

August 13, 2017

9:00 a.m.
Historic Church

**ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
AND PARISH DAY SCHOOL**

*We, as the St. John's Church community, strive to bring all people
to a closer relationship with God and each other in Jesus Christ.*



*Called to Serve
and Be Served*

*The Tenth Sunday after Pentecost:
Proper 14*

HOLY COMMUNION AT ST. JOHN'S

Everyone is welcome to come forward to receive Communion or a Blessing. Either standing or kneeling at the altar rail, receive the bread with open hands extended. When receiving the wine, you may sip from the chalice or intinct (dip) your bread in the wine.

To receive a Blessing instead of Communion, cross your hands across your chest. The minister will affirm God's blessing on you.

If you have not been baptized, we warmly encourage you to speak to a member of the clergy about this important sacramental step in your journey of faith.



The Mission and Ministry of St. John's Church depends upon the generosity of its members and friends. We are grateful for every giver and every gift. Please remember St. John's as part of your Christian legacy.



St. John's Episcopal Church and Parish Day School

The Rev. Ann Ritonia , *Rector-Elect*

The Rev. Jenni Ovenstone Smith, *Senior Associate Rector*

The Rev. Anna C. Noon, *Associate Rector*

The Rev. Barnabas Lee, *Assistant Rector for Asian Ministries*

The Rev. J. Joseph Hart, *Assisting Clergy*

The Rev. Dr. Katrina L. Grusell, *Priest Associate-UMBC Chaplain*

Ms. Nancy Stavely, *Director of Music*

Mr. Eric Tich, *All Saints Hall Music Coordinator*

Ms. Patty Hagan, *Verger Coordinator*

*Please remember to silence all cell phones and electronic devices.
Thank you.*



THE TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST: PROPER 13

ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH and PARISH DAY SCHOOL
Ellicott City, Maryland

9:00 a.m.

Holy Baptism and Holy Eucharist, Rite II

August 13, 2017

This service is taken from The Book of Common Prayer

H = 1982 Hymnal (red) ♪ WLP = Wonder Love & Praise (green) ♪ LEVAS = Lift Every Voice & Sing (red & black)

Organ Voluntary at the Prelude

Welcome

THE WORD OF GOD

Hymn at the Procession

Joyful, joyful, we adore thee

H 376
Hymn to Joy

1 Joy - ful, joy - ful, we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love;
2 All thy works with joy sur-round thee, earth and heaven re - flect thy rays,
3 Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, ev - er bless - ing, ev - er blest,

hearts un - fold like flowers be - fore thee, prais - ing thee, their sun a - bove.
stars and an - gels sing a - round thee, cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.
well - spring of the joy of liv - ing, o - cean - depth of hap - py rest!

Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness; drive the dark of doubt a - way;
Field and for - est, vale and moun - tain, bloom - ing mea - dow, flash - ing sea,
Thou our Fa - ther, Christ our Bro - ther: all who live in love are thine;

giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, fill us with the light of day.
chant - ing bird and flow - ing foun - tain, call us to re - joice in thee.
teach us how to love each o - ther, lift us to the joy di - vine.

The Acclamation

Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People: *And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.*
Celebrant: There is one Body and one Spirit;
People: *There is one hope in God's call to us;*
Celebrant: One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;
People: *One God and Father of all.*

Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.
People: *And also with you.*
Celebrant: Let us pray.

Grant to us, Lord, we pray, the spirit to think and do always those things that are right, that we, who cannot exist without you, may by you be enabled to live according to your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever . *Amen.*

The Lessons: (*please be seated*)

A Reading from Genesis (37:1-4, 12-28)

Jacob settled in the land where his father had lived as an alien, the land of Canaan. This is the story of the family of Jacob.

Joseph, being seventeen years old, was shepherding the flock with his brothers; he was a helper to the sons of Bilhah and Zilpah, his father's wives; and Joseph brought a bad report of them to their father. Now Israel loved Joseph more than any other of his children, because he was the son of his old age; and he had made him a long robe with sleeves. But when his brothers saw that their father loved him more than all his brothers, they hated him, and could not speak peaceably to him.

