



## Parish Notes

- Holy Eucharist on the Epiphany, Friday, January 6, at 6 pm.
- Removal of the Greens following Epiphany service on January 6.
- Christian Formation meets on Sunday Jan 15 and Jan 29 at 9:15 am.
- Finance Meeting Thursday, January 19, at 5 pm in the library.
- Vestry meets Thursday, January 19, at 6 pm in the library.
- 147th Annual Parish Meeting on Sunday, January 29, 11:45 am with light lunch served..

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## Having a "Fierce" New Year

I want to share with the wider congregation some concepts of "Fierce Conversations" which I presented at formation hour on Sunday morning months ago. Some of you may have heard references to it, and may like to know more about it.

Susan Scott wrote *"Fierce Conversation: Achieving Success at Work and in Life, One Conversation at a Time"*. "Fierce" in this context means robust, strong, powerful, passionate, eager. She maintains that each and every conversation between people IS their relationship. She writes that when necessary we can confront one another in our conversations with courage, compassion and skill.

Church folks are often reticent to be direct with one another, believing that the Gospel asks us to "be nice" rather than clear. Need to have a difficult conversation with another person at St. John's or elsewhere in your life? Here's a way into it:

**Opening Statement:** Write your opening statement and practice saying it out loud, in sixty seconds or less. Your opening statement should:

1. Name the issue.
2. Select a specific example that illustrates the behavior or situation that concerns you and you want to change.
3. Describe your emotions about this issue.
4. Clarify what is at stake.
5. Identify your contribution to this problem.
6. Indicate your wish to resolve the issue.
7. Invite your partner to respond.

### Interaction:

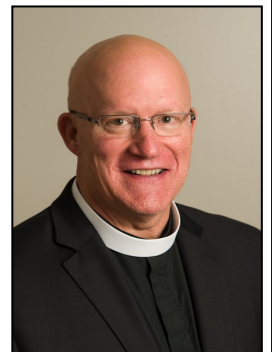
8. Inquire into your partner's views. Use paraphrasing and a perception check. Dig for full understanding; don't be satisfied with the surface. Make sure your partner knows that you fully understand and acknowledge his or her position and interests.

### Resolution:

9. What have we learned? Where are we now? Has anything been left unsaid that needs saying? What is needed for resolution? How can we move forward from here, given our new understanding?
10. Make a new agreement and determine how you will hold each other responsible for keeping it.

This model for having difficult conversations with one another takes a lot of preparation and commitment, requires humility and compassion, and asks us to take responsibility for the emotions which our words may evoke in another. Perhaps this is what is meant by Jesus, "Love one another as I have loved you."

---- Ted, Interim Pastor



Interim Pastor  
Fr. Ted Curtis

## 147th Annual St. John's Parish Meeting & Luncheon



### ANNUAL MEETING

Plan now to attend 147th Annual St. John's Parish Meeting and Luncheon on **Sunday, January 29, 2017, following the 10:30 a.m. service, in the undercroft.** Alternate delegates will be elected, and clergy and lay leadership will present their goals for the new year.

## Change and Transition in the New Year

**Music -- Dean Roush has agreed to be the Interim Parish Musician** for us from January 1, 2016 until Easter Sunday 2018. His tenure will allow the new constellation of clergy and lay leaders to discern St. John's music ministry by that time. Thanks are due again to Ken Breeden, Joel Brejda and our faithful choir members for leading us in praise to God for these past years.

**Office Staff -- We say goodbye as of Dec 31 to Connie Shawver**, our Parish Communication Coordinator since 2012. In the face of a \$118k deficit the Vestry reluctantly eliminated this position. Connie's standards of excellence, professionalism, warmth and cheer will be missed. The Personnel Committee, working with me, has recombined the two office positions into one Parish Administrator position. Warden Nicki and I are working closely with Cathy Harris, St. John's employee since 2002, to manage her accomplishment of these new duties. The parish may notice some bumps along the way as we work to consolidate these positions. Your patience, and qualitative feedback to me, is appreciated. -- Ted, Interim Pastor, [interimted@gmail.com](mailto:interimted@gmail.com)

## Prayer Shawl Ministry To Be Revived

We are reviving our Prayer Shawl ministry, using handmade shawls. These are given to people going through hardships, catastrophes and illnesses. These prayer shawls are made with love and prayer. They are given to comfort, and remind recipients of our love and support.

