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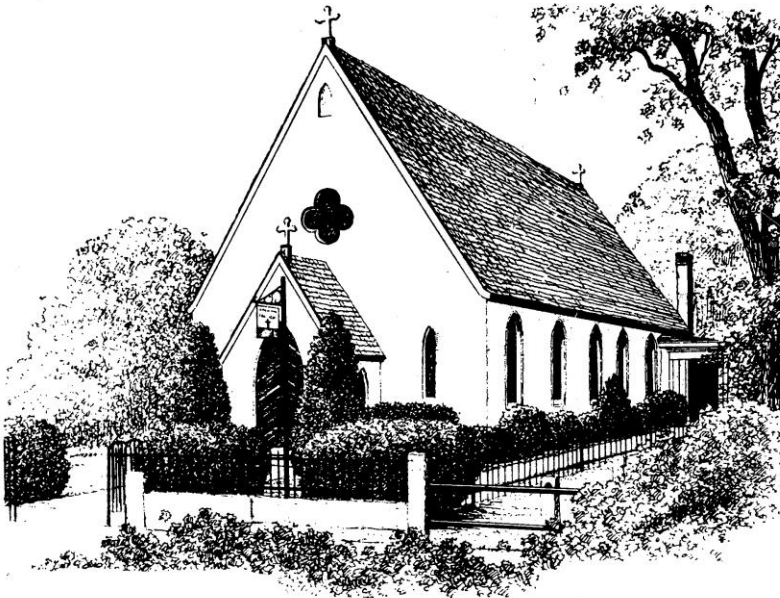
Saint John's Episcopal Church

is a dynamic evolving spiritual community open to God's grace and human faith.

We're delighted that you're here!

The Third Sunday after the Epiphany

The Annual Meeting



9 am Sunday, January 25, 2015

*To participate fully with us, you need this worship book, and the blue Hymnal 1982
in the racks or "Wonder, Love and Praise" at the pew ends.*

There is more welcome information on page 15.

9 am — Sung Eucharist

Please silence pagers and cell phones

But the LORD is in his holy temple: let all the earth keep silence before him *Habakkuk 2:20*

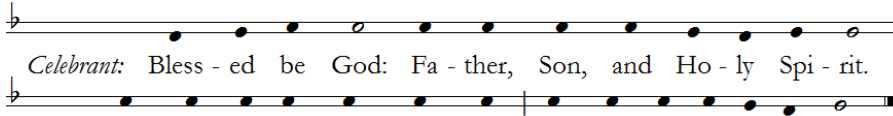
Voluntary

Erbarm dich mein, O Herre Gott BWV 721

J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

At the Procession—Hymn 537

Moscow



People: And bless-ed be God's king-dom, now and for ev-er. A-men.

Celebrant Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord.

People **Amen.**

Gloria S278

Gerald Near (b. 1942)

Organ: Glo-ry to God, in the high-est and peace to his peo-ple on earth.

Lord God, hea-ven-ly King. Al-migh-ty God and Fa-ther, We wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry. Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the world, have mer-cy on us. You are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther, re-ceive our prayer. For you a - lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord. you a-lone are the most high, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spi-rit, in the glo - ry of God, the Fa-ther. A - men.

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Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray. —silence—the Collect of the day—**Amen.**

Please be seated for the readings:

Psalm 62:6-14 ■Page 669, BCP *Nonne Deo?*

Cantor: 6 For God alone my soul \ in silence waits; *—*pause*—
truly, my hope \ is in him.

Lectern side: 7 He alone is my rock \ and my salvation, *—*pause*—
my stronghold, so that I shall \ not be shaken.

Organ side: 8 In God is my safe-\ ty and my honor; *—*pause*—
God is my strong rock \ and my refuge.

Lectern side: 9 Put your trust in him -\ always, O people, *—*pause*—
pour out your hearts before him, for God \ is our refuge.

Organ side: 10 Those of high degree are but \ a fleeting breath, *—*pause*—
even those of low estate can-\ not be trusted.

Lectern side: 11 On the scales they are light-\ er than a breath, *—*pause*—
all of \ them together.

Organ side: 12 Put no trust in extortion; in robbery take \ no empty pride; *—*pause*—
though wealth increase, set not your \ heart upon it.

Lectern side: 13 God has spoken once, \ twice have I heard it, *—*pause*—
that power be-\ longs to God.

ALL: 14 Steadfast love \ is yours, O Lord, *—*pause*—
for you repay everyone according \ to his deeds.

