



# SOUNDINGS

The Newsletter of Saint John's Episcopal Parish, Hagerstown, Maryland

## September 2018

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### RECTOR RAMBLINGS ON . . . PURPLE

I thought about dying my hair.

Back in June when I was at Virginia Theological Seminary for that preaching seminar thing, one of our speakers was the Rt. Rev. Susan Goff, Bishop Suffragan of the Diocese of Virginia. She was funny and engaging. She made a lot of good points about preaching. And she had purple hair.

I can't remember exactly why she had purple hair, but she said that all the kids in the diocese now thought they had the coolest bishop ever.

I have no desire or drive to be a bishop. And at that point, I had no desire to have purple hair.

However . . . September is the county-wide drive for Washington Goes Purple. It's labeled as "A substance abuse awareness program that will engage our community and youth to stand against substance abuse." Not just substance abuse in general, but specifically about the abuse of prescription pain killers and the havoc they have wrought on our society.

From August 31 to September 30 local businesses and residents are encouraged to "Go Purple." Suggestions include purple lights, ribbons, posters, or competitions to see who can wear the most purple (hint: Melonie will win). There are many events scheduled throughout the month in order to help raise awareness about this very serious problem.

August 31 opens the month with an event and music at the City Park Bandshell beginning at 6:30 pm. The next day, September 1, there is a Recovery Walk that begins at Noon at the Bridge of Life Church (14 S. Potomac), and people will be tying

purple ribbons to the parking meters. Many other events are scheduled throughout the month.

For our part, St. John's will also be participating in a variety of ways. Joelene and Paul are working to get the J2A kids involved in helping with the production of all those purple ribbons. On September 16 we will have Vicki Sterling and Emily Keller with us. They will speak to both the teens and adults during the 9 am Education Hour, and again after the 10:15 service. They will also provide NARCAN training to the adults.

I encourage everyone to make an effort to attend church on the 16th as we hear and learn about the opioid epidemic here in Washington County.

It is not necessary to RSVP for this; but if you think you want to go through the NARCAN training and receive your FREE NARCAN kit, please contact the office and leave your name with Melonie. Knowing how many people are interested will allow us to have an adequate number of kits available on the day of the training.

If you would like more information about Washington Goes Purple, their website is here:

<https://www.washingtongoespurple.com/>

I plan on attending the Recovery Walk on Saturday, September 1 to help tie purple ribbons around town. I hope to see many of you there as well (wear your St. John's shirts if you have one!).

In addition to all of the above activities, St. John's will also be dressed in purple. We won't have purple lights outside, but we will have purple hangings in the church. So when you come to church for the first time in September, please don't be confused. No, it isn't Lent; but we will have "Gone Purple" as a symbol of our support for this program.

Washington County Goes Purple has, I think, the possibility to make a positive change in our community as we look to escape from the grip of opioid addiction; and I encourage everyone to become aware of this problem and participate as much as possible.

And I'm still debating on whether or not to dye my hair.

Blessings,

Todd+

## ***This Fall Plan To Attend The Adult Forum Hour!***

An hour that will expand your vision and your knowledge! Join the Adult Forum on Sunday morning in St. Mary's Chapel following the 8 o'clock service to challenge what you think you know. Beginning September 30 with "Who Did They Say He Was? -- Jesus in text and context!"

In our series on the 'Old Testament' we heard Dr. Amy-Jill Levine, a practicing Jew and the New Testament Scholar at Vanderbilt University, fascinate us with her wit and wisdom. To begin our critical look at the New Testament, we begin with Doctor Levine's address to The Westminster Town Hall Forum about who Jesus was and is.

This will kick off our series on the New Testament; not your traditional Sunday school!

For more information contact Bob Ayer, bayrer@comcast.net, or call 304-274-6463.



### ***St. John's Shelter***

St. John's Shelter is a 6-apartment duplex on Randolph Street that can house up to five homeless families at a time. The sixth apartment is reserved for an on-site caretaker/case manager to help fulfill our mission: **With God's help and guidance, we provide temporary shelter to homeless families, helping them transition into permanent housing of their own.** The Shelter is governed by a dedicated volunteer board of directors and we're always seeking more guidance and assistance. If you think you might be interested in volunteering with this long-standing outreach program we invite you to join us at one of our meetings. We meet the third Saturday of each month (except July, August, & December) at 8:30am in St. Mary's Chapel. Our next meeting is September 15th. You may also call/email Becca Burford 301-471-1947/rlburford@myactv.net for more information.

