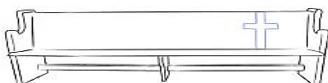


# NEWS FOR THE PEWS

## February 8, 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, we hope you know how beloved you are in this family.

### THIS WEEK AT ST JOHN'S

Sun., Feb. 8	8:00 AM 8:30 AM 9:00 AM 10:00 AM 11:00 AM	Holy Eucharist Choir Rehearsal Annual Parish Meeting Holy Eucharist Fellowship Coffee & Birthday Sunday
Mon., Feb. 9	12:30 PM 7:00 PM	Kiwanis Meeting Boy and Cub Scouts
Tues., Feb. 10	7:00 PM	AA/Al-Anon
Wed., Feb. 11	7:30 PM	Choir Rehearsal
Thurs., Feb. 12	6:00 PM	Mardi Bras
Sun., Feb. 15	8:00 AM 8:30 AM 9:00 AM 10:00 AM 11:00 AM	Holy Eucharist Choir Rehearsal Adult Forum Holy Eucharist Fellowship Coffee

### ALTAR GUILD

Due to the recent inclement weather we have flowers on the retable given: to the Glory of God in honor of Judi and Alex Heggie's 60th wedding anniversary which was on January 29, and to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Natalie Howland Day whose birthday was February 4.

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. Thank you.

### LOST

A very special "hat pin" has been lost at church or in the parking lot, and we are enlisting your help in finding it. It is sterling silver with clear stones. If you come across such a piece, please contact the church office at 804-748-2182. Thank you.

### FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

6 Pam Shultz 7 Kori Lyn Moats 11 Larry Cody  
12 Teresa Puckett 13 John Maxwell  
14 Christine Richardson 19 Jeff Johnson  
21 Guy Smith 22 Sherry Mueller, Tess Mueller  
25 Brook Heggie 26 Betty Ann Messerly  
27 David Duncan

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

### BOY SCOUT TROOP 2819 - UPDATE

The Annual Spaghetti Dinner previously scheduled for January 31 in the Parish Hall from 4:30 pm to 7:30 pm has been rescheduled for **February 28**. This is a fund raiser for the troop, so let's all join in and support our scouts. Take out will be available. Cost per person is \$15 which includes a salad bar, spaghetti dinner, garlic bread and beverage. Let's make this an amazing event. See you there!



### STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

We are deeply grateful for the generosity of our parish family, with **\$244,715 in pledges** received so far toward our goal of **\$300,000**.

Each pledge is a faithful expression of gratitude and commitment to St. John's and the good works we are accomplishing. If you have not yet made your pledge, please prayerfully consider joining us in this important effort. Together, we can continue to grow in faith and serve as a beacon of God's love in our community. Kim Courington

### PARDON OUR CONSTRUCTION

Part of the Organ rebuild project was improving the lighting in the choir loft—what a difference it makes! This new lighting is excellent for our choir and will illuminate the beauty of the rebuilt organ when it is installed.

### OUTREACH

The Outreach Committee is collecting hygiene supplies for our CCPS school aged children. Items to bring to the church lobby are: Shampoo, toothpaste, toothbrushes, sanitary products, etc. Thank you to all for your continued support.

Ladies of St. John's, come one come all to our second annual **Mardi Bras** event on **February 12th at 6 pm** in our Parish Hall. Bring friends, neighbors and ladies garments! Come to enjoy food, fun and fellowship while helping other ladies in our community. We will hear from founder Marti as she talks about her how she conceived Mardi Bras and Into the Neighborhood. See you February 12th. Tamara Evans.

### HELP WANTED

An opportunity is open to serve St. John's as Crucifer. The Crucifer carries the cross in the Processional and Recessional at 10 a.m. Sunday services. No other duties are included. Everyone is eligible. If you are interested see or contact Kent Horner. Training is available.

### MUSIC

We have a problem that most churches would like to have—we have too many pianos! St. John's has been given a very nice grand piano for the Armstrong Room and we have no place for that piano that is presently used. The current piano is a Hamilton studio model built by Baldwin. Unlike spinet models, studio pianos are larger and are used in rehearsal spaces because of their durability. It is in excellent condition and has been tuned regularly. For information, contact Aubrey Lindsey (804-389-9417) or Donna at the church (804-748-2182.)

