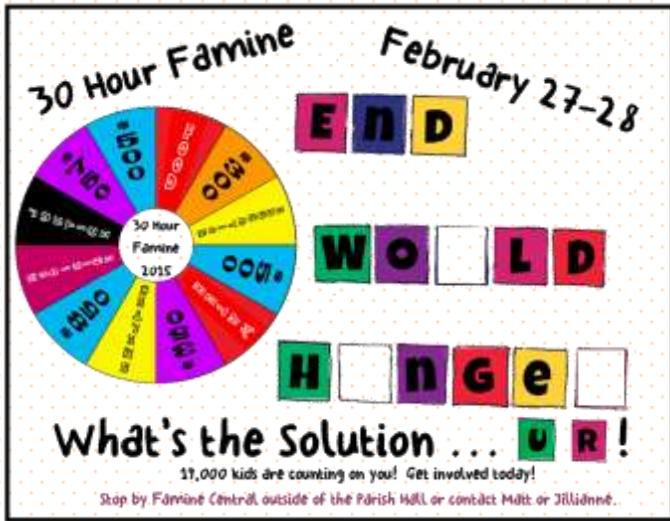




# ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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## Announcements for the week of February 25- March 4, 2015



The 30 Hour Famine is THIS WEEKEND!  
For the 16<sup>th</sup> consecutive year, the youth of St. John's are joining with young people around the world to do the 30 Hour Famine. It is a great chance to raise awareness of, and money for, the fight against hunger and hunger-related disease. On February 27-28, participating youth will fast for 30 hours, sleep in cardboard boxes, undertake service projects, and engage in worship, all in an effort to make a difference in the lives of the 19,000 children who die every day from hunger.

If you would like to support the Famine, be on the lookout for a participating youth, or go to our church donation webpage at: <https://youth.worldvision.org/index.cfm?fuseaction=donate.team&teamID=6163>  
Every \$35 we raise provides food, water, medicine, education, and clothing to a starving child for a month. Hopefully you will join us as we take a stand against hunger!

**Famine Volunteers Needed!**  
It takes a fair amount of work to help the youth have a successful 30 Hour Famine event. We need adult volunteers to assist with Set Up and Registration, Event Support, Overnight Supervision, Clean Up, Drivers (for Saturday's Service Projects), Kitchen Help and Clean Up. We can even use some help on Sunday morning when the cardboard village is demolished! Most of the shifts are just a few hours long, so you can make a difference at the Famine and still enjoy your weekend. If YOU can help, please sign up at the Famine tables outside of the Parish Hall after the 8:45 services. Or, if you are out of town this weekend, please contact Debbie Fackrell at [debbie\\_fackrell@ncwp.uscourts.gov](mailto:debbie_fackrell@ncwp.uscourts.gov) to sign up or to get more information. See you at the Famine!



If we are to believe local meteorologists Eric Thomas and Brad Panovich, bad weather is in our future (*as in tomorrow!*). Should their predictions pan out, please note that the church office will be closed and scheduled activities will be cancelled. Should a pastoral emergency arise, please call either Fr. Paul+ at 704-609-6780 or Mtr. Suz+ at 980-216-0903. If they do not pick up immediately, please leave a message and they will return your call as quickly as possible.

We pray that all will stay safe and warm in the cold days ahead.



*Brixx Buxx*  
Fundraiser for  
30 Hour Famine  
Saturday & Sunday,  
February 28 &  
March 1



**Help St. John's Youth raise money for World Vision's 30 Hour Famine by dining at Brixx Wood Fired Pizza this Saturday & Sunday, February 28th and March 1st.**

Simply print out the flyer (*see page 4*) and take it to Brixx at either the Foxcroft, Dilworth or Blakeney location. Present the flyer (*good for either dine-in or take out*) and Brixx will donate **\$3 per 10" pizza and \$1 per kids pizza to St. John's 30 Hour Famine.**



**PIE A PRIEST!  
RESCHEDULED FOR SUNDAY, MARCH 8th!**  
Join us following the 11:15 service on the patio, where you can make a donation to get a chance to throw a cream pie at Father Paul and Mother Suz. For \$20 you can throw a pie from 10 feet away, for \$35 you can throw from 5 feet away, **or for \$75 you can share a pie at "point-blank" range.** Or, for the more merciful among us, a donation of \$100 will buy a "pardon" and save a priest from a pie. **So come enjoy the fun, and see who gets "creamed"!**



churcHome Forum  
**On Being Episcopalian...**

Week 7 of 12 weeks

Got questions? We can help you answer them!  
Attend the **churcHome** Forum each Sunday at 10:15am in the Parish Hall.

