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Transforming Generosity
The 2019
Annual Giving Campaign



The theme for this year's Annual Giving Campaign, "Transforming Generosity," carries two powerful meanings. It reminds us that our generosity can help transform our communities and the world. Our time, talent and treasure make possible the work of St. John's Church — our worship, our programs, our outreach ministries and our formation. What we find, however, is that our generosity transforms us as well through the power of God working in us. By giving ourselves in love and service — by sharing God's love and our lives — we become different people, transformed people. Our generosity helps make us people who welcome newcomers into our community, care for those suffering from homelessness or food insecurity or addiction, forgive those who have offended us and accept forgiveness from those we have offended.

Our annual campaign is about more than our parish budget. It is about the transforming power of our generosity — the power to transform communities and lives. The Stewardship Committee and the rest of the St. John's leadership invite you to prayerfully consider all the ways your generosity might make a difference in your life and the lives of others. We invite you to give to the ministries of St. John's as a part of that transforming generosity.

Please keep an eye out for pledge cards, which will be mailed out the week of Oct. 28. We ask that you prayerfully consider your pledge to St. John's and return your pledge card by Sunday, Nov. 11. This will give the church's leadership time to plan for our ministries in the coming year. If you have any questions, please contact me. — *Bradley Pace, bradleypace@stjohns-laf.org, (765) 742-4079*

Deciding to Live and Love as Jesus Did

A Reflection by the Rt. Rev. Jennifer Baskerville-Burrows for the Episcopal Network for Stewardship

Every morning before 5 a.m., my great aunt Gladys rises to bake bread for the small island of Green Turtle Cay in the Bahamas. She's been doing this six days a week for some 50 years. She shapes loaves in a small bake house behind her home and makes enough coconut bread, cinnamon raisin and white sandwich loaves to sell at the store near the ferry's dock. While the loaves rest during the first rising, Aunt Gladys goes off to Bible Study. When she returns, the loaves are prepped for the second rise and finally baked, bagged and sent off to be sold. Aunt Gladys has put her children through school, supported missionary needs around the globe and will tell you without prompting that she has never wanted for anything. When I think of sacrificial love and sacrificial giving, her strong hands kneading pounds of dough before sunrise come to mind.

What is the relationship between love and sacrifice? {Scripture gives us several examples.] In one instance we have the widowed and vulnerable Ruth sacrificing any kind of security that might be remaining among her own people in a time of famine choosing instead to embrace a new faith and make a new life by casting her lot with the widowed and vulnerable Naomi. In the Gospel of Mark, Jesus is tested again by the scribes to see if he has the right understanding of the first and greatest commandment. Jesus correctly offers the ritual prayer that is reckoned as more important than any burnt offerings and sacrifices. "Hear O Israel, you shall love the Lord your God..." and not only that, one must love neighbor as oneself. Jesus makes clear that love is greater than the sacrifices offered ritually in the temple but he, as love incarnate, will also be offered up for the reconciliation of the world.

Any sacrifice I'm called to make seems to pale in comparison to these scriptures. To speak of sacrificial love, sacrificial giving and self-offering is to expose the complicated relationships we have with our money, material resources, and other people. And yet, we are called to have the commandment to love God with all we have and to love our neighbor as much — or more — than we love ourselves written in our hearts so that our entire lives become the offering. Giving and living sacrificially become less a choice than a daily decision to live as Jesus lived and love as Jesus loved. — *Jennifer Baskerville-Burrows*



The Bishop's Visit and Confirmation Sunday, Oct. 7



Bishop Jennifer Baskerville-Burrows, Bishop of Indianapolis, preached and presided. She also confirmed Darby Anne Bigelow, Keenan Hogan, Gabe Mason, Frances Shook, Harry Shook and Jane Sovinski and received Joseph Peretin and Julie Peretin into the Communion of the Episcopal Church.

Rabbi Michael Harvey at St. John's Sunday, Nov. 11

Rabbi Michael Harvey of Temple Israel in West Lafayette will preach at Sunday services on Sunday, Nov. 11. Rabbi Mike and Bradley will also talk about the artwork of *the St. John's Bible* in the context of biblical stories at 9:15 a.m. and 11:45 a.m. — *Bradley Pace, bradleypace@stjohns-laf.org*

Holy Baptism Sunday, Nov. 4

For anyone considering baptism, or for parents considering having their children baptized, the next baptismal feast is the Feast of All Saints on Sunday, Nov. 4. — *Bradley Pace, bradleypace@stjohns-laf.org*

The Feast of All Saints at St. John's, Lafayette
8 & 10:15 a.m. Sunday, Nov. 4



Almighty God, you have knit together your elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord: Give us grace so to follow your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living, that we may come to those ineffable joys that you have prepared for those who truly love you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.

