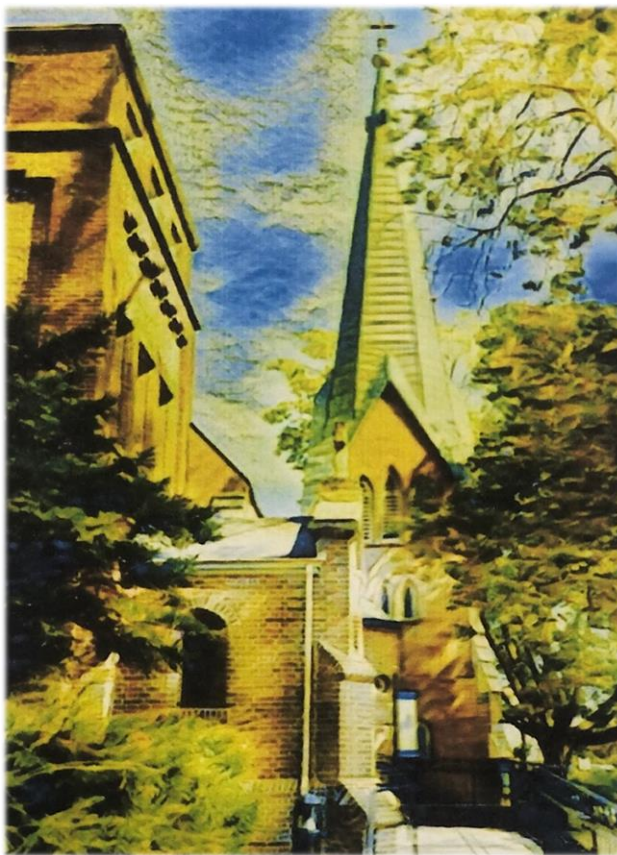


**THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**  
**HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II**  
**MAY 14<sup>TH</sup> AT 10:15 A.M.**



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!

## THE WORD OF GOD

### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### PRELUDE

*With Blessings in Love's Hand*

Picardy Tune

#### PROCESSIONAL HYMN

*Loving Spirit*

**WLP 742**

#### OPENING ACCLAMATION (*please rise in body or spirit*)

*Officiant* Alleluia. Christ is risen.

*People* *The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.*

#### COLLECT FOR PURITY

**BCP 355**

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

#### GLORIA

**HYMNAL S-236**

#### THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* *And also with you.*

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

#### THE FIRST LESSON: Acts 17:22-31 (*please be seated*)

Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, "Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, 'To an unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the

world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For ‘In him we live and move and have our being’; as even some of your own poets have said, ‘For we too are his offspring.’ Since we are God’s offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.”

The Word of the Lord.

*People*

*Thanks be to God.*

### **PSALM 66:7-18**

- 7 Bless our God, you peoples; \*  
    make the voice of his praise to be heard;
- 8 Who holds our souls in life, \*  
    and will not allow our feet to slip.
- 9 For you, O God, have proved us; \*  
    you have tried us just as silver is tried.
- 10 You brought us into the snare; \*  
    you laid heavy burdens upon our backs.
- 11 You let enemies ride over our heads;  
    we went through fire and water; \*  
    but you brought us out into a place of refreshment.
- 12 I will enter your house with burnt-offerings  
    and will pay you my vows, \*  
    which I promised with my lips  
    and spoke with my mouth when I was in trouble.
- 13 I will offer you sacrifices of fat beasts  
    with the smoke of rams; \*  
    I will give you oxen and goats.
- 14 Come and listen, all you who fear God, \*  
    and I will tell you what he has done for me.

15 I called out to him with my mouth, \*  
and his praise was on my tongue.  
16 If I had found evil in my heart, \*  
the Lord would not have heard me;  
17 But in truth God has heard me; \*  
he has attended to the voice of my prayer.  
18 Blessed be God, who has not rejected my prayer, \*  
nor withheld his love from me.

**THE EPISTLE:** 1 Peter 3:13-22

Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you-- not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

The Word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

**GRADUAL HYMN**

*Just as I am*

**HYMN 693**

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

**THE HOLY GOSPEL:** John 14:15-21 (*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, “If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you. I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.”

