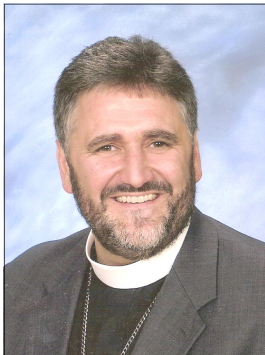




St. John's Parish Johns Island, South Carolina



June 2011



THE RECTOR'S HEART

By Fr. Greg Snyder

May 19, 2011

Dear Saints of St. John's,

"I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers,..." *Ephesians 1:16*

Upcoming Events

- June 1 - 10, 2011
Parish Life Building
unavailable
- June 11, 2011
Men's Breakfast and
DOK Meeting at the
Gills
- June 12, 2011
Community-wide
Pentecost Celebration at St. John's
H.S. Stadium
- June 25, 2011
Habitat for Humanity
Faith in Action
Build
- June 27 - July 1, 2011
Vacation Bible
School

By the time this issue of *The Bridge* arrives, I will be headed off for my sabbatical with Beth, Rachel and Sarah. As the time for us to part nears, I am experiencing greater and greater difficulty at separating from you all, my true family. I will miss you. But, rest assured, I will be praying for you daily, using St. Paul as my example. To that end, I've asked that, for those that are not in our current pictorial directory, photos be taken of you, so I can see you as I pray for you.

Part of my discipline while on my sabbatical is to pray for all of the families at St. John's in a rotation for the next three months. I will not forget you. In truth, much of my time will be spent in prayer and contemplation about where we have been together over the last nine years, and where we might be headed over the next nine years. Reflection and vision will be two crucial by-words during this sabbatical time.

As the time nears, I am especially concerned about those who have fallen away over the last nine years, or those who have become less active in the Body of Christ. Please pray for them to return to the Body of Christ; pray for ways that we might invite them and welcome them back into the fold. I truly believe that we not only *want* them back, but that we will *need* them and their gifts for the challenges ahead.

As I pray for you, I also ask that you pray for me and my family for quality time together, and also for our shared vision and calling at St. John's. Where do you see St. John's in two years? Five years? Ten years? Where do you see our shared ministry in these intervals? This is an important time in the life of the parish and I charge us all to be "prayed up" for the times ahead.

I know that the three months, this summer, will go by fast. I look forward already with anticipation to returning home to you my family. May God keep you and bless you!

Love,

Fr. Greg+

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WOMEN’S GROUPS IN THE CHURCH

By Nancy Scales



Tuesday, 7 am, Ladies’ Prayer and Share meets for breakfast at the Sunrise Bistro. Not a Bible study, this group is open to all who want to share their Christian walk and join in intercessory prayer for the group and others. Contact Paula Stackhouse at 559-1278; new members welcome.

Tuesday, 9:15-11:00, Moms’ Bible Study Group. Open to all women, with childcare available for a small fee through Creative Learning, the on-site pre-school. They meet in the Prayer Chapel in the PLB. **After their meeting the first week in May, they will break for the summer. Restart date TBA.** Contact Libby Puckette at 559-0977.

Tuesday, 10 am, a Bible study meeting in the PLB. The group continues the video series **THAT THE WORLD MAY KNOW**, by Ray Vander Laan. New members welcome. Contact Judy Edgerton at 559-1807.

Tuesday, 6-8 p.m., “Moms” at Night started recently and meets in the former Peach Room. They are currently following Beth Moore’s study of “Esther.” Interested? Call Karen Tetrev at 768-4744.

Thursday, 10 am, the Bible Babes meet in the former Peach Room. They are continuing the study of Galatians by John Stott. Members keep an ongoing prayer list. New faces welcome. Contact Bouy Peebles at 795-1673.

Thursday, 2-4 pm, Darlene Blich’s group meets in the former Peach Room in the Parish Life Building. New members may join anytime. Contact Darlene at 559-4148.

MEN’S GROUPS



Wednesdays, from 7-8 a.m., a number of men meet in the PLB for breakfast and Bible study. Members take turns bringing breakfast. Led by Bill Kitchens, the group is studying Waylaid by the Light, by the Reverend John Barr of Holy Comforter, Sumter. A new meditation is done each week. New members welcome; contact Bill at 795-8411.

Thursday at 6 a.m. is Bible Study in the PLB with freshly-made breakfast. They will soon wind up their study of the Gospel of Matthew. Leadership of the week’s lesson is assumed by various members. For details, call Ford Walpole at 559-4220. New members welcome.

