



From the Rector: WHY I DON'T LIKE "EASTER"

*"Chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, for he is the true **Paschal Lamb**" (The Book of Common Prayer, P. 379).*

It's nothing personal against her, of course. And before you rush to call Bishop Steve to petition for my heresy trial, let me explain! I love our Feast of our Lord's Resurrection. It is the focal point of our entire Church year, and it is truly the most joyful thing to celebrate this earth-changing event at the Great Vigil on Saturday evening, on the following Sunday morning, and indeed throughout the Great Fifty Days. But we have the wrong name.



"Easter" is the name of an ancient Anglo-Saxon fertility goddess whose annual festival corresponded with the vernal equinox. I have no interest in preventing those who wish to be pagans from celebrating Easter with all of her fertility rites, but what we do here in the Church is something quite different. As far as I can discover, only the German and English languages use this name in reference to the Resurrection of Christ, due to the confusion of the common Anglo-Saxon people over 1500 years ago. Everywhere else in the world, this Feast is called **Pascha**, which is the Greek translation of the Hebrew word for **Passover**.

Why does this even matter? Perhaps it's a minor point, but doesn't it seem odd for us in the Church to celebrate our most important Feast by using the wrong name and the wrong cultural reference? The Resurrection has nothing to do with eggs and bunnies and flowers and chocolate and spring. After all, the majority of Christians today live in the southern hemisphere where they are now harvesting their crops before winter arrives. But the Resurrection does have everything to do with the Passover celebration: with the Exodus from Egypt, the liberation from slavery, the blood of the Passover lamb, and the creation of a new tribe of people walking in freedom with the living God in their midst. When we separate the Resurrection from the experience of the people of Israel and embed it instead in the experience of the Anglo-Saxon tribes, we lose something deeply important and our celebration is compromised.

My friends, when the sun sets at 7:28 PM on Saturday, April 19, our celebration of **the Holy Pascha** will begin, and it will be glorious. I hope to see many of you there when we light the New Fire at the start of the Great Vigil and when we chant the Exsultet. This liturgy is unique in the course of the entire year, just as the Resurrection of Christ is a unique historical event. So let's call it by its own proper name.

Nathan W. Ferrell +

Mission in Motion Hospitality Team

This group's mission is to promote fellowship within the Parish, and at S. Mary's, fellowship almost always involves food! The committee co-chairs plan meals for special events and receptions, such as the Welcome Home Picnic, the Annual Meeting, Memorial Day reception and potluck dinners, and reaches out to committee members to help cook, bake, set-up and clean-up.

The committee co-chairs also coordinate Sunday coffee hours, reaching out to committee members as well as parishioners at-large to volunteer to host a coffee hour once each year.

All these events enhance fellowship within the parish and with the greater community, and the more parishioners are involved, the warmer the fellowship! Please contact Anne LaFond (alafond@maine.rr.com) or Betsy Stoddard (jbstod@myfairpoint.net) if you would like to join the team!

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From the Deacon's Corner:

Dear Ones,

We have so much to be grateful for at S. Mary's, not the least of which is our rector, who among his many other talents, is a wonderful pastor. Being the chief pastor of a growing parish like S. Mary's is a great responsibility and supporting him in those efforts is an essential part of our ministry as members of the whole Church and especially as members of our own community at S. Mary's. We all have particular gifts and talents for ministry, and we need them all to fulfill our mission. Caring for one another in all of the joyful and difficult times in our lives is a ministry we all share in and that we all can develop. We consider ourselves family. We refer to ourselves as family and our relationships with each other mean the world to us.

In an effort to support our pastoral care ministry and to become more attentive to the needs for support and care within our parish family, we are working to improve communication amongst the groups that provide care, such as the Pastoral Partners group, the Prayer Chain, the Casserole ministry, the new "soup-to-go" ministry initiated by Jennifer Gregg, the Prayer Knitters Ministry, and Margaret Jean Taylor's greeting card ministry. We want you to feel a part of each of these ministries and let us know when we, as a parish family, can be of help to you, a family member or other parishioner.

As your deacon, I will be the coordinator for these efforts. We are not perfect. We cannot be all things to all people and mistakes will be made, but communication always helps. What gives me great joy is the incredible commitment and desire we have to do a better job of loving one another, of being more aware of each other's lives, and to foster compassion which we will then take with us into the world to love and care for the neighbors around us. In all of these efforts, be reassured that we will always respect the privacy and confidentiality of your needs. If you ask for prayer or a visit or a casserole, you need share no details of your particular situation, or you may as many details as you wish.

As always, our faithful Beth will answer your calls in the office and will pass on your requests to Fr. Nathan and to me. You will hear from one of us as quickly as we are able to respond, and we will activate the appropriate group or groups, or not, as is your wish. Our goal is to expand our pastoral care efforts and to have a good working plan in place as we grow in numbers. Please feel free to talk to Fr. Nathan or me if you have questions or concerns.

Faithfully,
Deacon Christine



Our Celebration of First Holy Communion: May 3 and 4

This experience is open to all of our young people (including those who have already been receiving Communion), but it is designed primarily for those in 2nd and 3rd grades in school. On Saturday, there will be a Retreat in the Parish House with Father Nathan from 11 AM until 5 PM. The Retreat will include bread-making,

candle-making, writing prayers, and a time for the children to experience Reconciliation, as well as time for lunch and some fun! At 5 PM, the entire families of our First Communicants are invited to join together for a potluck supper. At that time, we will discuss what we learned in the Retreat and go over all of the details for the next day.

