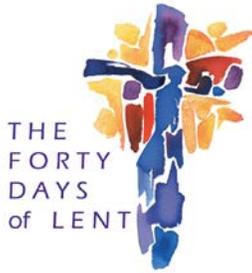


# Journey Pages

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

574 S. SHELDON ROAD, PLYMOUTH, MI 48170



*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 Celebration of Bill & Tracy McCord's  
Wedding Anniversary*

### TODAY'S AUMBRY LIGHT DEDICATION

*In Memory of Virginia Saltarelli*

## A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR DANA

*All beings  
are words of God,  
God's music,  
God's art.  
Sacred books we are,  
for the infinite  
camps in our souls.*

*- Meister Eckhart*

The journey has begun. Lent originated, not so much as a time of penitence, but preparation: preparation for baptism and the new life in Christ baptism would usher in. And so for us, Lent is most appropriately a time of "spring training" or "strength training" for the life of faith. What are your plans to nurture your life with God, above and beyond what you normally may do?

If during Lent your custom is to give something up, consider giving up some time. Try Centering Prayer. Centering Prayer is consenting to God's presence and action within. It is based on part of the Gospel reading for Ash Wednesday: "When you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you" (*Matthew 6:6*). It fosters a "reservoir of stillness" inside. We now have two Centering Prayer groups meeting at SJP: Tuesdays from 5:15-6:45pm, and Wednesday mornings from 9:00-9:30am. For more information, please visit <http://www.contemplativeoutreach.org/category/category/centering-prayer>.

Check out the Lenten Opportunities brochure (*found on the entrance hallway table*) and information elsewhere on these pages. I especially invite you to gather in community on Wednesday evenings at 7:00pm for the beautiful Holden Evening Prayer service which will include the testimonies of five different St. John's members. See the information elsewhere for details. Each of these persons is a word of God, just as you are: God's music, God's art, a sacred book. Come hear their stories and be renewed. Lent invites us to open ourselves in new and intentional ways to the Infinite that camps in our souls.

Faithfully,  
Pastor Dana

## CONGREGATIONAL NEWS

### SJP WELCOMES OUR 2018 VESTRY

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!



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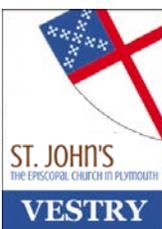
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## CONGREGATIONAL NEWS

### 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.

### CONFIRMATION CLASSES FOR ADULTS & YOUTH

Spark your faith! Pastor Bruce will be offering confirmation classes each Sunday at 11:15am beginning March 4-May 6 (*no classes March 25-April 8*). Bishop Gibbs will confirm those who've completed classes on Tuesday, May 15 at 7pm at St. Paul's in Brighton.

Youth and adults are also invited to a confirmation pilot program retreat, *Inspire*, sponsored by the Diocese on 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](mailto:etravis@edomi.org).

### 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. **Please sign-up on the bulletin board in the hallway.** Thank you to Lana Klosterman for volunteering to be the coordinator for this ministry!

**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, please contact the 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>.



**Lenten Soup Supper Coordinators:** See article on the next page for this opportunity.

**Kitchen Ministry:** Thank you to Mary Zuckerman and Lana Klosterman for coming forward to run the kitchen ministry!

**Paper Recycling:** Thank you to Dave Long for volunteering to take the paper recycling over to the bin at the middle school next door!

# Lenten OPPORTUNITIES

## THE OTHER SIX DAYS – sermon DISCUSSION GROUP SUNDAY MORNINGS AT 11:15am



The Other Six Days (or what do we do with what we learn in church for the rest of the week?) Sometimes it would just be good to sit down with others and talk over what was said in the sermon on Sunday, and how it might relate to our own lives, or perhaps

explore questions it raises in our minds, or learn what it might have meant to others. There is an opportunity to do that on Sundays from 11:15-12:00. Bring your coffee and snack along to the conference room in the hallway next to the sanctuary. Pastor Dana will join as she is able. Questions can be directed to Betsy Sole at fredandbetsy41@gmail.com or 734-420-6973.

