

St. John's Episcopal Church

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Third Sunday in Lent

HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

March 24, 2019

10:30 a.m.

A Lent Message from the Rector

Commencing on Ash Wednesday we enter into the 40-day season of Lent. We use the stark symbol of ashes smudged in the shape of a cross on our foreheads on as an outward sign of our mortality. No one is quite sure when this tradition began, but for centuries, Christians the world over have observed Lent, mirroring the 40 days Jesus fasted in the desert after his baptism. Lent is a wonderful opportunity to intentionally set time aside on a regular basis to draw closer to God. It is a time of grace-filled simplicity and quiet discernment, as we slowly move toward Easter. This simplicity is reflected in our worship services, where we begin Lent with a silent procession and meditative chant. Our service music is from the Gregorian Missal, including the Sanctus and Agnus Dei sung during Holy Eucharist. In addition to attending worship services, there are any number of spiritual practices that deepen our awareness of the things in our lives we know we need to work on, change or eliminate, because they get in the way of having a deeper, loving relationship with God, ourselves and each other. No matter what we may be struggling with this Lenten season, it is important to never lose sight of the fact that we are all made in God's image, and that is good. In fact, that is very good, because we are loved beyond all measure as God's beloved. May this Lenten time be a time of deep awakening to the Holy Mystery that resides within us all.

If you are with us for the first time, please make yourself comfortable. We look forward to meeting you. If you would like to learn more about the church, please fill out a card (hanging in each pew), put it in the offering plate or hand it to an usher or member of the clergy, and we will be in touch. It is our custom to be silent before the service, so as you take some time to pray, please turn off all electronic devices. All you should need to participate in the service is found here, in this bulletin and in the blue hymnal in the pew rack. Hearing assist devices are available from the ushers.

We welcome children of all ages to St. John's. Your children are always welcome to stay in church with you. We encourage you to sit up front, as children will be more engaged when they can see what's happening. We also offer a professionally staffed nursery for children age 0 to 5 in our education wing. On most Sundays, we hold a *Word Alive* program for school-age children, where they will engage with the lectionary scriptures in an age-appropriate way. As noted in the bulletin on those Sundays, an acolyte will lead children out to *Word Alive* during the hymn before the sermon, and bring them back during the Peace. We also have resources for quiet play available at both entrances to the church. (*Note: There are no Word Alive programs during the month of March.*)



THE VOLUNTARY *An Wasserflüssen Babylon*
 (By the waters of Babylon), BWV 653

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685–1750)

SILENT PROCESSION

All stand at the sound of the bell.

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People **God's mercy endures for ever.**

Celebrant Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid:
 Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly
 love you and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord.

People **Amen.**

KYRIE ELEISON

Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.

Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.

Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.

Chri - ste e - le - i - son.

Chri - ste e - le - i - son.

Chri - ste e - le - i - son.

Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.

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Music: Plainsong Mode I, Orbis Factor

Translation: Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray. Almighty God, you know that we have no power in ourselves to help ourselves: Keep us both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls, that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

People **Amen.**

THE WORD OF GOD

THE FIRST LESSON

All sit.

Exodus 3:1–15

Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing,

yet it was not consumed. Then Moses said, "I must turn aside and look at this great sight, and see why the bush is not burned up." When the Lord saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." Then he said, "Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." He said further, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God. Then the Lord said, "I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the country of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them. So come, I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt." But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?" He said, "I will be with you; and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall worship God on this mountain." But Moses said to God, "If I come to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your ancestors has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' what shall I say to them?" God said to Moses, "I am who I am." He said further, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'I am has sent me to you.'" God also said to Moses, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'The Lord, the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you': This is my name forever, and this my title for all generations."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE PSALTER

Psalm 63:1-8

*The people say the words in **bold** and sing the Antiphon as indicated.*



- 1 O God, you are my God; eagerly I seek you; *
my soul thirsts for you, my flesh faints for you,
as in a barren and dry land where there is no water.
- 2 **Therefore I have gazed upon you in your holy place, ***
that I might behold your power and your glory.
- 3 For your loving-kindness is better than life itself; *
my lips shall give you praise.
- 4 **So will I bless you as long as I live ***
and lift up my hands in your Name.
- 5 My soul is content, as with marrow and fatness, *
and my mouth praises you with joyful lips,
- 6 **When I remember you upon my bed, ***
and meditate on you in the night watches.
- 7 For you have been my helper, *
and under the shadow of your wings I will rejoice.

