The Window

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

July 2019

Reverence

On our recent trip to Italy, Ron and I spent a few days in Rome. Ron and I are both early risers, up and about before six, usually. It seems the Italians are not early risers as each morning we would find ourselves on deserted streets in search of an open café. We stayed in Trastevere, an ancient neighborhood with narrow streets and cobblestone paths. In the center was the piazza, and on the piazza was a basilica, the Basilica of Santa Maria in Trastevere. This basilica is one of the oldest churches in Rome with parts of its structure dating back to the 3rd and 4th centuries. The apse over the altar area is richly decorated with 12th and 13th century mosaics and various Baroque paintings adorn the ceiling. Architecturally, the church is a study in beauty. Spiritually, the church is a study in hallowed ground.

Early in the morning with nobody around, Ron and I would find our way to this basilica, and alone, we would sit in the midst of soft candles and silence, and we would take time to pray, time to rest, time to simply be. We both agree it was the highlight of our visit to Rome.

When we made our trips to the Colosseum and the Uffizi Museum and other spots, we went as tourists. Our objective was to observe and learn. In the Basilica of Santa Maria, however, we went as pilgrims. Our objective was to rest in the beauty of God. As tourists, our posture was curiosity. As pilgrims, our posture was reverence.

Sister Dominic Mary Heath, OP, a cloistered nun, says that reverence is "…the attitude of submission we owe to God as the source of our being…[it] opens our eyes to beauty in the order of creation, in the wholeness of human persons, and in the mystery of divine providence – beauty that is inaccessible to irreverent eyes. As an attitude that accompanies Christian life, reverence is not optional but necessary." (The Necessity of Reverence, Plough Quarterly Magazine Issue 20)

We walked into that Basilica understanding that we were and are fully under God's providence, graced by God to have the awareness of beauty created by God. The time set aside for prayer and silence fortified us and integrated the physical space with our interior lives. The experience deepened and enriched our vacation, making portions of the trip feel more like an offering than a consumption.

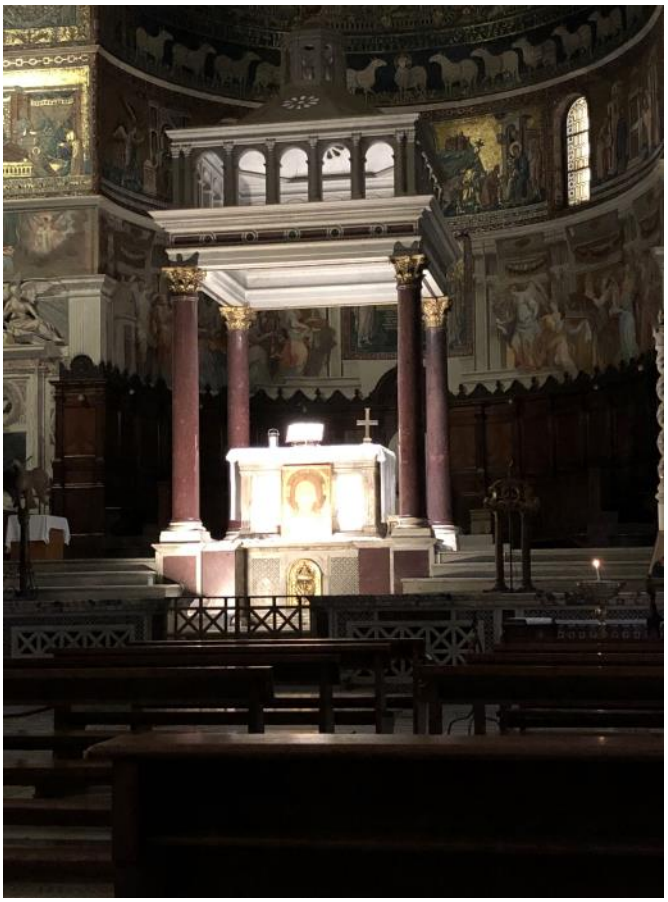
There is hallowed ground everywhere. Walk into the Memorial Garden alone and open your eyes to the beauty and feel yourself submitting to God. Find a bit of silence on the beach, in the campground, in the mountains, wherever your travels might take you, and look at something beautiful, surrendering to God's providence and revering with awe all that God has done and does for each of us.

May your summer days be filled with such moments.

