

From the Interim Rector

Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not rely on your own insight. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths. Proverbs 3:5-6

Dear people of God at St. John's Episcopal Church,

We are knee-deep in Lent with Holy Week and Easter just around the corner.

And during this solemn but busy season we also have three especially important parish meetings with The Rev. Canon Jessie Dodson that will help guide the Rector search process. Those will take place on three successive Thursdays, March 7, 14, and 21, following Lenten Midweek Evening Prayer, which begins at 6:30 p.m. each Thursday. I'm sure you'll read or hear about these meetings elsewhere and at several other times. But the value of your presence bears repeating.

Although I am only in my second month among you and incredibly happy to be here, I will remind you at every opportunity that I am only here for an interim period of time. And during this period, one of my responsibilities is to invite you into a process of spiritual discernment that will help you envision what type of leader you are seeking.

There are decisions which need to be made. And my prayer is that, as Christians, you will have the confidence to let Jesus Christ guide your decision on the future. A Scripture verse that has been a strength for me is the one quoted above from Proverbs 3:5-6.

The constant in our life, and our life of faith, needs to be the presence of Christ. I can't emphasize enough how far a few moments in silent prayer will go to enable us to contemplate those places we feel we may be resisting God's activity in our lives, and/or to discover an opportunity or a challenge we may feel God is inviting us to embrace or entertain.

And the best way we stay connected to God is by worshiping regularly. That is the most important experience that happens in church. It is from your gathering together each week that all ministry flows. It is here where you are fed with the word and sacrament and are sent out into the world to make the name of Christ known to others by your words and by your deeds.

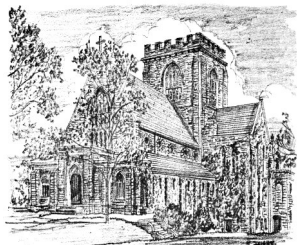
The work of God, happens best, it seems, when the people hear God still speaking to them in their own place and time, in their own situation, and listen for where God is leading them and whom God is sending to lead them. The church cannot be separated from God in Jesus Christ. God's presence in our lives is the foundation of our life together.

+The Rev. Abraham D. Allende

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March Events

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| March 1 | 12:15 pm Taft Student of the Month |
| March 3 | 8:00 am Service with Eucharist 9:15 am Adult Forum Lenten Study 10:30 am Sunday School 10:30 am Service with Eucharist* 11:45 am EfM 12:00 pm Finance Meeting |
| March 5 | 9:00 am English Center in Classroom |
| March 6 | 9:20 am Reading at Taft Elementary 7:15 pm Choir Practice |
| March 7 | 9:00 am English Center in Classroom 6:30 pm Evening Prayer Service 7:00 pm Parish Meeting to follow |
| March 9 | Lit Youngstown in Undercroft |
| March 10 | Time Change - set your clocks ahead! 8:00 am Service with Eucharist 9:15 am Adult Forum Lenten Study 10:30 am Sunday School 10:30 am Service with Eucharist* |
| March 12 | 9:00 am English Center in Classroom 6:30 pm PFLAG Meeting |
| March 13 | 6:00 pm Abundant Life Service 7:15 pm Choir Practice |
| March 14 | 9:00 am English Center in Classroom 6:30 pm Evening Prayer Service 7:00 pm Parish Meeting to follow |
| March 15 | Vestry Retreat |
| March 16 | Vestry Retreat Continues 9:00 am Women's Coffee 10:00 am Red Door Food Pantry |
| March 17 | 8:00 am Service with Eucharist 9:15 am Adult Forum - Lenten Study 10:30 am Sunday School 10:30 am Service with Eucharist* |
| March 19 | 9:00 am English Center in Classroom 1:15 pm Taft Mobile Pantry 5:30 pm EfM |
| March 20 | 7:15 pm Choir Practice |
| March 21 | 6:30 pm Evening Prayer Service 7:00 pm Parish Meeting to follow |
| March 22 | 4:00 pm Cheesy with DZ philanthropy dinner |
| March 23 | 7:30 pm Cavani String Quartet at St. John's |

* Our 10:30am services are also broadcast on Facebook Live and Youtube. Bulletins are available on our website stjohnohio.org

