



# MEDIA RELEASE

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## Lenten Series: REFUGEES & IMMIGRATION

Immediate Release - Ellicott City, MD

**Wednesdays, March 8, March 15, & March 22**  
7:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m.

St. John's Episcopal Church  
All Saints Hall in St. John's Parish Day School  
9120 Frederick Road, Ellicott City, MD 21042

Free series hosted by the Social Justice & Transformation Commission  
If possible, it is helpful for you to sign up so we will know the approximate number who are attending.  
Register at <https://bit.ly/SocialJustice-Lent23>

### **March 8 - An Evening with James N. Purcell, Jr.**

Jim Purcell supervised programs and operations that reached millions of refugees, migrants, and displaced persons, including the U.S. Bureau for Refugee Programs. He recently completed a book about US refugee and migration history, policy, and achievements, *We're in Danger! Who Will Help Us? Refugees and Migrants, A Test of Civilization*.

### **March 15 - Join us for a viewing of *Seeking Asylum***

**Seeking Asylum** is a just released feature documentary that bears witness to the endless deterrents migrants face when petitioning for asylum in the United States. In a dismantled system that has been designed for failure, the film follows one woman's journey as she searches for protection for her and kids. ([www.seekingasylumfilm.com](http://www.seekingasylumfilm.com)).

### **March 22 - Panel Discussion**

- MD State Delegate Mark S. Chang, D32
- Luminus Representative
- The Rev. Denise Schiavone, Christ Episcopal Church, Columbia, MD

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