

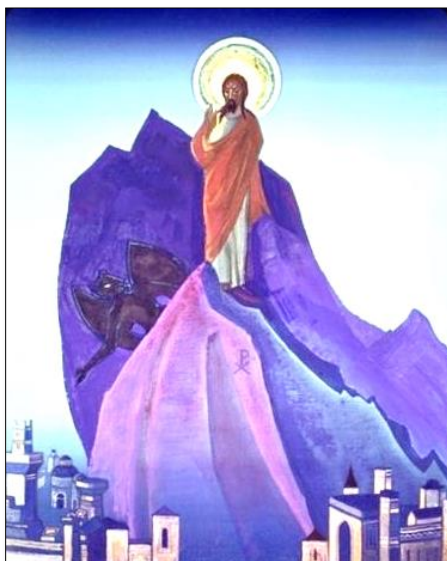
ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH AND SCHOOL
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THE FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

Sunday, February 22, 2026

8am & 10:30am

HOLY EUCHARIST




"The Temptation of Christ" by Nicholas Roerich

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~ CALLED BY CHRIST IN LOVE, TO LIVE IN TRUTH AND ACTION ~

Welcome to St. John's Church

We are a diverse faith community committed to carrying out Christ's mission in the world around us. We love the beauty of worship, and live into the faithful and constant commitment towards seeking social and economic justice and reconciliation among all peoples. We come from across the globe, with varied family configurations, educational backgrounds, occupations, interests, and talents and invite you to join us. If you are visiting our church for the first time, please introduce yourself to an usher or a member of the Clergy. We have a small gift for you from the parish. If you are seeking a spiritual home, please speak with the Clergy.



Please join us for Coffee and fellowship following the worship service

If you are a guest with us today, please know that you are welcome to enjoy fellowship, coffee, and tea with us in the Parish Hall following the service.

Children are welcome at all services

If you have little worshipers with you today who might enjoy coloring, Play-Doh, or a Rubik's cube, these can be found at either entrance.

The Nursery is open from 10:15am to 12pm for children age 5 and under.

SUNDAY @ ST. JOHN'S

8am	<i>Worship with Eucharist, no music, in the Sanctuary</i>
9am	<i>Adult Forum in the undercroft Meeting Room</i>
9:45am	<i>Holy Household Half-Hour, Intergenerational "Sunday school" in the Parish Hall</i>
9:45am	<i>Holy Play, Intergenerational faith formation for families with children 1st grade and under in the Nursery</i>
10:30am	<i>Worship with Eucharist and choir in the Sanctuary</i>

LOOKING AHEAD

TODAY

- Confirmation Class @ 2pm
- Youth Group Rock Climbing

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 25

- Lenten Soup & Bread Supper @ 6:30pm
- Lenten Evening Prayer @ 7:30pm

SUNDAY, MARCH 1

- Youth Group Meeting @ 12pm
- T'ween Faith Club @ 2pm

TUESDAY, MARCH 3

- Women of St. John's prepare meal for Women's Shelter

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4

- Lenten Soup & Bread Supper @ 6:30pm
- Lenten Evening Prayer @ 7:30pm

SUNDAY, MARCH 8

- Neuro-Spicy Meeting @ 1:30pm

HOLY EUCHARIST

*In keeping with the intention of Lent
please enter in silence and allow the music to begin your worship experience.*

10:30AM
Prelude

The people stand.

10:30AM
Hymn #142

Lord who throughout these forty days

1 Lord, who through-out these for - ty days for us didst fast and pray,
2 As thou with Sa - tan didst con-tend, and didst the vic-tory win,
3 As thou didst hun-ger bear and thirst, so teach us, gra-cious Lord,
4 And through these days of pen - i - tence, and through thy Pas-sion - tide,
5 A - bide with us, that so, this life of suf - fering o - ver - past,

1 teach us with thee to mourn our sins, and close by thee to stay.
2 O give us strength in thee to fight, in thee to con-quer sin.
3 to die to self, and chief - ly live by thy most ho - ly word.
4 yea, ev - er - more, in life and death, Je - sus! with us a - bide.
5 an Eas - ter of un - end - ing joy we may at - tain at last!

