

Journey Pages

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

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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.

AUMBRY LIGHT & ALTAR FLOWER DEDICATIONS

Members and friends of St. John's sign up to dedicate the aumbry light or altar flowers in honor of, in memory of or in celebration of a life event. **There are many open dates** on the 2018 dedication sign-up sheets on the Sign-Me-Up board in the hallway. An Aumbry Light dedication is a \$5 donation; Altar Flower dedication is a \$50 donation (*flowers may be taken home after the 10am service if desired*).

A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR DANA

*Take, oh take me as I am
Summon out what I shall be
Set your seal upon my heart and live in me*

These words that we sing on occasion point us to the cyclical journey of the Christian life. Over and over again, this is what we do: we come before God *as we are*. We acknowledge that God sees a bigger me than I do. We surrender; we die to our old selves and rise to the new self that God intends us to be. It begins, though, not only with God accepting me "as I am" but also with *me* accepting myself "as I am."

The same is true for St. John's, especially during this time of transition. We could sing the same prayer in the plural – it's just that it wouldn't rhyme: "Take, oh take us as we are. Summon out what we shall be. Set your seal upon our heart(s) and live in us."

At the annual meeting January 21 and in subsequent communications, you learned that your leaders have had to engage in some pruning. Most significantly, the parish administrator position will return to part time as of April 1. As difficult as this is, because it affects a *person* we love and respect (Phyllis Ikegami) it *is* who you are. Based on your giving, you cannot afford to sustain this position full time with benefits. And this time of transition is a time to be honest about who you are and live within your means. We don't pretend when we come before God.

Of course, that may change. God sees a bigger St. John's than we do – not necessarily in numbers and dollars, but in faithfulness. Right now, we trust that we are pruning for the kind of growth God has in mind.

Faithfully,
Pastor Dana



LENTEN OPPORTUNITIES

Sunday Mornings

Sermon Discussion Group ~ Begins February 11



We begin a sermon discussion group to dig deeper into the sermon message for that week. We will meet after the 10am service. Questions can be directed to Betsy Sole at fredandbetsy41@gmail.com or 734-420-6973.

Promise, Blessing and Transformation

Wednesdays, February 14 – March 14
9:30am and/or 8:00pm

Each Sunday during Lent our Sunday readings lift up God's covenantal and renewing ways with Israel, and then we hear something about Jesus' way of the cross and the obedience of discipleship. It's a stark contrast. Celebration of covenant. Call to follow the way of the cross. Joy and suffering. Faith and discipleship. Dying and rising. Even before the "paschal mystery" is joyfully proclaimed at Easter, all of the signs of its meaning are here in Lent.

We will be "digging in" to these Scriptures and their themes in small group study Wednesday mornings at 9:30am and/or Wednesday evenings at 8:00pm, following Evening Prayer. This study is open to anyone and everyone. **This study will double as an "Inquirer's Class" for those interested in exploring baptism and/or membership at St. John's.** This study will be facilitated by Pastor Dana. Please sign-up on the Sign-Me-Up board in the hallway.

Centering Prayer Small Groups

Tuesdays beginning February 6 from 5:15–6:45pm
or Wednesdays beginning February 14 from 9:00–9:30am

These small groups will include a 30 minute "sit," a teaching, and opportunity to share about your CP practice. Centering prayer is a method of silent prayer that is both a relationship with God and a discipline to foster that relationship. If you haven't taken the introduction workshop you may still participate in one of these small groups. Introductory brochures are available on a table in the entrance hallway. More information may be found at contemplativeoutreach.org. Books and resources will also be available to explore, most of which are available for purchase online.

Mardi Gras Family Dinner Night
Sunday, February 11 at 5:00pm



Enjoy an evening of fun and fellowship for the whole congregation! The evening will include dinner, games and skits. Entrée will be provided, sign up for sides and desserts. Please sign-up on the Sign-Me-Up board.

ASH Wednesday

HOLY COMMUNION & IMPOSITION OF ASHES
February 14 at 12:00pm & 7:00pm

SJP Joyful Noise & Adult Choirs will be performing at the 7:00pm service. Handbells will rehearse at 5:30pm, SJP Choir & Houseband will rehearse at 6:00pm that evening. (If you are an adult who would like to join the choir for this one evening, just show up at rehearsal at 6:00pm that evening or contact Liza at lmaidens@stjohnsplymouth.org if you have questions).

