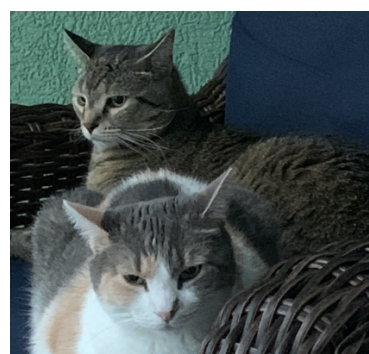
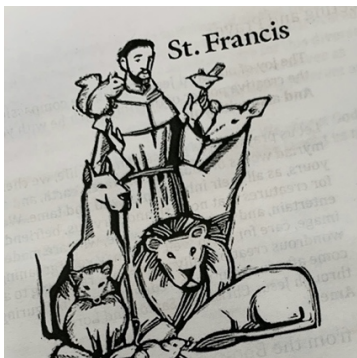


# **ST. JOHN'S WAY**



## 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.

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FROM THE PULPIT



# Doing What Love Requires



The Rev. Sarah Dadds Oldersol

*What does the Lord require of you? To act justly, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God. Micah 6:8*

Recalling the prophet Micah, our Presiding Bishop Michael Curry reminds us that as followers of Jesus, we must ask ourselves and our communities, "What would love do?" Answering this question is our life's work, and we are privileged to stand among the saints who have done what love required of them for over 325 years at St. John's Broad Creek. Now it is our turn to answer this question and to focus on the many ways in which we can respond in love to the needs around us.

Over the past few months, when our physical buildings have been closed, the vital and necessary work of ministry has continued. We've seen love in action – collecting and distributing food through the Fort Washington Food Pantry, offering a witness for justice, advocating for flood remediation on the St. John's campus. We have sustained one another in countless ways, from helping with technology issues, to dropping off a meal, to sending a note 'just because.' Despite Covid-19 restrictions, St. John's quickly identified ways to continue to worship, learn, study, and be in fellowship with one another.

*Doing What Love Requires* also includes the continued financial support of St. John's. More than ever, we must express our love and gratitude by continuing to pledge to the parish that is a spiritual home. In the midst of the pandemic, your ongoing commitment to St. John's Broad Creek has permitted us to continue to pay salaries as well as provide support for ministry. Thank you! Going forward, it will be essential for that support to continue and grow. Although we face a future marked by uncertainty, challenges, and change, God's love and faithfulness are constant. We can reflect and share God's love by Doing What Love Requires.

In the coming weeks you will receive a prayerful request to pledge your support to St. John's for another year.



Please set aside some time to thoughtfully consider "What would love do?" Thank you for all the ways you support St. John's Broad Creek!

## MEA CULPA

We are not going to meet our targeted date for outdoor, in-person worship on October 11. We apologize. Please stay tuned, our highest priority is keeping you safe!

## ALL SAINTS' CELEBRATION AND NECROLOGY

Every year we gather a list of names of those who have died in the past year (from November 1, 2019 – October 31, 2020) to be read during our Celebration of the Feast of All Saints. Last year we set up an altar of repose to honor all those we love but see no longer. You were invited to bring in pictures and mementos to place on the altar. While that will not be possible this year, we can still honor our loved ones by submitting digital pictures to Libby at [wiebel@stjohnsbroadcreek.org](mailto:wiebel@stjohnsbroadcreek.org). Names for this year's necrology (list of those who have died in the past year) can be sent to Libby as well.

## BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

We will celebrate the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi on Sunday, October 11 at 4 p.m. with a drive-thru pet blessing. Bring your pets on over to St. John's or schedule a "delivered blessing" with Pastor Sarah!







## Presiding Bishop's statement on the passing of Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg

Posted Sep 18, 2020



Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg, 87, passed away Sept. 18, 2020. Photo: Mario Anzuoni/REUTERS

Where would we be without her?  
Where are we without her?  
Where will we be without her?

**Ruth Bader Ginsburg – A Giant – An Innovator – A Woman**  
Thank You!



**Yo-Yo Ma** ✓

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In honor of Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg my friend Sara Wolfensohn and I contributed a performance of Rachmaninoff's Vocalise to "The Eterna Aria," a virtual musical shiva >> <https://bit.ly/3mGEIXW>

May her memory be for a blessing.

