

ST. JOHN'S WAY



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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.

APRIL

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Easter Still Comes... Resurrection Happens Everyday!



You may have seen the meme on Facebook, Instagram, or Reddit, *"This is the Lentiest Lent I have ever Lented."* So true! I had planned on giving up personal Social Media for Lent and adding a spiritual discipline or two. Then, seemingly, all of a sudden, the novel corona virus invaded our nation and I was forced to give up so much of what gives my life order and meaning: gathering for worship with my community, working out in a pool, time together with friends, joining family members for fun dinners out...Lent became VERY Lenty.

For me, this worldwide disaster has been accompanied by a strange, almost eerie, sense of unease. For one thing, I have done disaster before and this does not look like disaster... at least from where I sit. (*I am sure I would have a very different opinion if I served as a hospital chaplain.*) I look out my window now and other than markedly diminished traffic on Livingston Road (*Look! A silver lining!!*), there are no signs that the world is in crisis. Yet I feel this gnawing in my soul.

Last week, I read an article published by the Harvard Business Review that gave words to my disquiet and agitation. The article by Scott Berinato is titled *"That Discomfort You're Feeling Is Grief"*. "Yes!" I thought. *"That is exactly it!"*

Even though it may not look like it, the world has changed. The routines and rhythms of our lives have been totally upended and disrupted. The loss of normalcy; the fear of the economic toll; the loss of connection; the fear for the safety of loved ones...all of this is hitting us in tsunami like waves and we are grieving. Collectively. Not since 9/11 have we felt this kind of collective grief in the air.

On top of that, we are experiencing what the HBR article calls anticipatory grief – also sometimes called pre-grieving.

We grieve an imagined future. For example, this is the type of grief you experience when a loved one gets a life-threatening diagnosis and you grieve their loss even before you lose them. In this case – our Lentiest Lent - our primitive (*instinctual*) mind knows something bad is happening, but we cannot see it. This breaks our sense of safety. We are feeling the loss of that safety. When we don't know what will happen, our minds start to fill in the blanks...this causes anxiety.

As Christians we have disciplines – tools at our disposal – to help us work with and through this grief and the discomfort and anxiety that it causes:

1. Prayerfully come to the present. In the immediate wave of anxiety and grief, name five things you can see around you. (*I see a water bottle, my prayer book, a bottle of hand lotion, my desk lamp, and pictures of my family.*) Breathe. Know that in this moment, nothing you have imagined and anticipated has actually happened. In this moment, you are OK! Remember that you are surrounded by God's love. Thank God for being with you in this moment.

2. Really dig into your Rule of Life. Let go of what you cannot control. The fact that your neighbor is disobeying shelter-in-place is out of your control. What is in your control? Staying in your home and washing your hands! A Rule of Life helps us to determine what is important and what is not...what we can control and what we cannot.

3. Remember we are EASTER PEOPLE! Resurrection happens everyday! Turn back to the view out your window: spring is here, flowers are blooming, robins are building nests...nature is undaunted. Soon we will proclaim resurrection together. *"Alleluia, Christ is risen! The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!"*

This disaster and grief stuff is hard work my friends. You are doing great! Keep at it. Know that God loves you and I love you.

Prayer hugs! Sarah+

¹<https://hbr.org/2020/03/that-discomfort-youre-feeling-is-grief>
²*Ibid.*



Holy Week and Easter Schedule

Links to worship and liturgies/bulletins will be emailed!

Palm Sunday

April 5

Worship at 10 a.m.

Followed by Zoom Coffee Hour

- With shelter in place restrictions in place, we cannot make palms available for you to pick up ... even if it is on the way to the grocery store or the doctor's office. We invite you to gather greens from your yard to decorate your door for Palm Sunday. Before modern refrigeration and shipping made palms widely available, people used whatever greens they had locally to decorate their worship spaces for Palm Sunday. If you feel creative, use green paper or paper and color crayons to "make" palms to decorate your door!