For men who have been through Cursillo, a Reunion Group meets the **1st, 3rd, and 5th Wednesday at 8-9 a.m.** at the Town & Country Hotel on Savannah Hwy. The group has breakfast, then follows the Cursillo Reunion card. All Cursillistas are urged to belong to a Reunion Group. If you want to join, call Tom Gopsill (559-9811), or just come.

Saturday, June 11: Men’s breakfast. Men from several area churches gather in the PLB at **8:00** for breakfast. The June speaker will be Dr. Rhett Rudolph, an orthopedic surgeon, who is just back from a mission trip to Kenya. He and his family attend the 10:22 service where he is in the praise band. He’s also the magician at the Bible school dinner. Men, come hear a fascinating man and get a great breakfast as well!

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There will be no 10:22 or 10:30 service at St. John’s Parish Church on Pentecost, June 12. The community-wide Pentecost service will be celebrated at St. John’s High School at 10 A.M.

A VIEW FROM THE THIRD SHIFT

By Deacon Brian Gill

And God is faithful; He will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, He will also provide a way out, so that you can stand up under it.



Dear St. John's Family,

In the first chapter of Job, God asks Satan, "Where have you come from?" And Satan answers: "From roaming through the earth, and going back and forth in it." Those precise words are then repeated in the 2nd chapter of Job. What

a stark reminder of our daily struggle! Knowing that Satan is "roaming".

Have you ever felt you're being "Job'ed" (I'm sure many of you are asking yourselves if that is even a word!) But I'm sure, knowing the story of Job, you know exactly what I'm talking about. It's those times in our lives when we just don't seem to be able to get a break. When we make comments like: "It can't get any worse than this!" and it does. As I'm sure you recall, the Book of Job starts with Job literally having it all. He has power, prestige, wealth, a loving family, and (according to God) is a righteous man. He loses it all, and then on top of everything else, develops a terrible ailment where he breaks out in boils and can get no rest. Job's friends, rather than attempting to support and comfort him, work at convincing him that he has obviously sinned and is being punished by God. When I feel I'm being "Job'ed", I find it helpful to reread the Book of Job; but I also get real support in going to Paul's 2nd letter to the Corinthians, where in chapter 12, Paul reports "...there was given me a thorn in my flesh, a messenger from Satan, to torment me. Three times I pleaded with the Lord to take it away from me, but he said

to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Paul, not unlike Job, had it all. And through Christ's call on him, willingly spent the rest of his life in what by any standard we would consider hard times. If you recall, he was shipwrecked a number of times; he was stoned; he was imprisoned for great periods of time; but he took it all as joy, because he was doing the Lord's work.

Back to Job...After Job and God have a number of discussions, and Job says to God: "I know that you can do all things...surely I spoke of things I did not understand. Things too wonderful for me to know." And then Job states: "Therefore, I despise myself and repent in dust and ashes." He has embraced Paul's comment that God's Grace is sufficient. Then, at the very end, to me there is an extremely valuable lesson, when God rails at one of Job's "friends," and states how angry he is with all three of them. Job prays for these troublesome men, for God to forgive them. And scripture says: "And the Lord accepted Job's prayer." He returned him to health, and gave him twice as much as he had before. So for me, the takeaway when I'm feeling "Job'ed" is to go back into the Word, and know God is a faithful God; to know that God loves me and wants what is best for me; to know that through repentance, I once again will be subject to His Grace.

See you on the Night Shift.

Your Servant,

Brian

EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIPS: NORTHERN UGANDA & DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

By Judi Brantley

Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and comes down from the Father of lights. . .James 1:17

Do not withhold good from those to whom it is due, when it is in the power of your hand to do so. Proverbs 3:27

Thank you saints of St. John's Parish for opening your hearts and hands and providing 43 educational scholarships for the children of Uganda and 13 scholarships for the children of the Dominican Republic.

Well done, good and faithful servants!

Thank you to John Blitch, III and Blitch Plumbing for the donation of their time and resources in repairing the water leak on the church grounds!

TRANSFORMATION

By Walt Miller

I am trying to make formation (in)formation more accessible so I have begun putting some of my files on the St. John's website. Please check these out and give me any edits, suggestions, ideas, other websites you like that you would like to pass on.

