

The Evangelist

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for Saint John's
Episcopal Church
Friends & Families

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Greetings in Christ!

Holy Week is just around the corner, beloved! Unsurprisingly, I have been reflecting on Holy Weeks past lately. Certainly, I have been doing my best to remember the best aspects of my training in the liturgical offerings for the week. But beyond the important details of what I'm doing as a priest with his people throughout the week, I've kept coming back to the questions raised in our Lenten reading of Dr. James K.A. Smith's book, *You Are What You Love*. Dr. Smith continually asks his readers to consider what our basic habits throughout our lives are forming us into.

Holy Week, as a suite of very intentional liturgical habits, is most definitely meant to form us into the pattern of Jesus. Now of course, that is true of all Christian liturgy. Still, since Holy Week is meant to guide participants through the process of Christ's cross and passion, we are meant to be formed by that story, meant to observe more closely his most important teachings, and meant to internalize the outpouring of sacrificial love that Christ gave us on that fateful hill of Calvary.

With that in mind, perhaps it is worth a brief summary of what we can find for the Christian life in the Paschal Triduum, the Holy Three Days. In Maundy Thursday, we remember Jesus' final supper with his friends and closest disciples. There we receive instructions for our weekly offering of the Eucharist, hear the direct command to love one another as a means to faithfully show Christ's love to the world, and we see Christ's own humility on display as he washed his disciples' feet (much to St. Peter's chagrin). On Good Friday, we are meant to walk the way of the cross, hearing again the story of Jesus' passion. The liturgies offered that day are meant to be a little spooky, quiet, solemn, and unrushed; meant to help the faithful appreciate the unflinching despair of the day even as hope rises in remembrance of Jesus' promise of rising after three days.

Finally, Easter is the yearly reenactment and remembrance of God's victory over death in Jesus' rising to new life. It is a full-hearted, full-throated rebuke against all things that work against His love, truth, beauty, and perfection. We are, as Jesus' disciples, meant to glory in the new life won for us in the Risen Christ, such that we would always be a people who would proclaim Christ's abundant new life by word and deed.

Holy Week is quite the undertaking, my friends, but it is meant to help form us into even greater images of Jesus. I hope you will make some time to join us throughout the week and certainly during the Paschal Triduum.

Keep us in your prayers!



The Rev. David Bumsted, Rector



From Our Senior Warden

Spring has arrived and our beautiful campus is blooming and buzzing!

Many, many thanks to Bill and Janice Chevaillier, Marc McCaw, Nick Bradford, and everyone who helped create a memorably fun Shrove Tuesday pancake feast, followed by a beautiful palm-burning ceremony on the labyrinth to create the ashes for the next day's Ash Wednesday services. It was a wonderful way to bid a final farewell to winter's season of celebrations together and then segue into the reflections of Lent.

We have moved Vestry meetings to the fourth Tuesday evening of the month, and the 2022 Vestry met for the first time on March 22. What an excellent group of engaged, positive volunteers we are blessed to have. Warmest welcome to Bard, Elizabeth, Jace, Kristine and Peggy, and to Marc in his new role as Junior Warden!

Later this month, we will be having a retreat – perhaps the first of a few – where we can discuss our longer-term goals and strategies for supporting Father David and our ministries and congregational life. Our primary goal for the year will be to reconstitute our structured Outreach efforts while continuing to offer and enhance current opportunities as they present themselves. Marc McCaw and Trent Shores are leading this initiative. We will update you as things take shape.

I hope each of you has a blessed and happy Easter.

- Susan Walker



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Giving by Smartphone

It's easier than ever to make a donation to Saint John's, especially on those days when you don't have cash in your wallet, forgot to write a check, or simply want to give fast but also get a receipt. To donate by scan, hover your smartphone over this QR code and follow the easy instructions.



Treasurer's Update - Bill Chevaillier

What Does "Planned Giving" Mean? Planned Giving is the practice of designating a major gift as part of an Estate Plan. The gift could include cash, real estate, life insurance, equity, or personal property. Planned Giving is sometimes referred to as Legacy Giving. Planned Giving preparation is often done while someone creates an Estate Plan, as there are certain investment or tax strategies that could be done to maximize the gift's impact. If the gift is part of the Estate Plan, it will typically be distributed after the donor has passed away.

