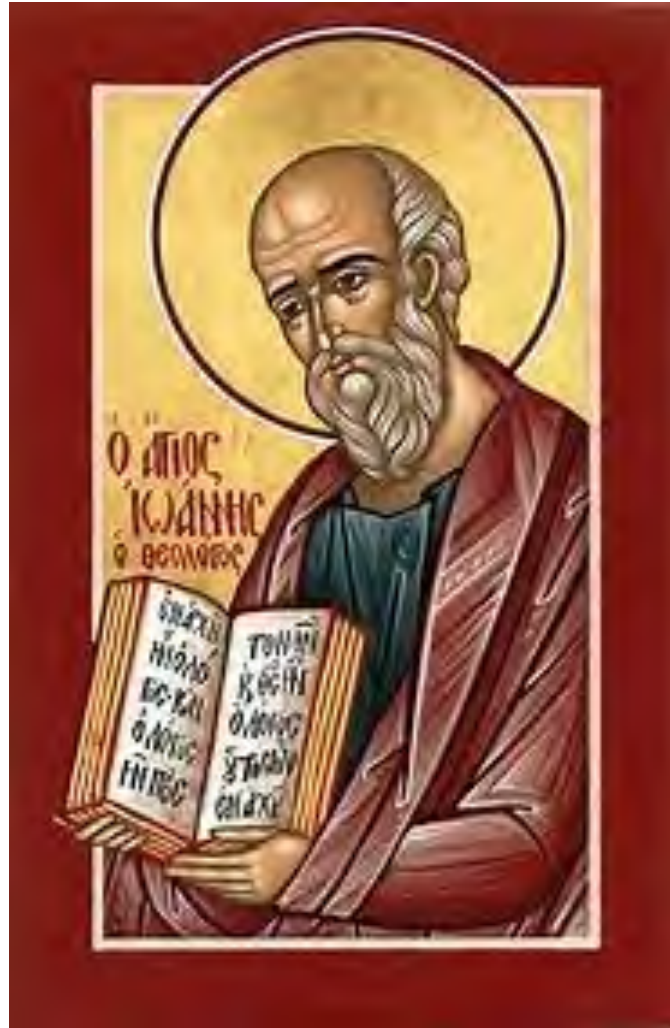


# 2017 ANNUAL REPORTS



Presented at The Annual Meeting

January 21, 2018

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## STAFF AND OFFICERS OF THE PARISH

Bishop – The Rt. Rev. Chip Stokes  
Rector – The Rev. Valerie T. Redpath  
Deacon – The Rev. Eve Chamberlain

## 2017 VESTRY

Senior Warden – Paul Chalifour  
Junior Warden – Hazel Kelly  
John Davies                      Eileen Kennedy  
Kate Galbavy                  Chris Nalbandian  
Curt Goss                      Tom Perez  
Paula Hayes                  Amy Thomas  
Beverly Van Winkle

Parish Administrator – Janice Lima  
Music Ministers – Jim Scavone & Karen Feeney  
Sexton – Orinzo Martinez

## PARISH STATISTICS

Total Number of Households.....	100
Total Number of Members.....	232
Baptisms.....	3
Marriages.....	0
Burials.....	5

## SUNDAY ATTENDANCE

First Sunday in Lent.....	73
Easter Day.....	148
Pentecost Sunday.....	52
First Sunday in Advent.....	83
Christmas.....	129
Average Sunday Attendance.....	62

# AGENDA

PRAYER

APPOINTMENT OF SECRETARY

RECOGNITIONS

READING OF MINUTES OF THE 2017 ANNUAL MEETING

OPENING OF POLLS

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

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FINANCIAL REPORT

OUTREACH REPORT

HOSPITALITY REPORT

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OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

REPORT OF ELECTION

ADJOURNMENT

# NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The persons listed below have graciously consented to be nominated for their respective parish offices. Their names have been listed alphabetically and are not meant to indicate any priority of choice. We are pleased to present the following for your consideration at our January 21st Annual Meeting.

