



# The Window

The Newsletter of St. James' Episcopal Church in Fremont, CA  
*Called to serve in new and loving ways*

February 2017

## An Invitation to a Holy Lent

*Dear People of God: The first Christians observed with great devotion the days of our Lord's passion and resurrection, and it became the custom of the Church to prepare for them by a season of penitence and fasting. This season of Lent provided a time in which converts to the faith were prepared for Holy Baptism. It was also a time when those who, because of notorious sins had been separated from the body of the faithful, were reconciled by penitence and forgiveness, and restored to the fellowship of the Church. Thereby, the whole congregation was put in mind of the message of pardon and absolution set forth in the Gospel of our Savior, and of the need which all Christians continually have to renew their repentance and faith.*

*I invite you, therefore, in the name of the Church, to the observance of a holy Lent, by self-examination and repentance; by prayer, fasting, and self-denial; and by reading and meditating on God's holy Word. And, to make a right beginning of repentance, and as a mark of our mortal nature, let us now kneel before the Lord, our maker and redeemer.*

*BCP, pgs. 264-265*

And so begins the Holy Season of Lent, with these words of invitation said during our Ash Wednesday Services. The spiritual disciplines of prayer, fasting, self-denial, and immersing oneself in the Holy Word of God are all ways to observe the season in which we will walk with Jesus Christ towards the Cross, and ultimately, towards the Resurrection.

This year, Lent begins on March 1, 2017. For the month of February, we will continue to celebrate Epiphany, the manifestation of Jesus Christ to the Gentiles and to the world, recognition of the Light in our world, the Son of God identified by the Holy Spirit and God's voice at Baptism. The Season of Epiphany naturally feeds into the Season of Lent. Epiphany establishes the identity of Jesus as God made manifest, which then allows us to follow him, with faith and confidence, walking the journey towards Good Friday.

Let the remainder of this Epiphany Season be brilliantly bright. May you seek Christ in all corners of the earth. Let the Season of Lent be imbued with soft shadows of grace and love. May you seek Christ in all corners of your own interior souls.

Lori+



## Stewardship Corner

### Why I Give



*Each month a vestry member shares their experience of their spiritual home and their motivation for supporting our community. This month's submission is from Nancy*

I've been asked this question a lot over the years as I have been a member of St. James since childhood and have been a pledging member for most of my adult life. I have also heard many stewardship sermons and stewardship speeches by stewardship chairs. Some resonated with me, while others did not. I'm sure most everyone feels the same way.

I think the most absurd question I have been asked is "Why do you pledge, are you trying to buy your way into heaven?" The answer, of course, was a very resounding NO! I give of my time, talent and treasure because it makes me feel good.

As I reflected on the my pledge this past November, I realized that I pledge not only to keep the lights on, pay the electric bill and staff salaries, etc. I pledge because I receive an incredible sense of peace each time I walk to the rail for communion. I love the feeling of a goosebumps when I sing a favorite hymn. I love working in the Memorial garden and being a member of the Altar guild and the Vestry.

This is my church family and I support the church as I support my family.

Nancy Castaneda

### 2017 Annual Meeting

The schedule for this meeting followed a different schedule proposed by Lori+. The Vestry provided a nice breakfast in the Parish Hall from 8:45am to 9:30am, followed by the business meeting in the church for the next 45 minutes and concluding with a communion service. Personally I found that this schedule to be highly effective and recommend it for next year.

Lori+ started the business meeting by calling on the Rev. Ken Parris for an opening prayer, which was followed by approving the 2016 Annual Meeting minutes. She thanked the retiring vestry members; Nancy Castaneda, Elaine Vallecillo-Miller and Karen Koonze for their service. Also retiring is Senior Warden Meg Amouroux but as is Lori's custom, she asked Meg to continue to handle our property rental procedures and rates. As Lori+ has already announced, she has selected Vivienne Paratore to be the new Senior Warden.

Also thanked and praised were Music Director Jennifer Carini for her direction and beautiful music, Children's Minister Jan Scrutton, Treasurer Lynn Locher, Vestry Clerk Elizabeth Hart, Mike Scrutton for being the Pledge Secretary and many others for the work they do on behalf of St. James'. Treasurer Lynn Locher was happy to announce that the budget had ended with a large surplus, so much so that the Vestry decided to move \$5,000 to the Building Fund and \$9,000 to Special Interest Accounts. The 2017 Budget also projects a surplus. She also thanked all the counters, and Jan Brandt and Lauren Doherty for all the work they do.

