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MARCH 2018 • NEWS • CALENDAR

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

On Friday, March 9, St. John's will be one of the hosts for a Diocesan Lenten Day of Prayer. We will have scheduled prayers offered at various times, as well as having the church open from 9:00am-9:00pm for anyone

to come in and pray. One of the things that many of us need is the time to stop and breathe and allow ourselves to be aware of being in God's presence. This day is an opportunity to take some time out of our busy schedules and our usual locations just to be with God.

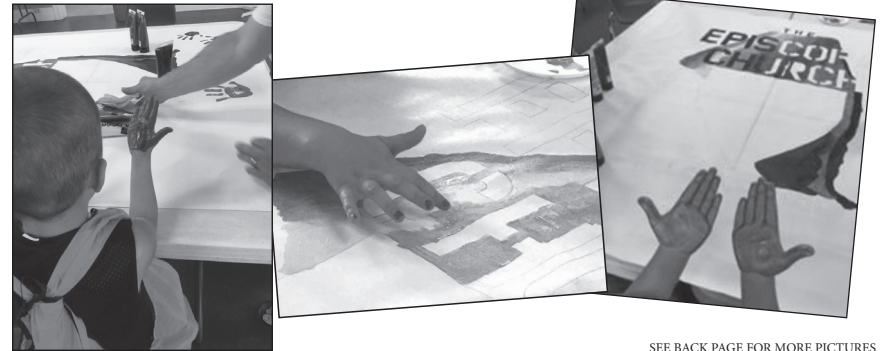
This day also offers an opportunity to offer focused intercessory prayer for our needs, the needs of our diocese, the needs of St. John's, and the needs of the world. Prayer is an active, powerful work. When we make time to pray, something happens. Coming together for prayer is even more powerful. This prayer is part of the core work of the church, and we need to make times beyond Sunday morning for focused intercession. A few people have also been meeting as an intercessor team on Thursdays, and they would invite you to join them on Thursday, March 1 and 15 at 7:00pm.

Whether or not you are available on March 9th, I hope you will find some time between now and Holy Week to sit quietly with God and to intercede for the needs around you. Such intentional time of prayer makes a difference to us and to our communities.

Peace, *Adam*

New Banner

You may have noticed the brightly colored banner on the State Street side porch. It was hand painted (all of it, not just the hands) by some of our St. John's kids, during the FAST we did earlier this year. The design was placed on canvas by Tony Kropp, who assisted the kids with the painting, lettering & hand-printing. See how much fun we had!!



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Would you like to know what is happening at St. John's each week? If so, please read on...

We send weekly email updates, This Week at St. John's to those folks that have subscribed. This email will include Sunday's schedule of acolytes and servers, as well as the date and time of events in the week following. We also include upcoming events. Some may think that this is a mini-newsletter, which it almost is! Many things pop up during the week that isn't included in the monthly newsletter or weekly bulletin. This is one way for you to stay informed, as well as checking out our FaceBook pages.

If you do not receive this weekly 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 each Wednesday evening.



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Upcoming Events at Cana's Corner

- MARCH 9** - Joe Spurio and Matt Younger - classics night featuring opera and classics
- MARCH 23** - Tim McCall - gospel and patriotic music
- APRIL 13** - "Stormin Norman" - variety of music
- APRIL 27** - "Sound Witness" - bluegrass gospel husband/wife group
- MAY 11** - "Humble Ministries" - Gina & Tom Toth - old-time gospel



Cana's Corner @ St. John's Episcopal Church (lounge)

226 West State, Sharon, PA

7-9 pm Refreshments and nursery are available

Just a reminder that the amount received in 2017 (\$715.22) from St. Pauly Textile, was given to ECS. Since the ECW will no longer be sponsoring rummage sales, and ECS doesn't need clothing at this time, we suggest you donate your unwanted clothing to the St. Pauley Shed in our parking lot next to the railroad track.

