



ST. JOHN'S  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
LAFAYETTE

# The Eagle

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## Mardi Gras/Shrove Sunday 5-7 p.m. Sunday, March 3



### MARDI GRAS/ SHROVE SUNDAY

When Episcopalians get wild...  
they **EAT PANCAKES.**  
Come celebrate Shrove Tuesday  
**ON A SUNDAY**

Sunday, March 3rd  
from 5:00-7:00 p.m.

There will be activities for kids, a Mardi Gras parade  
and live jazz band, and **LOADS OF PANCAKES!**  
Tickets are \$5 for adults, \$13 for families of 3 or more,  
and kids under 5 eat free.  
All are welcome!!!

For more information, contact  
Bill McInerney at [billmcinerney45@gmail.com](mailto:billmcinerney45@gmail.com)  
or call the church office at 765.742.4079.

We will celebrate Mardi Gras/Shrove Sunday Pancake Supper **5-7 p.m. Sunday, March 3**, with a jazz band, a float parade and lots of PANCAKES. Tickets will be available in advance in St. John's Commons or at the door for \$5 each or \$13 for families of three or more. Kids under 5 eat free. For more information, contact Bill McInerney at [billmcinerney45@gmail.com](mailto:billmcinerney45@gmail.com) or call the St. John's office at (765) 742-4079. – *Bradley Pace, [bradleypace@stjohns-laf.org](mailto:bradleypace@stjohns-laf.org)*

## From the Rector: An Update on St. John's Sharing Ministries

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Along with the changes we are making to our Outreach ministries, we are also rebranding those ministries. St. John's is a worshipping community that shares God's love and our lives by welcoming others and reaching out to our community and makes Christ known through intentional formation and service to the world. Whatever the traditional term "outreach" conjures in your mind, it may not entirely capture what we mean by "sharing" in the sense of our larger mission. It is true that we share God's love by giving out food in the food pantry (or by providing the resources so that others can). But we also share God's love by welcoming people into the church for a musical concert. It is true that we share our lives by attending an interfaith gathering and meeting people from other faiths. But we are also sharing our lives when we advocate for those suffering homelessness or navigating the immigration system. We share God's love and our lives when we work with Habitat for Humanity — putting in sweat equity with prospective homeowners. But we are also sharing God's love and our lives when we take the initiative to welcome LGBTQ folks to St. John's or when we leave our building and advocate for their full inclusion in the life of the Church or for their full equality in society. We share God's love and our lives by caring and serving, by welcoming and reaching out. If you hear me talk about our Sharing Ministries rather than Outreach" that's why. I think it better captures what we're actually trying to do. Of course, the name means only as much as the resources, time and energy we put into actually sharing God's love and our lives.

In late January, I convened a meeting of folks who were interested in supporting our Sharing Ministries with their resources, time and energy. There was a great response — more than two dozen folks showed up and many others who were unable to attend expressed their interest. We are now putting together an Advocacy Committee to organize and communicate about our Sharing Ministries. More information will be forthcoming.

In the meantime, I do want to share one exciting idea that is on the table. Katy Bunder, Executive Director of Food Finders, has asked St. John's to partner with them in creating a Speaker's Bureau. The Speaker's Bureau is a leadership program that focuses on helping clients of the Food Finders Pantry develop communication and leadership skills, improve resiliency and advocate for themselves and others experiencing poverty. A group of committed facilitators will lead clients in telling their own stories of experiencing poverty, especially food insecurity. Course sessions will cover public speaking, advocacy and media use. These sessions will be paired with others that address self-care to help participants develop resiliency. Participants and facilitators will focus on creating intentional community within the group that will hopefully continue beyond the 10-week course.

As an organization, Food Finders will benefit from the participants' advocacy and representation, and the community will benefit from improved food security through their testimony. This opportunity will benefit the Food Finders Food Pantry clients by providing them with skills and community connections. In addition, clients who successfully complete this program will "graduate" and become available to speak publicly about their experience. They will be equipped to advocate on behalf of themselves, Food Finders Food Bank and other support agencies at both the local and

state levels. Graduates can be “booked” for speaking engagements and paid for their participation on behalf of through stipends. It is our hope that the graduates would also become leaders within the community — advocating not only for the organizations themselves, but, more importantly, for those who are served by the various organizations and agencies.

I believe the Speaker’s Bureau fits perfectly within St. John’s mission as a worshiping community that seeks to share God’s love and our lives by reaching out into the community. While this program will not have an explicitly spiritual or Christian focus, our desire is always to make Christ known through our generous and gracious service to those experiencing need. I am excited about the possibility of helping empower new leaders in our community. There will be many opportunities for people at St. John’s to participate in and support the Speaker’s Bureau. As the plans for this program crystallize, I will be in touch with you about how you can be involved.

