



## To Grow, Heal, and Serve

*Week of January 18, 2026*

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### Ways to Grow

#### **Children's Church now offered at both 9am & 11:15am Sunday!**

During December we experimented with offering Children's Church at the 11:15am service on Sundays (in addition to the 9am service when we've offered it for years). The experiment went well! Our volunteers are less stretched, and more kiddos are able to participate. So going forward we'll offer Children's Church to kids aged 3-11 at both the 9am and 11:15am services on Sundays!

#### **Adult Formation: Praying the Daily Office**

Morning Prayer and Evening Prayer, collectively called the Daily Office, sit close to the heart of our Episcopal way of being Christian. They can be prayed by anyone, anywhere, and are an excellent way to pray with (and read!) the Bible. As it's laid out in the Book of Common Prayer, the Office is also user-unfriendly, and it can be bewildering to newbies. Gia will introduce us to the riches of this method of prayer, share some aids to praying it without tears or frustration, and teach the gung-ho how to use the BCP format. This two-part series for adults meets on Sundays, January 18 and 25, at 10:15 a.m. in Kilbourne Hall. Nursery care, Godly Play, and Youth Roundtable are offered at the same time.

#### **Gen X Millennial Women's Group**

Gen X and Millennial Women's Group is planning an outing to the Columbus Museum of Art on Sunday, January 25 from 3:00-5:00 p.m. We will spend an hour or so walking the galleries and maybe get a snack in the cafe. RSVP to Jennifer Hughes by email or in person.

#### **Faith250: Conversations on Faith and Civic Values**

# faith250

The Worthington interfaith community is proud to host Faith250, a four-session learning series connected to a national, multifaith initiative inviting communities to reflect on shared civic values through historical texts. As the U.S. approaches its 250th anniversary, Faith250 creates space for conversations about belonging, responsibility, and the moral ideals that shape lives.



## THE NEW COLOSSUS

EMMA LAZARUS  
1883



**Wednesday, January 28 | 7:00 PM**

For our first session, we'll explore Emma Lazarus' poem *The New Colossus*, its message of hope & belonging, and what its words might mean for us today.



Congregation Beth Tikvah

6121 Olentangy River Road

Scan the code to RSVP



Link: <https://forms.gle/K8ntxdV78LFyKkpJA>

### Pop-Up Candlemas Celebration

All are invited to come and celebrate Candlemas, the Feast of the Presentation of Jesus at the Temple, through a series of multi-cultural events at Procter Center.

On Saturday, January 31st, Xandra Sharpe (chef and kitchen manager at Procter) and the Rev. Gerardo Romo Garcia (missioner for Latino ministries) will lead a free tamale making workshop from 3-5 pm.

Then on Monday, February 2nd (the Feast of Candlemas!) spend an evening at Procter, enjoying an international Candlemas Dinner at 6 pm. For \$10, we'll feast together on tamales from Mexico, crepes from France, and more! We'll also have the opportunity to share together some Candlemas craft activities.



After dinner, join us for SING! Candlelit Holden Evening Prayer, Blessing of the Candles, and a Winter Hymn Sing led by Nathan Greer (co-executive director at Procter Center) and Stephen Sollars (organist at St. John's, Worthington). There's no cost to join our service and hymn sing!

Overnight accommodations are available for the evening of Feb. 2 for an additional cost.

**Register Here!**



## Dates & Location

### **Saturday, January 31**

3-5 pm Tamale making workshop (Free)

### **Monday, February 2**

6 pm Dinner and crafts (\$10)

7 pm Evening Prayer, Candle Blessing, and Hymn Sing (Free)

### **Procter Center**

11235 St. Rt. 38 SE

London, OH 43140

[proctercenter.org](http://proctercenter.org)

## **Lenten School 2026: The Glory of God is a Human Person Fully Alive**

Monday Evenings, February 23 - March 23  
7:00 PM - 8:30 PM

A free offering taking place at St. John's, Worthington (700 High Street, Worthington).