St. John's Daughters of the King will store shawls and help with distribution. Contact Dcn. Arland Wallace or Tish Seely with requests for shawls. We welcome new shawls if you are interested in making one (or more). If you have questions, contact Tish Seely at 267-1483.



## Ladies' ESS Financial Planning Workshop

February 4, St. James Church – 3750 E. Douglas  
Brunch will be served

This planning workshop is for women. Whether you're married or single, women have specific planning opportunities to establish a legacy. This Episcopal Social Services workshop will examine those opportunities and provide planning resources. Come and explore the unique opportunities for planning to make certain that your wishes are carried out; to understand the critical aspect of ownership, and to learn what you can do with IRAs and qualified retirement plans. Please call **Rachel** at Episcopal Social Services, **269-4160** to make your reservation.

**JANUARY BIRTHDAYS**

- 02 Leslie Dunlap
- 04 Nadine Deardorff
- 04 Pete McKernan
- 09 Melissa Downing
- 14 Roger Carvalho
- 16 Pat Bybee
- 18 Bro. Guadalupe
- 19 Bridget Hille
- 20 Shari May
- 21 Shawn Bitler
- 21 Michael May
- 25 Jennifer Downing
- 26 Dean Roush
- 26 Al Papillon
- 27 Lilibati Crandall
- 29 Amanda West

**WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES**

- 03 Dean Roush & Bridget Hille
- 21 Pete & Lanelle McKernan
- 22 Dan & Tish Seely

**BAPTISMAL ANNIVERSARIES**

- 09 Connie Condray
- 09 Adrian Owsley
- 15 Michelle Dietrich
- 20 Dcn. Arland Wallace
- 22 Cooper Bitler
- 26 Bro. Guadalupe

**A Note of Thanks**

*...to this dear parish family for the opportunity to work alongside you in service to God for these past nearly-5 years. I take with me fond memories and new friendships. Thanks to each of you for your support and encouragement along the way. There will always be a place in my heart and in my prayers for this wonderful church.*

*Blessings to you all,  
Connie Shawver, Parish Communications Coordinator*



***Matachines, traditional dancers, begin the celebration of Our Lady of Guadalupe on Sunday, December 11, at 3:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist followed at 4:00 p.m., with Mtr. Eli Montes. A traditional Pozole and taquitos supper was served afterwards in the undercroft.***



Dedications may be made to the Altar Flower Fund in memory of loved ones, or in thanksgiving for blessings. A minimum donation of \$25 is requested. Sign in the book on the back table or call the parish office at 262-0897.

**Altar Flowers**

<b>1/01/17</b> Holy Name Day	St. John's Parish Family	Poinsettias
<b>1/08/17</b> Baptism of Our Lord Jesus Christ	Lanelle, Jillian & Cara McKernan	In thanksgiving for the birthday of Pete McKernan on January 4th.
<b>1/15/17</b> Epiphany 2	Charles & Sara Lloyd	In loving memory of Albert Edward Lloyd
<b>1/22/17</b> Epiphany 3	Memorial Fund	In grateful memory of James & Nellie Phillips.
<b>1/29/17</b> Epiphany 4		

