

Journey Pages

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

Good Morning and Welcome to St. John's Plymouth!

Good morning and welcome to St. John's Episcopal Church in Plymouth! We are glad you are here.

We hope your experience in worship inspires and equips you to love and serve God and God's people in the world. We hope you are able to connect with God, with yourself, and with others here through God's Word, song and prayer, and the meal of Holy Communion. Please take a moment to fill out the "Get Connected" card in the rack in front of you so we might follow up with a personal contact. You can learn more about St. John's Plymouth by visiting www.stjohnsplymouth.org. You can learn more about the Episcopal Church, of which we are a part, by visiting www.episcopalchurch.org

This is an exciting and challenging time for St. John's. We are in a time of transition between rectors (senior pastors). That means we are taking the time to engage in a process of discovery, exploring questions like "Who are we?" "What's going on here?" "Who are our neighbors?" and "What is God calling us to be and do in this place at this time?" Another way to say it is, "Be who you are, see what you have, do what matters to God." Because we have an interim rector, we have the luxury of taking the time to be thorough about this process. We are preparing to live into the next chapter God has in store, and call our next rector who has the gifts, skills and passion to help lead us there.

In the meantime, we worship, learn and serve together in the name of Christ. Explore these pages to see where you might engage. Wherever you may be on your journey, we invite you to join us on ours!

TODAY'S PALMS DEDICATION

*In the Glory of God and In Memory of
Jean Fenwick Sigmon*

CONGREGATIONAL NEWS

HANDS ON HOLY WEEK-STATIONS OF THE CROSS INTER-GENERATIONAL EVENT - TODAY IN THE PARISH HALL

After 10am worship today, take a walk 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, placed in a bowl to be burned on Good Friday
- **Good Friday**-Why is it called Good Friday?

EASTER LILY & EASTER MUSIC DEDICATIONS

The deadline is today to place orders for Easter lilies and music dedications. Order forms are on the table in the Narthex.



CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL / EASTER EGG HUNT

Our Sunday School is on spring break this week and next and will return to class on **Sunday, April 15**. We will also celebrate the continuation of the Easter Season with an Easter Egg Hunt for kids thru age 11 after 10am service that day. Kids will decorate bags and hunt eggs outside.

GLEANERS FOOD BANK

save THE DATE ~ SATURDAY, APRIL 21 ~ 9am - 12PM

Volunteers sort and pack nonperishable food and fresh produce to be shipped to shelters in need. All ages 10 and older are welcome to participate. This makes a great service opportunity for Youth! Sign up on the Sign-Me-Up board.

A CROSSROADS THANK YOU!

We had 26 volunteers from SJP serve last Sunday at Crossroads Soup Kitchen. It was nice to have some first timers join the group and young children learning firsthand the importance of helping others; you're never too young!

FINDING A PLACE TO BELONG...

Everyone approaches a new community at their own speed; some are ready to jump in right away, others need to ease their way in. We are fine with both and everything in between. Please trust yourself and the love that brought you here. Here are just some of the ways in which you can plug in to our community at St. John's.