What Are the Benefits of Planned Giving? There are numerous benefits associated with planned giving but perhaps the most obvious is the support it provides to Saint John's Church. Not only does Planned Giving represent the opportunity to provide long-term support for our parish and ministries, but it also gives donors a chance to establish a legacy. This philanthropic gesture can be a terrific way to leave a memory of life. Planned Giving benefits include the opportunity to leave a major gift that may not have been possible in their lifetime due to financial constraints. Charitable Gifts are often exempt from Estate Tax, meaning more of the gift would go directly to Saint John's. Donors can avoid capital gains taxes when they transfer assets as part of a Planned Gift – again maximizing the contribution to Saint John's Church.

How Does Planned Giving Work? Planned Giving typically begins in the Estate Planning process, or when a donor realizes they want to make a significant contribution to a charitable organization. Most major gifts are organized with the help of an advisor, a CPA, or Estate Planning lawyer (because there are various legal and tax strategies available that can maximize the impact of the gift). The gift could be established as a simple designation in an IRA or retirement plan, in a person's Last Will and Testament, or created as part of a Trust.

Why is Planned Giving Important? Planned Giving is important because of the fiscal impact it can have on Saint John's. Most churches do not count on receiving major gifts. However, receiving one could result in years of financial support, the development of new programs, and/or the opportunity to expand our church's overall impact and reach. Planned Giving results in significantly larger gifts than membership fees or other donations a charity might receive. Major Gifts also give the organization the opportunity to use funds however they want – as there are no stipulations attached to these contributions. The long-term support Planned Giving can provide is almost unmatched by other streams of income. In the year ahead, I'll share even more about Planned and Legacy Giving with you.



Children & Family News

Summer Camp

St. Crispin's camp, operated by the Episcopal Diocese of Oklahoma, offers sessions for many age groups throughout the summer. To sign up a child, go to stcrispins.org and select the camp sessions option. St. Crispin's is a "must try" for any Episcopal kid!



Acolytes

As our acolyte program grows, new members are welcome to join at any time! This program is for adults, children, and teens. If you are interested in serving as an acolyte, please contact me, Josh Corsaro, at jcorsaro@sjtulsa.org.

Children's Chapel and Sunday School

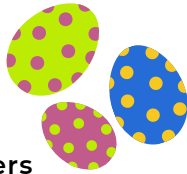
Our chapel time for children continues in April with the Storymakers curriculum and adventures through creativity. Each week's plan will focus on crafts that help children realize how they are a part of God's story. To learn more, email me or visit www.storymakersnyc.com/.

Choristers

We are excited to be entering our third month of the rebooted Choristers program. We already have a great, talented group of singers! Their first concert will be Easter Sunday, April 17, at the 9 a.m. service. You won't want to miss it! If you have a child who is interested in being in the Choristers program, please contact either me or Joseph Arndt.

Easter and Egg Hunt

As part of celebrating Easter, we'll host an Egg Hunt at 10:15 a.m. on April 17. Families with children will have fun participating and parishioners without kiddos will also enjoy watching the festivities. Bring your kids and their baskets!



VBS

Summer's around the corner and we're excited to restart Vacation Bible School! This will be for children in elementary school (grades K-sixth). We'll offer a fun week of lessons about the church windows July 18-22. We will host a parent and volunteer information lunch on Sunday, May 1. If you wish to make a reservation for lunch, to sign up your kiddos, or to learn how to become a camp volunteer, email me or call the main office.

- Josh Corsaro

For the Adults - *Josh Corsaro*

Adult Formation News

The two adult education classes noted below (Sunday and Wednesday) will not be held on April 10 and 17 due to Palm Sunday and Easter. Both formation opportunities resume on April 24.

On Wednesdays - follow along with Father David's Lenten study and read a great book in the process! For the next few weeks, Father David's formation class will be exploring the book *You Are What You Love* by James K.A. Smith.



