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# Church Records

#### **Burials:**

Daniel Bono January 4, 2014 Robert McLaren February 22, 2014

"Rest eternal grant unto them. O Lord"

# Address Change:

### **Skip & Emily Darlington**

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#### **Constance Allan**

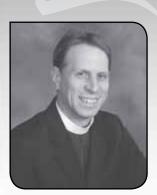
c/o Ridgewood 1 Elston Way, Room 308 Hermitage, PA 16148

#### Phone Number Change:

**Linda Houk** 724-456-0440







Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Over the past month, St. John's has gotten a spring cleaning, thanks to our new sexton, Juan Zamora, and Michael Mackalica, a volunteer who has spent

dozens of hours helping out. They did a thorough cleaning of the sanctuary, including dusting and polishing the pews, removing candle wax from the pew cushions and carpet, and even polishing the angels flying from our rafters.

Allen Hall and some of our other flooring has been cleaned, stripped, waxed, burnished and/or otherwise cared for, depending



on its condition. The Allen Hall kitchen and some of its appliances have been taken apart and cleaned thanks to Bob King, Paula Ference, the rest of the Community Lunch folks, Juan and Michael. If the weather will allow some flowers to bloom outside,

# Prayers in Motion Good Friday Prayer walk

Will take place on Good Friday April 18th beginning at 1pm. We are starting at Tic Toc (corner of East State and N. Keel Ridge Road) and are walking to St. John's.

Anyone is welcome to walk with us. Youth must have a permission slip, please see Diana. If you wish to participate and can't walk, see Diana for more information.

### **ECW News**

Our annual Spring Rummage Sale will be held on the following dates in April:

Thursday, April 10th: 9am - 4pm

Friday, April 11th: 9am - 4pm (dollar bag day)

Saturday, April 12th: 9am - 2pm (dollar bag day)

Set up for the sale will begin after the 10am service on Sunday, April 6th. *Any help in carrying items to Allen Hall on the 6th, would greatly be appreciated.* 



# Would you like to know what is happening at St. John's each week?

We are sending weekly email updates called *This Week* at St. John's. This email will include Sunday's schedule of acolytes and servers, as well as the date and time of events in the week following.

If you did not receive an email from us, but would like to, please email us at stjohns@stjohnssharon.org and tell us to add you to the weekly list. The updates will arrive to your inbox on each Thursday.

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Email Ad	ddress:		 	



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**Follow us on Facebook** and let us know what you think by posting your thoughts or comments.

www.facebook.com/stjohnssharon www.facebook.com/stjohnssharonyouth our physical facilities will be prepared for a glorious celebration of Easter.

Of course, tending to the spiritual aspects of our lives is important, as well. Cleanliness may be next to godliness, but they aren't entirely the same thing. As we go through the valleys of Lent, our devotions, prayers and disciplines help us wash away the parts of our life that aren't giving glory to God, while making space in our lives to love God and one another more fully. The culmination of our Lenten work is our common life of worship during Holy Week – Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, the Great Vigil of Easter, and Easter Sunday. These services bring us into Christ's passion, death and resurrection so that we can take another step with Jesus into the abundant life of the Kingdom of God.

Peace, Adam

# March 30 and April 6:

# Overview of the Bible with Father Adam

Father Adam will lead a two session series on the Bible between services on March 30 and April 6 in the upstairs dining room (from about 9:10am-9:45am). We will look at what is in the Bible, when the Bible was written and how is was assembled, how the Bible has come down to us over the centuries, and the Episcopal/Anglican approach to the Bible (which has some different nuances than a Roman Catholic or a Fundamentalist Approach). All are encourage to attend.

# HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

## Sunday, April 13 – Palm Sunday

**8:00 am:** Holy Eucharist **9:00 am:** Sunday School

10:00 am: Liturgy of the palms in Allen Hall, Procession,

and Sung Eucharist in Church

### Maundy Thursday - April 17

7:30 pm: Sung Eucharist and Stripping of the Altar

# **Good Friday - April 18**

Noon: Parish Office closes 12:05 pm: Stations of the Cross

**1:00 pm:** Prayers in Motion starting from Tic Toc (E. State St. & N. Keel Ridge Rd., Hermitage) and ending at St. John's

7:30 pm: Good Friday Liturgy

# Holy Saturday - April 19

**10:00 am:** Acolyte Rehearsal for those serving at the Vigil **11:00 am - 1:00 pm:** Community Lunch served in Allen Hall

8:00 pm: The Great Easter Vigil

# The Sunday of the Resurrection: Easter – April 20

**8:00 am:** Holy Eucharist **9:00 am:** Easter Egg Hunt

10:00 am: Festal Sung Eucharist



# From Our Youth & Family Minister Diana Moreland

#### Finally, spring is here and summer just around the corner!

That means Easter is only weeks away, and there's lots to do. If you want to keep up, you can follow us on Facebook (St. John's and St. John's youth group), go to our website or you can get up to date info on youth group outside my office. Another way to know what's happening with Sunday School is to stop into one of our teacher meetings, our next one will be April 27th after 10am service, the same time the youth will be packing bags.

