



...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: October 2011

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

Saint Jude's Episcopal Church, Seal Harbor

Town of Mount Desert, Maine

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS SAINT MARY'S BY-THE-SEA

SUN. OCT. 2 10AM
TOY ANIMALS WELCOME
TOO!



In honor of Saint Francis of Assisi whose feast day is October 4, our annual animal blessing will take place on Sunday, October 2 during the 10AM worship service.

All animals live and stuffed are most welcome. Bring your human friends as well!

CALENDAR

Sunday, October 2

Sixteenth Sunday
after Pentecost

8AM: Holy Eucharist

10AM: Holy Eucharist

(The Blessing of the Animals)

Saint Mary's by-the-Sea

The Reverend Patricia

Rome Robertson, Celebrant

4PM: House Church at the

Renault's, Somesville

Wednesday, October 5

Noon: ECW lunch and
meeting, Parish Hall

5:30PM: Contemplative

Evening Prayer

Saint Mary's Chapel

Sunday, October 9

Seventeenth Sunday
after Pentecost

8AM: Holy Eucharist

Saint Mary's by-the-Sea

10AM: Holy Eucharist

Saint Mary's Chapel

Sunday School

Parish Hall

Wednesday, October 12

5:30: Contemplative

Evening Prayer

Saint Mary's Chapel

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YOUTH MINISTRY LAUNCHED

Our children and youth began the Sunday School year with a gathering to prepare for the CROP walk for Hunger in Ellsworth on September 25. They gathered sponsorships at the September 18 worship/picnic and then engaged in the walk of 6 miles. Our small group raised over \$200 for the cause!

Children and Youth ministry will have several aspects this year. House Church will take place on Sunday afternoons at 4 PM, twice a month.

Sunday School classes will occur on the other Sundays, taught by Beth Renault. Children will be included in worship roles as their schedules allow. Each month will feature a special activity that focuses on outreach needs.

And every 13 weeks Kathy Suminsby organizes a church service for Sonogee residents where the Horvath girls love to help out.

Thanks for your support as these wonderful Christians continue to learn and grow in their faith.



Evelyn Howie helps put up the donation poster for the CROP walk.

Photograph Courtesy Mary Vekasi

CALENDAR

*(Continued from page one)***Thursday, October 15**4PM: Buildings and
Grounds
Rector's study**Sunday, October 16***Eighteenth Sunday
after Pentecost*8AM: Holy Eucharist
10AM: Holy Eucharist
Saint Mary's Chapel
The Reverend Patricia
Rome Robertson
10AM: Sunday School
Parish Hall**Wednesday, October 19**5:30PM: Contemplative
Evening Prayer
Saint Mary's Chapel**Thursday, October 20**Finance Committee
4PM: Rector's Study**Friday, October 21 to****Saturday, October 22**
Diocesan Convention
Sunday River**Sunday, October 23***Nineteenth Sunday
after Pentecost*8AM: Holy Eucharist
10AM: Holy Eucharist
Saint Mary's Chapel
The Reverend
Patricia Robertson**Wednesday, October 26**5:30PM: Contemplative
Evening Prayer
Saint Mary's Chapel**Thursday, October 27**3:45PM: Vestry meeting
Rector's Office*(Continued on page three)***D**ear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Last month I wrote to you about the gift of life and the church's role in fostering and developing that gift, and our opportunity to be stewards of our life beyond our physical time on the planet through planned giving to the church.

Life is not only a gift; it is also an adventure. Adventures are something to engage in without knowing the outcome. Invariably, we are changed by our adventures. Treating life as an adventure means that we will always be trying new things, and expecting fresh life to emerge from our trying, even if we fail.