Our Sunday Adult Formation class, "The Old Testament: The Bible that Jesus Read," welcomed Matthew Delany as return guest teacher on April 3. Our April 24 class will be co-led by Dr. Bill Lyons and Joseph Arndt. They will discuss the theology, music, and symbolism found in the Bach Cantatas. Bonus: they'll offer insights on Martin Luther's revolutionary translations of the Scriptures in German. This class is a "pre-concert talk" for the Bach Choir performance at Saint John's on Friday, April 29.



April YA Brunch on the 24th!

Young Adults' Brunch

The popular Saint John's Young Adults' Brunch meets the last Sunday of each month. Please let us know if you want to join by emailing me, Josh Corsaro, at jcorsaro@sjtulsa.org, or reach out to Joseph Arndt at jarndt@sjtulsa.org. Feel free to invite friends and family! Simply let us know so we can reserve enough seats. Also, feel free to suggest new restaurants you'd love to see our group visit.

Iron Gate

This service ministry meets the first Saturday of every month. We meet at the church about 7:45 a.m. and then carpool to Iron Gate. After we conclude serving our downtown neighbors in need, we often head to Hurts Donut Company. If you want to sign up to be a part of this important mission, email me.



Music News - Joseph Arndt

The Saint John's music ministry team has prepared a wide range of outstanding offerings for the spring of 2022. Mark your calendars to save these dates to attend as well as to invite your friends! And, we'd value your help sharing the event updates via your social media personal pages.

Music at Midday
Our midday music series runs through April 27. These free concerts – some choral, some instrumental, and some both – are always offered on Wednesdays at noon, followed by a light lunch (by RSVP) at 12:30 p.m.



We offer boxed lunches from Queenie's. The cost is \$12 per person and reservations are due on the preceding Monday at 12 noon. RSVP to Diana Carter by phone or email (dcarter@sjtulsa.org). Lunch half-sandwich options are a ham and Swiss cheese, chicken salad, or egg salad. A fruit cup and cookie are included (your choice of oatmeal raisin or snickerdoodle).

Schedule of midday concert musicians for Spring 2022:
 April 6 - students from the Barthelmes Conservatory
 April 13 - Vivaldi's Stabat Mater featuring countertenor Nicholas Garza and period instruments
 April 20 - cellist Kari Caldwell and pianist Cathy Venable
 April 27 - the Ezra Duo featuring violist Jacob Clewell and pianist Sasha Bult-Ito.

I give special thanks to Tom and Kay Owens for their sponsorship of our Holy Week Music at Midday concert.



Oklahoma Bach Choir
On Friday, April 29 at 7 p.m. the Oklahoma Bach Choir will present "Cantatas for the Easter Season" with baroque trumpet and strings. Admission will be free.

Adam Pajan and I will conduct. Our soloists will include: Meray Boustani, soprano; Caleb Hudson, trumpet; Nicholas Garza, countertenor; Keith Lathrom, tenor; and Edmund Milly, bass. We will perform three cantatas: Jauchzet Gott in allen Landen, BWV 51; Christ lag in Todes Banden, BWV 4; and Meine Seel erhebt den Herren, BWV 10.

This concert is being generously underwritten by the DeKraai family.

Music Mondays
Tune into my midday vlog on composers, instruments, upcoming compositions, and more! These air on Mondays at 11 a.m. on Facebook and may be found afterward on our church website (as well as archived in the church's FB video feed).



Howells Canticles at Choral Evensong
The Chamber Choir is in the midst of a two-year project learning the complete evening canticles of English composer Herbert Howells (1892-1983). His works, inspired by church choral forces as well as architecture, will be offered in 2022 and 2023.

The Altar Fund

The Altar Fund provides a way for the members and friends of Saint John's to remember special people in their lives, to commemorate special occasions, and to give thanks for the many blessings given to them by God.

This fund provides flowers for the altar, the Columbarium, those hospitalized, home-bound parishioners, and residents of nursing homes. The special needs of the church having to do with or that beautify our worship are made possible by the generosity and gratitude of those who contribute to this fund.

To contribute, fill in and cut out the form below or complete an envelope found in the pews. These can be placed in the alms basin during service or mailed to the church office with a check. Checks should be made to Saint John's Episcopal Church with the memo "Easter Flowers." You may also donate online and type Easter Flowers in the notes line. To be recognized, contributions should be made by noon on Friday, April 15.

