

St. John's of Lattingtown

A window into the life of our parish...



ANNUAL REPORT

May 5, 2024

RECTOR'S LETTER

Dear friends,

Welcome to the 107th Annual Meeting of the Parish of St. John's of Lattingtown. As I move into my ninth year as your Rector, it is such an honor and blessing for me to report that your congregation continues to be a growing, thriving and faithful worshipping community here on the beautiful North Shore of Long Island. There is no question in my mind the future generations of St. John's are now positioned to build upon all your present hard work and ministries to shape a healthier and more spiritually engaged world.

I am especially grateful to serve alongside so many wonderful ministry volunteers and staff members. It is a privilege to team up with such tremendously talented people like: Courtney Callahan (Children & Outreach); Mary Savin (*Parish Administrator*); Mat Stimola (*Sexton/Buildings & Grounds*); Mary Syracuse (*Financial Administrator*); Ruairaidh Sutherland (*Organist & Music Ministry*); and Mother Catherine Wieczorek (*Curate*).

We are all especially grateful to Mother Catherine, Scott, Charlotte and Ellie for their faithful ministry at St. John's over the last four-years. Her final service with us will be Sunday, June 30th. With gratitude to Bishop Provenzano, we are happy to announce that The Rev'd Cameron Walker has been called to serve for three-years as our next Curate, beginning July 1st.

Harold Bollaci and William Bales have served brilliantly as our vestry wardens and I am personally so grateful for their wisdom and guidance. We have had a busy year, and their professionalism and prayers have been a true source of strength both for me and the entire staff.

If you are reading this annual report and open to dreaming and praying about our future ministries, then you and I have a critical role to play right now. Our roles are made clearer every day, as we are called to be the Christian disciples who must shape the goals and expectations for others who are seeking to find Christ in this community and beyond.

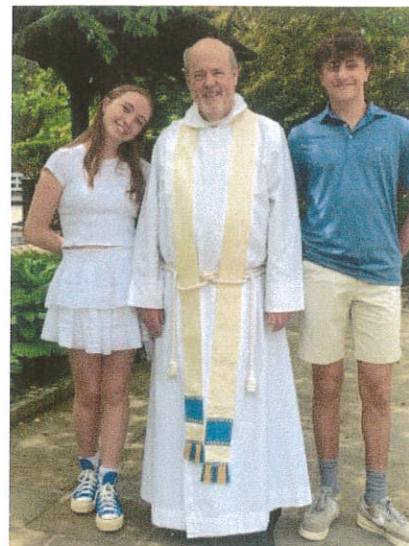
St. John's of Lattingtown needs imaginative people to help expand the scope of ministry opportunities for your children, outreach, and music programs – especially our girl, and future boy choristers. Exciting! No other church in this Diocese of Long Island can boast of growth for all ages like we have experienced since Covid. You are doing tremendous work!

Perfect example – just think about the hard work and imagination it took for so many of you, to create NOSH Delivers (the feeding program which began during Covid, and now has fed over a million meals across our area). Today, we are challenged to expand our hearts and minds like never before... for your church, for our country, and the world. God needs you. This church needs you.

The American poet Mary Oliver said it best, "*Even beyond what I can see today, Tomorrow, I can imagine even more . . .*"

Easter blessings and respectfully submitted,

The Rev'd Mark L. Fitzhugh, *Eighth Rector, St. John's of Lattingtown*



CURATE'S LETTER

Dear St. John's of Lattingtown,

Greeting to you in the name of Christ. It is hard to believe that it has been nearly four years since I came to St. John's to serve as your Curate!

I am so proud of the work we have done together in these four years - our weekly Bible studies, our Lent and Advent programs, our Stations of the Cross art project, launching the ALPHA course, and of course our confirmation and religious education classes! These programs are in fact a small part of the day to day work of ministry - pastoral care calls and visits, spiritual direction, weddings, baptisms & funerals, worship planning, sermon prep and preaching, outreach opportunities, working with our Altar Guild and Acolytes - and on and on it goes. No two days ever look the same here at St. John's, and that is a testament to this incredible, thriving community!

Since my very first day, I have said that I was "spoiled" - I was blessed with this beautiful church in which to serve, a wonderful place to call home, and a fantastic office in which to curate my personal library (including my own private bathroom)! None of these material things can compare, however, with the spiritual home I have found in St. John's. Home is the place where we learn and grow and try new things. Home is where we fall down and get back up again with the support of people who truly care and who believe in us. Home is the place where the light of Christ burns brightly, even in our darkest times.

St. John's has proven that what truly makes a "home" is the people...the ones we dream with, laugh with, cry with, and pray with each and every day...the people who teach us, guide us, support us and love us. Since day one, and every single day since, you have made me and my family feel welcome, and I am so very grateful for your unconditional friendship and love.

Ministry is never a solo venture. If I can claim any success, it is only because of the faithful, spirit-filled, and hard working staff and leadership here at St. John's who strive to share the Good News in both word and deed - especially Mary Savin, Mary Syracuse, Courtney Callahan, Ruaraidh Sutherland, Mat Stimola, and

Father Mark. I could not have asked for a better pastor, rector, mentor, leader, and friend to work beside throughout these past four years, and I will be forever grateful for his support, strength, and faithfulness.

As I prepare for my next call, it is my prayer that every person who comes through the doors of St. John's will find their spiritual home, and will come to know the power of the living, breathing love of Christ.

"The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you; the Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace." -

Numbers 6:24-26

Peace and blessings, Mo. Catherine+



MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS - St. John's of Lattingtown

Children and Families:

◆ DUO (Do Unto Others) - St John's own Youth Group began in October of 2022 - and now has an offshoot - DUO Jr. for ages 10-13!

The group has led many community service projects.

◆ Jr Acolyte Program membership is going strong! Our adult Acolytes continue to mentor the group.

◆ Religious Ed for Kids - full year program, held every Tuesday at 3:45 pm! This year we will have a Communion Service for the class.

◆ Monday Night Lights Program continued for four weeks during the summer with strong attendance.

Outreach:

◆ NEW! Community Lights Ministry - in conjunction with the First Presbyterian Church of Glen Cove - helping the underserved in our community with meals, resources, laundry vouchers, etc.