## **WARDENS**

*(vote for two)*

Senior Warden *(1 year term)*

Hazel Kelly

Junior Warden *(2 year term)*

Tom Perez

## **VESTRYPERSON**

*(vote for four)*

Lydia Brenner *(2 year term)*

Amy Dixon *(3 year term)*

Eileen Kennedy *(3 year term)*

Jeanne Lauro *(3 year term)*

## **CONVENTION DELEGATE/CONVOCATION REPRESENTATIVE**

*(1 year term – vote for two)*

Paul Chalifour

Jim Scavone

## **ALTERNATE DELEGATE/CONVOCATION REPRESENTATIVE**

*(1 year term – vote for two)*

John Brenner

Lydia Brenner

## From Your Rector

Dear Friends in Christ,

My prayer is that you and your loved ones are well, and that you are mindful of the blessings that we have been a part of over the past year.

I give thanks to God for calling me to share in the life of St John's Church. This is a compassionate and supportive parish. You grieve with those who are grieving, and support those who are in need. You rejoice over births, birthdays, anniversaries, baptisms, and answers to prayer. You delight in the presence of children who enliven our corporate life with their energy, creativity and joy. ALL are welcomed into fellowship. You celebrated and welcomed the presence of 'Chuck', a beautiful service dog, recognizing that he too is one of God's blessings as he provides comfort and independence for his young owner. It is good to be reminded that God cares about each of us as individuals and as a parish.

I give thanks to God for all of you and for all that you do in the name of Jesus.

Have you ever considered the fact that God is thankful for you...for all that you do and give...for the ministries you lead and support through your offerings of time, talent and money? It is because of your faithfulness and witness to Jesus' mission in this hurting world that the Good News of God's kingdom is spread. Today's world is sorely in need of examples of love and forgiveness. As a faith community we have been able to reach those in need of God's love, care and forgiveness locally, in our Diocese and even worldwide! And that, my friends, is pretty awesome.

What this annual report is meant to bear witness to is the many ways our parish—this particular faith community known as St John's Church in Little Silver—has been uniquely empowered by God to be the Body of Christ to each other and the world. Priest and author Henri Nouwen wrote in his book *The Path of Waiting*, "Christian community is the place where we keep the flame of hope alive among us and take it seriously so that it can grow and become stronger in us."

As you read through these reports, I hope your heart will be stirred with thanksgiving to God for all the blessings we share. Let us rejoice that we have been given the ability to recognize where compassion, love and forgiveness are needed. Let us embrace future opportunities to carry his light into places of darkness and despair. Let us commit to deepening our spiritual life in the coming year through scripture, prayer, sacraments and the sharing of our personal faith stories. Let us commit to the call set before us so we may "run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith..." (Hebrews 12:1-2)

In the words of the late Rev. William Sloane Coffin:

*May God give you Grace never to sell yourself short.  
Grace to risk something big for something good.  
Grace to remember that the world is too dangerous for anything but truth  
and too small for anything but Love.  
and may the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit  
be with us now and remain with us this day and always. Amen.*

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Val+", is located in the bottom left corner of the page.

## Hospitality

Hospitality had another year of wonderful success in 2017!

We were fortunate to have volunteers filling almost every slot! We had a number of different people and families serve as hosts and hostesses throughout the year and were blessed with a wide variety of light brunch items, including many home made selections!

We also held a number of special "feasts" including St. John's Day and the Easter Feast. These events were highly successful as always due to the hard work, dedication and generosity of our parishioners.

Beginning in the fall of 2017, the vestry decided to move to a more environmentally sustainable model for our hospitality hours. In keeping with this, we have eliminated the use of disposable coffee and tea cups, instead opting to use our wonderful St. John's china! This effort seems to have been received well by the congregation, and we look forward to continuing our efforts regarding environmental sustainability into 2018.

Continuing with our success from the prior year, St. John's found the use of the online service "sign-up genius" for fellowship hour very beneficial in making sure we always had hospitality coverage. However, as before, for those who prefer good old pen and paper, there is also a printed sign up sheet on the bulletin board in the parish hall. With Janice's regular assistance, we attempt to keep the online and posted sign up sheets synchronized.