On Sunday, May 4 at 10 AM, our First Communicants will be "the stars of the show" as they process into the church, help to lead us in our worship, and be the first ones on this day to receive Communion, using the bread that they made the previous day!

Do you want your child to participate? Please contact Aleece Herlihy ASAP at aleece.herlihy@gmail.com.



Vestry Highlights for February meeting

by Hugh Smith, Senior Warden

We offer our thanks to Anne LaFond for hosting our monthly vestry meeting. Because the Lenten Series meets on Wednesdays, our normal vestry meeting day, and Tuesday the Parish House is occupied by AA, Anne graciously offered her home for our meeting.

Among the topics we discussed was Vision 2014. Father Nathan reviewed our progress to date and possible next steps. We decided that prior to our meeting in April, each of us would review on our own the results of our various surveys and the small group discussions that took place during the annual meeting. We will distill what we have learned to date before proceeding.

We reviewed a draft leadership evaluation questionnaire that we propose to use annually to help us look at our performance and provide feedback regarding the rector, executive committee and the vestry. We



decided to start the process immediately and also passed a motion to complete staff reviews and the leadership evaluation each year before September 30.

The vestry voted to reappoint the members of the Churchyard Committee with our thanks for the significant work and improvements

made to the churchyard over the last year. The members are Lucy Ellis, Ed Ainsworth, Ginny Stelk, Becky Pride, John Teets, Hannah Russell, Jean Wilkinson and Steve Ryder.

Finally, we reviewed a recap of our work during the vestry retreat in February and decided that the only practical way to continue our work on developing "SMART" goals for growing the parish and our revenue is to have another meeting devoted to this subject. We agreed to meet on April 29.

Hugh Smith, Senior Warden

ACOLYTE TRAINING: Sunday, April 6th 11:30 AM – 1:30 PM

Calling ALL people! Come and serve God and the church as an Acolyte! Whether you are female or male, 9 years old (the minimum requirement) or 90 years old, Democrat or Republican, left-handed or right, you can be an Acolyte! Everyone who feels called to serve in this special way is invited to come for this 2-hour training session right after Coffee Hour. Questions? Contact Tricia Wheeler at tjwheel@maine.rr.com.

Wednesday Evening Lenten Series:

Remaining dates are: April 2 & 9

"Chanting for All"

An Ancient Spiritual Practice for Contemporary Christians

Can you talk? If so, then YOU can chant! Even if you've missed the prior dates, come and learn about the ancient practice of chanting from Fr. Nathan and Bruce Fithian.

Each week, we will all learn to chant portions of the ancient monastic Compline office, which we will all chant together on April 9 at 7 PM

No musical knowledge or skill is required.

On Wednesday, April 2nd, we'll gather for the last time for supper, instruction, and practice in the auditorium.

On Wednesday, April 9 at 7 PM: Everyone is welcome to come and join us as we chant the ancient office of Compline in the Church.

This will be a beautiful and prayerful time!



Stewardship Update

by Janet Bowne

God's Power at Work within Us!!

All of us, working together, make Saint Mary's the special place it is. We support one another and our mission with our time, talents and treasure. Thank you to everyone who has pledged so far! We are blessed!! At this writing, we have pledges in from about 120 parishioners. We hope to get more in the next week! Please drop your pledge form in the offering plate, mail or drop it off at the Parish Office or scan it an email it to admin@smary.org. Choose the option that is most convenient for you. If you would like to pledge your support and didn't receive the pledge packet, please contact Beth Shaw (781- 3366, admin@smary.org), and we will get one off in the mail to you.



Another Legacy Project Milestone: The Donor Plaque Unveiled!

By Jennifer Gregg

The Legacy Project Donor Plaque has been permanently installed in the foyer of the auditorium. We invite all parishioners to visit and view, and take thanks again to the 233 donors (so far!) who have supported this project!



S. Mary's Legacy Project

*Honoring Our Faith,
Enriching Our Community*

Save the Date: June 15, 2014 - 9am

The Bishop's coming to Saint Mary's .

We want to have everyone there for our next ALL- Parish photo!!

Saint Mary's reaches out - Near and Far

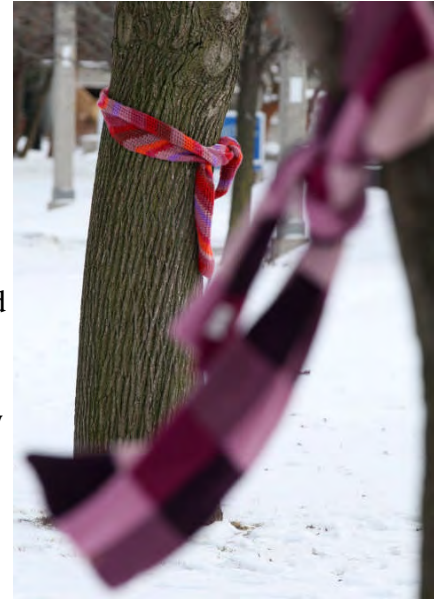
Operation Scarves for All

In February, a dozen wool prayer scarves, made by Saint Mary's Prayer Knitters, were blessed and given to Jane Stegemann for the Interfaith FUN IS God High School Youth Group to distribute. On the scarves, a tag was attached that read, "*Warm Thoughts* from your friends at The Church of Saint Mary in Falmouth."