Lori+

(Photos from Lori's trip on page 2)

Photos from Lori's trip to Italy



Getting Comfortable with the Bible

If you would like to read or pray with the Bible, but feel that you don't quite know where or how to begin, this series will help you get started.

The Bible isn't really a book, it's a library, and becoming familiar with the different styles of writing you will find there and why the books were written is really key. We'll also be looking at how the Bible was assembled, why there are different translations, and the tools available to help you understand and get to know the Bible better. This 3-session series will take place on **Tuesday evenings, July 9, 16, and 23, from 7:00 – 8:30 pm in the Education Room**.

A sign-up sheet can be found in the Parish Hall. No previous knowledge of the Bible is necessary! Any questions? Contact Rev Anna .

Annual St. James' Feast

It's that time of year for us to gather for worship, fellowship, food, and fun, in honor of our patron saint, St. James'! On Sunday, July 28th after coming together for a single service at 10:30am, along with the Philippine Independent Church, we will enjoy a festive feast of delicious food.

Please look for the sign-up sheet in the Parish Hall to volunteer to bring your favorite dish or to help with set up or clean up.

If you have any questions, see Monique Manjarrez (mo.manjarrez23@gmail.com), John Kimber (rjkimber@earthlink.net), or Stephen Ferro.

Monique Manjarrez

Summer Scripture, Monday Gathering

Do you want an opportunity for a closer examination of scripture? Are you interested in learning with a group of fellow Christians? Would you like to integrate scripture into your own life and how you live it? Beginning on Monday, June 3, we are starting a new group for studying scripture. Rather than focusing on a specific book, we will be looking at different themes found in the Bible. To begin with, we will look at what the Bible has to teach us about the Holy Spirit. Jesus promised that the Holy Spirit would continue the work of God in the world. Where can we find evidence of this in God's Word? What does this mean for us? How can we participate with the Spirit in this ongoing movement?

Our guide will be Brian McLaren's book, "We Make the Road By Walking," supplemented by other material. Meet us in the Education Room from 11:00-12:00. If you have any questions, ask Rev. Lori by emailing lori@saintj.com.

Little Church Update or What's Going On in the Little Church?

It's physical work. Sure, there is cleaning and painting, but did you know how rickety and fragile some of the pews had become? What about the cracks in the seats and backs of the pews? Did you notice the floor of the Church? Gouges up to half an inch deep could have caused parishioners to trip on the floor between the pews.

So, hands and knees and sitting on the floor. And the odor of stain and polyurethane. Nails and screws promote sturdy pews. Filling the cracks and sanding them smooth. Dust in the corners, who could have guessed? Hard, ageless chewing gum, putty-knifed from under the seats. Discovering the grain in beautiful woods, now we can see it.

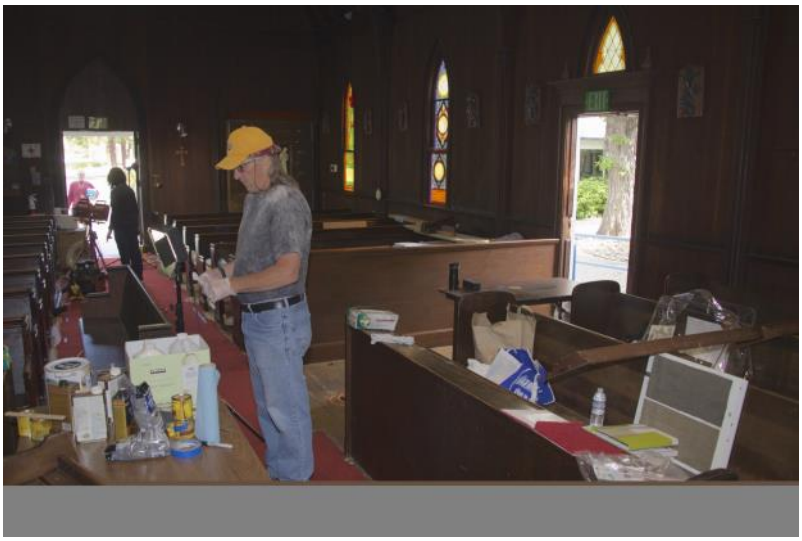
So, (as of 6/8/19) the hardy restoration crew has forged ahead accomplishing quite a number of things:

