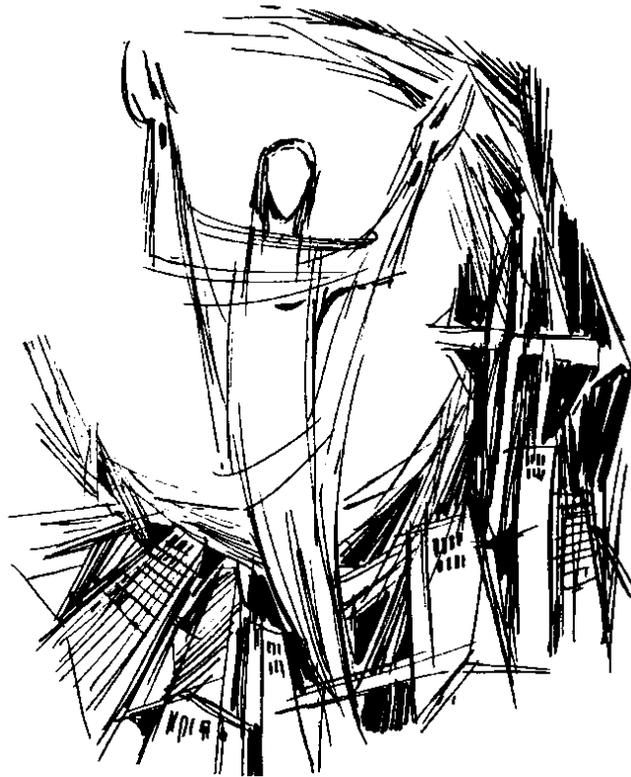


ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH AND SCHOOL
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The Sunday of the Resurrection

HOLY EUCHARIST



APRIL 5, 2026

11:00AM

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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 seeking a spiritual home, please speak with Fr. Henry.*

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.



PRELUDE

Ballet de Grenoville by Michael Praetorius

Pavane de Spaigne by Michael Praetorius

"Three Pieces" for Brass Quintet by Ludwig Maurer, arranged by Robert Nagel

GUEST MUSICIANS

Trumpet: Joshua Flemming

Trumpet: Max Gergits

Horn: Emerson Miller

Trombone: Layne Hopkins

Trombone: Zach Alling

COME JOIN US

SUNDAY, APRIL 12

- Casserole Club Meeting @ 12pm
 - *Casserole Club is a supportive gathering for those experiencing grief and deep loss. The group meets on the 3rd Sunday of each month in the Parish Hall. This is an informal, come-as-you-are space to share, listen, and find comfort in the company of others who understand. Drop-ins are always welcome.*

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15

- Vestry Meeting @ 6:30pm

SATURDAY, APRIL 18

- St. John's School Auction

SUNDAY, MAY 3

- Newcomer's Coffee Hour @ 12pm
 - *Newcomers to St. John's are invited to join the Clergy and Vestry for Coffee Hour on the first Sunday of each month – an opportunity to be officially welcomed, learn more about the church and connect with other newcomers and church leaders.*
- Olney Days Parade
 - *Represent St. John's by walking with us in the parade.*

SUNDAY, MAY 10

- Mother's Day

SUNDAY, MAY 24

- Pentecost Service & International Brunch
 - *Celebrating Pentecost with worship and music followed by an International Potluck Brunch at 10:30am in the Parish Hall. Wear red and bring a dish that reflects your country of heritage to share.*

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

Hymn #180

He is risen

1 He is ris - en, he is ris - en! Tell it out with
2 Come, ye sad and fear - ful - heart - ed, with glad smile and
*3 Come, with high and ho - ly hymn - ing, hail our Lord's tri -
4 He is ris - en, he is ris - en! He hath o - pened
joy - ful voice: he has burst his three days' pris - on;
ra - dian't brow! Death's long sha - dows have de - part - ed;
um - phant day; not one dark - some cloud is dim - ming
hea - ven's gate: we are free from sin's dark pris - on,
let the whole wide earth re - joice: death is con - quered,
Je - sus' woes are o - ver now, and the pas - sion
yon - der glo - rious morn - ing ray, break - ing o'er the
ris - en to a ho - lier state; and a bright - er
we are free, Christ has won the vic - to - ry.
that he bore— sin and pain can vex no more.
pur - ple east, sym - bol of our Eas - ter feast.
Eas - ter beam on our long - ing eyes shall stream.

