

The Branch

“I am the vine, you are the branches.”
John 15:5



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Our Mission Statement

St. George' Church is a community of Christians who worship joyfully, provide fellowship, serve the community, invite everyone into Christ's Family and strive to grow in spiritual maturity.



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Our Ministry Together

I am sure you have heard that old saying, “I want to have my communion and receive it, too.” At least, that’s the way I think it goes. After 4 months of ministry together at St. George’s, that’s the way I feel. I am the parish priest celebrating communion every Sunday, but, when Deacon Tina offers me the bread and wine, it feels like I am receiving communion at my home parish.



The amount of talent and experience at St. George’s is amazing. Willingness and energy to serve is exceeded only by the warmth and openness of parishioners. Despite plugged toilets, uncooperative computers and other day to day difficulties, Ginger and I have found St. George’s to be a joyful faith community with a good balance between worship, practical Christian service and fun.

Praise has blossomed, once again, with the music of our talented keyboard player, Jon-Mark. As our program of restoration continues toward full parish status within the diocese, every area of church life is being revitalized in ministry now as well as in planning for the future. If you haven’t recently worshipped at St. George’s or participated in some part of parish life, I hope you will visit us. If St. George’s is important to you, I hope we can support your walk of faith in daily life and in the parish. I am thankful for our ministry together.

A Prayer for Discernment

We pray that the Holy Spirit, that fell upon the Apostles on the Day of Pentecost, enters the minds and hearts of the members of St. George’s congregation that we may begin a period of mutual discernment regarding the life of this parish family as a Christian witness to the community around us and of the ministries that we undertake in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ: To understand who we are and what we hope to become. Amen

October is Stewardship Month



October 7th – Blessing of the Pets

We celebrate the unconditional love our pets give us on St. Francis of Assis day with Ms. Pepper of “Peace of Mind Dog Rescue” in Pacific Grove at both the 8:00 & 10:00 services. **ALL PETS ARE WELCOME!!**

Share a picture of a loved Pet, who has passed on, in the parish hall during coffee hour.

October 14th – Mission Sunday

We explore our call to “go into all the world”.

October 21st – Community Sunday

We learn how to love our neighbor as ourselves as Deacon Tina shares about outreach in Salinas.

October 28th – Commitment Sunday

We commit to ministry and mission at St. George's as everyone receives a special ministry-pledge card.

Meet Jon-Mark Hurley ... Our New Piano Player



We are thrilled that Jon-Mark has joined St. George's family playing the piano and singing on Sunday mornings at the 10:00 a.m. service.

Jon-Mark holds the Master's of Music from Belmont University in Nashville, TN and a Bachelor's degree in piano from Santa Clara University. He is also professional actor (SAG/AEA) having appeared on TV and in movies.

In his latest role, Jon-Mark plays the haunted, genius Franz Schubert on Vero.com. He also teaches singing and piano to students of all ages.

When you hear lively piano music, beautiful singing or an infectious laugh, say hi to Jon-Mark.



Senior Luncheon: The monthly "Senior's Luncheon" at St. George's Parish Hall is held on the third Tuesday of every month from 11:30 until 2:00. The menu varies from wonderful salads, to delicious sandwiches and fruit. A drink and at least one delicious dessert is included for a \$3 donation. This month, the luncheon will be held on Tuesday the 16th. Everyone is welcome.



From the desk of the Senior Warden:

The month of September was a busy month. Every week myself and the Junior Warden meet with Fr. Jim as well as the office staff.

I continue to work the Senior Luncheon, participate in the Senior Exercise program as well as the food pantry as needed.

We have just been given approval on our draft of the Strategic Plan for the year 2018 and will now proceed with the completion of the Strategic Plan for 2019, 2020 and 2021. Your Junior Warden and myself are feeling confident that we are moving forward as an aided parish. It is our wish that more individuals in our church would be willing to take a more active role in this process. You may contact myself, Joan Dresser or Fr. Jim Collins if there are questions regarding this process. The Restoration Committee will soon provide all parishioners with an update from the Restoration Committee regarding our progress.

We have several events scheduled. One is the combined fund raiser with Madonna Del Sasso for a Murder Mystery Dinner (if you cannot afford the tickets please contact myself or Fr. Collins) and the other is a training for acolytes, Eucharist Ministers and other lay ministers. On October 7th we will have the blessing of the animals and all parishioners are invited to bring their best friends in to Church for a blessing. We continue to have intercessory prayer on Tuesday at 1:00 pm and morning prayer on Tuesdays and Wednesday at 9:00 am. Please contact Fr. Jim regarding the Morning Prayer service. I have personally practiced Morning Prayer at home and loved it. Sharing the experience with others is a powerful experience.

Respectfully submitted,

Margie Sokotowski, Senior Warden



From the Jr. Warden's pink toolbox!

It's been another busy month with all the "excitement" at St. George's. We currently have three major projects that we are dealing with now..... The sewage pipes from the St John room bathrooms are in dire need of repair. There are cracks and missing parts of the clay pipes that need to be replaced with a new product called a "permaliner". The Vestry has approved \$13,000.00 for this major project. Saturday, Mr. Rooter began the pre-work by digging out both ends of the pipe. On Monday and Tuesday, the plumbers will be pulling the permaliner through the pipes which will become the new pathway.

The Elliott home in Salinas also needs \$1,450.00 worth of sewage pipe repair which will be scheduled next week.

Finally, the Parish Hall will be scoped and Mr. Rooter will give me an estimate to clear those pipes throughout the buildings for the toilets and sink.

I want to give a huge shout out to Eddie Ortiz for the fabulous job he has been doing on the interior courtyards! Our gardens are looking so beautiful! This is truly a labor of love and a blessing of Eddie's gift to us! Please thank Eddie when you see him in church during the 10:00am service!

My next big project is cleaning up the empty lot. We have so much trash that needs to be picked up and removed. I will call a Work Day to ask anyone and everyone who has rakes and very heavy-duty gloves to come and help clean up. I will be putting up a wood fence to keep the high school parents from driving across our lot during the end of class time when the traffic on Kip is so congested!

Thank you to EVERYONE who helps keep the church clean and inviting!!!

Joan Dresser

Jr Warden

October



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 12:00 assist St. Paul's BBQ 6:30 Meeting about the Homeless At First Tee.	2 8:00-4:00 Fr Jim in the office 9:00 Morning Prayer	3 8:00-4:00 Fr Jim in the office 9:00 Morning Prayer	4	5	6
7 8:00 Blessing of the Pets 19:00 Blessing of the Pets	8	9 8:00- 4:00 Fr Jim in the office 9:00 Morning Prayer	10 8:00-4:00 Fr Jim in the office 9:00 Morning Prayer	11	12	13 Honored Women's Episcopal Church Women's event St. George's United Thank Offering
14 Mission Sunday 8:00 Rite I Eucharist 10:00 Rite II Eucharist 11:30 Worship Committee	15	16 8:00 – 4:00 Fr Jim in the office 9:00 Morning Prayer 10:00 Warden' 11:00 Staff 1:00 Order of St. Luke	17 8:00-4:00 Fr Jim in the office 9:00 Morning Prayer	18	19	20 6:00 Murder Mystery at Madonna Del Sasso
21 Community Sunday 8:00 Rite I Eucharist 10:00 Rite II Eucharist 11:30 Vestry	22	23 8:00 -4:00 Fr Jim in the office 9:00 Morning Prayer 10:00 Warden' 11:00 Staff Senior Lunch 1:00 Order of St. Luke	24 8:00-4:00 Fr Jim in the office 9:00 Morning Prayer	25	26	27
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