

March 2015

Take Note

- Daylight Savings Time begins Sunday, March 8. Remember to Spring forward!
- The 44th Annual Lenten Lunch Speaker Series with Holy Eucharist, Wednesdays at noon through Lent.
- Quiet Day, Saturday, March 21, from 9 am to noon in St. John's library.
- Clean-up Day, Saturday, March 28, 9:00 a.m.
- Holy Week begins on Palm Sunday, March 29, with Holy Eucharist at 8:00 and 10:30 a.m.

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Rector's Journal: SELF Denial

It has become somewhat of a cliché to talk about the season of Lent in terms of what one "gives up" for Lent. Chocolate. Television. Meat. Caffeine. All these, and more, are the usual suspects of things we attempt to deny ourselves for Lent, and in the process, we pray, grow closer and deeper in our walk with God. Yet, it is the rare occurrence that you can find someone who will tell you exactly how it was that giving up whatever they gave up for Lent caused their spiritual growth or made any significant difference in their faith life. So what does it really mean to deny oneself?

Self-denial is more than the denial of certain pleasures and temptations during Lent. Self-denial is...

+ DENIAL of the falsehood that SELF is the most important thing. Reject all human attempts at superiority over one another.

+ An intentional embracing of community as the ultimate good, the fullness of a life lived in God and for God in Christ.

"If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me." (Mark 8:34)

The cross is, for us as Christians, the ultimate expression of what self-denial ultimately is. It is the image of Christ, *"who came not to be served but to serve, to give his life as a ransom for many."* (Mark 10:45) The cross which appears to be an image, at first glance, of the sacrifice and suffering of a single individual, our Lord Jesus Christ, in fact turns out to be an image, an example and model, of what the whole church, the community, THE BODY, looks like when it puts DENIAL OF SELF at the center of its life and ministry.

Ask yourself this: All its faults and "notorious sins," both in the present and in the past, notwithstanding, what would the world be like without the presence of the church, the body of Christ, followers of Jesus striving to emulate the model of self-denial given us by Jesus on the cross? If you believe the world would be far worse off without the body's presence, then you've found the reason why we do what we do during Lent.

"Those who wish to focus on the Christian ethic are faced with an outrageous demand -- from the outset they must give up, as inappropriate to this topic, the very two questions that led them to deal with the problem: 'How can I be good?' 'How can I do something good?' Instead they must ask the wholly other, completely different question: 'What is the will of God?'" - Dietrich Bonhoeffer

Blessings and Peace,

Fr. Earl Mahan



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Don't forget to set your clocks ahead one hour on Saturday night, and Spring Forward!



Curate's Report

by the Rev. Dr. J. Ted Blakley



Get Thee to a Wilderness: The Purpose and Promise of Lent

On the first Sunday of Lent, I shared the better part of a sermon by Barbara Brown Taylor, entitled "Lenten Discipline." Over the first two weeks of Lent, I have continued to return to Taylor's thoughts as I seek, not only to maintain my Lenten discipline, but to keep before me the purpose and promise of Lent.

OUTWARD BOUND FOR THE SOUL

As Taylor notes, the word *lent* comes from *lenten*, an old English word for spring, and so Lent is "an invitation to springtime for the soul. Forty days to cleanse the system and open the eyes to what remains when all comfort is gone. Forty days to remember what it is like to live by the grace of God alone, and not by what we can supply for ourselves." Taylor continues:

I think of it as an Outward Bound for the soul. No one has to sign up for it, but if you do, then you give up the illusion that you are in control of your life. You place yourself in the hands of strangers who ask you to do foolhardy things, like walk backwards over a precipice with nothing but a rope around your waist, or climb a sheer rock face with your fingers and toes. But none of these is the real test, because while you are doing them you have plenty of people around and lunch in a cooler.

The real test comes when you go "solo." The strangers put you out all by yourself in the middle of nowhere and wish you luck for the next twenty-four hours. That is when you find out who you are. That is when you find out what you really miss and what you really fear. Some people dream about their favorite food. Some long for a safe room with a door to lock and others just wish they had a pillow, but they all find out what their pacifiers are—the habits, substances, or surroundings they use to comfort themselves, to block out the pain and fear that are normal parts of being human.

