



A SEASON OF REFLECTION, REPENTANCE,  
AND RENEWAL

HISTORIC CHURCH • 2023  
SUNDAY 10:30 A.M.

*We welcome you here at St. John's  
to be met by God, who already  
knows you and loves you.*

ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH & PARISH DAY SCHOOL  
*Ellicott City, MD*

## THE WORD OF GOD

Today's readings and hymns (\**Sunday/10:30 a.m. only*) are noted on the insert.  
Pages from the Book of Common Prayer (BCP) and Service Music section (S) of  
The Hymnal 1982 are also indicated throughout the service bulletin.

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*During the season of Lent, ministers enter in silence. Stand as you are able.*

### WELCOME

### A PENITENTIAL ORDER

BCP 351

*Celebrant* Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

*People* **God's mercy endures for ever. Amen.**

*Celebrant* Jesus said, "The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is the only Lord. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these." *Mark 12:29-31*

*(Kneel as you are able.)*

### LITANY OF RECONCILIATION *(from Coventry Cathedral)*

*Celebrant* All have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God.

The hatred which divides nation from nation, race from race, class from class,

*People* **God forgive us.**

*Celebrant* The covetous desires of people and nations to possess what is not their own,

*People* **God forgive us.**

*Celebrant* The greed which exploits the work of human hands and lays waste to the earth,

*People* **God forgive us.**

*Celebrant* Our envy of the welfare and happiness of others,

*People* **God forgive us.**

*Celebrant* Our indifference to the plight of the imprisoned, the homeless, the refugee,  
*People* **God forgive us.**  
*Celebrant* The lust which dishonours the bodies of men, women and children,  
*People* **God forgive us.**  
*Celebrant* The pride which leads us to trust in ourselves and not in God,  
*People* **God forgive us.**

### ABSOLUTION

*Celebrant* Be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving one another as God has forgiven you. And may God pardon you from all your sins through Jesus Christ, our Lord.  
*People* **Amen.**

### KYRIE (*Spoken 5:00 p.m. & 8:45 a.m.*)

*Celebrant* Lord have mercy.  
*People* **Christ have mercy.**  
*Celebrant* Lord have mercy.

### \* KYRIE (*Sung at 10:30 a.m.*)

*Proulx*

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.  
 Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

### COLLECT OF THE DAY (*Chanted by the Celebrant.*)

See insert

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.  
*People* **And also with you.**  
*Celebrant* Let us pray.

### THE FIRST READING (*Please be seated.*)

See insert

(*At the conclusion of the reading*)

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.  
*People* **Thanks be to God.**

THE PSALM (*Read or sing as directed by the Lector.*)

See insert

THE SECOND READING

See insert

(*At the conclusion of the reading*)

Lector            The Word of the Lord.

People            Thanks be to God.

\* GOSPEL HYMN

See insert

THE GOSPEL (*Please stand.*)

See insert

Celebrant        The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to ...

People            Glory to you, Lord Christ.

(*At the conclusion of the Gospel*)

Celebrant        The Gospel of the Lord.

People            Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON (*Please be seated.*)

THE NICENE CREED (*Please stand.*)

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE: *(At the conclusion of each petition,)*

Leader Lord, in your mercy;

People **Hear our prayer.**

Celebrant Almighty God, to whom our needs are known before we ask, help us to ask only what accords with your will; and those good things which we dare not, or in our blindness cannot ask, grant us for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

### OFFERTORY SENTENCE

I appeal to you, all, by the mercies of God, to present yourselves as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. *Romans 12:1*

*For your convenience, you may scan the QR code on the back of the bulletin.*

### \* OFFERTORY ANTHEM

See insert

### EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER 2 FROM ENRICHING OUR WORSHIP *(Stand as you are able.)*

The musical notation consists of four staves, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff is for the Celebrant and the People. The second staff is for the Celebrant and the People. The third staff is for the Celebrant. The fourth staff is for the People.

*Celebrant*      *People*  
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

*Celebrant*      *People*  
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

*Celebrant*  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People*  
It is right to give him thanks and praise.

## Celebrant

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing. You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love.

And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing (say):

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

\* SANCTUS *Holy, Holy, Holy*

*Hurd*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, hea - ven and  
earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*(Please kneel as you are able.)*

*The Celebrant continues*

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God. Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice.

Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.

In the fullness of time bring us, with St. John and all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

## THE LORD'S PRAYER (*Pray in unison.*)

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

## THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

*Celebrant* Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
*People* Therefore let us keep the feast.

