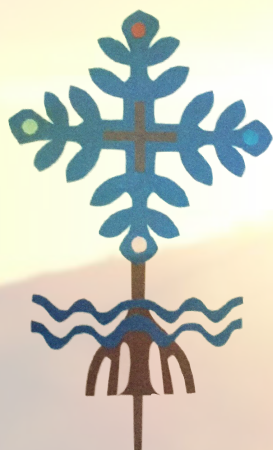


A PUBLICATION FOR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS OF ST. JOHN'S BROAD CREEK EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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.

MARCH 2018

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FROM THE PULPIT



*“Therefore,
let us keep
the feast!”*



The Rev. Sarah Dodds Oddersiol

“Therefore, let us keep the feast!” We say these words, followed by the word “Al--lu--!” (except in the season of Lent), every time we celebrate Holy Eucharist together. To keep is to retain something, to hold it close, to preserve it and to protect it. Feasts and celebrations need to be kept or their influence over our lives will be lost. Every family has special ways of keeping their holiday traditions. If we do not keep in our minds and hearts the date of our grandmother’s death or our parent’s wedding anniversary, the events will fade away and their importance will be lost to us.

In the Ancient Christian Church, the most important feast of the year to keep was the Three-Day Feast - The Triduum. The Triduum includes what we often think of as three separate Holy Week services: Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and The Easter Vigil. When in fact, the Church is in worship for three days - there is no dismissal at the conclusion of either the Maundy Thursday or Good Friday services!

In the Triduum we enter eternity. We keep the feast and the feast keeps us. We attend the last supper and know ourselves to be beloved as Jesus cleanses the soles of our souls. We are with Jesus when he’s crucified; we listen as he asks us to care for one another and as he draws his last breath.

Then we are called to remember the stories of our spiritual ancestors and we are drawn once again into the waters of our baptism. Finally, we rise with Jesus, blessed for ministry in Christ’s name.

Three days seems like a lot of time to set aside to worship. But if you keep this feast, this feast will keep you. You will emerge on the other side of this feast with an experience of resurrection and renewal. (This is the point and the goal of our Lenten journey!) Make plans to participate in the Triduum.

We are attempting to make the Easter Vigil a more “family friendly” service so that more of the community might attend. **Let us keep the feast!**





"LET US KEEP THE FEAST" continued ...

HOLY WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S BROAD CREEK

Wednesday, March 28	Holy Eucharist & Bible Study	9:30 a.m. 10:15 a.m.
Thursday, March 29	Maundy Thursday with Foot Washing	7 p.m.
Friday, March 30	Children's Stations of the Cross	10 a.m.
	Stations of the Cross	12 p.m.
	Good Friday Liturgy	7 p.m.
Saturday, March 31	The Great Vigil	7 p.m.
Sunday, April 1	Easter Sunday	8 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

4 PILLARS

Transparent &
Honest
Conversations

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)**.

EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF WASHINGTON CONVENTION

January 26-28, 2018

Attendees enjoyed uplifting and thought provoking speeches and presentations.

On Friday, at the pre-conference, "UPBEAT: A JOYFUL NIGHT OF JAZZ AND SPOKEN WORD" moved bodies and minds.

Next Year, let's all go!



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

THE ST. JOHN'S
BROAD CREEK
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

We are here for you

VESTRY



LENTEN EUCHARIST AT ST. JOHN'S

George Stevens

On Wednesday, 21 February 2018 (in the temporary absence of Rev. Sarah Odderston), the Rev. Rick Kukowski presided at a small Lenten Eucharist at St. John's, Broad Creek. After the service and a light supper of bread and soup, Charles Day led our participants in round table discussions of some of our shared formative Christian experiences.

Due to the earlier Wednesday morning police shootings and the total closure of MD 210 in both directions from Noon until well after dark, vehicular traffic was unprecedented and intense; our service was delayed until the principals were able to emerge from bumper-to-bumper gridlock.

Pete Ulrich gave a terrific sermon on God's gift of grace--a Mulligan—or second chance, based on both his and Rev. Kukowski's Jonah readings (the Lesson, Jonah 3: 1-10; and the Gospel, Luke 11: 29-32). Upon the conclusion of the service, Rick closed with a final benediction from the 16th Century Mystic, St. Teresa of Avila.

Our congregation was, as a body, quite struck and genuinely moved by St. Teresa's remarkably apt admonition to Christians everywhere. Her words were new to me, and to most of us, and I asked Rick whether and how we might find this quotation for further study. He noted that he also was quite unaware of this passage until it was shared with him by Bishop Mariann Budde.

He then gave to me the slip of paper from which he had read these wise words, and I promised to see that they were shared with Sarah and our entire congregation.

And, just a suggestion, that we all attend the Wednesday evening Lenten services and suppers. You never know when you may discover a pearl of wisdom, perhaps hidden in your soup, or elsewhere! St. Teresa's words are remarkably consonant with a similar admonition given by our own Pastor Sarah, who often reminds us that:

"Life is short, and we do not have too much time to gladden the hearts of those who travel with us. So be swift to love. Make haste to be kind, and the blessing of God be with you always. Amen."

