

# Journey Pages

CONNECTING, GROWING AND SERVING FOR GOD'S SAKE FOR OVER A HUNDRED YEARS

574 S. SHELDON ROAD, PLYMOUTH, MI 48170

## "Welcome Home"

**You are welcome and wanted here today!**



Good morning and "Welcome Home" to St. John's! Whether you are new to our community or have found yourself coming back again and again, we want you to know you are both welcome and wanted here among us. Church for some, is as familiar as stepping into a home you have lived in all your life- you know everybody, you can find your way around without instructions, and it simply feels comfortable and comforting. For many others, church is as foreign as visiting a different country- you can't understand the language, you don't know the customs and patterns of behavior and it can simply feel uncomfortable and unsettling. We get that people come here from both ends of the spectrum and everywhere in between. It is our hope and prayer that you can navigate your way smoothly enough to feel our desire to offer a kind of extravagant welcome reflecting our understanding of God's inclusive love. We love our tradition and rituals but we love people more and are here to create a place of belonging for all. So, once again, Welcome Home!

*Priest Lisa*

### JOIN US FOR CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST!



Please stop by the Gathering for continental breakfast **each Sunday at 9am**. This is a time for quick bite, a cup of coffee and fellowship with other SJP members you may not know!

**Thank you to the Bass family for hosting this morning!**

### EASTER LILY AND EASTER MUSIC DEDICATIONS

Orders for Easter Lily and Easter Music Dedications will be taken **today through Sunday, April 9**. You may find order forms on the table in the Narthex or on the SJP website. Please complete the form, enclose payment (or check "SecureGive" and return to the parish office or simply put in the Sunday offering plate. Your name and dedication will be included in the Easter morning bulletin.



## FAMILY MINISTRY

### CHILDREN'S & YOUTH MUSIC OPPORTUNITY

Children & youth have the opportunity to join the choir on Easter and will be rehearsing on the following Sundays:

- **Today in the music room**
- **Pre-K-5 at 9:35am and Middle School at 11:15am**
- Questions? Contact Liza (lmaidens@stjohnsplymouth.org)

### INTER-GENERATIONAL CHOIR FOR EASTER SUNDAY

Those wishing to join the inter-generational choir on Easter Sunday are **required to attend a rehearsal on Sunday, April 9 right after the 10am service in the sanctuary. This includes children, youth and adults.** All are welcome!

### FESTIVE COFFEE HOUR ~ SUNDAY, APRIL 9 ~ 11:15AM

All are invited to our Palm Sunday Festive Coffee Hour. Do you have a special Easter or Lenten food tradition? Share your traditional finger-food at the Easter Tradition Coffee Hour. Sign up on the Sign-Me-Up board.

### EXTENDED NURSERY HOURS ~ APRIL 9 ~ 9:30 - 12:00PM

### CHILDREN'S EASTER EGG HUNT & ACTIVITIES

Sunday, April 9 ~ 12:00PM

This event is for children 11 years of age and under. Kids are encouraged to attend rehearsal for the Easter choir after the 10am service and then join the group for Festive Coffee Hour, activities and the Egg Hunt.



### FAMILY LIFE DINNER ~ SUNDAY, APRIL 23 ~ 5:45PM



Parents of SJP children of all ages are invited for a catered dinner and discussion about Family Ministry with Director of Family Ministry Jayne Watson and Priest

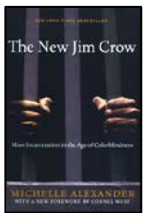
Lisa. (Teens will meet at church and carpool to **Starfish Family Services** for dinner, and younger children will have a staffed program at church). Please mark your calendars and RSVP by April 16 to [jayne.ga@gmail.com](mailto:jayne.ga@gmail.com).

### TODAY'S AUMBRY LIGHT DEDICATION

*In Celebration of Matthew Gietzen's 18<sup>th</sup> Birthday*



## Lenten Learning & Worship

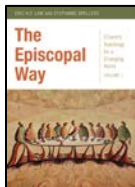


### Sunday Mornings in Lent BOOK DISCUSSION ~ CONCLUDES TODAY

We conclude the book discussion using Michelle Alexander's book "The New Jim Crow." Grab a friend and meet in the Library from 9:00-9:50am.

