



# ST. JOHN'S

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

## THE GOOD NEWS

November - December 2023

### WEEKLY SCHEDULE

#### SUNDAY

9:00 a.m. - Adult Christian Education,  
Parish Hall. Youth in the Chapel.

10:00 a.m. - Holy Eucharist, Rite II  
(In-person and Livestream)

Visit [StJohnsMLB.org](http://StJohnsMLB.org) for links and more  
info.

#### MONDAY

#### TUESDAY

5:30 p.m. - Scouts in te Parish all

#### WEDNESDAY

7:00 p.m. - Choir Rehearsal in Sanctuary

#### THURSDAY

9:00 a.m. - Staff meeting in Rector's  
office

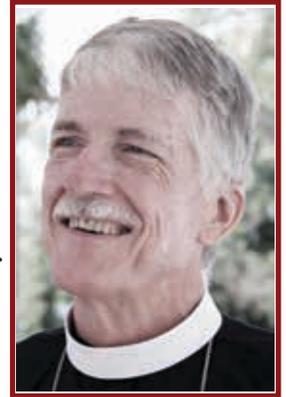
#### FRIDAY

8:00 a.m. - TGIF (Men's Breakfast and  
Bible study), La Loma Coney Island,  
1180 Aurora Road, Melbourne.

### A WORD FROM THE RECTOR

Dear Friends,

As I sit to write this, we have just learned that Hamas has invaded Israel from the Gaza Strip killing and injuring many, and taking hostages to be used as "human shields" in an utterly vile way. And, of course, Israel will now need to respond militarily, leading to more death and destruction.



This news is serious, and I greatly fear what this will become. This could escalate out of all control and lead to unimaginable death and destruction.

For those of us looking from the outside, the level of hatred and conflict that has marked that part of the world for millennia is incomprehensible.

I'm not going to try to make sense of the politics here. But I think we can all agree that such violence and destruction is always evil. Period. It must be opposed, condemned and, sadly, sometimes resisted with military force. But it is a horror and as children of the Prince of Peace, we should be in earnest, fervent and unceasing prayer for the people caught up in this war as well as the leaders who are making decisions. Lord, have mercy.

In the midst of this, life goes on at St. John's! Coming in November we have a clean up day on November 4, Baptisms on November 5, the Penny Creek Band on November 12, the Fall Stewardship program, then into Thanksgiving and Christmas. Before we know it, we'll be sailing

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into 2024!

In the face of the horrors we now witness in Israel, and in other places around the world, I believe it is essential that we maintain and grow our ties with one another. Only as a community in prayer can we get through this without losing our minds or our hope in Christ.

In Christ,

Fr. Eric Turner  
Rector



## “Good News” January - February 2024 Schedule & Deadline

The deadline for the next issue of “The Good News” will be **Tuesday, December 12**. Please email or delivery your submissions to [office@stjohnsmlb.org](mailto:office@stjohnsmlb.org) by **December 12, 2023**.

## St. John’s Church Fall Clean-Up Day

**Date: Saturday, November 4 from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM**



**Rain Date: Saturday, November 11 from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM**

Come out and enjoy the weather and your church family to help with cleaning up the church grounds and special projects inside the church buildings.

There is a board listing tasks and projects posted in the Parish Hall. Please sign up to accomplish the task/project. If you cannot make it on Saturday, November 4, please feel free to work on it anytime during the month of November. The goal is to have St. John’s church and grounds ready for the Christmas season. If you have any questions, please contact Deborah Miller-Caldwell, Jr. Warden at 321-446-7208 or [farxpert@gmail.com](mailto:farxpert@gmail.com).

## Christmas Brunch



St. John’s Annual Christmas Brunch will be Sunday, Dec. 17 immediately following the 10 a.m. service. Main course provided, please bring a side or dessert to share!

## Tapping the Big Questions

Will continue to discuss the BIG questions the first Tuesday of each month 7 – 8:30 p.m. at Intracoastal Brewery, Eau Gallie.



The perfect opportunity to ask a pastor those questions about faith and Scripture that you didn’t think were allowed! Come on out and bring a friend!

## St. John's 2023-2024 Series

Sunday, November 12, we welcome the Penny Creek Band (a great local bluegrass band). We are very excited for their return as they were our best attended event last year. As always, St. John's will feed your body, and then your soul. Come, enjoy, and don't forget to bring a friend. Dinner at 5 and the music begins at 5:30.

