



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

Isaiah 60:19

THE HARBOR CHART

News from the Parish of Saint Mary and Saint Jude: February 2011/March 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

In the midst of a deep Maine winter, thirty-eight people gathered for the first part of our 2011 Annual meeting. After the scrumptious food was enjoyed and the children had gone out to play in the snow, the meeting was called to order. Dorothy Clunan, Jim Clunan, Phyllis Partridge, and George Robertson were elected as delegates to our Diocesan Convention. Kathy Suminsby and Sydney Roberts Rockefeller were elected as alternates. Our Treasurer announced that we finished 2010 in great financial shape, with a surplus that could put some money back in the Leadership Fund.

(While the 2011 budget is balanced, we continue to need everyone to step up with pledging and to think hard about our new planned giving program.)

Daniel Larson, representing the Centennial Fund Trustees, reviewed the fund's (solid) performance. His close relationship to his uncle, David Scull, who founded the Fund, led to a poignant but serious discussion of the definition of Mr. Scull's definition of "the work of the parish," which has been used thus far for capital expenditures: building and renovation.

Our Rector shared the developing work of the Vestry on specific goals and fielded questions on the Episcopal collaboration underway on Mount Desert Island. She assured the group that any permanent changes that affect us would require consent on the part of the elected Vestry and the parish. While we are constituted as a separate parish, however, it is to our benefit to engage in mission and ministry. Such ongoing activity should enliven ministry in all of the parishes. Future focus of our parish needs to be on mission and she sited the examples of the prayer shawl ministry as well as the "ice cream" give away last summer. Our engagement with the community in service and prayer is essential.

The 3rd Annual Celtic Cross Award for exemplary service was given to Kathryn Knowles Suminsby, not only for all her SMBTS work but especially for her remarkable dedication to making the services at Sonogee so significant to their attendees.

The Annual report has been emailed to many and is also available on our website on the Vestry page. If you want one mailed to you please contact our office.

CALENDAR

Wednesday, February 2

4:30PM: Contemplative
Prayer and Study
Somesville Meeting House
Parish Hall

Saturday, February 5

9AM: Hymn Sing, Saint
Mary's Chapel
5PM: House Church
Parish Hall
Saint Mary's Chapel

Sunday, February 6

*Fifth Sunday after
the Epiphany*

8AM: Holy Eucharist
10AM: Holy Eucharist
The Reverend
Emily-Blair Stribling

Wednesday, February 9

4:30PM: Contemplative
Prayer and Study
Somesville Meeting House
Parish Hall

Friday, February 11

7PM: MDI Musical Evening
Linda Lewis' House

Sunday, February 13

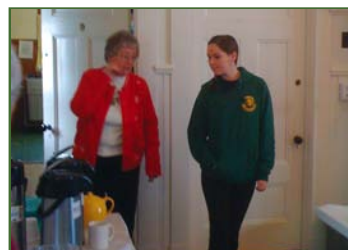
*Sixth Sunday after
the Epiphany*

8AM: Holy Eucharist
10AM: Holy Eucharist
The Reverend
Vesta Kowalski

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Will Renault's first time as Acolyte on January 23rd.



The Norwoods starred behind the scenes at the Annual Meeting.



A standing ovation for Kathy Suminsby after her award.

CALENDAR

*(Continued from page one)***Wednesday, February 16**

1PM: Finance Committee
 Rectory's Study
 4:30PM: Contemplative
 Prayer and Study
 Somesville Meeting House
 Parish Hall

Sunday, February 20

*Seventh Sunday
 after Epiphany*
 8AM: Holy Eucharist
 10AM: Holy Eucharist
 The Reverend Patricia
 Rome Robertson

Wednesday, February 23

4:30PM: Contemplative
 Prayer and Study
 Somesville Meeting
 House Parish Hall

Thursday, February 24

3:45: Vestry Meeting
 Rector's Study

Sunday, February 27

*Eighth Sunday after
 the Epiphany*
 8AM: Holy Eucharist
 10AM: Holy Eucharist
 The Reverend Patricia
 Rome Robertson

