid Winter* by Bob Chilcott. And the 9:00 pm candlelight service was enhanced by the Solemn Proclamation of the Nativity chanted by David Vernier and the choir's singing John Rutter's anthem, *Still, Still, Still*. The Christmas season continued with First Sunday after Christmas's anthem: *On this day earth shall ring*, accompanied by the Saint Mary Handbell Choir.

We want to take this opportunity to thank the many people who contributed to this year's joyful music ministry:

Guiding SAY Choir, Maria Belva director

The Saint Mary Handbell Choir: Alice Brock, Mary Ann McLean, Tim Record,
William Record, Betsy Stoddard, Joyce and Len Verey

The Saint Mary Choir:

Sopranos: Alexandra Barr, Maria Belva, Lesley Dolinger, Toosie Smith, Nadine Timberlake

Altos: Linda Eaton, Betsy Stoddard, Jamie Szal, Jane Tholen

Tenors: William Salomon, James Stoddard, David Vernier

Basses: Stanley Eaton, Gregg Fergin, Rick Hirschman, Kue John Lor, Thomas Pettingill, Justice Pollard,
Tim Szal

Bruce Fithian

Ushers

Ushers play a key role in helping ensure that our clergy and congregation feel welcome and have the support they need to participate fully in and enjoy our worship services. We are the first people parishioners and new visitors see when they come through the door and may be the last, they see when they leave, so it's an important ministry at Saint Mary's.

We have a great group of people, and we have fun ushering together. Serving as an usher is a good way to serve the parish and make some new friends at the same time. It doesn't require a significant time commitment, and it is a wonderful opportunity to experience our services from a slightly different perspective. Usually, each person only has to usher once a month, and if you can't make your scheduled time, others are always available to cover for you.

It is best to have a balance of "veteran" ushers and new recruits, and we welcome new recruits that would like to join. Even if your schedule makes it difficult for you to commit to a regular rotation, we would welcome the opportunity to include you on a standby list of potential fill-ins whom we might call upon in those instances when the regularly scheduled usher has a last-minute conflict. We would like to express our thanks to all of the individuals who served as ushers throughout 2019 and look forward to having them continue their service in 2020.

This past year 2 of our ushers passed away, Jim Porter and Dave Fenderson. Jim enjoyed serving over the past few years when he relocated from out of state. Dave was a faithful usher serving Saint Mary's for many years.

We welcome any questions, comments, or suggestions you might have about how the Saint Mary's ushers might better support your individual needs or those of the congregation at large during our worship services. If you'd like to join our ministry, contact Tom LaPlante at (207)272-5621 or via email at tlaplante@llbean.com.

Our regular ushers at present are:

At 8am:

Al Ahlers
Rayle Ainsworth
Ed Ainsworth
Baer Connard
Lee Van Dyke
Jim Kane
Len Taylor
Jennifer Gregg
Greg Unfricht

At 10:15 (9:30 in summer):

Harry Duvall
Mark Bentley
Chuck Horton
Tom LaPlante
Aaron Splint
Tim Caven
Dawn Yerkes and her son Noah
Joyce Verey
Len Verey
Ron Frye

Alternates:

Jack Heinzman
Megan Akers
Doug Pride
Rod McGarry



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the presence of Christ in one another

We are committed to the spiritual growth of all God's children. We are committed to treating all people with dignity and respect and to increasing the care we provide for one another.

CARE Team

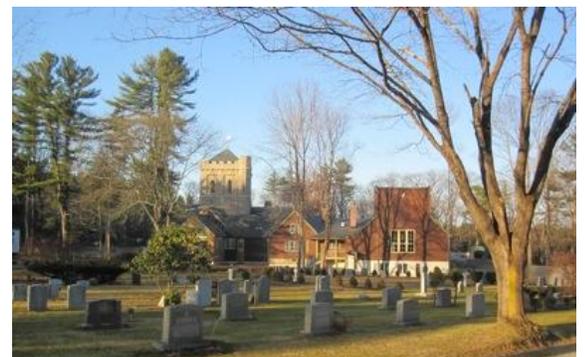
In 2016 we formed a CARE group (Community Actively Reaching Everyone) of loving parishioners to work with our clergy to care for each other - concentrating on keeping track of everyone in our parish family who might need special attention. A plan was made to meet monthly, typically the first Thursday of the month at 1 pm. A chart was created with names on the left and columns for various possible ministries, such as delivery of casseroles and soups, Eucharistic Visits with Communion, rides, cards, phone calls, hospital/rehab visits, etc. This group has met every month since. All discussions within this group are confidential. We would love to have anyone interested join this ministry group at any time. Call Beth at the office or Lee Snow at 781-2309, nlsnow@aol.com or come to a meeting. A year or so ago, Prayer Partner members, led by Becky Pride, met with the CARE meeting every other month as many parishioners are in both groups. We are delighted to have Deacon Christine back working actively with this ministry following a brief break; she can be reached at deacab@maine.rr.com

Churchyard Committee

As a reminder to all Saint Mary's parishioners, if you are thinking about where to place your remains upon your passing, Saint Mary's Churchyard (cemetery) has many spots open in both Saint Mary's Woods and the Burial Garden. Please contact Beth Shaw or Hugh Smith for more details.

Ongoing maintenance was the focus of the committee's work in 2019. Much work was completed by Lucy Ellis of the Landscaping Committee to continue the improvement of the berm along Route 88, including weeding, removal of invasive species and adding mulch. The committee also walked the entire churchyard in the fall to make a list of projects that need to be completed with the focus on reducing the effort required to keep the churchyard looking good. Some poorly performing shrubs have been removed and some significant pruning completed. Future work includes the removal of two large trees along the border with Pine Grove Cemetery this winter, removal of several smaller trees and additional pruning.

Please contact a member of the committee if you have questions and would like to help us with our work. The committee consists of Hugh Smith (chair), Ed Ainsworth, Becky Pride, Virginia Stelk and John Teets.



2019 Churchyard Activity:

Burials/Internments:

	Churchyard	Saint Mary's Woods	Burial Garden
Burials /Internments	2	1	2

Lots Acquired:

During the year, 1 half unit was acquired in the Churchyard.

Common Ground

In September of 2018, we launched a new weekly (when school is in session) Thursday evening gathering called Common Ground. This is designed to be an informal time to share a meal together, to spend quality time together, and to learn together about issues and topics which are of current interest to our general community. In addition, our hope is that this will be a comfortable space where



newcomers to Saint Mary's can feel welcome and get to know our parish family. We have had a number of excellent presentations and discussions throughout 2019, including a series on Faith and Science in the Twenty-first Century, table discussions about raising children today, a talk with a local Rabbi, a presentation by EcoMaine on how our regional recycling works, and so much more. Common Ground is becoming a very important part of our parish life, because it allows us time to get to know one another and to explore together. Common Ground continues in 2020 with International Cooking Lessons from some New Mainers, Ice Skating, a short movie and discussion with MaineWorks, Table talks with Casco Bay CAN, a Lenten program about developing faith in young people, and much more. If you have never been, pick one Thursday that interests you and join us. Bring some food to share (if you can) and you will leave with your stomach and your heart full.