The vestry would like to thank all the people and families who made fellowship hour so successful in 2017! It is through the generosity of our congregation in time and treasure that we are able to maintain a consistent, vibrant, varied and welcoming fellowship hour after services on Sunday.

Respectfully submitted,

*Chris Nalbandian*

## **Altar & Flower Guild**

St. John's Altar and Flower Guild continued throughout 2017 as a dedicated group of women who strive to bring Glory to God and beauty and serenity to St. John's altar.

Our work is performed prior to and after worship; therefore, you don't see much of our activity which includes setting up and clearing up the Eucharist, changing the hangings on the altar and lectern, arranging flowers, plants, greens and palms, polishing brass and silver items, and washing and ironing altar linens.

The number of Altar Guild members remained steady at 6 during 2017 but we really hope to increase that number in 2018 and welcome any parishioner of St. John's who might be called to help serve in this unassuming but important role.

St. John's Flower Guild is happy to report we have ten members sharing the responsibility of arranging the altar floral decorations. Flowers and/or greens are offered every week with special arrangements for Christmas, Palm Sunday, Easter, the harvest altar, weddings and funerals. We had a special workshop at Sickles Market and Beverly shared how to decorate the Paschal candle stand. It is truly a privilege to be able to use one's time and talent in this ministry to the glory of God here at St. John's.

Respectfully submitted,

*Diane Cimala & Liz Dennis*

## **Music Ministry**

Karen Feeney and Jim Scavone continue to share the Music Ministry position. They lead the choir at 10 am Sunday worship and special holiday celebrations throughout the year, and they play the organ at the 9 am Sunday worship during the summer. Jim and Karen collaborate with Mother Val regarding the planning for music from season to season throughout the church year.

The choir is comprised of a group of very dedicated members who give tirelessly of their time and talents. Thank you to our talented choir members: Linda Rizzo, Lonnie Gordon, Colleen Meyer, Marty Zacharczyk, Sandy Perez, Paula Hayes, Vicki Iannarone, Eileen Kennedy, Tom Perez and Phil Iannarone. The choir rehearses on Sunday mornings at 8:45 am prior to our 10 am Eucharist. They sing at the Sunday morning liturgy September thru May and at many special liturgies during the holiday seasons. We would like to extend an open invitation to all members at St John's to join the choir for weekly, seasonal, or to participate in one of our special music opportunities.

Thanks to a very generous donor, the choir purchased new choir robes in 2017. The robes are traditional Episcopal style. Additionally, some of the monies in the budget were used to purchase new music for the choir. We are very grateful for the support of the entire parish for our music ministry.

Respectfully submitted,

*Karen Feeney and Jim Scavone*



## Prayer Warrior Committee

Recognizing the importance of prayer and intercession in our spiritual lives, St. John's implemented a Prayer Chain in 2014 and has been active for nearly 4 years. We currently have 15 pray-ers who pray for our brothers and sisters in Christ who need specific intercession. We gained one this past year.

We have made the commitment to offer up consistent, intentional prayers to our Lord. The majority of our prayers have been for healing from health issues but we also pray for people who may be facing other struggles in their life. When we can, we send out updates to our pray-ers to let them know how their prayers are affecting the individuals for whom we are praying.

Confidentiality is paramount with this ministry, and our pray-ers take this aspect of the ministry very seriously. Please ask permission to add someone to the pray list either for the prayee or their family before making a referral.

If you would like to be one of St. John's pray-ers, please contact Mother Val at [valredpath@hotmail.com](mailto:valredpath@hotmail.com) or Hazel Kelly at [hazelann0214@gmail.com](mailto:hazelann0214@gmail.com).

If you would like prayers for a family member, friend, or work colleague, please contact Mother Val or Hazel and we will send out the request to our pray-ers.

If you would like the individual to be put on our "public" prayer list that appears in the bulletin each Sunday, contact Janice Lima or Mother Val.

If you request prayers for someone and there is a change in the situation, please advise me so I can update the prayer chain list.