They took them to Portland where they were tied to poles near Preble Street Soup Kitchen for people to take. It was a very windy and cold day. The young people commented to Jane, "to see a person approach the pole, read the tag we put on and untie the scarf to place around their head, was really exciting. To give and make a difference."

If interested in joining the Prayer Knitter's group, please contact Ginny Stelk at 847-3602 or lstelk@maine.rr.com

If interested in learning more about FUN IS God (Falmouth Unites Now In Serving God), contact Jane Stegemann, 797-8422 jhsteg@gmail.com or attend the Young Life dessert gathering. (see page 10 for more details.)



FUN IS God (Falmouth Unites Now In Serving God), has two (April & May) more outings left in this program year of *Colors Coming Together* before morphing into the Greater Falmouth Young Life Group. Don't White out your Community Come Walk- Titus 3:1-5

Saturday April 26 — Arrive at 8AM and pickup at 10AM Habitat for Humanity Walk/Run
Gray, Great, and Golden- Peter 5:5-8

Sunday May 18 Arrive at 4:30PM and pickup at 6 - Social at Oceanview

An Update on our Outreach Project: Long Creek Youth Development Center

A small group of parishioners continues to make visits to Maple Unit at the Long Creek Youth Correctional Center in South Portland. Earlier in March, Jim and Betsy Stoddard, Becky Pride, and Marian McCue visited to bring some post-lunch treats, as well as play some games (mostly a card game called "Trash"). We hope to do a longer visit in April, perhaps on a Wednesday afternoon when the kids do not have afternoon classes. We may have time to play a game of chess, which the kids show an interest in. Rayle Ainsworth is our specialist in providing a variety of games for our time there.

In addition, several parishioners are engaged in mentoring with individual residents.

We also bring birthday cakes (store bought, 24 cupcakes) to Long Creek on the second Tuesday morning of the month. April is taken care of, but we will be posting a sign-up sheet that will start in May for anyone who is interested in delivering birthday cupcakes.

We are seeking new recruits for all aspects of this ministry at Long Creek. I think those of us who are doing the work enjoy it, as the kids are very appreciative and interesting in talking. They made a thank-you card for us at our last visit, as they have done before. It makes a difference to them that we are willing just to be there and spend time with them.

And for those who join our group before summer, they will be just in time for the barbecues prepared by master chef Jim Stoddard that we put on in the recreation area outside the unit in the warmer months.

For more information on how you may help make a difference in the lives of these kids who just need people to care, please contact Marian McCue at mmccue@maine.rr.com.



Saint Mary's reaches out - Near and Far

Summer is coming.....

Time for camping, growing, traveling, giving and creating lasting memories!

What, summer is coming? I know that most of you are finding it hard to believe right now. Looking out your window and seeing all the snow banks that remind us of the kind of winter this has been and hearing our friendly (?) weatherman tell us there is another night of single digit...or even minus number...temperatures facing us when the sun goes down doesn't lend us to turn to thoughts of summer. Summer feels like wishful thinking right now, but have faith, summer will be here before we know it and we will be glad in it.

Now what is this about time for camping, growing, traveling, giving and creating lasting memories? And what does all this have to do with summer? It's really quite simple. As you begin to plan what you and your families and friends will be doing when the warmer weather arrives, we are offering you opportunities to do all of the above as you create lasting memories and experiences that we hope will make the summer of 2014 one you will not soon forget.

Without a doubt, you recall us promising to provide hands-on opportunities where you can roll up your sleeves, dig in, get a little dirty in an effort to give back, help others in need and lift up each other in unexpected ways. As the snow begins to melt and the temperature creeps upward, we are now delivering on this promise.

Here are two "hands-on" opportunities we would like you to consider as you begin to make plans for your late spring and summer:

(Outreach opportunities—continued on page 7)

Community Souper Supper

April 11th and 25th

Enjoy this community-wide fellowship offering, dining in a relaxed candle-lit atmosphere. You will be feted with a complimentary main course, salad, rolls, dessert and beverage. Wonderful for singles and families alike!
Offered twice each month on the 2nd and 4th Fridays from 5-7pm in the parish house auditorium.
No reservations required. Just bring your family and friends and enjoy! It's a blast!



Cinema Night at S. Mary's after Souper Supper on April 11th !

The Feature of the evening will be the classic "Z" (1968).



In a mid-sized metropolis in a 1960's right-wing military-led country, a pacifist organization is planning an anti-military, nuclear disarmament rally. After the rally, the organization's charismatic leader - the deputy - is killed. The deputy's death was murder orchestrated by the secret police, but a cover-up ensues. A prosecutor is assigned to the case and he meticulously interviews everyone involved, slowly gathering evidence that shows the extent to which the assassination was plotted by senior policemen and right-wing extremists. Getting appropriate actions from the State proves to be something else entirely. (Yves Montand, Jean-Louis Trintignant)

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

Casco Bay - a medium roast

Black & Tan - a darker roast

"Coffee by Design" 12 oz. bags of ground fair-traded, organic, delicious coffees are on sale at S. Mary's for \$10 a bag (Decaf is \$11). ...and support fair trade practices ...and a local parishioner-owned business... and get GREAT organic coffee! Win! Win! Win!



Saint Mary's Mission – with summer fun!

