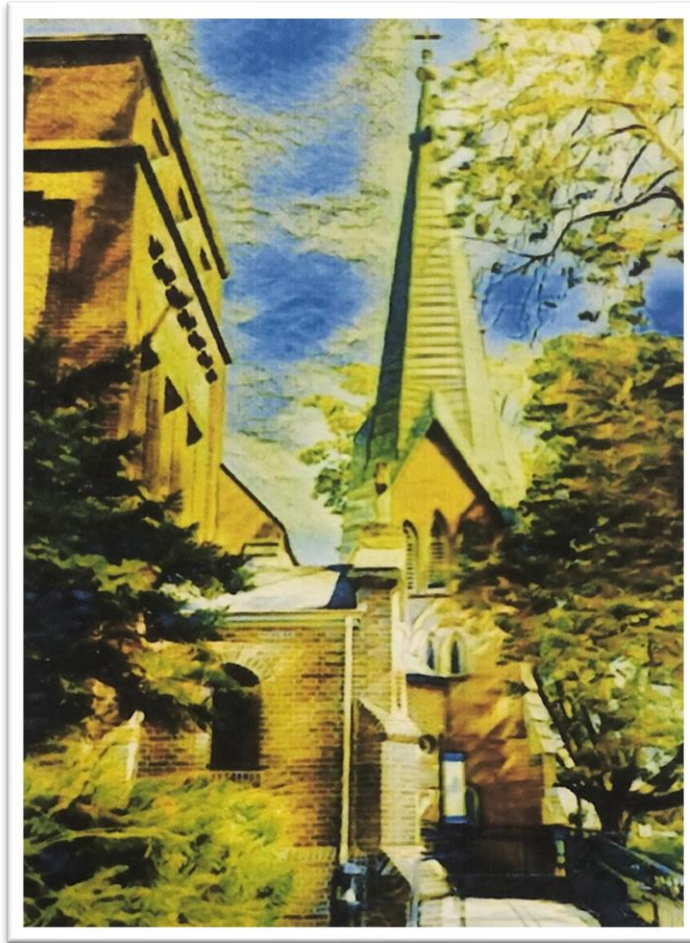


THE NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



HOLY BAPTISM AND HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II
OCTOBER 8TH AT 10:15 A.M.

WELCOME TO ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

St. John's is an Open and Affirming congregation. In faithfulness to Jesus and His commandment to love our neighbors as ourselves, we invite everyone to celebrate with us in the full life and ministry of the Church. We believe strongly in our mission statement to Grow in God, Act in Service, and Witness in Love.

A NOTE ABOUT OUR WORSHIP

Our Rite II service comes from the Book of Common Prayer and is filled with vibrant music, sacred scripture, and the breaking of bread. This service is filled with the joyful sound of children rustling in the pews, anthems sung to the glory of God, and the heartfelt prayers of those gathered. With acolytes and processions, communal singing, and a mission to love and serve our neighbors, this service invites one to participate in the coming of the Kingdom. At St. John's everyone is welcome to the Lord's table.

TO THOSE WHO MAY BE NEW OR ARE VISITING

We are so glad you are here! Ushers are stationed at the back of the church and can answer any questions you may have or please ask a neighbor in the next pew. Restrooms can be found on the other side of the Parish Hall. In addition to worship, opportunities for fellowship exist after the service in the courtyard. A nursery is available every Sunday for our littlest members next to the Parish Hall. Thank you for being here!

ST. JOHN'S MINISTRIES SURVEY

Please fill this out if you have an interest in learning more about the various ways that you can participate in ministry at St. John's. For a brief description of all the areas of ministry, feel free to access the 2023 Ministries Catalog by using the QR code included here. When using this document, there are many links to our parish website, local organizations, and national organizations. In the survey, each category of ministry links to that section of the 2023 Ministries Catalog.



THE WORD OF GOD

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

If you have an announcement, you would like the clergy to share, please fill out the form on our website or let the office know no later than Thursday.

PRELUDE *Chorale Prelude on St. Stephen* John Troutman
Based on the tune by William Jones

OPENING HYMN *All things bright and beautiful* **HYMN 405**

OPENING ACCLAMATION (*please remain standing as you are able*) **BCP 299**

Officiant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People *And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.*

Officiant There is one Body and one Spirit;
People *There is one hope in God's call to us;*

Officiant One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;
People *One God and Father of all.*

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People *And also with you.*
Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve: Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Savior; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

THE FIRST LESSON: Exodus 20:1-4,7-9,12-20 (*please be seated*)

Then God spoke all these words: I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me.

