



ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN SOMERVILLE, NEW JERSEY

The Newsletter

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From the Rector

Lent: An Intentional Spiritual Training Camp

JESUS SPENT A SIGNIFICANT AMOUNT OF TIME preparing Himself for His ministry by a period of fasting, praying, and strengthening Himself against temptation. How will we use the time offered to us in the liturgical season of Lent for our own spiritual training camp? Lent is a time to build up a healthy defense system against sin and temptation. Lent is a time of self-examination and repentance. Lent is a time to meditate on God's holy Word by prayer, fasting, and self-denial. What spiritual training plans will we put into action during Lent. Perhaps we recall spiritual disciplines that helped us in the past. Prayer, fasting, and almsgiving are traditional. We are called upon to observe a holy Lent. Perhaps we spend a few minutes each day reading and reflecting upon Holy Scripture. Are we trying to live by "bread alone?" We might write a plan for each week of Lent. We are encouraged to be creative whatever our intentional "training" might be. Here are some suggestions:



- **First week:** *I will...* spend time reading and reflecting upon Holy Scripture, perhaps the Psalms or the Gospels.
- **Second week:** *I will...* fast from unhealthy food or drink, and instead infuse my body and soul with things that lead to a healthy life-style.
- **Third week:** *I will...* volunteer and/or support one of our mission outreach ministries, such as: Clothes Closet, Laundry Love, Meals To Go, or another life-giving ministry, such as: Episcopal Relief & Development, Somerset County Food Bank, etc.
- **Fourth week:** *I will...* intentionally memorize a few verses of Holy Scripture by heart.
- **Fifth week:** *I will...* give money, clothes, possessions to the poor.
- **Sixth week:** *I will...* participate in Holy Week liturgies. I will invite a friend, family member or neighbor to St. John's Church.

One last note, and the most important point: *We are not preparing for Good Friday.* We are preparing for Easter. We anticipate living in Christ in the joy of His Resurrection!

See you in Church!
Father Ron

LENT MATERIALS AVAILABLE SOON

Our Annual **Lenten Brochure** and **Lent For Families** booklets will be available soon.

Lent Bags to Go will contain a variety of items: palm cross, a cross pin, a cross necklace, prayer cards, a rubber wrist band, Scripture, and more.

Parishioners can pick up their "Lent-Holy Week Bag To Go" on Sunday, February 11 after both services, or by appointment with Mark Trautman or with Father Ron.

ASH WEDNESDAY

February 14, 2024

"I invite you, therefore, in the name of the Church, to the observance of a holy Lent."

—BCP, page 265



All are cordially invited to receive ashes on Wednesday, February 14 at 7 am, 12 noon, or 7 pm at St. John's; Eucharist will also be celebrated at each service.

Ash Wednesday is not a Holy day of obligation, nor is the reception of ashes required of Episcopalians. Still, Ash Wednesday is a dearly held tradition by many in our beloved Anglican tradition.

Ash Wednesday marks the first day of Lent. Whether you receive ashes on Ash Wednesday or not, you are encouraged to follow the Liturgy of the Day, including a number of prayers, Scripture readings, and more. You can find the worship bulletin here: <https://stjohnsomerville.org/sunday-bulletin/>

This year, we will offer the traditional marking of the sign of the cross on the forehead and sprinkling with ashes as well. Sprinkling ashes on the top of peoples heads rather than marking foreheads with ashes, is a return to the original practice in the life of the Church.

Ashes are rich in symbolism. They remind us that God created us from the earth, and that we will return to it when we die. They also symbolize God's promise that even though our bodies will return to dust, our souls are meant to live forever with God.

In baptism, we are washed clean from sin and anointed as "priest, prophet, and king" on the top of our head. It is fitting that ashes, a reminder of our sin and of baptism into death, be sprinkled on the crown of our heads, because at Easter, we celebrate the Resurrection of Christ, the conquering of sin and death, and baptism into life.

