

# The Signs of St. John's

January, 2023

St. John's is getting a new Priest in February. Her name is The Reverend Mary Margaret Winn. She is a cradle Episcopalian from Atlanta Georgia. She is presently an Assistant Rector at St. Matthews Episcopal Church in Sterling, VA. She has held that job since 2020. She attended The University of the South in Sewanee, TN from 2009 to 2013. Then she attended Virginia Theological Seminary from 2017 to 2020. She was a Youth Minister from 2013 to 2017 at Grace-St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Memphis, Tennessee. She did Pastoral care counseling at the Washington Hospital Center in Washington, DC in the summer of 2018. She then was a seminarian at St. James Episcopal Church in Potomac, Maryland from 2018 to 2019.

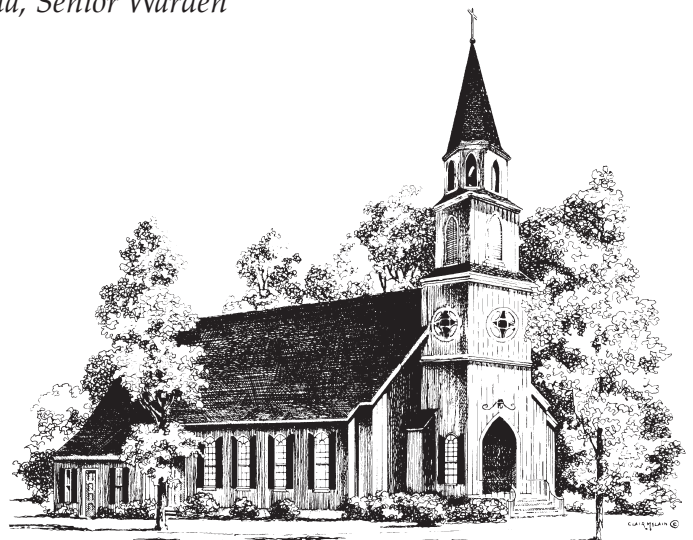


She married The Rev. Sam Sheridan in 2020. He is now the Priest-in-Charge at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Petersburg, VA since the first week in December. They have a son, Mac, who was born June 2022. In her free time, she enjoys gardening, kayaking, bird watching, trivia and attempting to train their puppy, Eleanor Roosevelt. Please welcome her to St. John's this coming February. She will start in the office on February 18 and will be our Supply Priest on the first 2 Sundays, the 5th and 12th. She is still working at St. Matthews through the first part of January. Then she, along with Sam and Mac, will be moving to the the house they bought in December. The Search Committee and I were enchanted with her and I know you will be too!

*Kathy Canada, Senior Warden*

## January Highlights

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| January 3  | Prayerful Crafters    |
| January 10 | Daughters of the King |
| January 19 | Vestry Meeting        |
| January 21 | Altar Guild           |
| January 17 | Prayerful Crafters    |
| January 24 | Outreach Meeting      |
| January 28 | BSA Spaghetti Dinner  |



## From the Senior Warden

I want to thank the Search Committee for going through the process of helping St. John's find a new Rector! They had a few meetings to get to know each other and what they were to do. The Diocese sent Steven Van Voorhees to guide them through the process. They had a Zoom meeting with The Rev. Mary Margaret Winn, then later a meeting with her to ask questions. They brought her name to the Vestry at a specially called meeting, as a candidate to be our next Priest. The Vestry voted to accept her as our next Priest! After that, the Senior Warden made a call to The Rev. Mary Margaret Winn to invite her to be our next Rector, she accepted.

I want to thank the Search Committee for all their hard work. They are Chairman Larry Maher, Brenda Wood, Ted Kraftt, Pat Robinson, Tanja Scott, Lalin Peiris, and Jody Mountfort.

## New Vestry Members

I want to introduce the new Vestry members for the session of 2023–2024. They are Tom Markwood, JoAnn Maher, Valerie Paredes, and Andy McCauley. They will be installed on January 8 at the 10:00 a.m. service. They will join the 4 returning Vestry members Nancy Fast, Mary Smith, Brook Heggie and Kent Horner, Jr. The four Vestry members going off are Hank Dvorak, Billy Gibbons, Liz McCauley and Kathy Canada. We were on the Vestry for 2 years and were blessed to work with Father Eric from October, 2021 until he left. He helped St. John's be a better and very active congregation!

*Kathy Canada,  
Senior Warden*

## Communication/Evangelism

I hope everyone had a very Merry Christmas and I wish everyone a Happy New Year!

Welcome to our new vestry members, Andy McCauley, JoAnn Maher, Valerie Paredes and Tom Markwood. We are so glad to have you join us on the Vestry and look forward to a great year. It has been a pleasure to work with our outgoing Vestry members—Kathy Canada, Billy Gibbons, Hank Dvorak, and Liz McCauley. Thank you for all your hard work and service to St. John's. You are greatly appreciated. And a special thank you to Eric+ for all his devotion to St. John's and leading us back to being a vibrant church once again. We are sending our love and prayers to Eric+ and Donna.

We are excited to meet and begin our new journey at St. John's with our new minister, The Reverend Mary Margaret Winn. She begins at St. John's in February.

Please remember to send your articles and pictures for the St. John's Newsletter to Alex Heggie at [aheggie@comcast.net](mailto:aheggie@comcast.net). The deadline is the day after the Vestry meeting or the 23<sup>rd</sup> of each month, whichever is later. We appreciate all the great articles and pictures since restarting *The Signs* in May. Thank you!

