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A Newsletter for Saint John's Episcopal Church Friends & Families

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Greetings, dear ones!

One of the most exciting sights for a rector is watching the calendar fill up with terrific events. Another gratifying sight for a rector is when the staff of the parish take joy in planning those events. When our staff met over the summer to work through the vision for the autumn season of ministry, I was able to enjoy both of those things in earnest.

After Labor Day, there are many weeks of opportunities to celebrate the life of this great parish. Having met many new faces and taught several Bible or theology classes over the past few months, I have had so many warm conversations centered around Jesus, his Gospel, and his continued ministry among us. Since we did not really experience a downturn of attendance over the summer, I suspect that the vibrancy and enthusiasm of our community will only increase as the season continues into fall.

So, as we embark on this fall semester's work of parish ministry, I hope you'll keep these September events in your prayers and, even better, make plans to join us. First, for the weekend of September 9 through 11, a dear friend from my time in youth ministry will join us. Dr. Mark Dwyer is an accomplished church musician and the organist-choirmaster at the Church of the Advent in Boston. He will be with us for music, teaching, and fellowship. He will be bringing his warmth and sense of humor and I know you will enjoy his company! On September 18, we will kick off the season of parish ministry with Rally Day. It will be a great day to connect with your friends and family at Saint John's and perhaps consider a new way to serve the saints at our beloved parish. Bishop Poulson will be with us for much of the morning so I know we'll want to show our Diocesan Shepherd a good time.

Finally, on September 25, we'll invite the many volunteers from all across the ministry here at Saint John's to an appreciation dinner. It takes a lot of faithful work to get our common work done here and I certainly want to extend warm gratitude for the work in our vineyard.

Lots to look forward to, my friends! As we say, see you in church!

Your servant,

The Rev. David Burnsted, Rector



The Evangelist



Senior Warden's Report - Susan Walker

Dear friends, I am so excited for fall and this year's Rally Day to be held on September 18! I can't wait to see everyone there and all of our ministries on display. As we gear up for fall Saint John's activities, I thought you might be interested to learn about some of the many outreach efforts that our church has offered to the community this past year:

Outreach to those experiencing food insecurity – volunteers from Saint John's, including members of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew, serve breakfast monthly at Iron Gate. In addition, Saint John's contributes \$300 per month to the Day Center for the Homeless. After the Day Center cancelled volunteer shifts during Covid, it realized that it could feed its clients more efficiently by being supported with a monthly donation instead of volunteer food and service. The Center asked that we continue to support feeding the homeless through that donation.

Outreach to families in distress – we conducted two supply drives and collected two pickup truck beds of donations this year, one for Emergency Infant Services and a second which delivered household goods for Afghan refugees new to Tulsa.

Outreach as a neighbor – we have established a channel of communication and support with Edison Preparatory School and we coordinated, bought, and served a holiday lunch for teachers and staff during finals, with cookies from Daughters of the King. Our VBS campers hosted a school supply drive. We also hosted a Halloween event open to the neighborhood as well as parishioner friends and families. And Father David blessed lots of happy neighborhood pets at our annual Pet Blessing!

We coordinated a successful blood drive for the Oklahoma Blood Institute, and our level of participation not only contributed the gift of blood donation but also allowed us to receive a check for another area non-profit organization of \$150 as part of the OBI Community Partner program. We selected the Edison Foundation to benefit from the funds for students in need.

Outreach by inviting guests to experience our parish home – the Brotherhood hosted the annual Diocesan Men's Retreat, while the Daughters of the King hosted a statewide meeting here. Our music ministry hosted hundreds of parishioners and guests to hear exquisite music performed to the glory of God. We continued the tradition of hosting the Holland Hall baccalaureate. Our media ministry enabled our parishioners and friends at home or traveling to worship together with us. And, of course, our very busy Scouting program brought young men and their families to our campus all year.

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Outreach on behalf of Episcopal missions and ministries – our communications channels have spread the word for opportunities to support scholarships for summer camp at St. Crispin's and funding and supplies for children of prisoners to attend summer camp at Camp New Hope. We also spread the word to encourage support of St. Simeon's Western Days.

The Brotherhood of St. Andrew's annual golf tournament provides a day of fun for the golfers and raises generous donations for the South Tulsa Community House, Clarehouse, New Hope, and Scout Troop 153. And let us remember our Prayers and Squares ministry, that sews quilts for comfort and healing to many Saint John's friends and family members.

