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FROM
God's House
TO *Your House*



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

In this season of Lent, we often look for ways to love others and minister to them. We also need to stop and receive God's love and ministry for ourselves. We can get so busy with good things, and spend so much energy being the hands and feet of Christ in this world, that we forget how much God also wants to bless us.

These weeks of Lent are a good time to stop. To step away from the distractions of phones, and TV, and all the things swirling around us. To quiet ourselves. To turn our attention to God in whatever ways we can – come to church early and sit in the sanctuary for a while, light a candle at home in front of our comfortable chair, put an icon on our bedside table, or even just close our eyes for a few minutes. Remember that God wants to show us his love. That God wants us to receive his Holy Spirit with a fullness of love and joy and peace. That God delights when we take the time to just be with him. We can receive his love, listen to what he has to say to us, and then return to the activities of our daily life with deeper reservoirs of calm and stillness.

When we are receptive to God's love in times of stillness, the tasks of daily life take on a deeper richness. We more easily recognize God's presence with us throughout the day. We find it easier to reach for God to avoid fear, anger, and shame so that we can walk more fully in his love.

This Lent, as we seek to give to others, we also stop to receive the greatest gift of all – the deeper awareness of the love and presence of God surrounding us.

Peace, *Adam*

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

We send weekly email updates, *This Week at St. John's*, directly to your email. This email will include Sunday's schedule of acolytes and servers, as well as the date and time of events in the week following. If you do not receive this weekly email from us, but would like to, please email us at stjohns@stjohnssharon.org and tell us to add you to the weekly list or fill this form out and put in the offering plate. The updates will arrive to your inbox on each Wednesday evening.

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Email Address: _____



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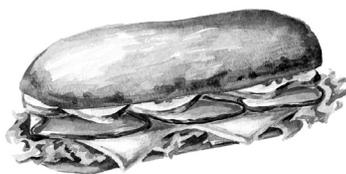
Deaths:

Betty Alter • January 18, 2020

“Rest eternal grant unto her, O Lord”

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

St. John's Kids News



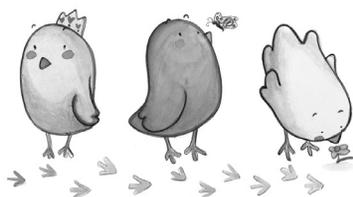
St. John's Kids would like to thank everyone who supported our Super Bowl Sub Sale with the purchase of subs. We hope you enjoyed eating them as much as we enjoyed making them!

Tired of gloomy winter? All kids are welcome at SJK's Winter Luau. Join us in Tropical Allen Hall on Sunday, March 1st, from 12:00 to 2:00 for food, fun & games that will bring sunshine to your soul & a smile to your face!



Our April event will be **Dinner with Stations of the Cross** on April 5th (Palm Sunday) from 6:00 to 8:00pm.

And, as always, follow us on Facebook at St. John's Episcopal Youth Ministries, Sharon, PA.



Easter Flowers

Every Easter our sanctuary takes on a special beauty because of the glorious **Easter flowers** that our parishioners provide. Once again, it is time to send in your donations and the names of those that you wish to memorialize or honor.

A special envelope is included in this newsletter and needs to be returned no later than **Monday, April 6**. Please fill out the enclosed envelope by including your name and **printing** the names of those you wish to be remembered at our Easter services. All names submitted will be included in the listing at the Easter Vigil and Easter morning services. After Easter a delivery will take the flowers to the shut-ins of the parish.

First Holy Communion

If you have a child in second grade or older that has not been part of a First Holy Communion Class, and would like for them to receive first communion instruction contact the parish office at 724-347-4501.

Reminders from the Office:

Daylight Saving Time begins at 2:00am Sunday, March 8. Don't forget to turn your clock(s) ahead one hour.

The deadline to submit articles for the April 2020 newsletter is Thursday, March 19. Please send articles to the church at stjohns@stjohnssharon.org

Friday Stations of The Cross

This prayer service based on the Lord's passion will be led Friday's at 12:05pm from February 28 - Good Friday, April 10.