Without those things they are suddenly exposed, like someone addicted to painkillers whose prescription has just run out. It is hard. It is awful. It is necessary, to encounter the world without anesthesia, to find out what life is like with no comfort but God. I am convinced that ninety-nine percent of us are addicted to something, whether it is eating, shopping, blaming, or taking care of other people. The simplest definition of an addiction is anything we use to fill the empty place inside of us that belongs to God alone.

That hollowness we sometimes feel is not a sign of something gone wrong. It is the holy of holies inside of us, the uncluttered throne room of the Lord our God. Nothing on earth can fill it, but that does not stop us from trying. Whenever we start feeling too empty inside, we stick our pacifiers into our mouths and suck for all we are worth. They do not nourish us, but at least they plug the hole.

To enter the wilderness is to leave [our pacifiers] behind, and nothing is too small to give up. Even a chocolate bar will do. For forty days, simply pay attention to how often your mind travels in that direction. Ask yourself why it happens when it happens. What is going on when you start craving a Mars bar? Are you hungry? Well, what is wrong with being hungry? Are you lonely? What is so bad about being alone? Try sitting with the feeling instead of fixing it and see what you find out.

Chances are you will hear a voice in your head that keeps warning you what will happen if you give up your pacifier, 'You'll starve. You'll go nuts. You won't be you anymore.' If that does not work, the voice will move to level two: 'That's not a pacifier. That's a power tool. Can't you tell the difference?' If you do not fall for that one, there is always level three: 'If God really loves you, you can do whatever you want. Why waste your time on this dumb exercise?'

If you do not know whom that voice belongs to, [remember who it was that Jesus met during his forty days in the wilderness.] Then tell the devil to get lost and decide what you will do for Lent."

(From Barbara Brown Taylor, *Home By Another Way*, (Cambridge: Cowley, 1999), pp. 65–68.)

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GET THEE TO A WILDERNESS

Well that is essentially where Taylor's sermon ends and our work begins. So what *are* you going to do for Lent? What are you going to give up? What are you going to take on? It doesn't need to be much, but it needs to be something. (Yes, by now we are nearly three weeks into Lent, but it is never too late to start).

A good place to begin is to ask yourself, "What are my pacifiers? What do I do on a daily basis that only serves to keep me distracted and insulated from the pain and futility of life?" These are important questions because, as Brené Brown has taught us, "You cannot selectively numb emotion." That is, you cannot numb grief or sorrow without also numbing joy. When we are afraid, we may consciously or unconsciously seek ways to numb our fear and anxiety, but in so doing we will also numb our faith and hope.

So when we are feeling a bit depressed or lonely or overwhelmed, we grab a double-cheese burger at McDonald's, or we pick up a peppermint latte from Starbucks. At best, these only provide temporary relief. When the sadness returns (and it will), we head back for another fix, and it just becomes a vicious cycle. Because at the end of the day, you can't get enough of what you don't need.

So the Season of Lent gives us a wonderful opportunity to do a bit of spring cleaning, to let go of some of the clutter in our soul. So, today, decide what you are going to do for Lent. Perhaps you will give up fast food, or staying up late, or listening to the radio in the car. Perhaps you will put God first by giving God the first five minutes of your day, the first five minutes of your lunch, and the first five minutes of your evening. Again, you need not do much, but you need to do something, and you need to do it with intention. It may hard, it may awful, but it is necessary.


And so for the next forty days and forty nights, I invite you to take a vacation, but pack lightly. Leave one of your pacifiers behind, and get thee to a wilderness. And know this, when you arrive, you *will* encounter the devil and the wild beasts, but you will not be on your own. The Holy Spirit will guide you and strengthen you, and angels will attend to you. Some of those angels will be heavenly, and some of them are the people sitting in the pews right next to you.

Blessings,




The Rev. Andrew O'Connor (left), who was guest speaker for the March 4th Lenten Luncheon service, shown with Rev. Ted Blakley and Rev. Earl Mahan.