**This Sunday's session, led by** Fr. Paul+ & Jeff Pruitt, will be **Parish Organization & Comparison-How We Do Church Business.**

**You won't want to miss this compelling presentation!**



The Episcopal Visitation with The Right Reverend Anne Hodges-Copple Bishop Suffragan, Diocese of North Carolina Sunday, April 19, 2015

Adults interested in being Confirmed, Received or Reaffirmed during The Episcopal Visitation on Sunday, April 19, are encouraged to attend as many as possible of the twelve **"On Being Episcopalian"** classes held each Sunday at 10:15am in the Parish Hall.

You will also need to **fill out an "Intention to be Presented to the Bishop"** card which you can find in the Parish Hall each Sunday during the class or contact Kerry Johnson in the church office.

*Cards must be filled out and returned to Kerry Johnson no later than April 1st.*



Announcing Two (2) New Morning Bible Studies Led by Fr. Paul+

1. FRIDAYS: Fr. Paul+ will lead a new Bible Study, *More than a Man Can Take*, at 7am in room 208. This will be a study of suffering and Christian response. We will start with the Book of Job and move to the headlines with some help from C.S. Lewis, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Gandhi, Shakespeare, Mozart, Bach and Beethoven, Gibran, Churchill, Lincoln, Archbishop Ramsey, the Quran, and others along the way. Study starts promptly at 7. Prayers promptly at 7:45. Class runs through mid- June.

2. SATURDAYS: Fr. Paul+ will lead a Men's Bible Study, *Fire and No Brimstone*, at 8am. Meet at the fire pit on the side yard. This will essentially be a repeat of the Morning offering, studying through the fall in the writings of St. Paul. We will meet around the parish fire pit (The Jo Brock Memorial). We **will meet unless it's raining (a little mist is not rain!)**. Bring your own lawn chair, Bible and coffee. The Rector will provide a stale bagel or something. Fire out by 9:15am. *Needed: Master Fire Builder to have the fire blazing by*



St. John's Preaching Series  
Ash Wednesday through Palm Sunday  
A.D. 2015  
**The Rev'd Fr. P. S. Winton, Homilist**

*"The joyful task of the preacher is like that of a host at a great family party opening a bottle of champagne – to set free effervescent hope and cheer into a world that needs it. The Good News blasts the stone that blocks the tomb like a cork flying through the air and the Good News of Jesus is set free to save the world. I love my job!*

*This liberating work is never more important than in the weeks leading up to Easter Day.*

*Join us please for Ash Wednesday and the Sundays thereafter leading up to Easter Day to hear the liberating Good News of Jesus. We invite you to Saint John's, Charlotte. This is your grandfather's Episcopal Church...and it isn't!*

*Come as you are. Leave Changed."*

Ash Wednesday, February 18, 6:00pm  
*Blasted!*

Based on the writings of the Prophet Joel, the Rector will re-issue the call to God's people to respond to the trumpet blast of the Holy trumpet calling us to be a Holy people. A powerful call to an authentic Christian life.

Sunday, Lent I - Sunday, February 22, 8:45 & 11:15am

*Barbarism, Beasts and Beheadings: Satan and His Defeat, Then and Now*

From the flood through the wilderness to the beheading of religious leaders, we follow Satan and his impact on the world. God prevailed then. God will prevail now. A message of hope.

Sunday, Lent II - Sunday, March 1, 8:45 & 11:15am  
*Lesser Devils, We*

**"Get ye behind me, Satan"**. As Jesus draws closer to the Cross, his closest followers struggle with the inevitable horror of the reality. Jesus issues a stark re-set to our reality and our responsibility.

Sunday, Lent III - Sunday, March 8, 8:45 & 11:15am  
*Bible Jeopardy and the Daily Double*

The Rector will walk us through the Ten Commandments. What do they really mean?

Sunday, Lent IV - Sunday, March 15, 8:45 & 11:15am  
**Hell is Full of "Good" People**

Why the call from the Cross can never be satisfied with mere "goodness". **The Rector will make the case why being a "nice or good" person is insufficient for salvation.**

Sunday, Lent V - Sunday, March 22, 8:45 & 11:15am  
*God and the Cardiac Event*

What has God written on our hearts? An exploration into the change God made in making us His own. Why we are transfused for faith.

Palm Sunday, March 29, 8:45 & 11:15am  
*More Than Fifty Shades of Gray: What REAL Passion Looks Like*

**What is real passion? In a world palpitating for "passion", we realize how fleeting it is, compared to an expression of a Passion that burns into eternity.**



## OPPORTUNITIES FOR MINISTRY



### Food for Kids Backpack Program Sponsored by St. John's Girl Scout Troop 2960

The following items are needed weekly:

- Juice boxes
- Shelf-stable Chocolate Low Fat Milk carton
- Microwavable Mac & Cheese
- Ramen Noodles
- Individually packaged cookies, pastries, Rice Krispie treats
- Packages of NAB crackers (peanut butter or cheese sandwich crackers)
- Snacks (chips, fruit snacks, raisins, etc.)
- Fruit cups
- Applesauce cups
- Cereal bars
- Pop tarts
- Oatmeal packets
- Individual cereal boxes

All donations may be left in boxes marked **FOOD FOR KIDS** found in the preschool entrance, Tilson Hall and the Parish Hall.



### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL June 15-19 Volunteers Needed!

Come find out how you can get involved with this year's Vacation Bible School! Join us for a VBS kick-off on Tuesday, March 10th, from 7:00-8:30pm at the home of Lindy Gignac (3110 Bluebird Drive 28226).

Please plan to join us for preparation and cutting in room 204/205 on the following dates:

April 21	10-1130am
April 22	6-7:30pm
April 28	10-11:30am
April 29	6-7:30pm

Volunteering for VBS week is a GREAT way to get to know your fellow SJE parishioners while having fun at the same time!



SAVE THE DATE!

Parish Work Day  
Saturday, March 21  
(Rain Date is Saturday,  
March 28)  
9am to 1pm

Lunch will be served

Family-friendly projects for all ages!

Bring a bale of straw for the yard and  
**come help clean God's house!**



# KANUGA

**It's time to register for our**  
Parish Family Weekend at Kanuga in the  
beautiful Blue Ridge mountains!

Dates: Friday-Sunday, April 24-26, 2015



Cost per person  
(includes 2 nights  
lodging & all meals):

Adults  
(age 19 and up) \$178.00

Youth (age 10-18)  
\$95.00

Children (age 5-9)  
\$56.00

Babies (4 and under)  
No charge

Scholarship money is available!

Registration forms are available in the  
Welcome Center!

Please register by April 12th!

Questions? Please call Kerry  
Johnson in the church office  
(704-366-3034)



# BRIXX BUXXS FUNDRAISER

## Help us raise money for

### WORLD VISION'S 30 HOUR FAMINE

by dining at Brixx Wood Fired Pizza on

**SATURDAY & SUNDAY, FEB 28TH & MARCH 1ST**

Visit us at

**BRIXX FOXCROFT/DILWORTH/BLAKENEY**

## IT'S AS EASY AS 1-2-3 ...

1. Dine-in or order take-out from the Brixx Wood Fired Pizza location above.
2. Present this flyer and enjoy Brixx signature thin-crust pizzas.
3. Brixx will donate \$3 per 10" pizza and \$1 per kids' pizza to your organization.

You must present this flyer for your organization to get the donation.  
Not valid with any other offers. Discounted pizzas do not apply for donation.

### BRIXX BUXX EVENT BENEFITTING ST. JOHN'S YOUTH GROUP

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of pizzas: \_\_\_\_\_

Donation Amount: \_\_\_\_\_

e-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**BRIXXPIZZA.COM**



# Parish Meals

## MENU

**MENU for Wednesday, March 4  
Pork loin, mashed potatoes, peas**

**Please RSVP by Tuesday:  
704-366-3034 or online at  
[www.saintjohns-charlotte.org](http://www.saintjohns-charlotte.org)  
(click on Weds. Night Menus & RSVP)**

**Breakfast will be served Sunday from  
7:30-9am in Tilson Hall**

**Biscuits to go will be available  
following the 8:45am services**



EYC This Week  
No EYC this week due to 30 Hour Famine.

### Lenten Prayer Friend Project

If you picked up packet 18 or 15, please be sure to turn in your yellow card with the stop sign on it or contact Jillianne Booth ([jillianne@saintjohns-charlotte.org](mailto:jillianne@saintjohns-charlotte.org)) ASAP with your contact information.

### Pie A Priest

This event was postponed from last week due to the Rector's illness. Please make plans now to come out to the side patio on Sunday, March 8th after the 11:15am worship service. "Pies" will be available for purchase to throw at our awesome priests! Pardons will also be available!

### Brixx Fundraiser

Planning to eat lunch or dinner out this weekend? Head to *Brixx* THIS Saturday, the 28th, or Sunday, March 1st and a portion of your pizza purchase will go to the 30 Hour Famine.



**LOAVES & FISHES**  
Groceries for Neighbors in Need

Help *Loaves and Fishes* fill the cupboards of the needy.

While doing your weekly grocery Shopping at Harris Teeter, please consider purchasing the following for your brothers and sisters in need:

**Harris Teeter Buys This Week:**

**BUY 2, GET 3 FREE:**

- *Barilla Pasta*
- *Barilla Pasta Sauce*
- *Tutto Rosso Tomatoes*
- *HT Traders Coffee*

Please use these great bargains to fill our bins at the main entrance. With your generous help we can lessen hunger in our community. Thank you!



After Inventory Clearance!

Select home decor, books, jewelry, accessories, and more are 50% off original price! Hurry in for the best selection!



