

**YOUR PLEDGE AS PHILANTHROPY:**



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**THE ANNUAL REPORT  
of  
Saint John's Episcopal Church  
Washington, Connecticut**

**2012**

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**ANNUAL MEETING**

**January 27, 2013**



**AGENDA**

**CALL TO ORDER AND OPENING PRAYER**

**MINUTES OF THE 2012 ANNUAL MEETING OF THE PARISH**

**REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

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**REVIEW OF THE TREASURER'S REPORT 2012**

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**THAT WAS THE YEAR THAT WAS AT ST. JOHN'S – 2012 CALENDAR AND PICTURES**

**DRAFT CALENDAR FOR 2013**

**NEW BUSINESS**

**ADJOURNMENT AND CLOSING PRAYER**

## **MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING JANUARY 22, 2012**

The Reverend Susan McCone opened the meeting with a prayer.

This meeting marks the 218<sup>th</sup> year of St. John's Church in Washington, Connecticut.

The meeting was well attended, with 40 qualified voting members present.

The Minutes of the 2011 Annual Meeting were accepted.

Mother McCone thanked the Vestry for its service and gave special thanks to Holly Flor and Kenneth Hecken for their service over the past three years. Ms. Flor and Mr. Hecken were given a standing ovation expressing the gratitude of the parish. Mr. Hecken thanked the assembled parishioners and spoke about the need for everyone's continued support of the Church.

The slate of officers and Vestry members was presented. There being no nominations from the floor, the Clerk of the Vestry cast one vote for the unanimous acceptance of the nominations. The vote was seconded and the slate was elected as presented.

The Vestry for 2012 is as follows:

Helen F. Gray for a one-year term as Warden to fill Kenneth A. Hecken's unexpired term;

W. Russ Elgin for a new two-year term as Warden;

Joan M. Beattie for a one-year term as Clerk of the Vestry;

Thomas T. Daniels for a one-year term as Treasurer;

Jeanne Reid for a one-year term to fill Helen Gray's unexpired term on the Vestry;

Hunter Brown for a new three-year term on the Vestry;

Rebecca Lambert for a new three-year term on the Vestry;

Pamela Moffett for a new three-year term on the Vestry.

The Treasurer's Report for 2011 and the proposed budget for 2012 were presented as approved by the Vestry. These were available in printed form in the Annual Report along with charts showing the allocation of the projected income and expenses for 2012. Mr. Daniels said that, as Treasurer, he believed the budget to be reasonable and that he had every expectation that the budget would be met.

Mother McCone noted that pledges received to date are close to projections and called attention to the charts in the Annual Report. She spoke about the need for pledging in planning for the year ahead. She also called attention to the section in the Annual Report entitled "That Was the Year That Was" and to the projected schedule of events.

Reports of the various committees of the parish for 2012, as well as a report from the Organist Choirmaster are included in the Annual Report.

Following a prayer, the meeting was adjourned at 11:30.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan M. Beattie, Clerk of the Vestry

## REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE FOR 2013

The Nominating Committee presents the following nominations for Officers and new members of the Vestry to serve in the coming year:

<b>Helen F. Gray</b>	Eligible for election to a new two-year term as Warden.
<b>Joan M. Beattie</b>	Eligible for election to a one-year term as Clerk of the Vestry.
<b>Thomas T. Daniels</b>	Eligible for election to a one-year term as Treasurer.
<b>Robert Futh</b>	Eligible for election to a new three-year term as a member.
<b>Thomas Hollinger</b>	Eligible for election to a new three-year term as a member.
<b>Peter J. Harrison</b>	To a three-year term as a Vestry member.
<b>Thomas T. Daniels</b>	To fill a one-year unexpired term on the Vestry.

### HELEN F. GRAY

Helen was born in New York City and attended the Oldfields School and Vassar College. "Every summer that I can remember was spent in Washington where my parents rented houses until finally buying the Trowbridge house on the Roxbury Road in 1939." An active member of St. John's since she and her husband, Wallace, returned to Washington in 1967, she has served previously both on the Vestry and as a Warden, as well as a member of the Seminarian Support Group, the Outreach Committee and also the Choir. Always interested in education, Helen was prominent in the Washington Montessori School when its home was the basement of St. John's Church and served as its second chair. She was also chairman of the Board of Trustees of Oldfields School in Maryland. She and Wallace have been married for 50+ years and have one daughter, Carla. Helen's brother, John, was a postulant for Holy Orders from St. John's and is now a retired priest who lives in Princeton, New Jersey. In addition to her responsibilities as Warden, Helen also serves as a Chalice Bearer and a pivotal member of the Outreach Committee.

### JOAN M. BEATTIE

Joan Beattie lives in Warren with her two dogs, a golden retriever and a standard poodle. She retired as head of the English Department at Kent School but continues as the editor of the Kent Quarterly. At St. John's she serves as a Chalice Bearer and Lay Reader. She is also a licensed Lay Eucharistic Minister. Joan assists in the Parish Office one day each week and is on call to help with special projects.

### THOMAS T. DANIELS

Tom and his wife Betty have lived in Washington for twenty five years. Both of their children graduated from the Taft School. Tom has served previously on the Vestry twice as well as on the Finance Committee for several years. He has served as Treasurer at St. John's for the past three years. Twice a governor of the Washington Club, he is a past president of VNA Northwest and the Laurel Bank Fishing Club. In addition to his responsibilities as Treasurer and a member of the Vestry, Tom also serves as a Chalice Bearer and Lay Reader.

### **ROBERT S. FUTH**

Bob first came to Washington in 1962 and married Sally Barbaresi of Southbury in 1967. They have two grown children. Originally, Bob and Sally were active members of the First Congregational Church serving as Deacons, Trustees, and Bob as Moderator. During Father Ficks' tenure, however, they felt the need for a “more spiritual” kind of worship and began attending St. John's. Indeed, Bob admits that Father Ficks knew before they did that they would become regular attendees at St. John's! Bob and Sally have raised collies for over fifty years and have an equally long-time interest in horses. Their farm, Starberry Farm, is the PYO source for all the wonderful peaches that Litchfield County loves. They enjoy everything they do and say that they will go on doing it for as long as it feels good! In addition to his service on the Vestry and as a Greeter, Bob is Chair of the Building and Grounds Committee.

### **THOMAS H. HOLLINGER**

Tom currently serves as the Associate Director of Advancement, Planned Giving and Leadership Gifts at the Gunnery School in Washington, a position he has held since 1988. Previously he served as the Gunnery's Director of Development. Tom holds a BA in History, from Kenyon College, and a MA in American Studies, from Fairfield University. Prior to coming to the Gunnery, he taught at the Grier School in Pennsylvania where he served as Chair of The History Department, College Counselor, Senior Master and Chair of the Faculty Executive Committee. In addition to his teaching in the areas of history, religion, and ethics, Tom has been involved in children's theater and also co-teaches The Gunn Scholar program with the school archivist, Paula Gibson Krinsky. Tom is past chair of the Commission for School Advancement of the Connecticut Association of Independent Schools, and now holds a position on the town of Washington's Historic Commission. In addition to his service on the Vestry, Tom is the Stewardship Chair at St. John's and also serves as a Lay Reader and Chalice Bearer. In his free time Tom enjoys painting, gardening, and walking in Steep Rock. Tom his wife Kathy Coe live in Washington and Cape Cod. Their two sons are Gunnery graduates, Philip '01 and Chas '04.