Here is the standard version of the above mentioned quotation from St. Teresa:

"Christ has no body now but yours. No hands, no feet on earth but yours. Yours are the eyes through which he looks compassion on this world. Yours are the feet with which he walks to do good. Yours are the hands through which he blesses all the world. Yours are the hands, yours are the feet, yours are the eyes, you are his body. Christ has no body now on earth but yours."

However, I should note that the exact words, as read by Rev. Rick Kukowski, had been "Adapted by Brian McLaren" as follows. Teresa's original words of admonition to "you" and "yours" have been made more inclusive, more direct, and paraphrased by McLaren as follows:

"Christ has no body here but ours. No hands and feet here on earth but ours. Ours are the eyes through which he looks on this world, with kindness."

Ours are the hands with which he works. Ours are the feet on which he moves. Ours are the voices with which he speaks to this world with kindness."

With our touch, our smile, our listening ear, embodied in us, Jesus is living here. So let us go now, filled with the spirit, into this world with kindness."



ST. TERESA OF ÁVILA

Born: Gotarrendura (Ávila), Spain

December 08, 1514

Died: June 16, 1582

Saint Teresa of Ávila, also called Saint Teresa of Jesus, was a prominent Spanish mystic, Carmelite nun, and writer of the Counter Reformation.

She was a reformer of the Carmelite Order and is considered to be, along with John of the Cross, a founder of the Discalced Carmelites. In 1970 she was named a Doctor of the Church by Pope Paul VI.

Born in Avila, Spain, on March 28, 1515, St. Teresa was the daughter of a Toledo merchant and his second wife, who died when Teresa was 15, one of ten children. Shortly after this event, Teresa was entrusted to the care of the Augustinian nuns. After reading the letters of St. Jerome, Teresa resolved to enter a religious life. In 1535, she joined the Carmelite Order. She spent a number of relatively average years in the convent, punctuated

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**ST. TERESA OF ÁVILA** continued ...

by a severe illness that left her legs paralyzed for three years, but then experienced a vision of "the sorely wounded Christ" that changed her life forever.

From this point forward, Teresa moved into a period of increasingly ecstatic experiences in which she came to focus more and more sharply on Christ's passion. With these visions as her impetus, she set herself to the reformation of her order, beginning with her attempt to master herself and her adherence to the rule. Gathering a group of supporters, Teresa endeavored to create a more primitive type of Carmelite. From 1560 until her death, Teresa struggled to establish and broaden the movement of Discalced or shoeless Carmelites. During the mid-1560s, she wrote the Way of Perfection and the Meditations on the Canticle. In 1567, she met St. John of the Cross, who she enlisted to extend her reform into the male side of the Carmelite Order. Teresa died in 1582.

St. Teresa left to posterity many new convents, which she continued founding up to the year of her death. She also left a significant legacy of writings, which represent important benchmarks in the history of Christian mysticism. These works include the Way of Perfection and the Interior Castle. She also left an autobiography, the Life of St. Teresa of Avila.

**BRIAN D. MCLAREN**

Born in 1956, he is an American pastor, author, activist and speaker and leading figure in the emerging church movement. McLaren is also associated with postmodern Christianity and progressive Christianity and is a major figure in post-evangelical thought.

He has often been named one of the most influential Christian leaders in America and was recognized by Time Magazine as one of the 25 Most Influential Evangelicals in America in 2005. McLaren was also the founding pastor of Cedar Ridge Community Church in Spencerville, Maryland, which he left in 2006 to pursue writing and speaking full-time.

Brian McLaren graduated from the University of Maryland, College Park with degrees in English (BA, summa cum laude, 1978, and MA, 1981). His academic interests include medieval drama, romantic poets, modern philosophical literature, and the novels of Dr. Walker Percy. He is also a musician and songwriter.

After several years of teaching English and consulting in higher education, he left academia in 1986 to become the founding pastor of Cedar Ridge Community Church, a nondenominational church in the Baltimore-Washington region. The church has grown to involve several hundred people, many of whom were previously unchurched. In 2004 he was awarded an honorary Doctor of Divinity from the Carey Theological Seminary in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada.

McLaren has been active in networking and mentoring church planters and pastors since the mid-1980s, and has assisted in the development of several new churches. He has shown support for fellow pastors, including former theologian, church planter, and author, Mike Hamel. On McLaren's website, he wrote, "I have several friends who have had unbelievably tough years ... some of them, tough decades and tough lives overall. I wish I could somehow make things better, but so far all I can do is listen and let their story touch my heart."

In spite of the intense criticism leveled at McLaren by some Evangelical leaders, he remains a popular speaker for campus groups and retreats as well as a frequent guest lecturer at seminaries and conferences, nationally and internationally. His public speaking covers a broad range of topics including postmodernism, biblical studies, evangelism, apologetics, leadership, global mission, church growth, church planting, art and music, pastoral survival and burnout, inter-religious dialogue, ecology, and social justice.

McLaren is on the international steering team and board of directors for Emergent Village; a growing, generative friendship among missional Christian leaders, and serves as a board member for Sojourners and Orientacion Cristiana. He formerly served as board chair of International Teams, an innovative mission organization with 15 nationally registered members including the United States office based in Chicago, and has served on several other boards, including The Seattle School of Theology & Psychology, and Off The Map.