Wednesday in Holy Week

April 8

7 p.m.

Lenten Study

- The last session of Signs of Life –
Why Church Matters

Maundy Thursday

April 9

Worship at 7:30 p.m.

Hosted by Grace Lutheran

Good Friday

April 10

Stations of the Cross at 12 p.m.

Featuring the artwork of our own Peter Ulrich

Good Friday Liturgy at 7 p.m.

With Grace Lutheran hosted by St. John's

Holy Saturday/Great Easter Vigil

April 11

- Links will be provided to join the National Cathedral or Virginia Seminary for worship.

Easter Sunday

April 12

Worship at 10 a.m.

Followed by Zoom Coffee Hour





HOW TO ZOOM TO ONLINE CHURCH!

We are using Zoom for Wednesday night Lenten services, Wednesday morning Bible Study, vestry and other meetings, and as one option for participating in Sunday service. You can use Zoom:

- From a laptop or desktop computer
- From a tablet, smartphone, iPhone, or iPad
- From a telephone

The instructions for each of these options are below.

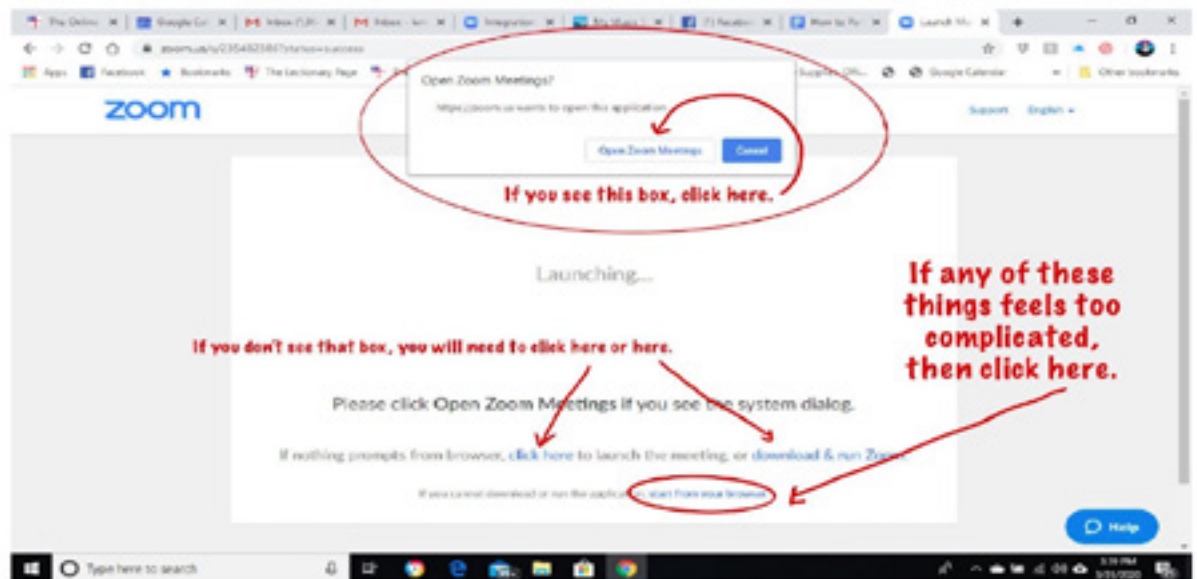
Before a meeting, you will be sent an email that contains a Meeting ID number and a web address that looks similar to this one

<https://zoom.us/j/6946346752> .

ON YOUR LAPTOP OR DESKTOP COMPUTER:

From the email that tells you about the upcoming meeting, click on the web address you have been given. Or, in your web browser (*Chrome, Internet Explorer, Edge, etc*), type the web address you are given in the search bar and hit Enter.

You should see a screen that looks similar to this:



- If you are asked a question about using "computer audio" or "internet audio". Say YES.
- You will possibly be asked a question about using your microphone. Say YES.
- You will possibly be asked a question about using your camera. Say YES.

