ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

March - April 2021 THE GOOD NEWS

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

SUNDAY

- **9 a.m.** Adult Christian Education (In-person and Zoom)
- 9 a.m. Youth Christian Education (In-Person only, Parish Hall)

IN-PERSON AND LIVESTREAM - 10:00 a.m. Holy Euchrist, Rite II • Visit StJohnsMLB.org

SUSPENDED — Converge (Youth Ministry) Holy Apostles', 505 Grant Ave., Satellite Beach

MONDAY

SUSPENDED	— Bible Study	
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SUSPENDED — A.A. (Big Book Study)

TUESDAY

SUSPENDED	— Cub Scouts
ONLINE ONLY	— Bible Study -
	Email for details,
	Office@StJohnsMLB.org

WEDNESDAY

7:00 P.M. — Choir Practice in Sanctuary ONLINE ONLY — Bible Study Email for details, Office@StJohnsMLB.org (Suspended for Lent)

7:00 P.M. — Lenten Program online only Email office@stjohnsmlb.org for link

FRIDAY

ONLINE ONLY — TGIF Email for details, Office@StJohnsMLB.org

A WORD FROM THE RECTOR

Dear Friends,

I recently read that the producers of the newest James Bond film were re-shooting some scenes because the cell phone Bond was using about 18 months ago looked outdated. In case we think this is a brand new phenomenon of technology, how fast did skirt lengths or tie widths change in years past? The "tyranny of novelty" is a cruel master because it is never satisfied and always requires the next thingamabob, the new color, the next purchase.



In some ways, there is a rebellion afoot. Millennials (roughly, those 22 to 38 years old now), when they go to church (pre-pandemic, anyway), are spurning the contemporary churches of their boomer parents and going for much more traditional forms of worship. But the general cultural obsession with novelty is undeniable.

Preachers are not immune to this. We want the latest program, the newest insight. This pressure is even stronger when so much is up in the air in the midst of a pandemic and social upheaval. When it comes to preaching on holidays like Christmas and Easter, we feel the pressure to come up with something new and shiny. One clergy friend has taken to writing a new fiction story every Christmas and has now published a book of them. But the reality is that constant novelty never satisfies. Its titillation lasts only until the next, slightly more glittery thing comes along.

Before I was ordained, I worked as a youth minister at a large parish in St. Louis. The Associate Rector that I worked with had long wanted a Jeep Cherokee. Finally, the time came for him to trade in his old car and he leased a new Cherokee. Initially, he was thrilled, but within a month, he confessed to me that he had gotten into a friend's Cherokee that had more bells and whistles and he was already finding himself dissatisfied with the vehicle he had so long wanted.

The tyranny of novelty is not new. In the book of Acts, the author, Luke, with great disdain, wrote that "all the Athenians and the foreigners living there would spend their time in nothing but telling or hearing something new." (Acts 17:21) St. Paul warned that the time would come when "people will not put up with sound doctrine, but having itching ears, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires." (2 Timothy 4:3) Are we there yet?

On the other hand, the church is about the Gospel. Not an ever-changing modern Gospel of flash and glitter, but the unchanging bedrock of Jesus and His love for us worked out on the cross and in the empty tomb. Remember the chorus of the old hymn?

I love to tell the story, 'twill be my theme in glory,

To tell the old, old story of Jesus and His love. *

So, I'm going to make the choice this Easter season to be satisfied with the old, old story. I'm not going to get caught in the tyranny of novelty. I will join St. Paul who said, "I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified." (1 Corinthians 2:2) Let's celebrate Easter as a reminder of the unending truth of Jesus' death and resurrection at work in our lives today. Most of us need to be reminded of the basics pretty often anyway!

The Rev. Eric Turner, Rector

* From I Love to Tell the Story, by Kate Hankey (1866) and William G. Fischer (1869).

"Good News" March – April 2021 Schedule & Deadline

The deadline for the next issue of "The Good News" (May – June, 2021) will be Tuesday, April 13. Please email (preferred) your submissions to office@stjohnsmlb.org or get them to the church office by **April 13, 2021**.

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Loaning of Church Items

If you would like to borrow tables, chairs, cribs, linens etc. please speak with Fr. Eric or Kathy Oas, Jr. Warden, first as there might be an event on the schedule where these items are needed. And, of course, we need to keep track of the church's property. Please contact Kathy at kmoas40@gmail.com, Fr. Eric at eric@stjohnsmlb.org, or call the church office at 321-254-3365.

