

St. John's Winter Newsletter

January ~ February 2017



From the Rector....

Go Ahead and "Name-Drop" This New Year

Do you know the experience of a friend telling you, "When you have your meeting, when you interview, when you talk with so-and-so, please use my name?" In the world of business or diplomacy we call this a referral. In the political world, we can call this a lobbying effort. In the world of friendship, we can call this a welcomed connection. In the world of our prayer, we call this an intercession or supplication. Frequently I think our best prayer to God, our best plea or best offering of praise, is simply to "name-drop" to use the Name that God has finally shared with us: Jesus!

How do you occupy your time? When you are waiting for an appointment, or holding on the phone, in your car at a red light, on a runway waiting for take-off, what do you do? What do you do in the middle of the night when you can't sleep? Where is your attention while you walk from this place to the next, wait for the water to boil, the mail to arrive, the news to come, the baby to be born? Those moments can be considerable, and you may find yourself prone to obsess over all kinds of distractions or anxieties.

I encourage you to consider during these moments, all throughout the new year, to breathe the name of Jesus. Breathe in the name of Jesus; breathe out the name of Jesus. Knowing someone's name gives a certain access, intimacy, and power. You have Jesus' Name! Use it. Breathe it! Rely on it! - because there is power and identification in claiming and using and sharing a name. Go ahead and use it, the gift of knowing the Name of Jesus...
Jesu....Jesus!

With gratitude in Jesus,
Father Ron

Inside this issue.....

- ◆ Annual Meeting
- ◆ To All Groups...
- ◆ Report from St. John's Nominating Committee
- ◆ Bios for Candidates
- ◆ Diocesan Convention
- ◆ ECW
- ◆ Angel Tree
- ◆ Acolyte Festival
- ◆ Adopt-A-Family
- ◆ From the Heart Thrift Shop
- ◆ SHIP'S Galley
- ◆ Food Bank
- ◆ Ash Wednesday Schedule
- ◆ Biblical Farside
- ◆ Pastoral Notes
- ◆ St. John's Columbarium
- ◆ Planned Giving
- ◆ Calendars & Intercessions

Newsletter Editors

Fr. Ron Pollock

Neva Rae Fox

Lillie Hardingham



CHURCH STAFF

The Rev. *Ronald N. Pollock*, **Rector** (908-722-1250) or (frronpollock1@verizon.net)

The Rev. *W. Keith McCoy*, **Deacon Associate** (kmccoy1@optonline.net)

John Plesniarski, **Organist/Choir Master** (johnples82@gmail.com)

Lillie Hardingham, **Administrative Assistant** (908-722-1250) or (stjohnsomerville@verizon.net)

MINISTERS - People of St. John's

Altar Guild

Pauline Boyer (908-722-1832) & Doreen Franko (dmf0505@yahoo.com), *Co-Directresses*
Dee Britt, *Treasurer* (brittchey@aol.com)

Kay Halsted, *Flowers, Weddings, & Funerals* (chalsted1@verizon.net) (908-526-0243)

Karen Whitmore, *Votive Candles* (dawit@optonline.net) Joan Sammartano, *Supplies* (908-526-0148)

Bread & Wine and Altar Candles ~ contact the parish office (stjohnsomerville@verizon.net)

Adult Choir: John Plesniarski, *Director & Organist* (johnples82@gmail.com)

Junior Choir: Tracey Jameson, *Director* (tkayj@aol.com).

Church Library: Deacon W. Keith McCoy (kmccoy1@optonline.net)

Church School: Marielena Cardinale, *Superintendent* (jcardinale123@comcast.net).

