

From the *Interim Rector*

So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

[2 Corinthians 5:17 NRSV]

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

It is March. We are two months into our year of "Hope and Healing."

March is a hopeful month. After the rather harsh winter that we've experienced we look forward to signs of Spring: warmer temperatures, flowers blooming, and baseball, among others. Yes, hope springs eternal, as the old saying goes.

We also enter the season of Lent, which happens rather late this year.

This has actually worked to our advantage, because it has given us time to plan for the season. Last year, you may recall, I had been among you for just one month, and we had a lot of things – both positive and negative – going on. I compare it to trying to drink from a fire hose. Everything was flying at us fast and furious.

However, this year, we have had the luxury of time, and we look forward to the future with *hope!*

We have several opportunities to deepen our faith this Lent, and therefore increase our hope.

You'll see a more detailed calendar of our Lenten activities elsewhere on these pages. However, I would like to invite you specifically to our Lenten Bible Study on the Baptismal Promises. We will be using a book titled, *Will You? A Lenten Study of Baptismal Promises*, written by Amanda Perkins McGriff, an Episcopal priest and chaplain at a children's hospital in Memphis, Tennessee.

I chose this book because the tradition of Lent began as a preparation for catechumens, or converts to the Christian faith, who were to be baptized on Holy Saturday, to be united with the death and resurrection of Christ. Their main focus and the basis for their faith, was that Jesus had overcome the power of death, had freed them from their sins, and invited them to enter into a new life which lasted forever.

You may have noted that in the past few weeks, I've mentioned baptism and communion several times in my sermons. They are the two major sacraments of the Church.

However, I feel that those of us who were baptized as infants have not really embraced the full power of its significance for our lives. Hopefully (there's that word again!), this study will help us gain a better understanding of dying to sin in the waters of baptism and the rising to newness of life by God's claim on us through this sacrament.

Beginning on March 6, we will gather in the parlor each Thursday at 12:15 p.m. and share a light meal before moving into An Order of Service for Noonday, and from there, dive into our Lenten study.

In preparation, I encourage you to read the Baptismal Covenant, found on pages 304-305 of the *Book of Common Prayer*, especially, the five "Will you?" questions on which the book is structured and that will guide the conversations each week.

To quote the author, "My prayer is that this book will inspire you to think in new ways about the promises we make to God, to each other, and to ourselves in our baptisms."

I look forward to seeing you and together, explore what God has in store for us this Lenten season.

+The Rev. Abraham D. Allende



The GOOD NEWS

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March 2025

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
						1 Parochial Report Due
2 Rite I 8:00am Rite II 10:30am Sunday School 10:30am Finance Meeting 12:00pm	3	4 Read at Taft Elementary 9:20am	5 Ashes-to-Go 9-11am Service 12:00pm Service 7:00pm Choir Practice Ash Wednesday	6 Lent Luncheon 12:15pm	7 Youngstown First Friday 5:00pm	8 Lit Youngstown Writing Intensives 9-5:00pm
9 Rite I 8:00am Rite II 10:30am Sunday School 10:30am EfM 12:00pm	10 YSU Theta Chi Spaghetti Dinner 5-8pm	11 PFLAG 6:30pm	12 Book Club 6:00pm Abundant Life 6:00pm Choir Practice 7:15pm	13 Lent Luncheon 12:15pm Lent Service 7:00pm YSU Music Event 7:30pm	14 Taft Student of the Month 12:00pm	15 Women's Coffee 9:00am Pantry 10:00am
16 Rite I 8:00am Rite II 10:30am Sunday School 10:30am YSU David Russell Music 3-4:30pm	17	18 Taft Mobile Pantry 1:15pm YSU Alpha Xi Delta Spaghetti Dinner 4-8pm	19 Choir Practice 7:15pm	20 Lent Luncheon 12:15pm Lent Service 7:00pm	21 Lit Youngstown Gala 6:30pm - 10pm Vestry Retreat	22 Vestry Retreat
23 Rite I 8:00am Rite II 10:30am Sunday School 10:30am EfM 12:00pm	24	25	26 Choir Practice 7:15pm	27 Lent Luncheon 12:15pm Lent Service 7:00pm	28 YSU Delta Zeta Benefit Dinner 4-7pm	29
30 Rite I 8:00am Rite II 10:30am Sunday School 10:30am	31					





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
Maeve 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 office@stjohnohio.org

**ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
BOOK CLUB**

St. John's Book Club

323 Wick Ave., Youngstown, OH 44503

All are welcome to join in our book discussion of the book *We Will Be Jaguars: A Memoir of My People* by Nemonte Nenquimo and Mitch Anderson.

Wednesday, March 12th
6:00-7:00pm
St. John's Parlor

For more information on the book, scan the QR Code.