◆ NEW! Kindness Kitchen- feeding the food insecure, sick and those in need in our area with home-made meals, made by our own St John's parishioners!

◆ Full Circle Ministry - shared activities with Glen Cove Assisted Living and Glen Cove Senior Center for Halloween, Christmas and Valentine's Day!

◆ Helping Hands Ministry- sending cards and notes to parishioners to celebrate milestones, express compassion, and communicate with those who cannot leave their homes.

◆ Painting for Penny- one year of service celebrating the extraordinary life of Penny Doerge, one canvas at a time, and donating these art works to community organizations!

◆ Thistle and Spoon prepared dinners for Community Night Lights and the Men's shelter, with a full agenda for next year.

◆ Old Fashioned Christmas Party - annual event held for underserved children from our community with food, presents, music, continued again!

◆ NOSH—founded by Courtney Callahan and friends (with the support of many St John's volunteers), continues to help feed nearly 700 families weekly, and just celebrated their four year anniversary!

◆ Friends of St John's also continued the Soap for Hope toiletry bags, the Thanksgiving meal boxes, Christmas meal boxes and Easter meal boxes for families in our community.

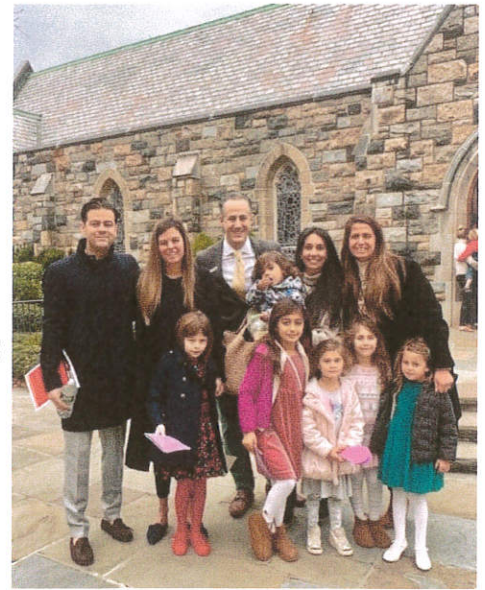
Music:

◆ Ruairaidh Sutherland, completing his first year as the Director of Music Ministry, has expanded the St John's Choir, Choral Scholars program and organized many music offerings.

◆ Lenten Songs concert, Several Choral Evensongs, Requiem Eucharist have been among the wonderful music events this year!

◆ NEW! Choir for Girls grades 3-12 on Tuesdays afternoons began in October. Their first Evensong was held in March.

◆ Coffee, Cakes and Hymns- singing traditional hymns at coffee hour for all parishioners was a huge success and will continue next year!



- ◆ 2024 music schedule includes Evensong on six Sunday afternoons, an organ concert by Ruaraidh Sutherland, a joint Lessons & Carols with Christ Church Manhasset, and a special “Come and Sing” program with Katherine Dienes-Williams, Organist and Master of the Choristers, from Guildford Cathedral, UK, on June 1, 2024.

Adult Formation:

- ◆ Adult Bible Study continued on Wednesdays in the fall and winter. The Lenten Wednesdays group studied “The Word in the Wilderness” by Malcolm Guite.
- ◆ Nurture (Prayer) Group- meets weekly on Mondays at 10:00 am, and Faith Matters (Adult Bible Study) meets on Sundays at 9:30 am.
- ◆ NEW! New Ministry Sunday- held November 5th - celebrating all of the new ministries and ministry leaders at St John’s - to be an annual event
- ◆ NEW! Book Study Group - led by Jenn Eipel met weekly on Thursdays this fall.

Wellness Ministry:

- ◆ AA - we have two weekly meetings (Tues and Sat) - Tuesday AA group just celebrated seven years at St John’s!

Social Media/Website/IT:

- ◆ Strong social media presence on Facebook and Instagram (almost 1,700 followers)
- ◆ *Fitzhugh Friday* - Fr Mark’s weekly offerings- continues to grow! (our new media superstar)

Fundraising

- ◆ 70th Annual St John’s Country Fair was highlighted by an outstanding Opening Night party, and included many new games, rides, vendors, etc. This year, despite a very rainy day, over 480 friends joined us for this event!
- ◆ Our Spring Dinner Dance 2023- for the first time, the event was held here at St John’s on May 6th, 2023! It was a fantastic evening of food, fun and friendship! The second Annual Spring Dance will be held on May 4th, 2024.
- ◆ NEW! Rector's Advisory Group was formed to help develop a long term fiscal strategy.

The Barn:

- ◆ Third year as a “Thrift Shop” continues to be a tremendous asset and a beloved Sunday experience! Strong Instagram and Facebook sales continue all year round.

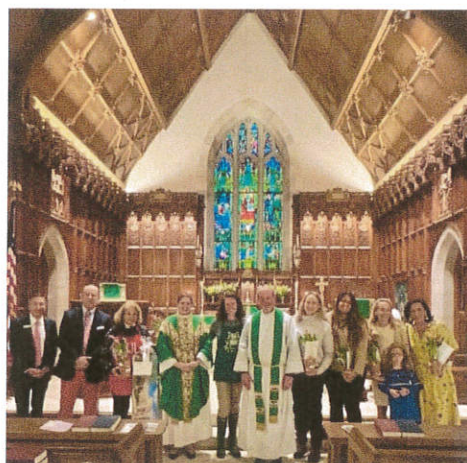
Buildings and Grounds:

- ◆ Multiple upgrades to Education Buildings, including basement lighting replaced, new bathroom floor/toilet in Dunlaevy Building, and a new partial roof.
- ◆ In the kitchen, new appliances including refrigerator, oven and stovetop have been added.
- ◆ Our Rectory has a new oven, dishwasher, roof repairs, and plumbing repairs
- ◆ Offices now have video security cameras, and a new safe floor in Rector’s office.
- ◆ Our fair lawn has been reseeded , new plantings added to the Cloister.
- ◆ NEW! HVAC Committee began in January to explore options for new HVAC system.



