



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 2019

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FROM THE PULPIT



Becoming Good Soil



The Rev. Sarah Dadds Odderstad

I grew up on a farm in Minnesota. This is the time of year that farmers there are beginning to prepare their fields for planting. After the fall harvest, the stumps of corn stalks and the stubble of other crops are left in the field to hold the soil firm, thus preventing erosion. When winter has finally released its grip on the earth and the soil thaws, farmers head into the fields to turn the soil and to prepare for the spring planting. Readyng the fields is on one level a joyous and highly anticipatory process; it is also a lot of hard work. The first pass the plows make at the fields can justifiably be described as violent. As the blades of the plow pass through the previous year's vegetative detritus, one can hear the roots ripping as they reluctantly release their hold on the earth, clods of dirt fly into the air; the sound is deafening as the plow turns up the large rocks and small boulders that seem to breed beneath the winter snow. The rocks must be removed from the field – by hand – and then the field is plowed again. HARD, but necessary work – if you do not prepare the soil, you will not have a crop worth harvesting.

Our Episcopal Diocese of Washing is undertaking the work of becoming good soil. *"Listen!" Jesus said. "A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seed fell on the path and the birds came and ate it up... Other seed fell into **good soil** and brought forth grain, growing up and increasing and yielding thirty and sixty and a hundredfold."* And Jesus said, "Let anyone with ears to hear listen!" Mark 4:1-9 Instead of rolling out the tractors and the plows, EDOW is entering a season of intentional planning and strategic effort. Already an immense amount of work has been expended: Discovery Sessions (conversations to identify challenges, opportunities, and dreams) have taken place in every region of EDOW. Twelve members of St. John's participated in the Southern Maryland Discovery Session!

By the Fall of 2019, this work will yield a harvest! Mutually-discerned goals will be established for each region of EDOW that will help to determine how to best invest our collective energies and resources. Diocesan programming and staffing will be aligned to most effectively to support EDOW goals. Where it will lead to greater fruitfulness, the process will identify specific ways we might collaborate in ministry.

You can learn more about **Becoming Good Soil** and our Diocesan Strategic Plan by following the process on our Diocesan website: <https://www.edow.org/good-soil>.



Please support Bishop Mariann and the Strategic Planning Team with your prayers. Our prayers help to till and turn the soil as EDOW prepares for new growth!

7 stages of a typical church's lifecycle





Palm
Sunday



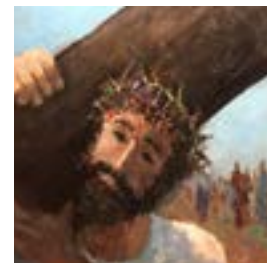
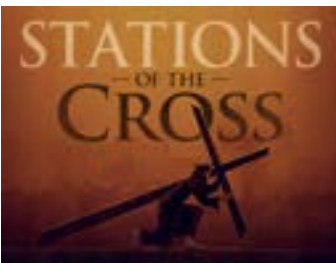
Easter
Sunday



Maundy
Thursday



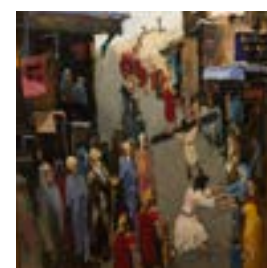
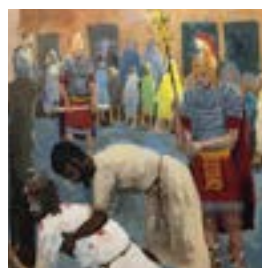
Good
Friday



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!





Who's that
cute bunny?

Greetings
from
the house
of
Gryffindor?

Thanks to the
Men's Ministry
for donating
these door
hangers.

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IT'S A BEAUTIFUL WORLD!

GREETINGS!
A New year - A New Topic.

Starting this February, I added a "travel topic" to our newsletter. Every month, **ONE page will be dedicated to the travel photos** you want to share. Email only **high resolution photos (jpgs)** to bsbrevard@yahoo.com by the deadline date for the newsletter. Don't send paper copies or flash drives. Only the name(s) of who provided the photos and the name of the destination will be listed. **NOT listed will be captions, specific titles, addresses, and narratives.**

Enjoy this month's destination: Frankfurt & Berlin (Germany).