Currently Reading

All are welcome to join in our book club discussion of *We Will Be Jaguars* by Nemonte Nenquimo and Mitch Anderson. We are meeting on Wednesday, March 12th at 6:00pm in the St. John's Parlor. Light Refreshments will be served.

About the book:

From a fearless, internationally acclaimed activist, *We Will Be Jaguars* is an impassioned memoir about an indigenous childhood, a clash of cultures, and the fight to save the Amazon rainforest and protect her people.

Born into the Waorani tribe of Ecuador's Amazon rainforest- one of the last to be contacted by missionaries in the 1950s - Nemonte Nenquimo had a singular upbringing. She was taught about plant medicines, foraging, oral storytelling, and shamanism by her elders. She played barefoot in the forest and didn't walk on pavement, or see a car, until she was a teenager and left to study with an evangelical missionary group in the city. But after Nemonante's ancestors began appearing in her dreams, pleading with her to return and embrace her own culture, she listened.



Spring Forward!

Remember to move your clocks forward before bed on Saturday, March 8th so you're on time for church on Sunday, March 9th!



Red Door Food Pantry

Our upcoming Red Door Food Pantry is Saturday, March 15th 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 dish soap and laundry soap. Please leave items in the basket on the bridge. **Thank you!**



Women's Coffee

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 15th.

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



Taft Elementary School Outreach

Reading at Taft Elementary Tuesday, March 4, 9:20am

Taft Student of the Month Friday, March 14 at 12:00pm

Taft Mobile Pantry Tuesday, March 18, at 1:15pm at the United Way Volunteer Center.

Book Give Away at Taft



Thank you to all of the St. John's donors of new books for the Book Give Away at Taft Elementary School. We received 643 books, so each student chose two books this year. We left all of the remaining books for the teachers to use at their discretion. Many, many thanks go to Mary Jane Quaranta and Marilou Slagle for their help. - Margie McBane



Sunday School

Join us each Sunday, for our Sunday School program at 10:30 am. Children will meet in the Sunday School room.



We Pray For

Those who have requested prayer this month:

T.J. Leo, Allen DeMarks, Kim Daniels, Jim Ehret, Vickey, Ginger Elliott, Carmela, Adam Sullivan, Doug Hotchkiss, Charles Rumberg, Twila, Carol, Wally, Ron Robertson, Gaynell Harris, Olivia, Carlos & Julianna Caguiat, Heather Foley, Denise Lancaster, Donna Wynn, Tim Ruane, Brian Sullivan, Kristen Hamilton, Sam Dickey

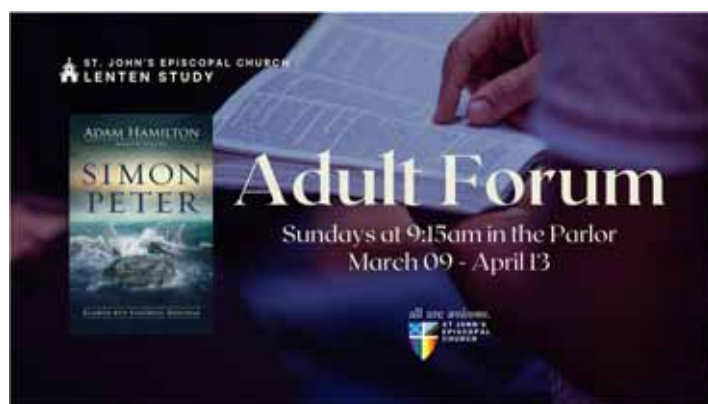


ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
SEASON OF LENT

Asb Wednesday
MARCH 5TH
Ashes to Go Services
9:00am - 11:00am 12:00pm & 7:00pm

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SEASON OF LENT

THURSDAY SERVICES
Evening Prayer
7:00pm
BEGINNING MARCH 13
THROUGH LENT



ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
LENTEN STUDY

ADAM HAMILTON
SIMON PETER

Adult Forum
Sundays at 9:15am in the Parlor
March 09 - April 13

all are welcome
ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Adult Forum - Lenten Study

In Simon Peter, Flawed by Faithful Disciple, pastor and best-selling author Adam Hamilton tells the story of this ordinary fisherman who heard an extraordinary call. Peter was poor, uneducated, quick-tempered, and full of doubts and fears - an ordinary guy. Yet in response to God's extraordinary call, Peter left everything to follow his teacher and found a passion that would change the world.

Discover how you, too, have special gifts, talents, and abilities that God can use to make a difference today.

All are welcome and encouraged to join us for this 6-session study led by Rev. David Hill on Sunday mornings in the Parlor from 9:15 to 10:20a.m., beginning March 9 and concluding April 13.

Please let David or Heather know if you are interested, so that we can order study books soon. A donation of \$5 is suggested to defray the cost of the books.



Easter Flowers

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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.

WE NEED YOU



We need you!

Properties Committee seeks new members

The Properties Committee is looking for new members. People interested should contact Jim Witt, Properties Chair, or contact the office for more information.