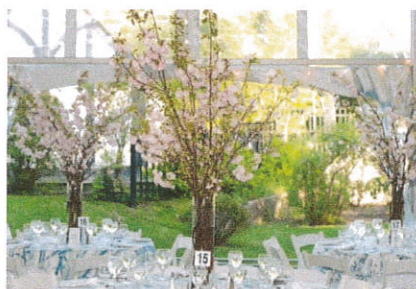
OUR OUTREACH

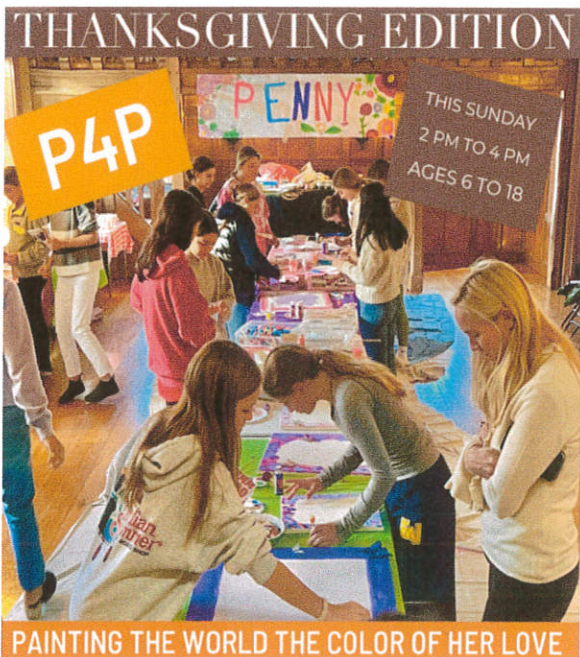
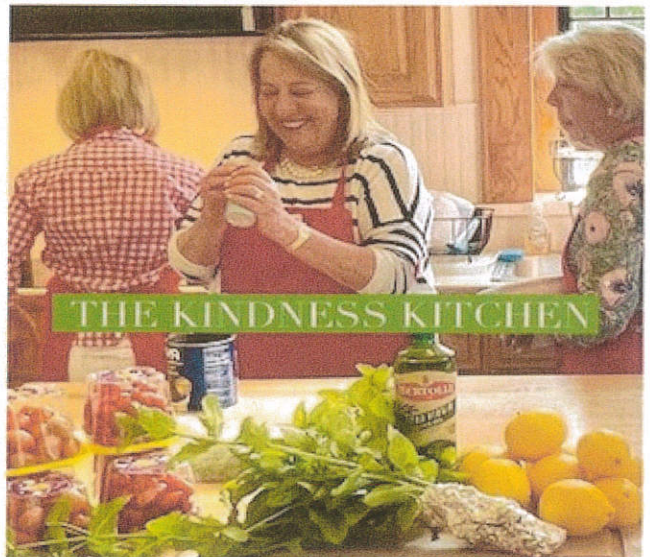
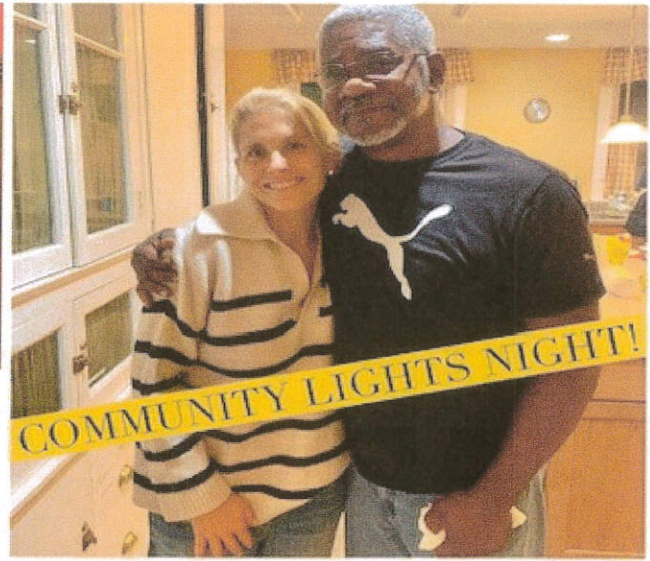
SAVE THE DATE!
THE ST. JOHN'S 71st ANNUAL COUNTRY FAIR
Friday, September 13th – Sunday, September 15th, 2024



Photos from St John's Country Fair 2023

ST. JOHN'S SPRING DANCE 2023





- Outreach Programs—Courtney Callahan, Director
- St. John's Country Fair—Cynthia Murray, Alexis McAndrew, Stephanie Clark, Susan Moore , Co-Chairs
 - St. John's Country Fair Grants Committee- Vicki Fox, Ellen McMillin, Co-Chairs
 - Thistle & Spoon Diana Fredericks, Chair
 - Holiday Boxes- Lindsay Fox & Nitika Moran, Co-Chairs
 - Friends of St John's- Lindsay Fox & Nitika Moran, Co-Chairs
 - Helping Hands— Donna George & Ann Vessalico, Co-Chairs
 - Full Circle Ministry Maria Corigliano & Fiona Elliot, Co-Chairs
 - Apple Ministry— Ashley Nesi, Chair
 - Painting For Penny— Julie Zarou, Gina Tomenson, Co-Chairs
 - Old Fashioned Christmas – Shannon Vulin & Ashley Nesi, Co-Chairs
 - Kindness Kitchen— Maria Cerminara & Vicki Fox, Co-Chairs
 - Community Night Lights— Julie Zarou, Chair

WARDEN'S REPORT

O Come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation! Psalm 95

As we reflect on the year, let us give thanks for the sounds of joy and praise that reverberate throughout St. John's of Lattingtown. We continue to be a vibrant and energized parish, blessed by the power and the glory of the Holy Spirit.

Last night we celebrated St. John's with our second Spring Gala on our beautiful lawn. It was a perfect evening to celebrate all of our ministries and to come together as a congregation, welcoming old and new friends to our historic church.

Our Director of Music, Ruaraidh Sutherland inspires us with a growing choir, a youth choir, regular choral evensongs and special recitals.

The breadth and impact of St. John's outreach ministries are the envy of the Diocese. Our Christian mission of serving the less fortunate and loving our neighbors as ourselves is well grounded in Courtney Callahan.

