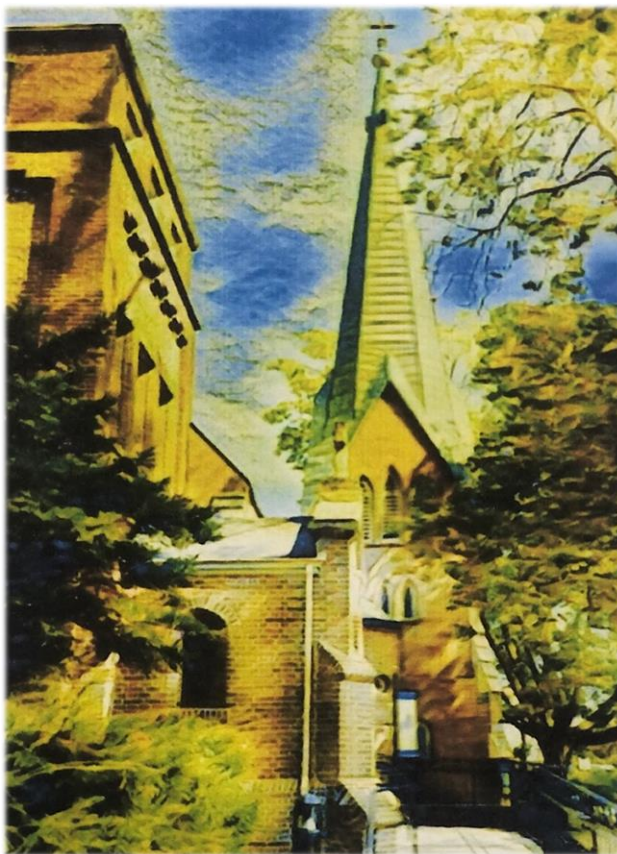


**THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**  
**HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II**  
**MAY 7<sup>TH</sup> AT 10:15 A.M.**



Welcome to St. John's Episcopal Church! We pray you experience the love of God through our worship and fellowship. For those who are new to our community, restrooms can be found on the other side of the parish hall. Ushers are stationed at the back of the church and can answer any questions you may have. In addition to worship, opportunities for fellowship exist after each service. A nursery is available every Sunday for our littlest members next to the Parish Hall. Thank you for being here!



But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." When he had said this, he died.

The Word of the Lord.

*People*

*Thanks be to God.*

### **PSALM 31:1-5, 15-16**

- 1 In you, O Lord, have I taken refuge;  
let me never be put to shame; \*  
deliver me in your righteousness.
- 2 Incline your ear to me; \*  
make haste to deliver me.
- 3 Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe,  
for you are my crag and my stronghold; \*  
for the sake of your Name, lead me and guide me.
- 4 Take me out of the net that they have secretly set for me, \*  
for you are my tower of strength.
- 5 Into your hands I commend my spirit, \*  
for you have redeemed me,  
O Lord, O God of truth.
- 15 My times are in your hand; \*  
rescue me from the hand of my enemies,  
and from those who persecute me.
- 16 Make your face to shine upon your servant, \*  
and in your loving-kindness save me."

### **THE EPISTLE: 1 Peter 2:2-10**

Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation— if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good. Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

For it stands in scripture: “See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious; and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.”

To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe, “The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner”, and “A stone that makes them stumble, and a rock that makes them fall.” They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God’s people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

The Word of the Lord.

*People Thanks be to God.*

**GRADUAL HYMN**

*As those of old*

**HYMN 705**

*vs. 1 & 2 before the Gospel reading, vs. 3 after the Gospel reading*

**THE HOLY GOSPEL:** John 14:1-14 (*please rise in body or spirit*)

*Celebrant* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

*People* *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

Jesus said, “Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going.” Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.”

Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.” Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak

on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.”

*People*                      The Gospel of the Lord.  
                                      *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

**SERMON**

THE REV. AMANDA KNOUSE

**THE NICENE CREED** *(please rise in body or spirit)*

**BCP 358**

We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father.  
Through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven:  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,  
and was made man. *(pause)*  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.  
With the Father and the Son  
he is worshiped and glorified.  
He has spoken through the Prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**BCP 387**

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church, especially St. John's, York and The Church in Wales;

*That we all may be one.*

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

*That your Name may be glorified by all people.*

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons, especially Michael our Presiding Bishop, Audrey our own Bishop, and Amanda, Jen, and Stacey our clergy;

*That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.*

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world, especially Joe, our President; Josh, our Governor; Danene, our Mayor;  
and those serving in the armed forces.

