



*...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: September 2011**

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

Saint Jude's Episcopal Church, Seal Harbor

Town of Mount Desert, Maine

## PARISH PICNIC: SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18 SUMINSBY PARK: 10AM

**T**his year's parish picnic at Suminsby Park will include the other Episcopalians on Mount Desert Island.

here to experience the energy and joy of getting lots of Episcopalians together.

We will all gather at 10AM for Holy Eucharist, hang out for fellowship afterwards and share barbecue and potluck dishes together. This wonderful way to celebrate the end of summer will also allow those of you seasonal folks who are still



Choir rehearsing last year

A major feature of this particular gathering will be the preacher: The Rev. Jonathan Appleyard who retires in October. This will be our last chance to hear him preach to us on MDI!

Don't miss this sure-to-be wonderful event!

## CALENDAR

### Sunday, September 4

*Tenth Sunday after Pentecost*

8AM: Holy Eucharist

10AM: Holy Eucharist

Saint Mary's by-the-Sea

The Reverend Patricia

Rome Robertson, Celebrant

Moorhead Kennedy, Preacher

11:30AM: Worship

Committee

### Monday, September 5

Labor Day: Office closed

### Wednesday, September 7

No Contemplative Study or Prayer

### Sunday, September 11

*Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost*

8AM: Holy Eucharist

10AM: Holy Eucharist

Saint Mary's by-the-Sea

The Reverend Vesta Kowalski

### Wednesday, September 14

No Contemplative Study or Prayer

### Thursday, September 15

4PM: Finance Committee

Rector's study

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## VESTRY SPONSORS PARENT FORUMS FOR THE SCHOOLS

Through a grant from the Stroud Fund, the Vestry of the Parish is sponsoring a series of monthly parent forums in partnership with Mount Desert Island Elementary School. The project is a joint effort between our rector and the principal of MDI Elementary School, Scott McFarland, who has wanted to do this kind of program for some time but has not had the financial resources or the time to do so. A committee made up of parents and community folk has been formed to plan the forums which will begin in October. They will be open to the whole community with special invitations going

out to all of the schools on the island. In addition to a speaker for the evening, a simple supper will be provided to those who arrive early and child care/homework room will be provided with good supervision.

This effort is a way to show how much we, as a Christian community, value families, care about the children of this community, and want to support parents in their challenging vocation. Information on the forums will be provided as they are scheduled and planned.

## CALENDAR

*(Continued from page one)***Saturday, September 17**9AM: Buildings and  
Grounds Committee**Sunday, September 18***Twelfth Sunday after  
Pentecost*8AM: Holy Eucharist  
Saint Mary's by-the-Sea  
The Reverend Patricia  
Rome Robertson10AM: Holy Eucharist  
Suminsby ParkThe Reverend Patricia  
Robertson, Celebrant  
The Reverend Jonathan  
Appleyard, Preacher**Wednesday, September 21**No Contemplative  
Evening Prayer3:45PM: Vestry meeting  
Rector's study**Sunday, September 25***Thirteenth Sunday after  
Pentecost*8AM: Holy Eucharist  
10AM: Holy Eucharist  
Saint Mary's by-the-Sea  
The Reverend  
Patricia Robertson**Wednesday, September 28**5:30PM: Contemplative  
Evening Prayer  
Saint Mary's Chapel**Every Thursday:**Prayer Shawl Ministry  
9-11AM: Parish Hall**Every Saturday**

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9:30AM: Parish Hall

**D**ear Friends in Christ,

Life is a gift. I see that in your presence and your lives as you gather for worship in our churches on Sunday . Each Sunday brings different gifts – family members, friends, folks who are just traveling through, residents who return from their summer “camps” – all of you, each a unique gift of the living God, all gathering in one space to offer your prayers and praise to God.

Life is a gift that is returned to God over time.

