



## Vestry Openings

Not only is it time to prepare for the holidays, it is also time to consider running for a position on St. John's Vestry. There are several members that have completed their service and it is time to fill those vacancies. New members will be elected at the Annual Meeting in early 2012, but anyone interested in running for a position must submit an application for publication to the congregation. Serving on the Vestry is a 3 year commitment and requires the applicant to be a pledging and regular attendee to the Sunday services.

Currently, our Vestry is working on the financial welfare of our congregation (don't forget the Stewardship Kick-off Breakfast is next Sunday), a plan for hiring a priest-in-charge, school enrollment and many other issues concerning the day-to-day operations of St. John's Church and Day School. The Vestry meets monthly for a few hours to discuss and strategize and are called to special meetings whenever necessary. If you are thinking about serving your Church and have questions, please contact a current Vestry member or email Karen Duignan, Sr. Warden at: [kduignan@live.com](mailto:kduignan@live.com) or (619) 470-1647.

## Thanksgiving Outreach for South Bay Community

This year, Saint John's Thanksgiving outreach will go to the South Bay Community Services to support their Domestic Violence shelter, Casas Seguras. They have 9 apartments and some transitional housing but sometimes the need is so great that families have to double up. Brown bags available for collecting food for a Thanksgiving meal that includes a \$10 gift card for the turkey.

The foods wanted are listed below:

- Canned yams, Canned vegetables,
- Canned or pkgd. turkey gravy
- Canned cranberry sauce
- Box of stuffing
- Instant mashed potatoes
- Pie crust (the kind that does not need refrigeration)
- Canned pumpkin pie filling (does not require adding eggs, etc.)



As an alternative to filling a brown bag, you may bring a few donations with you each week between now and November 20th. You may also just choose to provide a \$10 gift card. All of our contributions to SBCS will be delivered no later than Nov. 20th.

***On behalf of SBCS and their clients, thank you!***

## From The Anglican Digest

“Live Simply,  
Love generously,  
Care deeply,  
Speak kindly,  
And leave the rest to God.”

## Prayers For Our Veterans



If you would like to add someone to our prayers list who has served or is actively serving our country, please sign their name and military branch on the sign up sheet in the Narthex and he/she will be included in our Prayers of the People for Veterans' Day. There will be a special prayer commemorating Veterans' Day during Sunday Worship on November 13.

## Episcopal Community Services

Diocese Outreach Committees are coming together to participate in A DIAPER DROP in Jan 2012. We plan on collecting many packets of diapers and collecting them in a parking lot to make as large media splash as possible. Please clip coupons for diapers of any size in your local papers from now until January. The Head start program at ECS will benefit from our combined efforts. A box in the Narthex will be placed for your coupons. Let's show them how awesome St. John's is!

## Pledge Update

Pledged YTD— **\$ 111,712 as of 10/30/11**

Pledges Collected YTD- **\$ 93,517.00 as of 10/30/11**

We are in the last quarter of 2011. Please take a look at your pledge and bring it up to date if necessary. If it is up to date consider increasing your giving as 2011 closes to show your continued support of St. John's and thanksgiving for God's Blessings!



## A Note From Our Bishop

Dear Friends in Christ,

I encourage you all to support the fall stewardship campaign in your congregation. It is only through giving generously of the first fruits that God has given us, that we fully experience the joy and meaning of life, particularly life during the coming Advent and Christmas seasons.



I fully support and endorse stewardship campaigns throughout our diocese. I ask each of you to commit your own personal resources to the building up of our church . . . time, talent and treasure. I offer a prayer and a blessing on your campaign this fall, and I hope that your generosity surprises and blesses you in ways you never expected.

Come thou long expected Jesus.

Faithfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jim".

The Rt. Rev. James R. Mathes  
Bishop

## Episcopal Night at the Nutcracker

Episcopalians throughout our diocese will gather together to enjoy a night at the ballet. Bishop Mathes will welcome the crowd before the show. The first 50 to purchase tickets will receive a behind-the-scenes tour! A portion of all ticket sales will support the Share the Art program, which provides free tickets to underprivileged families. For more information or to purchase tickets, contact [Diane Grosman](#), 858-560-6741. Prices are \$60, \$45, \$38 and \$30. For assistance making a lively announcement in your Sunday service, contact retired dancer [Bill Murray](#), (858) 538-6083. On Saturday, December 21, 2011 at the San Diego Civic Theatre at 7:00pm.





