



THE HARBOR CHART

News from the Parish of Saint Mary and Saint Jude: August 2008

Saint Mary's By-the-Sea and Parish Center, Northeast Harbor
Saint Jude's Episcopal Church, Seal Harbor
Town of Mount Desert, Maine

...for the Lord shall be unto thee an everlasting light...

Isaiah 60:19

CALENDAR

August 2-3

8:00PM

Brahms' "German Requiem"

Mount Desert

Summer Chorale

Saint Saviors Church

Bar Harbor

Saturday, August 2

10:00AM - 1:00PM

Summer Fair

Sunday, August 3

Rev. Brent Carey

Saint Mary's by-the-Sea

8:00AM: Holy Eucharist

10:00AM: Holy Eucharist

Rev. Michael Wheeler

Saint Jude's

10:00AM: Holy Eucharist

Sunday, August 10

Rev. Brent Carey

Saint Mary's by-the-Sea

8:00AM: Holy Eucharist

10:00AM: Holy Eucharist

Rev. Michael Wheeler

Saint Jude's

10:00AM: Morning Prayer

Thursday, August 14

Saint Mary's by-the-Sea

6:00PM: Concert with

musicians from

Mount Desert Island

Reception to follow

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COMMUNICATION

The fall and winter brought to light a new issue – communication. It has been said that 90% of communication is non-verbal. As four of us drifted away to our winter homes, we had to communicate more and more by e-mail and conference call. The net result was that those remaining on MDI did most of the heavy lifting on producing the Parish Profile. Drafts and ideas were exchanged and discussed, of course, but most of the hard work of editing, layout, sourcing photos, etc. was done by the Island stalwarts. Those of us “from away” had to increase our level of trust in the work of those remaining. TRUST. Perhaps the most important word in the whole process.

Although we tried to get together every month or so in NEH, most of our work at this point was conducted during a 7 AM conference call every Thursday morning.

In January, we all gathered in Northeast Harbor to present the final draft of the Profile to the Vestry and to the Canon to the Ordinary of the Diocese, Vicki Wiederkehr. With a few changes, the draft was approved and went to press. Other than to provide a framework for defining the central questions of the discernment process, the primary purpose of the Profile is to inform candidates about us.

We also felt that such a document should be of interest to the Parish as a whole and a copy was therefore sent to everyone on the Harbor Chart mailing list. It is also posted on the website and a few hard

copies are available at the church office. We encourage everyone to read and reflect on this document. Although we tried our best to represent our Parish fairly and accurately, we are still just a work in progress and our hope is that the Profile will open eyes and stimulate discussion for some time to come.

While the Profile was being prepared, we had also submitted briefer profiles to the National and State Dioceses. These were posted on their websites and available to any Episcopal priest in the country. Those interested in submitting their names responded to the Diocese of Maine by filling out a questionnaire accompanied by biographical information. These were vetted by the Diocese and then sent on to us.

We then had to decide whether, on the basis of this very limited look, a particular candidate would be suitable for SMSJ. If so, we sent them a letter asking them to reply to three questions and to send along any other information they felt might be helpful. The three questions were:

Having read the Profile, what interests you in this position?

What is your experience in dealing with a diverse congregation?

What experience have you had in building congregations?

Every member of the DC received copies of these responses. We reviewed them and

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ADMINISTRATION AND STAFF

The Right Reverend
Chilton R. Knudsen
Bishop of Maine

The Right Reverend
Steven Lane
Bishop Coadjudicor
Reverend

Patricia Rome Robertson
Pastor as of September 1
Dr. Peter Vaux
Director of Music
Kerry Kenney
Parish Administrator
Lois Leavenworth
Sexton

THE VESTRY 2008-2009

Peter Vaux *Senior Warden*
Mary Lee Bayne *Junior Warden*

Ephron Catlin
Jonathan Daggett
Alan Gregory *Treasurer*
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Linda Lewis
Michael R. MacDonald
Maude R. March *Clerk*
Nancy McCormick
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Phyllis Partridge

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then decided whom we would take to the next step – the telephone interview. The phone interviews presented a real challenge for both the DC and the candidate. We had just over an hour on average to accomplish this with everyone on a different phone via conference call. We had nine such interviews and the logistics of getting everyone on the phone at the same time was certainly comparable to the difficulties of herding cats.

The winnowing process continued after the phone interviews. More DC conferencing to choose the candidates whom we would engage in the next level of the process – Home Parish visits. Teams of DC members, always a mix of summer and year round residents, made a total of four such visits.

Diocesan protocol requires that we visit viable candidates at their home parish, get to know them and their spouse and children on a more personal basis, see them preach and celebrate and interview any references that had not already been conducted over the phone. The next step after that would be to invite them to Maine with their family to meet the entire DC over a weekend.