McLaren is married and has four children. He has traveled extensively in Europe, Latin America, and Africa, and his personal interests include ecology, fishing, hiking, kayaking, camping, songwriting, music, art, and literature. In September 2012, McLaren led a gay marriage commitment ceremony for his son Trevor and partner Owen Ryan at the Audubon Naturalist Society in Chevy Chase, Maryland, the ceremony was officiated by a Universal Life minister.

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Ash Wednesday is the start of the Lenten season that leads to Easter for Christians. On Ash Wednesday, many Christians have ashes placed on the forehead. Ash Wednesday follows Mardi Gras, or Fat Tuesday, which is the end of Carnival.

Ash Wednesday is always 46 days before Easter. It includes 40 fasting days, if the six Sundays, which are not days of fast, are excluded. The date of Easter is always the first Sunday after the full moon following a spring equinox. This year, Easter is on Sunday, April 1.



ASH WEDNESDAY AND LENT

I. They Both Have Pagan Origins

Both the imposition of the ashes and Lent are deeply rooted in pre-Christian traditions and religions.

The practice of putting ashes on one's forehead has been known since ancient times. This is proven with Matthew 6:16, where Jesus tells his followers to not "disfigure" their faces with ash as they fast but to wash their faces with oil and water instead.

Jesus says:

"When you fast, do not look somber as the hypocrites do, for they disfigure their faces to show others they are fasting. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward in full. But when you fast, put oil on your head and wash your face, so that it will not be obvious to others that you are fasting, but only to your Father, who is unseen; and your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you."

This may be a reference to ashes being considered pagan. However, ashes used as a symbol for repentance are also mentioned in the Jewish Old Testament, including in 2 Samuel 13:19, Job 42:3–6, and more.

In the Nordic pagan religion, placing ashes above one's brow was believed to ensure

the protection of the Norse god, Odin. This practice spread to Europe during the Vikings conquests. This laying on of ashes was done on Wednesday, the day named for Odin... The Norse practice which has become known as Ash Wednesday was itself, drawn from the Vedic Indian religion. Ashes were believed to be the seed Agni, the Indian fire god. Ashes were also believed to be symbolic for the purifying blood of the Vedic god Shiva, which it is said had the power to cleanse sins.

The Viking age lasted from the late 8th century to the mid 11th century and had significant cultural effects on Europe, particularly the western portion. However, Vikings did also have significant holdings in modern Italy, the seat of Catholic Christendom.

Lent also has connections to pre-Christian traditions. According to English scholar John Landseer in his *Sabean Researches* (1823), ancient Egyptians held an annual fast of 40-days in honor of their god Osiris, ruler of the underworld. Mardi Gras also stems from two ancient Roman pagan holidays, Saturnalia and Lupercalia.

Saturnalia was a rowdy holiday that ran from December 17 to December 25.

During this time Roman courts were closed and people couldn't get in trouble for damaging property, hurting other people, or rape. According to History Today, during Saturnalia, Roman community leaders would pick one individual as "an enemy of the Roman people" to represent the "Lord of Misrule." This unfortunate individual, man or woman, would be forced to indulge in orgies of food and sex throughout the holiday week, then on December 25 would be brutally murdered by the authorities as a representation of vanquishing evil.

Christmas was really a spin-off of Saturnalia and other similar pagan holidays, and the date was chosen to help early pagans ease into the religious transition of monotheistic Christianity.

Lupercalia was a very ancient, possibly pre-Roman, pastoral festival observed in pre-Christian Rome on February 15. The holiday would feature the sacrifice of goats and a dog under the supervision of Zeus' chief priest. The sacrifices were intended to purify the city and promote fertility for the coming lambing season. According to The Lupercalia, the festival later incorporated aspects from another pagan holiday called Februa, which is where the month of February gets its name.



ABOUT ASH WEDNESDAY AND LENT continued ...

Like Saturnalia, aspects of Lupercalia were incorporated into early Christian holidays to help in the conversion of Romans.

2. In Modern Times, Ash Wednesday Is a Time of Repentance

For modern Christians, the inspiration for Ash Wednesday is drawn from two Bible verses, Genesis 3:19 and Mark 1:15.

Genesis 3:19 reads:

By the sweat of your brow you will eat your food until you return to the ground, since from it you were taken; for dust you are and to dust you will return.

Mark 1:15 reads:

"The time has come," he said. "The kingdom of God has come near. Repent and believe the good news!"

