A PUBLICATION FOR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS OF ST. JOHN'S BROAD CREEK EPISCOPAL CHURCH





#### THE ST. JOHN'S PRAYER

Almighty and ever living God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth, hear our prayers for St. John's, Broad Creek. Strengthen the faithful, arouse the careless, restore the penitent, draw the seekers, and increase our numbers. Grant us all things necessary for our common life, and bring us all to be of one heart and mind within your Holy Church; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

#### **VISION STATEMENT**

St. John's will continue to grow as a positive source of comfort and love in the lives of our diverse parish family. The surrounding community will come to know us as a welcoming, inclusive shelter in a world of uncertainty, and a source of help in crisis.

#### MISSION STATEMENT

St. John's Church is an inclusive community of faithful believers and earnest seekers, where worship is the foundation of our common life, and where the Holy Spirit moves us to gather and thrive as a loving extended family while reaching out to serve our neighbors with the Good News of God's Love.

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# FROM THE PULPIT



## Get Your Game On May!



Get your game on May! April will be a hard act to follow!! In April we celebrated not only the most important feast day on the Christian calendar (Easter!) but also the 325th Anniversary of our founding. And what glorious celebrations they were! I cannot thank enough all those who worked to make April 2018 a month to remember.

One of my favorite feast days/church celebrations takes place in May this year. Pentecost is the birthday of the Church! The word Pentecost means "the fiftieth day." Pentecost takes place fifty days after Easter. The second chapter of The Acts of the Apostles tells the story of how the Holy Spirit came as God's gift for all people, shortly after Jesus' death, resurrection, and his return to God (the ascension!). Jesus promised that he would not leave us alone; he promised that God would send us another advocate that would be with us always. Pentecost is a celebration of this gift – the Holy Spirit. In Acts, Christian communities began to grow and spread after Pentecost. So **Pentecost is known as the Church's birthday!** 



May 20th is Pentecost. Red is the liturgical color of the day and it is traditional to wear red on Pentecost. Wear red to worship on Sunday, May 20th! Remember! Libby is gathering young people to sing with the Adult Choir for Pentecost – rehearsals are after the 10:30 service.



May 27th is Trinity Sunday. Like Pentecost, Trinity Sunday is one of the seven principal feast days of the Christian calendar. On Trinity Sunday we celebrate that God has revealed God's-self to us many ways yet there is only one God. Father, Son, and Holy Spirit (or Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer) mean that the mystery beyond us, the mystery among us and the mystery within us are all the same mystery. Trinity Sunday is the only feast day on which we celebrate a doctrine (teaching/belief) of the church; every other feast day celebrates and event or person important to the church.

**Happy May!** There is always something to look forward to at St. John's!





## Happy Mother's Day ! Mother's Day is Sunday, May 13.

To All You Mothers, Grandmothers, Caretakers: We Love And Appreciate You - Always!

SOURCE: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mother%27s\_Day

HISTORY: The modern holiday of Mother's Day was first celebrated in 1908, when Anna Jarvis held a memorial for her mother at St Andrew's Methodist Church in Grafton, West Virginia. St Andrew's Methodist Church now holds the International Mother's Day Shrine. Her campaign to make Mother's Day a recognized holiday in the United States began in 1905, the year her mother, Ann Reeves Jarvis, died. Ann Jarvis had been a peace activist who cared for wounded soldiers on both sides of the American Civil War, and created Mother's Day Work Clubs to address public health issues. Anna Jarvis wanted to honor her mother by continuing the work she started and to set aside a day to honor all mothers because she believed a mother is "the person who has done more for you than anyone in the world".

In 1908, the U.S. Congress rejected a proposal to make Mother's Day an official holiday, joking that they would also have to proclaim a "Mother-in-law's Day". However, owing to the efforts of Anna Jarvis, by 1911 all U.S. states observed the holiday, with some of them officially recognizing Mother's Day as a local holiday (the first being West Virginia, Jarvis' home state, in 1910). In 1914, Woodrow Wilson signed a proclamation designating Mother's Day, held on the second Sunday in May, as a national holiday to honor mothers.

Although Jarvis was successful in founding Mother's Day, she became resentful of the commercialization of the holiday. By the early 1920s, Hallmark Cards and other companies had started selling Mother's Day cards. Jarvis believed that the companies had misinterpreted and exploited the idea of Mother's Day, and that the emphasis of the holiday was on sentiment, not profit. As a result, she organized boycotts of Mother's Day, and threatened to issue lawsuits against the companies involved. Jarvis argued that people should appreciate and honor their mothers through handwritten letters expressing their love and gratitude, instead of buying gifts and pre-made cards. Jarvis protested at a candy makers' convention in Philadelphia in 1923, and at a meeting of American War Mothers in 1925. By this time, carnations had become associated with Mother's Day, and the selling of carnations by the American War Mothers to raise money angered Jarvis, who was arrested for disturbing the peace.



