



## A Prayer for St. John's

"Let us hold tightly without wavering to the hope we affirm, for God can be trusted to keep his promise. Let us think of ways to motivate one another to acts of love and good works. And let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but encourage one another, especially now that the day of his return is drawing near." Hebrews 10:23-25

## St. John's Wish List

Our wish list request was a great hit. With the only publication in the last Thursday's E-News, we had the wish fulfilled. Carol D'Allen donated the full amount needed to replace the sanctuary candle in honor of her friend, Kay Lynch. Kay served many years on the Altar Guild, so this will be a nice memory to her.

Ready for the second item on the wish list...the hospitality committee needs people to sign up to make the coffee, set it up before the 8 AM service, bring a goodie to share and then clean up after the 10 AM service. It doesn't have to be the same person that does both services, but without a sexton the coffee would sit on the counter until someone arrived the following morning and that just won't work. It is very easy and only takes about 15 minutes to set up or clean up. If you have any questions or would like to sign up, contact Mark or Gretchen Jordan. You can also sign up on the service list on the small bulletin board in Nale Hall.

This is such a nice service to make everyone including visitors feel welcome at St. John's.

## Keeping Up With Your Pledges

We are beginning the last quarter of 2011. Your pledges are what keep this church alive. It pays the staff of the church including, sextons, secretaries and supply clergy. It pays the electric bill so we have lights, air conditioning and heating every Sunday. Pledges pay for the supplies we use each week including the paper this bulletin is printed on. It pays for the water that refreshes our beautiful grounds and rose garden.



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 we come to the end of 2011 to show your continued support of St. John's and thanksgiving for God's Blessings!

## Some Thoughts from Fr. Jack Tolley



Today I have been thinking about not being too hard on oneself and the value of perseverance. I find myself, at times, beating myself up because I didn't accomplish something. Fr. Stott says I "internalize" things too much. Al is right. I tend to accumulate the cares of the world and sometimes of other people. You know, I sort of load myself up with other peoples problems. People hand me their monkeys (problems) and I take on their care and feeding. Soon enough I have a whole load of them and I feel overwhelmed by their care. Then I begin to do this. I beat myself up because I am not solving their problems. One thing that has come with old age is the maturity to at least recognize I am doing this and unload the monkey or monkeys I am carrying. I sort of give them back to their owners in a kind and gentle way.

When I was in the seminary, I learned a lot from a Jesuit priest who was my spiritual advisor. He said the role of a good psychologist or pastor is to take on the concerns of those he or she is counseling for a little. To point them in the right direction and then let them deal with their concerns on their own. In short, hand the monkey back to its owner. This is excellent advise. A seminary professor or mine once said this: "It does no good to think more or less of yourself. God loves you anyway." God is with us and loves us in whatever state we are in. The love of God for you and me surpasses our ability to understand it. It is not like human love. God's love has no boundaries. God does not love you because you get all A's on your report card or make a lot of money or have the right position in life. God loves you simply because you are you and he made you in his image. He is not limited by the dimension of human love that often places such restrictions on love. I am not saying that God likes or condones bad behavior. God will definitely let you know when you are off course so to speak. I guess my message is this. Be kind and gentle to yourself and others - and get out of the monkey care business!

Here is a quotation that I like from Madeline L'Engle: "It is when things go wrong, when the good things do not happen, when the prayers seem have been lost, that God is most present. We do not need the sheltering wings when things go smoothly. We are closest to God in the darkness, stumbling along blindly."

Much Love and Hugs.  
Fr.Tolley

## Parish Lending Library

The Women of St. John's are starting a parish lending library. We will have books, fiction as well as non-fiction, of a spiritual nature for you to borrow (on-your-honor, no record keeping) and then to return when you are finished. Among the first acquisitions are: A Bible Dictionary, Deepening Your Conversation With God, Walking the Bible: A Journey by Land Through the Five Books of Moses, and Joel Osteen's Your Best Life Now. There will be a box (labeled "Library") in the Narthex near the glass display case, and we encourage you to donate appropriate used books to share with others. We need a bookcase. If you have one that you are willing to donate, please call Diane Gustafson (619) 479-7474.



## Women of St. John's Holiday Bazaar

Where does the time go! Fall is here and the Church Bazaar will be upon us before we know it! As time is going by, it's nice to be able to take joy in the simple and traditional practices that have gone on at St. John's for the past 70 years. The Holiday Bazaar and Luncheon will be held on November 5th, 2011 at 9:00 a.m. in Nale Hall.