[#songsofcomfort](#)



[Episcopal News Service] Presiding Bishop Michael Curry issued the following statement on Sept. 18 following the death of long-serving Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg:

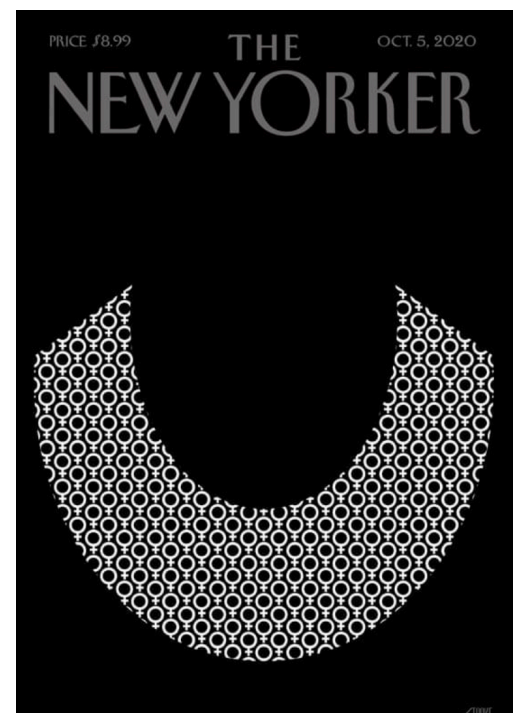
The late John Fitzgerald Kennedy once said, "while on earth God's work must truly be our own."

The sacred cause of liberty and justice, dignity and equality decreed by God and meant for all has been advanced because while on earth Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg made God's work her own. Because of her the ancient words of the prophet Micah to do justice, love mercy and walk humbly with God have found fulfillment. May we follow in her footsteps. May she rest in the arms of the God who is love and the author of true justice.

Rest In Peace, Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg. Shalom.

The Most Rev. Michael B. Curry  
Presiding Bishop and Primate  
The Episcopal Church

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## Forgiveness

*Peter came and said to Jesus, "Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?"*

Matthew 18:21

If you join an Episcopal worship service this Sunday you'll hear Jesus speak of forgiveness--a timely, challenging topic. Peter sets Jesus up by asking how many times he's required to forgive another. In essence, Jesus' replies, "If you're keeping track, you haven't yet learned to forgive." He then tells a story of an ungrateful servant who received lavish forgiveness but then refused to offer forgiveness to another. Things didn't go well for the servant in Jesus' story, to put it mildly. His message to all who will listen is clear: don't be like the ungrateful servant. Receive God's lavish forgiveness with gratitude and then pass it on.

I'm no expert at forgiveness. But I know that in some situations forgiveness comes easily and in others we struggle, for good reason. What are we to do, for example, when others demand, to paraphrase Dietrich Bonhoeffer, "cheap forgiveness" without restitution or even acknowledgement of the pain that was caused? "What we call 'asking for forgiveness'," C. S. Lewis once observed, "often consists of asking God or another to accept our excuses."<sup>1</sup>

Like many in the diocese, I've been participating in [Sacred Ground](https://www.stjohnsbroadcreek.org/sacred-ground), an in-depth historical study of race and racism in America from a faith perspective. "I had no idea," is a common refrain each week as our small group grapples with what we never learned about our past. How do we seek forgiveness for the harm we've never taken the time to learn about or acknowledge, from which some of us benefit? What does restitution look like across generations and in light of ongoing disparities that are matters of life and death? These are difficult questions, but ask them we must.





Forgiveness is not the same as forgetting, as if the offense never occurred or has no lasting consequence. We know it doesn't work that way. Forgiveness is not some kind of erasure, nor would we want it to be. Think of all the hard won learning we would lose if we forgot what we needed to forgive. Even when forgiven, living with the consequences of our deeds is costly. About our abuse of the environment, Pope Francis warns, "God always forgives; Nature cannot."

For the deeper wounds, forgiveness isn't a given and it cannot be forced. "True forgiveness," writes the Buddhist Jack Kornfield, "does not paper over what has happened in a superficial way. It is not a misguided effort to suppress or ignore our pain."<sup>2</sup> Nor is forgiveness an entitlement.

The work of forgiveness--both offering and receiving--takes courage and sufficient internal strength to rebalance the scales of power. It isn't the same as reconciliation, but at its best, forgiveness leads to a mutual process of setting a relationship right. We can't be reconciled until both sides are willing. We can, however, forgive on our own, for our own soul's sake. It isn't easy. For some it's impossible, and we dare not judge. For all of us, forgiveness takes practice.