Simply go to www.stjohnsparish.net and click on the **Resources** tab. You will get a drop down menu that has **Formation** near the bottom as a heading. Click on the **Formation** tab and you will find our **Parenting Tips** file, the **Shema** (which is a weekly family devotion based on the Lectionary reading for the coming Sunday) and a link to my weekly blog, **CounterFormation**. Below is the last blog entry on ministering to adult children as an example:

Bringing Adult Children (back) to Faith 4c
People, your child included, rarely come to true faith, become assimilated into Christ's story, due to intellectual discussion or convincing argument. Most people come to Christ through a profound, ongoing relationship with an authentic Christian. This is why it is so important that you as a parent have an active faith and demonstrate to your child that you really do love them and you love, not the philosophy of but the person, Jesus Christ. Clarity in these two relationships overcomes almost all obstacles and shifts people to a position where they can accept that this God-story is true. "This is

how they will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another." John 13:35. Grow yourself transparently towards God and towards them.

The last step in bringing your child to faith is helping them find their place in the story. Now Hear This....this does not mean telling them what they should be doing in the church or on Sunday. Helping them find their place means celebrating any activity that they do and orienting it to Christ. Instead of taking them with you as a part of **your** story like in section "B", now it is time to let them know that you think they are great and have wonderful things to offer in Christ's story. "You really are a good artist. That work would look great in the Parish Hall." "This is a great omelet! The Men's Hike guys would love this." Planting seeds. It will help your mission to talk to ministry leaders, explain your child's talents and ask them to ask your child for help.

A final word: you are long past telling them they need to change. Hasn't worked so far and won't work now. You are now adult acquaintances (probably not even friends yet) so treat them that way. You wouldn't tell an acquaintance to get their act together. You would ask, "How are things going? You look kind of down." And then you would simply listen. And pray.



SAINTS ALIVE!

By Nancy Scales

In February of last year, we highlighted Janani Luwum, a Ugandan archbishop who was martyred by Idi Amin. This month, we will look at the **Ugandan Martyrs**, a group of Ugandan converts—both Anglican and Roman Catholic—who were martyred in 1885-87. The group was composed of St. Charles Lwanga and his companions, who were murdered by Mwanga II, king of Buganda, now a section of Uganda. Their deaths were the result of a three-way political struggle for control of the Bugandan royal court by the Church Missionary Society of London, the French Catholic White Fathers, and Zanibar-based Muslim traders. By the mid-1880's, many members of the royal court had converted, creating a threatening situation to Mwanga II when he acceded to the throne. He attempted to destroy these foreign influences but was himself deposed in 1888. While the Anglicans of the group were not canonized, they were mentioned by Pope Paul VI when he canonized the other 21 Roman Catholics in 1964. They are recognized in both the Anglican and Roman churches; their feast day is June 3.

Note: I have heard that there are some readers who wonder why my "Saints Alive!" column reports on people who are not actually saints. While I use a more expanded version, a calendar of feast days can be found pp. 19-30 of the current BCP. Although most listed are indeed saints, one will also find martyrs, deacons, bishops, a centurion, and missionaries, as well as the occasional doctor and teacher. In other words, the calendar includes anyone the Church feels worthy of remembrance, canonized or not. As for my column, I try to pull a variety of persons whose lives I think readers will find interesting. -NWS

“ANGEL OF THE MONTH”

By Paulette Withington

When we added this column to the Bridge our goal was to recognize individuals in the parish whose voluntary efforts behind the scenes benefited the parish in ways specific to their calling. This month’s Angel perfectly exemplifies those goals and I am thrilled to share the wonderful things I have learned about our June Angel, **Marsha Johnson**.

Marsha was born into a military family in Grass Valley, California and went through the usual travels associated with growing up within an Army family. Because of this, she went to school in many states such as, Virginia and Kansas, as well as in the Philippines. She and her husband Robert married in 1962, and became acquainted with Ft. Jackson when Robert was assigned there. “We love the south,” her husband Robert told me. “We bought land around Beaufort, SC, but it wasn’t what we were looking for.” He went on to say that after they discovered the amenities of this area, they remained and now reside on Seabrook Island. The Johnson’s have two children, who reside out of state, and five grandchildren. Marsha loves gardening and painting when she can fit it into her schedule, but she’s also a devoted member of St. John’s. As such, she has been a worker behind the scenes at the parish for many years.

Marsha and her husband Robert formerly served on the Advisory Board for Bishop Gadsden, and helped to raise funds for it as well. But Marsha is perhaps best known for her efforts in our parish kitchen. Marcia Hinson shared this glowing testimonial about Marsha Johnson. “I can’t say enough about Marsha. You couldn’t have chosen a better angel! She’s my mentor. I’ve never heard an unkind word come out of her mouth—she really is a phenomenal person. She was in charge of the parish kitchen six or seven years ago, when our paths first crossed. She always made sure everything was done—and done right. She came to the kitchen

when no one was there, and like a stealth bomber, she’d sweep in and go over everything. She taught me so much. Once a year she’d ask volunteers to help with a thorough kitchen cleaning and she’d get them. By the time they were finished, everything was in its place, spotless and you could have eaten off those floors. Like the Energizer bunny, her energy amazes me. She’s an angel with a short wing to be sure.”