This Lent, join us for a series of five presentations that follow Jesus through cycles of death and rebirth. Every evening we will have one plenary session followed by small group discussion and prayer. The presenters for this year's Lenten School are:

**February 23** - Stephen Smith presenting on the Raising of Lazarus and revelations of future hope. Stephen is a retired priest in the Diocese after 35 years of parish ministry, who strives to teach in a way that opens the Bible to live-giving interpretations.

**March 2** - John Florian presenting on Jesus's Laments and the question of how we accept the end of things and learn to let go. John is a hospice chaplain and a musician who will be presenting through the lens of both hospice stories and songs.

**March 9** - Sr. Janice Bachman presenting on the Temptations in the Wilderness and how to talk to God when we're discerning. Janice Bachman, a Dominican Sister of Peace, is a spiritual director and Jungian Analyst who will lead us in an experiential process on how we talk to God when we are discerning.

**March 16** - Aaron Rogers presenting on John the Baptist and the question of who is calling us out of our assumptions about how life should be. Aaron is the Missioner for Black Ministries for the diocese and a powerful preacher and presenter.

**March 23** - Joseph Kovitch presenting on Healing and how individuals and communities adjust to new ways of being after healing takes place. Joe will guide our conversation on healing through the lens of his work as a pediatric chaplain and someone who lives with a disability.

Use this QR Code to register:



## **Ways to Heal**

### **Facing Loss in the New Year and Care Givers' Lunch**

January 19th will see us in the St. John's Atrium at 1:00pm doing one of our favorite things; sharing a reading, poem or song that speaks to us. Bring your favorite of this year. We will remember Martin Luther King.

CareGivers Lunch will be at the Worthington La Chatelaine at NOON on January 26. Come to the warm back room for a warm welcome. Call Louann Shearer, WPC Co-Chair with questions or urgent concerns (567-377-3194)

## **Ways to Serve**

### **Give Blood, Save Lives!**

Your Blood is a Lifeline! – St. John's will host a community blood drive this Sunday, January 18, from 12:30 to 5:00 pm, in Kilbourne Hall, with Versiti Blood Center, the main blood supplier for the Ohio State University Wexner Centers and The James Cancer Center. As a thank you, all attempting donors with a valid email and the code FREEZE in their appointment notes will receive a \$25 e-gift card, a limited-edition OSU hoodie, and be entered for a chance to win two tickets to the OSU Men's Basketball vs. Michigan game on Sunday, February 8th!! Appointments are preferred, but walk-ins are welcome. Join us for worship on January 18, then roll up your sleeve and give back. Call 800-485-6594, SCAN the QR Code, or go to [https://donateblood.versiti.org/donor/schedules/drive\\_schedule/11632253](https://donateblood.versiti.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/11632253) to schedule your appointment. Our goal is 14 donors, and you can help us meet that goal. Just one blood donation can save up to three lives—your generosity could be the lifeline someone needs! Want to help greet donors at the door? Contact Mary Bailey at 614-619-1803 or [mphbailey.3@gmail.com](mailto:mphbailey.3@gmail.com). Your blood is a lifeline - let's show the power of our faith and compassion in action!



## Food Pantry

January 18 – pasta, toothbrushes

January 25 – tuna, diapers (3-6)

## January ITG dinner at Trinity

Thank you to all who contributed food and served at the December dinner. We fed about 55 people with a new casserole that was very popular as we had nothing left over.. St. John's will be serving dinner next on January 25. A sign-up sheet and pans with recipes are on the atrium table this Sunday and next Sunday. You can bring food and/or join the St. John's team at Trinity to serve this meal. Your support for this ministry is so very much appreciated by hungry folks in Columbus!

## Around St. John's

### Flower Chart

The 2026 Flower Chart for flower donations is hanging in the Atrium. Please sign with your name and phone number on the date/dates that you would like to donate flowers. We will not have flowers on Altar during Lent, but if you have a remembrance during that time, sign on date and the remembrance will be put in bulletin. More than one person can sign up on a given date. Someone from Flower Guild will contact you prior to date and ask for information about why you are donating on that date. Any questions, please contact Donna Somerville (614) 208-8573. Thank you, St. John's Flower Guild.

