



...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, 2010  
Saint Mary's by-the-Sea and Parish Center, Northeast Harbor  
Saint Jude's Episcopal Church, Seal Harbor  
Town of Mount Desert, Maine

## EXCITING NEWS!

As the summer ends and fall begins we are always sad to say *au revoir*, *auf wiedersehen*, *goodbye* to all of you who spend the rest of the year away from our beloved island. Those of us who stay behind hope and pray we shall see you in church on Sunday May 29th 2011, Memorial Day Weekend.

Why exciting you might ask!. The answer is a joyful one – after reviewing the Annual Meeting survey responses, your Vestry voted unanimously at its August meeting to make it possible for all members of our congregation to participate in leadership, the connection to mission, and to the election of new vestry members.

So the Parish of Saint Mary and Saint Jude is returning to the former practice of holding the first half of the Annual Meeting in January to address budget matters; the second half will be held before the 10AM service of Memorial Weekend's Sunday service. At that meeting we will elect a new Vestry and address any additional matters.

We look forward to welcoming all of you who will be here on Sunday, May 29, 2011.

Dorothy Clunan,  
Senior Warden

## BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS: OCTOBER 3

In honor of Saint Francis of Assisi whose Feast Day is October 4th, our annual animal blessing will take place on Sunday, October 3rd during the 10AM worship service.

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

## MUSIC NOTES

*Editor's note: This is the first in a series focusing on aspects of the music in our services.)*

“Canticle of the Sun”

If you have ever joined us for our ‘Blessing of the Animals’ service, you may remember that we began worship with a well-loved hymn – “All Creatures of our God and King.” This is one of four in the 1982 Hymnal that are linked to Saint Francis of Assisi. We rarely (if ever) sing two of his other hymns (406 & 407), while the words of the 4th (“Lord, Make us Servants of Your Peace”) by a 20th century author who based his text on a prayer is attributed to Saint Francis.

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## CALENDAR

### Sunday, October 3

*Nineteenth Sunday  
after Pentecost*

8AM: Holy Eucharist

10AM: Holy Eucharist

*Blessing of the Animals*

The Rev. Patricia Robertson

Saint Mary's by-the-Sea

### Wednesday, October 6

5:30PM: Contemplative  
Evening Prayer

### Sunday, October 10

*Twentieth Sunday  
after Pentecost*

8AM: Holy Eucharist

10AM: Holy Eucharist

The Rev. Patricia Robertson

Saint Mary's by-the-Sea

### Wednesday, October 13

1PM: Finance Committee  
5:30PM: Contemplative  
Evening Prayer

### Thursday, October 14

9 - 11:00AM

Prayer Shawl Ministry

### Saturday, October 16

5PM: House Church at  
Heather Jones'

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## RESTORATION

## CALENDAR

*(Continued from page one)***Sunday, October 17***Twenty-first Sunday  
after Pentecost*

8AM: Holy Eucharist  
Saint Mary's by-the-Sea  
10AM: Holy Eucharist  
The Rev. Patricia Robertson  
*Honoring Health  
Professionals*

**Wednesday, October 20**

5:30PM: Contemplative  
Evening Prayer

**Thursday, October 21**

9 - 11:00AM

Prayer Shawl Ministry  
3:45PM: Vestry Meeting

**Sunday, October 24***Twenty-second Sunday  
after Pentecost*

8AM: Holy Eucharist  
The Rev. Patricia Robertson  
10AM: Holy Eucharist  
Multiple Celebrants  
Sermon: Bishop's address  
from Diocesan Convention  
Saint Mary's by-the-Sea

**Wednesday, October 27**

5:30PM: Contemplative  
Evening Prayer

**Thursday, October 28**

9 - 11:00AM:

Prayer Shawl Ministry

**Sunday, October 31***Twenty-third  
Sunday after Pentecost*

8AM: Holy Eucharist  
10AM: Holy Eucharist  
The Rev. Patricia Robertson  
Saint Mary's Chapel

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ, Our Book of Common Prayer tells us that "The mission of the church is to restore all people to unity with God and each other in Christ." Whatever else we may say about our particular mission in each different congregation, that's what we're all about – restoring people to unity with God and each other.