Mr. D's Rebate Program

Thanks to the folks that have listed St. John's as the organization of the **Save-A-Tape-Program** from Mr. D's grocery in Brookfield. St. John's received a check for \$132.28 the end of January 2018. Do you have a rewards card at Mr. D's? Have you designated an organization to be the beneficiary of the Save-A-Tape Program? If you are not sure, stop by Mr. D's customer service counter and have them check into this for you. If you don't have a rewards card, it's easy to do:

- When you sign up for your Mr. D's Card, check the organization you want credited.
- When you shop at Mr. D's, points are automatically credited to your organization.
- Once a year, your organization will receive a check

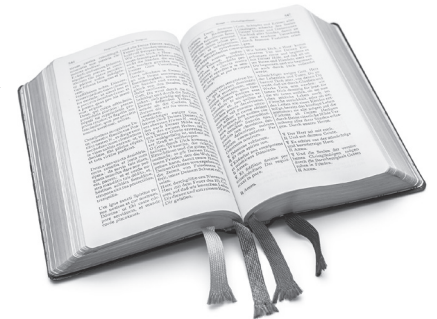
You will still receive your \$5, \$10, etc. off at checkout once you reach your required dollar amount of purchases.

Friday Stations of The Cross

This prayer service based on the Lord's passion will be led Friday's at 12:05 pm from February 16 - Good Friday, March 30.

2018 Diocesan Lenten Day of Prayer Friday, March 9, 2018 9:00 am-9:00 pm

St. John's will be one of the hosts of our Diocesan Lenten Day of Prayer on Friday, March 9th. The church will be open for individual prayer from 9:00am-9:00pm. In addition, we will offer the following times scheduled prayer:



9:00 am	Morning Prayer
11:00 am	Great Litany
12:00 noon	Noonday Prayer
12:05 pm	Stations of the Cross
2:00 pm	Centering Prayer
5:15 pm	Evening Prayer
7:00 pm	Eucharist
8:30 pm	Compline

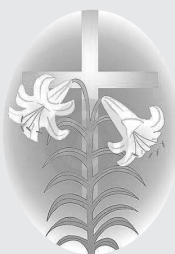
Please join us for any or all the services. During this day of prayer, we especially ask prayers for discernment in the Northwestern Pennsylvania-Western New York collaboration, for the mission and ministry of our diocese, for increased evangelism throughout our region, and for the needs of our local congregations.

Palm Sunday

Our 10:00am Palm Sunday service will begin with a joint procession including a number of area churches. The procession will start at 10:00am from the parking lot at First Baptist Church on West State Street, and continue down State Street and Irvine Avenue until we reach First Methodist Church. At that point, the various congregations will proceed to their own churches for the rest of the Palm Sunday service. If you would prefer not to walk that far for health or other reasons, please feel free to remain in the sanctuary at St. John's and pray or join us for our 8:00 am service. If you have questions, please let Father Adam know.

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 the names of those that you wish to memorialize or honor. A special envelope is included in this newsletter and needs to be returned no later than **Monday, March 26**. 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 listing. After Easter a delivery will take the flowers to the shut-ins of the parish.



St. John's Persons of the Month

Congratulations to Mr. Bob Edeburn, our St. John's Parishioner of the Month. At this point, Bob has been a volunteer for our parish for many decades! Did you know he was the Special Funds Treasurer for many years? He acted as the Senior Warden when he was on Vestry. To this day he oversees the Columbarium, giving comfort to grieving families. The reason our ECS pantry runs so well and helps so many neighbors is because he schedules volunteers, instructs and helps baggers and coordinates the bakery. You'll often find him here in the church offices even on weekends making sure that our community outreach programs function well. Truly, we can see faith in action in Bob. Thanks for everything that you do!

First Holy Communion

If you have a child in second or third grade that has not had first communion instruction and would like them to participate, please contact the parish office at 724.347.4501. Parents of older children who would like first communion instruction should contact Father Adam.