- The baseboards on the aisle-side of the pews have been removed and new baseboard lumber has been milled to replace the baseboards.
- All the kneelers were removed and refinished.
- All the nave pews have been repaired, deep gouges filled, cleaned, stained where needed and coated with a hard surface.
- The "choir" pews and acolyte pews have been cleaned and coated as was the pew by the columbarium.
- The floor on the left side of the nave has had the gouges filled, primed and painted (two coats) in readiness for placement of a center support. Soon we will see replacement of the book rack, and I installation of a larger book rack in hopes of removing prayer books and hymnals from the pew seats.
- The floor on the right side has been filled, and mostly primed.
- The pulpit and lectern have been cleaned, stained, and coated with a hard surface. In addition, the decorative cabinet near the columbarium has been cleaned, stained and coated.
- The bishop's chair and priest's chair have been cleaned and coated.
- The marble Baptismal font has been repaired and will be polished.
- The speaker wires from the organ have disappeared under the church, no longer across the carpet.

There is much more to do. The floor under the piano and organ needs attention, much work. The altar needs repair and refinishing. New baseboard will be attached to the pews. Nosing in preparation for the new Cathedral Red carpet needs to be installed by the pews and at the edges of the floor steps as it rises to the altar. The painting of the right-side floor needs to be completed before the center supports, book racks and kneelers can be installed.

The final items will be the carpet replacement and cushion cleaning. Then we can dust the whole church like crazy (even though we have worked hard to keep the dust to a minimum as we work). Estimated date of completion? Barring no more extremely hot days and other surprises – probably sometime in late July.

The Little Church Crew



Photos by: Bruce Roberts

Ladies Flatlanders – September 26-29

Ladies of St. James', it's time again for our annual Flatlanders Getaway to Pajaro Dunes on the Monterey Bay! This year we will be at the beach Thursday through Sunday, September 26-29. We spend four days together talking, laughing, playing cards, getting to know each other better, and reconnecting as friends. We eat a lot of good food too! The townhouse we stay in is just steps from the beach.

Flatlanders has been a St. James' tradition for over forty years. It started with a group of women wanting to get away for a weekend. Previously it was a camping weekend at Portola State Park, Samuel P. Taylor State Park or a Thousand Trails campground outside Hollister.

The name "Flatlanders" came about when the first trip began. At the same time, there was also a group of mostly men from church who backpacked in the Sierras each summer. One of the ladies said "we are staying down here on the flat land", and the name lovingly endures. When we decided to give up camping for more comfortable lodging, we found a great place at Pajaro Dunes on Monterey Bay, just outside Watsonville. This is our ninth year at the beach, and we still love our stay!

During our weekend away, all of us spend time doing whatever we want. Some go for long walks up and down the beach. Some stay closer, perhaps wade in the water, then come sit in the sand with a good book or a game of dominoes. Some catch up on their reading, others on sleep. Often on Friday some women go exploring: to Pacific Grove, the Aquarium, Capitola, or someplace else nearby. Others prefer to stick close to home base and just relax. The past few years we have added nighttime s'mores and stories around a bonfire on the beach – YUM!

There is always good conversation. It truly is a time of bonding for us. We share, we care. We laugh, and cry. We enjoy the beauty of God's creation all around us. Everyone pitches in to make the weekend a success. And on Sunday morning we share in a meaningful worship service celebrating God and the power of sisterhood.

If this appeals to you, please look for the signup sheet in the Parish Hall in mid-July. The weekend is open to any woman 21 years or older. The group generally consists of current parishioners, past church members, friends of St. James'. We've had ladies up to 90 years old join us – all are welcome! With a full house the cost is approximately $160 each plus food.

Please talk to any committee member (Mary Casas, Nancy Castaneda, Dorothy Balderston or Laura Winter) to find out more. We would love to have new participants as well as returning ladies. Join us for a wonderful weekend!

Submitted by: Laura Winter

A View from our Balcony

The Parish Pantry

By Richard Reynolds

Tia Maria's After Church Breakfast

Once a month, we would drive down to Uncle John's on St. John Street in San Jose for church and breakfast. This was an all-day tradition of our family unity that included family worship, a hearty breakfast, afternoon games and gab, and an enormous "Sunday gravy dinner". Our church was St. Joseph Catholic downtown; I was yet to be reincarnated by the Jesuits into the Anglican Communion.

Uncle John's sister, Maria would be responsible for the family breakfast. She would be just returning from Mass when we arrived along with assorted cousins for the 10:00am service. While we prayed the Latin ritual responses, Auntie would prepare breakfast for the rest of the clan. While there was a variety of menu permutations, this one with eggs, chard and potatoes was my favorite. My great-aunt relied on cured carbon steel for a non-stick pan, so be sure for this recipe to use whatever non-stick 8-inch skillet you have. This recipe feeds two. Increase ingredient proportions and pan size to serve more. Aunt Maria did this recipe in three pans to feed the family crowd.