# *Stewardship in Action*

## *Christian Formation*

Christian formation is a lifelong process. Formation begins in our worship, as we gather to share in Word and Sacrament. The practice of worship and prayer shape us, so that Episcopalians, together with other Anglicans, say “Lex orandi, Lex credendi”...”As we pray, so we believe.” As we live out our Baptismal Covenant, we are formed and equipped to Welcome, Serve and Encourage.

But, this doesn't just happen on its own! At every baptism, the congregation is asked, “Will you do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ?” And we answer, “We will!” From the newly baptized, to those who have been lifelong church members, we can all use our time and talent to encourage one another to continue on the path of Christian discipleship.

A number of ministries at St. John's are engaged in teaching, encouraging and equipping members of all ages to fulfill our Baptismal Covenant. Our Commission asks you to consider lending your time and talent to these ministries.

Youth and Adult Christian Formation ministries at St. John's include:

- Children's/Preschool Chapel
- Sunday School
- Youth Activities/Youth Group
- Nursery
- Vacation Bible School
- Biblical Story Tellers
- Confirmation/Reception Classes
- Daughters of the King (DOK)
- Junior Daughters of the King (JDOK)
- Education for Ministry (EFM)
- Monday Adult Education Program
- Sunday Adult Forum
- Youth-led Sundays

The Children's/Preschool Chapel and our Primary Level Sunday School class are particularly in need of adult help at this time. We will also need volunteers to assist with youth activities. Please prayerfully consider how you might contribute your time, talent and treasure to help our St. John's family continue in our journey of Christian Formation.

For more information, or to get involved in any of these ministries, please contact Susan Sunnarborg, Christian Formation Chair, or Father Todd.

## *Fabric and Grounds Commission*

Did you know that the Fabric and Grounds Commission is made up of a group of dedicated members that see to keeping the lights burning, the plumbing working, the HVAC systems running, and the church grounds and cemetery looking beautiful. “Did you know” is often heard by us as we are the ones that are told about problems as they arise. Our “Monday Morning Breakfast Bunch” handles much of the upkeep and day in – day out maintenance. If something too big for us to handle comes up we call in someone who can handle the job. We are not responsible for just the upkeep of the facilities though. Our budget also covers the property insurance, van expenses, utilities such as phone, gas, electricity, water, and security.

When it comes time to fill out your pledge cards, in addition to your monetary pledge, think about contributing some of you time and talent to our commission. You don’t have to be a hands on person but you can contribute by attending our meetings the first Wednesday of each month and helping us make the necessary decisions to keep St. John’s a welcoming and beautiful place to worship.

We are currently looking for two van drivers to help with the our Sunday morning van ministry. We have a rotation list so you are not called on every Sunday. The more drivers the less often you have to drive. For more information contact Bob Speelman or Melonie Orr.

All are welcome to join the Breakfast Bunch at 7 am on Monday mornings at the Bob Evans restaurant on Railway Lane. It’s not just for commission members but anyone who wishes enjoy time with others.

*Bob Speelman*  
*Fabric and Grounds Commission*

### *Parish Picnic*

Our Parish Picnic will take place September 9th after the 10:15 service. The picnic will be at Leitersburg Ruritan Park and Parish Life will provide fried chicken, drinks, and paper products. Everyone is invited to bring a side dish or dessert! See you then!

# *Music Notes*

## *New Season for Choirs*

Be sure to see the Music Making Opportunities page in this issue of Soundings for details about the choirs.

## *Silent Movie*

Dave Calendine, organist for the Fox Theatre in Detroit will open the 2018-2019 Music at Saint John's Series on Friday, September 7 at 7:30 p.m. The program will include him improvising an organ accompaniment to the 1923 silent movie, "The Hunchback of Notre Dame". Be sure to invite someone to attend this fun event for all ages.

## *Porchfest and Fall Fest*

You are invited to attend Hagerstown Fall Fest and Historic Heights Porchfest on Saturday, September 15. Fall Fest in City Park (sponsored by the City of Hagerstown) – 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Free activities, Hager House, Museum, Mansion House, Paddleboats.

