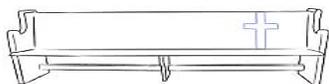


NEWS FOR THE PEWS

March 29, 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. 29	8:00 AM 8:30 AM 9:00 AM 10:00 AM 11:00 AM	Palm Sunday Choir Rehearsal Adult Forum Palm Sunday Fellowship Coffee
Mon., Mar. 30	7:00 PM	Boy and Cub Scouts
Tues., Mar. 31	7:00 PM	AA/Al-Anon
Wed., Apr. 1	7:30 PM	Choir Rehearsal
Thurs., Apr. 2	7:00 PM	Maundy Thursday Service
Fri., Apr. 3	12:00 PM 1-6 PM 7:00 PM	Good Friday Service Veneration of the Cross Good Friday Service
Sat., Apr. 4	10:00 AM 7:00 PM	Holy Saturday Service Great Vigil of Easter at St. Paul's Petersburg
Sun., Apr. 5	6:30 AM 7:30 AM 10:00 AM 11:15 AM	Easter Sunrise Service Potluck Breakfast Easter Service Children's Easter Egg Hunt

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.

EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE BREAKFAST

On April 5th at 7:30 am St. John's will host the sunrise service breakfast. 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.

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!

MUSICAL AT THE PERKINSON CENTER

Oliver is playing at The Perkinson Center on Saturday, May 9th at 1:00 pm, and there are tickets available to St. John's through the Women's Club of Chester. The deadline to reserve tickets has been extended to April 1st, please call Heather at 804-748-5555. Adults: \$20+fees, Senior/Military \$15+fees. If you have any questions, please call Mary Smith 804-337-3132.

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,
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
John Beeland

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
The Rev. Canon Keith Gentry, Assisting Priest
Aubrey Lindsey, Organist and Choir Master
Bryant Watson, Violinist
Rebecca Perkinson, Cantor
Chris Day, Live Streaming
8:00 am Security, John Maxwell
10:00 am Inside Security, Carlton Smith
Outside Security, John Maxwell

Lay Eucharist Ministers) LEMs

8:00 am – Kent Horner
10:00 am – Larry Maher

Lectors: 8:00 am

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

Lectors: 10:00 am

1st Lesson/Lin Corbin-Howerton
2nd Lesson/JoAnn Maher

Leshem Peiris - Acolyte

Jan Keavy & Don Farr - Ushers

Dick Pitman & Larry Cody - Tellers

Sally Maxwell, Valerie Maxwell 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
Lalin Peiris, Treasurer

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