



# SAINT JOHN'S JOURNAL

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Dear Friends,

Have you given St. John's Facebook Page a look? Since it came on line at the beginning of Lent, it has been used to publicize coming events, to show photos of the first flowers peeping their buds into the light of the Memorial Garden, as well as photos of our youth group's wonderful 30 Hour Famine a couple of weeks ago. About a hundred parishioners and another twenty five interested friends and relatives have become "fans" of the page. There are other visitors to the page as well, so it is functioning just as one would hope in communicating with people about their church. So far so good!

Through Lent, it has featured a daily quotation from the words of Jesus for people to think about through the day. I didn't realize it when I invited the people of St. John's to make a daily practice of reading the posted Bible verse and perhaps sharing a thought or two in response, but it seems that doing so has required a little courage. Of course, posting private thoughts about religion takes a little courage! Why didn't I think of that? Even clicking on the "like" button under the posting puts your name there! So let me say Bravo! to the people who have done so. But even without posting anything publicly, you make yourself vulnerable to having your assumptions challenged and your outlook changed, just by inviting Jesus to "speak to you" each day.

This is very much in keeping with the traditional Lenten discipline of trying to come to grips with our failings and sins. Repentance is a process of admitting to ourselves what we wish were not true: that something we have done has been hurtful, selfish, or wrong. This takes courage! Speaking poetically, it takes us on a journey through the valley of the shadow of death. We go from the comforting but deceptive

twilight of half-truths ("I didn't have a choice," "I was misunderstood," "I was provoked," etc.) down into the darkness of shame and embarrassment. But the journey does not end there, any more than Lent ends with Good Friday. Soon, we walk out of the dark valley and into the light of the Resurrection—light that illuminates the truth, not with a harsh glare, but with the warm light of mercy and new life.

In the same way, courageously inviting Jesus to speak to us may lead to hearing him call us into new and unfamiliar territory. Yet even if the journey is scary to begin with, it leads to new life. If you have undertaken any Lenten discipline seriously this year, you have acted with the courage to be led by Jesus to new and unfamiliar territory. This includes private reflections and prayers as well as more public activities like the Facebook Page or the Bible Basics class on Sundays. Now as we come to the end of Lent, we enter the part of the journey called Holy Week. Parts of it are very scary and dark. Yet even though it leads through the darkest part of the valley, it is the clearest path into the warm light of the Resurrection. New life lies ahead, and Jesus is calling us to it! When the women discovered that the tomb was empty, the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid...he is going ahead of you!" Make sure to come to church for as much of Holy Week as you can, starting with Palm Sunday this weekend, and going right through Easter.

Peace,

The Reverend Matthew R. Lincoln

For those of you who receive your newsletter by e-mail  
an "Easter Envelope" will be mailed to you shortly.



## PRAY...

For those who are ill or have other problems: Lisa Kisho, Kay Claiborn, Inez Meade, Colin Westbrook, Kevin Powers, John Fiorrillo, Earl Williams, Cedarn Jaquish, Bonnie Buick, Leslie Meade, Elizabeth Hindinger, Donna Goettler, Pam Walgren, Carol Goedert, Sterling Jewett, Stacy Sarro, John Kastokevich, Anthony Zimbardi, Chris Tillson, Ethan Riley, Jacob Robert, Penny, Janet Spering, Kevin Powers, Echo Clairmont, Lesley Wooden Knife, Arva Nora King, Adah Stalnaker, LuAnn Bruno, Louis Bradinini, Bruce Sparks, Nancy Glaser, Bill Dunham, Terry Shamansky, The Douglas family, Lillian Falko, Madelyn Prata, Linda Masto, Allen & Gloria, Mitchell Johnson, Cristina Russo, Debbie Graziosa, Michael Connors, Sherry

*Worship is at the heart of all we do...*

### **Sundays**

#### **Saturday Evening**

**5:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist**

A brief, quiet celebration of the Lord's Supper, in traditional language and with homily.

#### **Sunday Morning**

**8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite I**

The traditional service (with homily) largely untouched since the Episcopal Church was formed.

**9:00 a.m. Christian Education**

During the school year, there are Sunday School classes for children and discussion groups for adults between the two services.

