



St. John's Church and School Timeline

<u>Date</u>	<u>Action</u>
June 2009	Father Keith retires after 17 years of service. Vestry host "Retirement Party."
June-Oct. 2009	Vestry begins an in-depth research and understanding of the workings of St. John's Church and Day School. Vestry also begins search process for Interim Priest. Fr. Tolley, Rev. Al Stott and supply priest provide worship services on Sundays.
September 2009	School Board member independently establishes "Spirit Day". A day to promote school unity with school family members getting together enjoying lunch and organized sports play.
October 2009	Vestry hires Rev. John Goddard as Interim Priest.
December 2009	Buildings & Grounds Committee formed; bookkeeper hired; Virgin of Guadalupe chapel service held; school began using Smart Tuition soft ware program.
January 2010	Annual Meeting, 3 new Vestry members are elected while Sr. Warden and second member are asked to stay on board for continuity.
May 2010	Mall of Ministries held in Nale Hall. Members of all ministries including school and staff are present to represent opportunities and outreach at St. John's.
September 2010	412 students begin 2010-2011 school year. Second annual Spirit Day held.
October 2010	Rev. John Goddard resigns as Interim Priest Behavioral covenant workshops presented to all members of school and church. PTC holds successful Harvest Bazaar with Vestry presence and involvement.
October 2010	Rev. William Wade is welcomed as Priest in Charge for limited period
November 2010	Committee begins developing Mission Statement under the guidance of Fr. Wade. Participation in Habitat for Humanity Build Formation of Parish Life Ministry (hosts coffee hours between services, coordinates social functions, etc).
February 2011	Vestry approves new Policies and Procedures of Governance for St John's Parish Day School
February 2011	Annual Meeting, 3 new Vestry members are elected, Karen Duignan will serve as Senior Warden and Mark Jordan will serve at Peoples' Warden (previously title Junior Warden)
March 2011	Vestry approves Biblical/Mission/Vision Statements of St. John's.
April 2011	Rev. William Wade completes his term at St. John's.
April 2011	Vestry members attend Stewardship Seminar at St. David's and Outreach Meeting at Christ Coronado.
May-June 2011	Vestry meets and interviews candidates for Priest-in Charge
May 2011	Rev. Babs Meairs begins service as supply priest through summer.
July 2011	Successful collection of peanut butter and jelly for South Bay Community Services. Over 900 jars of peanut butter as well as jelly have been collected and continue to be collected for this outreach program to SBCS

August 2011	Vestry holds well-attended Parish Hall Meeting with church members for update of finances, status of Priest-in-Charge process. Church and School Steak dinner fundraiser is decided on for Sept. 17, 2011.
August 2011	Homecoming month held at St. John's to encourage members to return and re-create the community feeling with weekly events: wk#1- Parish Hall meeting. Wk. #2 - Joint Sunday service pancake fellowship breakfast raising \$173 and wonderful fellowship. Wk. #3 - Instructional Eucharist service with light lunch served immediately following service. Wk. #4 – Rubio's Fundraiser raising over \$180.00 and participation of over 75 members of school, staff and church.
August 2011	Vestry host first ever Social Wine and Cheese with School Board and PTC
August 2011	Rev. Babs Meairs completes service as supply priest.
September 2011	363 students begin 2011-2012 school year.
September 2011	Fr. Tolley and Rev. Stott resume duties for Sunday worship services with visiting clergy and Bishops' staff delivering sermons.
October 2011	Third Annual Spirit Day scheduled

Five Things that Foster Giving

The Lord loves a cheerful giver and, really, who doesn't. There's nothing worse than receiving a gift from someone rather begrudgingly. So positively, according to the Lord's way of seeing things, it's all about the heart – joy and gladness, responsibility, and care. Negatively, the Lord speaks against insincere offerings intended to impress other people (Isa. 1.10-17; Matt. 6.2-4; and Mark 12.41-44). God isn't interested in grandstanding when it comes to giving. There should be no, 'Hey, Look at me!' Rather, the Father, Son and Holy Spirit desires that we give cheerfully and that we honor His generous gifts to us. The Holy Scriptures include the following good reasons to present tithes and offerings to God:

First, there's thankfulness for the blessings He provides for us and our families through the Holy Gospel (John 14.22-29; Rom.15.25-28; 3 Cor. 9.7). When we are grateful our disposition is apt to give.