Lenten Quiet Day
 Saturday, March 21, 2015
 9:00 am to 12 noon in the Library



WATCH THE VIDEO | WRITE YOUR ANSWER | SHARE #SSJETIME

Stop. Pray. Work. Play. Love.
 The Society of St. John the Evangelist is again offering a series of daily video reflections through Lent. Go to www.SSJE.org/time and sign up to receive daily emails which include a brief meditation and a link to the video.

St. John's Episcopal Church
2015 Lenten Luncheon and Speaker Series
 February 25—March 25, 2015

Join us at St. John's on Wednesdays at Noon in Lent
 for Holy Eucharist with our guest speakers.

Lunch will be available in the library following the service. A \$5 donation is requested.
 Speakers will continue an informal conversation with a question-and-answer time after lunch.

Speakers for the 44th Annual Lenten Luncheon Series:

- February 25** **The Reverend Dr. Mary J. Korte, Rector,**
 St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, Wichita, Kansas
- March 04** **The Reverend Andrew O'Connor, Rector,**
 Good Shepherd Episcopal Church, Wichita, Kansas
- March 11** **The Reverend C. Earl Mahan, Rector,**
 St. John's Episcopal Church, Wichita, Kansas
- March 18** **The Reverend Dawn Frankfurt, Rector,**
 St. James' Episcopal Church, Wichita, Kansas
- March 25** **The Very Reverend Tom Wilson, Rector,**
 St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, Derby, Kansas



The Reverend Dr.
 Mary J. Korte



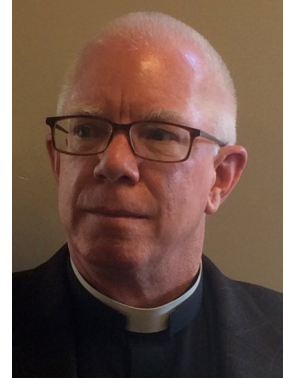
The Reverend
 Andrew O'Connor



The Reverend
 C. Earl Mahan



The Reverend
 Dawn Frankfurt



The Very Reverend
 Tom Wilson



Sunday, March 29
 9:00 to 10:15 a.m.
 in the Library

Donations welcome—Come Hungry!!
 (Acolytes practice at 9:30 a.m.)

All Hands On Deck!
All-Church Clean-up Day
Saturday, March 28, 9:00 am

Cleaning projects throughout the church,
 inside and out (weather permitting), under
 the direction of Jr. Warden Mike McFerren. With Oiling of
 the Rosewood (directed by Altar Guild) and Palm Cross
 Making after lunch. Soup Luncheon at 11:30 a.m. for all
 participants. Come join us—many hands make light work!



