

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



TODAY'S ALTAR FLOWER DEDICATION

In Memory of Charles Fenwick

TODAY'S AUMBRY LIGHT DEDICATION

In Memory of Dan & David

A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR DANA

Ash Wednesday: A Valentine from God!

What an *odd* juxtaposition: Ash Wednesday and Valentine's Day on the same day! The picture you see here says it all: "Remember you are dust, and to dust you shall return." Yet for those of us who claim the promise and hope of resurrection by virtue of our baptism into the death and resurrection of Christ, "...even at the grave we make our song." "What wondrous love is this, oh my soul!"



On Ash Wednesday, in fact, we pray that God will create in us new and honest *hearts*. Our "Joyful Noise" choir, at 7pm, will be singing to God from Psalm 51, "Create in me a *clean heart*, oh God!" And so a Valentine celebration seems appropriate. There is no greater love than the love of God: a love so big it enfolds us and holds us even as we acknowledge our vulnerability and come to terms with our mortality. Even as our hearts break for whatever reason, the love of God makes them new again.

Before my mother died January 20 of this year, we used to visit my father's and brother's graves together. I always deferred to her on how we would decorate them. Usually seasonally, about three times a year: Christmas, Easter/Spring, and autumn. I once asked her if, once she was buried between the two of them, she wanted me to continue this practice. Without missing a beat, she said, "Yes."

One Valentine's Day I remember my father uncharacteristically giving my mother a dozen red silk roses. She kept them for years. What you see here is her grave, four days after she was buried. My Dad had been waiting for her for five years, my brother for six. It was time for another dozen roses. Time to celebrate the love, not only between husband and wife, mother and son, but the wondrous love of our God whose love mends our broken hearts and gives us reason to sing - even at the grave.

See you Wednesday, February 14, at 12 noon or 7pm.

Faithfully,
Pastor Dana

CONGREGATIONAL NEWS

SJP WELCOMES OUR 2018 VESTRY

During worship service today, we will be commissioning the following members as our 2018 St. John's Vestry:



Mark Eissler, Senior Warden
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April Cooke, Junior Warden
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Beth Frolick-Rapson, Treasurer
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Pastor Dana Runestad
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Linda Griffin (returning)
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Liz Needleman (returning)
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Dick Bass (incoming)
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Richard Dessin (incoming)
richard_dessin@yahoo.com



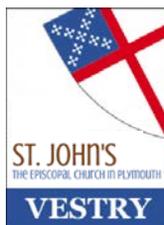
Robert Hurley (incoming)
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Ken Skoug (incoming)
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2018 will be a very important year for St. John's as we discern our direction and work through the next steps in our transition process. With the guidance of the Holy Spirit, the direction of Pastor Dana, and the faith demonstrated by our many lay leaders, St. John's will find its way to a bright future. Please keep this committed group in your prayers, encourage and support them as they work on behalf of the SJP community. Seek them out to see what part you can play in the future of St. John's!

CONGREGATIONAL NEWS

SPREAD GOD'S LOVE -- NOT GERMS!



We all want to stay healthy! To help with that, we now have lovely receptacles for hand sanitizer at the head of each aisle in the nave. You are invited and welcomed to stop and clean your hands on your way to communion. FYI the presiding minister's hands are cleaned with hand sanitizer after the exchange of peace and before the ritual cleansing as part of the communion liturgy. Another helpful hint: hugging spreads fewer germs than hand shaking.

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN BEING CONFIRMED?

Spark your faith! Talk with Pr. Dana this Sunday at 9am in the Gathering or at the evening Mardi Gras dinner at 5pm. A confirmation pilot program *Inspire* will be the theme at a confirmation retreat sponsored by the Diocese for young people will be held March 2-3 at 6:00pm Friday through 5:15pm Saturday at the Emrich Retreat Center in Brighton. For inquiries, contact Eric Travis at etravis@edomi.org. To register, go to: edomiforms.formstack.com/forms/inspire.