ON YOUR IPAD, IPHONE, OR TABLET, OTHER SMART PHONE:

1. Go to the AppStore, Google Play, or wherever you download new apps for your device.
2. Search for and install Zoom. It may be called "ZOOM Cloud Meetings".
3. Run this app. Select the option to JOIN a meeting. Enter the meeting ID that you have been given.
4. If you are asked, choose "internet audio" or "device audio."
5. If you are asked to use your microphone, say YES.
6. If you are asked to use your camera, say YES.

FROM YOUR TELEPHONE:

1. Call the number 301.715.8592
2. Enter the meeting ID that you have been given and then press #
3. When you are asked for a participant ID, just press #



SAFETY TIPS FOR YOU

SOURCE: <https://www.redcross.org/about-us/news-and-events/news/2020/coronavirus-safety-and-readiness-tips-for-you.html>

LIMIT THE SPREAD OF GERMS AND PREVENT INFECTION

The Red Cross recommends the following steps to help prevent the spread of germs during this situation:

- Stay home if you can and avoid gatherings.
- Practice social distancing by keeping a distance of about six feet from others if you must go out in public.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after being in a public place, or after blowing your nose, coughing or sneezing. If soap and water are not readily available, use a hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth with unwashed hands.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Stay home if you are sick, except to get medical care.
- Cover your nose and mouth with a tissue when coughing or sneezing; throw used tissues in the trash. If a tissue isn't available, cough or sneeze into your elbow or sleeve, not your hands.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces daily. This includes tables, doorknobs, light switches, handles, desks, computers, phones, keyboards, sinks, toilets, faucets, and countertops.
- If surfaces are dirty, clean them - use detergent or soap and water prior to disinfection.
- Wear a facemask if you are sick. You should wear a facemask when you are around other people (e.g., sharing a room or vehicle) and before you enter a healthcare provider's office.

According to the CDC, COVID-19 symptoms include fever, shortness of breath and a cough. Symptoms may appear 2-14 days after exposure. Call your doctor for medical advice if you think you have been exposed to COVID-19 and develop symptoms.

WHO IS AT A HIGHER RISK?

According to the CDC, early information shows that some people are at higher risk of getting very sick from this virus. This includes older adults and people who have serious chronic medical conditions like heart disease, diabetes, and lung disease.

If you are at higher risk for serious illness from COVID-19 because of your age or a serious medical condition, it is extra important for you to take actions to avoid getting sick.

Stay home as much as you can and avoid crowds as much as possible. Take everyday precautions to keep space between yourself and others.

- When you go out in public, keep away from others who are sick, limit close contact and wash your hands often.
- Stock up on supplies.
 - Contact your healthcare provider to ask about obtaining extra necessary medications to have on hand in case there is an outbreak of COVID-19 in your community and you need to stay home for a prolonged period of time.
 - If you cannot get extra medications, consider using a mail-order option.
 - Be sure you have over-the-counter medicines and medical supplies (tissues, etc.) to treat fever and other symptoms. Most people will be able to recover from COVID-19 at home.
 - Have enough household items and groceries on hand so that you will be prepared to stay at home for a period of time.

FINDING UP-TO-DATE INFORMATION

For the latest information, please visit the CDC website at [cdc.gov/covid19](https://www.cdc.gov/covid19).

If you live outside the United States, health and safety tips can be found through the World Health Organization and by following your local Red Cross or Red Crescent society's social media channels.



Sunday, March 8

Celebration of Confirmation

with Assistant Bishop Chilton Knudsen, Pastor Sarah and Deacon Joan

All agreed that this day was glorious! From the invigorating service led by Assistant Bishop Knudsen, the confirmation of Jeannie and Sofia Lopez, to the feast that followed - all the hard work by a dedicated group of volunteers paid off and made this day so very special.