Second, there is the desire to support the mission of preaching the Gospel so that others may partake of God's peace and salvation. (Rom. 15.28; Phil. 1.3-5; 4.14-20). A thankful heart fosters a disposition of caring and sharing. Having so greatly benefited from the great work of Christ, we in turn look to pass on the grace and goodness of the Lord to others.

Third, there is even a desire to support and care for church workers (Num. 18.21-24; Neh. 12.44; Gal. 6.6-7; 1 Tim. 5.17-18). Hardly anything lasting brings more lasting encouragement than parish ministers and missionaries knowing they have the support of the people of God. Church ministry can be, at times, unacknowledged and thankless work. But the support of ministry is an enduring reminder that the people of the Lord support you, care for you, and consider you valuable and important, even when time between verbal or written encouragements are wider than usual.

Fourth, we do well to note that our Lord commanded tithing under the Old Covenant for the people of Israel. Although in the New Covenant the law does not apply in the same way and that Christ himself has fulfilled the law on our behalf, yet this commandment provides an enduring example of faithful, indeed, lifestyle giving (Lev. 27.32; Gen. 14.18-20; and in the New Testament, Heb. 7.1-10). In the Old Testament the people of God were obligated by law to give a tithe, a tenth. But in the New we are liberated from the demands of laws like tithing so that we can now give from a generous, thankful disposition and not from compulsion. This is why the New Testament says that "the Lord loves a cheerful giver" and that we are "to give"—no amount specified—"out of the abundance which we have received." We are free to be generous, free to give what we can, free to be givers without guilt in our giving.

Fifth and lastly, God challenges His people to test His generosity by demonstrating their generosity in giving to His temple (Mal. 3.6-12). No, this wasn't a contest to "out do' God in giving. Instead, the Lord was saying, you cannot out give me. So go ahead, be generous, be outrageous, be calculated and consistent – you will not out give me. That's a worthy challenge because we always wind up the beneficiary.

By Rev. John J. Bombaro, Ph.D.
Senior Pastor - Grace Lutheran Church

Some Thoughts from Fr. Jack Tolley



I was thinking about my Mom and Dad with their experience during "The Great Depression." Most people called it hard times back then. My Dad would say people were down on their luck. Mother would feed anyone who came to door asking for food. They always wanted to do something in return for the food they received such as mowing the lawn, taking out trash, or something. Back then there was WPA, The Work Projects Administration. It was a work program the government sponsored to give people jobs. They painted murals, dug ditches, built bridges, repaired streets, and many other jobs. One day they were digging a trench for some new sewers in front of our house in Cleveland. One of the men doing this was a lawyer and my dad introduced him to me. He was a very pleasant, strong, and dignified person.

People were tough back then. There is something in the American character that knows that tough times never last, but tough people do. They took care of each other, took care of their families and neighbors, and didn't trust the big boys. We certainly have seen what the big boys of the financial world and government have done to our economy. We have been and currently are in tough times at St. John's. But our big boy, Jesus Christ, will never let us down. He is and will be with us and take care of our Church and School family. Our Vestry members, you, and I are all partners with Him in this endeavor. We are called to love and take care of each other, our friends and neighbors, and all in the St. John's family.