Daughters of the King: *President position - OPEN*

Endowment : Greg Pasquale, *Chair* (gpasquale@shainlaw.com)

Episcopal Church Women: Joan Nazarenko, *President* (jnaz777@comcast.net)

EYC (Youth Group): *Adult Advisors:* Fr. Ron, Anja Pendergraph, Kevin Buchanan

"From the Heart" Thrift Shop: Judith Marine (jmarine5@verizon.net)

Mary & Martha Guild: Marcia Bower, *President* (marciab6@verizon.net)

Mission Outreach: Father Ron (frronpollock1@verizon.net)

Parish Treasurer: Sam Galpin (samgalpin@aol.com)

Co-Treasurer: Anne Tom (annetom@comcast.net)

Red Door Ministries:

Baby Blankets for newborns and those baptized: Pauline Boyer (908-722-1832)

Casseroles for people in need: Marcia Bower (marciab6@verizon.net)

Loose-Change for Discretionary Fund, to help those in need: Andrea Dalrymple (adal227@verizon.net)

Planned Giving: Sam Galpin (samgalpin@aol.com)

Stewardship: Sam Galpin, Dee Britt, Diane Sireci, Jose Cedeno (joced4@gmail.com) | Fr. Ron

The Wardens

(class of 2018) Diane Sireci (dianesireci@comcast.net)

(class of 2017) Steve Mandraccia (Smandraccia@optonline.net)

The Vestry

(class of 2018) Sarah Pendergraph (pendemom@yahoo.com)

(class of 2018) Ron Szumigala (Szumigala@optonline.net)

(class of 2018) John Newton (jnewton2001@yahoo.com)

(class of 2017) George Mullen (georgemullenesq@verizon.net)

(class of 2017) Dee Britt (dbritt@chubb.com)

(class of 2017) Jon Anobile (jonathan.anobile@chromocell.com)

(class of 2019) Rich Neff (rwnsail@yahoo.com)

(class of 2019) Leigh Meaders-Robinson (lmozelle@aol.com)

(class of 2019) Millie Barry (Mdbarry10@gmail.com)



St. John's Annual Meeting *Sunday, January 15*

The Annual Meeting of St. John's Parish will be Sunday, January 15, 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 15. 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 8** (preferably before that date). **NOTE: Monday, January 9 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*

St. John's Nominating Committee Report ...

Committee Members: Fr. Ron Pollock, chair / Steve Mandraccia, Warden / Millie Barry, vestry / Leigh Meaders-Robinson, vestry / Rich Neff, vestry

Nominating Committee Slate:

Warden: 2 year term - Steve Mandraccia

Vestry: 3 year term - Jennifer Dorward
William Hoffman
Marianne Jalali

Diocesan Convention: 3 year term - Bob Fox, Deputy
Neva Rae Fox, Alternate

Watchung Convocation Representatives: 1 year term:
Elizabeth Lande
Brad Pendergraph
Anne Tom
William Hoffman
Open
Open

Faithfully submitted, Fr. Ron, *Chair*

Bios for Candidates

Steve Mandraccia (*Warden – 2 year term*)

I have been attending St. John's since 1991. My wife Tina and I were married here in 1992. We have a son, Anthony, who is 19 and attending Rutgers. Our daughter, Sophia, is 14 and a freshman at Bridgewater High School. I have been active as youth group adviser for the last 12 or so years (I have lost count). I previously served in the Vestry and as a Warden. I am a Probation Officer here in Somerset County, and after working in juvenile supervision for 20 years, I recently moved over to drug court - working with addicts trying to stay out of prison. I also teach Tae Kwon Do at Somerville Martial Arts Academy for the last 18 years. In addition I enjoy volleyball and skiing.
Steve Mandraccia

Jennifer Dorward (*Vestry - 3 year term*)

I came to the Episcopal Church approximately 25 years ago after being raised Roman Catholic. I found a home at Christ Church, New Brunswick, where my husband Darin and I were married and I was also a member of the vestry. I live in Somerset, have 6 children, work full time and have a houseful of rescue pets. We found St. John's parish in the fall of 2015, while looking for a parish with more children and a vibrant youth group and we feel so lucky to be a part of all the great things that are happening here!
Jennifer Dorward-Centolanza

Marianne Jalali (*Vestry - 3 year term*)

I have been a member of St. John's for three years. I was introduced to St. John's by Judy Marine. I found the people so warm and welcoming that I decided to join the church and become involved. I am a counter, member of ECW and Mary Martha Guild, volunteer at both the Thrift Shop and the Soup Kitchen where I serve and donate food for the meals.