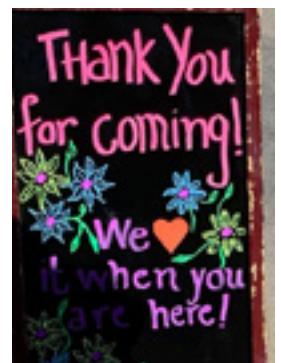
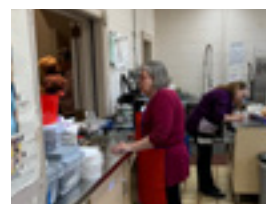
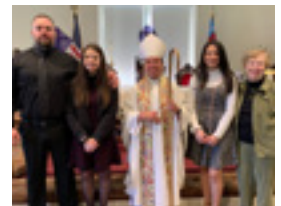
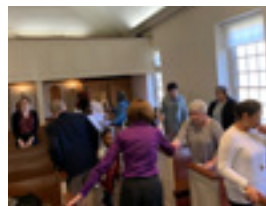
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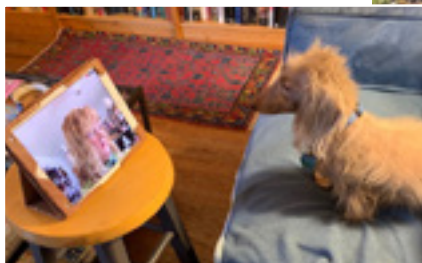
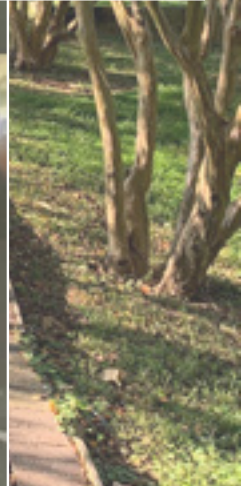
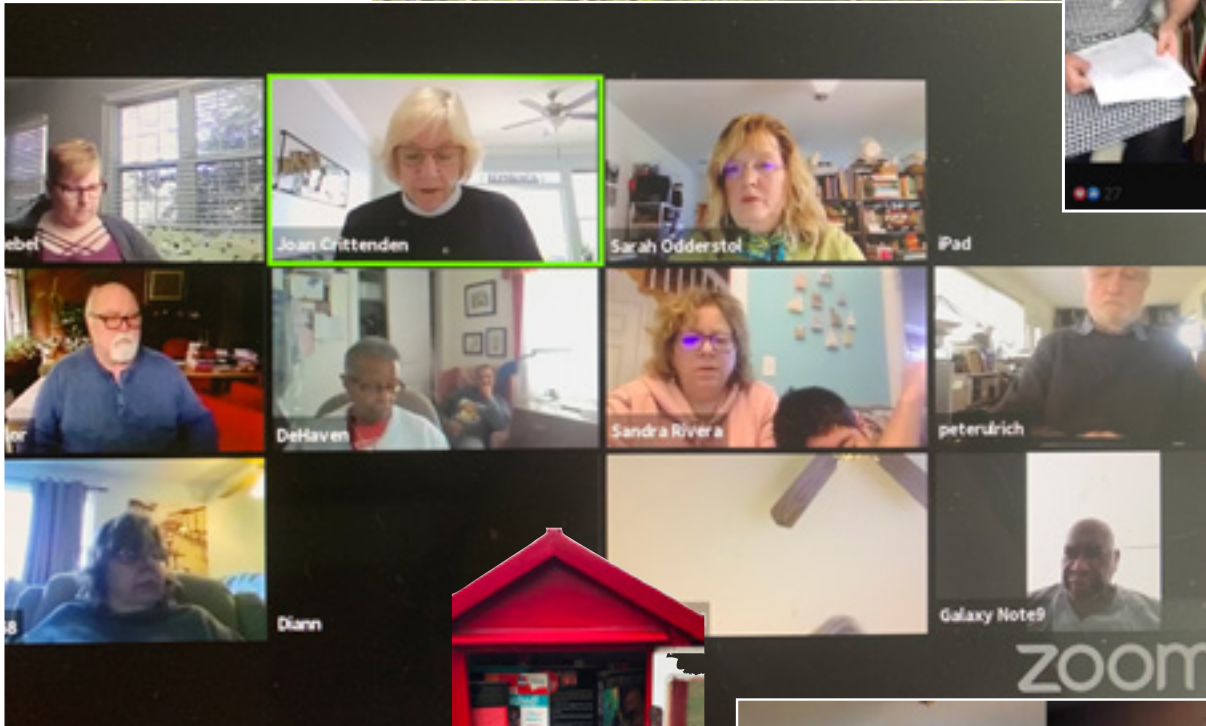