But how do we forgive, exactly? What does it feel like?

As the word implies, forgiveness feels more like a gift we receive than something we do. Indeed, the harder we try to forgive, the more resentment we may feel. For what forgiveness requires is not effort, but openness. It feels like letting go, relinquishing control, and allowing the grace of God in. In 12-step groups, if a wounded person speaks of resentment and an inability to forgive another, the advice typically offered is, "Pray for the S.O.B. that hurt you."

What happens in prayer is that we're reminded of the full humanity of the other person, and not just the part of him or her that hurt us. It takes a lot to do this, and sometimes we're not ready to make the effort. "Staying angry with you is how I protect myself from you," writes Barbara Brown Taylor, "Refusing to forgive you is not only how I punish you; it is also how I keep you from getting close enough to hurt me again, and nine times out of ten it works." But there's a cost. "There is a serious side effect," Taylor warns. "It's called bitterness and it can do terrible things to the human body and soul."<sup>3</sup>

In time, forgiveness brings acceptance and a spiritual power none can take away. Remember the words of criminal justice reformer Bryan Stevenson, "Everyone is more than the worst thing they've ever done." With forgiveness, we help restore another to their full humanity.

Jesus teaches that our capacity to forgive is linked to the experience of receiving forgiveness ourselves. In fact, it's the only thing he says about how to forgive. When Jesus instructs us to pray, "Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us," he isn't setting up a contractual arrangement between us and God, but merely describing how forgiveness works. It's a mystery.

If either receiving or extending forgiveness is a struggle for you, know that you're in good company. We all struggle. Every relationship we have affords ample opportunity to practice forgiveness. That's a good thing: practicing forgiveness is what makes us Christians and better human beings.

How often shall we forgive? Will seven times take care of it? "Not seven times," Jesus said, "but seventy-seven times." Forgiveness, you see, is a way of life. For Jesus, forgiveness is the way of love.

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<sup>1</sup> C.S. Lewis, *Mere Christianity* (London: RandomHouse, 1952).

<sup>2</sup> Jack Kornfield, *The Art of Forgiveness, Lovingkindness, and Peace* (New York: Bantam Books, 2001), 28.

<sup>3</sup> Barbara Brown Taylor, "Arthritis of the Spirit," in *Gospel Medicine* (Cambridge: Cowley Publications, 1995), 9.





# BELONG TO THIS TEAM ...







THE ST. JOHN'S  
BROAD CREEK  
EPISCOPAL  
CHURCH

*We are here for you*

**VESTRY**

**REPORTS**

## LOOKING FOR NEWSLETTER DESIGNER/EDITOR

**St. John's needs you!**

Let Pastor Sarah know  
if you are interest.

This is a great way  
to show off your creativity.

### HOW TO DONATE ONLINE! NEW INSTRUCTIONS!

1. If you have a Realm account, sign into realm. If not, skip this step...or better yet, email Betsy Winters ([betsywinters@gmail.com](mailto:betsywinters@gmail.com)) to get your signed up!
2. Go to [www.stjohnsbroadcreek.org/give](http://www.stjohnsbroadcreek.org/give) - you can also get there via the St. John's Homepage by clicking "Donate Online" at the top right menu.
3. Fill out the form to submit your one-time or regular donation! Some options on the form:
 

A) **Recurring donations:** You can set it to give once per week, once every two weeks, once per month, or once per quarter!

B) **Funds:** Right now we have everything going to General Funds with this new system, but feel free to write details on the MEMO line if you'd like to designate monies for other funds or just to write details.
4. Click "Continue" and complete the steps to process your payment! You will have a couple more options:
 

A) ACH or Credit Card: ACH Bank Transfer is now available – the exact same thing as writing a check, and less fees.

B) You will also have the option to offset the fees for the online banking service, which St. John's would greatly appreciate!

#### Then you're done! Hooray!

If you've logged into Realm, this donation will be automatically entered into your account. If not, we'll post the donation to your account as quickly as possible.

#### How to Donate via Text!

St. Johns is excited to introduce giving via text! Text **StJohnsBroadCreek \$50** to 73256 and replace the \$\$ amount with the amount of your choosing! Then follow the instructions when you receive a text back.