In sure and certain hope of the resurrection to eternal life through our Lord Jesus Christ, we commend to Almighty God our *brother/sister*, and we commit *his/her* body to the ground; earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust...yet even at the grave we make our song: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. —BCP, page 499

—Fr. Ron

ASHES TO GO

St. John's will offer **Ashes To Go** at the eastbound Somerville Train Station from 6:15-8:15 am on Ash Wednesday, February 14. Through **Ashes To Go**, those wishing to receive ashes, but who may not have the opportunity to attend a church service that day, can participate in this holy ritual.



BLACK HISTORY MONTH 2024

As part of your Lenten Discipline, take a moment to read

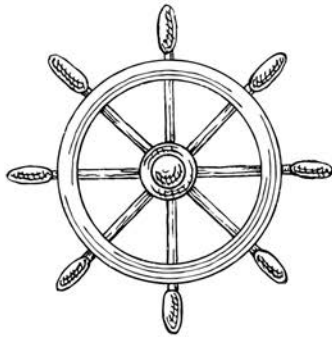
Dr. Martin Luther King's famous **Letter from a Birmingham Jail**:

https://www.africa.upenn.edu/Articles_Gen/Letter_Birmingham.html

Check out online resources from Washington National Cathedral:

<https://cathedral.org/discover/celebrating-black-history-month/>

STEWARDSHIP AT ST. JOHN'S



Think of our church as a ship.

We need the leadership and guidance of our "captain" and officers, but the ship does not function unless the crew are doing their part. We need your help.

How can I help?

Volunteer for one of our ministries. Attend or volunteer for one of our various events or clean-up dates. Join one of our groups such as the choir, the Episcopal Church Women, the Altar Guild. Volunteer to take on a role with the vestry or one of the church committees. Details are shared in the church newsletter and website, but please call the church office if you'd like to learn more.

In addition to your time, your financial contribution also helps with the operation and maintenance of the church, as well as providing funding to the ministries that are vital to our church and the community. Please consider making a pledge to help us serve.

Why Pledge?

By letting us know your expected contribution, we are better able to set budgets and plan for the following year.

How Do I Pledge?

Please use the method that works best for you.

Fill out a pledge card and either mail to the church or drop it in the collection plate. Or set up an automatic pledge by using this QR code.



STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN 2024

'Come and See'

We currently have **79 pledges** totaling **\$173,500** of the required \$235,000.00.

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CONFIRMATION AND RECEPTION

Sunday, January 21

Congratulations to those who were *Confirmed* or *Received* into The Episcopal Church when our Diocesan Bishop, the Right Reverend Sally J. French made her first official Episcopal Visitation to St. John's.



It was simply a wonderful Sunday filled with the gift of the Holy Spirit. I pray that our special day of worship and fellowship continues to live with each one of us always! I am so very proud of those Confirmed or Received and of the incredible life they have ahead of them. I am thankful that our beloved community of faith continues to bear witness to the fact that God is at work in

the hearts of not only those Confirmed or Received and their families, but in the work and ministry we do together.

For those Confirmed: Mary Ellen DePetris, Lukas Disko, Renee Ferris, Caroline Halsted, Lucas Huntley, Jadesola Olawoye, Chase Miller, Thomas James Albee

For those Received: Dana Zappia Keefer, Thomas Edward Keefer, Rana Thomas Keefer, Christina Metrokotsas

Many thanks to all who helped provide scrumptious food items and beverages for the reception following both 8 am and 10:15 am services. And finally, many thanks to the choir, under the direction of our organist and choirmaster, Mark Trautman, for their splendid gift of music—it was lovely!

MUSIC AT ST. JOHN'S Chorister Evensong

It was a joy for us to welcome Choristers (young singers) from around the state to sing Choral Evensong on Sunday, January 7. Participating churches included St. John's, Somerville; Grace Church Haddonfield; St. Paul's, Englewood; Calvary, Summit; Holy Spirit, Lebanon; and Grace Church in Newark.