Our Parish Administrator also had nothing but praise for Marsha’s efforts as an Office Angel. “She’s a very diligent worker and a valuable helper as an Office Angel. She’s truly a delight to have in the office. She’s an avid reader and a member of the Altar Guild as well. She’s just very nice to work with.” Karen Jones, another Office Angel, shared this about Marsha, “I don’t get to work with her because we work different days, but she really does a good job. She’s also a lover of animals; in fact she rescued her present pet.”

Linda Hihn heads up our Altar Guild and admires Marsha greatly. “She’s one of our most excellent Altar Guild members. She pitches in and helps when anything is needed. My only close association with her is through the Altar Guild, but I know she’s been a devoted person to our church for years. She also checks up on people who need help, and assists them as needed. She loves to help out in the church yard as well. She’s just an excellent person and the epitome of Christianity.”

The love that Marsha and her husband carry for St. Johns is apparent in the time they have invested in volunteer work and activities. It has truly been an honor to learn about another fine family in this special, blessed parish. You have my admiration, Marsha, and I know I can speak for the multitude that comprises our parish in saying a great big thanks to you for all you do.

MAY 2011 CONFIRMATION CEREMONY

By Paulette Withington

On Mat 1st, the St. John’s Parish was the center of worship, audible praise and excitement when Bishop, Mark J. Lawrence presided over the services at St. John’s Parish, at the 8:00 and the ensuing combined service in the Parish Life Building at 10:30. The Bishop was accompanied by all of the clergy of St. John’s, as well as the musicians who regularly participate in the acoustic service. The Bishop’s sermon covered the subject of doubting Thomas, but with respect, instead of disdain for Thomas’ need to inquire and learn more from Christ. This sermon was especially directed to the ten members of the parish who were to be confirmed. Those were: **Price McCurry Crenshaw, Micah Lucas Eaton, Emma Dargan Free, John Lewis Gervais IV, Zechariah James Hanratty, Caroline Preston Puckett, Timothy Davis Richardson, William Daniel Richardson, Sarah Elizabeth Russell, and Sky Siegling.**

It was a memorable service and one to be cherished, as is always the case whenever Bishop Lawrence presides.

SENIOR SPOTLIGHT

By Nancy Scales

Did you know we have an opera singer in our midst?

The first of this bi-monthly series will feature **John Siegling**. You'll see John at the 8:00 service, at the Men's Breakfast, the Thursday men's Bible study, and in Tom Prevost's Sunday school class. And all who attend Grace Chapel services in the summer know his booming voice as he plays the organ and leads the singing there.

While music has not been John's whole career, it has been a part of his whole life. In fact, music is a Siegling trait. The first John Siegling came to Charleston in 1819, and built the first music house where he built harps and pianos. The building stands today as The Daughters of St. Paul on King Street. (If you look up top, you'll see the name "Siegling"). Our current John's first solo was at age three at his kindergarten graduation when he sang "God so Loved the World." As a child, he lived on the Peninsula and attended St. Michael's where he sang in the choir. With a driver's license at age 14, he started coming to the Rockville regattas; thus was born a love of Rockville and Wadmalaw Island.

John planned a medical career with studies at the Medical College. While there in 1964-67, he and others started the Opera Singers of Charleston. One of their performances was "Amahl and the Night Visitors" in which he was one of the

kings and John Sosnowski was Amahl. During his third year, he came home one day to find a draft notice in the mail; his medical career was over. He served a two-year Army stint at Walter Reed in Washington doing bacteriological research. During that time, he auditioned for and sang with the Opera Society of Washington.

From Washington it was on to New York City, where he was church musician for numerous Roman Catholic



churches. For over twenty years John sang and played the organ for more than 12,000 masses! He married, and he and Frances now have five children, 14 grandchildren, and "a couple" of great grandchildren. While in New York, he did a "fair amount of opera," though he says he "never made it to the Big House" (the Metropolitan). He has sung at the Lincoln Center, though, and knows 20 operas. From 1989-1994,

the family lived in South Jersey, where John and a son opened a service station. John was the mechanic.

It's taken him 40 years, but he has finally returned to his beloved Wadmalaw. He's had several jobs, the most recent working as an environmental scientist in marine biology with NOAA. These days his singing is mostly done at St. John's and with the Charleston Symphony Chorus. And these days, John says he finds his current Bible studies of far more interest and value than the 12,000 masses.