#### Then you're done! Easy as pie!

Note: Standard text message rates apply

### PLEA FOR HELP

Dear Friends,

I am at Stage V kidney failure from PKD (polycystic kidney disease). This means, my kidney function is at 9% and falling; on the bright side, I'm a perfect candidate to receive one. I have been on "The List" for close to 3 years. Live donors give the recipient a much higher rate of success and lasts much longer. Over 20 friends and family members have been tested. One incredibly generous parishioner has offered and has been qualified to \*donate\* a kidney; sadly, I am not a match. Although we are waiting to see if we can do a chain-donation (as in daisy chain), no luck yet in finding a pair. Time is running low for me.

**Please give me a chance to see Roberto graduate from high school.** Consider helping our tiny family by getting tested. If you are not able to, please share this post to help me find a match?

Just call UMD nurse Kayla 410.328.6838; or Nurse Helene 410.328.4333 and fill out this form:

<https://www.umms.org/ummc/campaigns/livingdonorkidney>.

Thank you so much for your support. **Love,**  
**Sandra**





# UPCOMING EVENTS

Dates and times are subject to change, please check with the office at 301. 248.4290 or online at [www.stjohnsbroadcreek.org](http://www.stjohnsbroadcreek.org).

## Join us for Online Worship on Sundays at 10 a.m!

Please join us in Sunday Worship! You will find the link on our [YouTube Channel](#), on our [Facebook Page](#), and on the [Virtual Worship Videos](#) section of the website, where you can also find all previous Sunday worship videos! Due to the outbreak of COVID-19, all in-person worship services are suspended until further notice.

## PGCPS RESOURCES

- 2020-2021 Publicity Release Form: [Instructions for schools](#)
- [Opt In - Opt Out: How to Remove Your Phone Number or Email Address from Calls, Text or Email Alerts](#)
- [PGCPS Logo Guidelines for Schools and Offices](#)
- [News Submission Form](#)
- [Scholar of the Week Recognition Guidelines](#)
- [Photo Galleries](#)

## PET BLESSING FOR THE FEAST OF ST. FRANCIS

Our drive-through pet blessing

**Saturday, October 10 at 4 p.m.**

Bring your furry, slithery, and scaled friends!

Sarah is also willing to offer pet blessings delivered and via Zoom!

## SALES

**PERSONALIZED BRICKS** - Please see Karen Chapman for details.

**ST. JOHN'S SHIRTS = \$20 EACH** - Call Karen Herbert at 301.440.4294.

## CONNECT WITH ST. JOHN'S BROAD CREEK

Send your contact information to [info@stjohnsbroadcreek.org](mailto:info@stjohnsbroadcreek.org) or leave a message at 301.248. 4290.

## ONLINE GIVING TUTORIAL VIDEO

Thank you, John and Kristen Slattery for producing this How-To Video!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Smho3aZ0Wq8>

## 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](mailto: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.

### ABOUT YOUR SUBMISSION(S)

- Articles which are selected for publication will be proofread 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
- Major Articles
  - in depth discussions of topics of interest

Email your information DIRECTLY to [bsbrevard@yahoo.com](mailto:bsbrevard@yahoo.com) at least two weeks in advance of possible placement. Please remember, submitting your article does not guarantee placement.

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



## OCTOBER

Brindley Benn, Jennifer Boniface, Carl Fletcher, Dominic Harris (Spaulding), Marcia Jones, Jean Anderson Jones, Nnenna Nwughala, Dylan Orlando, Landon Orlando, Alan Ritter Sandra Rivera, Siegfried Ising, Hallie Beth (Poss) Tarpley

## OCTOBER CELEBRATIONS

- 10/3 Mean Girls Day  
National Boyfriend Day
- 10/4 National Tacco Day  
World Animal Day
- 10/10 World Mental Health Day  
World Migratory Bird Day
- 10/11 International Day of the Girl  
National Coming Out Day
- 10/12 Columbus Day
- 10/17 International Day for the Eradication of Poverty  
National Pasta Day
- 10/18 World Mission Sunday  
St. Luke
- 10/24 National Food Day  
United States Day  
World Development Information Day
- 10/31 Halloween  
National Trick or Treat Day  
Reformation Day

## WORSHIP AND STUDY SCHEDULE

**ALL WORSHIP LINKS & INVITATIONS  
WILL BE SENT BY EMAIL!**

## WEDNESDAY WORSHIP AND BIBLE STUDY

9:30 a.m. – In Zoom

## WEDNESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY

7 p.m. – In Zoom.