Blessings, Diana

## **Youth Group Schedule:**

#### April:

**April 18th:** 1pm • Good Friday Prayers in Motion walk begins at Tic Toc in Hermitage. Youth event to follow. **April 27th:** 6-8pm • In-House Meeting "both"

#### May:

May 16-18th: 30 hour fast info TBA May 25th: 6-8pm • Last In-House Meeting "both"

#### **Other Events:**

#### April:

April 20th: 9am • Easter egg hunt April 25th: 7pm • 20's/30's group April 27th: Open Sunday School Teacher meeting

May:

May 30th: 20's/30's group is canceled

#### **Easter Flowers**

Every Easter our sanctuary takes on a special beauty because of the glorious **Easter flowers** that our parishioners provide. Once again, it is time to send in your donations and memorial names.

A special envelope is included in this newsletter and needs to be returned no later than *Monday, April 14th*. Please fill out the enclosed envelope by *printing* your name along with those you wish to be remembered at our Easter services.

All names submitted will be included in the memorial listing. After Easter a delivery crew led by Doddy Crawford will take the flowers to the shut-ins of the parish.

# Taize Service

# Monday, April 7th 7:00pm All Saints Chapel

A Taize is generally defined as an "ecumenical sung and silent prayer service designed to achieve a contemplative state through music, song and silence."

Our lives move fast and are full of things to do. Not only is it difficult to find the time, but for our minds to quiet down enough to be at peace. Taize services promote a meditative state through singing, silence and scripture. These services have been done since the 1940's, appealing to people of many different faiths and cultures, offering a great opportunity to invite friends of any faith background.

# St. John's Library News

Rhonda Paglia spoke at St. John's ECW meeting on February 17th. Rhonda is a retired elementary school teacher who has published two children's books. Connie Raymer, ECW president, purchased one of them, The Little Lambs and the Very Special Mission for St. John's library. The book is a children's story honoring those lost in the Sandy Hook Elementary School tragedy and is very inspiring.

The library thanks Connie for her donation to the children's section and would invite all to check out the books in our collection during this season of Lent.

Barb Bogolin, Librarian

# **Newsletter Deadline:**

The deadline to submit articles for the May 2014 newsletter is Friday, April 11th.

Please send articles to the church at: stjohns@stjohnssharon.org

**Altar Guild Cleaning Day** is Saturday, April 12th beginning at 9am. Questions, please contact Linda Houk at 724-456-0440

Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday

# April 2014

		1 6:30pm ~ AA	2 11am ~ AA 7pm - Choir Rehearsal Bulletin items due	3 10am - Holy Eucharist 10:30am - 12:30 pm - ECS Food Pantry Distribution	4  NOON ~ AA  12:05pm ~ Stations of the  Cross	5 11am - 1pm —Free Community Lunch served in Allen Hall Noon ~ 6pm ~ Upstairs Dining room reserved		
6 5th Sunday in Lent 8am ~ Holy Eucharist 9am ~ Sunday School 10am ~ Sung Eucharist Rummage Sale Set-up → → →	7 9am ~ Rummage Sale Set up→→→→ 7pm ~ ECW Steering Committee Meeting 7pm - Taize Service	8 9am ~ Rummage Sale Set up→→→→ 6:30pm ~ AA	9 11am ~ AA 7pm - Choir Rehearsal Bulletin items due	10 9am - 4pm - Rummage Sale 10am - Holy Eucharist	Newsletter Deadline NOON ~ AA 9am - 4pm - Rummage Sale 12:05pm ~ Stations of the Cross	12 9am - 2pm - Rummage Sale 9am ~ Altar Guild Cleaning Day 11am - 1pm - Free Community Lunch served in the upstairs dining room		
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20 4th Sunday of Easter 8am - Holy Eucharist 9am - Easter Egg Hung 10am - Sung Eucharist	21 Parish Office Closed 7pm - Healing & Prayer Ministry	22 6:30pm ~ AA Tina on vacation April 22-25→→→→	23 11am ~ AA 7 pm - Choir Rehearsal Bulletin items due	24 10am - Holy Eucharist	25 NOON ~ AA 7pm ~ 20's/30's, place TBA	11am - 1pm -Free Community Lunch served in Allen Hall		
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