## THE FRACTION ANTHEM

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Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world:  
have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God,  
you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

*Celebrant* Behold what you are;  
*People* **May we become what we receive.**  
*Celebrant* The Gifts of God for the People of God.

## COMMUNION

*This is God's Table, and at this Table, God feeds us and blesses us with what we need to be the Church, Christ's body in the world. In the Episcopal Church, all baptized – children as well as adults – receive Communion, for together we are the Body of Christ. Everyone is welcome to receive Communion or a Blessing. If you require a gluten-free wafer, please ask the minister. To receive a Blessing instead of Communion, cross your hands across your chest. The minister will affirm God's blessing on you.*



\* COMMUNION HYMNS

See insert

*(Please kneel as you are able.)*

THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER *(Please pray together.)*

God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

*(Please be seated.)*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE BLESSING

\* CLOSING HYMN

See insert

DISMISSAL

<i>Celebrant</i>	Let us go forth in the name of Christ.
<i>People</i>	Thanks be to God.

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays of Lent beginning March 4th

3:30 – 4:30 p.m.

An Invitation to  
Prayer and Simplicity



Lent at the Labyrinth 2023

**Sundays:**

**Feb. 26; March 5, 12, 19, & 26**

**10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.;**

**Good Friday, April 7 (Stations of the Cross), 12:00-1:00 p.m.**

Lent is a time to *simplify* and concentrate on the basics. Why not use the discipline of 40 days in Lent to take up an invitation to pray and walk the labyrinth? Walk with us or walk alone. Materials to assist will be available at the Labyrinth or you can download them from the [www.stjohnsec.org/parish-events](http://www.stjohnsec.org/parish-events).

ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH ~ ELLICOTT CITY, MD  
SOCIAL JUSTICE & TRANSFORMATION COMMISSION

LENTEN SERIES:  
REFUGEES & IMMIGRATION

St. John's Parish Day School  
(All Saints Hall)  
9120 Frederick Rd,  
Ellicott City, MD 21042

**Wednesdays, March 8, 15, 22 ~ 7:00-8:30 p.m.**

**FREE PROGRAM**

**Register at <https://bit.ly/SocialJustice-Lent23>**

**March 8**

An Evening with  
James N. Purcell, Jr.:  
Jim Purcell supervised  
programs and  
operations that  
reached millions of  
refugees, migrants,  
and displaced persons,  
including the U.S.  
Bureau for Refugee  
Programs.

**March 15**

Join us for a viewing  
of **Seeking Asylum**:  
This film follows one  
woman's journey as  
she searches for  
protection for her  
and her children.



**March 22**

Panel Discussion:

- MD State Delegate  
Mark S. Chang, D32
- Luminus  
Representative
- The Rev. Denise  
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### **WORSHIP**

*Saturdays, 5:00 p.m.: Historic Church*

*Sundays, 8:45 a.m.: Historic Church • Sundays, 9:00 a.m.: All Saints Hall*

*Sundays, 10:30 a.m.: Historic Church & livestream (<https://bit.ly/SJEC-YouTube>)*

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*Monday & Wednesday Evenings, 9:00 p.m.: Compline on Facebook Live*

*Tuesday Centering Prayer: 6:00 p.m.; Thursday Morning Prayer: 8:00 a.m. (Zoom)*

*Find more worship information at <https://www.stjohnsec.org/worship>*

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## THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

March 19, 2023 • 10:30 a.m.

### HYMNS

- Gospel:** #533 *How Wondrous and Great Thy Works* (vs. 1 before; vs. 2 after)  
**Offertory:** *A Lenten Meditation* (St. John's Choir)  
**Communion:** #664 *My Shepherd Will Supply My Need*  
**Closing:** #645 *The King of Love My Shepherd Is* (verses 1, 2, 5, 6)

### THE COLLECT

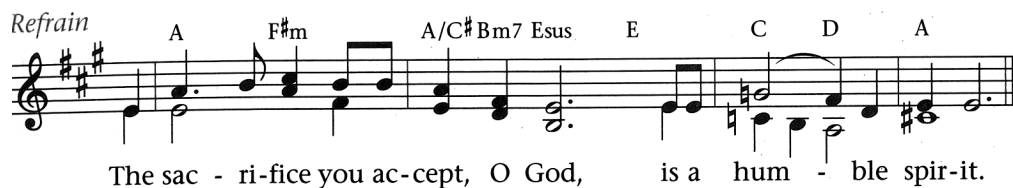
Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

### THE FIRST READING: 1 Samuel 16:1-13

The LORD said to Samuel, "How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons." Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me." And the LORD said, "Take a heifer with you, and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the LORD.' Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you." Samuel did what the LORD commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, "Do you come peaceably?" He said, "Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the LORD; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice." And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, "Surely the Lord's anointed is now before the LORD." But the LORD said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the LORD does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the LORD looks on the heart." Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, "Neither has the LORD chosen this one." Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, "Neither has the LORD chosen this one." Jesse made seven of his

sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, “The LORD has not chosen any of these.” Samuel said to Jesse, “Are all your sons here?” And he said, “There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep.” And Samuel said to Jesse, “Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here.” He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The LORD said, “Rise and anoint him; for this is the one.” Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the LORD came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.