Second Reading

Response after the Reading: **Thanks be to God.**

1 Corinthians 7:29-31

A period of silent prayer follows the reading

Anthem

There's a wideness in God's mercy
The words for this are found at Hymn 470

Maurice Bevan (1921-2006)

Please stand for the Alleluia ■*Cantor first, then ALL. Repeat after verse.*

WLP 847 Tone 2



Holy Gospel

Acclamation before the Gospel: **Glory to you, Lord Christ**

Mark 1:14-20

Acclamation after the Gospel: **Praise to you, Lord Christ**

Homily

The Rev. Bret Bowie Hays, Rector

After a period of reflective silence following the homily, please stand and join in singing the Creed:

I be-lieve in God al-might-y, Au-thor of all things that be,
 I be-lieve that Je-sus suf-fered, scourged and scorned and cru-ci-fied;
 I be-lieve in God's own Spir-it, bond-ing all the saints with-in

Ma-ker of the earth and heav-ens, Keep-er of the sky and sea.
 tak-en from the cross, was bur-ied- True Life there had tru-ly died.
 one Church, cath-o-lic and ho-ly, where for-give-ness frees from sin;

I be-lieve in God's Son, Je-sus, now for us both Lord and Christ
 I be-lieve that on the third day Christ was raised up from the grave.
 in the bod-y's res-ur-rec-tion, for the break-ing of death's chain

Of the Spi-rit and of Mar-y born to bring a-bun-dant life.
 then as-cend-ed to God's right hand. He will come to judge and save.
 gives the life that's ev-er-last-ing. This the faith that I have claimed.

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Prayers *The Leader and People pray responsively*

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest;

Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

The People may add their own petitions.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect (respond): **Amen.**

Prayers of the People, Form III BCP p. 387

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

Silence may be kept.

Leader and People

**Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;
in your compassion forgive us our sins,
known and unknown,
things done and left undone;
and so uphold us by your Spirit
that we may live and serve you in newness of life,
to the honor and glory of your Name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Celebrant concludes with an absolution. The Peace is then exchanged

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And also with you.** *We greet each other in the name of Christ.*

At the Liturgy of Holy Communion

Offertory Hymn 518

Westminster Abbey

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer A, Book of Common Prayer p. 361

Celebrant: *People:*

The Lord be with you. And al-so with you.

Celebrant: *People:*

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant:

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People:

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Celebrant: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. *The proper preface is sung.* Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus H82 S125

Community Mass Richard Proulx (1937-2010)

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, heaven and
earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Blessed is he who comes in the Name of the
Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

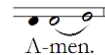
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At the acclamation in the Eucharistic prayer:

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith: **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

At the conclusion of the Eucharistic prayer

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.



The Lord's Prayer S148 Ambrosian Chant

arr. Mason Martens

Our Fa-ther in hea-ven, hal-lowed be your name, your King-dom come, your will be done,
on earth as in hea-ven. Give us to-day our dai-ly bread. For-give us our sins,
as we for-give those who sin a-gainst us. Save us from the time of tri-al, and de-liv-er us from e-vil.
For the king-dom, the power and the glo-ry are yours. Now and for ev-er. A - men

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The Breaking of the Bread: *The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept. Then is sung:*

Fraction Anthem H82 S154

"New Plainsong" David Hurd

Al - le-lu-ia, al-le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia. Christ our Pass-o-ver is sac-ri-ficed for us;
there-fore let us keep the feast. Al - le-lu-ia, al-le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia.

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RECEIVING COMMUNION: The altar in our church belongs to God. All are welcome and encouraged to come forward during the distribution of Holy Communion. To receive Communion, stand or kneel at the rail, stand against the plaster wall inside the rail, or notify an usher that you need to have Communion brought to you at your seat. After you receive Communion at (or inside) the rail, please remain in place until the Chalice says, "Go in peace." The response after receiving each kind (Bread and Wine) is "Amen," or you may remain silent. If you wish to receive a blessing instead of Communion, please cross your arms over your chest before the Bread comes by. We do not practice "intinction," that is, dipping Bread in Wine. If you do not wish to drink from the chalice, please cross your arms over your chest so the chalice knows this. Receiving the Sacrament in either kind alone constitutes a full and valid Communion. Gluten-free wafers are available; simply ask the person distributing the Bread. Saint John's is committed to achieving the full inclusion of all people in Christ's Body, the Church. Please feel free to ask our Rector if you have any questions.