This list is not exhaustive, and I know there are many other efforts out there, both known and anonymous. If there is a volunteer activity that you would like to organize and coordinate, please reach out to Father David or me.



Treasurer's Report - Bill Chevaillier

Saint John's Episcopal Church was constructed in 1957 to serve over four hundred families in the active and growing Episcopal community of Tulsa. The presence of Saint John's has been a comfort to parishioners for sixty-five years. In our ever-changing world, we long for some things to remain stable and consistent. Happily, this has not changed, despite the uncertain times in which we currently find ourselves. Our church stands as a vital reminder of God's promise and presence in our lives.

You need only to reflect upon your own experiences over the past couple of years to see that there is much in life that is uncertain, but not so our church! Saint John's Church endures, even thrives, despite unpredictability around us. We can count on its continued presence in our lives and for this we are profoundly grateful.

As we move from summer into autumn, we begin to look closely at how we can express our gratitude for Saint John's through our stewardship. Our church's position as a bastion of love, a haven of peace, a safe place for spiritual enrichment, and a launchpad for God's mission cannot be taken for granted. To fulfill these roles, the church's financial health is essential; and autumn is when we take this into account. (Continued on page 7.)

Giving Made Easy by Smartphone

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



Music News - Joseph arnet

Mark Dwyer to Visit Saint John's

In September we will welcome Dr. Mark Dwyer to Saint John's. Dwyer, one of the most respected musicians in The Episcopal Church, is organist/choirmaster at Church of the Advent in Boston. For many years he has coordinated music for Saint Michael's Conference for young adults. During his visit with us, Dr. Dwyer will work with our choirs and perform an organ recital. A graduate of the New England Conservatory, he received an honorary doctorate from Nashotah House.

- Wednesday, Sept. 7, Dwyer rehearses with our adult and children's choirs.
- Friday, Sept. 9 at 7 p.m., he presents an organ recital.
- Sunday, Sept. 11 at 9 a.m., Dwyer discusses "Hymns: the Good, the Bad, and the Ugly."
- Also Sept. 11, he conducts the Parish Choir during the 10 a.m. Holy Eucharist service.
- At 5:30 p.m. on Sept. 11, Dwyer conducts the Chamber Choir during Choral Evensong.

Choral Evensong

Choral Evensong continues on Sundays at 5:30 p.m. with the Chamber Choir. This fall we'll regularly offer evening canticle settings of English composer Herbert Howells (1892-1983). His complete evening canticles will be offered in 2023.

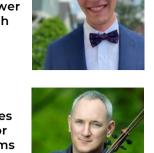


Requiem by Maurice Duruflé

Save the date for the All Souls' Day liturgy to be offered on Wednesday, Nov. 2 at 7 p.m.

Music at Midday Season Eight

The new season of Music at Midday begins on September 7 and will feature the Violin Sonata by César Franck (lower right). Saint John's organ scholar Noah Smith (top right) will be joined by Andrew Irvin (center right), concertmaster of the Arkansas Symphony Orchestra.



These free recitals will are offered on Wednesdays at 12 noon. Boxed lunches from Lambrusco'z may be reserved for \$10 each by contacting Amanda Storms in the office. Boxed lunch orders must be received by noon on the Monday preceding the concert you wish to attend. (Boxed lunch menu options on page 4.)



Franck Bicentennial

This fall I will be performing music of César Franck (1822-1890) in honor of his bicentennial year in several cities across the country as a part of my sabbatical project. Adam Pajan and I will be splitting marathon performances of Franck's complete organ works in a tour that concludes at Saint John's!



The first two concerts will be at Saint Martin's Episcopal Church in Houston, Texas, on Friday, September 23, as well as at Broadway Baptist Church in Fort Worth, Texas, on Friday, September 30. Dates and locations of our additional four recitals can be found in the August Evangelist or on the music page of the church website. Many of these performances will be livestreamed!

Handel's Messiah Returns!

Handel's Messiah will be back this December! Tickets for admission will be \$30 per person and more information on how to purchase your seat(s) will be announced this month. Our own Dr. Zachary Malavolti will conduct the Saint John's Parish Choir and a baroque orchestra. Performance times are Friday, December 2 at 7 p.m. and on Saturday, December 3 at 3 p.m. The doors open for seating thirty minutes ahead of each performance. Tickets will go quickly, so please plan accordingly.

