

Journey Pages

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Good morning and welcome to St. John's Plymouth!

We are glad you are here and hope you have a great worship experience with us today.

Our faith tradition is known by a motto seen on signs in big cities and small towns across the country: "*The Episcopal Church Welcomes You.*" Our community takes that phrase to heart, opening our hearts and our worship to everyone, especially those who may have been turned off by or turned away from previous church experiences for any reason.

St. John's is a community built on varied backgrounds and faith experiences; we love our tradition and rituals, but we love people even more. We are committed to opening our doors as wide as possible because we pattern our lives after Jesus' teachings and his message of radical welcome and inclusive love.

If you are visiting for the first time, we are happy that God led you to this place and hope that you will return again. We suggest you visit 3-4 times, this Sunday may be different from the next!

We would like to *thank you* for visiting! Please fill out a "Get Connected" card found in the pews. We also suggest you visit our website for more information about our community.

TODAY'S ALTAR FLOWERS DEDICATION



*In Memory of
George Flees &
R. William Winters*



TODAY'S AUMBRY LIGHT DEDICATION

In Memory of George & Eva Bodkin

Waters of Reconciliation: Turning again to Christ 183rd Diocesan Convention

"Waters of Reconciliation, Turning Again to Christ" was the theme of the 183rd Diocesan Convention October 27 & 28. Attending were Pastor Dana, Jeri Johnson, Ken Sanders and Dick Bass.

Alternating with business and budget meetings and voting, workshops and presentations focused on ministry in Detroit, and reconciliation, diversity and inclusion. An opening business session included introducing and welcoming Pastor Dana and other new clergy to the diocese. The sermon at Friday's eucharist and Saturday's keynote address were delivered by The Rev. Dr. Kelly Brown Douglas, professor at Goucher College and Canon Theologian at the National Cathedral. She lifted up themes of her most recent book, "Stand Your Ground: Black Bodies and the Justice of God."

Five resolutions were considered and adopted:

- 1) A Stand Against White Supremacy,
- 2) Sanctuary Churches,
- 3) Call for a Humane and Just Immigrations System,
- 4) Call for Basic Human Needs to be Met and
- 5) Dealing with and understanding the Increased Rate of Suicide among teens 15-19.

Bishop Gibbs' address connected themes of reconciliation to the last two petitions of our baptismal covenant: *Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?* And *"Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?"* He emphasized the importance of parishes strengthening their sense of belonging to the diocese.

His words tied in to what we at SJP will focus on during this transition: to complete a careful assessment of our congregation so we can envision what God is calling us to become. We will empower and welcome leadership gifts from all parts of the congregation. When a parish develops a shared vision of its future there will be renewed commitment to that new future and to the new leader called to lead us into that future.

Faithfully,
Dick Bass and Pastor Dana

CONGREGATIONAL NEWS



During the month of October SJP held their Annual Giving Campaign raising pledges from the congregation to provide financial support for SJP in 2018. We are grateful for the 83 pledges we have received to date. Our goal is for 100% participation in the campaign and to raise enough to fully fund our operating budget for 2018. In the coming weeks we will reach out to those that haven't yet pledged to confirm your intentions. We ask that you are open to participating in this aspect of our common ministry. Questions or comments can be directed to our SJP Treasurer, Beth Frolick-Rapson, at 248-765-0889 or elizabeth.frolick@ally.com.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING~CHANGE IN PLANS

The parish council budget meeting scheduled for Nov. 14 is cancelled since this work gets done in separate consultations with vestry members. **Instead**, Pastor Dana will offer a brief overview of the transition process followed by a time of fellowship and connecting, from 7:30-8:30pm. Bring a dessert to share. Leaders will be contacted separately about setting up one on one get acquainted meetings with Pastor Dana.

CURIOUS ABOUT THE TRANSITION PROCESS?

Join Pastor Dana for an informational meeting Tuesday, November 14 from 7:30-8:30pm in The Gathering. Bring your questions about the transition and a dessert to share. Open to all.



HAT, SCARF & GLOVE DRIVE FOR STARFISH

The Youth of St. John's will be holding a Hat, Scarf and Glove Drive for their Ministry Partners, Starfish Family Services, during the month of November. Please consider a donation of new hat, scarf and/or gloves-sizes toddler though adult are needed. We will be collecting items through December 3. They will be delivered to Starfish on Dec. 4. The collection bin will be by the Family Ministry bulletin board.

MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH PLANNING MEETING

There will be a planning meeting for the Starfish Hat, Scarf & Glove Drive Sunday, Nov. 5 at 11:15am in the parish hall.

ST. JOHN'S 13TH ANNUAL SOCK DRIVE

For the last twelve years, the Men's Devotional Group has led the SJP sock drive providing socks for St. Leo's and Crossroads Soup Kitchens. A \$25 contribution can provide over 55 pairs of socks. Sock delivery by early-Dec, so if you wish to join the effort, **please write your check to St. John's with "socks" in the memo line by November 26.** Contact Hadyn Notestine at 734-658-8244 or Larry MacLeod at jlmaclod@wowway.com with questions.



CONGREGATIONAL NEWS (CONTINUED)

LIFELINE SCREENING COMING TO ST. JOHN'S

Life Line Screening will be at St John's on **Monday, November 13**. Check the bulletin board for more info.



AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE MONDAY, NOVEMBER 27

SJP is proud to sponsor our next blood drive with the American Red Cross. If you are healthy and eligible, please come out to donate. Most donations take about an hour, so book your appointment, roll up your sleeve and become a part of the lifesaving mission of the Red Cross and St. John's. To book an appointment, visit their website at www.redcrossblood.org (sponsor code: stjohnsply) or call the SJP office.



ALTAR GUILD LUNCHEON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 28 ~ 1PM

Altar Guild Chair Beth Wideman would like to show her appreciation and invite all those involved (or wishing to be involved) in the Altar Guild ministry to the annual luncheon on Tuesday, November 28 at 1pm.

ACRYLIC PAINTING CLASSES WEDNESDAYS, NOV. 29 - DEC. 13

Do you get tired and stressed getting ready for the holidays? Why not do something for yourself! Acrylic painting is fun and easy! Take one class or take them all! Classes are on Wednesdays, Nov. 29 - Dec. 13 from 6:30 - 8:30pm. Cost is \$20 per class. Sign up on the Sign-Me-Up board or contact Danisa Saltarelli at danisart1215@gmail.com. Dress in something old and comfy and please bring newspapers to protect tables.



VESTRY LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITY

The vestry is the nine-member governing board of the church working with Pastor Dana to lead and manage the parish. Each member serves a three-year term. This year at our Annual Meeting in January we will be electing three new members. This provides overlap and continuity and an opportunity to get to know others in the church in a small and very meaningful setting. The vestry meets monthly and members also serve on one of three commissions; Property, Finance or Administration. **If you are interested in more info about serving on vestry, contact Pastor Dana at 734-765-1141 or pastordana@stjohnsplymouth.org asap.**



ST. JOHN'S PRAYER LIST

We offer prayers today for those who have requested inclusion on our prayer list. Add names at our prayer station in the Narthex. Prayers continue for 30 days.

Gray	Henry
Lexy	Marie
Rev. Barb Cavin	Cheryl Crouse
John Culotta	Jeff Holland
Janis Kljun	Susan Lutz
Marilyn Mason	Justin Rush
Connie Schamante	Mark Sharp
Ernst Sternberg	Scarlet Synowiec
The Roger Schlee Family	The Mike Robinson Family
The Reck Family	The Tacy Family

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
Dylan Racine - U.S. Army
David Peraino - U.S. Army
Taylor Blair - U.S. Army
Nate Jesgarz - U.S. Navy



SERVING TODAY - NOVEMBER 5

Preacher Rev. Dana Runestad
Altar Guild Beth Wideman,
Penny Striegel



Lay Ministers

8:00 Susan Wainwright
10:00 Lana Klosterman, Ken Sanders,
Larry Brandenburg, Sister Magdalena

Acolytes

8:00 Maya Crouse, Ryan Crouse
10:00 Jocelyn Dessin, Ella Binder, Clare Binder

Ushers

8:00 Dee Fleming
10:00 Dave Smith, Robert Hurley, Jane Libbing

SERVING NEXT WEEK - NOVEMBER 12

Preacher Rev. Dana Runestad
Altar Guild Rita Smith, Nancy Mitchell,
Vicki Pratt/Irene Jarrell

Lay Ministers

8:00 Ralph Reeves
10:00 Patricia Ponte, Michael Zuckerman,
Richard Dessin, Howard Zuckerman

Acolytes

8:00 Maya Crouse, Ryan Crouse
10:00 Michael Zuckerman, Amelia Dowswell, TJ Rapson

Ushers

8:00 Dee Fleming
10:00 Patricia Ponte, Sal Cavallaro, Carolyn Setty

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

Office Hours ~ Monday – Friday ~ 8:30am – 4:30pm

SUNDAY, November 5 – All Saints Sunday

Sunday Holy Eucharist 8:00 & 10:00am
Property Commission Meeting.....9:00am
Nursery (infant-3yrs)9:45-11:45am
Sunday School.....9:45am
Coffee Hour – Gathering.....11:15am
Choir Practice.....11:15am
Joyful Noise Youth Choir.....11:15am
Parent Small Group.....11:15am

MONDAY, November 6

Narcotics Anonymous.....7:00pm

TUESDAY, November 7

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

WEDNESDAY, November 8

Wednesday Women's Study.....9:00am
Midweek Prayer Service.....10:30am
NO Prayers & Squares.....
SJP Houseband Rehearsal.....6:30pm

THURSDAY, November 9

OA Meeting.....8:30am
Men's Group.....10:00am
Food Pantry.....2:00-4:00pm
YAYNET Diocesan Meeting.....7:00pm

FRIDAY, November 10

SATURDAY, November 11

Men's Bible Sunday.....7:30am
Al Anon Meeting8:00am

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Coffee Hour – Gathering.....11:15am
Choir Practice.....11:15am
Joyful Noise Youth Choir.....11:15am
Parent Small Group.....11:15am
Middle & HS Youth Planning Mtg.....11:15am
PFLAG Meeting.....3:00pm



Dates to Remember

LifeLine Screening.....Monday, Nov. 13
BeFriender's Meeting.....Monday, Nov. 13
Parish Council Budget Summit.....CANCELLED