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Formation Groups on Sundays

Also in September 2018, we made a slight change in our Sunday morning schedule in order to create space for a brief time of **“Formation”** together. This is thirty minutes for coffee and conversation or for prayer and meditation. The 2019 series of programs included the study of **“The Testament of Devotion”** by Thomas R. Kelly and discussions of **The Practices of the Desert**, **“Amazing Grace: The Vocabulary of Faith”** by Kathleen Norris, **Current Events and the Mind of Christ**, a conversation about **Foster Care**, **The Beauty of People with Disabilities**, **The Six Christian Traditions**, **Being a Pilgrim**, and **Being a Prophet**. As one can see, there is a wide range of topics that are covered – and always with the goal of aiding in the formation of God-loving and God-conscious people here at Saint Mary's.

During the same Sunday morning period, a more contemplative offering, **“Be Still,”** is an option in the Father James Chapel. Coordinated by Merle Marie Troeger, Becky Pride and Jennifer Gregg, this group opens with 5 minutes of quiet reflection, followed by the introduction of a poem, scripture or other art form for contemplation and group response, and a few minutes of quiet reflection to close. A changing, overarching theme carries us along during the year. In 2019, we spent time with Bishop Curry's 7 Ways of Love, as well as the themes of In-gathering and Light. At year's end, we have turned to The Beatitudes. A regular small group of participants enjoys the intimacy of small group exchange, with the learning and personal enlightenment and growth that accompany. But newcomers are always welcome, and no one should be daunted by the quiet. Even if the door to the chapel is closed, please come in-- an empty chair is always saved for you!

Be Still in the Evening

Every Monday evening at 5:30-6:30pm in the Chapel, Saint Mary's offers **Be Still**. Led by Jennifer Gregg, this small group enjoys this contemplative offering which takes the form of traditional Centering Prayer. We begin with a short Taize chant (digitally accompanied) before entering into 30 minutes of silent reflection. There follows a short reading—in 2019 and 2020 we are reading The Gospel of Thomas-- followed by short periods for contemplation and then response, as desired. This offering is proving to be attractive to both established Saint Marians and the community at large. As with Be Still on Sunday mornings, don't be daunted by a closed door! Just come in quietly and join the group at any point.

The Wisdom Seekers

On Tuesday mornings at 10:30, a devoted group continued to take advantage of Bible Study with **The Wisdom Seekers**, coordinated by Nadine Timberlake in the Guild Room, where we study Scripture appointed for the upcoming Sunday. Participants delight in this preparation and can take advantage of staying afterward for Noon Day Prayer in the chapel. We read lessons appointed by the lectionary for the next Sunday, examining the historical background, how people living at that time understood God's message, and what is it saying to us today. We have about eight persons who join in a lively discussion, sharing our thoughts and ideas. It is a great way to prepare oneself for the coming Sunday. All are welcome to join at any time during the year.

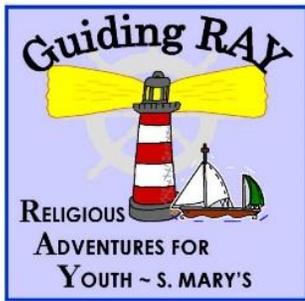
Merton Group

On Thursday afternoons, the Merton Group meets from 3-4pm in the Father James Chapel, coordinated by Jennifer Gregg. This is a small, spiritually diverse, inquisitive, tolerant, open-minded, and supportive group of self-described "seekers." We meet to read and discuss a selected spiritual work that draws from the Christian and other faith traditions in an effort help us reflect upon their own and the world's spiritual roots and fuel personal growth. Because we read aloud to each other, there is no "homework," regular attendance is not necessary and the nature of the reading lends itself easily to those who wish to join the group "mid-stream." Authors to date have included those steeped in the "perennial" and "contemplative" traditions such as: Thomas Merton, Julian of Norwich, Richard Rohr, Cynthia Bourgeault, and the Anonymous author of The Cloud of Unknowing. At year's end we began reading "The Varieties of Religious Experience" by William James.

Quiet Mornings

During the year, we gathered on two Saturday Quiet Mornings during Lent and Advent, coordinated by Merle Marie Troeger. In Lent, we considered together "Growing a Lenten Garden"-- what might help us grow within us, how we might cultivate our relationship with God, what might help our faith flourish, as well as what might need "weeding!" In Advent, we delighted in spending time with the "Angels of Advent"--Gabriel was but one! These angels encountered outright skepticism, wavering doubt and total conviction, and so did we! Each morning began at 9:30 preceded by morning coffee and fruit/pastries. We spent time in silence, in quiet conversation and in prayer; we read poetry and biblical texts, we listened to music, and created and were surrounded by art. All was designed for taking precious time—be it three hours or moments that could be spared—nurturing our hearts and souls.

Guiding RAY: Religious Adventures for Youth: Youth Christian Formation



Guiding RAY: Religious Adventures for Youth: Youth Christian Formation Children's Christian Formation at Saint Mary's is vibrant and exciting, and I am honored and humbled to be a part of Guiding RAY.

Guiding RAY, our Saint Mary's children's Christian formation program, is offered to preschoolers through 5th grade. We are committed to the spiritual formation of our children and our Guiding RAY program provides fun, interactive and spiritual instruction. Our classes are designed to both appeal to and offer our children an opportunity to learn key bible stories and to develop their relationship with each other and God.

2019 was a Christ filled year in Guiding RAY as we supported our Saint Mary's children in connecting their faith to their everyday experiences. Our 2018-2019 theme was "God's Covenant's" and we kicked the year off by taking part in the Souper Bowl of Caring and collecting soup for those in need at the Falmouth Food pantry. During our Faith Family Service with Bishop Lane, Guiding RAY kids served as acolytes, ushers, lectors and gift bearers.



Rev. Portia Hirschman came to Guiding RAY and gave a special lesson about the Sacrament of Holy Baptism. And on that Sunday we were able to witness and give our support to newly Baptized Harleigh and Ian.

This type of hands on, experiential learning, engages and encourages our youth to discover how

their faith and actions can make a difference in the lives of people around them. In the spring we took a journey through Holy Week during which we created palm crosses, Holy Week treasure bottles, new beginnings butterflies, and enjoyed an agape style feast together as we learned about the sequence of events leading to the crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus. We ended the year with a special study on the Early Church and how

Christians worked together as a team to share the love of God and with others. With our Kick-off Sunday this fall, we also returned to the Workshop Rotation model of teaching. Our program theme for 2019-2020 is "God's Chosen People": Thousands of years ago the Jewish people were God's chosen people and then God sent Jesus to make us his chosen people too. With the rotation model, children take an in depth look at a bible story for 3-4 weeks. Each week they explore the story in different workshops. The workshops are activities that might include art, science, games, drama, video, or cooking. We use a curriculum that is Scripturally-based and consistent with Episcopal theological principles and spiritual practices.

The program is designed to immerse children in Bible stories where they can experience God, discover and explore their innately spiritual nature, and wonder together about the marvelous things God is doing! So far we have learned how the Bible is the inspired Word of God. We learned how God always takes care of us and provides for us just as he did for Elijah and Moses.