**10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II**

The main service of the week, designed for people of all ages, with organ music and hymn singing. Children are invited to leave the service for a Bible activity during the sermon, and return at the peace to receive communion with their parents.

#### **Wednesday Evening**

**7:30 p.m. Healing Service**

This service is for those who wish healing prayers. The service is conducted by our Healing Ministers.

The church doors are open as often as possible. They are always open Tuesday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Boullion, Eric Victor Bryant, John Ryan Walker, Phil Palmisano, Davida Foy Crabtree, David Hindinger, Brian Kaufman, Carolyn Paul, Caesarea Lombroso, Effie Jerrett, Marshall Antonio, Allison Fisher, Kelly Gaudio, Billy Palmisano, Robert Moore, Kevin D'Andrea, Michael Lombardi, Andrew Davidson, Madeline Simone, Judy Tassisto, Dorothy Barth, Paul Lemke, Barbara Allen, John & Paul Balog, Ryan Mead, Randy Wandiak, Helen Simpson, Louis Kravitz, Pete Thomas, Agnes Grace, Ruth McCall, Debbie Ward O'Brien, Patricia Wiedemann, Maria & George Fava, Ron Maynard, Ilene & Bob Saulsbury, Lester Reynolds, Clara Guevara, Patricia Schneider, Marge Barna, Betty Condon, Joan Piercey, Rick & Kathy Morgan, Henry Benz, Ros Stevens, Jonathan Narducci, Paul Munson, Lori Esposito, Anthony Adinolfi, Conni Fedeyko, Attica Meade, Edward DePino, Stefan Fedeyko, Don Davidson, Jennie Bosco, Shirley Player, Joseph Cecarelli, Betty Creamer, Sherman Squires, Dorothy Chouinard, Augusta & Don Allen, Sr., Priscilla & Walter Kenney, Dorothy Fortier, Parker Small, Margaret Davis, Art Fredricksen, Susanne Davis-Wolfer, Sandra Fatta, Ron Hagobian, Lois M., Gary Turbert, Charles Joseph Moore, Richard Rozanski, Ruth Reed, June Talbot, Shirley Turbert, and Aurea Caban.

For those called to serve our country:

Daniel Siaumau Bower, Kyle Hannon, Gordon P. McCall, Justin Rubino, Frank L. Kane IV, Gregory Alex, Tony Smith, Adam Smith, Robert Fichtner, Chanda Choun, David Earle, Walter McElrath, Matthew Hannon, Frank DellaCamera III, John DellaCamera, Todd Savage, George Wayne Daniel, Matilda M. Markham, and Hamilton Markham, Walter Gradzik, Chris Beckwith, and John Horn.

**Please note:** If you are hospitalized, please make sure you call the church office and let us know. Due to confidentiality concerns the hospital is no longer making general information available to churches. Information is only available when requested specifically by name.



Have you hosted a coffee hour this year? We really need you..there are not many Sundays left!

Please as you enjoy your coffee this Sunday, stroll on over to the "Coming Events" bulletin board and sign up to host a coffee hour. Coffee, sugar, and paper goods are supplied by the church. All you need bring is milk, cookies, donut holes (or anything else you choose). It can be as simple or as fancy as you want. Invite someone to do it with you. You will need to arrive at church about 9:30 a.m. so that you can set up and plug the coffee in before the 10:00 a.m. service. There are always people around to lend a hand both with set-up and clean-up. Don't be afraid to ask for help. If you have any questions about this ministry please call the church office 203-239-0156.

## Easter Breakfast

Don't forget the Easter Breakfast between the 8:00am and 10am services. There is a sign-up sheet posted in the Great Hall with suggestions of what to bring. Come and enjoy fun and fellowship with your St. John's family either following, or followed by, a wonderful church celebration.

# Have You Heard?

## Save the Date



Mark your calendars for this one now! The Eighth Annual St. John's Golf Tournament is scheduled for Thursday, September 30th at Lyman Orchards Golf Course. Save the date now and watch for further announcements...but start planning your foursomes!