Respectfully submitted,

*Hazel Kelly*

## Book Club

Book Club has had another great year. We welcomed some new members and the core group remains bringing us to a total of 11 if all attend. We meet once a month (every 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month) and read many varied and interesting books. Books are chosen by suggestions from the Book Club members and by consensus of the group. Our meetings are informal in nature and provide a fun and accepting atmosphere for honest and open discussion. We meet at different member's homes who host on a volunteer basis only. No one is required to host a meeting.

We joke that our meetings are not only devoted to books but also to a fantastic array of goodies provided by the group much like a pot luck dinner. Let's put it this way... you are advised not to eat supper prior to a meeting!

We start out discussing the book (because that's the whole point of a Book Club), but our discussions frequently, or should I say always, diverge to other topical subjects. We enjoy a feeling of openness and candor which make our meetings relaxed and interesting.

We welcome anyone interested at any time.

Respectfully submitted,

*Eliza Biehl*

## **Lectors and Lay Eucharistic Ministers (LEMs)**

Lectors and Lay Eucharistic Ministers assist at Sunday worship, at special Eucharists, such as Christmas, Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday, etc., and for some weddings and funerals, including, occasionally, weddings and funerals at other parishes. Lectors assist by reading appointed lessons. LEMS assist at Eucharists by administering the chalice, and when needed, leading psalms, prayers, and reading lessons.

Lectors during 2017 were: Amy Dixon, Lonnie Gordon, Paula Hayes, Terry Horney, Eileen Kennedy, Jean Otte and Beverly Van Winkle. LEMs were: John Brenner, John Davies, Milt Hall, Fred Horney, Hazel Kelly, Jeanne Lauro, Linda Rabon, and Martie Zacharczyk.

We are not scheduling Lectors for our 5:30 PM Saturday service, hoping to involve a broader group of people by simply asking for volunteers on a week-to-week basis.

If you are interested in serving as a Lector or Lay Eucharistic Minister, please speak to Mother Val.

Respectfully submitted,

*Milton S. Hall*

## **Crop Walk**

This year we had the usual handful of walkers who participated in the 5 mile Crop Walk which supports local food pantries with donated goods and monetary donations which help hungry people globally.

Participants were Debbie Cortale, Fred Horney, Marty Zacharczyk, Eve Chamberlin and Hazel Kelly. We raised \$1300 this year, the largest amount ever. Thanks to all the supporters as well as participants.

Respectfully submitted,

*Hazel Kelly*

## **Stewardship**

Stewardship is truly alive and well at St. John's. Our members continue to acknowledge their God-given gifts of time, talent and treasure and, in turn, generously give back. We are pleased to report 70 pledges totaling \$191,903 were received in the 2018 Every Member Canvass. Our faith and spirituality were nurtured and grown as we freely gave of our time and talent. A first-time Ministries Fair showcased the many avenues of opportunity available and increased the participation. May we all continue to be good stewards of all that has been given to us.

Respectfully submitted,

*Beverly Van Winkle*

*John Davies*

## Episcopal Church Women

The Episcopal Church Women, ECW, The Women of St. John's Church, and The Guild, known by many names, are the one and same welcoming organization for all women of St. John's Church. ECW's monthly meetings include prayer, bonding friendships and laughter, interesting sacred and secular programs and activities, outreach/evangelism goals, delicious refreshments, 2 weekday luncheons catered by Sickles Market or members, and our new November fund-raiser mini-bazaar.

Many ECW gifts benefitted St. John's Church in 2017: 1) Christmas checks and gifts of appreciation were presented to Mother Valerie Redpath, Deacon Eve Chamberlain, Janice Lima, and Orinzo Martinez. 2) Members shared Ash Wednesday's 9:30AM Mass and provided a light brunch afterward for all church attendees. 3) St. John's ECW and the Diocesan ECW of New Jersey presented monetary Student Service Awards to Rachel Zacharczyk and Kara Dixon for their church, missionary and community interest, time and service. 4) Also the ECW gives special recognition and gratitude to the Nifty Knitters who lovingly knitted and crocheted prayer shawls and prayer squares for ill parishioners. 5) Contributions to the All Souls Fund were given in recognition and fond memory of Carlotta Niles, Carly Emmons, Rosemary Francis, and Brad Murphy and Dick Balmer whose wives were dedicated ECW members.