Ticket purchases make it possible for our music program to provide complimentary tickets to college and conservatory music students through their faculty. If you would like more information about the music offerings of Saint John's, please visit sjtulsa.org and select the music tab or visit with a member of our music staff. Thank you to members of our Saint John's Music Society for their annual support. To learn more about the Music Society, please speak to me, Joseph Arndt.





Music at Midday Boxed Lunch Options (Continued from page 3.)

Boxed lunches to eat after the Wednesday recitals will be from Lambrusco'z Deli. Recital guests may reserve a lunch for \$10. Please pay in advance, or bring your check or cash to the Common Room when picking up the box. The lunch includes a sandwich, chips, cookie, and a mint. Preorder choices of sandwiches are:

- 1. Honey Maple Turkey & Provolone honey maple turkey, provolone, honey mustard, lettuce, tomato, wheat bread
- 2. Ham & Cheddar black forest ham, cheddar, lettuce, tomato, dill pickles, onion, mayo, dijon mustard,wheat bread.
- 3. Roast Beef & Swiss roast beef, swiss, lettuce, tomato, onion, horseradish mayo, white bread.
- 4. Entrée Salad Sandwich choice of dill chicken salad, deviled egg salad, or albacore tuna salad, with mayo, lettuce, wheat bread.
- 5. Impossible Burger a grilled vegan burger with lettuce, yellow mustard, vegan bun.

Children's & Family News - Josh Corsaro

Children's Chapel

Children's Chapel resumed last month, and we are excited to continue with lessons from the Storymakers curriculum. This curriculum follows Bible stories and fosters our children's ability to draw it into their lives. If your kids want to participate, encourage them to follow the acolyte (called the "crucifer") down the aisle during the Sequence Hymn in the 10 a.m. service. The group will meet in the Common Room for this lesson time (about twenty minutes). They return to the Nave at about the time of the Rector's announcements.

Charicter

Choristers (our children's choir) will resume in September, meeting Wednesday nights at 5:30 p.m. (start date TBA). Your young family member is invited to join! These singers will have the opportunity to participate in several performances throughout the fall. This fun music program is designed for children in first grade and older. To sign up, email jarndt@sjtulsa.org or jcorsaro@sjtulsa.org. The Choristers' first performance will be with our Parish Choir during a service in mid-fall. You won't want to miss it!



Trekker Treat

October's around the corner and that means Trekker Treat time. Planned by the Tuesday Trekkers walking group, our church will host our second annual trick-or-treat tailgate party for kids and adults. Watch for the date and details soon. Adults who want to tailgate: plan to arrive a bit early, park in the north lot, and decorate your trunks. Also, bring your treats and wear your best Halloween threads! Not able to do the full "tailgate" thing? No worries. Children and their parents from the parish, their friends, and neighbors are all invited to this festive afternoon/evening of showing off their cool costumes and visit all the trunks for yummy treats.

Adult Formation, Outreach, and Event News - Josh Corsard

What's He Doing Up There?

Ever wondered why priests do very specific things at the altar? In this Sunday formation class, Father David goes over what he does during the Eucharist and all the other elements around the altar that heighten the experience. Join this learning opportunity any Sunday at 9 a.m. in the Common Room.

The Gospel of Luke

Are you curious about the Gospels? If so, join your Saint John's friends on any Wednesday evening at 6:30 p.m. in the Common Room for a class on the Gospel of Luke. This is a great time to bring a friend! We go chapter by chapter, analyzing the story and all we can learn from it.

Iron Gate Outreach

Our Saint John's Iron Gate team meets the first Saturday of every month. The mission of Iron Gate (located at 501 W. Archer St.) is to feed the homeless and hungry. Volunteers help ensure this happens, and to that end, the agency needs volunteers. The agency requires that volunteers arrive at 8:30 a.m. and stay until 10:30 a.m. After the Saint John's team completes their shift, volunteers are welcome to join Father David and myself at Hurts Donuts (111 S. Detroit Ave.). If you have questions or want to sign up to be a part of this outreach and fellowship time, please email me at jcorsaro@sjtulsa.org. The agency requires volunteers to sign up in advance on their website.



Young Adult's (YA) Brunch

Our YA Brunch returns this month! We meet on the last Sunday of each month (though this may be adjusted on months with a major holiday). All young (or young-ish) adults are encouraged to join us, and if you have kids they're welcome too. Each month we'll announce the brunch location in the church bulletin, e-news, and Rector's announcements. If you'ld like to come, please email jarndt@sjtulsa.org or myself at jcorsaro@sjtulsa.org.