## Stevens Woods Elderly Housing

Stevens Woods Elderly Housing, 165 Clintonville Road, North Haven, has opened its waiting list March 15th, 2010, Call 203-239-6229 for an application or information.

Thank you to all those who have helped support the Sandwich Ministry.

Wednesday mornings will not be the same when the Sandwich Ladies close up for the summer. The kitchen will be quiet, and there won't be that lovely peanutty smell of peanut butter and jelly sandwiches, or the low hum of merriment behind the kitchen doors. Never mind, they will be back again in the Fall when this ministry will start up again.

Many thanks to them for their dedication to this ministry and to all of you who have supported it with donations of peanut butter, jelly or canned tuna, etc. Also a special thanks to Peggy White who delivers the sandwiches to the New Haven Green and the shelters. This ministry will continue through the last Wednesday in April and then start up again in the Fall. It is one of the ways of making sure that the homeless and those less fortunate in New Haven have something to eat.

## Chapel on the Green

Chapel on the Green, downtown New Haven, is a ministry overseen by Trinity Church on the Green. It is held weekly outside (whatever the weather) behind the church, and homeless people are encouraged to come to the service and are then fed a lunch. JT Lincoln is part of a drum group that goes there weekly and drums to call everyone to church. Churches around the area take it in turns providing sandwiches and snacks.

## Alan Shawn Feinstein Foundation Anti-Hunger Challenge

Once again St. John's will participate in Christian Community Action's (CCA) Anti-Hunger Food Drive. For every canned or packaged food item donated, CCA will receive a one-dollar matching donation from the Feinstein Foundation - a win-win program. People in need receive all food donations and CCA receives funds for their important programs.

We will have a box in the Great Hall where you can deposit all food items. Our last day for collecting is Wednesday, April 28. Cash donations using checks, dated between March 1 and April 30 and noting they are for the anti-hunger challenge, should be mailed to: CCA Development Department, 168 Davenport Avenue, New Haven, CT 06519. Donations can also be made using MasterCard or Visa credit cards. Online donations are possible at [www.ccahelping.org](http://www.ccahelping.org).

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# Youth News

by Michele Kearney, Director of Children's Ministries

## Church School Schedule:

April 2	Good Friday Day Camp
April 3	Easter Egg Decorating and Supper
April 4	Easter Sunday-No Church School Classes-Easter Egg Hunt

## Church School

Church School classes are held Sunday mornings from 9:00 to 9:50 a.m. If there are any children that would like to attend and haven't yet registered, it's not too late. Just come a few minutes early and we'll get you registered. We would love to have you.

## Easter Egg Decorating and Supper



Bring a dozen (or more) hard boiled eggs. We will provide everything you need to decorate. We'll use some eggs for the Easter Breakfast, you can take some home, and we'll use some for the Sandwich ministry.

A sign up sheet for this event is in the Great Hall

## Easter Egg Hunt

There will be an Easter Egg Hunt in the Good Year Building following the 10:00 a.m. service on Easter Sunday for children 10 and under. We will meet in the Great Hall after the service.

## Middle School Diocesan Overnight: "GOT GOD?"

Join other middle school youth (grades 6-8) April 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>, 2010 here at St. John's.

Come Sing, Dance, Pray and Serve with other young people from across the diocese! We will have

## Good Friday Day Camp



Friday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>, will be our 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Good Friday Day Camp. Children ages 4 and up are invited to take a journey through Holy Week, learning about God's love through stories, crafts and games. The program begins at 9:00 with a dramatic presentation, and activities will continue until 3:30. Each child is asked to bring a bag lunch. Snacks will be provided. The cost of this day camp is \$7.00 plus a non-perishable food item to be donated to the North Haven Food Pantry. Space is limited, so, please register early.

great discussions, fun activities, wonderful food, and much more. We will also participate in a small service project.

### WHAT TO BRING:

- Sleeping Bag, Sheets or Blankets, Pillow, and an Air Mattress (we sleep on the floor)
- Comfortable and warm clothes
- Toiletries-Toothbrush, Toothpaste, Hairbrush, Towel, etc. (There are no showers)
- A Flashlight

Registration begins at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, April 9<sup>th</sup>. The event begins at 8:15 p.m. and ends at 3:00 p.m. on Saturday the 10<sup>th</sup>.

