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St. John's is a parish of the Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Indianapolis.

From the Curate

Dear Beloved Ones,

We have been on a journey together of praying for where God would call me next upon completing my curacy at St. John's. As the weeks turned into months without an answer, we remained faithful to hearing the quiet voice of the Spirit. The waiting has not been easy, but we have been confident that the work God began would continue to flourish.

So, it brings both me and Father Bradley great joy to announce that I have accepted the call to be the rector of All Saints Episcopal Church in Indianapolis beginning September 18th. As God once granted the desire of my heart to come here, I am grateful for another one of those moments. They are rare treasures when they occur.

Like St. John's, All Saints is known for its beautiful worship, although theirs is in the Anglo-Catholic tradition. They also share a long history of caring for those both inside and outside of their walls.

For the past two years it has been my delight to serve as your curate under the mentoring guidance of Bishop Jennifer, Father Bradley, Teresa, Michael, Gretchen,

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Hilary, and so many others. I have learned much from so many of you, and the letter would never end if I mentioned each one by name and the associated memories that bring great joy.

This has been an important time of growth, creativity, and loving ministry, even amid the pandemic. Whether in

worship, walking, praying, eating, emails, texts, or phone calls, we have come to know and love each other. St. John's has welcomed my passion for pastoral care, nurtured my authentic preaching voice, encouraged my chanting, and made me a better priest than I could ever have been without your loving care.

One of the beauties of the Episcopal way, is that we can acknowledge competing emotions, and the joy I feel with this call is tempered by the mourning of leaving a place I hold very dear. You have imprinted yourself upon my heart, and I will carry you with me always.

Blessings of courage and hope,
Mother Andrea
The Rev. Andrea Arsene
Curate, St. John's Episcopal Church

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Walking the way of St. James

*Beloved, I pray that all may go well with you and
that you may be in good health,
just as it is well with your soul.*

-3 John 2

What a whirlwind of change these last two months have been with so many of us finally going on vacation, Fr. Bradley enjoying his long-awaited sabbatical, staff and clergy travel, interchurch VBS, Worship in the Street, the return of Thursday noon Holy Eucharist, the excitement of awaiting our new Curate, going on pilgrimage, and being called to All Saints as Rector.

This summer is vastly different from the last two summers we have endured. We are packing into it all we have missed for two years. It is a lot for our community to hold.

In the last column, I mentioned I would share about walking The Camino de Santiago, one of many pilgrimages that crisscross Europe. What separates a pilgrimage from a regular vacation is its devotional aspect, extended length, and having a holy or sacred place as its primary destination. The experience is still unfolding. I expect it will continue to do so in the days ahead. And I invite you imagine being there with me.

We welcome every day: We wake up, pack up, eat, pray, walk, clean up, nap, eat, sleep. A routine develops to walk The Camino. Every day we walk. Every decision supports that objective. The purpose becomes clear when we measure all the options in light of how it affects our intention and ability to walk toward the Cathedral of St. James hundreds of kilometers away. In just a few days, we learn to keep "the main thing" the main thing.

Clothes take on a new **insignificance**. Fashion fades away as fit and function gain

importance based on their purpose. With a miniscule wardrobe of two outfits for 17 days, weather and topography dictate the choice. Blue or green pants? Coral or blue shirt? Once freed from dozens of clothing options, space for Spirit emerges. Perhaps we wonder if the early disciples of Jesus who also travelled lightly experienced something similar. (Matthew 10, Luke 9, Mark 6).

Each day presents a new opportunity to walk with God without the usual and very necessary distractions that form our lives. Time becomes timeless as minutes flow into hours, then days, then weeks. One form of time yields to an eternal timelessness. A place where the soul can just **be** as the body ensures the simplified work of doing. We wonder if this was a glimpse of how Enoch might have felt. "For Enoch walked with God, and he was not, for God took him." (Genesis 5:24, KJV).

We grow to embrace more fully each phrase of our morning prayer from the 12th century, knowing that other forms of prayers will come throughout the day.

"God, you called your servant Abraham from Ur in Chaldea, watching over him in all his wanderings, and guided the Hebrew people as they crossed the desert. Guard these your children who, for love of your Name, make a pilgrimage to Compostela. Be their companion on the way, their guide at the crossroads, their strength in weariness, their defense in dangers, their shelter on the path, their shade in the heat, their light in darkness, their comfort in discouragement and the firmness of their intentions; that through your guidance, they may arrive safely at the end of their journey and enriched with grace and virtue, may return to their homes filled with salutary and lasting joy." (Codex Calixtinus). – *Andrea Arsene*, andrea@stjohns-laf.org

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Vacation Bible School 'a great success'

Thank you to all who helped with and/or participated in Vacation Bible School's Compassion Camp! We had at least 62 participants plus all who helped with meals. St. John's partnership with Good Shepherd, Holy Trinity Lutheran, and Our Savior's Lutheran for VBS was a great success. We are already making plans for next year. On June 27, St. John's provided breakfast for supper. The participants learned about Compassion for self as God has compassion for us to BE LOVED! God had compassion on Elijah and God has compassion for us. On June 28, Our Savior's provided a spaghetti meal as we learned about have the Good Samaritan and having compassion for others. Be Kind! On Wednesday, June 29, Good Shepherd provided a mac and cheese meal as we concluded our VBS learning about Compassion for the World through the church and the Pentecost story to Be You! We had 32 kids and 30 adults who participated at least one night during our intergenerational VBS.

Sunday morning Christian Formation will begin again in September. Please check the announcements as well as September's newsletter for more information. We are looking forward to the new programming year. If you have any questions, contact gretchen@stjohns-laf.org or call her voicemail. Thanks! - Gretchen Freese,



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St. John's Financial Summary

June 2022

INCOME	Jan-June	Budget	% of Budget
Pledge Income	\$191,385.00	\$386,450.00	49.5%
Operating Income	\$30,973.72	\$105,569.93	12.4%
Non-Operation Income	\$19,194.29	\$33,406.23	38.9%
Transfer Income	\$0.0	\$43,500.00	0.0%
TOTAL INCOME	\$241,553.01	\$568,926.16	29.3%
EXPENSES			
Outreach	\$32,396.66	\$85,796.00	24.9%
Program	\$7,810.39	\$21,600.00	22.7%
Administration	\$742.21	\$4,000.00	16.9%
Personnel	\$162,365.69	\$310,131.24	33.9%
Office	\$10,062.99	\$26,650.00	24.0%
Property	\$60,679.18	18\$120,348.92	28.0%
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$274,057.12	\$568,926.16	30.3%
Net Income (loss)	\$-32,504.11		

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Save the Date

Sunday, August 7 – Welcoming our new Curate, the Rev. Jason Fortner

Sunday, August 14 – Parish Picnic at Happy Hollow Park

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