That means that we all are in the restoration business and what we do together and apart has an impact on the lives that we touch. Consider these stories of restoration that I have seen over the last few months:

- The people of Saint Jude's and Saint Mary's gathered together in worship on the last Sunday in June to officially open Saint Jude's church. It was the first time for many people and new friends and community was formed.

- One family came together on a weekend to baptize three of their children. It was their first time together in many years and their opportunity to renew their own commitments to Christ in the church. They were joined by another family who knew the first one!

- A revered woman who owned one of the stores in our village, whose husband died a number of years ago, was reunited with God in her last days; the local community gathered in the midst of their busy summer to commend her into the arms of God.

- A grandchild of one of our members saw me on the street and waved. After I said "The Lord in my Shepherd," I heard a strong "I Shall Not Be In Want" come back

at me. Further greetings continued the verses of the psalm.

- A number of people wandered into Saint Mary's by-the-Sea in the afternoons and stayed to listen to music and to offer their prayers.



The Reverend Patricia  
Rome Robertson

- A member of this community who has recently had surgery and will not be able to work for a few months was helped financially to make it possible for her to heal.

- In the midst of plans for a burial service, another member of the family died and the whole community of

family and friends surrounded the grieving brothers and spouse and celebrated their lives together.

- The mother of two young adults decided to stay here when her illness made it clear that she was in her final days; the community surrounded her husband and the family with love and care, consoling them throughout the burial and beyond.

- \$1000 was raised for our Food Pantries as we gave away "free" ice cream on Main Street in Northeast Harbor.

- A niece of one of our members was married in Saint Jude's Church and blessed in her new commitment of marriage before God and the church.

I could go on but I'm sure you get the point: Restoration happens. It happens because of your prayers, your witness and your support. It only happens because you have joined the mission of the church through your participation.

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## FROM THE EDITOR

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

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

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## CALENDAR

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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. Photographs and anecdotes are especially welcome.*

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>

# RECTOR'S REFLECTIONS

## RESTORATION *(Continued from page two)*

Sometime in the next month you will receive a pledge card for 2011. I can't emphasize enough how much your financial and time commitment (check out the back of the card!) contributes to the mission of the Parish of Saint Mary and Saint Jude. Without it, we would not be able to continue this work of restoring people to unity with God and each other. I pray that you will be more generous with your resources than you have ever been before. Your very act of generosity is a move toward your own unity with God and the members of this church.

God bless you,

## SPECIAL WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

SAINT MARY'S BY-THE-SEA  
20 SOUTH SHORE ROAD, NORTHEAST HARBOR

**Sunday, October 17th, at 10AM**

will honor those who work in the health professions.

All health professionals are especially invited to be our guests.

This is the Sunday nearest the Feast Day of Saint Luke, the patron saint of physicians.

All are welcome to celebrate the work and dedication of all health professionals.



*Saint Luke painting the Virgin Mary*

**Sunday, October 24th at 10AM**

A service for all Mount Desert Island Episcopalians will launch our partnership of collaboration until Easter of 2011.

There will be a number of times when we all gather together for worship, some rotation of clergy to the different congregations and other times when two congregations will join for worship.

Adult education, family activities, and outreach efforts will be shared to the extent possible.

Don't miss this inaugural event!

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## MUSIC *(Continued from page one)*

(He was born Giovanni Bernardone in 1182, the son of a wealthy cloth merchant. His youth was care-free and mischievous, with a love of partying in taverns. During one of these ‘celebrations,’ Giovanni was overcome by his companions’ self-indulgence. Soon thereafter, he took the name Francis, renouncing his former lifestyle. He dedicated himself to working and preaching among the sick and poor in the Italian countryside, encouraging people to re-build ruined shrines. He and his small group of followers made a pilgrimage to Rome and, eventually were received and blessed Pope Innocent III, helping to establish the movement that became known as the Franciscans.

