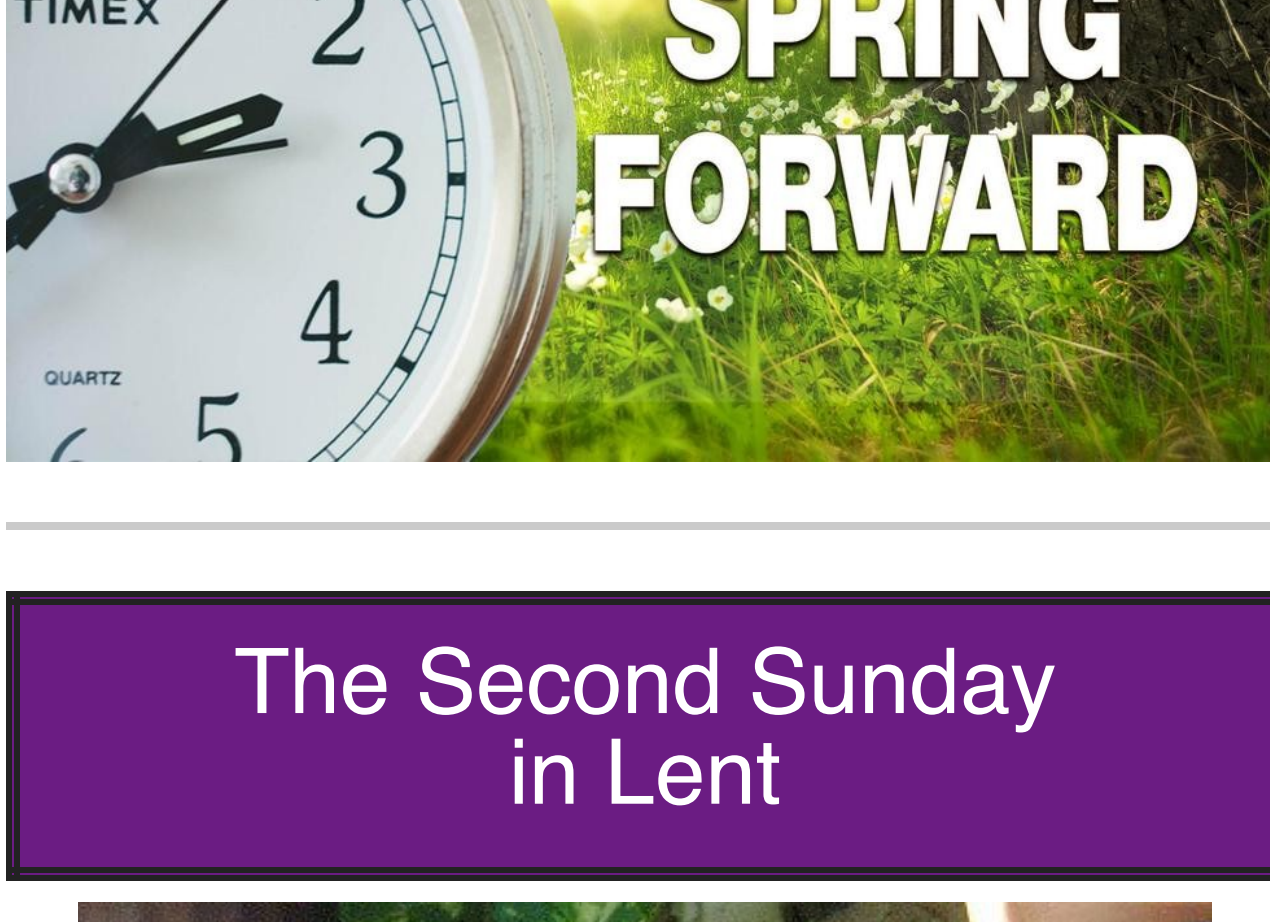




The Episcopal Church of St. John the Baptist

The Rev. David DeSalvo, Priest-in-Charge

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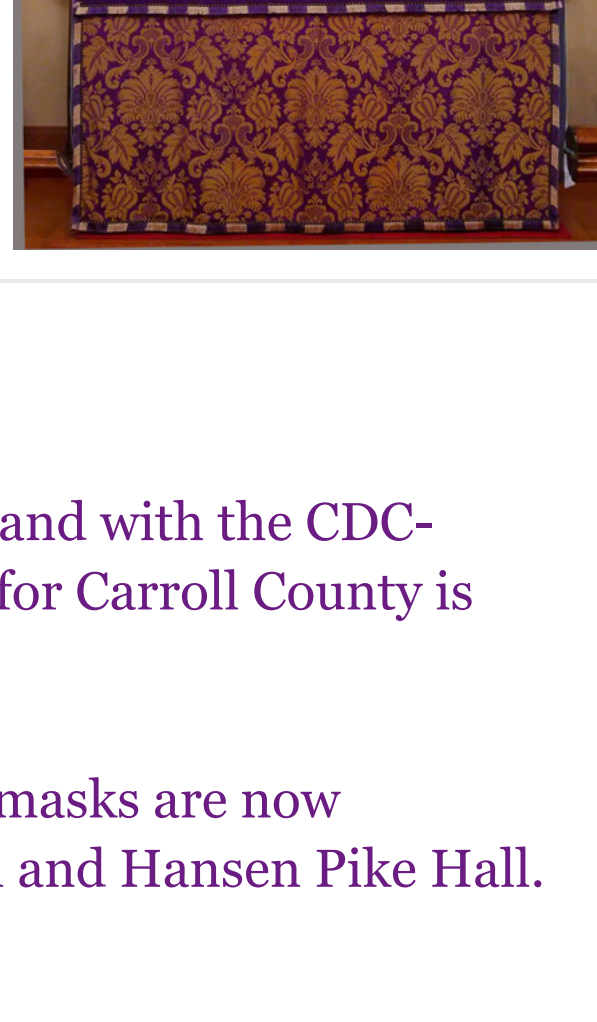
The Second Sunday in Lent



Holy Eucharist Rite II

March 13 9:00 am

In-Person and on Zoom



In Person Worship

We are back in the church and with the CDC-reported Covid Risk Level for Carroll County is now MEDIUM.