**CONCERT  
IN THE  
PARK**

**ST. JOHN'S**  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH



**THE PENNY CREEK BLUEGRASS BAND**  
610 YOUNG STREET MELBOURNE FL 32935  
MORE INFO? [STJOHNSMLB.ORG](http://STJOHNSMLB.ORG)

**5 PM**  
\* FREE \*  
BBQ DINNER

**5:30 PM**  
FREE  
CONCERT

**INDOORS**  
IF RAIN  
OR COLD

**SUNDAY**  
**12TH**  
**NOVEMBER**

**BRING**  
LAWNCHAIRS

# A Worshiping Community

## Thanksgiving Worship



We will have **Thanksgiving Worship on Thanksgiving Day, November 23, at 10 a.m.** The service will be In-Person and Livestreamed.



**Christmas Day Celebration on Monday, December 25 at 11 a.m.** The service is In-Person only.



### Holiday Schedule

Thanksgiving Worship - Thurs., Nov 23, 10 a.m.  
Parish Christmas Brunch - Sun., Dec 17, following 10 a.m. service  
Christmas Festival Worship - Sun., Dec 24, 8 p.m. (Carols preceding, 7:45)  
Christmas Day Worship - Mon., Dec 25, 11 a.m.  
Epiphany Worship - Sat., Jan 6, 7 p.m.

## Festival Christmas Celebration



**Festival Christmas Celebration will be Christmas Eve, Sunday, December 24 at 8 p.m.** Come Early and enjoy singing some Carols! The service will be In-Person and Livestreamed. We will celebrate the Fourth Sunday of Advent at 10 a.m.



**Epiphany will be Friday, January 6, 2024, at 7 p.m.**

**Thank You to all the Sunday Worship Servers!** Altar Guild, Audio/Visual, Choir, Counters, Greeters, LEMs, Parish Hall Helpers, Ushers. St. Johns' thanks you for your assistance each Sunday throughout 2023.

# Guided by Scripture

## Stewardship Season is Underway:

Every year at this time the St. John's family reflects on why we love and appreciate our beloved St. John's Episcopal Church of Melbourne. We recognize that we display this love and appreciation by offering ourselves in the form of our voluntary time, our specific talents and skills, and our financial support for the upcoming year's (2024) operating budget. For many, parting with our "precious money" is difficult, and we do not necessarily look forward to stewardship season.

On a positive note, the stewardship committee suggests that we approach this time of year as an opportunity to display our love and appreciation for this church and its many programs and ministries.

Pledge packets were mailed out on Sunday, October 22. They will include a cover letter, a pledge card, an envelope for the card, and a brief summary of our proposed 2024 budget. You are asked to complete the card and return it to St. John's by mail or by placing it in the Sunday offertory. You can also complete your pledge card online by going to our website: **[stjohnsmlb.org](http://stjohnsmlb.org)**.

You have the option on the pledge card to denote whether you want weekly pledge envelopes for the year 2024. Some parishioners prefer them; some parishioners do not use them.

Make every effort to return the completed pledge cards on or before Sunday, November 12. Our treasurer, Elizabeth Chludzinski, and the vestry are depending on your pledge card responses to approve a realistic and responsible budget. This stewardship campaign drives what our operating budget will be.

The Biblical standard and that taught by The Episcopal Church is the tithe – 10 of disposable income. We recognize that many do not feel able to give at that level at this time, but we encourage a systematic plan to move in that direction.

We might also look at the question from the perspective of the financial needs of the church. As a guide to determine how much we should pledge, you are first asked to reflect and pray on the importance of this church family. It is suggested that an average annual pledge, in the neighborhood of \$2500 - \$3000 annually (\$50 - \$60 weekly) would sustain our expenses. Some are in a position to pledge significantly more and do. Some at St. John's cannot pledge anything close to that amount and do the best that they can (even a little bit is encouraged). All of us can also provide to St. John's our time and our various talents.

Thank you for your prayerful and generous support.

The Stewardship Committee

*Katherine Codlin-Wilson, Jack Kenworthy*

# Guided by Scripture

## Qualified Charitable Distribution

With our current 2024 stewardship campaign in progress, you are urged to consider this tax-saving strategy. If you are older than 70.5 years and you possess an IRA or some other tax-deferred account, such as a 401(k), you are familiar with the term “required minimum distribution” (RMD); and should be able to realize a tax-saving benefit by donating to St. John’s utilizing a “qualified charitable distribution.”

