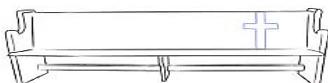


NEWS FOR THE PEWS

January 18, 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

Sunday January 18	8:00 AM 8:30 AM 9:00 AM 10:00 AM 11:00 AM	Holy Eucharist Choir Rehearsal No Adult Forum Holy Eucharist Fellowship Coffee
Monday, January 19	12:30 PM 7:00 PM	Kiwanis Meeting Boy and Cub Scouts
Tuesday, January 20	7:00 PM	AA/Al-Anon
Wednesday, January 21	7:30 PM	Choir Rehearsal
Saturday, January 24	10:00 AM	Daughters of the King
Sunday January 25	8:00 AM 8:30 AM 9:00 AM 10:00 AM 11:00 AM	Holy Eucharist Choir Rehearsal No Adult Forum Holy Eucharist Fellowship Coffee

ALTAR GUILD

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.

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

5 Susan Kalanges 9 Nancy Fast
11 Susie Kalanges 13 Bill Fields
17 Catherine Sloane, Rev. Keith Gentry
18 Liz Pectal, Hank Dvorak 19 Susanne Hillier
20 Rick Wood, Kathy Ellington 23 Millie Johnson
24 Christiana Smythe 25 Megan Fideli,
Rebecca Perkinson 26 Rita Johnson 27 Robin Eckman,
Jan Keavy 31 Helen Lindsey

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

VESTRY

Vestry members provide leadership, continuity and perspective, helping to shape the future and mission of St. John's while grounding our work in faith, tradition, and shared purpose. If you feel called to serve and would like to volunteer your name for consideration, please contact me or Reverend Mary Margaret as soon as possible. Thank you! Kathy Ellington, 318.245.0871

BOY SCOUT TROOP 2819

The Annual Spaghetti Dinner is coming up on January 31 in the Parish Hall from 4:30 pm to 7:30 pm. You may recall last year's event had to be cancelled due to inclement weather. 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 side salad, garlic bread, spaghetti dinner and beverage. Let's make this an amazing event. See you there!



STEWARSHIP 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.

Please Remember in Your Prayers

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 Enochs,
Staff Sergeant Ryan Steidel and Petty Officer 3rd Class
Damien Carter, Deputy Sheriff Donald H. Farr

UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday, **January 31** – 4:30 pm BSOA Annual
Spaghetti Dinner
Sunday, **February 1st** – 9:00 am Annual Parish Meeting
Thursday, **February 12** – 6:00 pm Annual Mardi Bras
Sunday, **February 15th** – 9:00 am Strategic Vision
Parish Presentation

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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make a donation to St. John's.

Participating in Today's Liturgy

January 18, 2026

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

Carlton Smith, Live Streaming
8:00 am Security, Hank Dvorak
10:00 am Inside Security, Guy Smith
Outside Security, Alan Thibault

Lay Eucharist Ministers) LEMs

8:00 am – Kent Horner
10:00 am – Sadie Morgan

Lectors: 8:00 am

1st Lesson/Bryan Saddler --2nd Lesson/Paula Saddler

Lectors: 10:00 am
1st Lesson/Lin Corbin-Howerton
2nd Lesson/Larry Maher

Ruby DiVittorio & Chris Day - Ushers
Kitty Wells & Dick Pitman - Tellers
Claire Marsh, Valerie Miser
and Donna Horner - Altar Guild
Donna Lee - 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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