



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

The Newsletter

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From the Rector

A Reflection on the significance of Black History Month

February 1 marks the start of Black History Month in the United States and Canada – a time for acknowledging and celebrating the contributions of Black artists, activists, faith leaders, and so many more throughout history.

At St. John's, the celebration of Black History is not limited to just one month – it is woven through the fabric of our community of faith and joyfully recognized.

According to History.com, "Black History Month is an annual celebration of achievements by African Americans and a time for recognizing their central role in U.S. History. Also known as African American History Month, the event grew out of "Negro History Week," the brainchild of noted historian Carter G. Woodson and other prominent African Americans. Since 1976, every U.S. president has officially designated the month of February as Black History Month. Other countries around the world, including Canada and the United Kingdom, also devote a month to celebrating Black History."

We celebrate Black History Month to recognize the sacrifices, contributions, and achievements of African Americans to the United States and the world. Each one of us could probably create a somewhat lengthy list of people who made contributions to our country and to our lives. But the truth is, there are far too many people who have been overlooked, ignored, oppressed, or simply not considered. Social justice has to do with getting to know our neighbor by name, not just "that man or woman over there wearing a hat." When we intentionally reach out and truly get to know our neighbor, that makes God's heart glad. Further, we gain a new brother or sister that we didn't have before.

Here are just a few examples of people who we may have been overlooked and yet who made a profound difference in the lives of countless people through their own trials and tribulations, and specifically through the art of music.

Did you know:

- "This Little Light of Mine" is a gospel children's song written by Harry Dixon Loes (1895-1965) in about 1920. Under the influence of Zilphia Horton, Fannie Lou Hunter and others it eventually became a Civil Rights anthem in the 1950s and 1960s.
- "Michael, Row the Boat Ashore" (or Michael, Row Your Boat Ashore") is an African-American spiritual. It was first noted during the American Civil War at St. Helena Island, one of the Sea Islands of South Carolina. It was sung by former slaves whose owners had abandoned the island before the Union navy would arrive to enforce a blockade. Charles Pickard Ware, an abolitionist and Harvard graduate who had come to supervise the



plantations on St. Helena Island from 1862 to 1865, wrote the song down in music notation as he heard the freedmen sing it. Ware's cousin, William Francis Allen reported in 1863 that while he rode in a boat across Station Creek, the former slaves sang the song as they rowed.

- "We Shall Overcome." It began as a folk work song, became a hymn, and then was used politically for the first time on the picket lines of the tobacco workers' strike in South Carolina in 1945. In the early 1960's, it became an inspirational force in the civil rights struggle.

And yetBlack History is so much more.

Black History Month provides the nation and the world with an opportunity to hear the voices and experiences of people who have historically been oppressed, ignored, marginalized and overlooked in our country. Too few of us know about the work of Fannie Lou Hamer to secure Voting Rights for African Americans, or about Ida B. Wells' leadership in the Women's Suffrage Movement. Too few of us have learned about the efforts of labor leader Asa Philip Randolph who worked alongside Bayard Rustin to organize the March on Washington. Too few of us have ever read the novels of Octavia Butler, the essays of James Baldwin, the poetry of Gwendolyn Brooks, or the plays of August Wilson. Too few of us know of the mathematical genius of Marjorie Lee Browne and Katherine Johnson or the scientific contributions of Joseph Graves and George Carruthers. Instead, the narratives most of us have about Black Americans has led to inaccurate stereotypes, biases and prejudices. Black History Month is an excellent opportunity to reflect on where we are as a nation, as a church, as a community and as followers of Jesus Christ. Black History Month can be a great catalyst for more accurately acknowledging the contributions of African Americans to the United States and the world throughout the year.

Black History Month is not just a time to celebrate Black Americans who have paved the way for all of us to thrive, it is also a time to consider how we can create more justice in our daily lives, our communities, our places of work, our schools, our Church, and so much more. How can we help St. John's Church continue to strive to be a place where all people thrive? How can we make sure that all families, especially those from African American backgrounds, feel welcome in our pews, in our mutual ministries, in leadership positions, and in our hearts?

During Black History Month, and indeed all year-long, let us reflect on the gifts that God continues to bestow upon our congregation and on one another so that, together, we may experience the true joy that can be only found in what Dr. King called the Beloved Community!