Please join in singing communion hymns:

Communion Hymn 661

Georgetown

They cast their nets in Gal - i - lee just off the hills of brown;
 Con - tent - ed peace - ful fish - er - men, be - fore they ev - er knew
 Young John who trimmed the flap - ping sail, home - less in Pat - mos died.
 The peace of God, it is no peace, but strife closed in the sod.
 such hap - py, sim - ple fish - er - folk, be - fore the Lord came down.
 the peace of God that filled their hearts brim - ful, and broke them too.
 Pe - ter, who hauled the teem - ing net, head - down was cru - ci - fied.
 Yet let us pray for but one thing the mar - v'lous peace of God.

Communion Hymn 321

Rockingham

My God, thy ta - ble now is spread, thy cup with love doth o - ver - flow;
 O let thy ta - ble hon - ored be, and fur - nished well with joy - ful guests;
 Drawn by thy quick - ening grace, O Lord, in count - less num - bers let them come
 Nor let thy spread - ing Gos - pel rest till through the world thy truth has run,
 be all thy chil - dren thith - er led, and let them thy sweet mer - cies know.
 and may each soul sal - va - tion see, that here its sa - cred pledg - es taste.
 and gath - er from their Fa - ther's board the Bread that lives be - yond the tomb.
 till with this Bread shall all be blessed who see the light or feel the sun.

Words: Philip Doddridge 1-3 & Isaac Watts 4

Music: melody from Second Supplement to Psalmody in Miniature, ca. 1780

Communion Hymn: 761 in Wonder, Love and Praise

Holy Manna



All who hun - ger, glad - ly ga - ther, ho - ly man - na is our bread.
 All who hun - ger, nev - er strang - ers; seek - er be a wel - come guest.
 All who hun - ger, sing to - geth - er, Je - sus Christ is liv - ing breat.

Come from wil - der - ness and wan - dering, here in truth we will be fed.
 come from rest - less - ness and roam - ing. Here in joy we keep the feast.
 Come from lone - li - ness and long - ing. Here in peace we have been fed.

You that yearn for days of full - ness, all a - round us is our food.
 We that once were lost and scat - tered in com - me - nion's love have stood.
 Blest are those who from this ta - ble live their days in grat - i - tude.

Taste and see the grace e - ter - nal, taste and see that God is good.

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 Music: from Columbian Harmony, 1825

After all have received, a period of silence and reflection precedes the post-Communion rite

**Eternal God, heavenly Father,
 you have graciously accepted us as living members
 of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
 and you have fed us with spiritual food
 in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
 Send us now into the world in peace,
 and grant us strength and courage
 to love and serve you
 with gladness and singleness of heart;
 through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Celebrant The Lord be with you

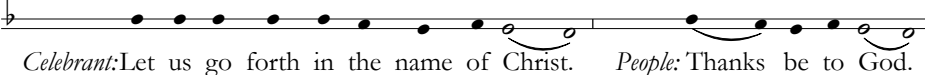
People **And also with you.**

The Priest blesses the people. The people say: Amen.

At the Procession — Hymn 746 in Wonder, Love and Praise

Sandria

Dismissal S174



Celebrant: Let us go forth in the name of Christ. *People:* Thanks be to God.

Voluntary

The Emperor's Fanfare

Padre Antonio Soler (1729-1783)

If you leave during the Music, please do so quietly so as not to disturb those who remain to listen.

AGENDA

The 153rd Annual Meeting of
St. John's Episcopal Church
Gloucester, Massachusetts
The Rev. Bret Bowie Hays, presiding

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| 1. Call to Order and Opening Prayer | 2 min. |
| 2. Approval of the Minutes of the 152 nd Annual Meeting | 3 min. |
| 3. Report of the Nominating Committee | |
| Presentation of the Committee's slate | |
| Nominations from the floor | 15 min. |
| 4. Receipt of Committee/Guild Reports as printed in the Annual Report | |
| Questions and Discussion | 5 min. |
| 5. Receipt of Financial Reports | |
| Treasurer's Report – Elizabeth Redmond | |
| 2014 Budget | |
| Questions and Discussion | 20 min. |
| 6. Other Business and General Discussion | 20 min. |
| 7. Acknowledgements | 5 min. |
| 8. Adjournment | |

Participating in the Liturgy

Presiding and Preaching
Lectors
Eucharistic Ministers
Intercessor
Acolyte
Ushers
Greeters

The People of God gathered in St. John's Church

The Rev. Bret Bowie Hays, Rector
Lynn Runnells & Chuck Everett
Marjorie Fergusson & Jesse Browning
DeeDee Bedford
Norm Barr
Ian Bedford & Don Cole
Mary Cole & Connie DeSimone

Preparing for the Liturgy

Altar Guild
Flower Guild
Bread bakers

Karen Kasper
Catherine McGeary
Kim Prentice, Janet Williams & Catherine McGeary

FOOD BANK for next week: **Peanut Butter**

St. John's Action Shelter **Sandwich Program** this week is by Janie & Laurie Brown

THE ALTAR FLOWERS TODAY are for a birthday remembrance of Arnold "Arnie" W. Ellis, Jr. given by Ed and Mary McIntyre.