Cost: \$35 (includes, snacks, breakfast and lunch on Saturday). Contact Michele Kearney or the church office for registration forms.

## Do you know where your children are?

Last weekend, many people knew where their children were. Their middle school and high school youth were at St. John's participating in a 30 Hour Famine. Their last meal was lunch on Friday and they did not break their fast until supper on Saturday.

Have you seen Fr. Matt? Well, he's sporting a new haircut thanks to his support of the youth that participated in the 30 Hour Famine. St. John's youth asked Fr. Matt if he would shave his head if they raised \$3,000. He agreed and now he's bald. The youth had an extraordinary 30 hours of outreach and fellowship. Not only did they raise well over \$3,000 for World

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# 30 HOUR FAMINE



# Vestry Highlights *by Gayle Maynard*

## Vestry Highlights March, 2010

The meeting began promptly with a short, thought provoking video about the impact of outreach on parish growth. The joy being shared as the result of the continuing growth of the outreach programs here at St. John's seemed to run through the entire meeting. Father Matt presented the list of 10 Liturgical visitors and 18 Liturgical Assistants being submitted to the diocese for licensing. Approval was given for fund raising efforts to support the July Mission Trip to the Lakota Reservation. The annual parochial report was approved, noting the nearly \$30,000 that went to outreach in various forms during 2009.

Unanimous endorsement of Vicki Baldwin's candidacy for ordination as a Deacon was given with acknowledgement of her many contributions to St. John's over her years with us. Plans were finalized for our annual Agape Supper on Maundy Thursday, and several housekeeping items were discussed. Plans for the repairs to the ceiling in the Rector's office and for the replacement of the heating system in the Rectory are continuing, and to the great joy of all, business was concluded and the meeting was adjourned shortly after 9:00.

*It's hard to believe that a year has passed since we began publishing Vestry highlights in the monthly Journal in order to communicate in a more timely manner than provided by the posting of the minutes. At our monthly meeting in March, members indicated that they have not had a significant amount of feedback from members of the parish, and questioned the value of its continuation. Please let us know if you consider this to be an important monthly feature. Just tell any vestry member, or give the office a call.*

## Youth News and Events continued

Vision, they raised an additional \$100 for Christian Community Action and collected more than 100 cans of food for the North Haven Food Pantry.

As part of their activities to try to understand what people sustain themselves on, they headed to Stop & Shop equipped with \$1 each. Their task was to buy enough food for one day. They could combine their funds with others, but they couldn't spend more than \$1 per person. While shopping they wore signs around their neck which led to questions from shoppers and donations which they voted to give to Christian Community Action!

After Stop & Shop, they bravely went door to door in the pouring rain to ask for can goods and make our neighbors aware of their project.

They broke their fast with a supper of chicken soup, salad, Italian bread and cookies. The youth have all grown in their experiences during the 30 Hour Famine and Fr. Matt's hair will grow too!



## Youth Talent Show-Trinity Church Wethersfield

Trinity Church in Wethersfield is looking for performers for an evening of fun and fellowship. Performers between the ages of 11-17 (or brave youth leaders, teachers or mentors). They are looking for acts including but not limited to:

- Poetry
- Singing
- Juggling
- Piano, Violin, Guitar, Drums, etc.
- Bands
- Dance, Drill, Step
- Skits, Scenes From a Play
- Comedians



Tryouts: Sunday May 2<sup>nd</sup> 3:30-5:00, Rehearsals: May 16<sup>th</sup> 3:30-5:00, Show: Friday May 21<sup>st</sup> 6:30-8:00

If you are interested in participating, contact Michele Kearney.

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## Save the Date – Saturday, May 15.

Sleeping Giant Build and Amity Cares are joining together to bring you a wonderful benefit concert to raise money for our third Habitat for Humanity house.

Come hear Amanda Kaletsky sing and lead performances by special guests, including the Community Choir and students from Amity Middle School singing selections from Beauty and the Beast. Check her out at <http://www.amandakaletsky.com/blog/>. Jocelyn Maminta of WTNH Channel 8 news will be the Master of Ceremonies.

