

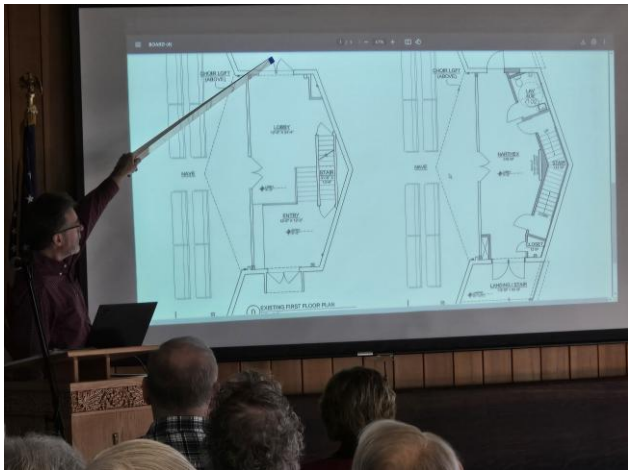
St. John's Announcements

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Jim Hutton giving an overview of the Accessibility Project



Today is Rose Sunday, one of our two refreshment Sundays during the church's penitential seasons. The Rose Sunday during Lent is also Mothering Sunday. The practice of visiting one's "mother church" has been practiced since the Middle Ages. While all children celebrated their mothers and mother churches, the holiday was especially meaningful for those who were off to school or in domestic service. It is a more than a thousand year old tradition to allow those in service the day off to go visit their mother churches (and their mothers). The timing of academic Spring Break is also thought to be tied to the practice of sending children home to mother church at this time of year. There must be many mother churches in Daytona and Cancun. Along the walk home, it has also been a long tradition for children to collect flowers along the way and offer them to their mothers. We will continue to honor Mothering Sunday by having a brief Mother Child Tea for our Sunday School immediately after the 10:00am service.

Blessings, *Marc*

UPCOMING EVENTS:

4/2 - Wednesday
Eucharist @ 10:30am
With Healing Service

4/2 - Stations of the
Cross @ 5:45pm

4/3 -Lenten Soup
Supper Series @ 6pm

4/3 - Lunch Bunch @ 12:15pm

4/5 - Altar Guild Meeting
@ 10:30am



Lenten Soup Supper Series – Please join us for the 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!

Undie Sunday - This year we will share what we've collected in underwear, socks and cash/check donations with social service department East Hartford, Manchester Area Conference of Churches (MACC) in Manchester and the elementary school nurses in Vernon.

- For the East Hartford community: The town's social service department will use cash/checks to purchase (and distribute) needed underwear and socks.
- For the Manchester community: MACC is asking for summer socks for women, men and kids; women's medium and large undies; men's medium, large and extra-large boxers; and kid undies of all sizes up to a size 12.
- For the Vernon community: the five elementary school nurses are asking for girls' and boys' undies sizes 4t to 14/16, especially sweatpants 5t to 16 and girls leggings 5t to 16. There is a marked collection box in the Narthex. We also accept cash and check donations to purchase additional items. If making cash or check donation, please complete the donation form found on the table in the Narthex and place it in the offering plate or mail it to the church. Please make out checks to St. John's with Undie Sunday on the memo line.

Thank you from Olivia & Grace Palmer - Thank you so much from the bottom of our hearts for supporting Olivia's marathon efforts and fundraising for Boston Children's Hospital on Sunday. St. John's has given us so much throughout our whole lives growing up in the parish, chief among them being values that guide us through our adult lives and a community that we consider family. It was so special for Grace to share her gift of music with you again and Olivia could not be more grateful for your generosity and prayers for a safe and happy race. It was so great to see you all there! Special thanks to the Vestry for sharing this space and for all of your efforts in helping us set it up. We had the most incredible afternoon!

Palm Sunday Readers – Please email or call Christina if you would like to be a reader for the Reading of the Passion at Palm Sunday's Service.

Holy Week & Easter Schedule at St. John's

- Sun, Apr 13 Palm Sunday Usual two services of Holy Eucharist at 8:00 and 10:00 am
- Mon, Apr 14 Online Compline 7:30 pm
- Tues, Apr 15 Holy Tuesday Evening Prayer 3:00 pm
- Wed, Apr 16 - Spy Wednesday - Holy Eucharist - 10:30 am
- Wed, Apr 16 Online Compline 7:30 pm
- Thurs, Apr 17 Maundy Thursday Holy Eucharist 7:00 pm
- Fri, Apr 18 Stations of the Cross with Communion from Reserved Sacrament 3:00 pm
- Sat, Apr 19 Proper Liturgy for Holy Saturday 9:00 am
- Sun, Apr 20 Easter Holy Eucharist (Rite I) 8:00 am
- Sun, Apr 20 Easter Holy Eucharist (Rite II) 10:30 am (Note later time than usual)