If you are fully vaccinated masks are now OPTIONAL in the church and Hansen Pike Hall.

All should feel free and are welcome to wear a mask if they choose.

If you are at high risk for severe illness, talk to your healthcare provider about whether you need to wear a mask and take other precautions.

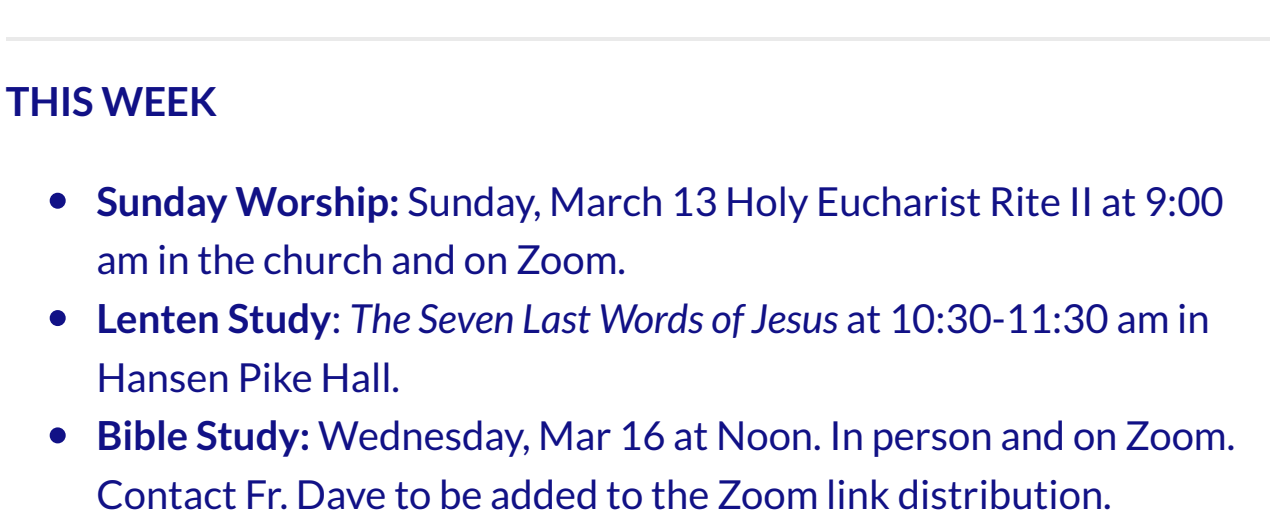
As always, if you are unwell or have tested positive, please join us on Zoom.

