

# ST. JOHN'S WAY



## 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.

**MAY/JUNE/JULY 2017**



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## SOUTHERN MARYLAND LEADERSHIP SUMMIT

*Submitted by Charles Day and Sandra Bouchelion*

April 29, 2017 – St. Mary's College of Maryland – Trinity Episcopal Church

***“Our belief is that any congregation can renew itself. Every parish can be the forward-looking, outward-reaching community of faith God calls it to be. Through diocesan programs and parish-specific development opportunities, we help congregations identify their unique vitality and multiply it in powerful and contagious ways.”***

Joey Rick, Canon for Congregational Vitality

A day long Leadership Summit at Trinity Church in St. Mary's City at St. Mary's College of Maryland and The Historic Trinity Episcopal Church was held on April 29, 2017 with Bishop Mariann Budde presiding.

Bishop Mariann explained that she and the Southern Maryland clergy decided to host the Summit with church leaders, pray together, and consider what a thriving Southern Maryland Episcopal presence might look like. She loved the idea to form a model for other regions and perhaps follow up with Vestry Retreats so that neighboring congregations can explore opportunities and address challenges together.

Following a welcome by the Bishop and prayer, a morning Music Workshop unfolded with participation

from all attendees. Some 12 people from St. John's Broad Creek attended, including Rev. Sarah, Alan and Pam Ritter, Ike and Diann Puzon, Bea James, Barbara Duncan, Peter Persell, Karen Herbert, Jean Eisenbrey, Sandra Bouchelion, and Charles Day.

The morning church Music Workshop was used to demonstrate a variety of ways to worship through psalms, hymns and songs, including music such as Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing, Aleluya! Christo resucito' and Bless the Lord, My Soul.

***The body does not consist of one member, but of many. . . If one member suffers, all suffer together of it... Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it... But strive for the greater gifts. And I will show you a still more excellent way.*** I Corinthians 12:26-31

Together the group planned a worship service to include songs, psalms and Prayers of the People. A 30-minute worship service began afterwards from the earlier workshop's planning, incorporating ideas of attendees with a small group of musicians and a director accompanying.

***Jesus said, “I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last. . .”*** John 15:16

After lunch, three groups were formed to discuss Faith Formation, Evangelism, and Forming Disciples/the Alpha course.



The Bishop's introductory remarks included a discussion of the two bases for faith development in individuals: Providential and Circumstantial Conditions.

During the breakout sessions 5 programs for creating discipleship were discussed. The Alpha, The Story, The Creed, Disciple, and Pilgrim methodologies were reviewed overall. The Alpha program was discussed in detail as an opportunity for the Southern Maryland churches to get to know each other and work together in smaller groups following the workshop and Summit. Briefly, the Alpha program is an Anglican program that is an exploration of Christian questions: that is, who is Jesus, why did he die, how can we have faith, and how does God heal. Leaders read and prepare weekly sessions which can include videos. With meals, group conversations lasting three hours per week over eight weeks are suggested. Sessions can be lead, but, discussions should not be facilitated. The groups can

identify answers to opening questions such as what/ why believe. The aim is building a firm foundation throughout the region to strengthen what we do while attracting others - and grow in our faith and numbers!

The Bishop challenged attendees with an assignment when returning to our respective churches to look within and outside of the church buildings as if you were a newcomer or visitor. See what's right and what might change to become more attractive to others to come again!

*Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends.*

(I Corinthians 13) included in Bishop Mariann Edgar Budde's Easter sermon.

## A CELEBRATION IN CRIMSON

*"The New Ministry of Sarah D. Odderstol"*

Peter Ulrich

**RED:** The color of fire, of Pentecost and the Holy Spirit.

**RED:** The blood of martyrdom, the passion of the saints.

**RED:** Cloth and raiment dyed crimson to celebrate a new beginning.

On the afternoon of May 21, St. John's was awash in red:

- Bishop Maryann resplendent in red cope and mitre;
- Pastor Sarah radiant in red chasuble;
- Deacon Martha and attending clergy in red stoles;
- Altar and pulpit draped in red;
- Joyous parishioners bedecked in red hats, sweaters, neckties, and shoes.

Sarah suggested that an Installation of a New Rector is a marriage and, yes, much of the language used that afternoon was common to a Service of Holy Matrimony: promises, commitments, blessings; giving and receiving; optimism for a better future.

Our Bishop challenged this newly-wed parish family to take on four tasks:

FROM THE PULPIT



- Get to know each other more deeply;
- Develop a "SO THAT" plan: "We will do X "SO THAT" we can achieve Y;
- Weather a stormy issue together;
- Find ways to develop a deeper relationship with Christ.