Now his brothers went to pasture their father's flock near Shechem. And Israel said to Joseph, "Are not your brothers pasturing the flock at Shechem? Come, I will send you to them." He answered, "Here I am." So he said to him, "Go now, see if it is well with your brothers and with the flock; and bring word back to me." So he sent him from the valley of Hebron.

He came to Shechem, and a man found him wandering in the fields; the man asked him, "What are you seeking?" "I am seeking my brothers," he said; "tell me, please, where they are pasturing the flock." The man said, "They have gone away, for I heard them say, 'Let us go to Dothan.'" So Joseph went after his brothers, and found them at Dothan. They saw him from a distance, and before he came near to them, they conspired to kill him. They said to one another, "Here comes this dreamer. Come now, let us kill him and throw him into one of the pits; then we shall say that a wild animal has devoured him, and we shall see what will become of his dreams." But when Reuben heard it, he delivered him out of their hands, saying, "Let us not take his life." Reuben said to them, "Shed no blood; throw him into this pit here in the wilderness, but lay no hand on him" —that he might rescue him out of their hand and restore him to his father. So when Joseph came to his brothers, they stripped him of his robe, the long robe with sleeves that he wore; and they took him and threw him into a pit. The pit was empty; there was no water in it.

Then they sat down to eat; and looking up they saw a caravan of Ishmaelites coming from Gilead, with their camels carrying gum, balm, and resin, on their way to carry it down to Egypt. Then Judah said to his brothers, "What profit is it if we kill our brother and conceal his blood? Come, let us sell him to the Ishmaelites, and not lay our hands on him, for he is our brother, our own flesh." And his brothers agreed. When some Midianite traders passed by, they drew Joseph up, lifting him out of the pit, and sold him to the Ishmaelites for twenty pieces of silver. And they took Joseph to Egypt.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.
People: *Thanks be to God.*

- 1 Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name; *
make known his deeds among the peoples.
- 2 Sing to him, sing praises to him, *
and speak of all his marvelous works.
- 3 Glory in his holy Name; *
let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.
- 4 Search for the Lord and his strength; *
continually seek his face.
- 5 Remember the marvels he has done, *
his wonders and the judgments of his mouth,
- 6 O offspring of Abraham his servant, *
O children of Jacob his chosen.
- 16 Then he called for a famine in the land *
and destroyed the supply of bread.
- 17 He sent a man before them, *
Joseph, who was sold as a slave.
- 18 They bruised his feet in fetters; *
his neck they put in an iron collar.
- 19 Until his prediction came to pass, *
the word of the Lord tested him.
- 20 The king sent and released him; *
the ruler of the peoples set him free.
- 21 He set him as a master over his household,
as a ruler over all his possessions,
- 22 To instruct his princes according to his will
and to teach his elders wisdom.
- 45 Hallelujah!

Hymn at the Sequence
Jesus, Lover of My Soul

LEVAS 79; vs. 1-2
Charles Wesley

1. Je - sus, lov - er of my soul, Let me to they bo - som fly,
2. Oth - er ref - uge have I none, Hangs my help - less soul on thee;
3. Plen-tegus grace with thee is found, Grace to cleanse from ev - 'ry sin;

1. While the near - er wa - ters roll, While the tem-pest still is high;
2. Leave, ah! Leave me not a - lone, Still sup-port and com - fort me!
3. Let the heal - ing streams a - bound, Make and keep me pure with - in.

1. Hide me, O my Sa - vior, hide, Till the storm of life be past;
2. All my trust on thee is stayed; All my help from thee I bring;
3. Thou of life the foun - tain art, Free - ly let me take of thee:

1. Safe in - to the ha - ven guide, O re-ceive my soul at last.
2. Cov - er my de - fence-less head With the sha - dow of thy wing.
3. Spring thou up with - in my heart, Rise to all e - ter - ni - ty.

The Gospel (*please stand*)

Matthew 14:22-33

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People: *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid."

Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?" When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

Hymn at the Baptism (*see above*)
Jesus, Lover of My Soul

LEVAS 79; v. 3
Charles Wesley

THE HOLY BAPTISM

Presentation

Robert Weems Richardson

Grear Weems Stott

Celebrant: The Candidates for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

Parents and Godparents:

I present Robert Weems to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

I present Grear Weems to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

Celebrant: Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present is brought up in the Christian faith and life?