A year ago, the Episcopal churches on Mount Desert Island entered into an experimental period of collaboration that was just such an adventure. We did a number of things together: occasional joint Sunday services, some sharing of clergy, clergy support given to Saint Andrew/Saint John, a parish that is still without a priest-in-charge. Some parishioners gathered to share prayer shawl ministry. Others gathered to study contemplative writing and prayer. Holy Week services were conducted on a rotating basis, with each church taking responsibility for one of the services that week. We undertook new study about the mission of the church and the role of the church in God's mission of reconciliation. Families with kids from some of the different churches gathered in homes. We all met on a Saturday to talk about our strengths and how we might collaborate in other ways.

The Haiti Art show in August was an outgrowth of that conversation. We did not know where all of this was leading us. It was an adventure!

The Parish of Saint Mary and Saint Jude which had some enthusiastic participants was perhaps the most recalcitrant of the

parishes in our participation. Some of the reason for that had to do with my new relationship with all of you and a sense that we were just getting started. But other reasons included a long history of not doing things together and general resistance to change. None of this was surprising but we persisted and continued to participate the best we could.

The fruits of our collaboration are just now beginning to emerge. An ongoing monthly music gathering has been established, including parishioners (and beyond), in song and listening to good music. A member of one of the parishes is working on getting folks together to seriously talk about new ways to engage in mission together. Saint Andrew and Saint John (Southwest Harbor) and Saint Saviour's (Bar Harbor) are talking about sharing a priest-in-charge, as the Reverend Jonathan Appleyard retires in mid-October and both congregations need priestly leadership.

And on Sunday, September 18, over 130 Episcopalians from all around MDI gathered for Sunday worship and a picnic at Suminsby Park. None of these new activities could have happened a year ago.

The adventure continues as all of you support the church in its ongoing mission here – to reconcile people with God and each other in Christ. Those of you who live elsewhere for much of the year are our ambassadors – our missionaries. We will continue to pray for your adventures in life in the year ahead. Please keep us in your prayers. And look for the new ways that Christ is acting in your life. The adventure continues . . . Stay tuned to the working of God.



The Reverend Patricia
Rome Robertson

Patricia +

CALENDAR

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8AM: Holy Eucharist
 10AM Holy Eucharist
 Saint Mary's Chapel
 The Reverend Charles
 Bradshaw, Celebrant

Every Thursday

Prayer Shawl Ministry
 9-11AM: Parish Hall

Every Saturday

AA
 9:30AM: Parish Hall

**Mutual Study
 of Ministry**

Please look for a
 Summary of the
 Vestry's Work in
 The November
 Harbor Chart



L to R: Leader Linda Lewis, Patricia+, Hannah Vaux, Ellen Kappes, Marilyn Mays, and Maude March volunteer at the sale. Under the tent: A partial line-up of paintings for sale, which were accompanied by a richness of crafts, center.

Dear All:

So many people have told me how much they enjoyed the *Hope for Haiti* Art Show that took place along with the Start and Finish of the 5K run to support the NEH Ambulance Service on August 27th at Northeast Harbor's Main Street.

I am delighted that the reports of the Haiti Show are of good success in sales as well as general spirit and awareness-raising.

Between sales and donations, we raised \$1526.00 All of these funds will go to Saint Vincent's School for the Handicapped in Port-au-Prince. It was a great effort!

Susie and Frazier and your daughter, Jennifer- you all did such a brilliant job of staging the art show and handling all the details. What a pleasure it was to work with you three! Thanks for making this whole effort possible and such fun too -

Linda Lewis

PS: Saint Margaret's, Belfast: Haitian Art Show and Reception: Friday, September 30, 5-8PM, with Haitian appetizers. View and purchase art works: on canvas, in iron, and in fabric. Contributions at the door welcome! Susie and Frazier Meade will give a short presentation at 6:30PM. Show is through Saturday, October 1: 10AM - 4PM.

Proceeds will benefit the partner parish of Saint Margaret's and Saint Thomas's, Camden, Saint Etienne's, Limonade, Haiti. The sale also helps support Saint Andrew's partner parish of Saint Luc's, Figaro. Please come!