St. John's Holy Week and Easter

Palm Sunday, March 29—Easter Day, April 5

<p><i>Palm Sunday</i> <i>Holy Eucharist</i> <i>March 29</i> Rite I 8:00 a.m. Rite II 10:30 a.m.</p>	<p>The traditional blessing of the palms begins each service on this day. <i>The Liturgy of the Palms</i> recounts the events of all of Holy Week, from Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem, where "they paved his way with palm branches" through his crucifixion at Calvary. The tone of the service this day gradually moves from its beginning of great celebration to its ending of somber contemplation.</p>
<p><i>Monday, Tuesday</i> <i>and Wednesday</i> <i>March 30-31, April 1</i> 6:00 p.m.</p>	<p>A Service of <i>Evening Prayer</i> Rite II is conducted in the Chancel. On Wednesday, Father Earl and Father Ted will be available to hear the <i>Confession of the Penitent</i> from 3:30 – 5:00 p.m. in the Chapel, or at other times by appointment.</p>
<p><i>Maundy Thursday</i> <i>April 2</i> 6:00 p.m.</p>	<p>This day is the beginning of what the church calls the <i>Triduum Sacrum</i> (the sacred three days of Holy Week: Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday). The <i>Maundy Thursday Service</i> includes a ritual of foot-washing, the dramatic stripping of the altar with growing darkness, and the Holy Eucharist with consecration of sufficient Sacrament to reserve for Good Friday.</p> <p>The all-night <i>Prayer Vigil</i> begins following the Maundy Thursday service and ends at noon on Good Friday. People are asked to keep candle-light vigil for one hour during that time period, either at the Church or in their home. The sign-up sheet is located on the bulletin board outside the Sacristy. More than one person may sign up for the same hour. Security will be on site at the Church.</p>
<p><i>Good Friday</i> <i>April 3</i> 12:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m.</p>	<p>At noon, we will move through the <i>Stations of the Cross</i>. This devotional practice is based on the time Jesus carried the cross through the streets of Jerusalem to the place of crucifixion.</p> <p>The <i>Proper Liturgy for Good Friday</i> is celebrated at 6:00 p.m. Holy Communion is offered from Reserved Sacrament.</p>
<p><i>Holy Saturday:</i> <i>April 4</i> 8:00 p.m.</p> <p>The Great Vigil and First Eucharist of Easter</p>	<p>The <i>Great Vigil of Easter</i> is one of the Church's most ancient liturgies. We begin in the dark, as Christ is still in the grave, and as we wait for Christ's rising, we hear lessons and sing hymns recalling God's saving deeds in history. The Service of Light begins with the kindling of fire, the lighting of candles and the procession of the Pascal Candle to its stand. With the church restored to full light, we proclaim the Easter acclamation, "<i>Christ is risen! The Lord is risen indeed!</i>" The Vigil then transitions to the First Easter Eucharist.</p>
<p><i>Easter Sunday</i> <i>Holy Eucharist</i> <i>April 5</i> Rite I 8:00 a.m. Rite II 10:30 a.m.</p>	<p>The 8:00 a.m. <i>Easter Sunday Rite I Holy Eucharist</i> is a spoken service in traditional language.</p> <p><i>Parish Family Breakfast</i> is served in the Library from 9:00 a.m. until 10:00 a.m.</p> <p>The 10:30 a.m. <i>Easter Sunday Festive Rite II Holy Eucharist</i> includes music, with choir and organ.</p>

March Birthdays

01	Clinton Orr
04	Ava Maccarone
06	Tom Pott
06	Mary Ellen Settle
09	Cathy Harris
14	Adam Roush
14	Grant Davidson
14	Jacob Marr
16	Mitchell Hadley
17	Cole Davidson
18	Jayne Miller
21	Kaylen Mueller
23	Nancy Dietrich
26	Adrian Cook
28	Armaine Monk
30	Mapuii
30	Peggy Flynn

March Wedding Anniversaries

23	Phil and RaNee Chronister
30	Tom & Katie Pott

Baptismal Anniversaries

01	Kent Kindsvatter
05	Nikki Mueller
10	Ava Maccarone
15	Edwin Smith
23	Mary Ellen Settle
25	Michael May
29	Ken Breeden
29	Leslie Dunlap
31	Michael Deardorff

**ALTAR FLOWER DEDICATIONS**

There will not be Flowers in the niches through Lent. Dedications may be made to the Altar Flower Fund in memory of your loved ones, or in thanksgiving for your blessings. A minimum donation of \$25 is requested. Sign-up in the notebook on the back table of the church, or call the parish office at 262-0897.

3/01/2015 Lent 2	Memorial Fund	In memory of Maude Davis
3/8/2015 Lent 3	Racine Zackula Mike and Shirley Morrow	In thanksgiving on the anniversary of her confirmation at St. John's For Shirley's birthday, and in loving memory of their mother Miriam Shirley Morrow and grandmother Grace Shirley
3/15/15 Lent 4		
3/22/2015 Lent 5	Phil Dietrich	For his wife Nancy's birthday and great-granddaughter Juliyana's birthday
3/29/2015 Palm Sunday	Tom & Katie Pott	In thanksgiving of their anniversary

Dedicate Easter Lilies in Memory or Thanksgiving

Sign up now to dedicate an Easter lily in thanksgiving for blessings or in memory of your loved ones. Lilies are purchased to decorate the church from Holy Saturday through Easter Sunday. Sign-up sheets are on bulletin boards in the Parlor and near the Sacristy (please print clearly). **Sign up by Palm Sunday, March 29**, for your dedication to be listed in bulletins for The Great Vigil and Easter Sunday, and the May *Parish Visitor* newsletter. A donation of \$20 is requested for each dedication, which will be listed on your Record of Giving. Make checks payable to St. John's, and add "Easter lily" to the memo line. Contact Cathy Harris (262-0897) if you have questions.





Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Second Sunday of Lent 8:00 AM Rite I Eucharist 9:00 AM Choir Rehearsal 9:00 AM Coffee & Conversation in the Parlor 9:15 AM Adult Bible Study 10:20 AM Children's Sunday School 10:30 AM Rite II Eucharist with Baptism 11:45 AM Coffee & Conversation in the Parlor 11:45 AM New Acolyte Training & Lunch	2 Daughters of the King in the Library	3 5:45 PM EFM- Education For Ministry Class 4:00 PM Staff Meeting 6:00 PM Campus Ministry at St. Stephen's	4 12:00 PM Lenten Luncheon with Holy Eucharist; preacher, The Rev. Andrew O'Connor; lunch follows in library 5:30 PM Evening Prayer 6:15 PM Praying the Scriptures	5	6	7 11:00 AM Sandwich Ministry/ Hope Mennonite Church
8 Third Sunday of Lent 8:00 AM Rite I Eucharist 9:00 AM Choir Rehearsal 9:00 AM Coffee & Conversation in the Parlor 9:15 AM Adult Bible Study 10:20 AM Children's Sunday School 10:30 AM Rite II Eucharist 11:45 AM Coffee & Conversation in the Parlor	9 Daughters of the King in the Library	10 5:45 PM EFM- Education For Ministry Class 4:00 PM Staff Meeting 6:00 PM Campus Ministry at St. Stephen's	11 12:00 PM Lenten Luncheon with Holy Eucharist; preacher, The Rev. C. Earl Mahan; lunch follows in library 5:30 PM Evening Prayer 6:15 PM Praying the Scriptures	12 6:00 PM Outreach Meeting in the Parlor	13	14 11:00 AM Sandwich Ministry/ Ellington—Kilgore Families
15 Fourth Sunday of Lent—THIRD SUNDAY FOR DOORSTEP 8:00 AM Rite I Eucharist 9:00 AM Choir Rehearsal 9:00 AM Coffee & Conversation in the Parlor 9:15 AM Adult Bible Study 10:20 AM Children's Sunday School 10:30 AM Rite II Eucharist 11:45 AM Coffee & Conversation in the Parlor	16	17 5:45 PM EFM- Education For Ministry Class 4:00 PM Staff Meeting 6:00 PM Campus Ministry at St. Stephen's	18 12:00 PM Lenten Luncheon with Holy Eucharist; preacher, The Rev. Dawn Frankfurt; lunch follows in library 5:30 PM Evening Prayer 6:15 PM Praying the Scriptures	19 5:00 PM Finance Meeting in the library 6:00 PM Vestry Meeting in library	20 9:00 AM-6:00 PM Spring Break Fun Day for Teens	21 9:00 AM—12 PM Lenten Quiet Day led by Fr. Ted Blakley 11:00 AM Sandwich Ministry/ Pathway Church
22 Fifth Sunday of Lent 8:00 AM Rite I Eucharist 9:00 AM Choir Rehearsal 9:00 AM Coffee & Conversation in the Parlor 9:15 AM Adult Bible Study 10:20 AM Children's Sunday School 10:30 AM Rite II Eucharist 11:45 AM Coffee & Conversation in the Parlor 11:45 AM Teen Ministry Meeting & Lunch	23	24 5:45 PM EFM- Education For Ministry Class 4:00 PM Staff Meeting 6:00 PM Campus Ministry at St. Stephen's	25 12:00 PM Lenten Luncheon with Holy Eucharist; preacher, The Very Rev. Tom Wilson; lunch follows in library 5:30 PM Evening Prayer 6:15 PM Praying the Scriptures	26	27	28 9:00 AM All-Church Clean-up Day w/Oiling the Rosewood (Altar Guild) and Palm Cross making. Soup lunch at 11:30 a.m. for participants. 11:00 AM Sandwich Ministry/ Lutheran Synod
29 The Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday 8:00 AM Rite I Eucharist 9:00 AM Choir Rehearsal 9:00 AM Parish Breakfast in the library 9:15 AM Adult Bible Study 9:30 AM Acolyte & servers practice 10:20 AM Children's Sunday School 10:30 AM Rite II Eucharist 11:45 AM Coffee & Conversation in the Parlor	30 Monday in Holy Week 6:00 PM Evening Prayer	31 Tuesday in Holy Week 6:00 PM Evening Prayer	1 Wednesday in Holy Week 3:30-5:00 PM Confession of the Penitent, in the Chapel or by appointment 6:00 PM Evening Prayer	2 Maundy Thursday 6:00 PM Maundy Thursday Holy Eucharist 7:00 PM-12:00 AM Prayer Vigil hourly through Friday noon	3 Good Friday 12:00 AM Prayer Vigil hourly to noon 12:00 PM Stations of the Cross 6:00 PM Good Friday Eucharist from Reserved Sacrament	4 Holy Saturday 11:00 AM Sandwich Ministry/ Hope Mennonite 8:00 PM The Great Vigil of Easter