8 **My soul clings to you; ***
your right hand holds me fast.

Antiphon

THE EPISTLE

1 Corinthians 10:1–13

I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, and all ate the same spiritual food, and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was Christ. Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them, and they were struck down in the wilderness. Now these things occurred as examples for us, so that we might not desire evil as they did. Do not become idolaters as some of them did; as it is written, “The people sat down to eat and drink, and they rose up to play.” We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did, and were destroyed by serpents. And do not complain as some of them did, and were destroyed by the destroyer. These things happened to them to serve as an example, and they were written down to instruct us, on whom the ends of the ages have come. So if you think you are standing, watch out that you do not fall. No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE SEQUENCE HYMN 439 What wondrous love is this

WONDRIOUS LOVE

All stand and sing.

THE GOSPEL

Luke 13:1–9

Minister The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Luke.

All **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

At that very time there were some present who told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. He asked them, “Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them—do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did.” Then he told this parable: “A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. So he said to the gardener, ‘See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?’ He replied, ‘Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.’”

Minister The Gospel of the Lord.

All **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

THE SERMON

Paul Shaker

All sit.

THE NICENE CREED

All stand.

**We believe in one God,
 the Father, the Almighty,
 maker of heaven and earth,
 of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
 the only Son of God,
 eternally begotten of the Father,
 God from God, Light from Light,
 true God from true God,
 begotten, not made,
 of one Being with the Father.
 Through him all things were made.
 For us and for our salvation
 he came down from heaven:
 by the power of the Holy Spirit
 he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
 and was made man.
 For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
 he suffered death and was buried.
 On the third day he rose again
 in accordance with the Scriptures;
 he ascended into heaven
 and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
 He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
 and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
 who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
 With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
 He has spoken through the Prophets.
 We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
 We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
 We look for the resurrection of the dead,
 and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The people say the words in bold.

In this holy fast of Lent, let us pray to the Lord who knows the needs of all.

For the Church, especially Michael our presiding bishop, Ian and Laura our bishops, and our parish clergy, that we may take to heart the gospel's call to repentance and bear the fruit that the Master of the vineyard expects. Merciful God, **hear our prayer.**

For this parish family, that, like Moses, we may turn from our daily pursuits and find God's presence and invitation in the midst of our busy lives. Merciful God, **hear our prayer.**

For those areas of our lives that do not produce fruit, that God will prune us, nurture us and continue to give us opportunities to bring forth a harvest of faith, hope, and love. Merciful God, **hear our prayer.**

For the gift of peace, that God will calm the pride and turn the anger of those prone to violence, terror and injustice. Merciful God, **hear our prayer.**

For the hungry and the homeless, those in doubt and distress, and for the sick and the suffering, remembering especially those on our parish prayer list, that they may find confidence and strength in God's love. Merciful God, **hear our prayer.**

For those who have died, that they may be brought to the good and broad land of life eternal. Merciful God, **hear our prayer.**

Lifting our voices with all creation and all the saints, let us offer ourselves and one another to the living God through Christ. **To you, O Lord our God.**

Celebrant Blessed are you, God of Israel, who reveals your mercy to every generation. Receive the prayers we offer this day and nurture us with your love that we may bear the abundant fruit of conversion and glorify your Name forever, in the power of your Holy Spirit, through Jesus Christ our Savior.

People **Amen.**

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

All remain standing or kneel.

All **Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

Celebrant Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life.
Amen.

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All **And also with you.**

We greet one another in the name of Christ.

THE WELCOME

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM *Lux aeterna* from Requiem

Maurice Duruflé (1902–1986)

*Lux aeterna luceat eis, Domine, cum sanctis tuis in aeternum, quia pius es.
Requiem aeternam dona eis, Domine, et lux perpetua luceat eis.*

May eternal light shine on them, Lord, with your saints forever, because you are gracious.
Eternal rest grant them, O Lord, and let eternal light shine upon them.

In 1947, Maurice Duruflé was already working on a suite of pieces for organ, based on the Gregorian chants for the requiem mass (the service for the dead), when he was commissioned by his publisher Durand to write a large-scale work based on those texts. The resulting Requiem, originally for orchestra and chorus, is the culmination of Duruflé's style, mixing chant, quasi-Renaissance counterpoint, and sumptuous harmony derived from Fauré, Debussy, and Ravel. This beautiful moment of light in the mass alternates between an original tune in the organ and the chant beautifully set for the choir. Then the roles swap, as the choir sings on a single note atop the organ's hymn-like setting of the chant melody.

