



# The Eagle

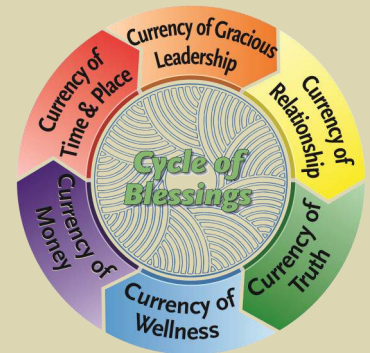
October 2018



Greetings dear friends in Christ!

Many of us have settled into fall routines with work and school, and our own Christian formation is giving us new ways for our youth and adults to ponder our relationship with God and our connection to one another and Creation. As we begin October, we start our reflection on our common life together and our stewardship.

Through my ministry with the Kaleidoscope Institute, I have come to see stewardship as more than “time, talent, and treasure.” For me, it’s an even more holistic model – Holy Currencies: Six Currencies of Sustainable Missional Ministry. This model, presented in Eric H. F. Law’s book by the same name, has helped me to understand that stewardship is something we do 365 days a year, not just in the fall as we plan for the next annual budget (which is also important stewardship!).



Stewardship is about how we care for and nurture all, people, buildings, time, our health and our shared communities. Giving thanks for the abundance God has blessed us with we commit to being good stewards of six holy currencies in a cycle of blessings. These six essential currencies are Gracious Leadership, Relationship, Truth, Wellness, Time & Place, and Money. When all of these are flowing the cycle of blessings enables us to share of the abundance God has given us so that everyone and everything can thrive.

An example of this flow at St. John’s is the sharing of Gracious Leadership in Christian Formation where we learn together and build relationships, and share our truths that lead to spiritual and physical wellness. I see the cycle of blessings flow in our outreach, too, where gracious leaders help us build relationship, both internal and external, and we hear and tell the truth, which guides us to bring wellness to others as we share our money and time & place – Rise Against Hunger comes to mind.

I will be facilitating a workshop in Kingston NY on Saturday 27 October from 10am – 4pm: Holy Currencies: Stewardship365. Several vestry members and folks from the Stewardship team will attend. If you like to learn more about Holy Currencies and this holistic model for stewardship and ministry, please let me know by October 14<sup>th</sup>.

## PRIEST IN RESIDENCE

The Rev. William Cruse

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At the moment, I'm on vacation, which is helping me be a good steward of my wellness, and I'm also reconnecting with the family with whom I lived for a year when I was an exchange student in Italy 39 years ago. I've nurtured this relationship via phone calls and email, and from time to time with visits. John is with me, and my biological family is also hearing of our time in Italy, and they, too, are nurtured by the experience.

We have so many opportunities to be good stewards of all the blessings God showers upon us, each in our own way and together in community. I look forward to exploring the cycle of blessings with your this stewardship season and in the months to come.

Your servant in Christ – Bill+

# Every Member Offering

Our Every Member Offering (EMO) visitations will take place during the afternoon of Sunday, October 14, 2018. Please expect to receive a call and/or visit from a fellow Parishioner on that day, or in the week that follows. These visits will provide you with an opportunity to share thoughts about St. John's and discuss issues that are important to you. In addition, your caller will provide you with a blank pledge card and an envelope. Please complete the card, place it in the envelope and return the sealed envelope to your caller.

Thank you for welcoming your caller during the EMO Campaign and for being a part of the St. John's Family. Sincerely, Kevin Haas, 2019 EMO Chair.

# Consecration of The Rt. Rev. Carlye Hughes as 11<sup>th</sup> Bishop of the Diocese of Newark



The Episcopal Diocese of Newark was formed in 1874. On Saturday, September 22, 2018, The Rt. Rev. Carlye Hughes was ordained and consecrated as our 11<sup>th</sup> Bishop at the New Jersey Performing Arts Center in Newark. The Most Rev. Michael Curry, Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church, led the festive service. The impressive service was filled with pageantry, joy, and inspiration as the liturgy unfolded. At the same time it felt intimate and inclusive. One of Carlye's gifts is that she establishes personal connection no matter the venue, large or small.