Wednesday, March 2

4:30PM: Contemplative
 Prayer and Study
 Somesville Meeting
 House Parish Hall

Saturday, March 5

9AM: Hymn Sing,
 Saint Mary's Chapel
 5PM: House Church
 Parish Hall
 Saint Mary's Chapel

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Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ, I am writing this letter to you in the midst of a real Nor'easter. The snow is wet and heavy. The wind is ferocious! And the power has gone out. The word is that much of Washington and Hancock Counties are without power so it could be quite a while before we have power again. We are so used to having electricity readily available that it's hard to imagine how we can do without it. Without it, there is no oil, heat, or hot water, no light to read by, no TV, no refrigeration and no replenishing the battery of this computer. Power outages give us an opportunity to reflect on how dependent we've become on our energy sources.

Some folks have been saying that the power has gone out of the church, too. Certainly the importance of church in people's lives has greatly diminished over the last century – even for folks who belong to the church and certainly for those who now ignore it. But what if the church had a real power outage and closed its doors? How dependent is our society on the power of the churches? I think that it is more than folks realize. Our church communities are stewards of hope and justice. They remind all of us of the importance of the good and the necessary battle against evil. They (we!) are communities that nurture values of compassion and respect for the dignity of all people.

The source of the power of the church does not go away in a storm. If anything that source, divine life, strengthens us and renews us in the midst of turbulent times. One of the many values of worship is the renewing of our relationships with Christ and each other so that we can carry that power into the world wherever we are.

By the time you receive this issue of the Harbor Chart some of us will have already gathered for the first part of our Annual meeting. In the Annual report you will see how the power of Christ is emerging in this community. One most obvious evidence is

seen in our financial state of being. In June I stood before you at an all-parish meeting and challenged you to greater financial commitment so that we could close a \$50,000 gap in our annual budget. Some of you responded immediately with increased pledges. Others went out and asked folks to pledge or increase their pledges. Still others who don't pledge but do participate made contributions.

And some friends of the parish stepped up, too. You will see that instead of ending the year \$20,000 in the hole, we ended 2010 with a \$30,000 surplus. It is your power of commitment and love – Christ in you! – that made it happen.

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The Reverend Patricia
 Rome Robertson

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CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER AND STUDY

CALENDAR

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Sunday, March 6

Last Sunday after the Epiphany

8AM: Holy Eucharist
The Reverend Patricia Rome Robertson
Saint Mary's Chapel
10AM: Joint MDI Worship
Saint Saviour's, Bar Harbor

Wednesday, March 9

Ash Wednesday

Noon: ECW Meeting
5PM: Holy Eucharist & Ashes
Saint Mary's Chapel.
No Contemplative Prayers.

Sunday, March 13

First Sunday in Lent

8AM: Holy Eucharist
10AM: Holy Eucharist
The Reverend Patricia Rome Robertson

Wednesday, March 16

1PM: Finance Meeting

Rector's Study

4:30PM: Contemplative Prayer and Study
Somesville Meeting House Parish Hall

Sunday, March 20

Second Sunday in Lent

8AM: Holy Eucharist
10AM: Holy Eucharist
The Reverend Patricia Rome Robertson

Wednesday, March 23

2PM: Finance Committee

4:30PM: Contemplative Study and Prayer
Somesville Meeting House Parish Hall

Thursday, March 24

3:45: Vestry Meeting
Rector's Study

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Contemplative Prayer/Book Study meets on **Wednesdays, 4:30PM to 5:45PM** at the Somesville Meeting House, Parish Hall

Conversation on the book we are reading begins at 4:30PM and Contemplative Prayer (chanting, silence and prayer) begins at 5:15PM. This study/prayer group is open to anyone interested, so bring your friends and stop by any time. Led by The Reverend Patricia Rome Robertson.

MDI EPISCOPALIANS

March 3: The Last Sunday after the Epiphany: Come to joint worship service at **10AM on Sunday, March 3 at Saint Saviour's** in Bar Harbor.

WHAT ARE YOUR LEADERS READING?

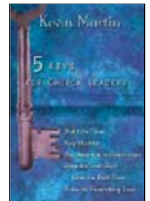
Door Set Open by Peter Steinke

The leadership team for the MDI Collaboration is reading this book together which focuses on healthy churches and engagement in mission. The group hopes to offer a Lenten study on what it means to focus on mission.



