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The Episcopal Church of St. John the Baptist



Sixth Sunday of Easter Holy Eucharist

In-Person and on Zoom

Join us to WELCOME Johanna (Jo) Barrett, our new Transitional Priest!!

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.

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

Zoom Worship

PC/Smartphone/tablet: https://bit.ly/StJBZoom2022

Note: the Bulletin will be visible on screen.

Announcements

The BIG NEWS! StJB Transitions and Welcomes Pastor Jo

5/18/22 from StJB's Vestry Warden, Dave Giunta & Maureen Gillum, StJB Search Committee

St John's loved Father Dave out well in his farewell on May 8th, as he loved us. We were spoiled to have him these last three years -- we hired and paid for a 'half-time priest' yet we couldn't stop him from giving us his full-time plus dedication. While wonderful, it also made us somewhat complacent, reliant and less invested. In short, we will not have or do this again. We are forever indebted to Dave and Mary and wish them the very best in their retirement and journeys forward. While we were thrilled to hear from Mary last week in her letter of thanks and farewell to StJB, we again remind all to please refrain from communicating with the DeSalvos for the next year to aid in our separation and abide by Diocesan rules.

We now enter a time of transition -- a time of grief and letting go; of reflection and reckoning. We need to honestly assess who and where St John's is (spiritually, financially, in mission), in order to plan our path forward, as well as gear up for our busy summer season. StJB Vestry/Search are exploring ideas, options and lay leadership to best enable StJB to thrive without a full-time pastor. We will see things like Morning Prayer, led by internal lay leaders, as well as outside supply priests, as needed at least once a month.

From the Diocese level -- who announced 5/14/22 that ME, NH and VT will begin greater collaboration for Bishops to 'assist each other' -- to inter-denominational parishes working together at the community level, it is clear we all need to work together and optimize resources. In G. Jeffrey MacDonald's book, Part-Time is Plenty - Thriving without Full-Time Clergy, he outlines the need and swift shift of many churches moving to part-time clergy, which works very well...provided others step up too. In doing so, congregations often increase vitality as they leverage their 'talents in the pews', renew lay leadership and creatively partner within the community.

While the transitional uncertainty may seem scary, it is also an exciting time of hope and renewal. It is also a reminder that clergy is not the church -- WE ARE OUR CHURCH. As such, we ask all StJB parishioners to think of ways to support or reinvest in St John's -- bake an extra pie (5/28), write/share a StJB reflection, lead AM prayer or Weds 12 pm Bible study, attend/sign-up to help coffee hour or a StJB dinner, write a check, help on outreach (EpiscoGolf, StJB Cares, Ukraine), bring a friend to StJB, or even preach a sermon.

To help us in this transition, StJB Vestry and search team, are delighted to announce we are extremely fortunate to welcome the guidance of an experienced and dynamic minister, The Rev. Johanna (Jo) Barrett as StJB's new transitional half-time minister.

Pastor Jo has had three major careers in her life: 1) working with students in the Middle East and North Africa as well as Peace Corps; 2) a free-lance trainer and consultant in Organizational Development; and 3) and what she calls 'her true vocation' as a Parish Priest for more than 25 years (in VA, NY and most recently Topsfield MA). Jo has also been involved in Hospice, Esperanza Academy (Lawrence, MA), and is trained in Conflict Resolution (Chicago) and certified as an Interim Minister. She currently lives in Dover, NH.

Here at St John's Pastor Jo will be a half-time minister (preach our 9 am service 2-3 Sundays a month; hold Weds afternoon office hours, support Vestry and StJB events, etc) to help us in this transitional period -- anywhere from several months to up to 18 months. Pastor Jo will help StJB become a 'thriving church with part-time clergy' (eg., support lay leaders to offer Morning Prayer and Homilies), offer pastoral care & services (baptisms, burials, funerals, weddings) and help guide us in this interim period until we find a more permanent part-time clergy person. Please welcome her warmly in StJB fashion this Sunday (May 21st) in her first service with us at 9 am (in person or on Zoom). With huge thanks to Canon Tina Pickering and the NH diocese, we are so unbelievably blessed to find someone so abundantly qualified and so quickly -- once again, God is looking out for our little church!

