



From the Rector:

The Blessing of a New Life

*"You are to teach these words carefully to your children."
(Deuteronomy. 6:7, CJB {Complete Jewish Bible})*

The birth or adoption of a child is a time of joyous celebration in the life of a family, as well as in the life of the entire parish community. Thankfully, the Church has developed a robust way by which the entire community can anticipate and celebrate this occasion. It is also a way by which the expectant family can experience the process of pregnancy and birth (or adoption) as an intentional time of shared spiritual renewal. There are three stages of this journey, which are outlined briefly as follows:



As soon as the pregnancy is discovered (or the child to be adopted is identified), the parents discuss with the pastor the selection of godparents and the possible date of baptism. Especially important for first-time parents is the possible start of a mentoring relationship with experienced parents who have raised children in the Church. Also, plans are made for **The Blessing of Expectant Parents** to take place soon at a regular Sunday Eucharist.

Throughout the pregnancy (or adoption process), parents and godparents and any other family children meet with the rector and mentors to prepare spiritually for the birth or entry of this new life into the family. After the birth or adoption, the family joins the parish in **The Thanksgiving for the Birth or Adoption of a Child** in the context of a Sunday morning Eucharist. This is the child's enrollment as a candidate for baptism, and the date for this is announced to the community.

Final preparations are then made for the child's baptism. The child is prayed for by name in the Prayers of the People and daily at our Noonday Prayers. The family and the sponsoring group continue to prepare spiritually as well. This rite of **Holy Baptism** takes place typically on a major baptismal feast day at the parish's principal celebration. After this, the child enters into the organic life of the parish, joining the Body of Christ in prayer, worship and social ministry. The godparents, sponsors and mentors serve as spiritual guides for the child throughout her/his ongoing development, until the time when the child may choose to make a mature, public affirmation of her/his spiritual identity in Christ through the rite of confirmation.

My friends, this path is filled with beauty and grace. It is a deeply spiritual process which provides a strong support system for parents

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Mission in Motion

Saint Mary's Recyclers

A small group of individuals currently devote about three hours a year to help keep S. Mary's clean and green! Each is responsible for bagging recyclables from designated spots in the Parish House and placing the bags by the side of the road on Tuesdays for Wednesday morning pick-up by the Town of Falmouth. The current roster has each been doing this over the course of one month every trimester.

This is a very "low maintenance" and highly satisfying ministry. No meetings; the task is quickly done, and it makes a huge and positive impact on S. Mary's cleanliness and refuse bills! Many thanks to our current recyclers: Kelly Lynch, Carrie McIntosh, John Henson, and Jennifer Gregg. You are most welcome to join us--the more the merrier!! FMI: Contact Jennifer Gregg (jenniferanngregg@gmail.com) or Beth Shaw (admin@smary.org).

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before, during and after the birth or adoption. This robust process is sadly under-utilized, however, for a variety of reasons. It is my hope that we here at Saint Mary's might change this fact by our own practice of sharing these occasions of joy more intentionally. If you discover your own pregnancy, or if you are planning to adopt, please be in touch with our parish office so that we can launch this network of support and prayer with you. If you hear of others who are in this happy state, offer a friendly suggestion to contact us in order to enter into this deeply enriching process together. This is one simple and joyful way by which we can continue to build "authentic, vibrant, Christ-centered community" here at Saint Mary's.

Nathan W. Ferrell +

From the Deacon's Corner: The Discretionary Fund

Dear Ones,

My brother-in-law, Ron, is a charter boat captain on the Chesapeake Bay in Virginia. He takes groups of fishermen out into the bay and usually has no problem finding plenty of fish for his clients. On a recent trip, his passengers were the pastor of a local church and his board of deacons. (In their tradition the board of deacons functions as our vestry does in the Episcopal tradition). It was a gorgeous day, everyone was relaxed and enjoying themselves but no one was catching anything. As the hours passed, the mood began to change, and Ron's passengers were clearly becoming disappointed by their lack of success. The day of fishing was not inexpensive, and Ron was feeling concerned. Spontaneously he prayed, "Please Lord, let them catch at least one fish!" As Ron turned to look, the pastor felt a pull at his line and he landed a huge sea bass. Ron was astonished and told the group that he had prayed that someone in the group would catch at least one fish. No one in the group seemed surprised that Ron's prayer had been answered. The pastor said, "Sure! Whatever you ask for will be given!"



Sounds like a fish story, doesn't it, and to some extent it is. I have a friend who is in Portland regularly and confesses to praying for parking spaces and she is convinced it works. This summer while we are planning family picnics and going to baseball games, some of us will pray for the weather to stay dry. Gardeners may pray for rain. When something difficult happens to us or someone we love we might pray, "God help me." This kind of spontaneous, casual, prayer could be considered too trite, simplistic or unimportant to be called prayer. I wonder, though, if it doesn't have a real place in our relationship with Jesus.