FROM THE PULPIT continued on page 4

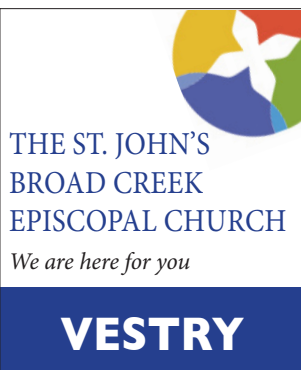


## A CELEBRATION IN CRIMSON continued ...

Pam Ritter and her Parish Family cohorts produced a splendid reception altogether fitting the presence of our beloved Bishop among us and the momentous occasion of our new beginnings.

The only thing missing was the Bishop's voice (you had to be there).

Truly, it was a Red Letter Day.



### ST. JOHN'S VESTRY MEMBERS

Michael Lacy, *Senior Warden*  
 Willy Alexander, *Junior Warden*  
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### THANK YOU!

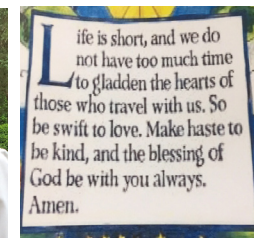
Our Celebration of New Ministry was holy, beautiful, and FUN!

Thank you to everyone who worked to make our special day possible.  
 Thank you to everyone who was able to attend.

If you could not celebrate with us, make sure you ask someone who was there about the two most important words in church leadership and ministry! Bishop Mariann Budde, said these two words are the most important words in ministry: **SO THAT**.

More on SO THAT to come and we will see if we can get a copy of + Mariann's sermon for everyone to read!

Blessings, Sarah+





# LAZY hazy CRAZY DAYS OF SUMMER

"Roll out those lazy, hazy, crazy days of summer..." I'm pretty sure I first heard this old Nat King Cole song listening to the 'oldies' AM station, bombing around the back roads of Minnesota in my grandmother's Dodge Dart. Grandma liked to drive fast. She told me once she had trouble staying awake if she drove below 70 mph. It is a wonder I survived my childhood!

Hazy is a given, particularly given where we live. That said; I don't know that I've ever found summer to be a lazy time. Even when I was a child, there was always a fort to build, a pond to swim in or a book to read. If we showed up in the house looking bored, we'd be put to work! When I had little children of my own, I found summer to be more crazy than lazy. Summer disrupted the routine; I had to remember which summer camp the kids were in and when. Then there were the family vacations... fun! jam-packed! sunburned!...from which it took a week at home to recover!

Someone asked me the other day, "Are you looking forward to a lazy summer?" I tried to be gentle as I disabused this poor soul of the notion of lazy summer days in the church office. Summer is an

intentional time of planning in church offices.

Lazy days are important (*and not just during the summer*)! When God crafted creation, God rested. God COMMANDED that we have down time – WEEKLY! (*The 4th Commandment*.) Our culture makes an idol of being busy. We are praised for being busy and productive all the time. (*God has something to say about idols too – see the 2nd Commandment!*) All work and no play makes us more than dull; busy-ness leaves us spiritually dead. We have no time to notice God's presence in the world around us, let alone in our own lives.

I find I have to schedule Sabbath. (*That downtime that God commanded.*) If lazy, quiet, play time is on my calendar, I am more likely to practice what I preach. I pray that you will find time this summer (*maybe a little bit every week?*) to take care of your soul. If you are lucky enough to get a vacation – some time away – try not to schedule every last second with things to do! Breathe deep, savor moments, and give thanks to God. And then...send us a post card at church and let us know what you are doing and what you are grateful for on your vacation. We will collect the postcards at church so everyone can enjoy your vacation with you!



Best love, Sarah+



# HOLY WEEK 2017

Birgitt Brevard

Holy Week is the last week of Lent before Easter Sunday, beginning on Palm Sunday, and ending on Holy Saturday. Holy Week commemorates the events of Christ's final days and passion. This includes the institution of the Eucharist and the crucifixion. Christ's institution of the Eucharist and his passion and death are important in many ways, especially in terms of their importance in the reconciliation of God and humanity (the atonement). Holy Week commemorates these important events, and is therefore a very busy time in the life of the Church. The final three days of Holy Week are part of the Paschal Triduum. Holy Week consists of the following events: Palm Sunday, Holy Thursday (Maundy Thursday), Good Friday, and Holy Saturday.





## CHRISTIAN FORMATION

### May 28: ADULT FORM

Between services – extended coffee hour.

**Peter Persell** will speak about his service in the Peace Corps. (More on page 9)

## FINANCE



The Finance Committee is in need of new members. Anyone who is interested in joining is welcome. The next Finance meeting is June 5 at 7 p.m.

*"Mr. Finance" - Alan Ritter*

## OPERATIONS

Several projects are underway:

- Some new ceiling tiles and lighting for the Education Building.
- The doors to the Education Building will be replaced.
- Still waiting for the doors to be installed in the church.
- New lights along the sidewalk to the church have been installed.

