



ST. JOHN'S

E P I S C O P A L C H U R C H

May - June 2021

THE GOOD NEWS

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

SUNDAY

SUSPENDED — Holy Eucharist, Rite I
9 a.m. — Adult Christian Education
(In-person and Zoom)

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

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

MONDAY

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

TUESDAY

SUSPENDED — Cub Scouts

WEDNESDAY

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

FRIDAY

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

A WORD FROM THE RECTOR

Dear Friends,

It often feels like after Easter we move into a slower, summer mode in the life of the church. That may be a little different this year as we are trying to come out from under a pandemic, but there's plenty to work on the next few weeks!

There are three major holidays that come to us in May. May 9th will be Mothers' Day. For most of us, Mom is where we learn what it is to love and to be loved. Mothers are one of God's greatest gifts to us. Yes, there are times when human mothers fall tragically short of God's design, and for that we mourn and pray. But in the wondrous grace of God, in the vast majority of cases, even in our flawed and sinful way, God works through mothers to accomplish His purpose. If your mother is still alive, tell her you appreciate her. If not, give thanks to God for her!

Sunday, May 23rd, we celebrate Pentecost. Also known as the "Feast of Weeks" because it falls seven weeks (a week of weeks, get it?) after the completion of the Passover celebration. Originally, the Feast of Weeks celebrated the first harvest of the crops planted at the time of the Passover, earlier in the spring. The connection is a meaningful one, reminding us that Easter doesn't end with the Resurrection, but finds its "harvest" with the gift of the Holy Spirit and our being sent into the world on Mission — God's Mission — to be witnesses to the resurrection and to all that Jesus said and did, to be proclaimers of the Good News, and the hands and feet of the Body of Christ.

On Memorial Day, May 31st, we pause to give thanks for those who have sacrificed all so that we might enjoy so much. I don't presume to judge the rights and wrongs of every military action we are or have been involved in,



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but I do know that without men and women ready to give their lives for others, we would be ruled by Stalin, Hitler, Bin Laden, or some other egomaniacal despot, and likely in destitute poverty. We would have no freedom to gather for worship, at least not in the way of our choosing. I pray that this Memorial Day will not be just a long weekend and a barbecue – although I think enjoying our hard-won freedom is a fitting celebration of what our bravest have given to us. I pray that we will give thanks to God for all who have gone before, and that we will express our thankfulness to all those who are making that sacrifice today.

I also anticipate steps to be taken in our new Hispanic outreach, the blessing of the new organ (see article elsewhere in this Good News), and, perhaps, some cautious steps away from the pandemic precautions we now exercise.

I look forward to actually seeing all of you in-person as we mark these and other great moments in our life together!

**The Rev. Eric Turner,
Rector**



“Good News” July-August 2021 Schedule & Deadline

The deadline for the next issue of “The Good News” (July – August, 2021) will be Tuesday, June 15. Please email (preferred) your submissions to office@stjohnsmlb.org or get them to the church office by June 15, 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 publishing a calendar or Sunday Ministries schedule. As we return to in-person worship we will begin publishing these items again.



Nursery
SUSPENDED DURING THE PANDEMIC.

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 YouTube.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 May:

Sunday, May 16

Duty Day for June:

Sunday, June 20

FOURTH THURSDAY

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

Duty Day for May:

Thursday, May 27

Duty Day for June:

Thursday, June 24

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 Zoom. 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 1 and 2 Timothy, offering lots of insight for the Christian community and leadership within that community, that we may truly build one another up!

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.

One new feature arises from the fact that the youth class is generating a number of rather probing and important questions which may be better addressed by someone with seminary training. Therefore, on the second Sunday of each month, the classes will be combined and Fr. Eric will respond to questions and issues that have come up during the prior month in the youth class. It is hoped that this will be fun and enlightening for everyone!

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.

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!

GUIDED BY SCRIPTURE



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

Editor's Note: It is impossible to calculate the value of the countless hours that Hasty Miller and Jen Lester have invested in this work! I say with full confidence that the project would not have been possible without Hasty's vision and their combined skill and labor! As you will learn in Jen's article below, there are still a few kinks being ironed out, then we will have a formal celebration and blessing!

