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Meet
The Rev. Carlye J. Hughes
the newly elected
XI Bishop of the
Diocese of Newark.



Greetings in the Power of Pentecost!

June is full of endings and beginnings – end of the school year and graduations, spring turns to summer, we move from planting to tending our gardens, and the church calendar is now in the long season of Ordinary Time or the Sundays After Pentecost. As Christians, our focus is on the power of the Holy Spirit in our lives to work along side God to reveal the love and abundance in the world. Many of us watched our Presiding Bishop, Michael Curry, preach at the wedding in St. George's Chapel, Windsor Castle on the eve of Pentecost. For me this was a Pentecost moment – through the couple who planned the wedding, the preaching, the music and the ceremony, people all over the world heard in many and varied ways the message of God's love.

So, it's a beginning for some to live God's Love, and for us to renew our commitment to actively participate in the Jesus Movement. We have so many opportunities to do it, too! Here at St. John's the beloved spring musical allows us to have fun (with hard work!) offering our talents to the wider community – and sharing our hospitality and joy with those who attend. On Sunday June 3rd we will bless those who graduate this spring as they end one chapter and embark on the next. On June 10th we will thank our Sunday School teachers as the academic years ends. And we begin our first book discussion in the Adult Christian Formation series. That afternoon we join with other parishes to honor Sabrina Persaud and others across the diocese for years of service in the church and ministry to others. On Sunday June 24th we'll start an occasional series, Young Adult/Adult Forum, to discuss the intersection of faith and current topics – this time science and theology facilitate by writer and author Ken Silber. Each of these is an opportunity to celebrate and participate in community.

In my sermon for Trinity Sunday I noticed how the readings invite us to accept a call to speak up and out, to be reborn by the Spirit, and to be emboldened to do more. With yet more gun violence and school shootings in our nation, I challenged myself, and us, to be less complacent and more prophetic as we boldly challenge the status quo. This is one of many issues that trouble our common life, our health and our wellbeing. Like we tend to our gardens, we must also tend to our relationship with God and be God's hands, ears, mouth, eyes and feet as we tend to our relationship with our communities. Ministry happens when one's passion for an issue meets the needs of the community. As we live into our faith, let us individually and collectively bring joy and love into the world and we care for God's creation.

May the Trinity support and empower you to co-create, co-redeem, and co-sustain our community.

See you in church and ministry!
Fr. Bill

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The Rev. William Cruse

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Episcopal Church Women (ECW)

Church Dinner

Based on Mark 12:31: "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself", the theme of St. John's 2018 ECW film and book season was *Discrimination and the Christian Response*. Through discussions of films and a book, we explored this seemingly straightforward verse with its underlying complexities that are a basis for our spiritual journeys.



Join us on Monday, June 4 at 5:00 PM.

We will be celebrating our 2018 season

with an end-of-year dinner at

Limoncello Restaurant

32 Franklin Turnpike

Waldwick, NJ.

The restaurant is BYO. The price for the three-course dinner, including tax and gratuity is \$23. All women of the parish are invited. Please RSVP to Janice Hardy by email (HardyCJR@aol.com) or phone (845-357-8244).

COMING TO AMERICA!



Tickets are on sale NOW for “Coming to America” — a Musical Road Trip across the United States!

Friday, June 8th and Saturday, June 9th at
St. John’s Church. Main Street, Ramsey, NJ.

**Doors open at 7:20PM for a reception
featuring all-American refreshments.
Show begins at 8PM.**

Tickets are \$20 — Proceeds donated to St. John's.

Discounts for seniors, families and kids available on request.

Contact Ruth Roshong to reserve tickets:
ruthroshong@optimum.net
or call the St. John’s parish office:
201-327-0703

Buy tickets now —
this show may sell out!