Donor Name(s): _____

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In Memory Of: _____

In Thanksgiving For: _____



Getting to Know: Elizabeth Osburn

This month in our parish newsletter we have the opportunity to get to know more about Elizabeth Osburn, a member of the newest incoming cohort of the Saint John's Vestry.

Look for her at coffee hour, family events (like the Easter Egg Hunt coming up), or in the nave after worship on Sunday. She is usually in the "giggle section" (the back, left pews), surrounded by her brother's family and many other congregation members with children. We hope you will have fun getting to know the Osburns a bit better via this story.

Q: Did you grow up in the Episcopalian faith tradition?

A: Yes, I grew up in Tulsa and my family attended Trinity Episcopal Church downtown.

Q: When did you join Saint John's Church?

A: My husband, Chris, and I began attending Saint John's when we were first dating. Father Irv Cutter was rector at the time and led us in our pre-marital counseling. We convinced Father Irv to marry us at a unique location: the historic power building in Sand Springs. At the time it was an empty 100-year-old warehouse with exposed brick walls and huge windows. It turned out to be a really beautiful wedding venue.

Q: Where are some other places you have lived?

A: I lived in Washington, D.C., for six years while working on Capitol Hill. Then I moved to San Francisco, California, for about a year before ultimately returning to Tulsa.

Q: Tell us about your family.

A: Chris and I have two daughters: Logan is age six and Reagan is age four. They both attend school at Monte Cassino, so I'm there volunteering as much as my work schedule will allow. Logan and Reagan are at such a fun age right now – they love coming to "big" church and seeing Father David! He's like a celebrity to them.

Q: Do you have any pets? **A:** We have two Australian shepherd pups at home!

Q: Do you have a favorite book or podcast?

A: Yes. My new favorite podcast is "Beyond the To-Do List" with Erik Fisher.



Q: When you and Chris go on a date night, what is your "go to" restaurant? **A:** Our favorite spot is Stonehorse Cafe in Utica Square.

Q: Do you have a favorite spot in the church you gravitate to for reflection? **A:** I like to light a candle in the chapel and pray. It's simple but incredibly meaningful.

Q: Would you share a favorite passage that is of help, comfort, healing, or inspiration to you during these unusual times (or any time)?

A: I have two. There is something so comforting about "the peace of God which transcends all understanding" from Philippians 4:6-7. And also, John's message in 15:13. It is a fundamental lesson in sacrifice and love. The world needs more of this every day.

Q: Is there anything you are interested in sharing about your aspirations for our church and parish family?

A: I love that Saint John's is such a welcoming and sincere community. Each of us should invite someone new to attend church with us this year. It's the best way to keep our community growing!





Communication Corner

In this column, we help our readers stay on top of other events and opportunities happening in the life of the parish. We'll share miscellaneous news, messages, and church business from time to time.

Confirmation Class 2022

Father David is working on details for the 2022 Confirmation and Reaffirmation Class. If you have an interest in a family member attending (or you!), please reach out to Diana in the church office and ask to be placed on the email list for further information.

Evening Prayer Invitation

The Daily Office is offered at 5:30 p.m. in addition to 8:30 a.m. Anytime is the perfect time to join readers and staff for those prayerful opportunities. Check the website or e-news for some offering adjustments during Holy Week.

The Sounds of Saint John's

Saint John's Adult Formation (from Sundays) and Father David's sermons are now available to hear via three online channels.

If you enjoy listening to a homily without the video (Sunday morning sermons are already offered via Facebook) or if you like the convenience of the Sunday Bible lessons while you work, bike, hike or drive – we've got you covered!

Simply download one of the three optional handy apps – Soundcloud, iTunes, or Spotify – on your smart device, select "follow" or "subscribe" to YOUR Saint John's Episcopal Church, and enjoy! You can also access this information on our SJC website. Go to the "Get Connected" tab and select the "Class & Sermon Audio Offerings" page.

Easter Wishes

From the entire staff and Vestry of the church, we wish all our parishioners, friends, neighbors, and vendors a very...



