

March 2025

The Eagle

St. John's
EPISCOPAL CHURCH
HAVRE DE GRACE • EST. 1809



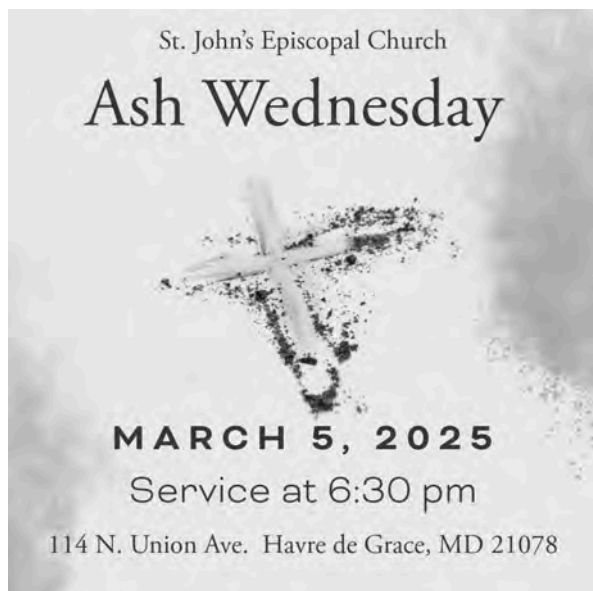
Newsletter for St. John's Episcopal Havre de Grace



Entering the Season of Lent

Lord, make us instruments of your peace. Where there is hatred, let us sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is discord, union; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy. Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

– A Prayer attributed to St. Francis, *The Book of Common Prayer*, p. 833



Sign up to receive daily
Lenten meditations:
episcopalrelief.org/Lent



St. John's Episcopal Church 114 N. Union Ave. Havre de Grace, MD 21078
www.stjohnshdg.org stjohnshdg@comcast.net Office: 410-939-2107

Office Hours: Mon/Wed/Thurs 9am-1pm Fridays 9am-Noon Closed Tuesdays

Sunday Service: 9:30 am Father Josh Messick, Long Term Supply Priest
Parish Administrator: David Parker

2025 Vestry

Irmgarde Brown, Sr. Warden
Ray Mastnjak, Treasurer & Jr. Warden
Nicole Murray, Registrar
Jackie Brandon, Vestry Member
Cary Chabalowski, Vestry Member
Peter Murray, Vestry Member
Bill Price, Vestry Member
Bess Reed, Vestry Member
Jackson Rivers-Byrnes, Vestry Member
Barbara Snyder, Vestry Member
Fred Vescei, Vestry Member

Food Ministries

St. John's Cupboard
443-617-9211
Serving Time: Fridays 10am - Noon
cupboardstjohns114@gmail.com
Contacts: Sheila McCutcheon and
Lori Gengenbach

Grace Place
410-652-4554
Serving Time: Tuesdays 10am - Noon
Contact: Louise Silsby

Mosaic Center

The Mosaic Center
Jackson Rivers-Byrnes, Pres.
www.mosaicharco.org
mosaicharco@gmail.com
667-268-1609
Insta: [mosaiccenter_](https://www.instagram.com/mosaiccenter_)
Board Members:
Seth Byrnes
Peter Murray
Francisco Vasquez-Harris
Renee Vescei

This program is dedicated to the memory of
Camay Calloway Murphy



Camay Calloway Murphy with father Cab Calloway



A Celebration of Black History at St. John's

Nathan M. Richadson portrayed Frederick Douglass in a live re-enactment historical performance with an impromptu appearance by "Abraham Lincoln." Nathan later spoke on Cab Calloway's poetry as an origin of rap music. Local poets read original and beloved African-American works: Jenni Meckelvaney, Nikki Williams-Volinski, Gay Lynn Price, Lenora Robinson, and Linda Townes. SONiA disappear fear's sets with piercing and poignant lyrics spoke truth to power. Christopher Calloway Brooks guitar solo was a beautiful ending to a dynamic show...and he issued a fully agreed upon call to keep Black History alive all the months of the year!



Mother Carol Burnside's anti-racism quilt series "A Race Against Race" was on display for two weekends in February in the sanctuary. She brought members from her congregation (St. Katherine of Alexandria in Baltimore) to our service to see the quilts and to share coffee time with us.



We will continue to hold these Black History celebrations in Camay Calloway Murphy's honor.

Program arranged by: William and Gay Lynn Price

Publicity: Renee Vesce and Irmgarde Brown

Special Thanks to: Garrett Hall, Michael Walker, Pam Burns, True North Project Inc., Bambi Johnson, "The Ice Festival," and The City of Havre de Grace

Upcoming Confirmations

On Saturday April 19th at 7pm, Jackson Rivers-Byrnes and Charlie Vesci will be confirmed at the Easter Vigil service at the Cathedral of the Incarnation in Baltimore.

Jackson is currently going through the formation process with Deacon Jane O'Leary.

Charlie finished the confirmation classes in person with Father Paul from St. Mary's Abingdon last year ****after**** Bishop Carrie Schofield-Broadbent's visit to St. John's, so he was unable to be confirmed here. Now that Deacon Jane has retired from St. John's and it could be a few more years until Bishop Carrie returns, Charlie's family has opted to go to the cathedral service so that Deacon Jane will be a part of it.

Congratulations to Jackson and Charlie!



Jackson Rivers-Byrnes



Charlie Vesci

Do you have info to share with the congregation in the newsletter?

Please contact Renee Vesci:

reneevesci@gmail.com

704-258-4730 cell

****Info sent by the 25th will make the next month's issue!****

Happy Anniversary!