Easter Vigil Reception

HELP: ...The Easter Vigil Reception planning has begun. I am assigning various finger foods to the other churches attending but would like St. John's to cover all the bases. If you have a favorite finger food; sandwich, dips, sweets, etc. and would bring it in for the Easter Vigil Reception, please fill out the form below and turn it in to the office or call Madge Tamber. Home: 724-662-4367 or cell: 724-877-4467 or email me at madgetamber@gmail.com. Even if you can't attend it would be wonderful if you can share your favorite finger food. We also need help setting up, maintaining, and clean-up. Many hands make light work. Thanks in advance for the help and fellowship that has made this glorious evening a tribute to GOD.

____ Finger Sandwiches ____ Fruit & Dip ____ Cheese & Crackers
____ Chips/Crackers & Dip ____ Vegetables & Dip ____ Finger Sweets
____ Setting up (6:30 pm) ____ Maintaining Tables during reception
____ Clean-up

Name _____ Phone _____

Email _____

Welcome TOPS Club, Inc.

Beginning Tuesday, March 6 (8:30-10:30am), St. John's will be the new home for weekly TOPS, Club weekly meetings in the dining room. TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) is the short name for TOPS Club, Inc., the original nonprofit, noncommercial network of weight-loss support groups and wellness education organization. TOPS offers tools and programs for healthy living and weight management, with exceptional group fellowship and recognition. Established in 1948 to champion weight-loss support and success, they've helped millions of people live healthier lives.

From the Music Director

Have you ever thought that February and March are the twin odd months of the year? I find the transition from Deep MidWinter to March's often turbulent promise of Spring unsettling and lately disorienting. Are we cold and snowy or wet and humid? Is Spring really here or is that a surprise blizzard to arrive?

Fortunately, our church calendar keeps me grounded as I have let go of the Holidays and the season of Epiphany, met Jesus on the mountaintop at The Transfiguration, and marked my pilgrimage through Lent with a dusty cross on my forehead for Ash Wednesday. I hope you were able to attend our combined service at First United Methodist. Many folks commented on how powerful it was, not only to hear the great combined choirs of St. John's and First United Methodist, but also the words of Pastor Doug to our expanded collective congregation.

This year, they and others will join us here at the mighty Easter Vigil at 8pm Saturday March 31st. Our combined choirs, brass, organ and piano will guide us from the darkness of Lent into the Service of Light, the great Lessons, and the triumphant reveal of our Easter Altar as we exclaim once again, "He is Risen! Alleluia!"

So if you also find you've lost a bit of grounding in these turbulent days, I welcome you to journey with me from Winter into Spring, from Lent into Easter, from darkness to expanding light. Join us here at your St. John's parish home.

Be at Peace, Care for Each other, and Sing whenever possible!

Ron Gracilla Jr.

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If you have a new address, phone number, e-mail address, etc., please advise the Parish Secretary so she is able to update our records in the parish office. Thank you.

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Sunday, March 25 – Palm Sunday

- 8:00 am - Holy Eucharist
- 9:00 am - Sunday School
- 10:00 am - Joint Procession, beginning in the parking lot of First Baptist Church

Maundy Thursday – March 29

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

Good Friday – March 30

- Noon - Parish Office closes
- 12:05 pm - Stations of the Cross
- 12:30 pm - Ecumenical Good Friday Service hosted at St. John's
- 7:30 pm - Good Friday Liturgy

Holy Saturday – March 31

- 10:15 am - Rehearsal for those serving at the Vigil
- 11:00 am - 1:00 pm - Community Lunch served in Allen Hall
- 2:00 pm - Set-up for Easter Vigil reception in Allen Hall
- 8:00 pm - The Great Vigil of Easter
Reception to follow in Allen Hall

The Sunday of the Resurrection: Easter – April 1

- 8:00 am - Holy Eucharist
- 9:00 am - Easter Egg Hunt
- 10:00 am - Festal Sung Eucharist

Reminders from the Office

Daylight Saving Time begins... at 2 am Sunday, March 11. Don't forget to turn your clock(s) ahead one hour.