### Inquirer's Class with Priest Lisa CONCLUDES TODAY ~ 5:00-6:00PM

Today is the final class in this series.



### MIDWEEK WEDNESDAY WORSHIP AT SJP

Midweek Eucharist ~ 10:30am

## HOLY WEEK

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Palm Sunday ~ April 9 ~ 8am & 10am

Maundy Thursday ~ April 13 ~ 6:30pm

Good Friday ~ April 14 ~ 12pm

Easter Morning ~ April 16 ~ 8am & 10am

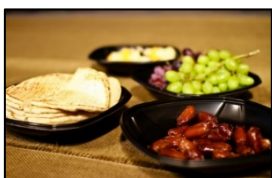
Easter Vigil ~ Saturday, April 15 ~ 8pm  
The Cathedral Church of St. Paul Detroit  
4800 Woodward Ave., Detroit 48201

### PALM CROSS MAKING & Breakfast SATURDAY, APRIL 8 ~ 9:00am



The Altar Guild will be hosting their annual Palm Cross Making and Continental Breakfast event on Saturday, April 8 at 9:00am in the Parish Hall. Bring yourself, a friend and a pair of scissors. No experience needed! **Please sign up on the Sign-Me-Up board.** Contact Beth Wideman with questions at 734-722-0373.

### VOLUNTEER TO HOST a TABLE FOR our MAUNDY THURSDAY AGAPE MEAL!



We gather on **Maundy Thursday, April 13 at 6:30pm** to share a simple family style Mediterranean meal before the Stripping of the Altar. We need people to host the tables-helping with welcoming and serving our guests. If you are interested or would like more information about hosting, please contact Priest Lisa at priestlisa@stjohnsplymouth.org or 734-834-0132.

## Lenten Reflections

**For the journey...Let Your God Love You by Edwina Gateley**...Be silent. Be still. Alone. Empty before your God. Say nothing. Be silent. Be still. God knows. God understands. God loves you with an enormous love and only wants to look upon you with that love. Quiet. Still. Be. Let your God...love you.

**This is the last week to add your WORD to the prayer loom!** Will Smith in the movie "Collateral Damage" asks "what is your why? Why did you get out of bed this morning...the big Why...we are here to connect. Life is about people...how do our services; how do we improve people's lives?" What is your WORD? Your Why? Your prayer?



**Walking the Labyrinth...magical moments...**"People say that walking on water is a miracle, but to me, walking peacefully on the Earth is a real miracle." (Thich Nhat Hanh)...walking the labyrinth...magical moments...little miracles...walking peacefully...



**The prayer station this week asks "where is the wilderness in my life?"** On this journey, how do you find your way? What lessons are you learning? How do you accompany others? For these days there is a bucket on the prayer station table filled with quotes. They are messages from the deep and silent place in the well...They are words of hope, words that give us strength and courage on the journey. They are truth, they are reminders that we are loved, that we are not alone, that there is always a way. Please take some words with you on your journey out of the wilderness...

### Clean & Prep THE SJP WORSHIP SPACE FOR EASTER SATURDAY, APRIL 15 AT 9:00am ~ ALL SJP MEMBERS WELCOME!

Have you wondered how our worship space is prepared for each Sunday and special Feast Days? The SJP Altar Guild needs your help to prepare for Easter and the coming liturgical season! The time commitment is small but the reward is great!



### 12 STEP PROGRAMS HELD AT SJP

St. John's is host to three Twelve-Step Programs throughout the week. These twelve-step programs each have a set of guiding principles outlining a course of action for recovery from addiction or other behavioral problems. If you, a loved one or friend is in need, please let them know that meetings held here are very confidential. Meetings are as follows:

Narcotics Anonymous	Every Monday evening~ 7:00pm
Overeaters Anonymous	Every Thursday morning~ 8:30am
Al Anon	Every Saturday morning~ 8:00am

## ST. JOHN'S PRAYER LIST

We offer prayers today for those who have requested inclusion on our prayer list. Please visit our prayer station located in the Narthex to add names of those you wish to include. Prayers will continue for 30 days.

