



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

Morning Prayer

Scottie Emery-Ginn, Officiant

Readings for Sunday, April 7, 2024

The Second Sunday in Easter

Acts 4:32-35

Psalm 133

John 20:19-31

Loose Plate Offering

Rector's Discretionary Fund



Easter Service

As we entered the doors from the narthex and looked down the aisle toward the altar we had to catch our breath as we took in the beauty that lay before us. Despite the chill in the air that lay behind us, an array of bright colored spring flowers were in abundance everywhere. Thank you Bobbi Perez and Carole Harsh for your artistic talent and lovely arrangements.

Jennifer had created her usual musical magic and for this joyous and very special occasion, our organist and pianist, Suzanne, was accompanied by a

special occasion, our organist and pianist supreme was accompanied by a cellist and a violinist and even a ukulele. The sound reverberated from the walls and with Michael leading us in our singing we could not help joining in with vigor, especially because so much of the music was very familiar to us.

When Diane stepped forward to deliver her Easter message she drew us right in with her as she always does. As she reflected upon the Holy Week through which we had traveled since Palm Sunday she brought to life each step taken as Jesus moved toward his crucifixion and inevitable death on the cross and then, finally, to this festive day when we are called upon to sing forth "Christ is Risen Indeed! Alleluia!"

For those who were able to linger following the service Carole and Bob had prepared a feast for all to enjoy. Thank you, and also thanks to Bobbi who shared her artistic talents with us once again with the table decorations.



Sixth Lenten Study

April 3, 2024; 7pm – 8:15

Zoom Link for the Sixth Lenten Study:

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

Meeting ID: 832 9856 3882

Readings and Questions

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, Rob, Geoffrey, Lois, Abra, Mike, Beverly, Noa, Lillian, Rae, Olivia, Cheryl, Steven, Tom, Karen, Chris, Lynne, Eve, Ella, Louis, John, Arnold, Lee, Alicia, Charles, Dick, Nancy, Sarge and Yvonne, Rob Close.

Hear us when we pray to you.





Easter Egg Hunt

Hosted by the Essex Community Church

Assisted by St. John's Church and the Pink Pig

About 15 children from toddlers to 10 year olds gathered for the event. They were overjoyed with the egg tosses, egg roll and duck and bunny hopping events. One child asked what was going to happen to all the resulting cracked hard boiled eggs. The answer, of course, was egg salad sandwiches!

Lakeside Friends of Refugees

Eclipse Celebration on April 8th

Essex has many activities planned for this very exciting day when a total eclipse is projected. All are welcome to participate and enjoy.

Lakeside Friends of Refugees will be holding its first fundraiser as we await the coming of the total eclipse. If anyone would like to contribute baked goods it will be greatly appreciated. You can leave the items in the refrigerator at Persell Hall. I will be at church on Sunday so I will pick them up then. Thank you!! Thank you!!

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

Meditation will resume April 10, both in Persell Hall and via zoom, from 4-5 p.m.

History Tidbit

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December 27, 1913.

To the Vestry of St. John's Church, Essex, N.Y.

Gentlemen:

I hereby tender my resignation as rector of St. John's Parish, to take effect January 14, 1914.

In leaving the parish I wish to take this opportunity of expressing my heart-felt appreciation & gratitude to the vestry for their sympathy, support & good will throughout the term of my ministry among you!

My relations with you & with the other members of the parish have been singularly happy, & I trust that my labors have been, under God's providence, the means of blessing to my people. My interest in St. John's will always be a vital one.

I hope that you will have no difficulty in speedily securing a clergyman, to succeed me as rector. My prayer is, that when he becomes your spiritual leader, the parish may prosper spiritually & temporally – that the communicants & adherents of St. John's may ever increasingly grow in grace & in the knowledge & love of God.

With every earnest wish for my people of St. John's, whom, for many reasons I leave with sincere regret, I am,

*Faithfully yours,
Claude Soares*

Essex, N.Y. Dec 27th 1913

At a special meeting of the Vestry of St. John's Parish Essex, N.Y. held this date at the Rectory, Rev'd Claude Soares presented his resignation as rector of St. John's Church to the Clerk of Vestry.

