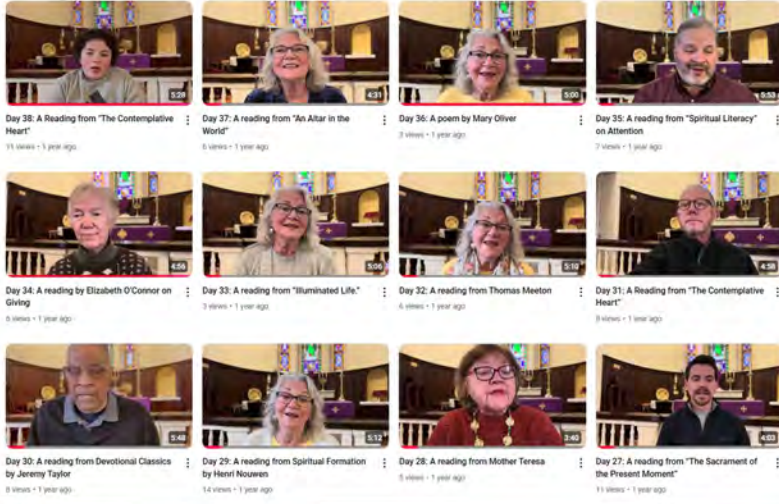




# The Season of Lent Continues...



Last year, Irmgarde Brown organized a video series of Lenten meditations that were released each day via the St. John's Facebook page and YouTube channel. We are sharing them again this year! Thank you to all of the volunteers who gave their time and talents to this project.

YouTube channel: @StJohnsHdG  
 Facebook: stjohndg

There is still time to sign up and receive the daily email 2025 Lenten Meditations from Episcopal Relief & Development: <https://www.episcopalrelief.org/church-in-action/lent/>

*"This Lent, "let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching." (Hebrews 10:24-25)*

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## 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](mailto: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.  
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# HOLY WEEK

SERVICES AT ST. JOHN'S

APR  
13

PALM  
SUNDAY  
9:30 AM

APR  
17

MAUNDY  
THURSDAY  
6:30 PM

APR  
18

GOOD FRIDAY  
STATIONS - 12 PM  
LITURGY - 6:30 PM

APR  
20

EASTER  
SUNDAY  
9:30 AM

[HTTPS://WWW.STJOHNSHDG.ORG](https://www.stjohnshdg.org)

## GOOD FRIDAY

Stations of the Cross

4/18/25 at Noon

presented by  
Susquehanna Ministerium of  
Greater Havre de Grace



ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
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## Easter Sunday for Kids

**Easter Sunday**

APRIL 20, 2025

St. John's Episcopal Havre de Grace

**Kid's Party**

Service at 9:30 am

Party at 10:30 am

All are  
welcome!

Free  
Event!

Egg hunt  
Snacks  
Crafts

Photo with the  
Easter Bunny



Children's Ministry

All are welcome!

Visitors, lifetime members,  
grandkids, neighbors, friends,  
friends-of-friends....

After the Easter church service,  
we will all go to the Parish Hall for  
Coffee Time. The "kid's table" will  
be set up with snacks and juice.  
While they eat, the "bunnies" will  
be hiding eggs. Next, the kids will  
do a craft (or 2), take a photo with  
the Easter bunny, head outside for  
a game....and then the Easter egg  
hunt!



# Cupboard Corner

The St. John's Cupboard is now seeing over 100+ guests through the doors each Friday. As regularly reported, many of the guests are one member of a larger family group...meaning the Cupboard's food ministry is reaching hundreds of people weekly.

As many of you know, Harford County has cancelled all summer school programs and many in our local area are being impacted by layoffs. We are asking the community to help us support those in need. We've created an Amazon Wishlist which you can find below, or as always, we welcome your donations of non-perishable, within-date food items as well as monetary donations.

If you'd like to schedule a drop off, please call 443.617.9211.

Thank you for your continued support!

Amazon Wish List:<https://a.co/extIMCE>

A promotional poster for St. John's Cupboard's food drive. The top section has a yellow background with the text 'St. John's Cupboard' and '443-617-9211 cupboardstjohns114@gmail.com'. Below this is a blue background with the words 'FOOD DRIVE' in large, white, serif font. Underneath the text is a photograph of several food items: a stack of three metal cans, a single metal can, and a white plastic container. To the right of the food items, the text 'Unexpired & Non Perishable Food Only' is written in a white, sans-serif font. The bottom section of the poster has a yellow background with the heading 'WAYS TO DONATE:' followed by three bullet points: '- Amazon wishlist items (see link in caption)', '- Mail a check: 114 N. Union Ave. Havre de Grace, MD 21078', and '- Call or email to schedule a drop off'.

