



ST. JOHN'S NORWOOD
Chevy Chase-Bethesda

SAINT JOHN'S AT THE CROSSROADS

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Annual Parish Meeting Election Results

New Vestry members:

Lon Anderson, Anne Derse, Tom Hebert, Nancy Petrisko
(Retiring Vestry members – Jane Houlihan, Anne Lubenow,
Tom St. Clair, Anne Wake)

Vestry members serve 3-year terms

New Lay Delegate and Alternate:

Cathy O'Donnell is the Lay Delegate and Sue Rohan is Alternate.
(Retiring delegate/alternate – Marny Helfrich and Carolyn Peirce)

Lay Delegates to Diocesan Convention serve 3-year terms

Congratulations, welcome, and best wishes to all our newly-elected officers.

To all retiring officers, thank you for your service and dedication to St. John's.

RECTOR'S CORNER

Thank you to everyone who helped make the Annual Parish Meeting this past Sunday such a success, and congratulations to our newly elected Vestry members and delegates to diocesan convention. As always, anytime St. John's does anything over food, the result is positive. Thank you especially to Parish Life for hosting us in the Parish Hall and providing us with yet another good meal.

Looking ahead to this Sunday, the Rev. Joe Clark will be celebrating and preaching at all services as Sarah and I will be away with the Vestry on our annual retreat. The Gospel for this Sunday will be the same as last week's - The Road to Emmaus - for a closer look at the meaning and significance of this passage for our lives today.

Building Community at the Crossroads of Faith and Life

Our members represent a variety of racial and ethnic backgrounds, nationalities, family configurations, sexual orientations, abilities, and religious traditions. Indeed, chances are that there's someone like you at St. John's. We are single, married, partnered, divorced, widowed, remarried, gay and lesbian, with and without children, empty nesters, old and young, and differently-abled; you name it - we are here.

Passages

"If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it." 1 Cor. 12:26

*We join in mourning the death of Laura Burris,
best friend of Dorothy Hevey*

We give thanks for ...

*... the marriage on Saturday of parishioners
and church school teachers Sarah
Tomkins & Jason Flohre*

... the baptisms on Sunday of:

*Liesel Jaeger,
daughter of Philip & Giulia Jaeger*

*John Knight,
son of Fred Knight & Anne Glynn*

*Mariella and Nolan Nash,
children of Jonathan & Leah Nash*

*Liam Parker,
son of Bradford & Amelia Parker*

*John Perkins,
son of Michael & Katherine Perkins*

*Emma Rose Seelman,
daughter of Michael & Michelle Seelman*

*Please contact the Office if you have a birth, baptism, wedding,
death, or other passage to share with the Parish.*

Adult Forum (5/4)

Making Sense of Climate Change Through Art

Marnie Sinclair is a process artist (sculptor, painter and print-maker) who depends on nature for inspiration. Her talk will be about balance in nature, its beauty, magic, and mystery, and how it has impacted her art and her hope through action. It will be followed by a video that she made using her own art to explain the story of climate change as told by three experts in the field. Her whimsical, playful sculptures are a balance for the dire story delivered by these scientists.

Having recently moved from Martha's Vineyard to Damariscotta, Maine, Marnie has written many articles on environmental concerns, as well as

created over 40 videos on the local environment of Martha's Vineyard with special emphasis on water issues. She has shown her work in many locations in New England. She is an environmental activist who was trained by Al Gore's Climate Reality program, as well as the 350.org group. She is a mother and grandmother and their future as well as the future of the planet is what drives her passion.

Carolyn Peirce

Pizza, Beer & Jesus (5/7)

Join us Wednesday, May 7, at 7:00 PM at Haven Pizzeria for PB&J – pizza, beer, and a conversation about "Practical tips for loving your 'enemy' at work," facilitated by Sarah+.



Meet there or walk over from church at 6:45. If you'd like to receive email reminders about Felix Hora events, please ask the church office to add your name to the FH email group. Contact: Chris Obara, cjobara[AT]gmail.com or 727/364-1387

Youth Appreciation Dinner (5/18)

They carry the cross, light the candles, sing in the choir, collect the offering, ring bells, process with the torches, help set the table at communion, hand out bulletins, and greet parishioners with a smile. They are St. John's hardworking youth and we'll celebrate their service to our parish at the annual Youth Appreciation Dinner on Sunday, May 18.

The evening begins at 5:45 PM with a taco bar dinner and continues with presentations to the choir, acolytes, and welcome team members where we'll show our support for and extend our thanks to the youth for all that they bring to St. John's. Good-byes to our graduating seniors, dessert, and a slide show from the Youth Group will cap off the evening. There is no charge for the event as a special thank you to all our fabulous youth and their families.

Anne Timpane

CAMP JOY (7/20-26)

Our CAMP JOY dates have been changed to July 20-26, the second week of camp, because the first week was booked over capacity. CAMP JOY is the Youth Group's annual outreach trip to Berkeley Springs, West Virginia, for a week to help repair homes of those less fortunate.

We still need chaperones! Please let us know if you can make it for part of the week!

Feel free to contact me (cfgrimes[AT]gmail.com) or Rick (fpbradley[AT]gmail.com) if you have any comments, questions, or concerns.