# Calendar of Events for November

<u>DATE</u>	<u>DAY</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
11	Friday		Veteran's Day Holiday– Office Closed	
13	Sunday	11:30 a.m.	Stewardship Sunday Brunch	Nale Hall
14	Monday	6:30 p.m.	Women of St. John's Meeting	Nale Hall
16	Wednesday	4:00 p.m.	Finance Ministry Meeting	Staff Lounge
17	Thursday	6:00 p.m.	Buildings & Grounds Meeting	Rector's Office
17	Thursday	6:30 p.m.	Vestry Meeting	Computer Room
18	Friday	11:30 p.m.	Lunch Bunch	C.V. Olive Garden
19	Saturday	8:30 a.m.	Stewardship Seminar: Led by Fr. Wendfelt Continental Breakfast and Lunch included	Nale Hall
20	Sunday	9:00 a.m.	Daughters of the King	Staff Lounge
21-25	Mon.– Fri.		Thanksgiving Holiday-Office Closed	
24	Thursday	9:00 a.m.	Thanksgiving Service	Church
26	Saturday		Greening of the Church	Church

## Ongoing Weekly Events

Monday	9:00 a.m.	Crafters	Narthex
Thursday	7:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal	Church
Sunday	8:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist	Church
Sunday	10:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist	Church

## Greening of St. John's



It is almost time to get our church ready for the Advent season and the birth of Jesus. On Saturday Nov. 26th, we begin the "Greening of St. John's". If you have never been a part of getting the church ready it is really a great way to kick-off the Christmas season. The Flower and Altar Guild will get out the decorations and start decorating the church. We'll start with the artificial garland and poinsettias, then work on the crèche. We'll also do some sprucing up inside the church. Everyone is invited to attend. Light refreshments will be served in the Narthex. The time will be announced in the Sunday bulletin and E-News. If you have any questions, check with Judy Butcher or Gretchen Jordan.

## IRA Rollover Benefits

On December 31, 2011, the special tax-code provision that allows donors to make a tax-free gift from their IRA account to not-for-profit organizations will expire. And, with the lawmakers in Washington focused on saving money wherever they can find it, the likelihood that this tax benefit will be extended is remote. This special tax break allows qualified donors to make a direct distribution from IRA account to charities –tax free. By taking advantage of this opportunity before the end of the year, you can fulfill your obligation to take an IRA distribution, avoid taxes you would otherwise have to pay AND make a generous donation to Saint John's Church and School for help with ongoing financial stability.

Here are two primary provisions:

You must be 70 ½ years of age or older

You may give up to \$100,000 (married couples can give \$200,000)

Call your TAX advisor and consider making a gift to Saint John's using this unique form of giving.

## Greetings from Our School Principal



Dear Parents and Friends of St. John's Parish and Day School,

After tireless examination of church and school finances has determined that we have a shortfall of approximately \$300,000 for the 2011-2012 school year. In the past, registration fees, etc. for the next school year were not segregated and were spent out of financial necessity. It is recommended that each school year stands on its own financially. The good news is that the school could be self-sustaining going forward if past spending measures are not exercised in future years. This means that registration fees, etc. for the ensuing school year 2012-2013, collected in the springtime would be used for the school year to which they apply. In order to achieve this goal the following actions have been approved by our Vestry:

1. Provide a \$500 incentive applied to tuition for the 2012-2013, per student, for existing families who bring St. John's new or previous students for this school year and who re-enroll for the 2012-2013 school year. We have approximately 50 spaces which could be filled right now. A clear written statement will follow this agreement to avoid any confusion.
2. A 5% wage decrease to all employees effective November 1, 2011. This was announced to staff on Friday, October 28th at a meeting after school.
3. We will ask parents to donate \$100 per student per month from November 2011 to June 2012. Right now our per pupil cost is \$7500 that represents a \$1000 -1600 shortfall. We will ask for donations on 2 levels. The first will be for large donations from those who can afford to do so. The second will be the request for \$100 per student as stated above.
4. By mid April of each school year the budget for the next school year will be constructed to reflect what actually exists in terms of student enrollment not a projected number. Waiting lists will be created for second classes at each grade level, if necessary. Support instructional staff will be added as enrollment justifies.