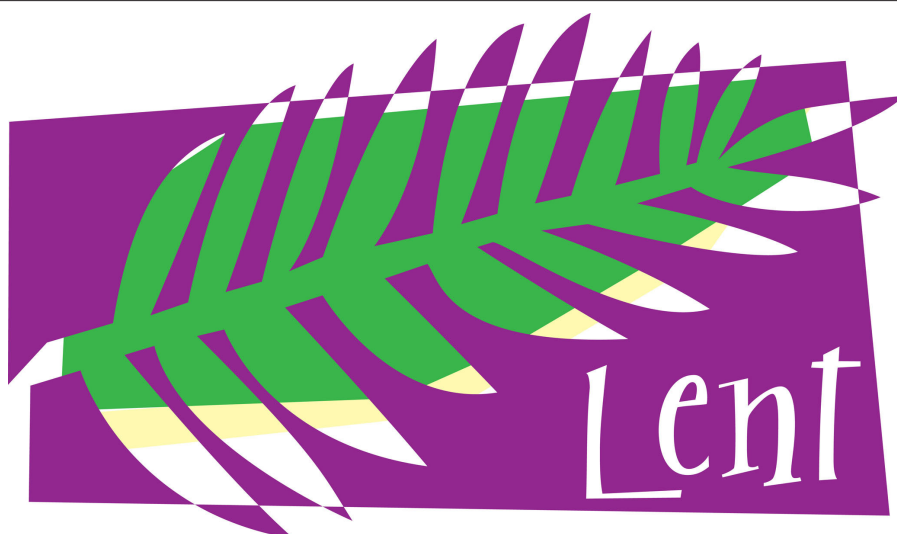
Either of the bolded phrases is commonly uttered to Christians as they receive the imposition of the ashes. However, having a cross drawn on one's forehead with ash is common mostly only in English-speaking countries. In other countries, ashes are merely sprinkled over one's head.

Jesus is also quoted as speaking of the practice of using ashes as a symbol of repentance in Matthew 11:21 and Luke 10:13, saying, *"Woe to you, Chorazin! Woe to you, Bethsaida! For if the miracles that were performed in you had been performed in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago in sackcloth and ashes..."*

Since then, Christians have continued the practice of using ashes as a physical sign of repentance.

3. In Modern Times, Lent Is a Time of Reflecting

"Lent" is an Old English that means "length," referencing the lengthening of daylight



hours for the coming spring, according to Dictionary.com. The name is of stark contrast to the Latin name for Lent, "Quadragesima," which means "fortieth."

Lent is traditionally described as lasting 40 fasting days and commemorates the forty days Jesus spent fasting in the desert prior to beginning his public ministry. While in the desert, Jesus endured temptation by Satan. The story is told in the Gospels of Matthew, Mark, and Luke.

However, the number "40" occurs many times in the Bible, including the 40 days Moses spent on Mount Sinai with God, the 40 days and nights of rain in the great flood survived by Noah, the 40 years of wandering by the Hebrew people in the desert while traveling to the Promised Land, and many more.

Lent is viewed as a time of introspection and prayer to bring oneself nearer to God.

4. What do People Give Up for Lent?

During Lent, many Christians choose to "give up" a vice they struggle with as a symbol of sacrifice. Among Roman Catholics, some observers abstain from the consumption of meat.

According to Christianity Today, only 24% of Americans observe Lent, with Catholics being the most common observants.

5. Lent Leads to Easter

Ash Wednesday is always 46 days before Easter. It includes 40 fasting days, if the six Sundays, which are not days of fast, are excluded. The date of Easter is always the first Sunday after the full moon following a spring equinox.

Easter is considered the most important holiday on the Christian calendar. It is the day believed to be when Jesus Christ rose from the dead after being crucified. It follows Palm Sunday, which is March 25, Maundy Thursday, March 29, and Good Friday, March 30.

Palm Sunday is the final Sunday of Lent and commemorates the arrival of Christ in Jerusalem before he is crucified. The palms used on Palm Sunday are typically burned and used the following year for Ash Wednesday. Maundy Thursday commemorates the Last Supper of Jesus Christ with the Apostles. Good Friday commemorates the crucifixion of Jesus.

Like Mardi Gras, Ash Wednesday, and Lent, Easter was also affected by early Christian pagan customs, such as the Easter egg and the Easter Bunny. In fact, according to the Online Etymology Dictionary, Easter is a German word derived from Eastre, the name of a goddess associated with spring.



THE STORY OF EASTER

Source: holidays.net

*Good Friday

Commemorating the suffering — known in religious parlance as the passion — of Christ when he died on the cross, Good Friday is a day of fasting, prayer and repentance. Also known as Holy Friday or Black Friday, Good Friday commemorates the sacrificial death of Christ, without which his resurrection — the pinnacle event within Christianity — could not have taken place.

Many Catholic churches begin their worship services at 3 p.m. on Good Friday, which is the time that Jesus is believed to have died. While customs vary by church and by country, many Catholics read or sing parts of St. John's Gospel, participate in the Veneration of the Cross, and receive communion. Good Friday is also considered a fast day in the Catholic Church, in which parishioners are only allowed to consume one meatless meal and two small snacks.

In Orthodox Churches, different traditions are observed. In Russia, for example, churches prominently display a silver coffin with a cross, surrounded by candles and flowers. Inside the coffin is a shroud painted with an image of Christ. Worshippers crawl on their knees toward the coffin and kiss the shroud.

The holiday is also celebrated, to varying degrees, within Protestant Churches. Episcopal, Anglican, Methodist, Presbyterian and Lutheran Churches often mark the day with special worship services.