Seaside Stitchers

now meets at St. John's, but are suspended for the duration of the lockdown. Church members are welcome to join, and several have! The schedule varies, so please contact Shirley Muzzy (321-254-2206 or shirleymuzzy@aol.com).

Sunday Ministries Schedule

For the time being, we will not be developing or publishing a calendar or Sunday Ministries schedule. When we return to in-person worship we will publish a new Sunday Ministries Schedule.

New Vestry and Officers!

We extend our sincere appreciation to the outgoing members of our Vestry who completed their terms with the Annual Parish meeting on Feb. 7, 2021: **Ben Kendal, Linda Miller and Lee Steininger.**

We also welcome our new Vestry members, elected at that meeting: Skip Alcorn, Susan Badgio and Deborah Miller-Caldwell.

In addition, we thank our 2021 slate of Vestry Officers: Sr. Warden – Linda Fletcher (new); Jr. Warden – Kathy Oas; Treasurer – Steve Bradley; Assistant Treasurer – Susan Badgio (new); and Secretary – Katie Codlin-Wilson.

Nursery

We have re-opened St. John's Nursery for Sunday mornings, but could still use a few more volunteers. This is generally a once a month commitment. Please speak with Deacon Elizabeth (321-777-0168) if you are willing to help in this important ministry! **SUSPENDED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE**

GROWING SERVANTS OF CHRIST



The St. John's Chapter of the DOK will meet on Sunday, March 7, 12 noon via Zoom. The April meeting will be on April 11, to avoid Easter, at noon. Please email Sarah Kendall at 537sarah@gmail.com for Zoom link.

DOK continues to take the call to prayer seriously, even more so during the pandemic. You may send your prayer requests to Sarah Kendall at 537sarah@gmail.com or 702-203-6093. Please be aware that prayer requests to the DOK are only shared with the members of the DOK. They will not be shared with the clergy or put on the church prayer list unless specifically requested.



We have some new administrative help in the church office! You may recall that the 2021 budget includes funding for an Administrative Assistant for 4 hours per week. I have hired Jackie Bond for this position, a member of the parish who has been helping with bulletins and other office tasks. This will formalize her position and she will also assume responsibilities for the church calendar as well as collecting all input for the weekly bulletins and bi-monthly newsletters. All calendar requests as well as items for the bulletin and Good News should be directed to Jackie at office@stjohnsmlb.org.

Additionally, Katie Wilson will be taking over the management of the church database. Initially, she will undertake an effort to update and verify all information in the database. We will also be transitioning to a new generation software for membership and financial management.

I'm thrilled to have Jackie and Katie assisting in these roles. Please pray for them and give them your support!

Fr. Eric Turner

Church Calendar

Since so many church functions have been suspended for the pandemic and we do not know what the re-opening might look like, we are not publishing a calendar in this issue as it will surely change, probably several times. We will provide updates as the situation develops.

KEEPING UP WITH ST. JOHNS ONLINE



YOUTUBE CHANNEL

St. John's now has a YouTube Channel which is where we post worship live streams and sermons. Visit You-Tube.com and search for St. John's Episcopal Church, Melbourne Florida, then follow us! You can also find links to all past and upcoming worship services by visiting stjohnsmlb.org and clicking on Worship Live Stream.

FR. TERRY'S MEDITATIONS

Brief, encouraging weekly meditations that are sent to your email inbox every Tuesday. Email office@ stjohnsmlb.org if you'd like to enjoy this!

ST. JOHNS WEB

StJohnsMLB.org

You will find a variety of information there including schedules, the church calendar, archives of the "Good News", Sunday Ministry schedules, the latest eNews and much more. Poke around!

FACEBOOK

If you are on Facebook, you can also search "St. John's Episcopal Church" and like the page. Then you will get updates in your newsfeed, which you can respond to, or share with your friends.

ST. JOHNS CHAT

is an email "list" that allows you to keep up with the latest news at St. John's, prayer list updates, etc. You can also share things with others at St. John's. To subscribe, please just send your email address to Fr. Eric at eric@stjohnsmlb.org.