Serving the Lord

	March 01 Lent II	March 08 Lent III	March 15 Lent IV	March 22 Lent V	March 29 Palm Sunday
8:00 a.m. Service	RITE I	RITE I	RITE I	RITE I	RITE I
Acolyte	Cathy Harris	Peggy Karr	Cathy Harris	Arland Wallace	Mike Morrow
Lector / Intercessor	Peggy Karr	Peggy Karr	Timothy O'Farrell	Cora Olson	Mike Morrow
10:30 a.m. Service	RITE II	RITE II	RITE II	RITE II	RITE II
Organist	Dr. Dean Roush	Ken Rodgers	Ken Rodgers	Christina Folkerts	Christina Folkerts
Altar Guild	Peggy Karr	Leslie Dunlap	Mike Morrow	Lanelle McKernan	Mike Morrow
	Marlene Franklin	Racine Zackula	Ben Kittrell	Kelley Davidson	Lanelle McKernan
	Cora Olson	~~~~~	~~~~~	~~~~~	~~~~~
Acolytes	Ben Kittrell	Arland Wallace	Mike Morrow	Ben Kittrell	Arland Wallace
Server	Paul Steele	Mikayla Mahan	Emma Blakley	Mikayla Mahan	
Crucifer		Gracyn Ross	Caitlan Oswell	Gracyn Ross	Emma Blakley
Torch		Emerson Ross	Caleb Oswell	Emerson Ross	
Lector / Intercessor	Tammy Breeden	Katie Pott	Mike Morrow	Judy Nelson	Roger Carvalho
LEMs Lay Eucharistic Ministers	Katie Pott	Arland Wallace	need volunteer	Katie Pott	Arland Wallace
	Tom Pott	Ben Kittrell	Ben Kittrell	Tom Pott	Tammy Breeden
Childcare Nursery	Jazmin Montes	Jazmin Montes	Jazmin Montes	Jazmin Montes	Jazmin Montes
	Cathy Harris	Bridgette Dozal	Phyllis McCabe	Kelley Davidson	Bridgette Dozal
Children's Sunday School	Judy Morris	need volunteer	need volunteer	need volunteer	Tish Seely
	Gracyn & Emerson Ross				
Teen Minister				Racine Zackula	
Teen Minister	~~~~~	no teen meeting	~~~~~		~~~~~
Teen Lessons Leader					
Teen Activity Leader					
Daughters of the King	(No Flowers)				
Refreshments	Paul Massaria	Mikayla Mahan	need volunteer	need volunteer	Parish Breakfast
LEV Lay Eucharistic Visitor	Charles Lloyd	Paul Massaria	Judy Nelson	Arland Wallace	~~~~~