THE SANCTUARY LAMP burns this week as a birthday remembrance of Arnold "Arnie" W. Ellis, Jr. lovingly given by his grand-daughters, Hilary and Hannah Ellis.

2015 Altar Flowers and Sanctuary Lamp & 10:30 Coffee Hour sign-ups are in the parish hall.

St. John's Intercession List

Short term: Helen & John Davis, David Prentice, Phil Parisi, Allan Downie, Tanner Spellman, Janet Williams, Margaret & Abigail Dunn, Christine Gillis.

Long term: Eric Runnells, Ruth Campos, Cynthia Linkas, Barbara Praiano, David Arnold, Sally Brown, Jon Brown, Allen Williams, Nancy McCarthy, Christine deLima, Grace DiMaio, Dick and Phyllis McGinnis, Annette Biggar, Neil Woodberry, Edward Parks, John Cobb & Mary Frear, Fran Billker, Ben Shepard, Dennis Roman, Charlie Currier, Catherine Coolidge, Guy Maychszak, Glo Richardson, Nancy Poland, Maxine Lupo, Susan Richardson, Ted Lavery, Mary McIntyre, Ray Hight, Elizabeth Kaul, Colleen Moceri, Kenny Middleton, Mark Brophy, Annemarie Chapin Smith, Christopher Secrest, Nancy Feldman, Emilie Stotzer, Russell Moulton, Tamara Moulton, Marilyn Prentiss, Anne Brantley Betts.

SAINT JOHN'S CHURCH NEWS AND NOTES: January 25, 2015

YOUR YEAR END 2014 pledge statement is ready for pick-up in the parish hall.

Action Lunches - A few slots remain on the early year calendar for the Action Lunch Program. Volunteers are needed for February 7, February 14 and March 14. If you have not already signed up for a Saturday stint, please check the sign-up sheet in the parish hall and pick up one of those early dates. The Action Lunch Program is a long tradition at St. John's. Every Saturday, volunteers prepare 36 sandwiches, add fruit, a cookie and a drink, bag them up and deliver them to the shelter so that guests leaving on Sunday morning have a nourishing meal to take with them. It's an easy task. Sign up with your family or get another person to sign up with you. You can donate the food, or reimbursement is available upon request. Instructions are posted just below the sign-up sheet or contact Carolyn Stewart, if you have questions: carolynkstewart@comcast.net. Please volunteer for a time or two; you'll be glad you did.

What to Communicate (January 13, 2015)

Children's Candlemas Celebration at St. John's Church

St. John's Episcopal Church school will be offering workshops related to Candlemas. For two Sundays, (February 1st and February 8th) all children are invited to take part in this celebration by learning how to make beeswax candles and participate in the feast of the Presentation of the Lord at the Temple (40 days after his birth). The first Sunday (10:15 – 11:15am), participants will learn the story of Simeon and Anna (Luke 2:22 – 40) as they make their candles. The following Sunday (10:15 – 11:15am), children will complete their candles; learn the song of Simeon and help lead the Procession of Candlemas with their lighted candles, as part of the church service. The procession will end with the children arriving in the church, joining their parents. This is a two-session commitment celebrating Candlemas and a great way to check out the children's program at St. John's. Just show up and enjoy this celebration! All children ages 3- 18 (of any denomination) are invited to participate and celebrate.

VESTRY REPORT January 13, 2014

- Jay DiPrima, Youth Minister of the parish presented plans for the April 2015 Mission Trip to Navajolands Area Mission. The Vestry encouraged Jay to continue with plans for the trip and asked him to return to the Vestry with additional plans and details.
- Martha Whitney presented updates on the progress of the renovation of the Thrift Shop and the plans for the reopening of the Shop in the coming year.
- Several newcomers have been recently identified and they received gift packets at Sunday services. Outreach to Newcomers is looking for more parishioners to work together with Karen Kasper on this effort.
- A DVD of November's highly successful production of Godspell, Jr. has been prepared and is available for a donation.
- The Vestry received the final accounting for the heating project in a report prepared by Chuck Everett who served as project manager for the endeavor.

