

THE BEACON

SEEKING AND WORSHIPPING GOD...REACHING OUT TO OTHERS

MAY 2022... OUR 164TH YEAR

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SUNDAY SERVICES:

Sunday In-Person Worship
(also livestreamed on Facebook Live)
10:30 a.m.

Wednesday
Morning Prayer Service
via Facebook Live
8:00 a. m.

Thoughts from the Senior Warden

Over the last couple of months my love and respect for our parish of St. Jude's has grown. We continue to pray for the new Canon of the Ordinary and our Diocesan consultant. We pray for each other and now especially those that have stepped up to be on our Search committee and the many folks working on all the ministries that continue to grow.

I have learned that St. Jude's parish gives all of us a sense of community. All of us are reaching out together for direction, unity and common goals. I also believe St. Jude's is our home and we are all its family. Yes, we are church. Everyone in our parish has a part to play: no one is an extra.

We are all anxious to elect a new Rector as soon as possible, but we need to remember there is a protocol that we must follow.

The congregation is responsible for praying for the Vestry, Search Committee, and candidates throughout the process, participating in opportunities to provide input to the Vestry and Search Committee about options for clergy leadership and respecting the confidentiality of the search process.

I am pleased to announce that the Vestry has selected the following

people to serve on the Search Committee for the new Rector: William Anderson, David James, Paul Dolza, Mark Jagos, Diane Putnam, Denise Rayner, Megan Rosa and Katherine Young

It is our intent to keep everyone apprised of our journey during this transition through Sunday morning announcements, Beacon and other correspondence.

May the Lord keep his Blessings on the St. Jude's Family!

Ron Trimmer

The Vestry asks for your daily prayers to include the following:

Almighty God, look graciously on the people of St. Jude's Episcopal Church. Be with us and lead us as we seek a priest for our church. We ask your direction and guidance for those who shall choose our new spiritual leader that we may receive a faithful pastor who will care for your people and equip us for our ministries. Grant us perception, faithfulness, and joy, so that we may hear your voice in all our deliberations. Grant us also the desire and the ability to truly hear each other and those who have entrusted us with this process. Give us courage to respond and act as you lead us. We pray this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

May Birthdays

- 2nd Debra Sands
- 3rd Benjamin Rayner
- 5th Charlie Johnston
- 6th Dominic DuPei
- 10th Jenne Hadden
- 12th Carol Chambers
Danyelle Morgan
Sue Premo
- 13th Sean Sailus
- 15th Steve Koch
- 16th Connor Chambers
- 21st McKenna Green
- 24th Lynn Hopper
- 26th Judy Marinco
Lois Putnam

May Anniversaries

- 5th Mike & Peggy Kearns (32nd)
- 19th Ed & Marlene Weston (64th)
- 20th Glenn & Ellen Tripp (55th)



Prayer List

For Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Prince, our Bishop Provisional; Judy, our Deacon; for the Search Committee and Vestry.

For Bill; Laura; Rita; Kathy & Tom; Todd; Diane; Sue; Barbara & Joe; Cindy; Cathy; Danielle; Gabe; Rose; Joan; Sharon; June; Carl; Sydne; Laura; Liz; Sherry; Leonard; Patti and Brad.

If you have updates or changes to the prayer list, please let Liz in the church office know. Thank you!

MUSIC NOTES

THANK YOU to all our musicians for their dedication and talents for helping to make Holy Week and Easter so special.

These Sundays that immediately follow Easter are very joyous while illustrating scriptural truths. Paul's conversion and our Lord's appearance to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias is retold on May 1 (*We sing the glorious conquest*). The beloved Psalm 23 is featured on May 8 (*Shepherd Me, O God.*)

On May 15, Christ instructs us to love one another (*Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love*). May 22 is the traditional Rogation Sunday (*All things bright and beautiful*). Jesus teaches us in the gospel lesson, "If Ye Love Me, Keep My Commandments." St. Jude's Ringers will make their final appearance for the season with the joyous spiritual "Rock-A My Soul."

On May 29, the Sunday following Ascension Day, we hear more about Paul's ministry and Christ's prayer for the church. We also honor those who serve our country.

This is a busy month. May it be a blessed one for all.

Marlene Weston



St. Jude's is holding a Rummage sale on Friday June 24th and Saturday Morning June 25th.

All parishioners are invited to take part in this event. Your donations will help both the Building and Grounds and our General Operating Budget.

Please begin to sort out your items you wish to donate. We also will need volunteers to help put on this event.

Watch for updates on what is and what is not acceptable for this event. And the dates and location where items may be dropped off.

Any questions please contact Kathy Kortge or Ron Trimmer.

REFLECTIONS

Submitted by Judy Marinco from "Our Daily Bread", February 15th edition

We Are One

*Do not conform to the pattern of this world,
but be transformed by the renewing of your mind.*

Romans 12:2



In a small farming community, news travels fast. Several years after the bank sold the farm David's family had owned for decades, he learned the property would be available for sale. After much sacrifice and saving, David arrived at the auction and joined a crowd of nearly two hundred local farmers. Would David's meager bid be enough? He placed the first bid, taking deep breaths as the auctioneer called for higher bids. The crowd remained silent until they heard the slam of the gavel. The fellow farmers placed the needs of David and his family above their own financial advancement.