Let us give thanks and praise for Father Mark and Mother Catherine for their leadership and devotion to St. John's. Our diligent and talented Sexton, Mat Stimola, continues to maintain and preserve our historic church. Mary Savin and Mary Syracuse are our backbone. We are blessed with talent everywhere - in our offices, in our pews and even in our barn, which continues to thrive. Thank you Kate Scefonas and the Barn Cats!

Preparing to welcome a new Curate is bittersweet, as it means we have to say goodbye to Mother Catherine. With gratitude and love we extend our thanks and offer a heartfelt farewell to the Wieczoreks. It has been a blessing to work with, and learn from Mother Catherine. We will miss Mother Catherine's love, sense of humor, spirituality, bible studies and sermons. We send her off with the confidence that God has big plans for her future ministry.

It is our honor to serve as your Wardens. We thank Shannon Vulin for her service on the Vestry and Harold Bollaci for his service as Warden. May God continue to bless St. John's of Lattingtown.

Harold Bollaci and Bill Bales, *Wardens*



OUR MUSIC

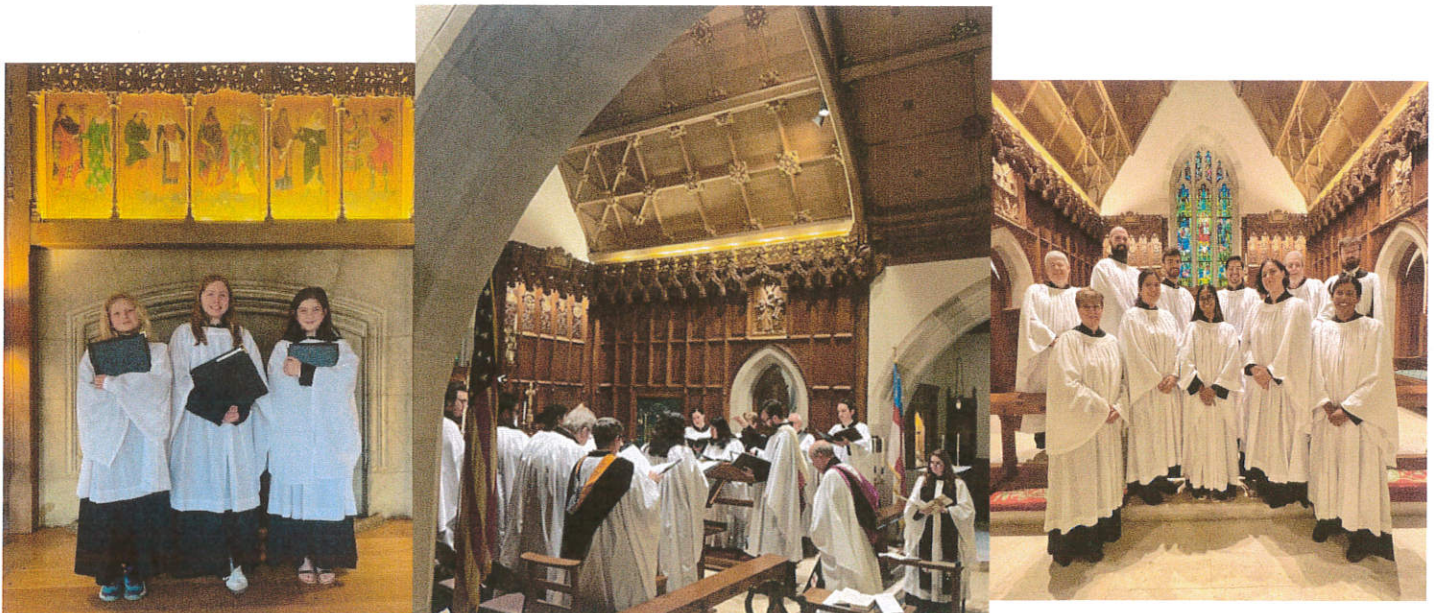


St. John's Parish Choir meets on Sundays to prepare for the 10.30 a.m. Eucharist and a sub-set sings monthly at Solemn Evensong. We currently have four section leaders, three choral scholars, and five volunteers. Guest singers have come from parishes on LI and NY. This year, several members sang at Compline during Lent, as well as devotional performances of Faure's Requiem in November, Stainer's Crucifixion on Palm Sunday, and a Lent Lessons and Carols with the choir of Christ Church, Manhasset. *Tea, Coffee and Tunes* concerts included one organ recital and one vocal recital. The St John's Girls' Choir was formed in October and there are currently six girls in the program

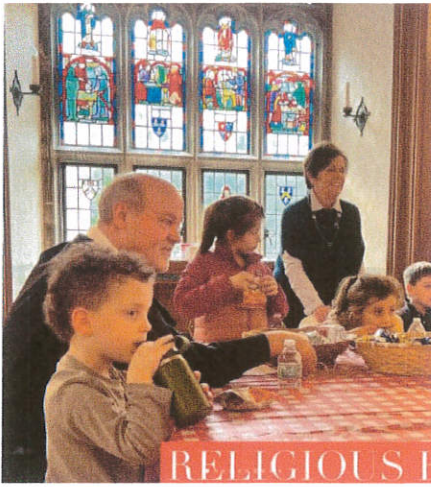
who rehearse weekly for 90 minutes on Tuesdays. The girls have made progress towards their first ribbons and participated in two services of Evensong. I want to record my thanks to the volunteers who help with chaperoning and ribbons/vocal tuition - Sarah Faux, Jennifer Curry, and Ella Fitzhugh. Thanks to the generosity of a parishioner, the stock of cassocks and surplices has been renewed.

The Director of Music Ministry hopes that not only our families will recognize the benefits of singing in a church music program for their children in the coming years, but also our teen and adult parishioners who have some choral experience will consider participating in the music ministry. The effort we put in individually not only contributes significantly to our seeking of the 'still, small voice of calm' but our worship of Him who rose, vanquished death, and despoiled the tempter.