I grew up in New York City, moving to New Jersey 40 years ago. I am a widow and live in South Plainfield. I have two adult daughters, Elizabeth, a first grade teacher living in New Jersey and Susan, HLN Senior Producer for Morning Express with Robin Meade living in Atlanta, GA. I am honored to be considered to serve as a member of the Vestry.
Marianne Jalali

William Hoffman (*Vestry - 3 year term*)

William (Bill) Hoffman resides in Bridgewater, with his wife Nihoko and son, Andrew and has been a parishioner of St John's for more than 10 years. He is seeking election to serve on the Vestry for a second time. He previously served as a Vestry member from 2009-2012

Bill has worked within the technology sector for more than 25 years focusing on developing innovative new services. Currently employed at a Swiss non-profit (The World Economic Forum), Bill works to ensure the use of communications technologies can be used to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals and address the complex challenges of extreme poverty, hunger and infectious disease

A lifelong Episcopalian, Bill grew up in Hershey Pennsylvania where he was a member of All Saints Episcopal Church. He looks forward to serving the congregation and the mission of the church.

Bob Fox (*Deputy to Diocesan Convention – 3 year term*)

I, along with my wife, Neva have been attending St. John's for over 20 years. Currently at St. John's, I serve as a LEM and Delegate to Diocesan Convention. During my time at St. John's I have served as Warden, Vestry member, Treasurer, Stewardship Chair and other activities.

On the Diocesan level, I served as Deputy to General Convention. I have also served as Alt. Deputy to General Convention (2006), member and Chair of the Stewardship Commission and on Diocesan Council.

Neva Rae Fox (*Alternate Deputy to Diocesan Convention – 3 year term*)

I have been a member of St. John's for more than 20 years with my husband Bob. Currently I am a reader and Lay Eucharistic Minister, and a member of ECW and Altar Guild. I also work on the newsletter committee and with the media on St. John's events. Previously I served on Vestry. For the Diocese of New Jersey, I was elected to the Standing Committee and the Cathedral Chapter, and served as communications officer/newspaper editor for many years. I am the Public Affairs Officer for the Episcopal Church. I am committed to St. John's, the Diocese of New Jersey, and our Episcopal Church and my ministry is to serve the mission of our church in many ways.

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.

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

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.
- ✦ 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.
- ✦ Thank you to out-going Vestry members: George Mullen, John Anobile and Dee Britt. We are all grateful for their service as disciples of Jesus Christ.
- ✦ Congratulations to new church members Kyle Ferris and Renee De Petris, who were married on December 9, in Hackettstown, NJ.
- ✦ Congratulations to church members Robert Dean Ford and Kayla Elyse Abbatiello, who were married on November 5, here at St. John's.
- ✦ Congratulations to Mason Ball, son of James & Danielle Ball, who was baptized on November 6, at St. John's.
- ✦ Congratulations to Korey Soden, son of David & Stephanie Soden, who was baptized on November 6, at St. John's.
- ✦ Congratulations to Amy Vadala married to Brian Nauer, who was baptized on November 6, at St. John's.

Rest Eternal grant to them, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon them.

For those who died:

- ✦ **Larry Manzano**, husband of parishioner Suzanne Manzano, whose service was held on Saturday, November 12, at the Hillsborough Funeral Home. Pray for the entire extended family.
- ✦ **Raymond Brown**, son of new members, Raymond and Roseann Brown, whose Memorial Eucharist was held on Saturday, November 19, here at St. John's. Pray for the entire extended family.
- ✦ **Jack Agins**, husband of Bobbi Agins, longtime members, whose Memorial Eucharist was held on Saturday, November 26, here at St. John's. Pray for the entire extended family.
- ✦ **Sylvia Foo-Ying**, longtime parishioner, wife of Alfred Foo-Ying, whose Memorial Eucharist was held on December 9, here at St. John's. Pray for the entire extended family.
- ✦ **Gary D. Bower**, husband of Marcia Bower, longtime members, whose funeral was held on Monday, December 19, here at St. John's. Pray for the entire extended family.
- ✦ **Samantha M. Miller**, a member of the Somerville community, who died in Boynton Beach, Florida on November 29. Her service was on Saturday, December 17 at The Somerville Funeral Home.

