

St. John's Newsletter

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"Proclaim the greatness of the Lord our God and worship him upon his holy hill; for the Lord our God is the Holy One." (Psalm 99:9, BCP)

A Word from the Priest

Greetings All,

Here we are in the latter part of July. I hope your summer has been going well. It's a little bit odd not having the usual summer outdoor activities but it has so far been a beautiful summer. I love the warm weather when I can just go out without coat, hat, mittens, boots and all. And we have had beautiful blue skies with big puffy clouds over the glorious green hills. We live in a wonderful place. I hope you have all been well and have gotten out to walk and enjoy what we have. I pray for all of you daily, hoping that the malaise that could settle on us because of the pandemic has not put any of you in a grumpy mood.

As I sit outside or drive around, especially going to or coming from Hobart, and look up to the surrounding hills, I think of Dennis when he was maybe three and stayed with us. He was intrigued with the mountains which were pointed out to him in the distance when we were on an open road and then again when we were right up against them. And we were delighted by the awe with which his young mind saw the world.

I am reminded of Psalm 121 -

I lift up my eyes to the hills;
From where is my help to come?
My help comes from the Lord,
The maker of heaven and earth.
He will not let your foot be moved
And he who watches over you will not fall asleep;

It's a comforting reminder in these times to remember the special relationship that we have with our God, that he cares for us in times like this as well as better times. I pray that you will keep in touch with him and let him show you a good rest of the summer.

Blessings,

Nancy

Mother Nancy



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*I can do ALL THINGS
through Christ
who STRENGTHENS me.*
-Philippians 4:13

AT LONG LAST, WE MOVE BACK INTO THE CHURCH

After months of “Zoom Church,” followed by weeks of double services in the parish hall, it is time to resume our usual 9:00 Sunday service in our beautiful church with Curt’s uplifting organ music.

We will celebrate our first Mass there on August 2nd. It will still be socially-distanced, so only every-other pew will be used, and unless you are sitting with a family-member only two people will be allowed per pew. Seats are designated by colored sticky notes on the pew.

Those reading the lessons are asked to sit in the front pews and go up to the lectern when it’s your time to read. Those reading the Prayers of the People will stand up and read them from their seat.

Everyone will stay in their pew for Communion. Mother Nancy will come to each person to deliver the host.


It will be so wonderful to have more normalcy and all of us at one service!

RECOVERY MINISTRY DONATIONS

- ADAC has resumed taking clothes. Their office is open, so people can take things directly there or bring them to St. John’s.



- Tom of the noon AA meeting is looking for donations of used adult bikes that he can repair and then lend out to people, mainly those just out of jail who do not have a license and therefore no transportation. These can be brought to the church or call Tom (607-746-3588) and leave a message. This is his project but it is also an extension of our recovery ministry.



Thank you all for your cards and greetings, as well as your donations for the set of priest stoles and my discretionary fund at the time of my ordination to the priesthood. It was an awesome day but I so wanted to share it with you all and that could not happen as we know. The important thing was that it happened and I am so glad to share this new aspect of my ministry with you. God Bless you all and thank you for allowing me to minister among you.

Mother Nancy

HAPPY BIRTHDAY IN AUGUST

- Vaughn Thomas – 1st
- Ruth Zinkievich – 2nd
- Loretta O’Brien – 4th
- Adam Coe – 6th
- Abby Clark – 7th
- Josh Clark – 9th
- Tom MacNaught – 15th
- Tom Whittaker – 19th
- Beth Marino – 20th
- Eliya Knapp – 21st
- Tony Caruso – 24th
- Bryan Fitch – 24th
- Dante Musci – 24th
- Robin Hultenius – 31st

HOLY DAYS IN AUGUST

- August 6 – The Transfiguration
- August 15 – St. Mary, the Virgin
- August 24 – St. Bartholomew, Apostle



HIGHLIGHTS OF JULY VESTRY MEETING

- ✓ The Vestry toured the rectory to see all the work that’s been done since winter. It looks incredible! Fresh paint, new carpeting in one bedroom, and some other repairs have made this a beautiful living space for the new rector. Thank you Tim Townsend.
- ✓ A few other items still need to be taken care of: relocating the washer & dryer from the basement, some fence and porch repairs, and a couple of window replacements, as well as interior cleaning once the work has been completed.
- ✓ The rectory flower beds are in need of weeding and cleaning out.
- ✓ With the closure of Oaks of Righteousness, the Godly Playthings donated by St. John’s and St. Peter’s need to go. Mother Nancy will ask local clergy if their churches could use those items.

St. John's Episcopal Church—August 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Sunday Services: St. John's, 9 a.m. St. Peter's, 11:30 a.m.	Morning prayer: Mon-Fri 9 a.m.	AA - Mon, Wed, Fri at noon; Tues, Thurs, Fri at 7 p.m.; Sat at 9 a.m.;	Wednesday morning prayer group: 7 a.m.	NA - Tues, Thurs, Sat at noon		1
2 Food Sunday Proper 13 12-Step Worship 5 p.m.	3 4 Bible Study 10 a.m.	5 6 Bible Study 7 p.m.	7 8			
9 Proper 14	10 11 Bible Study 10 a.m. <i>The Transfiguration</i>	12 13 Eucharist 5 p.m.	14 15			
16 Fuel Sunday Proper 15	17 18 Eucharist 5 p.m.	19 20 Eucharist 5 p.m.	21 22 <i>St. Mary, the Virgin</i>			
23 Mission Sunday Proper 16	24 25 Eucharist 5 p.m.	26 27 Eucharist 5 p.m.	28 29 <i>St. Bartholomew,</i> <i>Apostle</i>			
30 Proper 17	31					

ABOUT ST. JOHN'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Mission Statement:
***Knowing Christ and
Making Him Known***

Thinking about joining a church? We encourage you to try St. John's or our sister parish, St. Peter's in Hobart. We pray you will find us a welcoming family that enjoys a traditional style of worship. And we are not just about Sunday. We have a number of opportunities for all – young and old, single or married, new in the faith or seasoned. Please feel free to join us any Sunday.

PARISH EVENTS & DATES

- **12-Step Worship**
Next service – **August 2nd** at 5 p.m.
- **Vestry**
Next meeting – **August 11th** at 7 p.m.
- **Mid-week Eucharist**
Wednesdays at 5 p.m.
- **Weekly Bible Studies (on recess August 14-31)**
 - * Tuesdays at 10 a.m.
 - * Thursdays at 7 p.m.

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