**St. John's Episcopal Church  
Profit & Loss Budget Proformance  
November 2016**

	<u>Actual Nov 2016</u>	<u>Nov 2016</u>	<u>Actual vs Budget Nov 2016</u>	<u>Actual Jan -Nov 2016</u>	<u>Budget Jan -Nov 2016</u>	<u>Actual vs Budget Jan - Nov 2016</u>	<u>2016 Annual Budget</u>
<b>Ordinary Income/Expense</b>							
<b>Income</b>							
All Pledges Received	9,897.42	14,175.00	-4,277.58	141,541.08	134,379.00	7,162.08	162,000.00
Contributions	1,896.63	3,163.13	-1,266.50	23,203.45	29,986.46	-6,783.01	36,150.00
Endowment Income	6,160.04	5,971.84	188.20	59,117.82	56,613.37	2,504.45	68,250.00
Additional Income	1,975.00	735.00	1,240.00	12,144.29	6,967.80	5,176.49	8,400.00
Latino/Hispanic Ministry Income	439.01	218.75	220.26	3,694.26	2,073.75	1,620.51	2,500.00
Patricia Stone Bequest	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>10,114.32</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>10,114.32</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>20,368.10</b>	<b>24,263.72</b>	<b>-3,895.62</b>	<b>249,815.22</b>	<b>230,020.38</b>	<b>19,794.84</b>	<b>277,300.00</b>
<b>Expense</b>							
Latino/Hispanic Expense	888.16	868.83	19.33	10,845.11	9,131.01	1,714.10	10,000.00
Worship Ministry & Altar Guild	276.97	233.34	43.63	3,713.92	2,856.74	857.18	3,090.00
Outreach Ministry	229.03	6,101.50	-5,872.47	51,465.02	67,116.50	-15,651.48	73,218.00
Christian Formation Ministry	0.00	127.09	-127.09	396.81	1,397.91	-1,001.10	1,525.00
Parish Life & Fellowship	1,657.78	270.83	1,386.95	5,059.38	2,979.17	2,080.21	3,250.00
Building & Grounds	4,063.33	3,894.41	168.92	34,036.32	29,302.33	4,733.99	31,014.00
Utilities	708.66	1,191.67	-483.01	21,322.82	19,508.33	1,814.49	21,400.00
Office	205.15	479.00	-273.85	5,479.25	5,921.00	-441.75	6,400.00
Personnel	23,465.16	16,769.66	6,695.50	213,455.72	195,374.98	18,080.74	215,901.00
Professional Fees & Accounting	1,778.80	4,887.50	-3,108.70	19,522.97	21,762.50	-2,239.53	23,450.00
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>33,273.04</b>	<b>34,823.83</b>	<b>-1,550.79</b>	<b>365,297.32</b>	<b>355,350.47</b>	<b>9,946.85</b>	<b>389,248.00</b>
<b>Net Ordinary Income</b>	<b>-12,904.94</b>	<b>-10,560.11</b>	<b>-2,344.83</b>	<b>-115,482.10</b>	<b>-125,330.09</b>	<b>9,847.99</b>	<b>-111,948.00</b>

**Attendance for December 2016**  
 November 27, December 4, 11, 18  
 8:00 a.m. 50 total  
 10:30 a.m. 192 total  
 1:00 p.m. (11/27 & 12/4) 22 total  
 All Christmas Eve/Day 143 total  
 Guadalupe & Posada 110 total  
 Homeless Memorial 60 total  
 Eucharistic Visits: 8 people took communion

Transfer from Grant Fund for Latino/Hispanic Payroll	<b>10,000.00</b>
Approved 2016 Budget	<b>-101,948.00</b>
Beginning 2016 Operations Checking	<b>4,080.76</b>
Actual vs Budget Adjustment	<b>9,847.99</b>
Estimated Deficit	<b>-88,019.25</b>
1/21/16 Vestry approved borrow from Trust Checking Sub Acct	<b>32,000.00</b>
5/19/16 Vestry approved borrow from Trust Checking Sub Acct	<b>25,000.00</b>
08/15/16 Vestry approved invasion of Trimer Trust Fund	<b>50,000.00</b>
Adjusted Deficit with Trust Funds	<b>18,980.75</b>

**Give to St. John's Outreach When you Shop at Dillons Stores**

Dillons, through their Community Rewards Program, passes dollars to local schools, churches and other non-profit organizations. All you have to do is shop at Dillons, swipe your Plus Shopper's Card, register that card on the Dillon's [website](#) and designate St. John's (organization 10417). IF YOU DID NOT REGISTER OR RE-REGISTER YOUR CARD IN 2016 you must do it again; cards registered before 2016 are no longer connected to St. John's. If your card is properly activated you will see St John's at the bottom on your Dillons receipt. St. John's has received about \$1,500 per year 2012 - 2015 for our Doorstep Outreach program via Dillons Community Rewards program.

