

THE PORTAL

March 2017
Issue



OUR GOSPEL SUNDAY BELL RINGERS

Saint John's
The Episcopal Church
in Pine Meadow, CT

LENT

An Invitation to a Holy Lent:

Dear People of God: The first Christians observed with great devotion the days of our Lord's passion and resurrection, and it became the custom of the Church to prepare for them by a season of penitence and fasting. This season of Lent provided a time in which converts to the faith were prepared for Holy Baptism. It was also a time when those who, because of notorious sins, had been separated from the body of the faithful were reconciled by penitence and forgiveness, and restored to the fellowship of the Church. Thereby, the whole congregation was put in mind of the message of pardon and absolution set forth in the Gospel of our Savior, and of the need which all Christians continually have to renew their repentance and faith. 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.

Mardi Gras Jazz Concert Join us at the Church on Tuesday, February 28th at 7pm for this special presentation by the North West Region 7 Jazz Bands followed by an Ice Cream Social in the Parish Hall.

Ash Wednesday Services Wednesday, March 1st at Noon and 7:30 p.m. the Ash Wednesday liturgy with the Imposition of Ashes and the start of the Lenten season.

Ash Wednesday for Children & Families On Wednesday, March 1st at 6:00 p.m. the young people of the parish will gather to mark the start of the season of Lent by burning and preparing the palms and sharing the Eucharist.

The Faces of Easter A special series of Godly Play lessons for our young members of our community on Sunday mornings at 10am

Lent Madness Complete your bracket & learn more about Saints of the Church. See Ryan Patch for details.

Praying in Color for Lent Daily intercessory prayer for Lent that get the creative juices flowing. A brief introductory session will be held on Thursday, February 11th at 7:00 p.m.

Dwelling in the Word Thursdays in Lent at 10:00 a.m. the Gospel reading for the following Sunday is broken open and explored by a community of believers. Please join us!

Lenten Soup Suppers Lenten soup and bread suppers at 6pm, prior to the Thursday Healing Eucharistic Services. Call the office if you plan to attend. Please join us!

Thursday Evening Healing Eucharist 6:30pm weekly.

Holy Week Services Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, and Good Friday Services.

CBS Daily Bible Reading Join with Christians across the state to read and learn from Holy Scripture. Reading Guides are in the narthex.



Lenten Worship – 2017 Schedule

Ash Wednesday

The Imposition of Ashes and Holy Eucharist
March 1st at 12noon and 7:30pm
Ash Wednesday Family Service – March 1st at 6pm

Thursdays in Lent – March 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th

10am Dwelling in the Word – Lenten Gospels
6:00pm Simple Soup Supper
6:30pm Holy Eucharist and Healing Prayers

Palm Sunday – April 9th

8am - Holy Eucharist, Rite I
with Palms and Passion Narrative Gospel
10am - Holy Eucharist
with Choral Passion and Palms

Holy Week Services

Maundy Thursday Family Service
with Foot Washing – April 13th at 6pm

Maundy Thursday Service
with Foot Washing – April 13th at 7:30pm

Maundy Thursday Vigil
continues through the night.

Good Friday Liturgy with Solemn Collects – April
14th at Noon & 7:30pm

Easter Sunday

The Feast of the Resurrection

April 16th at 8am Eucharist
100am Festival Eucharist

UPCOMING DATES TO NOTE:

- **St. John's Knitting Group** – March 5th following the 10am Eucharist.
- **Rhythms of Grace Confirmation Class** – March 5th 1pm in the sanctuary.
- **Confirm Not Conform Confirmation Class** – March 5th 11:30am in the education building.
- **Open Door Soup Kitchen** – March 18th at St. James Winsted
- **God's Mission: Across the Street & Around the World** – March 4th @ St. John's in West Hartford
- **Camp Washington Happening Weekend** (high school sophomores, juniors, seniors) March 24-26.
- **Spring Training & Gathering** – April 1st 9am-4pm at Lincoln Middle School in Meriden, CT
- **Camp Washington Middle School Youth Weekend** – April 28-30
- **Around God's Table – A Liturgical Festival** – May 6&7 at Camp Washington and Christ Church Cathedral – Ages 8 – 11
- **Holy Week – Palm Sunday through Easter Sunday** – April 9-16

LENT MADNESS WATCH YOUR SAINTS ADVANCE AT LENTMADNESS.ORG

Contact Ryan Patch for more information and check the bulletin board in the Parish Hall for updates.



CHURCH SCHOOL NEWS

Godly Play will be using the Lenten series of stories called, The Faces of Easter. Each story has some aspect of Christ's life. We begin with his birth and his visit to the temple as a young boy. The stories continue with: Jesus' Baptism and Blessing by God, Jesus' desert and discovery experience, Jesus as healer and parable-maker, Jesus offers the bread and wine, and finishing with, The One who was Easter and still is. On Palm Sunday we will have a story of Holy Week in classic pictures from the same book we heard The Mystery of Christmas in December. For information on specific dates for specific stories please refer to the child and family website;

<http://reddoorschildren.weebly.com>

Linda Snyder
Christian Formation



Open Door Soup Kitchen – join our team for March 18th at St. James in Winsted. (9:00am–1:00pm)

Greeters for our 10am Eucharist are needed.