ECW member Diane Tresente gave \$1,400, in memory of her husband Robert, for a new refrigerator-freezer for St. John's kitchen. Cost \$1,699 and \$200 service contract. Presently ECW can cover some but not all of the extra cost. Hopefully, as more money is earned, Diane's gift will become a reality by April or May, 2018.

ECW fulfilled its 10 outreach/evangelism ministries for 2017: 1) The ECW and Nifty Knitters are a successful team together. The skillful, talented Nifty Knitters, starting their 11<sup>th</sup> year of nifty knitting, made 80 hat/cowl/scarf sets for Seamen's Church Institute and 30 premie caps and 30 cancer patient hats for Riverview Medical Center. ECW paid the shipping costs of NK's 4 boxes of knitwear, teddy bears and toys to Appalachia. 2) Through parishioners' generous contributions of "tons" of toiletries, puzzle books, candy, gum, and phone cards, Paige from Seamen's Church Institute guided our assemble of 80+ holiday knitwear/ toiletries ditty bags for men and women on cargo ships docked in Port Newark. 3) Over 85 bags of spring-summer, fall-winter, and "Suited for Success" apparel were collected and delivered to Lunch Break of Red Bank. 4) Monthly, the ECW donated food and toiletries to St. Brigit's/St. James' Food Pantry, Long Branch. 5) At Christmas, armloads of new toys, games, stuffed animals, and books were given to Jason's Dreams for Kids. 6) Rene O'Neil knitted wool helmet liners to be worn by the military. 7) Homebound members and/or those unable to join meetings on a regular basis received notes, valentines, cards of friendship and "vintage" photo cards of St. John's altar. 8) Appalachia Project: Two very kind members anonymously gave money to be used expressly for helping the impoverished children of Appalachia; the money financed the purchase of new winter clothing and its shipping costs. ECW collected 5 large boxes of used adult coats and sweaters and children's coats and jackets which were mailed to Appalachia also. This project will continue next year. 9) A donation was made to the Diocesan ECW. 10) Monetary gifts were given to Lunch Break of Red Bank, Madonna House, St. James Food Pantry, and Epiphany House. The ECW thanks all members of St. John's for their support and donations toward ECW's church, community and national ministry goals.

One new noteworthy project to raise money for Outreach's Appalachia Project was our handmade Christmas and holiday cards and "everyday" and Christmas gift card holders. Summer workshops enabled us to laugh (and eat), form new friendships and strengthen old ones while we learned new paper crafting techniques and created beautiful Victorian-style pop-up Christmas cards, shaker cards and unique gift card holders. ECW's November mini-bazaar added \$250+ to our treasury. The generous purchase-power of church members is appreciated.

Joyfully in 2018, ECW looks forward to our monthly meetings on the first Wednesdays, noon, in the library or parish hall (and to continue to be available for desired Sunday ECW meetings), Women of the Bible presentations, and service-oriented activities. Officially we gather from September through May, yet God's blessings of friendship and support are timeless. Two of our 2018 goals will focus on the Appalachian children's warm clothing needs and the allocation of Outreach funds to local organizations. ECW funds are earned through dues (\$15 @ year), used book sales, two Wednesday-meeting auctions and November's mini-bazaar. All women of St. John's Church have the opportunity to plan, participate, and enjoy ECW activities and to experience the rewards of serving God, our church, and our community together. We anticipate another positive, productive year.

God bless our women and men in our Armed Forces and all clergy, parishioners and guests of St. John's Church.

Respectfully submitted,

*Linda Rizzo*

*Mary Ann O'Connor*



Many thanks to all Parishioners who so generously pledged to Mission Possible during Lent of 2017.

Once again, we met and surpassed our goal with a grand total of \$11,000, an amazing and humbling feat by a Parish who have historically sought to support the needs of those less fortunate than ourselves.

