

NEWS FOR THE PEWS

Events, Announcements, Calendar, and Prayers for St. John's and Beyond

July 26, 2026

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, you are beloved in this family. Take a look at all the ways the Spirit is moving at St. John's.

NEWS FROM THE VESTRY - JULY

As you are aware, we currently have only five Vestry members, and four of us will rotate off the Vestry at the beginning of the new year. This reality has been weighing heavily on my mind.

I would love to see us return to a full Vestry of seven members. With that number, we will have a stronger cross-section of our congregation represented, helping to shape the future of St. John's in thoughtful and meaningful ways.

The Vestry term is two years. We have been working toward strengthening the role of Vestry members as facilitators and liaisons between our parish committees and the Vestry. Our hope is that each committee will continue to grow and develop additional leaders who can carry the vision forward.

If you are a confirmed communicant in good standing and are willing to share your time, gifts, and perspective, **I encourage you to prayerfully** consider serving on the Vestry. No special expertise is required--only a commitment to our parish, a willingness to collaborate, and a desire to help guide the ministry and mission of St. John's.

Please speak with me or any current Vestry member if you have questions or would like to learn more about what serving on the Vestry involves.

God' Peace

Kim Courington, Senior Warden

OUTREACH SPECIAL PROJECTS

A big thank you to Nancy Fast, Thea Shoop, and Sue Whiteman for helping to sort the clothing Mary Margaret rescued from a hoarder's former home. The brand-new items were sorted by size and re-bagged for delivery to Mercy Mall. The Robinsons delivered the goods on Tuesday morning and all was gratefully received.

Last call for to return Baby Bottles!

ONGOING OUTREACH

Current requests for unhoused Chesterfield school children to be distributed by local school nurses: deodorant and black leggings, but all donations are welcomed.

Bring in your label-free, rinsed Rx bottles to be reused by doctors in underserved areas and countries via Matthew 25 Ministry.

Pop-tops for the Ronald McDonald House.

All above donations accepted in the church office lobby.

FELLOWSHIP COFFEE HOUR

Lemonade, coffee and conversation will be provided in the Parish Hall after the 10 o'clock service during July and August to replace the usual Coffee Hour. Birthday Sundays will continue as always. Hopefully, you will enjoy this small change. Pat Dvorak, Parish Life

ORGAN INSTALLATION COMING ALONG

Take a peek in the choir loft and you will see major progress on the organ! The work is both meticulous and back-breaking, so we continue to ask your prayers over all those doing this important work. This week, we pray for Gabe as he constructs the new console, from which the entire organ is controlled.

HELP WANTED!

We need someone to spray the weeds growing up in the cracks of the church parking lot, so we don't have to mow them. Herbicide will be provided. Please contact Chris Day or Larry Maher.

FAMILY TIME WORSHIP

Family Time Worship will return next Saturday. We will be **back on August 1st!** Look forward to seeing you.

ALTAR GUILD

The flower arrangement on the retable today are to the Glory of God in loving memory of Gil Carlson, Paula Saddler's father and Jacqueline Ziskind, Bryan Saddler's mother.

Are you a flower fanatic looking for an opportunity to showcase your talent for flower arranging? We are currently expanding our five-person flower team and would love your assistance. Please contact Val Paredes (804-748-4012) if you are interested in learning more.

The 2026 Flower Calendar is now posted in the narthex just waiting for you to select your dates for memorials, birthdays, anniversaries, etc. for the coming year. Our recommended donation is \$50. Stop by and select the special dates important to you.

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Please call the church office with any changes or additions for the prayer list.

JULY BIRTHDAYS

2 Andrew Day 3 Jim Colonna
4 Chris Day, Jim Puckett, Barbara Fischer
5 Coleman Mueller 6 Becky Farr
8 Jen Fideli 10 Margaret Twilley,
Herb Marsh, Bernie Lotti
12 Erin Daugharthy
13 Tamara Evans 15 Larry Maher
16 Joseph Smythe, Phillipa Smith, Floyd Jarvis
18 Brenda Wood 20 Jay Ellington
24 Donna Neely 26 Arlene Lotti
31 Vivian Burgwyn, Val Paredes

Those in Need of Healing

Judi Heggie, Ruby DiVittorio, Fr. Keith & Carlene Gentry, Kim Gentry, Dick Pitman, Linda DeBell, Tim Pahlick, Annette Blankenship, James Robinson, Arlene Lotti, George Starke, Terry & Bill Fields, Jim Colonna, Jaydon Robinson, Jordyn Prophett, Cathy Frazer, Marguerite Alley, Britt Young & Family, Marianne Branigan, Gene Thompson, Rita & Billy Johnson, Melissa Fields, Jim Krech, Una Harrison, Joy Maughan, The Macri Family, Martha & Joe Sheridan, The Sweeney Family

Those Who Serve

Col. Ernesto M. DiVittorio, Rear Admiral Brett W. Mietus, Colonel Amalia DiVittorio, Staff Sergeant Reade Whitner Enochs, Staff Sergeant Ryan Steidel and Petty Officer 3rd Class Damien Carter, Deputy Sheriff Donald H. Farr

Those Who Have Recently Died

Gene Furness (Jim Colonna's brother)
Michael Likavec
Walter Roy Winn

Parishioners @ Home

Maggi Twilley, Julie Johnson,
Sandy Weilbacher, and Millie Johnson

St. John's Vestry

Kim Courington, Senior Warden
Larry Maher, Junior Warden (Property)
John Maxwell, Junior Warden (Strategy)
Catherine Mueller, Congregational Vitality
Don Raybould, Liaison for Parish Life

Hazel Sloane, Register
Lalin Peiris, Treasurer

WORSHIP LEADERS FOR JULY 26, 2026

The People of St. John's
Aubrey Lindsey, Organist and Choirmaster
Carlton Smith, Live Streaming
Larry Maher, 8 AM Inside Security
Alan Thibault, 10 AM Inside Security
Larry Maher, 10 AM Outside Security
Pat Robinson, 8 AM LEM
Lin Corbin-Howerton, 10 AM LEM
Tanya Scott & Pat Robinson, 8 AM Readers
Kent Horner & JoAnn Maher, 10 AM Readers
Pat and Hank Dvorak, Ushers
Larry Cody & Guy Smith, Tellers
Mary Smith, Becky Farr & Donna Horner, Altar Guild
Valerie Paredes, Flowers
Rev. Mary Margaret Winn, Rector

CONTACT US

The church office is open Tuesday—Friday, 9:15 AM to 3:15 PM. Reach out to Rev. Mary Margaret directly for an appointment. Call: 804-748-2182.

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THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

Sun., July 26	8:00 AM	Holy Eucharist
	8:30 AM	Choir Rehearsal
	9:00 AM	Adult Forum
	10:00 AM	Holy Eucharist
	11:15 AM	Fellowship Coffee Hour
Mon., July 27	7:00 PM	Boy and Cub Scouts
Tues., July 28	7:00 PM	AA/Al-Anon
Wed., July 29	7:30 PM	NO Choir Rehearsal
Sat., Aug. 1	4:30 PM	Family Time Worship
Sun., Aug. 2	8:00 AM	Holy Eucharist
	8:30 AM	Choir Rehearsal
	9:00 AM	Adult Forum
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