

# SAINT JOHN'S CHURCH NEWS AND NOTES: March 19, 2017

Our Rector, The Rev. Bret Hays, is on sabbatical. He will return on April 23. **Today We welcome The Rev. Marie Swayze as our guest priest.** Mtr Marie is a retired priest who was active in Pennsylvania which including founding a medical clinic for uninsured persons as well as an Episcopal Middle School for the poorest children in North Philadelphia. She lives with her son and his family in Wakefield.

## MUSIC NOTES ♫

The Choir sings “Prayer to Jesus” by George Oldroyd. Oldroyd played at several Anglo-Catholic churches in London and wrote the “Mass of the Quiet Hour” published in the Hymnal 1940, and which was sung on Christmas Eve here at 11 pm. You’ll note that the text is by Richard Rolle of Hampole, the 14<sup>th</sup> century hermit, mystic and writer. He was a prolific writer in both Latin and English and his works have been popular since his death.

At the Offertory we’ll sing a hymn “When, like the woman at the well” based on the Gospel reading from John 4:5-42. The author is Edith Sinclair Downing, a woman who began hymn writing in her 60s. She has a collection of her work published by Selahpub.com: “A Season of Clear Shining”.

*The choir will again sing a canon during communion, with words by the 13<sup>th</sup> century Sufi mystic poet Rumi. The music is by Berkeley composer, singer, music leader and impresario Dale Zola. This music was recommended to me (as good words for Lent) by Ana Hernandez and is found in the Threshold Choir Songbook (a choir that sings for those near death): Come, come who-ever you are, worshipper, wanderer, lover of leaving. Ours is not a caravan of despair. Though you have broken your vows a thousand times Come, come again come.*

Fine music to come:

- **April 22 Organist Joonho Park plays Bach** at both Gloucester Meetinghouse & S. Johns at 7:30
- **May 7 CHILDREN'S CHOIR FESTIVAL 4 pm** at UUA with choirs from Andover and Chelmsford.

**Save the Date: April 1**, at 5pm. **Our First Saturday** art service will continue to focus on pilgrimage and journey. This service will highlight the Native American voice, as once again St. John's is supporting a mission trip to Navajo land. This is a contemplative service with poetry, art, music, and story. It is open to all.

**Sorellanza Concert at St. John's Church—Sunday, April 2 4PM** Join us for an evening of songs ranging from American Folk to Pop, Renaissance, and The Beatles. Sorellanza, Sisters in Song, is a 12 person women's a cappella chorus directed by Patti Pike, sister of our own music director Mark Nelson. Their concert series theme “Raise Your Voice” reflects the women’s feeling that now more than ever it’s important that we cherish and allow every voice to be heard in addition to reminding ourselves that we all have the ability to create one voice together. Tickets available at the door. \$12 Adults / \$10 Seniors & Students. Sorellanza will also be

performing; Friday, March 24, 7:30 PM at the Rockport Unitarian Universalist Church; Saturday, March 25, 7:30 PM at the First Universalist Church of Essex and Sunday, April 1, 7:30 PM at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Gloucester.

**ADULT FORUM** Today **Cursillo** facilitated by Rick Britton. What is Cursillo? Is it something that might enrich my spiritual journey? Is it for me? Join Rick Britton as he facilitates the forum on Sunday March 19th. We will look at the history of the Cursillo movement and reflect on how living a Cursillo weekend can be of benefit to your relationship with the Risen One, your commitment to your faith and opportunity for action in both your parish and the greater community. Bring questions and an open heart.

**March 26 & April 2;** will show a DVD, "Bonhoeffer: Agent of Grace," with discussion following each half of the movie, facilitated by Nancy Harrison and Lydia Priest. The film has won "Best Film" at the Monte Carlo Television Festival of 2000. The DVD should be a fitting conclusion to our series on Bonhoeffer and a foreshadowing of both Good Friday and Easter. Please come!

**No Adult Forum on April 9, 16 and 23.** Adult Forums are from 9:15AM to 10:15AM in the Thompson Room on Sundays with two services, usually.

**April 30;** facilitated by Mark Nelson

**May 7;** Adele Q. Ervin

**May 14;** Sue Lupo & Naomi Astyk

**Adult Forum facilitators** for Adult Forums have been almost filled, with thanks to the parishioners who have been so enthusiastic and committed to offering their services! There has been a switch in April, since having Fr. Bret's homecoming on the 23rd necessitates it. Therefore April 23rd is free instead of the 30th, when Mark Nelson will facilitate, instead of the 23rd. Again, with gratitude, Bill and Lydia

**Bishops to convene March 26 "Immigration & The Church 101" for clergy and lay leaders:** The current discussion of U.S. policy on immigration raises issues of justice and values in the church and society. In response, Bishop Alan M. Gates and Bishop Gayle E. Harris are convening a special event for education and strategizing about the church's response and responsibility in ministry with immigrants. "Immigration and The Church 101: The Lord's Song in a Foreign Land" will be held on Sunday, March 26, 4-8 p.m., at the Cathedral Church of St. Paul (138 Tremont Street) in Boston. Guest speakers will share expertise in legal and other aspects of the issues at hand. All clergy and lay leaders in the congregations of the diocese are invited to participate. We at St. John's would like to send a contingent to this late afternoon training. Please contact the Office if you are interested, as we need to RSVP by March 22nd.

**SOUPER BOWL OF CARING-WRAP UP!** We have raised \$2,700 which will be divided between Harvest Meals and the Open Door to help those in need right here on Cape Ann. Thanks Astrid afKlinteberg for leading the campaign.