CELEBRATING THE HARVEST!

By Judi Brantley

The Feast of Pentecost began as a harvest festival, through which the children of Israel expressed thanksgiving to God for the grain harvest and other crops [Numbers 28:26-31]. In New Covenant times, it occurred fifty days after Jesus' resurrection. Jesus had taught His disciples what they needed to teach others, "repentance and remission of sins should be preached in My name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. Behold, I send the Promise of My Father upon you; but tarry in the city of Jerusalem until you are endued with power from on high."

Sunday, June 12th, 10:00am, at St. John's High School, the people of the Sea Islands are coming together. We are commemorating the coming of the people of Israel, from throughout the Roman Empire, into Jerusalem, who witnessed the Promise Jesus sent.

As the Promise was poured out, many miracles began occurring. The disciples were obedient to Jesus' command to tarry until they were endued with power from on high.

We invite you to come and celebrate with thanksgiving the Promise sent from on high, and tarry with us to see what the LORD has planned.

Blessed be the Lord our God unto whom every knee shall bow.

June 2011

<u>Sunday</u>	<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>	<u>Saturday</u>
8:00 HE I 9:00 Grace Chapel MP I 1st & 3rd HE I 2nd & 4th 10:22 HE I Mod 10:30 HE I 1st, 3rd, MP 2nd, 4th No youth group until September	7:00 am Men's Prayer Group	7:00 am Women's Prayer & Share 9:15 am Mom's will resume in Sept. 10:00 am Women's Bible Study 6:30 pm "Moms at Night"	7:00 am Men's Bible Study No CORE until September No Adult Choir until August 17th 6-8 pm Summer EYC	6:00 am Men's Bible Study 10:00 am Women's Bible Study 2:00 pm No Women's Bible Study until Sept.	6:00 pm Young Adults Bible Study Resumes in Sept. 6:30 pm Marriage- Builders	10:00 am Keepers Of the Faith (1st & 3rd)

			<i>1</i> 3:00 pm Bridge Committee ← First Broad Street Methodist Church → 6:30 pm Outreach Committee Mtg	<i>2</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>4</i>
<i>5</i> ← Grace Chapel Opens - 9:00 am	<i>6</i>	<i>7</i> First Broad Street Methodist Church → 7:00 Vestry Meeting	<i>8</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>11</i> 8:00 Men's Breakfast 10:00 am DOK Meeting at Gill's
<i>12</i> Pentecost (Whitsunday) 10:00 Joint- Island Service at St. John's High School	<i>13</i>	<i>14</i> 7:00 pm Finance Committee Mtg	<i>15</i> 6:00-8:00 pm Summer Youth Group Begins	<i>16</i>	<i>17</i>	<i>18</i>
<i>19</i> Trinity Sunday	<i>20</i>	<i>21</i>	<i>22</i> <u>Bridge Deadline</u> (for a combined July-August edi- tion)	<i>23</i>	<i>24</i>	<i>25</i>
<i>26</i>	<i>27</i>	<i>28</i>	<i>29</i>	<i>30</i>	← Vacation Bible School →	