A way to avoid paying taxes is to donate all or part of the RMD to St. John’s by taking a qualified charitable distribution. Your account trustee or financial advisor can explain the details of a qualified charitable distribution which must be sent directly to St. John’s Episcopal Church directly from the tax-deferred account.

In 2023, tax-deferred account owners over 73 years of age are required to withdraw a percentage of their tax-deferred accounts and pay taxes on that withdrawal. Consider donating all or part of it to St. John’s. It is particularly important for those who do not qualify for charitable deductions through the itemized deductions on Schedule A.

Contact your financial/tax advisor for more information.



## Why I Pledge to St. John’s

I am very honored to have been asked to share with you this morning. I was raised in the Baptist church. I was baptized at 8 yrs old. At age 10 I surprised my family when I walked down the aisle at the invitation to dedicate my life as a missionary in service to God.

Fast forward 20 years and many life changes had happened to me. I moved from North Carolina and lived at home again with my mother. She and I decided to seek out a church together and so we visited many. When we left our first visit at St. Johns we agreed immediately that this is where we felt peace and so it became our church home. Soon thereafter, I met the Camera family here, who ran Hacienda Girls Ranch, now New Life Mission, and went into service with them as a residential foster parent for 5 years.

I was confirmed in 1985 and was active teaching Sunday school. I began spiritual counseling here with Louisa Hedman, Earl and Marcie Wooley, Pat Hebert and Mary Dyke who helped me through some very big life changes. In 1988 my son, David, was christened here by Fr. Ned Bowersox.

I grew up and out here at St. Johns. The adherence to teachings of Christ, Bible study, fellowship and community outreach here have kept me anchored so I can attempt to be the hands and feet of Christ to share His love to others. I can only hope that I have been a worthy minister to those I’ve met through the years struggling with addiction, mental health issues, grief and separation from God.

I have been in many churches as a child, teenager and young adult but the peace and growth I find here at St. Johns nourishes me and gives me the confidence to take it out into the world where God can use me. What I can return financially to our church always comes from what God has provided in His most incredible ways. By his grace, I lack nothing in time, talent, grace and gifts.

# Guided by Scripture

## Why I Pledge to St. John's (con't)

I hope in this stewardship period, we renew not only our financial pledges but our spiritual and physical pledges to each other, the community in which we reside, and this church family which Christ himself has gathered together, blessed and directed to do His will.

We come to this place for solace and reflection, we leave with fortitude and purpose. I feel that my 10-year-old pledge to be a missionary has been somewhat fulfilled and I am thankful you have been with me to uphold that commitment.

Amen. - *Laure Bennett*

## Why I Pledge to and Serve at St. John's

I am fortunate to have St. John's as my spiritual home. Walking into the sanctuary I receive that special sense of peace; and God's presence surrounds me. Often, when I am in the Sanctuary alone and something is troubling me, I ask for His guidance. So many times, this gives me clarity.

One line in the Daughters of the King motto is, "Lord, what will you have me do?" Just ask and guidance seems to follow. It is a privilege and an honor to serve St. John's as my abilities allow.

One part of the stewardship process is financial. It is always a challenge for most of us to pay the bills even with a steady income but in St. John's situation it is even more difficult. Not knowing one month to the next whether the income will meet the demand. Often parishioners pledge in good faith and during the year, life calls them in another direction and their pledge ceases. When this happens, the church is forced to reassess its needs.

St. John's has been through many lean years in its history, struggling at times to maintain the buildings, and "keep the lights on." Today the doors do not fit quite as well as they did, but they are always open on Sunday morning to welcome old friends; and soon to be, new friends that may enter the church. Just think, the offering you give one Sunday may be the one to "keep the lights on."

I pledge and serve St. John's because I want this little church to open its creaky doors every Sunday morning this year and all the coming years ad infinitum. - *Jackie Bond*

## Men of St. John's



TGIF, our men's breakfast and Bible study gathers every Friday, 8 a.m. at La Loma Coney Island Restaurant, Aurora Rd.

## Adult and Youth Christian Education

Adult Christian Education 9:00 a.m., Sunday in the Parish Hal. We are studying the epistles of Peter.

Youth Christian Education in the Chapel at 9 a.m.