**A THOUGHT FOR TODAY:**  
 What do we live for, if it is not to make life less difficult to each other?  
 -George Eliot (pen name of Mary Ann Evans), novelist (22 Nov 1819-22 Dec 1880)

## Christian Formation for the New Year



### Christian Formation

Begin the new year with Christian Formation sessions on select Sunday Mornings, from 9:15-10:10 a.m. in the library, led by Fr. Ted Curtis.

**January 15:** The prime challenge and duty of any Christian congregation is to move energy and resources from maintenance to mission. Come and discuss **THE FIVE MARKS OF MISSION OF THE ANGLICAN COMMUNION** as they apply to the mission and ministry of St. John's Episcopal Church.

**January 29:** The British Isles have birthed a particular way to be a Christian. Let's bask in **ENGLISH SPIRITUALITY** together.

**February 19:** Let's look at some of the dynamics of **THE CHURCHES TO WHOM PAUL WROTE HIS LETTERS** . . . and perhaps see reflections of ourselves, and St. John's, in the process.

**February 26:** Trouble for the Lenten Journey: **THE PARABLES OF JESUS**.

**March 5:** As Lent begins let's take a "fierce" look of **GUILT, FEAR and SHAME**.

**March 12:** **THE SEVEN DEADLY SINS**. Not what they're hyped up to be.

**April 2:** Human institutions are created for good but often lose their way: **THE PRINCIPALITIES AND POWERS ARE FALLEN**.

**April 9:** How has Jesus saved us? **THEORIES OF THE ATONEMENT**.

## Parish History — *Katie Pott, Parish Historian*

**From the Rev. Percy T. Fenn's 1907 Handbook of St. John's Parish:**

**OUR ANNUAL PARISH MEETING** The meeting last Advent was marked by the utmost unanimity and good feeling. It was not largely attended--we think there were forty or more persons present--but that was an encouraging sign.

Parish meetings are never largely attended unless there are dissensions and rival tickets in the field. We know of one large and wealthy Parish, not far from New York City, where the Rector and his Sexton used to elect the entire Vestry. And that Parish was always prosperous. Still it is well for our parishioners to come and listen to reports, and acquaint themselves with the work that is being done amongst them. And it is well for them to do their part to elect good men on the Vestry.

This is precisely what was done at our last meeting. Reports were read, showing the very healthy condition of the Parish and its finances, and then the men . . . were elected Wardens and Vestrymen. These men have worked well in the past, they are always unfalteringly loyal to their Rector, and we feel sure that the Parish will always bear them in mind hereafter.

**The Rev. Percy T. Fenn's 1912 Hand-Book of St. John's Parish:**

**MARRIAGE OF DIVORCED PERSONS** Your rector is asked unceasingly to marry divorced people. He turns away more couples than you can imagine. But, unfortunately, there are many Sectarian ministers who will marry anybody for the sake of the petty fee! Their guilt seems to us to be not altogether unlike that of Judas Iscariot! ~ There is one set in the city whose minister is always renowned for this. A few days ago he married a couple whom your rector had declined to marry. And the sect this man represents professes to be very scriptural! There are some men who will sell their souls for gold; but we hate to see men who profess to be preachers do such a thing! ~ Dean Sumner—the Dean of our Cathedral at Chicago—will not only not marry any couple—high or low—unless they have a physician's certificate. ~ And yet there are men in this city, calling themselves Christians, who will marry any moral degenerates who may come to them, even if they have been married a dozen times before!!!