### **PETER J. HARRISON**

Peter grew up in Georgia and attended the University of the South at Sewanee, TN. Pursuing a family tradition, Peter worked as the office manager of Harrison & Harrison, Attorneys, while he was in college, and then, upon graduation from Sewanee, enrolled in the Mercer School of Law in Macon, GA. While at Mercer, he worked on the staff of the National Criminal Defense College in Macon. Peter began his journey north in 2009 by attending Georgetown Law in Washington, DC, where he obtained a Masters in Tax Law in 2010. In 2011, Peter and his wife Kate, the newest member of the Altar Guild and an active member of the Outreach Committee, moved to New Milford, CT where he joined Cramer & Anderson as an Associate, specializing in Tax and Trust and Estates. A life-long Episcopalian, Peter began his service to the Church as an Acolyte and then Reader at St. Matthew's in Snellville, GA. He has recently assumed the role and responsibility of Chief Greeter at St. John's. An Eagle Scout and member of the Order of the Arrow (the elite Boy Scouts' National Honor Society) Peter has continued his association with the Boy Scouts of America and currently serves as District Chair of the Northwest Hill District in the Connecticut Rivers Council.

Respectfully submitted,

The Nominating Committee

## REPORT OF THE TREASURER FOR 2012

Operating Income in 2012 totaled \$464,895 and expenses totaled \$502,433. The Vestry had budgeted an \$18,400 operating deficit for 2012, anticipating that income from legacies, fees for Parish House usage, and the Concert Series, difficult to determine in advance, would reduce that deficit during the course of the year. However, income from those sources did not reach anticipated levels. In addition, although the projected pledge income for 2012 was \$200,000, the actual amount pledged for 2012 was \$198,868, and the amount collected by year-end was \$187,541, leaving pledge payments \$11,327 in arrears at year-end. As a result of these income shortfalls, the year closed with an operating deficit of \$37,538. However, the transfer of 2011 Bazaar receipts into the general operating account resulted in a year-end cash surplus of \$15,943.

The budget for 2013 projects total income of \$476,500. The \$200,000 projected pledge income is reasonable, with actual pledges made to date in excess of \$209,000, and some additional pledges still anticipated. Expenses are projected to be \$490,102, including an allowance of \$10,000 for capital maintenance, with a projected operating deficit of \$13,602 which it is anticipated will be reduced during the course of the year.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Thomas T. Daniels". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping initial "T" and "D".

Thomas T. Daniels

January 24, 2013

## 2013 APPROVED BUDGET

### INCOME

<u>Account Name</u>	<u>2013 Budget</u>	<u>2012 Actual</u>
Pledge	\$210,000.00	\$187,541.00
Prior Year Pledge Payments	\$10,000.00	\$6,608.00
Non-Pledge, Plate and Restricted Gifts	\$80,000.00	\$119,731.00
Bazaar	\$70,000.00	\$136,184.00 <sup>(A)</sup>
Other Special Fundraising Events	\$50,000.00	\$18,791.00
Other Miscellaneous Income	\$21,000.00	\$15,058.00
Endowment Fund	\$28,000.00	\$27,539.00
Liturgical Supplies and Flowers	\$7,500.00	\$6,925.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$476,500.00</b>	<b>\$518,377.00</b>

### EXPENSES

Church School <sup>(1)</sup>	\$9,020.00	\$10,228.00
Clergy	\$123,352.00	\$123,835.00
Financial Services <sup>(2)</sup>	\$6,250.00	\$5,123.00
Fund Raising Expense Accounts	\$31,500.00	\$39,217.00
Liturgical Supplies and Flowers	\$7,500.00	\$15,618.00
Maintenance	\$53,100.00	\$57,230.00
Music Program <sup>(3)</sup>	\$70,300.00	\$63,816.00
Outreach <sup>(4)</sup>	\$43,000.00	\$40,454.00
Parish Administration <sup>(5)</sup>	\$75,600.00	\$66,986.00
Parish Life <sup>(6)</sup>	\$12,500.00	\$28,722.00
Property Insurance and Taxes	\$16,500.00	\$16,428.00
Utilities	\$41,500.00	\$34,776.00
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$490,122.00</b>	<b>\$502,433.00</b>
<b>Difference</b>	<b>-\$13,622.00</b>	<b>\$15,944.00</b>

(A) *Includes 2011 Bazaar receipts.*

(1) *Includes Church School Director compensation and continuing education; Child Care; Church School Supplies, and Adult Forum.*

(2) *Includes Accountant; Bank Fees, and Credit Card Merchant Fees*

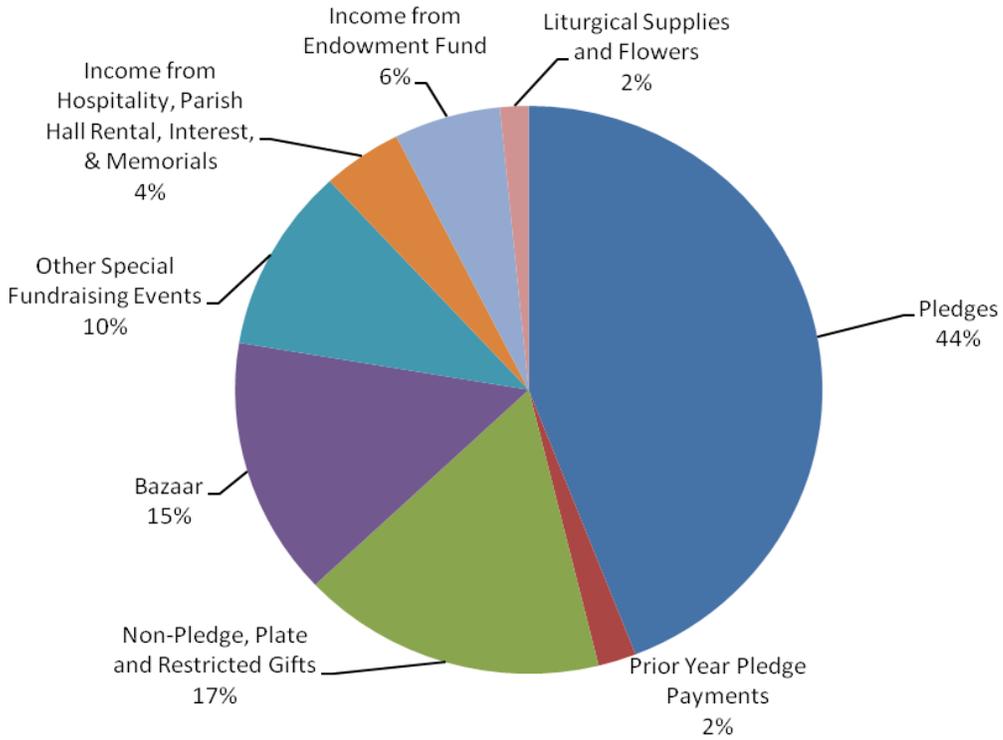
(3) *Includes OCM compensation, pension, professional dues and continuing education; Sheet music; Paid musicians; Organ/Piano upkeep, and Supply Organist.*

(4) *Includes Diocesan Pledge for Outreach; Contributions to Others and Community Outreach*