In the meantime, if you are interested in supporting St. John’s Sharing Ministries more broadly, don’t hesitate to contact me. You will be able to find updates at [www.stjohns-laf.org/sharing](http://www.stjohns-laf.org/sharing). —  
*Bradley Pace, [bradleypace@stjohnslaf.org](mailto:bradleypace@stjohnslaf.org)*

## Ash Wednesday

Noon, 5:30 and 7 p.m. Wednesday, March 6

Noon service at First Baptist Church, corner of Seventh and North streets.

Ash Wednesday services will be on **Wednesday, March 6 at noon, 5:30 and 7 p.m.** The noon service will be at First Baptist Church (on the corner of Seventh and North streets) with members of First Baptist, Bethel AME, Trinity United Methodist and others.

The 5:30 and 7 p.m. services will be at St. John's. The 5:30 p.m. service focus on teaching the traditions and meaning of Ash Wednesday to children and youth (including the imposition of ashes and Holy Eucharist with dinner following). The 7 p.m. service will be a traditional liturgy with the St. John's choir. – *Bradley Pace, bradleypace@stjohns-laf.org*

Worshiping



  
ASH  
WEDNESDAY  
at St. JOHN'S, LAFAYETTE  
MARCH 6TH

### TRADITIONAL SERVICES

@ 12:00 (noon) at First Baptist  
with other Lafayette-area churches

@ 7:00 p.m. w/choir

at St. John's

### ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE FOR CHILDREN & YOUTH

@ 5:30 P.M. at St. John's

A kid-friendly worship service designed to explore the ancient Christian traditions of Ash Wednesday with children and youth.

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## New Free-form Worship Service

A new weekday evening prayer service is forming at St. John's. Sunday liturgy has its own strength and beauty, but it is not the only form of liturgy possible and, sometimes, we may find we long for a different form of spiritual exchange and prayer together. Carolin Frueh is looking for those interested in creating a new, weekday evening prayer service. The service will usually be lay-led, contain Bible readings and songs, and look to open new ways to pray and share our spirituality together. The service will also be followed by a voluntary potluck fellowship that can allow for the exchange of the thoughts of the week. These services will tentatively be held on Wednesdays and meet monthly or bi-weekly as possible. – *Carolin Frueh, carolin.frueh@gmail.com*

## The Rite of Reconciliation

The Book of Common Prayer reminds us that “The ministry of reconciliation, which has been committed by Christ to his Church, is exercised through the care each Christian has for others, through the common prayer of Christians assembled for public worship and through the priesthood of Christ and his ministers declaring absolution.” The Rite of the Reconciliation of a Penitent (known as confession in some traditions) is available for all who desire it and is not restricted to any particular time or season. However, because the season of Lent — which begins on Ash Wednesday, March 6 — is a time specifically dedicated as a time of self-reflection and penitence, it is an especially appropriate time to seek reconciliation with God, one another and with ourselves. While the Anglican approach to the rite of reconciliation has always been “all may, some should, none must,” it can be a powerful reminder that, despite our failings, we are forgiven and loved by God. If you would like to receive the sacrament of reconciliation, please contact the church at (765) 742-4079 and ask to speak with a member of the clergy. — *Bradley Pace, [bradleypace@stjohnslaf.org](mailto:bradleypace@stjohnslaf.org)*

## The St. John's/LUM Food Pantry Celebrating 27 years of Ministry 7 p.m. Saturday, March 23

Sharing



Plans are in the works to celebrate and honor the St. John's/LUM Food Pantry after 27 years of service to the Greater Lafayette Community. Please mark your calendars for **Saturday, March 23 at 7 p.m.** and plan to attend the event honoring the pantry's ministry as well as the volunteers, staff and clients. Join us for reflections on the pantry's ministry. Heavy hors d'oeuvres will be served.

In addition, if you have a story about the pantry or know any of the pantry's history, please submit those stories to Bradley Pace at [bradleypace@stjohns-laf.org](mailto:bradleypace@stjohns-laf.org).

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## March 2019 Book Group: *Monique and the Mango Rain* by Kris Holloway 7 p.m., Thursday, March 28, The Commons

Can you conceive of living on a daily per capita income of 50 cents (USD), having no reliable source of safe drinking water, with minimal access to health care and struggling with food insufficiency? Life in much of sub-Saharan Africa poses challenges like these. It is into such worlds that young American Peace Corps Volunteers venture. What are their lives like?