## **THEATRE LOVERS**

Attention theater lovers, our very own Rebecca Perkinson is participating in Homefront Player's upcoming production of Agathe Christie's And Then There Were None. Based on one of Christie's most popular and emulated mysteries, the novel will be brought to life at the Beaty Theatre at Fort Lee on February 6th-7th, 13th-14th, and 20th-21th, with shows at 8 pm, and matinee performances on February 8th, 15th, and 22nd at 3pm. To enter Fort Lee, patrons over 16 must have a valid REAL ID. For more information about access to the Fort and to purchase tickets, call the box office at (804) 720-0163.

### **Please Remember in Your Prayers**

Gene Thompson, Guy Smith, Arlene Lotti,  
Tom Markwood, George Starke, William (Bill) Fields,  
Jim Colonna, Father Keith Gentry, Jaydon Robinson,  
Jordyn Prophett, Quinten Sierra,  
Rosa Maria Julia Barrientos (Mauricio's Mother),  
Cathy Frazer, The Germiller Family, Britt Young and  
Family, Marguerite Alley, Marianne Branigan,  
Gene Thompson, Rita & Billy Johnson,  
Melissa Fields, Jim Krech, Una Harrison,  
Webster and Joy Maughan,  
Vienna Grace Cale, The Cale Family,  
The Macri Family

### **Those Who Serve**

Col. Ernesto M. DiVittorio,  
Rear Admiral Brett W. Mietus,  
Colonel Amalia DiVittorio, Major Jeffrey Shields,  
Staff Sergeant Reade Whitner Enoch,  
Staff Sergeant Ryan Steidel and Petty Officer 3<sup>rd</sup> Class  
Damien Carter, Deputy Sheriff Donald H. Farr

### **In God's Eternal Keeping**

Mary Carlson (Paula Saddler's mother)  
Thomas Gardner

Robert Novak (Don Raybould's Brother-in-Law)  
Sharon Pruitt (Don Raybould's sister),

### **Parishioners @ Home**

Maggi Twilley, Betty Ann Messerly, Julie Johnson,  
Sandy Weilbacher, and Millie Johnson



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## **Participating in Today's Liturgy**

### **February 8, 2026**

Ministers: The People of St. John's  
Reverend Mary Margaret Winn, Rector  
Aubrey Lindsey, Organist and Choir Master

Hank Dvorak, Live Streaming

8:00 am Security, Chris Mueller

10:00 am Inside Security, Alan Thibault

Outside Security, Carlton Smith

### **Lay Eucharist Ministers) LEMs**

8:00 am – Pat Robinson

10:00 am – Larry Maher

### **Lectors: 8:00 am**

1<sup>st</sup> Lesson/Tanya Scott

2<sup>nd</sup> Lesson/Andy McCauley

### **Lectors: 10:00 am**

1<sup>st</sup> Lesson/JoAnn Maher

2<sup>nd</sup> Lesson/Jody Mountfort

Ruby DiVittorio & Jan Keavy - Ushers

Pat Dvorak & Joe Blankenship - Tellers

Brenda Wood, Valerie Miser

and Donna Horner - Altar Guild

Brenda Wood - Flowers

### **St. John's Vestry**

Kathy Ellington, Senior Warden

Larry Maher, Junior Warden (Property)

John Maxwell, Junior Warden (Strategy)

Kim Courington, Stewardship & Finance

Guy Smith, Health & Safety

Jody Mountfort, Parish Life

Tanya Scott, Christian Formation

Hazel Sloane, Register

Lalin Peiris, Treasurer

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## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

*Sunday, February 8th--9:00 am Annual Parish Meeting*

*Thursday, February 12th – 6:00 pm Annual Mardi Bras*

*Tuesday, February 17th–4:30 pm DOK Shrove Pancake Supper*

*Sunday, February 22nd--9:00 am Strategic Vision Parish*

*Presentation*

*Saturday, February 28th– 4:30 pm BSOA Annual Spaghetti Dinner*