

PARISH INFORMATION

Attendance Last Sunday: 188 Contributions: \$ 6,896

Your generosity is what allows us to serve our community and reach out to our world.

PAYMENT OPTION

For your convenience, you can now make payments for books, mission trips, pledges, etc. via a credit or debit card swipe. See Alicia in the Narthex on Sunday if you wish to make a payment using this technology.

BIRTHDAYS

Apr 22 Garnett Willard
Apr 23 Nancy Fetter
Apr 24 Miles Lee
Warren Tucker
Apr 25 Arden Taylor
Apr 26 Carmen Buss
Trey Kinlaw, III
Apr 27 Anne Bunting
Leslie Laning

ANNIVERSARIES

Apr 24 Ann and Jim Carroll
Betsy and Doug Young

Sunday, April 22

7:45 am Said Service
8:30 am Nursery Care opens
9:00 am Contemporary Service
10:00 am The10 Fellowship
11:00 am Traditional Service
7:00 pm Al-Anon

Monday, April 23

5:30 pm Keels Life Group
7:00 pm Co-Ed Life Group

Tuesday, April 24

7:15 am Men's Life Group
9:30 am Bible Study
10:45 am Prayer Group
11:30 am ROMEOs Lunch
6:00 pm Monkey Junction Life Group
7:00 pm Praise Band

Wednesday, April 25

10:00 am Healing Service
5:45 pm Organist Practice
6:30 pm Alpha & Youth Girls Alpha

Thursday, April 26

7:00 am Prayer Breakfast
6:00 pm Choir at K&W
7:00 pm Choir Practice

Friday, April 27

5:30 pm AA (Women's)



Sunday, April 22, 2018
The Fourth Sunday of Easter, Year B

Our Mission:

Disciples making disciples in the Body of Christ

Our Vision:

Classic Christianity for a New Generation

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The Rt. Rev. Robert Skirving, *Bishop*

The Rev. Dr. Thomas C. Barnett, D. Min., Ph.D., *Rector*

The Rev. Eric Moulton, *Associate Rector*

The Rev. Dr. Charles Barton, Ph.D., *Associate for Pastoral Care and Prayer*

Justin Smith, *Organist and Choirmaster*

ST. JOHN'S KIDS

St. John's Kids (Christian Education) is offered each Sunday during The9 worship service. Three year olds to 3rd grade gather upstairs for a Bible-based curriculum with stories, activities and music. 4th grade and up are welcome to join in the fun as helpers or participants. Nursery care (ages 0-3) is available downstairs.

UNITED YOUTH MINISTRY

Youth in 4th grade and up are invited to gather Sunday evenings from 6:00—7:30 pm for fun, fellowship, food (light snack), and diving deep into life as a child of God!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL - AMPED!

We are so excited about SJCILM Vacation Bible School—Amped! Save the dates! **June 25-29** and **Sunday, July 1**. We need YOU! Do you like crafting, decorating, DIY, Pinterest? We have a spot for you! Do you like playing, music, dancing, talking to children, telling stories? We have a spot for you! Do you like organizing, coordinating? We have a spot for you! Do you have a desire to serve? We have a spot for you! Check your calendars and pray about how to be involved. Registration is available on our website (stjohnsepiscopalchurch.org).

ALTAR FLOWER CALENDAR

You are invited to sign up to give altar flowers in memory of loved ones or in recognition of special events. **The next available dates are in August, September and October.** To sign up for available dates, use the calendar board in the Narthex (Sundays) or in the volunteer office (weekdays). Please contact the church office for more information.

APRIL CHRISTIAN SERVICE MISSION:

CLOTHING FOR HEAD START STUDENTS

St. John's own Sarah Donnelly is a leader in the Head Start program at Johnson Pre-K. Head Start is a preschool program to meet the emotional, social and health needs of vulnerable three and four year olds and their families. Johnson Pre-K currently serves 260 students. Head Start allows at risk students the opportunity to go to Kindergarten ready to succeed. These children are truly some of God's most beautiful and precious gifts. By donating clothing to Johnson Pre-K you are helping a student meet their most basic needs so they can succeed. Please gather up your donations and bring them to St. John's. **Collection ends April 30.**

Ephesians 2:8-10 For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God— not the result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

GRADUATES

Are you or a family member graduating from high school, college or other program? We would like to honor all graduates with a mention in an upcoming bulletin insert. Please submit names and place of graduation to the church office by May 15.

LET'S
connect

NAME:

EMAIL:

PHONE NUMBER:

WHAT BROUGHT YOU TO SJC?

FOR ANY QUESTIONS CONTACT:
CONNECTIONS@STJOHNSEPISCOPALCHURCH.ORG

Thank you for worshipping with us at St. John's Church today!

Please take a moment to complete the card to the left and place it in the alms basin (collection plate).

R.O.M.E.O.S

Retired Old Men Eating Out (ROMEOS) will meet on **Tuesday, April 24** at Jason's Deli at **11:30 am**. Please call Al Meyer (910-399-7210) for more information.

ALPHA

Alpha is a casual exploration of life's biggest questions in an atmosphere of friendship, acceptance and joy. Alpha is for anyone who wants to deepen his or her Christian faith. Sessions are held at St. John's on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 pm. Childcare and a meal will be provided. RSVP online at alphawilmington.com or by calling the church office.

SJC YOUTH ALPHA BIBLE JOURNALING GROUP

If you are a youth girl and have questions about life, then SJC Youth Alpha Bible Journaling is right for you! During the weeks of adult Alpha, our youth Bible journaling group will meet Wednesday evenings **at the church**. Here's what you need to know!

