



St. John's Episcopal Church

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WORDS FROM OUR PRIEST - The Rev. Pauline A. Samuel



As we consider God's blessings, we can't help but to be in awe of God's immense goodness towards us. With each new day we are reminded that everything we are and everything we do and everything we have is a result of God's abundant gifts. God is the great giver and the greatest of gifts is Jesus Christ and the power of the Holy Spirit at work in our lives.

God has given each of us gifts or skills and we are meant to use our gifts to bless others. One way of doing that is passing our God-given gifts to the church. Our gifts empower the church to be Christ in the world. The church is a vehicle for us to exercise our roles as Christian caretakers. The church is many things: we are a place of worship and friendship, we build relationships, we provide pastoral care and healing, out-reach, in-reach and Christian education.

At St. John's Episcopal Church we may be the "little church on the hill" but we are doing **BIG** things for God's kingdom and we cannot continue to build up the kingdom of God in Springfield Gardens without you and without your resources. We believe that God is our ultimate source and provides all that we need. We believe that Jesus "came so that we might have life, and have it more abundantly". (John 10: 10) We are **BELIEVERS IN GOD'S ABUNDANCE!**

For 2019, St. John's is asking that you commit to your Christian role as a steward (caretaker) of God's bountiful gifts and offer your time, skills, and financial resources to help St. John's continue to care for the congregation and the community at large.

2019 Commitment Card: I ask that you pray and discern what your financial, time, and talent commitment will be for the new year. As you pray, know that this is a commitment that you are making to God as to how you will give through St. John's. Please note that the commitment card is two-sided, on the front-side please complete your financial commitment and on the reverse, please complete your time and talent commitment by selecting from the various ministry opportunities available.



The Rev. Pauline A. Samuel

PARISHIONER SPOTLIGHT



WALTER TANNER
Get to Know Your
Fellow Parishioners

Walter Tanner has been a loyal member of St. John's Episcopal Church for over 30 years. He is a member of The St. John's Men's Ministry, The Brotherhood of Saint Andrew & The Altar Guild. He is also a very active / dedicated member of Pastoral Area Group 2. He is always available to assist with anything. Walter grew up in the beautiful island of Antigua. The village he hails from is All Saints Village. After arriving in the USA he attended Apex Technical School and graduated with a certificate in refrigeration, air conditioning and appliances. Walter was an employee at JFK airport for over 30 years. He worked in the food distribution and air fuel industry. He has been happily married to Dolores Tanner since 1984. They have two sons, Edwin & Kenrick and a grandchild, Joshua, who is in regular attendance at St. John's.

"SACRED STEWARDSHIP STORIES" - Barbara Taylor

Why I Tithe - As a child I gave out of a sense of duty or because I was told to give. My father instilled in me that whatever I had, I must give some to the church, save some and then I could spend. As a young adult, I gave a little out of a sense of obligation and out of a place of necessity ... a little money and much responsibility ... a mortgage, children, bills etc. As I grew older I realized how much God had blessed my life with the gift of His Son, my family, Christian friends and resources more that I needed. I realized that God had provided for my every need even when I thought that I might not have enough. And so I give out of thankfulness, returning to God a small portion of all with which He has blessed me.



MOST RECENT COMMUNITY EVENTS



St. John's Back To School BBQ & School Giveaway - September 8, 2018

St. John's 1st Annual Community
Breast Cancer Awareness 1 Mile Walk
October 28, 2018.



WARM WELCOME TO ST. JOHN'S NEW MEMBERS!

*Adrienne Lawrence * Yolande Medford * Charmaine Holness-Dennis * Yvette Tonge * Denise Leonard



RECENT EVENT!

St. John's
Annual
Fall Luncheon
October 13, 2018.

COMEDY CORNER