Parents and Godparents:

I will, with God's help.

Celebrant: Will you by your prayers and witness help this child to grow into the full stature of Christ?

Parents and Godparents:

I will, with God's help.

(Celebrant asks the parents and godparents, who speak on behalf of the infant:)

Question: Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

Answer: *I renounce them.*

Question: Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

Answer: *I renounce them.*

Question: Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

Answer: *I renounce them.*

Question: Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?

Answer: *I do.*

Question: Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

Answer: *I do.*

Question: Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?

Answer: *I do.*

(Celebrant addresses the congregation, saying:)

Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ?

People: *We will.*

Celebrant: Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

The Baptismal Covenant

Celebrant: Do you believe in God the Father?

People: *I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.*

Celebrant: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People: *I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.*

Celebrant: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People: *I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.*

Celebrant: Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

People: *I will, with God's help.*

Celebrant: Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

People: *I will, with God's help.*

Celebrant: Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

People: *I will, with God's help.*

Celebrant: Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

People: *I will, with God's help.*

Celebrant: Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

People: *I will, with God's help.*

Prayers for the Candidates

Celebrant: Let us now pray for these persons who are to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

Leader: Deliver them, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

People: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

Leader: Open their hearts to your grace and truth.

People: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

Leader: Fill them with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

People: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

Leader: Keep them in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

People: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

Leader: Teach them to love others in the power of the Spirit.

People: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

Leader: Send them into the world in witness to your love.

People: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

Leader: Bring them to the fullness of your peace and glory.

People: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

Celebrant: Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and for ever. *Amen.*

Thanksgiving over the Water

(Celebrant blesses the water, first saying)

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: *And also with you.*

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: *It is right to give him thanks and praise.*

Celebrant: We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water.

Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The Baptism (please be seated)

(Each candidate is presented by name to the Celebrant)

N. , I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

(Celebrant marks the sign of the cross on each forehead, saying:)

N. , you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever.

People: **Amen.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Loving God, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon these your servants the forgiveness of sin, and have raised them to the new life of grace. Sustain them, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give them an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. *Amen.*

Celebrant: Let us welcome the newly baptized.

Celebrant and People: *We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.*

The Peace (please stand)

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: *And also with you.*

All greet one another in the Name of the Lord.

The Sermon (please be seated)

Mr. Dan Schoos

Invitations

Offertory Sentence

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God. ~ *Ephesians 5:2*

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Organ Voluntary at the Offertory

Hymn at the Presentation

From all that dwell below the skies

H 380, v. 3
Old 100th

1 From all that dwell be - low the skies let
 2 E - ter - nal are thy mer - cies, Lord, and
 *3 Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise
 the Cre - a - tor's praise a - rise! Let the Re - deem - er's
 truth e - ter - nal is thy word: thy praise shall sound from
 him, all crea - tures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye
 Name be sung through ev - ery land, by ev - ery tongue!
 shore to shore till suns shall rise and set no more.
 heaven - ly host: praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

Eucharistic Prayer A (*remain standing*)

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: *And also with you.*

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: *We lift them to the Lord.*

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: *It is right to give him thanks and praise.*

Celebrant: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth; because in Jesus Christ our Lord you have received us as your sons and daughters, made us citizens of your kingdom, and given us the Holy Spirit to guide us into all truth. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus

Holy, holy, holy Lord

WLP 878

American folk melody

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and
might, heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. *Bless - ed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the
high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

(standing)

Celebrant: Holy and gracious God: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Creator of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People: *Christ has died.*
 Christ is risen.
 Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O God, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom. All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Fraction

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People: *Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.*

COMMUNION

This is God's Table, and at this Table, God feeds us and blesses us with what we need to be the Church, Christ's body in the world. In the Episcopal Church, children as well as adults receive Communion, for together we are the Body of Christ. Guidance for receiving Communion is found on the inside front cover of this bulletin.

Organ Voluntary at the Communion

Sending Forth of the Lay Eucharistic Minister

Celebrant: I send you to those who are home bound, so that they may share with us in Christ's body and blood.