This story about the farmers' sacrificial act of kindness demonstrates the way the apostle Paul urges followers of Christ to live. Paul warns us not to conform to the

"pattern of this world" (Romans 12:2), by placing our selfish desires before the needs of others and scrambling for self-preservation. Instead, we can trust God to meet our needs as we serve others. As the Holy Spirit renews our minds, we can respond to situations with God-honoring love and motives. Placing others first can help us avoid thinking too highly of ourselves as God reminds us that we're a part of something bigger—the church (vv. 3–4).

The Holy Spirit helps believers understand and obey the Scriptures. He empowers us to give selflessly and love generously, so we can thrive together as one.

By Xochitl Dixon

Reflect and Pray

How can you place someone else's needs before your own? How has your faith been impacted by someone placing your needs before their own?

Father God, please rid me of my selfishness so I can love selflessly and stand as one with my brothers and sisters in Christ.

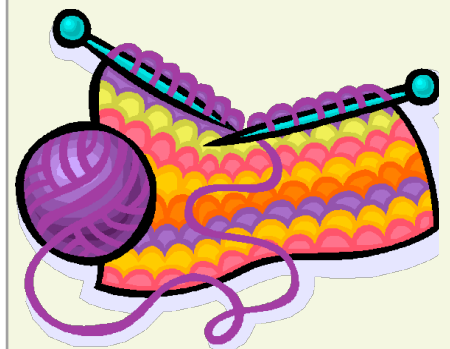
Prayer Shawl Ministry

The Prayer Shawl Ministry will start to gather again in person. **The next meeting will be Tuesday, May 17th at 1 p.m. at the home of Deb James.**

All are welcome to join us and bring your knitting or crocheting projects with you. If you do not knit or crochet but would like to learn, we are willing to teach anyone who is interested.

Prayer Shawls or lap blankets are available for anyone upon request. They can be a source of comfort for someone who is recovering from surgery, someone who has a chronic illness, or someone going through a difficult time.

If you have any questions, please contact Deb James or Judy Marinco.





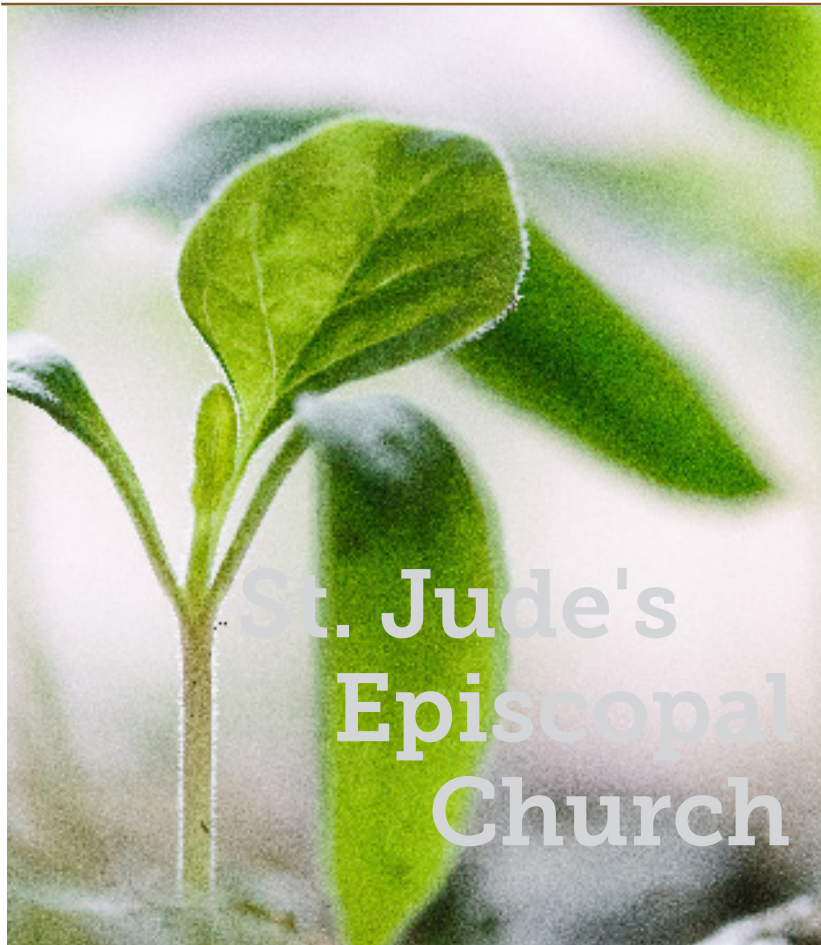
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VESTRY

Ron Trimmer, Senior Warden

Mike Wells, Junior Warden

Dee Grossmann, Clerk

Michelle Gangwer, Treasurer

2023

Nancy Day

Paul Dolza

Rex Harris

Mike Wells

2024

Dee Grossmann

Lynn Hopper

Ron Trimmer

2025

Julie DuPei

Lois Hartranft & Arlo

Francine Johnston

Clay Putnam

Delegates to the Diocesan Convention

Dave & Denise Rayner

John & Carol Pettipher