### Singles Dining Out

Our January Singles Dining Out adventure will find us at the Whitney House on Wednesday, January 21, at 6:00 pm. The Whitney House is located at 666 High Street, Worthington, Ohio 43085, just a few doors down from St. John's. You can find Whitney House's menu of "thoughtfully crafted American comfort food" at [thewhitneyhouserestaurant.com/menu](http://thewhitneyhouserestaurant.com/menu). Please RSVP to Mary Bailey at **614-619-1803** or **mphbailey.3@gmail.com** so she can let Whitney House know the size of our group. Singles Dining Out is an informal group of St. John's parishioners and friends, always happy to welcome new participants. Singles and married individuals who will be attending without their spouse are welcome to participate, and feel free to invite a friend who is not a member of St. John's. We hope you can join us at the Whitney House on January 21!

## Newsletter Submission

Are you looking to submit an article for the newsletter? Click the link below! Deadlines for the articles are due by Tuesdays at 12 noon and can be sent in no earlier than Monday of the same week.

**Submit Here**

### Readings for This Sunday

Isaiah 49:1-7  
1 Corinthians 1:1-9  
John 1:29-42  
Psalm 40:1-12

### Readings for Next Sunday

Isaiah 9:1-4  
1 Corinthians 1:10-18  
Matthew 4:12-23  
Psalm 27:1, 5-13

**Click here for the Lectionary page**

**Centering Prayer** – Mondays, 1:00 pm. Click this **Zoom link** (Meeting ID: 865 0593 1410; Passcode: 922699; +13017158592,,86505931410#,,,\*922699#). If you are interested, contact Teri Foley-Nelson, at [foleynelson1@sbcglobal.net](mailto:foleynelson1@sbcglobal.net).

**Do You Have Family or Friends Who You Want Included on the Weekly Prayer List?** If so, please contact the office at [Bellao@stjohnsworthington.org](mailto:Bellao@stjohnsworthington.org) or 614-846-5180, with their first names. Names will remain on the list for three weeks unless there are additional instructions. If you want longer term prayer by the intercessory prayer group, please contact Jo Pascoe at 614-306-7983 and leave a message or send email to [twopas@aol.com](mailto:twopas@aol.com).

**Pastoral Care Concerns** - If you have a pastoral care concern, please contact one of the clergy. Gia may be reached at 614-846-5180, ext. 302, 220-219-1880, or [GiaHM@StJohnsWorthington.org](mailto:GiaHM@StJohnsWorthington.org). David may be reached at 614-846-5180, ext. 308, 220-219-1880 or, [DavidB@stjohnsworthington.org](mailto:DavidB@stjohnsworthington.org). 220 area code is a local number.

## People for whom prayers have been asked

**And we pray for:**

Shari  
Wendy  
Tonya  
Debby  
John  
Immigrants and refugees  
Jerry and Heather

Melissa  
Paul  
Nick  
Mara  
Andrew  
Teri  
Jeff

**For our service men and women and all first responders**  
*(Allow time for others to pray)*

**For those who are unemployed or underemployed**

Cassandra  
Chris  
Miguel  
Roger  
Bridget  
Heather  
Fefi  
David  
Kathy  
Louis  
Bebi  
Tepe family  
People of Venezuela  
Shawna  
John  
Frank  
Caroline  
Tom  
Stewart  
Jackie  
Julie

*(Allow time for others to pray)*

**For all who experience fear or exclusion**  
*(Allow time for others to pray)*

**For those in prison or bondage – in body or spirit**  
*(Allow time for others to pray)*

**For peace and for all those who suffer from war, including the people of Ukraine, Sudan, Afghanistan, Armenia, Israel, Palestine, Lebanon, Venezuela and all places of conflict in the world.**

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### **Parish Cycle of Prayer**

Jen Cordle and Martha Phillips  
Larry Creed and Paula Smailes and family  
Rosalyn Cross

### **Diocesan Cycle of Prayer**

St. Paul's, Greenville  
Episcopal Community Ministries

### **We Give Thanks**

For the people of St. John's and for their ministries

### **The Departed**

Lester Russell Allen, Jr.  
Sharlene Rosie Lynette Turner

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