**A HOLY LENT and EASTER**

**Evensong** Thursdays beginning March 2  
 Palm Sunday: April 9-8 & 10:30  
 Maundy Thursday, April 13, 7:30 pm  
 Good Friday, April 14-noon & 7:30 pm  
 Great Vigil of Easter, Saturday, April 15-7:30 pm  
 Easter Day, Sunday April 16-8 & 10:30

## **WEEKLY CALENDAR**

Sundays	8 am Eucharist, Rite 1 9:15 am Adult Forum (Thompson Room) 10:30 am Sung Eucharist, Rite 2 with choir 7:30 pm Sunday & Sober Alcoholics Anonymous
Mondays	9-noon Ms. Fixits Women tend to the fabric of the church. 6 pm Women's Cursillo Reunion Group (1st and 3rd Mondays)
Tuesdays	7 pm Bible Study First Monday of the month led by Lynn Runnells. 978.515.7167
Wednesdays	5 pm Free Harvest Meals, sponsor: Cape Ann Interfaith Comm. 7 am Men's Bible Reflection, (Bible study)
Thursdays	9:30 am Recovery Safe Spaces 7 pm Fish City Alcoholics Anonymous 4:30-5:45 pm Choir School Children from ages 5-13. 6 pm Evensong First Thursday of the month. 6 pm Choir dinner 7-8:30 pm Parish Choir rehearsal.
Fridays	8:30 am Grace Center, an open drop-in center
Saturdays	Action Shelter Lunch-Making carolynkstewart@comcast.net 5 pm "Art Service" First Saturday of the month. 8 pm Big Book Alcoholics Anonymous

## **Saint John's Episcopal Church—StJohnsGloucester.org**

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*Parish Office Hours: Monday – Thursday: 8am-noon during which the Church is open for prayer and meditation.*

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The Rev. Bret Bowie Hays, Rector  
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Wardens: Gwen Kopka & Paul McGeary  
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 Assistant Treasurer: Sue Lupo  
**VESTRY**  
 2018 – Len Berry, Tom Chmura, Carole Secrest  
 2019 – Connie DeSimone, Joan Gorga, Lynn Runnells  
 2020 – Pat Earle, Nancy Harrison, Jim LaBelle

## March 19, 2017—The Third Sunday in Lent

Saint John's Episcopal Church, Gloucester, Massachusetts—[StJohnsGloucester.org](http://StJohnsGloucester.org)

Exodus 17:1-7—Psalm 95 BCP p. 724—Romans 5:1-11—John 4:5-42 Hymn (@8): 686

<b>Participating in the Liturgy</b>		<i>The People of God gathered in St. John's Church</i>
Presiding & Preaching		The Rev. Marie Swayze, guest priest
<b>8 am</b>	<b>Leaders</b>	<b>10:30 am</b>
Heidi Stowe	Lectors	Jim LaBelle & Dori Mottola
Andy Harris	Euch. Ministers	Marjorie Fergusson & Cecily Merrell
Andy Harris	Intercessor	Lynn Runnells
Norm Barr	Acolytes	Sue Lupo
Bill Melvin	Ushers	Tom & Claudette Chmura
	Greeters	Carole Secrest & Dori Mottola
<b>Preparing for the Liturgy</b>		
Altar Guild	Malcolm Henderson & Marjorie Fergusson	
Flower Guild	Mark Nelson	
Bread bakers	Janet Williams, Catherine McGeary, Sue Lupo and Iona & Melanie Murray-Brown.	

**FOOD BANK** for next week **Peanut Butter**

**COFFEE HOUR** today is hosted by the Nadine Boughton.

**ACTION SHELTER SANDWICHES** this week are being provided by Chuck Everett & Dori Mottola.

**THE SANCTUARY LAMP** burns this week in honor of Susanna Hackett Taylor given by her mother Sarah Hackett.

**Sign-up for FLOWERS & LAMP** (remember a loved one, celebration of a birthday/anniversary etc.)

Action Shelter Sandwich making sign-up is needed for 3/25. **Pastoral Care** sign-ups are available.

### St. John's Intercession List

**Short term:** Sarah Larson, John Jeffrey Fletcher, Carolyn Stewart, Marie Giacalone, Connor Macaulay, Samuel Adams, Jack Ketchpulos, Chris Koller, Beni Rose, Fran & Mary Alice Wafrate, James Lacroix, Jackie Vannah, Jean Dyett, Jane Walsh, Pam Belcher, Mary Lu Walker, Judy Gay, Julie Wilson, Jay Wilson, John Fleming, Larry Veator, Margie Sonthemier, James John Davies, Alexis, Abby Browne, Cloe, Bill Braunlich, Paul Seavey, Mark Brophy, Meghan Stricher, Maddy, Margaret, Rebecca Young, Sue Kessler, Laura Boddie, Denise McKenzie, and Tamara Moulton.

**Long term:** Grace Center, Carl Levick, Brian Tarr, Hans Morsink, Janet Williams, Jody Shirley, Jim Britton, Joe Lacroix, Patti Kelleher, Kai McKenzie, the Senft family, Allen Williams, Elvira "Mary" Spinney, Eric Runnells, Ruth Campos, David Arnold, Dick McGinnis, Neil Woodberry, Ben Shepard, Guy Maychszak, Glo Richardson, Nancy Poland, Susan Richardson, Mary McIntyre, Elizabeth Kaul, Nancy Feldman, and Anne Brantley Betts.

For the repose of the soul of Donna Chamberlin: May her soul, and the souls of all faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace and rise in glory.