



To Grow, Heal, and Serve

Week of April 5, 2026

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Holy Week

Holy Saturday: April 4

7:00 p.m. The Great Vigil of Easter

Easter Sunday: April 5

9:00 a.m. Festival Eucharist

10:15 a.m. Children's Easter Egg Hunt

11:15 a.m. Festival Eucharist

Ways to Grow

African Americans and the Bible Book Study

Tuesdays in April from 6-7:30 pm on Zoom

Join the Episcopal Diocese of Southern Ohio this April for an engaging and transformative formation opportunity: African Americans and the Bible.

This four-week study invites participants into a deeper understanding of the historical and cultural relationship between African Americans and Holy Scripture. Grounded in *The Talking Book* by Allen Dwight Callahan, this course explores how African Americans encountered, interpreted, proclaimed, and embodied the Bible in the midst of enslavement and the ongoing struggle for freedom and dignity.

For generations, the Bible has been more than a sacred text in African American communities—it has been a source of hope, resistance, identity, spiritual wrestling, and spiritual power. Together, we will examine how this “talking book” has shaped faith, worship, preaching, and public witness. Participants will gain a richer appreciation for Scripture as it has been read and lived through the cultural lens of African Americans, broadening and deepening their own engagement with the Word of God.

Whether you are clergy, a lay leader, or someone seeking to grow in faith and understanding, this study offers space for learning, reflection, and meaningful conversation. Come ready to listen, to learn, and to encounter the Bible anew. We look forward to walking this journey together.

Register Here



2026 Women's Fall Retreat

SAVE THE DATE: 2026 Fall Women's Retreat, Oct 9-10 at the Transfiguration Spirituality Center in Cincinnati, OH. The cost is \$100 per night. For questions please contact Donna DeRemer-Hissrich at 614-203-3562 (Call/Text) or email donna.hissrich@gmail.com. Our facilitator will be Katherine Murphy. Watch the announcements for further details.

Ways to Heal

Healing Prayers on April 12

Gia and David will offer prayers and anointing for healing at both services on Sunday, April 12. You are invited to receive God's gift of healing in body, mind, and spirit.

Ways to Serve

Friendship Dinner

Thursday, April 9 | 6:00 PM

Join your Worthington neighbors for an evening of good food and fellowship.

Dinner Menu

- Tossed Salad
- Garlic Bread
- Spaghetti with Meatballs
- Vegetables

- Dessert

Vegan, vegetarian, and allergen friendly options available

No children's menu this month

Volunteers Needed


We are seeking 9 volunteers:

- 3 for food preparation
- 3 for setup
- 3 for cleanup

Sign up sheet available in the atrium

Questions? Email or text:

 jbross53@gmail.com

 (847) 254 1821

Procter Center Earth Day Work Day

All are invited to join the Procter Center team and members of the Southern Ohio Chapter of the Order of Naucratus for an Earth Day Work Day, giving thanks for the gift of creation by giving back to the land through service and prayer.

The Procter Farm and Outdoor Education Team along with members of the Order of Naucratus will lead a morning filled with service projects for all skill levels and abilities, across the Procter Woods, Lake Leo, and Procter Farm. Our morning concludes with praying Noonday Prayer together and partaking in a delicious thank you lunch, prepared by the Procter Kitchen Crew and Naucratus leaders.

Kids are invited to participate in Camp WILD activities during our service project time. All participants, regardless of age, will have opportunity for community connection and play.

Please bring work gloves (extras will be available if needed), a refillable water bottle, and wear shoes and clothes that can get dirty.

April 17-18, 2026

9 am - Gather, Light Breakfast

9:15 am - Projects begin

Noon - Noonday Prayer then lunch

1 pm - Departure

Procter Center

11235 St. Rt. 38 SE

London, OH 43140

proctercenter.org

RSVP Here



In the Garden on April 19th

On March 22 St. John's served meals to 55+ folks at Trinity Church in Columbus thanks to the contributions of our parishioners. We will be serving dinner a week early this month on April 19. Trinity is celebrating receiving a grant for church renovation by having a picnic upstairs for their usual guests. This means an easy menu for us, but we are still expecting to serve 60 people. A sign-up sheet and pans for pasta salad are on the atrium table through 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!

BREAD

Are you looking for a way to impact social justice issues right here in Columbus? Read on to learn about BREAD Columbus, a faith-based city-wide organization. St. John's has been an active congregation member in BREAD for many years now. BREAD has advanced important local issues such as affordable housing, education, and health care. You may have seen the recent efforts to establish a rental registry reported on by the Columbus Dispatch a few weeks ago- a recent and ongoing project of BREAD! This year's issues are: protecting the urban tree canopy and promoting a livable wage. This week we will examine the issue of a livable wage.