THE PRESENTATION HYMN

All stand and sing. For Lent, we are singing a different Presentation Hymn instead of the Doxology.

GARDINER

WILLIAM GARDINER'S
Sacred Melodies, 1815

With stately vigor

All things are thine; no gift have we, Lord of all
gifts, to offer thee; And hence with grate - ful hearts to -
day Thine own be - fore thy feet we lay. A - men.

JOHN GREENLEAF WHITTIER, 1872

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

The Celebrant continues.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. You bid your faithful people cleanse their hearts, and prepare with joy for the Paschal feast; that, fervent in prayer and works of mercy, and renewed by your Word and Sacraments, they may come to the fullness of grace which you have prepared for those who love you. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

THE SANCTUS

San - ctus, San - ctus, San-ctus Dó - mi - nus De - us Sá - ba-oth.

Ple - ni sunt cae - li et ter - ra gló - ri - a tu - a. Ho - sán - na

in ex - cé - l - sis. Be - ne - dí - ctus qui ve - nit in nó - mi - ne

Dó - mi - ni. Ho - sán - na in ex - cé - l - sis.

Music: Gregorian Chant, Deus Genitor alme

Translation: Holy, holy, holy Lord God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

All remain standing or kneel.

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Celebrant And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

All **Our Father, who art in heaven,**

hallowed be thy Name,

thy kingdom come,

thy will be done,

on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses,

as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom,

and the power,

and the glory

for ever and ever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

The image shows two staves of Gregorian chant notation. The first staff is a treble clef with a single melodic line. The second staff is a bass clef with a single melodic line. The lyrics are written below the notes.

A-gnus De - i, qui tol-lis pec-ca-ta mun-di: mi-se-re-re no - bis.

A-gnus De - i, qui tol-lis pec-ca-ta mun-di: do-na no-bis pa - cem.

Music: Gregorian Chant, Deus Genitor alme

Translation: Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world, have mercy on us. Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world, grant us peace.

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Everyone is invited to receive Holy Communion at St. John's.

Gluten-free wafers are available; please ask the clergy at the communion rail.

If you would like a blessing instead of Communion, please cross your arms over your chest.

If you would like to receive Healing Prayers, go to the baptismal font at the rear of the nave after receiving Communion.

THE COMMUNION MOTET Tantum ergo sacramentum

Maurice Duruflé (1902–1986)
Words: St. Thomas Aquinas, c. 1264

*Tantum ergo Sacramentum veneremur cernui:
Et antiquum documentum novo cedat ritui:
Præstet fides supplementum sensuum defectui.
Genitori, Genitoque laus et jubilatio,
Salus, honor, virtus quoque sit et benedictio:
Procedenti ab utroque compar sit laudatio. Amen.*

Down in adoration falling, Lo! the sacred Host we hail,
Lo! o'er ancient forms departing newer rites of grace prevail;
Faith for all defects supplying, where the feeble senses fail.
To the Everlasting Father, and the Son Who reigns on high
With the Holy Ghost proceeding forth from Each eternally,
Be salvation, honour, blessing, might, and endless majesty. Amen.

THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

All stand or kneel.

Celebrant Let us pray.

All **Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

THE PRAYER OVER THE PEOPLE

The Celebrant gives the prayer and the people respond, Amen.

THE HYMN IN PROCESSION 401 The God of Abraham praise

LEONI

All stand and sing.

THE DISMISSAL

The minister dismisses the people, and the people respond. Thanks be to God.

THE VOLUNTARY Improvisation on *Leoni*

The closing voluntary is a part of worship, extending the beauty of holiness so that the congregation can remember and give thanks for God's Word as it has been experienced this day. All are invited to say Amen at the end of the voluntary as a conclusion to our worship.

THE PARTICIPANTS IN THE LITURGY**Celebrant:** The Reverend Susan Pinkerton**Preacher:** Paul Shaker**Deacon:** The Reverend Walter McKenney**Layreader:** Kim Byrd**Psalterer:** Ann Hutchinson**The St. John's Adult Choir****Organist and Choirmaster:** Scott Lamlein**Assisting Organist:** Christa Rakich**Organ Scholar:** Ted Babbitt**Ushers:** Don Polk, Jeff Gostyla, Emhart Aziz, John Amamoo**Acolytes:** John O'Brien, Claire O'Brien, Ethen Worrell, Caleb Worrell**Healing Prayers:** Cindy Lawler**Altar Guild:** Audrey Walker, Paul Shaker, Shirley Blean**At Hughes Rehabilitation Center****Layreader:** Carol Sonne**Musician:** Natalie Giana**HAPPENING TODAY****Faith@Work with Abby Fisher Williamson, 9:30 a.m.**

Our annual Faith@Work series continues today. This popular series of Faith Forums features people in a variety of professions discussing how their faith and work intersect, in an informal Q&A format.