Holy Week Schedule

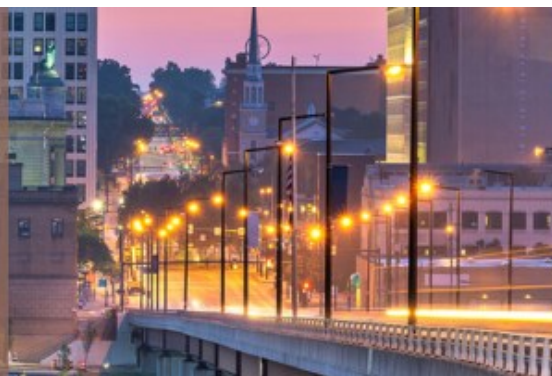
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| March 24 | Palm Sunday 8:00 am Service with Eucharist 9:15 am Adult Forum - Lenten Study 10:30 am Sunday School 10:30 am Service with Eucharist* |
| March 26 | 9:00 am English Center in Classroom |
| March 27 | 7:15 pm Choir Practice |
| March 28 | Maundy Thursday 7pm Service 9:00 am English Center in Classroom |
| March 29 | Good Friday 12:00 pm Stations of the Cross 7:00 pm Service |
| March 30 | Easter Vigil 8pm Service |
| March 31 | Easter Sunday 8:00 am Service with Eucharist 9:00 am Easter Brunch 10:30 am Sunday School 10:30 am Service with Eucharist* |



ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
SEASON OF LENT

THURSDAY Evening Prayer SERVICES

Thursdays 6:30pm
THURSDAYS THROUGH LENT



Thursday Evening Prayer

We invite you to join us for an Evening Prayer service lead by The Rev. Allende throughout the Lenten Season.

Services take place at 6:30pm each Thursday in the Sanctuary.

Following services are Parish Meetings beginning at 7:00pm

Holy Week Serving Schedule

Our schedule could use some extra servers, please contact the office if you would be able to assist with any of the dates / times marked in Yellow.

| Services have alternate times | March 24 Palm Sunday | March 28 7:00pm Maundy Thursday | March 29 7:00pm Good Friday | March 30 8:00pm Easter Vigil | March 31 Easter Sunday |
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| Altar Guild 8:00am | Denise J. Allen D. | Molly, Cindy Tom, Denise J., Eva | Eva S. | Eva S. | Denise J. |
| Reader 8:00am | John M. Brooke B. David B. | John M. | David B. Logan B. Sam D. Eva S. | Logan B. Eva S. Noah S. Sam D. | John M. David B. |
| Usher | Sue F. | ---- | ---- | ---- | George E. |
| Altar Guild 10:30am | Karen R. | ---- | ---- | ---- | Mara A. |
| Videographer | Doug H. | ---- | Tony M. | ---- | Doug H. |
| Reader 10:30am | Judy G. Noah S. Logan B. Sam D. Eva S. | ---- | ---- | ---- | Logan B. Sam D. Judy G. |
| Usher 10:30am | David S. Matt B. | Cindy S. Tom S. | ---- | ---- | Cindy S. Tom S. |
| Verger 10:30am | Meg S. | ---- | ---- | Meg S. | Noah S. |
| Acolytes | 1. Emerson 2. Sveva | ---- | ---- | ---- | Emerson H. Michael R. Mathew R. Morgan R. |



Easter Brunch

All are welcome to join us for our Easter Sunday Brunch on March 31st at 9:00am in the Great Hall.

If you would like to assist with this, please contact the office or speak with Eva or Ginger.



Spring Forward!

Remember to move your clocks forward before bed on Saturday, March 9th so you're on time for church on Sunday, March 10th!

Adult Forum: Lenten Study

Forgiveness, A Lenten Study by Marjorie Thompson led by Rev. David Hill on Sunday mornings in the Parlor at 9:15 a.m. The six-week study will conclude on March 24.

WE NEED YOU



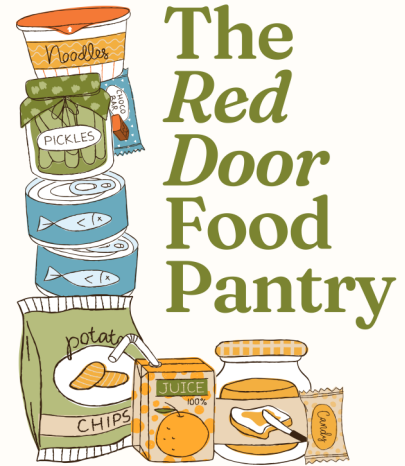
We need you!

