

St. John's Announcements

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MACC Ribbon Cutting for new freezer



Happy Easter.

While, for some, Easter is a single day, Easter has been celebrated as a season since the time of the early church. While the exact length of Eastertide has been argued over in the past, it was clearly meant to be a weeks long season. The Episcopal Church has been widely credited over the years for taking Lent seriously. We get fewer accolades for Easter. Christianity is not just about penance and confession. It is also about victory, and the celebration of Jesus' triumph over death. Over these next few weeks, we will continue to celebrate Christ's victory and the difference it makes in our lives. Today we combine our Easter celebration with our quarterly healing service. The narrative of the early church found in Acts is filled with stories of healings. Christ's victory over death is not just a spiritual victory. The Holy Spirit also gives us power to pray and the power to heal. While most healings are not of the type found in a televangelist tent meeting, God has assisted in the healing of many of our fellow parishioners. Christ's victory over death is not just to allow us a way to a heavenly afterlife. It is meant to affect our lives today. If you have a health challenge, I invite you to come forward to receive the prayers of the church. If you are interested in laying on hands, or offering prayers, please come forward when invited, or talk to me.

Blessings, Marc

UPCOMING EVENTS:

5/6 @ 12noon – Lunch
Bunch

5/14 @ 12:30pm –
Bible Study

Lunch bunch will meet on **Tuesday, May 6th at 12:00pm** in St. Mary's Hall. Please bring a hot or cold dish to share. As this is a lunch gathering, please refrain from bringing dessert items. Dessert and beverages are provided by the lunch bunch hosts. Hope to see you there, Chris, Diane, and Marsha.

A five-week Bible Study on the beginning of Paul's first epistle to the Corinthians will begin on **Wednesday, May 14th at 12:30** in St. Mary's Hall. The study can be attended in-person or through Zoom. Let Marc know if you would like to join through Zoom. This wide-ranging epistle covers disputes in the community and how to resolve them, marriage, worship, and resurrection. I hope you are able to join us.

Rogation Sunday – Rogation Sunday is when Christians ask for things. Traditionally, those things have focused on issues of vocation, fishing, and agriculture. **On Sunday May 25th**, we will pray for our gardens and hope to take a procession outside to bless them. It is also Memorial Day weekend, and we will mark our veterans' resting place with an American Flag.

The Feast of Pentecost is June 8th. We will celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit this day. The Feast of St. Mary will be celebrated on **Sunday, August 17th.** On this holy day we will celebrate the life and continued importance of the mother of our Lord. We will flower the cross with blooms from our own gardens.

Cooks for a Cause Ministry at St. John's was started by Maggie and Vance Mortense. We have dedicated teams that take one Sunday a month to give back to their community by cooking brunch for the soup kitchen. They serve between 50 – 70 meals depending on the need. We need volunteers for the second Sunday of the month. If this is something you might be interested in please contact Carole Cronsell for more information. ccronsell@gmail.com or text 860-306 2216.