

# St. John's Winter Newsletter

## January ~ February 2016



### ***From the Rector....***

*What "medicine" does your congregation need today to become healthier?*

*-Peter L. Steinke*

Dear Friends in Christ,

I have had the opportunity to re-read Peter Steinke's Healthy Congregations: A Systems Approach (*copies are available in our library*). It is a text about the stewardship of a congregation: how people care for, respond to, and manage their lives together. Steinke invites the reader to reflect upon what makes for fit, vibrant congregations, listing ten principles of health and exploring ways that congregations may grow and deepen their spiritual walk with Christ.

We have a lot to be proud of here at St. John's. We are healthy, but we must not become complacent and stale. In a chapter entitled *The Higher Medicine*, Steinke writes, "*It has been said that health comes from empowering people to take responsibility for their own health. The health of a congregation is no different. It comes from individuals being responsible, being stewards of the whole. Healthy people create healthy congregations. The congregation's health and the people in it are connected.*"

As the spiritual leader of this flock, I want to empower each of you to take responsibility for your own spiritual health. And that responsibility begins by being present on Sunday morning, not only for worship, but for Christian formation as well. Spiritual formation for both adults and children is the "medicine" I believe that will make St. John's healthier and spiritually vibrant.

Look around you. Are there people in the pew who should be a part of your group? Have YOU invited them to become a vibrant member of the group you are involved in? Does the Church respond to the needs of newcomers, visitors, guests, inquirers, seekers, the younger generation, the "X" generation, and other groups? What would it be like to think "outside of the box?" Are members of various groups at St. John's open to change? What about authority? Are there "leaders" who are too domineering? What can we do about that?

Frankly, I have been concerned from time to time that we are not allowing ourselves to be fully open to the work of the Holy Spirit. Have you thought about starting a Bible Study at 9 am on Sunday morning; or some other new venture; or attending mid-week Eucharists; or joining the Altar Guild; or singing in the choir; or offering to help teach Church School; or helping with the Mission-Outreach projects; or whatever else it is you see around?

Bishop Claude Payne in his book Reclaiming the Great Commission, writes, "*The function of Christian formation is to teach the richness and power of the Christian faith and how to apply its principles to daily life. Intelligent faith in God's power grows with an understanding of Scripture and tradition. Ignorance of Christian teachings, which is prevalent even among Church members, is a serious drawback to experiencing the glorious promise of Christianity. It hampers Christians in their spiritual quest and frustrates them in their efforts to realize the full potential of their faith.*"

Historically, the missionary Church has always been the "formation" church. Spiritual formation of adults and children is central to evangelism because it is part of the process by which new disciples are created and existing disciples grow in knowledge and commitment. Christian formation is a core building block of our faith.

Many persons have shared with me that their dream for St. John's is to be a congregation that is spiritually healthy and alive with the Spirit. I share that vision. To achieve those dreams - a little "medicine" is in order. By taking our regular weekly "dose" of spiritual formation, our community will be well on its way to producing healthy Christians who create a spiritually healthy congregation. *See you on Sunday!*

Faithfully, ***Father Ron***



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## *St. John's Annual Meeting* *Sunday, January 17*

The Annual Meeting of St. John's Parish will be Sunday, January 17, in the Parish Hall following the 10:15 am Eucharist. Come cast your vote for your Warden, Vestry Members, Diocesan Convention Deputies and Watchung Convocation Representatives.

**All submissions for the Annual Report are due in the Parish Office by Sunday, January 10.**

**NOTE: MONDAY MORNING IS TOO LATE!!! THIS IS AN ABSOLUTE DEADLINE!!**

The Canons of the Church (49:1) wisely require an Annual Meeting of every congregation in which to elect those whose duty it is to protect the church property, and see that all things needed for the orderly worship of God and for the administration of the sacraments and Ordinances of the Church be provided. And further, to see that the funds of the Parish are expended properly (50:2,3). Those elected to the Vestry, and those elected to represent the parish in Diocesan capacities are expected to be faithful in their attendance at worship and to set an example in stewardship.

The Episcopal Church provided for a democratic method of governing itself and the annual elections are proof of that method. It takes seriously the responsibility laid upon people to support, to suggest, to extend the Kingdom of God through the Church. Canon 49:2, 4 defines the qualifications of votes and officers to be elected:

***The voters shall be baptized, at least 16 years of age, domiciled in the Parish, of good moral character, adhering to this Church and to no other religious body, regular attendants at the services of the Church in said Parish, meaning thereby those who are more frequently present than absent, and regular contributors to the current expenses of the Parish in the manner prescribed by the Vestry.***

The qualified voters shall elect such officers who shall be communicants in good standing. The term "communicant" shall be taken to mean a person who has been confirmed by a bishop of this Church or by a bishop of a Church in communion with this Church, or has been received into this Church by a bishop of this Church and who shall have received the Holy Communion at least once during the preceding year.

Join us for St. John's Annual Meeting on January 18. Child care will be provided during the meeting.

**Please plan to attend!**

### **To all Committee Chairs and Treasurers:**

**Heads:** Please prepare a written report about the ministry and activities of your group or committee and have it to Lillie Hardingham, the Parish Administrator in the parish office no later than **Sunday, January 10** (preferably before that date). **NOTE: Monday, January 11 is TOO LATE!! This is an absolute deadline. If it isn't in the office by Sunday, it will not be included in The Annual Report.**

**Treasurers:** Please prepare your financial report including: Receipts - opening balance, receipts (list categories, not single items), total receipts, balance and total. Disbursements (list categories, not single items), total disbursements, year's closing balance disbursements, and closing balance. Treasurers must include reports of monies in all saving accounts using the same information above. **Thank you in advance for your continued leadership, cooperation, and timeliness.** Faithfully, *Fr. Ron*

# ***Report from St. John's Nominating Committee ...***

*Committee Members: Fr. Ron Pollock, chair / Diane Sireci / John Newton / Sarah Pendergraph / Ron Szumigala / 2 members at large*

## **Nominating Committee Slate:**

Warden: 2 year term - Diane Sireci

write-in .....

Vestry: 3 year term - Leigh Meaders-Robinson

Patricia Applebaum

Rich Neff

Write-in .....