St. John's was well represented among the 2,000 people at the service. Many of us had the privilege of participating. Ken Bledsoe carried our St. John's banner in the procession. Chuck and Janice Hardy, John Woods, John Harley, and Andy Alt sang in the 330-member adult choir on the NJPAC stage. Also on stage, acolytes Reagan and Gretchen Quast were torchbearers and Acolyte Emma Bledsoe was boatgirl, carrying the incense for the Thurifer. Martha Anderson was a Lay Eucharist Minister



serving the Eucharist on stage and Leslie Boston served in the auditorium. Other attendees were Christine Potts, Kathy and Bill Lathrop, Kelly and William Bledsoe, Emmy Bledsoe, and Rich and Melissa Quast.

The multi-lingual service included English, Spanish, Korean, and Malay. It was a celebration of music in many forms from traditional church music to Gospel, jazz, pipe and drum,





and African drumming. Liturgical dancers gracefully interpreted music into movement as the adult choir sang *Total Praise* accompanied by organ and brass quintet. A 60-member children's choir lifted their voices during the Eucharist.

At the reception in the lobby afterwards, there was much excited conversation about the event as we devoured the delicious wraps. Everyone who attended left feeling uplifted and deeply moved.



Highlights for Bill Lathrop were the music, colorfulness, and the sermon by the Rev. Brenda Husson, rector of St. James' Church in Manhattan. Christine Potts truly felt the

coming of the Holy Spirit during the *Veni Sancte Spiritus* as the choir chanted while solo voices soared above. Martha Anderson's take away was the sight of a flock of bishops and clergy gathered around Carlye, laying on hands to welcome the Holy Spirit and mark the beginning of her ministry among us.



The consecration was live-streamed online and is now available for viewing on the diocesan website at [dioceseofnewark.org](http://dioceseofnewark.org).

Also on the website are photos and a downloadable consecration program.

# Fall Rummage Sale

Friday, October 26

and

Saturday, October 27

Get ready for the Fall Rummage Sale! Please take some time and recycle clothes that haven't been worn for a while, items that are not being used and toys your children no longer play with. Please be sure donations are clean, smell good and are seasonally appropriate. (Please, we cannot accept summer clothes, large sports items, computer items.) You can **start dropping off your donations after church on Sunday, Oct 21.** If you can stay on Sunday after the 10am service to set up, that would be a **tremendous help!**

**Set-up will continue Monday - Thursday (October 22—25) from 9:30AM—4PM.** Should you have time to stop by and help, it would be greatly appreciated. We especially need **help with measuring, folding and pricing the linens.**

**Sale Date Hours – Friday and Saturday: 9:15AM – 1:30PM.** During the sale, we will need a number of volunteers to help. Please contact Kathy Fede - [kathyfede@msn.com](mailto:kathyfede@msn.com) or cell 201-887-0378 or Rosemary Haas at 201-906-4671 with any questions or if you can help during the sale. Thank you!!

**After the sale on Sat., Oct. 27,** we will need a lot of help tearing down tables, packing up remaining items, and setting up the Parish Hall for Sunday morning. We also need a couple of people with **SUV's or trucks** to help bring leftover items to Goodwill. Thanks so much!





# Church School

## St. John's Church School – Off to a Great Start!!

St. John's Church School opened on Sunday, September 9<sup>th</sup> with a gathering in the Parish Hall led by Father Bill Cruise and the Church School teachers. Our children participated in discussions and activities in their classrooms, centered around the Christian faith and core concepts from the Gospel and lectionary lessons through the use of the *Seasons of the Spirit* curriculum. Outreach activities were discussed during class sessions, as well as the participation of the children in the Family Services held on the third Sunday of each month.

Saturday, October 13<sup>th</sup>, is the kick-off of the Church School's participation in one of St. John's outreach programs, *Rise Against Hunger*. Children, from pre-school through high school, along with parishioners and friends, will package nutritious lunches in the Parish Hall for 10,000 hungry kids. The assembly process combines rice, soy, dehydrated vegetables and a flavoring mix including 21 essential vitamins and minerals into small meal packets. These packets will be distributed to children across the world.

St. John's Chapel services for PreK, Kindergarten, Grades 1 and 2 will be held at 10:00 AM on the first Sunday of each month in the chapel off the Parish Hall. (children will not go to their classroom) Chapel leaders, Ruth Roshong and Lynda Hammond will lead the service and bring the children into the nave to join their families at the Peace Exchange.