<p style="text-align: center;">The Seventh Sunday of Easter June 5, 2010</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">The Day of Pentecost June 12, 2010</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Trinity Sunday June 19, 2010</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">The Second Sunday After Pentecost Proper 8 June 26, 2010</p>
<p>Services: 8:00 am Holy Eucharist Rite I 9:00 am Morning Prayer Rite I (Grace Chapel) 10:22 am Holy Eucharist Rite I Modified 10:30 am Holy Eucharist Rite I</p> <p>Scripture Readings (8:00/9:00/10:30): Ezekiel 39:21-29 1 Peter 4:12-19 John 17:1-11 Psalm 68:1-20</p> <p>Scripture Readings (10:22): Deuteronomy 6:20-25 1 Peter 2:1-10 John 14:1-14 Psalm 66:1-11</p> <p>Preacher: 8:00 am and 10:30 am Fr. Dagnall Free</p> <p>9:00 am (Grace Chapel) Charles Jenkins</p> <p>10:22 am Fr. Ladson Mills</p> <p>Lector and Lay Readers 8:00 am Earl Sease</p> <p>9:00 am (Grace Chapel) Charles Jenkins</p> <p>10:30 am 1st Lesson - Lucy LaRoche Psalm and 2nd Lesson - Jay Withington Prayers - Deanna Barret</p> <p>Ushers 8:00 am John Lockwood</p> <p>10:30 am Dannie Barret and John Birch III</p> <p>Altar Guild Judy Edgerton, Laura Stock and Letze Willis</p> <p>Flower Guild Peggy Gervais</p> <p>Nursery Dennis Anastasis and Sam Marrox</p> <p>Acolytes 10:22 Crucifer - Greg Quisenberry</p> <p>10:30 Crucifer - Miller Hiers Torches - Emma Gervais and Meri Beth Hiers</p> <p>Acolyte Master - Charles Jenkins</p> <p>Vestry Person Charlie Davis</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>The flowers on the altar are to the Glory of God and in memory of English Carr</i></p>	<p>Services 8:00 am Holy Eucharist Rite I 9:00 am Holy Eucharist Rite I (Grace Chapel) 10:00 am Joint/Island Service at St. John's High School</p> <p>Scripture Readings (8:00/9:00): Ezekiel 11:1-17:20 Acts 2:1-11 John 20:19-23 Psalm 104:25-37</p> <p>Preacher 8:00 am Fr. Dagnall Free</p> <p>9:00 am (Grace Chapel) The Rev. Callie Perkins</p> <p>Lector and Lay Readers 8:00 am Keith Bryan</p> <p>9:00 am (Grace Chapel) Earl Sease</p> <p>Ushers 8:00 am John Lockwood</p> <p>Altar Guild Nancy Brown and Pat Saxman</p> <p>Flower Guild Janette Finch</p> <p>Nursery Jason and Lindsay Jackson</p> <p>Vestry Person Claudia Boyce</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>The flowers on the altar are to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Andrew and Robert LaRoche, Sr. by Mary and Stan LaRoche</i></p>	<p>Services: 8:00 am Holy Eucharist Rite I 9:00 am Morning Prayer Rite I (Grace Chapel) 10:22 am Morning Prayer Rite II 10:30 am Holy Eucharist Rite II with Baptism</p> <p>Scripture Readings (8:00/9:00/10:30): Genesis 1:1-23 2 Corinthians 13:5-14 Matthew 28:16-20 Psalm 150</p> <p>Scripture Readings (10:22): Jeremiah 20:7-13 Romans 5:15-19 Matthew 10:16-33 Psalm 69:1-18</p> <p>Preacher: 8:00 am & 10:30 am Bp. Skilton</p> <p>9:00 am (Grace Chapel) Neal Edgerton</p> <p>10:22 am Fr. Dagnall Free</p> <p>Lector and Lay Reader 8:00 am Jane Charles</p> <p>9:00 am (Grace Chapel) Neal Edgerton</p> <p>10:30 am 1st Lesson - Tom Brown Psalm and 2nd Lesson - Deanna Barret Prayers - Claudia Boyce</p> <p>Ushers 8:00 am John Lockwood</p> <p>10:30 am Dannie Barret and John Birch III</p> <p>Altar Guild Lynn Gervais and Emily Leland</p> <p>Flower Guild Ethel Amacher</p> <p>Nursery Peggy Gervais and Mary Hanckel</p> <p>Acolytes 10:22 Crucifer - Katie Hogan</p> <p>10:30 Crucifer - Carson Porcher Torches - Peter Hogan and Zac Hamravy</p> <p>Acolyte Master - Kathy Hogan-Edwards</p> <p>Vestry Person Bruce Saxman</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and in memory of Roy and Grace Turner by Jay and Paulette Withington</i></p>	<p>Services: 8:00 am Holy Eucharist Rite I 9:00 am Holy Eucharist Rite I (Grace Chapel) 10:22 am Holy Eucharist Rite I Modified 10:30 am Morning Prayer Rite I</p> <p>Scripture Readings (8:00/9:00/10:30): Isaiah 2:10-17 Romans 6:3-11 Matthew 10:34-42 Psalm 89:1-18</p> <p>Scripture Readings (10:22): Genesis 1:1-2:3 2 Corinthians 13:5-14 Matthew 28:16-20 Psalm 150</p> <p>Preacher: 8:00 am & 10:30 am Brian Gill</p> <p>9:00 am (Grace Chapel) The Rev. Ladson Mills</p> <p>10:22 am Dagnall Free</p> <p>Lector and Lay Readers 8:00 am Earl Sease</p> <p>9:00 am (Grace Chapel) Beth Gibbs</p> <p>10:30 am 1st and 2nd Lessons - Tom Gopstill 3rd Lesson, Psalm and Prayers - Karen Jones</p> <p>Ushers 8:00 am John Lockwood</p> <p>10:30 am Dannie Barret and John Birch III</p> <p>Altar Guild Linda Hihn and Mcemee Williams</p> <p>Flower Guild Charlie and Barbara Davis</p> <p>Nursery Karen and Peter Terrev</p> <p>Acolytes 10:22 Crucifer - Jay Gervais</p> <p>10:30 Crucifer - Savannah Friar Flags - Emily Bennett and Lindsay Hanckel</p> <p>Acolyte Master - Tom Gibbs</p> <p>Vestry Person Charlie Davis</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>The Flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God.</i></p>

Saul to Paul

Adventures of a Missionary Man

Please Join Us for VBS 2011.

