



ST. JOHN'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH
Iglesia Episcopal de San Juan

Welcome!

We are so glad you are here. We are a community transformed by the love of Christ, which we experience each time we gather to worship together. Thank you for being here to worship God this morning. If you are new, please introduce yourself to the clergy after the service and complete a "Start Here" card that can be found in your pew. We look forward to meeting you.

Message from our Rector

Thank you to everyone who has helped prepare for our annual Halloween Hospitality event! We've already stuffed nearly 1,200 goodie bags for our trick-or-treaters, and we've had almost all of the candy we need for the event donated by our members. It's almost like the loaves and fishes from the Gospel, but in chocolate! There are still spots left for Halloween night; it was one of the highlights of 2018 for me (and that's at a year that the Presiding Bishop came to our church no less), and I hope you will join us this year for all the fun!

Our thanks as well to everyone who has sent in pledge cards for 2020 already! We're all grateful for your commitment to St. John | San Juan, and for getting that pledge card in so promptly! As a reminder, we'll be gathering all the pledge cards on October 27, and giving thanks for the vitality of this community. And a big thank you to all the folks who have spoken during our campaign thus far; it's been a blessing to hear all the stories of faith that this community has inspired and supported.

Finally, I'd like to cheer for our Vestry. You couldn't hope for twelve more dedicated and faithful leaders for a congregation. They read through architect contracts, and do strategic planning for the parish, and grapple with our finances, and do it all with grace and good humor. This month's meeting was no exception; they are an inspiration to me, and I hope you will take a minute and thank them for the work they do on behalf of St. John's | San Juan. Their names are listed on the back of *The Messenger*, and I can point them out to you if you don't already know them.

Faithfully,
R.C.+

Today at St. John's

The Forum: Our Forebears in the Faith: The Desert Fathers and Mothers (part 1 of 2 part discussion): An introduction to the early witnesses to the Faith. From where did they come? Why was this an important part of the formation of the Early Church? What are some of the lasting effects on us today? Join Br. Philip-Bernard Schaeffer in this discussion at 9:15 am.

St. John's Concert Series at 3 pm: The Esoterics. This Seattle based *a capella* choir will honor the value and strength of sincerity, or HONESTY. This performance will examine the fragility of our minds that are incessantly bombarded with information, opinion, and pointless words. It will also encourage us to find grounding and peace in accepting the truth, to calm our restless or idle minds, to exercise self-control from speaking deceitfully, to find comfort in the unanswered question, to expect and embrace unavoidable change, to free ourselves from hatred, fear, and blindness, and to place our trust in good thoughts, words, and deeds.

Next Sunday at St. John's • October 27

Commitment Sunday: Bring your pledge cards if you haven't already turned them so we can bless all the pledges and thank our leadership and campaign shepherds.

The Readings for the Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

Sirach 35:12-17 • Psalm 84:1-6 • 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18 • Luke 18:9-14

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THE MESSENGER

October 20, 2019 • The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Weekly Services

SUNDAYS

EUCCHARIST 8 & 10:30AM

6PM (SPANISH)

COMPLINE 8PM

WEDNESDAYS 7AM



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THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

Monday, October 21

Monday Morning Crafters	10 AM
Quilters	12:30 PM
Library Committee	1 PM
Strengthening Sanctuary	6 PM

Tuesday, October 22

Busy Bees	10 AM
Daughters of the King	11:30 AM

Wednesday, October 23

Holy Eucharist	7 AM
Bible Study	10 AM
Parish Choir Rehearsal	6:30 PM

Thursday, October 24

Centering Prayer	12 PM
Jubilate Choir Rehearsal	1:30 PM
Bible Study	5:30 PM

Friday, October 25

Funeral & Reception for Jim Durham	1:30 PM
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Saturday, October 26

Men's Group	8:30 AM
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ABOUT TODAY'S READINGS

Welcome to our parish. Today, Jesus uses a parable to teach about prayer. In it, an unjust judge grants his petitioner's plea only because she will not leave him alone until he does. Jesus says that God will also grant the prayers of those who cry to God day and night. The point is not that God, like the judge, will only be responsive to those who nag. It is, as Luke says, to teach us the need to pray always and not lose heart.

The first reading describes Jacob's tenacity in wrestling with the stranger in the dark. Jacob was not able to win the match because the stranger was God. Yet, Jacob's persistence brings him his new identity as the forebear of God's people. He is given a new name, Israel, which means "he who strives with God."