Bruce Roberts reported that that the Endowment also had a good year, financially speaking. The committee has awarded \$5,513 to the General Fund and \$1,075 to the Little Church. The Memorial Garden committee reported that they did not foresee needing any additional money from the Endowment Fund.

Voted in by acclamation are new Vestry members; Josephine Amadi, Jill Buono. Kimberly Patton and Katie Porter. Three new Deanery representatives (Meg Amouroux, John Amouroux, Scott Whitaker) and two alternates (Elaine Vallecillo-Miller and Jan Brandt) were also elected.

Ralph Locher

## Faith Formation Presents... Lenten Soup Suppers

Every Tuesday in Lent: March 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup>, and April 4<sup>th</sup>, 2017 Lenten Soup Supper at 6:00pm in the Parish Hall, program from 6:30-8:00pm in the Education Room.

Lenten Program: "Growing a Rule of Life". In this series, we focus on God as the Chief Gardener of our souls, and we seek out ways to grow into the fullness God desires. Just as stakes and lattices nurture the growth of young plants, so too can spiritual disciplines support the flourishing of our whole being. This series uses a tool from monastic spirituality called a 'Rule of Life' to explore and cultivate our relationships with God, Self, Others, and Creation.

This is an exciting opportunity to dig deep and dream big about ways to live into a more abundant life with Christ. Each participant will create a unique Rule of Life or 'Garden Plot' to sustain and expand beyond the class. Facilitated by The Rev. Lori Walton, The Rev. Anna Horen, and Janet Fischer.

Please sign up in the Parish Hall to attend and to bring soups or bread for our supper!

Janet Fischer

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### Children's Service for the Imposition of Ashes

For children of all ages and their families, we will be distributing ashes in the Little Church on **Tuesday Evening, February 28<sup>th</sup>**. This will happen at the tail end of the **Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner**, so please plan on eating your pancakes early so you will be finished in time for our Imposition of Ashes service.



### Ash Wednesday Services

Join us for one of these three services on:

**March 1<sup>st</sup>: 7:00am, 12:00pm, and 7:00pm.**

## January 2017 Vestry Meeting

We met at 6:30pm and shared memories and thoughts about Barbara Lyon who passed away that morning on the way to Bible Study in a car accident. Many people shared positive stories about Barbara and talked about her many skills and positive effect on others.

We shared a meal prepared by Nancy then prayed together. Lori thanked the outgoing members; Meg Amouroux, Nancy Castaneda, Elaine Vallecillo Miller and Karen Koonze.

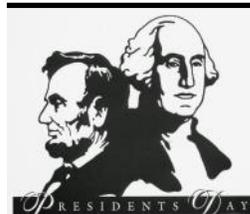
We approved the December minutes and then reviewed the end of the year financial reports. The vestry voted to move \$5,000 of the excess income to the building fund and \$9,302 into a special interest account for funding future staff.

We accepted the financial reports and had a discussion on the projected budget and then passed the 2017 budget which reflects an increase. We reviewed the vestry nominees and deanery candidate list. Then we recorded the email vote for the Abode donation which approved by email vote and then Meg explained the changes to the facility use agreement.

Lori explained the process of the annual meeting. After discussing the new diocesan alcohol policy, we accepted the vestry reports and then adjourned the meeting.

We celebrated compline in the little church.

Vivienne Paratore  
Junior Warden



The St. James' office will be closed Monday, February 20, 2017 to acknowledge Presidents Day



## A Whole Lot of Love

The John McCutcheon Concert on January 16<sup>th</sup> generated a whole lot of love. From the woman/self proclaimed gardener who pulled a weed next to the parking lot just after she bought her tickets to the concert, to the person who wrote, “My parents came here in 1958, 7<sup>th</sup> grade education, no English. They found their way in a new country. I am an immigrant,” asking John to sing the immigrant song, there was a lot of love at the concert.



Yes, the concert nearly sold out with only a few bad sight-line seats not occupied. It seemed to me that everyone was having fun. “I Wish I Was a Mole in the Ground” started the concert with song and story. He followed up with “This Ain’t Me” about his missing the Left Coast tour last year. He played “The Streets of Sarajevo” and “Leviathan” and finished the first half with “The Great Storm Is Over” sing-a-long.

