

St. John's Announcements

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Easter at St. John's



Rogation Day is May 5th this year. The Latin word *rogare* – “to ask” gives the observance its name. We are encouraged to ask God for what we need. There are few things we need more than quality food and water, so Rogation Day quickly became associated with praying for farms, gardens, wells, and rivers. It is a time to give thanks for the beauty and fruitfulness of the earth. Parishioners are encouraged to bring in a cup of dirt from their garden and place it in a wheelbarrow we will have in the narthex. We will bless the dirt, and you are invited to bring that blessed dirt home. We will also say prayers over the organic garden and the memorial garden. While Rogation Day has a focus on the land, we also take a moment to give thanks for all of the holy work we do. God blesses us through accountants, doctors, and teachers, as well as religious workers and farmers. Rogation Day is a good time to pray for meaningful labor.

I give thanks for all the labor that you do as a parish. While the work you do harvesting in our organic garden, serving food at Cornerstone, or serving at the altar are all direct ministries of the church, the church also goes where you go. When you are taking care of children, family members in need, or work at the grocery store, you are doing God's work. You are the church in action, and I am grateful for it.

*Blessings,
Marc*

UPCOMING EVENTS:

5/8 – Eucharist @
10:30am

5/8 – Bible Study @
12:30pm

5/19 – Accessibility
Project Meeting @ 9am

Happy Birthday!

Don Morissette
Sara Brownell



Bible Study

On Wednesday, May 8th at 12:30pm in St. Mary's Hall, we will continue with the Acts of the Apostles. The book tells the story of the Apostolic Age of the early church. We are introduced to Paul and James, the brother of our Lord, as well as hearing how those former fishermen became great leaders of the church. I hope you can join us in-person or through Zoom. You may get a zoom link by contacting the Rev. Marc.

Accessibility Project at St. John's

The Vestry recently voted unanimously to proceed with design work and a cost estimate to provide better accessibility to our church building. It has been a longstanding goal for St. John's for more than 10 years and a great deal of Vestry discernment has gone into this decision. We believe our faith, our desire to extend hospitality to everyone that comes through our doors, and our current financial strength have led us to this unique opportunity to improve accessibility and welcome all who visit our church.

Plans are almost done for improvements to both the upper and lower parking lot entrances to the church, the addition of two handicapped-accessible bathrooms on the sanctuary level, and a lift that allows handicapped access to church undercroft. DRAFT plans for the planned addition are available for viewing in St. Mary's Hall (on wall opposite the large bank of windows) and can also be seen electronically on our website. There will be a parish meeting on May 19 at 9:00 am (between services) in St. Mary's Hall to present and discuss project details.
