

St. John's Announcements

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Happy St Patricks Day

Happy St. Patrick's Day, and a solemn fifth Sunday in Lent and first Sunday of Passiontide (Deep Lent). The question is often raised when a lesser feast (yes, even for the Irish, St. Patrick's Day counts as a lesser feast) occurs on a Sunday, does it bump the Sunday observance and its Lectionary readings? The answer (in general) is "no". Even in places like Boston, Chicago, and Dublin, crosses are veiled, and they are reading about Jesus' upcoming crucifixion from the Gospel of John. This was not always so, but the church during the Reformation and Counter-Reformation began discouraging local celebrations from interfering with the Sunday liturgical calendar. Vatican II and our own 1979 prayer book reemphasized this. Since 1979, some restrictions have loosened. For example, in October we will celebrate the Feast of St. Francis on a Sunday. This is technically not permitted, but Episcopal Bishops have given latitude for such observances. There are times when feast days will trump the typical readings for all churches not just churches transferring an important observance to a Sunday. These are "Feasts of our Lord". Last year, this happened twice. The Feast of the Holy Name which is January 1st is not really thought of as being a huge church celebration, but because it is a Feast of our Lord, it bumped the Sunday of Christmas readings. The Feast of the Transfiguration whose traditional Anglican observance is August 6th did the same thing later in the summer.

*Blessings,
Marc*

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Eucharist -
3/20 @ 1030am

Bible Study -
3/20 @ 12:30pm

Lenten Series -
3/21 @ 6pm

Happy Birthday!
Rev. Virginia Army
Paul Janovicz

Schedule for Holy Week:

Monday 3/25 – 7pm Compline service

Tuesday 3/26 – 7pm Evening Prayer with Sermon

Wednesday 3/27 – 7pm Spy Wednesday with Eucharist

Thursday 3/28 – 7pm Maundy Thursday

Friday 3/29 – 12pm Stations of the Cross and 7pm Liturgy both with Communion from the Reserve Sacrament

Saturday 3/30 – 9am Service

Easter Sunday – 3/31 8am and 10am Eucharist

Join Episcopal Relief & Development on a Lenten Journey - For 15 years, Episcopal Relief & Development has been blessed by the opportunity to join readers on their spiritual journeys with thought-provoking meditations. During Lent, we pray, “Create and make in us new and contrite hearts.” Our 2024 meditations focus on embracing this new heart, this new life in Christ, and looking deep within ourselves and acting in ways that seek and serve Christ in others. Visit our website to subscribe to daily emails, download a PDF, read the meditations and access a Group Study Guide to reflect on the meditations and Scripture with others. Go to episcopalrelief.org/Lent or scan the QR code to read the daily meditations.



Lenten Series - The Brothers at the Society of St. John the Evangelist will lead us through a video Lenten Series called “In the Midst” an exploration God’s presence even in the hardest, messiest parts of life. Join us on Thursdays beginning on February 22nd at 6:00pm. We will begin our time with a soup supper, have conversation, and conclude with a brief Eucharist.

2024 Stewardship - Our 2024 Stewardship program will run from Ash Wednesday, February 14 through Palm Sunday, March 24. Throughout Lent we plan to again have a very active stewardship conversation with our parish family. We will be asking our parish to reflect on their many blessings and offer gifts of their treasure as a thanksgiving to God, who has made all things possible.

LUNCH BUNCH IS BACK! - On Thursday, April 4th Lunch Bunch is making a comeback. All parishioners are welcome to attend a potluck luncheon in the St. Mary’s lower parish hall. Doors open at 12 noon for socializing with a potluck lunch to follow at 12:30. Bring a hot or cold dish of your choice to share (the kitchen oven will be available for any hot foods). Additional potluck lunches are scheduled for May 2nd and June 6th. Mark your calendar and join in for some food, fun and fellowship. For any questions contact Chris Emery at 860-593-3176 (calls or texts).