Daughters of the King

Bible Study

Are you interested in learning more about the women of the Bible? Would you like to know more about their continued influence on our lives today? If so, we invite you to join the Daughters on the first Thursday of each month, in the library from 11 a.m.-noon as we continue our discussion led by Father David. (Fellas are welcome, too!)

Statewide Spring Assembly



St. Barbara's Guild

Parish All-Ladies Luncheon





April Birthdays

Whitney Moss
 Laura Burgess
 Janice Chevallier
 David Nierenberg
 Lawson Prather
 Sheryl Smith
 Dena Nowotny
 Aidan Pohl
 Riley Lawson
 Ralph Brown
 Sarah Hesterlee
 Mindy Cox
 Matthew Barlow
 James Turner
 Michael Turner
 David Merifield
 Jane Romine
 Elizabeth Brown
 Pam Diaz
 Pete Eichenberger
 Joe Perdue
 Bill Wheeler
 Jenna Slattery
 Ellie Estes
 Dian Peacock
 Allison Warning
 Jean Medlock
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 Ed Rigney
 Sharon Bell
 Virginia Monk
 Patsy Miller
 Elaine Burkhardt
 Paula Smith
 Kay Young
 Jim Hicks
 Gene Starr



Passings

Mary Mancini

BSA Troop 153 News - Carolyn Davis

Troop 153 Scouts recently enjoyed a chilly weekend at Camp McClintock, a Boy Scout property in the Osage hills west of Bartlesville. Special guest Raymond Red Corn, Assistant Principal Chief of the Osage Nation, visited with them about Osage culture and food. They learned to make some traditional food favorites, including Indian fry bread, corn soup, and grape dumplings. The campers finished the weekend with a trip to Woolaroc Museum on the way home. Those attending earned the Indian Lore merit badge.

Thank you so much to all who attended our Chili Supper. It was a tremendous success with a total of twenty-nine entries! We offer a virtual round of applause for all who made chili, ate chili, and voted for chili. We were happy for the opportunity to bring back this important fundraiser and hope you all enjoyed participating in it as much as we enjoyed coordinating it. We could not have done it without you, our Saint John's family. We are so grateful.

This month we are proud to announce our newest Troop 153 Eagle Scout, Lucas Brown. Congratulations, Lucas!



Brotherhood of St. Andrew - Bob Baker

The Diocese of Oklahoma Men's Retreat at Saint Crispin's is organized by the Brotherhood Chapter at Saint John's. All men are welcome to attend and hear The Reverend Rob Lord whom Father David invited for us. Please add the dates of May 5-7 to your calendar and plan to enjoy a great time of worship, study, and reflection at this beautiful Conference Center near Seminole. For more information about the retreat, or to obtain a registration form, please contact Bob Baker at bobbaker688@gmail.com or (918) 688-7777.

Another Brotherhood initiative for the past few months has been to join Saint John's parishioners on the first Saturday of each month at Iron Gate (in place of our traditional Saturday morning meetings). This has been a wonderful way to fulfill our mission of service. We have enjoyed collaborating with Father David at this feeding ministry.



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Holy Week and the Paschal Triduum

Palm Sunday, April 10

Holy Eucharist (Rite One) at 8 a.m.
Liturgy of the Palms and Holy Eucharist
(Rite Two) at 10 a.m.
Choral Evensong at 5:30 p.m.

Holy Monday, April 11

Stations of the Cross at 7 p.m.

Holy Tuesday, April 12

Stations of the Cross at 7 p.m.

Holy Wednesday, April 13

Music at Midday: Vivaldi's Stabat Mater
at 12 noon
Tenebrae at 7 p.m.

Maundy Thursday, April 14

Maundy Thursday Liturgy at 7 p.m.

Good Friday, April 15

Solemn Three Hours from 12 noon to 3 p.m.
Good Friday Liturgy at 7 p.m.

Holy Saturday, April 16

The Great Vigil of Easter at 7 p.m.

Easter Day, April 17

Holy Eucharist (Rite One) at 7:30 a.m.
Holy Eucharist (Rite Two) at 9 a.m.
Easter Egg Hunt at 10:15 a.m.
Holy Eucharist (Rite One) at 11:15 a.m.
Choral Evensong at 5:30 p.m.