St. John's History: Lenten Reflections

By Parish Historian, Katie Pott

105 years ago

The Rev. Dr. Percy Fenn's 1910 Hand-Book of St. John's Parish: How Lent was Kept By some, splendidly! By others, execrably! By many, not at all! ~ A large number of people—larger than ever before—gave tangible evidence of their spirituality, of their control of their passions, of their love for their Church, by observing Lent more rigorously this year than ever before. They did not trumpet forth their self-denials, but they made them, and God knows, and their Rector knows something about these self-denials. God bless them for what they did to honor their Church, to strengthen their own graces, and to gladden their rector. These are the leaven which, in God's good time will leaven the whole lump. ~ These are the lights set on a hill, which cannot be hid. These are God's jewels, who give to the parish its lustre, and its glory. ~ But others started in to keep it, and their strength failed them! Poor, unstable souls, they lacked the moral stamina to continue. The world enticed them and they consented, and by so doing they put a stumbling block in the way of another, and stabbed their Holy Mother the Church, and dishonored us before the whole community. ~ Among these were some who were regarded by your rector as unwavering in their allegiance to God, and the Church, and in their loyalty and love for him. ~ By many—be it spoken in sorrow and humiliation—the Lenten Fast was completely ignored. Unblushingly was it disregarded, and by many of the oldest members of the parish. ~ But the guilty ones are those who have never obeyed the Church, who never come to an early Eucharist, never to a night service, who never work, who give as little as they can, and in some cases nothing at all, and who are Churchmen in nothing but the name. ~ Can you wonder that your Rector bids you come often to the Blessed Sacrament when you see what is so largely writ upon the lives of those who do not come? ~ Your rector caused much indignation in certain quarters by his frequently reiterated Lenten admonitions. But nine-tenths of his people would rather have his outspoken frankness than a muzzled, time-serving sycophant! And these are the ones he loves, and for whose highest good he freely spends his strength. ~ We know that Lent has fanned many a smouldering ember into life again, and we thank God for it. The careless, the lukewarm, the wayward, have come to church in Lent, and been reconverted to God again. Many of God's people can ascribe their revived life to the Lenten season! ~ But some few of our people have formed the habit of coming religiously to church during Lent, and of absenting themselves on the forty-six Sundays thereafter. This makes a parody and a farce of Lent, and of Religion. ~ When we first noticed this peculiarity we indulged the hope that it meant reconsecration. But as we see the same thing kept up Lent after Lent, we find it puzzling and pathetic.

70 years ago

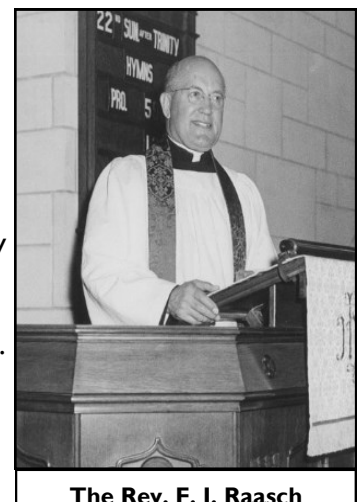
The Rev. James C. Hofmann's Eagle of St. John's Church, March 10, 1945: The congregation at the Wednesday evening Lenten service last week was described by some as the "largest Lenten congregation at St. John's in years." Even so seating space was still available for many who did not come. Why not break the record this week? Lenten preaching is on the opening chapters of the Book of Genesis.

60 years ago

The Rev. F. J. Raasch's Parish Visitor, March 13, 1955: If you were one of the 130 persons served at the first Lenten Dinner last Wednesday night you will readily understand what a wonderful tradition this is in St. John's. . . . we shall continue our discussion of the general theme: "What We Believe." . . . That is why St. John's enjoys these traditional Lenten Dinners where in an atmosphere of informality we assemble ourselves about the parochial family table for bodily nourishment and then make the very normal transition to spiritual refreshment. ~ To put it pithily, the people and friends of St. John's have been brought up in the practice that we move naturally from the "Supper Room" to the "Upper Room" of our Lord's Table in the Sacrament of Holy Communion.

