



St. John's

EPISCOPAL CHURCH
COLD SPRING HARBOR

2017-18 Vestry

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Organist

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April 15, 2018

Well over 600 parishioners attended the Easter services. The full church attests to the desire for spiritual nourishment that continues to strongly exist in our community. How fortunate are we to have the beautiful worship services provided by St. John's to connect to our faith and Christian heritage!

It is the task of a search committee to identify clergy who will provide Christian leadership, be in harmony with the parishioners and help grow the church. This commitment from the clergy to the church cannot be one sided. For a call of a new minister to be successful, the parishioners must do their part and make every effort to embrace and support the clergy.

The ongoing "Fireside Chats" are a marvelous example of this behavioral interdependency. Yes, let's praise Gideon for the time, energy and love extended during these ten meetings to reach out and explain his aspirations for St. John's. But let's not overlook the good work of the hosts in opening up their homes, the organizing committee and, most importantly, the many who attended. Thank you.

St. John's supports over 20 worthy organizations; the majority are local. St. Matthias in Haiti and St. John's Day Camp are two signature outreach efforts that make us proud. As a wonderful example of new initiatives, over 100 volunteers came to Bleecker Hall in February as part of our Martin Luther King Day observance. As incredible as it seems the 100 formed an assembly line and packaged 15,000 meals that were distributed to food banks across Long Island.

We hope you will support the good works of the church. This is a parish that gave \$4.7 million over a five-year period in a capital campaign to turn an elegant, but tired church, into the beautiful church that we worship in today. When viewed in that light, our 2018 contribution budget of \$688,000 to meet the expense of operating, maintaining and growing our church should be achievable. Please read the stewardship report enclosed.

I hope you share what many of us feel is a renewed energy emanating from St. John's. Most importantly, thank you for being parishioners. We welcome and appreciate your participation in the life of our beloved church.

Frank Gundersen, *Senior Warden*

Stewardship at St. John's

In our "Fireside Chats," Gideon has enthusiastically delineated the five pillars of our work at St. John's. The first pillar, beautiful worship, reminds us regularly of the tenets of our faith. The other four pillars - supporting families through the entire life cycle, fostering an ever-more-connected community, helping and healing the world around us through outreach, and taking good care of our natural environment - are all key aspects of faithful stewardship. Knowing we start life with nothing, and we leave with nothing, everything we have in between is a gift from God: our interests and talents, our intellect, our families and community, our environment, the nourishment that keeps us going, our material possessions, our financial well-being. All God asks is that we be compassionate stewards of these gifts, put them to good use and give back joyfully in thanks for the bounty that is ours. Our church provides us with the guidance, leadership and inspiration to respond effectively to this challenge. And we as a community of faith are doing well at it.

The strength and momentum of our church depend directly on us. Our support and engagement is what makes St. John's what it is: a spiritual respite from a chaotic world, a sanctuary for our worship, a healthy haven that enables our outreach work, and a place to turn as we navigate life's joys, tragedies and hardships. What does St. John's expect in return? Simple! Three things: engagement in the life of the church, commitment to our mission to seek and serve Christ in all people, and financial participation. It's up to us, collectively, to provide the full funding it takes to operate our facilities and to support the clergy and staff who, in turn, give us the pastoral, spiritual and foundational guidance that imbues this church with its healthy Spirit. It's up to us, individually, to prayerfully and thoughtfully decide, each year, what part we should play, how much to contribute, tangible and intangible. The answer is unique for each of us, and the challenge of finding the answer is part of being good and considerate stewards.

While such decisions are entirely personal and individual, here's some data that may be helpful. The national average for contributions in Episcopal parishes in 2016 (most recent statistics available) was around \$2,770. In 2017, the average gift among our 333 contributors was \$1,728, 4% higher than in 2016 and about 14% higher than in the years 2012 to 2015. For those who pledge, the average commitment was \$2,600; this average has increased about 5% each year since 2012. Total contributions in 2017 were \$574,000, about the same as in recent years, but the expanded scope of the church's missional objectives meant we fell 12% short of the Vestry's budget. What can you and I do about this? With no new contributors, the average gift would have to grow by about 15%. With 45 non-participating member families adding their support, that average would only have to rise by 5%. We ask that all members of the parish take this seriously, by contributing if you haven't done so or by raising the bar if you have.

Making a pledge is a robust way to privately affirm your faith and engage with the spiritual riches St. John's provides. A pledge, however large or small, is simply an expression of hope, expectation, thankfulness and support for the good things happening here. If you haven't already, won't you please consider joining those of us who have pledged, especially as we seek to expand on what St. John's is doing for our parish and for the community we live in? There is still plenty of time to make a pledge for 2018, and there is always a supply of pledge cards on the table at the entrance to the parish hall.

A profound "Thank you!" to the many good stewards of St. John's!