While Guiding RAY remains the core of the children's religious education program at Saint Mary's, the children have been involved in the life of the parish in other ways as well. In 2019 our



We were able to donate over 50lbs of produce from our Guiding RAY garden to the Falmouth Food Pantry.

children have also served as acolytes, readers and ushers. We took part in parish-wide activities, Ice skating, Mardi Gras Variety show, special Ash Wednesday program with Fr. Nathan, journeyed through the Stations of the Cross on Good Friday and shouted Alleluia as we resurrected our alleluia banners from the crypt on Easter Sunday. Some our children participated in Fr. Nathan's special



“Communion Camp” and learned about the Eucharist and its meaning. We Celebrated Pentecost with flying doves and participated with outreach in our Mission Mornings and Souper Suppers. Kids helped to prep and serve at our Summer Fundraiser Farm to Table dinner and worked as cashiers for Sparkles. During Advent, we presented a Christmas Pageant that was a

beautiful celebration of the Nativity. Sincere thanks to all the dedicated volunteers who helped make all the various children's offerings a success in 2019.

We are assured that the children's program will remain strong based on the number of little ones who are in the nursery every week. We currently have 14 children registered in our nursery program that offers a safe and playful environment for children up to three years old. Thank you to the many people who care for these children throughout the year alongside Samia Alshimali, our capable and nurturing nursery supervisor. Six new families have joined Guiding RAY this year! Most children attend our Guiding RAY classes on a regular basis, and we average about 45 children and 5-7 adult volunteers on any given Sunday. Thanks to all the leaders and assistant leaders whose deep and passionate desire to pass the faith to the next generation has helped spread the love of God



to our children over the last year. Thank you: Rayle Ainsworth, Janet Bowne, John Brooks, Monique Brown, Terry Brown, Will Chappell, Darren Clark, Katie Clark, Sandy Couch-Kelly, Heather Dougan, Linda Eaton, Erin Ferrell, Fiona Ferrell, Natalia Fulton, Heather Gale, Jamie Gale, Kathy Galen, Maggie Gardner, Alison Hayward, Rev Portia Hirschman, Meg Hurdman, Charlie Hurdman, Jim Kane, Melissa Kane, Jess Lewis, Dana Madison, Bobby MacCallum, Priscilla McGarry, Rod McGarry, Barbara Mooar, Courtney Morgan, Jeff Morgan, Betsy Parks-Stamm, Becky Pride, Katie Porter, Christie Rana, Rebecca Robich, Pat Rogers, Patty Sarchi, Camilla Shannon, Genia Sklute, Aaron Splint, Julia Splint, Jill Stevenson, Betsy Stoddard, Pat Studley, Jamie Szal, Tim Szal, Len Taylor, Heather Teng, Tricia Wheeler and all who have made themselves available to assist our growing Christians. If you too, envision a generation who grow up to know, love, and serve the Lord, then please consider volunteering with Guiding RAY. We always need additional leaders and assistant leaders to keep this ministry fresh and exciting. Please contact Megan Akers, GuidingRAY@smary.org, if you are interested in contributing to the religious education of our children. Megan Akers, Director

Guiding SAY: Singing Adventures for Youth

We are making a joyful noise every Sunday morning from 9:30 until 10:00 in the Guiding RAY room. Many children have joined the singing since September.

We have learned *Namaste*, by Joanne Hamill, which sings “hello” in 15 different languages; *Kwaheri*, a traditional Kenyan goodbye song; *Simple Gifts*, a well-known Shaker song; *Give Light*, by Greg Artzner and Terry Leonino; *Prepare the Way of the Lord*, by Becki Mayo, which we performed with handbells on December 1st at the Lessons and Carols service; *Still, Still, Still*, arranged by John Rutter, which we performed with handbells on Pageant Sunday; and *Midwinter*, by Bob Chilcott, performed at the 4pm Christmas Eve service.

We also worked on *Breathe in--breathe out*, by Sara Dan Jones, a 3-part peace song that in the Spring we will partner with *People Get Ready*, by Rod Stewart.

We offer our heartfelt thanks to the parents who bring their children early to church Sunday mornings to sing! What a joy!

Hospitality Ministry

ANNUAL EVENTS: Although we have not yet filled the position of Hospitality chair, as in every year, we continue to have parishioners volunteer to make events successful, from the preparation to serving, to cleanup. We have a very reliable group of people that always raise their hand! Our thanks always to Babs Bell, chef extraordinaire, for the Annual Meeting brunch, taking over the food aspect of the fall Kickoff picnic, in addition to the spectacular meal at the summer Farm-to-Table event! Thank you to Jim and Betsy Stoddard, who passed the Coffee Hour leadership to Sarah & Tim Caven. Thank you, Sarah & Tim! These folks have organized the coffee hour every week. Our thanks also to Hugh and Mary Smith for continuing to make the Sunday coffee for the 8am and later services. And our thanks to Anne LaFond for organizing and running the Memorial Day Parade refreshments under the tent.

Other volunteers are numerous, and we could not do this without them. The list could go on. many, many thanks hospitality volunteers!!

HOSPITALITY EVENTS OF 2019:

January 27 - Annual Meeting Brunch

May 27 - Memorial Day Parade refreshments

June 9 - Strawberry Shortcake Feast

September 8 - Kickoff Cookout

Hospitality is looking forward to an eventful 2020. We are hoping someone will step up to take over leadership and new members to join the committee! **If interested in leading or joining the Hospitality Ministry, please contact Father Nathan or one of the Wardens.**

COFFEE HOUR: Tim & Sarah Caven have taken on the often-difficult task of overseeing the scheduling and managing of coffee hour. Making sure Sunday coffee hour is covered is no easy task! We all love Coffee Hour and in order for it to continue, we need to have more parishioners volunteer to sign up for a Sunday. Sign-up sheets are outside the Guild Room. You can sign up for a coffee hour as a family, as a guild or ministry or with a friend...it's an easy way to help. There are three positions: **Baker** (bring a baked good and some fruit anytime during the weekend), **Set-up/Host** (set-up and 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! With any question or for more information, contact Sarah or Tim Caven thcaven@gmail.com



IGNITE Middle School Youth Group

In 2019 the Saint Mary's Middle School Youth adopted a new name – Ignite! Ignite meets every other Sunday in the youth room starting at 10 AM. Led by Michelle and Will Chappell, each meeting consists of games, a lesson and fellowship. Our goal is to continue to grow our relationship with God - and have lots of fun while doing it!

We kicked off the new program year with our first annual youth Tailgate Party. Recently the youth have been focused on navigating through the Bible. After several lessons learning the basics, they put their skills to the test during a Bible “Scavenger Hunt.”

The youth hosted their first coffee hour on January 5th and will be working together to plan their own community service project in the spring.

We look forward to continuing to grow this amazing group in the upcoming year!



Memorial Reception Guild

The Memorial Reception Committee had the privilege to host six receptions this calendar year, remembering Gary Conway, Nancy Howell, Kate Kirsch, Pat Mordecai, Priscilla Rigg and David Snow. We were blessed to be able to provide warm and comforting gatherings for grieving families and friends, and are so thankful to the many parishioners who generously donate most of the food and beverages for these receptions, as well as the many who provide their time and presence in the kitchen and at the reception, itself. You all come together to provide great solace to those of great need. The Memorial Reception Committee welcomes with open arms any and all who feel called to join us in the coming year. If you have any interest or questions, please contact Jennifer Gregg (jenniferanngregg@gmail.com)

Newcomers' Welcome Team

The Welcome Team of Saint Mary's is a group consisting of Welcome Team members and the Vestry. It is our objective to introduce new members of Saint Mary's to the rest of the congregation, and to make them feel welcomed into our parish family. We try to organize welcome coffee hours after the 8 and 10:15 services in the auditorium to reach as many new folks as possible. This works well for families with children. These gatherings continue to be enjoyable for Vestry, Committee members, parishioners and newcomers alike. We're always looking for any help, ideas and ways to welcome people testing the Saint Mary's waters.
Mary Ann McLean, Chair

Prayer Partners

Prayer Partners is a long-standing group of over 30 parishioners who pray daily for several people within and without the parish. People ask to have their names or those of their friends or loved ones on this list. We gather regularly to go over the list, add names or uplift people, as well as to pray together and reinforce each other. The list is confidential to those who pray the list. If you would like prayers for yourself for any reason or for a friend, call Beth at the office or Becky Pride at 781-4391 or email her at rebeccapride1@gmail.com.