Finally, thank you to our wonderful singers, for their energy and commitment and to all my colleagues on staff for their unwavering support of the music ministry. - Ruairaidh Sutherland, *Director of Music Ministry*



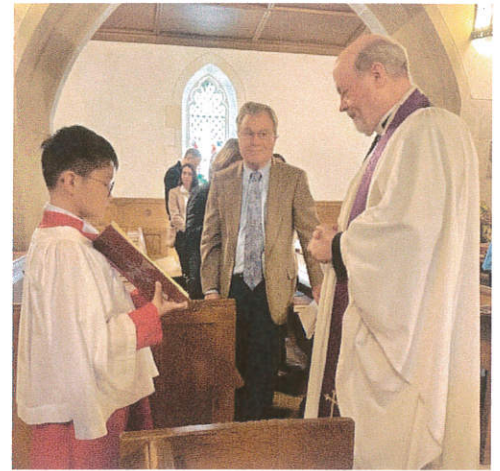
OUR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES



Religious Ed for Kids



DUO and DUO Jr Youth Groups



Jr Acolytes



Outreach for Kids with Miss Courtney



Ashley Nesi, Shannon Vulin, Diana Fredericks
Christingle Moms!



Sunday School

Programs for Children and Youth

Outreach Camp - Sundays @ 9:30 am

Sunday School - Sundays @ 10:30 am

Jr Acolyte Program - Sundays @ 10:30 am
(Training ongoing)

Confirmation Class - next class- Oct, 2024

Monday Night Lights - begins June 19th

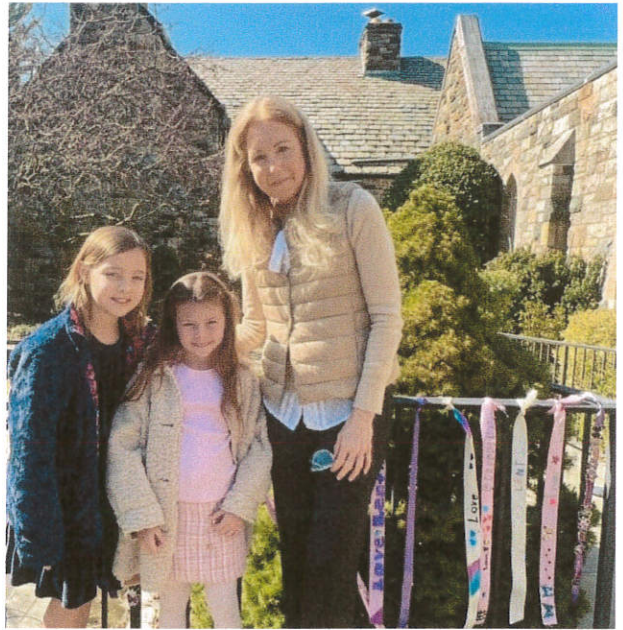
Apple Ministry - children and youth outreach

Religious Ed for Kids- next class fall 2024

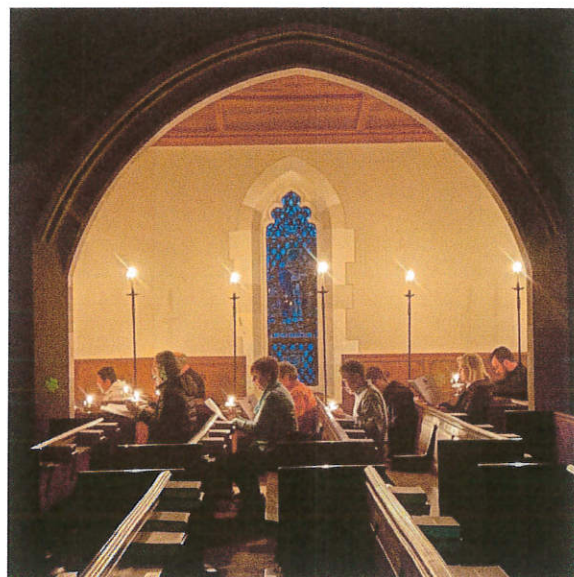
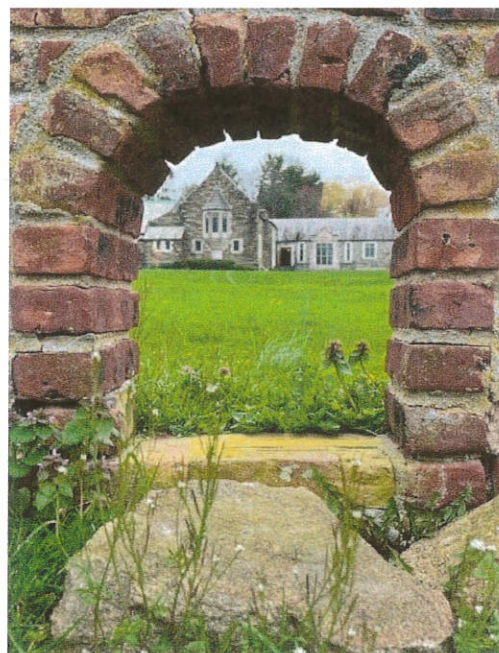
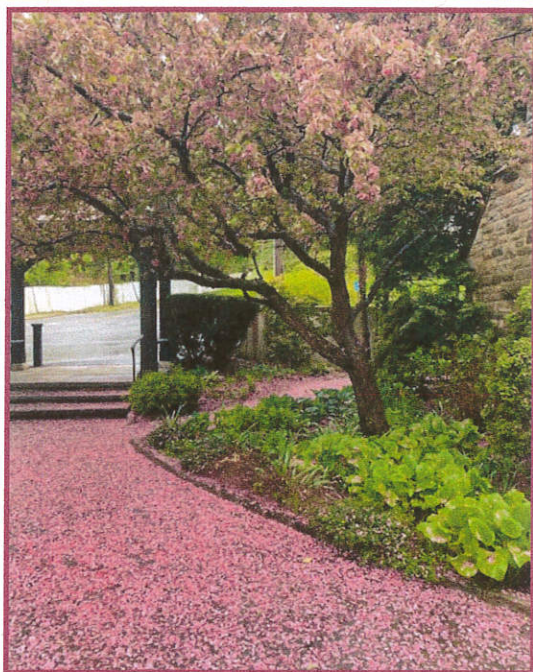
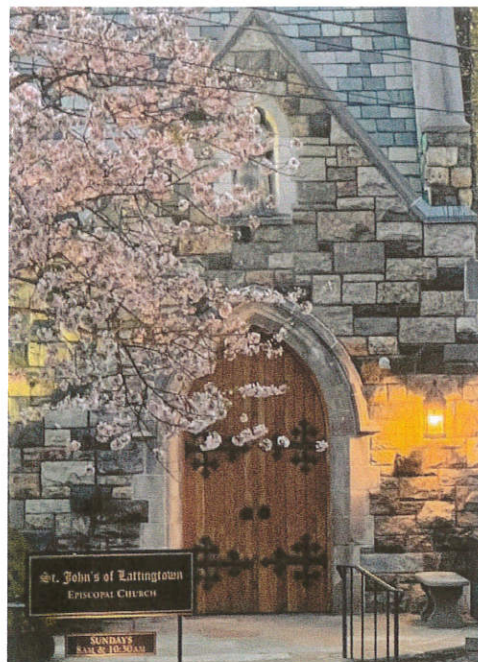
DUO Jr-Youth Group- Mondays at 5:00 pm