Food Pantry

Our support of the Gladden Food Pantry began back in 1986 when it was still the Franklinton Food Pantry. I served on its board for a number of years until it came under the auspices of the Gladden Community House. Sadly, the Gladden Community House has made the decision to close the Gladden Food Pantry on March 31 due to funding issues. This means about 15,000 residents in the Franklinton area will lose access to the free monthly food supplies and weekly deliveries for seniors that they have relied on for decades. They will need to go much further to find a food pantry, and transportation will be a challenge. I hope Gladden is providing helpful information to those served by the pantry to point them to alternative options for the services they need. We have split our food and toiletry donations between the Gladden Pantry and the Worthington Resource Pantry for many years now, and I wish to thank Jim & Judi Stillwell, who have faithfully picked up and delivered our donations to Gladden for such a long time.

With the Gladden Pantry closing, all of our weekly donations will go to the Worthington Resource Pantry (WRP), and they will be glad to receive them, as the number of neighbors they serve each month keeps growing. Although I offer weekly suggestions of items to donate, please know that all kinds of non-perishable food items and toiletries are welcome. Take advantage of specials when you see them! If you prefer, you can donate financially to WRP at

<https://www.worthingtonresourcepantry.org/donate>. YOUR contributions, whether financial or food and toiletries, help to make the Worthington Resource Pantry a place of hope and help for our neighbors in need - thank you!

April 5 – tuna, canned chicken; pet food

April 12 – cereal, oatmeal; feminine pads

April 19 – canned ravioli; razors, shaving cream

April 26 – peanut butter; deodorant

Around St. John's

Parish Brunch on Sunday, April 12

The popular parish brunch on the second Sunday of Easter is back for a second year! We'll gather for a potluck meal on Sunday, April 12, at about 10:15 a.m. in the Undercroft. A sign-up sheet is on the table in the Atrium. Please let us know you're planning to attend, what dish you'll bring to share, and whether you're able to help set up and/or clean up.

Singles Dining Out

Our April Singles Dining Out gathering will be at J. Alexander's on Wednesday, April 22, at 6:00 pm. J. Alexander's is located at 7550 Vantage Drive, Columbus, Ohio 43235. You can find J. Alexander's menu at www.jalexanders.com/menus/0004.pdf. Please RSVP to Donna Deremer-Hissrich at **614-203-3562** or donna.hissrich@gmail.com so she can let J. Alexander's 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 on April 22! ~Mary Bailey

The 9th Episcopal Night at the Symphony

Friday evening, May 1, 2026

Ohio Theatre – 39 E. State Street, Columbus, OH 43215

Columbus Symphony Orchestra - Rossen Milanov, conductor

Aubry Ballarò, soprano: Nicholas Nestorak, tenor: Hugh Russell, baritone

Columbus Symphony Chorus - Stephen Caracciolo, chorus director

BalletMet

Dvořák: The American Flag & Orff: Trionfo di Afrodite (Triumph of Aphrodite)

5:30pm – Reception, bar & "heavy" hors d'oeuvres – 4th floor

7:30pm - Performance – Seats in Prime Orchestra

\$70 per person for whole event or \$35 per person for reception only. Make checks payable to: Bruce Smith and mail to him at

The Rev. Bruce Smith 627 Yaronia Dr. N. Columbus, OH 43214

Email: revabs0630@gmail.com

Please include the names of the people in your party and your parish affiliation.

Deadline for reservations is Wednesday, April 15th, 2026

Chamber Music Connection

The mission of Chamber Music Connection (CMC) is to teach and perform chamber music at the highest level, benefiting students of all ages, backgrounds, and abilities. Our vision is to use chamber music to promote personal and musical growth and development, while building our sense of community and interconnectedness in the lives of our students. By fostering both leadership and collaboration, CMC strives to build skills not only for music, but for life.

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

Acts 10:34-43
Colossians 3:1-4
Matthew 28:1-10
Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

Readings for Next Sunday

Acts 2:14a,22-32
1 Peter 1:3-9
John 20:19-31
Psalm 16

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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.

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 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 Mary Bailey (614-619-1803 or mphbailey.3@gmail.com) or Jo Pascoe (614-306-7983 or 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. David may be reached at 614-846-5180, ext. 308, 220-219-1880 or, DavidB@stjohnsworthington.org. 220 area code is a local number.

People for whom prayers have been asked

And we pray for:

Andrew
Lynn
Phil
Eric
Emary
Rick & family
Daniel, Annette, & Jean
Shawna
Eryeya

For our service men and women and all first responders

(Allow time for others to pray)

For those who are unemployed or underemployed

(Allow time for others to pray)

Jack, Julie, and the
Stewart/Ellison Family
Sheridan
Sarah & family

**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,
Iran, Venezuela and all
places of conflict in the
world.**

Parish Cycle of Prayer

Karen Graham
Lisa Graupmann
Beth Hall

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer

Trinity, Troy
St. Luke's, Marietta

We Give Thanks

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

The Departed

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