Abigail Fisher Williamson is an associate professor of political science and public policy & law at Trinity College. Her book *Welcoming New Americans? Local Governments and Immigrant Incorporation* (University of Chicago Press, 2018) analyzes municipal responses to immigrants and how these policies shape social and political incorporation. She is a co-editor of *The Politics of New Immigrant Destinations: Transatlantic Perspectives* (Temple University Press, 2017). Her research has received funding from the Pew Charitable Trusts, the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, the Ruth Landes Memorial Fund, and Time-Sharing Experiments in the Social Sciences (TESS). She holds a Ph.D. and masters in public policy from Harvard and a BA from Williams College. Abby lives in West Hartford with her husband and two daughters and attends St. James's Episcopal Church.

****The Grace Academy Girl Scouts are selling cookies in Hubbard Hall after the 10:30 service today!****

In your prayers this week, please pray for:

Peace in our world, for those serving our country in the armed services, and for all victims of war and violence.

The parish of Santa Cruz del Norte, our companion parish in Cuba, and Saint Sauveur School, Les Cayes, Haiti.

Séminaire de Théologie d'Église Épiscopale d'Haïti (STEEH), the Episcopal Seminary in Haiti.

Residents of the Caleb Hitchcock Center at Duncaster; the George Beach Apartments, Allen Place, Hartford; and the Hughes Health and Rehabilitation Center.

Our postulant, Michael Corey, and our missionary in Haiti, Dr. Lucinda Mosher.

All those whose hurts, burdens and fears are unspoken or unknown.

Those in need of healing, help, and comfort:

Jim Evans	Cheryl Trahan	Guy Verney	Beth	Bill Jones
Kim Green	Andrew Lee	Michael	Brooke	Laurie Salerno
Carol Grieco	Susan	Ann Hutchinson	Julie Verney	Mary Stoughton
Janet Ray	Meg	Helen Cooke	Suzanne Newton	
Susan Murray	Edward Shaker	Chris	Amber Lynch	

Those celebrating birthdays this week:

Shirley Blean	Maggie Grant	Patricia Hensley
Laura Hicks	Rich Barstow	Toby Aguiar
Molly Fowler	Stuart Carlisle	Katherine Rives
Paul Farrell	Sahara Barrow	
Emeline Carlisle	Pam Dimock	

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

Pray for the Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui.

In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:

Pray for Grace Church, Hartford; St. Martin's, Hartford; St. Monica's, Hartford; and the Program & Budget Committee.

Save the Date

Upcoming events for St. John's children and youth

All middle and high school students are invited to an Art Night here at St. John's on Sunday, March 31 at 5:30 p.m. Enjoy a pizza dinner and make a unique piece of artwork to take home. Please RSVP to Buffy Ineson at buffyineson@gmail.com by noon on the 31st.

Children in grades 1-5 are invited to a celebration at Heidi Tummescheit's home in West Hartford (not far from St. John's) on Sunday, May 5 from 12:30 to 3 p.m. The children will bake yeast rolls together with creative additions. Family members are welcome. Contact Heidi at heidi.swanson@gmail.com to RSVP and get further details.

Men's Bible Study, Thursdays at 6:30 a.m.

The Men's Bible Study meets every Thursday morning at 6:30 a.m., with coffee provided. On March 28, they will do a comparison of the Beatitudes in Matthew and Luke. All men are welcome to join them!

New World Trio concert, Sunday, March 31, 2 p.m.

The New World Trio, ensemble-in-residence at Music at the Red Door, is a chamber music group with a repertoire of both standard and contemporary works. Their next concert at St. John's will be on March 31 at 2 p.m. Admission is free, with a \$20 suggested donation payable to the New World Trio (not St. John's/Music at the Red Door). For more information, go to <https://www.newworldtrio.org/programs/>.

Pipes Alive! with Scott Lamlein, Sunday, April 7, 12:30 p.m.

