



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

Isaiah 60:19

## CALENDAR

### Sunday, May 1

Second Sunday in Easter  
Saint Mary's Chapel  
8AM: Holy Eucharist  
9:00AM: Adult Forum  
10AM: Holy Eucharist  
The Reverend  
Patricia Rome Robertson

### Wednesday, May 4

No Contemplative Prayer

### Saturday, May 7

9:00AM: Hymn Sing  
9:00AM: Buildings and  
Grounds

### Sunday, May 8

#### Mother's Day

Third Sunday of Easter  
8:00AM: Holy Eucharist  
9:00AM: Adult Forum  
10:00AM: Holy Eucharist  
Sermon: Moorhead Kennedy  
The Reverend  
Patricia Rome Robertson

### Wednesday, May 11

4:45PM: Contemplative  
Prayer and Study  
Saint Mary's Parish Hall

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# THE HARBOR CHART

News from the Parish of Saint Mary and Saint Jude: May 2011

Saint Mary's by-the-Sea and Parish Center, Northeast Harbor

Saint Jude's Episcopal Church, Seal Harbor

Town of Mount Desert, Maine

## ANNUAL MEETING, PART 2 SUNDAY, MAY 29: AFTER WORSHIP

Our 2011 annual meeting will reconvene on Sunday, May 29, following one worship service that will begin at 9:30AM. Following brunch, our agenda will include reports from our retiring senior warden, Dorothy Clunan, our rector, Patricia Robertson, and our retiring Treasurer, Alan Gregory. Those gathered will elect new members to the Vestry and a new Senior Warden (our Junior Warden, Janet Stratton will continue to serve for the second year of her term). Also elected will be a new member of the Memorial Committee. The new Vestry will meet briefly afterwards to elect a new Clerk and Treasurer.

This meeting is the opportunity for both local and seasonal folks to mix together, get to know one another and share in their enthusiasm and responsibility for the life of the vibrant parish. We hope to see many of you there!

## ANNUAL MEETING NOMINEES

*No one shall be elected a Warden or a member of the Vestry who is not a lay communicant in good standing, and a stated contributor to, and worshipper in, the parish for which he or she is elected. No one shall be elected a Warden who is not of full legal age, or a member of the Vestry who is not at least 15 years of age. Wardens and members of the Vestry shall meet the eligibility standards of the laws of Maine. In every Parish, a majority of the members of the Vestry shall be persons of full legal age. Diocese of Maine Canon 21, section 1.*

*Prior to the annual meeting, the Vestry shall nominate a slate of candidates for election to the Vestry and publish the same to the parish. Additional nominations may be made by any parish member provided such nominations are submitted to the parish office in writing not later than 5 days prior to the annual meeting. Any such nomination must be accompanied by the nominee's own statement that, if elected, he or she is willing to serve. Nominations will not be accepted from the floor of the annual meeting. (Parish By-laws, section third)*

## THE VESTRY NOMINATES FOR ELECTION BY THE PARISH

### For election to Vestry:

Elizabeth Carey, Donald Graves, and Nancy McCormick,

For election to the Memorial Committee: Jacquelyn Lowe

## CALENDAR

*(Continued from page one)***Saturday, May 14**5:00PM: House Church  
Beth and Joe Renault's**Sunday, May 15***Fourth Sunday in Easter*  
8AM: Holy Eucharist  
9:00AM: Adult Forum  
10AM: Holy Eucharist  
Reverend Patricia  
Rome Robertson**Wednesday, May 17**4:45PM: Contemplative  
Prayer and Study  
Saint Mary's Parish Hall**Thursday, May 19**4PM: Finance Meeting  
Rector's Study**Friday, May 20***Musical Evening*  
Songs of the Sea  
Beth and Joe Renault's**Sunday, May 22***Fifth Sunday in Easter*  
8AM: Holy Eucharist  
10AM: Holy Eucharist  
The Reverend  
Vesta Kowalski**Wednesday, May 25**4:45PM: Contemplative  
Prayer and Study  
Saint Mary's Parish Hall**Thursday, May 26**3:45PM: Vestry Meeting  
Rector's Office*(Continued on page three)*

**D**ear Friends in Christ,  
We were gathered in the home of Anne and Morris Kellett in Villanova, Pennsylvania to talk about the parish. The living room was so full that some folks were standing and others sitting in chairs in the hall way. The conversation was thoughtful and animated as I described to those gathered how the Christian church across the country is challenged by the major changes and challenges that are happening to all of us. We talked about everything from the change in the role of the church in society to the absence of young leadership in many of our churches. I shared perspectives on the changes in Maine and the economic challenges of living here and sustaining and growing a vital community and parish. George and I were deeply impressed by all of the dedicated folks who came to see each other and learn more about what is happening at Saint Mary and Saint Jude. The energy and prayer in the room will sustain and uphold us in the days to come.