We are in need of servers for the Sunday Services. If you are interested in being a reader / Chalice Bearer or Usher for either the 8:00am or 10:30am services, please contact Heather in the office or one of the Sunday Servers for more information.

The goal is that each of these responsibilities happens once a month (outside of special services) so that everyone has

the opportunity to enjoy the Sunday service.

There are signs on the bulletin boards with slips to fill out and return to the desk in the office if you are interested or have questions.



The Red Door Food Pantry

Red Door Food Pantry

Our upcoming Red Door Food Pantry is Saturday, March 16th from 10:00-11:15am.

Volunteers are always needed. If you or your group would like to volunteer, please contact the church office at stjohnohio@gmail.com

The Red Door Food Pantry is accepting donations of your cloth / reusable bags. Please leave bags in the basket on the bridge. **Thank you!**

WOMEN'S COFFEE



Women's Coffee Hour

All women are welcome for coffee, refreshments, and conversation. Join us for our monthly Women's Coffee Hour preceding the Red Door Food Pantry from 9:00am-10:00am on Saturday, March 16th.

We invite our neighbors to use this as a time to relax, rest, and get to know us and one another.



Coffee Hour

Join us for refreshments each Sunday in the back of the church following the 10:30 am service. If you would be willing to bring baked goods (homemade or store bought) please sign-up in the back of the church.

If you are unable to serve but would like to bring baked goods, please sign up, someone will gladly serve for you.

February 2024 Treasurer's Report

Operating Fund Balance: \$15,243.04

Total Expenses were: \$35,246.01

Total income was: \$31,658.69

Current Pledges are: 105.37%

Contributions (Non Pledged) are: 266.18%



We Pray For

those on our prayer list:

Allen DeMarks
T.J. Leo
Kim Daniels
Brian Hill
Tom Wrona
Jim Ehret
Vickey
Ginger Elliott
Carmela
Adam Sullivan
Doug Hotchkiss
Charles Rumberg
Derrie Wilkes

March Birthdays

- 1 Joan Stadnik
Gail Paul
- 6 Kris Shepley
- 8 Lori Grim
Peter Glatz
Braiden Bulkley
- 9 Kristen Schmidt
- 10 Ella Hare
David Bulkley Jr.
- 11 Diane New
Hunter Morrison
- 12 Richie Murray III
- 13 Rachel Murray
Thea Hare
- 14 Brenda Barry
- 17 Joseph DeNiro
Maevie Hamilton
- 20 Justin Chisholm
- 21 Judy Graziano
Eva Pandone
Sam Barillaire
- 22 Bill Messenger
- 24 Lisa Callahan
- 25 Matt Barry
- 27 Matt Robertson
Chet Amedia
- 28 Sarah Quaranta
- 30 Mike Kovachik
- 31 Sally Dutton
Bethany Manhollan

March Anniversaries

- 17 Misook Yun & James Boyd

If you would like your birthday or anniversary listed in or removed from upcoming newsletters or bulletins, please contact the office at (330) 743-3175 or email Heather at stjohnohio@gmail.com



The Good News Submissions

If you would like to submit something to the St. John's newsletter, please contact Heather in the office. Submissions are due by the 20th of each month and will appear in the following month's edition. We accept prayers, reflections, articles about events, or even things from the archives.

Upcoming in April

April 5

Taft Student of the Month

April 10

Reading at Taft

April 16

Taft Mobile Pantry
EfM

April 20

Women's Coffee
Red Door Food Pantry



Cavani String Quartet

Join us in welcoming the Cavani String Quartet to St. John's on Saturday, March 23rd, at 7:30pm.

Part of the Pipino Performing Arts Series at YSU Cliffe College of Creative Arts, the Cavani String Quartet has been described by the *Washington Post* as "completely engrossing, powerful and elegant," the Cavani Quartet's artistic excellence, generous spirit, and fervent ambassadorship for great music have placed them among America's greatest string quartets.

