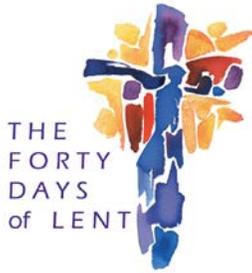


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THE
FORTY
DAYS
of LENT

*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 AUMBRY LIGHT DEDICATION

In Celebration of Krista Dessin's Birthday

TODAY'S ALTAR FLOWER DEDICATION

*In Celebration of
Maddie Covey-Dwyer's 3rd Birthday*

A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR DANA

BONDING WITH THE WARDENS

Your senior warden Mark Eissler and I have some uncanny overlaps: we've both lived in the same towns in IL, WI and MI; Mark graduated from the same high school as my husband, and his sister graduated *with* Barry; Mark's father is in the same senior living facility where Barry's father lived in Lombard IL.

Now I can report that I have been successful in an effort toward forging some similar bonds with the junior warden, April Cooke. Last Sunday, while I was visiting an old friend on his Virginia farm, I was carrying my luggage down a flight of stairs. I missed one of the steps before a landing. My ankle turned and I landed on the wrong side of my foot. (I missed the memo that told me you're not supposed to walk on the top of your feet - only on the bottom.) I now have two chipped bones in my right foot and a sprained ankle (I sprained this same ankle 10 years ago). So, just as April makes her way into the world of the walking, I enter the world of the limping -- and I so very much appreciate in ever new ways all she has endured this past year with her ankle.

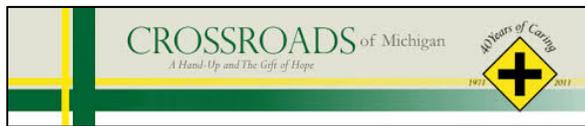
Right now I am very grateful for Miss Millie's closet and the kind and loving attention of Lu Pilgrim. I am also grateful for the temporary loan of April's "knee scooter" (look out when I buzz around the corners of SJP). And I am so very grateful for your kind offers to help in so many ways, and for your assistance and patience.

This experience is a reminder that healing takes time. That living organisms, like feet and ankles and people and churches, don't just bounce back immediately from distress. That even resilience is a process to respect. That time is God's way of keeping everything from happening all at once. If only I'd remembered that when I tried to carry too much luggage down those stairs.

Faithfully,
Pastor Dana



CONGREGATIONAL NEWS



CROSSROADS SOUP KITCHEN ~ SUNDAY, MARCH 18

There are several volunteers participating in the Crossroads Soup Kitchen service day today. They will be serving chili, hot dogs and cookies to about 500 of our less fortunate brothers and sisters. Thank you to Dick Bass for leading this event!

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. **Today the vestry invites you to a reception/coffee hour in her honor, following the 10am service, to thank 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.



BE WHO YOU ARE, SEE WHAT YOU HAVE, DO WHAT MATTERS TO GOD

THANK YOU to all who attended the Parish Council meeting on March 13 which was also a beginning for populating the teams for the Discovery Process. Stay tuned for more information and opportunities to be a part of this process as it unfolds. Bill Brave and Jayne Watson are the fearless leaders. Teams are being formed to explore St. John's identity, internal context, and external context. Given St. John's purpose, where these three areas intersect will provide clues to what the next faithful step will be, what the next chapter needs to look like, and what kind of a person you need in a rector to help lead you there.

Questions regarding the Discovery Process can be directed to Pastor Dana (pastordana@stjohnsplymouth.org), Jayne Watson and Bill Brave (SJPDDiscovery@gmail.com).

PARISH OFFICE Manager INTERVIEWS

INTERVIEWS for the part time parish office manager position are under way. Special thanks to Liz Needleman for her leadership in this whole effort.

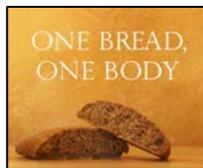
HELP Clean & POLISH

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

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.

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

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.

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.



12 STEP PROGRAMS HELD AT SJP

St. John's is host to three Twelve-Step Programs throughout the week. These twelve-step programs each have a set of guiding principles outlining a course of action for recovery from addiction or other behavioral problems. If you, a loved one or friend is in need, please let them know that meetings held here are very confidential. Meetings are as follows:

Narcotics Anonymous Every Monday evening at 7:00pm
Overeaters Anonymous Every Thursday morning at 8:30am
Al Anon Every Saturday morning at 8:00am

GIVE YOUR DONATIONS ONLINE THROUGH SECUREGIVE!



Do you pay your bills electronically through your bank? Ever thought of paying your offerings to SJP the same way? Electronic giving is fast, easy and secure! You can set up recurring donations on a weekly, semi-monthly or monthly basis or as a one-time donation. To use this option, click on the Give Now link on SJP's website or contact SJP Treasurer Beth Frolick-Rapson at beth.frolick-rapson@ally.com.