Diocesan Convention

The Diocese of New Jersey Diocesan Convention will be on Friday, March 3 until Saturday, March 4 , in Princeton, NJ, at the Hyatt Regency. This year featuring **Becca Stevens**, a premiere speaker in the U.S. proclaiming love as the most powerful force for social change. She is an author, Episcopal Priest and founder of *Thistle Farms*.

St. John's will be represented by Fr. Ron and Deacon Keith, Deputy Paula Windus, Deputy William Hoffman, and whoever is elected at our Annual Meeting here at St. John's, on January 15.

by *Fr. Ron*

Angel Christmas Tree

We give thanks to God that we collected the most toys we ever have this year! God is Good! Hundreds and hundreds of toys. Special thanks to the **Bridgewater Eagles**, the **Martinsville Mom's Group**, **Artisnal Tattoo**, **Bodhi Fitness Team**, and many anonymous givers, and of course all of the wonderful generous people from St. John's Church.

Toys went to:

- ✦ The children of inmates at Somerset County Jail
- ✦ The Home for Temporarily Displace Youth in Bridgewater
- ✦ Children in our own community here at St. John's as well as in Somerville
- ✦ Agape House in Somerville

I am so proud of this joy-filled community effort making a difference in the lives of many others.

Next year I hope to have designated volunteers help coordinate reaching out to those in need, by getting specific needs, clothing sizes, etc. as well as volunteers to help distribute the items.

Faithfully and Joyfully,

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 5.

Tickets will be sold after each Sunday service starting January 1. Good Luck!

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

Adopt-A-Family

We give God thanks for the many people who "adopted-a-family" by supplying gift baskets of food items and grocery store gift cards for individuals and families to purchase their own turkey or ham, apple pie, etc.

Joyfully, *Fr. Ron*

Acolyte Festival! Saturday, February 11, At Trinity Cathedral, 808 west State Street, Trenton NJ 08618

The event starts at 9:30 am and runs until 3:30 pm. It is a lot of fun! There are workshops and games to enjoy. Let **Fr. Ron** or **Bill Marshall** know if you are able to go and represent St. John's Church so that we can be sure everyone is registered and we have adequate transportation. Parents and/or Adult volunteers are asked to help transport our faithful and wonderful acolytes.

By *Fr. Ron*





From the Heart Thrift Shop

Three donations were approved at the last board meeting. The recipients were, The Salvation Army, Bound Brook, The Janet Fund and the VA Medical Center, Lyons. We requested that the donation to the VA Medical Center be used for phone cards so patients can contact family this holiday season.

I would like to thank everyone who donated coats and outerwear. We sold many coats and all of our hats, gloves and scarves. Please consider donating your old coats and outerwear when you receive new items at Christmas. Let's help keep our less fortunate neighbors warm this winter season.

We are always looking for help so think about donating an hour or two of your time on set up day (Wednesday before the Thrift Shop 2-4 p.m.) or on the day of the Thrift Shop (first Thursday of the month from 11 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.)

January 5 - We are looking for large shopping bags (plastic or paper). We all get them when shopping for Christmas. Please put them on the stage. Thank you in advance.

February 2 - We will be having a half-price sale on all red and pink clothes for Valentine's Day. This should be a fun day to shop.

If you have any questions please contact Judy Marine (908-722-5531) or jmarine5@verizon.net

Ship's Galley at St. John's



St. John's assignment for Ship's Galley is **Wednesday, January 11 & February 8.**

Established in the fall of 1992, Ship's Galley is a service provided by the Samaritan Homeless Interim Program as a response to the increase in need for an on site meal program to feed the hungry in our region. Monday, Wednesday and Friday at St. John's. Lunch is served at 12:30 PM.

Remember that the sign-up sheet contains suggestions but if anyone has a favorite they would like to make please feel free to do so. Just write it in on the sheet. This support is truly a generous outreach by the parishioners of St. John's. Any questions please contact Dot Spolarich, 908 526-3987.