We have been given the gift of today by God – It's not a surprise that it's called the "present." May we take this present from God and return it to God with our share for the Kingdom. God bless each and every one of you.

Many Blessings,  
Michael Humphrey, Principal

# Saint John's Parish Day School November Calendar of Events

<u>DATE</u>	<u>DAY</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
1-6	Tuesday	5:00 a.m.	8th Grade to Washington D.C.	Washington D.C.
6	Sunday	1:00 p.m.	St. Augustine Open House	St. Augustine H.S.
9	Wednesday	7:00 p.m.	School Board Meeting	Computer Room
10	Thursday	12:00 p.m.	Early Dismissal	School
10	Thursday	12:00 p.m.	Teacher Meeting & Luncheon	Nale Hall
11	Friday		Veteran's Day– No School/ Office Closed	
12	Saturday		The Bishop's School Open House	
16	Wednesday	9:30 a.m.	Food Drive during Chapel	Church
17	Thursday		Lockdown Drill	School Grounds
18	Friday	8:30 a.m.	Parent/ Teacher Conferences– No Classes	
21-25	Mon.– Fri.		Thanksgiving Holiday– School and Office Closed	
29	Saturday	3:30 p.m.	Frances Parker High School Open House	Frances Parker H.S.

## 7th Grade Trip to Sacramento



The 7th graders visited Sacramento and San Francisco this month. They had the opportunity to visit the Capitol building in Sacramento, and pan for gold in the American River at Sutter's Mill. They visited Old Sacramento, explored the Railroad Museum and Sutter's Fort, went on a wagon ride and experienced what it would have been like to be an 1800's student in a one room school house. The 7th graders



then ventured to San Francisco where they traveled over the Golden Gate Bridge. They took a boat ride to Alcatraz and walked through the cells of infamous criminals. They went on a cable car ride and then off to learn about science at the Exploratorium. It was a fun filled, three day adventure that the students will cherish always.



## Cash For Our School: Fresh & Easy

Our school has joined the Shop for Schools Program with Fresh & Easy groceries market. Now through December 31st, every time you shop at Fresh & Easy in Rancho Del Rey, our school will get 5% cash back. Please keep the receipt and drop it in the box on the counter in the Narthex. Just remember to put your receipt in the box every time you shop for groceries. It is that simple.



In November, the PTO will be announcing a shopping night from 8:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. where St. John's will get 5% of the sales for our school in addition to the funds they will get from collecting receipts. Your support is very important and appreciated. Without your kind support, raising funds for our school would not be possible.

Thank You! Saint John's Episcopal School PTO

## High School Visits

The following is a schedule of upcoming Open House dates and times for local High Schools. We will continue to update the schedule as we receive dates from the various local High Schools.

### SAINT AUGUSTINE HIGH SCHOOL

Sunday, November 6, 2011

Tours 1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Presentation for Parents 2 - 3:00 p.m.

(619) 725-9118

### CATHEDRAL CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

Campus Tours are conducted by appointment only. Please contact the Admissions Office (858) 523-4000, extension 1141, to schedule a tour. Scheduled tours begin at 2:30 p.m. and end at 3:00 p.m.

**DON FOR A DAY:**

Please contact the Admissions Office (858) 523-4000, extension 1141, to schedule a shadow day.

### FRANCIS PARKER HIGH SCHOOL

Campus tours every Tuesday. Tour group sizes are limited to 10 people, so it's usually best to reserve your spot. To sign up for a Tuesday tour date, please contact our Admissions Department.

**OPEN HOUSE** for prospective families

November 29, 2011

3:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

To RSVP for Open House or a campus tour, please e-mail or call [admission@francisarker.org](mailto:admission@francisarker.org)

Phone: (858) 874-3380

### THE BISHOP'S SCHOOL

Admissions Information Coffee

December 8, 2011 9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

January 18, 2012 4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Campus Tours

Tuesdays and Fridays - 3 times per day

Open House on November 12, 2011. To RSVP or more information, please call (858) 459 - 7950 or visit

[www.bishops.com](http://www.bishops.com)



## Saint John's Harvest Festival



Harvest Festival was a big success!!! So many people came out to support this festive event on October 30th. Children and adults came to Harvest Fest dressed in their spooki-

est costumes enjoying the food, games, rides, and entertainment.

