



ST. JOHN'S NORWOOD  
Chevy Chase-Bethesda

# SAINT JOHN'S AT THE CROSSROADS

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## Crossroads Goes Paperless!

As we welcome 2015 and think of all the opportunities ahead for St. John's we are excited to announce one of the first initiatives of the year. Beginning in February St. John's will be launching a new Crossroads, an electronic newsletter delivered by email and available on the St. John's website (<http://stjohnsnorwood.org/>).

This e-format will provide the opportunity for the Parish to receive all of the information that it has come to expect from Crossroads as well as interact more directly with that information.

When events are announced that require an RSVP you will be able to click directly through to register and because we will no longer be limited by pages, the electronic format will also let us to share pictures and reports from those events, allowing all of us to relive those special moments.

Individual ministries will have the opportunity to highlight their work and engage others who might be interested in joining.

All the information in each e-Crossroads will be interconnected with St. John's other communications such as the website and our Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/pages/St-Johns-Norwood-Parish/123554040886>), allowing you to find information more quickly and consistently.

To ensure that everyone receives Crossroads the office will be collecting email addresses from parishioners. If you already get emails from the church, you will automatically get Crossroads. If not, you can sign up on St. John's website (<http://stjohnsnorwood.org/>) by clicking on the link on the homepage or you can call the office ([301-654-7767](tel:301-654-7767)) and provide your email address to the staff. For those without access to the Internet, a limited number of hard copies of Crossroads will be available. Please let the office know if you need one.

We are excited about the launch of the updated Crossroads. We look forward to being able to more fully share all of the exciting things going on at St. John's in 2015.

Sari Ateek, Rector

John Ross and Roxy Wolfe, Wardens

Anne Lubenow and Rynnie Cotter, Chairs of the Communications Committee

## 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.

**Teens, Drugs and Alcohol  
Adult Forum January 18  
10:10 am, Parish Hall**

This forum will be presented by St. John's parishioner Maura Lynch on the current drug and alcohol scene that our teens are dealing with, the potential legal ramifications, and places to get help. From this presentation she is hoping to start a support group for parents of teens.

Maura has made presentations all over the county at local public and private high schools. All parents and others are invited.

Carolyn Peirce

**Women's Book Group**

The next meeting of the Women's Book Group will be on Monday, February 2 at 7:30 p.m. at the home of Chris Kenety. Please call Chris ([301-652-1637](tel:301-652-1637)) for directions or any other questions you may have.

We will be discussing *Soldier Girls: The Battles of Three Women at Home and at War* by Helen Thorpe. With a timeline of 2001-2013, this is a groundbreaking" account of three women deployed to Afghanistan and Iraq and how their military service affected their friendship, their personal lives and their families. It has been described as "beautifully written and powerfully moving."

As a general matter, our book club selections are fiction by women authors, but we do also choose non-fiction and the occasional male author, so please join us and bring your own suggestions for future readings.

Following are the next 3 selections for anyone who wants to read ahead:

3/2/15 *The Golem and The Jinni: A Novel*  
by Helene Wecker

4/6/15 *The Summer Without Men* by Siri Husvedt

5/4/15 *Rockville Pike: a suburban comedy of manners*  
by Susan Coll

Mary Chyun

**A Blast from the Past!**

**Pasta Bingo  
returns to St. John's!  
Sunday, January 18**

**5:45 pm-Pasta dinner  
served by Parish Life  
(\$5/person // \$15/family)**

**Then stay for Pasta Bingo!**

**Why "Pasta" Bingo?**

**We use pasta  
for the bingo markers!**

**Prizes!**

**Fun for kids and adults!**

**Warm Up to Some Easy Shopping**

Just stop by the Outreach table in the lobby where the sign says "Giant Cards on Sale". There you will find cards in all denominations, from \$10 to \$100 for your grocery needs.

Outreach buys the cards at a 5% discount and sells them at full cost. The proceeds of 5% go to Outreach.

We sell at 10:00-10:15 and 11:00-11:15 every Sunday.

Put a Giant card first on your shopping list!

The Outreach Committee

## 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 deaths of*

Turner DeHart (Margaret Uhar's father)

Marty Walker, long-time parishioner

*We celebrate with*

Latia & Katia Barrett on the January 8 birth of Kaia Grace

*Please contact the Office if you have a celebration, thanksgiving, sorrow, or other news to share with the Parish.*

If you or someone you know would appreciate any form of pastoral care, please call Penny Winder [ [301-938-1193](tel:301-938-1193) or [winderph@verizon.net](mailto:winderph@verizon.net)] or Anne Derse [ [301-401-5717](tel:301-401-5717) and [derseae@hotmail.com](mailto:derseae@hotmail.com)] or the church office.

## Shepherd's Table Needs You

Shepherd's Table, a nonprofit organization in Silver Spring, helps the homeless and those in need by providing meals 7 nights a week and other basic services. The organization served 12,132 dinners in the first quarter of 2014.