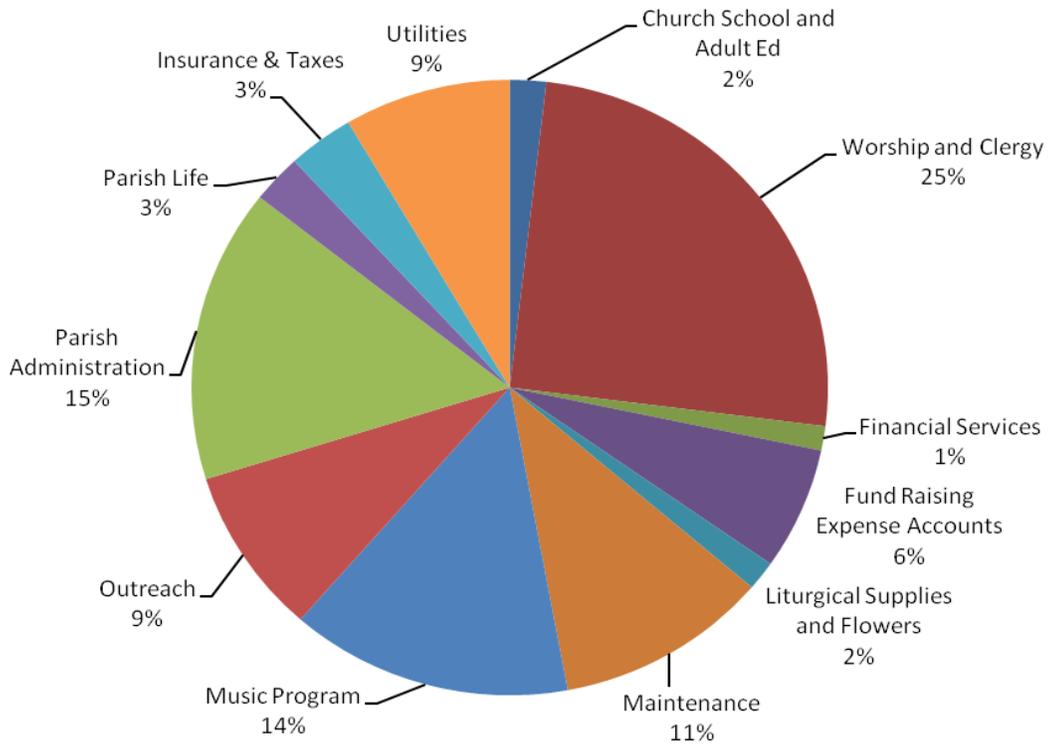
(5) *Includes Parish Administrator compensation; office supplies and equipment; postage, and advertising and signage.*

(6) *Includes Hospitality; Stewardship; Library, and Vestry.*

## Income 2013



## Expenses 2013



## REPORT OF THE STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE FOR 2013



### YOUR PLEDGE AS PHILANTHROPY: AN EXPRESSION OF THE LOVE OF ALL GOD'S CREATION

#### YOUR PLEDGE TO SUPPORT THE MISSION AND WORK OF ST. JOHN'S FOR 2013

Your responses to the Stewardship campaign for 2013 fulfilled to a great extent our hope that we would improve the number of people pledging, as well as increase the actual amount pledged. As of Friday, January 25, the amount pledged is \$213,120, representing pledges from 81 members of the congregation, and a 9% increase over the amount pledged in 2012. Of those making a pledge for 2013, 23 increased the amount of their pledge from 2012, and 8 were new pledges from people who had not pledged before. We remain prayerfully hopeful that we will receive a pledge from the very few who pledged in 2012 but from whom we have not received a pledge for 2013. Should that hope be realized, and we have every expectation that it will be, we will achieve 100% participation of the active members of the Parish and will increase the amount pledged in 2013 from the amount pledged in 2012 by nearly 21%.

#### Pledging as an Expression of Philanthropy:

The success of the 2013 Stewardship effort is, first and foremost, the result of your collective generosity and individual commitment to St. John's for which we are grateful beyond measure. But, we would like to think that, to some degree, it is also a reflection of a new way of thinking about one's pledge as an act of philanthropy.

In some ways the word "stewardship" has outgrown its usefulness as a description of what we are doing by making a pledge to the Church...It suggests an absentee landlord in whose interests we are acting. But God is not absent; he is fully present. And we are meant by our actions and expressions of faith to reflect his image in all we do: self-offering, loving, creative in our lives, as a Church and as individuals. "Philanthropy" – from the Greek which means "love of humans," or more broadly, "love of all of God's created works" – is what we are meant to be about. So what we know familiarly as "stewardship" is as much about the conversion of life we are urging, the spirituality we are seeking to nurture and sustain, as it is about the money we are raising.

The “logo” of this year’s Stewardship campaign, depicted above and selected to convey a visible image of our new understanding of stewardship as philanthropy, is the famous 15<sup>th</sup> century icon of the Holy Trinity by Andrey Rublev, traditionally has been understood as representing the loving relationship between Father, Son and Holy Spirit...It is that model that St. John’s seeks to inspire and establish in our relationships with one another...open, giving and loving...the same attributes St. John’s seeks to express in all it does with one another, for one another and for the wider community.

Beginning last year, we focused on the idea that “stewardship” is everything we do in and for the Church after we say, “I believe.” This year, our goal was to infuse that working definition of stewardship with the spiritual understanding of it as an act of philanthropy that will ground the nature and level of our commitment to St. John’s for 2013, and in the years to come. From that new perspective, our stewardship of the Church is transformed from a mere obligation to a means of “gratefully, faithfully, systematically and proportionately... giving of our time, ability, talents and financial resources so that God can use them to transform human life spiritually, reaching out to others with Christ’s redeeming love.”

### Why Your Pledge is Important:

Many of you give generously all year long of your time and talents to the work of St. John’s. However, it is your specific financial pledge that is critical to the Church’s ability to develop a realistic budget, and to make a responsible plan for the work it hopes to accomplish in the coming year. If your primary way of giving to St. John’s is your generous contribution of your time and talent, an additional token financial pledge would allow us to reach our goal of 100% participation, an important symbol of the Parish’s commitment. While a regular gift in the plate in lieu of a pledge is gratefully received, and a helpful addition to the funds available to meet unexpected expenses, it does not allow the Vestry to devise a solid financial plan upon which the Church can rely in making its commitments to staff and programs.

With that in mind, if you have not yet made a pledge for 2013, there is still time. If there is further information that you would like to have before you commit yourself to the financial support of St. John’s for 2013, please call the Parish Office and arrange for a time to speak with Mother McCone.