VBS is June 27th – July 1st from 9:00 – 12:00. We Will Have Classes for Rising K4 – 5th Grade and a Junior High 6th Grade Class. Student Registration Will Begin on June 5th. Please Invite Your Family, Friends and Neighbors to Join Us.

If You Would Like to be a Part of VBS This Year There are MANY Ways to Help. Just a Few are: Teaching, Working in the Hospitality Room or Kitchen, Baking, Shopping for Supplies, Decorating, Clean-up, Helping with the Mid-Week Family Gathering, Photography, Nursery, and Prayer. Monetary Support is Also Greatly Appreciated as We are One of the Few Churches That Does Not Charge to Attend VBS. We Will Have Sign-Up Sheets After Church or You Can Contact Danyelle Blitch at danyelleblitch@gmail.com or 559-5456.

We Hope You Can Join in The Fun as We Travel the Mediterranean with Paul Learning All About Jesus.

Submitted by Danyelle Blitch

¡SALUDOS DE SAN JUAN!

Since starting as the vicar of San Juan, Father David has been working towards the growth and spiritual maturation of the San Juan church. He has spent much of his time as vicar reaching out to the Spanish-speakers on Johns Island and increasing awareness of La Iglesia de San Juan. Weekly attendance remains about the same at an average of fifteen people each Sunday night service, while there were over thirty people in attendance at the Easter Vigil Service held Saturday night of Holy Week. At the Easter Vigil Service, he also baptized six children. Overall, the ministry of La Iglesia de San Juan is reaching more Spanish-speakers in the area and we hope to have some participation from the San Juan church in St. John's Vacation Bible School this year!

Dios les bendiga,

Sasha Milleman
San Juan Office Coordinator

SUMMER 2011 WORSHIP SCHEDULE

	<u>Service</u>	<u>Preacher</u>	<u>Celebrant</u>
June 5	8:00 am HE I	Dagnall Free	Dagnall Free
	9:00 am GC MP I	Lay Reader	Lay Reader
	10:22 am HE I M	Ladson Mills	Ladson Mills
	10:30 am HE I	Dagnall Free	Dagnall Free
June 12 [Pentecost]	8:00 am HE I	Dagnall Free	Dagnall Free
	9:00 am GC HE I	Callie Perkins	Callie Perkins
	10:22/10:30 *****	***** Worship at St. John's HS Stadium *****	
June 19	8:00 am HE I	Bp. Skilton	Bp. Skilton
	9:00 am GC MP	Lay Reader	Lay Reader
	10:22 am HE I M	Dagnall Free	Dagnall Free
	10:30 am HE II	Bp. Skilton	Bp. Skilton
June 26	8:00 am HE I	Brian Gill	Dagnall Free
	9:00 am GC HE I	Ladson Mills	Ladson Mills
	10:22 am HE I M	Dagnall Free	Dagnall Free
	10:30 am MP I	Brian Gill	Fred Thompson
July 3	8:00 am HE I	Dagnall Free	Dagnall Free
	9:00 am GC MP	Lay Reader	Lay Reader
	10:22 am HE I M	Brian Gill	Ladson Mills
	10:30 am HE I	Dagnall Free	Dagnall Free
July 10	8:00 am HE I	Fred Thompson	Charlie Walton
	9:00 am GC HE I	Bob Lawrence	Bob Lawrence
	10:22 am HE I M	Charlie Walton	Charlie Walton
	10:30 am MP I	Fred Thompson	Fred Thompson

APRIL FINANCIAL NEWS

	ACTUAL YTD	BUDGETED YTD
CONTRIBUTIONS	\$253,362	\$ 264,253
EXPENSES	\$ 257,277	\$ 262,137

NEXT ISSUE OF THE BRIDGE . . .

will be a combined July-August edition. All submissions pertinent to this time period are due no later than Wednesday, June 22nd. It should arrive in your mailbox in mid-July.