The Haunted House was a real success scaring all who dared to enter. There were delicious foods such as Juicy hamburgers and hotdogs, yummy



sushi, appetizing tacos, mouthwatering tortas, scrumptious desserts and much more.

The St. John's students had put on a fabulous talent show with great acts that kept the crowd going. We would like to thank all the children who participated and shared with us their wonderful talents.

Also featured was a

presentation of the Brazilian martial art Capoeira and several acts from the San Diego Dance Academy.

The PTO had put together a great event where all came to enjoy a good time celebrating the Harvest season and Halloween. We would like to thank the PTO, the Vestry, teachers, and staff for all their hard work put into the Harvest Festival. Everyone had a spooktacular time!!



## Helping Out the Neighbors

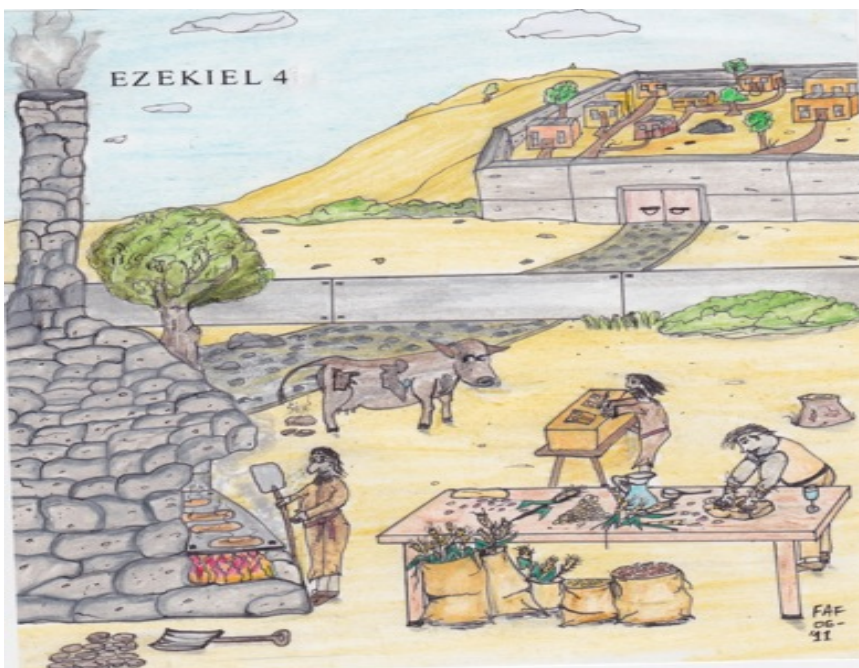
Last month Mr. Humphrey and several 8th Graders exemplified great community service by helping clean up around the school yard and around our neighbor's yard Mrs. Fonti. Great work everyone!



## We Need Your Help

The Altar Guild still needs a few members for the 10:00 a.m. service. This wonderful ministry takes about 15 minutes before the service and 15 minutes after it. It is not a difficult job and very similar to setting your own dinner table. Members are on a monthly rotation and we cover for each other whenever necessary. We are soon beginning the Advent and Christmas seasons and really need your help to do God's work! If you can help, please contact Gretchen Jordan at ethelucy@cox.net or call (619) 479-0828.

## It's in the Bible by Francois Maurice



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## Stewardship at St. John's

### Nurturing Our Generosity: Moving from Scarcity to Abundance

All clergy, vestry members, stewardship teams and interested parties are welcome to attend this lively, interactive seminar created and led by the Rev. Stephen Wendfeldt. Learn how to grow your church authentically.

Father Wendfeldt was the diocesan canon for congregational development in 2008 - 2009 and was one of the founding members of TENS (The Episcopal Network for Stewardship). He was also one of the national stewardship consultants on that team.

Saturday, November 19

St. John's at 760 First Ave., Chula Vista

8:30am Coffee

9:00am - 2:00pm

Coffee, refreshments and lunch included

Plan on attending St. John's Stewardship Kick-Off in Nale Hall  
Next Sunday November 13th immediately after the 10 AM service.  
Refreshments will be served during this informative celebration!