Let us dream of a world where every family, language, people and nation is gathered in the commonwealth of God. Let us renew our commitment to strengthen and build up each other, teach and work for justice, that we might continually become the Beloved Community in all of its rich variety.

May we become children of light, here and now. May we strive for justice and peace and respect the dignity of every human being. May we make no peace with any form of oppression. May we dream dreams and hope hopes and overcome our fears, by the intoxicating power of the Holy Spirit. May we change the world, for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Light of the World.

See you in Church or on-line.

God bless,

Fr. Ron

NEW and NOTABLE BOOKS
From Morehouse Publishing:

- The Night is Long but Light Comes in the Morning: Meditations For Racial Healing, by Catherine Meeks. Comes with a discussion guide.
- Living into God's Dream: Dismantling Racism in America. Edited by Catherine Meeks. Forward by Jim Wallis.
- Passionate for Justice: Ida B. Wells as Prophet For Our Time. Catherine Meeks and Nibs Stroupe.

More books...

- Pauli Murray: Shouting for the Right of All People. Deborah Nelson Linck
- Absalom Jones: America's First Black Priest. Mark Francisco Bozzuti-Jones.
- Hallelujah Anyhow! A Memoir. Barbara C. Harris
- This Band of Sisterhood: Black Women Bishops on Race, Faith, and The Church. Ed. Westina Matthews
- Black and Episcopalian: The Struggle for Inclusion. Gayle Fisher-Stewart
- Soul Food: Nourishing Essays on Contemplative Living and Leadership. Ed. Westina Matthews, Margaret Benefiel, and Jackson Droney

STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN 2024

'Come and See'

We currently have 51 pledges totaling \$131,928 of the required \$235,000.00.

Why Pledge?

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

Ash Wednesday

Ash Wednesday is March 5. The Annual St. John's Lenten Bags will be available at the end of February. Brimming with prayers, Lenten aids, announcements and other precious items, be sure to pick up your Lenten Bag. See Fr. Ron or Deacon Keith with questions.

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.

"Lent-Holy Week Bag To Go" will be available by the end of February.

LENTEN BOOK RESOURCES

- Wild Bright Hope: The Big Church Read Lent Book. SPCK Publishing.
- A Path to Wholeness: A Lenten Companion. Russell J. Levenson, Jr. Church Publishing.

- Why Church? Christianity as It Was Meant to Be. Scott Cowdell. Church Publishing.
- The Crisis of Christian Nationalism. Allen K. Shinn, Larry R. Benfield. Church Publishing.
- Getting to Know Jesus (Again): Meditations for Lent. Peter M. Wallace. Church Publishing.
- Walking with God: The 40-Day Fitness Program and Biblical Journey. Anna Fitch Courie. Morehouse Publishing.
- The Night is Long but Light Comes in the Morning: Meditations for Racial Healing. Catherine Meeks. Morehouse Publishing.
- The Fractured Kingdom: Uniting Modern Christianity through the Historical Jesus. Jean-Pierre Isbouts. Morehouse Publishing.

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

Be sure to join Altar Guild on Tuesday, **March 4** for the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner in the Parish Hall 5pm – 7pm. Yummy pancakes, sausage, drinks and desserts. Only \$7 for adults, \$5 for kids below 15 years old.

Please sign up to let us know you are coming (so we have enough food). Also, kindly let us know if you would be willing to donate a dessert or a drink. Shrove Tuesday is the day before Ash Wednesday, and pancakes are a traditional Shrove Tuesday meal.

Proceeds from the Pancake Dinner will be dedicated to Altar Guild needs, including needed new materials and supplies, and the dry cleaning of vestments.

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 admin@stjohnsomerville.org. Please make sure to deliver your gift and names no later than Monday, April 11.

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.



2025: St. John’s Celebrates our 175 Anniversary

DID YOU KNOW St. John’s celebrates a momentous milestone in 2025!?!?

That’s right, we celebrate our 175 Anniversary!

All are cordially invited to attend our first organizational meeting on Sunday, February 16 from 9am to 9:50am in the Parish Hall. We invite you to join us as we reflect on a rich legacy of faith, community and service to the community,

diocese and the world, while looking forward to the next chapter of our shared journey together.

