



ST. JOHN'S

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

THE GOOD NEWS

May - June 2024

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)

MONDAY

5:30 p.m. - AA. Parish Hall

TUESDAY

5:30 p.m. - Scouts in the Parish Hall

WEDNESDAY

7:00 p.m. - Choir Rehearsal on Hiatus
through July

THURSDAY

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

6:00 p.m. Evening Prayer

6:00 p.m. - Children's Choir

FRIDAY

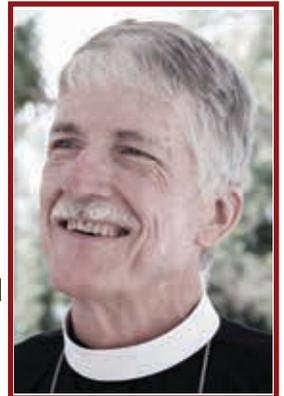
8:00 a.m. - TGIF (Men's Breakfast and
Bible study), La Loma Coney Island,
1180 Aurora Road, Melbourne.

Visit Stohnmlb.org for links and more
info.

A WORD FROM THE RECTOR

Dear Friends,

For some reason, we often assume that God has done something for us if it seems miraculous, or at least extraordinary. Squeaked through the test without studying like you should have? God helped me. Got a new job I never thought I would qualify for? Thanks be to God! Bought the week's groceries with the paycheck I earned? I did that. God wasn't really a part.



Sometimes we forget how dependent we are on things that we made no contribution to. You didn't create your life, you didn't give birth to yourself, you didn't design your mind and the intricacies of your body. You were designed and created by God and brought into the world by human parents entirely without your influence. You didn't create this world either, with all the air, water, and food we need to survive and thrive.

*For it was you who formed my inward parts;
you knit me together in my mother's womb.
I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.
Wonderful are your works; that I know very well.*

Psalm 139:13-14

I didn't earn a paycheck on my own. God made me and gave me the abilities I have. God created each of you, gave you abilities to earn an income and moved you to support the church that pays my salary. I didn't grow the food or build the grocery store or design the car.

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God has been at work in me and in many others to make all this possible. Remembering this helps us keep humility and thankfulness in the forefront.

There are holidays in May and June that call our attention to God’s work through those who have gone before. May 12th is Mother’s Day and June 16th is Father’s Day. We give thanks for those who brought us into this world and who, perhaps more than any others, have shaped the people that we are today.

May 27th is Memorial Day, when we celebrate those who have sacrificed their lives so that we might live in prosperity and freedom, drinking deeply from all the good things that God has made available to us. Without them and their sacrifice, we would know nothing of the opportunities we have today.

June 19th is also Juneteenth, a holiday celebrating the freedom of all formerly enslaved people. The Emancipation Proclamation had been signed by President Lincoln 2½ years earlier and the Civil War had ended about 2 months earlier, but especially in Texas, many were still enslaved. It wasn’t until Union soldiers arrived in Galveston on June 19, 1865, and began enforcing emancipation some of these were freed.

There is no “self-made man (or woman).” We are the result of God’s design and the gifts, skills, and abilities He has given us. We are shaped by our mothers and families, and enjoy the opportunities our society affords (or takes away) thanks to the sacrifice and hard work of literally millions who have gone before.

So, as you enjoy these holidays, and all that you enjoy in this life, remember to give thanks to God for all that he has given you, and for all those who have gone before. And pray that, by His continued grace, we might each make a meaningful addition to that long tradition.

In Christ,

Fr. Eric Turner
Rector



“Good News” July - August 2024 Schedule & Deadline

The deadline for the next issue of “The Good News” will be **Tuesday, June 11**. Please email or delivery your submissions to office@stjohnsmlb.org by **June 11, 2024**.



Rector’s Summer Schedule

Fr. Eric Turner will be traveling with Charlene Turner to lead the Solar Light for Africa Summer Mission July 10 - 24, then taking a little vacation until August 3. The Rev. Susan Davidson will preach and lead worship during this time.



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.

Upcoming gatherings May 7 and June 4. Come on out and bring a friend!



Choir at St. John's

We are fortunate at St. John's to have a choir; many of the churches in Brevard County do not. Our choir is a hard-working, dedicated, and talented group who warmly welcome newcomers. All that is required is an ability of read music and a willingness to be faithful. I'm certain that if we could recruit all the unchurched singers in the area we'd have the largest choir in the diocese. Please help us recruit!