## OUTREACH

**Peter Persell** shared with the Vestry information from Church World Service regarding kits to provide **"hope for tomorrow"**: school kits, hygiene kits, and emergency cleanup buckets. More information will be available at a later date.

## PARISH LIFE

As all of you know, Parish Life has been very busy. Much thanks to all of you who helped with the reception on Sunday – a job well done.

### June 4: GRADUATION CELEBRATION

#### Juanya Johnson

Juanya started in Concert Band on the trumpet; as a sophomore he switched to Euphonium and became a member of the Symphonic Band. Additionally, he was a School Ambassador as a freshman and sophomore, on the Track and Field Team as a junior, the Lacrosse Team as a senior, and he is a member of NHS.

Academically, he received the following recognitions: Dean's List, Cum Laude, and Magna Cum Laude. He also earned the Bronze Medal on the National Spanish Exam, as well as the St. Andre Award in Religion as a junior. He will be attending Towson University as a Pre-Med student to study biology. He has served as an Acolyte and Lay Reader at St. John's.

**WOW:** The planning has begun on the Tea. On July 2, 2017 you will find out what very special item you can bid on. Our next meeting will be on June 13, 2017 at 11 a.m. with lunch after.

## WORSHIP

From July 2 through September 3 there will be one service only on Sunday mornings at 9 a.m.



# REPORTS

Each Commission consists of a variety of committees, teams or groups. Many issues go to a commission first where the pros and cons are worked out. The Commission Chair will take the decided item to the full Vestry and will report to the congregation after approval from the Vestry.



*Welcome to LEM:  
Denean Persell*

*Welcome to  
the VESTRY:  
Peter Persell*

## PURCHASE ALTAR FLOWERS

Envelopes are available at the back of the church to order **Sunday Altar Flowers**. There is a sign up sheet on the wall at the back of the church. The cost each is \$35. Please pay for your flowers when ordering.

## PASTORAL CARE

In the back of the church there is a little house where you can write the name of someone you think would like a call or visit from Pastoral Care.

## 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 Jim.

**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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## REMINDERS





# THIS IS US

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

## TRASH PICK-UP

Ike Puzon

St. John's participated in the annual **Alice Ferguson Foundation Potomac River** cleanup (<http://fergusonfoundation.org/>). As part of the annual Potomac River cleanup, several members volunteered to rid the Broad Creek area of trash. Our small group picked up 6 bags of bottles, 2 of trash, and 2 tires.



## FISH FRY

Birgitt Brevard

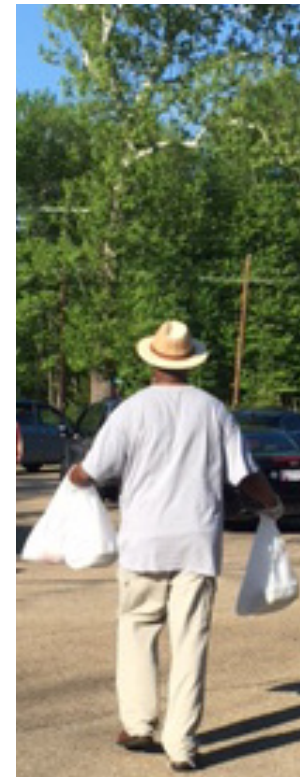
And the success continues. Thanks to the careful planning of the **St. John's Men's Club** and support of all our volunteers. "Come rain or shine - come storm or calm," we at St. John's



love to eat and share a good meal with our Fort Washington community.

On June 23, you can purchase this tasty treat again for \$10 a plate. We will be there from 4 - 7 p.m.

**Don't miss out!**



## PRAYER CORNER



**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.

**Pray for** Robin Bowden, Barbara Drake, Chelsea Dudding, Doris Johnson, Caitlin Meyers, Lana Neil, Alexis McCann, and Howard Nixon.

Sylvia Blake, Jane Bowman, LaDeborah Boozer, Randy & Edie Burgess, Tony Carter, Charles Gunter, JoAnn Howdershell, Thomas & Gordon James, the Mierke family, Mitch Otera, Nancy Paleyan, Kay Trotter, the Uniake family, and Suresh Verghese.



## ADULT FORUM, MAY 28

Peter Ulrich

The May adult forum was a presentation by Peter Persell and two of his colleagues from past service in Africa with the **Peace Corps** and **Africare** (Dr. Brima Fatorma Ngombi from Sierra Leone and Jean Denis, originally from Haiti). All three reviewed their lives of varied and deep involvement in helping emerging societies facing starvation, HIV/AIDS and repression. They challenged St. John's to plan and carry out a simple beginning of commitment to help the refugee problem, especially in this time of inward-looking leadership in our country. One of his presentation slides is reproduced here. It suggests things we can do while a committee led by Peter develops a plan for presentation to the St. John's Vestry.