Bell Ringers – sign up to toll the tower bell for worship to begin our 10am worship.

Coffee Hour Volunteers – Show hospitality by hosting our social time together following worship. Co-hosting with another person or family is encouraged.

Acolytes and Altar Servers – See Mother Cosman to volunteer.



Dear Rev. Sandra Cosman,
Mr. Tom Chappell and all of
the parishioners at Saint
John's Episcopal Church,

Thank you so very much for
your heartfelt and prayerful
generosity for our son Chris-
tian. We spontaneously
learned of your open-arms
effort to support Christian's
care needs and are over-
whelmed with gratitude.
May your kindness for reach-
ing out to a boy that you have
never met be graciously re-
turned to you.
With prayerful appreciation,
Erica, Ed, and Christian

Special thanks to Ron Caine, Tom
Chappell, Bruce Wearne, Betty
Castonguay, Bob Osborne and Jeff
Linton for cleaning the church.

Thank you to Anne Hall for providing
the weekly Prayer List. Thanks to our
Soup Kitchen Crew for their hard
work. Thanks to Pat Sepples for
snow removal and sanding the walks.
Thanks to Diane Hayes and her
crew for hosting another spectacular
Jazz Concert and Ice Cream Social.
Thanks to Cynthia Welch and Altar
Guild for prepping for Ash Wednes-
day services.

Special thanks to Halyna & The
Choir for their hard work preparing
music Gospel Sunday.

Thanks to Linda Snyder for Pretzel
Sunday and Guy Hayes for making
the dough for the Pretzels.

Thank you to Ginny Hoffmann,
Winnie Pratt, Joanne Ritchie, Betty
Castonguay and Nancy Gibson &
Howie Martin our office volunteers.

Thanks to everyone who helps with
the mission and ministry of St.
John's.

**Mardi Gras Jazz Concert –
NorthWest Region 7 Jazz Bands
*February 28, 2017***



Thank you to the Jazz Bands, the Ice Cream Social Team, and especially Diane Hayes who helps make this happen for us and our community!

Little Free Pantry

Food Available for those in need 24/7



Operation Overflow in Torrington

Twin sheets for the guests of the overflow shelter at Trinity Torrington



Ash Wednesday



EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN CONNECTICUT
PARTICIPATING IN GOD'S MISSION

5th ANNUAL SPRING TRAINING & GATHERING

April 1, 2017 — 9 AM to 4 PM

Lincoln Middle School, 164 Centennial Avenue, Meriden, CT

Join other Episcopalians from across Connecticut for a day of fellowship, learning, prayer, fun. All are welcome – from people in the pews and vestry members to parish leaders and Over 35 workshop offerings.

Vestries! Make this your annual retreat and receive special materials just for you.

Coffee, tea, morning refreshments and lunch provided.

Workshop Categories:

Christian Formation	Leadership	Social Justice & Advocacy
Communication	Passion & Call	Stewardship
Connecting & Collaborating	Pastoral Care	Worship
Essential Parish Operations		

New this year: *Living Local, Joining God; Employment & Human Resources Q & A Panel "Saying No to Say Yes"; The Art of Risk Taking; Alzheimers/Dementia 101; The Needs Stressors of Caregivers; Addiction to Recovery; Addressing Racism; Transgender 101; Building your Stewardship "A" Team; Creating Effective Stewardship Materials and m*

For a list and description of all of the workshops visit www.episcopalct.org, search for Spr Training and select the link for our Spring Training page. There, you will find links for the workshop booklet, vestry materials and registration.

Admission*

- Registration (until 3/5): \$15
- Late Registration (until 3/19): \$25
- Walk-ins (Space Permitting): \$35

Note: Registration closes March 19 or when filled

*ECCT Convention budget underwrites Spring Training & Gathering. Admission fees to defray hospitality costs and are non-refundable.

Questions? Contact Debbie Kenney at dkenney@episcopalct.org

Camp Washington Faith. Reflection. Education

Summer 2017

CHILDREN'S CAMP • AGES 7-12 TEEN CAMP • AGES 12-16

SPECIALTY CAMPS • JULY 16-21

WILDERNESS CAMP 2 TRACKS, AGES 7-12 & 12-16

SERVICE LEADERSHIP CAMP, AGES 13-16 • MINI CAMP/DAY CAMP, AGES 5-10

<p>ONE WEEK SESSIONS (\$575)</p> <p>JULY 2-7 • CHILDREN'S CAMP 1 JULY 9-14 • TEEN CAMP 1</p>	<p>TWO WEEK SESSIONS (\$1300)</p> <p>JULY 23-AUG 4 • TEEN CAMP 2 AUGUST 6-AUG 18 • CHILDREN'S CAMP 2</p>
<p>JULY 16-21 • SPECIALTY CAMPS</p> <p>WILDERNESS CAMP, 2 TRACKS, AGES 7-12 & 12-16</p> <p>SERVICE LEADERSHIP CAMP, AGES 13-16 • MINI CAMP/DAY CAMP, AGES 5-10</p>	

campwashington.org

CAMP WASHINGTON

MEET OUR MEMBERS



We are – Linda Snyder with Bob, Chris and Elizabeth

At St. John's I – am your Children and Families Christian Formation Specialist.