Diocesan Convention: 3 year term - William Hoffman, Deputy

Dee Britt, Alternate

Watchung Convocation: 1 year term - Sarah Pendergraph

Linda Gimbut

Elizabeth Lande

Brad Pendergraph

Anne Tom

William Hoffman

write-in .....

Faithfully submitted,

Fr. Ron, *Chair*

## ***Bios for Candidates ....***

### ***Diane Sireci (Warden – 2 year term)***

I was born in England and emigrated to the USA in 1987 as a practicing RN.

I was active in my parish church in the UK and have continued to nurture my faith in three different parishes in the USA.

St. John's led by Father Ron has been the perfect parish in which to raise our three boys in a world which is a constant challenge for parents to raise children of faith. A close-knit community like St. John's fosters a feeling of family and friendship which I have found an integral part of my life as a Christian and as a mother.

### ***Leigh Meaders-Robinson Esq. (Vestry - 3 year term)***

I was born and raised in Staten Island, NY. I moved to Hillsborough in June 2012 with my husband, Devron Robinson, and my son, Luke Robinson. I was a life-long member of All Saints Episcopal Church, Staten Island, where I served, among other things, as an acolyte and then, a Licensed Eucharistic Minister. I also served on the vestry of All Saints for several years. Presently, I am a Counsel, Global Channels at IBM.

### ***Patricia Applebaum (Vestry - 3 year term)***

My name is Patty Applebaum and I have been attending St. John's with my family since 2008. My husband, Charles, and I have been married for 18 years and we have a 15-year-old daughter, Amanda, and an 11-year-old Yorkie, Baxter. We have lived in Branchburg for eight years. My professional experience has been as an administrative assistant in both the real estate and legal fields. Currently I work as assistant/bookkeeper for my husband's single-practitioner law firm. I have also been active in volunteering for various events at my daughter's school. I look forward to serving St. John's as a member of the Vestry.

**Rich Neff (*Vestry - 3 year term*)**

Rich Neff is married to Lynne Neff with two children Katelyn (12) and Richard (10). Rich and Lynne were first welcomed into the St John's community through father Ron and the St. John's 30 +/- group back in 1999. Katelyn and Richard both have been baptized by Father Ron and enjoy Sunday School at St John's. The Episcopal Church has always been a part of Rich's life: from first attending St Mary's in Burlington, NJ (the oldest Episcopal church in NJ built in 1703); to being an acolyte at St David's in Cranbury, NJ (a relatively new church that Rich's family assisted with the construction of its first permanent place of worship); to smelling the salt air at Holy Innocents in Beach Haven, NJ.; and now at St John's with a family of his own. Rich looks forward to serving on the Vestry to help out in a small way in thanks to the St. John's community for being so welcoming and supportive to Rich and his family over the years.

**William Hoffman (*Deputy to Diocesan Convention – 3 year term*)**

A lifelong Episcopalian, Bill grew up in Hershey, Pennsylvania where he was a member of All Saints Episcopal Church. Bill now resides in Bridgewater, with his wife Nihoko and son, Andrew. He has worked within the telecommunications industry for more than 20 years focusing on market analysis and communications. Currently employed at a Swiss non-profit (The World Economic Forum), Bill works to ensure the 4.6 billion phones in the world can be used to achieve the Millennium Development Goals and address the complex challenges of extreme poverty, hunger and infectious disease.

**Dee Britt (*Alternate Deputy to Diocesan Convention – 3 year term*)**

Deidra (Dee) Britt has been a member of St. John's for over 20 years. She serves as a Lay Eucharistic Minister and is the Altar Guild Treasurer. Dee has served as a Watchung Convocation Representative, Vestry member, and Greeters & Ushers.

**Sarah Pendergraph (*Watchung Convocation Representative – 1 year term*)**

**Linda Gimbut (*Watchung Convocation Representative – 1 year term*)**

My name is Linda P. Gimbut. I have been an active member of St John's for 25 years. I live in Hillsborough with my husband, Ed, and our dog "Petey". We have three children and six grandchildren, three of whom have just been confirmed by Bishop Chip Stokes. I am a member of ECW and the Mary & Martha Guild and also serve as a volunteer with the "From the Heart" Thrift Shop. In addition I help feed our brothers and sisters who come to the SHIP's Galley. I provide technical assistance to Church School's Christmas pageant as well. I look forward to this new ministry as I continue my faith journey as a Representative to the Watchung Convocation.

**Elizabeth Lande (*Watchung Convocation Representative – 1 year term*)**

Thank you for considering me as a representative for St. John's to the Watchung Convocation. I would be proud to serve our community and I'm very fortunate to be part of St. John's.

My name is Liz (Elizabeth) Lande and I have attended St. John's since Fall 2009. A lifelong Episcopalian, I grew up very active in my "hometown," Trinity Episcopal Church in Elmira, NY.

Currently I work full time in New York as a marketing writer at ALM Media, but my most important job is as wife and Mom. Tore, my husband of 19 years, and I have a 17 year old daughter, Cecilie and a 14 year old recently-confirmed son, Nicolas. We've lived in Bridgewater since 2003. Before that we lived in Norway, Maryland and Seattle. I enjoy knitting, running and cooking - and when I can, I love to travel. Most of all, I enjoy time with family and friends.

**Anne Tom (*Watchung Convocation Representative – 1 year term*)**

I have been a member of St. John's since 1988. I am married with four children and one granddaughter. Presently I am employed as a sales consultant at Fried Beans Toyota/Scion in Flemington.

Over the years, I have been involved in a myriad of ministries: Food Bank Network of Somerset County (current board member); lay reader; counter; acolyte; and Sunday school teacher; Vacation Bible School director; and recording secretary for the ECW; choir; Capital Campaign committee; and volunteer coordinator for the Interfaith Hospitality Network.

**William Hoffman (*Watchung Convocation Representative – 1 year term*)**

(See bio above )

## *From Deacon McCoy...*

Dear Friends,

Thirty years ago, when I was ordained to the diaconate, all of my classmates were older than I was. Some had even retired from their employment. At 31, I was a “baby deacon” in every sense of the word.

The Episcopal Church has ordained thousands of deacons since 1985, and the patterns have held true over the years. Overwhelmingly, women and men are over 50 when they are ordained as deacons, with less than 5% under 40 when they have hands laid on them by a bishop. Many deacons perform their ministry after raising families and completing careers; almost all have a parish - based ministry. That was true for the twenty-one who were ordained with me, all of them are retired from regular employment now, a few still actively ministering, and more than half gone on to their reward.