May 1, celebrated in many countries as a traditional springtime festival or as an international day honoring workers. It is an ancient northern hemisphere spring festival and a traditional spring holiday in many cultures. Dances, singing, and cake are usually part of the festivities.

## CONGRATULA

325th Anniversary Celebration - A Success!

Three Days Filled with Music, Family Fun, History Lessons, and Spiritual Insights at St. John's Episcopal Church Broad Creek.

#### FRIDAY, APRIL 20, 2018

7:30 p.m.

JOYFUL JAZZ CONCERT AND SING-A-LONG IN ST. JOHN'S CHURCH

Featuring The Washington National Cathedral Band under the direction of The Rev. Andrew K. "Andy" Barnett, priest, musician, and teacher. The ensemble seeks to embrace and expand Anglican traditions, emphasizing God's passion for justice.









#### SATURDAY, APRIL 21, 2018

11 a.m. – 5 p.m.

#### **FAMILY FUN DAY**

Enjoy indoor and outdoor activities for all family members throughout the day the St. John's Broad Creek campus. Experience what life may have been like over time during the late 17th century to the present time.





























SUNDAY, APRIL 22, 2018

10 a.m.

#### SERVICE WITH FRIENDS AND SPECIAL GUESTS

In 1692 the Maryland General Assembly under the "Act for the Service of Almighty God" established the Church of England as the official church of the Maryland Province, which was divided into thirty parishes. Far enough up Broad Creek and out of sight of pirates a humble log church known as Piscataway Parish, now King George's Parish was completed in 1695.

For 325 years St. John's Church Broad Creek, continues to serve God and community. Join us as we celebrate St. John's historic milestone and highlight this service with Liturgy and Hymns from the 17th century to the present.



















### Holy Week 2018 at St. John's



The Sunday before Easter, when the triumphal entry of Jesus into Jerusalem is celebrated by processions in which palm fronds are carried.











Maundy Thursday is the Christian holy day falling on the Thursday before Easter. It commemorates the Maundy and Last Supper of Jesus Christ with the Apostles as described in the canonical gospels. This meal is the last time Jesus spends with his disciples and he tells them what is to happen.









The Friday before Easter Sunday, on which the Crucifixion of Jesus Christ is commemorated in the Christian Church. It is traditionally a day of fasting and penance.











Holy Saturday, the Saturday of Holy Week, also known as Holy and Great Saturday, is the day after Good Friday. It is the day before Easter and the last day of Holy Week in which Christians prepare for Easter. It commemorates the day that Jesus' body lay in the tomb and the Harrowing of Hell.









Easter, also called Pascha (Greek, Latin) or Resurrection Sunday, is a festival and holiday celebrating the resurrection of Jesus from the dead, described in the New Testament as having occurred on the third day of his burial after his crucifixion by the Romans at Calvary c. 30 AD. It is the culmination of the Passion of Christ.





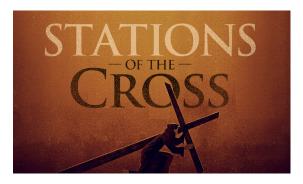


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#### HOLY WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S continued ...



A series of pictures representing successive incidents during Jesus' progress from his condemnation by Pilate to his crucifixion and burial.

Paintings below were created by artist Peter Ulrich. Thank you for sharing your gift with your St. John's Family!























A learning experience: Our young family members participated in the Children's Stations of the Cross.





#### GEORGE WASHINGTON'S MARYLAND

GUEST LECTURER: Dr. Luke Pecoraro

Historic Presentation Facilitator, Director of Archaeology, Ipecorarp@mountvernon.org

Another successful event at St. John's was held on Saturday, April 15, 2018 at 3 p.m.

ABOUT DR. PECORARO: Luke is a historical archaeologist currently employed as the Director of Archaeology at George Washington's Mount Vernon. He has worked in cultural resource management archaeology in the mid-Atlantic, the Chesapeake and New England on a variety of prehistoric and historic sites, and for several years as a staff archaeologist on the Jamestown Rediscovery project. Research interests include intercolonial migration and trade in the 17th century Chesapeake, relationships between English plantations in Ireland and Virginia, and the settlement of the English Caribbean. Luke is also a research archaeologist for the First Colony Foundation, searching for the 16th century "Lost Colony" on Roanoke Island, and a team member of the Survey and Landscape Archaeology on Montserrat (SLAM) project in the British West Indies. He holds a Bachelor's degree in history (Virginia Commonwealth University) a Master's in archaeology (Boston University) a PhD from Boston University with his dissertation focused on the cultural landscape of Daniel Gookin Jr. (1612–1687).