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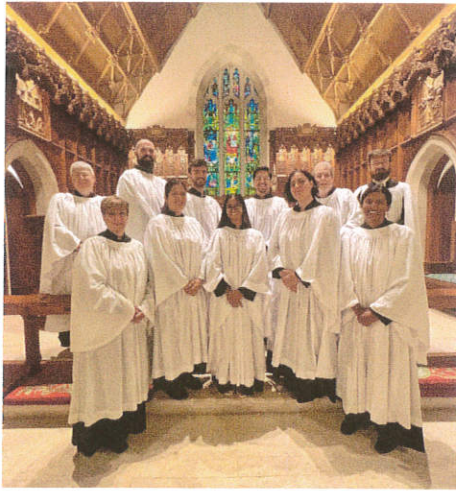
SUNDAYS @ ST JOHN'S



BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS



OUR MINISTRIES



St John's Choir & Choral Scholars



Altar Guild



St John's Vestry



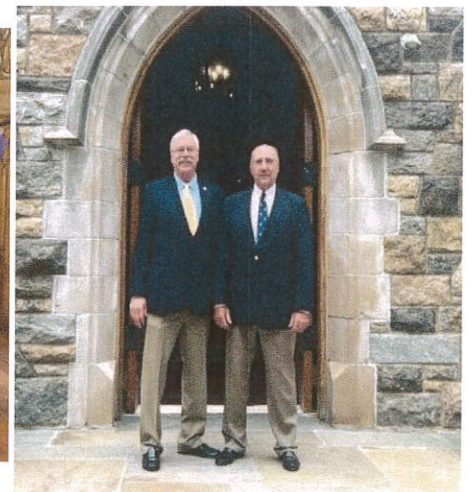
Kindness Kitchen



Lectors

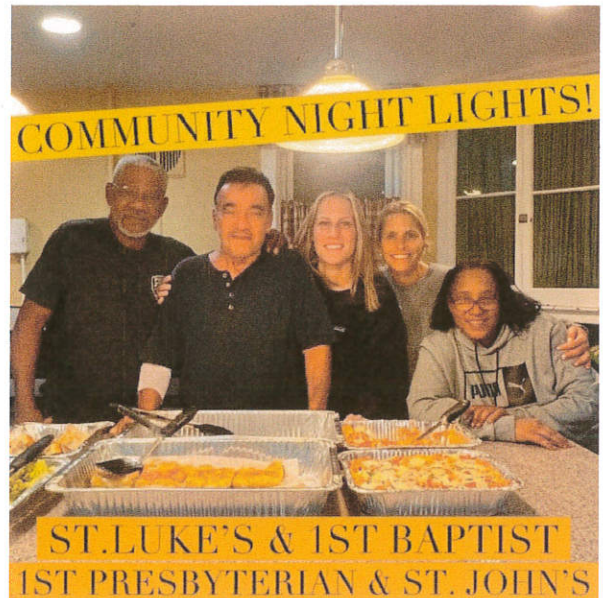
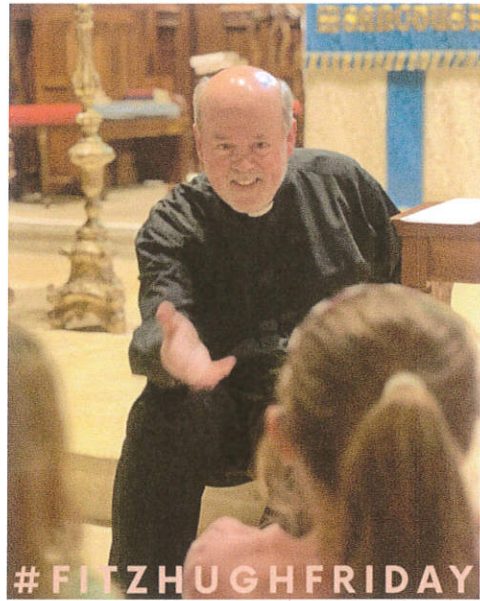
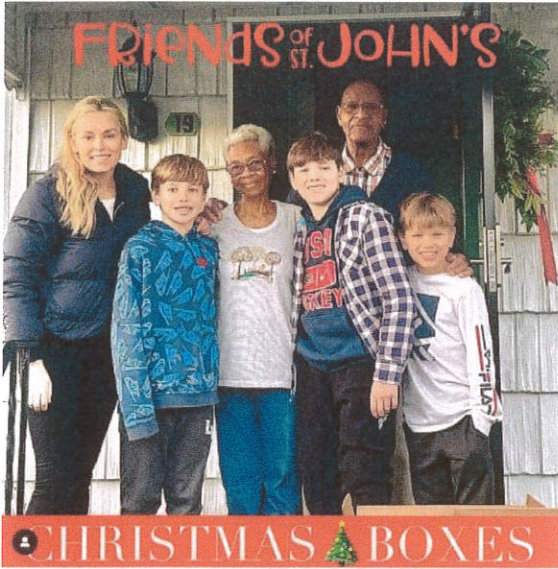