- **Fill out a "Get Connected" Card** - These cards may be found in the pew rack and this is the best and quickest way to get connected in the way(s) you choose.
- **Sign Up to receive Pastor Dana's Weekly Message** and emailed "Journey Notes" - go to our website (www.stjohnsplymouth.org) and click on "Get Connected" on the bottom right of the home page.
- **Check out the "Sign-Me-Up Board"** in the office hallway to see how you can get involved - either as a participant or a volunteer.
- **Pick up an Annual Report Booklet** - in the hallway toward the parking lot. This booklet lists the many ways in which our parishioners get involved - available events and volunteer opportunities.
- **Come to a Bible Study Group** - There are many great opportunities each week during the school year.
 - Children's Sunday School.....9:45am
 - Tuesday Bible Study9:30am
 - Wednesday Women's Bible Study.....9:30am
 - Thursday Men's Devotional Group.....10:00am
 - Saturday Men's Bible Study7:30am
- **Explore our website** - Find the Journey Pages, Weekly Bulletins, the current schedule, etc. online at www.stjohnsplymouth.org.
- **Check out our Music Ministry** - Consider joining the SJP Choir, Handbell Choir, HouseBand, or Joyful Noise Choir. Contact Liza Maidens, SJP's Music Director for more info.
- **Attend a Community Support Group** - St. John's is home to several support groups that meet regularly.
 - Al Anon..... Saturdays 8:00am
(Family/friends of recovering alcoholics)
 - Narcotics Anonymous..... Mondays 7:00pm
 - Overeaters Anonymous..... Thursdays 8:30am
 - PFLAG..... 2nd Sundays 3:00pm
(Parents & friends of lesbians & gays)
- **Connect with a Small Group** -
 - Centering Prayer Group..... Tuesdays 5:30pm
 - Centering Prayer Group..... Wednesdays 8:45am
 - Prayers & Squares (Quilters)..... 2nd Wednesdays
 - Parent Small Group..... Sundays Coffee Hour 11:15am
- **Check the calendar** on the back of Journey Pages or on our website for updated event dates and times.

THE STAFF OF ST. JOHN'S

Pastor Dana Runestad ~ *Interim Rector*
 Liza Calisesi Maidens ~ *Director of Music*
 Steven Brancalone ~ *Music Scholar*
 Jacob Carroll ~ *Music Scholar*

Phyllis Ikegami ~ *Parish Administrator*
 Deborah Chinitz ~ *Nursery Staff*
 Janet Sigmon ~ *Nursery Staff*

Office Hours ~ Monday-Friday 8:30am-4:30pm

Phone: 734-453-0190

ST. JOHN'S WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sundays: 8:00am ~ *Traditional Service* 10:00am - *Blended Traditional/Contemporary Service*

Sunday School ~ Pre-K through Grade 5 ~ Sundays 9:45am (children join worship during the Peace)

Healing and Holy Eucharist Service: 2nd Wednesday of the month 11:00am

EASTER TRIDUUM



WHAT IS THE EASTER TRIDUUM?

Sometimes called either the Paschal or Easter Triduum, these are the “three days” that lead us to Easter morning and to the promise of the resurrection; Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and the Easter Vigil. Each day draws us into the mystery of Jesus’ final days of life among us, and each liturgy offers a beautiful invitation leading us on a journey deep into the heart of God. This year we will gather to celebrate two of these three liturgies. And since we are not offering a Saturday Easter Vigil this year, we are encouraging you to consider joining one of our neighboring Episcopal churches or the Cathedral Church of St. Paul Detroit to take part in this holy service on the eve of Easter when we will come together on Sunday morning to celebrate the gift, promise and power of the Resurrection.

MAUNDY THURSDAY ~ 7:00PM

At the heart of the Maundy Thursday liturgy is Jesus’ commandment to love one another. As Jesus washed the feet of his disciples, we are called to follow his example as we humbly care for one another, especially the poor and the unloved. At the Lord’s Table we remember Jesus’ sacrifice of his life, even as we are called to offer ourselves in love for the life of the world. We gather as the body of Christ who *is* our Passover and whose meal has been “handed on” to us. We engage in a rite of foot washing, not to reenact the last supper but to engage in a present-day enacting of the “new commandment” to love one another. Finally, we strip the worship space of all of its adornments, symbolizing the betrayal and abandonment of Jesus when he was handed over to be crucified. We remain in silence and depart when we are ready.



GOOD FRIDAY ~ 12:00 NOON



Friday is the most solemn day of the Triduum – the commemoration of the death of Jesus on the cross. These hours are called the “Passion” of Jesus. The word comes from the Latin, “passio,” meaning passive. Up until this point, Jesus’ public life is anything but passive – he actively gives his life away at every turn – healing, breaking down barriers and advocating for the needs and rights of all. Now in these final hours, he “passively,” but intentionally makes his way to the cross and lays down his life. At the beginning of the service everyone will be offered a “burden stone” – a small rock to symbolize something we want to bring and leave at the foot of the cross - releasing something that has been weighing us down and perhaps keeping us from moving

forward in some area of our life. During one of the musical offerings we will be invited to simply come forward and quietly lay that stone at the foot of our Good Friday cross. We will make our way to the cross through short readings, meditations and musical reflections led by members of SJP Choir.