From Our Music Director, Ron Gracilla

March has arrived and it looks like the lion of Winter is battling the Lamb of Spring. Regardless, have you noticed the lengthening daylight? The birds certainly have and I

welcome their growing chorus as we walk the Forty Days of Lent together.

On the First Sunday in Lent, Ronald Turner arranges the well-known hymn tune Restoration (Jesus calls us; o're the tumult) and applies it to a text by Joseph Hart. "Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy". This anthem grows in dynamic and rhythmic power assuring us that no matter how we got to this moment in our lives, we know that if we stand up and go to Him, He will embrace us in his arms.

Arlen Clarke wrote a very tender, lovely work with flute as we sing "Unto thee, O Lord, in affliction I call, my comfort by day, my Song in the Night". On reflection, who hasn't at least once hummed a reassuring tune while walking at night?

Speaking of night, there is also the spiritual night where things seem to go wrong and perhaps we feel heavy, concerned about the unknown future. I can think of no better remedy than to call on the power of the Holy Spirit to light our way through the darkness. Perhaps my favorite anthem in this regard is "Come Down, O Love Divine" by Charles Beaudrot. Here we are so bold as to plead with the Spirit to "Let Thy glorious light shine on me And light my path and guide me through life's night".

"Let Nothing Ever Grieve Thee" (Lass dich nur nichts nicht dauren) is a stunning beautiful work by the great Johannes Brahms. With voices trading entrances, weaving each other and cascading

Upcoming at Cana's Corner

St. John's Lounge • 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm

March 13

Joe Spurio

singing a variety of music including contemporary gospel and others

May 8

David Hamilton

April 17

Donnie Abraham

singing oldies and gospel



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St. John's Parishioner of the Month

Congratulations to Ron Gracilla who is this month's celebrated Parishioner.

Ron Gracilla is our person of the month. Ron started playing the organ for his home parish when he was in 7th grade. He has been involved in sacred music ever since then. A member of St. John's about 7 years, you'll find him on the organ or piano bench at most services.



He is always eager to assist with any help that is needed. He is married to Tony Kropp, has a faithful dog "Buster" (who worships the ground he walks on) and has 5 grandchildren. When not playing here, you may find him at other churches in Mercer County. He's also an active member of the Natural Church Development committee and assists with VBS. In addition to being a Yoga Instructor, he also works for the Community Food Warehouse.

through we are enchanted and lifted as we sing, "Why brood all day in sorrow? Tomorrow will bring thee God's help benign and grace sublime in mercy". I'd argue it is capped with one of the most perfect choral Amens ever composed.

So let us walk together into the broadening light of Spring. Lift each other up and as always, sing from your heart.

Be at Peace, *Ron Gracilla*

St. John's Family Kitchen serving the Free Community Lunch:

Next cooking day: Thursday March 19; 1:00pm

Serving day: Saturday, March 21

Wrap silverware & final food preparation: 9:00 am – 10:00 am

Serving/clean-up: 11:00 am – 1:30 pm

Many hands make light work and more fun. Come join us.

Any questions call Madge Tamber 724-662-4367

Have You Checked Out Our Website?

You will find:

Acolyte schedule; Lector/L.E.M. schedule; ECW schedule; ECS dates of distribution along with Youth & Family Ministry schedules, and much, much more.

Check us out today at: www.stjohnssharon.org

Vestry Notes:

At our February 10 Vestry meeting the following were elected as officers for 2020:

Vestry Officers

Senior Warden: Barb Lipinski

Junior Warden: Katie Tingler

Clerk: Missy Baron

Treasurer: Donna Stamoolis

The newly elected vestry members at the annual meeting were Missy Baron, Barb Bogolin and Eric Hetson who will serve alongside returning members, Frank O'Stafy, Donna Stamoolis, Matt Wertz, Barb Lipinski, Tracy Schliep and Katie Tingler.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<h1>March 2020</h1>					CONTACT ST. JOHN'S: Phone: 724-347-4501 E-mail: stjohns@stjohnssharon.org Website: http://www.stjohnssharon.org	
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