REMEMBER THE FOOD BANK

Once again, it is St. John's turn to staff the Somerville pantry for the Food Bank on Saturdays for the month of October. Please help St. John's fulfill our commitment to the Food Bank Network as we distribute food to those in need every Saturday during the month of October. Distribution is at the United Reformed Church, Main Street, Downtown Somerville, from 9:00 am to 12:30 pm. A minimum of six volunteers are needed each Saturday for distribution. Please sign-up in the Parish Hall. **The sign-up sheet is posted on the Mission-Outreach bulletin board in the Parish Hall.** Please call (908) 369-6490 with any questions. Thank you in advance for your help.



Ash Wednesday Schedule: March 1

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.

By Fr. Ron

Welcoming The Right Rev. J. Neil Alexander on Sunday, January 29, as our Guest Preacher



The Right Reverend J. Neil Alexander will join us on Sunday, January 29, to preach at our morning services. He is currently Dean of the School of Theology at Sewanee, The University of the South. He is also professor of liturgy and the Charles Todd Quintard Professor of Dogmatic theology

Previously, Dean Alexander was elected the ninth bishop of the Diocese of Atlanta and served from 2001 to 2012. During his time as bishop, he focused on growing new congregations and ministries and developing an efficient communication strategy for the diocese. He led multiple pilgrimages and mission trips to dioceses in Africa and placed a special focus on relationships with global-south dioceses.

Dean Alexander has served in a variety of parish settings and has taught at The General Theological Seminary, Yale University, Drew University, and Waterloo Lutheran Seminary. He has been a board member of the Episcopal Preaching

Foundation and a faculty member and chaplain of the Preaching Excellence Conference of the Episcopal Preaching Foundation. He is the president of the Board of Directors of the College for Bishops. He serves as the chair of the board of the Archives of the Episcopal Church.

The author of numerous publications in the fields of liturgics, homiletics, sacramental theology, and pastoral practice, his most recent publication, *Celebrating Liturgical Time: Days, Weeks, and Seasons* is a commentary on sacred time as expressed in the rites of the Book of Common Prayer.

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** ✠

EPISCOPAL CHURCH WOMEN (ECW)

2017 January/February Newsletter

All women of St. John's are welcome to join us at our meetings which are held once per month on Monday evenings at 7:00 PM from September through June. We are a warm and inviting fellowship group and plan wonderful fundraisers and events throughout the year, which in turn, helps so many others.

Homemade Chocolate Candy Holiday Sale

We just completed our Holiday Candy Sale in December. Thanks to Pauline Boyer and Paula Windus for coordinating this project and all the logistics that went along with this endeavor. The ECW made a profit of more than \$1600! Thank you to all the women who took time out of their busy schedules to make the candy and help make this fundraiser a success!

Dinner with Chef Kir!

ECW will once again sponsor a Raffle to win a delicious dinner for four at Chef Kir Rodriguez and Deacon Keith's home in Edison, NJ. Raffle tickets are being sold on Sundays in January and February during Coffee Hours at \$5.00 per ticket.

The winner pays \$75 per person (\$300 total) for an incredible five-course meal that you will never forget. The date of the dinner is decided between you and Chef Kir. For more information about the raffle, please contact Judy Marine at jmarine5@verizon.net or Joan Nazarenko at jnaz777@comcast.net.

ECW Meetings

Monday, January 9th: 7:00PM - Meeting in the Guild Room;

GAME NIGHT after the meeting for all who are interested!!

Monday, February 6th: 7:00PM – Flower Arranging Class, by Scott's Florist

Please bring a **container or vase** with you for your "creation".

(In case of inclement weather, the class will be rescheduled.)

A regular meeting will be held in the Guild Room immediately following the flower class.

WISHING YOU ALL A HAPPY & HEALTHY NEW YEAR!!