People: *We who are many are one body, because we share one bread, one cup.*

Prayer Following Communion *(all pray together, please stand)*

Celebrant and People: *Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.*

The Blessing *(remain standing)*

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. Amen.

Hymn at the Closing (*remain standing*)
Almighty Father, strong to save

H 579; vs. 1-3
Melita

1 Al - might - y Fa - ther, strong to save, whose arm hath bound the
2 O Christ, the Lord of hill and plain o'er which our traf - fic
3 O Spi - rit, whom the Fa - ther sent to spread a - broad the
4 O Trin - i - ty of love and power, our peo - ple shield in

rest - less wave, who bidd'st the might - y o - cean deep its
runs a - main by moun - tain pass or val - ley low; wher -
firm - a - ment; O Wind of hea - ven, by thy might save
dan - ger's hour; from rock and tem - pest, fire and foe, pro -

own ap - point - ed li - mits keep: O hear us when we
ev - er, Lord, thy peo - ple go, pro - tect them by thy
all who dare the ea - gle's flight, and keep them by thy
tect them where - so - e'er they go; thus ev - er - more shall

cry to thee for those in per - il on the sea.
guard - ing hand from ev - ery per - il on the land.
watch - ful care from ev - ery per - il in the air.
rise to thee glad praise from space, air, land, and sea.

Dismissal

As we prepare to enter our mission field, please turn to face the rear doors for the Dismissal.

Celebrant: Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

People: Thanks be to God.

Organ Voluntary at the Postlude

+ Laying on of Hands for Healing +

If you or one you care about would benefit from special prayers of healing, guidance, or thanksgiving; please kneel at the prayer desks near the altar rail during communion, or, at the altar rail after the dismissal.



Please remember to silence all phones and electronic devices.
Thank you.

TODAY AT ST. JOHN'S

We Give Thanks for Those Being Baptized

9:00 a.m. All Saints Hall: Griffin Joseph Carty-Borden

9:00 a.m. Historic Church: Robert Weems Richardson,
Gear Weems Stott

Our Guest Preacher at 9:00 a.m. & 11:30 a.m. in the Historic Church

Dan Schoos is a lay preacher for the environment in the Diocese of Maryland and an original member of "MEEP," the Maryland Episcopal Environmental Partners, the ministry charged with promoting Bishop Sutton's vision for greening the diocese. Dan works at the Key School in Annapolis, an independent PK-12 day school, teaching Latin and Science in the Upper School division, and as an adjunct in the Outdoor Education department. He has co-led a wide variety of outdoor trips for Key students both locally and internationally, including two multi-week kayak expeditions down the Chesapeake Bay, from Havre de Grace to Cape Charles. He is a longtime member of the AIMS (Association of Independent Maryland and DC Schools) Committee on Gender and Sexuality Diversity. Dan and his husband, the Rev. Alistair So, live with their 16-months old son, Victor, in Annapolis, Maryland. www.greengrace.episcopalmaryland.org

Summer Nursery Schedule

Children are always welcome in worship. There is soft space available in Undercroft of the Historic Church. Additionally, Ms. Sandy is available for Sunday Nursery during 9:00 a.m. worship in room 239 of the Center for Ministry and Education.

Final Sunday Opportunity for J2A Luau Tickets

Aloha! Only a few Luau Pig Roast tickets remain and will be available for purchase TODAY following the 9:00 a.m. worship services. You may also purchase tickets through the St. John's Member Portal. All proceeds benefit the 2018 J2A pilgrimage to Spain. Join us on **Aug. 26** at 6:00 p.m. for delicious food from four competing chefs and Mission BBQ, a silent auction, and fellowship with over 200 friends and family. If you have items to donate for the silent auction, please contact Marlo Eldridge, meldrid3@jhmi.edu or Meredith Parks, mmparks1@aol.com. Don't delay, tickets are going fast! Mahalo!

Cool Drink Receptions following 9:00 a.m. Worship
During the summer, following the 9:00 a.m. worship services, St. John's offers "cool drink receptions." Help is needed to host after All Saints Hall worship on Aug. 27 & Sept. 3. Please email Beth Mackey, msbethmackey@gmail.com with questions and to volunteer.