Easter is a time of springtime festivals. In Christian countries Easter is celebrated as the religious holiday commemorating the resurrection of Jesus Christ, the son of God. But the celebrations of Easter have many customs and legends that are pagan in origin and have nothing to do with Christianity.

Scholars, accepting the derivation proposed by the 8th-century English scholar St. Bede, believe the name Easter is thought to come from the Scandinavian "Ostra" and the Teutonic "Ostern" or "Eastre," both Goddesses of mythology signifying spring and fertility whose festival was celebrated on the day of the vernal equinox.

Traditions associated with the festival survive in the Easter rabbit, a symbol of fertility, and in colored easter eggs, originally painted with bright colors to represent the sunlight of spring, and used in Easter-egg rolling contests or given as gifts.

The Christian celebration of Easter embodies a number of converging traditions with emphasis on the relation of Easter to the Jewish festival of Passover, or Pesach, from which is derived Pasch, another name used by Europeans for Easter. Passover is an important feast in the Jewish calendar which is celebrated for 8 days and commemorates the flight and freedom of the Israelites from slavery in Egypt.

The early Christians, many of whom were of Jewish origin, were brought up in the Hebrew tradition and regarded Easter as a new feature of the Passover festival, a commemoration of the advent of the Messiah as foretold by the prophets.

Easter is observed by the churches of the West on the first Sunday following the full moon that occurs on or following the spring equinox (March 21). So Easter became a "movable" feast which can occur as early as March 22 or as late as April 25.

Christian churches in the East which were closer to the birthplace of the new religion and in which old traditions were strong, observe Easter according to the date of the Passover festival.

Easter is at the end of the Lenten season, which covers a forty-six-day period that begins on Ash Wednesday and ends with Easter. The Lenten season itself comprises forty days, as the six Sundays in Lent are not actually a part of Lent. Sundays are considered a commemoration of Easter Sunday and have always been excluded from the Lenten fast. The Lenten season is a period of penitence in preparation for the highest festival of the church year, Easter.

Holy Week, the last week of Lent, begins with the observance of Palm Sunday. Palm Sunday takes its name from Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem where the crowds laid palms at his feet. Holy Thursday commemorates the Last Supper, which was held the evening before the Crucifixion. **Friday*** in Holy Week is the anniversary of the Crucifixion, the day that Christ was crucified and died on the cross.

Holy week and the Lenten season end with Easter Sunday, the day of resurrection of Jesus Christ.



THE GOLDEN AGE OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY

People, Places, and Politics
1700 - 1800

February 3, 2018

3 p.m.

GUEST LECTURER:
John Peter Thompson



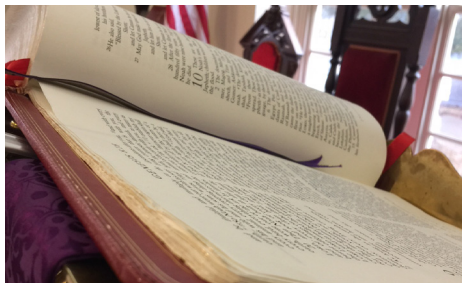
THE FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

February 18, 2018

8 a.m.

SWEARING-IN OF NEW VESTRY MEMBERS:

Barbara Duncan (Senior Warden),
Sandra Bouchelion, and Betsy Winters.
Sandra Rivera (not in photo) will be sworn in at
another time.



THIS IS US

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



ASH WEDNESDAY
February 14, 2018
7 p.m.

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, Bryan, the Bubes family, Bea, Beverly, Connie, Carolyn, Lana, Joan P, Theresa, Vickie, Elizabeth, and Walter.

The following names are to be prayed for during the week in our daily prayers. They will remain on the prayer list until March 30, 2018. If you want them to remain on the list, please call the church office.

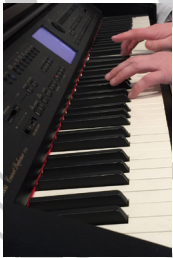
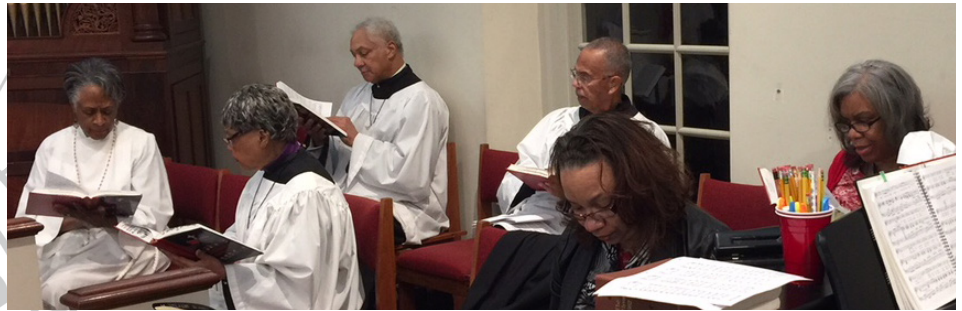
Pray for Sylvia Blake, LaDeborah Boozer, Randy & Edie Burgess, Tony Carter, Charles Gunter, Thomas & Gordon James, the Mierke family, Mitch Otera, Nancy Paleyan, Kay Trotter, and the Uniake family.