Porchfest (sponsored by the N1 Historic Heights Committee) on South Prospect Street – noon to 4:00 p.m. Musicians performing on porches, including some of our parish musicians on the porch of Saint John's House; and food. Rain or shine.

To extend our Saint John's hospitality, volunteers are needed for the following: Greeters on the South Prospect Street sidewalk near the tower entrance, providers of cookies and small bottles of water, and to help take down small cookie/water table at 4:00 p.m. If you are able to assist, please contact Mark King. 301-733-2560 x 108, mking.stjohns@myactv.net.

## *A Big Thank You to Summer Musicians*

*Vocalists:* Ginny Morgan Arey, Ashley Myers-Brown, David McKinley, Judy Loiseau-Myers, Robin Spickler

*Instrumentalists:* Heidi Becker (violin), Jim Brinson (organ & piano), Orville Browne (saxophone), David Davis (piano), Teresa Gordon (violin), Kathy McKinley (piano), Frederick Morrison (organ), Nels Sunnarborg (piano).

## *Internationally Acclaimed Pianist to Perform*

Efi Hackmey, virtuosic pianist from Israel, will perform in Thomson Hall at Wilson College on Friday, September 14 at 7:30 p.m. The program is free and the public is invited to attend.

## *September Carillon Recitals at Mercersburg Academy*

September 9 – Jim Brinson (Mercersburg Academy), September 16 – Steven Ball (Atlantic City, NJ), September 23 – Buck Lyon-Vaden (Owings Mills, MD), September 30 – Jim Brinson). The recitals begin at 3:00 p.m. and are free and open to the public. Feel free to sit in the chapel, or take the steps up to the carillon tower, or sit on the lawn, or stroll the gardens while listening to the music.

# Music at Saint John's Parish

**Friday, September 7, 2018 – 7:30 p.m.**

*Silent Movie: The Hunchback of Notre Dame*  
Dave Calendine, organist for the Fox Theatre, Detroit

**Sunday, October 21, 2018 – 5:00 p.m.**

*Senior Organ Recital by Nathan Strite*

**Sunday, November 4, 2018 – 5:00 p.m.**

*Choral Evensong for the Sunday after All Saints' Day*  
Saint John's Parish Choir

**Sunday, December 23, 2018 – 10:15 a.m.**

*Festival of Advent Lessons and Carols*  
Saint John's Boy and Girl Choristers and Parish Choir

**Sunday, February 24, 2019 – 7:00 p.m.**

*The White House Band*

Mark Andrew Cook, keyboards; Glenn Dewey, bass; Ken Hall, guitar;  
Wes Crawford, drums; Darden Purcell, vocals; Glenn Scimonelli, vocals;  
Chris Vadala, saxophone; Matt Niess, trombone; Dave Detwiler, trumpet

**Sunday, March 10, 2019 – 5:00 p.m.**

*Choral Evensong for the First Sunday in Lent*  
Saint John's Parish Choir

**Thursday, May 23, 2019 – 7:30 p.m.**

*Saint James School Chapel Choir*  
Linda Stowe, director

**Friday, June 7, 2019 – 7:00 p.m.**

*Pamela Evans, violin; Mark King, organ*

## The Music at Saint John's Parish

This series is a result of the extra generosity of those who believe that such programs are a vital ministry in the community. If you feel that programs such as these are important, we hope you will attend and we ask for your financial support to ensure their continuance.

Saint John's Parish ~ 101 South Prospect Street, Hagerstown, Maryland 21740  
301.733.2560, ext. 108 ~ [stjohnshagerstown.org](http://stjohnshagerstown.org)

### THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

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101 South Prospect Street, Hagerstown, MD 21740

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Please return this portion with your payment.  
Again, thank you for supporting the Music Series at Saint John's Parish.

### SUGGESTED CATEGORIES



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## MUSIC MAKING

### OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL AGES

#### **Saint Francis Choir: Grades 1-3**

Rehearsals 5:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Beginning Monday, September 17

#### **Light Dinner for Saint Francis & Canterbury Choirs**

5:30 p.m. - 5:45 p.m.

Beginning Monday, September 17

#### **Canterbury Choir: Grades 4-12 \***

Rehearsals 5:45 p.m. - 6:45 p.m.

