



**~ St. John's Church ~
Weekly News
April 17, 2024**

Holy Eucharist

Diane Nancekivell, Officiant

Readings for Sunday, April 21, 2024

The Fourth Sunday of Easter

Acts 4:5-12

Psalm 23

1 John 3:16-24

John 10:11-18

**Loose Plate Offering
Food Shelves**

Contributions to the Weekly News

Carole and I are so grateful to all of you who send us so much important information each week. It really helps to keep in touch with our parishioners and friends, near and far, to feel that they are closely connected with the church. We could not do it without you.

However - and there always seems to be an "however" - for which we apologize. We have to have all of the materials and pictures finished and scheduled for delivery to you at 4 AM each Wed. morning. This has become almost impossible when we receive so much of what we need throughout the day on Tues. Even though the contributor has done his/her job we still have to edit, format, and assemble all of the parts in a tight timetable. It has led to some late nights for both of us recently.

In order to solve this problem, we ask that all contributions are sent to me (Darcey) at twoocelots@gmail.com no later than 9 AM on Tues. morning and we would love to get them sooner. It just gives us more time to do a better job for you. Thank you.

Darcey and Carole

Prayers

For Those in Need or Any Kind of Distress

If you wish to have someone's name placed on the list that is not already there, please email Bobbi Perez at perezgonehome@gmail.com. Thank you.

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 Ed, Carolyn, Rob, Geoffrey, Alex, 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 and Rob Close.

Hear us when we pray to you.

Search Update

St. John's has begun to receive information about potential rector applicants. We are very grateful to Bp. Jeremiah and Mother Elizabeth for their deep interest in finding and bringing suitable candidates to our attention. They have truly been our advocates. To date we have received applications and

have truly been our advocates. To date we have received applications and supporting materials from two candidates and we are awaiting the paperwork for a third. As you know, strict confidentiality has to be adhered to in the search process and we will continue to give you updates that will not breach this.

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



TIME TO CLEAN UP THE HIGHWAY

Once again it is time for a team of volunteers to help clean a nearly two-mile section of NY State Route 22 that St. John's has adopted. We are responsible for cleaning the section of the road between the Essex Firehouse and the Octagon schoolhouse. We are inviting YOU to meet at Persell Hall this Saturday morning, April 20 at 9am. Reflective vests, helmets, long-handled pickers, and trash bags will be provided. You need to come wearing long pants, sturdy shoes/boots, work gloves, and insect repellent. A section of the road will be assigned for each team and hopefully we will complete the job within one hour. If the weather is really stormy, we will postpone the clean-up

until Saturday, April 27 at 9am. Questions? Call Carole Harsh at 518-637-2622.

History Tidbit Part 23

March 24 – 1922

At a special meeting of the Vestry of St. John's Parish, held at the house of W. H. Cruikshank,

the following decisions were made:

- (1) To rent the Rectory to the Misses MacEachern for \$10 a month, subject to two months' notice of removal in case house should be needed for a rector.**
- (2) To confer with a committee of ladies from the Guild relative to the repairs immediately necessary.**
- (3) To authorize the purchase and installation of an electric meter in the church.**
- (4) To pay for returning the furniture now stored in the Rectory and belonging to Mary G. Townsend.**

Essex, New York, 18 April 1922

The annual parish meeting was held this day at St. John's Church, for the election of Wardens and Vestrymen.

The investment of church funds and the prospects of securing a residual rector were the topics therein discussed, altho' no action was taken.

May 5th, 1922

At a special meeting of the Vestry of St. John's Parish held at the home of W. H. Cruikshank, this day, discussion in regard to need for resident rector and method of obtaining one.

May 11th, 1922

At a meeting of the Vestry of St. John's Parish held at the residence of W. H. Cruikshank, this day, discussion as to the ability of the parish to maintain a resident rector.

May 17th, 1922

There was a discussion as to the ability of parish to maintain resident rector. Vestry to send a tentative budget for coming year to Archdeacon Purdy. There was a discussion concerning clergymen for summer services.

July 7th, 1922

At a meeting of the Vestry of St. John's Parish held, this day, at the residence of W. H. Cruikshank:

Discussion: as to persons in arrears in subscriptions

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Motion: That a meeting to held July 13th at the residence of W. H. Cruikshank and that a budget be prepared for consideration at that time: carried.

Motion: That such repairs as are necessary to strengthen the belfry be done when possible: - carried.

Discussion: as to ability to support a resident rector.

August 9th, 1922

At a special meeting of the Congregation of St. John's Church, Essex, held this day, in the church, the following motion was made by Mr. Wight, seconded by Miss Watmough;

This meeting declares itself in favor of a resident clergyman. Carried unanimously.

After free and open discussion about a possible rector, and after a specific request had been made for names, it was moved by Mrs. Ward, and seconded by Mr. Wight.

That at the request of the Vestry this meeting recommend the election of the Rev. Hobart B. Whitney as rector of this Parish, subject to the approval of the Bishop.

Vote was taken by secret Ballot and the motion carried by 17 in favor and 6 against.

August 9th, 1922

At a meeting of the Vestry of St. John's Parish held this day at the residence of W. H. Cruikshank Discussion as to obtaining resident rector.

The following motion was unanimously adopted: That this Vestry appreciates the interest shown at the meeting of the Congregation held on August 9th and have given their recommendation careful and thoughtful consideration and the following resolution is adopted: Resolved that the election of a rector for this Parish be deferred to give opportunity for further consultation with the Bishop and Archdeacon.

Discussion as to placing surplus funds in interest bearing bonds.

Motion: That all the funds of the Parish be invested in suitable interest bearing subject to the unanimous approval of the members of the Vestry: Carried.

Resolution thanking Rev. Mr. Drew for his services: Unanimously adopted.

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)