When we automatically acknowledge that Jesus is a constant presence in our life, actively and intimately involved in every aspect of our life by the spontaneous utterance of simple prayers for the joy, healing and peace of others, that is prayer. We don't expect God to actually stop the rain from ruining our picnic, but we do ask a blessing for the people we love who are gathering to share a special time together. When we pray "oh, God" on hearing that someone is sick or in trouble, we call down a blessing on them. When Ron prayed to catch at least one fish, he prayed for joy for his passengers.

Keep Jesus near this summer. Remember to give thanks for the season and all that it offers us. Travel safely and have fun!

Faithfully, Deacon Christine

Mass on the Grass

Our midweek summer evening service is now truly mid-week - on Wednesday evenings! Still outdoors, still casual, and still with the Holy Eucharist.

It will start at **6:30pm** and last about 30 minutes.

We'll meet on the labyrinth. If you can please bring a lawn chair with you, that's terrific; if not, a blanket will work just as well.

Informal, inspirational, spiritual, and intimate.



Vestry Highlights for June meeting

by Hugh Smith, Senior Warden

Our thanks to Becky Pride for her willingness to serve as Clerk of the Vestry and take our monthly minutes. Vestry meetings are generally full of meaty subjects and taking minutes is a key function for documenting our decisions.

Janet Bowne, chair of the annual stewardship campaign, gave an update on the progress to date. So far pledges are at \$247,000 on a goal of \$260,000. The committee continues to work the phones in an effort to wrap up the annual drive. Last month the vestry offered to assist in the campaign, and a number of vestry members will begin calling parishioners in the coming weeks. The vestry calls will be more to check in with parishioners who we have not heard from in some time rather than a direct ask for financial support.

In the rector's report, Father Nathan outlined the developing plans for celebrating the founding of Saint Mary's 125 years ago next year and several vestry members volunteered to assist in planning the events, which will occur in May and June of 2015. Plans are also coming together for our St. Francis Celebration on October 5, the day of the Maine Marathon. Father Nathan also outlined the adult formation opportunities that will be offered in the fall.

Debby Hammond, representing the Budget & Finance Committee, presented the results of some extensive work done by the committee to establish policies



for the sabbatical and seminary funds. By diocesan canon and our letter of agreement with Father Nathan, the rector is eligible for a four-month sabbatical after five years of service. After a significant effort to research what is required and what the normal practices are, the committee - with assistance from

Father Nathan and others - put together a policy that will guide the vestry in managing the process and expenses associated with a sabbatical. The seminary fund is a means for setting aside funds to assist parishioners who feel called and have been accepted into the process of seeking to be ordained either to the diaconate or priesthood. While we are not currently assisting any one, we most recently assisted Lanny Wenthe during her journey to become a deacon. The vestry voted to adopt both policies and expressed its continuing thanks to the members of the Budget & Finance Committee for their efforts to bring more order to our financial policies and planning.

The vestry continued its discussion of Vision 2014, our effort to establish longer-term goals looking out three-to-five years. We were able to draft three overarching statements that we will fine tune over the summer and then list specific tactics we may use to achieve these goals.

Urban Promise Pilgrimage: August 3 - 9

Our team is preparing for this trip to Camden, NJ and Philadelphia in early August, but EVERYONE can participate in making this Pilgrimage a success! Here's how:

1. **Pray for our Pilgrims** before, during and after this adventure. Pray that we can discover the presence of Christ in new and deeper ways through our time with the children of Camden. Pray for our safety in travel, and that this may be a true pilgrimage: an intentional spiritual journey to draw near to God.
2. Between now and August 3, **bring school supplies** to fill up backpacks for students who need help preparing for the new school year. Some supplies will also be used in the classrooms at the Camden Forward School and the Urban Promise Academy. See the full list below!
3. Join us on **Sunday, August 3 at 8 AM** as we send out our team of Pilgrims on their week-long journey to Camden.

List of School Supplies for Urban Promise students and for the classrooms

- ⇒ Glue sticks and hot glue sticks
- ⇒ Boxes of tissues, plastic sandwich bags, napkins
- ⇒ Pencils, eraser pens, micron pen sets
- ⇒ Composition books, 1" 3-ring binders, spiral notebooks
- ⇒ Kneaded erasers
- ⇒ Calculators, rulers
- ⇒ Adhesive bandages, Neosporin, hand sanitizer, safety gloves
- ⇒ Sketch pads, oil pastels, premium drawing paper (12"x18")
- ⇒ Other items that you know will be helpful



Urban Promise
believe. become. belong. be promise

Buildings & Grounds Update

by Jim Stoddard

We hope everyone is enjoying summer and the warm weather. The Buildings & Grounds committee has been focusing on next winter already and to that end, we inked a contract with Dead River Company which locked in a price of net \$3.1704 (\$3.2014 less \$.03 for payment within ten days of each delivery) for 6,000 gallons of heating oil. This is a savings of \$.25 or a total of \$1,690 versus last heating season. We are including a chart which shows a comparison of and an improvement to heating oil consumption and kilowatt usage for the Parish House.