Respectfully submitted,

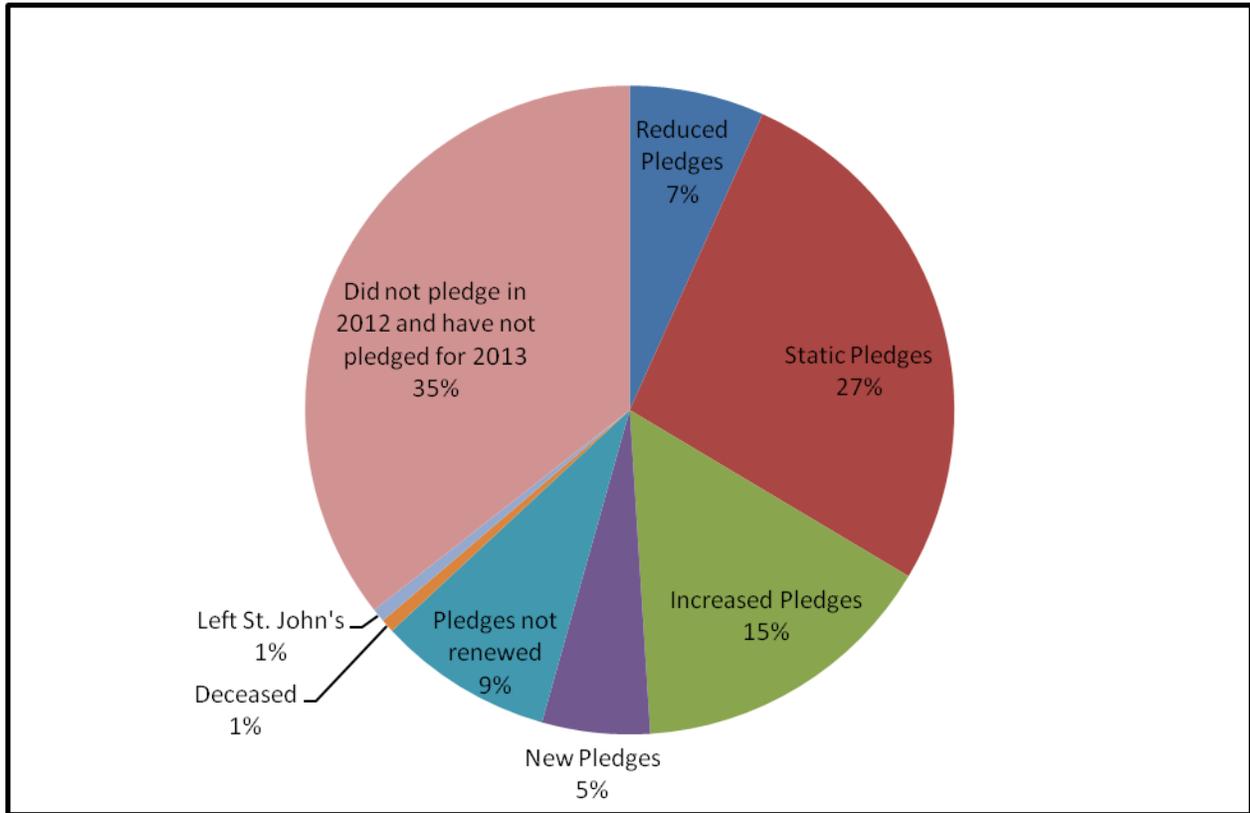


Thomas H. Hollinger  
Stewardship Chair



Helen F. Gray  
Stewardship Committee Member

## 2013 PLEDGE STATUS REPORT AS AT JANUARY 25, 2013



	<b>2012</b>	<b>2013</b>
10 Reduced Pledges	\$26,656	\$15,986
40 Static Pledges	\$83,190	\$83,190
23 Increased Pledges	\$60,682	\$99,530
8 New Pledges	\$0	\$14,414
13 Pledges not yet renewed <sup>1</sup>	\$22,650	\$0
1 Deceased	\$1,300	\$0
1 Transferred to St. Andrew's, Marbledale, CT	\$780	\$0
	<b>\$195,258</b>	<b>\$213,120</b>
Total pledges for 2013 <sup>2</sup>	\$213,120	
Total pledges for 2012	\$195,258	
Difference	+\$17,862	

<sup>1</sup> As of January 25, 2013.

<sup>2</sup> Please note that this does not include parishioners who give regularly and generously to the Church but prefer not to pledge.

## Thank you to all who have made pledges to support St. John's Church in 2013

Ms. Mary Elizabeth Adams  
Mr. Francis E. Arcaro  
Dr. & Mrs. Jay Bauer  
Mr. Nick Benson and Ms. Natalie Dyer  
Mr. & Mrs. Williston Benedict  
Ms. Flora Biddle  
Mr. James R. Booth  
Mr. Hunter Brown  
Ms. Janet D. Chenery  
Mr. Jay C. Coles  
Mr. & Mrs. Timothy Daly  
Mr. & Mrs. William A. Davidson  
Mrs. Mary Graham Davis  
Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Dulack  
Mr. W. Russ Elgin  
Ms. Holly Flor and Capt. Rudy Mangels  
Ms. Ruth M. Forge  
Mr. & Mrs. Robert H. Futh, Jr.  
Mr. & Mrs. Wallace H. Gray  
Mr. & Mrs. Peter J. Harrison  
Mr. & Mrs. Nikko Hayes  
Ms. Ann Hodgman  
Mr. & Mrs. Michael Jackson  
Dr. & Mrs. Herbert Keating  
Ms. Kirsten Knutson  
Miss Tillie Page Laird  
Mr. Laurence B. Levine  
Mr. & Mrs. Philip Markert  
The Rev. Susan J. McCone  
& Mr. Robert P. Wessely  
Mr. & Mrs. John Millington  
Ms. Pamela Moffett  
Mrs. Judith E. Olear  
Mr. Thomas J. Pearsall, Jr.  
Mr. & Mrs. Henry B. Pennell III  
Mr. Ronald Potter  
Mr. & Mrs. Robert Reynolds  
Mrs. Joseph Seidman  
Mr. & Mrs. Christopher Smith  
Mr. & Mrs. Lee Stewart  
Ms. Sophie Sutton  
Dr. Ann B. Ulanov  
Mr. Richard Wallgren & Mr. Martin K. Rook  
Mr. & Mrs. Thomas R. Witt  
Mr. Greg Anrig & Dr. Jeanne Reid  
Mr. & Mrs. William Bardel  
Ms. Joan M. Beattie  
Mr. & Mrs. Edward Bent  
Mr. & Mrs. John Treacy Beyer  
Mr. & Mrs. George M. Blake  
Mr. & Mrs. Peter Brennan  
Mr. Todd B. Catlin  
Ms. Kathleen Clynes  
Mr. & Mrs. Robert C. Coles, Jr.  
Mr. & Mrs. Thomas T. Daniels  
Mrs. Wendy Darling  
Mr. Michael Del Nin & Mr. Sean Krebs  
Mrs. Natalie Dyer  
Ms. Emily Fitzhugh  
Mr. William E. Fore  
Mrs. Anne Fuchs  
Mr. & Mrs. David Gillespie  
Ms. Diana Hardee  
Mr. & Mrs. David Hawley  
Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth A. Hecken  
Mr. Thomas H. Hollinger  
Mr. Steven James & Mr. David Lewandowski  
Miss Louise W. King  
Mr. Henry W. Kunhardt  
Ms. Nancy M. Lauriat  
Mr. & Mrs. John A. Magee  
Mrs. William Materne  
Mr. & Mrs. Arthur Miller  
Mr. & Mrs. J. T. Mitchell  
The Rev. Alan C. Murchie  
Mr. & Mrs. Phillips H. Payson  
Ms. Kirsten M. Peckerman  
Ms. Dagmar Pfanzelter  
Mr. & Mrs. Alexander Purves  
Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Rickart  
Mrs. Barbara B. Smith  
Ms. Caroline Reid Sorell  
Mr. & Mrs. John Strawbridge  
Ms. Nancy Tafuri  
Mr. C. Carter Walker, Jr.  
Ms. Zemma Mastin White  
Mr. & Mrs. Harry Wright

## REPORT OF THE ALTAR GUILD FOR 2012

The members of the Altar Guild have worked tirelessly this year, especially most recently, during the Advent and Christmas Seasons. During the year, in addition to the regular Sunday services, there have been several funerals and baptisms, as well as the many special services of Christmas, the service of Lessons and Carols for Advent, Morning Prayer and Evening Prayer and Holy Eucharist on weekdays during Lent, the services during Holy Week, the Interfaith Thanksgiving Eve Service, and the very special service for the Rector's Institution, all of which required the Altar Guild's special attention.

Each week the members of the Altar Guild assist the Priest by setting up for the celebration of the liturgies. The tasks are mostly accomplished behind the scenes and involve preparing the vestments, paraments (Altar hangings), linens, candles, wine, wafers, silver and brass for the services according to what is required for the particular liturgical season and/or day and keeping everything in beautiful condition.

