

~ **St. John's Church** ~
Weekly News
January 3, 2024

The Very Rev. Diane Nancekivell , Officiant

Readings for Sunday, Jan. 7, 2024

Genesis 1:1-5

Psalm 29

Acts 19:1-7

Mark 1:4-11

Loose Plate Offering
ReNew

Mark Your Calendars

Sunday, Jan. 28 Bishop-Elect Jeremiah Williamson will be the officiant at
His Epiphany. This is a special service for St. John's.

HOLY EUCHARIST. THIS IS A HUGE HONOR FOR ST. JOHN'S!

Prayer for the Bishop-Elect

**Prayer for the Bishop-Elect Eternal God, our Shepherd and Guide,
we bless and thank you for your servant, Jeremiah,
Bishop-Elect of your Episcopal Diocese of Albany.**

**By the working of your Holy Spirit grant him grace and every spiritual gift
as he prepares to take up his role as our chief pastor and teacher.
Make him a shepherd after your own heart,
who will walk in your ways and watch over your people with loving care.
Strengthen and guide him to lead in vision.
Fill him with courage to teach your truth.**

**Prepare our hearts to welcome Father Jeremiah, Jennifer, Oscar, and Isaiah
joyfully into our Diocesan community.
Continue to purify our intentions, and lead us into holiness,
that we may bear witness to your Son without shame or fear,
in unity, humility, and mutual charity,
devoted to your will for the good of the world.**

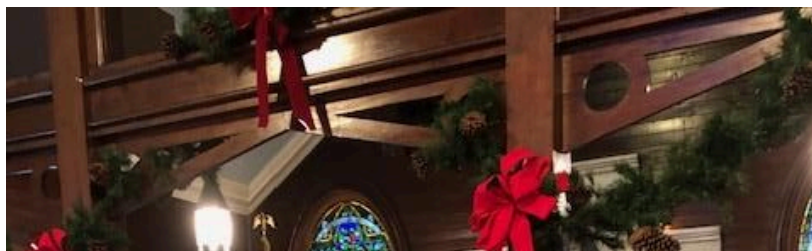
Prayers

For Those in Need or Any Kind of Distress

**Geoffrey, Lois, Art, Joyce, Abra, Mike, Beverly, Noa, Lillian, Chris, Rae,
Olivia, Cheryl, Larry, Steven, Tom, Karen, Sally, Chris, Lynne, Eve, Anne
and Ella, Louis.**

Calling All Music Lovers

**I would like to invite any and all members of the congregation to meet at the
piano at 9:30AM to become more familiar with the new music each Sunday
morning before the service starts. Please join us!**





The Feast of the Holy Name A Celebration of Christmas in Word and Music

This past Sunday we had the opportunity to gather together for this very special program as we brought the Christmas season to an official end. We are so appreciative that Diane has introduced us to so many other forms of worship. This time she put a twist on the usual Lessons and Carols service. While the first two readings were the old familiars the remaining 4 readings were a completely new experience for us including poetry, a 17th century sermon and T.S. Eliot's Journey of the Magi. Interlaced with these were all of our old favorite Christmas Carols with Jennifer at the organ and Michael leading us we sang our farewell to Christmas. Many thanks to our musicians, our readers and, of course, Diane.

List of Persons Currently Responsible for Oversight of the Various Church Activities

This will be added to and updated from time to time

**Choir Boys (if reactivated) – Scottie Emery-Ginn;
Columbarium – Carole Harsh**

Food Shelf – Dick Perez
History – Darcey Hale.
Memorials – Vestry
Missions – Vestry
RDF – Wardens
ReNew – Mary Anne Schultz

Letters for Lynne

Our cheerful letters and cards are a reminder to Lynne that she is still loved, prayed for and very much part of our lives at St. John's. Please send them c/o Claudia Caveney at 67 Still Water Lane, Fletcher, NC 28732

Last Call for the Heifer Project

This week will be the last opportunity to donate to the Heifer Project. “Jesus in our Hearts Kids” would like to send 2 flocks of chickens at \$20 apiece to this worldwide organization. We have money for one and a half flocks already. Please help us to reach our goal and place your donation in the basket near the Jesse tree. Thank you!

November Vestry Meeting Highlights

At its meeting on Nov. 16, 2023 the Vestry:

- **Decided to review the necessity for a cybersecurity policy**
- **Decided to ask parishioners to consider increasing their annual pledge by 10%**
- **Voted to increase the fee for a columbarium niche from \$1,500 to \$2,000**
- **Determined that it would be helpful for an ad-hoc committee to be appointed by Diane to study the operational matters regarding the columbarium**
- **Formed the Pastoral Care Committee which will call or write to those in any kind of need and will stay in touch with them**

History Tidbit Part 8

Things are getting very exciting. The story of how the St. John's Church that we know came into being is here before us.

Essex, N.Y. August. 18th. 1874.

A committee was set up to cover the windows of Bouquet Chapel in order to preserve the glass.

The treasurer was authorized to settle with the rector for the last year.

The Vestry moved to proceed to consummate the purchase of the church building & lot, as formerly passed upon by this Vestry at meeting held Feb. 27th, 1873.

Essex, N. Y. Sept. 23d. 1874.

The Vestry offered Rev. J. W. McIlwaine \$400 for the current year ending May 1st, 1875, without any inducements after that date.

Essex, N.Y. Oct. 23d. 1874.

“Resolved, that we sell the Chapel and lot at Bouquet for from 1,200 to \$1,600 and reserve one acre or as near that amount of land as possible. And that the funds accruing from the sale be added to the funds now in the hands of the Vestry known as the Rectory Fund, the total to be known as a church building fund.