**THE PSALM HYMN: Psalm 51** (vs. 8-14; congregation sings the refrain) David Isele

- <sup>8</sup> Let me hear joy and gladness; that the body you have broken, may rejoice.  
<sup>9</sup> Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my wickedness.  
<sup>10</sup> Create in me, a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

***Refrain***

- <sup>11</sup> Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me.  
<sup>12</sup> Restore to me, the joy of your salvation, and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit.  
<sup>13</sup> Let me teach your ways to offenders, and sinners shall be restored to you.  
<sup>14</sup> Rescue me from blood shed, O God of my salvation, and my tongue shall sing of your righteousness.

***Refrain***

**THE SECOND READING: Ephesians 5:8-14**

Once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Live as children of light—for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly; but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says,

“Sleeper, awake! Rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.”

## THE GOSPEL: John 9:1-41

As Jesus walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?” Jesus answered, “Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God’s works might be revealed in him. We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.” When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man’s eyes, saying to him, “Go, wash in the pool of Siloam” (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see. The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, “Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?” Some were saying, “It is he.” Others were saying, “No, but it is someone like him.” He kept saying, “I am the man.” But they kept asking him, “Then how were your eyes opened?” He answered, “The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, ‘Go to Siloam and wash.’ Then I went and washed and received my sight.” They said to him, “Where is he?” He said, “I do not know.”

They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. Now it was a sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. Then the Pharisees also began to ask him how he had received his sight. He said to them, “He put mud on my eyes. Then I washed, and now I see.” Some of the Pharisees said, “This man is not from God, for he does not observe the sabbath.” But others said, “How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?” And they were divided. So they said again to the blind man, “What do you say about him? It was your eyes he opened.” He said, “He is a prophet.”

The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight and asked them, “Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?” His parents answered, “We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; but we do not know how it is that now he sees, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself.” His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews; for the Jews had already agreed that anyone who confessed Jesus to be the Messiah would be put out of the synagogue. Therefore his parents said, “He is of age; ask him.”

So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and they said to him, “Give glory to God! We know that this man is a sinner.” He answered, “I

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do not know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see.” They said to him, “What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?” He answered them, “I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?” Then they reviled him, saying, “You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from.” The man answered, “Here is an astonishing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners, but he does listen to one who worships him and obeys his will. Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind. If this man were not from God, he could do nothing.” They answered him, “You were born entirely in sins, and are you trying to teach us?” And they drove him out.

Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him, he said, “Do you believe in the Son of Man?” He answered, “And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him.” Jesus said to him, “You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he.” He said, “Lord, I believe.” And he worshiped him. Jesus said, “I came into this world for judgment so that those who do not see may see, and those who do see may become blind.” Some of the Pharisees near him heard this and said to him, “Surely we are not blind, are we?” Jesus said to them, “If you were blind, you would not have sin. But now that you say, ‘We see,’ your sin remains.”



*200 Years*  
*Celebrating the Past,*  
*Committed to the Future*

**Make Your 2023 Pledge  
Today!**







## USHERS & HOSTS NEEDED FOR BISHOP ELECTION Sat., March 25th

The Election for the Bishop Coadjutor of Maryland (XV Bishop of Maryland) will be held at St. John's on Sat., March 25th in the Historic Church. While the electors are Clergy and Lay Delegates only, **we are in need of volunteers to be hosts and ushers** on that day. If you are able to serve as an usher for the opening service at 9:30 a.m. (report at 8:30), or as a host throughout the day (approximately 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.), please contact Kathy Young at [kyoung@stjohnsec.org](mailto:kyoung@stjohnsec.org) or 410-461-7793 ext. 113. This is the best way to see how the elections of our diocese and church work. You can be part of the history of our Diocese by supporting this special day in the life of our church.

