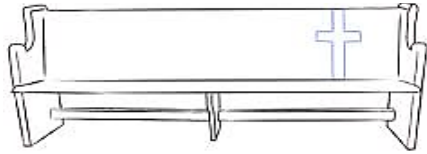


NEWS FOR THE PEWS

May 5, 2024



Welcome!

We are thrilled to have you celebrating the joy of the resurrection with us today and every day. We strive to be an open community and safe place where YOU can receive God's grace, grow in faith, experience fellowship, and serve our world. Whether it is your first service with us or you have been attending your whole life, we hope you know how beloved you are in this family.

This Week at St. John's

Sunday, May 5	8:00 AM 9:00 AM 10:00 AM 11:00 AM	Holy Eucharist Adult Forum Holy Eucharist Fellowship Coffee Hour and Birthday Sunday
Monday, May 6	12:00 PM 7:00 PM	Kiwanis Meeting - PH BSA & Cub Scouts
Tuesday, May 7	9:00 AM 7:00 PM	Ikebana Flower Design-PH AA/Al-Anon Meeting - PH
Wednesday, May 8	7:30 PM	Choir Meets - AR
Saturday, May 11	9:00 AM	Veteran Community Network of Central VA - PH
Sunday, May 12	8:00 AM 9:00 AM 10:00 AM 11:00 AM	Holy Eucharist Adult Forum Holy Eucharist Fellowship Coffee Hour

ALTAR GUILD

The flowers on the retable are to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Mary Lowrance Greenwood, given by the Kruger Family.

The 2024 Flower Calendar is now posted in the Narthex. You may sign up for memorial or celebration flowers on your preferred date. Please contact Kathy Canada at (804) 241-2811 for assistance.

BIRTHDAYS FOR MAY

4 Phillip Barnes, Kent Horner **11** Matthew Heath & William Heath **18** Martin Fideli **19** Sarah Maxwell
22 Keith Moore **24** Ruby DiVittorio **26** Tanya Scott
28 Andy Marotta

If your name should have been included here, please call the Church office so your record can be updated.

COMMUNITY NEWS

On May 11, John Maxwell and the Veteran Community Network of Central VA will host an informative session here at St. John's on end-of-life benefits and considerations specifically focused on veterans of the Armed Forces. Please watch the E-Signs for additional information. A flyer as also been posted on the Parish Hall Bulletin Board. Thank you.

PARISH LIFE

Sunday, May 5th, is birthday Sunday! Mary Smith will host the Fellowship Coffee Hour in the Parish Hall after the 10am service. Please join us and check out the Birthday Board to see who is celebrating their birthday in May, to wish them happy birthday and to partake of the delicious birthday cake!

Our St John's Ministries have stepped up to host Sunday Fellowship Coffee Hours. The Men's Bible Study group will host on Mother's Day, May 12th and the Altar Guild will host on Pentecost Sunday, May 19th.

If you are interested in learning more about our Ministries, contact Aubrey Lindsey for Choir, Kathy Ellington for Outreach, Steve Canada for Men's Bible Study and Donna Horner for Altar Guild. I am happy to introduce you as well.

Val Paredes
804-748-4012

GRACE SLICK

To quote Grace Slick from the Jefferson Airplane's 1967 hit: "Don't you want somebody to mow? Don't you need somebody to mow?" Well, yes. Yes, we do. We need someone to mow a portion of the church property on the riding mower from May thru August. If you are interested and available, please contact Chris Day 804.366.8782

LAY EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS-L.E.M. NEEDED

We need at least one more L.E.M. for the 10 a.m. service and can use more for both services. The main part of the job is chalice bearer but also includes assisting in various parts of the worship service. The objective is to assist the celebrant. The L.E.M. is vested in cassock and surplice. Training is provided. If you are interested or want to know more please contact Kent Horner Sr. or Priest Mary Margaret.

Kent Horner Sr.

OUTREACH MINISTRIES

The collection of cereal boxes, paper and toilet paper tubes and bottle caps has been suspended for the summer. We will let you know when collection resumes. Thank you to everyone who has supported this initiative. Llewellyn Slayton.

Please Remember in Your Prayers

Ed and Cindy Inge, Mickey Magnusson, Tripp Snead, Jerry W., Jenna Z., Gene Furness, Audrey Furness, Richard Still, Cis Alley, Susan Anderson, Candice Parsley, Barbara Crowder, Maria Kalanges, Betty Ann Messerly, Sharon Marsh, Thomas Gardner, Rita and Billy Johnson, Maggie Twilley, Teri Cahow, Joseph Smythe, Julie Johnson, Larry Cody, William "Bill" Roeckl, Gene Thompson, Zayne L., David Martin, Bob Brown, Ralph Gray, Ellen Winn, Lucille Sampson, Dr. Joe Hillier, Suzanne Hillier, Bob Loenichen, Linda Blake, Geri Raybould, Andy McCauley, Bernie Lotti, Terry Fields, and Valerie Paredes

Those Who Serve

Petty Officer 1st Class Donald H. Farr, Col. Ernesto M. DiVittorio, Rear Admiral Brett W. Mietus, Colonel Amalia DiVittorio, Major Jeffrey Shields, Staff Sergeant Reade Whitner Enochs, and Staff Sergeant Ryan Steidel

In God's Eternal Keeping

William Joseph Allen, Jr.
Diana DiVittorio Maslonka

St. John's Vestry

JoAnn Maher, Senior Warden
Andy McCauley, Junior Warden
Tom Markwood, Finance
Valerie Paredes, Parish Life
Tanya Scott, Christian Education
Kathy Ellington, Outreach
Steve Canada, Health and Safety

Hazel Sloane, Register
Lalin Peiris, Treasurer

Participants in Today's Liturgy May 5, 2024

Ministers: The People of St. John's
Rev. Mary Margaret Winn,
Priest-in-Charge
Aubrey Lindsey, Music Director
Carlton Smith - Live Streaming
10:00 am – JoAnn Maher - Security
(Licensed Eucharist Ministers) LEMs
8:00 am – Kent Horner, Sr.
10:00 am – Don Raybould
Lectors: 8:00 am
1st Lesson/Liz Pectal
2nd Lesson/Jackie Colonna
Lectors: 10:00 am
1st Lesson/Steve Canada
2nd Lesson/Jodi Mountfort
Trinity Horner - Acolyte
Guy Smith & Chris Day - Ushers
Brenda Wood, Rusty Phoenix
and Donna Horner - Altar Guild
Kathy Canada – Flowers

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