In addition to the work which supports the Church worship, there are two annual Cleaning and Polishing Days, when all silver and brass vessels are polished to make them sparkle for Christmas and Easter.

A major event of the year was the delivery of a new white Altar frontal after a year's work to produce it. The very fine antique white frontlet that had adorned the Altar for many years had become too fragile for further use. Designed by Davis d'Ambly of Liturgical Arts, Philadelphia, PA, one of the world's – and certainly America's – finest liturgical arts designers, the new frontal is embroidered with three gold crowns on a white silk damask ground with blue and yellow silk orphreys and fringe.

Mr. d'Ambly has worked in the field of liturgical design for over thirty years. A lifelong churchman, his work is a vocation in the Church. After graduating from the Tyler School of Fine Art and private studies in both painting and art history, he began designing for the church in 1972. His work includes innumerable commissions for churches, both old and new, including: paintings, murals, woodcarvings, furnishings, vestments and Altar hangings. He has done extensive work for St. Thomas Church Fifth Avenue; The Church of the Advent, Boston, MA; Saint Mark's Church, Philadelphia, PA; Saint James the Less, Philadelphia, PA; Christ Church, New Haven, CT; Trinity Church on the Green, New Haven, CT; Saint Paul's Church "K" Street, Washington, DC; Saint John the Evangelist, Newport, RI; Cathedral Church of SS Luke & Paul, Charleston, SC; Bruton Parish Church, Williamsburg VA, and Grace Cathedral, San Francisco, CA. We are grateful to all those parishioners whose contributions enabled us to purchase this beautiful piece of liturgical art.

Easter brought another major event: the discovery that a beautiful silver Chalice and Paten given by Charles W. Tillinghast, Jr. on Easter Day, 1872, exactly 140 years ago, had become buried at the bottom of the safe, out of sight and therefore out of mind and use. They have been restored and returned to regular service.

Several members retired this year after many years of dedicated service for which we are very grateful: Kirsten Knutson, Drika Purves, and Leila Walton. In addition, long-time Altar Guild member, Peg Duus, died mid-year.

Happily, we have welcomed two new members to the Altar Guild: MB Witt and Virginia Reynolds. We hope that more members will feel called to join us in this important work.

The members of the Altar Guild are:

Camille Gillespie  
Diana Hardee  
Kate Harrison  
Susan Magee  
Wendy Panikker  
Dagmar Pfanzelter

Martin K. Rook  
Ellen Seidman (*on leave*)  
Caroline Reid Sorell  
Virginia Reynolds  
MB Witt  
Janet Chenery (*on leave*)

Respectfully submitted,

*Caroline Reid Sorell*

Director

## REPORT OF THE ST. JOHN'S BAZAAR FOR 2012

The twenty-third annual St John's Bazaar opened with a festive Preview Party on Friday, November 30, that has become a fixture on the Washington social calendar. Advance ticket sales of \$11,000 (including 41 "angel" tickets @ \$100) were significantly greater than in previous years.

Over 200 parishioners and friends came, marveled at the transformation of the Parish House at the hands of Ray Baker and Susie Magee, enjoyed the extraordinary talent of Nancy Winston at the piano, feasted on Ilvi Dulack's sumptuous hors d'oeuvres, visited with Waddy Davidson and his indomitable crew of bar tenders...and shopped enthusiastically. Order was restored briefly for our own Bill Fore to bring down the hammer on another successful live auction. The festivities continued on Saturday with more shopping and fun netting a record total for the two-day event of \$67,000.

The expansion of the **Street of Shops** (invited outside vendors) proved a great success with net proceeds of \$12,000 (compared to \$4,100 in 2011), – with special gratitude to the generosity of Nina Campbell who transported Walton Street, London to Washington, CT. Her presence added to the cachet of the event and generated amazing publicity, including an article in *Passports* magazine.

The **Silent Auction** under the leadership of Jean Blanchard, with wonderful assistance from Wendy Darling, also yielded a significant increase in revenue over the previous years. Active bidding on merchandise and gift certificates transformed the library into a beehive of activity and fun.

The **Couture Boutique**, with a collection of designer clothes, jewelry and accessories, curated by Sophie Sutton did a roaring trade that surpassed prior years.

Ann Hodgman and her talented sous-chefs stocked the **Emporium** with delectable jams and jellies and other sweet and savory goodies.

Barbara Blake and Betty Daniels, working in the finest floral traditions of St. John's, filled the **Greenhouse** with orchids, cyclamen and other exotic plants.

As always, we sold treasures from the finest attics in the county. Thanks to Penny Bardel, Natalie Dyer and Emily Fitzhugh who engaged in some genteel arm-twisting, we maintained our tradition of being Litchfield County's best secret source.

A special "thank you" is owed to the generous underwriters who defrayed the costs associated with the Preview Party; to Tillie Page Laird and Cecilia Crowhurst, who solicited local businesses to purchase advertising space in the Preview Party program; and everyone who donated goods or services to the Live Auction, Silent Auction and Gift Bazaar.

The Bazaar depends on the talent and industry of a dedicated crew of volunteers who literally live at the Parish House for the two weeks before the event – sorting, pricing and displaying donated treasures. Naming names is always a tricky business, so to all of you who came and polished, cleaned, arranged and rearranged, folded, ironed, made numerous trips to Costco, and generally worked tirelessly with grace and humor, my grateful thanks. It has been a joy and a privilege to work with all of you.

Respectfully submitted,

*Pamela Moffett*

Bazaar Chair

## **REPORT ON BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS FOR 2012**

The regular day-to-day maintenance, which is the responsibility of the Sexton, Jorge Artieda, was given a major boost by two “Parish Wide Clean Up” days, one in June, when over 30 parishioners turned out to wash windows, clean carpets, weed the gardens, and polish the pews; and one another in October, when the major focus was leaf-raking. The result of parishioners’ hard work, together with the engagement of a new outside vendor for both lawn mowing and snow plowing, was a significant reduction in expenditure on grounds maintenance from \$8,000 in 2011 to \$4,000 in 2012.

Fuel costs were also significantly less in 2012 than in 2011 (\$16,000 in 2012, compared to \$25,000 in 2011) due largely to favorable weather. HVAC costs were also less in 2012 (\$900 in 2012 compared to \$2,800 in 2011.)

Maintenance costs for the Cottage in 2012 were double what they had been in 2011, reflecting the Cottage’s use in 2012 as the Organist Choirmaster’s residence, as opposed to 2011 when it was a rental property for a portion of the year, and unoccupied for the remainder of the year.

No major capital improvement projects were undertaken in 2012.

The grounds of the Rectory were dramatically improved by the removal of an old, dying, chestnut tree which was then replaced by two flowering crab apple trees generously donated by Tillie Page Laird and Carter Walker.

In the Church, the pews were restored to the Choir in accordance with the earlier, and original, design of the Church. The rattan-seat chairs were moved to the Lady Chapel to allow more flexible seating arrangements accommodating larger attendance at weddings and funerals, more intimate congregations for Morning and Evening Prayer, and other uses during the year.

## REPORT OF THE CHURCH SCHOOL DIRECTOR FOR 2012

The Church School ran the full calendar year, including the summer months. We have been busy! Our attendance runs anywhere from 2 to 12 children – about 4 to 5 in attendance each week on average.

We have approached learning about faith and understanding the Episcopal tradition through art, music, drama, movement, cooking, storytelling and stewardship.

The children have made “stained glass windows” of St. John, they have learned the Lord’s Prayer through color and movement (chalk writing on the driveway), they have performed skits in which they might experience the role of Jesus, his disciples and followers. They have learned the 10 commandments through “rap” and “commandment sandwiches,” “built edible “plagues” (and consumed them), and listened to “Silent Night” while writing down the “quiet thoughts of goodness” that they felt on their “Star of Bethlehem.”