B&G committee has been diligently concentrating on completing its many chores that make up our "to do" list. They include projects inside as well as outdoors. I think the campus looks in great shape. Thanks to all who helped in this effort.

Lastly, as reported previously, B&G is again this year donating cords of firewood to the Lobster Bake/Auction to be held on August 9. The wood is from trees we removed this winter, including both ash and elm hard woods. Articles in the *Portland Press Herald* contend that there will be a shortage of seasoned firewood this coming winter. So bid early and often. See you there.

FUELOil usage in Parish House

	2009-10	2010 - 11	2011 - 12	2012-13	2013-14
	gal	gal	gal	gal	gal
June	84.50	118.70	125.30		
July					
Aug			6.10		
Sept		24.70			297.30
Oct	161.30		78.50		25.00
Nov		251.30	129.40	604.70	133.70
		190.40	134.00		
Dec	559.00	231.20	323.00	488.30	206.70
			177.20	368.20	257.30
Jan	100.00	337.30	220.50	429.40	264.20
	579.70	321.50	316.60		299.60
	349.50				
Feb	343.00	396.80	605.00	281.10	292.50
	330.10	407.50	232.70	369.80	261.50
		383.10		297.30	
Mar	244.00	305.00	232.70	211.80	250.10
	225.90	244.30	257.10		230.80
	69.20				
April	116.40	257.60	115.60	295.80	190.20
	173.80	189.90	218.80		199.90
May		253.70	114.80	226.60	
tot Gallons	3336.40	3913.00	3287.30	3573.00	2908.80

ELECTRICITY Usage of the Parish House

Parish House	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012 - 13	2013 - 14	2014-15
	kwh	kwh	kwh	kwh	kwh	kwh	kwh
June	1269	1068	1316	1344	1726 + 215	2244	
July	1462	1285	1817	1561	1136 + 420	1704	
Aug	1703	1727	1340	1219	2278 + 552	1796	
Sept	1946	1402	1725	2010	1508 + 473	2657	
Oct	1801	1605	1609	1836	1813 + 936	2349	
Nov	1618	1662	1315	1667	2858 + 1231	1960	
Dec	3550	3044	2842	2028	4076 + 2224	2457	
Jan	3756	3467	2496	2524	2932 + 2432	1979	
feb	3770	3082	2253	2995	3318 + 2921	1987	
Mar	3711	3026	2458	2927	2889	1951	
April	1848	3289	2654	2142	6137	2156	
May	1406	2670	1533		1902	1815	

Stewardship Update

by Janet Bowne

God's Power at Work within Us!!

We have a number of people who are donating on a regular basis but who have not completed a pledge form. If you intend to be a regular donor, please complete a pledge form so we can count your pledge!!

Thank you to all who have given. We are blessed by your support.

Saint Mary's Mission – with summer fun!

THE BIKERS AND BUILDERS ARE COMING.....THE BIKERS AND BUILDERS ARE COMING !!!

Yes, the Bikers and Builders are coming. Apologies to Paul Revere (the British are coming...the British are coming) and to Norman Jewison, producer of the movie The Russians Are Coming...The Russians Are Coming.

While the subjects of Paul Revere's announcement and Norman Jewison's film were met with some fear and trepidation, the Bikers and Builders coming to the campus of Saint Mary's on July 11th-13th will be met with joy and hope for the work and mission they represent.

As you may remember, Saint Mary's hosted a group of bikers and builders from **Bike and Build** last year for dinner and a presentation about their organization and mission. This year, we have arranged for a group to stay on campus overnight on July 11th and 12th with their departure scheduled for the morning of Sunday, July 13th. The **Coastal Drift** group is traveling by bicycle from Bar Harbor to New York City. As with all Bike and Build groups, they will be stopping along the way to increase awareness about, and the need for, affordable housing. They will also be helping groups who are building such housing in communities along the way. This group will be working at the Habitat for Humanity site in Freeport.

During their stay, they will be joining with us and the greater community on Friday at Souper Supper. On Saturday, after a day of working at the Habitat site in Freeport, they will be conducting a **bike safety clinic** on our campus for all of the community. This is scheduled for 6:00. Immediately following the bike clinic, we will be hosting a **lasagna dinner** for the group. All of the Saint Mary's community and the community at large are invited. This will be a great opportunity for you to meet the riders and builders and learn more about the mission of Bike and Build. They will be giving us a short presentation about their trip and mission during dinner.

In the days ahead, there will be more information coming your way about this group and their stay with us. There is a sign up sheet for the dinner on Saturday. Mark the dates of July 11th-13th on your calendar and make plans to meet this group as they move to complete the Maine portion of their trip and mission and move toward their destination of New York City. If the group we entertained from Bike and Build last year can be an example and model for what to expect from this group, you will be inspired by the passion, commitment, energy and joy this group has for the mission, work and journey they are undertaking.



Saint Mary's reaches out - Near and Far

With summer finally arriving, and Maine offering so much that makes this state a destination location for vacationers from around the world, the Outreach Committee is taking a hiatus from formal meetings in July and August to allow committee members to take a breath and enjoy their summer. There are some Outreach related work/projects on our calendar during these months and we will continue working on these.