St. John's Parish Choir

The Parish Choir rehearses regularly from 7:15-9 on Thursday evenings. Everyone is welcome to give choir a try—*come and make music with us.*

On Sunday, February 25 we will join the Adult Choir of Bound Brook Presbyterian Church and their director Ben Berman for a service of Vespers for Lent. The Bound Brook choir sang for our All Souls' observance last fall, this will be our second annual Lenten Vespers service with them. It is a joy to sing with other choirs, and I hope you will join us at Bound Brook Presbyterian on Sunday, February 25 at 5 pm. The event is free, and everyone is welcome!



Diocesan Choir Camp This Summer

The Annual Choir Camp of the Diocese of New Jersey will take place this July 14-18 at Church of the Advent and Holiday House of the Girl's Friendly Society in Cape May. St. John's Choristers have been well represented at the camp in the past—this is a great opportunity for youth ages 10-18, and a great



way to give choir a try. Choir Camp promotes community building and Christian fellowship for children, as well as having fun making music and getting to know other young singers from around the state. Mark Trautman will serve as music director; faculty also includes Giulia Utz (St. Paul's, Englewood), and Cat Sabine (St. Mary's Burlington). Tuition is \$475 per camper, and scholarships are available. For more information, speak to Mark Trautman or go to the camp website: <https://njchoircamp.weebly.com>.

Easter Flowers and Music

Flowers and music regularly adorn our worship, especially at Easter, the holiest day of the Christian Year. They remind us visually and aurally that we are here for a celebration of the wonder and glory of God—*we're here for a feast!*

If you wish to write a check, please mark "Flowers" or "Music" in the memo line. Please let the Parish Office know if you are giving your gift in thanksgiving or in memory of loved ones, and clearly print or type each name or intention. The names may be sent to the Parish Office at 158 West High Street, Somerville, 08876 or emailed to mtrautman@stjohnsomerville.org. Please make sure to deliver your gift and names no later than Monday, March 25.

Easter lilies, the flowering of the cross, and other beautiful plants are cherished traditions at St. John's and remind us of the new life and promise of the resurrection.

Gifts to the ***Brent F. Miller Memorial Music Fund*** will fund a brass quartet and timpani for Easter Morning.

The flowers and music help the entire community celebrate the joy of the Great Fifty Days of Easter which begins on Easter morning. The feast is foretaste of the Easter promise, where the song of "Alleluia" never ceases. —*Mark Trautman*



CHURCH SCHOOL NEWS

Classes, Second Sunday of the Month

Church School children will gather on Sunday, February 11 at 10 am in the Chapel for a brief time with Father Ron. They will return to the church during the Peace at the 10:15 service.

Mission Outreach and Chili Cook-off

All Church School children and families are invited to participate in a Mission Outreach volunteer opportunity on Sunday, February 18 at 4 pm. All children of the Parish and their friends are invited to stuff Laundry Love items (washer pods, dryer sheets and a roll of \$10 worth of quarters) into zip-lock sandwich baggies.

At 5 pm, we'll have a Chili Cook-off. Drinks will be provided, and there is a \$10 suggested donation for children and adults. Children under 12 are free. See the sign-up sheet on the main bulletin board or email the Parish Office. Whether you want to cook and compete, or just want to eat, come for good food and good fellowship, and bring a friend. *Everyone is welcome.*

A flyer for a Chili Cook-off event. The background is light green. At the top, it says "Join Us on Sunday, February 18 at 5:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall". Below this is a black box with a photo of a bowl of chili and a chili pepper. The text "Chili COOK-OFF" is written in a stylized font, with "YOU BE THE JUDGE!" underneath. Below the black box, it says "Drinks will be provided". At the bottom, it lists the suggested donation: "\$10 Suggested donation for adults Children 12 and under are Free". It also says "See Sign up Sheet located on main bulletin board or email the Church Office".

THE WORK OF MINISTRY

Clothes Closet

St. John's Clothes Closet is open every first and third Saturday of the month: *check out our latest offerings!*

- Cooler weather gear and other great fashions are available.
- The Clothes Closet offers reasonably priced seasonal men's, women's, and children's clothes, shoes, and accessories (jewelry, ties, scarves, belts, handbags, gloves, and hats).
- Shoppers should bring their own bags.
- Masks are suggested and social distancing is required.
- Cash only.
- The Clothes Closet is located in the lower level of the Parish Hall.
- Enter the Clothes Closet by way of the parking lot. Kindly follow the directions of the Clothes Closet crew upon arrival.