## Easter Flowers



Remember or honor a loved one while helping us decorate the Historic Church and All Saints Hall for Easter. Purchase Easter flowers by Mon., March 27th at 9:00 a.m. and your loved one's name(s) will appear in our Easter bulletins. You may purchase flowers by using the Easter flower envelopes in the pews and Welcome Centers or online at <https://bit.ly/EasterFlowers23> (or the QR code shown). Questions can be directed to Kathy Young at [kyoung@stjohnsec.org](mailto:kyoung@stjohnsec.org) or 410-461-7793 ext. 113.



## REFLECTION

Throughout the Hebrew scriptures, the prevailing understanding of illness was that it came from God, the result of sin. The disciples, however, find a flaw in the theory: if illness was the result of sin, how could a tiny baby be afflicted? How could a man born blind be culpable? That hardly seemed fair? In this week's Gospel story of the Blind Man, Jesus uses a miraculous healing to turn this prevailing understanding of illness on its head. Instead, he diagnoses the Pharisees' blindness and maybe ours as well. Blindness is not just seeing; it is also not seeing everything, the whole truth, or that which can only be seen outside our comfort zones. We are not guilty because we have limited sight (that is the human condition), but because we do not bring our impaired vision to Jesus. As you think about this healing story throughout the week, you are invited to consider the following:

1. Are there any blind spots in your life right now?
2. What might be making you blind (metaphorically speaking) to the world around you?
3. In what new ways can you open your eyes to Jesus?

## PLEASE KEEP THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS

Judy Anderson, Deb Avant, Beverly Baker, Jacyn Baker, William Boin, Oliver Chang, Dick Clark, Liz & Leslie Damon, Bill Dixon, Leslie Edmonds, Steven Edmonds, Bob Elliott, Marti Guillet, Michael Hackley, Bettye Howard, Lorraine, Ed & Karen McCaulley, Charles H. Miller, Patty O'Connor, Famebridge Payne, Phyllis Petty, Jean Purcell, Liam Reigel, Scott Robert, Wallace Stebbins, Donald Stone, Alicia Townsend, and Michael & Mary Tompkins

## FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED: Eileen Fernandini

To have someone included on our prayer list, you may: Contact the Parish Office by phone or email your prayer request to Tracey Stone at [tstone@stjohnsec.org](mailto:tstone@stjohnsec.org). **Names will remain on the prayer list for 30 days. After the initial 30 days, if you wish to have a name stay on the list, please re-submit your request.**



## Matsiko World Orphan Choir is Coming to St. John's

The Matsiko World Orphan Choir is made up of 24 children from Liberia who travel the country sharing their love of song and education. This is going to be a wonderful weekend of hosting the children and getting to know them! They will join us for worship on Sun., March 26th and provide a concert later in the day at 4:00 p.m. in the Historic Church.

### Here's how you can help!

- **HOST FAMILIES:** We need families who will host the children (ages 8-16) and their chaperones. Host families will provide food and lodging for 2-4 children or 1-2 adults from Saturday afternoon March 25th to Tuesday morning March 28th. (Find more details by using the QR code above.)
- **LUNCH PROVIDERS:** We need help organizing and providing lunch (potluck) for the choir, our youth/leaders, and host families at 12 p.m. on Sun., March 26th for our big youth event!
- **CONCERT SUPPORT:** We will need youth and parents to help support the concert as greeters, ushers, and/or choir support at 4 p.m. on Sunday.

## Easter Baskets

for our friends at ARC of Howard County & Collington Square

Special Collection purchases grocery gift cards to supplement baskets. Use QR code to donate.



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**SIGN-UP OPENS MARCH 12TH**

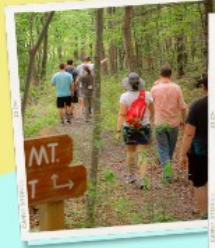
Contact Bonnie Sturm & Diane Standeven  
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**SPECIAL COLLECTION: MARCH 26TH AT ALL SERVICES**

## Shrine Mont

ST. JOHN'S ANNUAL PARISH RETREAT

MAY 27~29



This past Tuesday, more spaces opened up for our Shrine Mont retreat. Hurry to register! Registration closes when we are sold out or on March 26th, which ever comes first.



## Kenya Connect 5K Run/Walk: Live or Virtual Sat., April 1st

The live race will start at St. John's at 9:00 a.m. and run through the beautiful Dunloggin Neighborhood. Participants can run or walk and strollers are welcome! Find more details on the live and virtual races, the fees, and prizes as well as registration at <https://runsignup.com/kc5k2023> or by using the QR code. Proceeds benefit education in Kenya.