- Dr. D.

Note: the choir will take the summer off. The start-up date will be in the announcements page of the Sunday bulletin.

Photo Gallery

Our next Evensong will be presented in the Fall



Baptism of Emerson Louise Johnson, Fr. Eric and Charlene Turner's granddaughter, Emmie



A Worshiping Community

Pentecost



Sunday, May 19 is Pentecost, the celebration of the gift of the Holy Spirit and the birthday of the Christian Church! All are asked to wear red or white (we'll have some red or white ribbons if you don't have anything suitable) and we will have special music and coffee hour.

Can you read in another language? If so, we need your help for the Pentecost reading. Look for a sign-up sheet or let us know at office@stjohnmlb.org.

Harbor City Harmonizers



We will have an opportunity to enjoy their singing in the next Concert Series beginning in the Fall.

Mother's Day

Sunday, May 12 is Mother's Day. We will honor mothers by having flowers for all the ladies and the MEN will take over the kitchen for coffee hour duties. A sign-up sheet will be in the Parish Hall closer to the time. Remember, guy, this doesn't mean asking your wife to fix something and you carry it in! You make it, or visit the store to get it.

Father's Day

Sunday, June 16 is Father's Day. We will honor fathers by NOT asking them to wear flowers! Bring your family to church and remember that you have all afternoon for the hammock and the grill! Start the day right!

Evening Prayer



You are invited to a weekly Evening Prayer (Vespers) service Thursdays, 6 p.m. This brief gathering (about 15 – 20 minutes) will be an opportunity for renewal of focus, in the course of our busy lives. Evening Prayer is a rite of thanksgiving and praise that is part of the “prayer offices” in the Anglican tradition. This tradition dates back to the 3rd century and many scholars hold that it is based on an evening ritual practiced by Jews in the 1st century BCE.

If you would care to assist as a reader for these services, please email me mailjbh@gmail.com or speak with Father Eric. Thanks, Jamie Hamilton

Guided by Scripture

Adult and Youth Christian Education

The Adult class (in the parish hall) will continue with the Passion and Resurrection narrative in the Gospel of Mark. Following that we will study the lessons for that morning. We will continue through June then we will be on hiatus for July and August. Youth Christian Education in the Chapel, at 9 a.m.

Daughters of the King



Lois Thayer is the newest member of the St. John's Chapter, and we were pleased to celebrate her installation on April 14. The Daughters 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.



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.

The Daughters will not meet during the summer but enjoy lunch at a local restaurant. All are welcome to the lunches and information will be in the service bulletin.

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.

Outreach Focus – Sharing His Love

May

THE Outreach Focus for May is 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. This summer, Charlene (and Fr. Eric) will take a team to Uganda to work on several planned projects, including a residential school for deaf children in northern Uganda and ‘slum schools’ in inner city Kampala but with no connection to the power grid. Visit solarlightforafrica.org for more information. Anything in the blue or lilac envelopes, or marked outreach, in the month of May will go to SLA .



Outreach Meetings

The Outreach team will meet the second Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. by Zoom. Upcoming meetings are May 14, and June 11. A Zoom link for the Outreach meeting is on the St. John’s website.



Family Promise

Our first hosting in 2024 will be May 5th through May 12th. At one hosting last year Ben Kendall recalls “one evening in St John’s parish hall, a young boy whose family was staying with us asked me if there were other families like his who didn’t have a home. We happened to be standing at the bulletin board with a map of all the Family Promise cities - many, many of them. I was able to show him and saw an immediate calm replace sadness.

The one dinner you provide, the one night you stay, and the one hour you sit with the families bring some calmness and security to an otherwise chaotic life. We often hear Jesus’ words ‘Peace be with you.’ Please help us bring some peace into a family. All the moms, dads, and kids ask for is one meal, one night, and one hour. Let us know if you can provide just one.”

This year we are especially in need of overnight hosts; most of the time you will spend sleeping; and you will be paired with a veteran volunteer.