Some agenda items include:

- Promoting our theme: 2025: Celebrating 175 Years of Faith and Service To God's Community
- How to introduce our church anniversary?
- Updating our 150 anniversary "history" put together by Neva Rae Fox
- Establishing a dateline of events
- Discuss how to kick-off our anniversary celebration? An event? Dinner? Special Sunday morning?
- Display a large banner in front of church
- Develop a 175 Anniversary Prayer for our Parish. (put on bookmarks, etc)
- Advertise and conduct on-going "tours of our church" (Neva Rae Fox and Sheila Fuhrmann)
- Gala Dinner in the Fall
- Establish next meeting dates for our 175 committee

Some ideas:

- Creating a keepsake booklet (history, architecture, pictures of stained-glass windows, etc.)
- Creating a cookbook
- Hosting an art festival
- Hosting a jazz festival
- Hosting a choir concert / organ concert
- Putting on a movie night
- Planning a road trip
- Creating a welcome bulletin board
- Planning family tree chart
- Planning a field trip to a museum
- Conducting fundraisers: sell key chains, glasses, t-shirts, etc.
- Hosting an event highlighting architecture, stained glass windows, other?

What ideas might you like to share?

See you February 16!

A conversation with Harold Willard on "How we are all related."

Grab a cup of coffee after church service and sit down to talk with Harold Willard about "How we are all related" as our St. John's Family on Sunday, February 23 after both services.

Harold Willard has lived in Somerville for over 20 years with his wife Linda. He is retired from the U.S. Navy. He was a social worker for the State of NY for over 25 years.

Harold recounts the following story: "One beautiful sunny day about 15 years ago, Linda and I stopped by St. John's for a church service. We met Fr. Ron and felt very welcomed by him and the congregation and have been coming here since then." Harold Willard

LENTEN EVENSONG



HEAR THE WORD SUNG AND READ, AS THE CHOIR OF ST. JOHN'S CHURCH IN SOMERVILLE JOINS THE BBPC CHOIR FOR READINGS, ANTHEMS, AND PRAYERS FOR THE LENTEN SEASON.
RECEPTION TO FOLLOW.

4/6/2025

AT BOUND BROOK
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
5:00 PM



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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!* FEBRUARY is all about LOVE and CELEBRATING YOU! LOVE is in the AIR!

Great Valentine's Day Gift Items for that special someone in your life. Stop by our Valentine's Day Special Sale Rack. Beautiful Items to celebrate HEART DAY with that Special Someone. We are CELEBRATING YOU! If you at celebrating your Birthday, please let us know as we have a SPECIAL Gift just for you!



- SO MANY GREAT SALES THAT YOU CAN'T PASS UP!
- All Outerwear is HALF PRICE! IT'S GOING FAST.
- Our Great Selection of Women's Sweaters and Jeans are only \$2.00 each
- ALL MEN'S ITEMS ARE ONLY \$2.00
- OUR MIXED MEDLEY RACK IS BACK WITH SOME GREAT NEW ITEMS AT GREAT PRICES!
- ALL WOMEN'S BUSINESS WEAR IS ON SALE AT REDUCED PRICES THAT CAN'T BE BEAT
- NEW CURVY ITEMS THAT JUST ARRIVED FOR ONLY \$1.00 YOU CAN'T BEAT OUR PRICES!
- A Large variety of Children's Clothing and Accessories at great prices.
- Don't forget to stop by our Valentine's Day Jewelry Display for that Special Someone in your life.
- OUR HATS, GLOVES AND SCARVES ARE GOING QUICKLY AT UNBEATABLE PRICES.
- A SPECIAL SALE FOR VALENTINE'S DAY JUST FOR YOU!

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

Third Thursday 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, 9-10am. 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 3 beginning at 7pm in the Parish Hall. Online accessibility will be available for those who cannot attend in person.

- Mark your calendars for upcoming ECW activities:
- February 3 meeting
- Annual Sock Drive throughout Lent
- Easter Candy Sale
- Lenten breakfast March 29
- Annual Tea May 3
- Mother's Day plant sale May 10

Easter Chocolates

Order your Easter Chocolates now! The Episcopal Church Women (ECW) is now accepting orders for homemade chocolates for your Easter baskets (Easter is April 20). Non Pareils, Peanut Butter Cups, Toffee Almond Bark, and Assorted Easter Shapes will be available in both dark and milk chocolate for \$10 for half a pound. In addition, "Carrot" Pretzel Rods made with white chocolate will be offered. Order forms are on the ECW display table in the parish hall; order now to be sure you get your favorites. Deadline is March 1. Pay when you pick up beginning April 6.