Zoom Worship

PC/Smartphone/tablet: https://zoom.us/j/99830661293

Join by phone: 312-626-6799 or 929-205-6099. Meeting ID: 993 0976 0596, Password: 025189

Note: the Bulletin will be sent by email to Zoom attendees and will be visible on screen. Please email Fr. Dave (david.desalvo@gmail.com) if you would like to be added to the email distribution to Zoom attendees.



Readings Genesis 15:1-12, 17:1-8 Philippians 3:17-4:1 Luke 13:31-35 Psalm 27

Announcements

THIS WEEK

- Sunday Worship: Sunday, March 13 Holy Eucharist Rite II at 9:00 am in the church and on Zoom.
Lenten Study: The Seven Last Words of Jesus at 10:30-11:30 am in Hansen Pike Hall.
Bible Study: Wednesday, Mar 16 at Noon. In person and on Zoom. Contact Fr. Dave to be added to the Zoom link distribution.

SAVE THE DATE

- Mundy Thursday: Foot Washing, Eucharist and Stripping of the Altar, Thursday, April 13 at 6:00 pm
Good Friday: Good Friday observance, Friday, April 15 at Noon
Easter Sunday: Sunday, April 17 Holy Eucharist, Rite II at 9:00 am in the church and on Zoom



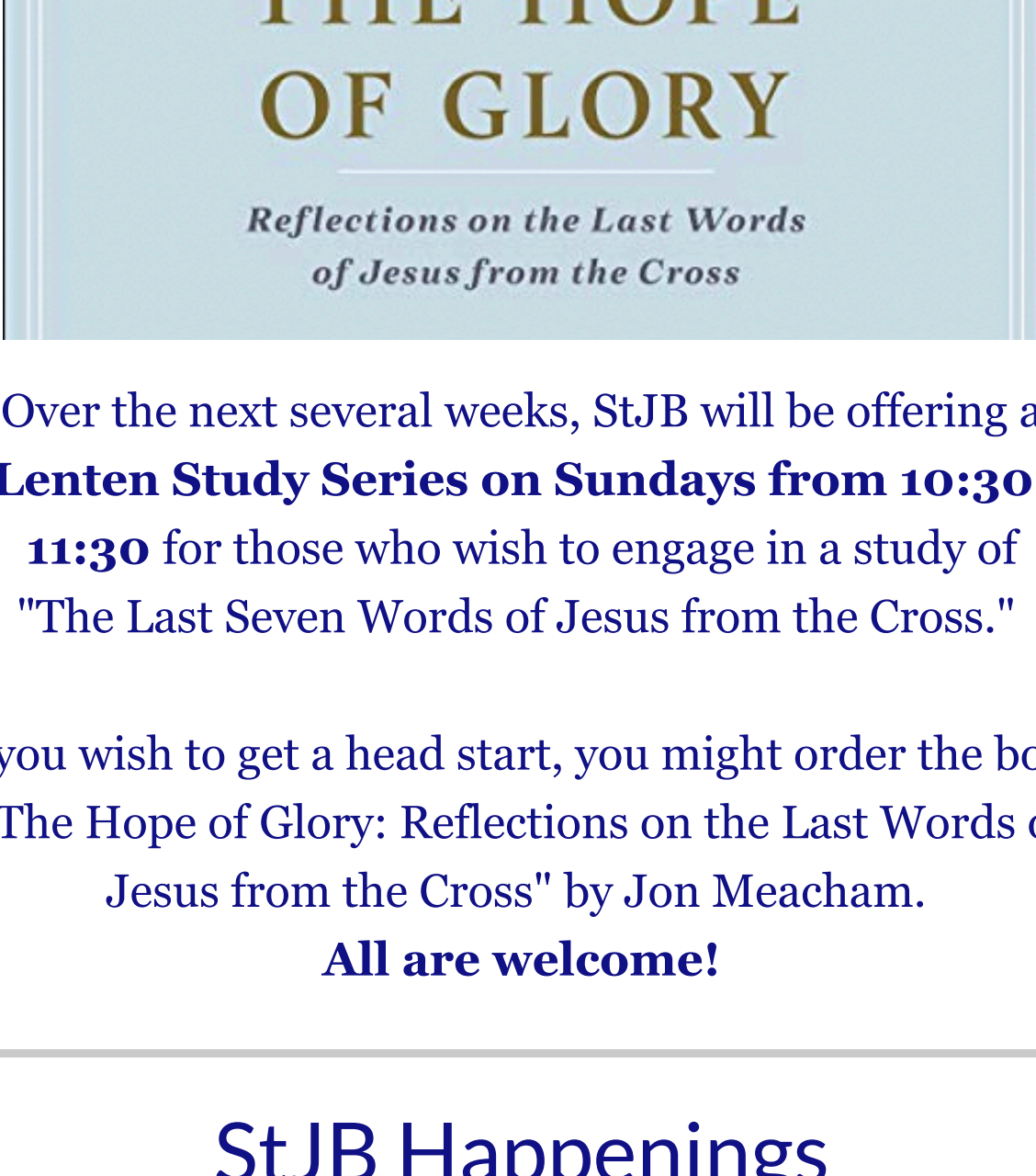
Father Dave's Office Hours

Next Office Hours Wednesday, March 16 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

On Zoom: https://zoom.us/j/99830661293 or call Fr. Dave at 302.824.6272

Emergencies, call 302.824.6272 any time.

Lenten Study The Seven Last Words of Jesus



Over the next several weeks, StJB will be offering a Lenten Study Series on Sundays from 10:30-11:30 for those who wish to engage in a study of "The Last Seven Words of Jesus from the Cross."

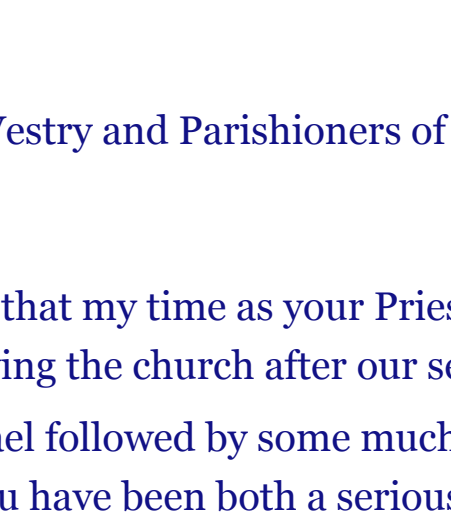