EVENING PRAYER SERVICE & FAITH STORIES AT 7:00PM

We will celebrate Wednesdays in Lent with Holden Evening Prayer which will feature faith stories from SJP members:

February 21: April Cooke
February 28: Joe Sabo
March 7: Becky Nickels
March 14: Teri Long
March 21: Howard Zuckerman



We will also continue Wednesday Prayer Service on Wednesdays but time will be moved to 12pm during Lent.

Lenten Soup Suppers

Wednesdays ~ February 21–March 21 at 6:00pm

Enjoy a fellowship meal of soup, salad and bread on Wednesdays before attending our Lenten evening prayer service.



Please sign-up to COORDINATE or bring soup, salad or bread on Wednesdays on the Sign-Me-Up board.

Lenten ART CLASSES presented by Danisa Saltarelli
THURSDAY EVENINGS ~ MARCH 1, 8, & 15 ~ 6:30-8:30pm

If you enjoy being creative, acrylic painting is fun and easy to learn! The cost of each class is \$20.00 payable that evening. **Class size is limited to 12 so sign up early on the Sign-Me-Up board.** Supplies are provided with the exception of old newspaper to cover tables. Dress in something old and comfy. Email Danisa Saltarelli (danisart1215@gmail.com) with questions.



service calendar

SERVING TODAY – FEBRUARY 4

Preacher Pastor Dana Runestad
Altar Guild Rita Smith, Penny Striegel,
 Dawn Florkowski/Danisa Saltarelli

Lay Ministers

8:00 Ralph Reeves
 10:00 Amy Higgins, Dick Bass, Valerie Sanders,
 James Boileau, Becky Nickels

Acolytes

8:00 Maya Crouse, Ryan Crouse
 10:00 Ella Binder, TJ Rapson, Clare Binder

Ushers

8:00 Dee Fleming
 10:00 Dave Smith, Jane Libbing, Carolyn Setty

SERVING NEXT WEEK – FEBRUARY 11

Preacher Pastor Dana Runestad
Altar Guild Diane/Jerry Cuper, Nancy Mitchell,
 Irene Jarrell, Vicki Pratt

Lay Ministers

8:00 Susan Wainwright
 10:00 Michael Zuckerman, Sally Lindroth,
 Lana Klosterman, Krista Dessin,
 Howard Zuckerman

Acolytes

8:00 Maya Crouse, Ryan Crouse
 10:00 Michael Zuckerman, Bennett Watson

Ushers

8:00 Dee Fleming
 10:00 Patricia Ponte, Sue Skaggs, Alan Taracuk

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.

Vicki G.	Maisie J.
Lexy	Sharon M.
Kim Adams	Richard Baldwin
Cheryl Crouse	John Culotta
Jon Eissler	Jeff Holland
Janis Kljun	Pat Nickels
Tara Nickels	Justin Rush
Family of Reg Gerig Sr.	Family of Barbara Runestad

For those in uniform

Carly Bair, US Navy	Taylor Blair, US Army
Thomas Dolce, US Air Force	Joe James, US Army
Nate Jesgarz, US Navy	Matthew Mitchell, US Navy
Dylan Racine, US Army	Ian Smith, US Navy

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

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

SUNDAY, February 4

Sunday Holy Eucharist8:00 & 10:00am
 Property Commission Meeting9:00am
 Nursery (infant-3yrs)9:45-11:45am
 Sunday School.....9:45am
 Coffee Hour – Gathering.....11:15am
 SJP Choir Practice.....11:15am
 Joyful Noise Youth Choir.....11:15am
 Parent Small Group.....11:15am

MONDAY, February 5

Narcotics Anonymous.....7:00pm

TUESDAY, February 6

Bible Study.....9:30am
 Food Pantry.....2:00-4:00pm
 Centering Prayer Small Group.....5:15-6:45pm
 Vestry Orientation w/ Exec. Committee.....7:00pm

WEDNESDAY, February 7

Wednesday Women's Study.....9:30am
 Midweek Prayer Service.....11:00am

THURSDAY, February 8

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

FRIDAY, February 9

Vestry Retreat.....6:00pm

SATURDAY, February 10

Men's Study & Fellowship.....7:30am
 Al Anon Meeting8:00am
 Vestry Retreat.....8:00am

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 Joyful Noise Youth Choir.....11:15am
 Parent Small Group.....11:15am
 Sermon Discussion Small Group.....11:15am
 PFLAG Meeting.....3:00pm
 Mardi Gras Family Dinner Night.....5:00pm

DATES TO REMEMBER

Ash Wednesday.....Wednesday, February 14