Such an opportunity was welcomed by Kris Holloway, a 22-year old native of small-town Ohio, when she graduated from Allegheny College in small-town Pennsylvania. Her invitation read: "Your two-year assignment is in the country of Mali, West Africa. Departure Date: July 29, 1989." Kris tells of her experiences assisting Monique, the 24-year old Malian midwife in Nampossela, a small town in southern Mali, where her challenge is to help improve women's health and pre- and post-natal care. She arrives knowing French (which, fortunately, Monique also speaks) but little Bambara (the lingua franca). She arrives having never observed a live birth (but then, how many 22-year-old Americans have?). Over her two years, she and Monique forge a deep respect and love for each other as they work to better the lives of Malian women.

A heartwarming story of human strength and resilience, of dedication, of coming to grips with Malian culture, and of growth, *Monique and the Mango Rains* is, above all, a story of what people of diverse cultures can accomplish when they work together toward a common goal.

Join us and share your thoughts about the book. — *Karl Brandt, kb1038@aol.com*

March Lunchtime Concert:  
Organist Michael Messina  
**12:10 p.m. Wednesday, March 13**

The second Wednesday lunchtime concert is **March 13** and will feature Michael Messina on the organ. Since 1995 Michael has been the Director of Music and Organist at Trinity Episcopal Church in Indianapolis. He promises an eclectic program to show off the organ's many tonal capabilities. Michael earned his bachelor's degree at St. Olaf College and his master's and doctoral degrees at the Eastman School of Music. **The concert will begin at 12:10 p.m.** As always, a light lunch follows in the Parish Commons. — *Michael Bennett, michael@stjohns-laf.org*



Organist Michael Messina



## Rector's Forum: Theology at the End of Life Sundays in March

Making Christ Known



Our Rector, Bradley Pace, is planning to take a sabbatical in the summer of 2020. In preparation for that, he is applying for a Clergy Renewal Grant from the Center for Congregations. This grant would allow Bradley to travel with his family during his sabbatical as well as provide funding for special programs at St. John's. The working theme for Bradley's sabbatical is "For everything there is a season" and will focus on the seasons of our lives. (To be fair, Bradley is hoping to attend a lot of baseball games, but that's only part of the story.) Join him on March 3 as he shares his plans for the sabbatical.

The Rector's Forum will also discuss the theology and practice of burial in the Episcopal Church. We will discuss the theology of death and resurrection, the theology and practice of funerals at St. John's, and the theory and practice of making end of life medical decisions.

**March 10:** Rector's Sabbatical Plans: "For everything there is a season"

**March 17:** Theology at the End of Life: Death & Resurrection

**March 24:** The Burial Service

The Rector's Forum meets between services Sundays from 9:15-10 a.m. Grab a cup of coffee and join the conversation. – *Bradley Pace, [bradleypace@stjohns-laf.org](mailto:bradleypace@stjohns-laf.org)*

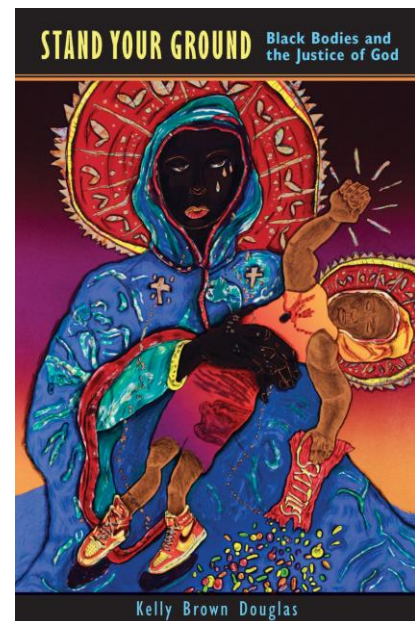
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## Diocesan Lenten Book

### ***Stand Your Ground* by Kelly Brown Douglas**

Join Bishop Jennifer in reading *Stand Your Ground: Black Bodies and the Justice of God* by Kelly Brown Douglas during Lent. Bishop Jennifer will be doing a weekly reflection during Lent while we read this book together, and she invites you to respond as well.

The Rev. Dr. Kelly Brown Douglas is the dean of Episcopal Divinity School at Union Theological Seminary and will be the plenary speaker at Diocesan Convention in November. Of this book, Bishop Jennifer writes: "I found the book to be challenging — she tackles emotionally difficult material for people of all races."