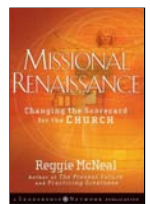
5 Keys for Church Leaders by Kevin Martin

The Vestry has completed study of this book which we started in June. It gives a thorough overview of specific ways to strengthen congregational ministry and vitality. This will serve as a resource in setting goals for the coming year



Missional Renaissance by Reggie McNeal

The Vestry is beginning to read this provocative book that challenges us to re-think how we do our life together and how we engage in ministry and encourages us to get out in the community to be a blessing to all we encounter.



You are encouraged to join us in reading these books and give us your reflections!

REFLECTIONS (Continued from page two)

There are many other ways that you have blessed this community through your participating and life this past year. The challenge to do so will continue. Your Vestry will work hard to keep you connected but also to reach out to this community to foster life and blessing in a place that really needs it. The power of Christ is released as well serve each other and give substantially of ourselves.

Thank you all for your inspiring power of commitment and love to this parish. And thanks be to God for each and every one of you! With prayers of Blessing for you and yours,

Patricia +

2010 IN PICTURES



2010 Annual Meeting



MDI Episcopalians meet at the Church of Our Father.



SaintJude's roof work



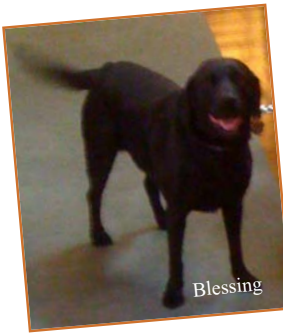
Senior Warden's chat at Saint John's.



Blessing of the Fleet



Full house for the concert



Blessing



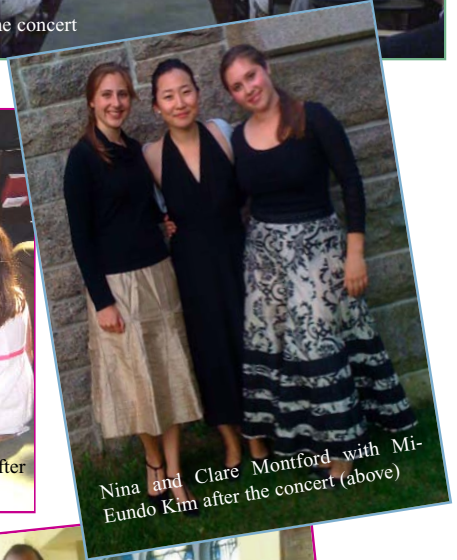
of the animals



Bishop Grew baptizes his cousins children



Small cousins gather after the Christening



Nina and Clare Montford with Mi-Eundo Kim after the concert (above)



Choir led by David Schildkret



Church breakfast



Mahoney's build, donate, and play the harpsichord.



Sara Fraley (on piano) and Kathy Suminsby conduct a Sonogee Service



Leaving the first joint MDI Episcopal Service at Saint Mary's by-the-Sea on October 24th.



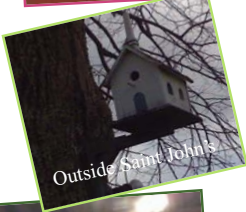
Haitian Art Sale at Redfield's



Vladimir Reed at Saint Jude's



Christmas Decorations thanks to Beth Renault's vision.



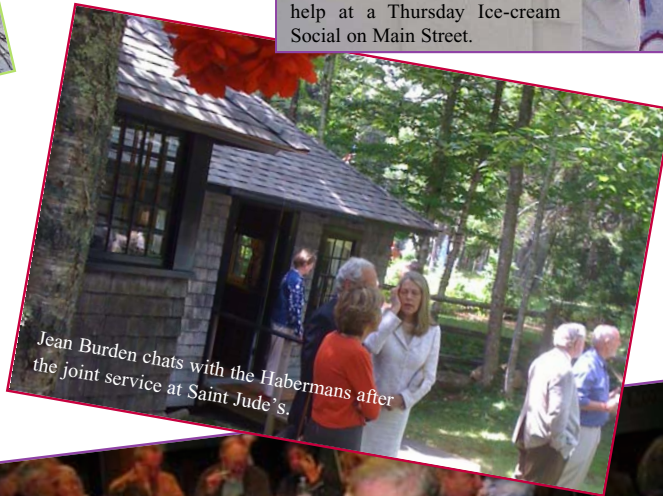
Outside Saint John's



Nancy Harris and Flopsy Borda help at a Thursday Ice-cream Social on Main Street.