# Guided by Scripture

## Daughters of the King

The St. John's chapter of Daughters of the King serve the church and the community and would welcome you to join the organization. If you are interested, we invite you to attend our meetings held the first Sunday of the month. Speak with Mary Highland, President, or any daughter with your questions.



As defined by the Episcopal Church, “Evangelism is the presentation of Jesus Christ in the power of the Holy Spirit in such ways that other persons may be led to believe in Him as Savior and follow Him as Lord within the fellowship of the church.” Through evangelism, we try to reach those who do not know the love of Jesus Christ. We make a conscious effort to reach out to those who are new in the community and looking for a church home, to those who are in hospitals, to shut-ins and to those in sorrow or personal trouble. We do all we can to help newcomers experience God’s love through the fellowship of the church.

A prayer request box is available in the Sanctuary beside the votive candles. The Daughters have taken a vow to pray for others and we take this vow seriously. In lieu of access to the prayer box, please give prayer requests directly to any Daughter listed on the bulletin board in the Parish Hall. All prayer requests are strictly confidential, and we, as Daughters, honor that confidentiality.

Prayer is available at the altar after Sunday service. If you need prayer, we encourage you to come to the altar. If anyone in the congregation would like to be an intercessor in prayer at the altar after the service, please see Mary Highland.



## Music at St. John's

I am fond of saying, “I like myself the most when I’m accompanying congregational hymn-singing.” In his preface to Hymnal Studies Five; A Liturgical Index to The Hymnal 1982, The late Rev. Dr. Marion Hatchett says,

“One of the most important parts of the planning and preparation for any service is the choice of hymns. Hymns are one of the most vital elements in the participation of the congregation. Hymns set the mood for the rite. Hymns provide a congregational response to lessons and sermons and other important elements in the rites. Hymns are the people’s take-home package. Because of the musical association people commit hymns to memory more easily and readily than prayers or psalms or other scriptural passages; therefore, the texts of hymns are more likely to recur to people than other texts – People’s theology is probably influenced more by the hymns they sing than by the lessons and sermons they hear or the prayers they pray.

In planning for the music for our worship together the hymns are always selected first, using the suggested hymns for each Sunday found in Liturgical Music for the Revised Common Lectionary by the Rev. Carl P. Daw, Jr., and Thomas Pavlechko. Sometimes we sing hymns “In due course,” i.e., simply because they are familiar and need to be sung occasionally.

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## Music at St. John's (con't)

For example, the uber-familiar “Onward, Christian soldiers” is not recommended in Liturgical Music... for any Sunday—many find it unacceptably militaristic—but we sing it occasionally. Look for it as the closing hymn for the first Sunday of Lent as we launch ourselves into the Forty Days of abstinence, fasting, and prayer.

After the hymns are in place then comes selections for anthems, motets, solos, instrumental music, etc., and some care is expended that these, as well, amplify and illuminate the readings and the themes of the day. The threads that unite what we do liturgically are not always apparent; some are much more subtle. Do you ever ask yourself “Why?” ...did we sing that? ...listen to that? If you do, then it is just one more way in which you enter more deeply into the worship life of the parish. Blessed are they who think and listen, as theirs will be great rewards of spirit. – J.D. Davidson

## Choir at St. John's

**Our choir** rehearsals are in full swing each Wednesday evening. If you sing or play an instrument or know someone who does contact Dr. D at [jfd112@gmail.com](mailto:jfd112@gmail.com).



### Worship Volunteers

**Worship volunteers are needed for a variety of roles at the Sunday services.**

**We will train you!** All that is needed is a willing heart. Prayerfully consider one or more of the following ministries.

- **Ushers and Greeters:** to welcome the Sunday worshippers.
- **LEM'S and Lay Readers:** needed to read lessons and assist with Communion.
- **A/V & Livestream:** to run our sound and livestream systems. Only moderate comfort with a computer is required.
- **Altar Guild:** the parish ministry that cares for the altar, vestments, vessels, and altar linens of the parish.

*Please contact the church office at [office@stjohnsmlb.org](mailto:office@stjohnsmlb.org) for more information, or any volunteer serving on Sunday.*

### Military Members

Help us to keep our list of military personnel up-to-date on the Prayers of the People. Let us know before the end of the year if a name now on the list is still active. We will remove all other members starting in January.