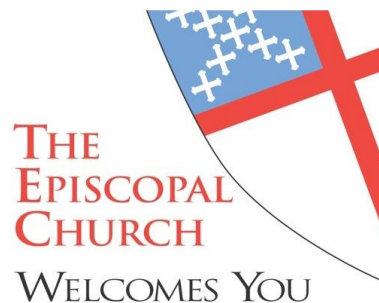
Copies may be purchased through Amazon.com or elsewhere. More information will be available soon. – *Bradley Pace, [bradleypace@stjohnslaf.org](mailto:bradleypace@stjohnslaf.org)*



# All Hearts Open – An Introduction to the Belief and Practice of the Episcopal Church

**6 p.m. Tuesdays beginning Feb. 26**

Beginning Tuesday, Feb. 26, St. John's will host a class introducing the belief and practice of the Episcopal Church. Dinner will be arranged, and childcare will be provided if needed. If you would like to join the class or if you have any questions, please contact Bradley Pace. – *Bradley Pace, [bradleypace@stjohns-laf.org](mailto:bradleypace@stjohns-laf.org)*



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## Lenten Study 2019

**5:30-7 p.m. Thursdays, March 14, 21, 28 and April 6**

For our Lenten study this year we will be holding intergenerational Godly Play on four Thursday nights. I have heard people say that Godly Play is just for small children, but this is not at all the case. Godly Play is for people of all ages who wish to enter into the stories of our faith from a place of curiosity and wondering.

We will gather on four consecutive **Thursday evenings from 5:30-7 p.m. (March 14, 21, 28, and April 4)**. We will begin with a shared supper — there will be sign-up sheets to contribute soup, bread or fruit for each week.

Following our light supper, we will move into hearing the Godly Play story. As we do on Sunday mornings in the Godly Play room, we will have “response time” following the story. In the classrooms we respond in a variety of ways: arts and crafts, reading books or working with any of the stories in the Godly Play room. We will be sure to have some arts and crafts supplies available, but I invite you to bring anything you think would be a helpful response tool for you (think: knitting or crocheting, a particular book you are reading for Lent, adult coloring books, etc.). In addition, we will have supplies available for any people/families who would like to make their own Godly Play story of the Creation or the Parable of the Good Shepherd to keep at home. If you think you would like to make your own story, please let me know so I can be sure to have enough materials for those who are interested.

We will end with a brief service of compline and send folks on their way by 7 p.m.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me. — *Hilary Cooke, [hilary@stjohns-laf.org](mailto:hilary@stjohns-laf.org)*.

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## Youth Group Dates

The Youth Group will meet on the following dates:

**March 3:** This is the pancake supper — youth group will help younger kids make floats for the parade.

**March 17:** Game night! 5-7 p.m.

**April 14:** 5-7 p.m.

**April 28:** 5-7 p.m.

**May 5:** Time TBD

### Next Deadline for The Eagle

The deadline for the December Eagle is **Monday, March 11**.  
Send submissions to  
[eagle@stjohns-laf.org](mailto:eagle@stjohns-laf.org).

## 10 Rules for Respect

Every now and then, it's good to revisit some important ground rules for our common life as a church. The following are "10 Rules for Respect" that I have published in *the Eagle* a few times. I am offering them again, not because anything specifically prompted me to do so (we discussed them at the recent Vestry orientation, so they were fresh on my mind). But over the years, I have found them very helpful. These "Rules for Respect" find their expression in various places in Scripture such as Paul's first letter to the Corinthians (6:1-11) or Matthew's Gospel (18:15-20). This particular list comes from another pastor named Charles Christian. These rules — or rather, the rule of life they embody — can help us maintain healthy relationships as the body of Christ.



I will try to follow these rules in my interaction and communication with each of you. I ask that you also follow them with each other and with me.

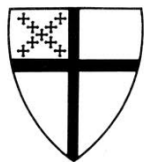
1. If you have a problem with me, come to me (privately).
2. If I have a problem with you, I will come to you (privately).
3. If someone has a problem with me and comes to you, send them to me. I promise to do the same for you.
4. If someone consistently will not come to me, say, "Let's go to Bradley together. I am sure he will see us about this." Again, I promise to do the same for you.
5. Be careful how you interpret me. On matters that are unclear, do not feel pressured to interpret my feelings or thoughts. It is easy for us to misrepresent one another. Please, give me the benefit of the doubt and/or ask me about it.
6. I will be careful how I interpret you, give you the benefit of the doubt, and/or ask you about it.
7. If it's confidential, don't tell. If you or anyone comes to me in confidence, I won't tell unless a) the person is going to harm himself/herself, b) the person is going to physically harm someone else, c) a child has been physically or sexually abused. I will expect the same from you.
8. I will not read or respond to unsigned letters or notes.
9. I do not manipulate. I will not be manipulated. Do not let others manipulate you. Do not let others manipulate me through you.
10. When in doubt, just say it. The only dumb questions are those that don't get asked. If you have a concern, pray about it, and then (if led) speak up. If I can answer your question without misrepresenting something, someone, or breaking confidence, I will.

As always, please don't hesitate to come to me with any concerns. I cannot promise that I will always agree with you or give your concern the attention you desire. But I will always listen to your concerns, and I will greatly appreciate your honesty. I will always try to do the same for you. — Bradley Pace, [bradleypace@stjohnslaf.org](mailto:bradleypace@stjohnslaf.org)

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