(Outreach opportunities - continued from previous page)

Camp Bishopswood

Now here is where some of the camping comes into play. Located in Hope (how appropriate), Maine about five miles from Camden on the shores of Lake Megunticook is Camp Bishopswood. This is a real Maine summer camp where boys and girls entering grades 2 through 10 gather on the shores of this great lake and engage on meeting the primary goal of the camp to 'live in community and to affirm the uniqueness of each person as being created by God in God's image' while enjoying all that a summer camp has to offer.

Campers come to Camp Bishopswood for as little as one week, two weeks or even longer. Please visit the web site **campbishopswood.org** for more information. Scholarship assistance is available by contacting Camp Bishopswood.



Urban Promise Mission

As the Outreach Committee has worked to develop these hands-on experiences for all members of our parish, we had no thought of coordinating these opportunities so they take place in cities or towns of the same name. But look what happened, Urban Promise is located in another Camden....this one is in New Jersey. Clear and convincing evidence that God does work in mysterious and wonderful ways.

Urban Promise began in 1988 and has as its mission to "equip Camden children and young adults with the skills necessary for academic achievement, life management, spiritual growth, and Christian leadership." **In the 25 years Urban Promise has been in existence, "on average 100% of high school students graduate and around 93% go on to college with 85% of Urban Promise alumni graduating from an institution of higher education."** These results stemmed from the creation of a summer camp for neighborhood children that **provided a safe, loving, fun and creative place for local youth to escape dangerous city streets.** Please visit the Urban Promise website for more information about this organization: www.urbanpromiseusa.org.

Thanks to the hard work of Father Nathan and the staff of Urban Promise, we are planning of having a group of St. Marians travel to Camden and help with their UP Work Group program from August 3rd through 9th. Plans for this trip developed to date include housing in the Rutgers University at Camden dorms plus we will be helping campers prepare for their big All Camp Day by making mascots and creating themes, songs and dances and other exciting things for this great day. There are also some plans for fun trips to Philadelphia, including a Phillies game, in the works as part of this journey. Final details regarding transportation and costs for this trip are being developed and will be available soon.

Father Nathan, who has been working with Urban Promise for a few years - we will let him tell you how many - recently wrote that **"for anyone who goes, prepare to fall in love with some of the most beautiful and lively children you've ever met who are forced to live in some of the most dreadful conditions imaginable. This will be truly life-changing."**

So, as winter winds down, and you begin to consider what adventures are in store for you and your family, we encourage you to explore a trip this summer to one of these two Camdens. Each of these trips will provide you the opportunity to travel, camp out in a cabin or college dorm room, give back to others in need in varied and many ways, **experience personal growth in unexpected and wonderful ways and create lasting memories that may just change your life.** These, and other opportunities in the works, will make **2014 an unforgettable year for you and those you touch.**

Christian Formation - RAY Beams



Teacher of the Month: Julie Otte

As for many of us, Julie's spiritual journey has been circuitous. A true Mainer, Julie was born in Portland and was raised in the Tuttle Road Methodist church, where she had a "perfect Sunday School attendance record for 9 years." She was attracted to S. Mary's while in high school, invited by the David Snow family to join the very active high school youth group. Confirmation followed; in 1977, she and husband Harold were married at S. Mary's and, thereafter, their three children (Jordan, Emily and Benjamin) were baptized at S. Mary's. For many years, the family would attend S. Mary's, then leave, and return again some years later. The Otte family finally roosted at S. Mary's for good in 1997 when they moved to their Falmouth home on Foreside Road.

Why do they now stay? "I find a real sense of community at S. Mary's. Hard to describe, but it sure feels good! My youngest son, Benjamin, has benefited so much from St. Mary's Christian education programs and continues to want to do so." She derives energy from meeting and greeting the children and their parents every Sunday morning. "I have such an overwhelming sense that Christian Education for children is 'the right thing to do.' My spiritual needs are met by seeing these kids every Sunday." Julie explains that, for busy mothers, it is very tempting to stay home from church on Sunday morning to rest after a frenetic week. "Knowing that these kids are expecting the adults to be there running the show for them gets me out of bed!"

Julie has been doing just that for close to 30 years, wherever she has worshipped. At S. Mary's, in addition to teaching, Julie has long been involved in the Nursery that she now coordinates every Sunday. She has helped lead the Christmas Pageant for years, making costumes and directing.

Over the decades, she has witnessed the many changes in Sunday School curricula. "Back then, we would have a pre-printed lesson and the children would color and the teachers would talk about what was on SNL the night before." She is enthusiastic about the current Godly Play curriculum. "I absolutely loved this program from my first exposure to it! I have taken many points from the training and used them in my Day Care. I hope this program continues at St. Mary's for a long time! I am very interested in learning more about the program and being certified to teach Godly Play." Julie also values her position on the Guiding RAY Leadership Team: "The relationships I have with the women on the Guiding Ray team are very important to me. I treasure their friendship and their commitment to this program."

When not at S. Mary's, Julie runs the Foreside Kids Child Care for infants and pre-schoolers in her home. She clearly loves children very much, finding them "to be the most interesting characters on earth!" Her motto is from Dr. Seuss: "A person's a person no matter how small." In her precious free time, she loves "digging in the dirt," tending her many gardens. She also loves to sew and in the summer enjoys well-deserved rest and relaxation at the family camp on Lake Sebago.

JOIN US!