This is a great way to have fun and help raise money for a worthy cause. Here are just some of the ways you can participate:

- Buy tickets (\$12 adults, \$7 students, under 5 free)
- Buy no-show tickets (\$10) – you don't want to not go alone – buy 2!
- Buy an ad or encourage your favorite business to buy an ad for the program (from \$35 to 250, depending on size)
- Make a basket of goodies or services for the silent auction
- Join the community choir to sing at the concert – music will be distributed ahead of time, practice provided
- Buy goodies at the silent auction

You can buy tickets (or no-show tickets) from Marjorie Dauster or Jan Naegele. We will have forms for buying ads and for signing up for baskets. Keep your eyes open for further announcements about deadlines and additional attractions.

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### Episcopal Church Women (ECW) Redevelopment Task Force Update

First, the committee would like to thank all the women who took the time to answer the survey. The responses were extremely helpful, and obviously well thought out.

This is the first step toward developing an avenue for the women of the parish to come together in a variety of ways to accomplish what is most meaningful as individuals and as a group. Clearly, the women of Saint John's are looking for fellowship, camaraderie, spiritual growth, and ways to express devotion to the Christian faith, the parish and the greater community.

Now the fun begins.....

It is time to present the results.

This event has been pushed out from the original planned date due to the unfortunate weather events of the past several weeks. The committee tabulated the

results and will present them at an expanded coffee hour once our Easter Celebration activities are over. The date for this event will be May 2nd following the 10:00 a.m. service...watch for further announcements.

AND go into action.....

Several definitive and recurring wants and needs of the women of Saint John's came out of the survey process. To share a few:

- The desire for the group to provide varied activities
- The need for activities to appeal to women of all ages
- The need for a welcoming and inclusive/accepting (women's) parish organization.

With these criteria and the incorporation of the other comments and suggestions from the survey, we have a wonderful starting place for adding to the robust women's ministries that have supported Saint John's through the years and into the present.

*Community Supper*  
*Great Hall of St. John's every Friday night at 6:00 p.m. All are welcome!*

## Holy Week and Easter at St. John's

This is a week of Once-A-Year events. Following the pattern of worship from the Fifth Century or earlier, we become pilgrims in Jerusalem, following the footsteps of Christ in the days leading up to his death on the cross and going on to the celebration of his

### **Palm Sunday**

**March 27 & 28**

Blessing the Palms, Reading the Passion

Saturday, 5:00 p.m. and Sunday, 8:00 a.m. The Blessing of the palms and procession will start at the appointed hour in church.

Sunday, 10 a.m. This service really starts at 9:45 a.m. at the Gazebo on the Green to bless the palms, and then processes back to church. Feel free to wait in church; palms will be available there, too.

### **Maundy Thursday**

**April 1**

Thursday, 6:00 p.m. Simple Supper with spiritual readings

7:00 p.m. Foot Washing and Eucharist in Church.

Following the service, parishioners "keep watch" with Christ until the beginning of the Good Friday service.

### **Good Friday**

**April 2**

Friday 12:00 Noon This powerful service of Scripture, prayer and meditation focuses on the time that Jesus hung on the cross. It concludes with the communion reserved from Maundy Thursday.

### **The Great Vigil of Easter**

**April 3**

Saturday, 7:30 p.m. A new fire is kindled from which we light the Paschal Candle. We sing ancient prayer giving God thanks for the light. We hear God's word of promise and await the coming of dawn and the discovery of Jesus' empty tomb. Remembering Jesus' death and resurrection, we renew our baptismal Covenant and celebrate the first Eucharist of Easter.

### **Easter Day**

**April 4**

Sunday morning 8:00 & 10:00 a.m. Both services will celebrate this holiest day of the Christian year with full ceremonial, wonderful flowers and special music featuring a guest trumpeter.

The 10:00 service will include, along with the sermon, a special children's homily.

Make sure to stay after the 8:00 service or come early to the 10:00 service to take part in the Parish Easter Breakfast, beginning about 9:00! Also children up to age 10 can collect Easter Eggs following the 10:00 service.

The deadline for the May Journal is Friday, April 16, 2010  
Please have all articles for the Journal handed in on or before that date.

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