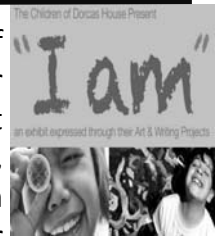
Here's a prayer I like:

"Lord God, we live in disturbing days: across the world, prices rise, debts increase. Banks collapse, jobs are taken away. Senseless violence and injustice seem to be everywhere. Governments are dysfunctional. Fragile security is under threat. Loving God, meet us in our fear and hear our prayer. Be a tower of strength amidst the shifting sands, and a light in the darkness. Help us to receive your gift of peace, and fix our hearts where true joys are to be found, in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen."

Blessings and Hugs,
Fr. Jack Tolley

Dorcas House: "I Am"

Come and get to know the children of Dorcas House through their art and their writing projects at this FREE art show at St. Paul's Cathedral, 2728 Sixth Avenue, San Diego. September 24, 2011, from 4:00 p.m. -6:00 p.m. **RSVP** by September 19th with Judy MacDonald at macdonaldi@stpaulscathedral.org or 619-298-7261 x334. Dorcas House is a foster home for children in Tijuana. Learn more at www.dorcashousefriends.org.



Message from The Rev. Babs Meairs

Dear People of St. John's,

Thank you for your warm reception of me during my months with you. I will keep you in my prayers as you continue your search for a priest-in-charge. May you find the best ways to bring together the many blessings among you and increase in joy and enthusiasm as you move forward in love and service to our Lord.

Many Blessings,
The Rev. Babs Meairs



Time and Treasures

We need volunteers who are interested in sharing their time and talent to St. John's. There are many ministries you can participate in. You can give a little time or talent.

Acolytes	Altar Guild
Chalice Bearer	Choir
Daughters of the King	Flower Guild
Food Offering	Greeters
Hospitality	Lay Eucharistic Ministers
Women of St. John's	Men of St. John's
Lectors	St. John's Crafters
St. John's Crafters	Sunday School

There are so many opportunities for everyone, just call the office and Wendy Romo will put you in touch with the right people. You can email her at wendyr@saint-johns.org or call (619) 422-4141.



<u>DATE</u>	<u>DAY</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
7	Wednesday	5:00 p.m.	Thursday's Meal: Feeding the Homeless	South Bay
12	Monday	6:30 p.m.	Women of St. John's	Nale Hall
14	Wednesday	7:00 p.m.	School Board Meeting	Nale Hall
16	Friday	11:30 a.m.	Lunch Bunch	CV Olive Garden
17	Saturday	6:00 p.m.	St. John's Steak Dinner	Nale Hall
18	Sunday	9:00 a.m.	Daughters of the King	Staff Lounge
19	Monday	6:00 p.m.	Men of St. John's Meeting	TBD
21	Wednesday	4:00 p.m.	Finance Ministry Meeting	Rector's Office
21	Wednesday	6:00 p.m.	Buildings & Grounds Meeting	Rector's Office
28	Wednesday	6:30 p.m.	Vestry Meeting	Computer Room

Ongoing Weekly Events

Monday	9:00 a.m.	Crafters	Narthex
Thursday	7:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal (Returns Sept. 8th)	Church
Sunday	8:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist	Church
Sunday	10:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist	Church
Sunday	10:00 a.m.	Sunday School	Room 5

Update on Refugee Network



It is hard to believe that it has been a short time since the donation drive for the Episcopal Refugee Network.

Over 10 churches participated in the drive. St John's delivered 4 large boxes of hygiene items and the total drive collected over 50 bins of clothing, hygiene products, cleaning supplies, and linens. Also of note is \$1100 in cash, 3 Camp Stevens Camperships and a potential summer job for some of the refugees. The Network facilitates the transition into a new life and gives people the opportunity to work towards becoming self sufficient.

Many thanks for the generous contributions that flowed from our congregations for this worthwhile cause.

The next Refugee Network project is a joint venture with ECS. Both organizations will benefit from the upcoming Advent Baby Shower.

Thank you and Many Blessings!

Fundraiser Are Delicious Successes!