## RING THAT BELL!

Send us a short (5-10 rings) video of you and/or family members ringing the church bell and we will use it to open worship in St. John's Digital Church (SJDC)! If you don't have anyone to record you ringing the bell please let Libby know and we will make arrangements to record you. Libby can be contacted at [lwibel@stjohnsbroadcreek.org](mailto:lwibel@stjohnsbroadcreek.org)

## EXTENDED PRAYER LIST

Those for whom prayer needs are not immediate, but for whom continuing prayers are requested: Diane, Sigismund, Benji, Larry, Sheyla, Reuben and Rose, Ron Weiss, DeHaven Colston, and Noriko.

# Prince George's County Public Schools

## 2019-2020 School Calendar – Revised 6/1/20

<b>2019</b>	
July 4-5	Independence Day Holidays – Schools and Offices Closed
August 11	Eid al-Adha*
August 19-21	Professional Duty Days for New Teachers
August 22-30	Professional Duty Days for All Teachers
August 28	Professional Development
August 29	Orientation Day for Pre-K and Kindergarten Students
August 30	Orientation Day for New Gr. 6&7 Middle Schoolers & New 9 <sup>th</sup> Graders
September 2	Labor Day Holiday – Schools and Offices Closed
September 3	First Day of School for All Students
<b>September 27</b>	<b>Professional Development – Schools Closed for Students</b>
September 30 -October 1	Rosh Hashanah*
October 9	Yom Kippur*
October 11	First Quarter Progress Reports Released
October 18	Professional Development – Schools Closed for Students
October 27	Diwali*
November 5	End of First Quarter (44 days)
November 6	Professional Day for Teachers – 3-Hr. Early Dismissal for Students
November 11	Veterans Day & Parent-Teacher Conferences – Schools Closed for Students
November 19	First Quarter Report Cards Released
November 27-29	Thanksgiving Holidays – Schools and Offices Closed
December 20	Second Quarter Progress Reports Released
December 23-31	Winter Break & Christmas Holidays – Schools and Offices Closed
<b>2020</b>	
January 1	Winter Break & New Year's Holiday – Schools and Offices Closed
January 20	Martin L. King Jr. Day Holiday – Schools and Offices Closed
January 24	End of Second Quarter (45 days)
January 27	Professional Day for Teachers – 3-Hr. Early Dismissal for Students
February 7	Second Quarter Report Cards Released
February 17	Presidents' Day Holiday – Schools and Offices Closed
March 9	Third Quarter Progress Reports Released
March 30	End of Third Quarter (40 days)
April 9-16	Passover
April 9, 10 & 13	Easter Holidays – Schools and Offices Closed
TBD	Third Quarter Report Cards Released
April 24	First Day of Ramadan
TBD	Fourth Quarter Progress Reports Released
May 23	Last Day of Ramadan
May 24	Eid al-Fitr*
May 25	Memorial Day Holiday – Schools and Offices Closed
June 2	Primary Election Day – Instructional Day for Students*
June 15	Last Day for Students <sup>1</sup> and End of Fourth Quarter (51 days)
June 17	Last Day for Teachers <sup>1</sup>
July 1	Fourth Quarter Report Cards Mailed

\*PGCPS received a waiver from the state to convert this mandated holiday to an instructional day.

<sup>1</sup>**NOTES ON LAST DAYS** – The last days for students and teachers have been adjusted to include five make-up days. The state granted a waiver for 5 of the 10 days schools were closed by Governor Hogan from March 16-27. The statewide closure from March 30 through the end of the school year will count as student learning days. Last days for 10- and 11-month employees will be determined at a later date.

**RELIGIOUS HOLIDAYS** - Major religious holidays are noted for planning purposes only. Jewish and Muslim holidays begin the day before at sunset. To avoid excluding students, families and staff from important meetings or activities, PGCPS prohibits scheduling these events on major holidays noted with an asterisk (\*) on this calendar. This restriction does not apply to state or regional events.



## ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

### 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

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#### 4 X 8 BRICK (\$50.00)

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Brick 1

#### 4 X 8 BRICK (\$50.00)

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Brick 2

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

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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 [kconnects01@gmail.com](mailto:kconnects01@gmail.com)





## LET'S HEAR FROM YOU!

**Deadline for November 2020 issue of  
"St. John's Way" is Tuesday, October 27.**

**Submissions may only be mailed or emailed.**

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](mailto: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 October 27 deadline.



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**"All are welcome - all inclusive  
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