

St. John's Anglican Church, Jordan

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Message from the Interim Pastor



The Reverend Canon Dr. Cathie Crawford Browning

We live in a world in which so many people do not go to church. When the topic comes up that we do, the question we are asked is often 'why?' If we hesitate or seem unsure ourselves, our witness is not very compelling. If, however, we've given this some deliberate thought, we can be an encouragement to others who would be blessed to participate in a Christian community.

Here are my 10 reasons for living out my faith in the church:

1. It is in weekly worship that I am most vividly reminded of what my life is to be centered upon throughout the rest of the week: God. If I didn't worship on a regular basis, I expect that God would be at the periphery, rather than front and center, of my values, priorities and concerns in my daily living.
2. This is the place where I read and study Scripture. If it were not for my involvement in the church, I'm not sure that I would ever read or hear any of the stories of the working of God in the world in the past that help me to know how to recognize God at work in the world in the present.
3. This is the only place where I get to SING my praises to God. Where else would I find myself lost in the joyous wonder of singing (with other people who will put up with me!) 'How Great Thou Art' or 'Praise to the Lord, the Almighty'?
4. This is the community in which I am physically fed with the body and blood of Christ so that my body and soul are nourished by Jesus.
5. It is in the church that I get to spend time with others who have dedicated their hearts and minds to living as servants of Jesus Christ—the place where I have friends who are 'like-minded' in terms of their morals and commitments.
6. This is the community that is focused on learning and growing in Christ—the place where I get to spend time listening and praying and studying with others so that I can come to know God more fully.
7. Church is the community which functions as the 'Body of Christ', filled with those who are committed to serving as Jesus' eyes and mouth and hands and feet—who use their time and energy to bring His love and care to people on earth.

8. This is the place where I am reminded about how God feels about me—that I am loved, treasured, wanted, forgiven, called, challenged by the One is nothing less than the Creator and Sustainer of the universe.

9. Church is the community in which I am reminded of the messages that the secular world such as consumerism, materialism, hedonism; that only rich, famous, beautiful, powerful people matter; that looking after my own needs and wants is all that is important — can all be challenged and corrected by the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

10. While I pray that I often know the presence of Jesus in my life, the church is the one place where I am guaranteed to meet Him—recall He promised that where two or three are gathered in His name, He is in their midst.

Thank God for the Church!



In case you didn't know, here is an example of another of Cathie's many talents – she is an amazing floral designer!

St. John's Parochial Committee Update

The Parochial Committee, consisting of Cathy Jones, George Willows, Doug Whitaker, Reg Tufford, Sandy Dudar and Cathie Crawford Browning, had a very good meeting with Bishop Michael on the 19th of July. Our parish profile was well received. We have been presented some options to consider as we move forward in the parochial process. The Committee will meet again with the Bishop when he returns from holidays in September.

St. John's Wardens' Report

We have been focusing on our Parochial Committee responsibilities, as well as attending committee meetings and following up on parish business. We are extremely happy to report that we have replaced the 13 year old photo copier which was in need of repairs more often than it was operating. This Grapevine has been produced using the new copier and very likely took much less time than before. Thank you, Diane and Heather, for your perseverance and patience with the old copier over the last year.



Brenda Lane, our Treasurer, reports that we are still "in the black"!

As at YTD June 30, 2017

Balance Forward May 31st YTD \$ 8,644.38

Income

Offerings \$ 40,995.96

Other income \$ 20,743.23

Total Income \$ 61,739.19

Expenses

Staffing \$ 30,215.26

Program \$ 2,961.69

Property \$ 13,737.86

Sundry \$ 102.46

Total expenses \$ 56,190.85

Closing Balance YTD \$ 8,583.56

June 30th 2017 closing balance \$ 8,583.56

Request for Transportation

One of the challenges of a church in the country is transportation for people who are unable to drive. We currently have parishioners who cannot attend services at St. John's. If you would be willing to drive to provide a ride to others on Sundays, please speak to Cathie for more information.

Report on our Refugee Initiative

With the support of our congregation and the community, our account balance is now at \$34,828.91 not including the funds from our most recent fundraiser, the Golf Tournament. This puts us well over our original goal required to sponsor our family of 5. We have posted a photo of our family on the Parish Hall bulletin board.

Our next fundraiser will be a Trivia night at the Armenian Community Centre in St. Catharines on October 21st. Mark your calendars and watch for details on this and other fundraisers to follow.