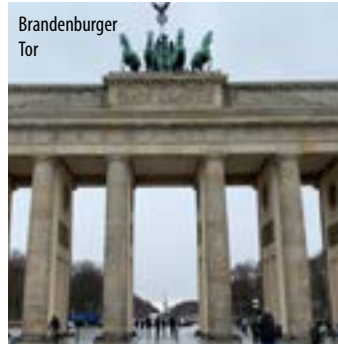
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Enjoy a different destination every month: **Frankfurt & Berlin (Germany)**

Germany is a Western European country with a landscape of forests, rivers, mountain ranges and North Sea beaches. It has over 2 millennia of history. Berlin, its capital, is home to art and nightlife scenes, the Brandenburg Gate and many sites relating to WWII. Munich is known for its Oktoberfest and beer halls, including the 16th-century Hofbräuhaus. Frankfurt, with its skyscrapers, houses the European Central Bank.



Mall in Frankfurt



Brandenburger Tor



Wall Art



Zitadelle in Spandau



Frida Kahlo as mural in restaurant



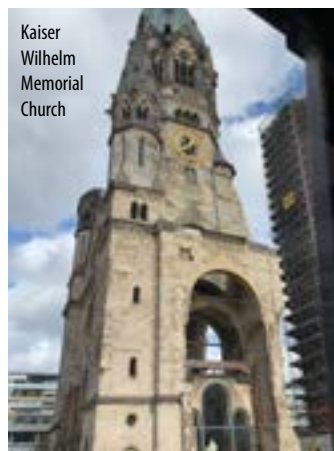
Dali Exhibit



Artists' Cafe



Checkpoint Charlie



Kaiser Wilhelm Memorial Church



PHOTOS & INFO: Birgitt S. Brevard




REPORTS



We are seeking volunteers to sign up for **COFFEE HOUR** both Sunday Services. This would involve

bringing an item to share for coffee hour. For example, coffee cake, cookies, or cheese & crackers. *(Nothing elaborate, just something simple, however, you may be as creative as you like.)*

The volunteer for the 8 a.m. service would be responsible for set-up and the volunteer for the 10:30 a.m. service would be responsible for the clean-up. The sign-up sheet is available in Bayne Hall.



Your participation would be greatly appreciated!

THE ST. JOHN'S BROAD CREEK EPISCOPAL CHURCH

We are here for you

VESTRY

ST. JOHN'S VESTRY MEMBERS

Barbara Duncan, Senior Warden
Karen Herbert, Junior Warden
Jean Anderson-Jones, Secretary
Sandra Bouchellion
Winston Godwin
Erica Kallop
Michael Lacy
Sandra Rivera
Betsy Winters

Alan Ritter, Finance Chairman
Peter Persell, Outreach Chairman
Bea James, Treasurer
Carol Thomas & Rudy Brevard, Pledge Clerks

*Interested in the April 7
"ST. JOHN'S WAY extra"?*

*You can view it at
<https://stjohnsbroadcreek.my-worshiptimes4.com/wp-content/uploads/sites/64/2019/04/Sunday-April-7-extra-issue.pdf>*



The **FOOD PANTRY** has been experiencing a higher volume of clients these recent weeks.

While the Pantry can purchase most food items from the DC Food Bank, there are some necessary items that are not available.

The St. John's Women's Ministry is collecting the following items: paper towels, toilet paper, toothpaste, tooth brushes, bars of soap, and deodorant.

We are asking the Parish to support this project by generously filling the baskets in the back of the church and in Bayne Hall.

THANK YOU!

10 DESTINATIONS IN SOUTHERN MARYLAND

For more info: <https://www.onlyinyourstate.com/maryland/destinations-in-southern-md/>

- 1. Historic St. Mary's City**
18751 Hogaboom Lane, Saint Mary's City, MD 20686
- 2. Calvert Cliffs State Park**
10540 H G Trueman Road, Lusby, MD 20657
- 3. Calvert Marine Museum**
14200 Solomons Island Road S, Solomons, MD 20688
- 4. Point Lookout State Park**
11175 Point Lookout Road, Scotland, MD 20687
- 5. Mallows Bay**
1440 Wilson Landing Road, Nanjemoy, MD 20662
- 6. Patuxent River Naval Air Museum**
22156 Three Notch Road, Lexington Park, MD 20653
- 7. Flag Ponds Nature Park**
1525 Flag Pond Parkway, Lusby, MD 20657
- 8. Annmarie Sculpture Garden and Arts Center**
13480 Dowell Road, Dowell, MD 20629
- 9. Historic Sotterley Plantation**
44300 Sotterley Lane, Hollywood, MD 20636
- 10. Slack Winery**
16040 Woodland Drive, Ridge, MD 20680

Alan Ritter, "Mr. Finance"



MONEY MATTERS

Your St. John's Finance Committee is made up of volunteers who are responsible of planning, advising, executing, and reporting of financial information and processes benefitting 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.



