

St. John's Announcements

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Last Year's Pancake Relay



March 2nd is being celebrated as Camp Washington Day this year. There is a video from our Bishops that can be found on this link: [CW Sunday | camp-washington](#). At the 10:00am Eucharist, we will be using the Prayers of the People and the Confession from camp liturgical materials. We will also be singing camp friendly songs including *We are marching in the Light of God* which is sung at camp regularly. We will also have a special camp friendly coffee hour. If you are called to support Camp Washington's mission to make sure that any child can attend camp no matter the financial challenges, we will have a basket accepting donations in the narthex. Thank you for your support. If you know anyone of summer camp age, it is not too late to sign up for camp. The camp can also be used for adult groups. Find out more at Camp Washington's website www.campwashington.org

Blessings,
Marc

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Shrove Tuesday –
3/4 @ 6pm

Ash Wednesday –
3/5 @ 10:30am &
7pm

Lunch Bunch – 3/6 @
12:30pm

Happy Birthday!

Megan Dubois

Claudia Kuehl

Darius Kirk

Art Plante

Don Wills

John Horan

Ruth McElraevy



Shrove Tuesday – Tuesday, 3/4 6:00pm. Please join us in the St. Mary's Hall for a pancake supper and a flap jack relay. Free-will donations will be accepted.

Ash Wednesday – Ash Wednesday (3/5) services will be at 10:30am and 7pm.

St. Patrick's Corned Beef & Stewardship Dinner – Please join us for the 13th annual St. Patrick's Day Corned Beef and Cabbage (and Stewardship) Dinner on **Saturday, March 15th @ 5:30pm** in St. Mary's Hall. Suggested donations are Adults \$10/Families \$25 with proceeds going to outreach. Vegetarian and child meals will be available if requested.

After dinner we will be discussing stewardship, led off by a greeting from Bishop Mello. Anyone interested in helping with cooking or decorating please contact Lois Valliere lvalliere1@icloud.com. Tickets will soon be available in the narthex after services.

Lunch bunch - Met last Thursday after having to postpone the week before due to inclement weather. The weather again was not the best but I'm happy to say 21 hearty souls came together for food, fun and fellowship. A big thank you to all who helped with setup and cleanup! Looking forward to seeing even more fellow parishioners at the next luncheon on **Thursday March 6th at 12:00**. The theme will be green in honor of St. Patrick's Day. Please bring a hot or cold, homemade or purchased, dish to share. DESSERTS and BEVERAGES are provided. Your hosts, Chris Emery and Diane Gutzmer

Lenten Soup Supper Series - As part of our Lenten observance we will again offer Lenten Soup Supper Series on Thursday evening from **March 13th through April 10th from 6 pm to 8 pm**. This year, Deacon Scott will be leading a program he has developed entitled "Living Our Baptismal Promises". We will delve into the implications of the five Baptismal promises contained in the Baptismal Covenant (*Book of Common Prayer*, pp. 304-305) for our daily life and ministry both as individuals and as a congregation. Please join us for a light supper and interesting conversation!

Dear Friends: As many of you are aware, we had a “different” event at the 10 AM service last Sunday. During the middle of the service a person entered, went to the front of the church and sat down. Near the end of Communion they stood up, recited aloud the passage from Mark 12:30 about the Great Commandment and then departed. While we are not used to people from outside the parish suddenly engaging in our worship service like this, it is important that we recognize that at no time was there any threat – apparent, perceived or otherwise - to any parishioners. A person felt strongly moved to recite the Great Commandment – and we as an open and accepting Christian gathering gave them that opportunity. Our senior usher at the service politely inquired if the person wished to partake of Communion with us and every effort was made to make them feel welcome. There was no confrontation or conflict. Of this we should all be aware and pleased – everything was done as Christians should; we welcome all who come to our door. With the frequent instances of insecurity in our society today we must seek to achieve a delicate balance between openness and inclusiveness on one side, personal and parish security on the other. We cannot simply lock the doors to the church when services begin. Rather, we can continue to take appropriate steps to protect the most vulnerable among us. For example, it has been the policy at St. John's for some time now to keep the doors to St. Mary's Hall locked on Sundays while we have children in the classrooms. This policy will be enforced. The wardens and vestry will continue to review our other policies and procedures to be sure that we are doing everything appropriate in this regard moving forward. ***Yours in Christ, Skip Sutcliffe, Senior Warden***