On Sunday, Nov. 4, we will observe the Feast of All Saints. At both services that day, we will dedicate special time to remember those saints of St. John's who have died since last year. There will also be time for each of us to remember the saints who have been the chosen vessels of God's grace in our own lives. Please join with the whole church as we remember the saints of God who have come before and welcome new saints into the Body of Christ.
— Bradley Pace, bradleypace@stjohns-laf.org

Interfaith Thanksgiving Service

6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 20

On Tuesday, Nov. 20, St. John's will host an Interfaith Thanksgiving Service for the Greater Lafayette community. Organized by St. John's, First Baptist and Temple Israel, we will pause to give thanks to God together before we head into the busyness of the holidays. Rabbi Michael Harvey from Temple Israel will give the sermon and we will take a collection for the LUM Immigration Clinic.



Sharing

“Workshop” at Food Finders Food Bank 9 a.m.-noon, Saturday, Oct. 27

On Saturday, Oct. 27, from 9 a.m. – noon, we will meet for “Workshop” at Food Finders Food Bank (1210 N. 10th St., Lafayette). We will help the Food Bank by completing a project, holding a worship service there, and end with pizza. Please plan to attend, get to know Food Finders’ work in our community and “workshop” together. — *Bradley Pace, bradleypace@stjohns-laf.org*



Music Happenings

All Saints Day Organ Concert and Evensong

Sunday, Nov. 4

4:30 p.m. organ concert

5 p.m. Choral Evensong

Sunday, Nov. 4, is All Saints Sunday — a special day in the liturgical year where we remember the saints who have gone before. Special prayers are said, candles are lit and special music is sung. Former parishioner Marc Loudon will be returning to St. John's that day to perform a concert on our new organ at 4:30 p.m. The choir will then sing Evensong at 5 p.m. with Marc accompanying. A guest from Natalie's Second Chance Shelter will speak to us about their organization's mission, and a free-will offering both will be sent to them. Please plan to come support this outreach and also welcome the Loudons back to St. John's.

Lunchtime Concert

12:10 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 14

Michael Bennett, organ

The second Wednesday lunchtime concert will feature Michael Bennett on the organ. While the concert repertoire is still being decided as of this writing, pieces under consideration will be equally festive and peaceful, displaying the many colors of our new organ. — *Michael Bennett, michael@stjohns-laf.org*

The Drepung Gomang Monastic Sacred Art Tour at St. John's Nov. 5-10

The Drepung Gomang Monastic Sacred Art Tour is visiting Lafayette in November. Several Tibetan Buddhist Monks will be working at St. John's creating a sand mandala Monday, Nov. 5 through Friday, Nov. 11 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily in St. John's Commons. Visitors are welcome. Come enjoy the culture, faith and art of these Tibetan Buddhist monks. For more information, contact the church office.
— *Bradley Pace, bradleypace@stjohns-laf.org*

November Book Group: *A Gentleman in Moscow* by Amor Towles 7 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 29

Our selection is *A Gentleman in Moscow*, by Amor Towles, published in 2016. At the end of September, it had been on the *NY Times* Best Seller list for 54 weeks.

As the novel opens in June 1922, Count Alexander Rostov is reprieved from a summary execution by the Emergency Committee of the People's Commissariat for Internal Affairs. (He was considered by some members of the Emergency Committee to be "among the heroes of the prerevolutionary cause.") However, he is designated as a "Former Person" and is confined to house arrest in the Hotel Metropol — not in his luxurious third-floor suite, but in former servants' quarters on the sixth floor!

How does he cope? What happens? He leads an amazingly rich and fulfilling life under the circumstances, outwitting the Soviet bureaucracies at every turn and making some influential and helpful friends. I won't spoil the story any more than that. Those of us who have already read *A Gentleman in Moscow* are looking forward to re-reading it. If it is new to you — enjoy!

Please join us for a great reading treat! — *Mary Campbell, mlauracampbell@gmail.com*

Pastoral Care: Thoughts from the Associate Rector

Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light. (Matthew 11:28-30)

We read these words from Matthew's Gospel at our recent Evensong with Blessing of the Animals. These have long been words that I find comforting, and I often turn to them when feeling wearied by the "changes and chances of this life." So as I sat in the service I allowed these powerful words to wash over me as I took a deep breath and centered myself.

The news in recent weeks has been awful. Stories of abuse of women and men have been brought to the forefront, not just on the national stage, but also locally as reports of abuses in the Roman Catholic Diocese in the 1980s have been brought to light. Regardless of where you fall on the political spectrum, it's incredibly hard to hear these stories. Understandably, hearing these stories may bring up our own painful memories of abuse and harassment.

I have heard young people say that if they were ever to experience abuse they wouldn't tell anyone because the message they have learned in the last few months is that their story doesn't matter. I have had peers tell me of their own high school experiences that they never reported because they knew "no one would believe" them. I feel deeply saddened not only to know so many people who have experienced sexual abuse and harassment, but also to know how many of them have felt so alone in their pain, the loneliness and isolation simply adding more trauma to the experiences.

I don't write this article to take sides in any kind of political debate. I write this article because it is way past time for us to take the stories of survivors seriously. Let me be clear: your stories matter. You matter. Bradley and I are here to listen if ever you desire to talk. Experiences of sexual abuse and harassment can feel impossible to bear; please know that Bradley and I are here to help you carry that burden. — *Hilary Cooke, hilary@stjohns-laf.org*

Jubilee Christmas 2018 Saturday, Dec. 8

Jubilee Christmas will be held on Saturday, Dec. 8, 2018, at St. John's. Each year, local families apply for assistance with the holiday season through Lafayette Urban Ministries (LUM). This year St. John's and the Chapel of the Good Shepherd will work together to host **42** families.