We did want to take this opportunity to provide the parish with an overview of our activities and work to date on your behalf as we work to meet the needs of others both near and far. Here is a summary of the work done to date: Book, Bake and Soup Sale (best results ever-\$2,398.11 raised), Habitat build in Freeport, hosted a group from the University of Pennsylvania who were working on the Habitat build in Freeport, the committee voted to offer funding support for KIVA and Souper Souper, explored a foot-washing ministry, another successful Habitat Walk/Run, the Mindful Movement and Breath Series, continuing discussion around support for COCINA and Haiti, plans and financial support for the scarves ministry in September, Camp Bishopswood annual clean up and preparation for the summer camping season, plans for assisting St. Philips Church with a mission trip in the fall, hosting the Coastal Drift group from Bike and Build in July, and the planning and financial support for the mission trip to Urban Promise in Camden, New Jersey in August. In addition, we are continuing our year-around work with Long Creek, Falmouth Food Pantry, St. Elizabeth's Essential Pantry and Preble Street.



This has indeed been a full year thus far for the Outreach Committee and the parish as a whole as we continue our work and calling to help those in need wherever they may be. Thank you to everyone on the committee and in the parish who have helped with the projects and work mentioned above in so many ways. Without your dedication, commitment, compassion and hard work, this would not be possible. We look forward to continuing this work throughout the rest of this year, welcome new members to the committee, and appreciate your thoughts and ideas about how to serve those in need in new, unique and different ways.

May you all enjoy a wonderful summer that makes enduring our Maine winters worthwhile and a distant memory.

Community Souper Souper

July 11th and 25th

Enjoy this community-wide fellowship offering, dining in a relaxed candle-lit atmosphere. You will be feted with a complementary 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!

Support "Souper Souper" 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!



S. Mary's Hosts 57 for Godly Play Training

"This is the happiest place I've ever been"



The Parish House was rocking the weekend of 27-29 June as the Guiding RAY team hosted 57 participants from across New England for Godly Play training! Every single room of the building was occupied for plenary and break-out training sessions, interspersed with meals and snacks. The weather was perfect, allowing participants to enjoy the entire campus for reflection, study and prayer. "This is the happiest place I've ever been," commented

"Your church is so very welcoming and friendly. What a wonderful blessing you are to the community."

one participant. "What an amazing weekend," said another; "It has been so moving; I've heard what I am being called to do."

The response to the Diocesan invitation to provide scholarships for this training far exceeded all expectations; we had expected perhaps 25 people and a week before training began, we were advised we would have 57 participants. Godly Play Foundation trainers offered two courses. The "Traditional Core Training" presents childhood spirituality and the Godly Play story genres through an experiential, supportive program. The Advanced Godly Play course for experienced story-tellers, takes participants deeper into children's spirituality and the Godly Play practice.

Godly Play is based on a recognition that children have an innate sense of the presence of God and that all they lack is the appropriate language to help them identify and express it so it can be explored and strengthened. The Godly Play approach teaches classical Christian language in a way designed to enhance the child's authentic experience of God so it can contribute to the creative life of the child and the world.

S. Mary's adopted the Godly Play curriculum for use with our youngest children in 2012 and teachers were so impressed with the responses from the children that use of this curriculum expanded to all Guiding RAY classes this last year. During their time in the classroom, our children actively participate in story and ritual to learn the language, sacred stories, parables, liturgical action and silence of the Christian tradition.

We give thanks to Julie Morrison for her inspiration and hard work and to Aleece Herlihy and Jennifer Gregg for their leadership of the Guiding RAY program throughout the year and for organizing this training, in particular. A "Well Done, O Good and Faithful Servants," to Brenda Collins, Jen Curran, Heather Gale, Penny Guyton, Alison Hayward and Julie Otte who joined their colleagues from throughout New England for this training. And many thanks to the S. Mary's Cavalry – Jim Stoddard, Garry Bowne, Charlie Hurdman, Tom LaPlante, Tom Pettingill, Bruce Fithian and Kue John Lor who rode to the rescue to move furniture back into place at the end of three very long but incredibly rewarding days!



Christian Formation - RAY Beams

Teacher of the Month: Brenda Collins

Brenda came to Maine when she married a man from Maine in 1970. "Coming from Huntington Beach, California, it was a hard first year! "I had grown up on the beach in bare feet and flip-flops; our first year in Maine was one of the coldest that I can remember!" But she came to love Maine and her people so much, she can't think about leaving for any length of time (other than a couple of months during the winter).

Brenda has been married to Bentley Collins for 19 years. They live in Portland and have three children between them: Karee, Marcia and Trevor. They are blessed with seven grandchildren: Harrison, Griffin and Tillman live in Falmouth; Crosby and Lily are in Richmond, VT, and Morgan and Chloe live in Hudson, Quebec, Canada.



