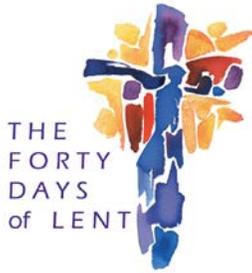


# Journey Pages

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

Dedicate an 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. **This is also a way to support the altar guild budget.** 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

Your vestry met on retreat this past weekend. It didn't even snow! Friday evening they got to know one another, prayed for each other, and were oriented by the wardens Mark and April around roles and responsibilities and by the treasurer Beth around finances. Saturday morning the focus was the purpose of St. John's. They studied documents of the church, the vision of Presiding Bishop Michael Curry about being the Episcopal branch of the Jesus movement, the importance of clarity around purpose, and immersed themselves in separate chapters from the book of Acts about how God and people are moving during the early days of the Jesus movement.

Three groups, limited to twelve words each, arrived at the following three statements:

God's purpose for SJP is...'

... to be an all-inclusive community of dedicated worshippers striving to teach God's Word.

...to be an inquisitive, inclusive community following Jesus and enriching lives by serving others.

....to welcome all, spread God's unconditional love, compassionately serve, and nurture holy curiosity through community.

You'll notice there is much convergence amongst these three statements. Now we will be sitting with them, praying with them, over them and through them for a time. The next step will be to find even fewer words to capture the essence of these statements - few enough words that everyone who worships at St. John's will be able to walk away and repeat and engage the mission/purpose of this community of faith. Guiding principles will be discerned out of this work as well, to help direct you down the road as you face the challenges of being church these days.

In the afternoon we reviewed the "Discovery Process" that charts a path forward. In light of your purpose, your next faithful step will be discovered where your identity, your internal context, and your external context intersect. At the end of Saturday, folks felt "thankful," "hopeful," "inspired," and "tired." I am very excited about what is ahead for you. God has blessed you with a wonderful, dedicated, committed group of leaders to see this through-with your prayerful and participatory support.

Faithfully, Pastor Dana

## congregational news

### CONFIRMATION CLASSES FOR ADULTS & YOUTH

Spark your faith! Pastor Bruce will be offering confirmation classes each Sunday at 11:15am beginning **today-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.

### JOIN OTHERS IN PRAYER DEDICATED TO HEALING VIOLENCE SATURDAY, MARCH 17



SJP will be joining with others throughout the world in the "United in Prayer Day 2018" on **Saturday, March 17 from 9:30-10:00am**. The day is dedicated to healing the violence within ourselves and the world. Pray in your home or we may get a group together here at SJP (watch for further details). For more information, contact Jayne Watson at [jayne.ga@gmail.com](mailto:jayne.ga@gmail.com).

### CROSSROADS SOUP KITCHEN ~ SUNDAY, MARCH 18 20 VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We will be going to Crossroads on Sunday, March 18 to serve chili, hot dogs and cookies to about 500 of our less fortunate brothers and sisters. We will package utensils, cookies and preparing the meal. Here is how to help:

- Sign up to serve at Crossroads Sunday morning March 18 (see the Sign-Me-Up board for more details).
- Donate cookies. Put them in the cookie bin in the hallway
- Sign-up on the Sign-Me-Up board in the hallway
- Questions? Contact Dick Bass at [dickbass1943@gmail.com](mailto:dickbass1943@gmail.com)

### THE CUPBOARD IS GETTING BARE!



The cupboard of the SJP Food Pantry is getting bare! Donations of non-perishable food items, personal care products, paper products and cleaning supplies are needed.

Please check out the Food Pantry board in the Narthex today, grab a couple items and add to your grocery list!

### PARISH OFFICE MANAGER POSITION OPEN AT SJP

A part time parish office manager position has opened here at St. John's. Please visit [stjohnsplymouth.org](http://stjohnsplymouth.org) (homepage sidebar) to view the job description and find information about how to apply. *Please note: current or former members of St. John's Episcopal Church will not be eligible for this position.*

DON'T  
FORGET



## congregational news

### IMPORTANT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

TUESDAY, MARCH 13 AT 7:00PM

**This important meeting is for all congregational members and ministry leaders wanting to:**

- Learn more about the Discovery Process and how you can be a part of the team
- Contribute toward formulating the SJP purpose statement
- Help begin to clarify core values and guiding principles
- Learn why vision is so important moving forward

### THANK YOU, PHYLLIS!

Our parish administrator, Phyllis Ikegami, has resigned effective March 31, when the full-time position she holds reverts to a part time parish office manager position. We are grateful for Phyllis's grace and professionalism as we all navigate the challenge of this "transition within a transition." We hope you will stop in the office and express your thanks to Phyllis for her faithful service to St. John's these past two plus years. On Sunday, March 18 the vestry invites you to a reception/coffee hour in her honor, following the 10am service, to thank Phyllis and bid her a fond farewell. Please join us!



### 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 wouldn't it be good to talk with others about that Sunday's sermon? Bring your coffee to the conference room.

Questions can be directed to Betsy Sole at 734-420-6973 or [fredandbetsy41@gmail.com](mailto:fredandbetsy41@gmail.com).

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!



**Coffee Hour Hosts needed for March 11 & dates in April:** Coffee Fellowship Hour (after the 10am service) is a great way to connect with and/or meet new

members of the SJP community. Sign-up on the Sign-Me-Up board or contact Lana Klosterman at 248-449-5059 or [Lana.klosterman@hpe.com](mailto:Lana.klosterman@hpe.com).

**Communion Bread Baking:** We need a couple more volunteers to make communion bread which can be made and stored in the church freezer. Please contact the office if you are interested in this ministry.