Words: Claudia Frances Hernaman (1838-1898) Music: *St. Flavian*, melody from *Day's Psalter*, 1562; adapt. and harm. Richard Redhead (1820-1901)

Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.
People **His mercy endures for ever.**

Kneel as you are able.

The Decalogue

Hear the commandments of God to his people: I am the Lord your God who brought you out of bondage. You shall have no other gods but me.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not make for yourself any idol.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not invoke with malice the Name of the Lord your God.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

Remember the Sabbath Day and keep it holy.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

Honor your father and your mother.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not commit murder.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not commit adultery.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not steal.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not be a false witness.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not covet anything that belongs to your neighbor.
Amen. Lord have mercy.

Jesus said, "The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel: The Lord your God is the only Lord. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these." *Mark 12:29-31*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Minister and people.

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

The people stand.

8AM

People Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

10:30AM

WLP 837 Kyrie eleison

The musical score is written for a two-part setting of 'Kyrie eleison'. It is in 3/2 time and the key signature has two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The first system shows the beginning of the piece, with the treble staff starting on a whole note and the bass staff on a half note. The lyrics 'Ky - ri - e c - lei - son.' are written below the treble staff. The second system continues the melody, with the treble staff starting on a half note and the bass staff on a whole note. The lyrics 'Chris - te c - lei - son. Ky - ri - e c - lei - son.' are written below the treble staff.

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THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

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

Almighty God, whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted by Satan: Come quickly to help us who are assaulted by many temptations; and, as you know the weaknesses of each of us, let each one find you mighty to save; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The people are seated.

Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7

Lector A reading from the book of Genesis

The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. And the Lord God commanded the man, "You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die."

Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God say, 'You shall not eat from any tree in the garden'?" The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.'" But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not die; for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 32

- 1 Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven, *
and whose sin is put away!
- 2 Happy are they to whom the LORD imputes no guilt, *
and in whose spirit there is no guile!
- 3 While I held my tongue, my bones withered away, *
because of my groaning all day long.
- 4 For your hand was heavy upon me day and night; *
my moisture was dried up as in the heat of summer.
- 5 Then I acknowledged my sin to you, *
and did not conceal my guilt.
- 6 I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD." *
Then you forgave me the guilt of my sin.
- 7 Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in time
of trouble; *
when the great waters overflow, they shall not reach them.
- 8 You are my hiding-place;
you preserve me from trouble; *
you surround me with shouts of deliverance.
- 9 "I will instruct you and teach you in the way that you should
go; *
I will guide you with my eye.
- 10 Do not be like horse or mule, which have no understanding; *
who must be fitted with bit and bridle,
or else they will not stay near you."
- 11 Great are the tribulations of the wicked; *
but mercy embraces those who trust in the LORD.
- 12 Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the LORD; *
shout for joy, all who are true of heart.

Romans 5:12-19

Lector A reading from the letter of the Apostle Paul to the church in Rome.

As sin came into the world through one man, and death came through sin, and so death spread to all because all have sinned-- sin was indeed in the world before the law, but sin is not reckoned when there is no law. Yet death exercised dominion from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sins were not like the transgression of Adam, who is a type of the one who was to come.

But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died through the one man's trespass, much more surely have the grace of God and the free gift in the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, abounded for the many. And the free gift is not like the effect of the one man's sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brings justification. If, because of the one man's trespass, death exercised dominion through that one, much more surely will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness exercise dominion in life through the one man, Jesus Christ.

Therefore just as one man's trespass led to condemnation for all, so one man's act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all. For just as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The people stand.

Hymn #559

Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us



1 Lead us, heaven - ly Fa - ther, lead us o'er the world's tem -
 2 Sa - vior, breathe for - give - ness o'er us; all our weak - ness
 3 Spi - rit of our God, de - scend - ing, fill our hearts with



pes - tuous sea; guard us, guide us, keep us, feed us,
 thou dost know; thou didst tread this earth be - fore us;
 heaven - ly joy; love with ev - ery pas - sion blend - ing,



for we have no help but thee, yet pos - ses - sing
 thou didst feel its keen - est woe; yet un - fear - ing,
 plea - sure that can nev - er cloy; thus pro - vid - ed,



ev - ery bless - ing, if our God our Fa - ther be,
 per - se - ver - ing, to thy pas - sion thou didst go,
 par - doned, guid - ed, noth - ing can our peace des - troy.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew (4:1-11)

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ**

Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. The tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." But he answered, "It is written,

‘One does not live by bread alone,
but by every word that comes from the mouth of
God.’”

Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written,

‘He will command his angels concerning you,’
and ‘On their hands they will bear you up,
so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.’”

Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’”

Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor; and he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me." Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! for it is written,

‘Worship the Lord your God,
and serve only him.’”

Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

The Gospel of the Lord
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ**

THE SERMON

The Rev. Henry McQueen

Reflective Music

In keeping with the intentions of Lent enjoy the music, or the silence, and take a moment to reflect on the sermon.

The people stand.

The Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Deacon With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord,
saying "Lord, have mercy."

For the peace from above, for the loving-kindness of God, and for
the salvation of our souls, let us pray to the Lord.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the Holy Church of
God, and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

For our Bishop, and for all the clergy and people, let us pray to the
Lord.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

For our President, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.
People **Lord, have mercy.**

For this community of Olney, for every city and community, and for those who live in them, let us pray to the Lord.
People **Lord, have mercy.**

For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord.
People **Lord, have mercy.**

For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and suffering, let us pray to the Lord.
People **Lord, have mercy.**

For **Kathleen, Gregoria, Nancy, Betty, Patrick, Jessica, Stephanie, Cynie, Sara, Aurora, Katie, Carole, Ivy, Steve, Celeste, and Mary**, let us pray to the Lord.
People **Lord, have mercy.**

For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord.
People **Lord, have mercy.**

For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed, let us pray to the Lord.
People **Lord, have mercy.**

For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation, let us pray to the Lord.
People **Lord, have mercy.**

That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and without reproach, let us pray to the Lord.

People

Lord, have mercy.

In the communion of beloved John and of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life to Christ our God.

People

To thee, O Lord our God.

Officiant

Strong and faithful God, hear us as we cry to you. Stretch out your hand to save us, that we may praise you for your mercy. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People

And also with you.



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Anthem: Now, Even Now, Declare a Fast

Hildebrand

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The people stand.

The Lord be with you.

People

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

People

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and every-where to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

8AM

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

10:30AM

Sanctus 130

Richard Proulx

The musical score is written for a single voice part, using a treble and bass staff. The key signature has two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and the time signature is common time (C). The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The first system covers the lyrics "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and". The second system covers "might," followed by a long note, and then "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,". The music is in a 130 tempo.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and

might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,

God of power and might, hea-ven and earth are

full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na

in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes

in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na



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The Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious Father: 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 Father of all.

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.

The Celebrant continues.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, 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, in the language closest to our hearts, we are bold to say,

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.

Πάτερ ἡμῶν ὁ ἐν τοῖς οὐρανοῖς ·
ἀγιασθήτω τὸ ὄνομά σου ·
ἐλθέτω ἡ βασιλεία σου ·
γενηθήτω τὸ θέλημά σου,
ὡς ἐν οὐρανῷ καὶ ἐπὶ τῆς γῆς ·
τὸν ἄρτον ἡμῶν τὸν ἐπιούσιον δὸς
ἡμῖν σήμερον ·
καὶ ἄφες ἡμῖν τὰ ὀφειλήματα
ἡμῶν,
ὡς καὶ ἡμεῖς ἀφιεμέν τοῖς
ὀφειλέταις ἡμῶν ·
καὶ μὴ εἰσενέγκῃς ἡμᾶς εἰς
πειρασμόν,
ἀλλὰ ῥῦσαι ἡμᾶς ἀπὸ τοῦ πονηροῦ.

Communion is offered to all who are called by Christ to participate. You can receive in both kinds, bread and wine or in just one. To receive communion, or a blessing, please come forward to the priest at the front of the altar. To receive bread, put your hands out, to receive wine, please drink from the chalice. To receive a blessing, cross your arms across your chest. Gluten-free host is available. Please make your needs known to the priest.

The Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

A period of silence is kept.

8AM

**O Lamb of God that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.
O Lamb of God that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.
O Lamb of God that takest away the sins of the world,
grant us thy peace.**

10:30AM
WLP 871

Lamb of God

The musical score is written for a vocal part and piano accompaniment in 3/8 time, with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The tempo is marked with a 3/8 time signature. The score is divided into three systems, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The lyrics are: "Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world: have mer-cy on us.--- Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world: grant us peace." The piano accompaniment features a steady eighth-note bass line and a more melodic treble line. There are several triplets marked with a '3' and a bracket. The score ends with a double bar line.