Also, that a committee of three, of whom the Sen. Warden, shall be one, be appointed to take the necessary steps to perfect the sale, and in the case of its consummation they be empowered to loan the money on good paper to be paid on three months' notice. Also, that the same committee seek for an eligible place to build a church and secure estimates for the erection of the same.

Resolved that in case of the sale of the Bouquet Chapel we proceed to as speedy an erection of a church (stone if possible) as practicable and that the committee act with that in view.”

Essex, N.Y. Dec. 11th. 1874.

Note the subtle differences between these and the above resolutions.

The Resolution passed Oct 23 was reconsidered and a new motion was resolved.

“That we sell the Chapel and Lot at Bouquet owned by the Rector, Churchwarden's & Vestrymen of St. John's Church Essex, for the sum of \$1000 by and with the permission of the Court, and that the funds accruing from the sale be added to the funds now in the hands of the Vestry known as the Rectory fund, the total to be known as a Church building fund, and the Vestry are hereby authorized to make application for permission to sell as aforesaid, and upon the terms aforesaid.”

“Resolved that the Senior Warden be authorized by this Vestry to sign the corporate name of the Church, and affix the corporate seal to the Deed if any be given passing the title of the Boquet Chapel and Lot before mentioned sale.”

“Resolved that a committee of three be appointed by the Rector, (of whom the Sen. Warden shall be one) to take the necessary steps to perfect the sale of the Bouquet Chapel and Lot for the sum of \$1,000. and in case of its consummation the said committee be empowered to loan the money on good paper to be paid on three months’ notice.”

“Resolved that this same committee seek for an eligible site or lot on which to build a Church, and that the same committee be authorized to receive by deed a Lot, for the purpose of having a Church building erected therein, and to secure plans and estimates for the erection of the same, the said Church to be built of stone.

Essex, N.Y. 19th. day of February, 1875

Present Hon. Byron Pond. Essex County Judge.

In the matter of the Petition of the “Rector, Churchwardens and Vestrymen of St. John’s Church, Essex.” for leave to sell Real Estate.

“On reading and filing the Petition of the above-named corporation, duly signed and verified asking leave to sell certain Real Estate belonging to said corporation, hereinafter described. And on motion of Ross & Ross, of counsel for the Petitioners, no one opposing.”

Ordered that the said Treasurer be hereby authorized and empowered to sell the said Real Estate at and for the consideration named in said Petition, to wit, for the sum of \$1,000. To the said Bouquet Union Chapel Society and to execute, acknowledge and deliver to the said Society a good and sufficient deed of conveyance for the same upon receiving the said purchase money. And it is further ordered that the proceeds of said sale be added to the fund now in the hands of said Treas. and known as “the Rectory fund,” and that the whole of said fund as increased by the avails of said sale shall be known as “the Church Building Fund,” and shall be used for the purpose of erecting a church building for the services of the Protestant Episcopal Church, in the town of Essex aforesaid, and for no other purpose, without the further order of the Court.”

“The Real Estate description in the Petition in this matter, and herein directed to be sold and conveyed is described as follows: all that piece or parcel of land together with the Chapel located thereon, situated in the Town of Essex, Essex County, New York, and bounded as follows, to wit: beginning at a white cedar post in the fence, on the east side of the road leading from Bouquet to Whallonsburgh, marked, and which stands about eight Poles north of the center of the door of said Chapel, and runs thence. Southerly along the east side of said Road Sixteen Poles: thence easterly at Right angles with said road, twenty poles; thence northerly parallel with said road, sixteen Poles; thence westerly in a direct line to the place of beginning, containing two acres of land.”

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The foregoing order is hereby granted and the Clerk of the County of Essex, will enter the same. (signed) Byron Pond, County Judge of the County of Essex.

Search Prayer

Dear Lord, grant us your wisdom and guidance as we embark upon our search process. Help us to humbly discern and accomplish your will for St. John's. We know this will be a challenging journey for all of us, but we pray that it will strengthen our faith and our respect and love for each other. Help us to share more deeply our faith in you as we learn to listen to each other with open hearts and minds and to hear your voice in all that we say and do. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen

St. John's Zoom Passcodes

St. John's Sunday Service

<https://www.stjohnsessexny.org/worshipmeet>

Morning Prayer

<https://www.stjohnsessexny.org/morning-prayer>

Vestry Meetings

<https://www.stjohnsessexny.org/vestrymeet>

Finance Committee

<https://www.stjohnsessexny.org/financemeet>

Contemporary Bible Study

<https://www.stjohnsessexny.org/biblestudy>

Meditation

<https://www.stjohnsessexny.org/meditationmeet>

Sunday Service Zoom Recording

stjohnsessexnyzoom@gmail.com

Passcode: +W2t+Fwu

AA 12-Step Meeting

Zoom Meeting ID: 817 7797 4233

Passcode: 123456

Weekly Calendar

Tuesday Contemporary Bible Study (Zoom) 9:30 - 10:30 AM

Tuesday Community Potluck Supper 6 PM

Wednesday Meditation (Zoom/In Person) 4 PM

Thursday Morning Prayer (Zoom) 10 AM

Sunday Holy Eucharist 10 AM (Zoom/in person)

Sunday AA Meeting (Zoom/In Person) 7 PM

Your Vestry

Scottie Emery-Ginn and Bill Tribou (Wardens)
Louise Baietto, Bruce Hale, Diana Lawrence, Jon McBride
and Bruce Stephan (Members)
Darcey Hale (Clerk)
Antonia Bullard (Treasurer)

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