~ Mark Hopkinson, *Stewardship Committee Chair* ~

	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013
# of Participating Households	448	440	504	501	454
# of Households that Contribute to the General Fund	333	326	348	367	369
# of Households that Pledge to the General Fund	136	110	131	146	137
Average Pledge to the General Fund	\$2,599	\$ 2,505	\$ 2,214	\$ 1,979	\$ 1,874
Average Contribution to the General Fund	\$1,728	\$ 1,646	\$ 1,659	\$ 1,418	\$ 1,529

St. John's 2017 Budget

	2017 BUDGET	2017 ACTUAL	2018 BUDGET
INCOME			
Collection Plate	28,000	26,457	28,000
Contributions	650,460	574,378	660,460
Budgeted Distribution from Investments	141,500	141,500	144,761
Extra +/- from Investments to Balance Expenses	0	45,822	0
Other Income	72,000	112,426	60,400
TOTAL OPERATING INCOME	891,960	900,583	893,621
EXPENSES			
Compensation	591,337	574,405	602,885
Buildings and Grounds	96,410	114,775	99,500
Fees/Office/Insurance	65,625	72,888	61,316
Program/Worship/Fellowship	38,500	34,681	29,405
Outreach	100,088	97,588	100,515
Non-Recurring Expenses	0	6,246	0
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	891,960	900,583	893,621
NET INCOME/LOSS	0	0	0

General Fund Contributions at St. John's

ST. JOHN'S GENERAL FUND CONTRIBUTIONS			
CONTRIBUTION	# CONTRIBUTING HOUSEHOLDS		
	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
\$ 5,000 or more	29	31	30
\$ 2,000-4,999	48	38	41
\$ 1,000-1,999	51	50	51
\$ 500-999	52	52	54
\$ 100-499	111	112	120
\$ 1-99	42	43	52
----- Total Households	333	326	348

This chart does not reflect the additional support parishioners give to St. John's other activities such as the Day Camp, Outreach, the Flower Fund, and the Memorial Fund.

Outreach Giving 2017

* denotes gift from Rector's Fund only

9-1-1 Veterans
Bread for the World
Camp DeWolfe
Centro Cultural Hispano
Cold Spring Harbor Education
Foundation *
Cold Spring Harbor Fish Hatchery *
Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory *
Cold Spring Harbor Library *
Community Food Council
Community Solidarity
Episcopal Relief & Development
Eastern Farm Workers Association

Family Service League
FOCCUS *
Gerald J. Ryan Outreach Center,
Food Pantry
Habitat for Westchester
The Inn *
International Rescue Committee
LI-CAN
Long Island Nature Conservancy *
Mentoring Partnership of Long Island
Peconic Farm Workers Association
Save the Children
St. George's, Hempstead, Food Pantry

St. John's, Hempstead
St. John's Day Camp
St. John's Grow-to-Give Garden
St. Matthias Fellowship, Haiti
Tanzania Children's Fund
Tri Community & Youth Agency
Youth & Family Counseling Agency
of Oyster Bay - East Norwich
(YFCA)
Volunteers for Wildlife *
The Walden School *
The Waterfront Center *

The Parish Register 2017

Marriages

Heidi Arcati and
Alex Woodworth
Sofia deGuzman and
Jack Miller Bott
Brooke Fennelly Dreyfous and
Bradley Gordon Peel
Alexandra Marie Greenlees and
Patrick James Jackson
Kristin Kimberly Lane and
Christian Schnieder

Clergy Report of Services

Holy Eucharist:	128
Morning Prayer and other:	27
Baptisms:	13
Marriages:	3
Memorial & Burial Services:	15

Memorial Services

The 1835 Society

The 1835 Society is made up of parishioners who have included bequests to St. John's Church as part of their estate planning:

Sabine Blohm, Trudy Calabrese, Mary Ellen Fahs, Emily Franchina Perrell, Sarah Gallatin, Julie Griffin, Frank Gundersen, Lynn Gundersen, Margaret Hargraves, Mark Hopkinson, Elizabeth Hubbard, Virginia Jacobsen, Barbara Keates, Frederic LaMarca, Mary Lindsay, Ann Nolte, Barry Osborn, William Parsons, Joan Penrose-Borum, Franklin Hill Perrell, Patsy Randolph, Hope Reese, John Reese, Deborah Solbert, Hugh Tanchuck, Maggie Tanchuck, Rosalie Walton.

Lucille Maclean Blake
Charlotte W. Coulbourn
Louise Mahoney Downer
Iris Storey Field
Jane S. Greenleaf
Ian Reeves James
Roger Winfield Judd
William A. Knutson
Katharine Lapoint
Michael Margolis
Julia Matteson Masciandaro
Ruth Newton
Diana T. Nicholson
Thomas Collier Platt, Jr.
Carol Payne Spier Riley
Allan Schmidlapp
Lucy Rita Termini
Owen Frank Youngquist

Baptisms

Gavin Joseph Arthur
Ella Catherine Bowman
Luke Nelson Demarest
Francine Rae Gilroy
Hadley Longstreth Goodwin
John Macaskill
Grace Linda Moore
Bradley Hill Newman
Alethea Oakley Salmon
Anne Cammon Fiero Salmon
Leland James Salmon
Aurelia Alessandra Vogt
Kiley Paige Willis

Confirmations & Reception

Caroline June Dennehy
Frances Price Donohue
Gregory Thomas Faranello
Kiara Collins Freidberg
Katherine Elizabeth Heuker
Sara Emily Mazzei
Mackenzie Rae Murray
Alexandra Marie Nesi
Jennifer Margaret Papa
Ethan Whitlock Rafferty
Julienne Elizabeth Pauline Salion
Nicolas Adams Salion
Isabelle Yvonne White
Eliza Eden Worth