Jen's summary of the work accomplished:

It's finally here!

The new organ console has made it up into the choir loft! On 14 March, the old console was lifted down and the new console was hoisted up. A huge thank you to the "boots on the ground" that day: Hasty Miller, Grant & Deb Ball, Fr. Eric, Will & Jack Lester, Kathy Oas, Richard Huffman...and our cheerleading squad: Ellen Huffman, Katie Wilson and Andy Lester (suffering from back problems that day). Dr. Jerry Davidson continues to contribute as the "witness" on organs.

After weeks of preparation to remove the old console by disconnecting circuitry and disassembling a few parts, the remaining skeleton was winched down over the side of the balcony. The new console was wheeled from its temporary home in the pipe room and ascended to its new and permanent home in the balcony. After months of wiring and pipe work done in the pipe room to prepare, the power supply was connected to the new console and we heard its familiar voice on Easter morning!

However - we are far from done! A significant amount of work is still required in working out bugs and a number of issues have come up we didn't anticipate (as happens with all complicated projects!) We still collaborate with Peterson to supply us with additional components to complete the project and they continue to assist in the engineering aspect from afar.

The support and patience from our St. John's family is overwhelming and greatly appreciated. You have made this project possible through your encouragement and prayers. I am humbled to be a part of this venture and lift our efforts to God. He will make of this His own, and of His will.

Jen Lester



SHARING HIS LOVE

Family Promise Has a Plan



Family Promise of Brevard continues to provide critical services to the homeless. FPOB is doing a super job with all three of its three programs; especially Prevention and Stabilization. Even the Shelter Program is providing important services to families. We are a participating member of the Shelter Program, now basically on hold, and we are waiting for the reopening of this vital program. During the pandemic, it is clear the Prevention Program has become a primary means for addressing the homeless problem. It is significantly cheaper than sheltering and saves many families from entering into homelessness.

Stabilization is also a key program. Recently, Palm Bay and Titusville awarded FPOB \$60,000 to help with Case Management (CM) for their residents and the County of Brevard awarded \$35,000 for CM and services in the Cocoa area. Basically, CM involves professional counseling on available services, such as "how to do" (like find a job). CM also includes social and financial training, and other aspects of stabilizing family life. The Stabilization Program continues to provide short term housing in hotels for a limited number of families.

What can we at St. John's do while the church Shelter Program is on hold?

First, be ready when the Shelter Program is reopened. Our Captains MUST be ready with teams ready to roll. Captains, please contact your teams and insure each of your volunteers is ready.

Second, we as individuals can support FPOB fund raisers, such as the recent Emerald City 5K walk/run, the November golf ball drop, and right now as you are reading this, the Smile Amazon initiative, see [https:// Smile.Amazon.com](https://Smile.Amazon.com) website. It's easy! For each purchase you make from Amazon, FP automatically gets a percentage. It doesn't cost you a thing! Family Promise of Brevard is one of over 120 Affiliates across the country (and it is worth noting FPOB is recognized as one of the best).

Family Promise is a wonderful ministry for our church. As we wait for the Shelter Program to reopen, let us do everything we can to support FPOB initiatives. We receive a regular Tidbit report from Executive Director Tara Pagliarini which I pass along via St John's Chat. I strongly urge you to keep up to date and support FPOB initiatives

Vestry Notes

February 18, 2021

Newly elected Vestry members Skip Alcorn, Susan Badgio and Deborah Miller-Caldwell were welcomed and thanked them for agreeing to serve. A discussion followed regarding vestry responsibilities and operation.

For the near future, all Vestry meetings will be on Zoom.

A slate of officers was nominated: Steve Bradley, Treasurer; Susan Badgio, Assistant Treasurer; Kathy Oas, Junior Warden; Katie Wilson, Secretary. A motion to accept the slate of officers was made, seconded, and carried unanimously. Sr. Warden is appointed by the Rector and will be named soon.

Steve Bradley presented the finance report for the month ending January 31, 2021, summary below.