If we are fortunate, we realize the blessing of life at some point in our lives and begin to return the fruits of our lives to God in a whole variety of ways. We give of ourselves in service; we give our financial resources; we share raise our children and share them with the world.

Our life on the planet leaves a legacy . That legacy is how we live, who we are, what we value, and how we relate to others and the wider world.

Our legacy is also the mark that we leave behind when we die. And it includes all of our possessions and financial resources.

How we decide to distribute those things (or not) says a lot about the kind of person we have been and want to leave for future generations to enjoy.

George and I did not execute our first will until we moved to California in 1988. By that time we had been married for six years and had a five year old son to support. We were long overdue! What prompted us was a talk that we heard from the planned giving of ficer in the Diocese of California. He showed us how we could make a difference by planning for our children's future life and the life of the church through our will. Ever since I wrote my first will it has included 10% of

my estate for the church. I have been nourished and upheld, led and transformed by my relationship with God in Jesus Christ through the Episcopal Church. I want that for those who follow in Christ's footsteps as I continue to do.

In the months ahead you will receive an invitation to let us

know if you have included the church in your estate planning. I invite you to give prayer and thought to how your legacy of faith and love can endure through the ages through such a gesture. And further , I invite you to consider how the life you live today is the legacy that we all receive of Christ's love and abiding transforming love among us.

Thanks be to God for each and every one of you!

Your Sister in Christ,



The Reverend Patricia  
Rome Robertson

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## YOU CAN'T TAKE IT WITH YOU

**Y**ou can't take it with you....  
.....but you could leave some of it to Saint Mary's and Saint Jude's.

There are three main categories of giving – stewardship (the annual appeal), capital campaign (the buildings) and “planned” (your will and estate plan). Of the three, the third is arguably the easiest. The first two are relatively short-term commitments that might conceivably conflict with other present and potential demands on your pocketbook.

Making provisions for your children and charities after your demise involves no such constraints. It only becomes a question of the allocation of your assets when you no longer have any use for them. Even better, you can reap gratitude now for a promise of future generosity. This should be simple. But it isn't.

If asked, most of us would feel that the Parish of Saint Mary and Saint Jude should deserve some portion of our estate. Yet comparatively few of us have taken the necessary steps to ensure that this happens. It is really a matter of inertia – the ultimate procrastination. So many more important things to do right now – I'll just deal with this next week.

Over the coming months, we will focus on this process. Articles in the Harbor Chart, mailings, conversations. You will find that the process is relatively simple once undertaken. In the meantime, please reflect on what this wonderful Parish has meant to you. Prior generations have done just that and we have been the grateful beneficiaries of their thoughtfulness and generosity.

Let us do likewise. Ephron Catlin

## HORVATH CHRISTENING



## CONTEMPLATIVE EVENING PRAYER RESUMES SEPTEMBER 28TH

After a month long break (due to the Rector's vacation schedule and completion of a study group), Contemplative Evening Prayer (with 20 minutes of silence) resumes at 5:30PM on September 28th, moving back to 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 begins the week of September 19 and concludes the week of November 20. If you are interested, please contact Patricia by September 18th.

## LETTER OF THANKS FROM GRETCHEN LANE

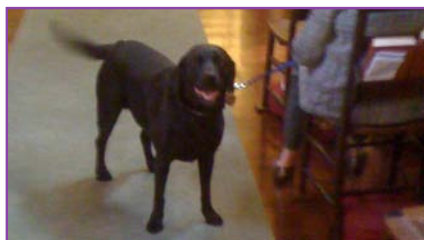
Dear parish and Vestry members,

Thank you so much for your warm welcome this past Sunday (August 7). Thank you especially to Peter and the choir for including me and letting me sing with you. What a privilege for me.

Thank you also to Arthur and Mark and the vestry for a wonderful dinner with great food and even better conversation in a beautiful setting. I think those are the hallmarks of the whole weekend; good conversation in a beautiful setting. Thank you all for your gifts to us.