I arrived home in time to attend another gathering in a home in Bar Harbor. The team of wardens, treasurers and priests from the four Episcopal Churches on the island were gathered for dinner with our Bishop, Steve, and his canon, Vicki, to reflect on our six months of engaging in various forms of collaborative ministry. Again conversation was thoughtful, challenging and full of energy for the life of the church among us. We have accomplished much in what has been a year of first conversation and then specific action together. Specifically, we no longer view ourselves as being in competition for members; we enjoy joint worship and a full church; the clergy have benefited from a real sense of team and support for one another; new projects and ideas have emerged from our efforts that will have longstanding effects.

One of the major challenges that all churches face (in most cases) is a decrease in members. We have someone among us here who continually says that we must find more members. And that has been a huge effort across the church for a number of years – getting folks in the door. As I reflected on both of these gatherings, I realized that there is a major shift happening and I believe that it is one that we need to support. We are beginning to move from a church that is focusing on membership to one that is focusing on relationship. We are moving from being a church that gathers in, to being the Body of Christ that moves into the world around us. Instead of worrying about bringing people in, we are beginning to help people move out. We are, in the words of Peter Steinke, promoting a “Door Set Open” – one which urges the sharing of Christ in our daily lives and in our community. This shift at the moment is almost imperceptible, but I can see and feel its effects. Focusing on relationships turns the energy away from ourselves and into the world where Christ awaits us. Perhaps you can sense that shift too.



The Reverend Patricia  
Rome Robertson

By the time you receive this we will be in the season of Easter – that season of encounter with the Risen Christ. You may experience Him at worship on Sunday and if you are looking, you will experience Him on the road of your life. Let's shift our focus from membership to relationship. Whenever you are here, make it a point to get to know one new person a week, whether a part of the church or not. Let's open the doors of our churches and our hearts to encounter the Risen Christ who makes all things new!

Easter Blessings to all of you,

*Patricia +*

## CALENDAR

*(Continued from page two)***Sunday, May 29***Sixth Sunday in Easter*

8AM: Holy Eucharist

9:00AM: Adult Forum

10AM: Holy Eucharist

and Sunday School

The Reverend Patricia

Rome Robertson

Saint Mary's Chapel

**Monday, May 30***Memorial Day*

Church Office closed

**Every Saturday**

9:30AM : AA

Saint Mary's Parish Hall

## ELIZABETH HARDY CAREY

It is a great privilege to serve on the vestry of Saint Mary/Saint Jude. My earliest life memories include moments at Saint Mary's – like being a flower girl in my aunt and uncle's wedding in the summer of 1970, walking up the street to church on July Sundays with all sorts of extended family, and learning the canticles in the choir. Worshipping at Saint Mary's has been part of most every summer of my life. No matter where I've lived, the summer community has been a constant for me.



Most wonderfully, I see my children learning and growing in much the same way I

did. Although I am a “cradle Episcopalian,” it took marrying a priest of the church for me to really understand how crucial the work of the vestry is.

Ironically, being the wife of the rector has precluded my ability to serve on any other vestry the past 15 years. My love of Mount Desert and my desire to support its institutions has become a guiding principle for me. What better way to stick to this than to tackle the work that needs doing – even if from a distance.

I've done this with suc-

cess on behalf of other organizations on the island and now have an opportunity to do so for Saint Mary/Saint Jude.

## DONALD GRAVES

I was born on Mount Desert Island and baptized at Saint Mary's in 1948. Since that time, I attended Saint Mary's first with my grandmother and, when I began to bring my family in the late 1960's, with my wife Margot and two daughters.

After college in New Hampshire and graduate school in New York City, we joined the Presbyterian Church. A career with British Petroleum led to our transfer to southern California, where we joined the Placentia Presbyterian Church. I served two terms as Ruling Elder and one term as Deacon in



the church there. My wife currently is a Ruling Elder at Placentia Presbyterian Church.