EASTER ACCLAMATION

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ is risen.

People **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Gloria: Glory To God In The Highest

Malcolm Archer

Glo ry to God in the high est, and peace to his peo ple on
earth. Lord God, heaven ly King, al migh ty God and
Fath er, we wor ship you, we give you thanks, we
praise you for your glo ry.
Lord Je sus Christ, on ly Son of the Fath er, Lord God, Lamb of God, you
take a way the sin of the world: have mer cy on us; you are
seat ed at the right hand of the Fath er: re ceive our
prayer. For you a lone are the Ho ly One,
you a lone are the Lord, you a lone are the Most High,
Je sus Christ, with the Ho ly Spi rit, in the glo ry of God the
Fath er. A men, A men.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, who for our redemption gave your only-begotten Son to the death of the cross, and by his glorious resurrection delivered us from the power of our enemy: Grant us so to die daily to sin, that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his resurrection; 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.

Acts 10:34-43

Lector A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Then Peter began to speak to them: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ--he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

People The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

- 1 Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; *
his mercy endures for ever.
- 2 Let Israel now proclaim, *
"His mercy endures for ever."
- 14 The LORD is my strength and my song, *
and he has become my salvation.
- 15 There is a sound of exultation and victory *
in the tents of the righteous:
- 16 "The right hand of the LORD has triumphed! *
the right hand of the LORD is exalted!
the right hand of the LORD has triumphed!"
- 17 I shall not die, but live, *
and declare the works of the LORD.
- 18 The LORD has punished me sorely, *
but he did not hand me over to death.
- 19 Open for me the gates of righteousness; *
I will enter them;
I will offer thanks to the LORD.
- 20 "This is the gate of the LORD; *
he who is righteous may enter."
- 21 I will give thanks to you, for you answered me *
and have become my salvation.
- 22 The same stone which the builders rejected *
has become the chief cornerstone.
- 23 This is the LORD's doing, *
and it is marvelous in our eyes.
- 24 On this day the LORD has acted; *
we will rejoice and be glad in it.

Colossians 3:1-4

Lector A reading from Saint Paul's letter to the church at Colossae.

If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

People The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Hymn #296

We know that Christ is raised and dies no more



1. We know that Christ is raised and dies no
 2. We share by wa - ter in his sav - ing
 3. The Fa - ther's splen - dor clothes the Son with
 4. A new cre - a - tion comes to life and



more. Em - braced by death, he broke its
 death. Re - born, we share with him an
 life. The Spir - it's fis - sion shakes the
 grows As Christ's new bod - y takes on



fear - ful hold, And our de - spair he turned to
 East - er life As liv - ing mem - bers of our
 Church of God. Bap - tized, we live with God the
 flesh and blood. The u - ni - verse re - stored and



blaz - ing joy. Al - le - lu - ia!
 Sav - ior Christ. Al - le - lu - ia!
 Three in One. Al - le - lu - ia!
 whole will sing: Al - le - lu - ia!

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John 20:1-18

The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to John
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran

Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes.

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, "Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

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

SERMON

The Rev. Shivaun Wilkinson

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

Priest Filled with joy on this Easter Day, let us offer prayers to Almighty God who fills the darkness of the world with the Light of Christ.

Leader For Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, who has made us alive in God, now and always. In his most sacred name, let us pray that his glorious triumph over all that separates us from the love of God will become our life in Him.

People **Glory to you, our living Lord.**

For the holy and life-giving resurrection of Jesus that we may become witnesses to His commitment to lasting justice and peace throughout all Creation.

People **Glory to you, our living Lord.**

For the holy and life-giving resurrection of Jesus that He will bring abundant healing, reconciliation and strength to all in need; especially **Harry, Stephanie, Andrew, Aurora, Carole, Ivy, Steve, Celeste, and Mary,**

People **Glory to you, our living Lord.**

For the holy and life-giving resurrection of Jesus that He may fill and renew the life of the Church universal, and especially the witness of the body of Christ here at St. John's Church and St. John's School.