Francis was known for his love of nature and for his respect for wildlife. There are legends describing his ability to communicate with animals. After about 15 years of itinerant preaching, Francis became weak and depressed. His Franciscan order had grown large, but he had lost control of it; it grew in ways that were opposed to his original intentions. In need of peace and comfort, he traveled to the Convent of Saint Damian where he was reunited with Sister Clara, the first woman whom, years earlier, responding to his call to poverty, began the Sisters of his Order. It was during his time that he composed his well-known “Canticle of the Sun,” whose seven stanzas praise God for all His creatures, the sun, moon, wind, earth, and all those who love and pardon one another. As English rector, William Draper translated this Canticle into English while looking for a hymn to be used in a children’s choral festival. It is this translation that we sing today as Hymn 400. The music is Austrian and dates from the early 1600s. It was adapted and harmonized by that wonderful contributor to the choral repertoire – Ralph Vaughan Williams.

Thanks to all who sang with the choir at Saint Mary’s by-the-Sea this summer. Your music and your enthusiasm (not to mention your willingness to consider singing in Welsh next year) are much to be praised!

Peter Vaux, Music Director

## BLESSING THE PRAYER SHAWLS



L to R: Phyllis Partridge, Claudine Catlin, Nancy Stanley, Lucy Bell Sellars, and Mary Ann Mahoney partake in a blessing of the Prayer Shawls. Absent was Jackie Agnese.

ADMINISTRATION  
AND STAFF

The Right Reverend  
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## THE VESTRY

2011  
Dorothy Clunan  
*Senior Warden*  
Robin Reath Graves  
Anne Ogilby  
2012  
Alix Diana  
Moorhead Kennedy  
Janet Stratton,  
*Junior Warden*  
2013  
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Over the last two years, the Haiti Committee has raised over \$3000 from the Haiti Art Exhibits held at the Redfield Artisans Gallery in Northeast Harbor. We were getting ready to explore a partnership program when the earthquake hit early this year which put those plans on hold. This summer we learned of a particular need in Haiti that comes through the partnership of Saint Alban's in Cape Elizabeth and we gave \$3000 to their effort to restore a school.

Through the Episcopal Diocese of Haiti Partnership Program, Saint Alban's Church, joined Saint Luke's in Wilton, ME, and entered into partnership with Saint Luc's Church and School in Trou du Nord Haiti in 2007.

Saint Luc's School and Church are located in an agricultural region of Northern Haiti about 45 minutes outside of Cap Haitien. The school currently serves students pre - K through 7th grade.

The need at the school is great.

A substantial part of the building lacks a roof.

There are no means of securing supplies.

There is no playground, art room, or gymnasium.

There is no cafeteria.

There is no lunch.

Note that there are no railings protecting students from falling off the balcony on the

second floor.

Our contribution will be added to the grant that Saint Alban's received from United Thank Offering and the fundraisers that they are having to complete this \$100,000 project and complete the school with equipment and supplies. Stay tuned for more opportunities to learn about what's happening in Haiti!

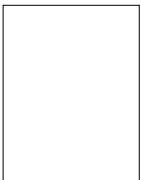
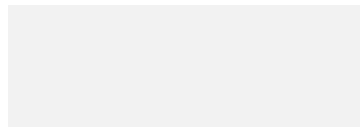


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## PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY



Early Tuesday morning, September 21st, Nancy Stanley and Claudine Catlin delivered seven prayer shawls to The Rev. Rob Benson, Pastor to the Outer Islands.. Rob said that he knew of at least four people on the upcoming trip to whom he would give these shawls. It is not necessary to come to the meetings to make these shawls. Knowing what a wonderful service they are providing to our needy neighbors is important.



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