In addition to being part of that 5%, my ministry has not followed the usual path. I started in parish youth work, then moved on to the education of deacons for the diocese, and then their organization and deployment. I have done a lot of writing and committee work concerning the diaconate during my ministry. By the grace of God, I've been able to do this while maintaining an active professional life in the library field, again with writing and service on various boards and committees. And thank God for Kir in my life!

Recently, I have taken on a new ministry: after more than 12 years as a board member, I became president of the Fund for the Diaconate on October 1. The Fund is a charitable organization which supports deacons of the Episcopal Church in financial need. Originally started in 1927 to support deaconesses when the Church Pension Fund would not admit women, we now contribute to the wellbeing of more than a dozen deacons who paid more attention to others than to themselves. The Fund operates without a fixed office, and very limited staff, so I have some executive duties to attend to, while I continue with the Somerset County Library System as Director of Public Services for a few more years.

All of this is an introduction to telling you that, after prayer and thought, and discussion with Father Ron and Archdeacon Pete Cornell, my presence at St. John's will be changing in 2016. I've been finding that it takes longer for my batteries to recharge than it used to when I was younger. So, I will be taking one Sunday off per month, beginning in January. I may be at a library or church conference, I may be checking on my mother, I may just sit in a pew somewhere and watch it all happen, but I'm hoping that a bit more personal time will be beneficial for the long run.

In addition, my title will be changing to Deacon Associate. Generally, a priest who helps out only on Sundays is a Priest Associate, which is what I do, as a deacon. It's a more accurate description, than suggesting that I have a significant role in the active ministry around St. John's. It could also suggest to another priest or deacon that there is room on the staff for another cleric.

Secular retirement, for me, is a few years off yet. God willing, I'll be a part of this parish for many more years to come. But, you'll start to see a little less of me starting in January, and I thought my friends should know why.

Peace to you and yours.

Keith.

## ***Diocesan Convention***

The Diocese of New Jersey Diocesan Convention will be on March 4-5 at the the Cherry Hill Crown Plaza Hotel The theme will be “***Know Your Story, Live it Boldly***”

St. John’s will be represented by Fr. Ron and Deacon Keith, and Bob Fox (Deputy), Paula Windus (Deputy), and whoever is elected at our Annual Meeting here at St. John’s, on January 17. Alternate Deputies are Neva Rae Fox, William Marshall, and whoever is elected at our Annual Meeting on January 17.

by *Fr. Ron*

## ***Angel Christmas Tree***

I give God thanks that we collected over 200 gifts, large and small, for boys and girls, young men and young women. Presents went to:

- ✦ The children of inmates at Somerset County Jail
- ✦ The Home for Temporarily Displace Youth in Bridgewater
- ✦ Children in our own community
- ✦ Agape House in Somerville

We linked up with many organizations, businesses, such as *Artisnal Tattoo, Dragonfly Coffee Shop, Bodhi, Bridgewater Eagles*, Etc., and The Somerville Police Department. I am so proud of this joy-filled community effort.

Faithfully,

*Fr. Ron*

## ***ECW Fundraiser***

ECW is holding a fundraiser during the month of January for Kir and Deacon Keith’s renowned dinner party held at their home in Metuchen. Raffle tickets are \$5.00 for a chance to win a dinner for 4. Each person then pays \$75.00. Dinner includes appetizers to dessert with wines for each course. Date of party is decided by the winner and hosts. Raffle Drawing is February 7. Tickets will be sold after each Sunday service. Good Luck

If you have any questions please see Judy Marine or call at 908-722-5531

## ***Acolyte Festival! Saturday, February 13,***

### ***At Trinity Cathedral, Trenton***

The event starts at 9:30 am and runs til 3:30 pm. It is a lot of fun! There are workshops and games to enjoy. Let Fr. Ron or William Marshall know if you are able to go and represent St. John’s before January 24, so we can register you.



Happy New Year everyone! February is St John's month for the food bank on Saturday mornings. Many of you have taken part in this important community activity in the past and I hope many of you can again this year. I will not be available the last Saturday in February. I would like for us to work the food bank together, so please let me know your availability for Saturday mornings in February. Please respond to all so that we can plan accordingly.

Thanks Steve Mandraccia [Smandraccia@optonline.net](mailto:Smandraccia@optonline.net)

## ***Red Door Ministries***

This report is being submitted in order to keep the parish informed as to the activities of the Red Door Ministries, overseen by Marsha Bower, Andrea Dalrymple and Pauline Boyer.

Ministries of the Red Door:

**Happy Mealers:** the Red Door has meals available to deliver to those who are ill, alone or house bound. Usually two people deliver the meal and spend some time with the recipient. If you know someone who is in need of a meal, please contact us.

**Loose Change:**

In 2015, we collected \$1,704.55 in loose change. These monies go into the Discretionary Fund to help others in need.

**Blankets:**

10 baby Blankets were given out to parents of the babies who were baptized at St. John's in 2015.

36 Newborn Baby Blankets were sent to Somerset /Robert Wood Medical Center Hospital and 1 single size bed blanket.

Knitters and crocheters and anyone who is interested in this ministry, please come to our get-together on January 30, at 10:00 am , to pick up a new stitch or teach one. We will have refreshments and would love to meet you! There will be a sign-up sheet on the Bulletin board. Please Come!

We wish to thank everyone who has contributed their time and talent in helping this ministry to be a success.

by *Pauline Boyer*



### ***From the Heart Thrift Shop***

Four donations were approved at the last board meeting. The recipients were Operation Shoebox, New Jersey, Literacy Volunteers of Somerset County, Somerset Children's Center in Bridgewater and the ELLE Foundation.

February 4

The Thrift Shop will close at 5:00 p.m. on February 4 because St. John's hosts a Diocesan Pre-Convention Meeting that evening..

The *From the Heart Thrift Shop* sets up the day before (always a Wednesday from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.) The Thrift shop is open on the first Thursday of each month from 11:00 a.m. to 6:30. Please join us for an hour or longer and let's keep our neighbors warm this winter.