WEEKLY ENEWS

is a weekly email newsletter giving information on upcoming activities, what will be happening on Sunday, and other things. It generally includes a reflection from Fr. Eric on the lessons for the coming Sunday along with links and other information. This comes out every Thursday afternoon at 4 p.m. To subscribe, please send your email address to Fr. Eric at eric@stjohnsmlb.org.

SHARING JESUS' LOVE Daily Bread Duty Days

We have 2 Daily Bread teams! They are open during this time of lockdown serving carry out only, so volunteers are still needed to prepare and distribute the meals. Those who are not in a high risk group and are comfortable in such a role are encouraged to continue to volunteer.



Your help is greatly appreciated!

THIRD SUNDAY

10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. • Contact Doug Ludwig 321.243.3686 • Ludwig.Murray@att.net

> Duty Day for March: Sunday, March 21

Duty Day for April: Sunday, April 18

FOURTH THURSDAY

10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. • Contact Ian Johnson 321.674.0932 • Johnsoni051075@gmail.com

Duty Day for March: Thursday, March 25

Duty Day for April: Thursday, April 22

GUIDED BY SCRIPTURE Christian Education

Adult Christian Education gathers in person, in the Chapel (to the right, just before entering the Parish Hall) with masks and social distancing, and the class will also be available via video conferencing. If you would like to join by Zoom, the link is available on the church website. Visit stjohnsmlb.org and click on Worship Live Stream. You may also email the church office at office@stjohnsmlb.org and we will send you link. We are studying the book of Exodus, full of great drama and the early struggles of God's people to understand His work!

Youth Christian Education (middle and high school), under the leadership of Katie Wilson, is gathering in the Parish Hall, at this time in-person only.

No Adult or Youth Christian Education on Palm Sunday (March 28) or Easter (April 4).

GROWING SERVANTS OF CHRIST Leadership Training at St. John's

We have launched a training program designed to bring new people into various leadership roles in the life of St. John's, provide some basic training and framework for Christian leadership in a church family and provide ongoing support for those in leadership roles.

This is intended for vestry members, leaders of various parish ministries, Bible studies, etc., and anyone who would like to explore these roles.

We will gather for about 1 hour, once per month, on the first Thursday via Zoom. We will gather on March 4, but there will be no April gathering due to conflict with Maundy Thursday. For the time being, we will meet only on Zoom. Please email the church office at office@ stjohnsmlb.org for the zoom link or visit stjohnsmlb.org > Parish Life > Calendar.

SHARING HIS LOVE Hispanic Outreach

St. John's Vestry has committed to launch a new Hispanic Mission in this area. We have signed a Letter of Agreement with Canon Luis de la Cruz of Kissimmee who will lead the effort. We expect to launch in the spring of 2021 but due to the pandemic, it is difficult to know exactly what the timeline will be.

Please pray for Canon Luis and for this new adventure that God is taking us on!

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Fr. Terry Highland offers a very brief, weekly meditation online. It will be available both as a video (2-3 minutes) and in written form. This is an opt-in, meaning that we will send it to those who request it. The meditations come out on Tuesdays. Please email office@stjohnsmlb. org if you would like to opt-in!

A WORSHIPPING COMMUNITY Organ Renovation

The work is proceeding well and the end is in sight! Thanks to years of dedicated service from Hasty Miller and now with the assistance of his apprentice, Jen Lester, the new console is here, wired up and will be installed in the church balcony on March 14. After a little tweaking and testing, we expect it to be ready for our Palm Sunday and Easter Celebrations! Many thanks to Hasty and Jen, and to all who contributed to make this possible!

Annual Convention of the Diocese of Central Florida

The 2021 Annual Diocesan Convention was held Saturday, February 6. Due to COVID-19, the convention was entirely virtual conducted via Zoom. Elections were conducted via an application called 'Election Buddy'.

The business of the Convention - resolutions, elections, orders of business - went smoothly. Between elections and results, videos from diocesan parishes showcasing their works during and in spite of COVID, were informative and interesting. Presentations from the Bishop of Honduras highlighted the extreme peril brought on by multiple hurricanes, COVID-19, political strife and corruption, and crushing poverty.

The Bishop's message was built around the convention theme: Weaker/Stronger/Deeper. Bishop Brewer related pre-COVID activities which were abruptly curtailed. With COVID, the Diocese had to change directions and develop strategies to support the diocese in the 'new normal'. He spoke of God's work being both expressed and received in fresh ways.

The entire convention was recorded and is available on YouTube. The Bishop's message is available on the Diocesan website, cfdiocese.org.