People **Glory to you, our living Lord.**

For the holy and life-giving resurrection of Jesus that those in whose memory the flowers are given today, and all who are risen in Christ Jesus may rejoice with all the saints in Light, those known and those known to God alone.

People **Glory to you, our living Lord.**

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

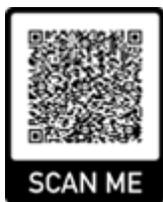
Lord God, you did not forget your beloved Son in death, but raised him to life on the third day. In his most sacred name, we ask to have mercy on us, forgive all our sins and to answer our prayers. Let us share the joy of heaven today and every day, both now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

The people greet one another with a sign of God's peace. After the peace, the people are seated.



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Offertory Anthem: Let this Day Be Filled with Wonder

Biery

HOLY EUCHARIST

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.**

Thanks and praise fill our hearts, Almighty God, for you are the Lord of creation and new creation, of covenant and new covenant.

You brought your people out of slavery to freedom in the Promised Land, and you brought your Son from the depth of death to the glory of resurrection life.

And so we gladly thank you, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven, singing the hymn of your unending praise.

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord

Malcolm Archer



2
Ho ly, Ho ly, Ho ly Lord, God of pow'r_ and_ might,
hea ven and earth are_ full of your glo ry, Ho san na in the high est.
Bles sed is he_ who comes in the name of the Lord, the name of the
Lord. Ho san na_ in the_ high est, ho san na in the high est.

Celebrant

Joy and gladness are our song, redeeming God, for in your conquest of death we see the destiny of every hope in you.

Come among us in the power of your Holy Spirit, that your children may be blessed with power and grace, and that this bread and cup may become for us the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ; who, at supper with his disciples, took bread, gave you thanks, broke the bread, and gave it to them, saying,

"Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me."
After supper he took the cup.

Again he gave you thanks, and gave it to his disciples, saying,

"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. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

Great is the mystery of faith.

Celebrant and people

Christ has died
Christ is risen
Christ will come again.

Hope and glory are our breath, merciful God, for you have rolled away the stone of despair, the stone of oppression, the stone of lament, the stone of grief, the stone of death, the stone of sin, the stone of fear.

Come and stand among us and breathe on us your peace, breathe on us your power, breathe on us your eternal life, that all who labor, all who stumble, all who hunger, and all who fall shall meet you in the breaking of the bread and be lifted up by your touch.

Shape your church to be your risen body; make our scars beautiful like your scars, make our lives life-giving like your life, and make our communion holy with your saints, until you come again in glory and we eat with you in your kingdom, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, ever one God. **Amen.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, 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.

Padre nuestro
que estás en los cielos,
santificado sea tu Nombre;
venga tu reino;
hágase tu voluntad,
así en la tierra como en el cielo;
danos hoy el pan nuestro
de cada día;
perdona nuestras ofensas,
así como nosotros perdonamos a
los que nos ofenden;
no nos dejes caer en la tentación y
líbranos de mal. Amén.

The Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

A period of silence is kept.

Fraction Anthem: Lamb of God

Malcolm Archer

2
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world; have
mercy upon us. Lamb of God, you
take away the sins of the world; have mercy upon
us. Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the
world; grant us your peace.

The Gifts of God for the People of God

This is God's table; 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. For health reasons, we do not intinct (dip) the bread. To receive a blessing cross your arms across your chest. Gluten-free host is available. Please make your needs known to the priest.

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.**

The people standing, the Celebrant says.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Minister and people

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Blessing

Hymn #207

Jesus Christ is risen today

Descant

1 Je - sus Christ is risen to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!
 2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!
 3 But the pains which he en-dured, Al - le - lu - ia!
 4 Sing we to our God a - bove Al - le - lu - ia!

our tri - um - phant ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!
 un - to Christ, our heaven - ly King, Al - le - lu - ia!
 our sal - va - tion have pro - cured; Al - le - lu - ia!
 praise e - ter - nal as his love; Al - le - lu - ia!

who did once up - on the cross, Al - le - lu - ia!
 who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!
 now a - bove the sky he's King, Al - le - lu - ia!
 praise him, all ye heaven - ly host, Al - le - lu - ia!

suf - fer to re - deem our loss. Al - le - lu - ia!
 sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - le - lu - ia!
 where the an - gels ev - er sing. Al - le - lu - ia!
 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia!