Any questions please contact Judy Marine (908-722-5531) or [jmarine5@verizon.net](mailto:jmarine5@verizon.net)



## *Ash Wednesday Schedule: February 10*

*I invite you, therefore, in the name of the church, to the observance of a Holy Lent, by self-examination and repentance; by prayer, fasting and self-denial; and by reading and meditating on God's holy word."*

*(from "The Liturgy for Ash Wednesday" The Book of Common Prayer, p. 264-269)*



7:00 am - Holy Eucharist

12:00 noon - Holy Eucharist

7:00 pm - Holy Eucharist

All services include the Imposition of Ashes.

*Mark the beginning of Lent by attending one of these services.*

### *Faith Steps for Children*

*What are your children learning about God? How do your children view the Bible? What are your boys and girls learning about their role in ministry and the Church? How about at St. John's? How knowledgeable are your children about the Bible and its wonderful stories of faith? How knowledgeable are your children about the sacraments of the Church? Children are asking important questions about faith . . . and what they learn matters!*

The approaches used to teach children matter. Age appropriate activities for preschoolers and children are critical to effective learning and growth. Appropriate artwork and images also aid understanding of the characters, settings, and stories in the Bible.

Bible study for preschoolers and children matters. Through Bible study they discover captivating stories about God's people and lay foundations for their next steps in faith. Young learners also benefit from a broad and balanced exposure to the many stories in the Bible.

Respect for children matters. By being sensitive to the needs and abilities of our children, teachers, parents, and friends of children can make Bible study as interesting as it is informative.

A child's faith journey is important. If you are a parent, *do you know what your child is learning? Are you familiar with the content? Would you ever consider helping teach Sunday School at St. John's?* If you are over 16 years old, and have been confirmed or received into the Episcopal Church, you are qualified to teach Sunday School at St. John's!

When it comes to worship, children must be taught what is happening in church, what behaviors are acceptable, what behaviors are NOT acceptable, how they can participate in the service, what prayers they can help pray, what hymns they may help sing, as well as greeting their neighbors. While it is imperative that our church be child-friendly, we must also uphold and remember that church is a place of quiet and prayer. Not everyone in church can relate to children easily.

I ask your prayers for our children at St. John's. They are a gift from God. May we hold them up as icons to the love we know in Jesus Christ. I ask your prayers for continual help in teaching our children. Pray for the teachers and staff. Pray that others will hear the call from God to teach Sunday School. May God bless our beloved church!

Faithfully & Joyfully, **Father Ron**

## First Holy Communion Class

Children will have the opportunity to make their First Holy Communion at either the 7 PM Great Easter Vigil (Saturday, March 26) or on Easter Sunday (March 27). Remember that all baptized Christians are welcome to receive Communion ....this is not an Episcopal Table, it is the Lord's Table.

On Saturday, February 27 at 11 AM, class will be held in the Guild Room for children preparing for their First Holy Communion. They must be accompanied by at least one of their parents or an adult sponsor. If your child has recently begun to receive Holy Communion, but has not had instruction, it would be appropriate for them to attend this class too.

Materials will be provided. Certificates will be presented to the children during whichever Easter liturgy your child attends.

Please complete the form below and return it to Father Ron in the Parish Office. The information may also be e-mailed to [frronpollock1@verizon.net](mailto:frronpollock1@verizon.net)

Name:

Age:

Date of Baptism:

Place of Baptism:

Parent ( who will attend with child):

### ***Appreciation Day: Saturday, April 30 at 12 Noon***

**Please mark your calendars today!**

St. John's will be hosting an Appreciation Day for all First & Community Responders: Somerville Police, Fire, First Aid Squad EMT and other groups. This will be our first time doing this, so I ask that as many of you as possible, help make this day a grand success in terms of saying thank you to those who are in harms way on a daily basis and deserve all the thanks we can offer.

There will be a service in the Church with several community officials speaking and special music, followed by a luncheon in the Parish Hall.

There will be an organizational meeting on January 26, at 7:30 pm in the Guild Room. Please contact Fr. Ron if you or your group might be willing to assist in making this a wonderful day.

Faithfully, Fr. Ron

***Do you pray for St. John's?*** This question may strike some as strange. In my experience in several parishes many would regard being asked to pray for their parish much as they would being asked to pray for the Post Office. The Post Office is there when you need it, so why would you pray for it? Isn't it the same with the Church?

Well, in some ways it is the same with the Church. The central mission for the whole Christian Church is quite self-evident, as it was laid down by its founder, Our Lord Jesus Christ, in The Great Commission: "*Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of The Father, and of The Son and of The Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded You.*" (Matthew 28:19-20a)

The Church is the people of God gathered for worship, education, fellowship and service. It is where baptisms and weddings and confirmations and funerals happen, where the Great Feast days of our faith are celebrated, where people bring their fears and hopes and dreams, their regrets and frets and all the rest of what makes us human.

And yet, each local congregation has a unique mission. It has to do with the setting in which it finds itself, with its strengths and weaknesses, its people, its resources, its buildings and grounds, its dreams and most importantly, the ways in which it waits upon Christ to direct it. That is what I ask you to pray for right now.

Pray that we would live into our mission here in Somerville and the surrounding communities. Pray that we would be open and welcoming true to the faith while embracing the God of the new who is always doing a new thing. Pray that we would grow both in numbers and in spiritual depth. Pray that we would grow in giving, of time, talent and treasure.

Pray that visitors would sense the Spirit moving among us. Pray that our people would claim their spiritual journeys, rather than living a passive spirituality through the church or the clergy. Pray that we would be attuned to human need all around us and eager to work towards its alleviation. Pray for the whole Christian Church around the world, and for our own Anglican Communion in this time of crisis and conflict. Pray for our choirs (senior and junior), our church school teachers, our staff and vestry. I also ask that you would pray for me, as I do for you. Finally, pray for a deeper sense of your own ministry in the circles you uniquely inhabit. That should be enough to keep us all busy in the New Year!

