



Guiding RAY Children's Program - Winter/Spring 2023 Calendar The Episcopal Church of Saint Mary, Falmouth, Maine

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We begin all our regular Sundays at 9:30 AM with free playtime or fun projects. Bible stories and activities start at 10:00. Children join their parents in worship at approximately 10:50.

On holiday weekends we will host a MOVIE DAY with popcorn and show a short film based on that day's Bible story and followed by a fun activity.

Guiding RAY is a cooperative program that depends on parent volunteers.

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JANUARY

January 1 The Holy Name of Jesus - Luke 2:15-21 (The circumcision and naming of Jesus)
New Year's Day - **No Guiding RAY** - Children in Church - Coffee Hour with "King's Cake"

January 8 The Baptism of Our Lord - Matthew 3:13-17 (John Baptizes Jesus)

January 15 Second Sunday after the Epiphany - John 1:29-42 (Lamb of God)
MOVIE DAY - Martin Luther King Weekend

January 22 Third Sunday after the Epiphany - Matthew 4:12-23 (Fishers of Men)

Thursday 26 January, 4-6 PM - Faith Family Ice Skating in Yarmouth
Hot Chocolate and Cookies - Bring Friends!

January 29 Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany - Matthew 5:1-12 (The Beatitudes)
One Eucharist at 9:30, Brunch at 10:30, and Child Care until 12 noon

FEBRUARY

February 5 Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany - Matthew 5:13-20 (Salt and Light)

Sunday 05 February, 2-4 PM - Faith Family Sledding at Portland Country Club (open to all)
Hot Chocolate and Cookies - Bring Friends!

February 12 Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany - Matthew 5:21-37 (Things Jesus Taught)
SOUPer Bowl of Caring - Bring cans of soup for food pantry donations and decorate St. Valentine cookies to bring home.

February 19 Transfiguration Sunday - Matthew 17:1-9 (Jesus on a Mountaintop) MOVIE DAY or Snowy Walk.
Presidents Day Weekend (public school vacation starts)

Sunday 19 February 19, 5 - 7 PM - Parish Mardi Gras Pancake Supper
- Families welcome, burning of the palms, and perhaps dancing!

Wednesday 22 February, 4 PM - Ash Wednesday family program in the Chapel

February 26 First Sunday in Lent - Matthew 4:1-11 (Jesus is Tested)

MARCH

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

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

March 19 Fourth Sunday in Lent - John 9:1-41 (Jesus Heals a Blind Man)
MOVIE DAY Learn about St. Patrick, Ireland, and Snakes!

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

APRIL

April 2 Palm Sunday - Matthew 21:1-11 and 26:14-27:66 (Jesus Goes to Jerusalem)
-10 AM Procession from the Auditorium led by a live donkey, hot cross buns to eat

Good Friday 07 April 7, 4 PM - Family Stations of the Cross
-Outdoor if weather permits

April 9 Resurrection of the Lord – EASTER Family Services at 9 and 11 - No Guiding RAY!
-Children in church and are invited to gather at the empty tomb after both services.

April 16 Second Sunday of Easter - John 20:19-31 (Doubting Thomas)
MOVIE DAY (public-school spring vacation starts) - garden seed starting

April 23 Third Sunday of Easter - Luke 24:13-35 (The Road to Emmaus)

Saturday 29 April (time TBD) - First Holy Communion Retreat

April 30 Fourth Sunday of Easter - Good Shepherd Sunday - No Guiding RAY!
First Holy Communion Celebration with children participating in the liturgy

MAY

May 7 Fifth Sunday of Easter - John 14:1-14 (God's House has Many Rooms) or Peter 2:2-10 (The Cornerstone) –
Build a Lego House

May 14 Sixth Sunday of Easter - Acts 17:22-31 (Paul in Athens: The God with No Name)
9:30 Tour of stained-glass windows and learn how they celebrate young women (Ss. Mary, Cecilia & Agnes).
Mother's Day – make a special gift for Mom.

May 21 Ascension Sunday - Acts 1:6-14 (Jesus Ascends to Heaven)

May 28 Day of Pentecost - Acts 2:1-21 (The Birthday of the Church) MISSION MORNING
Memorial Day Weekend - hands-on mission projects for all ages

June 4 Trinity Sunday - Matthew 28:16-20 (Make Disciples of All Nations)
Ice Cream Social - LAST DAY OF GUIDING RAY – HAVE A GREAT SUMMER!