Beginning Monday, September 17

*The Saint Francis & Canterbury Choirs sing approximately once a month at the Sunday 10:15 a.m. service.*

#### **Activities Include:**

Singing, Pitched & Non-pitched Rhythm Instruments, Handbells, Drama, Games, and Parties

#### **Saint John's Parish Choir: Grades 9-12 & Adults \***

Rehearsals 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Beginning Thursday, September 6

\* Youth in grades 9-12 have the option of either singing in the Canterbury or Parish Choir.

*For more information or to register for choirs, contact*

Mark King, Minister of Music

301-733-2560, ext. 108 or [mking.stjohns@myactv.net](mailto:mking.stjohns@myactv.net)

### **Saint John's Episcopal Church**

*101 South Prospect Street, Hagerstown, MD 21740*

*Parking in church lot located at corners of Antietam and Walnut Streets*

## ***Christian Education resumes Sunday, September 16***

Sunday morning Christian Education at St. John's will resume at 9am on Sunday, September 16. We have offerings for ages 4 through adults, beginning at 9am on Sunday mornings. New participants are always welcome. If you are bringing a new child to one of the classes, please stop to fill out a registration form and leave it with the teacher. Classes for children ages 4 through high school meet in the classrooms above Trimble Hall.

### **Primary and Elementary Sunday School**

The classes for children in pre-K through 6th grade are divided into Primary (pre-K through first grade) and Elementary (second through sixth grade.) These classes are continuing with the Episcopal Children's Curriculum, a three-year cycle which explores the Bible, the church calendar, liturgy and sacraments.

### **Middle School and High School**

The Middle/High School class is led by Joelene Young and Paul Mackey. They are beginning the second year of the two-year program of Journey to Adulthood, or J2A, which has been used widely in the Episcopal Church. J2A uses Bible study, prayer, rites of passage, and outreach ministries to help the teens discover their place in the world and God's family. During their time in J2A, teens learn and practice skills basic to adulthood while they continue toward becoming adult members of the church.

### **Adult Forum**

Adults gather in St. Mary's chapel at 9am. On September 16th, the adult class will resume with a presentation on opioid awareness as part of a month-long addiction prevention program in Washington County. An additional session will be held at 11:45am. New participants are always welcome to join in.

### **Monday Night Adult Education**

Adults gather in St. Mary's Chapel from 6-7pm on Monday Evenings, for this series led by the Rector. We will resume on September 17, with a Bible study focusing on the stories of women. New participants are always welcome.

### **YOUTH GROUP**

Youth group for grades 6-12 will resume this fall under the leadership of Joelene Young and Paul Mackey. We need your input for planning activities and meeting times! Youth and Adults—please fill out the survey on the following pages or at Youth: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/36SQRTG> and Adults: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/GKVHNN-ZH>. New participants are always welcome.

ST. JOHN'S YOUTH GROUP SURVEY—FOR YOUTH

YOUTH in Grades 6-12: This is your chance to shape youth ministry at St. John's! Please fill out this survey-- you can hand in a paper copy to Joelene Young or Susan Sunnarborg, or go to <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/36SQRTG> to fill out the online version. Thank you!

1) How many times a month or year should a youth group meet? (Check or circle your answer)

- Once a month
- Twice a month
- Once every other month
- Every week
- Other:

2) What age groups would you like to meet with for youth activities? Check one, please.

- All ages together
- Middle School and High School separate for some activities
- High School Only
- Middle School Only
- Both Middle and High School groups, but always separate

3) What grade are you in?

4) What type of service projects do you think would be appropriate for youth group? (Check all that you feel apply)

- Helping with Micah's backpack or community café
- Help with other church ministries like VBS
- Serving dinner at the REACH shelter
- Participating in a fundraising event such as Crop Walk
- Caroling at Christmas for a hospital or nursing home
- Rake and Run
- Writing letters to students, servicepersons or others unable to come to church
- Spending a week helping a summer reading program in Baltimore as a mission trip
- Suggestions for new service projects:

5) What other activities do you think should be planned for the youth group? (check all that you think appropriate)

- Bible Study or other church-related learning
- Evening Prayer and/or Compline
- Eating together
- Social Events such as Bowling, Roller Skating, Hiking, Swim Party, Board Games.
- Participation in Diocesan Youth events
- Joining with another local youth group for meetings or service projects
- Suggestions:

6) Please rank the following times from 1 (best) to 8 (worst) for scheduling future youth group events?