9:15am-9:30am – Family Chapel with Father Nathan (Fr. James Chapel in Parish House)

9:30am: Godly Play classes begin promptly for K-5 and Nursery (Guiding RAY spaces downstairs in Parish House)

10:35am: Pre-K-Grade 5 children join their parents in church for the Eucharist

Coffee Hour for parents and children in the Auditorium follow church

Nursery care is available every Sunday of the year



Don't forget the Acolyte training on April 6th from 11:30am - 1:30pm

Christian Formation - RAY Beams

This Month at Guiding RAY

April 6 - Habitat for Humanity Sunday! Habitat homeowner Ms. Nyapeni and Habitat for Humanity of Greater Portland will provide an interactive presentation for the children.

April 13- Palm Sunday- **All children gather with their parents in the auditorium to process with palms to the church.** Children will be escorted back to Guiding RAY at approximately 10:10 and then back to church for the Eucharist at 10:40. While in Guiding RAY crafts centering on The Cross will be offered.

April 20 – Resurrection Sunday - No Guiding RAY Program; children go to church with your families.

April 27- Godly Play: The Holy Family, followed by The Parable of the Mustard Seed: We repeat the lesson of the Holy Family whenever we change the liturgical colors to reflect the changes in the liturgical season. The well-known Parable of the Mustard Seed again explores the nature of the kingdom of heaven.

Other Important Dates for your April Calendar!

Friday, April 11, 4pm Easter Egg Hunt! All are invited for Souper Supper from 5-7

Thursday, April 17, 6pm, Agape Supper – a delicious and beautiful supper and liturgy for the whole family

Friday, April 18, 4pm, Good Friday, Children's Stations of the Cross

Saturday, April 26, 9-11 Falmouth Family-Friendly 5 Miler Run/Walk! Having learned all about Habitat for Humanity on April 6th (see above), your family can actively support the Habitat mission by participating in this wonderful annual ecumenical and family-friendly event. Register on-line now at habitatportlandme.org (click on "events"). Or register the same day at S. Mary's while enjoying refreshments and entertainment for children of all ages provided by Party Palooza between 8 and 9am. Run/Walk official start is at 9am. PETS WELCOME TOO!



June 23 through 27 9am to Noon
Come and Royally Rock at S. Mary's
 Games, music, crafts, snacks, bible stories and more!

We invite everyone (all shapes, sizes and ages) to participate!

led by The One and Only Elizabeth Heinzman

Please let her know if you want to reserve a spot on the volunteer team. For more information, contact the office, 781-3366 or Elizabeth at theheinzmans@hotmail.com

You're all invited....

... To a Greater Falmouth Young Life Dessert: Sunday, April 13, 7-8:30 PM

You are cordially invited to attend this Young Life Dessert held in the OceanView community room (20 Blueberry Lane, Falmouth). Young Life is a non-denominational, Christian outreach to high school and middle school students, which has been active in Portland and Freeport for many years. In the coming months, a Young Life staff veteran will be moving to Falmouth to begin Young Life ministry in our community as well as to strengthen the existing ministry in surrounding communities. The goal of Young Life is to provide adolescents with caring adult role models, fun and life-giving ways to spend time together, and the basic information about the Christian faith. Please come to the Dessert to learn about Young Life, meet the new staff person (Jordan), and hear how you can help support this ministry. We have pledged some support to Young Life as a parish, but your help is also needed to build this exciting new youth ministry! Please RSVP to Fr. Nathan at nathanferrell@smary.org and visit www.younglife.org for more information.



Falmouth Family 5 Mile Run and Walk Saturday, April 26

8am registration
9am start at S. Mary's

Pre registration is \$25 for individuals
race day registration is \$30

Family registration is \$75 (4 or more runners)

Walkers, please donate whatever you wish

To register: habitatportlandme.org, click "events"

**Includes computerized timing
and online race results.**

**Pre-race light refreshments
and entertainment for children of all ages provided by
Party Palooga**

Post-race light refreshments and prizes



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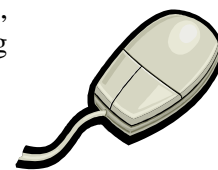


How many times a day do you search the internet? What if, with each click, you donate a penny to Saint Mary's? Imagine if every time you logged on and looked up the caloric content of the snack you just ate or looked up how to plant your spring flower garden, you earned money for the church. With each search you launch on goodsearch.com, about 1 cent goes to the charity of your choice.

GoodSearch.com is powered by Yahoo! and raises money for charities using a model similar to paid searches on Yahoo or Google (Research): Advertisers pay a fee whenever Internet users click on a given link. Last year search engines generated almost \$6 billion through such searches.

You simply go to goodsearch.com, select **Episcopal Church of Saint Mary** as the designated non-profit, (you can even make it your homepage) then tell all your friends, tell your friends to tell their friends and so on. If even 100 parishioners search twice a day for a year, the church earns \$730. Wanting to harness for mankind some of the cash advertisers throw at search engines (\$6 billion last year), founders Ken and JJ Ramberg partnered with Yahoo!

Every little click does help!



SUMMER 2014 at SAINT MARY'S

Mark your calendars NOW for all of these summer adventures!

Vacation Bible School - June 23 - 27, 9 AM – 12 Noon
Every day here at Saint Mary's

Camp Bishopswood - June 29 – August 16

Our beautiful Diocesan camp with programs available for youth from 6 to 18 years of age. See www.bishopswood.org for all the details. Scholarships are available.