- Contact: Ben Kendall 832-229-0142 (cell), ben.kendall@gmail.com (email)
- Contact: Linda Fletcher 321-704-7100 (cell), lcalvert1956@yahoo.com (email)
- Contact: Gail Dunbar 321-419-4810 (cell), gailbeverly@bellsouth.net (email)

June

The Outreach focus for June is Complementary Cancer Care. A new Outreach partner last year, we invite you to donate to this worthy organization in June. Choir member, Gail Dunbar is on their advisory board. This non-profit program offers counseling, transportation, yoga, art, support groups, wigs and head coverings, and many other resources to complement traditional cancer treatments. All services are free, and they are funded by donations and grants. The organization was founded by an oncology nurse, a yoga instructor, and an engineer. The current president is a licensed clinical social worker and herself a cancer survivor. More information may be found at compcancercare.org.



Daily Bread



The upcoming duty days are **May 2**, and **June 6**, 10:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. We are in urgent need of volunteers to continue our participation in the program. To volunteer please leave your contact information on the Parish Hall credenza.



Vestry Notes

February 15, 2024

New members Elizabeth Chludzinski, Peter Fischel, Ben Kendall and Julie Miller (serving a 2-year term), were welcomed and oriented to service on the vestry.

Kathy Oas was appointed St. Warden by the Rector. Elected to other offices were Deborah Miller-Caldwell as Jr. Warden, Elizabeth Chludzinski as Treasurer, Susan Badgio as Assistant Treasurer and Amy Lacy as Secretary.

A parishioner has donated the funds for the installation of a new heat pump to serve the Treasurer's office and nursery. New key codes are being set for the parish hall door and sanctuary door. Members should speak with the rector or wardens if they need the code.

The outreach team is developing a new vetting process for outreach partners and as existing ones come up for a monthly focus, they will also be evaluated.

A new copier will be leased from the same vender which will have virtually identical service but should save the church \$500-600 per year, mostly due to reduced maintenance costs.

March 21, 2024

New Heat pump has been installed in the Treasurer's office and nursery area. More consistent fire ant control is needed in the park to ensure its usability for church events.

A parishioner donated funds for a new projector for use in the parish hall and other areas. A parishioner also donated 5 oak trees which have been planted in the park.

Soup suppers went well and had good participation.

Rent for 595 Shady Lane is increasing to \$950 per month for 2024.

Financial Summary for March 31, 2024 -- ** see important note below				
	Mar. 2024 Budget	Mar. 2024 Actual	2024 Annual Budget	2024 Annual Actual
Income	\$ 22,205	\$ 15,608**	\$ 64,507	\$ 52,598
Expenses	\$ 22,428	\$ 21,706	\$ 65,617	\$ 63,341
Net	\$ - 223	\$ - 6,098**	\$ - 1,110	\$ - 10,743**
Outreach for January: \$ 659 to Clergy Discretionary Outreach for February: \$1,592 for Vietnam and All Veterans of Brevard Outreach for March: \$957 for Life Recaptured				

** VERY IMPORTANT: A significant portion of our members make their gift to St. John's in one lump sum for the year. In order to even out the cash flow, we hold these funds in a separate account and once each month move the appropriate amount into the operating account. In March, this transfer of \$ 4,089 was initiated on the last weekend of the month, but was not posted by the bank until April 1. Therefore, this \$ 4,098 which should be part of the March income is not in the finance report. There will be a double

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deposit in April so this will even out. This means that effectively, the numbers for March should be: March income \$ 19,697, YTD income \$ 56,687, March deficit \$ 2,009 and YTD deficit \$ 6,654. For comparison, our deficit at the end of March 2023 was \$ 8,468.

A Note from the Endowment Committee:

Many of you are aware that St. John's has established an endowment fund. This is money that will be invested to provide a reliable source of income for generations to come. The fund is intended to be managed in perpetuity, meaning the principal will not be invaded. You may want to consider making a gift to the endowment fund as a direct gift of cash or as a planned gift. You can also consult your financial manager about utilizing gifts to the endowment fund to possibly reduce your taxes.

For more information, Endowment Fund brochures are available in the parish hall, or you may contact The Endowment Committee: Shannon Brooks-Hamilton, Jack Kenworthy, Julie Miller.

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, Fr. Eric at eric@stjohnsmlb.org, or call the church office at 321-254-3365.

Yard Sale

The Turners are having a yard sale in the Parish Hall on Saturday, June 8, 8 a.m. to noon. The HOA at their home in West Melbourne does not allow individual yard sales and as they are downsizing dramatically, they have much to sell.

Come on out and tell your friends!

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 for more information, or any volunteer serving on Sunday.