See you in church, **Fr. Ron**

## ***Pastoral Notes from the Rector***

- ✦ Thank you to the Church School teachers and staff, along with many parents, who made our Christmas Pageant such a lovely celebration of our theme: "*Christmas Around the World*".
- ✦ Thank you to the Sr. & Jr. Choirs who offered their voices and hearts to enhance our liturgy, along with several of our members of our youth playing instruments at Christmas services.
- ✦ Thank you to members of the Altar guild, who served in this rich ministry of preparing the sacred vessels and vestments for services, along with those who helped decorate with flowers and greens.
- ✦ Thank you to the many members of our church who provided food baskets, gift cards, toys and many other presents for those in need during the holiday season.
- ✦ Thank you to John Plesniarski for his leadership of our Sr. Choir in offering such a lovely Advent Lessons & Carols Service. It was our largest attendance in many years.
- ✦ Thank you to Chef Kir Rodriguez, Deacon Keith McCoy's partner, who once again made a gingerbread house replica of St. John's Church and made many fabulous desserts at our Advent Lessons & Carols reception. They were amazing.
- ✦ Thank you to Charlie & Kay Halsted for providing the 4 large beautiful wreaths, that adorned our Red Doors in front of the church.
- ✦ Please remember in your prayers Beverly Gardner, who died on December 23 and whose funeral was at St. John's on December 29. *May she rest in peace, and rise in glory.* Also remember others who died in December, connected to our parish: James Traister, Jr., Ethel Fulop, Arnold Ross.
- ✦ Please keep in your prayers those who are sick or in any need, especially: Irene McCoy, Betty Morrison, Sylvia Foo-Ying, Richard Schueler, Jill Agins Csaszi, Jack Agins, Ellen Agins Stubbs, Dennis Whitmore, Sue Mathews, Sergio, Dick Schaub, Sondra, Janice Agins Cook, Christine Massey, Sean Gibson, Kermit Saunders, Shirley Saunders, Fr. David Stowe, Judy Marine, and Georgiana.

# ***"A Weapon-free St. John's Episcopal Church and Campus"***

## ***A Vestry Declaration***

"Eternal God, in whose perfect kingdom no sword is drawn but the sword of righteousness ..."  
(The Book of Common Prayer, 1979, p.815).

The Rector, Clergy, Wardens and Vestry of St. John's Episcopal Church do herewith declare St. John's Church and campus, 158 West High Street in Somerville, New Jersey, as "weapon-free" (inclusive of all worship, fellowship, mission-outreach, administration and education spaces).

In deference to Christ's command that disciples turn the other cheek (Matthew 5:39), consonant with the Church being a member Congregation having Parish status in The Diocese of New Jersey, (per Canon 46, Sec.I, The Constitutions and Canons in The Diocese of New Jersey) and informed by the Parish's commitment "To Know Christ And To Make Him Known" (as per our Mission Statement) we direct that no gun or other instrument of violence shall be carried by church members, clergy, staff, or visitors on the church campus.

When the Episcopal Church consecrates a building and campus for worship, the work of the Church and mission-outreach efforts, the Bishop uses the Pastoral Staff to mark the threshold of the Church with the sign of the Cross saying, "Peace be to this house, and to all who enter here." (Book of Common Prayer, page 568). This peace that passes understanding (Book of Common Prayer, page 339, 830; Philippians 4:7) distinguishes property consecrated for the use of a congregation from property dedicated to secular purposes.

Approved and Endorsed by The Rt. Rev. William H. Stokes,  
Bishop of New Jersey

Approved and Endorsed Vestry Meeting November 11, 2015  
Fr. Ronald N. Pollock, XV Rector

# EPISCOPAL CHURCH WOMEN (ECW)



## **ECW RAFFLE – Chef Kir’s Dinner!!**

Raffle tickets are being sold between Sunday Services in January. Stop by our ECW table during coffee hour to get your lucky ticket!! Each ticket costs \$5.00 for a chance to attend a memorable dinner for 4 people at Chef Kir & Deacon Keith’s home. The winner pays \$75.00 per person to attend.

The drawing will be held on February 7.

For more information, please ask Judy Marine or see any ECW Member that will be selling raffle tickets at a table on Sundays in January.

## **ECW – HOMEMADE “EASTER CHOCOLATES”, TREASURER TABLE & BAKE SALE!!**

We did so well with our Christmas Holiday Bake & Candy Sale in December 2015, so we decided to host it again at Eastertime. Thank you to all the great bakers out there, chocolatiers and to all who assisted in some way to make the Christmas Bake Sale a huge success!!



***Pre-Orders for Homemade Easter Chocolates will begin in Jan/Feb on Sundays.***

*Candy pick-up date for all pre-ordered candy will be March 5 & 6 in St. John’s Parish Hall\*. Payment is due upon receipt of goods.*

**LOOK FOR PRE-ORDER FORMS & INFORMATION COMING OUT BETWEEN JAN & FEB!!**

***\*ALSO ADDED...Sat, March 5 - Easter Bake Sale, Limited Candy Sales & Treasurer Table will be OPEN TO THE PUBLIC... from 10 AM-2 PM***

***Sun, Mar 6 – Bake Sale, Candy & Treasure Table items for Sale to all St. John’s Parish Members between Services - Limited Items on the second day.***

**Monday, February 1** – ECW Meeting in the Guild Room at 7:00PM – We would love to see you at one of our meetings. Find out all the exciting things we have planned for 2016!!

The ECW offers fellowship as well as spiritual, educational and charitable opportunities. Our meetings are held the first Monday of the month from Sept through June. For more information, please contact our ECW Membership Chair, Joanne Polito, at (732) 868-0050 - [jozpolito@aol.com](mailto:jozpolito@aol.com).

*Respectfully submitted by,*

Joan Nazarenko, ECW President

[jnaz777@comcast.net](mailto:jnaz777@comcast.net) – (908) 581-0075

## ***Lenten Breakfast March 12***

St. John's Episcopal Church Women is sponsoring a Lenten Breakfast on Saturday, March 12, at 9:00 a.m. Beginning with a Eucharist, the morning will include breakfast in the parish hall and a very brief entertaining video, "Laundry Love", with discussion following. "Laundry Love" is a ministry of the Episcopal Church and viewing is appropriate for all ages.

There is no charge for the event but to ensure enough food, the ECW requests that those interested sign up on the list on the main bulletin board in the parish house foyer beginning February 14. All members of the parish and their friends are invited. Questions?

Contact Paula Windus at 908-526-7150 or [paulawindus@verizon.net](mailto:paulawindus@verizon.net).

# *St. John's Columbarium*

*"Nothing in death or life can separate us from the love of God"*

(Romans 8:38-39)

When the souls of our loved ones go from us into the hands of the living God, we remember them in God's love within the community of those still living.