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IT'S A BEAUTIFUL WORLD!

GREETINGS!

A New year - A New Topic.

*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 on the next page: **"United World"***



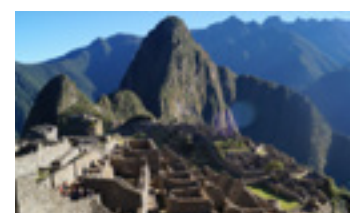
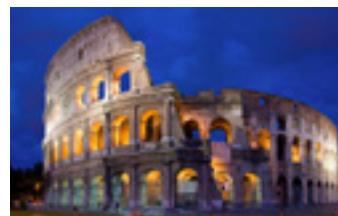
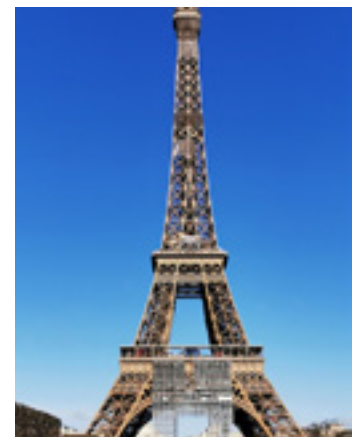
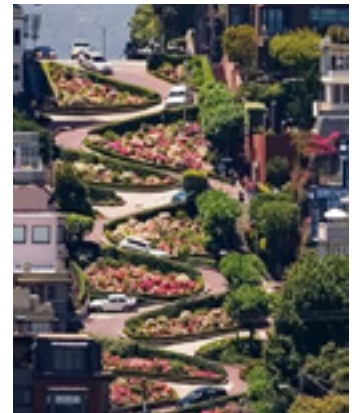
IT'S A BEAUTIFUL WORLD!

Enjoy a different destination every month:
"United World" Poem by Jon M. Nelson

When we stop all the fighting, and the wars do cease,
 Then we'll all live together with love and peace.
 When labels become a thing of the past,
 Then no one is first and no one is last.

When people stop putting each other down,
 Then the walls of hatred will come crumbling down.
 When it doesn't matter the color of your skin,
 Then no one will lose and everyone wins.

When the oceans and land are clean once again,
 And we can all love our fellow man.
 If we all work together, we can get it done,
 The world united together as one.



PHOTOS & INFO: Birgitt S. Brevard



REPORTS



We are still looking for volunteers to sign up for **COFFEE HOUR** following the 8 and 10:30 a.m. services. We are looking for teams of two people for each service who will commit to one coffee hour for each quarter in 2020. This means each team will be responsible for up to four coffee hours in the year. If we get enough response, the number of coffee hours per team will be reduced. For hosts' planning purposes, a schedule will be prepared at the start of each quarter. The first schedule will cover February and March. Responsibilities are simple: Set up coffee and juice, provide simple snacks, and clean up. Training will be available. To volunteer, or for more information, please contact **Carol Thomas** by phone at **301.802.0165** or email at **jthomas498@verizon.net**. You can sign up with a partner or alone. Include your preference for 8 or 10:30 a.m. This is a gender-neutral activity! **Everyone is welcome.**



THE ST. JOHN'S BROAD CREEK EPISCOPAL CHURCH

We are here for you

VESTRY

ST. JOHN'S VESTRY MEMBERS

Betsy Winters, Senior Warden
Karen Herbert, Junior Warden
Jean Anderson-Jones, Secretary
Sandra Bouchellion
Erica Kallop
Michael Lacy
Sandra Rivera
Kristen Wolfe Slattery
Peter Ulrich

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

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.