Prayer Shawl

The Prayer Shawl Ministry involves knitting shawls using *large needles-size 13* and a *very simple pattern*. You need not be an accomplished knitter to learn how to create these practical messages of comfort. They are called “Prayer Shawls” because the work is initiated with prayer, and the shawls are blessed prior to being given. One simple pattern involves casting on 57 stitches, then knitting three stitches and purling three stitches—representing the Holy Trinity. Most knitters enjoy repeating “Father, Son, and Holy Spirit” with the stitches. There are other more complex patterns available, but all involve a three-stitch pattern invoking the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Our supply of completed and bless shawls is on the low side, so we could use some replenishing. With our Eucharistic Visitor ministry as well as the CARE Team, we hope more parishioners and friends in the hospital, nursing homes, new mothers or someone just needing support will be given one. We need your help to know who needs one. Just request a prayer shawl, and it will be given.

We are also happy with our newest ministry, which is to knit prayer scarves for the homeless or needy, and our youth or other volunteers take them to Portland where they tie them on lamp poles with a note. It is very rewarding to watch them being taken.

Those interested in more details and/or participating in any of these ministries should contact Ginny Stelk at 847-3602 (lstelk@maine.rr.com). We need you.



Young Life and Wyld Life of Casco Bay

The ecumenical outreach ministry known as Young Life continues to grow in our area. This effort is supported by individuals, businesses and congregations of all kinds. The approach of Young Life is to not hope for young people to come to church, but rather to take the good news of God’s love to them where they are – at their high schools. Young Life believes that each young person deserves to hear this good news that God loves us enough even to die on our behalf in the person of Jesus Christ. Each young person is free to respond to this news however they will, and they are loved and supported by Young Life leaders no matter how they respond.

In 2018, our area also launched Wyld Life – a regular gathering for Middle School youth in the Cumberland and Yarmouth area. Wyld Life has changed over the last few years and is now in a rebuilding process. The area is searching for adults who love middle schoolers and want them to be connected with God.

The ministry of Young Life is carried out by a very small staff and many volunteer leaders who run weekly Club meetings (super fun social events), weekly Campaigners meetings (spiritual formation small groups), weekend trips (usually in the Fall), and week-long summer camps designed with only teenagers in mind. If you have never experienced Young Life, you might think it is like church, but it is not! It is unlike anything else. Feel free to reach out to our area director Jordan Droge (jordandroge@gmail.com , 805-453-1999) at any time with questions – or if you would like to help in some way! And see the website at www.younglifecb.com .



SERVE

the world in the power of the Holy Spirit.

*We are committed to serving others in our community and in the world,
trusting in the power of the Holy Spirit to lead and guide us.*

Altar Flower Delivery

Each week, the Altar Flower Delivery Guild delivers the flowers which have graced the altar to parishioners who are ill, home bound, or just observing a celebration in their lives. It is also a way of extending Sunday worship to perhaps those for whom prayers have been offered that Sunday. Our small group of dedicated members are Ruth Kimball, Dawn & Noah Yerkes, Cindy & Chuck Horton, and Betsy & Jim Stoddard. Thank you for your ministry. We certainly welcome new members. Kindly consider offering your time to this ministry. Perhaps this could be a one-time 'teaching moment' for your family. It takes very little time and effort and no special skill in floral arranging is necessary! The rewards are many. Please consider offering a week or two to this important ministry of Saint Mary's.

Betsy Stoddard, Chair

Blood Drives



Saint Mary's coordinates with the American Red Cross for two Blood Drives each year during two traditionally difficult times of the year, the Saturday after Good Friday, and the Saturday after Black Friday. We sincerely thank Joyce Verey who has taken over the organizing and running of these events and show our appreciation to Jana Burke for doing it for so many years.

At our Holy Week Drive, 14 donors were registered, and we collected 17 donations. At our Thanksgiving Drive, 20 donors were registered, and we collected 23 donations. Thanks to all who volunteered and donated, and we welcome any interested in becoming involved in 2020.

Buildings & Grounds Committee

B&G Committee has worked steadily throughout this past year in order to maintain the building and grounds. We made a concerted effort to meet most Tuesdays to tackle the various projects on our 'to-do' list.

The completed project are categorized according to each building.

RECTORY

- Unclog bathroom faucets
- Replace faucet hardware
- Replace furnace bladder(stop leak)
- Repaint study
- Cut down burning bushes and remove stumps
- Rake and remove leaves and remove evergreen stumps
- Repair fence
- Replace kitchen door hinges

PARISH HOUSE

- Repair windows in auditorium
- Refinish floors in auditorium, kitchen and Guild room
- Replace EXIT signs
- Rake and remove leaves
- Investigate leak in lower level-frozen pipe
- Repair leak in kitchen dish washer
- Repair shelving in kitchen
- Confirm air handler as working properly

CHURCH

- Remove bush in front of Church door and replace with less intrusive foliage.
- Repair church chairs
- Remove and relocate granite posts and erect new church sign.
- Place solar powered lighting for church sign
- Refurbish floor opening to crypt..
- Repair rock wall
- Relocate light switch in undercroft
- Replace NO PARKING sign
- Remove Beech tree
- Refinish Church floors
- Improve drainage on walkway to Lychgate

A list of projects has been prepared for 2020, making for another busy year. The projects are as follows:

- Replace weather stripping around auditorium and Guild room doors
- Rectory gardening project to reduce ongoing maintenance
- Install under-the-sink water heater in Church Sacristy
- Replace slate tile on Church roof
- Locate a site for refurbished wood carving (Last Supper)
- Repair Rectory chimney above kitchen roof
- Replace burning bush hedge along front left of Rectory
- Refurbish front lawn of Church-lime, fertilizer and seed
- Solar power lighting to the Saint Mary sign not effective- electrify
- Repaint work shed and outdoor kitchen railing
- Repaint Chapel and Parish front siding
- Re mortar loose tiles in Chancel and marble on altar

Building and Grounds Committee has identified several major projects which need to be addressed in the not too distant future. Some of those are:

- Repair Lychgate structure
- Refurbish Church bell system
- Repair plaster and repaint Church Chancel
- Rebuild Rectory front porch

These projects and others will require more extensive funding which will need approval by Parish members and Vestry - a work in progress. It has been a pleasure and privilege again this year to serve as Committee Chairman of Buildings and Grounds. Thanks to all those who have helped in the many projects, but especially to Al Ahlers, Ed Ainsworth, George Barrett, Lucy Ellis, Chuck Horton, Jan Mordarski, Hugh Smith, and Jeff Smith who are faithful workers year in and year out. I look forward to working with them and for you in 2020.