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

**SERMON**

THE REV. STACEY CATIGANO

**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. Mark's, Northumberland;  
and The Church of the Province of West Africa;  
*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, Angie Stamm, Michelle  
Snyder, Marilyn Wienk, and Carmen;  
*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.*

On this Mother's Day, we give you thanks for the divine gift of motherhood in all its diverse forms. Let us pray for all the mothers among us today; for our own mothers, those living and those who have passed away; for the mothers who loved us and for those who fell short of loving us fully; for all who hope to be mothers someday and for those whose hope to have children has been frustrated; for all mothers who have lost children; for all women who have mothered us in any number of ways – who practice self-sacrifice and embody compassion to all who are privileged to be in their influence. We pray this all in the name of God, our great and loving Mother. *Amen.*

*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.*

## **THE HOLY EUCHARIST**

*The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God in loving memory of Naomi Graeter and Ruth Bushong Ely, mothers of John and Barbara Graeter.*

## **THE OFFERTORY**

*It is well with my soul*

The Wesley Singers

*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.

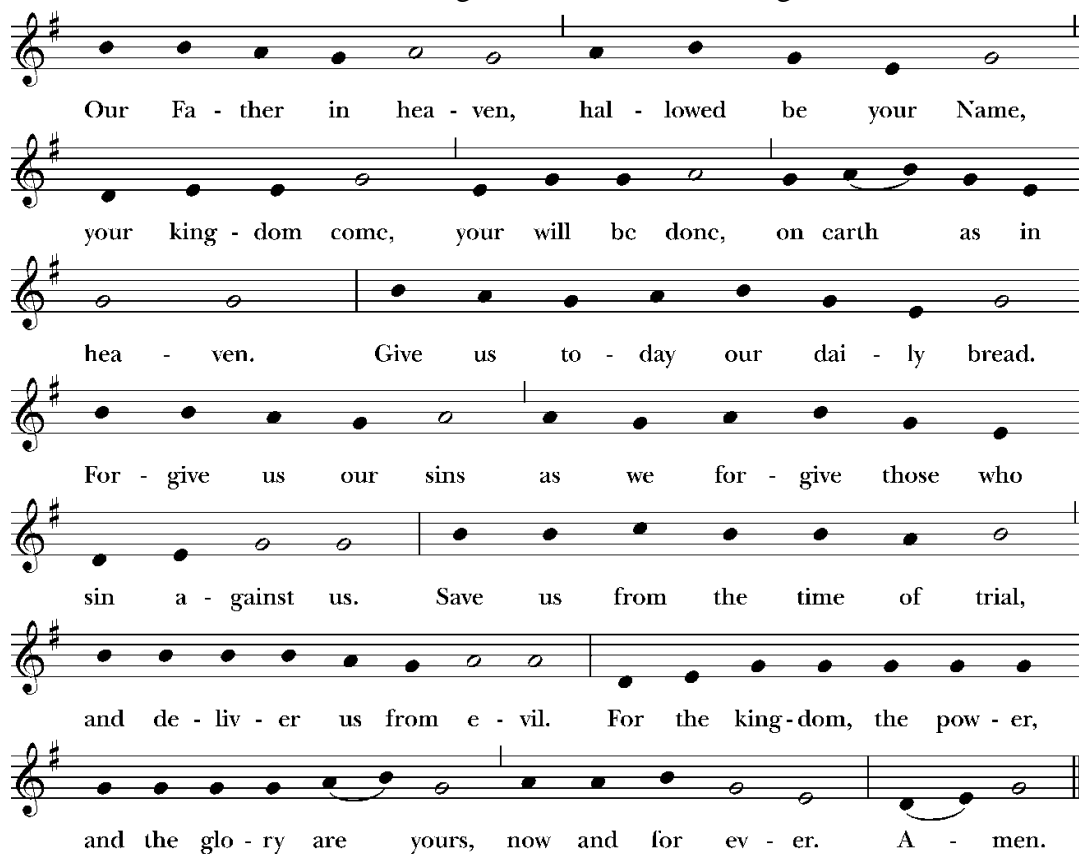
Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name. Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace. And 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 who seek God to our Lord's table. Hold out your hands to receive the bread. The wine is administered in two chalices: the common cup for drinking and the intinction cup for dipping your wafer into the wine. If you do not wish to receive the wine, cross your arms over your chest when the wine passes. If you desire a blessing instead of communion, simply cross your arms over your chest. Gluten free wafers are also available.*

