

Making All Things New

A Discernment Timeline

As we enter into our Time of Discernment to determine where God is calling St. John's in the years ahead, it may be helpful as reference to look back at programs, initiatives, and hires we have made in recent years. This is not a list of everything we do at St. John's, but a list of some of the new things we have engaged in as a parish the past few years. You may well have others to add!

2017

Capital Reserve Study completed which surveyed the state of all of our buildings (church, parish hall, rectory, curacy).

Our mission trip to South Africa with 15 teens and 15 adults was the first such major trip in a decade.

We realized our long-anticipated goal of converting the church heating system from oil to gas to reduce our carbon footprint.

The Water Street Walkway was rebuilt thanks to the generosity of a parishioner's memorial gift.

Our outreach project Laundry Love was launched at a laundromat in Hull.

Stewardship giving was at an all-time high of \$529,391 (this has since been eclipsed by the 2018 stewardship campaign).

Average Sunday Attendance of 265 (attendance has increased 22% since 2014)

2016

The Not-So-Spooky Haunted House was established as a wildly popular community event.

Following an adult education series on the environment, the St. John's Green Team was formed.

Online pledging and giving were offered for the first time.

The monthly Parents of Young Children Group was started.

Weekly Prayer Groups began along with monthly Sunday morning healing prayers.

Church School was rebranded as Sunday School with a mission of "Know God – Know the Church – Know the Community."

The Youth Ministry Leadership Team was established to help lead and coordinate youth ministry at St. John's.

Confirmation Mentors became part of our Confirmation Class program.

2015

Father Noah Van Niel hired as Curate in June and ordained priest in December.

Three Youth Groups (re)formed—Middle School, Confirmation, High School

Buffy Gray Hired as Organist/Choirmaster.

St. John's Choristers (children's choir) formed.

Alexis MacElhiney Hired as Sunday School Director.

Christmas Caroling & Movie Night and Blessing of the Stuffed Animals added as extra events to Sunday School program.

Front Lawn landscaping project initiated and completed, providing greater sight lines from Main Street and increased curb appeal.

Installation of Hitchcock Memorial Courtyard outside of the West Window.

Refurbishment of Lower Weld Hall (precipitated by burst pipe) including new lighting, painting, and carpeting.

Annual Backpack Drive kicked off along with ongoing relationship with Quincy Family Resource Center.

New Boiler installed and funds raised to pay for it.

S.W.5 moved from Saturday evening to Sunday evening.

2014

The Pastoral Response Team was formed to better meet the pastoral needs of parishioners.

Redeye with the Rector, Father Tim's informal office hours at the local coffee shop, began.

Amsale Faye Hired as Bookkeeper

Curate Mother Anne Emry moves to Oregon

Organist/Choirmaster Dr. Fred Guzasky moves to Illinois

Deacon Geof Smith moves to New Hampshire

Youth Minister Ken Bitner leaves to attend school full-time

Closed Circuit TVs installed in Upper Weld Hall and Thayer Room

2013

We engaged in the parish-wide *Charting Our Course* Strategic Planning Process.

Tots & Toddlers Christmas Eve Service was started to take the edge off the Pageant Service.

Ongoing relationship with Appalachian Service Project (ASP) established.

Father Robert Named Rector Emeritus & Pastoral Associate.

Safe Church Policy designed and implemented; windows placed in all office and classroom doors.