Warm regards,

Joan Nazarenko, ECW President jnaz777@comcast.net – 908-581-0075

JANUARY ALTAR FLOWERS

- January 1** **Christmas Flowers**
- January 8** Mr.. & Mrs. Edward Gimbut in loving memory of her mother, ***Linda Perrone***
- January 15** by Paula Windus in loving memory of her mother, ***Marian B. Lyle***, and her father, ***Paul H. Chapman.***
- January 22** by Mr.& Mrs. Michael Polito in loving memory of ***Michael & Annie Scoppetta*** and ***James & Dorothy Polito***
- January 29** by Carol, Robert and Ryan Nelson in loving memory of her husband and their father, ***John Brooks Nelson***

January Altar Candles

- January 1** Open
- January 8** Open
- January 15** Open
- January 22** Open
- January 29** Open

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

<u>SUNDAY</u>	<u>LESSON</u>	<u>EPISTLE</u>	<u>GOSPEL</u>
January 1	Numbers 6:22-27	Galatians 4:4-7	Luke 2:15-21
January 8	Isaiah 42:1-9	Acts 10:34-43	Matthew 3:13-17
January 15	Isaiah 49:1-7	1 Corinthians 1:1-9	John 1:29-42
January 22	Isaiah 9:1-4	1 Corinthians 1:10-18	Matthew 4:12-23
January 29	Micah 6:1-8	1 Corinthians 1:18-31	Matthew 5:1-12

FEBRUARY ALTAR FLOWERS

- February 5** 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 12** by Mr. & Mrs. Robert Fox in loving memory of her sister, *Celeste Check*
- February 19** Open
- February 26** by Charles & Kay Halsted in thanksgiving for their granddaughters, *Maitland & Caroline Halsted*

FEBRUARY ALTAR CANDLES

- February 5** Open
- February 12** Open
- February 19** Open
- February 26** 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>
February 5	Isaiah 58: 1-9a [9b-12]	1 Corinthians 2:1-12, [13-16]	Matthew 5:13-20
February 12	Deuteronomy 30:15-20	1 Corinthians 3:1-9	Matthew 5:21-37
February 19	Leviticus 19:1-2, 9-18	1 Corinthians 3:10-11, 16-23	Matthew 5:38-48
February 26	Exodus 24:12-18	2 Peter 1:16-21	Matthew 17:1-9

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

St. John's Episcopal Church

158 West High Street, Somerville, NJ 08876

Parish Office (908) 722-1250

Fax (908) 541-0705

Office: StJohnSomerville@verizon.net

Rector: FrRonPollock1@verizon.net

www.StJohnSomerville.org



Wise Ones Still Follow His Star

"To Know Christ and to Make Him Known"

JANUARY ~ 2017

Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

<p>1 <i>The Holy Name</i> <i>New Year's Day</i> <u>8:00 am</u> Holy Eucharist <u>9:30 am</u> Adult Choir Rehearsal <u>10:15 am</u> Holy Eucharist</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3 7:00 pm Holy Eucharist</p>	<p>4 SHIP'S Galley</p>	<p>5 10:00 am Eucharist Mary & Martha Guild Meeting <i>Thrift Shop 11am - 6pm</i></p>	<p>6 <i>Epiphany!</i> SHIP'S Galley 6:00pm - Epiphany Party!</p>	<p>7</p>
<p>8 <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</p>	<p>9 7 pm - ECW Meeting SHIP'S Galley AA Meeting Deadline-Reports for Annual Meeting!</p>	<p>10 7:00 pm Holy Eucharist</p>	<p>11 SHIP'S Galley St. John's assignment. 7:30 pm Sr. Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>12 10:00 am Eucharist Mary & Martha Guild Meeting</p>	<p>13 SHIP'S Galley</p>	<p>14 9:30 am - Daughters of the King Eucharist and meeting</p>
<p>15 <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 11:30 am - Annual Meeting</p>	<p>16 .Dr. Martin Luther King Day... Office is Closed SHIP'S Galley AA Meeting</p>	<p>17 7:00 pm Holy Eucharist</p>	<p>18 SHIP'S Galley- 7:30 pm - Vestry Meeting 7:30 pm Sr. Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>19 10:00 am Eucharist Mary & Martha Guild Meeting</p>	<p>20 SHIP'S Galley</p>	<p>21</p>
<p>22 <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</p>	<p>23 SHIP'S Galley AA Meeting</p>	<p>24 7:00 pm Holy Eucharist</p>	<p>25 SHIP'S Galley 7:30 pm Sr. Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>26 10:00 am Eucharist Mary & Martha Guild Meeting</p>	<p>27 SHIP'S Galley</p>	<p>28</p>
<p>29 <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</p>	<p>30 SHIP'S Galley AA Meeting</p>	<p>31 7:00 pm Holy Eucharist</p>				