## PROMISE, BLESSING AND TRANSFORMATION WEDNESDAYS THROUGH MARCH 14 9:30am AND/OR 8:00PM

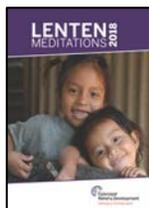
Each Sunday during Lent our Sunday readings lift up God's covenantal and renewing ways with Israel, and then we hear something about Jesus' way of the cross and the obedience of discipleship. It's a stark contrast. Celebration of covenant. Call to follow the way of the cross. Joy and suffering. Faith 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 5:30–6:45PM OR Wednesdays 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](http://www.contemplativeoutreach.org).

## 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.



## 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

Remember when we had Sunday night soup suppers and people signed up to bring soup, salad, bread or just something to contribute?



During Lent, there will be a Wednesday night soup supper before the Evening Prayer Service. Look forward to a night off cooking dinner, a chance to get to know each other better, and after supper, most importantly, join the evening prayer service and hear St. John's members share how God is at work in their lives.

Stop by the Sign-Me-Up board today and put your name down for one of your soup specialties! **If you are willing to coordinate one of the dinners, contact Betsy Sole at 734-420-6973 or fredandbetsy41@gmail.com.**

## Lenten ART CLASSES PRESENTED BY DANISA SALTARELLI THURSDAY EVENINGS ~ MARCH 1, 8, & 15 ~ 6:30-8:30PM

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](mailto:danisart1215@gmail.com)) with questions.



## HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SCHEDULE



<b>Sunday, March 25</b>	<b>Palm Sunday</b>	<b>8 &amp; 10am</b>
<b>Thursday, March 29</b>	<b>Maundy Thursday</b>	<b>7pm</b>
<b>Friday, March 30</b>	<b>Good Friday</b>	<b>12pm</b>
<b>Saturday, March 31</b>	<b>Easter Vigil</b>	<b>8pm</b>
<i>Cathedral Church of St. Paul, Detroit</i>		
<b>Sunday, April 1</b>	<b>Easter Sunday</b>	<b>8 &amp; 10am</b>

## service calendar

### SERVING TODAY – 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

### SERVING NEXT WEEK – FEBRUARY 25

**Preacher** Pastor Dana Runestad

**Altar Guild** Beth Wideman, Pat Sonntag,  
Danisa Saltarelli/Dawn Florkowski

#### **Lay Ministers**

8:00 Susan Wainwright

10:00 Howard Zuckerman, Becky Nickels,  
Michael Zuckerman

#### **Acolytes**

8:00 Maya Crouse, Ryan Crouse

10:00 Casey McCord, Maria McCord, TJ Rapson

#### **Ushers**

8:00 Dee Fleming

10:00 Patricia Ponte, Jane Libbing, Carolyn Setty

## 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.	Lexy
Sharon M.	Kim Adams
Richard Baldwin	Cheryl Crouse
John Culotta	Jon Eissler
Jeff Holland	Janis Kljun
Pat & Fred Nickels	Tara Nickels
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 18**

**Sunday Holy Eucharist** .....8:00 & 10:00am  
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  
“The Other Six Days” Sermon Discussion.....11:15am

### **MONDAY, February 19**

**Office Closed – Presidents Day's**.....  
Narcotics Anonymous.....7:00pm  
Stock Club.....6:00pm

### **TUESDAY, February 20**

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

### **WEDNESDAY, February 21**

Centering Prayer Small Group.....9:00am  
Promise, Blessing & Transformation Class.....9:30am  
Prayer & Healing Service.....12:00pm  
Lenten Soup Supper.....6:00pm  
Holden Evening Prayer Service.....7:00pm  
Promise, Blessing & Transformation Class.....8:00pm

### **THURSDAY, February 22**

OA Meeting.....8:30am  
Diocesan Curate Training.....9:00am  
Men's Devotional Group.....10:00am  
Interim Clergy Group.....1:00pm  
Food Pantry.....2:00-4:00pm

### **FRIDAY, February 23**

Vestry Retreat.....6:00-9:00pm

### **SATURDAY, February 24**

Men's Study & Fellowship.....7:30am  
AI Anon Meeting .....8:00am  
Vestry Retreat.....8:00am-4:00pm

### **SUNDAY, February 25**

**Sunday Holy Eucharist** .....8:00 & 10:00am  
Nursery (infant-3yrs) .....9:45-11:45am  
Sunday School.....9:45am  
Coffee Hour – Gathering.....11:15am  
SJP Choir Practice.....11:15am  
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