

What good news is St. John's being called to offer?

Last fall, we asked ourselves what justice is, and why we as people of faith should pursue it. We heard answers from people with a variety of perspectives, many of whom have committed their lives to the cause of a more just world.

Now the question for the St. John's adult forums becomes where, when and how do we act?

What is stirring within the congregation, and what is calling us in the larger community – from Montgomery County to the world stage? Join us as our speakers explore these and related questions with us.



Jan. 12 — The series opens with St. John's own **Capital Needs Discernment Committee**, part of the continuing vision process as we prepare for the parish's 150th anniversary. Join us as members of the committee lead a discussion of changes we might make to our campus so that we can better live into our mission and vision.

Jan. 19 — An unlikely consensus reaching from ardent liberals to the most conservative activists has been coming to a consensus that the nation's sentencing practices and prisons need reform. **Kevin Ring**, president of FAMM, author of a book on Justice Scalia and a one-time K Street lobbyist, discusses how his own dramatic experience with the criminal justice system set him on a path to leading an organization that is focused on reforming it.

Jan. 26 — St. John's archivist **Cathy O'Donnell** and parishioner **Jay Mallin** dip into the parish archives, county land records and other historic documents to tell part of the story of how race influenced the founding and early years of St. John's and its neighborhoods.

Feb. 2 — St. John's **Faith in Action Coordinating Committee**, formed in the wake of the 2016 Women's March, has used a grant from the Norwood Parish Fund to explore with a consultant how the parish can become more involved in advocacy in Montgomery County. Join us for a report on what they found.

Feb. 9 — **Mark Lance**, a founder and current co-director of the Justice and Peace Program at Georgetown University and a professor of philosophy, discusses nonviolence and specific nonviolent movements, current grassroots organizing campaigns and a project he has been working on for the last five years, the Truth Telling Project.

Feb. 16 — St. John's **Eco-Task Force** suggests ways parishioners can observe an Earth-friendly Lent by committing to making specific changes in food, transportation, home energy use and consumption.

Feb. 23 through June 7 — More to come!