It is essential that you serve this meal on warm plates. If you have a "hold-warm" setting in your oven, use it, otherwise set the oven to its lowest temperature to heat your plates. Start with the potatoes, use four red skin medium, peels left on and cut into about a two-inch dice. Heat 2 tbsp. of olive oil until rippling is just beginning. Add about one cup of purple onion, chopped into small pieces. Salt and stir onions until softened, but not browning. Sweat about three minutes, and then add the diced potatoes. Salt and stir until well coated by the oil, add ¼ cup water and cover the pan. Reduce heat to med. low and allow the potatoes to steam for 6 minutes, stirring halfway.

While potatoes cook, rinse, stem and cut Swiss chard into large pieces. Dice one large red bell pepper into a small dice (about pea size). Mince 6 cloves of garlic. After the potatoes have steamed, remove lid, stir and raise heat to medium-high to allow any remaining water to evaporate, and the potatoes to brown. Watch closely, stirring often to prevent onion from burning. When a paring knife easily pierces a potato, remove them to the waiting plates in the oven, proportioning them to each plate. Return the pan to the burner, reducing heat to med low. Add the garlic, stirring until fragrant, about 30 seconds. Layer in the chard, salting liberally. Cover and allow moisture on washed chard to steam. About 1 minute, remove lid, add the red pepper and turn chard, being sure to pull up the garlic from the bottom, and mingle it with the peppers and chard leaves. Return cover and continue to cook chard through, about 2 to 3 minutes.

When chard is cooked tender, remove to a sieve over a bowl or pie pan to drain excess liquid and then portion onto warming plates. Separate four eggs. Add 1 tbsp. olive oil to pan and return heat to medium. Carefully add eggs to pan to avoid breaking yolks. Generously salt and pepper. Use white pepper with a pinch of mace or nutmeg for a French touch. Cover pan and cook for 1 minute. Remove covered pan from burner and leave covered for 2 minutes off heat.

The Sunday gravy dinner would be yet to come and was prepared by the rest of the family women, as well as a "confirmed bachelor" uncle, and as yet awaiting other incarnations, myself.

But back to breakfast, serve with eggs over chard. Hot pepper sauce can be added to taste. Buttered sour dough toast is a must. Enjoy!!

Volunteer Appreciation Sunday

Every June, the Vestry of St. James' hosts a special Coffee Hour in appreciation of all the volunteers who make St. James' a welcoming, intentionally multigenerational community centering on Jesus.

Thank you for your financial support of St. James'. Thank you for all the counting and accounting our contributions; the account payables; and the reimbursements. Thanks for keep track of the pledges; serving on the Endowment Board and the Stewardship Committee.

Thank you for helping in the office.

Thank you for serving as our eucharistic ministers, acolytes; readers, Altar Guild; adult and youth choirs; ushers and greeters. Thanks for providing us with beautiful liturgical decorations.

Thank you for serving on the Vestry, being delegates to Convention and to our Deanery. Thank you for being on our Diocesan Committees.

Thanks for organizing and participating in Adult Faith Formation, Sunday School, Youth Group; Bible Study; Vacation Bible School, Healing Team, and Meditations.

Thanks for your IT and communication skills in updating our website; contributing and editing our Sunday bulletins, weekly Newsletter and monthly Window; designing our outdoor banners; taking photos at our various events; organizing our library and our archives; following up with visitors and inviting family and friends to join us for worship and activities.

We appreciate all who work so hard to keep our campus beautiful and ecologically appropriate: all the campus clean-ups; all those who serve on the Memorial Garden Committee and all who tend to the Memorial Garden; all who serve on the Little Church Renovation Committee and who worked on repairing the Little Church; all who work on campus maps and safety considerations and all who deal with building and ground maintenance issues.

Thank you for creating community through organizing and participating in the Men's Summer Trip; the Ladies Flatlander retreat; the Men's monthly breakfast; Available for Lunch; the Tai Chi classes; and the John McCutcheon Concert.

Thanks for being on the Hospitality Team working in the kitchen on Sundays. Thanks for bringing food for our Coffee Hours. Thanks for serving on the Reception Committee and for helping with receptions for memorial services and other special events.