St. John's supports Shepherd's Table by preparing, delivering, and serving a meal of chili, cornbread, and cole slaw on the fourth Sunday of every month. This outreach activity relies on volunteers to bring ingredients, cook the chili, and deliver and serve the meal. We currently have several openings for volunteers to bring an ingredient (e.g., 5 lbs. hamburger, 5 heads shredded cabbage) once every three months. Although St. John's allocates a small budget for purchasing some chili ingredients in bulk, other items are provided entirely by parishioners. Please help our less fortunate neighbors by contacting Colleen Parent and volunteering to bring an ingredient: ([colleen\\_parent@yahoo.com](mailto:colleen_parent@yahoo.com)).

## Music Notes

This Sunday, as our nation takes time to honor Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and his message of freedom and peace, I wanted to take a moment to explore those vibrant African American songs known as Spirituals.

Spirituals speak of suffering and transformation both in the lives of slaves (*Sometimes I feel like a motherless child, a long ways from home*) and in the life of Jesus (*Were you there when they crucified my Lord?*) They also tell of struggles and resistance. (*Joshua fit the battle of Jericho and the walls come tumbling down!*) Although the writers of Spirituals understood the importance of "calling others on their transgressions," they also knew that the ultimate responsibility for transforming lives rests on our own shoulders. (*It's me, it's me, it's me, O Lord, standin' in the need of prayer. Not my brother, not my sister, but it's me, O Lord, standin' in the need of prayer.*)

The "working, everyday spirituality" that the slaves brought with them from Africa is a wonderful reminder for us that "God is not something to be abstracted intellectually; God is experientially immediate and real." As we face the challenges and demands of our own lives, I hope we can draw some wisdom from the Spirituals and remember that "There is a balm in Gilead, to make the wounded whole."

Anne Timpane

## Stephen Ministry at St. John's

*Celebrating 25 Years of Care-Giving and Receiving  
Adult Forum, February 8, 2015*

A lot of folks are following football these days: the play-offs, wild card bids, spectacular plays in the red zone, 4<sup>th</sup> and long decisions to "go for it" or punt. Former NFL coach Bill Arnsparger, a legend in developing a strong defense, likens his training as a Stephen Minister to football. The similarities in training include building confidence and providing close supervision and teamwork leading to "the best care possible for our care receivers and one another." Want to know more about Stephen Ministry training or how to support and extend pastoral care at St. John's as a Stephen Leader? See Arnsparger's testimonial and check out the information on the Stephen Ministry bulletin board in the West Avenue lobby. Join us for the Adult Forum on Sunday, February 8 at 10:10 am in the Parish Hall. (Toni Hartman, John Mertens, Penny Winder, [www.stephenministries.org](http://www.stephenministries.org))

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## Calendar

### Sunday January 18, 2015

- 8:00 am Holy Eucharist with sermon  
- St. Mary's Chapel
- 9:00-12:00 Parish Library Open
- 9:00 am Children's Chapel – Hines Hall
- 9:00 am Holy Eucharist with sermon  
and music led by the Alleluia Choir - Nave
- 10:00 am Church School – classrooms  
Adult Forum – Teens, Drugs & Alcohol  
presented by parishioner Maura Lynch  
- Parish Hall
- Bible Study – Library
- 11:15 am Holy Eucharist with sermon and music led  
by the St. John's Choir – Nave
- 5:00 pm Come As You Are communion service– Nave
- 5:30 pm Youth Group – Youth Room
- 5:45 pm Pasta Bingo—Parish Hall

### Monday January 19, 2015

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day  
Parish Office closed

### Tuesday – Friday January 20-23, 2015

Parish Office open 9 am – 2 pm

### Tuesday January 20, 2015

- 12 - 1:30 pm Church Staff – Rector's Office
- 4:00 pm Primary Choir – Choir Room
- 5:00 pm Children's Choir – Choir Room
- 7:00 pm Alleluia Choir – Choir Room
- 7:30 pm [Vestry devotions] – Lounge
- 8:00 pm Vestry—open meeting– Lounge, Parish Hall

### Wednesday January 21, 2015

- 10:30 am Bible Study – Lounge
- 12:00 pm Holy Eucharist and Healing – Chapel
- 6:30 pm EfM – Lounge

### Thursday January 22, 2015

- 6:00 pm Norwood Ringers – Choir Room
- 7:30 pm St. John's Choir – Choir Room

### Sunday January 25, 2015

#### Outreach Sunday Shepherd's Table preparation

- 8:00 am Holy Eucharist with sermon  
- St. Mary's Chapel
- 9:00-12:00 Parish Library Open
- 9:00 am Children's Chapel – Hines Hall
- 9:00 am Holy Eucharist with sermon  
and music led by the Alleluia Choir - Nave
- 10:00 am Church School – classrooms  
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**St. John's Snow Policy**

**St. John's follows the Washington DC Public Schools for weather cancellations. When the Washington DC Public Schools are delayed or cancelled, all weekday activities and services at St. John's are cancelled.**

**Ministry heads will contact members concerning evening meetings and classes.**

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 issue of *Crossroads* will be dated Jan. 28, 2015.

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

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