BARELY SELF-SUSTAINING? BRING FINANCES UP TO PAR?

How? Raise your pledge.

Have an idea for fundraising? Great - step up - take charge - do it.

Pastor Sarah
and Roberto



Time for PEACE!



Sebastian has something to say!

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. They will remain on the prayer list until April 30, 2019. If you want them on the long term list, please call the church office.

Pray for Lois, Erica, Jeanne, Elizabeth, Autumn, Darrell, Vincent, Faith, Rachaad, DeHaven, Geneva, Earlyn, Catherine, the Gholson family, and Suresh.

The following names are to be prayed for during the week in our daily prayers. They will remain on the prayer list until June 30, 2019. If you want them to remain on the list, please call the church office.

Pray for LaDeborah Boozer, Connie Duncan, Charles Gunter, Thomas & Gordon James, the Mierke Family, Lana Neil, Mitch Otera, Nancy Paleyan, and Kay Trotter.

THIS IS US

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



- 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 PGC 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.

PRAYER CORNER





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.

SALE! PERSONALIZED BRICKS

Please see Karen Chapman for details.

SALE! 2019 CALENDARS

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

SALE! ST. JOHN'S SHIRTS

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

REALM

Remember to log on & set up your profile.

BIBLE STUDY*

Wednesdays
10:15 a.m. after Wednesday Worship
7 p.m. in the Rectory

FOOD PANTRY

Saturdays
9:30 a.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.

BROAD CREEK CHILD DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

Contact Stephenie Ratty: 301.248.6665.

CHOIR REHEARSALS

Every Thursday
7:30 - 8:30 p.m.

HOMEWORK HELPERS

Tuesdays
7 p.m.



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.

FINANCE MEETING

Thursday, May 9
7 p.m.

VESTRY MEETING

Thursday, May 16
6 p.m.

ST. JOHN'S ANNUAL CRAB FEAST

Saturday, August 3
1 - 5 p.m.
Knights of Columbus
1633 Tucker Road
Fort Washington, MD 20744
For questions, see Sandra Bouchelion.



MAY

Barbara Duncan
Diane Miceli
Ursula Neely
Ike Puzon
Carol Thomas
Miles Rochester
Marge Stevens
Angie Vereen



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.



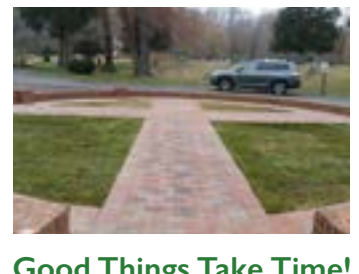
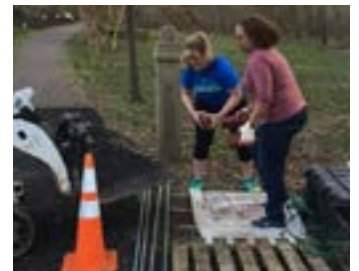
THE POWER OF A WOMAN:

6 Years • Hundreds of Orders • Hundreds of Bricks • 1 Circle

Although we waited (sometimes) not so patiently to see the bricks we purchased put in place - the wait was worth it!

The "Memorial Circle" looks beautiful thanks to endless hours of work and patience. Karen collected orders and payments; placed orders; saw to it that bricks were stored; presented designs for the circle; pulled in estimates; borrowed trucks; got stuck in the mud in the middle of the night in the middle of nowhere (*scary*); loaded bricks; unloaded bricks; overlooked the circle work crew; drove a bob cat; scrubbed bricks so people like myself could "see" their bricks; and continues to collect orders even now (see next page).

Karen, we thank you for your dedication and everything you do! We also thank Bishop Mariann Edgar Budde for blessing the new Memorial Circle on Sunday, April 7.



Good Things Take Time!

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A PLACE IN TIME CONTINUED...

