



**~ St. John's Church ~
Weekly News
March 20, 2024**

Holy Eucharist

Rev. Susan McGarry, Officiant

**Readings for Sunday, March 24, 2024
Palm Sunday**

The Liturgy of the Palms

Mark 11:1-11

The Liturgy of the Word

Isaiah 50:4-9a
Philippians 2:5-11

MARK 14:1-15:47
Psalm 31:9-16

Loose Plate Offering

St. John's Missions

Important Upcoming Dates

March 24 at 10 AM - Palm Sunday Service Liturgy of the Palms
March 28 at 5 PM- Maundy Thursday Service at St. John's
March 29 at 5 PM - Good Friday Service at St. John's
March 31st at 10 - Easter Service and Holy Eucharist

A Message from Diane

Dear Friends,

This Sunday is Palm Sunday when we relive the triumphal entry of Jesus into Jerusalem and get a foretaste of the horrors that will unfold over the week.

We are invited to partake of these days that mark Jesus's last week on earth with deep wonder and humility. Even though we know what's going to unfold and we've observed them over and over during our lives it is possible to come to the services of Maundy Thursday and Good Friday with fresh minds and open hearts. For me the beauty of the journey in faith is that we can ALWAYS see, feel, and learn something new. There can always be a freshness about these very familiar stories when we acknowledge our poverty of Spirit which is the poverty of our all too human limitations. It's not necessarily something to be remorseful about but rather simply something to acknowledge and become aware of. We don't know a whole lot about the depth and breadth and wisdom of life in Jesus, the one we call Christ. And this week, this Holy Week invites us to allow a little more of us to be open to and influenced by the unfolding of the story.

Therefore, I urge you to avail yourself of the services on Maundy Thursday when we will relive the washing of feet (for those who dare!) and the re-institution of the Eucharist which culminates in the stripping of all the trappings within the church. I always find that so stark, bare and raw. And then we walk silently out of the church and re-enter the church on Good

Friday again in silence. The simplicity of silence allows the stark truths of these days to seep into our hearts and open our minds. Both services will be at 5pm.

I look forward to being together with you all again and to walk this path with you.

Blessed Holy Week to each of you,

Diane

Fifth Lenten Study
March 20th, 2024; 7pm – 8:15

Zoom Link for today's time together :

New Zoom Link:

Lee Maxey is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://mindmax.zoom.us/j/83298563882>

Meeting ID: 832 9856 3882

Fifth Lenten Study

Wednesday, March 20th, 2024

7 – 8:15 pm

Readings and Questions for this Week

**1/ “When was the last time you took soundings into the places of your own needs, and expressed them to Jesus, and with Jesus to the Father?”
pg 134 in green book!**

2/ “True humility is the sense of our need for each other for completeness, that my gifts supplement yours, and his complements ours, and theirs make up what is wanting in others. True humility arises from the vision of our interdependence within the web of life.” pg 137 green book

3/ “The divine Christ of many people's conventional faith is a fiction, a

demigod, not the man who is the Word made flesh.” pg 140 green book

4/ “The alienation of men from woman, the alienation of women from men, is one of the greatest triumphs of evil.” pg. 145 green book

5/ “The cross reveals how utterly different is the way God works from the methods of the world, the cross reveals that God’s wisdom and power work through the foolishness and weakness of suffering love, and therefore remain unrecognized by the “rulers of this age, who are doomed to perish.”
pg. 153 green book



An Update and Special Prayers for Baby Sarge

Sarge is now a healthy and happy 19 month old who is right in line with children his age at this point in their development. He is an incredibly happy, outgoing toddler who has adapted to the hurdles that he has encountered since his birth. One would never know what he has been through.

Now he is old enough and big enough to receive a kidney which will be a huge step forward for him. On March 20th he will be admitted to Boston Children's Hospital where he has been several times before. Early on the 21st his grandmother, Yvonne Alterie, who is pictured with him, will undergo surgery and donate a kidney to her grandson.

Yvonne will need to stay in Boston two weeks following the transplant but Sarge will remain at the hospital for 14 days and stay in Boston area for two months following his discharge. He will have weekly appointments for the first six months post surgery. The doctors are certain that everything is as they anticipated.

Prayers For Those in Need or Any Kind of Distress

O compassionate One, hold us in your mercy: heal the sick, mend the broken, protect the vulnerable, shelter the refugee, strengthen the weary, rescue the lost, and give courage to all who struggle: we pray especially for Carolyn, Geoffrey, Lois, Abra, Mike, Beverly, Noa, Lillian, Rae, Olivia, Cheryl, Larry, Steven, Tom, Karen, Chris, Lynne, Eve, Ella, Louis, John, Arnold, Lee, Alicia, Charles, Dick, Nancy, Sarge, and Yvonne.

Billie Houghton, a dear friend and longtime member of the community and the Essex Community Church, died yesterday. A summer memorial service will be held at the Essex Community Church.

Hear us when we pray to you.

ALTAR FLOWER REQUEST - ST. JOHN'S CHURCH

Your Name _____

Phone Number & Email Address _____

Flowers are for _____

Request:

In Memory of _____

In Honor of _____

For Birthday of _____

For Anniversary of _____

Or other (please indicate) _____

Sunday (or other) Date You Are Requesting _____

Please tell us:

You will supply flowers _____

Or you are requesting help _____

Or you are making a donation for flower purchase _____

Easter Flowers

If you would like to donate Easter flowers in memory or in honor of someone, please fill out a yellow form which will be available on the counter in Persell Hall until Palm Sunday and place it, with your donation, in the offering plate.