- Sunday afternoon/evening
- Monday evening
- Tuesday evening
- Wednesday evening
- Thursday evening
- Friday evening
- Saturday morning
- Saturday afternoon

7) Please add any additional comments or ideas below. Thank you for participating!

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## ST. JOHN'S YOUTH GROUP SURVEY—FOR ADULTS

If you are an ADULT who is interested in the future of youth ministry at St. John's, please fill out this survey. You can hand in a paper copy to Joelene Young or Susan Sunnarborg, or go to <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/GKVHNZH> to fill out the online version. Thank you!

1) How many times a month or year should a youth group meet? (Check or circle your answer)

- Once a month
- Twice a month
- Once every other month
- Every week
- Other:

2) In what roles are you willing to volunteer with a youth group? (Check or circle your answers)

- Bible Study Leader
- Service Trip Leader
- Food Provider
- Extra hands to help with any of the above
- Van Driver
- Other:

3) What type of service projects do you think would be appropriate for youth group? (Check all that you feel apply)

- Helping with Micah's backpack or community café
- Help with other ministries like VBS
- Serving dinner at the REACH shelter
- Participating in a fundraising event such as Crop Walk
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***DOK Quiet Day***  
***October 14, 2017***

The Daughters of the King will host a Quiet Day on Saturday, October 14, from 10 – 3. All women of St. John's are invited to attend. The theme of the day will center on Forgiveness, and we will be meditating on questions of how we forgive others, how we forgive ourselves, and do we believe that God forgives us. The only requirements are that you bring your own brown bag lunch, and that you are willing to sit in silent prayer and meditation during the day. We will gather in St. Mary's Chapel around 9:45, and the Quiet Day will begin promptly at 10 a.m. If you have any questions, you can contact Fr. Todd or Karla Davis.

***The Christmas Boutique is On the Horizon***  
***Three Months Left to Create!***

This is another reminder that all you crafters out there need to be working on your special donation creations for The Christmas Boutique. If you sew, knit, crochet, work in regular or air dry clay, are a painter or work in other mediums, are a photographer, create greeting cards, jewelry . . . whatever you love creating, The Christmas Boutique would love to be able to sell. We are also looking for items around your home that are gift-able for someone else: home decor (but not Christmas), jewelry, collectible items, artwork, toys in good repair, women's and men's clothing accessories, decorative china, whatever items you have in good condition that someone else would appreciate. (No used sports equipment, shoes or clothing, please.) REMEMBER, ALL PROCEEDS GO TO THE YOUTH GROUP TO FUND THEIR ACTIVITIES! Any questions or suggestions, contact Melissa Hutton at 240-625-6550 or Joelene Young at 541-659-8152.

***Thank You!***

A heartfelt Thank You to all those in my St. John's family who have reached out to me in the wake of my accident in Florida in July, and my subsequent surgery later in the month. Your cards, phone calls, visits and delicious dinner meals have been a source of great comfort, and hope that "this too shall pass". You have been a blessing to me in this difficult and painful time. May God bless all of you!

*Melissa*

## *Altar Flowers*

Beginning January, 2019 Anne Morin and Chris Tischer will be taking over the responsibility of the Altar Flowers.

Ben's Florist has been our florist for many years. During that time he has never had to increase the cost of \$70.00 for the two arrangements. He recently notified us that due to an increase of floral costs, as of January 2019 our cost will be \$80.00.

Caroline Wright and I have enjoyed getting to know all of you who have been faithful in participating in the program. We encourage you and any parishioners to continue to support the Memorial Flower Ministry.

Thank you.

*Caroline Wright and Pat Abeles*

## *SOC Needs You!*

Service and Outreach Commission (SOC) needs your support with upcoming fundraisers:

**Basket Bingo**, Friday October 19, 6:30 PM - includes a Lasagna Dinner and opportunity to win one of 25 baskets, valued at \$20 or more! Ticket sales begin late September.

**Thanksgiving Pies:** Let SOC bake for you. This year's sales will include traditional pies and Gerrie Magnum's magnificent cheesecakes! Yum!