This year's Mission Possible funds were equally divided between Covenant House Asbury Park; Cristo Rey Episcopal Church, Trenton, for their work in giving legal assistance to immigrants; and Thistle Farms Global Division based in Nashville, TN. We received heartwarming appreciation notes from all three of these organizations. Some of you may have been present at a service this summer when we were able to personally present the check to a representative from Covenant House

I wish to thank Mike Redpath for all his assistance with Mission Possible this year. He created a graphic specific for Mission Possible and sent out all the informative and graphically interesting notices keeping our timeline on track. Being that Mission Possible is a Parish and time driven project during Lent timely communication is of utmost importance. And as always many thanks to Janice Lima for all of her support and assistance. And a special thanks to Erika Abella for agreeing to coordinate Mission Possible for 2018.

St. John's continues, as a whole, to acknowledge that there are so many in our own country and throughout the world who desperately need and deserve many form of support and aide.

Eliza Biehl, Mission Possible Coordinator



**\$11,000 divided evenly and given to (left to right)**

**Covenant House, Asbury Park;**

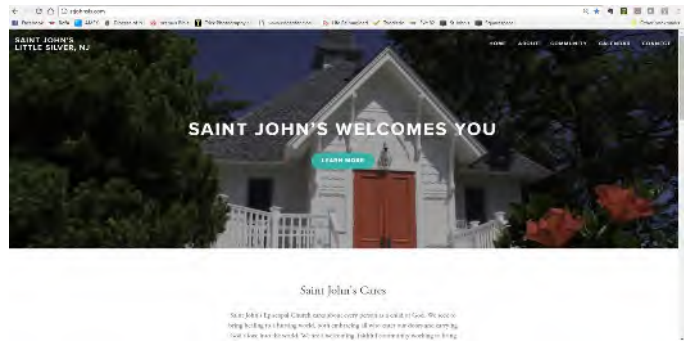
**Cristo Rey Episcopal Church, Trenton, for their work in giving legal assistance to immigrants; and**

**Thistle Farms Global Division, based in Nashville, TN.**

# Communications and Evangelism

With the new St. John's website fully functional, our communications continue to grow, enabling our ministries to also continue to grow. The new site went on line in March, and we have continued to add features and functionality.

Most importantly, the website effectively represents St. John's to folks who are not members while providing members a resource for accessing schedules, newsletters, sermons, and photo albums. And, the website is a foundation for our other communications as we are able to refer people from those platforms to the website for more information. The website is also fully responsive,, meaning it is automatically adjusted to appear well on any size screen. In first quarter 2018, Eileen Kennedy will be offering training for clergy, staff,



and interested lay people to learn how to make website updates to the pages that support the tasks and ministries in which they are engaged.



Our use of the Mail Chimp email application continues to expand. Using the application enables us to utilize email more effectively. *This Week at St. John's* continues to grow as a robust weekly connection with the entire St. John's family. It reaches those who were not present during the weekend, while sharing photographs, the sermon and resources with those who were. Mike Redpath conducted a training for Mother Val, Janice Lima, and Kate Galbavy in December in order to facilitate them using the platform. Kate immediately started using the platform to communicate more robustly with Sunday school families.

Using the Mail Chimp platform facilitates integrating communications across Facebook, email, and the website. The *Journey to Thanks-giving* program series of emails that began four weeks before Thanksgiving is an example of this integration.

Facilitating the spread of the Gospel from St. John's in a world filled with noise from the commercial world is a continuous challenge and adding platforms for getting the word out is always beneficial. The Communication and Evangelism Committee plans to add You Tube and Instagram as well as a schedule of press releases to traditional media to our efforts. We also are working with the Men's Group to look at making our presence known more effectively in our neighborhood.



Respectfully submitted,

*Eileen Kennedy and Mike Redpath*



## Deacon's Report

In preparing to write this I found myself thinking about the purpose of an Annual Report. That purpose is to reflect on the year past and to present a position for advancing in the upcoming year. And so as your Deacon and the one who is called to always urge you to look beyond the altar of the church and to walk with Christ in the world, here is some of what I carry forward from this past year:

A deeper commitment to hearing the cries of God's people and understanding the injustices that affect our brothers and sisters in Christ.