## January Birthdays

5—Susan Kalanges; 9—Nancy Fast; 11—Susie Kalanges; 13—Bill Fields; 17—Catherine Sloan; 18—Liz Pectal, Hank Dvorak; 19—Susanne Hillier; 20—Rick Wood; 22—Joe Hillier; 23—Millie Johnson; 24—Christiana Smythe; 25—Megan Fideli; 26—Rita Johnson; 27—Robin Eckman, Jan Keavy; 31—Helen Lindsey

If your name should be included here, but is not, please call the Church Office so your record can be updated.

Articles and information for *The Signs of St. John's* should be submitted to Alex Heggie, [aheggie@comcast.net](mailto:aheggie@comcast.net), by the day after the Vestry Meeting or the 23<sup>rd</sup> of each month, whichever is later. Photographs or other illustrations may also be submitted.

### Daughters of the King

Our full name is The Order of the Daughters of the King. Our main purpose is to know Jesus Christ and to make Him known to others through prayer, service, and evangelism. We are a lay ministry of women " who are strengthened through the discipline of a Rule of Life and supported by our sisters in Christ." (Source: doknational.com).

At St. John's our chapter name is St. Veronica. This name was chosen to honor posthumously Veronica (Vee) Cifelli who was also a Daughter. Our chapter will have a re-organizational meeting in the Armstrong Room on Tuesday, January 10 at 6:30 p.m. We will be starting regular monthly meetings in February.

A Service of Admission will be held on Sunday, January 8 at the 10:00 a.m. service, along with a Service of Reinstatement. We are adding three women to our chapter!

*Pat Robinson*



*DoK Coffee Hour—Dec 11*



**Looking Ahead**  
**February**  
**Welcome Mary Margaret!**

## Stewardship

Thank you so much to everyone who made a pledge for 2023. As of December 23, pledge cards have been received from 51 families totaling \$189,120.

If you have not pledged yet, please know that it is not too late to do so. Any amount that you are comfortable giving will be greatly appreciated. We have much to be excited about at St. John's as we welcome our new rector in February.

Have a happy and healthy New Year!

*Nancy Fast,*

## Coffee Hour

There will be no Coffee Hour on Sunday, January 1. Coffee Hour will resume on Sunday, January 8 with a celebration of January Birthdays. Please come and join us!



## Name Tags

I have had a few people ask for name tags. I will be putting in a new order on January 9, 2023. Name tags are helpful when we greet newcomers to St. John's and also help create a warm and friendly environment to worship. Name tags will be especially beneficial in helping our new minister, Mary Margaret+ learn our names. It will be very important for everyone to wear their name tags each week. Let me know if you need a name tag. Thank you!

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## Outreach

### Ronald McDonald Aluminum Pop-tops

In the last two years our contributions of pop-tops to the Ronald McDonald House has totaled 90 lbs., with a dollar amount of \$50 which covered a four night stay at Ronald McDonald House for a family whose children receive medical treatment in our local hospitals. We have been sending the pop-tops considerably longer than two years, however, Ronald McDonald House switched computer systems which resulted in a loss of data. An estimate of around 170 lbs. over the last four years might be more accurate. Thank you all and keep 'em coming.

*Sue Whiteman*

### Resurrected to new life in Christ

Al Heltzel, Jr.

John Youell

Rest eternal grant to these, O Lord: let light perpetual shine upon them. May their soul, and the souls of all the departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

Each Sunday:  
Coffee Hour following the  
10 o'clock Worship Service

# St. John's Episcopal Church JANUARY 2023

Each Monday:  
7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts meet in the Scout Cabin  
7:00 p.m. Cub Scouts meet in the Parish Hall  
Each Tuesday and Thursday:  
7:00 p.m. AA meet in the Parish Hall

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b> 10:00 a.m. Morning Prayer New Year's Day No coffee hour	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> 10:00 a.m. Ikebana Flower Design 10:00 a.m. Prayerful Crafters -	<b>4</b> 7:30 p.m. Choir Practice	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b> 8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Admission Service for Daughters of the King Installation of new Vestry members	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> 6:30 a.m. Daughters of the King	<b>11</b> 7:30 p.m. Choir Practice	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b> 8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> 10:00 a.m. Prayerful Crafters	<b>18</b> 7:30 p.m. Choir Practice	<b>19</b> 6:30 p.m. Vestry Meeting	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> 10:00 a.m. Altar Guild
<b>22</b> 8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> 6:30 p.m. Outreach Committee	<b>25</b> 9:00 a.m. Chester Garden Club 7:30 p.m. Choir Practice	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> 5:00 p.m. Boy Scout Spaghetti Super Takeout available
<b>29</b> 8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist	<b>30</b> <b>Signs Deadline</b>	<b>31</b>				

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January 28—Spaghetti Dinner, BSA

## St. John's Episcopal Church

The Reverend Mary Margaret Winn (starting in February, 2023)

Aubrey Lindsey, Organist and Music Director      Donna Thibault, Office Administrator  
Elizabeth Pectal, Treasurer      Hazel Sloane, Register

### Vestry Members

(Committee Assignments will be announced after January 8 installation)

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*To promote God in the midst of life and life in the midst of God.*

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