

# The Joy Journal

The Caring Church — We Care About Your Faith, Your Family, Your Future, and Your Friends

## The Journey of the Tabernacle

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A long standing friendship with two religiously devout nuns who retired to Orlando, the Reverend Doctors Marilyn and Evelyn of Old Catholic Apostolic Church\*\*, and who initiated an unusual and outstanding personal experience. After Rev. Marilyn died, May 2017, and Rev. Evelyn retired to her family home in Wisconsin, they bequeathed, to me, a precious collection of blessed religious paraphernalia. This indicated an obvious obligation of seeking a proper and rightful home for a highly religious and valuable treasure trove.

The altar and clergy collection included a TABERNACLE (22”H, 13”W, 12”D), a holy repository located beneath the altar cross and contains the communion wine. The door is meticulously bordered with shining brass and, centrally located, is an embellishment of a brass chalice. Internally, it is exceptionally wonderful, carefully lined with tufted satin. (However, the key to the Tabernacle was missing). An ANGEL (3’H, 2’W), a large beautifully hand-carved angel with expanded wings, plus a myriad assemblage of religious items. These items included censer and incense boat of solid brass, brass patens (plates), brass vats, oil tocks of various sizes plus an outstanding silver artistic figure (16”), with candles depicting Moses’ burning bush. This figure was later placed on the altar at the Sanctuary of St. John’s.

Having received and securing the valuable collection in my car, August 2017, I eventually approached Rev. Cecil Radcliff for advice regarding the appropriate future placement for the Tabernacle. Immediately, he asked, “Is it Blessed?” to which I quickly replied, “Oh yes, Father. Very blessed!” He, gratefully, decided to accept the Tabernacle, but he was unaware of the accompanying angel plus a large box of religious items. Later, he remarked that the church’s censer/incense boat was broken, but due to the cost, was unable to replace it (est. \$2-3,000). However, in the awaiting box was an almost new replacement. (He also remarked that the Tabernacle key was missing.)

December 2017, a few weeks preceding Father Cecil’s retirement, the Angel wonderfully appeared on the altar of St. John’s Chapel. The original Tabernacle was presented to Rev. Luis de la Cruz, priest of St. John’s Hispanic Ministry for his prayer room. (However, the “new” Tabernacle key was still missing.)

Two days after the new Tabernacle was place on the altar and delivered by mail from Wisconsin, THE KEY TO THE TABERNACLE ARRIVED!



Through your reverend and holy guidance, Lord, and the loving participation of the Altar Guild, the Vestry, and members of the congregation, this religious treasure trove found its rightful and appreciated home at St. John’s Episcopal Church. Thank you, Lord, for this blessed journey.

\*\*Old Catholic Apostolic Church of the Americas separated from the Roman Catholic Church over certain doctrines, mostly papal authority. In 1870 it began Anglican Episcopal succession, which recognized the ordinations and had full communion with the Church of England since 1932.

Our Mission at St John’s is to welcome all of God’s family to grace, hope and healing in the love of Christ.  
Sharing His love with our neighbors through the power of the Holy Spirit.

**Ministry is not something we do. It is something we are.**

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## New Combined Weekly Service

Father Luis celebrates this new service blending our English and Spanish congregations. Please join us each Thursday at 6pm in the Chapel.

## Save The Date!

St. John's is hosting a half day seminar on Growing Your Church. It will be held **Saturday, August 11th** in the Parish Hall. All ministry leaders and anyone interested in bringing new members to the church are encouraged to attend. This seminar is open to the community, so if you know anyone that might be interested in attending, please pass the word along.

We invite you to register online in advance for \$25 per person at <http://www.cfdiocese.org/regional-training/>. Registration is available at the door for \$35 per person.



## Parish Ultreya Group Reunion

**Friday August 17th** at 6:30 pm in the Parish Hall.

We have combined Ultreya with our English and Spanish congregations. All Cursillitas and others who have not yet attended a Cursillo are invited. Our upcoming 2-day co-ed Cursillo will take place **October 12-14, 2018**. If you would like to know more about Cursillo, this is your opportunity. Refreshments will be served.

## Fifth Sunday Breakfast

The next 5th Sunday morning breakfast will be hosted on **Sunday, September 30th**. We will not host the breakfast this month.