Steve and Eric presented the following updates: (1) a 12 month lease will be signed by St. James House renter, Jessica Haynes. (2) The Organ Fund deficit of \$1,765 was covered, per Vestry directive from last month, and paid out of the Restricted Reserve. (3) The Diocesan assessment was reduced by the Diocese to 10% or \$3,623 less than budget. (4) The original Fire and Liability Insurer notified St. John's late in December they were not renewing coverage. Steve obtained coverage from our previous insurer, Church Insurance of Vermont, at a yearly rate of \$21,595.

Fr. Eric reported the 2021 Lenten program is underway but he is still working out technical issues related to displaying video on Zoom. 25+ people attended the Ash Wednesday worship and Lenten program.

March 18, 2021

Susan Badgio, Assistant Treasurer, presented the finance report for the month ending February 31, 2021, summary below.

Kathy Oas reported the space now known as the Zoom Room has been updated – the television has been mounted, an equipment shelf installed, the room cleaned and painted. Thanks to Richard Huffman for his work.

On March 14, 2021, the old organ console was removed from the loft and the new console put in place. The choir loft flooring is in bad shape. Kathy will find out what needs to be done, how it would be done, who would do the work and the cost.

Bishop Brewer is coming to St. John's on March 21, 2021. Strict Covid precautions will be followed, flowers will be on the altar and available for the Bishop's wife.

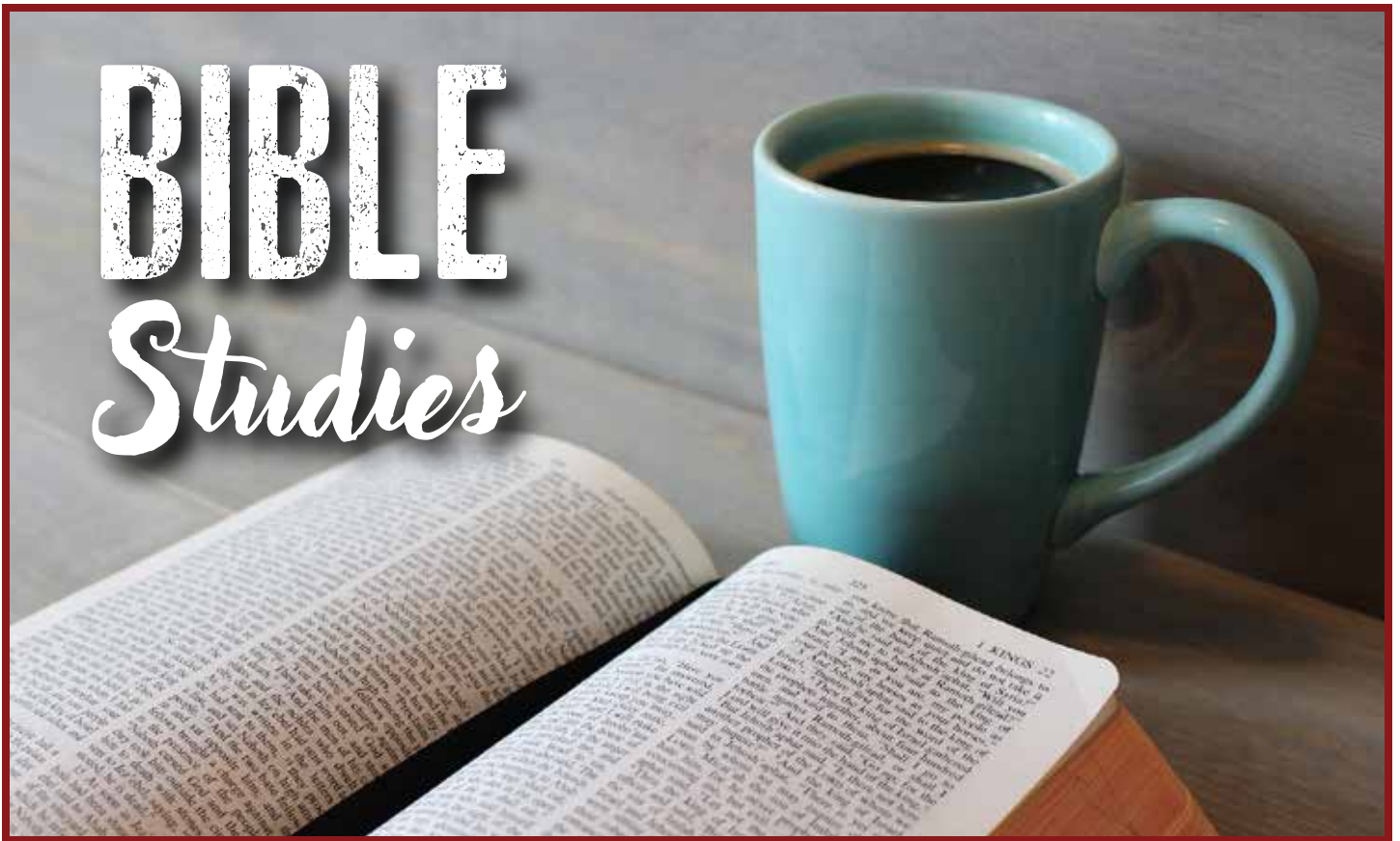
Easter 'love bags' will be distributed to parishioner homes by Vestry members and other volunteers. Charlene Turner is creating the bags.