Since the DC gathered so rarely in Maine, we asked the Diocese for permission to invite one candidate to Maine before the stipulated parish visit so we could use our March meeting to best advantage. Permission was given and we agreed to invite Patricia Robertson who had so impressed us during the phone interview and was also available on short notice since she was currently on sabbatical. It was a joyous and informative weekend for all and, by virtue of that visit, Patricia became the benchmark for the other candidates that we were then considering.

During the next three weeks, we made

three additional parish visits (including Patricia) and then had the momentous telephone conference to discuss those remaining three candidates and to decide whether to invite the other two to Maine. Each of the other two candidates had been visited by only three members of the DC and the level of trust in each other's judgment had to be elevated once again.

The rest, as they say is history. We decided that, as good as the other candidates were, Patricia Robertson was clearly superior and we voted to send her name to the Vestry.

Some parenthetical notes. The Diocese of Maine stipulates that the vestry of a parish must charge a separate committee to conduct the discernment process. Other than approving the Parish Profile, the vestry is completely out of the loop until one name is presented to them by the DC. They get to read materials on the candidate but there is no contact whatsoever with the candidate. They must vote solely on the recommendation of the DC.

It is also a requirement that all candidates who come to Maine be interviewed by the Bishop. Patricia was actually interviewed by both Bishop Knudsen and Bishop Lane (at Friendly's in Ellsworth!). Although they were unstinting in their praise of our rector-to-be, they do not have the power to promote one candidate over another. The Bishop is not at all involved in the process (except for procedural issues) until the Vestry has voted to call a new rector.

Robin Graves once said and still feels that her involvement with the Discernment Committee was by far the most meaningful volunteer work she has ever done. I think I can speak for all of us when I say that we share that sentiment.

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LECTIONARY

Sunday, August 3

Genesis 32:22-31
Psalm 17: 1-7, 16 or
Isaiah 55:1-5
Psalm 145: 8-9, 15-22
Romans 9:1-5
Matthew 14:13-21

Sunday, August 10

Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28
Psalm 105, 1-6, 16-22, 45b or
1 Kings 19:9-18
Psalm 85:8-13
Romans 10:5-15
Matthew 14:22-33

Sunday, August 17

Genesis 45:1-15
Psalm 133 or
Isaiah 56:1, 6-8
Psalm 67
Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32
Matthew 15: (10-20), 21-28

Sunday, August 24

Exodus 1:8-2:10
Psalm 124 or
Isaiah 51:1-6
Psalm 138
Romans 12:1-8
Matthew 16:13-20

Sunday, August 31

Exodus 3:1-15
Psalm 105:1-6, 23-26, 45c or
Jeremiah 15:15-21
Psalm 26 or 26:1-8
Romans 12:9-21
Matthew 16:21-27

From the Editor
Sydney Roberts Rockefeller encourages news and articles from all parishioners and friends by the 15th of the month.

Please send them to the church or to
<sydr@downeast.net>
or call her at (207) 276 5650

From the time almost a year ago when we entered that room at the Somesville Fire House, the nine members of your Discernment Committee have shared a remarkable journey. Our perceptions of each other, our Parish and ourselves have changed dramatically and for the better. Our embrace of mutual trust, our recognition and



Minturn (Mike) Chace, Jean Fernald, Michael MacDonald, Co-Chair, Robin Reath Graves, Dorothy Clunan, Karol Hagberg, Maude March, Ephron Catlin, III, Co-Chair, and Christine Strawbridge.

acceptance of community and commonality of purpose and our love of and faith in the remarkable Parish of Saint Mary and Saint Jude have truly been gifts beyond compare.

We hope and pray that what we have achieved will serve as a template for every member of this Parish. We can accomplish wondrous things if each of us would work together in love and trust. Let us begin.

Faithfully yours,
Ephron Catlin III, Co-Chair
For The Discernment Committee:

SUMMER FAIR SATURDAY, AUGUST 2

Silent Auction • White Elephant • Crafts • Flowers • Produce • Lunch
Children's Activities • Lunch Tent • Hot Dogs • Lemonade

DONATIONS

Auction articles, White Elephant (no Clothes/Books),
Baked Goods, Jams, Jellies, Crafts, Flowers, Produce

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Maude March (276 3963)
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FUNDS

will support many local charities

CALENDAR

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Saint Mary's by-the-Sea
6:00PM: Choral Evensong

August 14-16

Saint Mary's by-the-Sea
Flower Festival

Sunday, August 17

Saint Mary's by-the-Sea
a single service
10:00AM: Holy Eucharist
Rt. Reverend Stephen Lane
Dedication of Restoration
and Confirmation service
Rev. Michael Wheeler