Co-chairs, St. John's Refugee Initiative

Brenda Z and Linda B

Men's Breakfast Club

The Men's Breakfast Club usually meets the second Saturday of the month, from September to June, for an excellent breakfast, cooked each week by volunteers from the club, for a \$5 fee. Friends and family members are very welcome, whether or not they attend church here or at all. **Breakfast Club will resume on September 9.**

We usually phone around the Thursday before to get an idea of numbers so if you would like your name added to the "call" list, please speak to **Henry Zantingh** or call him at **(905)984-0815**.





The Holy Grill is St. John's largest fundraiser. Many volunteers will be working at the St. Catharines' Ribfest in Montebello Park for the first event of the season on August 4, 5, 6 and 7, 2017.

Many thanks to all who have given so generously of their time for this important fundraiser.

The final event for the Holy Grill will be the Vineland ARTfest on October 7, 8 and 9, 2017. Everyone is encouraged to once again come out and volunteer their time for the last Holy Grill Event for 2017.



The best fries this side of heaven!

Events Committee

Everyone is invited to St. John's **Pig and Corn Roast** from 5 to 9 pm, Saturday September 16, 2017. For your listening and dancing pleasure, music will be provided by Mike Lynch and his band.

The menu is: Roasted Pork and Fresh Corn
Beans, Salads and Bread Rolls
Delicious Dessert
Cash Bar

This event is for everyone. Bring family and friends. George Willows will be roasting the pig and Reg Tufford the corn, so please come out and join the fun. Tickets are available from Nancy Pierce Altobello. Call [289-567-0716](tel:289-567-0716) or email npierce@cogeco.ca
Adults, \$20.00; Children 5 and over, \$10.00; Under 5, free.

Let's make this event a "sell out"!!!!!!

Joyce Richardson

Property Committee

Nothing to report at this time... other than visitors to our bell tower in June. See the turkey vultures in the photo below!

Mike Dudar,
Property Chair





The last component of Christian Stewardship is Treasure or Giving to God. Our Giving sustains our parish ministry, our church buildings and our mission outreach. At St. John's we are making our way forward with an increase in givings of 10%.



Spring Tea & Fashion Show



Parish Picnic Potluck

On Sunday, June 25th, the amazing contemporary music group ***Infinitely More*** (Allison Lynn & Gerald Flemming) led us in song, providing us with a wonderful upbeat event with lots of food for both the body and the soul!



Another beautiful bouquet by Cathie!



Upcoming Dates

Here are dates of activities and worship for your calendars.

DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
Sunday, July 30	2 – 5 pm	Fr. Javier Arias - Soccer Tournament with Migrant Workers	Gym
Wednesday, Aug. 2	8 – 5 pm	Quilters' rental	Hearth Room
Wednesday, Aug. 2	10 -11 am	Cheese grating for Holy Grill	Kitchen
Friday – Monday, Aug. 4 – 7 th	11 am – 9 pm daily	Holy Grill at RibFest ; please remember the shifts you have been assigned to cover.	Montebello Park, St. Catharines
Sunday, Aug. 6 - Morning Prayer	9 and 10:30 am	Morning Prayer: officiant Joyce Richardson. Guest Preacher: Cheryl Keddy-Scott, director of the Village of Hope	Church
Wednesday, Aug. 9	5 pm	Holy Grill clean up – please come to help	Parking lot
Sunday, Aug. 20	10:30 am	Including Baptism	Church
Thursday, Sept. 7	8 – 5 pm	Quilters' rental	Hearth Room
Saturday, Sept. 9	8:30 am	Men's Breakfast	Hearth Room
Sunday, Sept. 10	10:30 am	Sunday School resumes	Church
Saturday, Sept. 16	5 pm	Pig & Corn Roast	Patio & Gym
Sunday, Sept. 24	11:45 am	Parish Council Meeting	Hearth Room
Wednesday, Oct. 4	7 pm	Euchre Club	Hearth Room
Saturday – Monday, October 7 - 9	9 – 5 pm	Holy Grill at ARTFest in Vineland; Please remember the shifts you have been asked to cover.	Twenty Valley School grounds
Monday, October 9	All day	Thanksgiving Day	
Saturday, Oct. 14	8:45 am	Men's Breakfast	Hearth Room
Sunday, October 15	9 & 10:30	Harvest Home Thanksgiving	Church
Saturday, October 21	6:30 pm	Refugee Initiative Trivia Night	Armenian Hall
Wednesday, Nov. 1	7 pm	All Saints/All Souls Evensong	Church/Hearth Room reception