If you wish to get a head start, you might order the book "The Hope of Glory: Reflections on the Last Words of Jesus from the Cross" by Jon Meacham. All are welcome!

StJB Happenings

Candlelight Vigil for the People of Ukraine Wednesday, March 9



Pastoral Letter from Father Dave



March 10, 2022 Dear Members of the Vestry and Parishioners of St. John the Baptist Church,

I write to let you know that my time as your Priest-in-Charge is coming to a close. I will be leaving the church after our service on May 8th to travel and study in Israel followed by some much-needed family time. My three years with you have been both a serious challenge and an unexpected joy—the culmination of a long career as teacher and priest. There was much to learn in my coming to St. John the Baptist Church, and there is no way to measure what all of you have taught me. Being a parish priest, even for a short time, was a dream of mine since I was a young man, and I cannot thank you enough for the many, many ways you have nurtured this calling. I hope and pray that the next two months will give us time to reflect on the next steps for St. John the Baptist Church. It has truly been an honor and privilege to have served this wonderful parish.

Timing is important, and I believe now is the right time for this transition to take place. Your vestry is made up of eight very talented members whose work is strengthened and supported by a committed fellowship of faithful parishioners. The mission of St. John the Baptist Church is solid, and the community of believers is capable and strong. This is an exciting time to build upon all we have accomplished over the past three years.