Saint Jude's
8:00AM: Holy Eucharist

Sunday August 24

Saint Mary's by-the-Sea
Mary Reath
8:00AM: Holy Eucharist
10:00AM: Holy Eucharist
Saint Jude's
10:00AM: Holy Eucharist

Thursday, August 28

3:00PM: Finance Meeting
4:00PM: Vestry Meeting

Sunday August 31

Saint Mary's by-the-Sea
Rev Patricia Rome
Robertson
8:00AM: Holy Eucharist
10:00AM: Holy Eucharist
Saint Jude's
10:00AM: Holy Eucharist

Sunday, September 28

4:00PM: Celebration of
New Ministry for
Rev. Patricia
Rome Robertson
Bishop Lane, Celebrant

Tuesdays

2:00PM: Bible Study

Thursdays

7:30PM: Bible Study
"Sand Point"

Sundays

6:00PM: Sunset Service
"Rosserne"



Rehoboth Welsh Choir at Saint Mary's on June 27. They take their name from Chapel Rohoboth/Welsh Church in Delta, Pennsylvania, one of the few remaining Welsh Congregations in the United States.

SPECIAL EVENTS

August 2-3

8PM

Brahms "German Requiem"
Mount Desert Summer Chorale
Saint Savior's Church

Thursday, August 14

6PM

Concert

Vocal & Instrumental Music
Guest Musicians from MDI including Sarah St. Denis, Clare Monfredo,
Stephen Sampson, Emma Stanley, and Christie Spurling
Reception to follow
Saint Mary's by-the-Sea

August 14-16

(11AM-4PM)

Flower Festival
Saint Mary's by-the-Sea

Sunday, August 17

9AM

Dedication of Church Restoration and Confirmation
Right Reverend Stephen Lane, Celebrant

PARISH DIRECTORY

The 2008 edition of the Parish Directory is now available at church on Sundays or in the Parish office during the week. Please check your listing for accuracy, and let Kerry Kenny know if there are any corrections to be made. Parish office: 276 5588. We will be printing small numbers of the Directory throughout the summer so that corrections may be made right away!

COMMITTEES

ALTAR GUILD

Jackie Agnese
 Carolyn Drew
 Karol Hagberg
 Marilyn Mays
 Nancy Nimick
 Phyllis Partridge
 Kathy Suminsby

CENTENNIAL
FUND

Daniel Larson, Jr
 Sally Merchant
 Dewitt Sage
 Peter Vaux
 William J. Wood,
 Priest-In-Charge

EDUCATION

Jean Fernald
 Maude March
 Callie Mitchell
 Hannah Vaux
 Janet Stratton

MEMORIALS

Jackie Agnese,
 Altar Guild
 Walter Knudsen,
 Buildings and Grounds
 Alan Gregory,
 Finance
 Kathy Suminsby,
 At Large
 Peter Vaux,
 Senior Warden
 Mary Lee Bayne,
 Junior Warden
 William J. Wood,
 Priest-In-Charge

STROUD FUND

Karol Hagberg
 Carolyn Drew
 Lauri Fernald
 Beth Howie
 Sheila Smallidge
 Jane Fenno-Vaux



Bayard H. Roberts
 February 3, 1912 - June 8, 2008
 The Memorial Service
 was on July 19



Percifor (Perky) Frazer
 August 20, 1921 - July 18, 2008
 The Memorial Service
 was on July 25

PREACHER ON SUNDAY, AUGUST 24

I want introduce you to my new book Rome & Canterbury, The Elusive Search for Unity.

Rome & Canterbury describes the theological dialogue and ecumenical progress that's been made between the Anglican Communion and the Roman Catholic Church, which is one aspect of the Ecumenical Movement, the worldwide project that works to make Christianity one in some new sense. While this work is complex and unpredictable, there has been unmistakable theological and practical progress. More unites than separates these two churches. - Mary Reath

"This is terrific! an amazingly concise but really interesting overview of a long and complex history that I wish we could put in the hands of every diocesan ecumenical officer." —The Rev. Canon David Veal, Episcopal Diocesan Ecumenical Officers

Praise for Rome and Canterbury:

"A hugely valuable resource, representing a lot of careful work on the sources; but also the sense of your own personal spiritual questioning in these pages makes it still more helpful." —The Most Rev. Rowan Williams, Archbishop of Canterbury

"An important and timely contribution to ecumenical dialogue." —The Rt. Rev. Frank T. Griswold III, former Presiding Bishop and Primate of the Episcopal Church in America.

"She tells a fascinating story with insight and commitment." —The Rev. Dr. John Polkinghorne, physicist and Anglican priest



Emily Carey and Brian Walsh prepare for the first Sunset Service of the summer.