We have read stories of children less fortunate than we and remembered them in our prayers and “pennies” for them. We have talked about kindness, and acts of kindness toward a shy or bullied classmate at school. We made snowflakes for the ‘new’ Sandy Hook Elementary School, decorated Thanksgiving pie boxes, helped in the fall clean-up, and donned our robes and traveled to the manger to welcome the birth of Jesus at our living Nativity. Some of the children also participated in the making of a dog bed with Ann Hodgman for the Bazaar.

They have begun to make children’s picture books to help them become familiar with the “parts” of the church, (the Altar, the Sacristy, the Sanctuary, the Chancel, the Nave, the Chapel, the Narthex and, Spencer’s favorite, the Bell Tower).

And they also learned, in order to prepare for Mother Susan’s Institution, about the “cast and crew” – the people they would see during the ceremony. They each have a “Guide to Responses” to help familiarize them and – hopefully – engage them in the service, and some of the older children have begun to take part in the service as acolytes or greeters.

Finally, the new Children’s Chorus has had a fairly consistent level of participation this year. They practice regularly after the 10 o’clock service for about 20–25 minutes, two to three times a month. They have performed on Easter, Pentecost, Thanksgiving Eve and Christmas Eve.

In a nutshell,

- They learn that they belong to Christ and are welcome in Christ's church.
- They have learned and can say from memory The Lord's Prayer, The Creed, the Eucharistic responses and other parts of the service.
- They have begun to build a memory bank of important shared experiences from which they may draw when they are older.
- They have begun to experience the beauty of music and art as enriching their worship, and as expressions of praise.
- They hear stories from the Bible read and interpreted; and hopefully, they will, in time, begin to see the Church as a place where God both speaks and listens to them.

- They participate in Holy Communion and witness Holy Baptism and understand that these are “Blessed Sacraments”.
- They discover that they are valued as persons by God and by all the members of this Parish.

Respectfully submitted,

*Jennifer Heath Robinson*

Church School Director

## REPORT OF THE FLOWER COMMITTEE FOR 2012

Throughout 2012, the weather was unexpectedly mild which made the selection of flowers easier; so many varieties were available where normally they are not, especially in the winter months.

In addition to the memorial Sundays and funerals, the Flower Committee arranged for the expanded efforts at Easter, which included turning the Chapel into the Garden of Gethsemane and making sure everything was ready for the drama of The Great Vigil when the Church goes from dark to light in the glorious splendor of the First Mass of Easter.

In October, on Harvest Sunday, the Church decorations expressed the bounty of the season, an exuberant cornucopia of flowers and vegetables spilling over window ledges, out of the Font, and twining up the stairs to the Altar.

A more restrained, but elegant tone, was set by the decorations for the Rector's Institution later in October.

The themes of the Jewish festival of Succoth and the Christian tradition of Thanksgiving were balanced together in the decorations for the Interfaith Service on Thanksgiving Eve.

And then came Christmas. This year it seemed to burst almost unexpectedly upon us. The support of the Flower Committee members made it all possible. For the second year in a row, we had the added help of new occasional members – Marlene Smith, Carla Gray and Helen Gray.

I am very grateful for the loyalty of the committee: Lee Reese, Alec Purves, Annette McDonald, Susie Markert, Véronique Dulack, Barbara Blake and Sally Futh.

Respectfully submitted,

The image shows a handwritten signature in black ink. The signature is written in a cursive style and appears to read "Wallace H. Gray". The first name "Wallace" is written in a larger, more prominent script, followed by "H." and "Gray".

Wallace H. Gray  
Chairman

## LITURGICAL REPORT FOR 2012

In 2012, according to the entries in the Register of Church Services the following services were held at St. John's Church:

Sunday Eucharists: 101, attendance: 4,181 – an increase of 110 over 2011.

Average Sunday attendance: 80 – above the national average of 75.

Weekday Eucharists: (including Ash Wednesday): 13, attendance: 508

Private Eucharists: (at homes or hospitals): 10

Attendance at all services: 5,727

Daily Offices – Weekday: 27, attendance: 143

Burials: 5

Baptisms: 3

Marriages: 1

Lessons and Carols: 1, attendance: 65

The Clergy participating at these services during the course of the year included:

The Rt. Rev. Laura J. Ahrens  
The Rev. Canon John Andrew  
The Rt. Rev. Ian T. Douglas  
The Rev. Elaine Farmer  
The Rev. Carol Hoidra  
The Rev. Susan J. McCone  
The Rev. Alan C. Murchie  
The Rev. Canon Christopher L. Webber

The lay person licensed to serve as a Lay Eucharistic Visitor in 2012 is Joan M. Beattie.

### **The licensed Chalice Bearers and Lay Readers for 2012 are:**

Joan M. Beattie (Chalice/Reader)	Helen F. Gray (Chalice)
Rosalind Benedict (Reader)	Gael Hammer (Reader)
Rebecca Bent (Chalice/Reader)	Ann Hodgman (Reader)
Jean R. Blanchard (Reader)	Thomas H. Hollinger (Chalice/Reader)
James Booth (Reader)	Mary Jo Keating (Chalice/Reader)
Hunter Brown (Reader)	Tillie Page Laird (Chalice)
Sara Coles (Reader)	John A. Magee (Chalice/Reader)
Thomas T. Daniels (Chalice/Reader)	Marlene Smith (Chalice/Reader)
W. Russ Elgin (Chalice/Reader)	Caroline Reid Sorell (Reader)
Holly Flor (Reader)	Robert P. Wessely (Chalice/Reader)

## REPORT OF THE ORGANIST CHOIRMASTER FOR 2012

Highlights of 2012 for the St. John's Music Program included increased growth in our parish choirs, the inauguration of a popular new summer concert series, and an Adult Education class in Advent on Wednesday evenings that focused on music as a vital spiritual practice. Our hearty thanks for their counsel and support goes to the Music Committee, whose members include Sara Coles, Tom Daniels, Dinah Fulton, Helen Gray, Tillie Page Laird, Larry Levine, Sophie Sutton–Drubner and Vince Weiner.

### CHOIRS

*Adult Choir* 2012 for the St. John's Choir was characterized by a focus on increased expressive depth, tonal refinement and stylistic breadth. Among the year's highlights, the Choir's singing of the Fauré *Requiem* at an evening liturgy on the Feast of All Saints displayed the group's remarkable individual gifts and, even more important, its rich, blended, collective tone. New this year, a small *schola cantorum* gathered to sing the Psalm at the Sunday 10 AM liturgy during the summer.

*Children's Chorus* The Children's Chorus displayed its exemplary gifts and enhanced our major feast days with joyous singing. On the morning of Pentecost, the children led the congregation in a rousing, multilingual hymn, "Siyahamba." Most memorably, the Chorus appeared at our interfaith Thanksgiving Eve service, singing beloved traditional American melodies accompanied by hammered dulcimer and keyboard. The group continues to meet on Sundays after the service and involves more than a dozen of our youngest parishioners.

### CONCERTS

*Pop-Up Concerts* Designed to augment the 2011–12 St. John's Concert Series, a new "pop-up" concert series attracted an enthusiastic audience to the acoustically resonant (and climate-controlled) Parish Hall on midsummer afternoons and evenings. The occasional concerts featured such distinguished artists as Boston Symphony cellist Owen Young, vocalist Andrew Garland, virtuoso flutist Courtenay Hardy, and the local vocal ensemble known as *earlybird*. The series will continue in 2013, alongside the St. John's Concert Series.

