

10:00 a.m. – BAS Holy Eucharist **Lay Minister:** Natasha Bejarano

Opening Hymn – Glorious Things of Thee are Spoken

Gathering of the Community
Gloria

Collect of the Day: Almighty God, on the holy mount you revealed to chosen witnesses your well-beloved Son, wonderfully transfigured: mercifully deliver us from the darkness of this world, and change us into his likeness from glory to glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen

The Proclamation of the Word:

Exodus 24: 12-18 (Jon Muers)

Psalms 99

2 Peter 1: 16-21 (Jacquie Muers)

Gradual Hymn – Transfiguration Hymn

Gospel: Matthew 17: 1-9 (Natasha Bejarano)

Homily – Kim Benedict

The Nicene Creed

The Prayers of the People

Confession and Absolution

The Peace

Offering Hymn – You, Lord, Are Both Lamb and Shepherd

Prayer over the Gifts: Holy God, receive all we offer you this day, and bring us to that radiant glory which we see in the transfigured face of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Celebration of the Eucharist #1

Sanctus

The Lord's Prayer

Breaking of Bread #6

Lamb of God

The Communion

Communion Hymn – As We Gather At Your Table

Ablution Hymn – Open Our Eyes

Prayer after Communion

Doxology

Blessing

Children's Hymn – Jesus Put This Song into our Hearts

Closing Hymn – Transfigure Us, O Lord

Dismissal

Let There Be Love

Chancel Guild: Sylvia Jeffery, Lynn Rawlinson, Debbie McNutt, Carol Adams

Greeters: Placide Chiasson, Bob & Carol Adams, Neil Harris, Bill Canning, Murray MacCormick, Bill & Judy Wesley

In lieu of altar flowers, a donation has been made to the glory of God and in loving memory of our departed friends of St. John's from Carla and Placide Chiasson.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Monday, Feb. 20th – 6:30 p.m. Choir

Tuesday, Feb. 21st – 12:15 p.m. Noontime Prayer (Chancel)

7:00 p.m. Parish Council

Wednesday, Feb. 22nd – 8:30 a.m. Ashes to Go (Inglis Place)

12:00 noon Ash Wednesday Eucharist

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Friday, Feb. 24th – 10:00 a.m. Meditation

11:00 a.m. Lectionary Bible Study

Saturday, Feb. 25th – Coldest Night of the Year Walk

Next Sunday, February 26th – First Sunday of Lent

10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist BAS

TODAY at 1:00 p.m. we will hold our **Annual General Meeting** in the upper hall. This year we are returning to an in-person only meeting. We will try to be conscious of physical distancing in the hall and remind you that wearing a mask is encouraged. We encourage all members of the parish to come and take your share in this yearly

Bookworms and Church Mice will meet next on Sunday, March 19th in the parlour after worship. The book for discussion is The Secret Life of Sunflowers by Marta Molnar. All are welcome to read along and join us in the discussion.

Continuing Covid precautions: Masking is still recommended. Be mindful of physical distance. Offering remains in the centre aisle. Hands free gesture of peace. Eucharist by a drop of wine on the wafer. Spacing by greeters in the centre aisle (abiding by the marks on the floor) at Communion. Chair area at the back for greater distance.

Our **mitten tree** is up for the season. We appreciate your donations of hand knitted or purchased mittens, hats and scarves for the local schools.

Sunday School Update: We are planning to have Sunday School every second week for the winter months, except where Holiday or March Break interrupts the schedule. Sunday School will take place on the following weeks to the end of March: February 26 and March 26.

Our **Baby Needs 2023 Drive** for the Colchester Food Bank takes place from **February 5th - March 5th**. Donations of food, clothing and other essentials for babies and toddlers will be received in the Red Food Cart on Sundays, dropped at the parish office, or dropped off every Tuesday from 1:30 – 2:30 p.m. at the link door. There will be two members of the Chancel Guild to accept donations. Thank you for your support of this initiative of your Chancel Guild. For more info speak to Maria Murphy or Prue Hansen.

Coldest Night of the Year walk to raise funds for Hub House, our local homeless shelter, returns in person this year on the evening of **Saturday, February 25th**! Our team so far consists of Rev. Lori, Ina Major, Natasha Bejarano, Tom Rudolph, Joan Best, Lynn Rawlinson and Faye Kennedy. You can sponsor any of these folks and make a donation toward the support of Hub House. Others are still welcome to join the walking team!