How long – I have been serving at Saint John's for 5 years.

Do all day - During the week, along with serving Saint John's, I work at Botelle School in Norfolk with Specials needs children.

Favorite memory – Skiing down the mountains of Austria and being a part of my family.

Biggest challenge – Losing my Parents and Aunt.

Change 1 thing – Live a healthier life

Favorite movie – Lord of the Rings

Skiing or rafting or – Gardening, reading, biking, playing games with the family.

Greatest joy – Watching my children grow and spending time with them as a family.

PARISH REGISTER – Contact Information, Birthdays & Anniversaries Needed Please email Michelle, our Parish Administrator at the Parish Office at office@RedDoors.com with updates of your email and phone contact information. Also, we love to honor folks on their birthdays and anniversaries. Please let us know the month and day, so that we can celebrate with you!



HEALING EUCHARIST WITH READINGS FROM HOLY WOMEN, HOLY MEN – Thursday evenings at 6:30pm.



St. John's Community shares our prayer requests via our weekly email. Please contact Anne Hall at annehall@att.net or the Parish Office to be added to the list.

PASTORAL VISITS AND HOME COMMUNIONS

Please email the office at office@RedDoors.com if you would like a visit or to receive Holy Communion. Please also contact Mother Cosman if you enter the hospital.



FROM THE TREASURER

	Jan 2017	Jan 2016
Operating Income:	\$21,164	\$13,214
Operating Expenses:	\$17,954	\$16,815

	YEAR TO DATE	
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Diane Hayes, Treasurer

Thank you, Diane for your devoted work as St. John's Treasurer. We are grateful for your service!



March 2017

St. John's Church—Calendar of Events

Birthdays & Anniversaries



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Ash Wednesday Services 12:00pm and 7:30pm Family Ser- vices—6:00 PM 12:00 PM AA 8:00 PM AA	2 Dwelling in the Word—10:00AM 11:00AM Volun- teers—Simple Soup Supper—6:00PM 6:30 PM Holy Eucharist	3 10:00AM Al-Anon 8:30 PM AA <i>Billie Jo & Russell Martocchio</i>	4 <i>Susan & Brian Jones</i>
5 Holy Eucharist 8:00 & 10:00 AM Confirm Not Conform— 11:30AM Rhythms of Grace—1:00PM	6	7	8 12:00 PM AA 8:00 PM AA	9 Dwelling in the Word—10:00AM 11:00AM Volun- teers—Simple Soup Supper—6:00PM 6:30 PM Holy Eucharist	10 10:00AM Al-Anon 8:30 PM AA	11
12 Holy Eucharist 8 & 10 AM Beyond The Red Doors (Outreach) — 9:00AM	13	14	15 12:00 PM AA 8:00 PM AA	16 Dwelling in the Word—10:00AM 11:00AM Volun- teers—Simple Soup Supper—6:00PM 6:30 PM Holy Eucharist	17 10:00AM Al-Anon 8:30 PM AA	18 <i>Open Door</i>
19 Holy Eucharist 8 & 10 AM	20 <i>Maureen & Phil Prelli</i>	21	22 12:00 PM AA 8:00 PM AA	23 Dwelling in the Word—10:00AM 11:00AM Volun- teers—Simple Soup Supper—6:00PM 6:30 PM Holy Eucharist Vestry 7:00 pm	24 10:00AM Al-Anon 8:30 PM AA	25
26 Holy Eucharist 8 & 10 AM	27	28	29 12:00 PM AA 8:00 PM AA	30 Dwelling in the Word—10:00AM 11:00AM Volun- teers—Simple Soup Supper—6:00PM 6:30 PM Holy Eucharist	31 10:00AM Al-Anon 8:30 PM AA	

March Birthdays

3/2 Amanda Patch
 3/6 Kathy Riberdy
 3/6 Emily Atwood
 3/9 Lawrence Albozek
 3/12 Suzanne Moraski

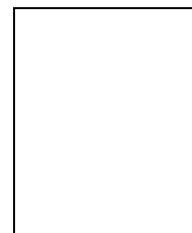
3/12 Donald O'Neill
 3/14 Barbara Patch
 3/14 Greyson Levesque
 3/15 Elliot Nelson
 3/16 Gordon Ross

3/19 Barbara Krohner
 3/25 Evelyn Chicoski
 3/26 Colleen Doyle
 3/29 Kammryn D'Angelo



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*Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.
I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my
prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. Phil. 1*



CONTACTS YOU SHOULD KNOW

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2017 PORTAL DEADLINES

Publication Month	Deadline: Noon, Friday
February	January 30
March	February 27
April	March 27
May	April 24
June/July	May 29
August	July 24
Sept/October	September 4
November	October 23
December/January	November 27

Please enter these dates on your calendar NOW.

Deadline for the April Portal is noon, March 27th
Word limit is 250.
Send information to office@RedDoors.com