Gleaners FOOD BANK

Save THE DATE ~ SATURDAY, APRIL 21

Volunteers sort and pack nonperishable food and fresh produce to be shipped to shelters in need. See the Sign-Me-Up board in the hallway.



LENTEN OPPORTUNITIES

EVENING PRAYER SERVICE & FAITH STORIES AT 7:00PM

We will celebrate Wednesdays in Lent with Holden Evening Prayer which will also a feature faith story from:



March 21: Howard Zuckerman

Howard's faith journey felt like "The Road Less Traveled" as he sought to find G-d's will in his life. His journey began in Judaism and led to a search filled with openness and hopefulness, even as his faith ebbed and flowed, in and out, through ups and downs, and often sideways up until he found Christianity and Jesus's teachings and messages. Every step of the way life's experiences shaped his journey, continuing until this day and undoubtedly will evolve until his time on earth is over, shaped by his education and experiences through business, being a stay at home Dad, and perhaps most profoundly in his work as a counselor. He looks forward to sharing his journey with you.

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

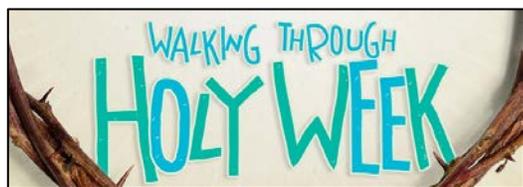
LENTEN SOUP SUPPER

LAST WEEK WEDNESDAY, MARCH 21 AT 6:00PM

This Wednesday will be the final Wednesday evening soup supper. Attend the supper and then head to the sanctuary for worship and to hear Howard Zuckerman's faith story.

WE ARE IN NEED OF FOOD DONATIONS for March 21!

HANDS ON HOLY WEEK-STATIONS OF THE CROSS FAMILY EVENT - PALM SUNDAY, MARCH 25



After 10am worship on Palm Sunday, March 25, take your family through the Parish Hall for several interactive Holy week activities. We will have the following stations:

- **Garden of Gethsemane**-Make a prayer cube to take home; spend time each day to reveal a different prayer
- **The Last Supper**-Children will experience the ritual of communion with bread and wine (grape juice)
- **Denying Christ**-“Peter denied Christ three times”-What was it like to be Peter? For Jesus?
- **Foot Washing**-An act of love Jesus did for his disciples
- **Sin Station**-“Christ died for our Sins”-Sins can be written and placed in a bowl to be burned on Good Friday
- **Good Friday**-Why is it called Good Friday?

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
<i>Coffee Hour between services</i>		

Please make sure to pick up a “Holy Week Schedule” Postcard from the table in the hallway to share with family and friends.

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.

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.



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.

ALLELUIA EASTER EGG HUNT SUNDAY, APRIL 15 AT 11:15am

Mark your calendars for the SJP Easter Egg Hunt! This event is for children 11 years of age and under. Have questions? Contact Jayne Watson at jayne.ga@gmail.com.



service calendar

SERVING TODAY – 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

SERVING NEXT WEEK – MARCH 25

Preacher Pastor Dana Runestad

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

Lay Ministers

8:00 Susan Wainwright
10:00 Bev Cavallaro, Amy Higgins, Ken Sanders,
Krista Dessin, Ken Sanders

Acolytes

8:00 Maya Crouse, Ryan Crouse
10:00 Maria McCord, Casey McCord, TJ Rapson

Ushers

8:00 Dee Fleming
10:00 Patricia Ponte, Sal Cavallaro, Jane Libbing,
Sue Skaggs, Alan Taracuk

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	Pastor Dana Runestad
Rick Skarie	Sindie Young
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 18

Sunday Holy Eucharist8:00 & 10:00am
Crossroads Service Day, Detroit.....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 19

Detroit Concert Choir Rehearsal.....6:00pm
Narcotics Anonymous.....7:00pm

TUESDAY, March 20

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

WEDNESDAY, March 21

Centering Prayer Small Group.....9:00am
Promise, Blessing & Transformation Class.....9:30am
Midweek Prayer Service.....12:00pm
Handbell Rehearsal.....5:30pm
Lenten Soup Supper.....6:00pm
Houseband Rehearsal.....6:00pm
Holden Evening Prayer Service.....7:00pm

THURSDAY, March 22

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

FRIDAY, March 23

Palm Cross Breakfast & Cross Making.....9:00am

SATURDAY, March 24

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

SUNDAY, March 25 – PALM SUNDAY

Sunday Holy Eucharist8:00 & 10:00am
Nursery (infant-3yrs)9:45-11:45am
NO Sunday School.....
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
Stations of the Cross Family Event.....11:15am