In response to a strong expression of interest by the community at St. John's, the Rector and the Vestry are pleased to announce that the St. John's Columbarium, located in the downstairs Chapel, is open to parish members and their families. Non-members will be considered on an individual basis.

In our Columbarium, we place the ashes of those bodies which have now returned to the dust from which they came. Our chapel itself and those who worship within it become the living memorial to those whom we have lost from among us, but know to be living in God's love.

The offering price for a niche is \$450, providing space for one interment. Adjoining niches are available for multiple purchase. This price is inclusive of the brass plaques provided by the parish, engraving of the name and dates of the deceased and interment fees. The Guidelines for the Columbarium, the Certification Form, as well as the Authorization Form from the family of the deceased will be provided by the Parish Office.

Applications for purchase may be addressed to:

**The Rector, c/o St. John's Episcopal Church, 158 West High St. Somerville, NJ 08876**

**Attn: The Columbarium**

## *Planned Giving*

The thread of generosity through this beloved church of ours...St. John's church!

St. John's has a deep and faithful history of folks who have left behind money for St. John's and for the ministry of The Church. All kinds of people hear the call of God to give to this place and to make offerings for the church's well-being! People come to St. John's from various places. But their first gift to St. John's Church is their presence. Returning to home, work, church and world, they give a second gift, sharing with others deepened faith, renewed ministry and refreshed selves. Moved by all that they and their family and/or friends have received through St. John's, many respond with a reflexive gesture of generosity.

Some respond by answering our call for prayers or referring other people to St. John's. Others respond with service, helping to lead programs and other church services, by serving on committees or joining a group here. Many respond with financial gifts and other forms of support that advance the Kingdom of God here on earth at St. John's.

When St. John's engaged Holliman & Associates (a professional capital campaign fund raising firm) many years ago now, we also entered into the development of a more formal structure for Planned Giving. It was *Dr. Paul Foreman* who helped to get this program up and running, along with former member, *Linda Jones Bailes*, as a result of our closer examination and need for Planned Giving here at St. John's. I can still remember *Paul* putting together a beautiful and engaging program for other churches in our Diocese at a Cathedral sharing day with the Bishop. *Paul* and his excellent Planned Giving Committee members, happily shared our story here at St. John's and what brought us to where we are today. Still further, *Paul* shared St. John's beautifully done Planned Giving brochure. It was a really big hit in our Diocese and several significant leaders around the Diocese held it up as being a perfect example.

*Sam Galpin*, a long time and faithful member here at St. John's has served faithfully as the chair for Planned Giving. He has done so now, since 2007. We are so grateful for his on-going enthusiasm and sense of "call" to respond and lead St. John's further along the path in Planned Giving. Many of you probably know Sam, who serves as our parish Treasurer, Eucharist minister and reader at 8 am, but moreover, as the coordinator for *The Blessing of the Animals* in October.

*If you have an interest in becoming part of Planned Giving here, please talk with me.*

May God continue to bless you in your various ministries.

With Joy, **Fr. Ron** ✠

## ***JANUARY ALTAR FLOWERS***

**January 3**     **Christmas Flowers**

**January 10**   Mr. & Mrs. Edward Gimbut in loving memory of her mother, ***Linda Perrone***

**January 17**   by Paula Windus in loving memory of her mother, ***Marian B. Lyle***, and her father, ***Paul H. Chapman***.

**January 24**   by Mr.& Mrs. Michael Polito in loving memory of ***Michael & Annie Scoppetta***  
and ***James & Dorothy Polito***

**January 31**     by Carol, Robert and Ryan Nelson in loving memory of her husband and their father,  
***John Brooks Nelson***

## ***January Altar Candles***

**January 3**     by Marianne Jalali in thanksgiving for ***God's Blessings***

**January 10**   by Jean Ellis in thanksgiving and celebration of her son and daughter-in-law,  
***William S. Ellis & Carol's Wedding Anniversary***

**January 17**   by Jean Ellis in thanksgiving for her son, ***William F. Ellis*** and his wife, ***Danielle***

**January 24**   by Mr. & Mrs. Robert Fox in loving memory of her father, ***Raymond T. Horwath***

**January 31**   by Carol Nelson in honor of ***Robert Nelson & Izabela Zwierzynski***, who will be married on May 27, by  
Father Ron

## ***January Bread & Wine***

The offerings of bread and wine for the month of January are given to the Glory of God  
by John & Marielena Cardinale in thanksgiving for their grandson,  
***Noah John Brown***

## ***Lectionary for January***

<b><u>SUNDAY</u></b>	<b><u>LESSON</u></b>	<b><u>EPISTLE</u></b>	<b><u>GOSPEL</u></b>
<b>January 3</b>	Jeremiah 31:7-14	Ephesians 1:3-6, 15-19a	Luke 2:41-52
<b>January 10</b>	Isaiah 43:1-7	Acts 8:14-17	Luke 3:15-17, 21-22
<b>January 17</b>	Isaiah 62:1-5	1 Corinthians 12:1-11	John 2:1-11
<b>January 24</b>	Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10	1 Corinthians 12:12-31a	Luke 4:14-21
<b>January 31</b>	Jeremiah 1:4-10	1 Corinthians 13:1-13	Luke 4:21-30

## FEBRUARY ALTAR FLOWERS

- February 7** by The Episcopal Church Women in loving memory of  
*The Rev. Hollis S. Smith & Anne Piper Smith*, who founded the *St. Elizabeth's Guild*,  
and *All the Deceased Members of the Episcopal Church Women*.
- February 14** by Mr. & Mrs. Robert Fox in loving memory of her sister, *Celeste Check*
- February 21** Open
- February 28** by Charles & Kay Halsted in thanksgiving for their granddaughters, *Maitland & Caroline Halsted*

## FEBRUARY ALTAR CANDLES

- February 7** Open
- February 14** by Barbara Kane in loving memory of her mother, *Stella Kuzma*
- February 21** Open
- February 28** Open

### *February Bread & Wine*

The offerings of bread and wine for the month of February are given to the Glory of God

## LECTIONARY FOR FEBRUARY

<u>SUNDAY</u>	<u>LESSON</u>	<u>EPISTLE</u>	<u>GOSPEL</u>
<b>February 7</b>	Exodus 34:29-35	2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2	Luke 9:28-36,[37-43a]
<b>February 14</b>	Deuteronomy 26:1-11	Romans 10:8b-13	Luke 4:1-13
<b>February 21</b>	Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18	Philippians 3:17-4:1	Luke 13:31-35
<b>February 28</b>	Exodus 3:1-15	1 Corinthians 10:1-13	Luke 13:1-9



## ***Welcome Newcomers! We're So Glad You Came!***

***We're thrilled to see you! As a matter of fact, we've been waiting for you!***

We believe that every person who comes to worship with us is a special gift from God. We are all better off from you being here amongst us. We want to express the love we know in Jesus Christ with one another. And we're excited to share it with you, and to grow together in our pilgrimage of faith.

