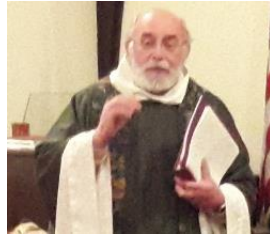
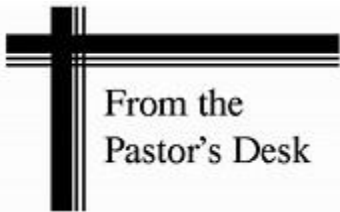


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10 Suggestions for Welcoming a New Rector

By Fr. Don

Dear People of St. John's,

I came across the article below (written by Ron Edmondson on August 25, 2018), and I thought it contained a lot of wisdom in helping the new Rector transition to ministry here. I made a few additions to the original based on my experience.

“Pray for the rector daily – It’s something I’m almost expected to say, but there is truly no greater comfort for a rector than to know people are praying for him by name. As a rector, I could literally feel people praying for me at times. On an especially stressful day, I would sense God’s protection by the prayers of God’s people. I believed in prayer so much I always had a personal prayer team.

Love and honor the rector’s family – This includes helping them acclimate to the community. Especially if there are still children at home, they will need more family time at home, not less. The family is stretched and stressed – out of their comfort zone and pulled in so many directions. Let the rector have adequate time at home. Let the family time be honored as much as their time at church.

Tell the rector and family your name each time you meet – And, then tell them again. And again, if necessary. Learning names may be the hardest thing a new rector has to do. Give him ample time to learn yours and, please, never trick him or ask them, “Do you remember my name?” That may be one of the hardest questions I received as rector, because I always wanted to and couldn’t always. (Frankly, sometimes on Sunday mornings I couldn’t remember my own name.) Many churches have a pictorial directory. This is probably the best tool to help a rector learn people’s names.

Don’t gossip about the rector or family – There will almost always be changes when a new rector comes to a church. If you don’t understand something simply ask. Be very careful not to propagate misunderstandings. Be a positive voice for the future. And, stop gossip and rumors as soon as you hear them.

Speak encouragement – Say, things like, “Rector, I’m here to help.” And, mean it. Find positive things with which to encourage the rector and family. Send a personal, hand-written note. And, don’t write, “I’m thankful for you, but...”. Just say thank you. Those notes are kept forever.

Introduce the rector to leaders – In the church and in the community, it is helpful if the rector knows the influencers whom he will likely encounter during his ministry. The earlier he can know them the better.

Let the rector set the pace – It will take a while even for an experienced new rector to figure out his stride. Give him your understanding during this time. He may not make every visit you want him to make. And, depending on the size of the church he may not ever make every visit you think he should. There’s only so much time in a day. He may not place priority where you think it needs to be placed. He may not introduce change as fast as you want him to or change may seem too fast for you. This is all part of the newness in a time of transition. Let him set the pace – especially in the early days.

Don’t offer a million suggestions – There will be time for that, but the new rector needs time to learn the church. Most likely you’re already doing lots of things – some good and maybe some not so good. Let him learn who you are as a church, before you fill his head with too many new ideas.

Don’t prejudge his performance – A new rector will make his own mistakes. Don’t hold a previous rector’s mistakes against him. Don’t assume, based on his history or your expectations of him, that he will perform a certain way. He may. He may not. When you have a criticism, bring it directly to the rector as your own, not what “a lot of people” or “some people” are saying. Your rector is conversing with you and not a crowd.

Extend the honeymoon – Honestly, it usually seems too short anyway. If the rector begins to make any changes at all, some

people lose faith in him. A new rector needs time to acclimate. He needs time to learn you and the church. Keep loving and supporting him, even when changes become harder to make and harder to accept. If God brought the rector to your church, God wants to use him there. Let God do as God intended."

Introducing Father Wrede!



The Revd Canon Richard Charles Wrede was born and raised in Bergen County, NJ. He earned his BA in History (summa cum laude) from Fairleigh Dickinson University. Before receiving his Master of Divinity degree from Virginia Theological Seminary, he earned an MS in Library Service from Columbia University. He has completed his classwork for the Doctor of Ministry degree from Drew University in Madison, NJ. Canon Wrede was ordained to the priesthood on December 6, 1990 by the Rt. Revd John Shelby Spong, DD.

Fr. Wrede served two parishes in the Diocese of Newark and was a member of the Diocesan Council. He came to the Diocese of New Jersey when called as Rector of All Saints' in Lakewood. Prior to his coming to St. John's, Fr. Wrede served at Christ Church Riverton since 2005.

He has been active in ministries to the homeless and in nursing homes, and was a member of the Lakewood interfaith clergy association. He has served as a fire and police department chaplain, library board president, and in a number of other church and civic activities. He was appointed Riverton's first certified police chaplain.

Canon Wrede's Diocesan roles have included Chair of the Nominating Committee and Intake Officer. He is the Archivist and Historiographer of the Diocese and a member of the Diocesan Liturgical Commission. He was Dean of the Burlington Convocation from 2013-2019, and is a faculty member of the School for Deacons. He was installed as a Canon of the Diocese of New Jersey by the Rt Revd William H. Stokes, DD on May 20th 2017.