### ADULT EDUCATION

*Music as Spiritual Practice* This new course featured live performance, lively discussion, group singing and ample time for reflection and addressed the question: "How can music serve as a vital spiritual practice?" The course examined both the music that we experience on Sunday mornings – hymns, canticles, instrumental music and anthems – and music that we experience in our daily lives with a focus on how, through the music of great composers, we might glimpse, experience and savor something of the divine.

Respectfully submitted,

*Alan Murchie*

Organist Choirmaster

## REPORT OF THE OUTREACH COMMITTEE FOR 2012

The Food Collection for local food pantries continued to be a major ongoing initiative of Saint John's Outreach Committee. The food, contributed by members of the congregation, is distributed, once a month on average, to the Waterbury, Torrington and Woodbury soup kitchens. Thanks to the generosity of all the parishioners, contributions in 2012 were much increased, enabling the Committee to increase the frequency of its distribution. But there is always room to do more and the Committee intends to continue its effort in 2013 to support the local food pantries.

The Committee has created a yearly Outreach Calendar as a reminder of Saint John's specific outreach initiatives.

- ❖ In December: the *Christmas Angel Tree* was chaired by Marlene Smith in cooperation with Family Services of Greater Waterbury, gathering presents for the most needy young children in the DCFS system. These children would not get any presents at all if it weren't for the *Angel Tree*
- ❖ In March–April: beginning in 2013, the first *Easter Basket* project, also in collaboration with the Family Services of Waterbury, will be chaired by Richard Wallgren
- ❖ In August: the first *Back-to-School Backpack* project, in collaboration with the Covenant to Care for Children based in Bloomfield, CT ([www.covenanttocare.org](http://www.covenanttocare.org)) was met with great enthusiasm. 15 backpacks filled with books, and a great variety of required school supplies were delivered.
- ❖ In November: the *Thanksgiving Pie project* has become a Saint John's tradition. Under the direction of Kate Harrison, 20 apple pies were made and delivered to Washington Town Hall in boxes decorated by the children of the Church School.

Through the proceeds of the Bridge Luncheon and the Summer Food Festival, \$2,500 was contributed to the St. John's Fund, maintained and dispersed by the Town of Washington to local families faced with emergency financial needs.

The Outreach Committee is committed to the effort to meet the immediate needs of parishioners and the local community, as well as continuing to look for new and innovative ways to fulfill St. John's mission. We welcome everyone's participation. Members of the Committee are Posy Benedict, Véronique Dulack (Chair), Helen Gray, Kate Harrison, Marlene Smith, and Richard Wallgren.

Respectfully submitted,

*Véronique Dulack*

Chairman

## THAT WAS THE YEAR THAT WAS AT ST. JOHN'S 2012 CALENDAR AND PICTURES

2012 was **a year of continuing growth** – in the numbers of those who came to worship with us regularly, and in the presence and participation of young people in congregational life; **a year of continued progress** building on what had been begun in 2011 to deepen our spirituality and to increase the scope and depth of our commitment to serve the needs of the wider community; and **a year of stability**.

We persisted in our efforts to respond to parishioners' wishes (in answer to the 2011 Stewardship Survey), specifically by:

- ✘ Continuing to attract new members to the St. John's congregation by sending out "Welcome Packets" to new families and individuals who now worship with us regularly.
- ✘ Expanding the Children's Chorus under Alan's enthusiastic and skillful tutelage, and – through JJ's creative and dedicated efforts – increasing our youngest parishioner's understanding of Episcopal worship, and the importance of service through participation in all parts of St. John's life.
- ✘ Offering more adult educational opportunities through forums, seminars and, most recently, the addition of the "Monday Morning After" discussion group.
- ✘ Redesigning and improving the web site through the collective efforts of the staff and Sarah's Eyre's particular talent for web design.
- ✘ Improving our communication with the publication of a monthly calendar of events in advance and regularizing a weekly e-blast of upcoming events and information of interest.

In addition to this work, the year was full of opportunities for parishioners of diverse interests to participate in a variety of activities – sacred and social – and enjoy one another's company.

### 2012 SPECIAL EVENTS AND SERVICES

January 8, 2012	Adult Forum: "The Art of the Incarnation" by Veronique Dulack
February 11, 2012	"In the Bleak Midwinter" – A celebration featuring a menu from the St. John Cookbook and entertainment by the Episcopal Liturgical Comedian Mark MacGougan
February 21, 2012	Mardi Gras
Lent 2012	Friday night soup suppers
March 4 and 11, 2012	Adult Forum – "The Confessions of St. Augustine" by Dick Reese
March 17, 2012	Quiet Day in the Celtic spiritual tradition
March 24, 2012	St. John's Concert Series presents <i>Elizabeth von Trapp</i>

March 25, 2012	Adult Forum – “Unity Through Diversity” by The Rev. Elaine Farmer, visiting clergy from Australia
April 5, 2012	Maundy Thursday, Foot-washing, Agape Meal and Seder
April 6, 2012	Good Friday, Noon day Service of Meditation and Prayer Good Friday, Evening Liturgy with Veneration of the Cross
April 7, 2012	Great Vigil of Easter
April 8, 2012	Easter Day Mass of the Resurrection and Easter Egg Hunt
April 21, 2012	Joint Adult Forum with Jewish Coalition and Congregational Church in the Parish Hall – “Understanding Islam in Today’s world” with Dr. Homayra Ziad
May 5, 2012	Parish Spring Clean-Up Day and Picnic
May 9, 2012	Bridge Luncheon
May 12, 2012	St. John’s Concert Series presents <i>The Galvanized Jazz Band</i>
May 19, 2012	The Vestry Retreat at Camp Washington
June 2012	“Monday Morning After” discussions begin
June 2, 2012	Washington Community Day in the Depot
July 22, 2012	“Pop Up” Concert featuring <i>earlybird</i>
August 4, 2012	Summer Food Festival and Clambake Dinner
August 15, 2012	“Pop Up” Concert featuring Owen Young, solo cellist with the Boston Symphony Orchestra
August 19–September 2, 2012	“Back to School Backpack” drive
August 29, 2012	“Pop Up” Concert featuring Andrew Garland, baritone
September 9, 2012	Church School and Choir return
October 3, 2012	The first Parson’s Table Lunch which continued on the first Wednesday of every month
October 6, 2012	Stewardship Workshop with The Rev. Charles Lafond, “Spirituality of Philanthropy”
October 7, 2012	Harvest Festival and Blessing of the Animals
October 13, 2012	Institution of the Rev. Susan J. McCone as the 13 <sup>th</sup> Rector of St. John’s Church by the Rt. Rev. Ian Douglas
October 27, 2012	Fall Parish Clean-Up Day and Barbecue
November 4, 2012	All Soul’s service of Remembrance with Fauré’s Requiem
November 11, 2012	“Pop Up” Concert featuring Courtenay Hardy and Alan Murchie

November 17, 2012	Apple Pie making and Pie Box decorating for Town Thanksgiving baskets
November 21, 2012	Interfaith Thanksgiving Eve Service at St. John's
November 30, 2012	Preview Party for the Annual Bazaar
December 1, 2012	Annual Bazaar
December 2–16, 2012	The Angel Tree
December 2, 9, 23, 2012	Advent Adult Forum on the <i>Spirituality in Anglican Worship</i> by the Rev. Susan McCone
December 5, 12 and 19, 2012	Advent Adult Forum on <i>Music as Spiritual Practice</i> by the Rev. Alan Murchie
December 9, 2012	Deanery Service of Advent Lessons and Carols at St. John's with the Rt. Rev. Laura Ahrens
December 17, 2012	Evening Prayer "in memoriam" for the victims of the Sandy Hook Elementary School shootings
December 22, 2012	Living Nativity
December 24, 2012	Blessing of the Crèche with Children's Chorus
December 24, 2012	First Mass of Christmas with Choir and Instrumentalists
December 25, 2012	Christmas Morning Low Mass