Maine & New Hampshire Week @ Young Life Camp - July 6 – 12

In Saranac Lake, NY = the best week EVER for all High School students

Urban Promise Pilgrimage - August 3 – 9 in Camden, NJ and Philadelphia, PA

An all-parish service trip to work with inner-city children at day camps

10th Annual Lobster Bake & Auction - August 9, 4:30 – 8 PM

Global Leadership Summit - August 14 – 15 in Greenland, NH

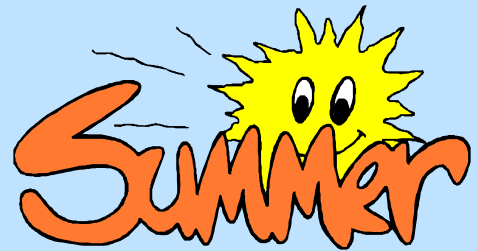
World-class leadership training in a Christian context

Camp BION @ Bishopswood - August 19-23

A few days away for our teens to explore their faith together.

ZENITH PILGRIMAGE: ALL-PARISH Journey to the Summit of Katahdin

August 28 – 30 - A two-night hiking adventure



Buildings & Grounds Update

by Jim Stoddard

This winter has been harsh, but we have weathered the storm. Last fall, we contracted with Dead River for 6,000 gallons of heating oil at \$3.459/gal. The theory was that with new and better insulation in the buildings, we would not consume as much oil as in previous years (upwards of 8,000 gallons). Even with the frigid winter, we have consumed only 4700 gallons as of the beginning of March. It is working.

S. Mary is exploring the idea of placing a cellular tower in the Church steeple. We are just beginning to explore their options. There are churches in the surrounding area that have contracted with cellular companies to lease space for cell towers: Woodford's Congregational Church, a church in Yarmouth and Windham, to name a few. There is a potential of making \$20,000-\$30,000 a year on a lease. As more information is gleaned, we will report to Vestry.

Recent projects completed by B&G are: 1) The mailbox was beautifully repainted by Hannah Russell 2) An elm tree was removed at rear of property; this firewood will be auctioned at upcoming Lobster Bake & Auction. 3) Branches were trimmed from a tree at rear of Church.

Going to the Hospital??

If you are planning a trip to any of the area hospitals, please call the office and let us know so that we can pray for you, and the clergy and/or perhaps a member of the pastoral partners group can visit you.

If your trip to the hospital is unplanned, ask someone to call for you. When you register, indicate that you are a member of S. Mary's in Falmouth. How you are doing matters a great deal to your S. Mary's family!

News, Notes, Kudos, Dates & Reminders

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

Thanks to Erin Ferrell for labeling the artwork in the Parish House!

Thanks to Becky Pride for organizing another stupendous Book, Bake and Soup sale!

Huge thanks to Andrea Myles Hunkin for hosting a WONDERFUL 2014 Mardi-Gras Talent Show and all of the incredibly talented performers! And Anne LaFond and the Hospitality Committee for organizing the potluck...along with all the cooks! Yummy!!

THANKS!

To Ginny Stelk, Jane Stegemann and the FUN IS God Youth for making the *Operation Scarves for All* happen quickly. Great outreach idea that makes a difference! ! Let's do several dozen next winter!

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TO ALL OF YOU who donated books and baked goods, who sorted and moved books, who packed them up and made them ready for the Salvation Army: **THANK YOU!** It takes a church to build a Book, Bake, and Soup Sale, and we all did it yet again ~ raising well over \$2000 for our mission work!! **THANKS TO EVERYONE!!**

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Thanks to all those who participated in the Habitat Work Day in Freeport....sanding, painting and other odd jobs! What a great effort for a wonderful organization!

Thanks to Jennifer Gregg for organizing the volunteer room once again and for stepping forward to help Marge with another memorial Reception. Much appreciated!

Many thanks to Hannah Russell for restoring the Saint Mary's mailbox to its former glory!

WANTED: The choir room library has a need for a five-foot long table as well as a five-foot high book-case. Thanks for considering.

Congratulations to Mary Ann McLean on the arrival of her new grand-twins: Iver (boy) and Reeve (girl)



Kudos to the Legacy Project Committee for the crowning touch of a magnificent bronze plaque in the Parish House!!



Changes or additions to the Directory

Alison Hayward (McMonagle) has a new cell phone # 207-400-4658

Father Nathan is one step closer to being a real Mainer! He has a new MAINE cell number 207-310-0268 as of April 1st.



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

Happy April Birthdays to:

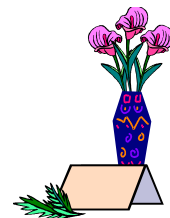


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|----|-------------------|----|--------------------|----|--------------------|
| 1 | Olivia Kennedy | 15 | Dorothy Fay | 22 | Katalina Echavarri |
| 1 | Lester Evans | 15 | Alden Record | 22 | Grace Payne |
| 3 | Piper Bickerstaff | 15 | Jeannie Gulliver | 22 | Hannah Russell |
| 3 | Chris McGonigle | 16 | Sara Fallon | 23 | Dan Funk |
| 3 | Tim McGonigle | 16 | Trey Fallon | 24 | Samantha Galbraith |
| 3 | Skylar Spaulding | 16 | Jacob LaPlante | 24 | Jared Hourihan |
| 4 | Jill Oestrieher | 17 | Alexis Lindberg | 25 | Jordan Otte |
| 4 | Mark Stimson | 17 | Ginny Stelk | 25 | Lucy Jo Ladd |
| 7 | Colin Abbott | 18 | Cayman Bickerstaff | 25 | Jane Sawyer |
| 7 | Bexie Knowles | 18 | George Kendall | 27 | Gordon Payne |
| 8 | Alice Hendry | 19 | Connie Stimson | 27 | Andrew Taylor |
| 8 | Bennett Smith | 20 | Mallory Ianno | 27 | Lanny Wenthe |
| 13 | Harry Sawyer | 20 | Duncan Leahy | 28 | Betsy Stoddard |
| 14 | Kaylee Demers | 21 | Rebecca Nuzzi | 29 | Sarah Brown |
| 14 | Evelyn Thurston | 22 | Angelica Barrett | | |

We'd love to include good wishes on your birthday and anniversary. If we don't yet have the dates, please send yours and your family's special dates into the parish office, and we'll be sure to include them on your special month. admin@smary.org or call 781-3366 or drop a note to the church. Thanks!

HAPPY APRIL ANNIVERSARY WISHES TO:

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|----|-----------------------|----|---------------------------|
| 12 | Nikki & Lester Evans | 17 | Jane & Harry Sawyer |
| 15 | Meg & Charlie Hurdman | 19 | Angelica & George Barrett |
| 15 | Julie & Harold Otte | 27 | Elizabeth & Jack Heinzman |



Save the Date and reserve your table before they are all gone

Saint Mary's Annual

BRIDGE-A-THON

Friday, May 16th 1-4 PM

Contract Bridge enthusiasts of all levels are invited to form a table for an afternoon of friendly bridge. Tea, coffee and sumptuous refreshments included in price of admission. 20 tables available.
Admission: \$40 per table / \$10 per person

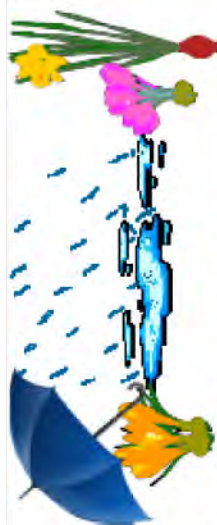


The Episcopal Church of Saint Mary

Worship Leader Schedule: Apr. - May 2014

| | 8:00am Ushers | 8:00am EM/Lectors | 10:00am Ushers | 10:00am Lector | 10:00am Euch Minister | 10am Acolytes | Altar Flowers | Flower Delivery | Coffee Hour Host |
|-------------------------|---|----------------------|--|--|---------------------------------------|--|---|--------------------|---------------------|
| 6-Apr Lent 5 | Baer Connard Al Ahlers | Mary Ann McLean | Mark Winter Harold Otte | Harold Otte | Andrea M-H Ginny Stelk | Julia Kyle & Lauren | Lent | ~ | Choir |
| 13-Apr Palm Sun | Dave Fenderson Tom Donaldson | Al Ahlers | Jack Heinzman Andrew McIntosh | Lowell Brown | Tom Pettingill Terry Brown | Elizabeth George & Ellie | Palm | ~ | Hot Cross Buns |
| Maundy Thursday | | | 6pm Ushers Jack Heinzman | 6pm lector Betsy | 6pm EM Jim & Ginny | 6pm acolytes Kevin, Sarah & Grace | Garden of Repose | | |
| Good Friday | | | 7pm Ushers Tom LaPlante | 7pm lector Betsy | 7pm EM Jim & Ginny | 7pm acolytes Kevin | bare | | |
| Easter Eve Vigil | | | 7:28 usher Jim Kane | 7:28 lector Betsy & Jim | 7:28 EM David & Ginny | 7:28 acolyte tbd | | | |
| 20-Apr Easter/Pascha | 9am ushers Len Taylor Al Ahlers Baer Connard | 9am EM Len Taylor | 9am acolyte Michael Carrie & Elizabeth | 11 ushers Jack Heinzman Charlie Hurdman Mark Winter | 11 Lector Ginny Stelk | 11 EM Lincoln Stelk Jeff Campbell | 11 acolyte Kevin Chole & Samantha | | |
| 27-Apr Easter 2 | 8am usher Ed Ainsworth Rayle Ainsworth | 8am EM Lad Taylor | 10am usher Lowell Brown Harold Otte | 10am lector Ella Brown | 10am EM Jim Stoddard Carla Birt | 10am Acolytes Elizabeth McIntosh & M Manetti | Altar flowers Easter | | Outreach |
| 4-May Easter 3 | Dave Fenderson Mac Hinkel | Mac Hinkel | Andrew McIntosh Tom LaPlante | Marian McCue | David Robinson Nadine Timberlake | tbd | | | Guiding RAY |
| 11-May Easter 4 | Becky Pride Tom Donaldson | Mary Ann McLean | Jack Heinzman Charlie Hurdman | Jennifer Gregg | Stan Eaton Linda Eaton | tbd | | | The Evans |
| 18-May Easter 5 | Len Taylor Jim Kane | Becky Pride | Mark Winter Lowell Brown | Betsy Stoddard | Greg Unfricht Andrea Myles-Hunkin | tbd | | | |
| 25-May Easter 6 | Al Ahlers Baer Connard | Al Ahlers | Harold Otte Tom LaPlante | Shelly Maher | Ginny Stelk Tom Pettingill | tbd | | | |