All monies go back to our community in a variety of ways including Personal Blessings at Community Cafe. Thank you!

# *St. John's Day*

## *September 23, 2018*

May we all come together for **WORSHIP** services on Sunday, September 23rd to celebrate St. John, the Evangelist, our patron saint! As always, feel free to **WELCOME** your friends or neighbors, and we hope that each of us can call a Parish Family we haven't seen lately. **ENCOURAGE** them to come and participate in the special festivities planned for this special day! We also hope that you will learn something new about St. John and how his work and mentoring of our Lord goes on yet today – 2000 years later. Perhaps that you may recognize the many ways you are truly serving our Lord or a way that you may **SERVE** Him in another way. We are asked only to use the gifts that the Lord has graciously given us...it is that simple...I know, sometimes it is a stretch to find what that might be.

A luncheon is planned after the 10:15 service. Parish Life will be serving Hamburger and Fish Sandwich Sliders, a Mediterranean Salad and homemade desserts and drinks you won't want to miss.

A sign-up sheet can be found on Antietam Street entrance, but know that this is a gauge for preparation – if you forget to do this, don't let that deter you from coming. A free-will offering will be appreciated. We look forward to a full house, including your presence.

# *Support Our Kids—Be a Prayer Partner*

*This year's secret prayer partners will be revealed at the Parish Picnic on September 9th.*

One of the joys of attending the 10:15 worship for many of us is seeing the growing number of children attending worship and taking part in the service. The Service and Outreach Commission would like to continue a quiet ministry that has been very successful over the past few years: our Secret Prayer Partners. We believe that an essential part of supporting all our children is to pray for them. This is a part of our baptismal vows and a way in which we strengthen our community life in Christ.

As an adult member of the congregation, will you agree to “adopt” a child or a family of children and pray for them every day? What better way can we support them than this? If you agree, we will give you the name of a child or family in the parish and ask for you to pray for each child every day. We would ask you NOT to give gifts but please do send the children cards on special holidays such as Christmas, Valentine’s Day, and their birthday. Please do not reveal yourself until the designated day which we will let you know in advance.

In the past, this has been a special ministry for the children and the participants. It’s also been a comfort for parents to know that their children are being prayed for by someone else in the St. John’s family. Please join us in this endeavor. You will find the forms to sign up for prayer partners for the 2018-2019 school year both in Soundings and on the table by the Antietam Street entrance. Even if you were a partner last year, please sign up again so we know that you wish to continue your ministry.

Please return your forms to the Parish Office or to Stephny Lietuvnikas or Karla Davis.

# *Secret Prayer Partners—Adult Form*

## *Support Our Kids—Be a Prayer Partner*

One of the joys of attending the 10:15 worship for many of us is seeing the growing number of children attending worship and taking part in the service. The Service and Outreach Commission revived this special St. John's ministry, the Secret Prayer Partners, several years ago. They would like to continue it this coming year. In the past, this has been a beloved ministry for all participants, child or adult. It's also been a comfort for parents to know that their children are being prayed for by someone else in the St. John's family. What better way to form a lasting connection with and support the youth of the parish than to lift them up in prayer?

Any adult member of the congregation is invited to participate. All that is required is that you pray for each child every day from September 2018 – August 2019 and to send the children cards on special holidays such as Thanksgiving, Christmas, Valentine's Day, Easter, and their birthdays. Please do not send gifts, as we want everyone to be able to participate in this special ministry.

Please complete the form below and return it to the Church Office, Stephny Lietuvnikas, or Karla Davis immediately. Once all forms are collected, you will be matched with a child or children in the parish. The Secret Prayer Partners will be revealed in late summer 2019.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Children willing to partner with: \_\_\_\_\_

Children who you have already had as partners and would like someone else to have the chance to get to know:

Any requests for a child you would like to have. (Obviously we can't promise because what if 5 pray-ers request the same child.) However, if possible we would honor this request.

Your signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

# *Secret Prayer Partners – Youth Form*

One of the joys of attending the 10:15 worship for many of us is seeing the growing number of children attending worship and taking part in the service. The Service and Outreach Commission revived the Secret Prayer Partners, a special St. John's ministry, several years ago, and we would like to continue it this fall. In the past, this has been a beloved ministry for all participants, youth or adult. It's also been a comfort for parents to know that their children are being prayed for by someone else in the St. John's family. What better way to form a lasting connection with and support the youth of the parish then to lift them up in prayer?