## 2012 IN PICTURES

### January



In the Bleak Midwinter

### February



Mardi Gras "Carnevale" Guests

## *March*



Quiet Day lunch table

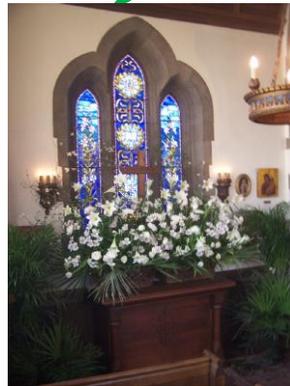


Elizabeth von Trapp

## *April*



Palm Sunday Procession



The "Garden of Gethsemane"  
on Maundy Thursday



Daisy "topiaries" for Easter

## *May*



Galvanized Jazz Band

## *June*



Well-deserved luncheon after  
the spring Parish Wide Clean-Up Day

## August



Lemonade Stand  
at the Summer Food Festival



Master grillers at work



Clambake Dinner guest

## September



"Back to School" Backpacks

## October



The Rev. Susan J. McCone's  
institution as St. John's 13<sup>th</sup> Rector

## November



Bazaar Preview Party guests

## December



The Children's Chorus on Christmas Eve

## DRAFT CALENDAR FOR 2013

**Meetings**  
**Community Social Events**

**Outreach/Fundraising**  
**Adult Christian Education**

**Concert Series**  
**Liturgical**

### JANUARY

27<sup>th</sup> **Annual Parish Meeting**  
**Celtic Evensong**

### FEBRUARY

2<sup>nd</sup> **“Saturdays at Seven” presents Romie de Guise–Langlois, clarinet, in concert with Michael Haas, cello and Alan Murchie, piano.**

3<sup>rd</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> **Sunday Forum: “*The Waste Land*” by T.S. Eliot, a discussion led by Dick Reese**

6<sup>th</sup> **Parson’s Table**

9<sup>th</sup> **A Highland Feast in honor of Scotland’s Robert Burns**

12<sup>th</sup> **Karneval – Come eat, drink and be merry as we celebrate “Faschingsdienstag” or “Fat Tuesday” with Viennese–style crêpes in the Parish House.**

13<sup>th</sup> **Ash Wednesday**  
**8 a.m. to 10 a.m. Imposition of Ashes**  
**12 noon to 2 p.m. Imposition of Ashes**  
**7 p.m. Ash Wednesday Service with Choir and Imposition of Ashes**

17<sup>th</sup> **Vestry Meeting**

22<sup>nd</sup> **Holy Eucharist at 5:30 p.m. followed by**  
**Soup Supper and Lenten Study**

24<sup>th</sup> **Taizé Evensong**

### MARCH

1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> **Holy Eucharist at 5:30 p.m. followed by**  
**Soup Supper and Lenten Study**

2<sup>nd</sup> **Quiet Day**

6<sup>th</sup> **Parson’s Table**

17<sup>th</sup> **Vestry Meeting**

24<sup>th</sup> **Liturgy of the Palms**

- 28<sup>th</sup> **Maundy Thursday Liturgy with Foot Washing and Stripping of the Altar at 6:30 p.m.**  
**Seder Supper immediately following the service**  
**Watch at the Altar of Repose through 8:00 a.m. on Good Friday**
- 29<sup>th</sup> **Good Friday – A three-hour service of meditation and prayer – noon to 3 p.m.**  
**Good Friday Liturgy including Veneration of the Cross and Mass of the Pre-Sanctified at 7:30 p.m.**
- 30<sup>th</sup> **Holy Saturday – The Great Vigil of Easter including the First Mass of Easter at 7:30 p.m.**
- 31<sup>st</sup> **The Sunday of the Resurrection: Easter Day**  
**Mass of the Resurrection – 10 a.m.**  
**Easter Egg Hunt – 11 a.m.**

**APRIL**

- 3<sup>rd</sup> **Parson's Table**
- 13<sup>th</sup> **"Saturdays at Seven" presents the Sebastian Chamber Players**
- 21<sup>st</sup> **Vestry Meeting**

**MAY**

- 1<sup>st</sup> **Parson's Table**
- 5<sup>th</sup> **Choral Evensong**
- 8<sup>th</sup> **Annual Bridge Luncheon**
- 19<sup>th</sup> **Vestry Meeting**  
**Pentecost**
- 26<sup>th</sup> **Trinity Sunday**

**JUNE**

- 5<sup>th</sup> **Parson's Table**
- 8<sup>th</sup> **Altar Guild Benefit – Jonquil Tea**
- 16<sup>th</sup> **Vestry Meeting**
- TBD **Spring Clean Up Day with Picnic**
- 29<sup>th</sup> **"Saturdays at Seven" presents the Boston Symphony Orchestra Chamber Music with Owen Young, cello and Jason Horowitz, violin**

**JULY**

- 3<sup>rd</sup> **Parson's Table**

## AUGUST

3<sup>rd</sup> **Summer Food Festival**

7<sup>th</sup> **Parson's Table**

## SEPTEMBER

4<sup>th</sup> **Parson's Table**

14<sup>th</sup> **"Saturdays at Seven" presents Douglas Williams, baritone**

15<sup>th</sup> **Choir Resumes**

**Vestry Meeting**

## OCTOBER

2<sup>nd</sup> **Parson's Table**

6<sup>th</sup> **Harvest Sunday – 10 a.m.**

**Blessing of the Animals – 4 p.m.**

11<sup>th</sup> through 14<sup>th</sup> **Sarum Conference**

20<sup>th</sup> **Vestry Meeting**

26<sup>th</sup> **"Saturdays at Seven" presents the Borealis Wind Quintet**

TBD **Fall Clean Up Day with Barbeque**

## NOVEMBER

6<sup>th</sup> **Parson's Table**

17<sup>th</sup> **Vestry Meeting**

27<sup>th</sup> **Ecumenical Thanksgiving Eve Service**

28<sup>th</sup> **Thanksgiving Day**

## DECEMBER

1<sup>st</sup> **First Sunday of Advent**

4<sup>th</sup> **Parson's Table**

7<sup>th</sup> **Living Nativity**

8<sup>th</sup> **Service of Lessons and Carols for Advent**

TBD **24th Annual Bazaar**

TBD **Mitten Tree**

15<sup>th</sup> **Vestry Meeting**

24<sup>th</sup> **Eve of the Nativity**

25<sup>th</sup> **The Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ**



WELCOME TO ST. JOHN'S PARISH

CLERGY

The Rev. Susan McCone, *Rector*  
The Rev. Canon John Andrew, *Assisting Priest*

STAFF

The Rev. Alan C. Murchie, *Organist and Choir Master*  
Isobel M. Moore, *Parish Administrator*  
Jorge Artieda, *Sexton*  
J.J. Robinson, *Church School Director*  
Cindy Koslosky, *Nursery Care*

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The Parish Office is open Monday through Friday from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Mother McCone's regular office hours are Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Should you wish to make an appointment to see Mother McCone, please call the Parish Administrator, Isobel Moore, during normal office hours. If there is a pastoral emergency, please call either the Parish Office or the Rectory (860-868-9741).

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