As always StJB Vestry and search team encourages and welcomes your thoughts, input, comments or inquiries on St John's path forward -- especially on how you might become more involved in our parishioner-empowered church community. Please e-mail or call Dave Giunta (msbc1972@gmail.com, 508-641-14580), Maureen Gillum (mgillum.m@gmail.com or 603-494-8466) or any StJB Vestry member.

In Peace, Dave and Maureen

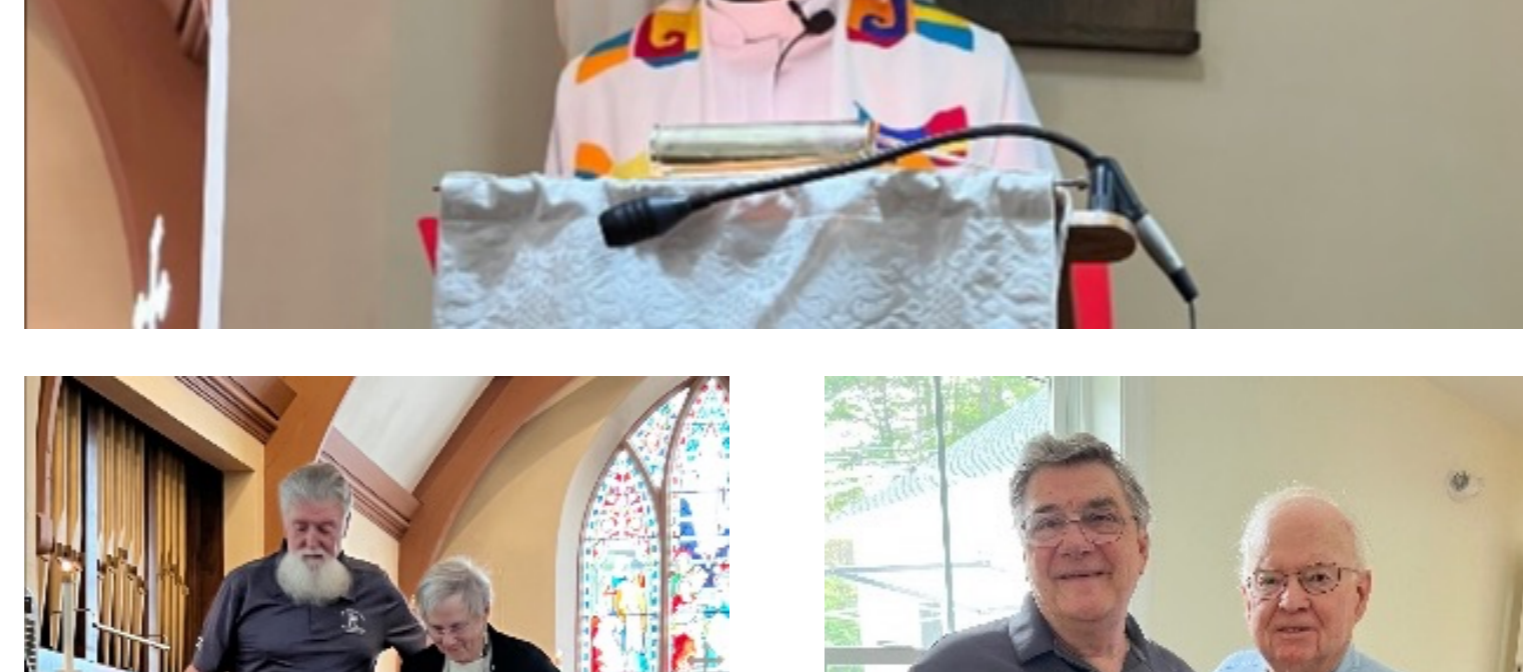
THIS WEEK

- Wakefield Pride Day StJB Sausage Roll Sales: Saturday, May 21, 11:00 am to 1:00 pm at the StJB booth near the Library and Town Hall.
Sunday Worship: Sunday, May 22 Holy Eucharist Rite II at 9:00 am.
Bible Study: Wednesday, May 25 at Noon. In person and on Zoom. Contact Dave Giunta to be added to the Zoom link distribution.