PRAYER CORNER





Thank you for sharing your talents
with us every Sunday and on many
other occasions.
You bring us joy, brighten our days,
and lighten our hearts.



THE ST. JOHN'S CHOIR

CHOIR MEMBERS:

Karen Chapman, Faith Chisholm, Charles Day,
John Dearing, Winston Godwin, Jana Grymes,
Marcia Jones, Michael Lacy, Peter Ulrich, George and Marge Stevens



MINISTER OF MUSIC: Libby Wiebel



St. John's Children - Our Future



1. 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 Prince George's County Family Crisis Center

4. 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

6. Treat refugees and immigrants as you would treat other Americans

Engage with refugees and immigrants; discuss among ourselves how to do this best.

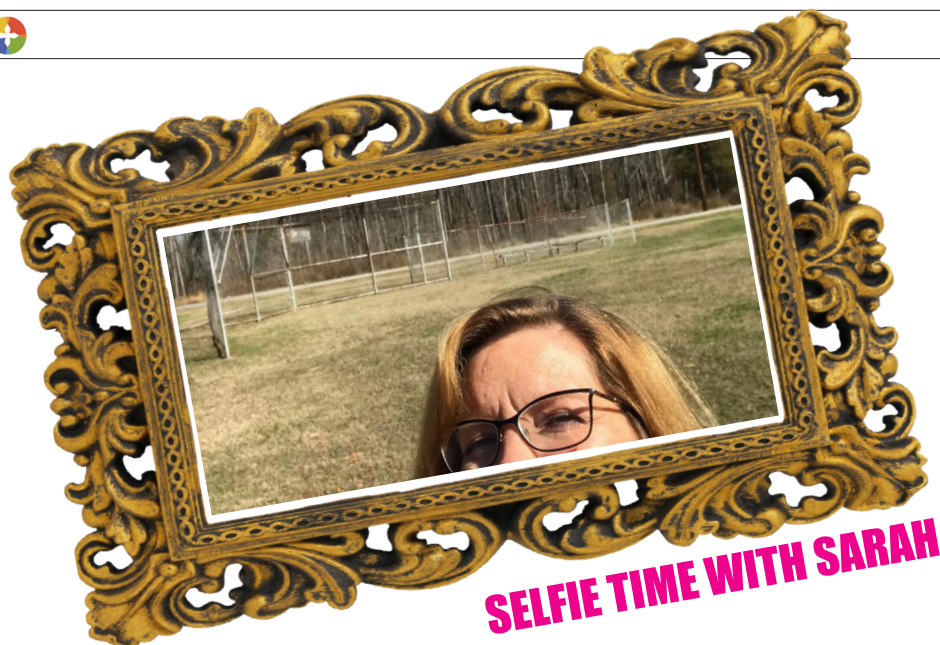
7. Be polite, smiling and kind to everyone you encounter

8. 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.



SELFIE TIME WITH SARAH

FINANCE REPORT



Alan Ritter, "Mr. Finance"

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 normally meet on the second Thursday each month, 10 days before the Vestry meetings which are usually scheduled for the third Thursday of each month.

The current committee chairman is Alan Ritter and the committee members include Edith Pulscak, Mike Lacy, Carol Thomas, and Bea James. Our newest members are Barbara Duncan, Sandy Bouchelion, Sarah Odderstol, Ruth Anne Cumberland, Karen Herbert, and Thurston Spaulding.

All parish members are invited to any meeting and are encouraged to join us.

Contact ALAN RITTER with your interest at 301.292.3490.

PASTORAL CARE

Pastoral Care visiting those who are unable to make it to church. If you would like to take part in the wonderful ministry of St. John's, please contact Diann Puzon.

ACOLYTE TRAINING/RETRAINING

If you are an ACOLYTE or interested in becoming an ACOLYTE, contact stjohns1692@verizon.net.

PASTOR SARAH WITH MITCH FLETCHER FIELD

Other than the occasional family batting practice or golfer practicing chip shots, Mitch Fletcher Field sits abandoned and unused. St. John's has applied for a Bond Bill to renovate and upgrade Mitch Fletcher Field. The Bond Bill is a Maryland State funding mechanism designed to support local or non-state owned capital projects. Our Bond Bill application proposes upgrading Mitch Fletcher Field into a multi-use sport field that could be used for soccer, baseball, softball, kickball. St. John's would retain ownership of the property and be responsible for management and maintenance of the field. St. John's could fund maintenance of the field by charging a fee for use of the field. The upside for the state is a new multi-sport field in Southern Prince George's County.

Our application has passed its first hurdle and has been moved on for review. While it is still a long shot, we thought you should know about our efforts to secure funding to maintain and upgrade our beautiful property. Wouldn't it be great to see this field cleaned up and in use again!? If you have any questions, please talk to Pastor Sarah, Ike Puzon, Barbara Duncan, or Alan Ritter.



"Yes, we had something to talk about..."

"THE PEACE"

Loved by all members of our St. John's Family.



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.

REMINDERS





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 MEETING

Thursday, March 8
7 p.m.

VESTRY MEETING

Thursday, March 15
6 p.m.