Thanks for reaching out to our wider community through cooking meals for the Sunrise Village and the Centerville Free Dining; donating and serving food for Sacred Space; donating school supplies and materials for the children at Abode Services and our school districts; donating material to Abode Home Warming; bringing cheer and gifts to the residents at Hillside Senior Care Center; building a home in Mexico through Corazon; supporting children in Kenya through Maisha Bora; serving children through Abode Kidz; and bringing communion as Lay Eucharistic Ministers.

We appreciate all your smiles, kind words and prayers for all our neighbors, as Jesus commands us to do. Keep up the good work. Thanks be to God.

Sylvia Ma

Memorial Day Remembrance

The St. James' Memorial Garden was dressed for the Memorial Holiday, May 26. The Memorial Garden Committee hosted the coffee hour after both services to commemorate this holiday. A big "Red, White and Blue Salute" goes out to all who worked so hard to beautify the garden, put out the memorial flags, and contributed wonderful food treats for all to enjoy.

Lauren Doherty
Memorial Garden Committee

In Celebration of Confirmations!

In the Book of Common Prayer, confirmation is described as "the rite in which we express a mature commitment to Christ, and receive strength from the Holy Spirit through prayer and the laying on of hands by a bishop."

On June 1, in the majesty of Grace Cathedral, Bekka, Linda and Craig were confirmed by the Right Reverend Marc Andrus. It was a joyous occasion filled with the Holy Spirit. Congratulations Bekka, Linda and Craig!

L-R Bekka, Craig, Linda

Sacred Space Update

Sacred Space, a ministry of the Southern Alameda County Deanery, has been put on hold due to legal issues surrounding the distribution of food.

Leadership is in the process of obtaining appropriate permits from the City of Hayward so that we might continue this ministry.

I will update St. James' as information becomes available.

Janet Fischer
Sacred Space Coordinator

Article Submission Deadlines for *The Window*

In our efforts to provide you with the newsletter in a timely fashion, please be aware of the following deadlines for submitting articles for the Window:

- Please submit articles by the 15th of the month to newsletter@saintj.com; * We will make exceptions for late articles if they are of immediate importance AND there is room. (Or it's from one of the Rectors!)

We work to have the issue to be proofed, edited, and submitted to the office for printing by the Thursday morning before the first Sunday of each month. We do our best to make sure this can achieved.

We appreciate your support and we hope you will continue to enjoy *The Window*.

Thank you! The Editors of the Window

Sitting Meditation or Silent Prayer

Wednesday evenings
6:00-6:25 pm
in the Main Church
Bell for silence sounds
promptly at 6.

Everyone is welcome to join us for this time of silent meditation.

A Word from Wiggles

Summer is a great time to relax out in the warm weather with a good book. Where can you find some really wonderful books? St. James' has a great lending library filled with a variety of books for *all ages*. There is also other types of media for your entertainment.

The library is located just outside the office. Thanks to the love and care of our Librarian, John Maloney, it is well organized and the books are maintained in good shape for your use.

I encourage you and your family to stop by after church and take a look at our lending library. You will be surprised at all there is to offer. New books and media are being added all the time.

For more info on the library or how you can donate a new book, see John Maloney.

Penny Trant

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

Email your submission by **July 15th** to:
newsletter@saintj.com

Men's Group Annual Trip

SAVE THE DATE! Aug 15 - Aug 18

For the last eleven years the Men's Group has made an annual trek to Arnold or Twain Harte, CA. We depart for the mountains on Thursday and return on Sunday after breakfast and clean up.

Every year we try to bring up a new member or maybe someone who has been a long-time member at St. James' and was not able to attend. A group of about 15 guys ranging in age from 21-80+ are headed back up to Arnold this year.

If you like to eat good food, hike, play golf, read, fish, beer and wine tasting, then Arnold is the place to go. The tentative price is $175 for all three days and includes your meals, beverages, and cleaning deposit.

If you are interested in attending, please call Gregg Feeney, 510-506-2303, or email dgfeeney@comcast.net.

Gregg Feeney

Amazon Smile Helps St. James'

Adding St. James' Episcopal Church Fremont as your beneficiary on Amazon Smile allows Vestry to use the funds for both inreach and outreach programs. Amazon will donate 0.5% of eligible purchases to St. James'.

Your support is appreciated greatly. Remember PRIME DAY is July 15 & 16. Every little bit helps.