We are starting to accept donations of spring items for the Clothes Closet. We are always in need of shoes, handbags, and jewelry. For more information www.StJohnSomerville.org, Facebook: www.facebook.com/StJohnsSomerville

Laundry Love News

Second and Fourth Thursdays of the month—Somerset Laundry, Division Street in Somerville. We can always use more quarter rolls and/or monetary support for the quarter rolls. Quarter rolls can be left in the alms basin on weekends, along with any cash/check donations—please just indicate Laundry Love donation in the memo line. If you have any questions about the ministry, would like to donate or to get involved in some way, just ask Ed Edwards or Paul Grzella in church, call 908-507-8020, or pgrzella@verizon.net.

Meals to Go

Meals to Go is offered the 1st and 3rd Saturdays of the month, 9-10 am. If you know someone (including yourself) who would enjoy a meal, stop by the St. John's Parish Hall, use the ramp entrance and bring a bag. *Our next day is February 3.*

Thank you to Janet Hahn and Linda Willard for shopping and packaging meals. At this time, the Saturday volunteer signup is full.

For more information or to be added to the volunteer list, please contact Christine Bean, cbean727@gmail.com. We are grateful for your financial donations to support the ministry during this interim period. Any amount is very much appreciated—a few dollars, combined with that of others, will go a long way to serving our customers. If you wish to donate online, go to Meals-to-Go on the dropdown menu.

Episcopal Church Women News

Next ECW meeting

The St. John's Episcopal Church Women (ECW) will meet on Monday, February 5 beginning at 7 pm in the Parish Hall. Online accessibility will be available for those who cannot attend in person.

Bake Sale at the Mid-Winter Market

ECW is organizing a bake sale in conjunction with the Mid-Winter Market on Saturday, February 10. All proceeds will benefit the Somerset County Food Bank. With an emphasis on Valentine's-themed goodies, ECW asks congregation

members to consider donating baked goods for the Bake Sale Table. Please note: kindly label and describe (indicating if there are nuts,



or gluten-free); and no refrigerated items. Baked goods should be dropped off at the Parish Hall on Friday, February 9 between 5 pm and 7 pm. Look for a sign-up sheet in the Parish Hall, or contact Christine Bean, cbean727@gmail.com.

Easter Chocolates

Now available—order forms for ECW Easter candy. There is quite a collection - peanut butter eggs, coconut eggs, toffee almond bark, Easter shapes, pretzel rods (plus new "carrot" pretzel rods), nonpareils. Sign up in the Parish Hall. Candy will be available prior to Easter. For info contact Paula Windus.

Sock Drive

From Ash Wednesday, February 14, to Maundy Thursday, March 28, the ECW will be collecting new socks for all age—men, women, children, toddlers, newborns. The socks will be presented during the offertory of the Maundy Thursday Liturgy. Working with Father Ron and local/regional social service agencies, the socks will be distributed directly to those in need. Socks can be dropped off in the basket on the stage in the Parish Hall.

Questions? Contact an ECW officer:

Vice-President Jenn Kosensky (908-386-6152, jrkosensky@gmail.com)

Corresponding Secretary Linda Willard (347-276-6491, nolaandboogie@aol.com)

Treasurer Paula Windus (908-526-7150, paulawindus@verizon.net).

Annual Parish Lenten Breakfast

The Annual Parish Lenten Breakfast, sponsored by the ECW, will be held in the Parish Hall on Saturday, February 24 at 10 am following a Eucharist at 9 am. Our Deacon, Keith McCoy will present a program on *Deaconesses of the Church*. All parishioners and their guests are welcome. There is no cost but we ask that you sign the luncheon sheet to ensure we have sufficient food. The breakfast preparations are in the capable hands of Jonathan Anobile. *Those who have been to previous breakfasts can vouch for the wonderful food.* Come and join with our brothers and sisters as we prepare ourselves for Lent and the Glorious Season of Easter.