Brenda was invited to come to S. Mary's by her daughter, Karee (Rhoades) about six years ago. A Roman Catholic, she had been searching for a church home. From the start, she was very impressed with the service, the friendliness of the people and Father James, to whom she was introduced that first morning. Her daughter had to go out of town the following weekend and asked her to take her three boys that Sunday. Brenda did so and even attended the annual meeting and brunch. "I was so surprised when Father James stopped by our table, remembering us from the week before and greeting me and the boys. That was the moment I knew I had found my home." Brenda stays because of the S. Mary's family, with whom she feels so close: "I would encourage all to participate in any way they can as you will feel so much a part of this parish by doing so."

Brenda has been involved with Guiding RAY for two years, as a member of the Guiding Ray Leadership Team and as a "Door Keeper" in Godly Play classrooms. As a member of the team, she shops for any items that might be needed in the classrooms and also designs the bulletin boards. "I came to and am motivated in these roles most of all for and by the children, but I also love the friends I have made and the feeling that I am making a difference and giving something back to the Parish," she explains.

Brenda attended the three-day comprehensive Godly Play training at the end of June. "I love how much the children 'get into' the Godly Play stories and participate so eagerly," she observes. "I'm hoping the training will help me to better help the children understand the stories of the Bible, the ceremonies that we all participate in and how to live a Godly life."

When not at S. Mary's, Brenda is gardening, playing golf, boating and spending time with her husband and family. Two years ago, she retired from Sabre Yachts where she worked as Sales Manager for 29 years. She now works two days a week at DiMillo's Yacht Sales, helping to make sure that yachts are built to their owner's specifications. She and Bentley travel a good deal for work and pleasure. She also loves art projects.

"I love life!" she exclaims! "And I so look forward to spending many more years at S. Mary's!"

The Guiding RAY Leadership Team

Brenda Collins: Resource Coordinator

Jennifer Curran: Special Events Coordinator

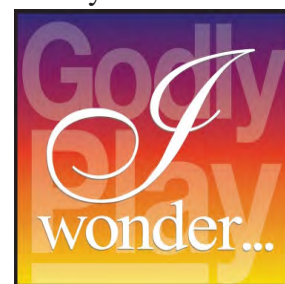
Heather Gale: Family Chapel Coordinator

Jennifer Gregg: Communication and Administration

Aleece Herlihy: Godly Play, Training & Volunteer Coordinator

Alison Hayward: Nursery

Julie Otte: Sunday Morning Greeter and Nursery Coordinator



Christian Formation ~ RAY Beams

**Our last day of Guiding RAY Strawberry Shortcake Celebration on June 8th was a huge success!
Thank you for joining the party!**



Guiding RAY is on Vacation until September 7th, but the nursery is open for business every Sunday from 9:15 -10:30, with loving care provided by Alison Hayward. To keep our youngest parishioners safe and secure, Alison needs an assistant! If you can offer such assistance ONE Sunday this summer, there are lots of ways to show your interest; please copy this link to your browser to participate:

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/13HA8oyE60blgphevNZ9VEkP-P953NMhK5q9DBSPc1QM/edit#gid=0> **or** click on this link in the eNEWS **or** sign up on the sheet outside the Guild Room **or** contact Jennifer Gregg (781-2665; jenniferanngregg@gmail.com).

THE GUIDING RAY TEAM WISHES YOU A WONDERFUL SUMMER!

Summer is here! - time to think and prepare for the Sparkles fair!!!

Five Months to Go!

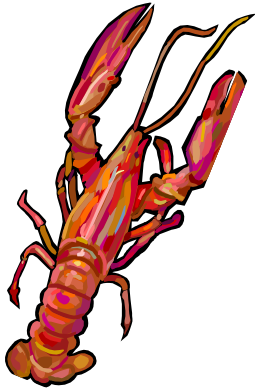
Sparkles begins on the first Sunday of Advent - November 30th with the Family Advent Wreath Making, the Lessons & Carols, and the lighting of the Kyros Advent Tree. On the weekend of Advent 2 is the Sparkles Fair on December 6th with the Boutique and Café. On the third Sunday of Advent is the Sparkles Schola Concert and Reception on the 14th. Mark your calendars now!! BUT---we need some help now:



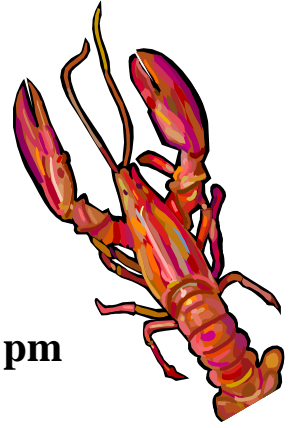
ARTISANS and CRAFTERS----There is space for three new artisans/crafters to have a table at the boutique. If you would like to “sparkle” and show your talent, please sign up with Jan Mordarski (899-4099)---the artists set their own prices and take 50% of the profits from their table.