The deadline to submit articles for the April 2018, newsletter is Monday, March 19. Please send articles to the church at stjohns@stjohnssharon.org

Easter flower envelopes are due no later than Monday, March 26.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<h1>March 2018</h1> <p>contact St. Johns': 724-347-4501</p> <p>Website: www.stjohnsssharon.org</p>						
A.H. = Allen Hall D.R. = Upstairs Dining Room (4 th floor)	C.O.P Church = Covenant Orthodox Presbyterian Church	M.C.B.H.C.= Mercer County Behavioral Health Commission		1 10:30am ~ 12:30pm ~ ECS NOON M.C.B.H.C. – A.H. 7pm ~ Intercessory Prayer 7pm ~ Women's AA – D.R.	2 10am – 4pm ~ Painting Classes – D.R. 12:05pm ~ Stations of the Cross 5pm ~ Food prep – A.H.	3 11am ~ 1pm ~ Community Lunch served in Allen Hall 2pm ~ A.H. reserved – S. Lowery
4 8am ~ Holy Eucharist 9am ~ Sunday School 10am ~ Sung Eucharist 3pm ~ C.O.P.C – Allen Hall 6pm ~ D.R. reserved	5 3:30pm ~ ECW Steering Mtg. – A.H. 5:30pm ~ Girl Scouts – D.R.	6 8:30-10:30am ~ TOPS – D.R. 6:30pm ~ AA – D.R.	7 11am ~ AA – D.R. 5:30pm ~ Weekday Eucharist 7:30pm ~ Choir Rehearsal <u>Bulletin Items Due</u> <u>Bulletin Items Due</u>	8 1pm ~ M.C.B.H.C - D.R. 7pm ~ Women's AA in D.R	9 9am – 9pm ~ Diocesan Lenten Day of Prayer 10am – 4pm ~ Painting Classes – D.R. 12:05pm ~ Stations of the Cross	10 9am ~ D.R. Reserved 11am ~ 1pm ~ Community Lunch served in Allen Hall
11 2am ~ DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS 8am ~ Holy Eucharist 9am ~ Sunday School 10am ~ Sung Eucharist/St. John's Kids Event 3pm ~ C.O.P.C – Allen Hall	12 7pm ~ Vestry 5:30pm ~ Girl Scouts – D.R.	13 8:30-10:30am ~ TOPS – D.R. 6:30pm ~ AA	14 11am ~ AA meets 5:30pm ~ Weekday Eucharist 7:30pm ~ Choir Rehearsal <u>Bulletin Items Due</u>	15 10:30am ~ 12:30pm ~ ECS Late Afternoon ~ Food Prep – A.H. kitchen 7pm ~ Intercessory Prayer 7pm ~ Women's AA – D.R	16 10am – 4pm ~ Painting Classes – D.R. 12:05pm ~ Stations of the Cross	17 11am ~ 1pm ~ Community Lunch served in Allen Hall
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25 <i>Sunday of the Passion:</i> PALM SUNDAY 8am ~ Holy Eucharist 9am ~ Sunday School 10am ~ Palm Procession/ Sung Eucharist 3pm ~ C.O.P.C – Allen Hall	26 <i>Easter Flower Memorial</i> <i>Envelopes are due</i>	27 8:30-10:30am ~ TOPS – D.R. 6:30pm ~ AA	28 11am ~ AA – D.R. 5:30pm ~ Weekday Eucharist 7:30pm ~ Choir Rehearsal <u>Bulletin Items Due</u>	29 MAUNDY THURSDAY 7pm ~ Women's AA – D.R. 7:30pm ~ Maundy Thursday Service	30 GOOD FRIDAY 12:05pm ~ Stations of the Cross followed by Sharon/Hermitage Clergy Good Friday Service 5pm ~ Food prep – kitchen 7:30pm ~ Good Friday Service	31 HOLY SATURDAY 11am ~ 1pm ~ Community Lunch served in Allen Hall 2pm ~ Allen Hall reserved for reception set-up 8pm ~The Great Vigil Easter Reception to follow in A.H.