Ali	Corinne
Devin	Jeff
Lexy	Sharon
Gerry Bing	Cheryl Crouse
Jacquie Dutton	Doris Gable
Irene Jarrell	Janis Kljun
Jean Laing	Bob Lupton
Becky Skoug	Carl Spradlin
Jessica White	Family of Don Fleming
Family of Carolyn Stabene	
Family of Captain Andrew Becker	

### For those in uniform

Matthew J. Mitchell - U.S. Navy Chief  
Thomas Dolce - U.S. Air Force  
Carly Bair - U.S. Navy  
Joe James - U.S. Army  
Ian Smith - U.S. Navy  
Sierra Cavallaro - U.S. Marines  
Dylan Racine - U.S. Army



### SERVING TODAY - APRIL 2

**Preacher** Rev. Lisa Tucker-Gray  
**Altar Guild** Beth Wideman,  
Pat Sonntag,  
Tracy McCord

#### **Lay Ministers**

8:00 Susan Wainwright  
10:00 Becky Nickels, Connie Hierta, Penny Striegel

#### **Acolytes**

8:00 Maya Crouse, Ryan Crouse  
10:00 Kenneth Skoug, Amelia Dowswell

#### **Ushers**

8:00 Dee Fleming  
10:00 Dave Smith, Sal Cavallaro, Sydney Good



### SERVING NEXT WEEK - APRIL 9

**Preacher** Rev. Lisa Tucker-Gray  
**Altar Guild** Rita Smith, Nancy Mitchell/Penny Striegel,  
Dawn Florkowski/Danisa Saltarelli

#### **Lay Ministers**

8:00 Susan Wainwright, Ralph Reeves  
10:00 James Boileau, Gabrielle Boileau, Patricia Ponte,  
Sr. Magdalena, Becky Nickels

#### **Acolytes**

8:00 Emma Reeves  
10:00 Gabrielle Boileau, Casey McCord

#### **Ushers**

8:00 Dee Fleming  
10:00 Patricia Ponte, Carolyn Setty, Roger Schlee

# THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

*Monday-Friday, 8:30am – 4:30pm*

## **TODAY - April 2**

**Holy Eucharist** .....8:00 & 10:00am  
Continental Breakfast – Gathering.....9:00am  
Lenten Book Discussion-Library.....9:00am  
Property Comm Mtg-Handbell Room.....9:00am  
Nursery (infant-3yrs) ..... 9:30-11:45am  
Sunday School..... 9:30am  
Children's Youth Choir Rehearsal.....9:35am  
Youth Choir Rehearsal.....11:15am  
NO Middle School REMIX .....  
Coffee & Tea .....11:15am  
Choir Practice .....11:30am  
Inquirer's Class.....5:00pm

## **MONDAY, April 3**

Narcotics Anonymous .....7:00pm

## **TUESDAY, April 4**

Women's Bible Study .....9:30am  
Food Pantry .....2:00-4:00pm

## **WEDNESDAY, April 5**

Women's Bible Study..... 9:00am  
Midweek Worship Service.....10:30am  
Handbell Rehearsal.....6:00pm  
Houseband Rehearsal .....7:00pm  
Prayer Group.....7:00pm

## **THURSDAY, April 6**

OA Meeting.....8:30am  
Men's Group (departs for St. Leo's).....8:30am  
Food Pantry.....2:00-4:00pm

## **FRIDAY, April 7**

## **SATURDAY, April 8**

Men's Bible Study.....7:30am  
Al Anon Meeting .....8:00am  
Palm Making & Breakfast.....9:00am

## **SUNDAY, April 9**

**Palm Sunday Holy Eucharist** .....8:00 & 10:00am  
NO Continental Breakfast – Gathering.....  
Nursery (infant-3yrs) (extended today).....9:30-12:00pm  
NO Sunday School.....  
NO Middle School REMIX .....  
Inter-Generational Choir Rehearsal.....11:15am  
Festive Coffee Hour.....11:15am  
Easter Egg Hunt & Activities.....12:00pm  
PFLAG Meeting.....3:00pm

## **Dates to Remember**

**Maundy Thursday Agape Meal and  
Stripping of the Altar**.....April 13 ~ 6:30pm  
**Good Friday Worship**.....April 14 ~ 12:00pm  
**Easter Worship**.....April 16 ~ 8:00 & 10:00am