The next two months will be a busy time as we work together to make this transition smooth and meaningful. We will receive professional help and guidance from the Diocese, both in the beginning and after my departure; but the real work will be yours as you imagine a new future for St. John the Baptist Church. It is not easy to be a disciple, but discipleship is the very heart of a church—people loving God and doing God's work in the world.

My appointment here coincided with a project that imagined God's will to vastly expand our ministerial outreach, to be a church of "the right size." In our launch of that capital campaign, we said we wanted to "reach out to the community as well as meet the needs of a growing membership. We envision programs for the elderly as well as youth, Bible studies, the rekindling of discussion groups like "Wednesdays on the Hill," and, of course, St. John's regular community dinners. Just imagine all we can do together!"

Now is the time to build on that foundation. Working together, you created the beautiful Hansen Pike Hall. Now it is time to welcome the Holy Spirit who will inspire you to make your wider vision a reality.

Thank you for everything—for what you have taught me and especially for allowing me to be part of this wonderful, amazing, loving community. I thank you. My wife Mary thanks you. My sons Andrew and Richard thank you.

With the greatest love and respect, David

Thoughts to consider from the Diocese of NH from deep roots NEW LIFE

The School for Ministry was launched in 2020 to develop leaders—both lay and ordained—called from throughout the region. The school serves students both online and in person at Trinity Church, Tilton. As a local resource, it offers students lower costs and an attractive alternative to attending a residential seminary full time. The school also has a particular focus on the development of bi-vocational leaders. Funding is needed for a full-time Dean, stipends for faculty, coverage of curriculum fees, scholarships for students, and upkeep and improvement of the school's space.

Without the School for Ministry, we would not have a priest at Emmanuel Church in Plymouth, Ashland, and Holderness. How does local education of future clergy and lay leaders provide more opportunities for the church in NH and neighboring dioceses? Watch a video of a current student https://www.givingsites.com/deeproots/our-plan.php