Luke is an active member of several professional organizations including the Society for Historical Archaeology regularly presents papers at the annual meeting. Recent publications include "If you should want more, or any of your neighbors want any": Washington's Whiskey Distillery and the Plantation and Town. In Urbanism in the Early Chesapeake, edited by Julia A. King and Hank D. Lutton. Gainesville: University Press of Florida [2015], and a book chapter as a co-author with John Cherry and Krysta Ryzewski, "A Kind of Sacred Place": The Rock and Roll Ruins of AIR Studios, Montserrat." In Archaeologies of Mobility and Movement, edited by M.C. Beaudry and T.G. Parno, 181–198. New York: Springer [2013].





So thankful to have these wonderful artists in our midst: Jeanne and Peter Ulrich.

## St. John's family members share their stories, accomplishements, trials, and tribulations



I. Feed the hungry

Work at the Fort Washington Food Pantry for an hour a week or an hour a month.

2. Teach the children

Tutor a child with Homework Helpers on Tuesdays; Give school supplies for Church World Service School Kits.

3. Protect the vulnerable

Make a financial donation to PGC Family Crisis Center

Help mothers, girls, and their children
 Make a financial contribution to the United Thank Offering of the Episcopal Church Women

5. Support victims of natural disasters

Give to Episcopal Relief and Development and Church World Service

Treat refugees and immigrants as you would treat other Americans
 Engage with refugees and immigrants; discuss among ourselves how to
do this bact.

7. Be polite, smiling and kind to everyone you encounter

 Call, write, text, email and meet with elected officials to let them know that you expect the to feed the hungry, teach the children, protect the vulnerable, help women, girls and children and respond compassionately and effectively to natural disasters

9. You have many other great ideas. Share them!

#### YOU ARE NEEDED!

Pastor Sarah, your vestry and those involved in these activities, are ready to provide practical advice on how you can get involved to help out.

#### ST. JOHN'S CHOIR



Just wanted to thank all of you for making Sunday, April 22, 2018 a wonderful luncheon celebration.

The food was plentyful and delicious.

#### AGAIN, THANK ALL OF YOU WHO BROUGHT A DISH TO SHARE.

Once again St. John's was at the top of their game.

Pam Ritter



#### FRONT ROW - LEFT TO RIGHT:

Minister of Music Libby Wiebel, Jana Grymes, Marcia Jones, Carletta Jackson, Faith E. Chisholm, Margaret Stevens, Karen Chapman

#### BACK ROW - LEFT TO RIGHT:

Dr. Peter Ulrich, Winston Godwin, Michael Lacy, George Stevens, Charles E. Day, Sr., John Dearing

**HEAVENLY FATHER, GIVER OF LIFE AND HEALTH:** Comfort and relieve your sick servants, and give your power of healing to those who Minister to their needs, that those for whom our prayers are offered may be strengthened in their weakness and have confidence in your loving care; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Pray for Archbishop of Canterbury: Justin; Presiding Bishop: Michael; Bishop of Washington: Mariann; Rector: Sarah

**Pray for** the President, the Armed Forces of the United States and our Allies, and for the people and emergent leaders of Iraq, Afghanistan, Egypt, Libya, and all the countries in the world that are in turmoil, as well as for our enemies and those who wish us ill. Pray for our Parish, especially our Staff, our Vestry and its Officers, and our Ministries and Committees.

The following names will be prayed for aloud during the Sunday Service, and during the week in our daily prayers. If you want them on the long term list, please call the church office.

Pray for Janice, Chris, Susan, Connie, Marian, Carolyn, Lynn, Mary, Peggy, Lana, Joan, Theresa, Josephine, Elizabeth, Robert.

#### LONG TERM PRAYER LIST:

**Pray for** LaDeborah Boozer, Tony Carter, Charles Gunter, Thomas & Gordon James, the Mierke family, Mitch Otera, Nancy Paleyan, Kay Trotter and the Uniake family.

PRAYER CORNER





#### 4 PILLARS

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Strategic Financial Planning Financial Literacy Finance & Accounting Practices



St. John's is one of six parishes selected to participate in a pilot study designed to help at-risk parishes become thriving parishes. The focus of our work will be on strengthening our financial position (graphic above). The work will be done with the support of St. John's vestry, leadership, and congregation:

Strategic Financial Resource Commission (SFRC).

