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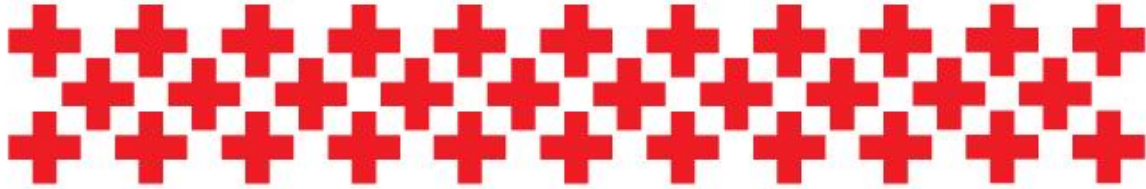
A Prayer for the Power of the Spirit among the People of God

God of all power and love,
we give thanks for your unfailing presence
and the hope you provide in times of uncertainty and loss.
Send your Holy Spirit to enkindle in us your holy fire.
Revive us to live as Christ's body in the world:
a people who pray, worship, learn,
break bread, share life, heal neighbors,
bear good news, seek justice, rest and grow in the Spirit.
Wherever and however we gather,
unite us in common prayer and send us in common mission,
that we and the whole creation might be restored and renewed,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The above collect has been composed by a team of Lutherans and Episcopalians. Written "to unite us in common prayer and revive us for common mission" during this crisis in the spirit of Pentecost, Presiding Bishop Curry and his Lutheran counterpart, Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton, invite congregations to pray the new collect from Pentecost through the first Sunday in September. In addition to expressing a shared desire for renewal in a troubling time, the collect also commemorates nearly 20 years of full communion between The Episcopal Church and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

American Red Cross

Give blood. Help save lives.



Blood Drive
St. John's Episcopal Church

Parish Hall
301 E Main Street
Ramsey, NJ 07446

Wednesday, September 23, 2020
2:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

NEW DONORS NEEDED. YOUR DONATION WILL GO TO SAVE 3 LIVES.

Appointments are required. To schedule an appointment, please visit redcrossblood.org and enter the sponsor keyword: Ramsey

For a limited time, the American Red Cross will test all blood, platelet and plasma donations for COVID-19 antibodies as an additional health service to our donors.

On day of donation eat a healthy meal a few hours before, drink extra water and bring your ID!

Use Rapid Pass to save 15 minutes on the day of the drive, go to redcrossblood.org/RapidPass

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Wedding Bells

Emily Brewster and Dan Scalco will marry at St. John's on Saturday 10 October. Due to the restrictions for worship in the church, the ceremony will be small and private. Please add Emily and Dan to your prayers as they prepare for this special day.

Announcements



September Lay Conversation with the Bishop -Thurs. 9/17 at 6pm

Bishop Carlye Hughes is eager to once again spend time in conversation with the members of the diocese, to reflect and consider what we, our churches, and our communities have learned and experienced as we have adjusted to the changes this time has demanded of us. Scheduled for 90 minutes, this Zoom conversation is open to all members of the diocese.

An email invitation will be sent Monday, September 14 to recipients of *The VOICE Online* with sign-in instructions for this Zoom meeting. Here is the link to the event on the diocesan website for further information: <https://dioceseofnewark.org/event/lay-conversation-bishop-3>.

The Center for Food Action is again receiving donations of food at the Mahwah location at 90 Ridge Rd. Food items may be dropped off Monday through Friday from 10-2. There is a table located outside the door on which to leave items.

Most needed items this week are protein items along with canned fruits and vegetables and snacks and 100% juice boxes for children.

Supermarket gift cards, checks and cash are also greatly appreciated as they allow CFA to purchase fresh produce and food in bulk. These may be dropped off at the center. Please drop them in the box inside the building. For a complete list of needed items or to volunteer , check the CFA website at cfanj.org.

The center is very grateful for the continued support from St. John's members.

You are invited to submit your photos to add a personal parish family touch during our online liturgies. They can be family, individual or parish life photos, anything meaningful to you. Photos of our liturgies and parish events are ideal. We'll work to incorporate as many as he can in the weeks going forward.

We have set up a secure website for you to upload your photos:

mikelpeters.com

Username: stjohns

Password: upload

Several St. John's families have brought up ideas for **increasing children's involvement in our online church** services during the pandemic. We have begun implementing the ideas:

Videos. Families are invited to help their children make short videos (perhaps 30-60 seconds) that will be shown during the service. **For the September 20th Family Service**, invite your young person(s) to complete the sentence: **"What gifts have you received from God..."**The readings for this day [Exodus 16:2-15](#) and [Matthew 20:1-16](#) which may help us recall how God reminds us we are part of God's kingdom/kin-dom.

Bells. Families are encouraged to have bells on hand in services to ring at the beginning and end of our worship.

Need a facemask?

St. John's parishioners have you covered! Donna Rann (rannd511@gmail.com) and Kathy Lathrop (lathropkathleen@gmail.com) would like to provide handmade facemasks to anyone who is interested. Please email them with your requests.

There is no shame in asking for help!

There can be a point when dealing with this pandemic, where not only does our spiritual health need help but our emotional and mental health need help. Bishop Hughes reminds us there is no shame in asking for that. Contact our priest or another parishioner and talk.

If you are experiencing a crisis, or suspect someone you know is, the resources below are available to help now:

<https://covid19.nj.gov/>

NJ Mental Healthcares: 866-202-CARES (4357)

NJ Hope Line: 855-654-6735

Domestic Violence: 800-572-SAFE (7233)

Disaster Distress Helpline: 1-800-985-5990

National Suicide Prevention Lifeline: 1-800-273-8255

or suicidepreventionlifeline.org/chat

Crisis Textline: Text TALK to 741741

Resources from The Episcopal Church for Formation and Ministry There are many ways to continue your own formation or maybe gather a group with St. John's Zoom account for study and reflection or enhancing or creating a new ministry. Here are a few – just click on the title to get more info:

[Embracing Evangelism](#) a new six-part evangelism video course, is a resource to help Episcopalians grow in their own relationship with Christ and to help others do so as well.

Presiding Bishop Michael Curry invites you to join him each week to take a moment to cultivate a 'habit of grace.' A new meditation will be posted on Tuesdays through July. These meditations can be watched at any time by clicking [here](#).

[The Education for Ministry](#) (EfM) program provides people with the education to carry out the ministry to which they are called in Baptism and participation in a parish community.

[Kaleidoscope Bible/Text Sharing](#) invites small group dialogue and reflection on passages from scripture or historical and civic documents. No one and everyone is an expert as the Holy Spirit inspires each to share, guided by the structured process.

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As we continue to actively be St. John's Church and Community in this time, please remember that there are multiple ways that you can continue to support the church electronically by Pledge or Weekly/Monthly donation.

You can:

Go to our website: <http://www.stjohnsramsey.org/> and click on the Online Giving email address

or

click the "**Donate Now**" button below.

[Donate Now](#)

**Use our secure GivePlus+ application
Text to Donate to St. John's Ministries**

Text number: 844-202-6980

To donate:

- Enter text number
- In the message, enter dollar amount,
followed by a space and then the fund code
(i.e. 25 fund)
- General Fund – fund
- Outreach – out
- Annual pledge – pledge
- Altar Guild – flower

GivePlus+ also offers an easy to use app (downloadable from the Apple Store or Google Play Store) for one time donations

AND

to set up recurring donations.

Sign up with your email and search for St Johns by zip code (07446).

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