Jr Acolytes

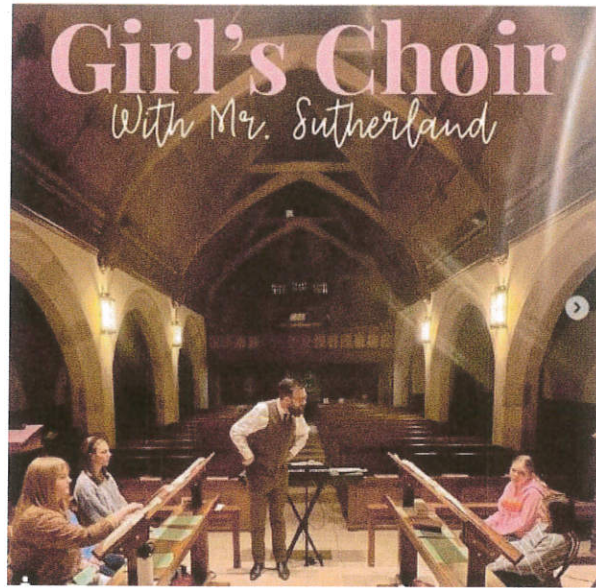
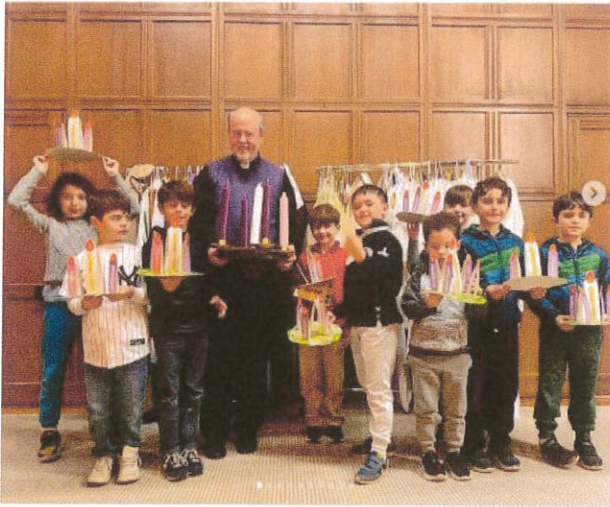


Ushers and Greeters

DO YOU FOLLOW US ON INSTAGRAM AND FACEBOOK?



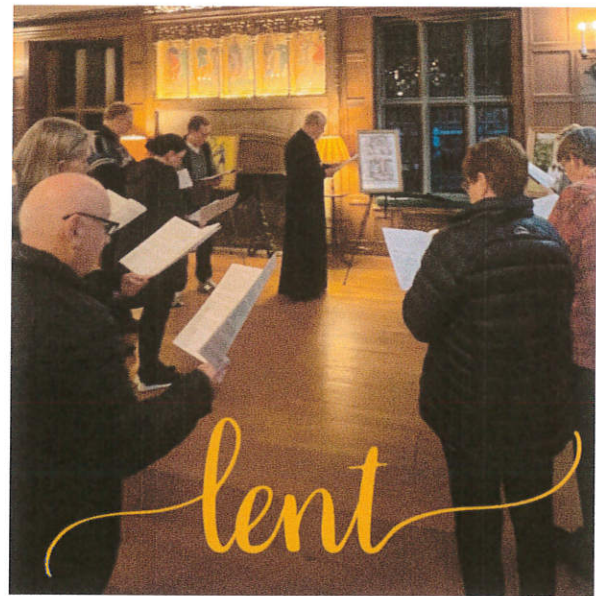
ADVENT PREP!



Girl's Choir With Mr. Sutherland



Blessing of the Animals

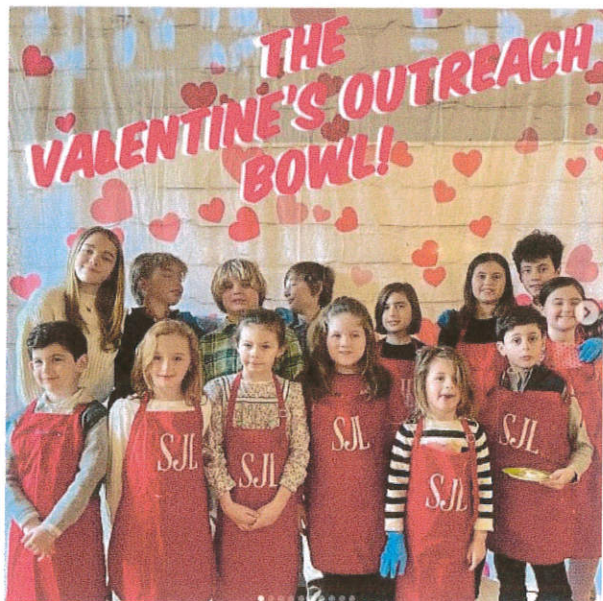


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DUO & DUO JR

TAKE NIGHT SHIFTS AT NOSH!



THE VALENTINE'S OUTREACH BOWL!

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Membership, Attendance and Services of the Reporting Congregation

Active Participants in the Reporting Congregation

Anyone of any age who is active in the congregation regardless of baptism or membership status

1. Total Active Participants: 486

2.	Of the total active participants, how many are in each of the following age groups?	#
	Children (ages 0-12)	<u>90</u>
	Youth (ages 13-17)	<u>31</u>
	Young adults (ages 18-34)	<u>26</u>
	Middle adults (ages 35-64)	<u>275</u>
	Senior adults (ages 65 and older)	<u>64</u>
	(this should add up to the Active Participant total)	Total <u>486</u>

3.	Of the total active participants, provide the number and percentage that are in each of the following racial/ethnic categories. If you do not collect this information, it is not required in order to complete your report. If this is not information already available for your congregation, we suggest a survey to allow individuals to self-identify.	%	#
	American Indian/Alaska Native (non-Hispanic)	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>
	Asian (non-Hispanic)	<u>1</u>	<u>9</u>
	Black or African American (non-Hispanic)	<u>1</u>	<u>4</u>
	Hispanic or Latino(a)	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>
	Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander (non-Hispanic)	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
	White (non-Hispanic)	<u>95</u>	<u>467</u>
	Multiracial	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>
	(Note that percentages should add up to 100%)	Total <u>100</u>	<u>486</u>

Active Baptized Members of the Reporting Congregation at Year-End:

Using the 2022 Parochial Report, record the Number of Baptized Members Reported as of December 31, 2022.