Respectfully submitted

Jim Stoddard, Buildings and Grounds Chairman

Casserole Ministry / Meal Train

Dozens of Saint Mary's excellent cooks prepare and deliver meals to parishioners who are in need and unable to cook following surgery or recovering from an illness or other life-changing events, such as the arrival of a new baby or other needs. Without formal meetings and relying on internet and telephone contact, we provide meals to numerous families in our church community. In some cases, it has been for one or two days while for others we have provided weeks of meals seasoned with kindness and care.

In 2019, we provided meals for 10 different meal trains for a total of 85 meals shared. If you are interested in helping this ministry, please contact the parish office or Christie Rana.

Landscape Team

Background: The Landscape Team, created in 2013, is a subgroup of the Buildings and Grounds Committee. It began with a concept we see on the nation's roads – Adopt-a-Highway. In our case volunteers take responsibility for weeding, pruning and mulching a small patch of ground on our campus. The "Adopt-a-Bed" Landscape Team developed a strategy for plantings on the property; in particular, preferring native species, selecting plants with a hundred-year view, removing invasive plants and a practical bias for ease of maintenance.

Readers: New Adopt-a-Bed members are welcome! You, too, may weed and trim a very small area of your choosing! *Pick a plot using the map across from the elevator.*

The church property is now a designated "Casco Baykeeper" location so grass selection, fertilization, grass height, etc. are prescribed. New grass planted is fescue, grass is mowed high (3"), and chemicals are limited. The team hires, when available, two/three part-time gardeners for summer weeding and mulching. It's a large property. B&G members complete specific work items; e.g., shrub removal, tree removal, pruning, etc.

Garden Redesign: 2019 was year two of a major redesign of the church's featured garden. The Garden Redesign was a gift from St. Mary's Garden Club to St. Mary's Church and we are entering the third and final year in 2020. All groundwork was either hired out to Gnome or completed by garden club members. The cost of some trees and shrubs has been/is being raised from garden club and church members but the predominant costs were a gift from the garden club. The garden club maintains our perennial garden.

2019 Key Accomplishments:

- **Adopt-a-Bed Work:** Our active Adopt-a-Bed members maintained and improved their designated areas. The front of the church, the shrubs in front of the Parish House and the bed in front of the Auditorium are all maintained by Adopt-a-Bed volunteers. Thank you all!
- **Garden Redesign:** A second section of Burning Bushes were removed alongside the Rectory. The garden section that borders the Rectory was cleared and new trees and shrubs were installed.
- **Hired Gardeners:** The individuals who gardened (weeded and mulched) this past summer struggled for the second year in a row due to the area's brown-tail moth infestation. Fingers are crossed that 2020 will be better. Note that the webs are very visible now if you inspect treetops; in particular, the tops of fruit trees and oaks.
- **Gravel Paths:** The paths were sprayed with vinegar plus Dawn in the spring and summer. The technique is working well.
- Invasive shrubs and vines continue to be treated; especially, Japanese Barberry and Rose of Sharon.
- The stand of hemlocks across from handicapped parking is thinning out due to the hemlock wooly adelgid. Alas, that will continue to progress. There is no treatment available. Note how the area has been cleared and welcomes visitors who walk through the area from Route 88 parking.
- The side of the Church by the Sanctuary door was pruned and looks much better!
- A Bird's Nest Spruce (*Picea Abies Nidiformis*) was planted next to the church's main entrance and Dwarf Arctic Willow (*Salix Purpurea Nana*) was planted by the new sign that posts the Church's services.

Plan for 2020:

- **Garden Redesign:**
 - In the spring B&G will remove the third and final section of Burning Bush next to the rectory. The stretch will be planted with white lilacs and an ornamental tree.
 - The last section of the new garden will be completed. It's the area at the head of the path and will include a sitting location and plaque.

- **Burial Garden:** The peninsula in the Burial Garden that features a large Kousa Dogwood will get attention. At the beginning of this past year newly planted pachysandra was, alas, removed by well-meaning gardeners. The area needs a new ground cover that will take hold, fill the bed and look great.
- **Rectory Work:** The rectory gardens will be tended to make the area's maintenance more manageable.

Landscape Team Members: Lucy Ellis, Team Leader
 Ed Ainsworth, Pruner Extraordinaire
 Mary Smith Kyla Duchin
 John Teets Jan Mordarski
 Betsy Stoddard Katie Porter

Office Angels

Our devoted cadre of Office Angels continued throughout the year to support our Parish Administrator, Beth Shaw in a wide variety of ways, including proof-reading, the preparation and mailing of the AVE and Sunday bulletins, monitoring the phones, posting Daily Meditations on the Saint Mary's Facebook page, purchasing kitchen and paper supplies, updating the archives, preparing name-tags, to name just a few! We were particularly fortunate to enjoy the assistance of Pat Studley who again loyally covered the phones on Tuesdays this year! .

As always, we welcome any and all who would like to spend a few hours a month folding and stapling the AVE or other mailings for Beth during the coming year. .

2019 Official Office Angels: Susan Chapman, Lee Dernehl, Sheila Donaldson, Marti Galli, Maggie Gardner, Susan Grimaldi (with special thanks for posting on-line Daily Meditations every morning!), Alice Hendry, Cindy Horton, Pat Mordecai, Becky Pride, Lee Snow, Betsy Stoddard. Also, sincere thanks to the many “walk-ons” who responded during moments of great need!
 Jennifer Gregg, Coordinator

Outreach Committee

That We All May Be One

OUTREACH – A look back and a look forward

Each and every one of us is called to reach out in love to our neighbors. With thanks to God, we live in an increasingly interconnected world that offers great opportunity for meeting those neighbors, “The Other,” whom we might not encounter during the course of our busy daily lives. Often these neighbors are unseen, marginalized as they cope with the difficulties that continue to plague humanity, be it issues of hunger, violence, abuse, and addiction, needs of the elderly and immigrants, to name but a few.

Though these challenges seem legion, the opportunities and our desire to find God in all whom we meet are, blessedly, limitless. The task of the Outreach Committee is to work with parish leadership to both provide some focus and to create multiple opportunities for each of us to do just that, to reach out, in love, to these neighbors in concert with our fellow parishioners.

To that end, in 2018-2019, in concert with an initiative from the Town of Falmouth, the Outreach Committee launched a program focusing on substance-use disorder which we entitled “**Responding to Maine's Opioid Crisis.**” Having learned from experts of the key need to educate the community near and far about the ubiquitous nature of this disease - it strikes everyone regardless of race, age, sex and socio-economic background-- we offered four Sunday afternoon presentations dealing with the sources and causes of the crisis, the physiological consequences of addiction, signs of addiction, the nature of recovery and scope of assistance available. Speakers were those prominent in their fields of expertise, along with very dynamic testimonials from those who have been impacted by substance-use disorder directly and indirectly. Supporting this initiative were several opportunities for parishioners to meet and work with individuals in active recovery at Milestone Recovery, both at the Milestone and Saint Mary's campus. Also offered was a “Common Ground” program specifically for parents of both young and older children by Casco Bay CAN.



The “Responding to Maine's Opioid Crisis” program will continue in 2020 with at least two additional Sunday afternoon presentations a return visit by Casco Bay CAN for parents, opportunities

to work with Milestone Recovery residents, a presentation by Margo Walsh of MaineWorks at Common Ground in February and a return visit for a parental “Round Table” with Casco Bay CAN in the spring. Save the dates for:

Sunday, January 12, 4-6pm, “Various Approaches to Recovery” featuring Ms. Leslie Clark, Executive Director of Portland Recovery Community Center

Sunday, April 26, 4-6pm, “Facing and Overcoming Stigma” featuring Ms. Suzanne Fox, Executive Director of The Yellow Tulip Project.