We need you more than ever!

DONATIONS

Make them online at stjohnsbroadcreek.org

Many have asked how they can continue to make offerings to St John's under these unprecedented times. Even though you can mail your donations to the church, the easiest way to donate to St John's is by using the church's website. It is very easy to use the website and it only takes two minutes to make the donation. The best thing is that your donation is sent immediately to the church! There's no need to fill out a check, use your stamps or even leave your house. Please use these easy steps to make your donation through the church's website:

1. Visiting our website at: <https://stjohnsbroadcreek.org>
2. Select the **red** "Donation" ribbon (towards center/bottom) or the **blue** "Donate Online!" ribbon (top right) of the page.
3. At the upper left, top of the page – just underneath the red Donation banner, select the "Offering Made Easy" link.
4. Fill in your "Name and Email Address" and select the "General Fund" button.
5. Fill in the amount of your General Fund offering, then select the "Submit" button.
6. The system will take you to our vendor to process your donation by using your PayPal account or using your credit card. **You do not have to have a PayPal account to donate.**

IF USING YOUR DEBIT or CREDIT CARD TO DONATE (Continued from Step 6):

7. If you want to complete your donation using your debit or credit card, select "Debit or Credit Card" and fill in requested information.
8. Please also select the "Share Your Mailing Address" option, so we can make sure your address information is updated in Realm.
9. Once you filled in all the information, select the "Donate Now" button.
10. You are finished making your donation and it has been transmitted to St. John's.

IF USING YOUR PAYPAL ACCOUNT TO DONATE (Continued from Step 6):

11. If you want to complete your donation using your PayPal account, select the "Donate with PayPal" button.
12. You can now log into your PayPal account or create an account if you want one.
13. Once you have logged into your PayPal account, you will see the information on the amount of your donation.
14. Please also select the "Share Your mailing Address" option, so we can make sure your address information is updated in Realm.
15. Once you filled in all the information, select the "Donate Now" button.
16. You are finished making your donation and it has been transmitted to St. John's.

NEWS FROM THE KITCHEN

- We don't need anymore tea and storage containers.
- What are these items for:
 - Goldfish
 - A Jar of cookies/crackers on the cart
 - Items on the counter that are not labeled
- Expired and/or unlabeled items will be thrown away.
- Please give all your food donations to the food pantry.
- If you want to donate kitchen items, check with Pam Ritter first.

Unfortunately, our kitchen does not come with a maid. So, if you are using the kitchen, you need to put things away. **YOU USE IT - YOU CLEAN IT!** The cabinets and containers for silverware are labeled.

DO YOU KNOW WHAT W.O.W. DOES?

You think we are Senior Ladies who go to lunch, plan receptions, coordinate "potluck", and go on day trips? Yes.

But, do you know that

- they give to the Bay Support Services (Jessica Puzon's house) and support the residences;
- copy paper for the teachers at Fort Washington Forest Elementary School;
- replace carpeting in the church;
- coordinate the Annual Tea;
- contribute to the new doors coming into Bayne Hall; and much more.

So, we are not just Senior (retired) Ladies going to lunch. **Being a "senior and retired" does not stand for "not working and always available."** W.O.W. was started while we were all working. Our meetings are held during the day, however, we will work with your schedule. **Join us – we promise a good time.**



IMPORTANT REMINDER

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. Questions? Call Kathy: 301.292.3624.