St. John's is a place for all people - no matter where you may be on the journey - and it won't take you long to discover that we are a vibrant and caring community of faith, journeying from different places and life-experiences, but who desire to grow together.

We are a people ultimately, of faith in Jesus Christ. In other words, relationships are paramount - especially when we consider our baptismal covenant, "to seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving our neighbor as our self."

***Our doors are open to you!*** If you have been praying, thinking, searching, church - shopping, and hoping for a place to belong - we say ***"Welcome!"***

***God's blessing be upon you now and always, Fr. Ron***

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***Wise Ones Still Follow His Star***

***"To Know Christ and to Make Him Known"***

# JANUARY ~ 2016

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					<i>1 The Holy Name New Year's Day NO SHIP'S Galley</i>	<b>2</b>
<b>3 II Christmas</b> <u>8:00 am</u> Holy Eucharist <u>9:30 am</u> Adult Choir Rehearsal <u>10:00 am</u> Children's Chapel <u>10:15 am</u> Holy Eucharist	<b>4</b> 7 pm - ECW Meeting  <i>SHIP'S Galley AA Meeting</i>	<b>5</b>  <i>7:00 pm Holy Eucharist</i>	<b>6 The Epiphany</b>  <i>SHIP'S Galley 7:30 pm Sr. Choir Rehearsal</i>	<b>7</b> <i>10:00 am Eucharist Mary &amp; Martha Guild Meeting Thrift Shop 11am - 6pm</i>	<b>8</b> <i>SHIP'S Galley</i>	<b>9</b> 9:30 am - Daughters of the King Eucharist and meeting
<b>10 Epiphany!</b> <i>The Baptism of our Lord</i> <u>8:00 am</u> Holy Eucharist <u>9:30 am</u> Adult Choir Rehearsal <u>10:00 am</u> Children's Chapel <u>10:15 am</u> Holy Eucharist with Baptisms <b>5:00pm - Epiphany Party!</b> <b>Deadline-Reports for Annual Meeting!</b>	<b>11</b>  <i>SHIP'S Galley AA Meeting</i>	<b>12</b>  <i>7:00 pm Holy Eucharist</i>	<b>13</b> <i>SHIP'S Galley- St. John's assignment. 7:30 pm Sr. Choir Rehearsal</i>	<b>14</b> <i>10:00 am Eucharist Mary &amp; Martha Guild Meeting</i>	<b>15</b>  <i>SHIP'S Galley</i>	<b>16</b>
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<b>24</b> <u>8:00 am</u> Holy Eucharist <u>9:30 am</u> Adult Choir Rehearsal <u>10:00 am</u> Children's Chapel <u>10:15 am</u> Holy Eucharist	<b>25</b> <i>SHIP'S Galley AA Meeting</i>	<b>26</b>  <i>7:00 pm Holy Eucharist</i>	<b>27</b> <i>SHIP'S Galley 7:30 pm Sr. Choir Rehearsal</i>	<b>28</b> <i>10:00 am Eucharist Mary &amp; Martha Guild Meeting</i>	<b>29</b> <i>SHIP'S Galley</i>	<b>30</b> <i>10 am—Red Door Ministry Knitting Workshop. Donuts &amp; Coffee provided All are welcome!</i>
<b>31</b> <u>8:00 am</u> Holy Eucharist <u>9:30 am</u> Adult Choir Rehearsal <u>10:00 am</u> Children's Chapel <u>10:15 am</u> Holy Eucharist						

# JANUARY ~ INTERCESSIONS



## *Birthdays*

January 1 ~ Kir Rodriguez, Heather Marshall, Timothy Hussey  
January 2 ~ Jamilyn Mester, Summer Andricsak  
January 3 ~ Caroline Lofton, Victor Marshall, Sasha Rogalsky  
January 4 ~ Derek Mathews  
January 5 ~ Anthony Liberatoscioli  
January 6 ~ Suzette Miller  
January 7 ~ Noah Brown, Matthew Tom-Wolverton  
January 8 ~ Paul Grzella  
January 9 ~ Kimberly Edwards, Thendrel Beth Nirmal  
January 10 ~ Millicent Barry, Kyle Kiernan, Della Grace Piperata  
January 11 ~ Jennifer Wickham, Elfriede Silkin, William Windus, Lisa Tipton,  
Jean Edwards, Nicole Casamassimo  
January 12 ~ Ken Morrow, Richard Mathews, Hailey Lynn Bender  
January 13 ~ Donna Lazartic, Andrew Mehring  
January 14 ~ Miah Lucia Chavez  
January 15 ~ Claudia Brown, Janine Tirrito  
January 16 ~ Jenna Potts, Deanna Jameson, Matthew Daugherty  
January 17 ~ Brian Mathews, Deacon W. Keith McCoy  
January 19 ~ Victoria Albani, Addison Kurzawa  
January 20 ~ James Wilson  
January 22 ~ Suzanne Vaucher, Meredith Barry, Nathaniel Bender, Janet Eager,  
Susan Miller Rogalsky  
January 23 ~ Barbara Kane, Rebecca Mullen, Kathleen Conceicao  
January 24 ~ Mae Kinst  
January 25 ~ Mary McMullen, Meghan McMullen, Judy Marine, Thomas Morrow,  
Christopher Frost  
January 26 ~ Brandon Kurzawa  
January 28 ~ Andrew Hoffman, Peyton Moor  
January 29 ~ Sarah Pendergraph, Lauren Krueger  
January 30 ~ Valerie Gibson, Patricia Potts  
January 31 ~ Lucas Huntley