The aroma of pancakes, bacon and sausage filled the St. John's Campus on Sunday morning Aug. 14th. Over 75 people attended the breakfast and the fellowship was plenty. This delicious breakfast was part of the Homecoming at St. John's for the entire month. Members from the 8:00 service visited for breakfast in Nale Hall with members of the 10:00 service. Many thanks to everyone who helped make the breakfast a great way to start our Sunday morning. We also raised \$173 for St. John's General Fund. As part of the Homecoming our first fundraiser was held at Rubio's Fish Taco Restaurant on East H St. in Chula Vista. All we had to do was show up with a customized flyer for St. John's and they gave us 20% of all the sales that afternoon and evening. It was plenty of fun and St. John's took over half the restaurant and raised \$180 for the General Fund. The manager told us the staff had a great time with everyone being so cheery and enjoying this awesome dinner. We are planning another fundraiser on the last day of September. Don't forget to pick up your flyer and invite as many people as you know!

Thursday's Meal

Fellow parishioners: it's that time again, when St. John's hosts "Thursday's Meal". We'll be serving this ministry on Wednesday, September 7th, 2011 at 5:00 p.m. We serve "Thursday's Meal" on Wednesdays, despite the name. That's because, many years ago, the meals were served on Thursdays. However, despite the day change, the name remained the same. And, regardless of what it's called or when it's served, the ministry also remains the same. In conjunction with South Bay Community Services, we, along with a number of other churches of many denominations, serve the homeless and marginal people, hot, healthy, and nutritious meals which are always gourmet quality. For many, it is the only decent meal they get during the week. At the end of the meal when donations permit, we provide our guests with bread and peanut butter & jelly to tide them over during the week in the event they are unable to get access to a meal. These items are easy to carry around and require no refrigeration. And thanks to the St. John's Men's P.B. & Jelly Drive, we now have enough peanut and jelly to keep our guests supplied for a while. This particular ministry couldn't have been accomplished without their hard work, determination, and generosity. Due to the downturn in the economy and the ever climbing unemployment rate, the number of guests we serve increases weekly. On average, we serve approximately 50 people a week. Quite recently we served 78 people. Many are families with young children deserve to have a delicious and wholesome meal.

When we serve on September 7th, our own Karen Duignan will be preparing the wonderful meal. But we like to provide our guests with brownies for desert so if you can bring brownies, either homemade or store bought, they would be delighted. And of course, we need people to help us serve our guests. So please consider signing up to help on that day. The sign up will be in the Narthex. It is always such a fulfilling and spiritual experience. You won't regret it.

Thank you and God bless!



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 Bazaar

Where does the time go! Fall is fast approaching 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 October 22, 2011 at 9:00 a.m. The Crafters meet every Monday at 9:00 a.m. in the Narthex creating handmade treasures. Whether you're 'crafty' or not it's a wonderful opportunity to get together for fun and fellowship. Needed are knick-knacks and donations of gently used glassware, china, holiday decorations, small toys, jewelry, table linens, stationary [not used!] as well as anything else, you think of will be gratefully accepted. Bring them on Sundays or you may leave them in the narthex with a note saying they are for Granny's Attic. Our friend Rick Santos, our custodian for many years, has retired. For years he had grown plants for the Bazaar. He's already being missed and the school children already miss him. To all the gardeners out there, please remember us when you're planting and help out by donating some plants. There will also be a bake sale where Sarah Tolley and Marge Julien will be in charge. Let's make the Holiday Bazaar a great celebration!

St. John's Parish Day School News

Jenny's Corner



When I arrived at St. John's Episcopal Parish Day School, February 1, 2010 I served part time as the School Chaplain and part time as the assistant to the priest of St. John's Episcopal Church. I was struck by the deep commitment of the teachers and the joy and energy of the students. I wondered what the core values of the school were that defined the vision for this wonderful School. At a meeting with teachers in February of 2010, I asked them to identify what they thought were the core values; those values which guide everything we do, how we treat one another, how we make decisions, how we teach, who we serve and how we serve them. As we talked and thought about core values, here is what the teachers listed as the core values of St. John's School:

Community	Positive Attitude
Respect	Compassion
Excellence	Honesty
Integrity	Love of God
Family	Dedication
Love	Loyalty
Good Communication	
Diversity of religious, cultural and economic backgrounds	

As we came together as the St. John's School Family at our wonderful Back to School Night, I could see those core values at work. The **community** was gathered with a **positive attitude**. **Respect** was shown for the parents and for the work of the teachers. **Excellence** was demonstrated in each classroom. Teachers and parents spoke **honestly** about the School and students. With **integrity**, the teachers shared the plans they have for the school year. Our Love of God was shown when we prayed together for our children. Each family came and together, creating the larger **family** we call St. John's School. Our returning families expressed their **loyalty** to St. John's School as they remembered being students at St. John's School themselves. Now they have returned to bring their children to the school the love so much. **Dedication** was celebrated when Mark Jordan and John Schilpp of the St. John's Church Vestry were introduced as people who have worked tirelessly with their leadership, and with their own hands to provide for our new field project. We **communicated** about the structures, expectations, and programs for the coming year. And in our midst, was the **diversity of religious**, cultural and economic backgrounds that make up the family of St. John's School.

The 2011-2012 school year has begun and promises to be a wonderful school year for all! Please help us to continue to live out these core values together. Tell your friends about St. John's School. There will be many opportunities to serve our students and school community. When asked to help, please say 'yes.' We're here for one thing only....to be an important part of the education and spiritual formation of your children. We need each person to join us in this wonderful adventure!

I pray that God will bless, encourage and protect each of you in this new school year.

Jenny

The Rev. Canon Jenny Vervynck
Head of School

<u>DATE</u>	<u>DAY</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
9	Friday		Picture Day	Church
9	Friday	2:00 p.m.	Nunes Uniform on campus	
12	Monday	12:00 p.m.	Early Dismissal/ Teacher in Service	
14	Wednesday	7:00 p.m.	School Board Meeting	Nale Hall
15	Thursday		Fire Drill	
15	Thursday	9:00 a.m.	Nunes Uniform on Campus	
29	Thursday	2:00 p.m.	7th Grade Sacramento Trip Parent Meeting	Church
30	Friday	12:00 p.m.	Early Dismissal/ Teacher in Service	

Spirit Day

We're having a spectacular SPIRIT DAY PICNIC with many fun filled activities.

WHEN: SUNDAY October 9th

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

TIME: 10:00am to 5:00pm

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

10:00 am - FIRST we will have a Saint John's Celebration in the CHAPEL

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

12:00 am - THIRD the Walk to the Park Marathon Fundraiser begins.

SUPER FOURTH- a spectacular, fun filled day at the PARK!

REMEMBER

Spirit DAY T-Shirts for students and adults will be on sale during the first week of school and at Back To School Night for \$8.00.

MOMs and DADs you need to wear them too!!!

Students who attend SPIRIT DAY will get free dress on Friday October 14th!!!

GIRLS Pre-K to 3rd grade are invited to dress as Cheerleaders.

No one can miss it!

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

Bring tennis shoes and comfortable clothing!

There will be food, beverage and entertainment stands.

BRING MONEY.

Thank you so much for your support.

PTO President - Karla R. de Portilla and

PTO Event Coordinator - Carina V. de Arnaiz

Spirit Day Marathon Fundraiser

WHAT IT IS...

It is a 5 mile marathon starting at St. John's School, 1st 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 2-½ 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

St. John's School Begins the Peace Builder Program



As you drive up to drop your children off for school or come to the office, you may have seen a new banner hung high on the side of Nale Hall that says, "St. John's Episcopal Parish Day School is a proud Peace Builders site!"

Jesus said, "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called the children of God."

Blessed **are** the peacemakers. We believe peacemakers are those who strive to prevent contention, strife, and war; who use their influence to reconcile opposing parties, and to prevent lawsuits and hostilities in families and neighborhoods. We believe being peacemakers is what Jesus has called us to be.