In a program shift, we ended the “Mission Morning” program, celebrating our last Mission morning on September 29, 2019 with a mixture of sadness and excitement. After considerable thought and deliberation, we concluded that the disruption to the flow of worship and to the regular Sunday morning program schedule that Mission Mornings entailed was unsustainable.

The decision involved sadness because we knew how meaningful this program had been for all who had participated and all who had been served. But the decision also brought a sense of excitement as the Outreach Committee began to consider how best to continue the wonderful ministries to which had been introduced to the Parish through Mission Mornings. Those ministries will indeed continue—deepening our relationship with Milestone, beginning “Helping Hands at Home,” organizing annual “Coastal Clean-ups” and endeavoring to build a relationship with the Maine Veteran's Home.

As in 2019, we will continue to organize and promote in 2020 the following opportunities for parishioners to reach out to other neighbors in mission, together as a parish:

Learning from and Supporting New Mainers

Teach and mentor New Mainers in collaboration with In Her Presence, www.inherpresence.org, with a group of St. Marians on Saturday mornings at Portland Public Library from 10-noon. FMI: rebeccapridel@gmail.com

Support and/or attend the annual November Welcome, New Mainers Multicultural Fair at Saint Mary's

Attend International Cooking Lessons and dine with the New Mainer cooks at Common Ground on January 30 and April 30, 5-7pm.

Meet help Maine's newest arrivals in January, May and August by cooking for and/or dining with two or three New Mainer families at the Falmouth Congregational Church, which hosts the Falmouth chapter of Family Promise. FMI: jenniferannregg@gmail.com

In concert with St. Luke's Episcopal Cathedral, volunteer at the Warming Center at St. Luke's for newly-arrived refugees and asylum seekers on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. FMI: jenniferannregg@gmail.com

Learning from and Supporting At-Risk Youth

Work with Long Creek Youth Development Center, maine.gov/corrections/juvenile/Facilities/LCYDC/index.htm, to help the young people who are incarcerated at the facility. Some six parishioners organize bi-monthly events and visits for tutoring, mentoring and serving as adult role-models. FMI: marian.l.mccue@gmail.com

Learning From and Supporting Families in Need

Saint Mary's “Souper Supper” will continue to be offered on the 2nd and 4th Fridays from 5-7pm, during which parishioners nourish both bodies and spirits of our friends and neighbors in search of physical and social sustenance, all offered free of charge. (See Separate Report)

St. Elizabeth's Jubilee Center in Portland will continue to welcome a group of St. Marians one morning every 6 weeks as parishioners serve as “the hands of Christ,” distributing non-food essentials to the most needy among us. FMI: betsyelliman@msn.com

Donate non-perishable foodstuffs to the Falmouth Food Pantry, <https://www.falmouthme.org/town-clerk/events/25166> leaving donations in the marked boxes in the Guild Room foyer and the church narthex. FMI: brooksjk@maine.rr.com

Helping Hands at Home, offers parishioners the opportunity to help both other parishioners and Falmouth Food Pantry clients with small jobs indoors and outdoors that will help them to stay in their own homes or make needed transitions. FMI: jenniferannregg@gmail.com

Participate in the ecumenical Cumberland Good Friday Walk for Habitat for Humanity on April 10. FMI: jenniferannregg@gmail.com



Stewarding Our Island Home

In concert with the Buildings and Grounds Committee and the Executive Committee, learn about and promote sustainable planting, gardening, recycling and composting programs and sharing best practices in our

homes and neighborhoods. FMI: jenniferanngregg@gmail.com

- Parishioners are invited to join the small contingent that manages the recycling program at Saint Mary's by collecting recycling in the Parish House putting it out once a week for pick-up by the town.

- In 2019, we added composting with Garbage-to-Garden to our ongoing recycling program. The success of this program depends on the careful attention of all parishioners as they dispose of waste in the Parish House.



Another role of the Outreach Committee focuses on the distribution of on behalf of the Parish. This funding goes to those non-profits with whom we maintain a mission relationship, to non-profits suggested by and with whom individual parishioners who maintain a volunteer relationship and, last but certainly not least, selected non-profits serving those in need outside our state with which distance precludes our “hands on” involvement. Funding for these grants comes from *you* in the form of 5% of your pledge received each year. For this, and for so much more, we thank you. In 2019, the following grants were distributed:

Center for Women's Wisdom, Lewiston - \$1000

Week-day drop in center that offers safe and sacred opportunities for women in the community, to heal from adverse life experiences and enrich each other's lives.

Doctors without Borders - \$500

In response to the devastating cyclone in Mozambique

Saint Mary's Souper Supper Ministry - \$2000

Provides free suppers to the community on the second and fourth Fridays of every month

St. Elizabeth's Jubilee Center - \$1000

Special contribution in response to the summer 2019 arrival of refugees and asylum seeker sin Portland

In Her Presence - \$1000

In Her Presence Organized and Led by immigrant women living in Maine, IHP 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.

St. Elizabeth's Jubilee Center - \$2000

\$1000 of this was granted as a special contribution in response to needs in the unanticipated summer 2019 arrival of refugees and asylum seekers in Portland. \$1000 was also granted in December as an annual gift to help procure non-food essentials to be distributed to the most needy and largely immigrant community in the Greater Portland community.

Long Creek Development Center – \$1,500

- *S. Mary's Long Creek Ministry Expenses - \$500*

- *Friends of Long Creek - \$1000*

The Friends of Long Creek collaborates with the Long Creek Youth Development Center staff, Juvenile Community Corrections Officers, and other non-profits to develop and fund projects that are critical to reducing criminogenic risk factors and reducing recidivism.

Falmouth Food Pantry - \$1000

For over 30 years the Falmouth Food Pantry has been serving the needs of citizens in Falmouth and surrounding communities (Cumberland, Yarmouth, Portland, and Westbrook).

Maine Recovery Fund - \$500

Maine Recovery Fund is a 501c3 that provides community support to people in recovery seeking to reenter the workforce and reestablish productive life. MaineWorks provides jobs, while the Maine Recovery Fund provides wraparound services eg, housing and transportation, tools and training.

Milestone Recovery - \$1000

The mission of Milestone Recovery, formerly Milestone Foundation, is to provide the best quality of services to empower individuals with substance use and behavioral health disorders to attain stability, dignity, recovery and an enhanced quality of life.

Greater Portland Family Promise \$500

Greater Portland Family Promise, an affiliate of the national Family Promise program, is dedicated to addressing the needs of families facing homelessness in the Greater Portland, Maine area.

Cumberland Food Pantry- \$500

The Community Food Pantry services **Cumberland, North Yarmouth, Pownal, and New Gloucester**

Southern Maine Agency on Aging - \$500

For the WIN (When in Need) Fund, a discretionary fund designed to help meet the emergent and basic human needs of older adults in southern Maine when all other services and resources have been explored and exhausted.

Hopeful Links - \$500

Hopeful Links is a Portland-based, non-profit, volunteer-based program that matches unaccompanied asylum-seeking minors with potential guardians and safe housing.

Maine Council of Churches - \$1000

Sharing common values, the members of the Maine Council of Churches act as one voice to advocate for the disenfranchised, the downtrodden and the protection of God's creation.