M22	(See your 2022 Parochial Report, Box M22)	Members Reported Last Year in 2022 = M22	<u>589</u>
4.	Increases during year All members added to the baptized members section of the congregation's Membership Register during 2023 by baptism, confirmation/reception, or transfer, and those persons restored from inactive status, or not counted in last year's membership count.	+	<u>54</u>
5.	Decreases during year All active baptized members lost by death, transferred to another congregation, removed to inactive status in the Register of Church Membership and Rites, removed for other reasons, or not removed from last year's membership count.	-	<u>9</u>
Add the increases entered in line 4 to Box M22 . Then subtract the decreases entered in line 5 for the total active membership as of December 31, 2023.			
M23	Total Active Baptized Members (end of report year 2023) = M23 =		<u>634</u>

Communicants in Good Standing of the Reporting Congregation:

Baptized members of the reporting congregation, who "have received Holy Communion at least three times during the preceding year" and are faithful "in corporate worship, unless for good cause prevented," and "in working, praying, and giving for the spread of the Kingdom of God."

6.	Adult communicants in good standing (age 16 and over)	<u>513</u>
7.	Youth communicants in good standing (under age 16)	<u>121</u>
8.	Total communicants in good standing	<u>634</u>

Review of Database:

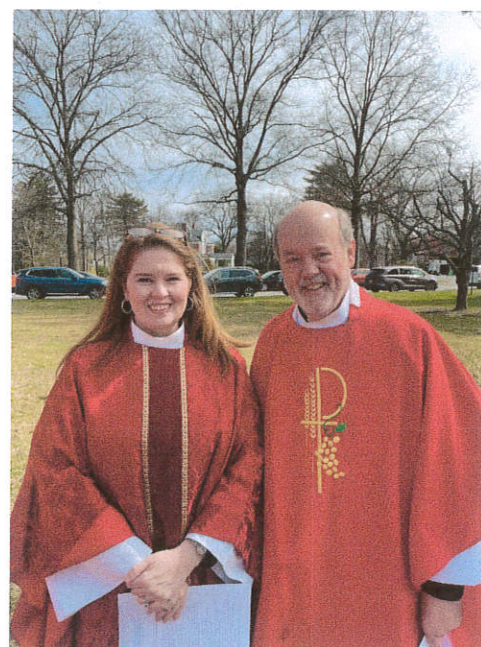
9.	When was the last time the congregation's database of participants was reviewed and adjusted?	<u>04/01/2024</u>
10.	How frequently is the congregation's database of participants reviewed and adjusted?	
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To file online visit: <https://reports.dcms.org>

IMPORTANT DATES

May – December, 2024

May 4	St John's Spring Dance
May 5	Annual Meeting - 10:30 am
May 7	Clergy Retreat
May 9	Evensong - 6:00 pm
May 19	Pentecost - Religious Ed
	Communion Service -10:30 am
May 19	Choral Evensong - 4:00 pm
June 1	<i>Come & Sing</i> Evensong with Katherine Dienes-Williams - 5:00 pm
June 2	Outdoor Summer Services begin - 9:30 am - Memorial Garden
June 9	Vestry Meeting - 11:00 am
June 9	Choir Concert - 4:00 pm
June 17	Monday Night Lights begins
July 21	Vestry Meeting - 11:00 am
August 18	Vestry Meeting - 11:00 am
September 1	Regular Sunday services resume
September 13-15	St John's 71st Country Fair
September 22	Vestry Meeting - 12 noon
	Evensong - 4:00 pm
October 6	Blessing of the Animals - 4:00 pm.
October 20	Vestry Meeting - 12 noon
	Evensong - 4:00 pm
October 26	Confirmation Retreat #1
November 3	All Saints Sunday, Daylight Saving ends
	Requiem - 4:00 pm
November 4	Soap for Hope
November 9	Diocesan Convention - 9:00 am
November 17	Vestry Meeting - 12 noon
November 22	Music Fundraiser
November 23	Thanksgiving Boxes
December 1	First Sunday of Advent
December 7	Old Fashioned Christmas
December 8	Christmas Bundles Outreach
December 14	Handel's Messiah - 7:00 pm
December 18	Christmas Boxes
December 24	Family Christmas Service - 4:00 pm
	Christmas Eve Service - 6:00 pm
December 25	Christmas Service - 10:30 am



MINISTRY CONTACTS

MINISTRY:	CONTACT:
Acolytes, Eucharistic Ministers & Lectors.....	Mary Savin
Jr Acolytes.....	Donna Landers George, Rodes Ponzer
Altar Guild.....	Suzi Chase
Building and Grounds.....	Harold Bollaci
Country Fair Grants.....	Victoria Fox, Ellen McMillin
DUO Youth Group.....	Julie Zarou, Melissa Worth
Eucharistic Visitors.....	Nancy Roenfeldt
St. John's Country Fair.....	Cynthia Murray
Finance.....	George Stimola, Mary Syracuse
Flagpole.....	Rich Hagner
Friends of St John's.....	Lindsay Fox, Nitika Moran
Full Circle Ministry.....	Maria Corigliano, Fiona Elliot
Helping Hands Ministry.....	Donna George, Ann Vessalico
Holiday Boxes	Lindsay Fox, Nitika Moran
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Kindness Kitchen.....	Maria Cerminara
Memorial Garden.....	Mary Syracuse
Music.....	Ruaraidh Sutherland
New Member Committee.....	Alexis McAndrew
Nurture Group.....	Victoria Fox
Outreach.....	Courtney Callahan
Painting for Penny.....	Julie Zarou, Gina Tomenson
Parish Library.....	Judy Gallagher
Sunday School.....	Courtney Callahan
Sunday School Dads.....	Colin Morse
Ushers & Greeters.....	Peter Marshall
Vestry.....	Harold Bollaci
Wardens.....	Harold Bollaci, Bill Bales

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