

Book Club Selections

March – They Left us Everything by Plum Johnson

April – All the Light We Cannot See by Anthony Doerr

May – Ithaca by Susan fish

June – Lunch in Paris by Elizabeth Bard



Thank You!

Many thanks to all of those at St. George's who have donated potatoes to the St. John's Kitchen during the month of March. And again, to all who brought in donations for the Arctic Bay Initiative - baby supplies, baking supplies and food for Children's lunches. In the teachings of Christ who walked with and ate and drank with the poor, we are blessed to have so much and be able to share. the more we give away, the richer we are.

A Matter of Perspective

Funny how \$20 looks so big when you take it to church...and so small when you take it to the store.

Funny how laborious it is to read a chapter in the Bible...and how easy it is to read a best-selling novel.

Funny how time-consuming it is to spend two hours at choir practice...and how easy it is to watch a two hour movie.

Funny how hard it is to help clean the church...and how easy it is to clean and polish the new car.

Funny how we can't think of anything to say when we pray...but we don't have any difficulty talking on the phone or to a friend.

On second thought, maybe these things aren't so funny after all.

Perhaps they reflect on our mixed-up priorities. Maybe our problem is that we're viewing our commitment to god through the wrong end of the telescope.

Giving of ourselves...our time, talent and money, adds meaning and pleasure to our lives. Try it...



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THE DRAGON FLYER

this issue

FROM FATHER DON
FROM YOUR WARDENS
GETTING TO KNOW YOU
15 TO 15
BOOK CLUB



FROM FATHER DON



Dear Friends in Christ,

As I begin to consider the celebration of Holy Week and Easter with you, I am reminded of the collect for the Sunday of the Passion on Psalm Sunday, "Assist us mercifully with your help, O Lord God of our salvation, that we may enter with joy upon the

contemplation of those mighty acts, whereby you have given us life and immortality, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen."

This year marks my 11th Easter celebration here, and I feel like I have been on a long pilgrimage with you, the people of God at St. George's. It is a wonderful and holy undertaking as we seek together to follow Jesus Christ, our Lord and our Saviour. And now, we again have the opportunity to walk the way of the cross during this Holy Week.

The Apostle Paul, writing to the small group of believers at Philippi,

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exhorted the Church to be of the same mind as Jesus Christ. In fact, he said "Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death - even death on a cross. Therefore, God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father." (Philippians 2:5-11)

So I invite you to put away those things that distract us from the true meaning of our lives and to walk the way of sorrows, the "Via Dolorosa," by attending the worship services at St. George's this Holy Week. I also invite you through prayer, meditation, and by acts of kindness and generosity to enter into the mind of Christ. Perhaps as we seek to die daily to sin we can come to know the joy of the risen Christ in our hearts and minds and spirits. As we are freed from our sin by His death on the cross, so may we rejoice together and know with absolute certainty that "Christ is risen! Alleluia!"

Faithfully,

Don +

Easter Services [Watch on Live Stream https://new.livestream.com/accounts/4258512](https://new.livestream.com/accounts/4258512)

PALM SUNDAY March 29
8:15 a.m. & 10:00 a.m.

MAUNDY THURSDAY April 2
7:30 p.m.

GOOD FRIDAY April 3
10:00 a.m. &

STATIONS OF THE CROSS
2:00 p.m.

SATURDAY VIGIL April 4
8:00 p.m.

EASTER SUNDAY April 5
7:15 a.m., 9:00 a.m. &
11:00 a.m.

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A Stewardship Moment:

From the Hand of God

"I grew up disliking the word "stewardship" because often I heard people grumble about giving, about how much to give, and complain about the church's annual 'pledge drive.'" We too may have heard comments like this. Thank fully, many peo ple have changed their view of "stew ard ship" by dis cov er ing the scrip - tural def i ni ti on of "stew ard ship" and its ac com - pa ny ing prin ci ples.

"Stewardship is a scriptural word, describing the wise management of the goods that you have been given. It is not a program at church. It is the wise management of your life.

"Freely and graciously, God has provided and entrusted you with an allotment of many goods of life to manage, spend, and multiply. They include not only your resources and abilities, but also your salvation, relationships, creation, and much more." You are called to be a wise steward of all these gifts given by an abundant and generous creator.