Camp Bishopswood Scholarships - \$1000

Located in the beautiful woods of mid-coast Maine, Bishopswood is an Episcopal coed overnight camp affordable and open to all youths ages 6-16. Funds to be used for scholarships, managed by Camp Bishopswood.

Konbit Sante - \$500

Konbit Sante's mission is to support the development of a sustainable health system to meet the needs of the Cap-Haitien community with maximum local direction and support.

Community Life Centers of Haiti - \$500

This is the successor non-profit organization to COCINA, which Saint Mary's had supported in years past. It is run by two former COCINA board members, both known to St. Mary's to be good and honorable. The CLC is centered in Ouanaminth, Haiti and is devoted to reaching out to Haitian children to offer community needs and services, such as a place to gather and faith-based care to develop both religious and life skills in a safe environment.

IMA World Health - \$500

An ecumenical and technical NGO working to address the Ebola outbreak in the Democratic Republic of Congo. This outbreak is the second worst in modern history and is an international concern according to the World Health Organization. It receives 3 out of 4 stars from Charity Navigator, with 92 percent of its funding going to programs. 25 percent of its budget comes from private grants; the rest is from government (nfi) grants.

The 2019 Outreach members: Deacon Christine, Margaret Fast, Diane Fletcher, Jennifer Gregg, Sarah Kelly, Anne LaFond, Dana Madison, Justice Pollard, and Bonny Rodden, with critical support and initiatives of Judith Brooks, John Brooks, Betsy Elliman, Marian McCue, Becky Pride, and Merle Marie Troeger. We always welcome additional committee members and drop-ins of all ages (this is a great ministry for teens!). We meet as a committee monthly on the first Thursday at 4:30 pm. FMI: jenniferanngregg@gmail.com

Stewardship

Annual Stewardship Campaign

Stewardship encompasses the process of parishioners supporting the church with their volunteer time, their individual talents/gifts, and their financial resources. The goal of the Stewardship Committee is to help ensure that Saint Mary's is on a sustainable financial footing. However, we can't accomplish this alone, and therefore, we rely heavily on help from the Vestry and the Finance and Budget Committee. The Stewardship Committee works primarily to raise funds for Saint Mary's during the annual pledge drive. The Stewardship Committee also works on longer range fundraising efforts including planned giving. Stewardship also includes volunteer recruitment to ensure that all of us can answer God's call to work within and outside of our community. We hosted a successful Ministry Fair in late 2019.

We continue to educate our parish on the importance of pledging to help the Vestry know the expected income as well as increasing the number of parishioners who pledge. At Saint Mary's we are blessed to have so many generous parishioners who give their time, energy and financial support from their hearts.

Thank you to all who support us!

Planned Giving: Alida Greely Brown Heritage Society

The Planned Giving program aims to inform and recognize those among us who wish to remember Saint Mary's with deferred gifts to help ensure Saint Mary's long-term fiscal health. Saint Mary's was blessed in 2019 to be the beneficiary of a generous bequest from Pat Mordecai, whom we lost on February 7, 2019.

Pat had a life-long love for and a career with the Episcopal Church both nationally and locally, including the Episcopal Divinity School in Cambridge, Massachusetts, the Episcopal Diocese of Massachusetts, and St. Albans Church in Washington, D.C. From 1998 until her retirement in 2006, she served as the Chief Operating Officer of the national Episcopal Church USA in New York City. Pat and her husband, Don, retired to Castine, Maine. Upon Don's death, Pat moved to Scarborough and soon after became a very active parishioner at Saint Mary's, serving in such varied capacities as Vestry, Budget & Finance Committee, Choir, Office Angels, and Sparkles (she was a particularly masterful and delightful prep chef for the Lobster Stew!)

Pat's expressions of love for Saint Mary's now will continue interminably in the form of her unrestricted bequest which, in accordance with the Vestry policy established with Pat's encouragement and support, will be invested in the Legacy Buildings and Ground Endowment (1/3), The Legacy Programs Endowment (1/3) and the Saint Mary's savings account (1/3).

Planned gifts are referred to as such because they require more planning, negotiation and counsel than many other gifts or donations. For the donor, planned gifts can result in immediate income, income over time or serve to delay a gift for life or other period of time during which the donor or others retain income and/or access to the assets used to fund the gift. The most common planned gift is detailed in an individual's will as part of estate planning. For Saint Mary's, your planned gift ensures long term financial stability by providing a well-regulated income stream to supplement annual giving or help provide for capital needs.

Saint Mary's Alida Greely Brown Heritage Society enables individuals to make such gifts to Saint Mary's easily and recognizes those who have expressed their intention to provide such gifts. Membership may be public or private, as you so choose. If you have already provided for Saint Mary's in your will, we hope you will inform either Father Nathan or Beth Shaw so that we can properly thank you and invite you to join this society. Benefits include an annual luncheon hosted by Father Nathan and membership (should you so choose) in the Diocese' First Light Society which hosts periodic gatherings hosted by the Bishop.

We take the occasion to express our deep thanks to those parishioners who have already included Saint Mary's in their estate planning, thereby ensuring Saint Mary's viability for generations to come.

Should you wish to discuss Saint Mary's planned giving program further, we would welcome meeting with you. Please feel free to contact Jennifer Gregg (781-3366, jenniferanngregg@gmail.com), Janet Bowne (781-3844, janetbowne@maine.rr.com) or Beth Shaw (781-3366, admin@smary.org).



Souper Supper at Saint Mary's

Among the many very significant Outreach activities, Saint Mary's "Souper Supper" has become one of the best known and "signature" Outreach activity in the community, as it offers twice-monthly home-made soup suppers free to the community, served at table. While we hoped and envisioned that this would be a ministry that would resonate with community members in need of a meal and fellowship, we are also very gratified by what it brings to the many Saint Marians who participate in this ministry: the joys and fulfillment of relationship with fellow Saint Marians, our guests and through them, with God.

That first supper in 2009 attracted about twenty guests who, from the start, seemed to enjoy it—they came, ate quietly and left but came back again the next time, attracted, perhaps by not only the delicious home-made soup but also the fact that it was served at table—the table “dressed” with table linens, “real” silverware and tea-lights-- by welcoming and attentive parishioners. Or, perhaps they were attracted by the fact that this meal was cost-free; no donations were—or are-- solicited. Or perhaps because it was—and is-- “all you can eat...”

The attendance hit its peak in 2016, typically greeting 60-80 guests on each 2nd and 4th Friday evening every month. During 2019, we welcomed an average of 30 guests. Many of our guests are “regulars,” of all ages and walks of life. 90 percent are from the community at large, joined by a few welcome and welcoming St. Marians. Whereas that first evening our guests came to eat, they now come to dine, enjoying each others' company and “table hopping” to chat with friends and acquaintances. They clearly come to fill not only their stomachs but also their hearts. And on the 2nd Friday of each month, several of our guests stay to enjoy Classic Cinema (thanks to Tom Pettingill) following the supper.

This ministry attracts about 60+ parishioners and members of the community at large who volunteer to support it. There are those who shop for ingredients, those who cook the soup, those who set tables, those who provide desserts, those who dish-up in the kitchen, those who serve at table, those who clean-up, those who launder the linens. Some volunteer for every supper, others once a month, others periodically. Several families volunteer AS families with children as young as 4; families have discovered that this is a safe, “low bar” activity through which their young children can be introduced and learn to appreciate the need and value of service to others.