My business career involved senior management roles in two British-owned companies, where I was responsible for the sales growth and marketing activities of both. I also was the Dartmouth College District Enrollment Director for Orange County for over 25 years.

After the loss of our 18-year old daughter, Tempe, in 1971, our ties to both our California church and Saint

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Mary's deepened as through God's grace we were healed by the love and prayers of the members of both churches.

Today, I am Chair of the Hispanic Committee in our California Church and, through the Men's Ministry there, I am leading a drive to build a new sanctuary for a Pentecostal church serving migrant workers in southern Baja, California. I additionally participate in an On-The-Go ministry, driving seniors to appointments and doctors both in California and on MDI. As well, I do computer consulting and job search support at the NEH Library and in Huntington Beach, California. Since retirement, life has become busier and

more fulfilling for me.

I am humbled by the opportunity to serve on the Vestry. The island community nurtured my mother and grandparents when my father was killed in WWII, prior to my birth. The love I have for the island community is in part a reflection of the love that they have showed to me and my family over the years. I believe each of us is called to be in relationship to God, that God is connected with our own nature. It is my hope that, in serving the congregation of Saint Mary's/Saint Jude's and those in need of the saving grace of God on MDI and in Maine, I can return some of the many blessings that have been given me.

## N A N C Y M C C O R M A C K &amp; M A U D E M A R C H

I have lived and worked as an artist on Mount Desert Island for most of my adult life. My husband Paul and I have two college age children, Nina and Clare. Nina is about to graduate. I have attended Saint Marys and Saint Judes for over twenty- five years.

This will be my third term on the vestry. I am honored to be asked and hope I will be able to contribute in a meaningful way. The church has always been an important and vital part of my life and my children's life on this island.

I especially look forward to working with Patricia

I have lived on MDI for most of my adult life, have raised four children here and my husband John and I always look forward to having grandchildren visit during the summer. I have had many jobs over the years,

but think my community endeavors have given me the most meaning (substitute teaching, Acadia Community Theater, both acting and Board Member, and, of

course, Saint Mary's/Saint Jude's work: being a chalice bearer, acting as Clerk for many years, ECW work, reading at the services, and directing the Pageant).

I look forward to serving you as Senior Warden.



Our Fair Ladies join the Vestry

FROM  
THE EDITOR

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For updates on Haiti please contact Karin Draper <[haiti-mainechair@ymail.com](mailto:haiti-mainechair@ymail.com)> & <http://www.worldwidevillage.org/leogane-community-health-initiative>. The Episcopal Church Office of Public Affairs

A significant video offering a first-hand tour of the devastated Holy Trinity Cathedral in Port Au Prince, Haiti, is available on the Episcopal Church website here: <http://www.episcopalchurch.org/haitiappeal/>

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## THE VESTRY

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## MUSIC EVENINGS &amp; CHORALE

We have recently launched a series of monthly MDI Musical Evenings and we hope that you will consider joining us for any that pique your interest. At the first Evening, we sang madrigals and listened to piano music of Schubert and Chopin. In March, there were Celtic songs followed by classical guitar music. These gatherings are held in people's homes around the island and are definitely informal – pot-luck desserts provide an ample opportunity for socializing. Here is the program for the next several months.

For more information, please contact Peter Vaux, Susan Buell, or Stephen Sampson.

✧ April 29: *Spirituals*. Hosted by Sydney Roberts Rockefeller (Seal Harbor).

✧ May 20: *Songs of the Sea*. Hosted by Beth & Joe Renault (Somesville).

✧ June 24:  
*Music for Cello & Piano*. (Bill Myers & Julia Morris-Myers).  
Location t.b.a

✧ July 22: *Harpicords-Their Music & the Art of Building Them*. (Hosted by Steve and Mary Ann Mahoney (Somesville).

✧ August 26 (provisional date): *Music of William Hawley*, presented by the composer.

*Let There Be Light*

Over forty years ago, John Harms, summer organist at Saint Mary's by-the-Sea, founded the Mount Desert Summer Chorale. This August, under the direction of David Schildkret, the Chorale will be performing Haydn's masterpiece oratorio "Creation". This music is glorious.

For example, the first movement relates the words of Genesis 1:1-4. A hushed chorus sings, "God said, Let

there be light. And there was LIGHT." On this last word, the chorus suddenly changes from pianissimo to a fortissimo, an electrifying, explosion of sound. Truly unforgettable music! Don't miss it! August 6 & 7.