SAINT MARY'S GEMS----Babs Bell and Marge Devine are offering a jewelry workshop on August 4th from 9am until 12 noon. If you want to learn the basics of jewelry making and help out Sparkles, sign up outside the Guild Room or contact Babs Bell at babsi821d@gamil.com.

As Always---if you are selling your home, closing an estate or just cleaning out, consider saving your unique items or family treasures or gently used household goods and donating them to the boutique. Drop off dates are in the fall but if storage is an issue, please call Jan Mordarski (899-4099) or Onnie Hastings (878-6683) and we will make arrangements.



S. Mary's Church 10th Annual **Lobster Bake & Auction** **Saturday, August 9th**



When: August 9th 4:30 pm, dinner served at 6:00 pm

Where: Beautiful campus of S. Mary's Church

Lobster Dinner \$30.

Grilled Chicken \$10.

Burgers & Hot Dogs \$5.

Cole Slaw, Desserts, and Soft Drinks available

Bring Your Own adult libations and pre-dinner snacks

If you reserve a table for 8 or 10, receive a 10% discount! Plenty of seating available but reserve your seating now by calling Beth in the office (781-3366) or Betsy/Jim Stoddard (829-2026).

This is a wonderful opportunity to invite friends and neighbors for a fun, delicious, family-friendly evening. While kids are playing games, you have the opportunity to browse and bid on several silent auction items donated by parishioners and vendors.

LIVE AUCTION OFFERINGS

One Week stay condo on Sanibel Island, FL

One Week stay condo at St. Pauley's Island, SC

2 Night/3 day stay Village Center condo, Sugarloaf

2 Nights/3 Days Stay Condo on Saddleback Mountain

SILENT AUCTION OFFERINGS

Take a look at these fabulous offerings that we know at press time.

Barrel Stave Painting
 Bridge Party & Luncheon
 Car Detailing Package
 Charlie's Friends/Doggie Care
 Conundrum Wine Bistro certificate
 Designer Jewelry
 Farmer/Gardener experience
 Freeport Grill certificate
 Gallery Leather Company products
 Gather Eatery certificate
 Generous Cords of Holy Firewood
 Handcrafted Rainbow Monkeys
 Homemade Chocolates
 Lobstering Adventure
 Lyric Music Theater tickets
 Magic of Christmas (2) tickets
 Margarita Basket

Massage Therapy by LMT
 Memorial Reception Guild Basket
 Mid-Coast Symphony (2) tickets
 Oil Paintings by Erin McGee Ferrell
 Orchid Thai restaurant certificate
 Paragon Salon & Spa haircut
 Petite Jacqueline Bistro certificate
 Piano Men PSO Pops concert (2) tickets
 Portland Ovations concert tickets
 Red Sox Jackie Bradley Jr autographed baseball
 Sea Dogs tickets
 Sparkles Gift Basket
 The Dog Wash Etc certificate
 Tote Bag for Doggie & Owner
 Trend Setters Gift Box
 Wine Favorites basket

Nominating Committee Update

by Becky Pride

The Nominating Committee will be convening for the third time in late July.

By mid-July, the committee members will have contacted all persons whose names were given to us to be considered for nomination. We are MOST grateful that SO MANY parishioners were suggested. Presently we are contacting everyone on our lists to see if each would be willing to serve if the committee were to choose that person for the available position.

At our July meeting, we will begin the process of considering and discerning the balance that is most representative for our church leadership at this time.

Thanks to all who forwarded names and to all the many prospects who have said yes ~ for your willingness to be considered at this time. It's a real tribute to our parish family that so many folks were involved in providing names and that so many Saint Mary's members are considered excellent choices for the positions of Senior Warden, Junior Warden, Treasurer, Vestry person, and delegate.

sincerely,

The Nominating Committee: Becky Pride, Nikki Evans, Tim Grace, Mac Hinkel, and Elizabeth McIntosh

Coffee Hour - Hosts Needed **Help!!**

We need volunteers for the 9:30AM service Coffee Hour. Please keep in mind that Coffee Hour is meant to be a quick parish gathering, with coffee and juice available for children, along with a couple of store-bought or home-baked treats. Most Sundays, coffee is already made (thanks to Hugh Smith!), so it just entails a simple set up and clean up. The importance of Coffee Hour is the gathering together of our parish. We need your involvement...Coffee Hour can't happen every Sunday, unless we have more volunteers. The sign up sheet is in the Guild Room...any volunteers ? Contact: Betsy Stoddard, 829-2026 jbstod@myfairpoint.net



Saint Mary's Godspeed Runners

We have 3 months until the Maine Marathon is run (and Foreside Road is closed!) on October 5. In 2013, we had 4 Saint Marians join together as a relay team (approx. 6 miles each). This year, we have room for even more runners and we have time to raise some funds for a good cause. Interested? Please let Nathan+ know ASAP, as plans are being made now!



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Or contact Nathan Ferrell nathanferrell@smary.org

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)

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Thanks to **Aleece Herlihy, Jennifer Gregg and the Guiding RAY Leadership Team** for hosting the Diocesan-wide Godly Play training on the last weekend of June with many visitors from all over Maine and out of state. Sooo much planning and work went into this highly successful event and we are so grateful to call you all fellow Saint Marians.