To the Parishioners of St. John's,

Thank you for your prayers, phone calls, cards and altar flowers while I was recovering from the emergency surgery I had while visiting in Philadelphia. My sister was traveling with me and we were both aware of the Lord's presence during this time. We are thankful He prepared our way and took care of us.

I'm now feeling much better while continuing to heal. Your prayers have been especially appreciated.

Blessings,
Martha Harris



Important Reminder:

Parish Life Building will be unavailable June 1 through June 10. All groups who usually meet in the PLB will need to meet elsewhere during this time.

The Christian Golfers Association Outing for May

By Paulette Withington

Twenty-four members of the Christian Golfers Association gathered Saturday May 7th at Legend Oaks Golf Course for the third golf outing of 2011. Reverend Louis Venable of the North Bridge Baptist Church led the opening prayer and Reverend Al Smith, pastor of the Pine Crest Baptist Church on Ashley Hall Road, gave the devotional. The members were divided in six 4-man teams and played a pleasant round, with the team of Charlie Davis, Tom Gopsill, Walt Nadzak, and Paul Porwoll taking 1st place.

This Association was formed in the fall of 2010, by Joe Benz. The first monthly outing took place in September, followed by those in November and December. However, due to cold weather, no outings took place in January or February of 2011. Joe Benz, the President of the Association, works closely with the association committee: Jay Withington, Vice President, and Tom Pennington Secretary-Treasurer. The goal of the Association is to offer Christian golfers the chance to play a round of golf at



least once a month with other Christians golfers from all over the Low Country. This “unity of purpose” combines fellowship and Christian fun while expurgating the negativity and annoyances of being “teamed-up with non-believers,” as often happens in regular rounds of public golf. Another appealing fact about these Christian Golfer outings is that they are open to women as well as men.

Each outing for 2011 has been scheduled for the first Saturday of every month. The only exception this year will be in September when the outing has been scheduled for Saturday, September 10th due to the Labor Day holiday. Advance planning by the committee has created the added intrigue of playing on a different course each month of the year. But to insure things always start off right, an opening prayer and a short devotional are always included as a 30 minute prelude to each 9 A.M. tee time. If you love to play golf, you are invited to participate in this inspirational and fun activity.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR GRADUATES!

Timothy Reginald “Reg” Jones, son of Tim and Karen Jones, earned his MBA from UVA Darden School of Business.

Benjamin “Ben” Thacleston Gervais, son of Perry and Lynn Gervais, graduated from Clemson University, as did **Cheryl Sumter Haynesworth**, daughter of Stephen and Cindy Haynes-Worth.

Andrew “Drew” Rutledge Miller, son of Walt and Louise Miller, graduated from Furman University.

April Lunney, daughter of George and Marilou Lunney, **Grace McShane**, daughter of Michael and Genette McShane, **Stephen Elliot Puckette, IV**, son of Thomas and Libby Puckette, **Harry “Hank” Peter Rudolph, V**, son of Rhett and Emily Rudolph, and **Sarah Grace Snyder**, daughter of Fr. Greg and Beth Snyder, are all graduates of Porter Gaud.



2011-2012 SOSNOWSKI SCHOLARSHIPS

Applications for the Sosnowski Scholarship, 2011 - 2012 school year, are now being accepted. Any communicant of St. John's Parish who plans on attending college or technical school this fall may apply. Applications will be available from the church office or online. Please attach a letter to the completed form explaining academic accomplishments, financial need and education plans. Involvement at St. John's should also be included. Submit the letter and application to the church office **by Friday, July 8th**. Recipients will be announced in late July.



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Gretchen and Jamie Sosnowski's Send Off

Please keep them in your prayers
as they prepare and journey and receive the gifts
only the Lord can give.

Sea Island Habitat for Humanity Faith in Action Build

June 25th 8:30 AM to 4 PM

Where: Joeva Cove, Joseph Heyward Road
Charleston (near Bees Ferry Rd)

*If anyone has material possessions and sees his brother in need, but has not pity on him, how can the love of God be in him? Dear children, let us not **love, in word or speech, but in truth and action...** 1 John 3:16-18*

We need members of our parish (16+ years old) to join other churches in building a home for this family. Building begins on June 4 for 8 weeks. St. John's work date is June 25th. A construction supervisor will be there; no experience is required.

The family's involvement and "sweat equity" allows their children to learn from their parent's hard work and take pride in their home.

How can you help? Pray, work at the site, help provide lunch for the workers, contribute. Contact Claudia Boyce 559-9484 or cpboyce@bellsouth.net.

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Tom Gopsill

Gretchen Horlbeck

Jerry Houston

Perry Jameson

Bubba Jenkins

Bruce Saxman

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