**Meet  
for  
Breakfast**



**RECTOR**  
SEARCH COMMITTEE

## Prayer For Our Rector Search Process

Please pray daily

God of abundance and grace, you have gifted the members of St. John’s church with love for one another and with joy in our community. Help us to discern your will and be open to your guidance as we seek a new rector

Give us wisdom and patience, courage and calm, mutual respect, and clarity of vision that we may receive a priest who serves with warmth and humor, enthusiasm and faithfulness, and who challenges us with the demands of love. In Jesus’ name we pray. *Amen.*



## Remember Those Who Need God’s Healing Touch

### Sick:

Mark Miller	Ron & Jan Anderson	Dee Baus & Family	Jennifer & Dalton Barnes	Herman Adams
Joan Temple	Becky Wareing	Margorie Fullerton	Jacinda & Jose Ortiz	Alice Martinez
Vicki Eby	Barbara Spitzform	Margaret Meredith	Ralph & Regina Sheffield	Migdalia Haig
Alice Gray	Ismael Rivera, Jr.	Judi Hart	Fr. Lloyd Olsen	Huldah Skinner
Sylvia Ellis				

### Shut-in:

Beulah Miller	Bob Allen	Lily Pope	Dot Wieder	Mary Larson
Ivy Wilson	Ruth Kimberly	Oscar Cameron	Dwight Cadogan	Eileen Cameron

### Please keep us updated on those you’ve asked to be on this list

We need your help in keeping our Sick and Shut-in list up to date. Please review the names on the list below and let our Church Secretary, Diana, know if anyone should be removed. E-mail us (see page 2 of this newsletter) or call (see last page this newsletter) to give us an update. Thank you!



## Our Bright Beacon

We are frequently advised to read the Bible with our own personal needs in mind, and to look for answers to our own private questions. ... But better still is the advice to study the Bible objectively ... without regard, first of all, to our own subjective needs.

Let the great passages fix themselves in our memory. Let them stay there permanently, like bright beacons, launching their powerful shafts of light upon life’s problems — our own and everyone’s. Following such a method, we discover that the Bible does “speak to our condition” and meet our needs, not just occasionally or when some emergency arises, but continually.

—Frederick C. Grant

**PROPERS FOR THE SUNDAYS OF AUGUST**

<p><b>Proper 13</b>                  2 Samuel 11:26-12:13a                  Psalm 78:23-29                  Ephesians 4:1-16                  John 6:24-35</p>	<p><b>Proper 14</b>                  2 Samuel 18:5-9, 15, 31-33                  Psalm 130                  Ephesians 4:25-5:2                  John 6:35, 41-51</p>	<p><b>Proper 15</b>                  1 Kings 2:10-12; 3:3-14                  Psalm 34:9-14                  Ephesians 5:15-20                  John 6:51-58</p>	<p><b>Proper 16</b>                  1 Kings 8:22-30, 41-43                  Psalm 84:1-7                  Ephesians 6:10-20                  John 6:56-69</p>
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<b>AUGUST 5</b>	<b>AUGUST 12</b>	<b>AUGUST 19</b>	<b>AUGUST 26</b>
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**ALTAR BREAD**

Debra Corbin	Norma Robinson	Judy Shell	Claudette Anderson
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**ALTAR GUILD**

Migdalia Haig Sonia Pemberton Carmen Downer Barbara Spitzform	Merlette Jenkins Alisha Cameron Diana Eugene Norma Clarke-Robinson Shay Funderburk	Diana Charles Felicia Sosa-Stephen Leela Narian Margaret Brown	Herma Samuel Grace McConney Freda Flash Betty Southwell
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**AUDIO VISUAL**

<p><b>10:30 AM</b>                  Beverly Jones</p>	<p><b>10:30 AM</b>                  Beverly Jones</p>	<p><b>10:30 AM</b>                  Beverly Jones</p>	<p><b>10:30 AM</b>                  Beverly Jones</p>
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**LAY EUCHARISTIC MINISTRY**