In today's reading from the second letter to Timothy, this early church leader is called to persevere in teaching and preaching the faith he has been given both by his family and in his study of the scriptures. This letter was written in a time when an aberrant form of Christianity was being proclaimed. Timothy is to stick with what he has learned from the scriptures and from Paul.

Our baptism has called us into a life characterized by the need never to give up our search for God. Faithfulness involves a giving of all that we are and all that we have. God asks us never to lose heart and to give all of our time, treasure, and talents to the ministry of God in this world.

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ABOUT TODAY'S MUSIC

The leader of Olympia Sacred Jazz Ensemble, Jessica Blinn, earned her MA in Vocal Music Performance leading to a varied musical career as university, college, high school instructor, vocal soloist, jazz choir director with her own Jessica Blinn Quartet. Jessica is also an accomplished classical and jazz violinist, all this while being a mother!

Trumpet and flugelhorn player, Lee Mohler, a retired professor of mathematics at St. Martin's University, is self-taught on trumpet and later studied with Richard Lopez. Lee is a member of The Olympia Jazz Tentette, and runs the sound board here at St. John's.

Ray Willard, practicing landscape architect for the State of Washington, plays alto saxophone with St. John's, is in a number of local bands and sings tenor in the St. John's Choir!

Daven Tillinghast, jazz pianist, jazz guitarist, jazz singer, is an adjunct faculty member at Centralia College, and is Music director at Open Road Productions. Though he earned a BA in English/Creative Writing at Western Washington University, he was very much a part of the jazz community in WWU.

Long time activist in the Olympia jazz scene, bassist Lorree Gardener is among the organizers of Monday Night Jazz at Rhythm and Rye. Lorree is one of the founding group of Olympia Jazz Central.

Jazz drummer Jeff Parkhurst, also a Western Washington University graduate and member of WWU jazz ensembles, is a department manager Department of Fish and Wildlife.

ATTENDANCE

October 6, 2019		October 13, 2019	
8am	40	8am	35
10:30am	87	10:30am	73
6pm	21	6pm	52
Compline	23	Compline	28
Total	171	Total	188

ST. JOHN'S CONCERT SERIES TODAY!



Sunday,
OCTOBER
20th
3:00pm

THE ESOTERICS
*A creative community
of virtuosic voices*

HONESTY

Please join us as we
advocate for the truth in
all its forms.

EVENTS AT ST. JOHN'S

Shining Our Light Annual Pledge Campaign

Our annual pledge campaign is looking bright! With only 2 Sundays to go, we are in GREAT shape. Pledges received early already add up to 48% of the total dollars pledged in 2018. We've already received pledges from 3 new members who had not pledged before. Please remember to bring your pledge cards next week on Sunday, October 27!! If you can't make it to Church that day, our office team is ready accept your pledge Monday through Friday this next week.

Halloween Outreach Evening

October 31

Please join us as we welcome trick-or-treaters and their families. We will offer full size candy bars, hot coffee and tea, and use of our restrooms. If you are able to help out with the even, there is a sign-up sheet in the Parish Hall

Old English Christmas Faire

November 23

As in years past we are asking you to bring used books, movies and music to the Library so we can offer a great selection to those who come into the Olde Book Shoppe to make their purchases. Also, please bring washed beer bottles to the parish office to be used for the famous Vestry Sauce. Each year many cooks come to buy our secret recipe in those brown bottles! Then mark November 23rd on your calendar so you can enjoy the cozy atmosphere as you shop and then have a hearty lunch in the Olde English Pub. If you are a vendor, please turn in your application and payment to the church office ASAP. Any questions? Contact Mary Knotts, mknotts42@yahoo.com

St. John's Thanksgiving Dinner

November 28

Please join us at 2 PM for a potluck dinner and celebration. There will be a sign-up in the Parish Hall starting November 3 for side dishes. Helen Johnston will provide the main course. All are welcome to attend.

OUTREACH AT ST. JOHN'S

Outreach's Fall quarter focus is to support vulnerable Immigrant families in our community.

St John's is helping to support a Guatemalan family who have taken sanctuary refuge in Olympia's Temple Beth Hatfiloh. Maria and her young son are fleeing deportation back to Guatemala and the domestic violence she suffered there. Outreach also continues to support CIELO, the Olympia-based nonprofit which provides education, mental health, and victim of crimes services for mainly Spanish-speaking immigrant families.

