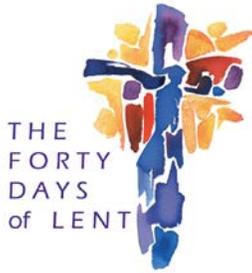


Journey Pages

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

Many open dates on the dedication calendar!

Dedicate an aumbry light or altar flowers in honor of, in memory of or in celebration of a life event 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*).



Dear members of St John's,

For several months we have heard about the discernment process to determine our Next Faithful Steps as a congregation. We are happy to say the Discovery journey has begun! The vestry began work discerning purpose at their retreat, Discovery Team co-chairs have been named, and committees are forming. It feels like an exciting time to be part of St John's! Over the last two weeks, I've noticed new conversations starting, ideas flowing, and fond memories being shared. There's a renewed excitement for the future in the air. If you haven't felt a spark of inspiration yet, I believe you will soon.

There is a place for everyone on this Discovery journey. Join in and participate by coming to a meeting, praying for guidance, jotting down your ideas, or starting a conversation. Trust me you'll find renewal in the process. A chance for renewed connection with each other. A new avenue of relationship with God. A fresh look at the potential in our community.

The Parish Council Meeting on Tuesday, March 13 at 7pm will provide an opportunity to learn more. We will:

- Hear updates on our current ministries
- Share more about the Discovery Process and how you can be a part of the team
- Contribute ideas toward the SJP purpose statement
- Begin to identify core values and guiding principles
- Learn why vision is so important moving forward

As we begin this journey together, let's keep the prayers, ideas and conversations flowing. Ultimately the success in this process is not just what we put on paper, but the connections we make along the way between ourselves, and with God.

I look forward to traveling with you all, as we seek to discover our Next Faithful Step.

Yours in Christ,
Discovery Team Co-Chairs, Jayne Watson & Bill Brave
Questions or suggestions to SJPDDiscovery@gmail.com

CONGREGATIONAL NEWS

IMPORTANT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING TUESDAY, MARCH 13 AT 7:00PM

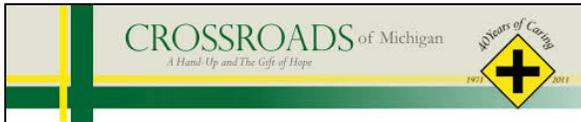
This important meeting (see opening article on the cover page) is for all congregational members and ministry leaders wanting to:

- Hear updates on our current ministries
- Share more about the Discovery Process and how you can be a part of the team
- Contribute ideas toward the SJP purpose statement
- Begin to identify core values and guiding principles
- Learn why vision is so important moving forward

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. **A group will meet at SJP at 9:30am in the choir room or you may pray at home.** For more information, contact Jayne Watson at 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

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 (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.*

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**.



CONGREGATIONAL NEWS

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. **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!**

"GOOD-BYE PURSE" FOR PHYLLIS

If you would like to contribute to a "good-bye purse" for Phyllis, please place your donation in an envelope in Jackie Binder's mailbox.



URGENT-COMMUNION BREAD BAKERS NEEDED



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.

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!

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? The group meets the Gathering at 11:15am.



JESUS AND HIS JEWISH INFLUENCES

The Saturday morning men's will begin a new series "Jesus and His Jewish Influences" beginning Saturday, March 17. The series is for anyone interested in understanding the profound effect Jesus had on the world - what made Jesus Jesus. Saturdays begin at 7:30am with coffee and bagels, the study begins at 8:00am. The group is open to all men!

JOIN THE PFLAG SUPPORT GROUP THIS SUNDAY AT 3PM

This Sunday's PFLAG meeting, the group will screen the documentary "Anyone and Everyone," which interviews many parents of diverse backgrounds and religions who have LGBTQ children about some of the difficulties they encountered when their kids came out to them. The 2007 movie was made by Susan Polis Schutz, co-founder of Blue Mountain greeting cards -- no doubt you've seen her work! The group meets in the Gathering and is open to all.

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: **Becky Nickels**, leads the Tuesday morning bible study, the BeFriender's ministry and the visiting Eucharistic ministers ministry. Becky will speak about the church and that the church is not a building; the Body of Christ is the church-and the Body of Christ at SJP is also her family, and has loved and supported her through the years.

March 21: **Howard Zuckerman**

We will also continue Wednesday Prayer & Healing Services on Wednesdays (12pm during Lent).

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 FOOD DONATIONS for March 14 & 28! If you are willing to coordinate one of the dinners, contact Betsy Sole at fredandbetsy41@gmail.com or 734-420-6973.



Lenten Prayers

Prayers are woven through our community in many different ways; each of us unique in the way we pray. 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 a 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 & 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.

LENTEN ART CLASSES PRESENTED BY DANISA SALTARELLI THURSDAY EVENINGS ~ MARCH 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 with questions.



EASTER LILY & EASTER MUSIC DEDICATIONS

Orders for Easter Lily and Easter Music Dedications will be taken **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



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

service calendar

SERVING TODAY – 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, Lynn Rison

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

SERVING NEXT WEEK – MARCH 18

Preacher Pastor Dana Runestad

Altar Guild Rita Smith, Beth Wideman,
Maribeth Sala-Gietzen

Lay Ministers

8:00 Ralph Reeves
10:00 Richard Dessin, James Boileau, Carolyn Setty

Acolytes

8:00 Maya Crouse, Ryan Crouse
10:00 Amelia Dowswell, Meganne Skoug, Jack Sanders

Ushers

8:00 Dee Fleming
10:00 Dave Smith, Carolyn Setty, Martha James

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.	Sally T.
Donald W.	Richard Baldwin
Cheryl Crouse	John Culotta
Jon Eissler	Jeff Holland
Janis Kljun	Pat & Fred Nickels
Rick Skarie	Sindie Young
Family of Janet Millerschin, <i>Irene Jarrell's sister</i>	
Family of Whit Gray, <i>Priest Lisa Tucker-Gray's father</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 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

MONDAY, March 12

NO BeFriender's Meeting.....
Narcotics Anonymous..... 7:00pm

TUESDAY, March 13

Bible Study..... 9:30am
Food Pantry..... 2:00-4:00pm
Centering Prayer Small Group..... 5:30pm
Parish Council Meeting..... 7:00pm

WEDNESDAY, March 14

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

THURSDAY, March 15

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

SATURDAY, March 17

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

SUNDAY, March 18

Sunday Holy Eucharist 8:00 & 10:00am
Crossroads Service Day..... 9:00am
Nursery (infant-3yrs) 9:45-11:45am
Sunday School..... 9:45am
Coffee Hour – Gathering..... 11:15am
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