EASTER VIGIL ~ CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PAUL DETROIT ~ 8:00PM

From the early centuries of the church, the Easter Vigil, also known as the **Paschal Vigil** or the **Great Vigil of Easter**, has been a vivid way of celebrating Christ's resurrection and our own redemption. This liturgy has dramatic movement and energy moving people from darkness to light and from the defeat of death to the triumph of resurrected life! Easter vigils have 4 components: the light of the Paschal Fire, hearing the story of Salvation through scripture, officer the sacrament of baptism, and concluding with the Eucharist. This year we encourage our members to consider heading to our Diocesan Cathedral, St. Paul’s at 4800 Woodward Ave. in Detroit to experience the Easter Vigil offered there and lead by Bishop Gibbs.



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.

Lexy Taylor	Sally T.
John Culotta	Cheryl Crouse
Janis Kljun	Jeff Holland
Rick Skarie	Pastor Dana Runestad

Family of Whit Gray, *Priest Lisa Tucker-Gray's father*
 Family of John Hone, *family friend of the Sala-Gietzen family*
 Family of Joy Tomasin

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



servicing TODAY – MARCH 25



Participants Members of SJP

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

servicing NEXT WEEK – APRIL 1

Preacher Pastor Dana Runestad

Altar Guild Beth Wideman, Penny Striegel, Vicki Pratt,
 Extra Volunteers Welcome

Lay Ministers

8:00 Ralph Reeves, Susan Wainwright
 10:00 Patricia Ponte, Valerie Sanders, Penny Striegel,
 Sr. Magdalena, James Boileau

Acolytes

8:00 Maya Crouse, Ryan Crouse
 10:00 Karen Sole, Amelia Dowswell, Kenji Sole

Ushers

8:00 Dee Fleming
 10:00 Dave Smith, Robert Hurley, Carolyn Setty,
 Alan Taracuk, Paul Kapusky

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

SUNDAY, March 25 – PALM SUNDAY

Sunday Holy Eucharist8:00 & 10:00am
 Nursery (infant-3yrs)9:45-11:45am
 NO Sunday School.....
 Special Children's Activity.....9:45am
 Coffee Hour – Gathering.....11:15am
 SJP Choir Practice.....11:15am
 Joyful Noise Youth Choir.....11:15am
 Confirmation Class.....11:15am
 Stations of the Cross Family Event.....11:15am

MONDAY, March 26

Narcotics Anonymous.....7:00pm

TUESDAY, March 27

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

WEDNESDAY, March 28

NO Centering Prayer Small Group.....
 NO Women's Bible Study.....
 NO Midweek Worship.....
 Handbell Rehearsal.....5:30pm
 Houseband Rehearsal.....6:00pm

THURSDAY, March 29

OA Meeting.....8:30am
 Men's Devotional Group.....10:00am
 Food Pantry.....2:00-4:00pm
 Maundy Thursday Worship Service.....7:00pm

FRIDAY, March 30

Good Friday Worship.....12:00pm

SATURDAY, March 31

NO Men's Study & Fellowship.....
 Al Anon Meeting8:00am



SUNDAY, April 1 - EASTER SUNDAY



Sunday Holy Eucharist8:00 & 10:00am
 Coffee Hour – Gathering.....Between Services
 Nursery (infant-3yrs)9:45-11:45am
 NO Sunday School.....children's sermon during worship
 NO SJP Choir Practice.....
 NO Joyful Noise Youth Choir.....
 NO Confirmation Class.....

DATES TO REMEMBER

NO Tuesday Bible Study.....Tuesday, April 3
 Property Commission Meeting.....Sunday, April 8