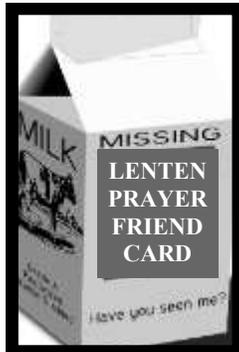
Plus, we have pocket crosses, rosaries and mercury glass hearts that make thoughtful prayer gifts!



We are open Wednesday, 10-1 & 5-7,  
Sunday, 8:30-12:30

Major Credit Cards accepted  
Free Gift Wrapping  
"Like" us on Facebook

*All proceeds go to St John's Outreach Programs*



Missing!  
Lenten Prayer Friend Cards

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# St. John's Weekly Calendar

## February 25-March 4, 2015



DATE	EVENT	TIME	ROOM
Feb 18– April 3	Lenten Quiet Hour (Mon-Fri)	11:00 am 3:00 pm	Entire Building
Thu 2/26	Please note: Thursday activities will be cancelled & the church office will be closed should the predicted inclement weather come through		
	Morning Prayer	9:00 am	Chapel
	Reflectionary Bible Study with the Rector	9:30-10:30 am	208
	Praying the Rosary	5:45 pm	Parlor
	Room In The Inn	6:00 pm	125, Tilson Hall
	<b>St. John's Choir Rehearsal</b>	6:30-8:00 pm	Choir Room
	Sharing and Caring	7:00-8:00 pm	208
Fri. 2/27			
	Bible Study	7:00 am	208
	Morning Prayer	9:00 am	Chapel
	30 Hour Famine	3:00 pm-12:00 am	Entire Campus
Sat. 2/28			
	30 Hour Famine	12:00 am-7:00 pm	Entire Campus
	<b>Men's Bible Study</b>	8:00 am	208
	Morning Prayer and Bible Study	10:00 am	208
	<b>NC Diocesan Verger's Guild</b>	12:30-3:30 pm	208
	Holy Eucharist	5:00 pm	Nave
Sun. 3/1			
	Holy Eucharist	7:30 am	Nave
	Breakfast	7:30-9:00 am	Tilson Hall
	Childcare (2y and younger)	8:30-12:30 pm	134,135
	Holy Eucharist	8:45 am	Nave
	Holy Eucharist (Contemporary)	8:45 am	Parish Hall
	<b>Children's Chapel</b>	8:45-10:00 am	<b>Children's Chapel</b>
	Coffee Hour and Biscuits to Go	10:00-11:00 am	Outside Kitchen
	Sunday School (3yr-5th gr.)	10:00-11:00 am	1st Floor
	Sunday School (6th-12th gr.)	10:00-11:00 am	3rd Floor
	Sharing and Caring	10:00-11:00 am	208
	<b>churchhome</b> Forum-Parish Organization & Comparison-How We Do Church Business	10:15-11:00 am	Parish Hall
	<b>Something's Brewing</b>	10:15-11:00 am	Tilson Hall
	Holy Eucharist	11:15 am	Nave



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## February 25-March 4, 2015



Mon. 3/2			
	Morning Prayer	7:00-7:15 am	Chapel
	Bible Study	7:15-8:00 am	208
	<b>Rector's Bible Study</b>	7:30-8:20 am	201
	Centering Prayer	8:10-8:30 am	Parlor
	Evening Prayer	5:45 pm	Chapel
Tues. 3/3			
	Morning Prayer	9:00 am	Chapel
	Growing in Faith	10:30-11:30 am	312
	Centering Prayer	10:30 am-12:00 pm	Parlor
	Holy Eucharist with Anointing	12:00 pm	Chapel
	Evening Prayer	5:45 pm	Chapel
Weds. 3/4			
	Morning Prayer	9:00 am	Chapel
	LIFT Bible Study	11:00 am-12:30 pm	309
	Cherub Choir	5:00-5:30 pm	204
	Wednesday Night Dinner	5:00-6:30 pm	Parish Hall
	Treble Youth Choir	5:30-7:00 pm	Choir Room
	Evening Prayer	6:00 pm	Chapel
	<b>Bells of St. John's</b>	6:00-6:45 pm	208
	Reflectionary Bible Study	6:15-7:00 pm	315
	John-E (4yr-3rd gr)	6:15-7:00 pm	<b>Children's Chapel</b>
	Shepherd Choir	6:30-8:00 pm	Choir Room
	EFM	6:30-9:00 pm	201
	Youth Bible Study	6:45-7:30 pm	309
	<b>St. John's Ringers</b>	6:45-8:00 pm	208
	Praise Band Practice	7:00-9:00 pm	Parish Hall



Reading for this Sunday:  
 Mark 8:31-38  
*"Be opened"*

For Pastoral Emergencies, after hours and on weekends, please call 704-286-6155.

One of the clergy will return your call promptly.