Fr. Wrede is married to the Revd Anne McRae Wrede and has one daughter, Katie and a rescued greyhound, Malcolm. The Revd Mrs. Wrede recently retired as Priest-in-charge of the Associated Parishes of St. Stephen's in Riverside and Beverly, NJ.

Fr. Wrede plays organ, piano, clarinet, saxophone and recorder, as well as oboe in the Moorestown Community Band. He is interested in local history, genealogy, and bird

watching. He has traveled in Western Europe and the eastern US and Canada, and has served as Rector-on-exchange at All Hallows Church in Gedling, Nottinghamshire England. He and his family enjoy hiking and camping.

Father Wrede accepted the keys to St. John's from Father Donald Caron at a "Hail and Farewell" celebration on Father's Day, June 16th, 2019.

Summer Clean-Up – July 13th at 8:00AM

HEAR YE....HEAR YE!

SATURDAY, JULY 13, 8:00 AM til

ST JOHNS 2019 SUMMER FELLOWSHIP and Work EVENT

Each participant will receive the following:

ONE HOAGIE----FREE

ONE BAG OF CHIPS – FREE

ONE SOFT DRINK—FREE

That's right folks, all the above AT NO COST TO YOU! DO NOT PASS UP THIS OPPORTUNITY!!



Seriously, the Churchyard Committee is asking for your help in cleaning up, what else, but the Churchyard and Parish Hall grounds. Any amount of time you could contribute would be greatly appreciated. As stated above, your Churchyard Committee will be providing lunch. Thus, to determine how much food is required, sign-up will be needed.

Please contact Don Martel to sign-up – Phone- 856-227-2058; E-mail- kdmartel@comcast.net; in person at the 10:00 AM Sunday Service. (If you don't know me, I am the old bald guy that leads the prayers of the people). THANK YOU!!

Ongoing Fundraisers



Wawa Shorti Hoagies: Wawa Shorti hoagie coupons are available from the office and from Mary Wonderlin for \$4.00. The Church gets a part of your purchase. The coupon entitles you to one Shorti hoagie of your choice.

Amazon Smile: The Church receives a portion of all sales with no additional cost to you. On your first visit to smile.amazon.com, you are prompted to select a charitable organization from the list of eligible organizations. Type "Church of St. John the Evangelist Blackwood" into



the search bar, and simply select our church. Then, whenever you purchase anything on Amazon, go to [smile.amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com/?ref=astore&pf_rd_p=5a7d6d6d-8085-4030-b058-641530423935), and your purchase will automatically qualify. Thank you in advance!

Outreach

SCUCS: We continue to collect food for SCUCS. The senior citizens in Camden County are always in need of food, no matter the weather. Bags are in the back of the church and Parish Hall.



Every
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St. Paul's: The next St. Paul's trip will be June 23. We will be preparing food at the Parish Hall and helping to serve those less fortunate. We are looking for any donations of turkeys and hams that anyone might have; please reach out to Barry McManaman.

ECW

The ECW Picnic was held on Wednesday, May 22. All of the ladies who participated had a great time in celebration of yet another wonderful year!

-Mary Wonderlin

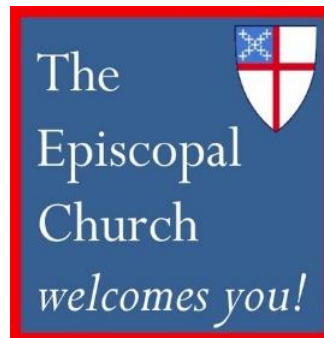


(ECW Picnic photographs courtesy of Mary Wonderlin)

Discernment Committee News

The Vestry has announced that our recommended candidate, the Rev. Richard Wrede, has agreed to become our new Priest. We are looking forward to welcoming Rev. Wrede as the new shepherd for St. John's. Please keep Rev. Wrede in your prayers.

Wishing you blessings,
Linda Ambler and Phyllis Sowers for the Discernment Committee



Building Updates

Capital Campaign: Due to several Parish Hall roof leaks and continued damage to the ceiling tiles upstairs, a \$5,000 Capital Campaign Fund Drive needed to redo the 10' x 20' Flat Roof area

on the Parish Hall began on April 9. A safer, upgraded roof access will also need to be completed. As of June 9, we have \$1260.50 toward our new roof. Thank you to those who have given, and please continue to support this worthy cause!



Rectory Projects: We are looking for volunteers for a couple of rectory projects. First, we need painters to come and paint a ceiling in the living room. This is the last major paint project! Second, we are hoping to get a group of people together on June 22 to help clean the main floor of the rectory in anticipation of opening it up to be rented. Please see Barry McManaman to volunteer.



Choir Updates

The choir has had an exciting past several weekends before the conclusion of our year on June 16th. June 9th we celebrated Pentecost, during which the choir will perform an ensemble and congregation favorite Soon and Very Soon. The following weekend will be Father Don's last Sunday with us, and the choir has invited some friends to join us for some special music to mark the occasion.