With the start of 2020, "Selfie Time With Sarah" was replaced by an op ed, called "Let's Be Frank". Every month I will introduce a statement which is my honest opinion on things that happen in the news, stuff that we think about now and then, or something I may have seen. The article will be short. Sometimes you may agree - sometimes you may not. My intent is to provide you with some "food for thought". Nothing too serious. And yes - YOU are invited to "BE FRANK" as well. Submit your statement to me via email at bsbrevard@yahoo.com.

THE BREVARDS ARE MOVING

Yes, we decided to move to Ocean City, Maryland.

As you can imagine, this is bittersweet for us. 25 years in the same house - under the same address here in Fort Washington. We are not leaving easily.

We arrived December 18, 1994. Rudy was still in the Military and they had assigned him back to the States. The moment we touched ground we

started house hunting while living on base in a motel. Our first Christmas we spent in a motel. Jonathan was four years of age. We actually had a lot of fun. I remember, we purchased one of these monstrosities of cell phones from Motorola - as big as a suitcase - but we thought - we had it made. We were sitting in front of Rudy's mother's house, it was pouring rain, when we called my family in Germany to let them know - we were ok.

Well, we saw a lot of homes, but when we walked into the one on Reid Circle (and Jonathan had nothing better to do than to leave his mark in the bathroom) - we knew this was it. So, fast forward - paperwork signed - we moved into the house from our motel room on January 13, 1995. Soon, Rudy was sent to Korea, I had started my career with the school system, and Jonathan made his way through school, college, and now the Alexandria City Police Department. And yes, I have since retired but freelance from home and Rudy is still with the EPA, but who knows. Those bones are starting to crack.

We made many friends, had so many great times, and finally found our spiritual home at St. John's Broad Creek. More friends and more good times. Hard times too: Passing of beloved family members, serious and not so serious illnesses, and now the COVID-19 pandemic.

The timing for our move could not be worse but once wheels are set into motion - you gotta keep on trucking. We thank you all for your trust, support, and love. We will miss you all so very much - but - we will come and visit. I will continue to support you with this newsletter and website until you have found another person to take on this task.

Time flies by when you're having fun - and boy - did we have fun and still have!

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 March 30, 2020. If you want them on the long term list, please call the church office.

Pray for Paul, Joe, Sam, Sigismund, Carl, Autumn, Elizabeth, Lynn, Michelle, Larry, Bonita, Mark, John, and Thomas.

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, 2020. If you want them to remain on the list, please call the church office.

Pray for Connie Duncan, the Gholson Family, Charles Gunter, Gordon James, the Mierke Family, Lana Neil, and Mitch Otera.

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.

STAY HOME - STAY HEALTHY - STAY TUNED

All public worship services and normal parish operations will be cancelled within the Episcopal Diocese of Washington and parish buildings will be closed until at least May 16. Check www.edow.org.

SUNDAY SERVICE - WORSHIP - BIBLE STUDY

Please continue to check your emails for directions on accessing ZOOM. Pastor Sarah, Deacon Joan, and Music Minister Libby are working diligently to provide you with spiritual support throughout these tough times.

SALE! 2020 CALENDARS

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

SALE! PERSONALIZED BRICKS

Please see Karen Chapman for details.

SALE! ST. JOHN'S SHIRTS FOR \$20 EACH

Call Karen Herbert at 301.440.4294.

STEWARDSHIP GARDEN

Our stewardship garden is in need of pollinators. Thank you to all who planted seeds for growth and vitality by pledging to support St. John's financially in 2020. Erica Kallop created a beautiful poster for the Parish Hall as a visual representation of how you can extend your support of St. John's. The flowers represent items/areas of need at St. John's. You can indicate your intention to underwrite that need/ministry by placing a butterfly on a flower.