In Christ, Gretchen Lane

## BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS



The Blessing of the Animals will take place during the 10 o'clock service on October 2nd. Toy animals are also welcome.

### FROM THE EDITOR

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### CALENDAR

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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 Cathedral in Port Au Prince, Haiti, is available on the Episcopal Church website here: <http://www.episcopalchurch.org/haitiappeal/>

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## EDUCATION FOR MINISTRY IN 10 LOCATIONS

The Rev. Rosalee Glass, Diocesan EfM coordinator - Deacon at Saint Thomas,' Camden

### ADMINISTRATION AND STAFF

The Right Reverend  
Stephen J. Lane  
*Bishop of Maine*  
The Reverend  
Patricia Rome Robertson  
*Rector*  
Dr. Peter Vaux  
*Director of Music*  
Kerry Kenney  
*Parish Administrator*  
Edward Horvath and  
Izaak Giberson  
*Sextons*  
Patricia Shellnutt  
*Accountant*

### THE VESTRY

2012  
Alix Diana  
*Clerk*  
Peter Vaux  
Janet Stratton,  
*Junior Warden*  
  
2013  
Carroll Fernald  
Arthur Keller  
Maude March  
*Senior Warden*  
  
2014  
Elizabeth Carey  
Donald Graves  
Nancy McCormick  
  
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Lauri Fernald  
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Imagine a setting where you could continue your life-long learning, a setting where you could discuss faith issues you might not feel comfortable discussing elsewhere. Education for Ministry (EfM) is such a setting; it's a learning experience meant for all of us who care about growing in faith and service to God. We are fortunate that it is offered in nine locations around our Diocese (see the information below).

The Program is a comprehensive and well-organized study of Old Testament, New Testament, Church History, and Theology. Though it's a four-year program, students need sign up for only one year at a time. Each year of the course is taken in order, but it's fine to take a year(s) off and return to the Program later.

EfM is a rich and enjoyable experience because the learning and reflection take place in a small group seminar of between 6 and 12 participants, guided by a trained EfM mentor. Participants not only gain their own new insights and inspiration, but also share in the insights and inspiration of others. Groups generally meet once a week to share worship and insights about their lessons and to reflect theologically, connecting scripture, culture, life experience and beliefs. The EfM group becomes a small Christian community of faith, supporting each other's journeys and understandings of how God is calling us to act in the world. Other than the ability to read one lesson each week, there are no pre-requisites for EfM.

Here's how some current students have described EfM: "An oasis in the week when I get to listen to the stillness of God."

"Opportunity to gain a deeper understanding of our faith traditions, while simultaneously exploring ways to put my faith into practice in the real world, and all in the company and fellowship of a wonderfully diverse group of committed Christians."

"A logical approach to understanding the origin and growth of Christianity."

"I have gained new insights into the Old Testament, and discovered that the loving, forgiving God that I have always thought of can be found there."

EfM groups take a break during the summer. They will start again in September, so it's a good time to consider enrolling for the fall. Current EfM church locations and mentors to contact are:

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Saint Peter's, Bridgton; mentor- Margaret Reimer, [tarmrr@roadrunner.com](mailto:tarmrr@roadrunner.com)  
Grace Church, Bath; mentor- Carol Huntington, [carolleehuntington@gmail.com](mailto:carolleehuntington@gmail.com)  
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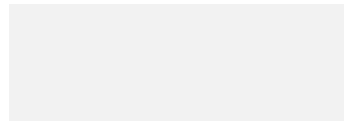
If you don't live in Maine, look for an EFM group in your area. This program is nationwide, sponsored by The Episcopal Church

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## ICE-CREAM SOCIALS



Vendors, raffles for the Ambulance Fund, free ice-cream, art receptions, and live music all made “Thursdays on Main Street” a joyful place to be this summer. Parishoner Theresa Clark, owner of The Docksider, very generously donated the ice-cream. Cash donations support the MDI Food Pantries.



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