Be sure to taste the chocolate samples during Sunday coffee hours. This fundraiser will help support the ECW's projects which last fall included \$500 for Shop Rite gift cards given with holiday food baskets and a \$500 donation toward St. John's "Bridge the Gap".

Annual Tea

ECW's Spring Tea will be on Saturday, May 3rd from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Doors open at 1:45.

Historian Alisa Dupuy will be Presenting Our THEME which is the Female Spies of World War 2, celebrating the 80TH Anniversary ending WW2

The tickets are \$35.00 PP and will be available to purchase on Sunday March 2nd after both church services.

The deadline for ticket sales is Monday April 21st.

If you would like to donate a baked good, Tea Sandwich or Finger Food please sign up. The sign-up sheet will be available by Sunday March 2nd on The ECW Display Table. Two Dozen of any item would be greatly appreciated.

Please look for our flyers posted on the Bulletin Board and they also will be available on the ECW Display Table in the Parish Hall.

Questions? Contact an ECW officer:

Jenn Kosensky Co-president (908-386-6152, jrkosensky@gmail.com)

Linda Willard Co-president (347-276-6491, nolaandboogie@aol.com)

Paula Windus Treasurer (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, March 29 at 10 following a Eucharist at 9am. Our presenter for the day will be Rev. Gerald Skillicorn. 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. 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

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.



Looking Ahead

Saturday, Feb 1: 9am Clothes Closet and Meals-To-Go

Sunday, Feb 2: Loose change Sunday

Monday, Feb 3: 7pm Episcopal Church Women Meeting in the Parish Hall

Saturday, Feb 15: 9am Clothes Closet and Meals-To-Go

Sunday, Feb 16: 9am to 9:50am. Organizational Meeting: St John's 175 Anniversary in 2025

Wednesday, Feb 19: 7pm Vestry meeting

Thursday, Feb 20: 5pm Laundry Love

Sunday, Feb 23: 9am to 9:45am or 11:15 to noon. A conversation with Harold Willard talking about "How we are all related"

Tuesday, Mar 4: 5pm to 7pm. Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

Wednesday Mar 5: 7am, 12noon, 7pm. Ash Wednesday Liturgy with Imposition of Ashes

Sunday, Mar 9: First Sunday in Lent

Sunday, Mar 23: Guest Preacher, The Rev Canon Caroline Carson, Diocese of NJ

Saturday, Mar 29: 9am Eucharist, followed by Lenten Breakfast and a presentation by the Rev. Gerald Skillicorn

Sunday, April 6: 5pm. Vespers / Evensong at Bound Brook Presbyterian Church
St John's Choir joins in singing for service

Sunday, April 13: Palm Sunday. 8am. and 10:15am

Holy Week

Mon, April 14: 7pm. Holy Eucharist in Church

Tues, April 15: 7pm. Holy Eucharist in Church

Wed, April 16: 7pm. Holy Eucharist in Church

Thursday, April 17: Maundy Thursday

10am. Holy Eucharist in Church (Mary & Martha Guild)

5 to 7pm. Agape Supper in Parish Hall

7pm. Holy Eucharist with the Washing of Feet in Church

Overnight Vigil, St Mary's Chapel in Church

Friday, April 18: Good Friday

7am. Liturgy of the Day in Church

Saturday, April 19: 7pm. Great Easter Vigil in Church

Sunday, April 20: Easter Sunday. 8am and 10:15am Holy Eucharist Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, May 3: Episcopal Church Women, Spring Tea

Saturday, May 10: Episcopal Church Women sponsored Plant Sale

WE CELEBRATE, WE REMEMBER: FEBRUARY 2025

BIRTHDAYS

1. Susan Bender
2. Emily Newton, Candi Mullen
3. Zoe McCabe, Barbara Christel, Mickey Abbatiello
4. Kyle Kurzawa, Daniel Venet
5. Dylan Mathews
6. Father Ron Pollock
7. Bill Wickham, Mindy Wolfmayer, Ruth Altamura-Roll
8. Peggy McMahan
9. Kyle Powell, Harold Willard, Emil Fried
10. Ryan Wickham
11. James Knowles, Gretchen Troup, Samantha Venet
12. Sarah Strano
13. Maureen Gullo
15. Hunter Troup, Tracy Andricsak,
16. Ian Latanision
17. Neva Rae Fox, Henry Szumigala, Leigh Meaders-Robinson, Zoë Latanision
18. Erik Fried
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. Streeter