Tuesday Trekkers

Tuesday Trekkers will resume hiking our hilly neighborhood streets on September 20! We will meet on the labyrinth at 5:30 p.m. and proceed to walk two miles around the neighborhood at 5:35 p.m. We conclude by 6:35 p.m., so getting home to share supper with the family is something you can plan on. Walkers of all speeds are welcome.

Groups, Guilds, and Ministries

Announcing Our New Hospitality Team

What is the Hospitality Team and what is the group's purpose? This new group of volunteer planners will design, communicate, and execute what hospitality looks like at Saint John's Church.

We all love the snacks and refreshments after services on Sunday and special events. Sharing a bite and a chat after worship or performances is a beautiful expression of Christian fellowship and outreach. The Nibbles and Bites Ministry, and all the guilds and groups who brought Sunday treats, did an amazing job over the last two years as we returned to services after the pandemic.

What we have witnessed, over the last few months, is growth (a very good thing!). We thank the Nibbles and Bites Ministry participants for all they have done to provide weekly snacks on Sunday mornings. We appreciate all their efforts!

As we move forward and as Saint John's continues to grow (as we want it to), we pose the question, "How do we want to provide this hospitality?" A newly organized Hospitality Team is our strategy.

Who might be a member of the Hospitality Team? Anyone who enjoys and has a passion for the spirit and fun of providing hospitality and a welcoming atmosphere at Saint John's. Wondering if you are a fit? Ask yourself these questions...

Do you get excited about planning a dinner party, casual cookout, birthday party, or celebration? Do you like to be a part of the action? Do you like to be creative and have fun? Then, you should join the Hospitality Team!

Want to learn more or join the team? Please contact me, Kathleen Moss. I can be reached by text or phone call at (918) 633-8881 or via email at kathleen.moss@me.com.

- Kathleen Moss

St. Barbara's Guild

Our church's chapter of the St. Barbara's Guild is a group of women who enjoy fellowship and Bible study. A few additional visible things we do include hosting a Spring Women's Luncheon at Saint John's for the women of the church and their friends, as well as coordinating receptions, especially following a funeral or remembrance service.

We meet the third Thursday of the month at 11 a.m. in Fox Library. Each member brings a sack lunch and their Bible. Beverages of water and coffee are provided. Our next meeting will be on Thursday, September 15 at 11 a.m. We will continue our study of the Book of Genesis with Father David.

Anyone is welcome to join us! If you are interested in learning more about St. Barbara's Guild please contact me, Kathleen Moss by text or phone call at (918) 633-8881 or email at kathleen.moss@me.com.



Prayer Quilt Outreach

Our who – Saint John's prayer quilt ministry, Prayers and Squares, is part of a powerful ministry outreach program that reaches around the whole country. We have hand-delivered and mailed quilts far and wide. We invite you to employ this powerful tool!

Our who – a prayer quilt recipient does not have to be a parishioner at Saint John's or affiliated with any religious establishment. Our ministry has sent many quilts to our friends in the Jewish community, to soldiers abroad, and to non-affiliated people.

Our how – if you know someone in crisis (physical or emotional), ask them if they would like to have a prayer quilt. You can explain that the quilt is blessed and that each knot represents a prayer said for them. We often say, "It's not about the quilt, it's all about the prayers." Additionally, ask the person who will receive the quilt what they want us to pray for as we tie the knots. Then call the church with the request. Diana Carter in the church office will direct you to one of our quilters who will take information and prepare a quilt to be blessed.

To all who sew with us, provide resources to our ministry, and tie prayer knots...thank you! These quilts are a visible sign of God's grace and love.



Daughters of the King

The Order of Daughters of the King (DOK) took a break this summer from meetings with all members, but we continued to pray individually for all who were on the DOK and the church prayer list. Do you have a prayer request? If so, place it in the DOK prayer box located on the table at the base of the Bell Tower near the stairs to the staff offices.

New officers of our order, Sharon Bell (president-elect) and Lynn Kimmel (secretary-elect), will be installed at our September meeting. In August, our current officers met with the new officers to ensure a smooth transition.

Be sure to visit our booth during Rally Day! We look forward to talking with you.

- Janice Engel

Lay Eucharistic Ministers

First of all, I want to say thank you to everyone who volunteers in this service. Lay Eucharist ministers (LEMs) are the members who serve the communion cup and/or read the lessons for our Sunday and Wednesday services. Our ministry's service is a very important contribution to Saint John's worship.