Thanks to **Betsy and Jim Stoddard and Jennifer Gregg** for helping at the Camp Bishopswood annual work weekend as they prepared for another season of providing great camping experiences

THANKS!

Thanks to **Anne LaFond** and all the helpers for putting out the refreshments for the Town following the Memorial Day Parade. And thanks to Fr Nathan for his wonderful words during the invocation.

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Kudos to Linda and Stan Eaton (BOTH) retired after teaching for many years.

Thanks to those that helped with the campus clean-up on June 7th!

Another thanks to **Anne LaFond** for organizing the breakfast refreshments while the Bishop was here on his visitation on June 15th.

Thanks to **Hugh Smith** for arranging the photographer to take our newest Parish Photo. Can't wait to see it!

Thank you to **Janet and Garry Bowne** for hosting the last Newcomer's Gathering on June 22nd. It was fun and we so enjoy the relaxing time with new and old friends!

Congratulations to **Lincoln Stelk** on the 50th anniversary of his ordination!

Congratulations and Godspeed to Angus Ferrell
And thanks to the Ferrell family inviting us to share in the lovely farewell labyrinth sendoff!

Congratulations to **John Corrie** who is the new Organist/Choirmaster at St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church in Yarmouth.

Thanks to **Alison Hayward, Julie Otte, Jen Curran, Heather Gale, Penny Guyton, Brenda Collins**, for devoting a beautiful Maine summer week-end to Godly Play training so as to better serve our children.

SUMMER 2014 at SAINT MARY'S

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

Global Leadership Summit : August 14 – 15 in Greenland, NH
World-class leadership training in a Christian context



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Just go to www.goodsearch.com and be sure to enter "*The Episcopal Church of St. Mary*" as the charity you want to support. Just 100 of us searching four times a day will raise about \$1200 in a year without anyone spending a dime!



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

Happy July Birthdays to:



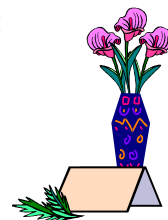
1	Caitlyn Becker	11	Tom Donaldson	20	Megan Grondin
1	Andrea Smith	11	Claire Mulligan	20	Mary Hyland
3	Mark Diamond	11	Doug Pride	20	Lincoln Stelk
3	David Robinson	12	Thomas Fast	20	Julia Stinneford
4	Tim Follo	12	Raughley Nuzzi	21	Ella Buchanan
4	Jim Stoddard	13	Max Orestis	21	Sarah Delaney
6	Ike Kiely	14	Donald Hansen	22	Nick Leschey
6	Gibson Wilkes	14	Charlie Hurdman	22	Mary Lygo
7	Hank Payne	17	Hannah Kiely	25	George Holt
8	Steve Ryder	18	Bob Cerf	25	Allie Wilkes
9	David Chadwick	18	Amanda Henson	26	Will Rana
9	Chris Hurdman	19	Joanne Varga	29	Alex Swaney
9	Tom LaPlante	19	Ella Wrisley	31	Margaret Fenderson

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 JULY ANNIVERSARY WISHES TO:



- 9 Jessica & Peter Kenlan
- 12 Ann & Robert Wood
- 14 Nancy & Vinny Licata



Sparkle your imagination! Stimulate your creativity!



You are invited to participate in a *Basics in Beaded Earrings* session, August 4, nine to noon. to discover new ways to bring style, taste and class to the jewelry table- *and your own jewelry collection*. If you can't join a daytime class, please sign up, stating what evening is best for you, or call Marge, 797-5082