7. T. Robert Vaucher

9. Bob Vitullo

11. Jean L. Mathews, Ray Bomberger

13. Steven H. Spolarich

14. Bob Brady

16. Noel Haywood

17. Davis Edwards

18. Shirley Saunders

25. Jane H. Goldsack

27. Ethel D. Barry, Walter Edwards 28. W. Raymond Jones, Arthur Flinn

February 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1 9am, Meals to Go 9am, Clothes Closet
2 <i>Presentation of the Lord</i> 8am, Eucharist 10:15, Eucharist Loose Change Sunday	3 12:30-1:30 All Recovery Meeting 7pm, ECW 8pm, AA Meeting	4 7pm, Holy Eucharist (chapel)	5	6 10am, Eucharist Mary-Martha Guild Fr. Ron's 60 th Birthday!!!	7 Fr. Ron's Day off	8
9 <i>Fifth Sunday after Epiphany</i> 8am, Eucharist 10am, Church School 10:15, Eucharist	10 12:30-1:30 All Recovery Meeting 8pm, AA Meeting	11 7pm, Holy Eucharist (chapel)	12 7pm, Vestry	13 10am Eucharist Mary-Martha Guild	14 Fr. Ron's Day off	15 9am, Meals to Go 9am Clothes Closet
16 <i>Sixth Sunday after Epiphany</i> 8am, Eucharist 9am 175 Anniversary Org Mtg 10:15, Eucharist	17 12:30-1:30 All Recovery Meeting 8 pm, AA Meeting	18 7 pm, Holy Eucharist (chapel)	19	20 10am, Eucharist Mary-Martha Guild 5pm, Laundry Love	21 Fr. Ron's Day off	22
23 <i>Seventh Sunday after Epiphany</i> 8am, Eucharist 10:15, Eucharist 'A conversation with Harold Willard' after both services	24 12:30-1:30 All Recovery Meeting 8pm, AA Meeting	25 7pm, Holy Eucharist (chapel)	26	27 10am, Eucharist Mary-Martha Guild	28 Fr. Ron's Day off	

March 2025

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2 <i>Last Epiphany</i> 8am, Eucharist 10:15, Eucharist Loose Change Sunday	3 12:30-1:30 All Recovery Meeting 7pm, ECW 8pm, AA Meeting	4 7pm, Holy Eucharist (chapel)	5 ASH WEDNESDAY Eucharist and Imposition of Ashes, 7am, 12pm, 7pm	6 10am, Eucharist Mary-Martha Guild	7 Fr. Ron's Day off	8
9 LENT 1 8am, Eucharist 10am, Church School 10:15, Eucharist Daylight Savings Begins	10 12:30-1:30 All Recovery Meeting 8pm, AA Meeting	11 7pm, Holy Eucharist (chapel)	12 7pm, Vestry	13 10am Eucharist Mary-Martha Guild	14 Fr. Ron's Day off	15 9am, Meals to Go 9am Clothes Closet
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23 Lent 3 8 & 10:15 Eucharist Guest Preacher Canon Carson	24 12:30-1:30 All Recovery Mtg 8pm, AA Meeting	25 7pm, Holy Eucharist (chapel)	26	27 10am, Eucharist Mary-Martha Guild	28	29 9am Lenten Eucharist, Breakfast & Presentation
30 Lent 4 8 & 10:15 Eucharist	31 12:30-1:30 All Recovery Mtg 8pm, AA Mtg					

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Music Program

Open

Canon Chancellor John W. Goldsack Church Library

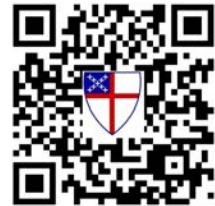
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Meals to Go

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Red Door Ministries

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Loose-Change for Discretionary Fund: position open

Happy Mealers: Fr. Ron

Finance Committee

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Steve Sireci, Jr. Warden

Thomas Albee, Vestry

Donna Lazartic, Vestry

Ken Miller, Vestry

Christine Anobile, Vestry

Sheila Fuhrman, Vestry

Barbara Christel, Vestry

Janice Williams, Vestry

Kyle Ferris, Vestry

Carolyn Groff, Vestry

A feast for the eyes ...



... becomes a feast for the critters!!

