

# NEWS FOR THE PEWS

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

*April 19, 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!

### ALL AGES WORSHIP

Save the date for All Ages Worship on **Sunday, May 3rd!** Our **10 AM service** will be an opportunity to introduce folks of all ages to the wonder of our Episcopal liturgy. Invite your neighbors, family, friends, and strangers; young, old, and everyone in between; families and singles; for accessible language, classic Sunday school music, a joint sermon, the ancient shape of our worship, and so many more welcoming details.

### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



### CONFIRMATION CLASS—OPEN TO ALL

For those interested or curious about the Episcopal Church, Confirmation Class will take place on **Sundays (April 12, 19, 26, May 3, 10) at 9 AM in the Parish Hall**. It is expected that those seeking baptism, confirmation, reception, or reaffirmation will attend all classes, but **they are open to everyone**. Childcare will be available. Please reach out to Rev. Mary Margaret with any questions or if there is an unavoidable scheduling conflict.

### BISHOP'S VISIT—SAVE THE DATE

Welcome Bishop Susan Haynes on **Sunday, May 17th!**

### ORGAN CONCERT AND REDEDICATION

Please join us for a service of rededication for our beautiful, rebuilt organ on **Sunday, May 31st at 4 PM**. The service will feature a concert by the nationally acclaimed Dr. Mary Beth Bennett, organist, composer and improviser, to be followed by a reception in the parish hall. Let's pack the pews for a glorious afternoon of music!

### OUTREACH COLLECTION

Outreach continues to collect hygiene products for Chesterfield school children who are homeless. **April requests: deodorant and black leggings, but all donations are welcomed**. Drop off in the office lobby.

### CHILD SAFETY FAIR

Come out to the Chesterfield County Fairgrounds on **Saturday, April 25, 2026, 10 AM to 2 PM** for the annual Child Safety Fair. This **FREE** event will be held rain or shine and will feature over 30 vendor booths with resources on how to keep children safe from infancy to adulthood. Activities will include children's games, safety vehicles (that children can interact with) and free food. No registration is required.

### WE NEED YOUR HELP TO REFRESH OUR WEBSITE

We are looking for pictures of recent activities at St. John's. If you have any pics and would like them to be a part of our website, please email them to [donnat@stjohnschester.com](mailto:donnat@stjohnschester.com). A pdf or jpeg format is preferred. The recent church yard clean-up, Easter Egg Hunt, and Lenten Suppers, just to name a few would be a good place to start. There might be pics from last year's Oyster Roast for starters. Our website needs refreshing, as we continue to engage with our community. We want St. John's to become well known in the surrounding area. This can be accomplished with your help. Any questions can be directed to Chris Day.

### STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATE

Your Vestry has worked hard on St. John's Vision and Strategy for the next five years. To help us better understand your perspectives on prayer, service, relationships, and community, please fill out our survey: [St. John's Episcopal Church - Congregation Survey – Fill out form](#). Contact: John Maxwell [john.maxwell4430@outlook.com](mailto:john.maxwell4430@outlook.com).

### ALTAR GUILD

The flowers on the retable are to the Glory of God. 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.

## **REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS**

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

### **April Birthdays**

1 Krysten Fideli      3 Teresa Johnson, Chris Mueller  
4 Linda Marotta, Conner Gaster  
5 Jeff Courington      6 Brian Blake  
10 Alston Heggie, Colin Puckett  
11 Jerry Harwell      15 Peter Keophila, Don Farr  
20 Ethan Carpenter, Aubrey Lindsey  
21 Paul Murman      26 Donna Horner  
27 Pat Robinson

### **Those in Need of Healing**

Annette Blankenship, James Robinson, Steve Oeffinger, Arlene Lotti, George Starke, William (Bill) Fields, Jim Colonna, Father Keith Gentry, Jaydon Robinson, Jordyn Prophett, Cathy Frazer, The Germiller Family, Britt Young and Family, Marguerite Alley, Marianne Branigan, Gene Thompson, Rita & Billy Johnson, Melissa Fields, Jim Krech, Una Harrison, Joy Maughan, Vienna Grace Cale, The Cale Family, The Macri Family, Martha and 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 3<sup>rd</sup> Class Damien Carter, Deputy Sheriff Donald H. Farr

### **Those Who Have Recently Died**

John Beeland  
Webster Maughan  
Bernie Nuckols  
Betty Ann Messerly

### **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 APRIL 19, 2026**

The People of St. John's  
Aubrey Lindsey, Organist and Choirmaster  
Bryant Watson, Violinist; Gabby Bergeret, Cantor  
Chris Day, Live Streaming  
Guy Smith, 8 & 10 AM Inside Security  
Alan Thibault, 10 AM Outside Security  
Pat Robinson, 8 AM LEM  
Lin Corbin-Howerton 10 AM LEM  
Tanya Scott and Jackie Colonna, 8 AM Readers  
JoAnn Maher and Jody Mountfort, 10 AM Readers  
Keith Moore, Crucifer  
Pat and Hank Dvorak, Ushers  
Becky Farr and Ted Krafft, Tellers  
Becky Farr, Barbara Fischer  
& Donna Horner - Altar Guild  
Rev. Mary Margaret Winn, Celebrant

## **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., Apr. 19	8:00 AM	Holy Eucharist
	8:30 AM	Choir Rehearsal
	9:00 AM	Confirmation Class
	10:00 AM	Holy Eucharist
	11:00 AM	Fellowship Coffee Hour
Mon., Apr. 20	10:00 AM	Organ Committee
	12:00 PM	Kiwanis Meeting
	7:00 PM	Boy and Cub Scouts
Tues., Apr. 21	7:00 PM	AA/Al-Anon
Wed., Apr. 22	7:30 PM	Choir Rehearsal
Fri., Apr. 24	11:00 AM	Messerly Service
Sat., Apr. 25	10:00 AM	Daughters of the King
Sun., Apr. 26	8:00 AM	Holy Eucharist
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We can't do this without your help!  
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