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The Dismissal

all respond **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!**

Postlude:

La Bourée
Volte

Praetorius
Praetorius



Easter Flowers and Music to the Glory of God...

- Al Barth *Easter Altar Flowers are given in memory of Maude W. Hazard; and Easter Music in memory of Jon Miller.*
- Elaine Bentley *Easter Altar Flowers are given in memory of Louise Lincoln.*
- Mary Ann Britton *Easter Altar Flowers and Easter Music are given in thanksgiving of my beloved Family and Friends.*
- Arlene & Harry Brooke *Easter Altar Flowers are given in memory of Noah Aufderheide, Esperanza Cressio, Kathleen Brooke, and Phyllis Sabatino.*
- Maureen Cook *Easter Altar Flowers are given in memory of Mum, Dad and Peter.*
- Mathy & Andy Downing *Easter Altar Flowers are given in memory of our beloved angel child, Candace Leigh, and Easter Music in honor of our loving daughter, Caroline Suzanne.*
- Glen & Kay Drew *Easter Altar Flowers are given memory of Harlow H. & Rachel W. White, and John C. & Hattie G. Drew, and Easter Music in thanksgiving of Elizabeth, Amy, Sarah & Mel.*
- Roberta & Hans Feldhausen *Easter Altar Flowers are given in memory of Mr. & Mrs. Anthony Stepnek, and Easter Music in memory of Mr. & Mrs. Ashton Locke Worrall, Jr.*
- Julie Finigan *Easter Altar Flowers are given in memory of Stephen E. Rickman and Shirley Finigan.*
- Pam & Bill Fleming *Easter Altar Flowers are given memory of our parents - Col. & Mrs. Fleming, and Mr. & Mrs. Glenn Wandell.*
- Kay & John Flickinger *Easter Altar Flowers are given in Thanksgiving of our Children, Grandchildren, and Great Grandchildren.*

Gabriele & Patrick Glynn	<i>Easter Altar Flowers are given in memory of Inge Sottung.</i>
Sheri Hall	<i>Easter Altar Flowers are given in thanksgiving for the Hall and Foley families.</i>
Ken & Meribeth Hambright	<i>Easter Music is given in memory of Diane Hambright and Lorraine Austin.</i>
Ann Hartsell	<i>Easter Altar Flowers are given thanksgiving of my grandchildren - Eamon, Will, Rose, and Ben, and Easter Music in memory of my husband, Kenneth Hartsell.</i>
Becky Hast	<i>Easter Flowers are given memory of Dale Hast, my husband, and Easter Music in thanksgiving of my 8 grandchildren, who are my delight.</i>
David & Alexis Huey	<i>Easter Altar Flowers and Music are given to the Glory of God and in thanksgiving of His goodness.</i>
David & Mary Kerr	<i>Easter Music is given in thanksgiving of our Family and in memory of our departed loved ones.</i>
Laura Lucs, Richard Mitchell, & Fiona	<i>Easter Altar Flowers are given in memory of Vija Lucs.</i>
Jay Lozier & Mary Lou McMaster	<i>Easter Altar Flowers are given in thanksgiving for God's grace, and Easter Music in honor of Cambria Van der Vaarst, James Krieger, Musheer Kamau, and Sharon Ollison.</i>
Christine Madison	<i>Easter Altar Flowers and Music are given thanksgiving of my grandchildren and great grandchildren, and Easter Music in thanksgiving for Emily, Caroline and Tony, and in memory of my husband, Glenn William Madison.</i>
Charles & Mary McQueen	<i>Easter Altar Flowers are given in memory of our parents, Dr. Kent & Priscilla McQueen, and Elliot & Mimi Swanson, and Easter Music in thanksgiving of our children & grandchildren.</i>
Lee & Julie Metcalf	<i>Easter Altar Flowers and Easter Music are given in Memory of our beloved parents - Edward and Julia Metcalf.</i>