**COMMUNION HYMNS**      *At the Lamb's high feast we sing  
Blessed feasts*

**HYMN 174**  
**HYMN 238**

## 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**

*Lord dismiss us with thy blessing*

**HYMN 344**

**THE DISMISSAL**

*Celebrant* Let us go forth in the name of the risen Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

*People* Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

**POSTLUDE**

*Be Led Forth in Peace*

Steffi Rubin, 1975

*St. John's would like to welcome back our guest organist, Glenn Lehman!*

**NEW SUNDAY SERVICE TIME!**



**BEGINNING SUNDAY, MAY 28**

### **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,

Greetings, and wishes for a happy Mother's Day, from the Anglican Church Province of West Africa. Rather than one country, this province involves eight countries on the Atlantic Ocean coast of Africa in the territory from Cameroon in the south to Gambia farther north, and also the islands that make up Cape Verde. While many here know, rightly and wisely so, that every day is Mother's Day, last year the telephone companies in Ghana reported a 98% increase in phone calls over the normal average daily number. I hope people everywhere will take this opportunity to share their love for the mothers of this world.

This week I've been travelling amongst these eight countries, and today I'm writing from Freetown in Sierra Leone. I wanted to come here to learn more about its fascinating and complicated history, which is tied to the colonial efforts of Great Britain. Western European countries, primarily Portugal and England, relied on capturing and transporting slaves to be used as workers in their colonies beginning in the 1500's. By the 1700's there was a groundswell of opposition to the slave trade, and influential leaders in England, led by William Wilberforce among others, devised a plan to bring freed enslaved persons back from North America to Africa. Freetown was established with the idea of creating a new home where these people could live in freedom, and in a territory and culture closer to their ancestral heritage. It was challenging, though, because many of these people had been born into slavery in North America, were never given any education, and had no idea how to set up a community. Imagine if you were taken from the only surroundings you had known all your life where your life and work were totally controlled by others, and plopped down in a completely different place and told you could now live freely. The idea was begun out of good intentions, and in fact provided impetus for Great Britain finally abolishing slavery in 1792. Making it work proved to be difficult, though, and there were many setbacks along the way. However, the more than 200 years since have seen the development and growth of a nation. It's not without its troubles, but it stands in recognition of the hope for freedom of all people. As we affirm in our baptismal covenant: "... strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being." The establishment of Freetown, Sierra Leone was that covenant put into action.

Blessings to you always,  
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

### MONDAY, MAY 15

- 6:00 PM Daughters of the King

### TUESDAY, MAY 16

- 1:30 PM Martha's Ministry  
2:30 PM Food Pantry

### WEDNESDAY, MAY 17

- 12:00 PM Healing Service  
3:00 PM Eagle's Nest

### THURSDAY, MAY 18

- 9:00 AM Ministers' Meeting  
2:30 PM Food Pantry  
6:30 PM Men's Gathering

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

### FRIDAY, MAY 12

*Rector's Day Off*

### SATURDAY, MAY 20

- 9:00 AM Community Breakfast  
at First Reformed  
5:30 PM Convocation Outing to  
the Barnstormers Game!

### SUNDAY, MAY 21

*Graduation Sunday*

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

### 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!

**SATURDAY, MAY 20!!!**



## **Convocation Night at the Barnstormers! 2022 Atlantic League Champions**

We have secured a section of seats for the ten Episcopal Churches of Lancaster County to have a night at the ballpark with FIREWORKS following the game. Cost will be \$23.00 per seat which will include a \$13.00 money card to use for food or fan gear.

Please email the parish administrator at St. Thomas, Bev Rider, with the number of tickets you will need no later than Monday, May 15. [saintthomaschurch@comcast.net](mailto:saintthomaschurch@comcast.net)

Make checks payable to St. Thomas and write "Barnstormers" in the memo section of your check. Checks can be mailed to 301 St. Thomas Rd., Lancaster, PA 17601. If you prefer, you can also pay online by visiting our website at <https://www.stthomaslanaster.org/> and making a donation using the memo line "Barnstormers".

## **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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