Any youth member of the congregation (18 and under) is invited to participate. The parent(s) must consent for an adult member of St. John's parish to pray for his or her child/children every day from September 2018 – August 2019 and to send the children cards on special holidays such as Thanksgiving, Christmas, Valentine's Day, Easter, and their birthdays. The adult Secret Prayer Partner has been asked to not send gifts, as we want everyone to be able to participate in this special ministry.

Please complete the form below and return it to the Church Office, Stephny Lietuvnikas, or Karla Davis immediately. Once all forms are collected, your child or children will be matched with an adult in the parish. The Secret Prayer Partners will be revealed in the late summer of 2019.

Names of child/children the parent consents to participate in the program:

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Child/Children's Dates of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

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Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

## ***HATS OFF TO:***

This month I thought it would be fun to find out what our young people have done and will be doing this coming school year. You will enjoy our incredible youth here at St. Johns. Here's to their bright future!

- Kevin Malloy now has his learners permit and is working at Kids First
- Matthew Gross enjoyed band camp at Clear Spring Middle where he was the only Freshman chosen for snare in the drum line.
- Celie Gross finished her Sophomore year at BISFA on the honor roll and traveled to Phoenix by herself to visit friends.
- Haley Burkholder finished her Freshman year at Clear Spring High School with distinguished honors. She received a scholarship to compete in the World Dance Pageant this past July. Although she did not win the title, she received an Excellence in Dance Award. Haley too, has gotten her drivers permit. Both Haley and Claire Kaetzel have been invited to be a studio assistant at Clarissa's School of Performing Arts. Both girls have made the CSPA competitive dance team for 2018-2019.
- Liam Happel also got his learners permit and is working at Dan's Taphouse in Boonsboro.
- Brynn Lietuvnikas attended HCC College for Kids program and has been editing her first novel this summer. She will be starting 7th grade at St. Mary's this year.
- CJ Sealing is a Freshman at Smithsburg this year, continues to play the sax and made the JV soccer team.
- Brent Martin is a Sophomore at Greencastle this year and will be playing JV football.
- Matthew Mummert graduated High School and is now attending Thaddeus Stevens College of Technology.
- Nathanael Mummert finished Freshman year with a 4.0 and received the Most Improved Pit Member band award. He will be playing marimba in the High School Band this year.
- Mikaela Mummert starts Middle School this year. She will play trumpet in the band and play soccer.
- Christina Argueso will be a Freshman at Greencastle. She will be joining the drama club. This summer she acted in 3 Shakespearean plays with the Greencastle Amateur Players.

Keep me in the loop by sending information to my email address: [uofapsu@verizon.net](mailto:uofapsu@verizon.net). Feel free also to pull me aside to share your good news so I may share it with St. Johns.

*Kelly Slocum*



# *HAPPY BIRTHDAY*

Bob Rauth	9/1	Mike Mummert	9/17
Helen Stevens	9/1	Allan Martinez	9/18
Brandon Younger	9/1	Stephanie Bickford	9/19
William Abeles Jr.	9/2	Rylan Cox	9/19
Elizabeth Happel	9/2	Kathy Argueso	9/20
Bill Sturtz	9/3	Paige Kaetzel	9/20
Michael Callas	9/4	Elizabeth Anderson	9/21
Fred Wright III	9/4	Heidi Becker	9/25
William Forbes	9/5	Ivor Knight	9/26
Pieter Bickford	9/6	William McGovern	9/26
Donna Wells	9/7	Betty Burger	9/27
Bill Graham	9/11	Bill Soulis	9/27
William Maletzky	9/14	Jerry Bock	9/28
Ema Myers	9/14		

## *Happy Anniversaries!*

Harvey & Rebecca Hogamier	9/1
Bob & Susan Rauth	9/2
Ben & Ericka Alvestad	9/3
Rev. Todd & Joelene Young	9/8
Pieter & Stephanie Bickford	9/10
Phil & Julie Barlup	9/12
Charlie & Katherine Foreman	9/18
Bob & Betty Markle	9/20
Brandon & Haven Younger	9/27
Bill & Beverly Abeles	9/28
TR & Lou Lamb	9/29