Submitted by: Penny Trant

Mail Box Theft on the Rise

St. James', along with many others who use a street mailbox, have experienced an increase in mail theft. We recently had two checks from one of our renters stolen and cashed. This renter restored the funds and is now using our PO Box. Please follow this plan and address all your mail to St. James' to:

PO Box 457, Fremont, CA 94537-0457

Lynn Locher
Treasurer

Help Out with the Little Church Restoration

We are repairing the pews and floor in the Little Church. We could still use your help. No experience is necessary!

Group leaders will be on-site to show you where you can help and what to do Mondays and Tuesdays, 1:00-4:00pm and Saturdays, 9:00am - 1:00pm Sign-up to help in the Parish Hall or email Sylvia Ma. Thank you for your support.

Sylvia Ma

Book Club @StJ

The Book Club is on summer break. We will meet again in September to share what we've read over the summer. The date in September will be posted closer to the time. Thank you.

Janet Fisher

Save the Date!

Join us at St. James' for

Summer Sunday Nights!

5-7pm

July 21 & August 25

Story, Activity, Games and Pot Luck Dinner,

Spend some time with your St James' family

– All ages welcome.

Vestry Highlights
June Meeting

The vestry met on June 20, 2019 and enjoyed a great pasta dinner provided by Stephen Ferro. Sylvia Ma shared that work on the Little Church Restoration project is going well and is projected to finish by the end of July.

The May vestry meeting minutes, financial reports, and staff and ministry reports were all accepted and approved.

Lori discussed a report from St. James' new insurance company requesting certain repairs and maintenance items be completed. Several vestry members volunteered to look into the requested repairs or maintenance and report back to vestry at a later date.

The vestry approved funds to be used for clean-up of the Memorial Garden. Lori gave an update on the removal of the pittosporum tree to be removed by the Little Church. We have applied for the permit to remove the tree and are waiting to receive it.

Lori also shared that there has been an increase in people coming to the church office and asked for assistance with some methods of providing short-term assistance. Vestry members volunteered to help with the process of obtaining motel vouchers and other means of providing short-term help.

Finally, the vestry spent some time discussing the one of this year's goals, that of improving Sunday attendance.

The meeting was adjourned and we shared Compline in the main church.

Katie Porter
Junior Warden

May Financial Report

Fund Balances	5/312018	5/31/2019
Operating Fund	57,101.77	54.434.91
Building Fund	49,406.49	61,034.16
Pledges Budgeted	135,485.00	139,750.43
Pledges Paid	143,537.85	138,345.53
Unpledged Contributions	1,705.00	2,824.10
Other Op Income*	9,189.60	7,703.82
Total Operating Income	154,432.45	148,873/45
Total Operating Expenses	136,735.90	144,030.06
Income less Expenses	**17,695.55**	**4,843.39**

St. James' Prayer List

Most Holy God we pray for:

Those In The Military: Jarrod, Megan, Erica, Theresa, Mark, Tim, Louis, Caitlin, Emily, Robin, Adam, Dave, Shawn, Ethan, Paul, Matthew, Johnny.

Those Who Need Guidance and Direction: Kenny, Janet.

Those Who Need Comfort and Healing: Ron, Julie, Gail, Bob, Craig, Marcia, Diane, Barry, Nathan, Butch, Alyssa, Ellison, Peter, Kevin Jim Janie, Omar, Marti, Ken Sr., Bruce, Gary.

Those Who are Expecting Children: Esther and Peter.

Those Who Have Passed Away: **Eunetta**.

To add someone to the "Special Prayers" list, please complete a pew card and place it in the 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

JULY BIRTHDAYS

01 Megan Tiller
04 Bob Bynum
07 John Guzior
09 George Siegmann
11 Craig Gentner
13 Lucy Ferro
14 Diane Morninglight
16 Angela Casas
Judy Gough
Tina Hunt
Evan Lovellette
19 Gavin Ferro
24 John Harrington
Barbara Kostick
27 Evelyn Martinez
28 Gregg Feeney
Bev Mosier
Jan Pearson
31 Leland Scheuffele

JULY ANNIVERSARIES

11 Lauren & Daniel Zavory
24 Marilyn & Don Rose

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

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Sunday school 10:15am
Wednesday Eucharist 10:00am

Office Hours

Monday through Thursday: 9:00am - 12:00pm **
**(Temporary hours until July 15, 2019)

After July 15, 2019 regular hours return
Monday through Thursday: 9:00am - 1:00pm

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