If unable to fulfill your scheduled duty on the assigned day, please find your own replacement and inform Beth in the office of the change, 781-3366



April 2014

The Episcopal Church of Saint Mary



| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|--|---|--|--|--|--|---|
| 30 The 4th Sunday in Lent Celebrant & preacher - Father David Illingworth 8am - Traditional Eucharist followed by coffee hour 9:15 am Family Chapel / Art & Faith 9:30am Guiding RAY classes/Midlers 10am - Contemporary Eucharist followed by coffee hour 7:30pm - Schola Lenten Concert | 31 12- Noonday Prayer 1pm Guiding RAY Team | 4/1 10am OSL 12- Noonday Prayer 1pm - Staff Meeting 7:00pm AA in Auditorium 7:30 AIA non | 4/2 12- Noonday Prayer 6:30pm Lenten Soup & Salad Series - Chanting for All | 4/3 9am GC in big store rm 10:30am Wisdom Seekers 12- Healing Eucharist 4pm Boy Singers of ME 7pm Choir rehearsal | 4/4 Office Closed 12- Pray wherever you are 5:30pm Alanon | 4/5 9am - BSM 2pm-Willard Libby Memorial Service |
| 6 The 5th Sunday in Lent <i>Habitat Sunday</i> 8am - Traditional Eucharist followed by coffee hour 9:15 am Family Chapel / Art & Faith 9:30am Guiding RAY classes/Midlers 10am - Contemporary Eucharist followed by coffee hour | 7 11am-Garden Club 12- Noonday Prayer | 8 10am OSL 12- Noonday Prayer 1pm - Staff Meeting 4pm Prayer chain 6pm Outreach teen rm 7:00pm AA in Auditorium 7:30 AIA non | 9 12- Noonday Prayer 5-7pm GC-Speaker Event 7PM Compline | 10 Nathan at Fresh Start 10:30am Wisdom Seekers 12-Healing Eucharist ? 4pm Boy Singers of ME 7pm Choir rehearsal | 11 Office Closed 12- Pray wherever you are 4- Easter Egg Hunt 5-7pm Community Souper Supper 5:30pm Alanon 7pm - Classic Cinema | 12 9am - BSM 4:30pm Peeler/Casselman Wedding |
| 13 The Sunday of the Passion: Palm Liturgies begin in the Auditorium 8am - Traditional Eucharist followed by coffee hour 9:15 am Family Chapel / Art & Faith 9:30am Guiding RAY classes/Midlers 10am - Contemporary Eucharist followed by coffee hour | 14 12- Noonday Prayer 1pm Guiding RAY Team | 15 10am OSL 12- Noonday Prayer 1pm - Staff Meeting 4pm Pastoral partners 7:00pm AA in Auditorium 7:30 AIA non | 16 12- Noonday Prayer | 17 Maundy Thursday 10:30am Wisdom Seekers 4pm Boy Singers of ME 6pm - Agape Meal Followed by Maundy Thursday Liturgy (7:15) AVE Deadline | 18 Good Friday Office Closed 4pm - Family Stations of the Cross 5:30p Alanon 6pm - Good Friday Liturgy | 19 Holy Saturday 7:28 pm - The Great Easter Vigil |
| 20 The Sunday of the Resurrection: Pascha or Easter Sunday 9am - Traditional Eucharist followed by coffee hour ? 11am - Contemporary Eucharist followed by coffee hour | 21 12- Noonday Prayer | 9am- S. Mary's volunteers at St. Elizabeth's 10am OSL 12- Noonday Prayer 1pm - Staff Meeting 7:00pm AA in Auditorium 7:30 AIA non School | 23 12- Noonday Prayer 6pm - Vestry Vacation | 24 10:30am Wisdom Seekers 12- Healing Eucharist 4pm Boy Singers of ME 7pm Choir rehearsal 6:30 - Dowers meet in GR | 25 Office Closed 12- Pray wherever you are 5-7pm Community Souper Supper 5:30pm Alanon | 26 9am Habitat - Falm Ecumenical Run/Walk 1pm College Club Clothing Sale |
| 27 The 2nd Sunday of Easter 8am - Traditional Eucharist followed by coffee hour 9:15 am Family Chapel / Art & Faith 9:30am Guiding RAY classes/Midlers 10am - Contemporary Eucharist followed by coffee hour | 28 12- Noonday Prayer 1pm Guiding RAY Team | 29 10am OSL 12- Noonday Prayer 1pm - Staff Meeting 6:30 - Vestry Planning 7:00pm AA in Auditorium 7:30 AIA non | 30 12- Noonday Prayer | 5/1 10:30am Wisdom Seekers 12- Healing Eucharist 4pm Boy Singers of ME 7pm Choir rehearsal | 5/2 Office Closed 12- Pray wherever you are 4-10pm BSM in auditorium & kitchen 5:30pm Alanon | 5/3 9am - BSM 11am 1st Communion 5pm 1st Comm. Pot Luck |



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SUNDAY Hours

8:00am - Traditional Eucharist
9:15am - Family Chapel
10:00am - Contemporary Eucharist

MONDAY - WEDNESDAY

Noon Day prayer in the Chapel and
wherever you find yourself

THURSDAY

10:30 - WISDOM SEEKERS
12 Noon - Healing Eucharist

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