Altar Guild Invitations for you to consider

Sunday Flowers

Do you wish to honor or recognize a loved one? A lovely way is to sponsor the Sunday Altar Flowers. Prominently placed next to the altar for both Sunday services, names are listed in the weekly worship bulletin and Good News, and included in the Prayers of



the People. Many Sundays are available—contact Dana Keefer (dzkeefe@yahoo.com) to reserve a Sunday or for more information. Weekly flowers are only \$75. Checks need to have flowers indicated on the memo line.

Altar Guild and the New Year

Looking for a New Year's Resolution that is do-able and rewarding and doesn't take a lot of time? How about considering Altar Guild? Altar Guild is a quiet ministry of the church, but this quiet ministry offers a big contribution.

Consider this:

- Membership in Altar Guild offers flexibility in the time
- Membership in Altar Guild can be done as a couple
- Membership in Altar Guild is an avenue to introduce young people to stewardship at St. John's
- Membership in Altar Guild can be your introduction to church ministry.
- Everyone is welcome to join Altar Guild.



If you are interested, please contact Diane Sireci, *Directress*, (908-256-5467 or dianesireci61@icloud.com) or the Parish Office.

Guest Preachers in Lent

We are delighted to welcome two guest preachers during the Lenten Season this year at both 8 and 10:15 services. On Sunday, February 25, the Second Sunday in Lent, Deacon Trisha Thorne, Director of Episcopal Community Services, Diocese of New Jersey will preach. On Sunday, March 3, the Third Sunday in Lent, Deacon Dot Hospador, Church of the Holy Spirit, Lebanon. The topic of her sermon will be *Recovery Ministries*.



Looking Ahead

February 3: *Requiem for Manuel Ovando, 11 am*

February 10: *Mid-Winter Market Vendor Fair and Bake Sale, 10-3*

February 11: *Church School at 10 am*

February 14: *Ash Wednesday: services at 7 am, Noon, 7 pm*

February 18: *Mission Outreach at 4 pm; Chili Cook-off at 5 pm*

February 24, *Eucharist at 9, Lenten Breakfast & Presentation, 9:45*

February 25: *Lenten Vespers at 5 pm, St. John's Choir and Bound Brook Presbyterian Choir, 409 Mountain Avenue, Bound Brook*

February 24: *Guest Preacher at 8 and 10:15, Deacon Trisha Thorne, Director of Episcopal Community Services, Diocese of NJ*

March 3: *Guest Preacher at 8 and 10:15, Guest Preacher: Deacon Dot Hospador, Church of the Holy Spirit, Lebanon: "Recovery Ministries"*

March 24: *Palm Sunday, the beginning of Holy Week*

March 31: *Easter Day*

Saturday, April 20: *Spring Tea*

Saturday, May 11: *Spring Plant Sale*





**Loose Change Sunday:
First Sunday of every month**

Our next scheduled date is Sunday, February 4. If you would like to participate in this important ministry, please feel free to bring a jar (or a Ziplock sandwich baggie) filled with loose change to church and put it in the designated baskets in the Narthex (front door area of church) or on the little table by the side door that leads to the Parish Hall. Or, simply put whatever loose change you may have into the alms basin. This money will be placed into the Discretionary Fund and used to answer the needs of the many who reach out to St. John's for assistance.