The Pipes Alive! series of short concerts by regional organists continues in April, with a program by St. John's Music Director Scott Lamlein. Concerts are free and open to the public, with donations accepted. A soup lunch will be served after the 10:30 worship service for those staying for the concert.

Chili Cook-Off rescheduled for April 26

The annual Chili Cook-Off and family game night, previously scheduled for March 15, will now be held on April 26, 6:30 p.m. More details to follow in April.

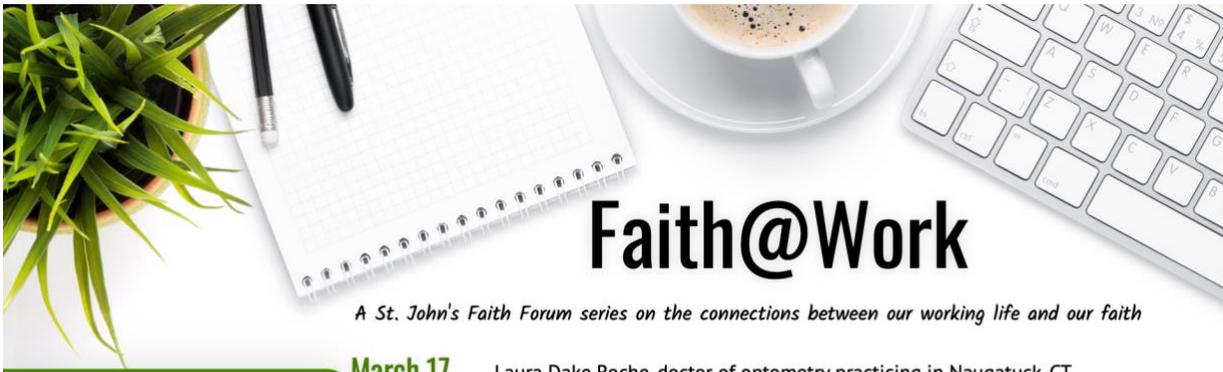
Spring Food Fling, Friday, May 10 at 6:30 p.m.

Everyone is invited to come to this annual parish fundraiser, where you'll enjoy drinks and hors d'oeuvres, conversation and fellowship, and a chance to bid on a variety of items in the silent and live auctions. If you'd like to donate food or an auction item, or get involved and be part of the fun, contact Julia O'Brien at jpowellob@comcast.net.



It will soon be time to prepare the soil and plant seedlings in our **community vegetable garden**. If you would like to be on a list of volunteers to be contacted about garden work, including spring planting, ongoing maintenance, and distributing vegetables to our neighbors on Sunday mornings, please let Ellen in the parish office know.

The parish office is compiling a list of **teenagers available to babysit** for parish families on evenings and weekends. Please send names and contact information for interested babysitters to Ellen in the office. Please also let Ellen know if you are a parent who would like the babysitter list when it is complete. Parents are solely responsible for checking references and making scheduling and payment arrangements with interested babysitters.



Faith@Work

A St. John's Faith Forum series on the connections between our working life and our faith

9:30 a.m.
Sundays in Lent

March 17
March 24
March 31
April 7

Laura Dake Roche, doctor of optometry practicing in Naugatuck, CT
 Abby Fisher Williamson, associate professor at Trinity College
 Brad Babbitt, law partner at Robinson & Cole
 Brian Diehl, principal trombonist with the Hartford Symphony Orchestra



SAINT JOHN'S
 EPISCOPAL CHURCH



SPRING FOOD FLING

Friday, May 10
 6:30 p.m.

Live auction - Silent auction - Drinks & hors d'oeuvres - Something for everyone!



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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist each Sunday

5:30 p.m. Evening Prayer each Monday, Wednesday and Friday

4:30 p.m. Celtic contemplative service on the first Sunday of the month (Oct – June)

5 p.m. Choral Evensong on select fourth Sundays of the month (Sept – April)

STAFF

The Rev. Susan Pinkerton (susan@sjparish.net)	Rector
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**These positions are non-stipendiary. These clergy give generously of their time and expertise to support St. John's mission and ministries.*

VESTRY

Virginia Van Dyk	Warden
Wes Winterbottom	Warden
Tim Goetz and John Roche	Co-Treasurers
Ellen Painter Dollar	Scribe

2017-19: Geoff Emerick, Andrew Worrell

2018-20: Steve Crocker, Ann Hutchinson, Alex Nelson

2019-21: Ellen Flynn, David Grimaldi, Teresa Lohr