ADULT FORUM Sundays at 9:15

Looking Ahead: In February we will be using a little treasure of a book to explore questions around the spiritual dimensions of retirement, aging, and loss. The book is Ancient Wisdom and The Measure of Our Days, by Fred Braucato. It is easily obtained on Amazon, either used or new. I will also make copies of the material. We will use the follow-up questions in the back for reflection and discussion. For Session one, we will do questions 1-5, Session two, 6-11, and three, 12-16. Bill Plotkin states that true elderhood is a life station rarely attained in Western culture. It is taking on the task of caring for the soul of the more than human community. It is moving with grace from doing to being. In this forum we will look at the possibility of aging as a time of freedom and birth. Facilitator, **Lynn Runnells**

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH OPEN DOOR. The next participation is Saturday, February 14.

YOUTH MINISTRY AT ST. JOHN'S EXPERIENCE THE "GOOD NEWS" each week through drama, art, music and movement. Sunday School begins at 10:15am.

Welcome to Saint John's Episcopal Church in Gloucester, Massachusetts

Be you a regular worshiper, first-timer, or occasional visitor, we hope you will enjoy our fellowship! St John's worship, Sunday Adult Forums, and other programs are always open to everyone. Come and check us out! Children are always welcome at worship in St. John's Church!

To participate fully in our worship you will need this booklet and for the hymns The Hymnal 1982 (it's blue, and in the pew racks in front of you.) You will not need any other book for this service.

First time in our Church?

We are delighted that you are here! For some visitors our customs are very familiar, for others they are completely new. If you are among the latter group, RELAX, there is nothing that you can do by accident that will cause offense! Ask an usher, watch your neighbors, go with the flow. Introduce yourself to our Rector and sign our guest book after the service.

Bathrooms: There are three: one on each level at the far end of the building from our worship space. Exit the door opposite the organ and follow the signs.

Children in Church: Children of all ages are welcome in church. We want children and parents to enjoy church and we support you in doing what you need to do toward that goal. It's OK for children to sound like children; we won't be offended. Please use the play area at the front of the pews on the right, or the Thompson Room, at any time, no matter what part of the service is going on, if they will help you or your child(ren). The Thompson Room has a table, chairs, couches, carpeted space, and a PA system that will let you hear what is going on in church. Nursing mothers may breastfeed there or in church. Your child's comfort, safety, and well-being are your proper concern, and we support you in fulfilling that obligation.

Access Needs: If you need help at the step leading up to the altar or would find it easier to receive Holy Communion in your pew, please speak to an usher. Hearing Assistance devices are also available. If you would like to try one out, please speak to an usher.

Nurture and Challenge Your Spirit with us at St. John's!
Our mission in Christ is to nurture and equip members
for spiritual growth and active participation in ministries
of compassion, justice, and peace in the church and beyond.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sundays	8 am Said Eucharist 9:15 am Adult Forum 10:15 am Sunday School (in Parish House) 10:30 am Sung Eucharist Sunday School Children join parents at ~11:05 7:30 pm Sunday & Sober Alcoholics Anonymous
Mondays	9-noon Ms. Fixits Women gathering to tend to the fabric of the church. 6 pm Women's Cursillo Reunion Group 1 st and 3 rd Mondays 7 pm Bible Study First Monday of the month led by Lynn Runnells. 978.526.7546
Tuesdays	5 pm Free Harvest Meals, sponsored by Cape Ann Interfaith Commission
Wednesdays	7 am Men's Bible Reflection, (Bible study) 8:30 am Grace Center, an open drop-in center for people from the community 7 pm Fish City Alcoholics Anonymous
Thursdays	10 am Education for Ministry (EfM) third Thursday of the month 4:30-5:30 pm Choir School Children from ages 4-10 6 pm Evensong First Thursday of the month 7:30-9 pm Parish Choir rehearsal
Saturdays	9am-noon Common Threads Fourth Saturday each month—knitting, crocheting in a group creating fiber arts for people in need. Contact Kim: kdprentice@hotmail.com or 508.284.7237 Action Shelter Lunch-Making Carolyn Stewart 8 pm Big Book Alcoholics Anonymous

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Parish Office Hours: Monday - Thursday; 8am-noon during which the Church is open for prayer and meditation.

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2015 – Don Cole, Marjorie Fergusson, Karen Kasper
2016 – Naomi Astyk, Lin York-Robbins, Martha Whitney
2017 – Norm Barr, Ian Bedford, Kim Prentice