Please check the Church School bulletin board in the Parish Hall for program updates. Contact Lynda Hammond (201-788-0433) if you are interested in working as a volunteer on any of the Church School's special events this year.

### Church School Calendar for October 2018

**October 7**

Church School – 10:00 AM - *Blessing of the Animals*

**October 14**

Church School – 10:00 AM

**October 21**

Family Service: 10:00AM with Choristers and Cherubs, No Church School

**October 29**

Church School – 10:00 AM

**November 4**

Church School – 10:00 AM -Thanksgiving Food Drive Begins - (NWC for Food Action)

**November 11**

Church School – 10:00AM - CS Staff Meeting: 11:15 AM

**November 18**

Family Service: 10:00 AM with Choristers and Cherubs, No Church School  
Thanksgiving Food Drive Ends

**November 25**

No Church School - Thanksgiving Vacation Schedule

**December 2**

Church School – 10:00 AM - *First Sunday in Advent*

**December 9**

Church School – 10:00 AM - *Second Sunday in Advent*

**December 16**

Family Service: 10:00 AM, No Church School  
*Third Sunday in Advent* - Christmas Pageant and Christmas Card Supper - 4 PM

**December 23**

No Church School – Fourth Sunday in Advent

**December 30**

No Church School – Christmas Vacation Schedule

## Never too Hot for the Holiday Fair!

Your Holiday Fair committee is already planning to make this year's Holiday Fair better than ever. Scheduled for Nov. 30 – Dec 1, we will be bringing back several Fair favorites such as the Famous Cookies by the Pound and adding some new crafts and displays.

### YOU CAN HELP NOW! How?

- During your summer travels, take a PICTURE of any item, (Christmas'y or not!) that you think would be popular at our Fair and text it to Amy Lynch at 973-216-9742. She will create a bulletin board of the fun and interesting things from around the world.
- TEAM up with a friend to gather items for a themed BASKET over the summer. We have several ideas ready for you to choose.
- Collect new and/or almost new items for the Silent Auction and/or Attic Treasures.
- Let us know - What would bring YOU to the Holiday Fair? What would YOU and/or YOUR FRIENDS hope to buy there?

If you'd like to get more involved, or have any feedback, please contact Amy Lynch at 973-216-9742 or [alynch710@yahoo.com](mailto:alynch710@yahoo.com).



## Halloween Decor!

Do you love Halloween as much as we do? We are having a sale of new and / or gently used Halloween items on Sunday mornings to parish family and friends. Donate any items to the sale by leaving them clearly marked in the Parish Hall and they will be spirited away. Questions, or excited to volunteer, please contact Amy Lynch 973-216-9742 ([alynch710@yahoo.com](mailto:alynch710@yahoo.com)).





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**Worship Schedule**

**Sunday Services**

Holy Eucharist  
8 AM & 10 AM

**Church School**

9:45AM Infant & Child Care

**Celtic Prayer**

Wednesdays at 7:30 PM



The Rev. William Cruse  
*Priest in Residence*

The Rev. Richard Louis  
*Rector Emeritus*

Drew Kreismer  
*Organist/Choirmaster*

Ellen Joyce  
*Parish Administrator*

Megan Kendall  
*Youth Missioner*

# Upcoming Event Calendar

**October 7** Blessing of the Animals

**October 13** Rise Against Hunger

**Oct 26 & 27** Fall Rummage Sale

**November 4** Thanksgiving Food Drive Begins

**November 5** Apple Pie Making

**November 17** Health Screening & Pretzel Making

**November 18** Interfaith Thanksgiving Service, St. Paul's

**November 30** Holiday Fair Preview Evening

**December 1** Holiday Fair

**December 9** Lessons & Carols w/ Reception

**December 16** Christmas Pageant at 4:30 pm  
Christmas Card Supper at 5 pm

**December 24** First Eucharist of Christmas at  
4:40 pm (Family Service with Children's Choirs)

Festive Christmas Eucharist w/ Carol Sing at  
10:40 pm

**December 25** Holy Eucharist with Carols at 10am