- **What?** A fun and creative group of youth girls. We will eat, watch our youth Alpha video, discuss small group questions and bible journal!
- **When?** Wednesdays from 6:30 to 8:30 pm (during adult Alpha)
- **Where?** St. John's Church (1219 Forest Hills Dr.)
- **Who?** All youth girls

RETIREMENT ANNOUNCED

Fr. Charles Barton is retiring on April 30. St. John's truly has been blessed to have had Fr. Charles serve our parish for the past nine years. He has cared for people of all ages during some of their most difficult moments. His absence will be deeply felt by many, and he will be missed by all. **A celebration of Fr. Charles' ministry will be held on Sunday, April 29, between The9 and 11:00 services.** Please stop by the volunteer office and share your fond farewell thoughts in a special memory book. In addition, you are invited to make contributions to a special love offering fund to be presented to Fr. Charles as a token of our appreciation for his ministry. Please write "Fr. Charles Offering" on the memo line of your check and submit by April 23. Please pray God's blessings on both Fr. Charles and his beloved wife Margaret as he concludes his time of service at St. John's.

WELCOME, BABIES!

A number of St. John's families are expecting new babies! St. John's Welcome Wagon volunteers will honor these families by serving cake and special treats on **Sunday, May 6 during The10**. Each family will receive gifts of disposable diapers and baby wipes. To donate, bring diapers and wipes to St. John's not later than May 4 and leave them in the bins provided in the halls. If you are interested in joining the Welcome Wagon team to help provide meals to families in the church with new babies, please contact Mindy Baker or the church office.

LIFE GROUPS

Life Groups at St. John's provide an opportunity to gather in small groups for discipleship, pastoral care for one another, accountability and encouragement. You are invited to join by calling or e-mailing the leader or host of the group. If you would like to join a life group and there is not one planned at a convenient time, please call the church office.

Keels Life Group

Monday evenings 5:30 - 6:30 pm
Jayne and Stewart Keels, leading and hosting
Jayne: 910-520-7770 or playnejayne@ec.rr.com
Stewart: 910-232-4500 or skeels@ec.rr.com

Co-Ed Rotation for Families Life Group

Monday evenings 7:00 pm
Kari & Nick Loeber, leading; Kate and Ash Patel, hosting - rotating location
Email Kari at kari_avalis@yahoo.com for this week's location.

Men's Morning Life Group

Tuesday mornings 7:15 – 8:30 am Ted Davis, leading
Al Durrance Room, St. John's
1219 Forest Hills Drive, Wilmington 28403
Ted: 910-520-2078 or ted@tedmdavis.com

Monkey Junction Life Group

Tuesday evenings 6:00 pm Lissa Koffler, leading
Lissa Koffler hosting - Rotation
Lissa: 910-409-8757 or lissakoffler@gmail.com

Breakfast Life Group

Thursday mornings 7:00 – 8:00 am Rotating leadership and hosts
Chris's Restaurant
853 S. 17th Street, Wilmington 28401
Alex: 910-685-6326

WYCLIFF ASSOCIATES INVITATION

Wycliffe Bible Translators invite you for a complimentary dinner on **Monday, April 23, 2018** at the Holiday Inn Wilmington—Market Street (5032 Market St.). Doors open at 6:30 pm. The evening will feature an address by Pastor Jacob Ramothudi of Botswana. To reserve your seat, contact The Rev. Charles and Mrs. Margaret Barton 910-793-2109, 910-233-7710 (cell) or cdhb2@bellsouth.net or Brent Nelson 866-461-0197 by Tuesday, April 17.

ST. JAMES TO HOST NORTH CAROLINA BISHOPS

St. James Parish in Wilmington will host the four Episcopal bishops of dioceses in North Carolina on **April 23, 2018**. The four bishops will bring a wide variety of experience and insight. The event will begin at 6:30 pm with wine and cheese in the parish hall on Market Street, followed at 7:00 pm by the free lecture in the St. James sanctuary at 25 S. Third Street. For more information call St. James at 910-763-1628.

SOUND TECH

Want a great view of the service from the balcony? The sound tech ministry is seeking new participants. All are welcome and training is provided. Those with daytime availability are especially encouraged. Contact Ken Lynch or the church office.

OFFICE MINISTRY OPPORTUNITY

Somewhat new to St. John's and hoping to get involved in parish life? **Please consider St. John's office ministry!** Volunteers provide help and support for our Parish Administrator each and every Monday through Friday by answering phones/taking phone messages/directing calls and greeting persons arriving at the church for weekday services and meetings. Volunteers also copy and assemble worship service bulletins. Computer skills are useful but not necessary. Shifts are for approximately 3 hours, morning and afternoon. We have an immediate need for individuals to substitute for a regularly scheduled volunteer on an occasional basis and for volunteers for regular shifts on Tuesday and Thursday. To find out more about office ministry, please contact Janis Wootten at 910-616-8601 or Rachel McKnight in the church office.

CURSILLO

EC97 is April 26– 29 at Trinity Center. Please keep the pilgrims, staff and clergy in your prayers. Any and all Cursillistas are asked to wear crosses on Sunday, April 29. Cursillo (pronounced kur-SEE-oh) is a Spanish word that means "short course." Cursillo Weekends begin with a dinner on Thursday evening and end with Holy Eucharist on Sunday afternoon. The weekend centers around a series of 15 talks about various aspects of Christian life. There are also group discussions and activities relating to the talks, as well as music, worship, prayer, food and fellowship.

SJC MEMBER MISSION TRIP TO MEXICO

Eli Edwards is travelling to Acuna, Mexico this summer. He will be building houses with an organization called Casas Por Cristos and sharing the love and glory of Christ. If you would like to support him you can make a check out to Casas por Cristos with his name in the memo line and mail it to 309 Kenwood Ave. 28405 or donate through his Facebook page. Most importantly, please pray for God's blessing over his trip and all those he encounters.