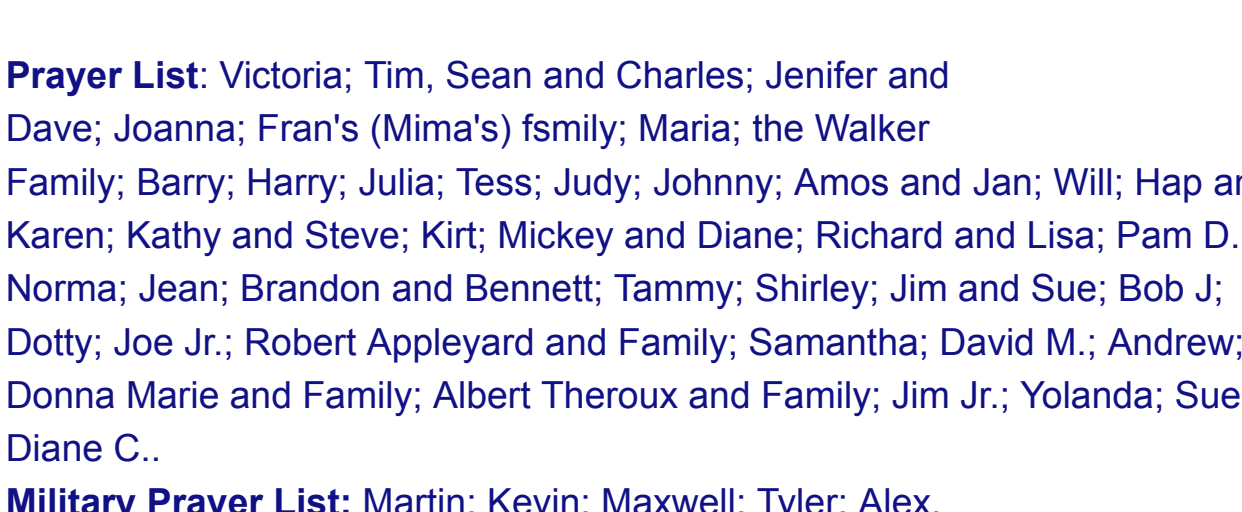
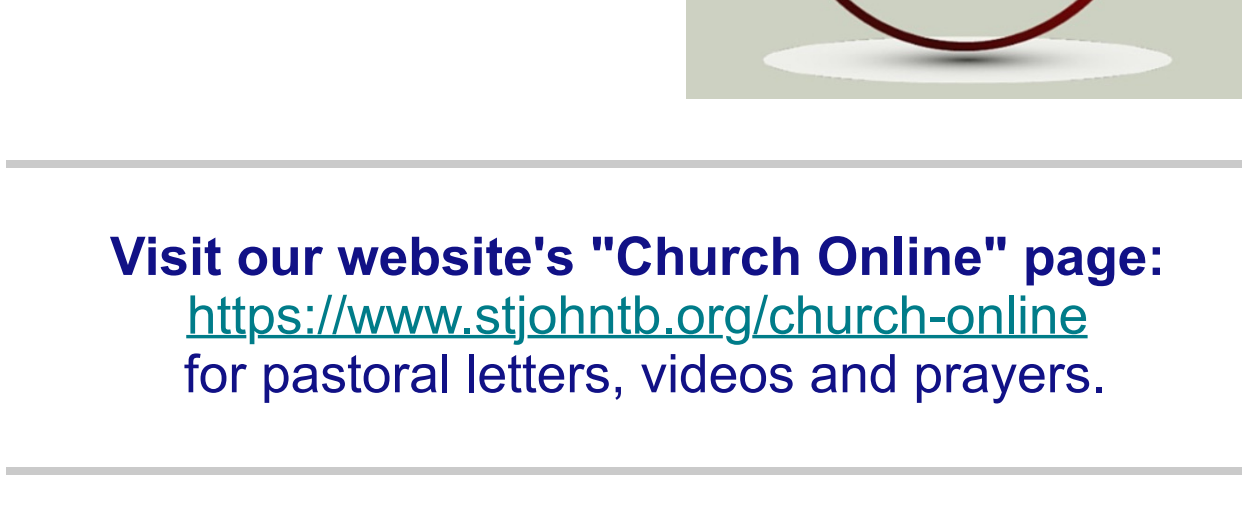
2022 Stewardship FAITH INTO ACTION

A Letter from Fr. Dave about Stewardship for 2022 Dear Parishioners and Friends of St. John the Baptist Church,

This time last year we were still facing the many the challenges of the 2020 global pandemic. The doors of the church were closed but our church was still open, and God was moving in our community through Zoom Morning Prayer services, Bible studies, book groups, vestry meetings, cards, letters, Friday Reflections, and the annual diocesan convention. Church leaders and parishioners alike noted that the year 2020 felt like an exile from the community, family, friends, and in-church worship services. Read the full letter here.

Click on the image below support St. John's by displaying/printing a 2022 Pledge card. When completed it can be mailed to The Church of St. John the Baptist, P.O. Box 249, Sanbornville, NH 03872 or copied/photocoped and emailed to stjohntb@gmail.com!

Please return your 2022 Pledge Form to: stjohntb@gmail.com or to: The Episcopal Church of St. John the Baptist, P.O. Box 249, Sanbornville, NH 03872. Thank you!



Visit our website's "Church Online" page: https://www.stjohnnb.org/church-online for pastoral letters, videos and prayers.

Prayer List: Victoria, Tim, Sean and Charles; Jennifer and Dave; Joanna, Fran's (Mima's) family, Maria, the Walker Family; Barry; Harry; Julia; Tess; Judy; Johnny; Amos and Jan; Will; Hap and Karen; Kathy and Steve; Kirt, Mickey and Diane; Richard and Lisa; Pam D.; Norma; Jean; Brandon and Bennett; Tammy; Shirley; Jim and Sue; Bob J.; Doty; Joe Jr.; Robert Appleyard and Family; Samantha; David M.; Andrew; Donna Marie and Family; Albert Theroux and Family; Jim Jr.; Yolanda; Sue; Diane C.

Military Prayer List: Martin; Kevin; Maxwell; Tyler; Alex.