It's not too early to consider how you might help with this endeavor.

SIGN UP: Set up the Commons, host a family, bake cookies, wrap presents, assist with transportation, etc.

DONATE GIFTS: We need non-violent toys and stocking stuffers for children of all ages.

DONATE CASH: Along with toys, we provide a variety of food, household items (soap, diapers, toilet paper, etc.) and gift cards to the families. Consider donating cash to cover the cost of these items.

PRAY: For those we will serve at Jubilee Christmas, as well as the many volunteers, that we all might experience the joy of Christmas. — *Maggie McClure, magamclure@gmail.com*

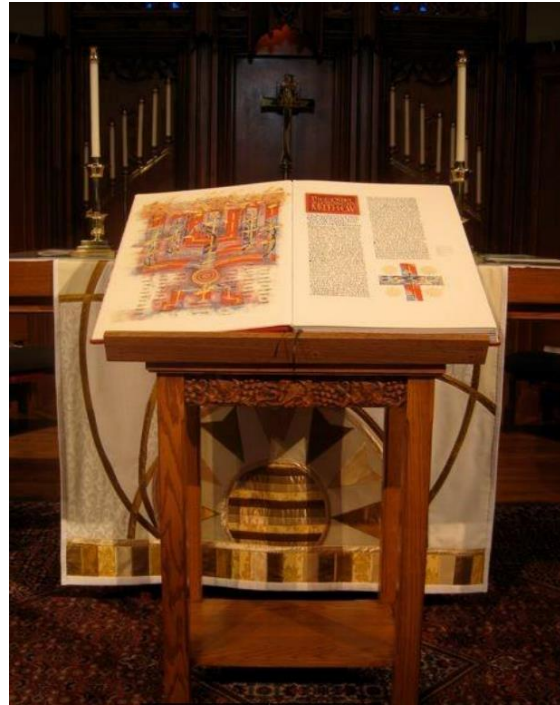


The St. John's Bible Sundays in November

Have you noticed the beautiful artwork that went up in the church during our recent renovation? In 1998, St. John's Abbey and University in Collegeville, Minn., commissioned renowned calligrapher Donald Jackson to produce a hand-written, hand-illuminated Bible — the first complete illuminated Bible in 500 years. The result was the *St. John's Bible*.

This November, St. John's will host a folio copy of the Gospels and Acts from *the St. John's Bible*. Several events are in the works, including Rector's Forum events on Sunday mornings at both 9:15 and 11:45 a.m.

See more about *the St. John's Bible* at www.saintjohnsbible.org. — Bradley Pace, bradleypace@stjohns-laf.org





St. John's T-Shirts Order by Sunday, Nov. 4

We are now taking orders for a new St. John's t-shirt. The shirt will be available in several colors and sizes (including youth and ladies). The cost for each shirt will be \$12. Proceeds will go to benefit the St. John's Youth Group. Look for order forms in St. John's Commons; deadline is Nov. 4. — *Bradley Pace, bradleypace@stjohns-laf.org*

Next Deadline for The Eagle

The deadline for the December Eagle is **Monday, Nov. 12**.
Send submissions to
eagle@stjohns-laf.org.

Financial Report

FINANCE REPORT
OPERATING BUDGET INCOME AND EXPENSE*
As of September 30, 2018

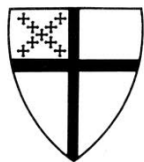
A. INCOME		Current Month	Total 2018	Annual Budget	% of Budget
1	Pledge Income	\$29,381.27	\$242,765.35	\$374,472.00	64.8%
2	Operating Income	\$6,936.39	\$50,124.31	\$73,152.43	68.5%
3	Non-Operating Income	\$2,453.67	\$21,596.03	\$32,000.00	67.5%
4	Transfer Income	\$0.00	\$18,101.07	\$40,000.00	45.3%
TOTAL INCOME		\$38,771.33	\$332,586.76	\$519,624.43	64.0%
B. EXPENSES		Current Month	Total 2018	Annual Budget	% of Budget
1	Outreach	\$7,124.08	\$67,388.93	\$108,069.00	62.4%
2	Program	\$1,582.25	\$12,463.69	\$20,400.00	61.1%
3	Administration	\$250.00	\$493.08	\$2,500.00	19.7%
4	Personnel	\$20,346.57	\$183,812.31	\$247,319.48	74.3%
5	Office	\$1,587.87	\$14,404.21	\$27,395.00	52.6%
6	Property	\$8,710.33	\$74,530.83	\$113,940.95	65.4%
7	Miscellaneous (Non-Budget)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	N/A
TOTAL EXPENSES		\$39,601.10	\$353,093.05	\$519,624.43	68.0%
Net Income (Loss)		-\$829.77	-\$20,506.29	\$0.00	

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