APRIL IS ALSO DESIGNATED FOR:

- Alcohol Awareness Month
- Celebrate Diversity Month
- Distracted Driving Awareness Month
- Financial Literacy Month
- Foot Health Awareness Month
- Fresh Florida Tomato Month
- Lawn and Garden Month
- Mathematics Awareness Month
- Month of the Military Child
- National Arab American Heritage Month

- National Autism Awareness Month
- National Canine Fitness Month
- National Cancer Control Month
- National Car Care Month
- National Child Abuse Awareness Month
- National Couple Appreciation Month
- National Deaf History Month (March 13 to April 15)
- National Donate Life Awareness Month
- National Fair Housing Month
- National Garden Month
- National Humor Month
- National Internship Awareness Month
- National Jazz Appreciation Month
- National Minority Health Month
- National Month of Hope
- National Parkinson's Awareness Month
- National Pecan Month
- National Poetry Month
- National Volunteer Month
- National Welding Month
- Occupational Therapy Month
- Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Month
- Records and Information Management Month
- School Library Month
- Scottish American Heritage Month
- Second Chance Month
- Sexual Assault Awareness Month
- Stress Awareness Month
- World Landscape Architecture Month
- and more ...

NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS

If you would like to submit information to be considered for inclusion in the "St. John's Way" newsletter, email your information DIRECTLY to bsbrevard@yahoo.com at least one week in advance* of the newsletter's distribution date (which is usually on the first day of the next month). Inclusion in the newsletter is NOT guaranteed.

* Deadlines for submissions can also be found on the last page of the newsletter

ABOUT YOUR SUBMISSION(S)

- Articles which are selected for publication will be proof read for content, spelling, and grammatical errors.
- Articles should be submitted in Word format and discuss subjects relevant to the St. John's community.
- Articles should include section headings.
- Illustrations, tables, sidebars are encouraged to illustrate and emphasize the message.

STRUCTURE OF YOUR ARTICLE(S)

- News items and announcements
- Short, topical, news oriented



APRIL

Karen Chapman, Dehaven Colston,
John Dearing, James Davis,
Claudette Brooks, Mackenzie James,
Robert (Bob) Jones, Betsy Orlando,
Jean Parker

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Superintendent of Education Dr. Karen Salmon announced that all Maryland public schools will remain closed through Friday, April 24.

Check www.pgcps.org for more information.

PALM SUNDAY

Sunday, April 5

Palm Sunday commemorates the entrance of Jesus into Jerusalem (Matthew 21:1-9), when palm branches were placed in his path, before his arrest on Holy Thursday and his crucifixion on Good Friday. It thus marks the beginning of Holy Week, the final week of Lent.

MAUNDY THURSDAY

Thursday, April 9

The Thursday before Easter is known as either Maundy Thursday, or Holy Thursday. Maundy is derived from the Latin word for "command," and refers to Jesus' commandment to the disciples to "Love one another as I have loved you."

GOOD FRIDAY

Friday, April 10

Good Friday is a Christian observance held two days before Easter Sunday and it commemorates the crucifixion of Jesus Christ at Calvary (located right outside the walls of Jerusalem).

EASTER SUNDAY

Sunday, April 12

Many Christians celebrate Easter Sunday as the day of Jesus Christ's resurrection, which is written in the New Testament of the Christian bible. According to the Gospel of John in the New Testament, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb where Jesus was buried and found it empty. An angel told her that Jesus had risen.

EASTER MONDAY

Monday, April 13

The day after Christians believe the messiah returned to earth. Jesus is believed to have stayed for 40 days, appearing to believers and giving ministry. He healed the sick and proved to doubters that he was the Son of God.

Major Articles

- In depth discussions of topics of interest

ST. JOHN'S WEBSITE SUBMISSIONS

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LET'S HEAR FROM YOU!

The deadline for the APRIL 2020 issue of
"St. John's Way" is Friday, April 24.

Submissions can be left in the newsletter box in the church office; either as hard copy, on CD, or on a flash drive. You may also mail or email your submission.

The preferred way to receive your submissions is as a Microsoft Word document, via email. More info on "Upcoming Events" page.

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 24 deadline.

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