You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not acquit anyone who misuses his name. Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. For six days you shall labour and do all your work. Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you. You shall not murder. You shall not commit adultery. You shall not steal. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor. You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

When all the people witnessed the thunder and lightning, the sound of the trumpet, and the mountain smoking, they were afraid and trembled and stood at a distance, and said to Moses, "You speak to us, and we will listen; but do not let God speak to us, or we will die." Moses said to the people, "Do not be afraid; for God has come only to test you and to put the fear of him upon you so that you do not sin."

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 105:1-6, 37-45

- 1 The heavens declare the glory of God, *
and the firmament shows his handiwork.
- 2 One day tells its tale to another, *
and one night imparts knowledge to another.
- 3 Although they have no words or language, *
and their voices are not heard,
- 4 Their sound has gone out into all lands, *
and their message to the ends of the world.
- 5 In the deep has he set a pavilion for the sun; *
it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber;
it rejoices like a champion to run its course.
- 6 It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens
and runs about to the end of it again; *
nothing is hidden from its burning heat.

- 7 The law of the LORD is perfect and revives the soul; *
the testimony of the LORD is sure and gives wisdom to the innocent.
- 8 The statutes of the LORD are just and rejoice the heart; *
the commandment of the LORD is clear and gives light to the eyes.
- 9 The fear of the LORD is clean and endures for ever; *
the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.
- 10 More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold, *
sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.
- 11 By them also is your servant enlightened, *
and in keeping them there is great reward.
- 12 Who can tell how often he offends? *
cleanse me from my secret faults.
- 13 Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins;
let them not get dominion over me; *
then shall I be whole and sound,
and innocent of a great offense.
- 14 Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my
heart be acceptable in your sight, *
O LORD, my strength and my redeemer.

THE EPISTLE: Philippians 3:4b-14

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL HYMN

O Spirit of the living God

HYMN 531

Verses 1&2 before the Gospel Reading; Verses 3&4 after the Gospel Reading

THE HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 21:33-46 (*please remain standing as you are able*)

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

People *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

Jesus said, “Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them, saying, ‘They will respect my son.’ But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, ‘This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.’ So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?” They said to him, “He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time.” Jesus said to them, “Have you never read in the scriptures: ‘The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord’s doing, and it is amazing in our eyes’? Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom. The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls.” When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

The Gospel of the Lord.

People *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

PRESENTATION AND EXAMINATION OF THE CANDIDATES

BCP 301

Celebrant The Candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented.
Presenters I present Violet Marie Wear to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

Celebrant Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present is brought up in the Christian faith and life?
Presenters I will, with God's help.

Celebrant Will you by your prayers and witness help this child to grow into the full stature of Christ?
Presenters I will, with God's help.

Celebrant Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?
Answer I renounce them.

Celebrant Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?
Answer I renounce them.

Celebrant Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?
Answer I renounce them.

Celebrant Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?
Answer I do.

Celebrant Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?
Answer I do.

Celebrant Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?
Answer I do.

The Celebrant addresses the congregation, saying

Celebrant Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support this person in her life in Christ?
People *We will.*

Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT

BCP 304

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Father?
People I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

Celebrant Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?
People I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?
People I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.

Celebrant Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship,
in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?
People *I will, with God's help.*

Celebrant Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

People *I will, with God's help.*

Celebrant Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

People *I will, with God's help.*

Celebrant Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

People *I will, with God's help.*

Celebrant Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

People *I will, with God's help.*

PRAYERS FOR THE CANDIDATE

BCP 305

Let us now pray for this person who is to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

Leader Deliver her, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

People *Lord, hear our prayer.*

Leader Open her heart to your grace and truth.

People *Lord, hear our prayer.*

Leader Fill her with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

People *Lord, hear our prayer.*

Leader Keep her in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

People *Lord, hear our prayer.*

Leader Teach her to love others in the power of the Spirit.

People *Lord, hear our prayer.*

Leader Send her into the world in witness to your love.

People *Lord, hear our prayer.*

Leader Bring her to the fullness of your peace and glory.

People *Lord, hear our prayer.*

Celebrant Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and forever. *Amen.*

THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

BCP 306

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People *And also with you.*

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People *It is right to give God thanks and praise.*

We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. *Amen.*

THE BAPTISM

BCP 307

Violet, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. *Amen.*

Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon this your servant the forgiveness of sin, and have raised her to the new life of grace. Sustain her, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give her an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. *Amen.*

Violet, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever.
Amen.