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the

world: have mer-cy on us.--- Lamb of God, you

take a-way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

The people are seated.

Sending Prayers for Eucharistic Visitors.

Deacon In the name of God and this congregation, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood.

People **We who are many are one body because we all share one bread and one cup.**

Post Communion Prayer

Let us pray.

The people 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 Saviour 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

Hymn #147

Now let us all with one accord



1 Now let us all with one ac - cord, in
 2 The cov - e - nant, so long re - vealed to
 3 Your love, O Lord, our sin - ful race has
 4 Re - mem - ber, Lord, though frail we be, in
 5 There - fore, we pray you, Lord, for - give; so



1 com - pa - ny with a - ges past, keep vi - gil with our
 2 those of faith in for - mer time, Christ by his own ex -
 3 not re - turned, but fal - si - fied; au - thor of mer - cy,
 4 your own i - mage were we made; help us, lest in anx -
 5 when our wan - derings here shall cease, we may with you for



1 heaven - ly Lord in his temp - ta - tion and his fast.
 2 am - ple sealed, the Lord of love, in love sub - lime.
 3 turn your face and grant re - pent - ance for our pride.
 4 i - e - ty, we cause your Name to be be - trayed.
 5 ev - er live, in love and u - ni - ty and peace.

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Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

In keeping with the intentions of Lent, we invite you to enjoy and experience the music as a time of reflection.

Postlude

TENDING GOD'S FLOCK

Use this list to pray and to show your love and concern for the sick, shut-in, bereaved, or those merely in need of prayer. If you wish to submit a name please contact the office at accounting@stjec.org.

In case of pastoral emergency, please call 301-774-3619 or email pastoralcare@stjec.org

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Carole
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Steve Ruff
Celeste McGee
Mary Persinger

If you are ill for an extended period, are hospitalized, need a visit or Eucharist brought to you, want your home blessed, are celebrating a birth, adoption, or want specific prayers for any number of celebrations or sorrows, please email: pastoralcare@stjec.org.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **LENTEN EVENING PRAYER & SOUP**

Mark our Lenten journey and join us every Wednesday evening through Lent for fellowship and a simple meal of Soup & Bread at 6:30pm followed by a beautiful service of Evening Prayer at 7:30pm.

- **T'WEEN FAITH CLUB**

Pizza, games and tactile faith exploration for T'weens 3rd–5th grade, Sunday, March 1st from 2-3pm in the Parish Hall. This year's theme is: Living Biblically ~ The World According to Hebrew Scriptures.

- **STJEC RACIAL HISTORY PROJECT**

Join us on Sunday, March 1st at 12pm to learn more about the STJEC Racial History Project and our ongoing exploration of our church and local history.

Dr. Brian Crane, Cultural Resource Planner with Montgomery County's Historic Preservation Office, will speak about how St. John's history connects with the County's history and the efforts by his office to locate cemeteries.

STJEC's Racial History Team will also share updates on its work and highlight what other Olney worship communities are discovering. A light lunch will be provided, with plenty of time for Q&A.


For planning purpose, please sign up in the Parish Hall or contact Shelley Spencer or Deacon Nancy.

- **FOOD PANTRY NEEDS**

Food Pantry needs for this week include: Jelly | Canned Chili | Manwich
Canned Beef Stew | Pasta Sauce | Canned Carrots | Canned Corn
Cereal (large) | Rice-a-Roni | Pasta Roni.

- **MEALS FOR THE WOMEN'S SHELTER**

A group of women have agreed to explore preparing a meal for the Women's Shelter in Derwood. The shelter at Crabbs Branch provides short-term, emergency shelter services to adult women. The group will meet later this week to finalize plans for the March 17th meal preparation. Tuesday, March 17th, the women will prepare and cook at St. John's and serve a meal for approximately 50 people at the Women's Shelter at Crabbs Branch in Derwood. In the meantime, ideas for simple, buffet-style dishes that can serve approximately 50 people are being collected. If you are interested and would like to be involved, please speak with Shelley Spencer or Deacon Nancy for details and more information .



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