Cynthia Grimes

Men's Book Club (5/14)

Book selection: *The Internal Enemy: Slavery and War in Virginia, 1772-1832*. Meeting at home of Bob Dupont, 7:30 PM.

Inquirer's Class (5/18)

Interested to know more about St. John's and the Episcopal Church? You are welcome to attend an Inquirer's Class, Sunday, May 18, 10:00 AM, in the Lounge.



The Vision Thing: Notes, Thoughts, and Updates from the St. John's Vision Team

Your Vision Team spent February, March, and April looking inward at our parish, asking such questions as "who we are?" and "what do we do best?" In May, we begin looking outward to the Bethesda-Chevy Chase community in which we are located and ask "what are the greatest needs?" We will interview key community leaders, conduct neighborhood walks, and commission a demographic survey. We look forward to bringing you the fruits of this labor in upcoming forums.

And this good news of the kingdom will be proclaimed throughout the world, as a testimony to all the nations; and then the end will come.

- Matthew 24:14

Caring Well for One Another: Funerals and Weddings



There are very few activities that bring as many new people through our doors at St. John's every year as do weddings and funerals. These two occasions – one joyful and one sorrowful – bring with them people of all convictions and beliefs, both those with religious affiliations and those with none. For many of them, this may be their first experience with the Episcopal Church, and for some with church in general. For others, their experience with church in the past has resulted in wounds and painful memories of exclusivism and spiritual pretense. For all these reasons and more, St. John's views both weddings and funerals not only as opportunities to perform beautiful and life-affirming ceremonies, but also as pastoral opportunities to either bring healing through, or make a powerful first impression with, the love of Christ. No one comes through our doors by accident. Everyone needs a touch of the Divine in their life. With God's help, we will continue to be agents of that touch – as modeled to us by Christ – through inclusion, hospitality, and care for each person.

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Calendar

Sunday, May 4, 2014

- Vestry Retreat (offsite)
- 8:00 AM Simple, Spoken Holy Eucharist - Chapel
- 9:00 AM Children's Chapel - Hines Hall
- 9:00 AM Holy Eucharist - Nave
- 9:00-12:00 Librarian Is In - Library
- 9:00-1:00 Parish Library Open
- 10:00 AM Bible Study - Lounge
- Parenting Forum (informal discussion)
- Youth Group Bake Sale (proceeds benefit Camp Joy) - West Avenue Lobby
- 10:10 AM Adult Forum: "Making Sense of Climate Change Through Art," Artist and Environmental Activist Martha Sinclair - Parish Hall
- 11:15 AM Holy Eucharist - Nave
- 12:15 PM Hospitality Hour - Lounge
- 4:45-6:30 Parish Library Open - Library
- 5:00 PM Come As You Are Eucharist - Nave
- 5:30 PM Youth Group - Youth Room
- Monday, May 5, 2014**
- 6:30 PM EfM - Lounge
- 7:30 PM Women's Book Group - (offsite)
- Tuesday, May 6, 2014**
- 1:30 PM Church Staff - Rector's Office
- 4:00 PM Primary Choir - Choir Room
- 4:00-6:00 Parish Library Open - Library
- 5:00 PM Children's Choir - Choir Room
- 7:00 PM Alleluia Choir - Choir Room
- 7:30 PM Stewardship Committee - Library
- 7:30 PM Personnel Committee - Lounge
- Wednesday, May 7, 2014**
- 10:30 AM Bible Study - Lounge
- 12:00 PM Holy Eucharist and Healing - Chapel
- 1:00-4:00 Librarian Is In - Library
- 6:30 PM EfM - Lounge
- 7:00 PM Pizza, Beer, and Jesus (Haven Pizzeria)

If you wish to be removed from the Saint John's mailing list, or no longer wish to receive the Saint John's at the Crossroads newsletter, please let the office know.

The next Crossroads will be dated **Sunday, 5/11**.

Note: The editor and church staff reserve the right to determine the content of Crossroads and edit for grammar or length requirements (article limit, 150 words).

Final article drafts must be submitted to the Parish Office by the *Sunday* prior to publication date (above). One may email articles to newsletter@stjohnsnorwood.org (with "Crossroads" in the subject line). Sending text in the body of the e-mail is preferred.

Thursday, May 8, 2014

- 6:00 PM Norwood Ringers - Choir Room
- 7:00 PM Stephen Ministers - Library
- 7:30 PM St. John's Choir - Choir Room
- 7:30 PM Stephen Ministers - Lounge

Friday, May 9, 2014

- 3:00 PM R&W - Rector's Office

Saturday, May 10, 2014

- 4:00 PM Elkins Wedding - Nave

Sunday, May 11, 2014

- Mother's Day
- 8:00 AM Simple, Spoken Holy Eucharist - Chapel
- 9:00 AM Children's Chapel - Hines Hall
- 9:00 AM Holy Eucharist - Nave
- 9:00-1:00 Parish Library Open
- 10:00 AM Bible Study - Library
- 10:10 AM Adult Forum: Holy Land Pilgrims' Presentation - Parish Hall
- 11:15 AM Holy Eucharist - Nave
- 12:15 PM Hospitality Hour - Lounge
- 4:45-6:30 Parish Library Open - Library
- 5:00 PM Come As You Are Eucharist - Nave
- 6:00 PM Adoption Ministry - Lounge