Katie Wilson St. John's Delegate

GROWING SERVANTS OF CHRIST



Converge: Our Joint Youth Ministry

Two Episcopal Churches in the area have teamed up for ministry with middle and high school students: Holy Apostles, Satellite Beach and St. John's now have a joint youth ministry called "Converge" and meets:

SUSPENDED DURING PANDEMIC

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TGIF, our men's breakfast and Bible study gathers every Friday, 8 a.m. by Zoom. We are now engaged in a study of the Beatitudes. Email office@stjohnsmlb.org for log in information or visit stjohnsmlb.org > Parish Life > Calendar. No TGIF on Good Friday, April 2.

SHARING HIS LOVE Outreach Focus

MARCH

For the month of March the Outreach offering has been designated to go to Habitat for Humanity of Brevard, the local branch of a well-known, global ministry helping the poor and needy achieve the dignity and security of a permanent home,



so often the key to advancing in other areas of life. Visit brevardhabitat.com to learn more. Anything in the Outreach envelopes or marked for Outreach in the month of March will go do Habitat of Brevard.

APRIL

For the month of April will be Solar Light for Africa. SLA is a Christian ministry run by Charlene Turner that seeks to "Illuminate – Enlighten



– Empower" the people of Uganda with clean, reliable and cost-effective solar power in schools, clinics, orphanages and other facilities. At the time of writing, it is not certain if teams will travel in the summer of 2021, but either way installations will continue. Charlene will go later in the spring to oversee a set of installations as well as scope out the on the on-the-ground situation and future work sites. Visit solarlightforafrica.org for more information. Anything in the blue envelopes or marked for outreach in the month of April will go to SLA.

GROWING SERVANTS OF CHRIST



Our Lenten Program continues on the Wednesdays in Lent, through March 31. We gather on Zoom 7 – 7:45 p.m. The Zoom link is available by visiting stjohnsmlb. org > Lent and Easter or by emailing office@stjohnsmlb. org.

A WORSHIPPING COMMUNITY



Palm Sunday Celebration – March 28, 10 a.m. In-Person and Livestream Beginning with Blessing of the Palms

Maundy Thursday Worship – April 1, 7 p.m.

In-Person and Livestream Due to the pandemic, there will be no foot washing

Good Friday Liturgy – April 2, 7 p.m. In-Person and Livestream

Easter Sunrise Celebration – April 4, 6:30 a.m. In the Park In-Person only

Easter Festival Worship – April 4, 10 a.m. In-Person and Livestream

Annual Parish Meeting

St. John's held the 2021 annual parish meeting on Sunday, February 7. It was conducted as a hybrid in-person attendance and Zoom. After the call to order and opening prayers, the 2021 Vestry candidates were introduced. A call for nominations from the floor went unanswered so the Vestry elections proceeded. After three election rounds, Skip Alcorn, Susan Bagio, and Deborah Miller-Caldwell were elected. Vestry members rotating off are Ben Kendall, Linda Miller, and Lee Steininger who were thanked for their service.

Detailed Reports from the Jr. and Sr. Warden are available; however Kathy Oas and Lee Steininger gave brief oral reports, including thanks to all who supported their efforts in 2020.

Steve Bradley, Treasurer, presented the 2020 Year End Financials and the 2021 Budget, which includes financial details for the Hispanic Mission. These reports are available on the St. John's website.

Jen Lester and Hasty Miller gave an update on the efforts related to the church organ. The new console is on site as Jen and Hasty do the tedious task of re-wiring 100+ year old cables so the console and the pipes work together. The organ is expected to be ready by Easter.

Fr. Eric gave his annual report including efforts underway to bring the Hispanic Mission to fruition and planning for post-COVID reopening efforts.

Deep gratitude was expressed for all the support and patience parishioners provided through what proved to be a year of big challenges and significant spiritual growth.

SHARING HIS LOVE Family Promise Has a Plan



Mission: The mission of Family Promise, both in Brevard County and Nationally is to end family homelessness by collaborating with our

community to provide families with the support and resources they need to achieve long standing stability.

The Future: While maintaining and growing existing programs, FPOB will focus on launching new initiatives to prevent homelessness from happening in the first place.

The Plan: Family Promise of Brevard created a Strategic Plan based on creating and executing new initiatives as well as maintaining excellence in current programs.