## *Wedding Anniversaries*

January 10 ~ Robert & Neva Rae Fox, Charles & Ruth Kletz  
January 13 ~ Gary & Carol Boyer



## *Anniversaries of Death*

January 1 ~ Henry Kane, Isabelle Caruccio  
January 3 ~ Kenneth Osinski  
January 4 ~ Michael A. Cinelli, Brent Miller  
January 5 ~ Cora Wilcox, Eugene Kielar  
January 7 ~ Ernest E. Hewett  
January 9 ~ Joseph J. Balint  
January 10 ~ Lou Leight, Frank Eakin  
January 11 ~ Garrett M. Wyman  
January 12 ~ Arnold Von Horn  
January 13 ~ Harry Leight  
January 16 ~ James J. Gardner, Jr.  
January 18 ~ Dorothy Gaughan  
January 19 ~ Melissa J. Schamp  
January 26 ~ Margaret Comiskey  
January 28 ~ Helen Hilda Reich, Idabell Collins Demaray, Paul H. Chapman  
January 29 ~ J. Stanley Ebel  
January 30 ~ Lois Schmelz  
January 31 ~ Margaret Hicks, John B. Nelson, Gertrude Vanderbeek

# FEBRUARY ~ 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<b>1</b>  <i>SHIP'S Galley</i> <i>AA Meeting</i>	<b>2</b> <i>7:00 pm Holy Eucharist</i>	<b>3</b> <i>SHIP'S Galley</i>  <i>7:30 pm Sr. Choir Rehearsal</i>	<b>4</b> <i>10:00 am Holy Eucharist</i> <i>Mary &amp; Martha Guild Meeting</i> <b>Thrift Shop 11am - 5pm</b> <b>7-9:30 pm - Pre-Convention Meeting</b>	<b>5</b>  <i>SHIP'S Galley</i>	<b>6</b> <i>Fr. Ron's 51st Birthday!</i>  <b>Food Bank</b>
<b>7</b> <u>8:00 am</u> Holy Eucharist <u>9:30 am</u> Adult Choir Rehearsal <u>10:00 am</u> Children's Chapel <u>10:15 am</u> Holy Eucharist	<b>8</b> <i>7 pm ECW Meeting</i> <i>SHIP'S Galley</i> <i>AA Meeting</i>	<b>9</b>  <i>7:00 pm Holy Eucharist</i>	<b>10</b> <i>Ash Wednesday</i> <b>7 am - Holy Eucharist</b> <b>12 Noon - Holy Eucharist</b> <b>7 pm - Holy Eucharist</b> <i>SHIP'S Galley</i>	<b>11</b> <i>10:00 am Holy Eucharist - Mary &amp; Martha Guild Meeting</i>	<b>12</b>  <i>SHIP'S Galley</i>	<b>13</b> <i>9:30 am - Holy Eucharist ~ Daughters of the King</i>  <b>Food Bank</b>
<b>14</b> <i>I Lent</i> <u>8:00 am</u> Holy Eucharist <u>9:30 am</u> Adult Choir Rehearsal <u>10:00 am</u> Children's Chapel <u>10:15 am</u> Holy Eucharist	<b>15</b> <b>President's Day</b> <b>Office is closed.</b>  <i>SHIP'S Galley</i> <i>AA Meeting</i>	<b>16</b>  <i>7:00 pm Holy Eucharist</i>	<b>17</b> <i>SHIP'S Galley</i> <i>St. John's assignment.</i>  <b>Vestry Meeting 7:30 pm</b>  <i>7:30 pm Sr. Choir Rehearsal</i>	<b>18</b> <i>10:00 am Holy Eucharist</i> <i>Mary &amp; Martha Guild Meeting</i>	<b>19</b>  <i>SHIP'S Galley</i>	<b>20</b>  <b>Food Bank</b>
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# FEBRUARY ~ INTERCESSIONS



## *Birthdays*

February 1 ~ Susan Bender, Emma Hoarle  
February 2 ~ Emily Newton, Candy Mullen, Ella Schueler  
February 3 ~ Zoe McCabe, Deborah Duffy, Wesley Cookingham  
February 4 ~ Kyle Kurzawa, Daniel Venet  
February 5 ~ Dylan Mathews  
February 6 ~ Crawford Britt, Father Ron Pollock  
February 7 ~ Bill Wickham, Mindy Wolfmayer  
February 8 ~ Peggy McMahan, Tara Kelly  
February 9 ~ Kyle Powell, Harold Willard  
February 10 ~ Madeline & Victoria Jones, Ryan Wickham  
February 11 ~ James Knowles, Gretchen Troup, Samantha Venet  
February 12 ~ Sarah Strano, Dick Schaub  
February 13 ~ Tyler Hamby, Peter Hillman  
February 14 ~ Peter Miller  
February 15 ~ Hunter Troup, Tracy Andricsak  
February 17 ~ Neva Rae Fox, Richard Wilson, Henry Szumigala  
February 19 ~ Mathew Smith, Cheryl Rebsch  
February 21 ~ Kim Post, Jeremiah Burton Kelly  
February 22 ~ Robert Massey  
February 24 ~ Nicholas Jones, Jill Brodsky  
February 26 ~ Scott Bender  
February 27 ~ Emily Hewett, Andrea Dalrymple, Tamara Billy,  
Jake August Agins  
February 28 ~ Ruth Kletz, Nicholas Apgar-Fehring,  
Danielle Liberatoscioli, Parker Mehring



## *Wedding Anniversaries*

February 1 ~ Roopal & Verna Tonk  
February 11 ~ James & Connie Van Arsdale  
February 17 ~ Charles & Kay Halsted  
February 21 ~ Debi Apgar & Robin Fehring  
February 22 ~ Bill & Caroline Lofton



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February 3 ~ Irene Sidell  
February 4 ~ Eleanor Bonham, Allan R. Streeter  
February 9 ~ Bob Vitullo  
February 11 ~ Jean L. Mathews, Ray Bomberger  
February 13 ~ Steven H. Spolarich  
February 14 ~ Bob Brady  
February 15 ~ Madeline Prodromo  
February 16 ~ Noel Haywood, George Bond  
February 17~ Vera Nazarenko  
February 25 ~ Jane H. Goldsack  
February 27 ~ Ethel D. Barry, Walter Edwards  
February 28 ~ W. Raymond Jones, Arthur Flinn