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Newsletter for St. John's Episcopal Havre de Grace

Everyone is Welcome Here!



Front Pocket Location
(white letters on black shirt)



Back of Shirt

Everyone is welcome at St. John's Episcopal in Havre de Grace....and you can have a t-shirt that proudly says so!

While this graphic came about from a viral news sensation, it falls right in line with the SJ Spirit and with the word shared by the Episcopal Church as they make clear their stance for Pride month:

"This June, we joyfully celebrate the beautiful diversity of God's creation and honor the LGBTQ+ community—beloved, affirmed, and made in God's image. For decades, LGBTQ+ Episcopalians and allies have worked to make The Episcopal Church a place of belonging and inclusion. We have prayed, studied, and discerned, and in doing so, we have seen the evidence of God's blessing in the lives and love of our LGBTQ+ siblings in Christ. We celebrate and give thanks for the beauty, strength, and sacred worth of LGBTQ+ leaders across all contexts and callings. We invite you to join us on the journey. You belong. You are beloved. You belong. No exceptions."

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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 Vesce, 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

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

Vestry News by Irmgarde Brown

Here are some of the topics that were discussed at our last Vestry meeting. If you would like more information, please don't hesitate to ask any one of the Vestry members.

- We welcome Daniel Schiavone to the St. John's family who will now be our organist on a regular basis. Please reach out and welcome him warmly.
- From our investment committee (St. John's has an endowment fund): our prior broker was not very conscientious and has left Wells Fargo. By Zoom, the Vestry met our new broker, Kathleen Counts, also from Wells Fargo, and she received approval from the Vestry to re-balance our accounts. Everyone was very impressed with her.
- From our Treasurer, the reports are not grim since we are still in the black, but income/expenses are very flat. Please give generously as income streams tend to drop in the summer.
- From the Parish Administrator (David Parker):
 - We are looking for a new copier solution which entails getting three quotes from various companies. A final decision will be made at the June meeting.
 - The office is working on maintaining an up-to-date ROTA (rotation of tasks) for all the guilds and volunteers: ushers, lectors, altar & flowers, money counting, children's church, coffee & fellowship, and lawn mowing. Call the office or go to the website under "sign-up" to volunteer.
- From the Grants committee: Their next meeting is June 3rd. They have identified 19 grants that we might pursue over the next year. Also, FYI, we are still awaiting a response from our Diocesan grant applications.
- From our Buildings & Grounds Team:
 - A 19-page "facilities assessment" was distributed which will be used to plan, prioritize, and complete much needed repairs.
 - A separate assessment was made of the Rectory boiler (which also serves the Admin Building) in anticipation of a future need to replace with a more efficient solution.
- From our Children's Ministry: we now have 4 part-time teachers for children's church during our Sunday morning service. If you would like help, contact the office.
- Please be sure to fill out an Emergency Contact Card.
- The Vestry will take a one-month break from meeting during July.
- The Annual Vestry Retreat will be held locally on October 11th.

From the Diocese

In the same way that our Parish is working with the theme of "Belonging" for 2025, the Maryland Diocese has been building a new Vision statement: **A Community of Love**. Each month, I will be sharing some aspects of how we are to live out this Vision on the Parish level. First of all, Bishop Carrie has asked that all of us consider the following values as reflected in these words: **faithfulness, integrity, compassion, hospitality, curiosity, informed choice, transparency, accountability, and humility**. Which words are meaningful to you? Which ones resonate? Does our Parish reflect these words in our service to others and/or in our relationships to one another?



5/04/2025: Message received!

Our community of love must ****be**** about it and take action...not just talk about it.

It was wonderful to have The Reverend Randy Callender, Canon for Mission and his family with us at St John's Episcopal Church!

His daughter, Soraya, served as a crucifer for the first time ever right here at St. John's!

#communityoflove

Fundraisers

June 1, 2025 - St. John's had another successful fundraiser at Market Street Brewery! We raised approximately \$1,700.00 for St. John's. We are grateful for their hospitality and partnership. It is co-owned by Molly and Cary Chabolowski's son and daughter-in-law. Market Street hosts a Bingo every Sunday and they allow non-profits to host fundraisers during this time. It was a packed house, so this was a win-win for everyone!

Thank you to the following parishioners for their generous donations towards the cash and gift card prizes: Peter & Nicole Murray, Irmgarde Brown, Renee & Fred Vesce, Gay Lynn & Bill Price, and Nicole Iarrobino & Megan Hirsch.

Thank you to Team Mosaic for swooping in to help with tech support to save the day. Congratulations to all of the winners and participants for making this event a success!



Do you have any news to include in the newsletter for our congregation?

Reach out to Renee Vej at reneevej@gmail.com or call 704-258-4730.

****Submit your info by the 25th to be featured in next month's issue!****

MEAL TRAIN - IRMGARDE BROWN FAMILY



Irmgarde Brown had an unexpected and urgent need for open heart surgery. The hospital recovery period is approximately five days. Her brother, daughter, and grandson will be with her at home during her weeks-long recovery there.