Interested in helping during the Sunday Service?

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

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.

Ash Wednesday & Lent Serving Schedule

	March 5 Ash Wednesday	March 13	March 20	March 27
Altar Guild 12:00pm	Denise J.	----	----	----
Lector 12:00pm	Sally O.	---	---	---
Usher 12:00pm	John M.	---	---	---
Altar Guild 7:00pm	Eva S.	Eva S.	Eva S.	Eva S.
Verger 7:00pm	Eva S.	Eva S.	Noah S.	Meg S.
Usher 7:00pm		Cindy S.	David B.	Tom S.
Lector 7:00pm	Judy G.	Eva S.	Noah S.	David B.
Chalice Bearer 7:00pm	---	---	---	---
Videographer 7:00pm	Doug H.	Doug H.	Doug H.	Doug H.
Counters 7:00pm	---	---	---	---
Acolyte 7:00pm	1. Michael 2. Mathew	---	----	----



Altar Flowers

Commemorate a loved one with Altar Flowers or an Aumbrey Candle. Your notice will be posted in the weekly bulletin. Altar Flowers are a suggested donation of \$25 for one week. Aumbrey candles are a suggested donation of \$10 for two weeks. If you would like to add a new name to the Altar Flower list, you can now do so on the bulletin board on the second floor or contact the church office.



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 2025

April 3 & 10

Lent Bible Study
12:15pm

April 13

Palm Sunday

April 17

Maundy
Thursday
7:00pm

April 18

Good Friday
7:00pm

April 19

Easter Vigil
8:00pm

April 20

Easter Sunday

Evening Prayer
7:00pm



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all are
welcome.

season of *Lent* & *Holy Week*

March 05 Ash Wednesday	9:00AM 12:00PM 7:00PM
Thursdays in Lent beginning March 13	12:15PM 7:00PM
April 13 Palm Sunday	8:00AM 10:30AM
April 17 Maundy Thursday	7:00PM
April 18 Good Friday	12:00PM 7:00PM
April 19 Holy Saturday	8:00PM
April 20 Easter Sunday	8:00AM 10:30AM
Easter Brunch	9:15AM

March Serving Schedule

	March 2	March 9	March 16	March 23	March 30
Altar Guild 8:00am	Denise J Allen D	Denise J Allen D	Denise J Allen D	Denise J Allen D	Denise J Allen D
Lector 8:00am	David B.	Gail P / Jack T.	Sally O.	David B.	Brooke B.
Usher 8:00am	John M.	David B.	Joe D.	Joe D.	Jim R.
The Red Door Café	Omega Psi Phi Fraternity				
Altar Guild 10:30am	Mara A.	Mara A.	Mara A.	Mara A.	Mara A.
Usher 10:30am	Cindy S Tom S.	Bill B. David S.	Cindy S Tom S.	Matt B. David S.	Cindy S Tom S.
Lector 10:30am	Michael K.	Noah S.	Logan B.	Judy G.	Logan B.
Chalice Bearer 10:30am	Judy G.	Logan B.	Michael K.	Sam D.	Noah S.
Videographer 10:30am	Doug H.	Doug H.	Doug H.	Doug H.	Doug H.
Vergers 10:30am	Noah S	Eva S.	Meg S.	Noah S.	Meg S.
Acolytes 10:30am	Quin Sveva	Emerson Michael	Mathew Michael	Sveva Morgan	Quin Sveva
Counters 10:30am	Jim W	Lance G	Chet A	Joe D	Lance G

Service Times and Schedules

8:00 am & 10:30 am In Person 10:30am streaming on Facebook Live & YouTube
Sunday School 10:30am

Staff & Leadership

The Rt. Rev. Anne B. Jolly	<i>Bishop</i>
The Rev. Abraham Allende	<i>Interim Rector</i>
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Adam Sullivan	<i>Sexton</i>
Christa Buckler	<i>CE Coordinator</i>

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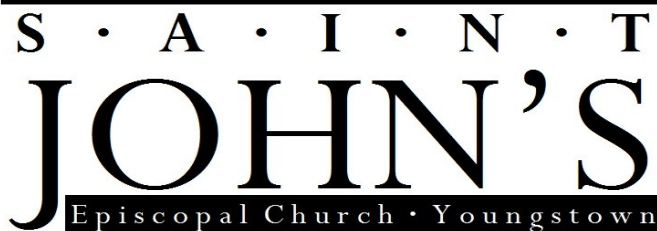
Tony Manhollan	<i>Senior Warden</i>		
Martie Witt	<i>Junior Warden</i>		
Joe DeNiro	<i>Treasurer</i>		
	<i>Clerk</i>		
Sarah Quaranta	Liz Johnson	Noah Silver	Molly Letcher
Logan Burrows	Sue Flasco		David Bobovnyik

Office Hours

Monday - Friday 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

The Good News

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