45 years ago

The Rev. F. J. Raasch's Parish Visitor, March 1, 1970: For all too many years it has been the practice of the Church unduly to place heavy emphasis upon having her people to "give up" this and that during Lent, such as smoking, liquor, candy, dancing, meat or creamed humming bird tongues on toast. While we do not wish to minimize the serious exercise of such Lenten discipline, we do wish to magnify the importance of using Lent as a special opportunity to "live up" to higher principles of daily life.



The Rev. F. J. Raasch

St. John's Episcopal Church Actual vs Budget Report

January 2014

	Actual January 2015	Budget January 2015	Difference from Budget	2015 Annual Budget
Ordinary Income/Expense				
Income				
Pledges	14,170.78	12,537.01	1,633.77	155,000.00
Contributions	2,091.68	2,179.68	-88.00	35,150.00
Investments	9,785.66	6,650.00	3,135.66	82,000.00
Additional Income	350.00	1,390.00	-1,040.00	37,180.00
Total Income	26,398.12	22,756.69	3,641.43	309,330.00
Expense				
Worship Ministry & Altar Guild	491.22	420.76	70.46	3,450.00
Outreach Ministry	5,443.03	5,640.00	-196.97	67,980.00
Christian Formation Ministry	458.00	637.54	-179.54	3,250.00
Parish Life & Fellowship	389.26	145.87	243.39	3,750.00
Building & Grounds	2,537.15	6,025.00	-3,487.85	31,345.00
Utilities	3,429.93	2,696.74	733.19	23,600.00
Office	574.32	625.00	-50.68	5,100.00
Personnel	21,557.23	21,799.53	-242.30	282,418.00
Professional Fees & Accounting	2,413.26	2,500.00	-86.74	30,000.00
Total Expense	37,293.40	40,490.44	-3,197.04	450,893.00
Net Ordinary Income	-10,895.28	-17,733.75	6,838.47	-141,563.00

How to Participate in the New Dillons Community Rewards Program

The Dillons Rewards Card program, which has been such an important part of funding our Doorstep Ministry at St. John's, is changing effective February 2015. Saturday, January 31st, will be the final day that you can reload gift cards with credit going toward St. John's Rewards Account. The gift cards never expire, so any remaining balance on cards can still be used for purchases. The new Dillons Community Rewards program involves using your Dillons Plus Cards, which many of you may already have. This is a great way to help out Doorstep Ministry at St. John's. Below is a brief outline of how to sign up for the new program. More information will be sent to you by mail and e-mail.

A customer must have 3 things to register and begin supporting St. John's Episcopal Church:

1. A Plus card, which is available at any store by asking an associate
2. A valid email address, which can be obtained from any free online service and can be anonymous (if you don't use email, contact the parish office at 262-0897 and we can set your Plus Card up for you.)
3. A personalized account at Dillons website, which again can be anonymous.

To enroll in the Community Rewards Program:

Members must visit our website at www.Dillons.com/communityrewards

1. Sign in OR Create an account (see below on creating an online account at Dillons website)
2. Click on "Enroll Now"
3. Enter the 5-digit NPO (St. John's is 10417) and search
4. Select your Organization (St. John's Episcopal Church) and click on "Enroll"

To Create an Online Account by going to www.Dillons.com/communityrewards:

1. Click on "Register" at the top of the page
2. Enter your email address, password, zip code (select preferred store) and check the box if you desire to receive email communication from us
3. Click on "Create Account" at the bottom of the page
4. You will receive an email confirmation to your inbox, to activate your account click on the link in the body of the email and enter your sign in information to confirm

For assistance setting up an online account or with general questions, call Dillons at 800-576-4377 option 3.

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We welcome you!

Sundays	8:00 am	Rite I Holy Eucharist
	9:15 am	Adult Bible Study
	10:20 am	Children's Sunday School
	10:30 am	Rite II Holy Eucharist
(Nursery available from 9:15—11:45 am)		
Wednesdays	11:45 am	Midday Prayer Service
	12:00 noon	Wednesday Bible Study
	5:30 pm	Holy Eucharist or Evening Prayer Service
	6:15 pm	Praying the Scriptures

Staff and Vestry

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The Rev. Barbara Gibson—Deacon
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