

The Episcopal Parish of ST. JOHN the BAPTIST



As the Parish of St. John the Baptist, we strive
to share the Good News of God,
to grow as Christian disciples, and
to respond to the needs of the world
in the power of the Holy Spirit.

PARISH PROFILE 2023

PRAYER FOR THE INTERIM TIME

Faithful and loving God,
you are always with us even when we feel most alone.
Be with us in the Interim time of waiting and exploring.

Give us ears to hear your still small voice
and eyes to see your light on our path ahead
and open hands to receive the gifts you have for us
and open hearts to love you and one another
and all who come to us.

In the name of Jesus Christ who lived and died and rose,
all so that we might all have abundance of life,
and bring blessing to the world. Amen.

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WHO WE ARE

Where Tradition Welcomes Diversity

The Episcopal Parish of St. John the Baptist proudly proclaims that we are a place “where tradition welcomes diversity.” This short statement truly reflects the breadth and depth of the parish experience at St. John's, in ways that people may not expect. We certainly love our traditions and Anglo-Catholic roots but hold them gently: we come to St. John's for the sacraments, for the beautiful liturgy, and for the sacred music that have been a part of the Episcopal Church for centuries. We renew our baptismal covenant together and pledge to worship and work together for the work of the Holy Trinity. But we also come together in our diversity.

We embrace old people, young people, single people, families of all races and ethnicities. We are a Believe Out Loud congregation who called an openly gay rector, and LGBTQ+ people serve throughout the church, lay and clergy, from the pulpit, to the office, to the vestry, to the committees serving the parish.

We rely on the Rite I and Rite II traditions and prayers from the prayer book, with music from our hymnal, and Enriching Our Worship; however, once a month we worship with our own Rite 3, with an emphasis on including children and using contemporary, secular music to illustrate the week's Scripture lesson.

We are currently an aging congregation, with intention to serve those needs, but we also look to the future of the church, with a desire to bring in younger people and families and to create the programs that will serve their needs as well. So many of the members of St. John's see the parish as a family, with all the feelings of love and community, as well as occasional conflict, that families have; so many members also work towards the health of that family, and the health of the community we live in, with deep commitments not only to our communal worship but also to our social ministries and social justice.



We simply are a parish that has evolved in concord with each other. Not perfect, not without conflicts or challenges; but we are not carrying forward deep wounds and divisions. Our ability to come together in goodwill is also making itself known in how we are living into this transition. We may argue about whether we are using too much incense or not enough, but we won't argue about who belongs in our church. Everyone is welcome.



WHAT MAKES US DIFFERENT....

There is a free lunch, but no soup kitchen.

St. John the Baptist is different from the traditional "stand-alone" parish.

We are located on the campus of Oregon Episcopal School (OES), creating a bucolic setting and the amenities of an extensive campus.

The school Board of Trustees is chaired by the bishop and our rector is a permanent member of the board.

Parish clergy and staff get free lunches at the school!

We share the church building with the school which utilizes the church for chapels and other activities during many weekdays. The parish pays rent to the school, freeing the parish from the financial burden of maintaining the church building and capital projects. The parish can use school facilities for many activities and functions.

While we can't run a soup kitchen, our parish remains deeply committed to social ministries. For us, it's not about the checkbook; it's about working directly, hands-on, within our community. Our quiet, suburban spot, between the city and the rural communities that surround it, provides not only a safe space but also a home base to address the problems both of our city (through Operation Nightwatch and William Temple House) and the farms that feed it (Western Farm Workers Association). We love our parish church but we also love moving out from it into the world.

Our bright and spacious Narthex serves double duty as a welcoming social hall, serviced by a small galley-kitchen.

...the gray hair of experience is the splendor of the old.

— Proverbs 20:29

St. John the Baptist has a complement of seven non-stipendiary clergy who are loving and knowledgeable members of our congregation. They donate their time and talent to enhance our worship services and support our regular clergy.



Tom rode his bike to church for Pentecost





WHO WE SEEK

Keeping in mind that St. John's welcomes diversity into its traditions, we seek a rector who will both continue our traditions and continue welcoming diversity.

St. John's people come here precisely because it is an Episcopal church: we seek continued understanding of our Episcopal faith, with scripture-based sermons that also reflect on contemporary issues; adult and youth education in our faith; and liturgy and music that deepen our experience in that faith.