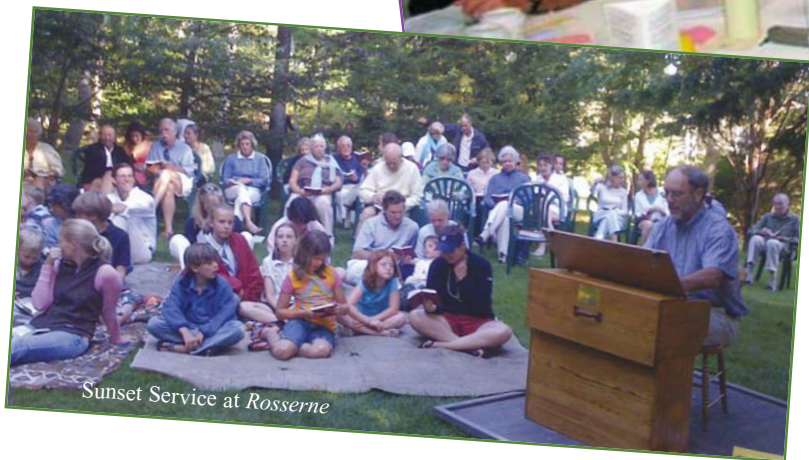
Patricia+ introduces David Schildkret as pianist. Clayton Smith prepares for the Verdi's Messiah Sing along.



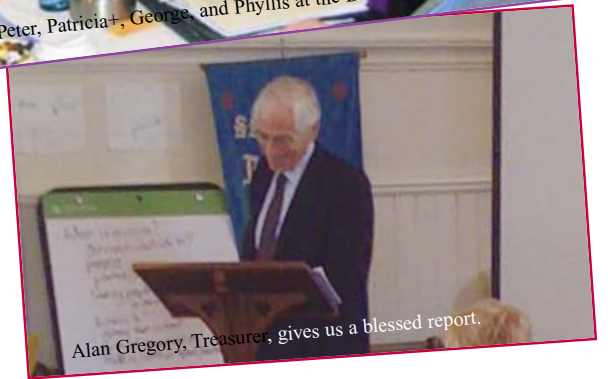
Jean Burden chats with the Habermans after the joint service at Saint Jude's.



Peter, Patricia+, George, and Phyllis at the Diocesan Dinner.



Sunset Service at Rosserne



Alan Gregory, Treasurer, gives us a blessed report.

CALENDAR

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8AM: Holy Eucharist

10AM: Holy Eucharist

The Revend Patricia

Rome Robertson

Wednesday, March 30

4:30PM: Contemplative

Study and Prayer

Somesville Meeting House

Parish Hall

Every Saturday

9AM: AA

Saint Mary's Parish Hall

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THE EDITOR

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*Our parish continues to
lose many special people.
Every effort will be made to
celebrate their lives here;
help from family and friends
would be very appreciated.*

For updates on
Haiti please contact
Karin Draper <haiti-
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<http://www.worldwidevillage.org/leogane-community-health-initiative>.

Twenty-one people – Bishop Lane, sixteen members of Council, and four members of the Diocesan Staff – gathered for an overnight meeting (December 3-4) at Living Water Spiritual Center in Winslow, ME.

On Friday evening, Bishop Lane presented his vision of Diocesan Council's role as a key leadership group within the diocese and a think tank around initiatives to support the mission and ministry of our congregations and the diocese as a whole.

We also reflected on the recent Diocesan Convention, the joy of being together “under one roof,” and the implications of various resolutions.

On Saturday we heard from the Finance Committee and Canon Reimer about investments, grants programs, the budget building process, and the implementation under “new initiatives” of a diocesan wide stewardship program.

The Reverend Patricia Robertson reported from the Mission Strategy Study Group and noted how their work and the work of the Mission Priorities Study Group are beginning to weave together. Look for more information about a pilot “Mission Readiness” program and some exciting

criteria for evaluating mission priorities.