The Crafters have been meeting every Monday at 9:00 a.m. in the Narthex creating handmade treasures to be sold at the Holiday Bazaar. Whether you're 'crafty' or not it's a wonderful opportunity to get together for fun and fellowship. Knick-knacks and donations of gently used glassware, china, holiday decorations, small toys, jewelry, table linens, stationary as well as anything else, you think of will be gratefully accepted for the Granny's Attic section of the Bazaar. And to all the gardeners out there, please remember us when you're planting and help out by donating some plants.

Sarah Tolley and Marge Julien will chair the bake sale at the Bazaar and will be looking for volunteers to open their cookbooks and make some delightful and delicious homemade baked goods.

*Please help make the Holiday Bazaar  
a great celebration this year!*



# St. John's Calendar of Events

<u>DATE</u>	<u>DAY</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
8	Saturday	10:00 a.m.	Blessing of the Animals	St. John's Courtyard
9	Sunday	10:00 a.m.	St. John's School Spirit Sunday	Church
9	Sunday	11:30 a.m.	St. John's School Spirit Day	Voyager Park
10	Monday		Columbus Day Holiday – Office Closed	
10	Monday	6:30 p.m.	Women of St. John's	Nale Hall
12	Wednesday	7:00 p.m.	School Board Meeting	Nale Hall
15	Saturday	9:30 a.m.	Diocese Council Meeting	Nale Hall
16	Sunday	9:00 a.m.	Daughters of the King	Staff Lounge
17	Monday	6:00 p.m.	Men of St. John's Meeting	Mark Jordan's Home
19	Wednesday	4:00 p.m.	Finance Ministry Meeting	Rector's Office
21	Friday	11:30 a.m.	Lunch Bunch	C.V. Olive Garden
26	Wednesday	6:00 p.m.	Buildings & Grounds Meeting	Rector's Office
26	Wednesday	6:30 p.m.	Vestry Meeting	Computer Room
29	Saturday	11:00 a.m.	Harvest Festival	St. John's School

## 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

## Blessing of the Animals



### Blessing of Animals

Saturday, Oct 8, 2011 at 10:00 a.m.

All are invited to come celebrate the Feast Day of St. Francis of Assisi, patron saint of animals.

Bring your pet for a blessing.

\*Please bring your animal on leash or caged\*

Stuffed animals are also welcome!

## St. John's Choir Welcomes You!

**The choir needs your voice.** We meet in the church each Thursday from 7:15 p.m. - 8:45 p.m. We also rehearse on Sunday mornings from 9:15 a.m. - 9:45 a.m. This is the choir's favorite liturgical music season as we sing wonderful hymns for the remainder of Pentecost but we are also planning our music program for the upcoming holidays and dusting off your favorite Christmas carols. New members are invited to attend at any time. No experience or musical talent required. We only ask the gift of your time to help us make a Joyful Noise to the Lord. For further information, ask any choir member or contact Cheryl Seppala, Organist-Director, at (619) 444-7167 or [clsorgan@aol.com](mailto:clsorgan@aol.com).



## Greetings from Our New School Principal

Dear Parents and St. John's Community Members,

It is a true honor to have been selected to lead this wonderful school in a time of challenge. Your cordial welcome and willingness to help have touched me deeply. I will be looking to all of you for the help you have kindly promised. We have an awesome God and He will bless all of our efforts for your children. In visiting classrooms, I have noticed considerable warmth from teachers for their students. Additionally, there appears to be a strong sense of purpose and business like atmosphere for both teaching and learning throughout the school. The reason that St. John's enjoys such a fine reputation is obvious.



We have some critical work to do together around finances and right now I am closing in on financial status of our school by working with School Board members, the Vestry, the Diocesan staff, and our staff at school. It is challenging to have this number of players at the moment, but I have confidence in a good outcome that will clarify all of our understanding in this most important realm. When I have a good handle on this I will meet with you to discuss our options.

It is good to know that we are all children of a loving God. Most times we are able to follow Him and bring compassion and love into a world that needs them desperately. By demonstrating a loving and forgiving heart we often bless ourselves in the process.

Right now I just ask that you find the best way you know to support the efforts of your child's teacher and follow through on that commitment – that is what I plan to do! It is a daily pleasure to get to know each of you. May God bless you and keep you.

