



# The Evangelist

March 2010

*Lent at St. John's*

*"I invite you, therefore, in the name  
of the Church, to the observance  
of a holy Lent"  
(Book of Common Prayer page 265)*

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Dear People of St. John's,

It seems that we have come to March terribly quickly, but here we are! It is a wild month where the transition out of winter is often wild and wooly. One day can be beautiful, warm and spring like, and the next blustery cold and snowy. After the February we have endured, I am hoping for a few more of the spring like days, but who knows.

March is very appropriate for Lent which will be with us all of March this year. There are moments of great insight and clarity along the journey to Easter, and there are times of uncomfortable revelation and real awareness of the profound need for repentance and they tend to come in waves like the weather. It is good to let them happen and to take the time to really reflect – it after all is a time for self examination and repentance as the Book of Common Prayer says in the invitation to keep a Holy Lent.

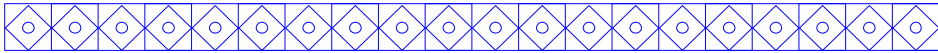
The end of the month will bring us to Palm Sunday and Holy Week – a very special time in the Liturgical Year when we walk with Jesus through the last hours of his earthly life and honor the sacrifice made for us all.

On March 13<sup>th</sup>, don't forget to move your clocks forward, or you will be late for Church. Hopefully we can welcome spring with all the beauty and wonder that Virginia can muster.

A Blessed Lent and Holy Week to you all,

Bill Pickering  
Priest-In-Charge

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**VESTRY ANNOUNCEMENT**  
Vestry members, please check your mailboxes on Sunday, March 14 and read all the information before the Vestry meeting on Thursday, March 18 at 7:00 PM.

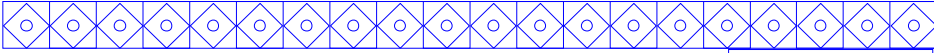
**Happy St. Patrick's Day!**



**DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS**  
Don't forget to turn your clocks **AHEAD** one hour on Saturday, March 13 before retiring for the evening. Daylight Savings Time starts again on Sunday, March 14.

**NEW ORGANIST**  
Please welcome our new organist, David Sachs, as he helps lead worship.  
  
Welcome David!

**NEWSLETTER DEADLINE**  
The deadline for the next newsletter is Monday, March 15. **The newsletter will come out on Friday, March 19.** If you have something to insert please email it to her at [stjohnstappahannock@verizon.net](mailto:stjohnstappahannock@verizon.net).



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**MARCH BIRTHDAYS**  
2 Ben Rennolds, Sr.  
11 Judy Allen  
12 Bill Lewis  
13 Ben Rennolds, Jr.  
    Ginny Moncure  
19 Cameron Sgroi  
20 Amber Hundley  
25 Joe Sgroi  
27 Ben Eberline  
28 Ava Foulk  
30 Cammie Osburn Vaughan

**St. John's Healing Service**  
  
A Holy Eucharist healing service will be held on Friday, March 19 at 11 AM in the Sanctuary

**The Haven Wish List**  
All Purpose Cleaners  
Trash Bags  
Non-perishable food  
Paper Towels  
Adult Pain Reliever  
Toilet Paper  
Bleach  
Laundry Detergent  
Gallon Ziploc Bags  
Ladies' Underwear, sizes 6, 7, and 8  
Hand sanitizer  
All purpose wipes and/or cleaners  
Gently used items for The Haven Thrift Store

**ECW/Outreach Plans**

Our Applebee's Pancake Breakfast to raise funds for the Sally Settle Scholarship will be held on the morning of Saturday, April 17th, from 7:30 until 9:30. We need for the St. John's congregation to support this fund-raiser by buying tickets, and we will also need servers.

**Free Dinner**

The next free spaghetti dinner will be held on Monday, March 22. Please sign up to help. A list will be available on the table in the Vestibule.



**BLESSINGS BASKETS**

We have established a goal of collecting **2010** items in our **Blessings Baskets** in 2010. During the month of January we collected **79 food items** for the Community Services Food Bank and **12 items** for The Haven for a **total of 91 items in January.**

Please continue to remember these two projects when you do your grocery shopping. Our monthly totals will be reported each month. Let's share our plentiful blessings with others in need. Call Lori Lenz at 445-9890 if you have any questions about these outreach projects.

**Operation Inasmuch Update**

Plans are underway for the second annual one-day community service event, which will be held on **Saturday, April 24<sup>th</sup>**. Following the model of founder David Crocker, the participants from 25 churches will join hands throughout the community in order to carry out a series of projects, which will be based on the needs of county citizens. St. John's is looking forward to sharing this wonderful opportunity to do God's work in the fellowship of Christians throughout Essex County in coordination with other churches. Contact Penny Saffer or Pearce Gardner to find out how you can be a part of this ministry.

**Will & Estate Planning**

Please remember to include St. John's when planing your estate or drafting your will.



*Easter Lilies*

The sign up sheet for Easter lilies will be available beginning on March 7 on the table in the vestibule of the Parish Hall. The list will be up through April 2.