JANUARY ~ INTERCESSIONS



Birthdays

January 1 ~ Kir Rodriguez, Heather Marshall, Timothy Hussey
January 2 ~ 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, Toni-Jo Kolupanowich
January 8 ~ Paul Grzella
January 9 ~ Kimberly Edwards, Thendrel Beth Nirmal
January 10 ~ Millicent Barry, Kyle Kiernan, Della Grace Piperata
January 11 ~ Jennifer Wickham, 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, Kory Soden
January 17 ~ Brian Mathews, Deacon Keith McCoy
January 19 ~ Victoria Albani, Addison Kurzawa
January 20 ~ James Wilson, Aurelia Anobile
January 22 ~ Suzanne Vaucher, Meredith Barry, Nathaniel Bender, Janet Eager,
Susan Miller Rogalsky, James Ball
January 23 ~ Barbara Kane, Rebecca Mullen, Kathleen Conceicao, Brian Nauer
January 24 ~ Mae Kinst
January 25 ~ Mary McMullen, Meghan McMullen, Judy Marine, Thomas Morrow,
Christopher Frost
January 26 ~ Brandon Kurzawa, Guy Scott
January 28 ~ Andrew Hoffman, Peyton Moor, Aubrey Alston
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
January 16 ~ Brian & Amy Nauer



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 ~ 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 SHIP'S Galley <i>Diocesan Pre-Convention Hearing here at St. John's 7:00 pm</i>	2 10:00 am Holy Eucharist Mary & Martha Guild Meeting Thrift Shop 11am - 5pm	3 SHIP'S Galley	4 Food Bank
5 8:00 am Holy Eucharist 9:30 am Adult Choir Rehearsal 10:00 am Children's Chapel 10:15 am Holy Eucharist	6 7 pm ECW Meeting SHIP'S Galley AA Meeting <i>Fr. Ron's 52nd Birthday!</i>	7 7:00 pm Holy Eucharist	8 SHIP'S Galley <i>St. John's assignment.</i> Vestry Meeting 7:30 pm	9 10:00 am Holy Eucharist - Mary & Martha Guild Meeting	10 SHIP'S Galley	11 9:30 am - Holy Eucharist ~ Daughters of the King Food Bank
12 8:00 am Holy Eucharist 9:30 am Adult Choir Rehearsal 10:00 am Children's Chapel 10:15 am Holy Eucharist	13 SHIP'S Galley AA Meeting	14 7:00 pm Holy Eucharist	15 SHIP'S Galley 7:30 pm Sr. Choir Rehearsal	16 10:00 am Holy Eucharist Mary & Martha Guild Meeting	17 SHIP'S Galley	18 Food Bank
19 8:00 am Holy Eucharist 9:30 am Adult Choir Rehearsal 10:00 am Children's Chapel 10:15 am Holy Eucharist	20 <i>President's Day Office is closed.</i> SHIP'S Galley AA Meeting	21 7:00 pm Holy Eucharist	22 SHIP'S Galley 7:30 pm Sr. Choir Rehearsal	23 10:00 am Holy Eucharist Mary & Martha Guild Meeting	24 SHIP'S Galley	25 Food Bank
26 8:00 am Holy Eucharist 9:30 am Adult Choir Rehearsal 10:00 am Children's Chapel 10:15 am Holy Eucharist	27 SHIP'S Galley AA Meeting	28 7:00 pm Holy Eucharist				

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, Ruth Altamura-Roll
February 8 ~ Peggy McMahon, 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,
Jennifer Dorward-Centolanza
February 17 ~ Neva Rae Fox, Richard Wilson, Henry Szumigala
February 19 ~ Mathew Smith, Cheryl Rebsch, Cheryl Mastyskarz
February 21 ~ Kim Post, Jeremiah Burton Kelly
February 22 ~ Robert Massey, Gabriella Barkin
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,
Preston Polonyi



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



Anniversaries of Death

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