In 2017 that commitment led me to continue my work with victims of Domestic Violence through *180 Turning Lives Around* and to attend the Thistle Farms National Conference in Nashville to learn more about the plight of victims of human trafficking. It also led me to attend all of the lectures offered by the Racial Justice Project in Asbury Park learning about the complex situations for Blacks, Latinos and Muslims. And beginning with the Sleep Out in Newark to become involved in the work of Covenant House in Asbury Park.

As well as joining some of you in a deep read and time of wrestling with the issues presented in *Evicted* by Matthew Desmond

A desire to have a space to grow in faith while sharing prayer and reflecting with others.

A Lenten Quiet Day in which we took some time to think and pray opening ourselves to hearing God's voice.

This interest also led, in 2017, to our Tuesday evening gatherings at the Rectory, a quiet, casual time of sharing and reflecting on our faith.

What does 2018 hold? I will continue most of the work that was begun in 2017 and, with God's help, build those endeavors. The Diocesan committee supporting the Sustainable Development Goals will focus my work with human trafficking victims. And Reflections at the Rectory will continue throughout the spring.

I would love to work with you all on some "hands on" efforts. St John's does some great work raising much needed funds to support different charities but I wonder if any of you – like me – have a deep desire to do more? Stay tuned! And if you have an idea for some effort we could support with our time and talent let me know!

In closing I continue to be guided by these words spoken by the Bishop of Arkansas at the ordination of a group of Deacons.

*"Never forget that you are the face of Jesus Christ to the people who will likely not darken the doors of a church. Help the poor see their wealth. Help the weak find their strength. Help the sick see the wholeness that is inside them. Help the lonely feel confident. And lastly, [never let any of us] forget the ministry to which we are all called of being the face of the risen Christ to the world."*

We are called to serve.

Peace and Blessings,

*Eve*

The Reverend Eve Chamberlain, Deacon  
[eychamb@gmail.com](mailto:eychamb@gmail.com)

# News from Sunday School



## Lesson Themes

- Managing back to school anxiety with a "Trust In God Magic Show"
- Based on the Book and Movie, "Wonder" - Is it better to be kind or right?
- Why are the words "In God We Trust" on our Currency?
- Celebrating Women of the Bible
- Moses
- Where can you see God's Fingerprints (Comparison of a cross section of Human DNA and the Rose

Window)



- Forgiveness
- All Saints Day - a lesson on some famous and surprising Saints



## Community Outreach Projects:

Valentines Day Cards for elderly

Decorating and learning about the Jesse Tree

Planting Adelaide's Garden

Raised \$700 for Heifer - thank you to Deacon Eve for helping us with a matching grant from  
the Diocese - the kids contributed \$1,400!



### Advent

Preparing their hearts through **PACE** curriculum:

Pray everyday

Act as God Calls you

Connect with others

Engage with the needs around you

**Travel:** Thanks to Google Maps, we took virtual trips to discover the following Biblical locations:

Bethlehem, Egypt, Jerusalem, Sea Of Galilee, Garden Tomb, Mount Zion, Golgotha and the River of Jordan.

The kids were able to identify where these places are, explore the story behind their Biblical Significance and add the knowledge into their Faith foundation.



We enjoyed another wonderful Christmas Eve Pageant! A huge thank you to our cast and their parents! Special thank you to Karen Feeney for her musical gifts and support of the pageant.



The year finished with us expecting 2 new arrivals : The birth of Jesus and Chuck Knight coming to NJ. Chuck is a service dog, and he will be joining us with the Knight Family. Chuck made his debut in Sunday school, and the children were given a lesson on the rules for Chuck, how he helps Jay, and how they can help take care of all God's creatures!



We are incredibly blessed with such an amazing group of children and parents. We would like to sincerely thank Mother Val, Deacon Eve, the Vestry and congregation for their continued support of our Sunday School program. THANK YOU TO THE PARENTS – In today's world we are pulled in so many directions, thank you for making St John's a priority and sharing your children with us, they are the future of St John's and one of our most cherished blessings!

Respectfully submitted,

*Kate Galbavy & Amy Thomas*