WE CELEBRATE, WE REMEMBER: FEBRUARY 2024

BIRTHDAYS

1. Susan Bender
2. Emily Newton, Candi Mullen
3. Zoe McCabe, Barbara Christel
4. Kyle Kurzawa, Daniel Venet
5. Dylan Mathews
6. Father Ron Pollock
7. Bill Wickham, Mindy Wolfmayer, Ruth Altamura-Roll
8. Peggy McMahon
9. Kyle Powell, Harold Willard, Emil Fried
10. Ryan Wickham
11. James Knowles, Gretchen Troup, Samantha Venet
12. Sarah Strano
13. Maureen Gullo
14. Peter Miller
15. Hunter Troup, Tracy Andricsak,
16. Ian Latanision
17. Neva Rae Fox, Richard Wilson, Henry Szumigala, Leigh Meaders-Robinson, Zoë Latanision
18. Erik Fried
19. Mathew Smith, Cheryl Mastykarz
21. Kim Post
22. Robert Massey, Gabriella Barkin

23. David Soden, Sinead Normant
24. Nicholas Jones, Jill Brodsky
25. Kylie Barna, Rory Normant, Joe Poklikuha
26. Scott Bender
27. Emily Hewett, Andrea Dalrymple, Jake August Agins, Tamara Billy, Catherine O'Shea
28. Danielle Liberatoscioli, Parker Mehring, Preston Polonyi

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

1. Roopal & Vera Tonk
4. James & Connie Van Arsdale
17. Charles & Kay Halsted

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES

3. Irene Sidell
4. Eleanor Bonham, Allan R. Streefer
7. T. Robert Vaucher
9. Bob Vitullo
11. Jean L. Mathews, Ray Bomberger
13. Steven H. Spolarich
14. Bob Brady
16. Noel Haywood
25. Jane H. Goldsack
27. Ethel D. Barry, Walter Edwards
28. W. Raymond Jones, Arthur Flinn

February 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 <i>10 am, Eucharist Mary-Martha Guild 7:15 pm, Parish Choir Rehearsal</i>	2 Candlemas Fr. Ron's Day off	3 <i>9 am, Meals to Go 9 am, Clothes Closet</i>
4 EPIPHANY 4 <i>8 am, Eucharist 10:15, Eucharist Loose Change Sunday</i> <i>Recital, Parish Hall, 4 pm</i>	5 <i>12:30-1:30 All Recovery Meeting 7 pm, ECW 8 pm, AA Meeting</i>	6 <i>7 pm, Holy Eucharist (chapel)</i>	7	8 <i>10 am, Eucharist Mary-Martha Guild 5 pm, Laundry Love 7:15 pm, Parish Choir Rehearsal</i>	9 Fr. Ron's Day off	10 <i>10 am-3 pm, Mid Winter Market Vendor and Bake Sale</i>
11 LAST EPIPHANY <i>8 am, Eucharist 10 am, Church School 10:15, Eucharist</i>	12 <i>12:30-1:30 All Recovery Meeting 8 pm, AA Meeting</i>	13 <i>7 pm, Holy Eucharist (chapel)</i>	14 ASH WEDNESDAY Eucharist and Imposition of Ashes, 7 am, 12pm, 7 pm	15 <i>10 am Eucharist Mary-Martha Guild 7:15 pm, Parish Choir Rehearsal</i>	16 Fr. Ron's Day off	17 <i>9 am, Meals to Go 9 am Clothes Closet</i>
18 LENT 1 <i>8 am, Eucharist 10:15, Eucharist 4 pm, Mission Outreach for Children 5 pm, Chili Cook- off</i>	19 <i>12:30-1:30 All Recovery Meeting 8 pm, AA Meeting Parish Office closed</i>	20 <i>7 pm, Holy Eucharist (chapel)</i>	21 <i>7 pm, Vestry</i>	22 <i>10 am, Eucharist Mary-Martha Guild 5 pm, Laundry Love 7:15 pm, Parish Choir Rehearsal</i>	23 Fr. Ron's Day off	24 St Matthias the Apostle <i>9am All Parish Eucharist 9:45am Breakfast sponsored ECW, guest speaker Dcn. Keith</i>
25 LENT 2 <i>8 am, Eucharist 10:15, Eucharist 5 pm, Lenten Vespers at Bound Brook Presbyterian</i>	26 <i>12:30-1:30 All Recovery Meeting 8 pm, AA Meeting</i>	27 <i>7 pm, Holy Eucharist (chapel)</i>	28	29 <i>10 am, Eucharist Mary-Martha Guild 7:15 pm, Parish Choir Rehearsal</i>		

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