*The Rev. Percy T. Fenn*

## Serving the LORD with Gladness

**JANUARY 2017 (Year A)**

Preach, Celebrate, Officiate	Morning Prayer Dcn. Arland	The Rev. Eli Montes	The Rev. Eli Montes	The Rev. Ted Curtis	The Rev. Eli Montes	The Rev. Ted Curtis
	<b>January 01</b>	<b>January 06</b>	<b>January 08</b>	<b>January 15</b>	<b>January 22</b>	<b>January 29</b>
	Holy Name Day	<b>The Feast of The Epiphany 6:00 p.m. Service</b>	Baptism of our Lord	Epiphany 2	Epiphany 3	Epiphany 4
8:00 a.m. Service	New Year's Day No 8am Service	Chalice Dcn. Arland	RITE I	RITE I	RITE I	RITE I
Acolyte/Chalice	New Year's Day No 8am Service	Reader Ron Hartzler	Racine Zackula	~~~~~	Peggy Karr	~~~~~
Lector / Intercessor	New Year's Day No 8am Service	Altar Guild Lanelle McKernan	Racine Zackula	Charles Lloyd	Peggy Karr	Cora Olson
10:30 a.m. Service	RITE II	Organist Dr. Dean Roush	RITE II	RITE II	RITE II	RITE II
Organist	Dr. Dean Roush	<b>Following The Epiphany Service will be removal of the greens. Everyone invited to help.</b>	Dr. Dean Roush	Dr. Dean Roush	Dr. Dean Roush	Dr. Dean Roush
Altar Guild	Lanelle McKernan		Racine Zackula	Leslie Dunlap	Kelley Davidson	Lanelle McKernan
Acolytes Server	No Communion		Paul Steele	Tish Seely	Emerson Ross	Tish Seely
Crucifer	No Communion		Paul Steele	Tish Seely	Emerson Ross	Tish Seely
Lector / Intercessor	Tammy Breeden		Katie Pott	Judy Nelson	Roger Carvalho	Kirk Sorensen
Chalice Bearers	No Communion		Katie Pott	Tish Seely	Tammy Breeden	Tom Pott
	No Communion		Dcn. Arland	Dcn. Arland	Dcn. Arland	Dcn. Arland
Daughters of the King	Poinsettias No delivery		Tish Seely	Nancy Dietrich	Tish Seely	Nancy Dietrich
Refreshments	No Coffee Hour					Annual Meeting
Lay Eucharistic Visitor	~~~~~			Paul Massaria	Charles Lloyd	~~~~~
	<b>01 de enero</b>		<b>08 de enero</b>	<b>15 de enero</b>	<b>22 de enero</b>	<b>Annual Meeting 29 de enero</b>
	<b>Dia del Santo nombre</b>		<b>Bautismo de nuestro Señor</b>	<b>2 epifania</b>	<b>3 epifania</b>	<b>4 epifania</b>
servicio de 13:00	<b>Día de año nuevo No hay servicio de 13:00</b>  <b>New Year's Day No 1pm Service</b>		RITO II	RITO II	RITO II	RITO II
sacerdote			The Rev. Eli Montes	The Rev. Eli Montes	The Rev. Eli Montes	The Rev. Eli Montes
gremio de altar			Flora Ocampo	Flora Ocampo	Flora Ocampo	Flora Ocampo
organista			Bro. Guadalupe	Bro. Guadalupe	Bro. Guadalupe	Bro. Guadalupe