The Senior Ministries – Diocese of Newark
22nd Annual Evensong

Join us on **June 10th** for the presentation of the

The 2018 David P. Hegg II
Lifetime Achievement Awards

St. John's Honoree:

Sabrina Persaud

3PM Reception

4PM Evensong

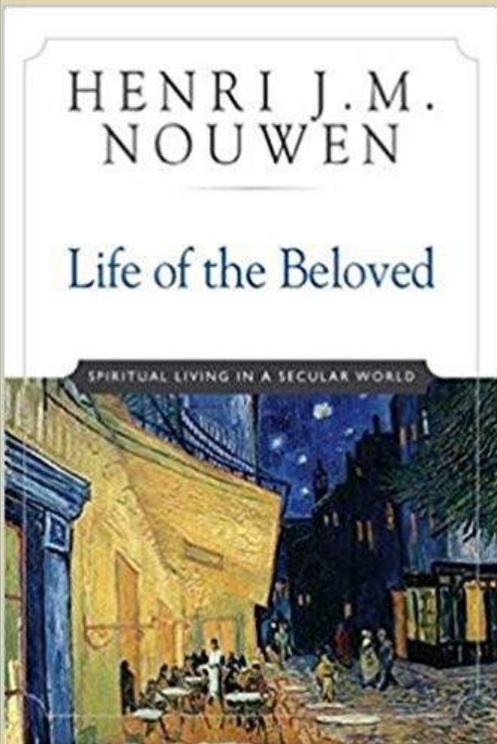
The Rt. Rev. Mark M. Beckwith, *Preacher*

Adult Christian Formation, June 17th

Adult Christian Formation has begun anew! Book discussion is next up!

Despite an already full day, 9 people (including a first-time visitor) gathered for reflection on scripture as the first session of our reinvigorated Adult Christian Education/Formation. We met after the 10am Pentecost service and explored a passage of scripture for the coming Trinity Sunday – Romans 8:12-17. We used a process called Kaleidoscope Bible Sharing that Fr. Bill uses in his congregational consulting work. We each discovered new insights for ourselves, and heard perspectives from others that inform our faith life. Inspired by that discussion we selected a book to read for the next session.

The next gathering of St. John's Adult Christian Formation will be Sunday 17 June at 11:45am. We will discuss Henri Nouwen's "Life of the Beloved" which surfaced for the group as we spent time sharing on this Sunday's scripture passage from Romans 8:12-17, and what it means for us to be "children of God." Everyone is welcome to attend whenever you're able to join the conversation.



Nouwen's book is available at many libraries, and can be as paperback, Kindle, or Audible book. One of our readers said Nouwen's book is, "an easy read" and it's about 150 pages, which makes it an approachable read for us.

Christian Formation is focused on discovering through a variety of sources ways we can apply our faith and live a life that helps us reveal God in our own lives and in our relationships with people at work, in the community, and wherever we engage with God's creation. We hope you'll join in reading "Life of the Beloved" even if you can't attend on June 17th. We'll be talking about and pondering Nouwen's wisdom together and discovering how the Spirit is inspiring each of us.

Science and Religion:

Did God “Fine Tune” the Universe?



On June 24, Ken Silber will draw on his background in science journalism to facilitate a conversation about developments in physics and astronomy and their possible theological implications. In recent years, science has produced growing evidence that if basic features of the universe — particle masses, force strengths, etc. — were not precisely what they are, life as we know it would not exist. Consequently, a debate has arisen, among scientists, theologians and others, about whether these findings provide scientific reinforcement for belief in God.

No advance reading is needed to attend the discussion, but for several perspectives on the subject please see:

“Science Increasingly Makes the Case for God,” by Eric Metaxas, Wall Street Journal, Dec. 25, 2014. <http://ericmetaxas.com/media/articles/science-increasingly-makes-case-god/>

“Fine Tuning Does Not Imply a Fine Tuner,” by Hans Halvorson, Nautilus, Jan. 2017. <http://cosmos.nautil.us/short/119/fine-tuning-does-not-imply-a-fine-tuner>

“Is God in the Details?” by Kenneth Silber, Reason, July 1999. <http://reason.com/archives/1999/07/01/is-god-in-the-details>

Church School

The month of June finds the children and youth in St. John's Church School celebrating the season of Pentecost, traditionally known as the "birth of the church," the longest season in the church year. Following the 10 AM service on June 10th, the children will celebrate the culmination of their Church School activities for the 2017-2018 calendar year in the Parish Hall. All will enjoy an ice cream sundae treat to celebrate the wonderful learning year, and to thank the ministers of education for their dedication, hard work, creativity, talents and time put forth in guiding our young members of the St. John's congregation.