<p><b>8:00 AM</b>  <b>Lesson 1</b>                  Chris Clayton  <b>Lesson 2</b>                  Herma Samuel  <b>Psalm/Chalice</b>                  Diana Eugene  <b>Chalice</b>                  Dennis Jewell  <b>Prayers of the People</b>                  Nora Cameron</p>	<p><b>8:00 AM</b>  <b>Lesson 1</b>                  Nora Cameron  <b>Lesson 2</b>                  Rob Sport  <b>Psalm/Chalice</b>                  Stacey Wilson  <b>Chalice</b>                  Stewart Clayton  <b>Prayers of the People</b>                  Felicia Stephen</p>	<p><b>8:00 AM</b>  <b>Lesson 1</b>                  Veronica Murrell  <b>Lesson 2</b>                  Carl Carnelius  <b>Psalm/Chalice</b>                  Rob Sport  <b>Chalice</b>                  Erik Lee  <b>Prayers of the People</b>                  Chris Clayton</p>	<p><b>8:00 AM</b>  <b>Lesson 1</b>                  Nora Cameron  <b>Lesson 2</b>                  Chris Clayton  <b>Psalm/Chalice</b>                  Lydia Gilmore  <b>Chalice</b>                  Joanne Sinanan  <b>Prayers of the People</b>                  Patty Brannock</p>
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<p><b>10:30 AM</b>  <b>1st Reading</b>                  Sharon Dover  <b>2nd Reading</b>                  Moya Campbell  <b>Chalice</b>                  Carol Rowe (<b>People's Prayer</b>)                  Ann Moncrieffe (<b>Psalm</b>)                  Joyce Besch-Kelly</p>	<p><b>10:30 AM</b>  <b>1st Reading</b>                  Angela Cross  <b>2nd Reading</b>                  Huldah Skinner  <b>Chalice</b>                  Charlene Davids (<b>People's Prayer</b>)                  Carmen Downer (<b>Psalm</b>)                  Magueritte Brown</p>	<p><b>10:30 AM</b>  <b>1st Reading</b>                  Bovel Anderson  <b>2nd Reading</b>                  Debra Corbin  <b>Chalice</b>                  Carol Rowe (<b>People's Prayer</b>)                  Etheline Holder (<b>Psalm</b>)                  Kingsley Rajiah</p>	<p><b>10:30 AM</b>  <b>1st Reading</b>                  Etheline Holder  <b>2nd Reading</b>                  Eslyn Fung  <b>Chalice</b>                  Charlene Davids (<b>People's Prayer</b>)                  Patricia Lashley (<b>Psalm</b>)                  Carol Rowe</p>
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**PLEASE FIND A REPLACEMENT IF YOU CANNOT SERVE**

<b>AUGUST 5</b>	<b>AUGUST 12</b>	<b>AUGUST 19</b>	<b>AUGUST 26</b>
<b>USHERS</b>			
<b>8:00 AM</b> Jean Julien Chad Owen	<b>8:00 AM</b> Dennis Jewell Nancy Jewell	<b>8:00 AM</b> Patty Brannock Chad Owen	<b>8:00 AM</b> Carl Cornelius Chad Owen
<b>10:30 AM</b> Jennifer Phillips Joan Temple Vance Dykes	<b>10:30 AM</b> Merle Marley Carol Rowe Selwyn Skinner	<b>10:30 AM</b> Bovel Anderson Diana Charles	<b>10:30 AM</b> Vance Dykes Etheline Holder Jennifer Phillips
<b>COUNTERS</b>			
<b>8:00 AM</b> Dennis Jewell Wayne Griffin	<b>8:00 AM</b> Debby Wilson Veronica Murrell	<b>8:00 AM</b> Jackie Lee Patty Brannock	<b>8:00 AM</b> Judy Shell Diana Eugene
<b>10:30 AM</b> Beverly Jones Patricia Lashley Regina Sheffield Stephanie Jones	<b>10:30 AM</b> Nora Cameron Margueritte Brown Upton Porte	<b>10:30 AM</b> Claudette Anderson Asley McGregor Effie Holder	<b>10:30 AM</b> Claudia McGregor Bovel Anderson
<b>FLOWER GUILD</b>			
Carol Rowe Barbara Nell	Carmen Downer Margueritte Brown	Jennifer Phillips Marjorie Sutherland	Betty Gower Laurie Mickey
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## Christian Symbol

### Seven-Branched Candlestick

The seven-branched candlestick represents the Holy Spirit and its seven gifts in the listing from Isaiah 11:2-3: wisdom, understanding, counsel, might, knowledge, fear of the Lord, and delight in the Lord.

(By contrast, the Hanukkah menorah is a nine-branched candelabrum lit during the eight-day Jewish holiday.)



# From St. John's Sunday School



## Game-Nite Gratitude

our Sunday School wants to thank everyone who shared in Mid-Summer Game Nite - wasn't it great fun?

Now we're looking forward to this year's Journey with Jesus. We'll explore Exodus, Make a Joyful Noise, Pay homage to Old Testament Heroes & revisit Seasons of the Church.

We're also planning a "Great Pumpkin" event in October so, stay tuned for an update.

*Your Sunday School Team*

AS FOR ME  
AND MY  
*family,*  
WE WILL SERVE  
THE  
*Lord.*

JOSHUA 24:15, NLT

## Outreach Team News

On Thursday, July 12th we served meals to the needy in our community at Daily Meal.

We thank all who volunteer for our monthly feed the homeless program.



**Bible Quiz**

Who had a staff sprout, bud, blossom and produce almonds, indicating that God had chosen him for a special reason?

A. Moses  
B. Zechariah  
C. Aaron  
D. Nathan

 An illustration of a brown branch with several pink blossoms and buds. The blossoms are in various stages of opening, and the buds are small and pointed.

Answer: C (See Numbers 17:1-11, specifically v. 8.)