# January 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1 New Year's Day—Holy Name Day</b> The Rev. Arland Wallace <b>8:00 AM Morning Prayer Rite I</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> Coffee & Conversation in the parlor <b>10:30 AM Morning Prayer Rite II</b> <b>11:45 AM</b> Coffee & Conversation in the parlor <b>1:00 PM Spanish-Language Eucharist</b>	<b>2</b>  Office Closed	<b>3</b> <b>3:00 PM</b> Staff Meeting <b>5:30 PM</b> Knit with Knowledge, parlor	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6 Epiphany of Our Lord Jesus Christ</b> <b>6:00 PM Epiphany Holy Eucharist</b> <b>7:00 PM</b> Removal of the Church Decorations	<b>7</b> <b>11:00 AM</b> Sandwich Ministry/ Hope Mennonite Church
<b>8 Epiphany I—Baptism of Our Lord Jesus Christ</b> The Rev. Elizabeth Montes <b>8:00 AM Holy Eucharist Rite I</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> Coffee & Conversation in the parlor <b>10:30 AM Epiphany Eucharist (EOW)</b> <b>11:45 AM</b> Coffee & Conversation in the parlor <b>1:00 PM Spanish-Language Eucharist</b>	<b>9</b>  Office Closed	<b>10</b> <b>3:00 PM</b> Staff Meeting <b>5:30 PM</b> Knit with Knowledge, parlor	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> <b>11:00 AM</b> Sandwich Ministry/ Riverwalk Church of Christ
<b>15 Epiphany 2—Third Sunday for Outreach</b> The Rev. Ted Curtis <b>8:00 AM Holy Eucharist Rite I</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> Coffee & Conversation in the parlor <b>9:15 AM</b> Christian Confirmation in the library <b>10:30 AM Epiphany Eucharist (EOW)</b> <b>11:45 AM</b> Coffee & Conversation in the parlor <b>1:00 PM Spanish-Language Eucharist</b>	<b>16</b>  Office Closed	<b>17</b> <b>3:00 PM</b> Staff Meeting <b>5:30 PM</b> Knit with Knowledge, parlor	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> <b>5:00 PM</b> Finance Committee meeting, library <b>6:00 PM</b> Vestry meeting, library	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> <b>11:00 AM</b> Sandwich Ministry/ Pathway Church
<b>22 Epiphany 3</b> The Rev. Elizabeth Montes <b>8:00 AM Holy Eucharist Rite I</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> Coffee & Conversation in the parlor <b>10:30 AM Epiphany Eucharist (EOW)</b> <b>11:45 AM</b> Coffee & Conversation in the parlor <b>1:00 PM Spanish-Language Eucharist</b>	<b>23</b>  Office Closed	<b>24</b> <b>3:00 PM</b> Staff Meeting <b>5:30 PM</b> Knit with Knowledge, parlor	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> <b>11:00 AM</b> Sandwich Ministry/ Lutheran Synod
<b>29 Epiphany 4</b> The Rev. Ted Curtis <b>8:00 AM Holy Eucharist Rite I</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> Coffee & Conversation in the parlor <b>9:15 AM</b> Christian Confirmation in the library <b>10:30 AM Epiphany Eucharist (EOW)</b> <b>11:45 AM Annual Parish Meeting</b> , w/lunch, undercroft <b>1:00 PM Spanish-Language Eucharist</b>	<b>30</b>  Office Closed	<b>31</b> <b>3:00 PM</b> Staff Meeting <b>5:30 PM</b> Knit with Knowledge, parlor	<i>For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope.</i>  <i>Jeremiah 29:11 (NRSV)</i>			

*A Loving Family of Faith, United in Christ for a Ministry of Service*

**We welcome you!**

<b>Sundays</b>	<b>8:00 am</b>	<b>Rite I Holy Eucharist or Morning Prayer</b>
	<b>9:15 am</b>	<b>Christian Formation</b>
	<b>10:30 am</b>	<b>Rite II Holy Eucharist or Morning Prayer</b>
	<b>1:00 pm</b>	<b>Holy Eucharist in Spanish</b>

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The Rev. Arland Wallace—Deacon  
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Erica Gaither—Clerk  
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Nicki Soice, lola Crandall, Shari May, Scott Orr, Tish Seely, Erica  
Gaither, Sarah Kittrell, Pete McKernan, Mayra Ocampo

**Delegates:** Shari May, Paul Massaria, Racine Zackula

**Alternates:** Tish Seely, Mike McFerren, Lanelle McKernan