If you wish to become involved in this very appreciated ministry you will be most welcomed. If you are not in a position to volunteer, you are invited to support the ministry financially by purchasing bags of delicious “Coffee by Design” coffee available during the week in the office or on Sundays during coffee hour.

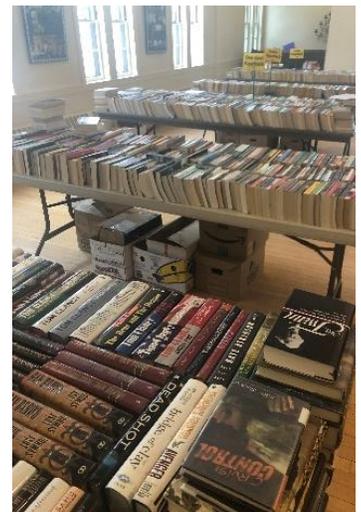
Any questions? Just contact Jennifer Gregg (781-3366; jenniferanngregg@gmail.com) or contact any one of the following whom we take the opportunity to thank for their wonderful participation in this ministry during 2019:

Holly Bernstein, Norma Jean Brilliant, Janet Bowne, John and Judith Brooks, Jana Burke, Connie Dayton, Lee Dernehl, Hanna De Sorbo, Linda and Stan Eaton, Diane Fletcher, Marti Galli, The Grace-Cleale Family, Judith and Greg Fergin, Jennifer Gregg, Jean Gulliver, Maureen Hale, Onnie Hastings, Mac Hinkel, Chuck Horton, Annie Johnson, Shari Krajlic, Cindy Lord, Dana Madison, Michael Manetti, Mary Ann McLean, Marian McCue, Becky and Doug Pride, The Rana Family, David and Grace Robinson, Bonny Rodden, Ginny Stelk, Roberta Stothart, Nadine Timberlake, Merle Marie and Tom Troeger, The Unfricht Family, Joyce and Len Verrey, The Yerkes Family

Fellowship & Fundraising Events

Book, Bake and Soup Sale

This Book Sale is typically held every year in the early Spring and returned in 2019 after a one-year absence under the leadership of Jan Mordarski and Betsy Stoddard with guidance from long-time chair Becky Pride. We are looking forward to this popular Outreach fundraiser to be held this year on March 28, 2020. We collect used books from parishioners which we sell to the broader community. Babs Bell, our blessing-in-the-kitchen will prepare soups and there will be breads to eat in or take home. All these funds are used for local mission and charity assistance coordinated by the Saint Mary's Outreach Committee. With questions or to participate, contact Jan Mordarski janmordarski@gmail.com or Betsy Stoddard jbstod@myfairpoint.com



Saint Mary's 2019 Summer Dinner, Dance, & Auction



This event is held every year in August on our beautiful parish lawn (weather permitting.) It is a wonderful summer event for parishioners, friends and neighbors to gather for a succulent dinner together with fabulous auction. 2019 was a year of change as the chairs from both the meal and auction retired to have time to do other Saint Mary's events. We thank Emily Rodgers for stepping in to head up the event. As



in the summer of 2018, we had a Farm-to-Table Dinner and Auction. We were blessed to have many talented chefs, bakers, and many green-thumbed parishioners help Barbara Bell curate a fabulous dinner. Thank you to G. and T. Farm/Green Cow New York (<https://thegreencow.com/>) of Richfield Springs, NY for the donation of grass-fed beef. The auction was also filled with many treasures and experiences. Many thanks to Emily Rodgers, Janet Bowne, Betsy Stoddard, Jill Malony and all who offered their help with the auction as well as Megan Akers and those that helped with the meal. This year, we added the opportunity to sponsor the event and a fabulous Contra Dance which was a big hit with all. Once again, the weather threatened our event and at the very last minute we correctly decided to keep the event outdoors and wet did well, raising more than \$7,300 to support parish mission and ministries. Save the date: August 8, 2020 for our next gastronomic fundraiser!



Saint Mary's Sparkles in 2019

Sparkles includes the first three weeks of Advent and has just completed its sixteenth year. The Sparkles Mission is to be a major fund raiser and to also provide an opportunity for all members of the parish community to work together in different ways. It is also a way of reaching out to the community to visit Saint Mary's to see and be welcomed to our beautiful facility. Sparkles activities begin with Sparkles Spirit, a social and appetizer event, in November and continues with the Lighting of the Kyros



Memorial/Celebration Tree after the Thanksgiving Eucharist. The Sparkles Fair includes the Boutique, Home Decor, a Bake Sale and Cookie Walk, the Cafe, and Jewelry, Artisans and Knitting Tables, as well as Sparkles Toyland. Even Santa and Mrs. Claus take time from their busy schedules to visit with the children of all ages. In 2019, we offered well over 5,000 items for sale. In the Bake Sale/Cookie Walk alone we sold over 120 lbs. of cookies, including beautifully decorated and specialty cookies, and over 75 of our signature almond cakes. Advent and Sparkles continue with caroling at Falmouth-by-the-Sea and Souper Supper and conclude with the St. Mary Schola Concerts (directed by Bruce Fithian) and Reception.

Hundreds of parishioners, as well as folks from the community come together in fellowship over the Sparkles season. Currently, we are on track to meet (or possibly exceed) last year's financial results. If you have any questions or would like to participate in any way, contact Jana Burke or Kathy Galen.

The Episcopal Diocese of Maine in 2019



This was an historic year for the Episcopal Church here in Maine. In February, we elected a new bishop, the tenth for our Diocese. He is the Right Reverend Thomas James Brown who most recently served as Rector of the Parish of the Epiphany in Winchester, Massachusetts. A period of transition ensued during which we said farewell to Bishop Stephen Lane and his wife Gretchen. Bishop Brown was ordained and consecrated at a grand liturgy at the Cathedral Church of Saint Luke on Saturday 22 June 2019, with our Presiding Bishop Michael Curry presiding over the gathering. Bishop Curry stayed around and preached the following day to a packed crowd in the Temple at Ocean Park.

The celebration continued on 26 October 2019 as Bishop Brown was formally welcomed at the Cathedral of Saint Luke in Portland, and seated in the cathedra, the bishop's official chair, as part of a traditional ceremony that recognizes and invests a newly ordained and consecrated bishop. The seating of Bishop Brown concluded the 200th Convention of the Diocese and marked the kickoff of a year-long Bicentennial Celebration of our Diocese. Most of this celebration will take place in 2020 and will conclude at Diocesan Convention in October.

Saint Mary's Parish Registry - 2019

Baptisms:

Anna Elizabeth Kenlan
Tallulah Hildegard Terris Scott
Caleb Edward Cameron
Ian Sterling Coburn
Harliegh Ann Clark

Confirmations, Reaffirmations & Receptions:

Alice C. Brock
Darren D. Clark
Katherine E. Clark
Steve Conley
Patricia A. Peard

Deaths:

Patricia C. Mordecai
Fritz M. Hessemer
Priscilla Adams Rigg
David Payson Snow
Alice R. Hajjar
James Marshall Porter

Gladys Jean Evans
James Olcott Payson
Gary Edward Conway
Nancy Record Howell
Katherine Kirsch
G. David Fenderson

Marriages:

Margo Lalumiere and Colin Smith



*We were honored to be one of the stops
on the Maine Historical Society's
Magical History Tour on May 11, 2019*



2020 Clergy, Staff & Vestry

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**Pending election at Annual Meeting*