Moved & seconded Vestry accept resignation of Rev'd Claude Soares to take effect Jan'y 14th 1914. Clerk to make suitable answer and enter same on minutes of this meeting.

Rev'd Claude Soares.

Dear Sir. Your resignation as Rector of St. John's Church Essex N.Y. is hereby accepted by the Vestry. Would say – we are very loth to have you leave us. As your actions as a man and Rector have met with the strongest approval of this Vestry and our Church people. In your new Parish and larger field of work, we trust you will meet with the same appreciation that you have had as our Leader in St. John's Parish. May the Good Shephard look over and protect both you and your family are the heartfelt wishes of this Vestry.

Rev. Alden L. Bennet, of Montclair New Jersey, having been engaged by St. John's Parish as Missionary Rector for the summer months commenced services on Sunday June 14th 1914.

Essex N.Y. July 5th 1914

John B. Burnham tendered his resignation as Treasurer of St. John's Church which was duly accepted by the Vestry.

Moved by H. H. Noble the Vestry hereby tender to the retiring Treasurer their appreciation of his work and good will towards St. John's Parish while holding the office of Treas.

Moved & seconded W. H. Cruikshank and John Noble be appointed a committee of two to audit the retiring Treasurer's books. Moved by John B. Burnham seconded by W. H. Cruikshank, John H. Noble be a nominee for Treasurer, John H. Noble was then duly elected Treasurer.

Note by Clerk of Vestry

Sept. 1st Rev. Alden L. Bennett having completed his engagements with this Parish Aug. 30th took his departure with the best wishes of officers of this Parish.

Rev. S. Ladd kindly occupied the pulpit of St. John's Sunday Sept. 6th 1914 by request of the Wardens.

Rev. Frank Bigelow kindly occupied the pulpit of St. John's Sunday Sept. 13th 1914 by request of the Wardens.

Essex N.Y. Sept. 18th 1914

Mrs. W. C. Richardson

Dear Madam,

On behalf of the Vestry of St. John's Church, Essex N.Y. allow me to express our heartfelt sympathy for you and family, in the loss of your husband. To know him as a man was to appreciate his sterling principles, a true Christian Gentleman in every sense (sic) of the word. May God comfort you in your time of sorrow in the wish of this Parish.

(Insert: Thank you card from Mrs. William Clarence Richardson)

*Mrs. William Clarence Richardson
and family desire to express their deep
appreciation of your sympathy*

Essex, N.Y. Jan 27th 1915

Rev. J. F. George formerly of Rockville Conn. commenced duties here as Missionary rector of St. John's Parish this date.

Essex N.Y. Nov 1st 1915

At a special meeting of the Vestry of St. John's Church held this date at the Rectory Rev. J. F. George presiding:

Moved & seconded the Vestry of St. John's Church hereby extend a call to the Rev. J. F. George to be Rector of this Parish.

Rev. J. F. George with a few brief remarks accepted the charge with pleasure and appreciation of the manner in which it was extended.

Moved by H. H. Noble, seconded by H. H. Knapp this Vestry be empowered to purchase one share of stock from the Essex Water Works Co. at the nominal price of (175.00) one hundred & seventy five dollars. Carried unanimously.

Moved by H. H. Knapp seconded by J. H. Noble a committee be appointed by the Rector, to take charge of installing.....water at the Rectory, with the full power to build cesspool, put in bath at Rectory and all things necessary for permanent use of same.

Rev. J. F. George appointed W. H. Cruikshank, J. H. Noble and H. H. Knapp as committee above mentioned.

Moved by H. H. Noble, seconded by W. H. Cruikshank the Treasurer of St. John's Church be hereby empowered to draw the sum of (500.00) Five hundred dollars or such amounts as are necessary for the completion of the above-named work, for the Burlington Savings Bank. Carried unanimously.

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

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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)

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