**Help Clean & Polish ~** We are looking for volunteers to help clean and polish altar guild items for Easter. The group will meet in the Sacristy (in the hallway next to the sanctuary) on **Saturday, March 31 at 9:00am.**



# Lenten OPPORTUNITIES

## 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:

**March 7: Teri Long**, who heads the SJP food pantry, will be sharing about how she grew up in a home without God or church. She experienced hardships as a single mother, escaped an abusive relationship and an addiction to painkillers. She will tell us how she finally found God and St. John's. Come hear her story!

**March 14: Becky Nickels**

**March 21: Howard Zuckerman**

## Lenten SOUP SUPPERS

WEDNESDAYS THROUGH MARCH 21 AT 6:00PM

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.



**WE ARE IN NEED OF BOTH COORDINATORS AND FOOD DONATIONS for March 7, 14 & 28!** If you are willing to coordinate one of the dinners, contact Betsy Sole at 734-420-6973 or fredandbetsy41@gmail.com.

## Lenten Prayers



Prayers are woven through our community in many different ways; each of us unique in the way we pray. This Lenten season, St. John's offers many options to help connect with God...our Prayer Loom in the Narthex is another way you may share your prayers with God and others in our community. Write your prayer on the provided tag and tie to the prayer loom.

## 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.



## PALM CROSS MAKING & BREAKFAST FRIDAY, MARCH 23 AT 9:00am



Mark your calendar for the Altar Guild's annual Palm Cross Making and Continental Breakfast event on Friday, March 23 at 9:00am. Bring yourself, a friend and a pair of scissors. No experience needed! Sign up on the Sign-Me-Up board in the hallway.

## PROMISE, BLESSING AND TRANSFORMATION WEDNESDAYS THROUGH MARCH 14 AT 9:30am

Each week 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. We will be "digging in" to these Scriptures and their themes in small group study.

## CENTERING PRAYER SMALL GROUPS TUESDAYS FROM 5:30-6:30PM OR WEDNESDAYS FROM 9:00-9:30am

Centering prayer is a method of silent prayer that is both a relationship with God and a discipline to foster that relationship. These small groups include a "sit," a teaching, and opportunity to share about your CP practice. It's never too late to join in one of the groups! Introductory brochures are on a table in the entrance hallway. More info is also at [www.contemplativeoutreach.org](http://www.contemplativeoutreach.org).

## LENTEN ART CLASSES PRESENTED BY DANISA SALTARELLI THURSDAY EVENINGS ~ MARCH 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 people.** Supplies are provided - bring old newspaper & dress in something old. Email Danisa Saltarelli at [danisart1215@gmail.com](mailto:danisart1215@gmail.com) with questions.



## EASTER LILY & EASTER MUSIC DEDICATIONS

Orders for Easter Lily and Easter Music Dedications will be taken beginning **today through Sunday, March 25.** You may find order forms on the table in the Narthex. Please complete the form, enclose payment and return to the parish office or simply put in the Sunday offering plate.



## HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SCHEDULE



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

## service calendar

### SERVING TODAY – MARCH 4

**Preacher** Pastor Dana Runestad

**Altar Guild** Diane/Jerry Cuper, Pat Sonntag,  
Penny Striegel

**Lay Ministers**

8:00 Ralph Reeves  
10:00 Krista Dessin, Ken Sanders, Dick Bass

**Acolytes**

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

**Ushers**

8:00 Dee Fleming  
10:00 Dave Smith, Robert Hurley, Martha James

### SERVING NEXT WEEK – MARCH 11

**Preacher** Rev. George Davinich

**Altar Guild** Beth Wideman, Nancy Mitchell,  
Irene Jarrell/Vicki Pratt

**Lay Ministers**

8:00 Susan Wainwright  
10:00 Connie Hierta, Lana Klosterman, Sally Lindroth,  
Sister Magdalena, Becky Nickels

**Acolytes**

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

**Ushers**

8:00 Dee Fleming  
10:00 Patricia Ponte, Sal Cavallaro, Alan Taracuk,  
Paul Kapusky

## ST. JOHN'S PRAYER LIST



We offer prayers 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 & Family
Meghan	Larry L.
Sharon M.	Donald W.
Richard Baldwin	Cheryl Crouse
John Culotta	Jon Eissler
Jeff Holland	Janis Kljun
Pat & Fred Nickels	Rick Skarie
Sindie Young	
Family of Mary Kay Rust, <i>Amy Higgins' mother</i>	
Family of Janet Millerschin, <i>Irene Jarrell's sister</i>	

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, March 4

**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  
SJP Choir Practice.....11:15am  
Joyful Noise Youth Choir.....11:15am  
Parent Small Group.....11:15am  
“The Other Six Days” Sermon Discussion.....11:15am  
Confirmation Class.....11:15am

### MONDAY, March 5

Narcotics Anonymous.....7:00pm

### TUESDAY, March 6

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

### WEDNESDAY, March 7

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

### THURSDAY, March 8

OA Meeting.....8:30am  
Men's Devotional Group.....10:00am  
Food Pantry.....2:00-4:00pm  
Lenten Art Class.....6:30pm

### SATURDAY, March 10

Men's Study & Fellowship.....7:30am  
Al Anon Meeting .....8:00am

### SUNDAY, March 11 – DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME

**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  
Joyful Noise Youth Choir.....11:15am  
Parent Small Group.....11:15am  
“The Other Six Days” Sermon Discussion.....11:15am  
Confirmation Class.....11:15am  
PFLAG Meeting.....11:15am