John Arrison
 Diocesan Partnership Coordinator
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Summer worship at Saint Mary's by-the-Sea and Saint Jude's has been enriched by our enthusiastic, cheerful and able choirs. Many thanks to all who have sung with us, including a number of newcomers at Saint Mary's. It has been wonderful to have you with us!



In early August, **Miriam Schildkret, Melissa Solomon, David Parks** and **David Schildkret** performed a very varied program of vocal music ranging from Handel and Rossini to Gilbert & Sullivan. The piece that perhaps made the greatest impact on the audience was Benjamin Britten's "Canticle II: Abraham and Isaac."

It is hard to imagine a more riveting depiction of the story of God's call to Abraham to sacrifice his son. As one parishioner expressed to me after the concert, this music was 'really spooky.'



The Temple Street Trio – Clare Monfredo (cello) and her colleagues, Jessica Oddie (violin) and Ariel Borensztein (piano) – played an impressive recital at Saint Mary's by-the-Sea in mid-August. The concert started and concluded with music by Schubert. The central part of the program was a work of Dimitri Shostakovich (his Trio in E minor). To those of us in the audience who were not so familiar with the music of this composer, this piece was a revelation – wonderfully rewarding to experience, including the section where the cello imitates a violin. Thanks to these talented young musicians – we hope that they will honor us with a return engagement!



Our series of **Musical Evenings** continued through the summer. The July evening was hosted by the Mahoneys. Steve spoke of the history of the harpsichord which was preeminent for more than three hundred years. The piano replaced it near the end of the eighteenth century because it made expressive playing possible. Mary Ann then played music by Louis and Francois Couperin, Rameau and Frescobaldi, and, with Eileen Brennan, concluded with a sonata by Loeillet for harpsichord and recorder.

In August, Susan Buell hosted us for a fascinating evening of Balkan music performed by a trio that included award-winning Bulgarian singer Elitsa Stoyneva. September's Evening featured communal singing of canons and rounds, followed by the piano music of Vanessa Boyd, many of whose works are inspired by Acadia. For our October 28th Musical Evening, we will sing spirituals and gospel hymns, and then enjoy a performance by vocalist Bonnie Hersey.

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The hymn-singing at this year's **Sunset Services** was as spirited as it always is. These gatherings are special, in no small part because of the knowledge that they have been held at *Rosserne* since 1914. In that year, the services, originally held on the property of Bishop Doane, were moved to the house of Reverend Dr. Cornelius Smith (who built *Rosserne*) and subsequently continued there through the invitations of the Cromwell family and, most recently, Charles Butt.

Margery Trimble Kennelly has recently been researching the history of the Sunset Services – we look forward to presenting her article in a future edition of *The Harbor Chart*. PV

CONTEMPLATIVE EVENING PRAYER
WEDNESDAYS, 5:30 PM
SAINT MARY'S CHAPEL

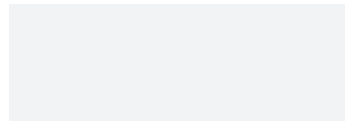
This midweek offering provides a wonderful opportunity to slow down, breathe and be restored in your relationship with Christ, each other and the world. Join us at any time. Contemplative study will resume again after consultation with interested folks. Watch for details in the weekly announcements.

MINISTRY THAT REACHES OUT:
A NEW COURSE BEING OFFERED ONLINE

Do you wish our parish had more of an outward focus? Are you interested in having an impact on the community? You are invited to join in being part of a group that studies together through 8 online weekly presentations and makes plans for the future ministry of our parish. The time of meeting will be determined by the participants. The class began the week of September 19 and concludes the week of November 20. If you are interested, please contact Patricia.



The Reverend Jonathon Appleyard speaks at Suminsby Park on September 18th at a joint MDI Episcopal service. He retires next month. Over 130 people attended the sunny service.



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