Software upgrade: Automated Church Systems (ACS) is the current software used by St. John's. It is functionally dated and awkward to use. Realm, an upgraded system affiliated with ACS, is cloud-based and has desirable features. The cost for Realm is about \$40/month more than the current system. Change over to Realm was approved. Connect Status: No update

The Vestry will attend a ½ day retreat. Saturday, April 24, 2021, 9:00am, Parish Hall.

	Feb. '21. Budget	Feb. '21. Actual	Mar. '21 Budget	Mar. '21 Actual	'21 YTD Actual
Income	\$ 18,250	\$ 15,488	\$ 18,950	\$ 15,034	\$ 47,543
Expenses	\$ 21,729	\$ 21,470	\$ 16,481	\$ 15,122	\$ 54,127
Net	\$ -3,479	\$ -5,982	\$ 2,469	\$ -88	\$ -6,584

BIBLE Studies



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 eric@stjohnsmlb.org for log in information.

Friday morning: TGIF – Men's breakfast and Bible study, Fridays, 8 a.m. VIA ZOOM ONLY. We are meeting in person at a new location. Niki's Family Restaurant, 6947 N. Wickham Road, just south of Suntree Blvd. We are also experimenting with using Zoom from the restaurant. If interested, please email office@stjohnsmlb.org. 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.

BIRTHDAYS



May

Will Lester • 05/05
Carl Smith • 05/09
Carl Holliday • 05/14
Amanda Coleman • 05/23
Ruth Renner • 05/26
Floyd Trogdon • 05/07
Lilian Collins • 05/09
Steve Bradley • 05/16

Carol Hawkins • 05/23
Bob Stitzel • 05/28
Charlie Williams • 05/07
Mary Highland • 05/14
Frank Herrnkind • 05/16
Bill Renner • 05/23
Bill McDonald • 05/29

June

June Stitzel • 06/01
Josh Seymour • 06/11
Teckla Greene • 06/21
Christine Bamberger • 06/04
Rachel Crane • 06/17

Berry Trogdon • 06/27
Elias Hambel • 06/10
Susan McDanel • 06/17
Murray Ludwig • 06/28

ANNIVERSARIES

May

Jim & Brenda Williams
• 5/7

June

Jack & Gloria Kenworthy
• 6/4

John & Dorinda Campbell
• 6/20

Terry & Mary Highland
• 6/10

Douglas Ludwig
& Elizabeth Murray • 6/21

Bill & Susan McDanel
• 6/17

Hal & Sally Martin • 6/26

May 2 **Daughters of the King, noon**
May 6 **Leadership Training by Zoom, 7 p.m.**
May 9 **Mother's Day, Flowers for the ladies!**
May 16 **Daily Bread Duty Day**
May 20 **Vestry meeting in-person and Zoom, 7 p.m.**
May 27 **Daily Bread Duty Day**
May 31 **Memorial Day**
June 3 **Daughters of the King, noon**
June 17 **Vestry meeting in-person and Zoom, 7 p.m.**
June 20 **Father's Day**
June 20 **Daily Bread Duty Day**
June 24 **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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