*That there may be justice and peace on the earth.*

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

*That our works may find favor in your sight.*

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble, especially Claire Phillips, Charlie Rahe, Kate, Nancy Strasburg, Debbie Carter, Justin and Lisa, Paula Wolf, Pat Pankey, Ella & Colleen, Matt Patterson, Sharon Engle, Marvin Lyons, Ann Marie, Brandon Stamm, Chase, Mary Stevenson, Michael Yoder and Angie Stamm;

*That they may be delivered from their distress.*

For this congregation, for those who are present and those who are absent, especially Ellen Keller, Nancy Nemith, Peter Plaxa, Ricky Smith, Joanna Sweeney, Al Kuser, Mary Sue Farmer, Ellen Sellers, Edith Kane, Merle Schnee, Carol Greenfield, Sandy Grove, Carole Humphrey, Tiny Nolan, Darlene Bentley, and Carolyn Archer;

*That they may know your presence.*

Give to the departed eternal rest;  
*Let light perpetual shine upon them.*

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;  
*May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.*

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

*Officiant* Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth:  
Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## **THE PEACE**

*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
*People* And also with you.

## **BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES**

**BCP 830**

Watch over your children, O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide them wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their hearts, may your peace which passes understanding abide all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## **THE HOLY EUCHARIST**

### **THE OFFERTORY**

*What Wondrous Love*

arr. Robert Lau

### **PRESENTATION HYMN**

*Doxology*

**OLD 100TH**

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God for all that love has done;  
Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One. Amen*

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: Eucharistic Prayer D

*Celebrant*     The Lord be with you.  
*People*        *And also with you.*  
*Celebrant*     Lift up your hearts.  
*People*        *We lift them to the Lord.*  
*Celebrant*     Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
*People*        *It is right to give God thanks and praise.*

It is truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever. Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance. But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life. Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we sing:

**THE SANCTUS**     *Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might*     **HYMNAL S-129**  
                          *heaven and earth are full of your glory.*  
                          *Hosanna in the highest.*  
                          *Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.*  
                          *Hosanna in the highest.*

We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

Father, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose he gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new.



And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them he took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you. This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Father, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

*We praise you, we bless you,  
we give thanks to you,  
and we pray to you, Lord our God.*

Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

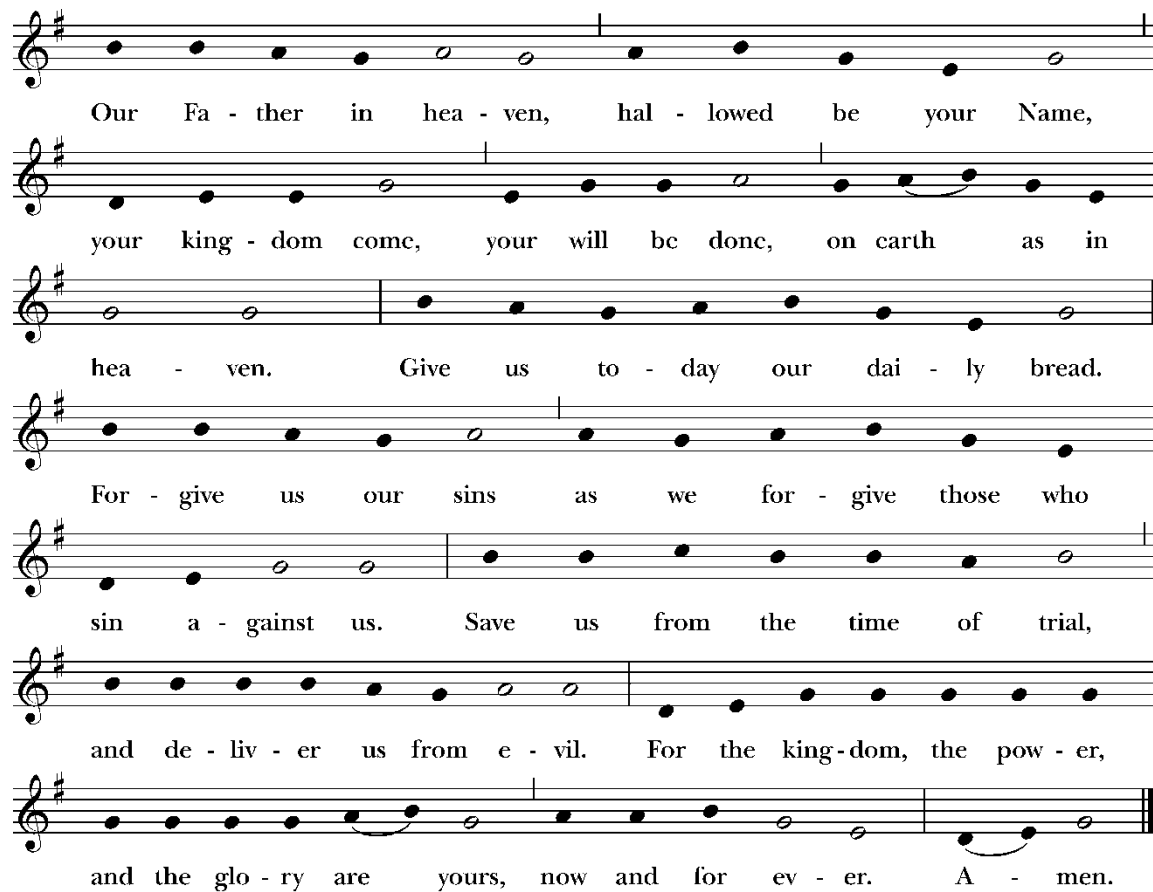
Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name. Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace. And grant that we may find our inheritance with St. John and all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