325TH ANNIVERSARY PLANNING MEETINGS

Tuesday, March 6
Tuesday, April 3
Tuesday, April 17
6 p.m. in the Parish Hall

THE GOOD BOOK CLUB

Lent-Easter 2018
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.

LUNCH BUNCH

Thursday, March 15
Carpool from St. John's parking lot: 11 a.m.
Lunch: Noon at the Grille No. 13 in Waldorf (located in the Safeway Shopping Center, where Mimi's used to be)

SPECIAL PARISH MEETING

Sunday, March 18
9:45 a.m.
This special meeting is to make an amendment to the Parish By-Laws. Although we are in compliance with the Canons of the Episcopal Church, we are not in compliance with St. John's By-Laws. We need a quorum to be present to pass the amendment. If anyone feels moved by the Holy Spirit to step forward to serve on the Vestry, you may do so. We can vote for you at the meeting. Please contact Pastor Sarah to let her know about your intentions.

The current By-Laws state:

Article III/Section 1:
a) The Vestry shall consist of the Rector; the Senior Warden, the Junior Warden, and a **minimum of six** Vestry members, and a maximum of nine, and may also include one additional member as provided by Section 1 (b) of this Article.

We would like to make the following amendment:

Article III/Section 1:
a) The Vestry shall consist of the Rector; the Senior Warden, the Junior Warden, and a **minimum of four** Vestry members, and a maximum of nine, and may also include one additional member as provided by Section 1 (b) of this Article.

LENTEN PREACHING SERIES & SOUP SUPPERS

Wednesday evenings in Lent will feature a new offering this year: **We will gather at 6:30 p.m. for a quiet, spoken Eucharist** where the guest preacher will be a member of our parish. Worship will be followed by soup supper and table discussion in the Parish Hall. Come and hear your St. John's friends bring the word!

Date

Wednesday, March 7
Wednesday, March 14
Wednesday, March 21

Guest Preacher

Libby Wiebel
Faith Chisholm
Charles Day

PALM SUNDAY

March 25

MAUNDY THURSDAY

March 29

GOOD FRIDAY

March 30

EASTER SUNDAY

April 1

BROAD CREEK CHILD DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

Contact Stephanie Ratty at 301.248.6665.

ST. JOHN'S 2018 CALENDARS

Caleendars are \$10 each. Please see Sandra Bouchelion.

ST. JOHN'S SHIRTS

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

SAINT JOHN'S CHURCH BROAD CREEK PRESENTS 325TH ANNIVERSARY HISTORIC LECTURE SERIES

Join us and engage with information and insight concerning the luminous history of St. John's Church, Prince George's County and the people who influenced this region's growth. This enlightening series will feature local historical experts, and provide an opportunity for you to immerse in the knowledge and historical culture of our remarkable community.

SATURDAY, MARCH 10, 2018

3 p.m.

A County Takes Shape

Agriculture, Tobacco, Economy, and Slavery
GUEST LECTURER: Dr. Dennis Doster

Light refreshments

SATURDAY, APRIL 15, 2018

3 p.m.

George Washington's Maryland

GUEST LECTURER: Dr. Luke Pecoraro
Light refreshments

HOMEcoming WEEKEND EVENTS

FRIDAY, APRIL 20, 2018

7:30 – 9:30 p.m.

Joyful Concert And Sing A Long In St. John's Church

SATURDAY, APRIL 21, 2018

11 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Family Fun Day

SUNDAY, APRIL 22, 2018

10 a.m.

Service With Friends And Special Guests
Followed By A Reception In Bayne Hall



MARCH

Birgitt Brevard
Jean Gunter
Carol Canteen

Geneva Golson
Clarence Gunter
Paul Hall



February 24, 2018

325 YEARS OF ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH, BROAD CREEK



Save the date for a weekend of celebration festivities:
Friday Evening, April 20 through Sunday, April 22, 2018

ST. JOHN'S BROAD CREEK 325TH ANNIVERSARY!

Barbara Duncan

DID YOU KNOW?

The Church Rebuilt

On 6th January 1722 the Vestry agreed to rebuild the church with brick. This was done and the records show that 40,000 bricks were allotted. The Vestry members were assigned to count the bricks in the finished building. The minutes give the following totals: 36,863 used and 3130 lost or broken. No speculation made about the 7 missing from the count.

The Parish Divided

So late as 1710 the Parish had always been known by its territorial name Piscataway Parish, but not as St. John's. Over time, the Parish church at the head of Broad Creek was nominated and known as St. John's Parish. This change the Vestry had a right to make, having given it its first name. In a statement made to the Assembly in 1725, St. John's Parish was now 80 miles in length and 20 in breadth which furnished an income of 53,640 lbs. tobacco, besides 895 dollars. Church and the parent was known and spoken of as St. John's Parish.

An Act found in Park's Laws of Maryland, divided St. John's Parish. All west of a line beginning at the Eastern Branch and running to the fork thereof, and with the North East Branch thereof to the Patuxent (river) was constituted a new and distinct Parish named Prince George Parish and the chapel at Rock Creek was made its parish church.