### FOUR THINGS YOU CAN DO TODAY

1. **CALL YOUR REPRESENTATIVES** and tell them your community we comes refugees! No matter what side of the aisle, people of faith can make their voices heard.  
[cwsglobal.org/our-work/advocacy/tell-your-local-state-and-national-leaders-to-welcome-refugees/](http://cwsglobal.org/our-work/advocacy/tell-your-local-state-and-national-leaders-to-welcome-refugees/)

2. There are many misperceptions regarding refugees.

#### LET YOUR NEIGHBORS KNOW:

- **Refugees are thoroughly vetted.** The state department website details the extensive screening process including the FBI, CIA, and USCIS.
- **Refugees are parents, employees, and neighbors** that become contributing members of the community.

#### 3. PLAN YOUR INVOLVEMENT:

- Contact your local CWS affiliate office or another refugee resettlement office in your community.  
[cwsglobal.org](http://cwsglobal.org)  
[whitehouse.gov/aidrefugees](http://whitehouse.gov/aidrefugees)
- Faith communities anywhere can contact CWS to collect a "Welcome Home Kit" for an arriving family contact:  
[bcasey@cwsglobal.org](mailto:bcasey@cwsglobal.org)
- Plan a refugee-focused worship service: [refugeeswelcome.org](http://refugeeswelcome.org)

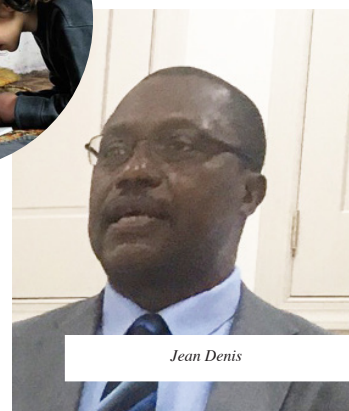
4. **CONTACT PETER PERSELL AND VOUNTEER** to be on his planning committee.



Dr. Brima Fatorma Ngombi



Peter Persell



Jean Denis





# UPCOMING EVENTS

*Provided by 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](http://www.stjohnsbroadcreek.org)** for changes/updates.

## BIBLESTUDY

Wednesdays  
6:30 p.m.

## FOOD PANTRY

Saturdays  
9:30 a.m.

## HOMEWORK HELPERS

Tuesdays  
7:30 p.m.

## VESTRY MEETINGS

Every 3rd Thursday of a month  
7 p.m.

## WORSHIP

Wednesdays  
9 a.m.

## YOGA

Mondays  
7 p.m.

## ADULT FORUM

Sunday, May 28  
Between Services

## GRADUATION CELEBRATION

Sunday, June 4

## FINANCE MEETING

Monday, June 5  
7 p.m.

## WOW MEETING

Sunday, June 13  
11 a.m.  
Lunch to follow

## FISH FRY

Friday, June 23  
4 - 7 p.m.  
Sponsored by the Fort Washington  
Community Chorus (FWCC)

## FT. WASHINGTON CHORUS REHEARSALS

Saturdays  
May, 20, 27  
June 3, 10, 17, 24  
10 a.m.

## PATRIOTIC CONCERT

Saturday, July 1  
10 a.m.

## BID ANNOUNCEMENT

Sunday, July 2

## INDEPENDENCE DAY

Tuesday, July 4



## CRAB FEAST

Saturday, August 5  
1 - 5 p.m.

## JULY AND AUGUST

Sunday Service  
9 a.m.

*Remember, during July and August -  
only one service!*



## MAY

Barbara Duncan, Ike Puzon,  
Dion Johnson, Carol Thomas,  
Ursula Neely, Miles Rochester,  
Marge Stevens, Angie Vereen

## JUNE

Sabra Montgomery, Josephine Sawyer,  
Lois Alexander, Rachaad Gunter

## JULY

Kristopher Chapman, Emily Tyrrell



Print flyer and keep the top portion of the flyer.



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# SIXTH ANNUAL ST. JOHN'S CRAB FEAST

## Menu

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

**Saturday, August 5, 2017**  
**1 - 5 p.m.**

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1633 Tucker Road  
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#### TICKETS:

**\$55** (17 & older) • **\$40** (10 - 16)  
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#### CREDIT CARDS ACCEPTED:

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

#### FOR MORE INFORMATION:

301.351.4557

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Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Tickets: \_\_\_\_\_ @\$55 \_\_\_\_\_ @\$40

Total Amount Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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**St. John's Church**

**Attention: S. Bouchelion**

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Tickets purchased vial mail will be available  
at WILL CALL on August 5, 2017.





## LET'S HEAR FROM YOU!

The deadline for the next issue of "St. John's Way" is Thursday, July 20, 2017.

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.

Please email your letters, ideas, articles, comments, information, and questions to **Karenlynn47Herb@yahoo.com**.

Always remember the deadline.

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