

Good News from St. John's

August 2020

St. John's Episcopal Church
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MISSION STATEMENT: With God's help we seek to share our love, fellowship, charity and faith with all in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ

The Transfiguration

The Transfiguration of our Lord Jesus Christ is celebrated each year on August 6th. Unless this day falls on a Sunday, we don't usually have a service to celebrate this event.

The feast commemorates the occasion of which Christ, as He was beginning to teach His disciples that He must die and rise again, revealed Himself in shining splendor to Peter, James, and John, his three closest disciples. With this shining light, Moses and Elijah appeared who spoke with the Lord Jesus concerning His saving Passion which was about to take place. Standing before Him as reverent servants, they showed that He is the Lord of both the living and the dead, for Moses came from Hades, having died many centuries before, and Elijah, as it were from heaven, whither he had been taken up while yet alive. After a little while a radiant cloud overshadowed them and out of the cloud they heard the same voice which had been heard at the Jordan at the Baptism of Christ, testifying to the Divinity of Jesus and saying: "This is my Beloved Son with whom I am well pleased; Listen to Him."

When the disciples heard this they fell on their faces filled with awe. Jesus came to them and told them to not be afraid. When the disciples looked up they saw only Jesus.

Our Lord had spoken to His disciples many times not only concerning His Passion, Cross, and Death, but also concerning the coming persecutions and afflictions that they themselves would endure. Since all these evils were near at hand, but the enjoyment of the good things which they hoped to receive was yet to come, our Savior desired to give them full assurance, evidently and openly, that glory which is prepared for those who endure to the end.

As Jesus and His disciples came down the mountain, He told them not to speak of what they had seen until he had risen from the dead.

This feast also points to the great and glorious Second Coming of our Lord and the fulfillment of the Kingdom of God when all of creation will be transfigured and filled with light.

Mother Sharon

St. John's Episcopal Church
Vestry Meeting
No July Meeting



Treasurer Report

Fellow Parishioners,

We hope all is well with you and your families. During these times it's important to remember your faith. Without faith, life, especially now, can be even more challenging. We're here for you. Though we may not always be with you in person due to the current pandemic situation, we're still here for you. As you know, we have started streaming our services through Facebook to better connect with you. While we may not always meet in person for services, the church still needs your support. That's why we have set up a way for pledges and donations to still be able to be collected for the benefit of the church. We ask that if you're able to make those pledges and donations to do so by one of a few different ways. We have an account with Commercial Bank where you can go through the drive thru and tell them it's for the church, or you may visit our Facebook page where we host virtual church services. On that page is a link for donations. This has been a difficult time for us all, but we will get through this. May His everlasting love bless you. You are with us as we are with you.

Verlyn W. Bolinger Jr.
Treasurer of St. John's Episcopal Church



Prayer List

Teresa, Jim, Mary, Harry, Gina, Gloria, Ethan, Jim, Janie, Kelly, Kara, Phyllis, Wuanita, Raymond,

Jeffrey, Barry, Boo, Jane, John & family, Regina, Doug, Gale, Valerie, Janice, Ava & Zoe, Bretton, Richard, Robin, Bob, Lynn, Carolyn, Lynn, Dwayne, Doris, Robbie, Breklyn, Casey, Cayla, Randall, Dominic, Jaylyn, Joe, Rachal, Marla, Alan, Kay, Jennifer, Darrell, Andrea, Leslie, Jim, Peg, Amy, Lorrie, Tina, Addlee, Maya, Ted, Andrew, Randy, Jon, Tara, Bob & Prissy, Josh, Nita, Imogene, Vickie, Gail, those affected by the coronavirus, healthcare workers, scientists and researchers, those whose jobs have been lost or changed, students, parents, and teachers, Bishop Cathleen and her family, churches in the Southeast Convocation in their call to mission, the Southeast minster project, all Southeast Convocation clergy especially Gary, Dick, and David, BKSM students, dispatchers and 1st responders, the men and women serving our country here and abroad, and those who have served, and those persecuted for their faith in the Sudan.

Those who have died: Those from the coronavirus



August Birthdays

14 Ava Tierney
21 Ayden Main
26 Verlyn Bolinger, Jr.



August Anniversaries:

13 Frank & Patty Vernacchia
23 Tommey & Fran McLarty
24 Jim & Linda Nichols
26 LT & Carrie Tierney

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St. John's August 2020 Schedule

| | 08/02/2020 | 08/9/2020 | 08/16/2020 | 08/23/2020 | 08/30/2020 |
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| Officiant | Mother Sharon | Mother Sharon | Mother Sharon | Mother Sharon | Mother Sharon |
| Prayers of the People | Candy Scarborough | Martha Stone | Verlyn Bolinger | Jupe Allen | Candy Scarborough |
| Lector | Alice Miller | Jupe Allen | Ivan Crow | Bess Stone-Bolinger | Daria Condon |
| Acolytes | Verlyn Bolinger | Karla Cox | Verlyn Bolinger | Verlyn Bolinger | Karla Cox |
| Organist | Becky | Becky | Becky | Becky | Becky |
| Soloist | Bess Stone-Bolinger | Ivan Crow | Bess Stone-Bolinger | Ivan Crow | Ivan Crow |
| Greeters | David Bamberger & Tom Tanner | Candy Scarborough | Jupe Allen | Frank & Patti Vernacchia | Candy Scarborough |
| Coffee Hour | | | | | |
| Counters | Vestry | | | | |
| Altar Guild | Martha Stone | | | | |
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