We also believe that the skills and environment of being a community of peacemakers can happen at St. John's School and we believe that the Peace Builders program will help us do that. It is our goal to develop a culture of peacemaking through the use of the Peace Builders program at St. John's Episcopal Parish Day School. The stated purpose of the Peace Builders program is to be:

"An inclusive school-climate program creating peaceful learning environments. Founded in 1992 the research-validated program has been implemented in thousands of schools nationwide. The Peace Builders goal is simple, yet momentous – to ensure all schools will become peaceful learning environments where everyone learns, acquires, and practices the skills to ensure positive and respectful behaviors in order for all students to achieve academic, as well as, personal and interpersonal success."

While the language of the Peace Builders program is secular, the values of both faith and reason are spoken throughout the program. It is very easily adapted to the use of scripture to integrate the language of faith and Christian values. Students are taught to make choices and good decisions about supporting one another and about how they treat others in their school, family, and outside community.

As a part of the Peace Builders program, each student pledges:

To praise people,

To give up put-downs.

To notice and speak up about hurts I have caused.

To right wrongs.

I will build peace at home, at school,
and in my community each day.

I AM A PEACE BUILDER

Learn more about Peace Builders by going to www.peacebuilders.com or ask your children and teachers what they are doing in their class to become Peace Builders!



Youth Sports Program Expands at St. John's School



This year, the St. John's School Athletic Department will expand the after school sports program. Last year, our middle school competed in basketball and volleyball. For the 2011-12 school year we will offer boys' flag football, boys' & girls' soccer, volleyball, and co-ed basketball for middle school. The elementary school student will have co-ed flag football, and pee wee soccer. All students participating in athletics will be required to have an average of a 3 (Middle School) in academics and conduct. Elementary students will be required to have an average of a 3 in all subjects. Weekly grade reports will be given to coaches. Students who do not meet grade requirements will not be allowed to participate in after school sports until satisfactory grades are obtained. Please come and support our always growing sports program. For more information please email Coach Lozano, lozanom@saint-johns.org or Coach Kelly, kelleya@saint-johns.org or call, (619) 422-4141 ext. 41.

Boys Competitive Flag Football 2011

For: Grades 6th-8th Grade boys

First Practice: Wednesday September 7, 2011 from 3:30 p.m.-5:00 p.m. on the field

Practice: Wednesdays and Fridays 3:30 p.m.-5:00 p.m. on the field

First game: Saturday September 10, 2011 the season is approximately 10 weeks long

Cost: \$150.00

MANDATORY PARENT MEETING SEPT. 7 AT 5PM

Equipment- Mouth pieces (no clear), cleats, PE shorts are needed for practice

What is need to participate- Physicals are needed to participate. Physicals are due by the first game. Spots are limited to the first 20 middle schools boys to turn in their permission slips. Turn in all permission slips to Coach Lozano or Coach Kelley

For more information please contact Coach Lozano, lozanom@saint-johns.org or Coach Kelley kelleya@saint-johns.org

St. John's Students to Create New Garden

With the leadership and watchful eyes of Ms. Hingst, Ms. Dumont, Ms. Ursich, Mr. Praba, Mrs. Gerdes, Mrs. Lanzagorta, Ms. Ashworth, and Mrs. Valdez as the St. John's School Garden Committee, St. John's School will soon have a wonderful new garden. This garden will provide an opportunity for every class to have a special garden plot to plant and grow. The plants will be started from seeds in the classroom and then transferred to a new raised garden plot in the Preschool area. The students will be responsible for planting, watering, weeding, trimming, and harvesting everything in their plot from vegetables to flowers. We hope that the garden will be so successful that we will be able to sell our produce at a student run St. John's Farmers' Market! Ms. Ashworth will also lead a Garden Club during lunch time. Watch for more news about the St. John's garden, and watch us grow!!