Have you ever thought about becoming a LEM? I know what we do during services can look a little intimidating, but I promise you that it is very meaningful, and God will give you the strength to do it if you want to! Please email me, Lynn Kimmel, at lynnkimmel71@gmail.com, or contact Diana Carter in the office, if you have any questions or are interested in learning how to participate.



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.

Evening Prayer Invitation

The Daily Office is offered at 5:30 p.m. in addition to 8:30 a.m. Any time is the perfect time to join readers and staff for those prayerful opportunities. (Note: these prayer times may not be offered on dates the church office is closed.)

The Sounds of Saint John's

Saint John's Adult Formation (from Sundays) and Father David's sermons are available on three audio channels. If you want to re-listen to a homily or if you like the convenience of listening to Sunday Bible lessons while you work, walk, or drive – we've got you covered!

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.

Important Dates to Note...

September 7-11 - Dr. Mark Dwyer is in the house!

September 13 - Saint Simeon's Foundation Western Days

September 14 - Holy Eucharist with Hymns

September 17 - All Ministries/Groups Set Up Rally Tables

September 18 - Rally Day

September 18 - Bishop's Visit and Confirmation

September 20 - Tuesday Trekkers Resume (weekly on Tuesdays)

September 24 - Brotherhood Golf Classic

September 25 - Young Adults Brunch

September 25 - Volunteer Appreciation Night

October 2 - Saint Michael's Sunday (a moved feast day)

October 2 - Annual Stewardship Season Begins

October 9 - Nifty Nineties Birthday High Tea

October 16 - Saint John's Beer & Brats Night

November 2 - Noon and Evening Requiem

November 6 - Daylight Savings Time Change

November 6 - All Saints Sunday and In-Gathering Sunday

November 11 - Veteran's Recognition

Seen & Heard: September Waffle Day





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Birthdays

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Vestry News

Do you have questions about the business or outreach of Saint John's Church? Do you feel called to lead a project or join a committee? Do you want to get "plugged in" and volunteer? If so, the Vestry encourages you to contact Father David or a Vestry member. The church benefits and grows from the gifts of everyone's talents and time! The Vestry meets on the fourth Tuesday of each month (with a few exceptions near the holidays).

THE VESTRY OF SAINT JOHN'S Senior Warden Susan Walker Junior Warden Marc McCaw Clerk Hillary Cinocca Bill Chevaillier Jeff Baum Chancellor Chris Barber Elizabeth Osburn Nick Bradford Jace Pavlik Peggy Schroedter Susan Lyons **Bard Moss Trent Shores Charlie Nutter** Kristine Taylor Imona Omole **Barrett Waller**

Treasurer's Report (Continued from page 2.)

One of the ways that we show our gratitude for this parish is by pledging our financial support of the church. Our annual stewardship campaign is the opportunity we have once a year to ensure that the financial health of Saint John's will enable us to continue to be Christ's body in the world.

It is my hope that this fall you will join me in being generous to God and God's mission in the world by being generous to God's church. If this spirit of gratitude inspires our giving, I've no doubt that every individual and every family will undergo a meaningful, thoughtful, and prayerful consideration in determining what their annual contribution to Saint John's should be, and value how these contributions will help in the church's strong financial health and important ministries.

Our annual campaign will kick off in October. Let me know if you have any questions about annual pledging, legacy giving, or end-of-year gifts.

BSA Troop 153 News - Carolyn Davis

It is hard to believe, but summer is over and school has resumed again for our Scouts! As they say, time flies when you're having fun, and the young men of Troop 153 and our Venture Crew have definitely been testing that theory this summer.

We recently celebrated Christmas in July with a festive holiday party including gift wrapping, tree trimming, cookie decorating, and "not hot" chocolate. It seems a new tradition may have been born. We've also enjoyed rounds of virtual Jeopardy, card games, and somehow managed to fit a little advancement in too.

Troop 153 Philmont Scout Ranch 2022 trek was a success with eight scouts and three adults attending. Miles were hiked, mountains were climbed, and memories were made. We finished out a full summer of camp, high adventure treks, and leadership trainings with three scouts and one adult attending National Order of the Arrow Conference in Knoxville, Tennessee, with the Indian Nations Council contingent. They had a wonderful week of fun, learning, friendship, and patch trading!

With the new school year comes a new Troop 153 Senior Patrol Leader. Ethan Wood will assume our Troop's highest Scout leadership position. It is a big job but there's no doubt Ethan will make us proud.









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