“Immigrant” started the second half, followed by “Happy Adoption Day,” one of my favorites. The person who requested “Sara Tucholsky” wrote her name in inch-high block letters with a plaintive please at the bottom. John sang it. The story around the “Clarinet Polka” received many laughs and knowing looks; all enjoyed his playing of it on the hammer dulcimer. Of course he sang “Christmas in the Trenches,” lots of requests. He closed with “This Land Is Your Land.” Then, a surprise encore, a new, unrecorded as of yet song I’ll call “Come, Come, Come” since he did not name it, a real rouser!

I read recently that people who go to church feel better. That was true tonight. All in all, a Whole Lot of Love!

(Photos by: Bruce Roberts)

Bruce Roberts





## Camp Sunday at St. James'!

Join us to celebrate "Camp Sunday" on **Sunday, February 26th!** Family camping, sleep away camp, Vacation Bible School and camping with scouts will all be celebrated with tents, s'mores and much more!

Learn about all of the awesome opportunities for your kids to participate in a variety of summer camps offered throughout the Diocese and at St. James'. **We will also recognize Scout Sunday for 2017** during our 10:30am service and invite all our active scouts to turn up in uniform (email Jan Scrutton beforehand at [jan@saintj.com](mailto:jan@saintj.com) so we can have your patch waiting for you).

Hope to see you there.

Submitted by: Rev. Lori Walton



## Work to Commence on Little Church

On February 6<sup>th</sup>, Anderson Construction will start work on the Little Church. The first part of this project will be to install temporary cables across the church about where the walls meet the rafters.

There will be three cables; they will remain in place for three or more months, pulling the walls inward until they are vertical. They should not interfere with normal church services.

More information to follow.

Bruce Roberts

## Abode Services Rapid Re-Housing Home Warming Update

The need for affordable housing continues to plague the Bay Area. In spite of these challenges, recently homeless clients of Abode Services are highly motivated to be re-housed. At our January meeting, we reviewed the candidates and determined there are 16 clients actively looking for housing.

St James' will be helping 2 families into housing for February. The first family is a single mother name Londonia with a 13 month old son. Niles Discovery is taking care of the deposit and St. James' will be there for household furnishings and various kitchen, bathroom and cleaning items. The target move in date is February 1st.

Our second family is Crystal and she's moving into a furnished apartment but it has high move-in costs. She has an \$1800.00 deposit and it will be shared among Fremont Congregational, Filipino-American Evangelical, Harbor Light and St. James' churches. In addition to the deposit, we will be supplying household goods for the kitchen, the bathroom and cleaning items.

Over the years, St. James' parishioners have pooled their Lucky Stores reward stamps which yielded 3 large sets of cookware, kitchen knives and the latest, 6 coffee makers and 6 waffle makers.

Thanks to Patty & Robert Lacy for keeping track of the stamps & putting them in booklets. We even collected stamps from the churches that work with St. James', pooling our resources for Re-Housing the Abode Services clients.

Thank you to all the parishioners at St. James' whose support time after time to help these families. Your efforts are truly appreciated and every little bit helps from the gift cards, gently used household furnishings and new sheets, blankets, pillows and bathroom towels. The clients we help are always overwhelmed with emotions when they receive our donations and finally have a place to call home.

More updates down the road. Thank you.

Gregg Feeney

## Deacon Ken says “Farewell” to St. James’

It is hard to believe it has been four years since I came to St. James’. Time certainly has passed quickly. While it is hard to say “goodbye” it is even harder to pass up an opportunity to work on the staff of our diocese’s cathedral church, Grace Cathedral, in a city I absolutely love, San Francisco.

As many of you know, I started volunteering at the cathedral in June 2016, serving as a cathedral chaplain and as deacon at the 12:10 Eucharist once or twice a week. At the same time, I was asked by some diocesan staff to undertake projects on behalf of the bishop and the community of deacons in the diocese. The diocesan offices being co-located with the cathedral made it easy to spend an entire day on Nob Hill “doing” church work. When my longtime friend and cathedral deacon, Nina Pickerrell, learned I was working on some diocesan projects on the days I was at the cathedral, she asked me if I would undertake some additional projects for the cathedral community. I found I couldn’t say no to Nina’s request. As time passed, I became more and more involved with cathedral projects to the point the dean and Nina made me an offer I could not refuse, an opportunity to be assigned fulltime to Grace Cathedral.