OPPORTUNITIES

Coffee Hour Hosts: We need hosts for our 11:15 Coffee Fellowship Hour! Host responsibility is to arrive early to make coffee, beverages and lay out snacks in the Gathering for coffee hour after the 10am service. **The sign up is blank beyond this week, so please sign-up on the bulletin board in the hallway.**

Communion Bread Baking: We need several volunteers to make communion bread which can be made in a single recipe or multiple recipes and stored in the church freezer. We would also like to have an organizer for this ministry. Please contact the church office if you are willing to be the organizer of this ministry. The recipe is available on the Sign-Me-Up board in the hallway or at <http://www.stjohnsplymouth.org/pdfs/EUCHARIST%20READ%20RECIPE.pdf>.



Mardi Gras dinner, Lenten Soup Supper, and other Lenten events: see the Lenten Opportunities section on the next page for more details.

Kitchen Ministry: We are in need of a team of two people to come in twice a month to look after the kitchen, making sure the fridge, freezer, counters, sinks and kitchen hospitality supplies are maintained. Interested? Contact Phyllis in the church office.

Paper Recycling: We are in need of a volunteer to take our paper recycling to the paper recycle bin next door to the West Middle School property.



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 from 5:15–6:45pm or

Wednesdays beginning February 14 from 9:00–9:30am

These small groups will include a "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 on a table in the entrance hallway. More info is also available at www.contemplativeoutreach.org.



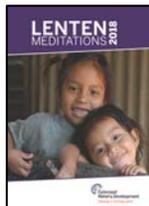
MARDI GRAS FAMILY DINNER NIGHT
Sunday, February 11 at 5:00pm

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.

LENTEN MEDITATIONS

You are invited to take a Lenten Meditations booklet along with one of the Lenten Opportunities pamphlet on the table in the front hallway.



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. SJP Choir & Joyful Noise 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 also feature faith stories from 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 & Healing Services on Wednesdays but will be at 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 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

SERVING NEXT WEEK – FEBRUARY 18

Preacher Pastor Dana Runestad
Altar Guild Beth Wideman, Tracy McCord,
 Maribeth Sala-Gietzen

Lay Ministers

8:00 Ralph Reeves
 10:00 Sr. Magdalena, Connie Hierta, Tracy McCord,
 Richard Dessin

Acolytes

8:00 Maya Crouse, Ryan Crouse
 10:00 Karen Sole, Meganne Skoug, Kenji Sole

Ushers

8:00 Dee Fleming
 10:00 Dave Smith, Robert Hurley, Sal Cavallaro,
 Paul Kapusky

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	Family of Reg Gerig Sr.
Family of Justin Rush	Family of Barbara Runestad
Family of Mary Kay Rust	

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

SUNDAY, February 11

Sunday Holy Eucharist8:00 & 10:00am
 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
 Sermon Discussion Small Group.....11:15am
 PFLAG Meeting.....3:00pm
 Mardi Gras Family Dinner Night.....5:00pm

MONDAY, February 12

BeFriender's Meeting.....9:30am
 Detroit Choral Concert Rehearsal.....6:00pm
 Narcotics Anonymous.....7:00pm

TUESDAY, February 13

Bible Study.....9:30am
 Food Pantry.....2:00-4:00pm
 Centering Prayer Small Group.....5:15pm

WEDNESDAY, February 14

Centering Prayer Small Group.....9:00am
 Wednesday Women's Study.....9:30am
 Ash Wednesday Service.....12:00pm
 Prayers & Squares.....CANCELLED
 SJP Choir & Joyful Noise Rehearsal.....6:00pm
 Ash Wednesday Service.....7:00pm

THURSDAY, February 15

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

SATURDAY, February 17

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

SUNDAY, February 18

Sunday Holy Eucharist8:00 & 10:00am
 Promise, Blessing & Transformation Class.....9:30am
 Nursery (infant-3yrs)9:45-11:45am
 NO Sunday School.....Mid-Winter Break
 Coffee Hour – Gathering.....11:15am
 SJP Choir Practice.....11:15am
 Joyful Noise Youth Choir.....11:15am
 Parent Small Group.....11:15am
 Sermon Discussion Small Group.....11:15am