It has four components:

- Expand Affordable Housing: Expand infrastructure and resources to advocate for affordable housing.
- Engage Partners & Donors: Grow, educate, & energize our volunteers, donor, partners, & the community at large.
- Ensure Service Excellence: Maintain integrity and excellence in our existing and new services programs.
- Elevate our Organization: We must be recognizable and trusted as people and as an organization for all to see.

We, St. John's Episcopal Church, must support these initiatives as they develop, in whatever way we can. Our Family Promise Coordinators, Ben Kendall and Lee Steininger, will keep abreast of initiatives and ways we can help. We will look to all for support and involvement in the shelter program when it resumes.

Stay tuned and be ready to support our St. John's ministry.

Lee Steininger

Vestry Notes

December 17, 2020

The Steve Bradley, Treasurer, proposed and the Vestry approved the 2020 Hispanic Restricted Funds Summary

Lee Steininger, Sr. Warden, requested the Vestry approve \$950 to upgrade the outlets in the kitchen to GFCI (as required by code) and add two circuits to allow for multiple coffee makers, griddles, etc. Resolution passed with funds coming from the Capital Projects Account.

Lee reported that Bill Chernault and he would do future grounds preparation for internment in the Memorial Garden.

Kathy Oas, Jr. Warden, reported \$350-\$360 was spent on digital, non-electronic marine grade locks for the Parish Hall and Sanctuary doors. Thanks to Richard Huffman for getting them installed.

Kathy expressed ongoing concern about locking up all areas of the church after use.

Organ renovation is proceeding, expecting to be completed by Easter A completed Housing Allowance Designation Resolution for the Rector for 2021 was approved.

Steve Bradley distributed copies of the latest iteration of the 2021 budget, (available at stjohnsmlb.org > About > Vestry Documents). As presented, the budget is balanced.

A motion was made to accept the budget as presented. It was seconded and carried unanimously.

2021 Vestry and Officers: The slate of candidates running for 2021 Vestry to fill 3 vacancies was presented - Skip Alcorn, Susan Badgio, Gail Dunbar, Deborah Miller-Caldwell, Karen Taff.

Delegates to the Diocesan Convention: The convention will be fully online on Saturday, February 6, 2021. A slate of 3 delegates and one alternate were presented: Lee Steininger, Katie Wilson, Andy Weeks, Kathy Oas (alternate). A motion was made to accept the slate as presented.

It was agreed that the Annual Parish Meeting would be held February 6, 2021 at 8:30 a.m. both in-person and via Zoom, with provisions made to allow voting for all.

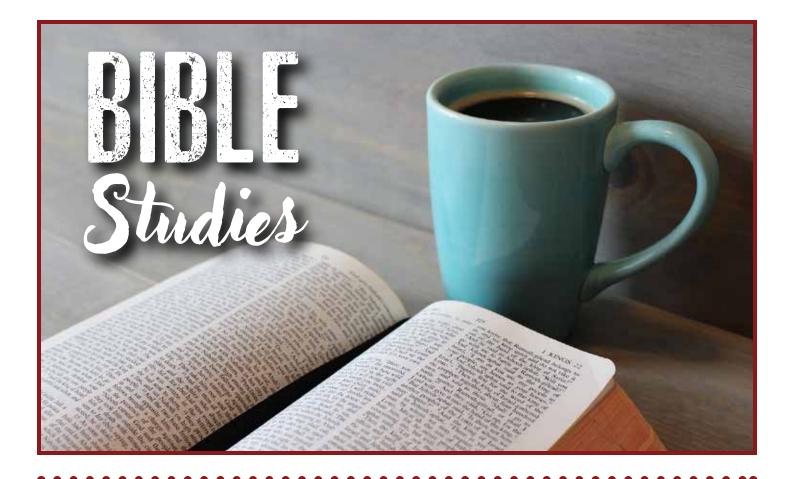
January 21, 2021

Lee Steininger, Sr. Warden, reported signs were made and will be posted throughout the outdoor campus with the intention of curtailing dog "piles" not picked up. Parson's Purse funds are still being sought with the intent of delivering checks at the Annual Parish Meeting. Lee noted this was his final Sr. Warden's Report and expressed thanks for support and the opportunity to serve.

Fr. Eric reported that Jen Lester, music minister, requested the month of January 2021 off as unpaid leave. This request was granted.