### Loaning of Church Items

If you would like to borrow tables, chairs, cribs, linens etc. please speak with Fr. Eric or Deborah Miller-Caldwell, 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 Deborah at [farxpert@gmail.com](mailto:farxpert@gmail.com), Fr. Eric at [eric@stjohnsmlb.org](mailto:eric@stjohnsmlb.org), or call the church office at 321-254-3365.

# Outreach Focus – Sharing His Love

## November

### ST. JOHN’S OUTREACH FOCUS

for the month of November has been designated for Daily Bread. Daily Bread is a ministry well known to the people of St. John’s as we already provide a team to serve lunch the first Thursday of each month. Daily Bread also provides their clients with showers and clean clothes, assists with restoring identities, job searches, healthcare and so much more. Visit [dailybreadinc.org](http://dailybreadinc.org) to learn more.



St. Johns’ serving days are November 2, and December 7, 10:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.



## Thanksgiving Baskets



St. John’s will once again prepare Thanksgiving baskets for a few families in this area. Please check the Sunday bulletins for more information.

## December

The Episcopal Diocese of Central Florida supports two families in foreign missions. Outreach offerings for the month of December will be divided between the Dass and Fox families.



Serving in San Paolo, Brazil are the Rev. Steven and Mary Dass, ministering among homeless children and adults in the ‘red light district’ of Sao Paulo Brazil. This is not funded through the Diocesan budget. You can learn more about them on their blog at [spmercyministry.com](http://spmercyministry.com).



Serving in support of other missionaries are the Rev. Loren and Linda Fox. The Foxes live in northern Thailand, working in various parts of Asia. Linda coordinates member care for missionaries and their families while Fr. Loren coordinates strategy and leadership development focused on planting churches among seven unreached peoples who currently live outside the reach of the Church. To learn more email [ReachUs@EngagingTheAdventure.org](mailto:ReachUs@EngagingTheAdventure.org)



## Family Promise



### St. John’s Family Promise of Brevard Update

At our July/August FPOB hosting, we welcomed 3 families/13 people of whom most were children under age 10. It was busy and gratifying work, being part of a system that vigorously transitions families to housing stability.

At the time of this publication, we know we will be hosting families October 29 through November 5. We know from FPOB coordinators’ meetings that the pipeline is full ——14 total people going through the program and many queued on a waiting list to enter when resources are available. This means our Oct/Nov hosting will be at maximum capacity (14 people) again.

If you have not volunteered before, please consider joining us in this important ministry. New volunteers are always paired with seasoned veterans.

# Outreach Focus – Sharing His Love

## Family Promise (con't)

### St. John's Family Promise of Brevard Update

**Gail Dunbar's Heaven's Kitchen** - volunteers prepare and serve an evening meal.  
Time investment - 2-3 hours, one day during hosting week.

**Sarah Kendall's Volunteers** for a Saturday shift.  
Time investment - 2 hours, one Saturday of hosting week.

**Overnight host team** - 7-10 hours, the majority spent sleeping!  
You'll be paired with a veteran volunteer.

### Contacts:

Ben Kendall (832) 229-0142 (text or call), ben.kendall@gmail.com via email, or  
Linda Fletcher (321) 704-7100 (text or call), lcalvert1956@yahoo.com via email.



Gifts from the Heart  
*Christmas Shop*

## Gifts from the Heart

St. John's will be participating in the Gifts from the Heart Christmas gift drive again this year. We will be sponsoring a "Giving Tree" with ornaments suggesting a particular gift. Almost 3,000 new toys are needed before that time for the over 900 children served by the ten partnering organizations. We will do our part, in conjunction with other local churches and organizations, to give these families a "hand up, instead of a hand out."

The "Giving Tree" ornaments will be available at coffee hour after the 10:00 a.m. service the first three Sundays in November. The last day to drop off gifts at St. John's is November 26th. For those who are not attending church in person, please consider donating toys via their online gift registries.

Gift registries for Walmart, Target and Amazon are available at the church website. Visit [stjohnsmib.org](http://stjohnsmib.org), point to Parish Life and click on Gifts from the Heart.

If you wish to donate cash or a check, that is certainly welcome, too. Please make the check payable to "Family Promise of Brevard" and write "GFTH" in the memo line. Thank you for your support and generosity!

## Outreach Meetings

The Outreach team will meet the second Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. by Zoom. A link for the Outreach meeting is on the St. John's website.

## **Vestry Notes**

**August 10, 2023**

Elizabeth Chludzinski presented the finance report for the months of June and July 2023. Father Eric notes that we're close to \$9,000 better off this year than last year at this time.