# THE LORD'S PRAYER

HYMNAL S-149

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to sing,



Our Fa - ther in hea - ven, hal - lowed be your Name,  
your king - dom come, your will be done, on earth as in  
hea - ven. Give us to - day our dai - ly bread.  
For - give us our sins as we for - give those who  
sin a - gainst us. Save us from the time of trial,  
and de - liv - er us from e - vil. For the king - dom, the pow - er,  
and the glo - ry are yours, now and for ev - er. A - men.

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# THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

BCP 365

*Celebrant* Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
*People* Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

## THE INVITATION

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

## ADMINISTRATION OF COMMUNION

*The Episcopal Church invites all to our Lord's table. If you wish to receive, please come forward to the altar rail when the usher indicates. If you desire a blessing instead of communion, simply cross your arms over your chest. When finished, please exit to your right. Gluten free wafers are also available.*

COMMUNION HYMNS	<i>My God, thy table now is spread</i>	<b>HYMN 321</b>
	<i>Praise the Lord, rise up rejoicing</i>	<b>HYMN 334</b>

## SENDING FORTH OF THE EUCHARISTIC VISITORS

*Celebrant* In the name of God and on behalf of this parish, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood.

*People* *We, who are many, are one body, because we all share one bread, one cup.*

## POST COMMUNION PRAYER

**BCP 365**

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**THE BLESSING** *adapted from the The Rev. William Sloane Coffin*

May God give you grace not to sell yourselves short,  
Grace to risk something big for something good,  
Grace to remember that the world is now too dangerous for anything but truth,  
and too small for anything but love.

May God take your minds and think through them.

May God take your lips and speak through them.

May God take your hands and work through them.  
May God take your hearts and set them on fire.  
And the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit  
be upon you and remain with you always. Amen!

**CLOSING HYMN**

*All creatures of our God and King*

**HYMN 400**

**THE DISMISSAL**

*Celebrant*      Let us go forth in the name of the risen Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.  
*People*          Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

**POSTLUDE**

*A Thousand Ages*

Improvisation on Hymn Tune

**NEW SUNDAY SERVICE TIME!**



**BEGINNING SUNDAY, MAY 28**

# UPCOMING YOUTH EVENTS

**MAY  
6**

SPRING CLEANUP AT THE AIDS  
MEMORIAL GARDEN: 9AM - 12PM

**MAY  
7**

FIELD TRIP TO PRINCE STREET  
CAFÉ FOR THE MIDDLES CLASS!  
MEET AT 8:45 AT CHURCH.