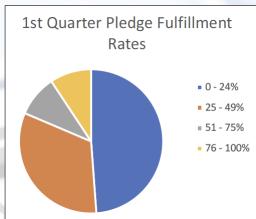


#### ST. JOHN'S VESTRY MEMBERS

Barbara Duncan, Senior Warden
Willy Alexander Junior Warden
Jean Anderson-Jones, Secretary
Sandra Bouchelion
Sandra Rivera
Betsy Winters
Alan Ritter, Finance Chairman
Peter Persell, Outreach
Bea James, Treasurer

Carol Thomas & Rudy Brevard, Pledge Clerks

#### WELCOME TO THE FINANCIAL CORNER



As we close the first quarter of the year, we thought it would be good to give you a snapshot of where we stand in receiving the much-needed revenue that funds the church's operations. Did you know that 72% of all revenue received by the church comes from pledge and non-pledge donations to the church's General Fund? The other revenue, 28%, comes from money received from the use of the building, grants and the Broad Creek Child Development Center.

As noted in the pledge fulfillment chart, 51% of the tendered pledges met at least 25% of their annual pledge. The remaining 49% of

51% of the tendered pledges met at least 25% of their annual pledge. The remaining 49% of pledgers have not reached at least 25% of their annual pledge as we closed out the 1st quarter.

Additionally, the church did not reach its goal for non-pledge contributions last quarter. As shown, the church projected to receive \$12,500 per quarter from non-pledge contributions to the General Fund. The churched reached 89% of its goal and collected \$10,876 in non-pledge offerings. If you have questions about your donations, please contact the front office to request an update.

If you would like to learn more about the church's finances, the Finance Committee meets on the 2nd Thursday of every month at 7 p.m. in Bayne Hall.



Your Finance Committee at St. John's is made up of volunteers who are charged with the responsibility of planning, advising, execution and reporting of financial information and processes benefitting of St. John's. We meet on the second Thursday each month. All parish members are invited to any meeting and are encouraged to join us.

Free coffee and snacks at every meeting. For questions, call ALAN at 301.292.3490.

#### GREAT THINGS ARE HAPPENING!

FOOD TRUCK SATURDAYS on the church parking lot starting MAY 26. We plan to have three different trucks each featuring a different cuisine. Please tell your neighbors and friends to stop by between 4 and 7 p.m. and pick up dinner for the family.

FISH FRY FRIDAY to start up again on JUNE I.

The Men's Ministry is also planning for another WINE AND CHEESE NIGHT and a SUMMER/FALL CONCERT series, featuring a variety of music (jazz, blues, bluegrass, rap, classical and show tunes). If you know of groups or individuals interested in performing at our events, please let a member of the Men's Ministry know.

Additionally, the Men's Ministry is looking to mentor school-age children in the area. We are trying to determine how to best support children during the summer months while schools are out. If you have knowledge of such generic or specific needs, please let us know by contacting the church office at 301.248.4290.



### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### Jean Anderson-Jones

Dates and times are subject to change, please check with the office at 301.248.4290 or online at www.stjohnsbroadcreek. org for changes/updates.

#### **BIBLE STUDY\***

Wednesdays 10:15 a.m. after Wednesday Worship and 7 p.m.

#### **FOOD PANTRY**

Saturdays 9:30 a.m.

#### **HOMEWORK HELPERS**

Tuesdays 7 p.m.

#### **WORSHIP**

Wednesdays 9:30 a.m. Eucharist followed by Bible Study\*

Sundays 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

#### YOGA

Mondays 7 p.m. \$10 per session

#### **BALLET CLASSES**

Ages 10-16 For information, call Ms. Batts at 301.575.4465.

#### S.O.S. SING ON SUNDAY!

Sing on Sunday is a special time for our youngest members to experience God through music and art. We gather on the First and Third Sunday of every month at 9:15 a.m. in the Parish Hall. Join Libby and Pastor Sarah for Sing on Sunday! Open to the young and the young at heart. Children under 12 should be accompanied by an adult.

#### **FINANCE MEETINGS**

Thursday, May 10 Thursday, June 14 7 p.m.

#### **VESTRY MEETING**

Thursday, May 17 6 p.m.

#### THE GOOD BOOK CLUB

Join in reading the Gospel of Luke and the Book of Acts during Lent-Easter 2018. The Good Book website (goodbookclub.org) lists the daily readings, as well as available resources to support people as they read the scriptures.