This summer the choir would like the congregation to mark calendars for Sunday, July 21st. We'll host our third SongFest, a tradition started in 2017, following the morning service and a lunch. If you have ever felt like you would like to learn more about your voice, how to sing or how to get over those pesky butterflies when it's time to speak publicly then consider joining us that afternoon. A professional vocalist will lead the group in some fun games and exercises, and we will have the chance to sing hymns and songs of your choosing. Look out for Dan's sign-up list in the weeks to come!

Best,
Dan Nelson, Choir Director

Senior Warden's Report

As our year comes to a close, I would like to extend a huge thank you to Father Caron for his service to our Church. Thanks for all of your assistance during this time of transition! On behalf of the entire parish, I would also like to extend a WARM WELCOME to Father Wrede as he joins us. It is certainly an exciting time for our Church!!

NEW: \$5,000 CAPITAL FUND CAMPAIGN! Due to several Parish Hall roof leaks and continued damage to the ceiling tiles upstairs, we will immediately start a \$5,000 Capital Fund Drive needed to redo the 10' x 20' Flat Roof area on the Parish Hall. A safer, upgraded roof access will also need to be completed. As always, your generosity is greatly appreciated.

Please feel free to contact me or our Jr. Warden, Dorothy Blindenbacher, or any other Vestry member if you have any questions or concerns. Please remember we are here for you.

Heartfelt thanks, again, and may God continue to bless you all,
Susan Jones
Sr. Warden

Junior Warden's Report



Thank you to Pat Bosch and all who helped at the Gloucester Township Day, and to all who donated water. We gave out water, cotton webbing bracelets for the kids, and trifold brochures about St. John's and its' history.

As the "Peoples' Warden" I am concerned with your concerns, so don't ever hesitate to contact me with any of them. My phone number is on the service bulletin every week.

-Dorothy Blindenbacher

Parish Prayers for Joys and Concerns

Pray for those in Special Need

John Worsham, Eric Quintavalle, Abby Collins, Matthew Sterling, Bill Peters, Jimmy Yang, Joan Shupp, Margie Schwartz, Theresa DeCicco, Nancy Hosey, Denise Stricker, Jeff Boggess, Jenny Yocum, Cynthia & Julian Yeh, Sean Santos, Steve Montgomery, Maria Grace, John Kuchler, Jean Perkins, Ann Roney, Harry Smith, Jean Perkins, Maria Velez, Jared Callen, Hadley Benfield, Phyllis Mancuso, William Mayer, Sr., Joseph Mancuso, Nicole Youngs, Nancy Klobnak, the Haughton Family, Ann Waller, Andrew, Gemma and Finn Hermann, Joseph Reily, Joe Waller, Nick Giambri, Dot Lutz, Brad Siracuse, Sandy Fergeson, Atwood Shupp, James Wager, John Ervin, Frances Ash, Ken Timms, Michael B., Barbara Rigney, Nancy Hosey, Joanne Van-Patton, Betty & Bud Bidinger, Terry and her grandchildren, Karlene Gray, Helen Shupp, Sal Aversa, Margie Arches, Ann Masker, Marc Lilley, Thomas Caruso, John Davidson, Marissa Rocco, Ken Sweeten, Anna, Diane Oberoski

Pray for our Shut-In and Home-Bound

Kay Taylor, Anna Scalise, Barbara Houghton, Karen Street

Pray for those serving the military, police, and fire dpts.

Samantha & Matthew Sanders, Adam Miller, Henry Yang, Amanda Collazzo, Frank Vanore, Jr., Steven Barthmaier, Anthony Moss, Michael Truskowski, Abbey Wilkins, Janet Prince, Ken Sweeten, Andy Misinkavitch, Garrett Bogdan, Nigel P. Shockley, Catherine Marie Wilson, Mike Millisky, Derek Walton, Colin Mair, Ryan Mair

The Editor's Corner



Greetings! As another church year comes to a close, I would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank Father Don for all that he has done for St. John's. Over the course of your tenure as Interim Rector, we tried out many new and interesting changes, and our Church has thrived. You have been a huge help in this transitional time, and I wish you nothing but the best as you move on. I would also like to personally welcome Father Wrede to St. John's. We are thrilled to have you, and I hope that you enjoy your time getting to know us as much as we will ours. Transitions can be difficult, but I have the utmost faith that all of our parishioners will embrace the best that this time has to offer, work together through any potential roadblocks, and emerge stronger than ever!

I have the honor to be Your Obedient Servant,

-Todd Wonderlin

****All items to be included in The Messenger can be emailed to twonderlin@gmail.com. The deadline for articles for the next issue is Sunday, August 11th.**

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Judy Vaughan-Sterling	

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Newsletter: Todd Wonderlin

Bulletin: Barry McManaman and Shirley Mullen

Realm: Lee Jones

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Saturdays: 5:00PM Rite II Eucharist with Sermon

Sundays: 8:00AM Rite I Eucharist with Sermon

9:30AM Church School

10:00AM Rite II Family Eucharist with Sermon

Wednesdays: 11:30AM Holy Eucharist