If you are not in the area, you may complete the form pictured above and return it to St. John's by mail or email with your contribution . Or simply call Nancy Sherman at the church office (518-963-7775) and she will fill out a form for you. You can then send a check in that amount to the church. Please clearly note on the check that it is for Easter flowers.

Thank you so much for helping to make our sanctuary a place of beauty and celebration on Easter.



Where have they been?

This past weekend, Louisa and Lauren Pero were part of an outstanding performance of the play, "Legally Blonde" presented at their school, Academy of the Holy Names in Albany, NY. These two amazing thespians sang, danced, and acted in their school's production of this very entertaining musical. Rinda Foster, Bobbi and Dick Perez, Katie Krier, Mike George, Bob and Carole Harsh and proud parents, Joel Pero and Megan Harris Pero were in the audience to enjoy watching these talented girls on stage. We will be glad to see them back at St. John's by Easter but are very happy to see what a wonderful experience they have had on stage at their school. Congratulations, Louisa and Lauren!

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

Meditation

There will be no meditation on March 20th and March 27th.

History Tidbit Part 19

Essex N.Y. July 26th 1912

A call having been sent Rev'd Claude Soares to fill the vacancy of rectorship of St. John's Church Essex N.Y. and he having accepted same, assumed duties

May 24th 1912.

At a special meeting of the Vestry held this date at the Rectory

Moved & seconded the offer of Mr. Harlan and Mr. Keyser to each supply one window in chancel of Church, be accepted. The Clerk to notify them to that effect.

Moved a committee of two be appointed by the Rector to confer with Mrs. Harlan and Mrs. Keyser in regards to windows. The Rector appointed W. H. Cruikshank and H. H. Noble a committee to act in the matter.

Moved by H. H. Noble seconded by L. R. Thompson the Treasurer, John B. Burnham be required (within a reasonable time) to make a financial statement of this Parish to the Vestry.

Moved & seconded Lyman R. Thompson and John H. Noble be appointed a committee to see about the cost of suitable furnace for Rectory.

Moved and seconded a vote of thanks be tendered to the members of our summit colony who so generously furnished the entertainment for the benefit of St. John's Church.

On advice from the Diocese at Albany the election of L. R. Thompson as Assistant treasurer was rescinded. [Who knows what this was all about. We can only surmise that his performance was not up to their standards.]

Essex N.Y. Sept. 7th 1912

Meeting was called for purpose of hearing report of committee on furnace for Rectory.

The offer of F. H. Sherman to furnish a Summit Furnace and install same complete for use for the sum of Two Hundred dollars was duly considered and accepted.

Essex N.Y. Nov. 5th 1912

A meeting of the Vestry of St. John's Church was held this date at the Rectory pursuant to notice given.

Moved & seconded the Duplex Envelope Collection System be adopted by this Parish.

Moved & seconded Rev. Soares, H. H. Noble and W. H. Cruikshank be a committee to solicit funds and explain the above system to parishioners.

Moved & seconded the Treasurer be empowered to pay balance (if any) of debt on Rectory Furnace from offertory funds.

Moved & seconded the Clerk be empowered to put in new registers in Chapel where needed.

Moved & seconded the Clerk tender Miss Mulligan & her friends the thanks of the Vestry for their gift of Fount Ewer for St. John's Church.

The Treasurers report showing the sum of \$1665.72 to the credit of this Parish in Burlington Savings Bank was received & accepted.

Essex, N.Y. March 24, 1913. (Monday in Easter Week)

The Annual Parish Meeting as per Canon Law, for the election of Wardens and Vestrymen, for St. John's Church, Essex, was held at the Church at 10 o'clock A.M.

Present, Claude Soares (Rector), Walter H. Cruikshank, Henry H. Noble, Henry H. Knapp, John H. Noble, Charles E. Porter. The Rector presiding, & with Mr. Cruikshank duly appointed as Clerk, all canonical requirements were fulfilled. The polls were open for one hour, being closed at 11 o'clock.

Essex N.Y. April 12, 1913

At the Annual Meeting of the Vestrymen of St. John's Church held this date at the Rectory for the purpose of organizing committees and the usual work.

On motion W. H. Cruikshank was to see Carpenter about installing the Memorial Windows of Mrs. Jas. Harlan and Mrs. Sam'l Keyser in the Church and if arrangements made to have them installed at once.

On motion if windows guards not furnished with windows Vestry be empowered to order them and have them placed over windows. This to include Memorial Windows already installed.

On motion H. H. Noble be empowered to attend to this work.

On motion W. H. Cruikshank be a committee of one to see about new Verandah for Rectory, and report to Vestry plans and cost of same.

On motion W. H. Cruikshank and H. H. Knapp be appointed a committee to build a Cesspool for Rectory. Cesspool to be approximately 10 feet square and 6 feet deep.

Essex N.Y. April 13th 1913

Moved & seconded the memorial window of Mrs. Cooper remain in its present position. The Clerk to notify Mrs. Harlan of the decision of the Vestry.

Essex N.Y. July 5th 1913

Moved & seconded the motion regarding the Cooper Memorial window is hereby rescinded (sic) and that the Clerk be instructed and empowered to place windows in position as agreed upon. [This will be interesting to follow up on.]

Moved and seconded H. H. Noble & H. H. Knapp be appointed a committee with powers to purchase a suitable clock for use of St. John's Church.

Moved & seconded W. H. Cruikshank be appointed a committee of one to build suitable cement steps for Chapel.

Moved & seconded the Vestry of St. John's Church to hereby allow the Rector his expenses 10 12/100 incurred by attending Bishop Doane's funeral.

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>

Buildings & Grounds Committee

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

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

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
Bruce Stephan and Anne Zilch(Members)
Darcey Hale (Clerk)
Antonia Bullard (Treasurer)
Dick Perez (Chair, Search Committee)