## WAYS TO DONATE:

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# Fundraisers



The Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper is a popular "suggested donation" yearly event! It was well attended this year, even with the cancellation of the Mardi Gras parade due to the downtown construction projects. We raised over six hundred dollars and all of the food for the event was donated by parishioners.



Yard sale donations can be brought to the church beginning on Monday, April 7th. Please contact David Parker in the SJ office or Gay Lynn Price to coordinate. The ideal drop-off time is on Friday, April 11th from 1pm-6pm during our setting up and organizing time.

On Saturday, April 12th, we begin setting up at 6am!

We need volunteers to work the yard sale (inside + outside)...and at the hot dog table + bake sale table!

Bakers...let Renee Vesci know what items you can donate (cookies and brownies are the best for the yard sale).



BINGO at Market Street Brewery!

Save the Date - Sunday, June 1st

We had so much fun last year, we are going to do it again!

Details to come.





## 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

## Welcome Baby Bennett!

Abbie and Jacob Bennett are now the proud parents of Ada Rae Bennett!



*Prayer Group*  
*Every Wednesday*  
*4pm*  
*St. John's Sanctuary*

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

Please contact Renee Vesci:

[reneevesci@gmail.com](mailto:reneevesci@gmail.com)

704-258-4730 cell

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



## St. John's Welcomes Daniel Schiavone



In April, Daniel Schiavone will begin as the primary organist at St. John's! Daniel is a "Renaissance Man" - a musician, artist, professor, and promoter of cultural activities. We look forward to his musical leadership!

Please introduce yourself to Daniel and welcome him to St. John's.

## 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](http://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.

**Tickets must be reserved by April 19th.** The cruise is on Wednesday, April 30th - departing at 4:45pm sharp!

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

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



# Mosaic

Thank you to everyone who came out to the March 2025 Mosaic Coffee Event!

As the weather turns warmer, Mosaic will be hosting some outdoor activities.

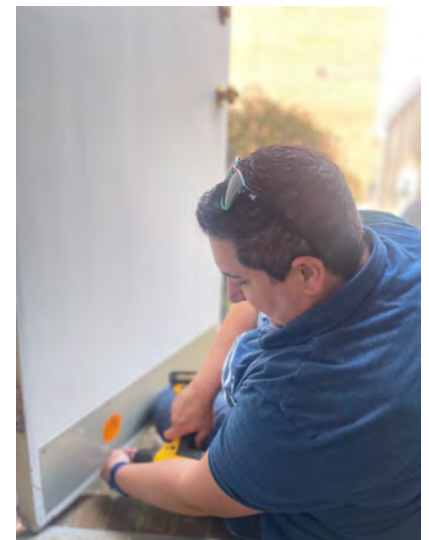
The next event will be a "Spring Fling" cookout with yard games and a seedling station activity.

Follow our other pages and visit [www.mosaicharco.org](http://www.mosaicharco.org) for updates.

All are welcome!



## Volunteer Hours at St. John's - Building & Space Improvements



Mosaic members have been volunteering their time to St. John's by painting, repairing, upgrading electrical functioning, adding technology, and furnishing the new kid's room. All of this work improves the functionality and appeal of the public spaces in the admin. building.



## UPCOMING EVENTS

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

### Wednesday Prayer Group

April 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd, and 30th at 4pm - in the Sanctuary

### Donation Drop-offs can begin (officially)!

April 7th - Connect with David Parker (office) or Gay Lynn Price

### Yard Sale Set Up, Organizing - Final Drop Off

Friday, April 11th - 1pm - 6:30pm in the Parish Hall

### Mosaic Board Meeting

Friday April 11th at 6:30pm in the Library

### Spring Yard (& Bake + Hot Dog) Sale

Saturday April 12th in the Parish Hall, 8am - 2pm (Volunteers set up at 6am)

### April Vestry Meeting

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

### Confirmations at the Cathedral

Saturday, April 19th at 7pm - Cathedral of the Incarnation, Baltimore

### Mosaic Center hosts Spring Fling - Cookout, Yard Games

April 25th at 6:00pm in the PH - Activities & 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 - Snacks, crafts, games, Easter bunny photos & egg hunt for the kids after the service.

### BINGO at the Brewery

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

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