With St. John's "A Place in Time" Brick Project, we are looking forward to adding your personalized brick "in memory of", "in thanksgiving for", you or your family member's baptism, an anniversary or a message of encouragement.

St. John's bricks are \$50 each for a 4x8 brick. You may purchase as many as you wish. Engraving is included. If you wish to add a symbol to your brick, please add \$10 to your order. Symbols can be email upon request or seen in the binder in the back of the church.

Yes, I would like to reserve a permanent brick(s). Please engrave my brick as follows:

Note: A PERIOD, COMMA, COLON, DASH, etc. IS CONSIDERED ONE SPACE

ALL TEXT IS CENTERED UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED

EXAMPLE

G	O		N	E	W	T	O	N		H	I	G	H		L	I	O	N	S	
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4 X 8 BRICK (\$50.00)

Brick 1

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21

4 X 8 BRICK (\$50.00)

Brick 2

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21

Symbol (Brick 1): _____ Symbol (Brick 2): _____

(please write in what symbol you would like.)

*** A symbol takes up one (1) line leaving you three (3) lines for your text ***

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM AND YOUR CHECK PAYABLE TO:

St. John's Church (MEMO: Brick Project) - 9801 Livingston Road – Fort Washington, MD 20744

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email Address: _____

Amount Paid: _____ Total # of Bricks: _____ Check #: _____ If Cash check here ☐

If you have any questions, call Karen Chapman at (240) 515-0707 or Church Office at (301) 248-4290

You may email your form to kcconnects01@gmail.com



For more details, email Rev. Gayle Fisher-Stewart at rev.gaylefs@calvarydc.net or call 301.996.4102 or ask Pastor Sarah.



Wanted! 50 Pilgrims to Journey to the National Memorial for Peace & Justice in Montgomery, AL

May 20 - May 25, 2019

"Pilgrimage means being willing to court holy disruption, to become profoundly aware of our inner movements, to claim responsibility for our choices about how we respond to this place we find ourselves in and welcome discomfort and strangeness as carrying the possibility of new revelation."

- Christine Valters Painter, Ph.D., from *The Soul of a Pilgrim: Eight Practices for the Inner Journey*

Become an "Ambassador of Healing" and join the **DC Chapter of the Union of Black Episcopalians** as we journey to Birmingham, Montgomery, and Selma, Alabama.

Day 1 (Monday, May 20) -- Travel on own to Birmingham, AL, and meet at group hotel

Day 2 (Tuesday, May 21) -- In Birmingham: 16th St. Baptist Church, Birmingham Civil Rights Institute, Kelly Ingram Park

Day 3 (Wednesday, May 22) -- Travel to Montgomery: Legacy Museum, National Memorial for Peace & Justice (Lynching Memorials)

Day 4 (Thursday, May 23) -- Travel to Montgomery: Rosa Parks Library and Museum, SPLC Civil Rights Memorial, Dexter Avenue King Memorial Baptist Church, King Parsonage/King-Johns Garden

Day 5 (Friday, May 24) -- Travel to Selma: Lowndes Interpretive Center, Brown Chapel AME Church, Edmund Pettus Bridge and Selma Interpretive Center, National Voting Rights Museum

Day 6 (Saturday, May 25) -- Travel home on own to continue the work of healing

Cost (includes hotel, entry fees, and bus transportation [5/21-5/24] in Alabama)

\$860 pp (single occupancy)

\$540 pp (double occupancy)

*Pilgrims are responsible for personal travel to/from Birmingham, AL

*The group hotel is the Comfort Inn-Irondale in Birmingham (near airport)

*Airport: Birmingham-Shuttlesworth International Airport

*Lunch/Dinner on own (free breakfast at hotel; lists of local eateries will be distributed)

Email **Rev. Gayle Fisher-Stewart** (rev.gaylefs@calvarydc.net) to reserve your space now. A deposit of \$100 is due by January 10, 2019. Pilgrimage information, payment schedule and reminders will be sent once space is reserved. Make checks payable: **Union of Black Episcopalians**.

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Menu

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

Saturday, August 3, 2019
1 - 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!

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip Code: _____

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.)

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 3, 2019.





LET'S HEAR FROM YOU!

**The deadline for the June 2019 issue of
"St. John's Way" is Tuesday, May 28.**

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 May 28 deadline.

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