Today, people struggle and are challenged by how they will spend their time, resources, and even their lives. Minute by minute and day-by-day, life is unfolding while spending choices compete for their resources.

God has big hands and generosity flows from those hands. They run over with abundant gifts for all people—no holding back, no sense of scarcity, no fear of giving too much. So when we give we can do it with great joy and generosity because there is always more where it came from. It all comes from the hand of God.

Gleaned from

"The Wise Economy of Life" by W.Berthelsen & Stewardship for the 21st Century

ANOTHER SURE SIGN OF LENT - ST. GEORGES PANCAKE SUPPER



THE POPULAR MESSY CHURCH BRINGS ADULTS AND CHILDREN ALIKE TO ST. GEORGES TO LEARN ABOUT THE TEACHINGS OF JESUS



ASCEND/RENEW LAUNCHED: SUNDAY, JANUARY 18, 2015!

St. George's "Parish Vitality" 5-year "RENEW" Initiative was launched successfully on Sunday, January 18th, at both 8:15 am and 10:00 am services. Titled "ASCEND", its mandate is "to actively seek the resources, both human and financial, to deliver on our mission, enhance and revitalize our parish, and ascend to new heights in our Christian faith so that our programs & ministries are vibrant, relevant, and engaging to our current and future parishioners."

ASCEND is solidly built upon the ideas and concepts of more than 1/3 of our parishioners who responded to four basic questions about our parish now and in the future. At the core of ASCEND is a sincere desire to build our capacity in the following areas: **Activities** (grow our parish family through a variety of existing and new activities); **Stewardship** (enlarge our volunteer and financial base); **Communication** (engage our parishioners in new and exciting ways); **Enhancements** (maintain and upgrade our church home and its infrastructure); **New** (introduce new faith and worship initiatives); **Diocese** (support the other

five Diocesan "RENEW" initiatives: Camp Life; Empowered Leadership; Commitment to Youth; Enduring Legacy; Shared Ministries). New to this particular St. George initiative is the two-fold request of all parishioners to consider pledging "Time & Talent" and/or pledging "Financially" (locally to ASCEND, or diocese-wide to RENEW). The months of February and March are dedicated to the return of as many of these pledge forms to the Church Office as possible so that the ASCEND Committee can move ahead utilizing the assistance of as many of our St. George's Parishioners as possible. If you were unable to hear the January 18th Presentation in person, it can be viewed in its entirety by going to the church's website <http://www.stgeorgesofforesthill.com> and proceeding to the "RENEW/ASCEND" item under the "CONNECT WITH US" tab on the main page of our website. We need your help and look forward with great anticipation as we "ASCEND TO NEW HEIGHTS!". Please direct any questions/ideas/comments to your ASCEND Committee co-chaired by Valerie and Nelson Cuthbert.

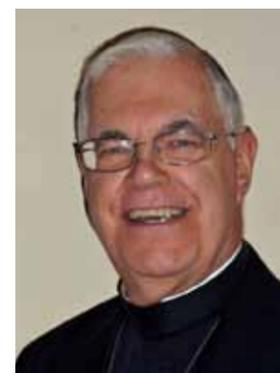
IDENTIFY YOUR ASCEND FINANCIAL DONATIONS

In order to ensure that your financial donations for ASCEND are properly recorded, please be sure to write "ASCEND" on your envelope beside the amount allocated. Thanks for your financial support!

ASCEND INITIATIVE:

Help us ascend to new heights! Have you returned your blue and yellow sheets? Please prayerfully consider where you can devote your time, talent, and treasure. If you were not able to be here for the Ascend/Renew presentation in January or just have some questions, some of the Ascend/Renew committee will be available downstairs in the Fireside Room after both services on Sunday to answer questions and provide a brief summary. Thanks!

FROM THE DEACON'S BENCH



Brother Mark, S.B.

I sometimes wonder what would happen if we really believed our beliefs. I suppose that I should really be asking that question in the first person and change we to an I.

Each one of us in our spiritual journey will need to wrestle with the question of the Lord's Resurrection, just like countless other people across the ages. Though we confess our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed, "We believe..." it really isn't a we at all, it is an I.

It's Easter, it is my prayer that you and I believe this Jesus. This person who destroys the ugliness of death, and invites us to the life eternal.

May Easter be a special blessing to you to me and all who call upon his name.

Brother Mark, S.B. †