We hold Irmgarde and her family in our prayers and wish her a speedy recovery!

If you are able to bless the family with a meal, please follow the LINK to sign up for dates:
<https://mealtrain.com/v263dw>

(Or call David Parker during office hours to coordinate)

No allergies or restrictions

Meal Drop-Off Location:
623 Fountain Street
Havre de Grace, MD 21078

Preferred Drop-Off Time: 5pm-6pm

People to Cook For: 3 Adults, 1 Kid

Favorite Meals or Restaurants:
Lighter fare, all are watching calorie intake. Fruits are a favorite!
Restaurants: Panera, Chinese, and local HdG
Grocery gift cards: Aldi or Lidl

Least Favorite Meals: Easy on the sweets!

Special Instructions:
Please drop on the porch and ring the doorbell. A family member will be at home.

5/25/2025 - Rogation Sunday: In children's church, we talked about the importance of Creation Care and being good stewards. We added some new signs to our St John's Episcopal Church wildflower garden to signify this space as a pesticide free habitat for birds and pollinators. Simple things such as "leaving the leaves" and creating a wattle fence out of fallen sticks give homes and winter protection to a wide variety of beneficial creatures.



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'. The middle section has a blue background with the words 'FOOD DRIVE' in large, white, serif font. Below the text is an image of several metal food cans and a white plastic container. To the right of the image, the text 'Unexpired & Non Perishable Food Only' is written in a white, sans-serif font. The bottom section has a yellow background with the text 'WAYS TO DONATE:' followed by a bulleted list of three donation methods.

St. John's Cupboard
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FOOD DRIVE

Unexpired &
Non Perishable
Food Only

WAYS TO DONATE:

- Amazon wishlist items (see link in caption)
- Mail a check: 114 N. Union Ave. Havre de Grace, MD 21078
- Call or email to schedule a drop off

Mosaic

Mosaic is a community center for LGBTQIA+ and allies in Harford County that supports diversity, inclusion, and belonging.

The Mosaic Center hosts a monthly social event. In June, we will meet twice!

On Sunday, June 8th, we gather in Washington, D.C. during the World Pride Street Festival.

On Friday, June 27th, we will be back at St. John's for another BBQ and yard games night.

Please join us, all are welcome! Visit www.mosaicharco.org for updates.

🍔 BBQ & Yard Games 🎯

You're invited to a fun, FREE evening with Mosaic!

Join us for grilled hot dogs, yard games, and good vibes. We'll also have veggie dogs and gluten-free buns—something for everyone! Just bring yourself and your smile—we've got the rest covered.

📅 Friday, June 27
🕒 6 PM – 8 PM
📍 114 N Union Ave, Havre de Grace

All are welcome. Come hang out, relax, and enjoy a summer evening with community! 😊





Our first Beyond the Obvious Speaker Series Event with Turhan Kimbrough was a great success! His seminar on artificial intelligence was informative and eye opening. We are looking forward to more invigorating conversations with this series!

Beyond the Obvious Speaker Series - "Dying to Save You" Dr. William Queale

BEYOND THE OBVIOUS
speaker series


Dying to Save You
- and Rebuild our
American
Healthcare System

PRESENTATION BY
DR. WILLIAM QUEALE, M.D.



Tuesday - June 10, 2025
6:30pm to 8pm
Free, Open to the public

St. John's Parish Hall
114 N. Union Ave.
Havre de Grace, MD 21078



All are welcome. Free event!

Join Dr. William Queale, a Johns Hopkins-affiliated physician and author, for a powerful talk on how chronic disease is ravaging America—and how our healthcare system is failing us. Discover a new vision for health rooted in prevention, empowerment, and bold reform.

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



St. John's Prayer Group

During this challenging time, we pray for our country and for God's guidance. When we feel overwhelmed by circumstances, we know that God is more powerful than any obstacle. Join us on Wednesdays and be thankful.

Questions: Call Ridge Pilcher at 443-617-1007

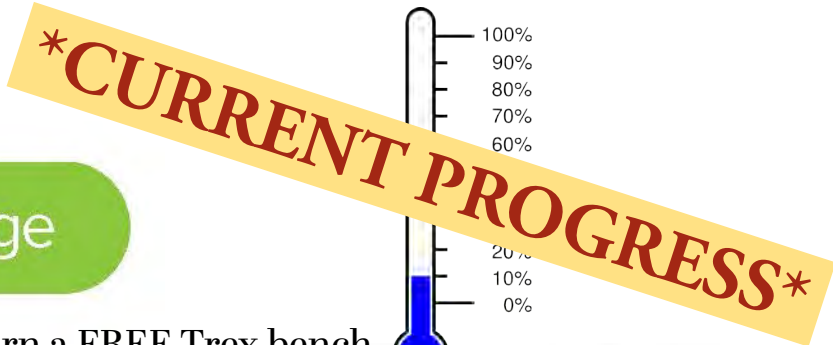
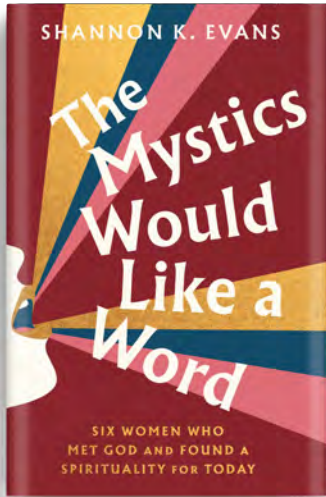
Women's Book Study

"The Mystics Would Like A Word' finds the practical lessons in ancient feminine wisdom"

May 4th was the initial meeting of the Women's Book Study gathering. There were eight gathered at Molly Chabolowski's home for meaningful discussions.