St. John's Church School is blessed with a dedicated group of volunteer teachers, mentors, chapel leaders, and desk attendants. Our teachers are adults who faithfully guide our children using a curriculum that features discussion ideas and projects based on each Sunday's liturgy. Collaborative grade level teams enable a rotation through the 26 Sundays of class time. Please contact Lynda Hammond (201-788-0433) if you are interested in learning more about becoming involved in this wonderful, important ministry at St. John's.

Our summer Kool Kids Church School program will be offered on Sundays, 10:00-10:40 AM, throughout the months of July and August. The calendar and activities will be posted in the summer issue of the Eagle, on the St. John's website, and in the Parish Hall.

June 2018 Calendar

June 3

Church School – 9:45 AM - *Second Sunday after Pentecost*

June 10

Church School – 9:45 AM – *Third Sunday after Pentecost*

June 17

Family Service: 10:00 AM with Choristers and Cherubs,
No Church School, *Father's Day - Fourth Sunday after Pentecost*

Ashton Martin House gets needed Repairs/Upgrades

We had planned on doing some much needed maintenance on the AM House this year. This was to include interior painting, new carpet, installing an upgraded electrical panel, installing an exhaust hood in the kitchen, installing a new exhaust fan in the bathroom along with a vent to the outside (old fan was simply vented to the attic). Of course, things do not always go as planned. It started with a broken steam pipe in the basement that caused a bad mold problem in the basement and dining room. New steam pipes and return condensate lines were installed and an outside mold remediation company properly cleaned and removed all the mold. Then the clothes washer sprung a leak in the wash tub. It was beyond repair. This was an older stacked washer and dryer with very small capacity. We purchased a full size stackable washer and dryer. This required a new electrical circuit which was only possible to install if we had a new electrical panel. A new panel was installed along with a 200 amp service. Meantime, while the painter was prepping the walls of the kitchen he found a wet wall that faces the church. We opened the wall and discovered we had a roof leak on our 26 year old roof (shingles were rated for 25 years). We decided it was best to replace the roof rather than spend money repairing an old roof. The good news is we also discovered a leaky drain pipe inside that same wall that never would have been discovered had we not opened up the wall. That was replaced too. Lastly, through a donation we installed a beautiful new front stairs, landing and walkway along with a paver parking pad which was supposed to be part the Built By Love Phase I project but we did not have the funds for it. It was already approved by the town several years ago.

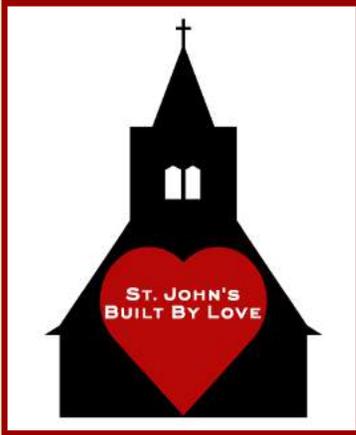
Church Insurance Group covered the costs for the mold remediation and repair work that followed to replace the drywall. Our newly formed Property Fund was able to cover all the other costs. We will continue to budget to put money back into the property fund each year so we have money on hand for projects like these.

Howard and the boys very much appreciate all this work.