Let us welcome the newly baptized by saying together,

We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.

THE PEACE

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

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

The flowers of the altar are given to the glory of God in honor of Nicole & Alden Doyle, Nathan, Jessica & Brent Qualls by Sherry & Scott Qualls. The flowers in front of the lectern are given in loving memory of Chris Graeter and in celebration of Tim & Claire Graeter by John & Barbara Graeter.

THE OFFERTORY *God of the Ages* Joseph Martin

PRESENTATION HYMN *Joyful, joyful, we adore thee* **HYMNAL 376, vs. 3**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: Eucharistic Prayer C **BCP 369**

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.*

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.
Glory to you for ever and ever.

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.
By your will they were created and have their being.

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

By his blood, he reconciled us.

By his wounds, we are healed.

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

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.

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, 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, gave thanks, 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.”

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

We celebrate his death and resurrection,
as we await the day of his coming.

Lord God of our Fathers; God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal.

Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **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.

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. If you wish to receive, please come forward to the altar rail when the usher indicates. Hold out your hands to receive the bread. For the wine, you can receive by guiding the chalice to your lips or by dipping your wafer into the separate intinction cup. 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. When finished, please exit to your right. Gluten free wafers are also available.

COMMUNION HYMNS

*O Spirit of Life
Breathe on me, Breath of God*

HYMN 505

HYMN 508

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

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

BCP 366

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. *Amen.*

THE BLESSING

Holy God, send us anywhere you would have us go, only go there with us. Place upon us any burden you desire, only stand by us to sustain us. Break any tie that binds us, except the tie that binds us to you. And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit be with you all and remain with you always. *Amen.*

CLOSING HYMN

Christ is made the sure foundation

HYMN 518

THE DISMISSAL

Celebrant Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.
Alleluia, Alleluia!

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

POSTLUDE

*Just as the Prelude is meant to quiet our hearts and prepare us for worship,
the Postlude is meant to ignite our spirits in reflection of the service
and prepare us to go out into the world and share what we have experienced.*



 **St. John's
Music Department**

Ring with the
Handbell Choir!

Performing at Christmas
and Easter, we rehearse on
Thursday nights at 7 PM!

Contact Doug Beach at montythread@gmail.com

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:

Dia duit, Pastor Amanda,

May God be with you! As fabulous as it is, there's much more to the Republic of Ireland than Dublin, and I'm writing to you today from the home of friends here in Sligo on the northwest coast. It's a lovely port town on the Garavogue River, surrounded by hills and fields, with a lot of outdoor activities from hiking to horseback riding, sailing in Sligo Bay of course, and fishing for the abundant seafood. Oh, and pubs and music. Anyone traveling to Ireland would do well to visit Sligo.

The Church of Ireland has a history that's as long as the histories of Ireland and England. If you've seen an Irish fisherman's cable sweater (jumper, over here), you'll get a visual idea of the intertwining story of this church. Christianity came to Ireland in the mid 400's with the well known St. Patrick. He remains one of the three patron saints of Ireland, along with St. Columba or Colmcille, and St. Brigid. In those early days Ireland was predominantly Catholic. The English Reformation brought change and the creation of the Church of England, and in 1536 the Irish Parliament accepted King Henry VIII of England as the head of the Church of Ireland rather than the Pope in Rome. Successor kings and queens had their own personal leanings toward or away from the Catholic Church, and Irish worship was swayed that way or this, just as you might follow the cables winding their way through our sweater.

This was also a fascinating time of theological thought. As the Renaissance moved into what we now call the Age of Enlightenment in the mid 1600's, many people were interested in the developing theories of science. Sometimes then, just as it does now, science seemed to conflict with the biblical teachings of the church. A personal hero of mine was James Ussher, Archbishop of Armagh Ireland from 1625 to 1656. In an effort to unify scientific thought with biblical scripture, he famously (or infamously) traced back through the lineages, generations, and epochs cited in the Bible and calculated the date of Creation as October 22, 4004 B.C. In hindsight it turns out his result wasn't accurate, but he gave it a good try with the intent of reconciling science and faith. And it's a reconciliation that continues to confound people even today. It seems the more we learn about the universe through scientific study, the more wondrous it is. I for one will continue to praise God for the wonder of Creation, here, there, and everywhere, throughout time, and for time everlasting yet to come. And I'll raise a glass to Archbishop Ussher on the 22nd.