Seaside Stitches

Another award for The Seaside Stitches! Vitas presented their Volunteer of the Year award to the entire group at their annual Volunteer Appreciation lunch at Makoto's restaurant on April 19. The Stitches would welcome you to visit them in the Parish Hall when they meet most Thursdays 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

May:

Jim Lacy	5/3	Lillian Collins	5/9	Jamie Hamilton	5/18
Will Lester	5/5	Mary Highland	5/14	Amanda Coleman	5/23
Floyd Trogdon	5/7	Carl Holliday	5/14	Carol Hawkins	5/23
Lois Thayer	5/7	Steve Bradley	5/16	Bob Stitzel	5/28
Charlie Williams	5/7	Frank Hernkind	5/16	Bill McDonald	5/29

June:

June Stitzel	6/1	Carole Taylor	6/12	Teckla Greene	6/21
Christine Bamberger	6/4	Rachel Crane	6/17	Berry Trogdon	6/27
Elias Hambel	6/10	Susan McDanel	6/17	Murray Ludwig	6/28
Josh Seymour	6/11	Gary Harrell	6/19		

ANNIVERSARIES

May:

None known

June:

Terry & Mary Highland	6/10	John & Dorinda Campbell	6/20
Bill & Susan McDanel	6/17	Doug & Elizabeth Ludwig	6/21

From St. John's History Books

Paul Burleson's Memories of St. John's

The House Fire

A few days before Thanksgiving 2010, our house caught fire in the middle of the night due to a buildup of lint in the dryer.

Angie Brown, our neighbor, notified Fr. Turner, and he and his entire family showed up in the middle of the night to comfort us. The next day was busy trying to recover a few of our treasures from the ashes. We moved in with my mom and she gave us her Master suite, and she moved into one of the other bedrooms. It was a small apartment.

We realized that the next day was Thanksgiving, and we had lost the makings for our entire Thanksgiving feast. Trying to decide what to do, Wassie Meats donated a couple of bags of food to us to help-out, but we were too busy trying to get organized to spend time cooking. We then remembered that St. John's was cooking Thanksgiving dinner in the Parish Hall after the service. We called and reserved our spot. It was a ministry that was a true blessing to our family and could not have come at a better time.

Thank You!!!!



Palm Sunday Lunch



KEEPING UP WITH ST. JOHN'S ONLINE



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

St. John's Weekly eNews - includes a short reflection from the rector and news about important events and what's happening Sunday. The eNews drops into your email Thursday afternoon at 4 p.m.

St. John's YouTube Channel - you will find worship live streams and sermons, and links to all past and upcoming worship services. **Visit stjohnsmlb.org and click on Worship Live Stream.**

St. John's Website at stjohnsmlb.org. A variety of information including schedules, the calendar, archives of the "Good News", Sunday Ministry schedules, the latest eNews and much more.

Visit Facebook - search for "St. John's Episcopal Church, Melbourne" and like our page. You will receive updates in your newsfeed, notifications when we are live, and more.

To subscribe or to contact St. John's - email office@stjohnsmlb.org or phone 321-254-3365.

St. John's Pet Cemetery



Our Pet Cemetery is located on the East side of the sanctuary.

Please contact the office if you would like to have your pet laid to rest there.

May 2	.....	Daily Bread, 10:30 a.m.
May 5	.....	Daughters of the King, at 11:30 a.m.
May 5	.....	Family Promise Hosting (thru the 12th)
May 7	.....	Tapping the Big Questions, Intracoastal Brewery, 7:00 p.m.
May 12	.....	Mother's Day
May 14	.....	Outreach Meeting, Zoom, 7:00 p.m.
May 16	.....	Vestry Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Chapel & Zoom.
May 19	.....	Penetecost, wear red or white for church
May 27	.....	Memorial Day
June 2	.....	Daughters of the King, at 11:30 a.m.
June 4	.....	Tapping the Big Questions, Intracoastal Brewery, 7:00 p.m.
June 6	.....	Daily Bread, 10:30 a.m.
June 8	.....	Turner Yard Sale in Parish Hall, 8 a.m. - noon
June 11	.....	Outreach Meeting, Zoom, 7:00 p.m.
June 16	.....	Father's Day
June 20	.....	Vestry Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Chapel & Zoom.

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 > Parish Life > Calendar or by sending an email to office@stjohnsmlb.org.



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