The Episcopal Church of Saint Mary

Worship Leader Schedule: July - August 2014

	8:00am Ushers	8:00am EM/Lectors	9:30am Ushers	9:30am Lector	9:30am Euch Minister	10am Acolytes	Altar Flowers	Flower Delivery	Coffee Hour Host
6-Jul Pent 4	Len Taylor Judy Oliver	Al Ahlers	Charlie Hurdman Jack Heinzman	Andrea M-H	Andrea M-H Greg Unfricht Ginny Stelk Jim Stoddard	-	Helga R	Ruth Kimball	Lucy Ellis & George Bokinsky
13-Jul Pent 5	Mac Hinkel Dave Fenderson	Becky Pride	Tom LaPlante Harold Otte	Marian McCue	Tom Pettingill Terry Brown	-	Onnie & Jan	The Nicholson's	The Hastings
20-Jul Pent 6	Ed Ainsworth Rayle Ainsworth	Alison Hayward	Chuck Horton Andrew McIntosh	Jennifer Gregg	Jeff Campbell Jim Stoddard Nadine Timberlake	-	Hannah & Kely	Mark Stimson	OPEN
27-Jul Pent 7	Tom Donaldson Al Ahlers	Lad Taylor	Lowell Brown Jack Heinzman	Betsy Stoddard	Carla Birt David Robinson	-	Marcia W	Edie Tucker	OPEN
3-Aug Pent 8	Becky Pride Jim Kane	Mac Hinkel	Andrew McIntosh Charlie Hurdman	Shelly Maher	Linda Eaton Stan Eaton	-	Onnie & Jan	The Stoddards	OPEN
10-Aug Pent 9	Baer Connad Judy Oliver	Becy Pride	Tom LaPlante Chuck Horton	Mary Lygo	Nadine Timberlake Greg Unfricht	-	Pat K	The Hortons	OPEN
17-Aug Pent 10/SM	Ed Ainsworth Rayle Ainsworth	MaryAnn McLean	Jack Heinzman Lowell Brown	Harold Otte	Ginny Stelk Andrea Myles-Hunkin	-	Onnie & Jan	Ruth Kimball	OPEN
24-Aug Pent 11	Dave Fenderson Tom Donaldson	Al Ahlers	Harold Otte Charlie Hurdman	Lowell Brown	Tom Pettingill Terry Brown	-	Susan S	The Nicholson's	OPEN
31-Aug Pent 12	Mac Hinkel Al Ahlers	Alison Hayward	Tom LaPlante Andrew McIntosh	Ginny Stelk	Jeff Campbell Jim Stoddard	-	Hannah & Jan	Mark Stimson	OPEN

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



JULY 2014

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
29 The 3rd Sunday after Pentecost 8am - Traditional Eucharist followed by coffee hour 9:30am Contemporary Eucharist followed by coffee hour Congratulations Lincoln Stalk! 50 year anniversary of Ordination 6:30pm - HS Youth Group Gathering	30 9am - Monday Mindful Movements 12 - Noonday Prayer	7/1 12 - Noonday Prayer 7:00pm AA in Auditorium 7:30 AlAnon	7/2 12 - Noonday Prayer 6:30pm Mass on the Grass	7/3 12 - Noonday Prayer	7/4 Office Closed Independence Day 12 - Pray wherever you are Happy 4th of July! 5:30pm AlAnon	7/5
6 The 4th Sunday after Pentecost 8am - Traditional Eucharist followed by coffee hour 9:30am Contemporary Eucharist followed by coffee hour	7 9am - Monday Mindful Movements 12 - Noonday Prayer	8 10am OSL 12 - Noonday Prayer 4pm - Prayer Chain 7:00pm AA in Auditorium 7:30 AlAnon	9 12 - Noonday Prayer 6:30pm Mass on the Grass this week	10 12 - Noonday Prayer	11 Office Closed 12 - Pray wherever you are 5-7pm Community Souper Supper 5:30pm AlAnon Relax	12 4pm Carol/Clean Wedding 6pm - Bike Safety Clinic for everyone followed by <i>Isaiah</i> dinner and presentation. and
13 The 5th Sunday after Pentecost <i>Preacher and celebrant: Dr. David Wiggworth</i> 8am - Traditional Eucharist followed by coffee hour 9:30am Contemporary Eucharist followed by coffee hour Rejuvenate	14 9 - Budget & Finance 10am - SM Garden Club 12 - Noonday Prayer	15 9-11am - St. Marions volunteer at St. Elizabeth's Essentials Pantry 10am OSL 12 - Noonday Prayer 7:00pm AA in Auditorium	16 12 - Noonday Prayer 6:30pm Mass on the Grass	17 12 - Noonday Prayer	18 Office Closed 12 - Pray wherever you are 5:30pm AlAnon	19
20 The 6th Sunday after Pentecost 8am - Traditional Eucharist followed by coffee hour 9:30am Contemporary Eucharist followed by coffee hour	21 12 - Noonday Prayer AVE Deadline	22 10am OSL 12 - Noonday Prayer 1pm - Staff Meeting 7:00pm AA in Auditorium 7:30 AlAnon	23 12 - Noonday Prayer 6:30pm Mass on the Grass	24 12 - Noonday Prayer	25 Office Closed 12 - Pray wherever you are 5-7pm Community Souper Supper 5:30pm AlAnon	26
27 The 7th Sunday after Pentecost 8am - Traditional Eucharist followed by coffee hour 9:30am Contemporary Eucharist and Holy Baptism followed by coffee hour SOUP KITCHEN	28 12 - Noonday Prayer	29 10am OSL 12 - Noonday Prayer 7:00pm AA in Auditorium 7:30 AlAnon	30 12 - Noonday Prayer 6:30pm Mass on the Grass	31 12 - Noonday Prayer 6:30 - Dowers meet in GR	8/1 Office Closed 12 - Pray wherever you are 5:30pm AlAnon	8/2 Next Saturday is the Lobster Bake & Auction 8/9 4:30 - 8pm



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Our Worship Schedule

SUNDAY Hours

8:00am - Traditional Eucharist
9:30am - Contemporary Eucharist

MONDAY - FRIDAY

Noon Day prayer in the Chapel
and wherever you find yourself

WEDNESDAY

6:30pm—Mass on the Grass



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August 2014 AVE deadline: July 20th

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