Sunday Summer Gatherings following 9:00 a.m. Worship
Each Sunday in the summer, families with young children are encouraged to gather and play in the Early Childhood Playground for fellowship and fun. There is access to water fountains and rest rooms for your comfort.

Stewardship at St. John's- Campus Update

In the next few weeks you'll see some planned maintenance work on campus. Repairs to the outside of the Historic Church involve stone mason work and painting. In addition, the aging sewage line to the main campus will be replaced the week of Aug. 28. With 2017 parishioner pledges of \$1,002,050 of the \$1,065,000 goal, not meeting our annual needs, these repairs remain possible due to gifts to the Light the Way capital campaign. Thank you to everyone that supports the stewardship of St. John's.

WORSHIP AND PARISH LIFE

Book Club will meet at Sue Carlson's home for a movie night on **Aug. 22** at 7:00 p.m. Looking ahead to Sept. our book is "A Man Called Ove" by Fredrik Backman. The Book Club meets at 7:00 p.m. the 4th Tuesday of each month in a member's home, unless otherwise noted.

Blessing of the Backpacks: Sunday, August 27th

All students are invited to bring their backpacks to the 9:00 a.m. worship in the Historic Church or All Saints Hall for a special blessing in preparation for the new school year.

Candle Lighting Vigil & Recovery Celebration

On Thur. **Aug. 31** from 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., St. John's will host the Howard County Candle Lighting Vigil & Recovery Celebration in honor of International Overdose Awareness Day to raise awareness of overdose and reduce the stigma of drug-related deaths. This event also acknowledges the grief felt by families and friends remembering those who have met with death or permanent injury as a result of drug overdose. Resource tables from various support organizations will be open from 5:30-7:00 p.m., with the program running from 7:00-8:00 p.m.

Musicians Needed for Instrumental Ensemble!

Wind and string players from middle school through adult are invited to join the instrumental ensemble, which plays in the Historic Church on the third Sunday of each month and rehearses one Thursday each month. We also play for special services, such as Christmas Eve and One Worship on Sept. 10. **Our next rehearsal is Sept. 7, 6:30 p.m.** Please contact Susan Fedors, 410-203-9830, sfedors@hotmail.com if you are interested in playing with us!

Les Petits Chanteurs Concert - Host Families Needed

After the Les Petits Chanteur and Chamber Ensemble performance at St. John's on Tue., **Sept. 26** from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., hosts are needed to provide beds overnight and breakfast for our Haitian guests. We are now only in need of hosts for adult Haitians (who request to be hosted in pairs). All the youth have accommodations - Thank you! Please consider this opportunity to make their visit a memorable one. Reply to Bonnie Sturm, Event Coordinator at bonnie_sturm@yahoo.com.

MISSION & OUTREACH

Service Over Self/Rise Against Hunger

Please join fellow parishioners to package 10,000 highly nutritious dehydrated meals in an assembly-line process on Sun., **Aug. 27** from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the Auditorium. Rise Against Hunger (formerly Stop Hunger Now), an international hunger relief organization, will bring all of the supplies onsite and will deliver the packaged meals to their in-country partners. All costs of materials are being paid for by Outreach funds. Please sign up to participate by visiting www.events.stophungernow.org/StJohnsEC2017.

PASTORAL CARE

St. John's Clergy On-Call Phone

A clergy member carries an on-call phone at all times. To alert the clergy of a death, illness, hospitalization, or any type of pastoral need, please call **443-538-2806**, and they will respond as quickly as possible.

ST. JOHN'S PARISH DAY SCHOOL

New Interim Head of School Announced

The Parish Day School's Executive Board of Trustees announced the new Interim Head of School, the Rev. Dr. Chip Prehn. Please visit www.stjohnspds.org to learn more about Dr. Prehn. We welcome Dr. Prehn to our St. John's community!

Reminder: The 2017-2018 SJPDS school year begins Wed., **Sept. 6.**

Would You Like to Learn More about the exciting programs at St. John's Parish Day School? Visit our website, www.stjohnspds.org or call 410-465-7644.