COMING UP...

- Pie Sale: Saturday, May 28 9:00 - 11:00 am at Hansen Pike Hall. Plan you pies. Spread the word.

StJB Happenings Sunday May 15, 2022



Sermon by the Rev. Nancy Spencer-Smith. Parishioners together: Jimbo Keating and Ann Elkins; Dave Giunta and David Moberg.

Plan your baking!!!

StJB's Pie Sale

The Episcopal Church of St John the Baptist 118 High St, Sanbornville, NH

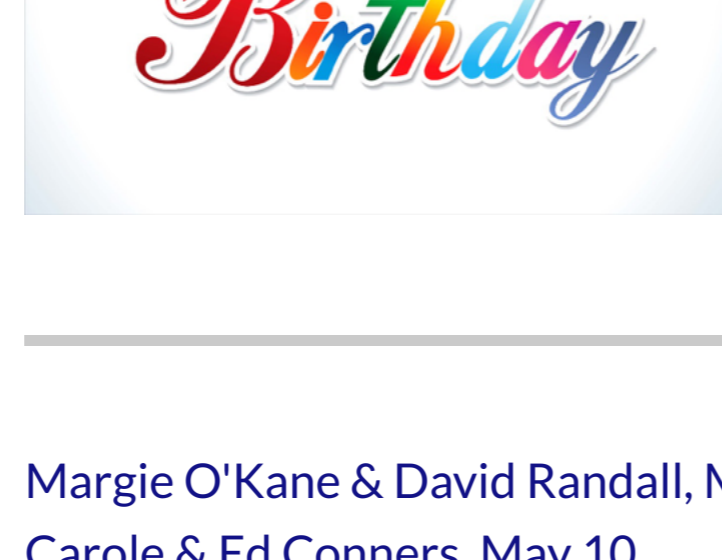


Sat. May 28th 9-11 am

Come see our new addition & get some homemade pies for Memorial Day. Come early -- our yummy pies sell out fast!

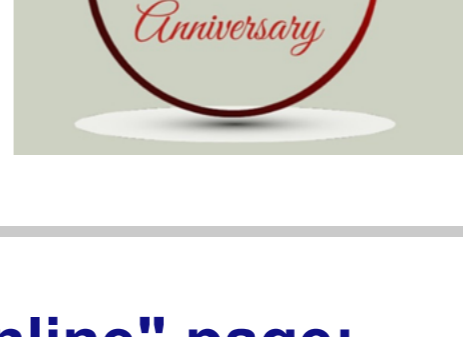
StJB Cares

Rental Home needed for StJB Cares Family: One of our StJB Cares families is desperately seeking housing by June 1st. They are seeking to rent a 2-3 BR / 1.5-2 bath home in the Wakefield NH area. Anyone with any info or potential leads please e-mail Maureen at mgillum.m@gmail.com. Thank you!



- David Tyler, May 4
Puma Lanoix, May 6
Kathy Poulin, May 7
Kasey Poulin, May 11
William Drown, May 13
Joanna Cotter, May 25

- Margie O'Kane & David Randall, May 2
Carole & Ed Conners, May 10
Pam and Dave Tyler, May 10
Louise Billy & Andrea Morrill, May 22



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 Michael; Jenifer and Dave; Joanna; Maria; the Walker Family; Barry; Harry; Julia; Tess; Judy; Johnny; 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; Dotny; Joe Jr.; Robert Appleyard and Family; Samantha; David M.; Andrew; Donna Marie and Family; Albert Theroux and Family; Jim C. Jr.; Yolanda; Diane C.; Grace; Amos and Jan; Michele; Katja; Ann and Lisa; Dave; Kris; Charles C.; Caroline P.; Carol R.; Linda; Penny and Often; the Abeer Family; Judy. Military Prayer List: Martin; Kevin; Maxwell; Tyler; Alex.