Kathy Oas, Sr. Warden, thanks Katie, Ben and Linda for their work for the last hosting of Family Promise under difficult circumstances of hosting 3 families for a total of 13 people. Kathy suggests eliminating the moving of furniture because it's hard on the people who move the furniture and also it's hard on the facilities. Because of the plumbing costs incurred during Family Promise's last two stays here, it is suggested that we add a rule that children must be accompanied to the bathroom by a parent.

Deborah Miller-Caldwell, Jr. Warden, announced that a Fall Workday is planned for November 4th. A donation for new furniture for the Priest's office was received, which was also painted and new curtains hung.

Father Eric gives a thank you to all who redid his office: Kathy Oas, Deborah Miller-Caldwell, Jackie Bond and Terry Highland. It was decided to leave the open Vestry spot formerly filled by Jim Williams unfilled until the Parish Meeting at which time it will be filled by someone to complete the remaining 2 years of the term.

The 2024 Budget Committee consists of Elizabeth Chludzinski, Susan Badgio, Amy Lacy and Skip Alcorn. The July financial summary was published in the September – October *Good News*.

## **September 21, 2023**

Elizabeth Chludzinski presented the finance report for August. Cashflow deficit was due to lower than expected donations and higher than expected expenses. Fr. Eric states he accidentally overspent the Clergy Discretionary account. Suggests letting it stay in deficit mode, eventually he will get a donation for the fund or in January more money will be added to it. Kathy Oas, Sr. Warden, thanked Richard Huffman for a beautiful job refurbishing the altar candlesticks. Richard's next project is to raise the cross so it is higher than the candlesticks.

Deborah Miller-Caldwell, Jr. Warden, opened discussion about turning over 595 Shady Lane (James House, currently rented as a residence) to Family Promise or selling it. Neither was deemed feasible. The Vestry can consider raising the rent and Fr. Eric has already told the tenant to expect increase in rent. Changes to the 'St. John's Episcopal Church Building Use Agreement' were discussed and Deborah will incorporate the recommendations.

Fr. Eric reported that a new organ scholar Dallas, will officially start the first Sunday of November. Terry has asked to step back from being the Priest Associate which will take effect the end of December. There will be a reception for him at that time. Vision Mini Vestry Retreat Saturday, October 28th from 9:00am to 3:00pm at Kathy Oas' house.

Stewardship team consists of Jack Kenworthy, Jackie Bond, and Katie Wilson.

## Vestry Notes (con't)

St. John's Stewardship Summary for August 2023				
	Aug 2023 Budget	Aug 2023 Actual	2023 YTD Budget	2023 YTD Actual
Income	\$18,300	\$16,175	\$154,550	\$160,277
Expenses	\$17,773	\$19,382	\$159,428	\$167,883
Net	\$ -527	\$ -3,207	\$ -4,878	\$ -7,605
Outreach	\$1,315 for Complementary Cancer Care			

## Seaside Stitchers



The Seaside Stitchers were honored this month at the Melbourne City Council meeting with a Certificate for all the beautiful and useful items they create for the community. We are so pleased they meet at St. John's to serve the Melbourne as they do.

The Seaside Stitchers would welcome you to visit them in the Parish Hall on various days during the month. If you are interested in joining the sewing group contact Shirley Muzzy 321-254-2206 or shirleymuzzy@aol.com for more information.

## Birthdays and Anniversaries

### BIRTHDAYS

#### November:

Elizabeth Murray - 11/2  
Sarah Kendall - 11/6  
Roberta Ardinger-Smith - 11/7  
Lee Steinger - 11/7

Jimbo Windt - 11/11  
Richard Muir - 11/12  
Ellen Huffman - 11/14  
Sara Roley - 11/14

Terry Highland - 11/20  
Megan Hambel - 11/27  
Debbie Campbell - 11/28  
Patti Coleman - 11/30

#### December:

Joe McLaughlin - 12/1  
Eric Turner - 12/9  
Brenda Williams - 12/9

Charlene Turner - 12/10  
John Burleson - 12/10  
Barbara Holliday - 12/12

Bailey Oas - 12/14  
Sharon Tuten - 12/24  
John Seymour - 12/30

### ANNIVERSARIES

#### November:

David & Lesa Kaleel - 11/7

John & Patti Coleman - 11/28

#### December:

Robert & Franny Boersma - 12/15  
Hasty & Julie Miller - 12/23

Eric & Charene Turner - 12/15  
Randy & Eloise Evans - 12/27

Paul & Lorraine Burleson - 12/19  
Bill & Teresa Chernault - 12/30

## St. John's History Project

In 1979, the little sentinel, Brevard, interviewed the new priest at St. John's, Fr. Ned Bowersox.