Happy 51st Anniversary to Ellie and Cam Moore!

We are so grateful to Ellie for her outreach ministry to visitors, new members, the sick, and those who are homebound.



We are observing St. David's Day and our Mumbles, Wales Twinning Day on Sunday, March 9th.



New SJ Logo

Vestry Member Peter Murray and Registrar Nicole Murray connected with Mrs. Chival at Harford Community College. Her graphic design students take on real world assignments from the community. They research the background of a business or entity and take into account the requests that are made. Then, the students create their work.

The Vestry reviewed the options and sent back notes. They agreed on this version that honors the historic belfry, has the establishment date, states the specific location since there are many other "St. John's" churches, and it uses the appropriate Episcopalian colors/font.

John's
st. EPISCOPAL CHURCH
HAVRE DE GRACE • EST. 1809



Thank you to all involved in getting this new logo completed!

Rev. Joshua Messick's "Other" Mission - Baltimore International Seafarers' Center

Baltimore International Seafarers' Center Annual Harbor Cruise Wednesday, April 30th

Join us for our annual tour of the working Port of Baltimore from the water. Park at the Royal Sonesta Harbor Cour Garage (30 E. Lee Street) and then board the Catherine Marie docked at the Baltimore Finger Piers (555 Light Street) at 4:45PM sharp!

Enjoy complimentary food, beer, wine, and soda (cash bar for mixed drinks) and browse the fantastic items in our silent auction.

Our tour will conclude by 7:00PM when all guests will disembark.

For more information or to purchase tickets or sponsorships please visit www.baltseafarers.org and click "Annual Harbor Cruise."

Tickets must be reserved by Saturday, April 19th.

Rev. Joshua Messick is the Executive Director of the Baltimore International Seafarers' Center...and also the long term supply priest for St John's Episcopal Church. Josh is a native of the Eastern Shore and Port Chaplain for the Port of Baltimore.

The Baltimore International Seafarers' Center is a member station of The Mission to Seafarers (missiontoseafarers.org) an international maritime ministry association based in London, partners in ministry with the Episcopal Diocese of Maryland (episcopalmaryland.org), and a proud part of the Port of Baltimore and thankful for the support of the Maryland Port Administration (mpa.maryland.gov).

The annual harbor cruise is a fundraiser for this important ministry!

TICKETS AND INFO: <https://www.baltseafarers.org/cruise.html#/>



Coming Soon...Spring Yard Sale!

St. John's will hold its annual spring yard sale during the HdG citywide yard sale. This year, the date will be Saturday, April 12, 2025.

We will have more details coming soon about drop off times for items. We also need volunteers for set up and for baked goods!

In the meantime, clear out your clutter for a good cause. The spring yard sale is a great fundraiser for St. John's.

Gay Lynn Price is the leader for this event.



The Mosaic Center hosted a Coffee Night in the SJ Parish Hall on the last Friday night of February from 6:30-8:30pm. Our Open Mic featured local poets. The craft table was a popular spot, as always! Join us for the next coffee event on March 28th - all are welcome!

To connect with the Mosaic team and to find out about upcoming events, visit <https://www.mosaicharco.org/>

Cupboard Corner

We continue to need canned goods: Canned meats (e.g. tuna, chicken, Vienna sausages, etc.); Canned fruits, spinach, asparagus, potatoes, chicken noodle soup, stew, pork 'n beans, Chef Boyardee types of meals.

Also: Prepared microwavable dinners and jar spaghetti sauce.

We also need adult briefs, baby diapers, and hygiene products.

WE CANNOT ACCEPT ANYTHING PAST THE EXPIRATION DATE.

Please, NO Macaroni and Cheese or green beans.

If you do not have time to shop we will accept monetary donations.

Thank you for your continued support of St. John's Mission to help those in need.

**St. John's CUPBOARD
has a new phone number:
443-617-9211**

UPCOMING EVENTS

<https://www.stjohnshdg.org/calendar>

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

March 4th Annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper. 5 - 7pm in the Parish Hall

Ash Wednesday Service

March 5th at 6:30pm - Father Joshua Messick

Mosaic Board Meeting

Friday, March 14th at 6:30pm in the Parish Hall

March Vestry Meeting

Tuesday, March 18th at 6:30pm in the Parish Hall

Mosaic Center hosts Coffee Night Open Mic

March 28th at 6:30pm in the PH - Coffee & Community with the Mosaic Center

Spring Yard Sale

Saturday April 12th in the Parish Hall, time tbd

April Vestry Meeting

Tuesday, April 15th at 6:30pm in the Parish Hall

Mosaic Center hosts Coffee Night Open Mic

April 25th at 6:30pm in the PH - Coffee & Community with the Mosaic Center

Inner Harbor Cruise - Baltimore Intl. Seafarers' Center

Wednesday April 30th 4:45pm Info/Tickets: <https://www.baltseafarers.org/cruise.html#/>

Easter

Sunday April 20th - Activities for kids after the service. More info to come.

BINGO at the Brewery

Sunday June 1st - BINGO fundraiser at Market Street Brewery. Details to come.

St. John's
EPISCOPAL CHURCH
HAVRE DE GRACE • EST. 1809



St. John's Episcopal Church 114 N. Union Ave. Havre de Grace, MD 21078
www.stjohnshdg.org stjohnshdg@comcast.net Office: 410-939-2107

Office Hours: Mon/Wed/Thurs 9am-1pm Fridays 9am-Noon Closed Tuesdays

Sunday Service: 9:30 am Father Josh Messick, Long Term Supply Priest
Parish Administrator: David Parker