

St. John's Announcements

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Beginnings of the Narthex Bathroom!



Today is Rose Sunday, one of our two refreshment Sundays during the church's penitential seasons. The Rose Sunday during Lent is also Mothering Sunday. The practice of visiting one's "mother church" has been going on since the Middle Ages. While all children celebrated their mothers and mother churches, the holiday was especially meaningful for those who were off to school or in domestic service. It is a more than a thousand year old tradition to allow those in service the day off to go visit their mother churches (and their mothers). The timing of academic Spring Break is also thought to be tied to the practice of sending children home to mother church at this time of year. There must be many mother churches in Daytona and Cancun. Along the walk home, it has also been a long tradition for children to collect flowers and offer them to their mothers. With our big St. Patrick's Day meal on Sunday afternoon, we will not have our usual Mother/Child Tea but that will return next year. It will be a colorful Sunday with pink abounding in the morning and green in the evening.

Blessings, *Marc*

UPCOMING EVENTS IN ST. MARY'S HALL

3/18 @ 10:30am
Wednesday Eucharist

3/18 @ 12:30pm
Bible Study

3/15 @ 5:30pm
St. Patty's Day Dinner



Deuterocanonical Bible Study

On Wednesdays we will be studying some of the Deuterocanonical texts. Deuterocanonical means “second canon”. They are books the Anglican Communion has decided are worth reading in church and studying, but we do not base doctrine on them. What is clear to scholars is that the New Testament writers alluded to them and quoted from them revealing they held no such distinction. Many of these stories were very familiar to earlier Christians but are less so today. Some are a little strange, some are entertaining, and there is some fine poetry present. The Deuterocanonical books were written at different times by different people, but they tend to focus on the period from the building of the second temple to the birth of Christ. If you have always wondered what those funny books in the middle of your Bible are, come and see on Wednesdays at 12:30 pm during Lent. Sessions will be in-person and through Zoom. Please let Marc know if you need a zoom link.

Lenten Series – Letty Naigles and Andy Burr will be leading our Lenten Series this year, focusing on the House of Bishops’ pastoral teaching that challenges The Episcopal Church to face the urgency of the environmental crisis and to take bold and faithful action as an expression of our love for God and God’s creation. We will be using materials developed by Bishop Ely, Rev. Jerry Cappel, and ECCT’s own Rev. Stephanie Johnson. They created lessons which invite reflection, prayer and engagement with the Bishops’ call for a flourishing life for all creation, and we look forward to sharing these with the parish. We will be meeting on five consecutive Thursdays beginning Feb. 26, 2026, for supper at 6pm followed by a different lesson each Thursday, ending with Eucharist. You are welcome to join us for however many sessions you can. Feel free to reach out to Letty and/or Andy with any questions.

Lenten Diaper Drive - St. John's will be collecting diapers, pull-ups and wipes beginning now until Palm Sunday, March 29th. All sizes are needed and donations will benefit *Gentle Love Connections*, a regional non-profit providing diapers/wipes to families who are in need. To find out more about their good works head to www.gentlelove.org
Questions? Contact Sarah Tierinni at sarah.i.brown23@gmail.com

St. Patty’s Dinner – Please join us for the 14th annual St. Patrick’s Day Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner on Sunday, March 15th at 5:30pm in St. Mary’s Hall. Tickets are Adults \$10/Families \$25.

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