In the early 60's just out of High School Ned Bowersox joined the Navy as a helicopter crewman. He survived a helicopter crash but unfortunately it broke his back and he was left with impaired hearing. He left the Navy and received his college degree at Florida State, married and was called to study for the ministry.

Fr. Ned described himself as an "evangelical catholic rabid charismatic Pentecostal." He came to St. John's from Orlando with a pregnant wife, Annie and a young daughter, Beth Anne. With only two months to sell his house and move to Eau Gallie he doubted that God could get things taken care of smoothly but it happened. God simply moved clearly, and people responded.

Fr. Ned rode a motorcycle. Wife Annie, daughter, and baby Benjamin shared space in "Old Yeller," a bright-yellow jeep, or they rode in a Volkswagen van which was either red or orange, depending on how much sun there was.

The interview ended when glancing at his watch noted it was time for him to conduct a service in the church, he cut the interview with, "I've gotta go now, and get into my Captain Marvel outfit."

Fr. Ned wrapped it all up with this sentence, "The holiest things you can do are go home, love your family, and do what you have to do."

## Parishioner's Memories of St. John's

When My Family First Joined St. John's in the spring of 1966, I became a member of the Acolyte Community. My first duties were serving Fr. Bosbyshell at the 7:30 service. On cold mornings sometimes we only had two or three persons in attendance. During the summer we kept the stained-glass windows open to let in a breeze. Fr. Bosbyshell left St. John's in the fall of 1966 and was replaced by Rev. William T. Walker.



Fr. Walker was a strict priest, striving for perfection from all of us who served the Altar. He always celebrated a "High Mass" and everything had to be perfect. During his time here, St. John's acquired the Altar floor gong bell that sat on the right of the Altar. It was our job as Acolytes to ring that bell three times as the Priest said "Holy, Holy, Holy." I always enjoyed ringing that bell, we were told to strike it strong and make a joyful noise. Well, I took that to mean to see how hard I could hit it, and on the third "Holy" the head of the clapper broke off, and went flying past the Altar. My sister who was sitting up front broke out laughing, which made me laugh. Fr. Walker did not see anything funny about it!!

I continued to serve the Acolyte Community until I went to college in 1973. Ken Baker and I shared the duties as Senior Acolytes, and were presented fine Pewter Crosses, on silver Chains to wear around our necks.

*- Paul Burlison*

**KEEPING UP WITH  
ST. JOHN'S ONLINE**



**St. John's Chat** is an email "list" to receive the latest updates from St. John's.. You can also share things with the parish this way.

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Nov 2	.....	Daily Bread, 10:30 a.m.
Nov 5	.....	Daughters of the King meeting, 11:30 a.m.
Nov 7	.....	Tapping the Big Questions, Intracoastal Brewery, 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.
Nov 12	.....	Concert in the Park, Dinner at 5:00 p.m., Penny Creek Band at 5:30 p.m.
Nov 14	.....	Outreach Meeting, Zoom, 7:00 p.m.
Nov 16	.....	Vestry Meeting, Chapel & Zoom, 7:00 p.m.
Nov 23	.....	Thanksgiving worship, In-person only, 10:00 a.m.
Dec 3	.....	Daughters of the King meeting, 11:30 a.m.
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Dec 12	.....	Outreach Meeting, Zoom, 7:00 p.m.
Dec 21	.....	Vestry Meeting, Chapel & Zoom, 7:00 p.m.
Dec 24	.....	Christmas Eve Worship, 8:00 p.m.; Carols, 7:45 p.m. Sanctuary
Dec 25	.....	Christmas Day Celebration, Rite I, 11:00 a.m.
Jan 6	.....	Epiphany Worship, 7:00 p.m.

Many meetings include Zoom. Check the web page calendar for details.

**ZOOM and Livestream Links: All Zoom meeting and Livestream event links are available by visiting [stjohnsmlb.org](http://stjohnsmlb.org) > Parish Life > Calendar or by sending an email to [office@stjohnsmlb.org](mailto:office@stjohnsmlb.org).**



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