The quartet's more than thirty-year legacy has garnered impressive recognition, including The Naumburg Award, Ohio Governors Award for the Arts, *Musical America* Magazine's Young Artists of the Year, ASCAP

Award for Adventurous Programming, two-time winner of The Guarneri Quartet Award Artistic Excellence, and recipients of more than ten Chamber Music America Residency Partnership Grants.

ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
SEASON OF LENT

LENTEN

Prayers & Reflections
Submitted by St John's Parishioners

Daily Prayers and Reflections

Parishioners have been submitting Prayers and Reflections for Lent that have been posted on Facebook, Instagram, our website, and have gone out via are weekly email list.

Thank you to everyone who has participated. If you would like to submit a reflection or prayer, there are still dates open, please contact the office for more information.

Each Sunday, please wear your name tag to assist +Pastor Allende in getting to know you.

Name tags are on the bulletin board across from the office. If you need a new one, please contact the church office.



Easter Flowers

Easter Flowers are \$25 and will be listed in the Easter Sunday bulletin in honor or memory of loved ones.

If you would like to submit names for Easter Flowers, please contact Heather in the church office.

✦✦ After the Thursday, Evening Prayer Service ✦✦

PARISH MEETING

7:00 PM

March 07

March 14

March 21

All are invited to this series of Parish Meetings in The Great Hall at 7:00pm. The Rev. Canon Jessie Gutsell Dodson will be here to guide us through discussions about our search for our next Rector.

Whether you've been at St. John's your whole life or just recently started attending, we all have a reason for being here and we all have a say in our next chapter.

Each meeting will be unique, so please attend all of them.



in the Great Hall



March Serving Schedule

| | March 3 | March 10 | March 17 | March 24 Palm Sunday | March 31 Easter |
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| Altar Guild 8am | Denise J. | Denise J. | Denise J. | Denise J. | Denise J. |
| Reader 8am | David B. | Brooke B. | Sally O. | See Holy Week Schedule | See Holy Week Schedule |
| Usher 8am | Sue F. | George E. | David B. | Sue F. | George E. |
| Red Door Café | Omega Psi Phi | Christ Lutheran Church | Austintown Church | Farmer's Insurance | Ohev Beth Shalom |
| Altar Guild 10:30am | Mara A. | Mara A. | Mara A. | Mara A. | Mara A. |
| Videographer | Doug H. | Doug H. | Doug H. | Doug H. | Doug H. |
| Reader 10:30am | Judy G. | Doug H. | Noah S. 7pm | See Holy Week Schedule | See Holy Week Schedule |
| Usher 10:30am | Cindy S. Tom S. | David S. Matt B. | Bill B. | David S. Matt B. | See Holy Week Schedule |
| Verger 10:30am | Meg S. | Noah S. | Eva S. | Meg S. | Noah S. |
| Counters 10:30am | | | | | |
| Acolytes | 1. Sveva 2. Morgan | 1. Emerson 2. Quin | 1. Mathew 2. Michael | See Holy Week Schedule | See Holy Week Schedule |
| Coffee Hour | | | | | |

Service Times and Schedules

8:00 am & 10:30 am In Person 10:30am Sunday School
10:30 am Service Facebook Live

Staff & Leadership

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|------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| The Rt. Rev. Anne B. Jolly | <i>Bishop</i> |
| The Rev. Dr. Abraham Allende | <i>Interim Rector</i> |
| Dr. Richard A. Konzen | <i>Organist/Choirmaster</i> |
| Heather Seno | <i>Administrative Assistant</i> |
| Karen Warchol | <i>Financial Secretary</i> |
| Adam Sullivan | <i>Sexton</i> |
| Christa Buckler | <i>CE Coordinator</i> |

Officers & Vestry

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| Tony Manhollan | <i>Senior Warden</i> |
| Martie Witt | <i>Junior Warden</i> |
| Joe DeNiro | <i>Treasurer</i> |
| Jon Caguiat | <i>Clerk</i> |
| Brenda Barry | Sarah Quaranta |
| David Bobovnyik | Liz Johnson |
| | Sue Flasco |

Office Hours

Monday - Friday 8:30 am - 4 pm

The Good News

Send submissions to stjohnohio@gmail.com

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