The 2021 Lenten program is designed to address Covid-19 restrictions. The Way of Love and the seven spiritual disciplines will be presented on Wednesday evenings for 7 weeks at 7:00 pm beginning Ash Wednesday, February 17. This series will be via Zoom and include limited in-person attendance. The sessions are expected to last approximately 45 minutes and will consist of a short video, teachings, and Compline. There will be no Soup Suppers this year.

	Dec '20. Budget	Dec. '20. Actual	2020 TOTAL	Jan. '21 Budget	Jan. '21 Actual	'21 YTD Actual
Income	\$ 20,197	\$ 21,879	\$ 214,490	\$ 18,850	\$ 17,021	\$ 17,021
Expenses	\$ 17,562	\$ 17,316	\$ 211,494	\$ 16,782	\$ 17,535	\$ 17,535
Net	\$ 2,635	\$ 4,563	\$ 3,026	\$ 2,068	\$ 514	\$ 514



Guided by Scripture

We hope that you are able to find one that meets with your regular schedule!

Tuesday evening at 7 p.m. in Fr. Eric's office, led by Deacon Elizabeth. Contact Dcn. Elizabeth at 321-777-0168. **NOW ONLINE ONLY.** Email office@stjohnsmlb.org for log in information.

Wednesday evening at 7 p.m. at Fr. Eric's home (4581 Bellaluna Dr., West Melbourne), Contact Fr. Eric at 321-615-0205 for more information. **NOW ONLINE ONLY.** Email office@stjohnsmlb.org for log in information. Suspended during Lent, starting back up April 7.

Friday morning: TGIF – Men's breakfast and Bible study, Fridays, 8 a.m. VIA ZOOM ONLY. For Zoom link, email office@stjohnsmlb.org or visit stjohnsmlb.org > Parish Life > Calendar. In addition to solving all the world's problems, we are studying First Corinthians.

Adult Christian Education - Sunday morning Adult Christian Education at 9 a.m. has started back up. We are gathering in the Parish Hall at 9 a.m. and via Zoom and we are studying the book of Genesis, a grand and dramatic story of God's work among us and our attempts to understand that work! For the Zoom link, visit stjohnsmlb.org and click on Worship Live Stream or email office@stjohnsmlb.org.



March

Olivia Brotherton• 03/09	Anneke Bertsch • 03/17
Jen Lester • 03/10	Ginny Bradley • 03/18
Sharon Cawley • 03/11	Laure Bennett • 03/19
Linda Fletcher • 03/12	Ryan Hambel • 03/19
Ray McClendon • 03/14	



Pam Putnam • 04/01	David Kaleel • 04/25
Quentin Campbell • 04/03	Jan Bittner • 04/28
Lorraine Burleson • 04/04	Trish Seymour • 04/29
John Hawkins, Jr. • 04/22	



March Rudy & Nicole Tuten • 3/11

April Dick & Pam Jarvela • 4/5 Gail & Doug Dunbar • 4/16 Quentin & Debbie Campbell • 4/19 Austin & Cati Stitzel • 4/20

March 3	Lenten Series: The Way of Love, by Zoom, 7 p.m.
March 4	Leadership Training by Zoom, 7 p.m.
	Lenten Quiet Morning, In-Person and Zoom, 9 a.m. – noon
March 10	Lenten Series: The Way of Love, by Zoom, 7 p.m.
March 17	Lenten Series: The Way of Love, by Zoom, 7 p.m.
March 18	Vestry meeting by Zoom, 7 p.m.
March 21	Daily Bread Duty Day
March 24	Lenten Series: The Way of Love, by Zoom, 7 p.m.
	Daily Bread Duty Day
	Palm Sunday Celebration, In-Person and Livestream
March 31	Lenten Series: The Way of Love, by Zoom, 7 p.m.
April 1	Maundy Thursday Worship, In-Person and Livestream, 7 p.m.
April 2	Good Friday Liturgy, In-Person and Livestream, 7 p.m.
April 4	Easter Sunrise, In-Person only, 6:30 a.m. in the park
April 4	
April 15	Vestry meeting by Zoom, 7 p.m.
April 18	Daily Bread Duty Day
	Daily Bread Duty Day

ZOOM and Livestream Links: All Zoom meeting and Livestream event links are available by visiting stjohnsmlb.org > Parish Life > Calendar or by sending an email to office@stjohnsmlb.org.



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