PTO Breakfast

The Parent/Teacher Organization held a beautiful back to school breakfast the first week of school. Dr. Ed Wilson and Karen Duignan, Senior Warden at St. John's Episcopal Church, attended along with many moms. Mrs. Duignan spoke about the ways the Church would like to support the School and looks forward to building a strong relationship between the Church and School. Dr. Ed Wilson invited everyone to come to the St. John's Church Men's Club Steak Dinner. Tickets are available in the office. Karla Portilla, PTO President, spoke about the wonderful events for this year, and Carina Arnaiz shared the exciting news about the upcoming Spirit Day. **The date for Spirit Day has been changed to October 9th.**



First Day of School at St. John's School

The first week of school began with the shining faces of students arriving in the morning ready to begin the exciting 2011-2012 school year.



St. John's Choir Welcomes You!

Our choir will resume rehearsals on Thursday, September 8th at 7:15 p.m. 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 prepare not only for the remainder of Pentecost but also for Thanksgiving, Advent and Christmas services. New members are cordially welcome 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 Organist-Director, Cheryl Seppala at (619) 444-7167 or clsorgan@aol.com.

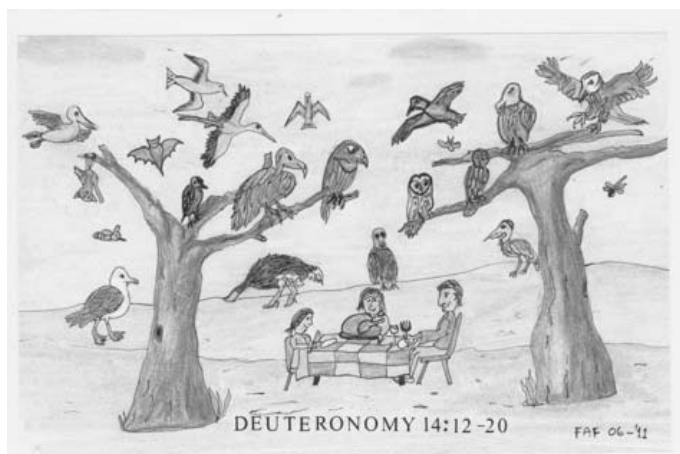


Eagle and E-News Info

Every month the Eagle is published for members of Saint John's Church and School and their families and friends. We are open to articles for The Eagle that will be of general interest to the community of both church and school. All submissions are subject to review. Karen Duignan is responsible for all Church communications. The Rev. Canon Jenny Vervynck is responsible for all School communications. Please send all information to Wendy Romo, Parish Admin Asst. wendyr@saint-johns.org.

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. You can also drop off articles in the office. Thank you!

It's In the Bible by Francois Maurice



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The Women of St. John's



September Meeting
Monday Sept. 12th
6:30 PM - Fellowship
7:00 PM - Meeting
7:45 PM - Fashion Memories

St. John's Steak Dinner

St. John's is having a Steak Dinner on Saturday, September 17th at 6:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall to raise funds for St. John's Church and School. It will be a dinner with all the trimmings, steaks barbecued to your taste! \$ 20 for adults and \$ 10 for children. All of the ticket sale proceeds will go to the Church. Family, friends, and everyone is invited. If you are interested in attending, you may purchase a ticket from Mark Jordan at the 8:00 a.m. service and Ed Wilson at the 10:00 a.m. service. If you attended Men's Club Steak Dinner, you may remember how delicious that meal was! Plan to attend, have a splendid feast, and help St. John's at the same time too. See you there!



If you are interested in joining the Men of St. John's, come join them on Monday, September 19th at 6:00 pm at the Morris's home for food, fun, and fellowship. Meetings are held at various member's homes. This is a great chance to enjoy an evening of good fellowship, good food, and also a great opportunity to do God's work.



Look Through Your Closet and
Bring a Fashion From Long Ago!
30's, 40's, 50's, Mini, Midi, Maxi
Prize for the oldest fashion and
one if your fashion still fits!