



Fab Friday - February 2, 2024



Or maybe it's Saturday. The days are beginning to blur. Does anyone know what month it is? Just Kidding!!

As you might suspect, when I need a graphic for any of our materials, I do a google search and find many options from which to choose. Sometimes those options lead me to an idea or thought to ponder.

In looking for graphics for Lent, like the one you see above, I came across a number of images with three important descriptive words for the Season; **Pray - Fast - Give**. Appropriate because Lent is the solemn Christian religious observance in the liturgical year commemorating the 40 days Jesus Christ spent fasting in the desert and enduring temptation by Satan, according to the Gospels of Matthew, Mark and Luke, before beginning his public ministry. During that 40 days, that is just what Jesus did. I wonder what that was like. Forty days fasting and praying continuously. Alone. In the Desert. I wonder if he truly understood the magnificence of the gift of forgiveness and redemption he was about to give to humanity - to you and to me. I often forget just what a cherished gift he gave us when he followed his God and Father without question, in the assurance that his actions in and after those 40 days would give such promise to this world.

It is time to embark on this journey with Christ once again. Will you join us, experience, and absorb the special moments and movements of Jesus through the 40 days of Lent?

Here is your [service bulletin](#) for the week. Hope to see you in church very soon!

God Bless You,
Nancy



ACOLYTE SUNDAY

We are "kicking it up a notch" for Acolyte Sunday 2024. Following the service, which includes the Commissioning and Recognition of the Acolytes, we will reconvene at Johnnies Grill on Britton Road for our 2nd quarterly St John's Lunch Gathering.

 FEBRUARY 4, 2024

 10:15 SERVICE; 11:30 LUNCH

 JOHNNIES, 2652 W BRITTON RD

**LET'S GET TOGETHER
AND HAVE SOME
FUN!!!**



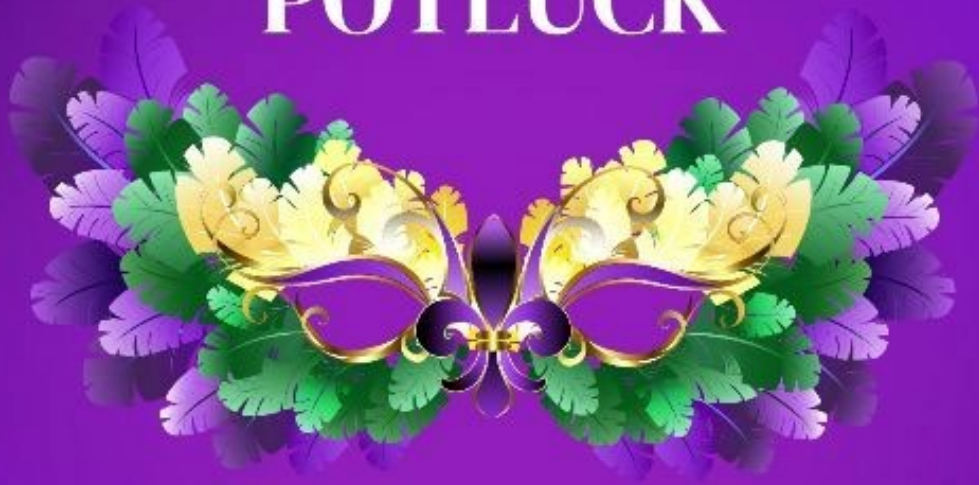


Last year's distribution of handmade Valentines to homebound and widowed members of St John's brought joy and meant a great deal to those in receipt. So, Young Families, you will get out the colored paper, glitter, markers and all other art supplies and **make Valentines cards once again on Saturday, Feb 11 at 4:30 pm. RSVP to Candace Baxendale.**



SHROVE TUESDAY

POTLUCK



TUESDAY

13TH

February

Start 6:30 pm

RICE AND BEANS

AND OTHER GOODIES

SIGN UP SUNDAYS, FEB 4

AND 11 IN THE NARTHEX

MORE INFORMATION TO COME



Lent 2024

Tuesday - Feb 13 - Shrove Tuesday Potluck Supper - 6:30 PM

Wednesday - Feb 14 - Ash Wednesday Eucharist - 7:00 PM

Sunday - Feb 18 - First Sunday in Lent

Wednesday, Feb 21 - Stations of the Cross at 5:30 with potluck and program at 6:00

Saturday - Feb 24 - Feast of St Mathias Evening Eucharist - 5:30 PM

Sunday - Feb 25 - Second Sunday in Lent

Wednesday, Feb 28 - Stations of the Cross at 5:30 with potluck and program at 6:00

Sunday - March 3 - Third Sunday in Lent

Wednesday - March 6 - Stations of the Cross at 5:30 with potluck and program at 6:00

Sunday - March 10 - Fourth Sunday in Lent - Time Change, Spring Forward

Wednesday - March 13 - Stations of the Cross at 5:30

Sunday - March 17 - Rose Sunday, Fifth Sunday in Lent

Tuesday, March 19 - Feast of St. Joseph at 5:30 PM

Wednesday - March 20 - Stations of the Cross at 5:30

Sunday - March 24 - Sunday of the Passion - Palm Sunday

Wednesday - March 27 - Stations of the Cross at 5:30

Thursday - Maundy Thursday - March 28 - 5:30 Agape Dinner; 7:00 Maundy Thursday Eucharist; The Watch starting after Maundy Thursday Service

Friday, March 29 - Good Friday - Noon Eucharist

Friday, March 29 - Good Friday - 7:00 Eucharist

Saturday, March 30 - The Great Vigil at 5:30 PM

Sunday - March 31 - Easter Sunrise Service - Chapel - Rite I at 7:30 AM;

Easter Breakfast - 9:15 in Wade-Dalton Hall

Sunday - March 31 Easter with Easter egg hunt following the service





It's time to start donating to **Teachers' Toolbox** again. As they begin their new year, they are in need of **Crayons, Crayola Markers, Expo Markers (dry erase) and glue sticks**. There is a bin in the Narthex ready for your donations. Thank you for all you do for our local students!



Cookies, Bars, Cakes, Breads, and Scones, Oh My!

Help us raise money for a new adult-size changing table for St. John's Church. As our congregation grows, we want to be ready to welcome people of all ages and abilities. This is an important addition to our church to make this goal possible.

Bring your favorite sweet treat to sell at our Sunday bake sale and help us with this project.