CINCO DE MAYO, or the fifth of May, is a holiday that celebrates the date of the Mexican army's 1862 victory over France at the Battle of Puebla during the Franco-Mexican War.

#### **CRAB FEAST MEETING**

Sunday, May 6 **9:15 a.m.** 

#### W.O.W. MEETING

Tuesday, May 8
11 a.m.
Lunch excursion to follow the meeting.

#### **KIDS AND TEENS**

Join us to make music for Pentecost!

Teens and children who are independent readers and interested in helping with music on May 20, please let Libby Wiebel know if you would like to sing or play an instrument (lwiebel@stjohnsbroadcreek.org). We will rehearse Sunday mornings for 30 minutes after the 10:30 a.m. Service on May 6 and 13.

#### **BROAD CREEK CHILD DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM**

Contact Stephenie Ratty at 301.248.6665.

#### ST. JOHN'S SHIRTS

Shirts are \$20 each. Call Karen Herbert at 301.440.4294.

#### 19TH CENTURY HANDS-ON EMBROIDERY WORKSHOP

Saturday, May 12 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Surratts House Museum

COST: \$60 each (includes kit)

Reservation is required.

Join Carolann Schmitt, clothing historian, as she guides you through the beautiful art of 19th Century **broderie anglaise** (whitework embroidery). For reservations, call 301.868.1121.

#### **BOOK CLUB MEETING**

Tuesday, May 15 **7** p.m.

#### **FOOD TRUCK SATURDAY**

Saturday, May 26 **4 - 7** p.m.

#### LIFELINE SCREENING

Friday, June 15 Bayne Hall

St. John's members will receive \$25 discount. For registration, call 1.877.380.1743. Flyers are available in Bayne Hall Check with Jean Anderson-Jones regarding a coupon for free screening.

#### ST. JOHN'S ANNUAL CRAB FEAST

Saturday, August 4 I - 5 p.m. Knights of Columbus I 633 Tucker Road Fort Washington, MD 20744 For questions, see Sandra Bouchelion.



#### RECYCLE FOR ST. JOHN'S

• DON'T put your aluminum cans (soft drink, beer, juice, etc.) in your county recycle bin! Small metal items, including aluminum cans may be

dropped off at St. John's. Place items in the recycle bin or outside the kitchen door.

- DON'T throw away scrap metal (pipes, gutters, screens, aluminum siding, doors, etc.)!
  DON'T let contractors take away old material after having new gutters, siding, etc. installed!
- Call Kathy Mierke at 301.292.3624 for pick up.

   Usual recycling pick-up is on Mondays and handled by Kathy and lim.
- ALL METAL, INCLUDING COPPER, ALUMINUM, BRASS, AND IRON, WILL BE COLLECTED.
- All recycled material will be sold and all proceeds given to St. John's. For any questions, call Kathy at 301.292.3624.



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Print flyer and keep the top portion of the flyer.



Steamed Crabs
Fried Fish
Fried Chicken
Hot Dogs
Potato Salad
Corn-on-the-Cob
Cole Slaw
Sliced Watermelon

Saturday, August 4, 2018 I - 5 p.m.

#### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS HALL

1633 Tucker Road Fort Washington, MD 20744

#### TICKETS:

**\$55** (17 & older) • **\$40** (10 - 16) 9 & under FREE with paying adult

#### **CREDIT CARDS ACCEPTED:**

301.248.4290 (10 a.m. - 5 p.m.)

FOR MORE INFORMATION: 301.351.4557

Cut along this line and return bottom portion with your payment!

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#### Make checks payable to St. John's Church.

(Please indicate "Crab Feast" in the memo section.)

Please mail order form to:

St. John's Church Attention: S. Bouchelion

9801 Livingston Road Fort Washington, MD 20744

Tickets purchased via mail will be available at WILL CALL on August 4, 2018.





The deadline for the next issue of "St. John'S Way" is Thrusday, May 24, 2018.

Submissions can be left in the newsletter box in the church office; either as hard copy, on CD, or on a flash drive. You also have the options to mail or email your submission, as well as sending it via fax to 301.248.7838. The preferred way to receive your submissions is as a Microsoft Word document, via email.

Please email your letters, ideas, articles, comments, information, questions to <a href="mailto:bsbrevard@yahoo.com">bsbrevard@yahoo.com</a>.

**NOTE:** Dates, times, locations mentioned in this newletter are subject to change. All information has been edited to the best of our abilities. Be kind and understaning. PEACE!

REMEMBER the May 24 deadline.



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