Many Blessings,  
*Michael Humphrey*  
Principal



# St. John's Parish Day School Calendar of Events

<u>DATE</u>	<u>DAY</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
3-9	Monday		Episcopal Schools Week	St. John's School
6	Thursday	8:30 a.m.	PTO Meeting	Nale Hall
6	Thursday	8:45 a.m.	8th Grade Boys visitation to St. Augustine High School	
6	Thursday	8:45 a.m.	8th Grade Girls visit Our Lady of Peace Academy	
7	Friday	9:15 a.m.	5th Grade fieldtrip to Birch Aquarium	Birch Aquarium
9	Sunday	10:00 a.m.	Saint John's School Sunday	Church
9	Sunday	11:30 a.m.	St. John's School Spirit Day	Voyager Park
10	Monday		Columbus Day Holiday– School & Office Closed	
12	Wednesday	2:00 p.m.	Earthquake Drill	St. John's School
12	Wednesday	7:00 p.m.	School Board Meeting	Nale Hall
13	Thursday	8:00 a.m.	Picture Re-Take	Church
14	Friday	2:00 p.m.	8th Grade Parent Meeting (DC Trip)	Church
17-20	Monday		6th Grade Astro Camp	
17-20	Monday		7th Grade Trip to Sacramento	Sacramento, CA
24-28	Monday		Red Ribbon Week	St. John's School
27	Thursday	8:30 a.m.	PTO Meeting	Nale Hall
29	Saturday	11:00 a.m.	Harvest Festival	St. John's School Grounds
29	Saturday	5:00 p.m.	Harvest Festival Dance	Nale Hall
29	Monday		8th Grade out	
31	Monday	11:00 a.m.	All Saints' Parade	St. John's School Grounds
31	Monday	12:00 p.m.	Early Dismissal/ Teacher in Service	

## Cash For Our School at Fresh & Easy in Rancho Del Rey



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

## Shamu & Your Walk

The Shamu and You Family walk On Saturday, October 1 was a big success! There were over 25 people who participated in Team Zachary. Over \$1,100.00 was raised this past weekend. The funds that were raised were for Rady's Children's Hospital so they are able to help other children like Zachary.

The cause for the walk was in honor of Zachary Chanell who was born on April 25, 2007 with an extremely rare heart defect. At only two weeks old, he was transferred to Rady's Children's Hospital for surgery. For over 3 ½ months, Zachary fought with all his might, but his little body gave out on August 16, 2007.



## Spirit Day

We're having a spectacular Spirit Day Picnic with many fun filled activities.

**WHEN:** Sunday, October 9th

**WHERE:** Starting at Saint John's School ending at "VOYAGER PARK" 1178 East "J" St. Chula Vista

**TIME:** 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

**WHY:** to gather and remind ourselves that we are a Family!

**10:00 am - FIRST:** we will participate in the worship service in the Church

**11:00 am - SECOND:** we will join in the new sports field blessing

**Noon – THIRD:** the Walk to the Park Marathon Fundraiser begins.

**FOURTH:** a spectacular, fun filled day at the PARK!

Girls in the Pre-K to 3<sup>rd</sup> grade are invited to dress as Cheerleaders.

**Don't miss out on the fun and fellowship!**

**We need every single teacher, student, parent, and staff member there!**

Bring tennis shoes and comfortable clothing! There will be food & beverage available for purchase and entertainment.

Thank you so much for your support.

PTO President - Karla R. de Portilla and

PTO Event Coordinator - Carina V. de Arnaiz



★ JOIN US! ★  
**St. John's Spirit Day**

## Spirit Day Marathon Fundraiser

### WHAT IT IS...

It is a 5 mile marathon starting at St. John's School, 1<sup>st</sup> Ave., Sunday, October 9th (SPIRIT DAY) at 11:30 a.m. and ending at "VOYAGER PARK" 1178 East J Street.

If you choose to stop at 2 ½ miles, you will get your half marathon certificate, if you finish the 5 miles you will get your full marathon certificate.

### **CERTIFICATES WILL BE HANDED OUT IN CHAPEL THE WEEK AFTER SPIRIT DAY!**

You will ask for donations for both 2½ miles and 5 miles. After receiving your half or full marathon diplomas depending of which one was accomplished, you can collect your money, and bring the funds back to school by Friday, October 14th.

The student in each class that raises the most money will receive special recognition from the PTO. Proceeds will go to the classroom Teacher's wish list. Thank you!

You can contact:

Carina de Arnaiz - PTO Event Coordinator

For questions or comments: rarnaiz@hotmail.com

## High School Visits

The following is a schedule of up coming High School Visitation dates. We will update the schedule as we receive dates and times from various local High Schools.