If you are interested in singing with the Chorale this year, you can find more information on the website:

[www.mountdesertsummerchorale.org](http://www.mountdesertsummerchorale.org).

Alternatively, please contact Peter Vaux.



Stephen Sampson's playing entrances 3 small listeners at Saint John's.



*The Creation* by Michaelangelo (detail)

JACKIE LOWE

I have been a summer resident in Northeast Harbor for 15 years, but previously spent many years vacationing in Ogunquit, Maine where my mother grew up. I live in Dallas, Texas where my husband is a law professor at Southern Methodist University, and, until recently, I taught at the Hockaday School. Being drawn back here along with my family to enjoy the beauty of Acadia, and sailing



along the coast. I have been a member of Saint Mary's/Saint Jude's for ten years and am also a member of Saint Michael and All Angels Episcopal Church in Dallas. In Dallas, I have been involved with Saint Michael's mission trips to Honduras, as well as a prayer friend to a student at the Amistad Mission Orphanage in Bolivia. I am honored to be a part of Saint Mary's Memorial Fund Committee.

UPCOMING

Acadia Senior College was founded 10 years ago by parishioner Jim Clunan with enormous help from his wife Dorothy, SMBTS's Senior Warden. The College's 3rd Annual Art Exhibit has been held at the NEH Library in the past, but a scheduling issue made the committee explore other sites. Although unheated, the Great Harbor Maritime Museum in the old firehouse seemed a good experiment.

ASC artists were invited to think about

Celebrate!250 as a theme and everyone is encouraged to come to the **Gala party on**

**Thursday, April 28th** and to join in the workshops! Heat will be provided!

“You Then/You Now” photo-shoots will be staged during the reception. Bring an early photo of yourself and props for a now photo. It will be fun!

Full disclosure: Jim Clunan is on the museum's board, your Harbor Chart editor is on the museum's board, is a former member of ASC's board,

Contemplative Study and Prayer to return to Saint Mary's Chapel. Beginning Wednesday, May 11, Contemplative study will be held in Saint Mary's Chapel, beginning at 4:45 pm. Contemplative Evening Prayer (with 20 minutes of silence) will begin at 5:30 pm. Those who gather will choose the topic or book for study.

### HAITIAN CONNECTION

The quarterly meeting of the Haiti Maine Companion Committee is coming up on Saturday, April 30 at 10:30AM. We will be meeting at Saint Ann's Church in Windham, just off the River Road. Please see the Google map connection below to find directions. The agenda will include a presentation by Marti Torbeck and friends, who have just returned from Haiti.

If there are any questions about the meeting, please contact me at my cell phone number below. Directions: <http://maps.google.com/maps?hl=en&tab=wl>

Karin H. Draper, Chair  
Haiti-Maine Companion Committee  
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### WHAT IS EASTER?

Three stupid guys just died and are at the pearly gates of heaven. Saint Peter tells them that they can enter the gates if they can answer one simple question

Saint Peter asks the first man, "WHAT IS EASTER?" The man replies, "Oh, that's easy, it's the holiday in November when everybody gets together, eats turkey, and is thankful..."

"WRONG," replies Saint Peter, and proceeds to ask the second man the same question, "WHAT IS EASTER?"

The second man replies, "No, Easter is the holiday in December when we put up a nice tree, exchange presents, and celebrate the birth of Jesus."

Saint Peter looks at the second man, shakes his head in disgust, looks at the third man and asks, "WHAT IS EASTER?"

The third man smiles and looks Saint Peter in the eye.

"I know what Easter is. Easter is the Christian holiday that coincides with the Jewish celebration of Passover. Jesus and his disciples were eating at the last supper and He was later deceived and turned over to the Romans by one of his disciples. The Romans took Him to be crucified and was stabbed Him in the side, made Him wear a crown of thorns, and He was hung on a cross. He was buried in a nearby cave which was sealed off by a large boulder. Every year the boulder is moved aside so that Jesus can come out, and if He sees his shadow there will be six more weeks of winter."



Anne and Morris Kellett kindly hosted a gathering at their house in Villanova on April 7th where Patricia described to those gathered how the Christian church across the country is challenged by the major changes and challenges that are happening to all of us. They talked about the change in the role of the church in society to the absence of young leadership in many of our churches.

