



LOGOS

The Newsletter for St. John's Episcopal Church, Arlington

"The light shines in the darkness and the darkness did not overcome it" John 1:5

September 2021

St. John's and St. Patrick's Commission Joint Search Committee

On August 22, members of St. John's joined St. Patrick's Episcopal Church in Falls Church for a joyous worship service that featured a jazz band and pastoral reflections by Rev. Steve Rorke, Interim Rector at St. Patrick's, and Rev. Larry Packard, Supply Plus Minister at St. John's. The service was also highlighted by the Commissioning of the Joint Search Committee, which is embarking on its work to identify the individual whom God is calling to lead both churches into the future and to equip both congregations for the building up of God's church here on earth.

Members of the Search Committee are Senior Warden Sandy Winger and Dave Dunlap of St. John's and Senior Warden Kathy Oliver and Nhung Dang of St. Patrick's.

Both St. John's and St. Patrick's have completed their church portfolios, which will be posted jointly on the diocesan website this month to advertise for a full-time priest who will serve both congregations. Under this arrangement, the two parishes will remain separate—the congregations will not merge.

Thank you to the Profile Committee for its hard work over the last year to compile St. John's portfolio and to all the members of the congregation who filled out the related survey last fall and participated in the town hall to discuss the results.

Please pray for the members of the Search Committee as they begin their work. If you have any questions, please feel free to talk to Sandy Winger or Dave Dunlap.

Pray also for St. John's and St. Patrick's as we eagerly look toward the future!



Back to School Supplies Needed

School is back in session and St. John's is once again collecting supplies for the neighborhood schools. A bin for the supplies can be found on the Pritchard porch at 5713 Fifth Street South, a half-block from St. John's. You can drop off your contributions at any time. Here are suggested supplies: 24-count crayon box, No. 2 pencils, pink erasers, pencil crayons, blue ink pens, red ink pens, eight-count washable markers, broad-tip markers, blunt tip scissors (Fiskar), pencil boxes, glue sticks, white school glue, wide-ruled loose leaf paper, packaged plain paper, wide-ruled spiral notebooks, pocket folders, rulers, tissues, wipes, hand sanitizer, and face masks. Please note that ring binders are not currently being collected.

In addition to the general list, Carlin Springs Elementary School is looking for these particular items: Crayola crayons, Crayola colored pencils, Crayola washable markers, Expo Low Odor Dry Erase markers, highlighters, blunt tip scissors for children, scissors for adults (usually six inches in size), hard plastic school supply boxes, three-ring pencil pouches, Post-it pads, tissue boxes, disinfecting wipes, gallon-sized Ziploc bags, sandwich-sized Ziploc bags, backpacks, Ticonderoga My First Pencils (No. 2, pre-sharpened with erasers, and No. 2 wood case pencils, pre-sharpened and with latex-free erasers).

St. John's is also accepting monetary donations, which will be used to buy more supplies. If you have any questions, please contact Faye Pritchard at 703-931-2168 or feungerpritchard@gmail.com. Thank you for helping to meet the needs of local schools and students!



Watch Out for COVID-19 Scams

Scammers are using telemarketing calls, text messages, social media platforms, and door-to-door visits to perpetrate COVID-19-related fraud on the public, according to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services inspector general's office.

Here are some of the fraudulent attempts to steal money or personal information:

- In one major scheme, fraudsters are hacking social media accounts and sending direct messages to beneficiaries while posing as a friend or government employee. An impersonator falsely claims the targeted individual is eligible for government grants (citing various reasons such as COVID-19, disability, etc.) and urges them to call a phone number to collect the funds. Upon calling, the beneficiary is asked to pay a "processing fee" (using bank account information, gift cards, or bitcoin) to receive the grant money. In return, targets of this scam never receive any money, but often large sums of money are stolen from them. These alleged grants are entirely illegitimate.
- Fraudsters are also offering COVID-19 tests to Medicare beneficiaries in exchange for personal details, including Medicare information. However, the services are unapproved and illegitimate.
- In another scheme, some medical labs are targeting retirement communities and claiming to offer COVID-19 tests, but they are actually drawing blood and billing federal health care programs for medically unnecessary services.

For more information on COVID 19 scams and how to avoid being taken in by them, visit <https://oig.hhs.gov/fraud/consumer-alerts/fraud-alert-covid-19-scams/>.

Information about testing, vaccine sites, and other local COVID-19 resources is available on the St. John's website at www.stjohnsarlingtonva.org. From the home page, click on "COVID Resources" in the menu on the left.

Haiti Earthquake Relief

Please pray for the Diocese of Haiti, the people of Haiti, and all others suffering from hardship and disaster. Practical help may be given by contributing to Episcopal Relief and Development's Haiti Relief Fund. For more information, visit www.episcopalrelief.org/where-we-work/country/haiti/.

Prayers and Cards

If you have any requests for Sunday prayers, intercessory prayers, or a card for someone who is sick, please contact Barbara Olivere at prayers@stjohnsarlingtonva.org.

Words on Hymns: *Faith of Our Fathers*

I always assumed that the “fathers” in the hymn *Faith of Our Fathers* referred to the earliest Christians. After all, it talks about “dungeon, fire and sword.” The hymn actually is referring to the Catholic martyrs at the start of the English Reformation during the reigns of Henry VIII and Elizabeth I of England.