### **Saint Augustine High School**

8th Grade Boys will be visiting

Thursday, October 6th

9:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

### **Academy of Our Lady of Peace**

8th Grade Girls will visit

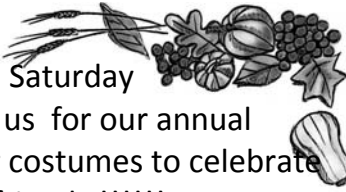
Saturday, October 8th

9:00 a.m. — 11:30 a.m.

Open House for all parents and applicants to attend



## St. John's Harvest Festival



Please mark your calendar Saturday  
October 29 and come and join us for our annual  
Harvest Festival Come with your costumes to celebrate  
Halloween with family and friends !!!!!

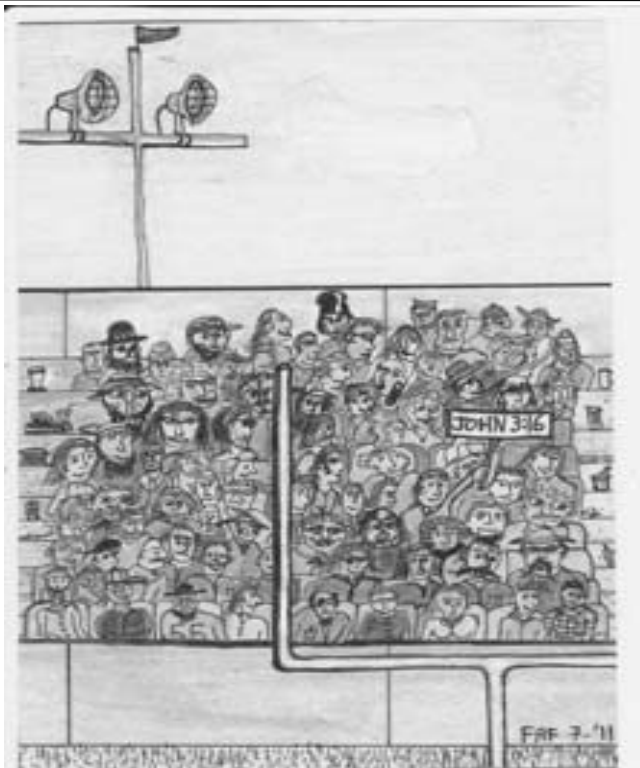
We will have lots of surprises for everybody and of  
start preparing your numbers for our traditional Talent  
show.

## Eagle and E-News Info

The Eagle is published for members of Saint John's Church and School and their families and friends. We are open to articles and information that will be of general interest to the community of both church and school. All submissions are subject to review. Karen Duignan, Senior Warden is responsible for all Church communications. Michael Humphrey is responsible for all School communications. Please send all information to Wendy Romo, Parish Admin Asst. to: [wendyr@saint-johns.org](mailto:wendyr@saint-johns.org). You can also drop it off at the office or mail it in.

All information for E-News must be submitted by Wednesday each week for publication. Submissions for the Eagle newsletter must be in by the 15th of every month. Thank you!

## It's in the Bible by Francois Maurice



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## **The Women of St. John's**

The Women of St. John's will meet on Monday, October 10, 2011 at 6:30 p.m. in Nale Hall. We enjoy fellowship and refreshments from 6:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., then we meet to discuss upcoming events sponsored by the Women. We finish up about 7:45 p.m. and have some sort of program or activity. This year we have made sit-upons (great padded pillows for the hard steel chairs), shared memories of our moms, sisters, daughters, and grandmothers. This month we'll finalize plans for the Bazaar on Nov. 5th and start planning our Christmas Dinner.

There is usually always prizes, gifts or goodies, and always a good story or prayer shared among "the girls". It's not all fun and games, the women have very successful fundraisers and get plenty accomplished throughout the year. Everyone is invited to attend to one or all of the meetings. Bring a friend and if you want to get out for awhile and help do some of God's work, come join us!

## **The Men of St. John's**

If you are a member of Saint John's Church and 18 years or older you are already a member of the Men of Saint John's, so come and join us! We meet on the third Monday of the month at 6:00 p.m. for food, fun, and fellowship. Our meetings are held at various members homes. The host supplies the main course accompanied by side dishes and desserts other members bring to share. We have a short meeting to discuss what is going on in the Church and where we might help out. We also talk about projects in which we would like to get involved. This is a great chance to enjoy an evening of good fellowship, mostly good food, and is also a great opportunity to do God's work. There is no commitment required so attend a meeting and give us a chance to say, "welcome and God bless".

The next meeting will be on October 17th at Mark Jordan's home, 4602 Barrington Ct., in Bonita. 619-479-0828.