Haruhiko & Christina Murata	<i>Easter Altar Flowers are given in gratitude for family, friends, and community.</i>
Katie & Dan Phillips	<i>Easter Altar Flowers are given in thanksgiving of our family.</i>
Gina Rentz & Willier Families	<i>Easter Altar Flowers are given in memory of John N. Rentz.</i>
Rebecca Roberson	<i>Easter Altar Flowers are given in thanksgiving of Bryson and Camden Turett, who brighten up my life, and Easter Music is given in memory of The Rev. Whitney Wherrett Roberson, who loved everything about Easter, especially Easter Brass.</i>
Rob & Vicky Schellhase	<i>Easter Music is given to the Glory of God and in gratitude of His Grace and Mercy.</i>
Robin & Lisa Seiler	<i>Easter Altar Flowers are given in memory of Bob, Peggy, and Louise Seiler, and Dolores & Mickey Mundy.</i>
Selva & Rosabel Selvarajah	<i>Easter Music is given in memory of Vincent Thambyrajah. Rosabel's dad, Vincent, loved music.</i>
Shelley Spencer	<i>Easter Music is given in memory of my dearest mother, grandmother, and aunts.</i>
Lisa & Philip Stylos	<i>Easter Altar Flowers are given in memory of William Achilles Stylos, Virginia Agrella Stylos, Kathleen Agrella and Jan Allen Hines; and Easter Music in thanksgiving of our families and continued good health.</i>
Lois Taylor & Stephen Simpson	<i>Easter Music is given in memory of our parents.</i>
The Tust Family	<i>Easter Altar Flowers are given in memory of Maryanne Bulemore.</i>
Jessica Wack	<i>Easter Altar Flowers are given in memory of Sam Boston and Nancy Wack.</i>

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

Harry Brooke
Stephanie Sidella
Andrew Erickson
Aurora
Carole
Ivy Choe-Branstetter
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

- **BOOK GROUP OFFERING**

All are invited to a book discussion on “The Digital Delusion: How Classroom Technology Harms Our Kids’ Learning” by Jared Cooney Horvath. This timely book explores the impact of classroom technology on student learning and may inspire meaningful conversation and future advocacy within our school systems. Many families at St. John’s have experienced issues like those highlighted in this book, your own experiences may be similar. Join us for discussion, tea, and treats on Sunday, April 19th at 4:30pm in the Parish Hall. For assistance in obtaining a copy of the book, contact one of the clergy.

- **CASSEROLE CLUB**

Grieving the loss of a loved one? Whether you lost them recently or in the distant past, we invite you to gather with other mourners at the Casserole Club meeting on the 3rd Sunday of the month at 12pm in the Parish Hall. This is an informal, come-as-you-are, safe assembly of people joined by their experience of deep loss. Feel free to invite others. Drop-ins welcome!

- **T’WEENS FAITH CLUB**

T’weens Faith Club for students in grades 3–5 meets once a month on Sunday afternoons at 5pm in the Parish Hall. T’weens grades 3-5 are invited to join us in the Parish Hall for games, tactile faith exploration, and pizza. Parents are welcome to stay or to drop off.

- **FOOD PANTRY**

St. John’s 24-hour Outdoor Food Pantry located inside our old church brick sign provides non-perishable food items to individuals and families in need of food. The ministry is in constant need of shelf-stable food items. Donations are always accepted and welcome and may be dropped off on weekday mornings. Volunteers are also needed to help restock the pantry. Contact the church office if interested in volunteering.

Clergy will be out of the office April 6-11.

The Church Office will be **CLOSED** April 3 through April 7
For pastoral emergencies call the office at (301-774-6999) and leave a message.



PENTECOST **SUNDAY**
WORSHIP @ 8 & 10:30AM **MAY 24**
INTERNATIONAL POTLUCK BRUNCH
following the 10:30am service in the Parish Hall
please bring a dish to share from your country of heritage



We gather on Sunday, May 24th to celebrate Pentecost, commemorating the descent of the Holy Spirit upon Jesus' disciples after His Ascension. Following the 10:30 a.m. service, please join us in the Parish Hall for an International Potluck Brunch. We invite you to wear red and bring a dish that reflects your country of heritage to share with the community.

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