**MAY  
21**

GRADUATION SUNDAY!  
ICE CREAM SOCIAL AFTER THE  
10:15AM SERVICE.

**JUNE  
18-23**

EPISCOLUTHER WEEK AT  
CAMP MOUNT LUTHER!

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### **St. John's Traveler Letter:**

Did you know St. John's has a team of pilgrims who travel every week to the very places we pray for in the Anglican communion? Follow John as he shares a little bit about the church and the places he visits:

Dear Pastor Amanda,

I send you and our friends at St. John's greetings from one of the seven wonders of Wales: St. Giles Parish Church in Wrexham. This church, dating back some 800 years, is seen from far away due to its bell tower that stands 135 feet tall. They allow visitors to climb the steps to the top, but advise you to be in pretty good shape to do so. I was pleasantly surprised when I introduced myself to hear that Joe and April Way, and Grayson and Campbell had recently visited here, too.

Wales was made a principality of England in 1298, and the history of the Church in Wales somewhat reflects the relationship of the two countries. Christianity in Wales has been traced back to the 400s A.D., when it was rich in Celtic worship. In the 11th century the church based in Rome worked to make all churches in the then-known world of Europe Catholic, and it encouraged and established monasteries throughout Wales to do so. But then the Protestant Reformation brought many Welsh Christians under the Church of England in 1534. Welsh and English, and us, are united within the Anglican Communion.

You may know that the heir to the English throne traditionally holds the title of Prince of Wales, and so there is great excitement among some of the people here about the coronation of King Charles III. When he was young he attended school in Aberystwyth, learned the Welsh language, and worked to promote a better relationship between the two countries. It's a lesson for all the churches of the Anglican Communion, that in our diversity we can build relationships based on common ground. The Anglican world's prayers for the Church in Wales today are greatly appreciated, and felt among our friends here. I hope that those prayers also return as blessings to you in Lancaster.

God's peace,  
John Traveler

## UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES AT ST. JOHN'S:

### TODAY

*Coffee Hour to follow each service*

8:00 AM Holy Eucharist: Rite I  
9:30 AM Sunday School & Youth Group  
10:15 AM Holy Eucharist: Rite II

**PLEASE CHECK THE MESSENGER  
FOR INFORMATION ON EVENTS  
HAPPENING THIS MONTH!**

### TUESDAY, MAY 9

1:30 PM Martha's Ministry  
2:30 PM Food Pantry  
4:00 PM Finance Committee

### FRIDAY, MAY 12

*Rector's Day Off*

### WEDNESDAY, MAY 10

12:00 PM Healing Service

### SUNDAY, MAY 14

*Mother's Day*

8:00 AM Holy Eucharist: Rite I  
9:30 AM Sunday School  
10:15 AM Holy Eucharist: Rite II

### THURSDAY, MAY 11

9:00 AM Ministers' Meeting  
2:30 PM Food Pantry

### WEEKLY SUPPORT MINISTRIES

AA: Tuesdays at 6:00 PM  
NA: Mon., Weds. & Fri. at 12:00 PM  
NA: Thursdays & Saturdays at 6:30 PM

### **FOOD PANTRY NEEDED ITEMS FOR THIS WEEK:**

Shampoo, toothpaste, peanut butter, and breakfast cereal - Thank you, St. John's!

### **LEMONADE TIME IN THE COURTYARD (WEATHER PERMITTING):**

Beginning June 4, we will share in fellowship following our worship service with Lemonade Time. Supplies are provided (with encouragement for enhancement).

Please sign up for a Sunday in the parish hall or see Sue Martin!

## **WELCOME**

Welcome to St. John's Episcopal Church! We are glad you are here. Please tell us a little bit about yourself by filling out a pew card and placing it in the offertory plate.

### **OUR MINISTERS**

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Marylee Sauder, Nick DiPace, Andy Welaish, John Modene  
Liz West, Ted Loose, Kathy Kyper

### **STAFF**

Douglas Beach, Minister of Music & Communications  
Dana Sanborn, Bookkeeper  
John Knouse, Property Manager  
Stephanie Cabrera, Custodian  
Ellia Osofsky, Nursery Care

### **PRIESTS AND CANONS ASSOCIATED WITH ST. JOHN'S**

The Rev. Matt MacDougall  
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The Rev. Elizabeth Mollard

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