John Greenberg
Property Chair

Built By Love

Phase II



Phase I is finally complete as the modifications to the bell tower roof are now finished. Phase II will begin the week of June 11th. Our contractor, MMC, who did the work for Phase I will begin the work by building the elevator shaft. Work will begin in the lower level inside the IT/Elevator room off the lower level foyer. A motor room will be constructed inside this space as well as the lower section of the elevator shaft. On the main level, the men's room and closet will be taken down. The current ladies room will also be dismantled to make room for the upper section of the elevator shaft. We will be installing a new electrical panel in the hallway. This will replace the last of the old electrical panels that we have in the church. A window will be installed facing Main street as well as new carpet to be installed and a new hallway closet.

The ladies room will be converted into a single user handicap approved restroom. The access to this restroom will be from inside the Parish Hall. The current plans show a small space opposite the restroom entrance for a water fountain. After the elevator shaft is built, the contractor will be able to determine if we can use this small space for a second restroom.

The Parish Hall will be getting a new coffered ceiling with new electrical run to new light fixtures. We will also be painting the Parish Hall and children's Chapel.

We expect work to be done by the end of July with minimal interruption to church service and use of the Parish Hall.





Service of Gratitude

As the lovely organ prelude began on the afternoon of May 20, ninety-five people sat expectantly in the pews of St. John's and a line of parked emergency vehicles stretched along Main Street. Featuring moving liturgy and the combined St. John's-Redeemer Lutheran-First Presbyterian choir, our Service of Gratitude honored the police, firefighters, EMTs, Ambulance Corps, Rescuers, DPW workers, utility workers, and borough officials who worked to get our community back to normal during the long, storm-filled winter. By the time the St. John's chamber ensemble played America as the postlude, the feeling of community was evident by both teary eyes and broad smiles. There was laughter and fellowship as parishioners and dress-uniformed first responders mingled over tables of delicious appetizers and desserts at the reception. This memorable afternoon was much appreciated by the honorees.





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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



The Rev. Carlye J. Hughes was chosen XI Bishop of the Diocese of Newark during a special convention on May 19, 2018 at St. Peter's Episcopal Church in Morristown.

The first woman and first African-American to be elected bishop in the Diocese of Newark, Hughes, 59, is currently rector of Trinity Episcopal Church in Fort Worth, TX, the Diocese of Fort Worth, and was one of three nominees.

In order to be elected, a candidate needed to receive a simple majority of votes from both the clergy and the lay delegates, voting separately as orders in the same balloting round. Hughes was elected on the first ballot, receiving 62 of 116 clergy votes and 141 of 241 lay votes.

The other two nominees were:

The Rev. Lisa W. Hunt, rector of St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, Houston, TX in the Diocese of Texas

The Rev. Canon Scott G. Slater, Canon to the Ordinary in the Diocese of Maryland

Addressing the assembly via live video from Fort Worth, Hughes said, "I am absolutely overjoyed and delighted that you have elected me to be the next bishop of Newark. It is with a humble and thankful heart that I accept those election results and welcome the gift of being your bishop."

After thanking the Search, Transition and Standing committees for their work, she said, "I am really aware that moments like this do not come in a vacuum. It takes a village to discern a call to the episcopacy, and it is the generous and fruitful ministries of Bishop Beckwith, the Rev. Lisa Hunt, the Rev. Canon Scott Slater, the congregations and people of the Diocese of Newark, and the people of Trinity Episcopal Church in Fort Worth, Texas who have opened the door for us to be in ministry together, and for that I am deeply grateful."

Hughes was ordained a priest in 2005 after graduating from Virginia Theological Seminary, and has served as rector of Trinity Episcopal Church in the continuing Diocese of Fort Worth since 2012. No stranger to the northeast, her first call was to St. James' Church on Manhattan's Upper East Side. Before ordination, she worked as a corporate trainer. She is married to David Smedley.

Pending consent of a majority of the bishops with jurisdiction and the diocesan standing committees, Hughes will be ordained and consecrated September 22, 2018, at the New Jersey Performing Arts Center in Newark. Presiding Bishop Michael Curry will preside.