To view other dates, visit the Sign Up page on the St. John's website (scroll down to Women's Book Study link):

<https://www.stjohnshdg.org/sign-up>



NexTrex Recycling Challenge

Help the environment...and help St. John's earn a FREE Trex bench by bringing in your stretch plastic (see graphic below)!

Christ Church in Forest Hill has completed the challenge previously and their parish continues to collect on behalf of St. John's. Together, we can meet the 1,000 pound goal in one year.

Renee Vesce will be picking up the plastic once per week to weigh it, log it into the NexTrex Challenge website, and drop it off at the partner location. The collection bin is in the Parish Hall.

What can I win?



Trex Bench

What can be recycled?

All plastic must be clean, dry and free of food residue.

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Grocery bags | 
Bread bags | 
Bubble wrap | 
Dry cleaning bags | 
Newspaper sleeves | 
Ice bags | 
Plastic shipping envelopes |
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Ziploc & other reclosable food storage bags | 
Cereal bags | 
Case overwrap | 
Salt bags | 
Pallet wrap & stretch film | 
Wood pellet bags | 
Produce bags |

Lector and Usher ROTA

Week	Date	Lector 1	Lector 2	Usher 1	Usher 2
1	6/1	Michael Garrity	Fred Vesce	Fred Vesce	Michael Garrity
2	6/8	Cam Moore	Ellie Moore	Ellie Moore	Cam Moore
3	6/15	Peter Murray	Lee Parsons	Peter Murray	Lee Parsons
4	6/22	Henry Burden	Pat Hopkins	Megan Hirsch	Nic Iarrobino
5	6/29	Fred Vesce	Michael Garrity	Michael Garrity	Fred Vesce
1	7/6	Bill Price	Gay Lynn Price	Bill Price	Gay Lynn Price
2	7/13	Rodney Lynk	Jackie Brandon	Alexis Lynk	Pat Hopkins
3	7/20	Eric Carstensen	Cary Chabalowski	Cary Chabalowski	Eric Carstensen
4	7/27	Renee Vesce	Fred Vesce	Michael Garrity	Fred Vesce
1	8/3	Ellie Moore	Cam Moore	Cam Moore	Ellie Moore
2	8/10	Lee Parsons	Peter Murray	Peter Murray	Lee Parsons
3	8/17	Nic Iarrobino	Megan Hirsch	Megan Hirsch	Nic Iarrobino
4	8/24	Irmgarde Brown	Michael Garrity	Pat Hopkins	Michael Garrity
5	8/31	Gay Lynn Price	Bill Price	Gay Lynn Price	Bill Price
1	9/1	Jackie Brandon	Rodney Lynk	Pat Hopkins	Alexis Lynk
2	9/14	Cary Chabalowski	Molly Chabalowski	Eric Carstensen	Cary Chabalowski

Interested in serving or volunteering at St. John's?

For sign-ups: <https://www.stjohnshdg.org/sign-up>

To learn about ongoing activities:

<https://www.stjohnshdg.org/volunteer-opportunities>

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

Wednesday Prayer Group

June 4th, 11th, 18th, and 25th at 4pm - in the Sanctuary

"A Graceful Exit" - Talk with Canon Dina Van Klaveren

Sunday June 8th - Immediately after the service, Parish Hall (financial planning)

Celebration of Life : Rosalie Hunter Thompson

Sunday June 8th - 2-5:30pm, Parish Hall

Mosaic Center - World Pride Meet Up in D.C.

Sunday June 8th - World Pride Street Festival in Washington, D.C.

Beyond the Obvious Speaker Series - "Dying to Save You" with Dr. William Queale

Tuesday June 10th in the Parish Hall, 6:30-8:00pm

June Vestry Meeting

Tuesday, June 17th at 6:30pm in the Parish Hall

Mosaic Center - BBQ & Yard Games

June 27th at 6:00pm in the PH - Activities & Community with the Mosaic Center

Donations

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Thank you!

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ONGOING PARISH HALL ACTIVITIES

Tuesdays - 11am to noon - Grace Place Food Pantry public serving hours

Wednesdays - 7pm to 9pm AA

Fridays - 11am to noon - St. John's Food Cupboard public serving hours

Saturdays - 4:30pm to 6:30pm AA

Sundays - 6:30pm to 8:30pm AA

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