Canons Shott and Wiederkehr reported on the work in their portfolios. Of particular note are the number of areas in which congregations are exploring the value of working collaboratively, and the ways in which the Commissions on Congregational Life and Outreach and Services are exploring how the Committees assigned to them can become more connected and better defined. Heidi Shott updated us on the status of the reworking of the web site and an ad campaign that the Portland area congregations want to pilot.

Bishop Steve reported on the recent Province 1 House of Bishops gathering, gave a preview of his calendar for the coming year, and gave updates on a number of

clergy in the diocese who are facing health issues and other changes. He also acknowledged the weight of the sadness everyone is feeling over the loss of the Reverends Eckert Horn and James Dalton-Thompson.

Discussion throughout was thoughtful, extensive, and respectful. We accomplished a

lot and have some specific things to work on in preparation for our meeting in February. Look for more in upcoming DioLogs and please share your ideas and questions with us.



Bishop Steven Lane

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FAVORITES

Most of us have a few favorite hymns. Some of us have more than a few. The pre-service hymn-singing at the summer Sunset Services offers a great opportunity for people to call out their favorite hymns and for everyone to join in. Near the top of the list (perhaps #1) is “I sing a song of the saints of God.” On several occasions over the past years, one of our long-time parishioners has come up to me as I play the postlude at the winter chapel, giving me a piece of paper on which is written some hymn suggestions or ideas for organ voluntaries. These ideas are always very welcome (although I admit I haven’t yet complied with all of the organ music requests!).

From time to time, I come across “polls” of favorite hymns and songs. One that caught my attention recently was conducted by a digital music company. It asked people to pick a song to be used as England’s national anthem (‘God save the queen’ is the anthem for Britain, not just England). It turned out that the top three picks all have religious affiliations. ‘Jerusalem,’ ‘Abide with me,’ and ‘Swing low, sweet chariot.’ The reason? ‘Abide with me’ is traditionally sung (by tens of thousands of fans) before the start of the year’s highest-profile soccer game (the FA Cup Final). The other two are unofficial supporters’ songs of the England rugby team! There are clearly many reasons why songs end up becoming favorites!

There is, of course, nothing wrong with using favorite hymns in our services. However, it’s worth being mindful that there are quite a few other songs that, if we were to get to know them, might also become favorites. Sometimes, these are right ‘under our noses’ and we just haven’t noticed them. Here is just one case in point. A number of years ago, I was listening to a ‘hymn sing’ on the BBC with my parents. One of the hymns stood out from all the others – majestically sung by what was clearly a large congregation. The tune was new to the three of us listening on the radio. So I went on-line to find the playlist and the name of the tune – “Grafton.” It so happens that this tune is in both the Methodist and our own 1982 hymnals but none of us had ever ‘noticed’ it before. This was especially curious since, at that time, my father had been a church organist for almost 50 years (he started young).

Here are two new musical opportunities which we invite you to consider participating in. On the **first Saturday of each month (9AM)**, join us at the winter chapel to sing through hymns suggested for the next several weeks – your opportunity to ensure that favorites get into our weekly pick-lists.

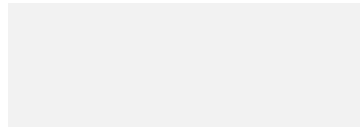
Then in February, we will be launching a new series of monthly **MDI Musical Evenings**, combining communal singing, pot-luck desserts, and a ‘recital’ or other presentation by a guest musician. The first of these evenings will be on **Friday, February 11 (7PM) at Linda Lewis’s house**. We will start with madrigals; then Stephen Sampson will treat us to piano music by J.S. Bach. If you would like to join us for these evenings, you are most welcome! Please let me know (276-4078). PDV

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PRAYER SHAWLS



L to R: Prayer Shawl leader, Claudine Catlin, Maryann Mahoney, Kerry Kerry, Jackie Agnese, Nancy Stanley, Marion Peckham, Karol Hagberg, and Phyllis Partridge display their shawls after their blessing by Patricia + on January 23rd. It has become a remarkably compelling example of the impact of parish mission on the wider community.



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