Many of you have asked what I will be doing at the cathedral. My duties are very diverse but within the scope of what deacons are called to do. I am involved in various liturgical services, performing roles and tasks consistent with the diaconate like proclaiming the Gospel, preaching, praying the Prayers of the People, baptizing, setting and clearing the altar, and dismissing the congregation. I perform pastoral duties, visiting members of the cathedral community who are shut-ins or are being treated in a medical facility. Each day as part of my daily prayers I pray for the ministries of my colleagues here at the cathedral and especially pray by name for the members of the Grace Cathedral Choir of Men and Boys. I am assigned a place on the cathedral’s pastoral emergency rota and take my turn carrying the cathedral’s pastoral emergency cell phone. An important activity of the cathedral is outreach and I serve as part of the cathedral’s outreach team.

Cathedral School for Boy’s outreach coordinator, developing and implementing service learning activities for the boys. I assist the cathedral’s director of children, youth and family ministries when needed. I help with the cathedral’s seniors program. Coordinating with other cathedral chaplains, I assist in setting up the service rota and supervise the activities of the cathedral chaplains. I assist my cathedral colleagues with their duties, especially proofreading service bulletins and other publications. Using my three decades of law enforcement experience I assist with security around the cathedral property. In the near future I will be working on an outreach project designed to link the cathedral community closer to the surrounding neighborhoods. I undertake my share of the numerous administrative tasks that need to be completed at the cathedral. I review and implement the emergency procedures for the cathedral and the school. And lastly, as they say, I perform other duties as required.

In this, my last article to you in *The Window* as your parish deacon, I want to say thank you for being a warm, welcoming community during my time here. Leaving, I take with me a part of each of you that dwells in my heart. I will always have a special connection to this community and will be sure to include you in my daily prayers. If you happen to be in San Francisco near the cathedral, take some time to stop by and say “hi.”

For me it is especially hard to leave a wonderfully gifted and talented colleague like Lori+. I have enjoyed working with her and sharing my thoughts and insights on some of the challenges we have had to confront together for the furtherance of God’s kingdom in this place called St. James’. Take good care of your rector and cherish her ministry among you. I’ve been at this ministry “stuff” for a while and I can tell you with certainty, priests like her are hard to find.

So, I will leave you with a few words that should be familiar to you coming from me, “Go in peace to love and serve the Lord!”

Deacon Ken Parris



## St. James' Prayer List

*Most Holy God we pray for:*

**Those In The Military:** Scott, Jarrod, Megan, Erica, Theresa, Mark, Tim, Louis, Military Children of ACBSM, the families and Marines of Dark Horse Battalion, Caitlin, Emily, Robin, Adam, Dave, Shawn, Ethan, Paul, Darren, Matthew

**Those Who Need Comfort and Healing:** McCoy Family, Tom and his family, Colby family, Adrienne, Scrutton Family, Mel, John, Sylvia, Marianne, Ellison, Peter, Don, Kevin, David, Betty, Dohrmann family, Holger and family, Loren, Patricia Coddington and family, the Aluzzi family, the Lyons' family

**Families Expecting Children:** Evan and Kirsten; Thanksgiving for the birth of Lenox Noel Rowe, great grand-daughter of Nancy and Paul Svenson

**Those Who Have Passed Away:** Terry, David, Kristin, Nailah, Jeff, Francis, Nora, Barbara, Don, Joseph, Mia, Nonie, Barbara

*To add someone to the "Special Prayers" list, please complete a pew card and place in the Sunday offering plate OR call / email the Church Office. After six weeks, names are removed from the list. Please renew your request as needed. Thank you*

**Please note:** If your birth month or anniversary is in this month and your name(s) is not listed or the information is incorrect, please email the appropriate information to [admin@saintj.com](mailto:admin@saintj.com)

## February Birthdays

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|---------------------------|--------------------|
| 3 Mike Scrutton           | 24 Scott Whitaker  |
| Claudia Noddin            | 25 Maresa Decena   |
| 4 Bruce Roberts           | 26 Charles Peeler  |
| 5 David Kem               | Lauren Doherty     |
| 7 Linda Zetterholm Nelsen | Scott Whitaker III |
| 11 Darcia Feeney          | Francis Singh      |
| 12 David Colby            | 27 Chris Ma        |
| 14 Danika Brown           | 28 Luke Scheuffele |
| 18 Margaret Broun         | 29 Adrienne Farrel |



## February Anniversaries



- 15 Bob and Lauren Doherty
- 16 Chris and Pegeen Perry
- 24 Charles and Vivienne Paratore



The next issue of *The Window* is in March. We welcome your **comments, essays, poems, photos, cartoons, newsworthy items of interest, art work, any group activity information and your reviews.**

Email your submission to [newsletter@saintj.com](mailto:newsletter@saintj.com)  
by: **February 15<sup>th</sup>**



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SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:15AM  
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