Change at St. John's Parish

Mr. Fraser has seen the population greatly increased, and with that increase the provisions for the public worship of God proportionally increased. The territory for the Parish greatly decreased. All that now constitutes the District of Columbia west of the Eastern Branch, and the Counties of Montgomery, Fredrick, Washington and Alleghany cut off from it and given to others. During his pioneer ministry, the Parish Church at Broad Creek had been rebuilt in enlarged portions with brick, a chapel erected at Rock Creek, another at Accakeek eight miles south of the Parish Church, and a third ten miles away north of it. Fraser is credited with arranging for the Vestry minutes to be transcribed into a permanent book and are believed to be the oldest written vital statistics in the area. Fraser served the church until his death in 1742, and it is said that his remains rest beneath the alter rail.

Historical notes of St. John's Parish, pp.16-20; from manuscript of Rev. Ethan Allen, 1890.

www.stjohnsbroadcreek.org

Hello!

You may have heard that **St. Johns Church Broad Creek** in Fort Washington is celebrating its **325th Anniversary** in 2018. This is a tremendous accomplishment and we are planning several events during the year. We hope that you, your family and friends will join us as we celebrate this milestone.

The highlight of our 2018 celebration will be a special weekend of events for our members and the community. The events include a Historical Lecture Series in February thru April, Homecoming Weekend with visits from special guests and local and state officials. A **Commemorative Program book** will be published and distributed throughout the events.

We have decided to include ads from our patrons, supporters, community organizations, and local business establishments in the Commemorative Program. Our members, local dignitaries, community and the many friends and families that will attend the various events will view an ad from you, your company or organization.

Please support St. John's historical achievement by taking an ad or greeting in this Commemorative Program. If you are interested—and we hope you are—please review the attached order form that lists prices and other information.

Deadline for payments and ad submission(s) is March 17, 2018.
You may email all ads or desired content PRINT READY to stjohns325th@gmail.com.

If you have questions or want additional information, please contact our church office at 301.248.4290, email stjohns1692@verizon.net or visit our website for additional information (stjohnsbroadcreek.org).

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Barbara Duncan, Event Coordinator
 St. John's 325th Anniversary Celebration
 301.248.4290

NEXT PAGE (14): Advertising rates and requirements



St. John's Episcopal Church Broad Creek 325th Anniversary Commemorative Program Book

ANYONE CAN ADVERTISE

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Any of the ad sizes can accommodate your family's personal message of good will. The Program Book is designed to give optimum visibility to business ads as well – tradesmen, professionals, your physician, dentist, optician, hair stylist, veterinarian, grocery store, local service station, your favorite florist, dry cleaners, local real estate agents, insurance agents and your favorite neighborhood restaurants.

Please help to make this Anniversary an outstanding success for our parish community by purchasing an ad in the Commemorative Program Book. **The circulation of the program will be 1,000, which makes the advertising cost very nominal for the number of people it will reach.**

The Commemorative Program Book is a great opportunity to advertise your business or organization and it also shows your support for the community.

SPONSOR LEVELS

A business enterprise that pays for event in return for ad time. Listed on back cover and/or given prime ground space for Saturday's event if needed. Sponsorship may include complimentary ad space if applicable.

Platinum	\$1000 and up
Gold	\$ 750 to \$999
Silver	\$ 500 to \$749
Bronze	\$ 250 to \$499

DONORS (You may email all ads or desired content PRINT READY to stjohns325th@gmail.com.)

One who contributes something to a cause or fund. All donors will be recognized and listed inside commemorative book.

Ad Option (jpg, pdf, png)	Size (samples on next page)	Cost
Business Cards*	3.5 x 2 inches	\$ 25.00
Quarter Page*	3.625 x 4.75 inches	\$ 40.00
Half Page*	7.5 x 4.75 inches	\$ 75.00
Full Page*	7.5 x 10 inches	\$100.00
Just Business Logo	Example: YAHOO!	\$ 10.00
Just Business Name	Example: "Mama Stella's Restaurant"	\$ 10.00
* In case you prefer to have your ad designed by our designer , please add an additional \$40 to your cost . It is an additional \$40 for each designed ad. (Example: A full page ad designed by our designer: \$100 + \$40 = \$140) Please don't forget to provide your content, i.e. business name, logo, address, phone, website, email, etc.		

ONLINE DONATION:

Via Credit card or PayPal at www.stjohnsbroadcreek.org • Click on "GIVING" • Click on "DONATE"
 When you complete the form, please identify under "Add special instructions to the seller:" what your donation is for.

-----PLEASE COMPLETE AND FOLLOW INSTRUCTIONS-----

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Please submit this page to either the Church Office or a member of the Anniversary Committee.

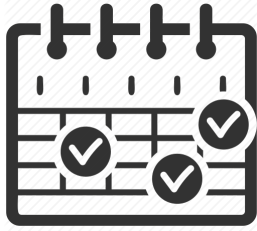
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LET'S HEAR FROM YOU!

The deadline for the next issue of "St. John'S Way" is
Friday, April 27, 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 bsbrevard@yahoo.com.

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

REMEMBER the April 27 deadline.

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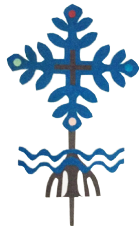
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