Creating poems and hymns were the work and mission of Fredrick W. Faber. He wrote hymns that he believed would assist his fellow Christians with their faith and life. He penned roughly 150 such hymns in his lifetime and in the opinion of many, his greatest creation was *Faith of Our Fathers*. Faber (1814–1863) grew up in a vicarage and seemed destined for priesthood in the Anglican Church. Following his education at Balliol College, Oxford, he became a Fellow at Oxford and in 1837 took Holy Orders as a priest in the Church of England.

Faber’s appointment to a parish in Elton, Huntingdonshire, in 1843 seemed to seal his destiny as an Anglican priest. But in that same year, he converted to the Roman Catholic Church. Moving to London in 1849, he established the Oratorians, also known as Priests of the Congregation of St. Philip of Neri, with John Henry Newman, a priest and hymn writer who also followed the path from Canterbury to Rome. Before converting to Catholicism, Faber published statements in defense of the Church of England. He also published a number of literary works during his Anglican years. His hymns, however, were published only after he became a Roman Catholic.

In the preface to his book *Jesus and Mary: Catholic Hymns for Singing and Reading* (1849), Faber describes the origins of his interest in hymn writing:

It was natural then that an English son of St. Philip should feel the want of a collection of English Catholic hymns

fitted for singing. The few in the Garden of the Soul were all that were at hand, and of course they were not numerous enough to furnish the requisite variety. As translations, they do not express Saxon thought and feelings, and consequently the poor do not seem to take to them. The domestic wants of the Oratory, too, keep alive the feeling that something of the sort was needed: though at the same time the author’s ignorance of music appeared in some measure to disqualify him for the work of supplying the defect.

In order to make the hymn more acceptable to a wider non-Catholic constituency, some alterations were necessary. The second stanza now reads:

*Faith of our fathers, we will strive,
To win all nations unto thee.*

This is a significant adaptation from Faber’s original stanza, which would not be acceptable to Protestants:

*Faith of our Fathers! Mary’s prayers
Shall win our country back to thee.*

Faber wrote two versions of the hymn in 1849, with seven stanzas for Ireland and four for England. The Irish version was sung at hurling matches until the 1960s. (I had to look up “hurling.” It is the national game of Ireland and may date back to the second millennium BCE. It resembles field hockey, played with a shorter stick with a broader oval blade.) In England, Scotland, Wales, and Ireland it is usually sung to the traditional tune *Sawston*, while in the United States the tune *St. Catherine* by Henri Hemy (1818–1888), published in 1864, is more commonly used.

Hemy was born in England to German parents. He proved to be a gifted musician and served as the organist at St. Andrew’s Roman

Catholic Church in Newcastle. He later became a professor of music at St. Cuthbert's College in Durham. The arrangement was originally created in respect to Catherine of Alexandria. According to her hagiography, she was both a princess and a noted scholar who became a Christian around the age of 14, converted

hundreds of people to Christianity, and was martyred about the age of 18 at the hands of the emperor Maxentius. More than 1,100 years after Catherine's martyrdom, Joan of Arc identified her as one of the saints who appeared to and advised her.

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St. John's Vision Statement

St. John's Episcopal Church is an inclusive congregation that nurtures Christian spiritual growth and community through worship, education, outreach, mutual care, and fellowship.

St. John's Mission Statement

St. John's mission is building a strong spiritual community in Christ; welcoming all who enter our doors, including believers, seekers, and doubters; and reaching out to those in need both within our congregation and around us.

St. John's Staff and Leadership

Staff

Supply Plus Minister: The Rev. Dr. Laurence K. Packard
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Dave Dunlap

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John Restall, Pledge Clerk
Eileen Tallent, Chair, Altar Guild

Diane Henderson
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Peter Olivere

Parish News

Upcoming Events:

➤ St. John's Book Club will meet on **Tuesday, September 14**, at 7 p.m. to discuss *China Rich Girlfriend* by Kevin Kwan. Participants will also select books to read for the coming year. The meeting will take place outside the church by the Frank Todd Memorial Garden at the corner of South Kensington Street and 4th Street South. Remember to bring something to sit on. If it rains, the meeting will be held on Zoom. Check the St. John's website at www.stjohnsarlingtonva.org for the Zoom link. All are welcome!

➤ Join the fun as St. John's plays virtual bingo on **Saturday, September 18**, at 7 p.m. To obtain bingo cards and be sent the Zoom link or call-in details to play, send an email to bingo@stjohnsarlingtonva.org or contact Sandy Winger at 703-498-6990.

Thank You to:

➤ Faye Pritchard for organizing the Back to School supply drive and to all those who have contributed supplies.

➤ The members of the Profile Committee for all of their hard work over the past year.

We celebrate with all who have birthdays in September:

Ginger Adair, Jeff Aitken, Griffin Baynham, Stephanie Beavin, Delaney Del Gallo, William Gibb, the Rev. Sue Hardman, Connor McCartney, Clara Naw Sweet, the Rev. Anna Scherer, Lane Turner, Jeffrey Wallace, and Kay Wells.

We celebrate with those observing anniversaries in September:

Erin and Gerard Baynham; Richard and Chelsea Kaufman; Cristina and Matthew Tallent

