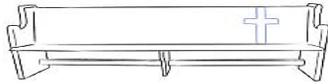


NEWS FOR THE PEWS

March 22, 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., Mar. 22	8:00 AM	Holy Eucharist
	8:30 AM	Choir Rehearsal
	9:00 AM	Adult Forum
	10:00 AM	Holy Eucharist
	11:00 AM	Fellowship Coffee
Mon., Mar. 23	12:00 PM	Kiwanis Meeting
	7:00 PM	Boy and Cub Scouts
Tues., Mar. 24	10:00 AM	Organ Committee
	7:00 PM	AA/Al-Anon
Wed., Mar. 25	1:00 PM	Wednesday Refresh
	5:00 PM	Lenten Supper
	6:00 PM	Wednesday Refresh
	7:30 PM	Choir Rehearsal
Sun., Mar. 29	8:00 AM	Holy Eucharist
	8:30 AM	Choir Rehearsal
	9:00 AM	Adult Forum
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ALTAR GUILD – EASTER FLOWERS

The Altar Guild is accepting donations for memorial flowers to decorate the Nave and Narthex for Easter. The deadline for donations is Sunday, March 29th. Please make checks payable to St. John’s Episcopal Church and include "Easter Flowers" and the name(s) of those being honored in the check's memo line. Names can also be sent via email to office@stjohnschester.com.

Thank you. Val Paredes, (804) 748 4012

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.

Join the Altar Guild on Saturday, March 28 at 9:30 am for Palm Cross Workshop. Stay for lunch and fellowship.

EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE BREAKFAST

St. John’s will host the sunrise service breakfast again this year. Chester United Methodist parishioners will join us. You can sign up in the Parish Hall or at this link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C084FAAAA2DA1F9C34-62924170-copy#/>

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

- 2 Scott Austin 6 Tom Markwood
- 8 Judi Heggie 9 Rusty Phoenix
- 15 Hazel Sloane 16 Masey Fideli, August Heggie
- 20 Debbie Markwood 22 Sue Whiteman
- 24 Lin Corbin-Howerton 25 Steven Fornash
- 26 Marcy Thomas 27 Janet Austin
- 29 Ryan McBrearty 30 Abigail Courington

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

WEDNESDAYS IN LENT

This Lent Rev. Mary Margaret will lead the parish through the short book *Will You? A Lenten Study of Baptismal Promises* by Rev. Amanda Perkins McGriff. This 5-week Lenten study offers “daily reflections, examples of evangelism in action, and an invitation to think in new ways about the promises we make to God, each other, and ourselves in baptism.” Our last gathering will be on Wednesday, March 25th.

- 1 PM—Wednesday Refresh: Book study open to all.
- 5 PM—Lenten supper
- 6 PM—Wednesday Refresh: Same content from 1 PM.

LENTEN QUIET DAY

The St. David’s Chapter of the Daughters of the King warmly invites everyone (gender-inclusive!) to a Quiet Day at St. David’s (1801 Camborne Road) on Saturday, March 21st from 9-12. Folks are asked to arrive at 8:30 AM to register. There will be refreshments, time for personal reflection, and meditations led by Rev. Paul Johnson. The day will end with Eucharist and a healing station.

CHURCH YARD

Are you doing anything Saturday morning, March 28 at 9:00AM? If not, join us here at St. John’s for Mulch Madness. It’s like basketball, but with pitchforks and rakes. We’ll have bags of fresh mulch waiting to be spread on our gardens to beautify them for the upcoming Easter season. If you don’t want to spread mulch, feel free to come by to tell us what spots we missed; we can always use another set of eyes to help us out!

OUTREACH

Outreach will continue to collect hygiene products for Chesterfield school children who are homeless through 2026. I delivered 3 bins last week. The specific requests this month are for deodorant and black leggings, but all donations are welcomed. Thank you St. John's for all your help. Tamara Evans.

STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATE

Your Vestry was excited to see so many of you attend last month's presentation on St. John's Vision and Strategy for the next five years. If you completed one of the feedback forms, feel free to drop it off at the church office or give it to a Vestry member. Also, to help us better understand your perspectives on prayer, service, relationships, and community, as they relate to your lives at St. John's, we've created a survey, which you can find at this link:

[St. John's Episcopal Church - Congregation Survey – Fill out form.](#) Should you have questions, feedback, or you'd like a copy of the presentation, please contact John Maxwell at john.maxwell4430@outlook.com. Thanks very much!

Please Remember in Your Prayers

Steve Oeffinger, Howard Daniels, Guy Smith, Arlene Lotti, Tom Markwood, 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, Webster and Joy Maughan, Vienna Grace Cale, The Cale Family, The Macri Family, Martha and Joe Sheridan

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

In God's Eternal Keeping

Patrick Kardian

Parishioners @ Home

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

Participating in Today's Liturgy

March 22, 2026

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

Bryant Watson, Violinist

Gabby Bergeret, Cantor

Chris Day, Live Streaming

8:00 am Security, Hank Dvorak

10:00 am Inside Security, Alan Thibault

Outside Security, Larry Maher

Lay Eucharist Ministers) LEMs

8:00 am – Pat Robinson

10:00 am – Sadie Morgan

Lectors: 8:00 am

1st Lesson/Hazel Sloane

2nd Lesson/Jackie Colonna

Lectors: 10:00 am

1st Lesson/Carlene Gentry

2nd Lesson/Jody Mountfort

Ruby DiVittorio & Jan Keavy - Ushers

Pat Dvorak & Paul Murman - Tellers

Brenda Wood, Rusty Phoenix and Donna Horner
- Altar Guild

St. John's Vestry

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

Hazel Sloane, Register

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