With the road rising up to meet me and the wind at my back, I wish you blessings always,
John Traveler

UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES AT ST. JOHN'S:

TODAY

Coffee Hour to follow each service

8:00 AM Holy Eucharist: Rite I
9:15 AM Sunday School
10:15 AM Holy Baptism & HEII
11:30 AM Adult Forum

MONDAY, OCTOBER 9

6:00 PM Caring Ministry Meeting

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 10

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

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 11

12:00 PM Healing Service
5:30 PM Eagle's Nest Meeting
7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal
7:00 PM J2A Class

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 12

9:00 AM Ministers' Meeting
1:00 PM Clergy Council
2:30 PM Food Pantry
7:00 PM Handbell Choir Rehearsal

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 13

Rector's Day Off

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15

Coffee Hour to follow each service

8:00 AM Holy Eucharist: Rite I
9:15 AM Sunday School
10:15 AM Holy Eucharist: Rite II
11:30 AM Adult Forum
12:00 PM Vestry Meeting

WEEKLY SUPPORT MINISTRIES

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

CREATION CARE GUEST SPEAKER: KATIE RUTH

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF INTERFAITH POWER AND LIGHT

Join us on October 15th in the Parish Hall after the 10:15 AM service to learn what is happening in our environment and what small steps we can take individually and as a faith community in caring for God's creation. Katie Ruth is a wealth of information when it comes to being faithful stewards of God's creation and practical steps to making a difference. Mark your calendars and please join us for this informational meeting!

FOOD PANTRY HELP NEEDED!

Friends, our Food Pantry is feeding more people every week and we need your help! We are always in need of food donations, particularly canned tuna, canned chicken, cereal, peanut butter, pasta sauce and spaghetti. Donations can be placed in the basket in the back of the church or in one of the red carts. In addition, financial contributions are extremely helpful as we are trying to purchase as much bulk food at a reduced price as possible. Checks can be made out to St. John's Episcopal Church with "Food Pantry" in the memo line. Thank you for helping us feed the hungry and love our neighbors!

DISCERNING THE MINISTRY OF VESTRY

MYTH

Vestry meetings last for at least five hours and go well into the middle of the night.

FACT

We respect your time and value productive and fruitful meetings. Monthly meetings last no longer than two hours max.

MYTH

There is weeping and gnashing of teeth on the vestry, people fight constantly.

FACT

Every year, the vestry establishes a shared covenant to which we all abide by. We value relationships over "positions." Our ministry is collaborative, prayerful, and spirit led. We share a common mission: to serve the best interests of the parish.

MYTH

In order to serve on vestry you need to know everything there is to know about the Episcopal Church and be the best Christian in the world.

FACT

Vestry members must be confirmed members in the Episcopal Church, committed to regular worship, and open to the movement of the Holy Spirit.

MYTH

All the vestry does is complain & argue about money.

FACT

The vestry has oversight of the well-being of the church and yes, that includes the finances, the buildings and grounds, and the assets. Vestries are also visionaries, creative thinkers, encouragers, and strategic planners.

Serving on the vestry is both an honor and a privilege. If you have a heart for St. John's, if you are invested in the future of our congregation and want to be a part of casting a vision for what lies ahead please email amanda@stjohns-lancaster.org. Vestry nominees will be accepted through October 15 with elections taking place at our annual meeting on Sunday, November 5. We are also accepting names for our St. John's Delegation to Diocesan Convention for 2024. Please consider representing our parish next year by submitting your name to Amanda+!

Alternatives to Violence

Workshop | October 27-29

This workshop will help you understand why conflict happens, manage strong feelings such as anger and fear, deal more effectively with risk and danger, build good relationships with other people, communicate well in difficult situations, recognize the conflict management skills you already have, and be true to yourself while respecting other people.

When:

Friday the 27: 5:30PM - 9:00PM

Saturday the 28th: 8:30AM - 5:30PM

Sunday the 29th: 12:00PM - 6:00PM

Where:

St. John's Episcopal Church

Email anneofmary@gmail.com with any questions or special requests!

A suggested donation of \$40 can be made out to **AVP South Central Penn Council**.



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

All Baptized Members

The Rt. Rev. Dr. Audrey C. Scanlan, Diocesan Bishop

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