On November 1st, CIELO is hosting a free DIA de Los Muertos celebration for families—all are welcome! A "Noche de Gala" evening fundraiser will take place on November 9th, 5 pm to 10:30 pm, celebrating the diversity of Latino cultures that CIELO's families represent. Both events take place at CIELO, 1601 North Street SE Olympia, WA 98501 (Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd). For more info and to purchase tickets, go to

cieloprograms.org.

For more information or to learn ways you can support and contribute, please contact Helen Johnston, Sherry Sullivan, or Charo Portaro. Please contact the church office at 360-352-8527 to obtain their contact info or email Terri Lolcama at terri@stjohnsoly.org Financial contributions are also welcome. Specify your intended recipient in the memo line.

Support Monarch Children's Justice and Advocacy Center by attending Matchless Brewing Fundraising Night on October 29, 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm. Buy a drink, enjoy some food, play some games and win prizes. 8036 River Dr. SE #208 Tumwater. Raffle tickets can be purchased in advance or at the door. MarilynL@aclmt.org or 360-438-1100

EVENTS IN OUR LARGER EPISCOPAL COMMUNITY

St. Mary's in Lakewood: The Four Gospels Lecture Series (5 Wednesdays in October). For more info, go to www.stmaryslw.org or call 253-588-6621 or email parishoffice@stmaryslw.org. 10630 Gravelly Lake Drive, Lakewood, WA.

OUR PRAYERS

If you or a loved one wish to be added to the prayer list, please let a clergy member, a pastoral care member, or the front office know. It is our practice to retain prayer requests for one month, unless requested otherwise.

The lowly he sets on high, and those who mourn are lifted to safety.
Job 5:11

- **For members and friends** of the parish who are sick, sorrowful, or in any kind of trouble: Tricia D., Mary K., Scott C., Kevin O., Candy G., Sara P., Ann Marie P., Mary Ellen F., David J., Elora, Damian J., Gloria W-S., Kathleen P., Raymond M., Beth D., Dawn C., Tom R., John C., Jordie, Terralyn, Bob L., Laurie Y., Don D., and Hope D.
- **For the people of Syria** and their safety and stability.
- **For the family** seeking sanctuary at Temple Beth Hatfiloh and all those supporting them.
- **Pray for Chaplains on the Harbor, Westport and St. Christopher, Olympia** according to the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer.
- **Pray for the Church in the Province of the West Indies** according to the Anglican Cycle of Prayer.
- **For members and friends of this parish serving in the Armed Forces:** Dylan Smith, Ryan Gilbert, Christopher Hagen, Justin Claar, Richie Rainier, Jon & Simon Kidder, Jessie Leonard, Lissy Slezak, Shanon & Brendan Fallon.
- **For all we love but no longer see**, especially Jim Durham.

MINISTRY AT ST. JOHN'S

Worship & Formation

Sunday

8:00am Holy Eucharist
 9:20am The Forum (*Sept.-May*)
 10:30am Holy Eucharist
 6:00pm La Santa Eucaristía
 8:00pm Compline

Wednesday

7:00am Holy Eucharist
 10:00am Bible Study (*Sept.-June*)

Thursday

Noon Centering Prayer

Music

PARISH CHOIR The Parish Choir rehearses in the Parish Hall on Wednesdays at 6:30pm, and sings at the 10:30am Eucharist on Sundays between September and June.

COMPLINE CHOIR The Compline Choir rehearses at 6pm on Sunday evenings, and leads Compline at 8pm on Sundays. Compline is a quiet, meditative service that concludes the day.

JUBILATE CHOIR The Jubilate Choir rehearses 1:30pm to 3pm on Thursdays between September and June.

Children & Families

There are opportunities for children and families each week at St. John's. Our program year will start in September.

Service

Outreach Committee

The Outreach Committee meets at 12:15pm on the first Sunday of the month.

Fellowship

Sunday

CHAT Coffee Hour After Ten-thirty.

Recovery

Sunday

4pm Adult Children of Alcoholics, Guild Room

Tuesday

Noon Overeaters Anonymous, Library
 7pm Nar-Anon, Guild Room

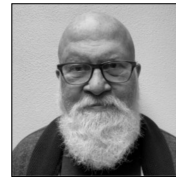
Saturday

6pm Nar-Anon, Guild Room
 1pm Adult Children of Alcoholics, Guild Room

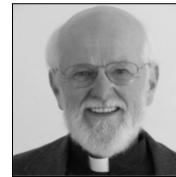
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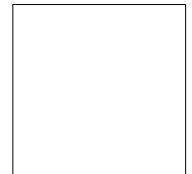
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Class of 2021

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