Ash Wednesday this year is **February 22nd**, kicking off the season of Lent. We will hold two services on that day: at **12:00 noon (said service)** and **7:00 p.m. (with music)**. The evening service will be live streamed. Both will be services of Holy Eucharist with imposition of ashes for those who wish them. We also will provide **Ashes to Go** at 8:30 a.m. on the corner of Inglis and Prince Streets for folks on their way to work or school. We invite you to join us at one of those times to begin your Lenten journey with ashes and prayer.



Lent Series: Ash Wednesday is February 22nd, kicking off the season of Lent. Our Lenten series this year is called “Ask.” From the intro: ***A lot of times, when people encounter a big question in their life of faith, it can feel isolating. Forbidden, even. Do-not-go-there territory. But what if faith requires us to ask questions? What if we need questions to survive and grow as a community of faith? You want to go there, don’t you? You want to believe dialogue with God, relationship with God, requires questions. Well, guess what? You’re in good company. “Ask” is a Lenten series for anyone who’s ever had a question about their faith.*** There are three ways to be involved in “Ask.”

1. Sign up for our **emailed daily devotions**. Every morning you will receive a short devotion with a question to ponder for the day straight to your in-box. The emails begin on Ash Wednesday (Feb 22). Email Rev. Lori at llramseyis@gmail.com to sign up.
 2. Join us on Thursday evenings at 7:00 p.m. in the chancel for weekday **Evening Prayer** with a discussion time. We’ll ponder one of the big questions raised by the past Sunday’s gospel each week. The sessions begin on Thursday, March 2nd. All are welcome.
 3. Think about your faith questions and place them in our **Question Jar**. We’ll attempt to answer one randomly drawn question every Sunday after the morning announcements. (Remember that some questions aren’t meant to have answers!) Rev Lori will also spend ½ hour each Sunday after the worship for an informal time to talk about the questions raised for us during the week.
- Other Lenten Disciplines:** On the first Sunday of Lent (February 26th) we’ll be distributing **Lent 2.0 bags** to everyone in attendance. These bags contain an object and a series of prompts and questions for each Sunday in the Lenten season. We hope they will help your Lenten reflections.

Lent Madness: Again this year, we will be sponsoring Lent Madness in the parish. This fun and simple Lenten Devotion pits saints against each other head-to-head in a race to see who will win the Golden Halo. You can sign up to have Lent Madness in your inbox each morning by going to www.lentmadness.org and entering your email in the subscribe box. Then enjoy the learning each day and check out other parishioners' votes. Track our progress toward the Halo on the church Lent Madness poster. And have some holy fun!

Food Table: Your Pastoral Ministry Committee is experimenting with a food table at the monthly community dinners. This would be a free table from which people could choose food to take home with them. We plan to begin providing this table at the March Community Dinner, for which St. John's is responsible. We're asking if you could pick up some food when you grocery shop, drop it in the bin provided at the back of the church, and we'll take care of the rest. Some suggested items are: peanut butter, pasta, granola bars, soup, beans, cereal, rice, fruit cups, toiletries, and sanitary supplies. Thank you!

St. John's is responsible for the **March Community Dinner** on March 19th. A list of the required foods and volunteers is posted at the back of the church today. We appreciate any help you can provide!

Looking Ahead (mark your calendars):

Sunday, April 30th – Sung Evening Prayer by our choir.

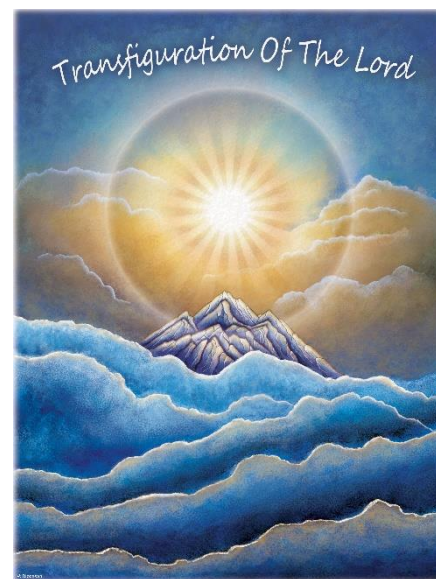
Saturday, May 6th – Spring Retreat at Whispering Spirits in Hodson

Turkey/Syria Earthquake Relief – PWRDF is accepting donations in the usual ways to augment an initial \$34,000 grant to ACT (Action by Churches Together) workers on the ground in the affected zone. You can donate online at pwrdf.org, by calling 1-866-308-7973 (leave a message and they will return your call) or by mail at PWRDF 80 Hayden Street 3rd Floor Toronto, ON M4Y 3G2. If donating by cheque please indicate Syrian Earthquake in the memo field.



Last Sunday after Epiphany

February 19th, 2023



Rector: Rev'd Lori Ramsey

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Wardens: Elaine MacInnis and Jason Reynolds

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