UPCOMING/SAVE THE DATE

- Outreach Casseroles Due – August 20
- J2A Luau Pig Roast Fundraiser – August 26
- Blessing of the Backpacks – August 27
- Rise Against Hunger Packing Event– August 27
- International Overdose Awareness Day Event– Aug. 31
- SJPDS First Day of School– September 6
- One Worship & Parish Carnival– September 10
- Rev. Ann Ritonia's First Sunday – September 10
- Children's Faith Formation & Youth Classes Begin – Sept.17
- Holy Land Pilgrimage – January 4-15, 2018

Prayer or Care Requests: If you have a specific prayer/care request, please fill out a yellow Prayer/Care Card found at the Welcome Centers. Give the card directly to a member of the clergy. The name given will be added to our parish prayer list for 30 days, unless you ask it be kept confidential. Please contact the parish office if you or a loved one are admitted to the hospital, as we no longer have access to hospital patient information. The clergy and lay ministers of the Pastoral Care Commission look forward to serving you. Clergy on-call cell phone: 443-538-2806. Clergy Contact: The Rt. Rev. John L. Rabb, jrabb@stjohnsec.org or 410-461-7793.

In Case of Emergency: If there should be an evacuation for any reason, please immediately and calmly exit out of the building. During Faith Formation (10:15 a.m. to 11:15 a.m.), your child will safely leave and remain with an adult instructor until your arrival. Infants, toddlers, children and youth will be in their designated space of either the front lawn, Clark House lawn or the Early Childhood playground.

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Copy deadline for published announcements is noon, Tuesday.
Send Blessings E-News submissions to kpriestley@stjohnsec.org.
Send Announcement Bulletin submissions to slvon@stjohnsec.org.

Sunday to Monday: a resource for prayer and reflection

Please take this sheet home with you

Reflecting on scripture brings the heritage of our Christian tradition and sacred texts into conversation with the events of our daily lives. Spending time in thought and prayer with the scripture texts we hear each Sunday, nurtures our faith, and opens new pathways to receive God's love.

This week's reflections:

1. In today's Gospel reading, after Jesus saves Peter from sinking below the waves, he says, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?" What tone of voice do you think Jesus uses when saying this? What expression do you imagine is on his face?
2. Near the beginning of today's Gospel reading, we are told that Jesus wanted to get away by himself to pray. What connection(s) do you see between these prayers and the story that follows?
3. When topics such as climate change, energy policy/choices, recycling, or wildlife/animal welfare enter conversations or social media postings you participate in, how often do your contributions reflect faith-based considerations (as opposed to political or scientific considerations)?

For Your Daily Devotions

WE ASK YOUR PRAYERS FOR: Dorothy Abel, Anna Bailey, Ken Banzhof, William Eric Boin, Arlene Burgio, Paul & Patricia DiPiazza, J Dingle, John Lewis, Tom Merson, Charles Miller, Ken Shafer, Megan Santa Croce, Dan Hagan, Mary Rabbitt, John Dyer, Bonny Day Lally, Ardene Scroggy, Bob Runcl, Charles Elder, Bob, Maddie.

FOR THOSE IN HARM'S WAY: Jonas Kelsall, Barry Weimer, for our armed forces, for all whose homelands are torn by violence; for those fleeing Syria; for the people of the Middle East; for the people of South Sudan; for the people of Kenya; for the people of Pakistan; for the people of Haiti

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED:

FOR ALL THE BLESSINGS OF THIS LIFE: The birth candle is lit in thanksgiving for the birth of Knox Ryan Marble, grandson of Brian & Carol Reid.

THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR OF THE HISTORIC CHURCH are given in memory of Laura & Michael Logsdon's parents.

IN THE DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER: Holy Nativity, Baltimore; Immanuel, Glencoe; and St. Andrew's ICC/AE. Baltimore.

IN THE ANGLICAN CYCLE OF PRAYER: The Diocese of Remo - (Lagos, Nigeria)

Our community shares the compassion of prayer with members and beyond. Names will remain on the prayer list for 30 days. After the initial 30 days, if you wish to have a name stay on the list for an additional 30 days, please complete a prayer card found at the Welcome Centers. You may give the card to one of the clergy, or, contact the Parish Office.



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