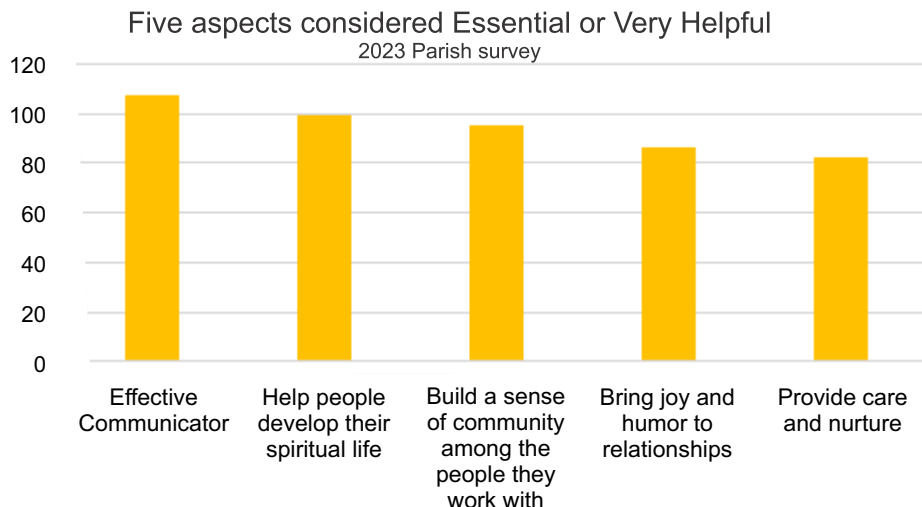


We seek a rector who can preach and teach, as well as continue and enhance incorporating music (both traditional and contemporary) into our worship. We seek someone who will collaborate closely with our music team, our vestry, and all the people who love St. John's.



We will welcome someone who communicates and listens, with a good sense of humor and creative ideas to help build our congregation in a post-pandemic world. For many of us, COVID-19 was a tender time—we stayed connected, and we discovered that technology supports inclusion, and these are lessons that we have kept with us.

Some of these changes continue to be challenges: we have lost some members, and our parish activities outside worship have not all returned. To move forward, we need our new rector both to recognize our current needs and to imagine with us what we can do to rejuvenate our church family.



SHARING THE GOOD NEWS OF GOD

WORSHIP

Sunday Worship Services

are celebrated at 8:00 am and 10:00 am, most frequently using the “Enriching Our Worship”



prayers. The early service is spoken without music, while the later service highlights music throughout the worship experience. Both services offer the Eucharist with *all* worshippers welcome at the Table. On third Sundays of the month our Rite 3 service is shorter, family-friendly worship with very contemporary music.

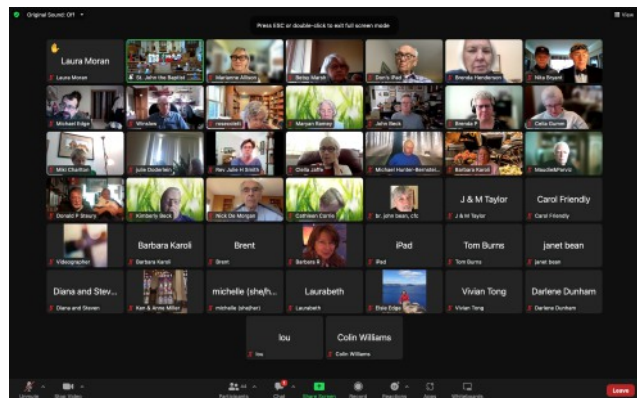
During Eastertide the sung Eucharist (Filii et Filiae) has both the choir and congregation accompanying the clergy.

The worship experience excitement builds as we head into our June Feast Day when the Mass is themed—a memorable one was the Beatles Mass (both the Sanctus and Fraction were sung to the tune of “Nowhere Man”). The 2023 feast day highlighted a Bach cantata composed about the life of the Baptizer, performed on the 300th anniversary of its premiere.

Zoom Worship

In 2020, as the pandemic hit, our parish was quick to pivot to online worship using Zoom. The ability to stay connected during COVID was 100% due to adopting that two-way technology platform instead of a streaming platform such as YouTube or Facebook.

Our associate rector applied for and was granted funds from the diocese to purchase video and audio equipment to connect us to services from the church complete with music and celebration of the Eucharist. In partnership with OES, we installed a professional audio-video system in the nave and continue to use it for hybrid worship services each Sunday which allows our home-worshippers to both be seen and heard by the congregation in the pews. We’ve also moved quite a few of our gatherings to Zoom (Sacred Ground, Book Group, Vestry meetings).



Midweek Healing Eucharist

is said in the Lady Chapel every Wednesday at 11:00 am, offering both the opportunity for laying-on-of-hands healing, and homilies based mainly on “Lesser Feasts and Fasts”.

Five Weekly Daily Offices

Compline and Morning Prayer — one in-person at church, all others on Zoom.

Mirabella Worship

convenes at 4:00 pm on the first Sunday of every month at the Mirabella Continuing Retirement Community in Portland, attended by both St. John's parishioners and interested residents.

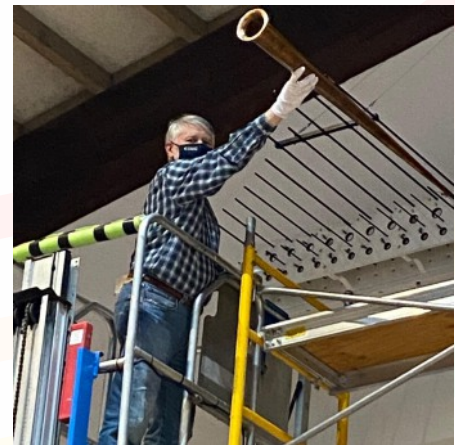
Children's Corner

On Sundays, our children up to age 8 focus on the classic Bible stories and other activities that engage kids in those stories and teachings of Christ. Throughout the school year we staff this offering with Oregon Episcopal School dorm students under the supervision of our assisting priest.

MUSIC

The Music Program

at St. John's has covered lots of ground in the past 25 years under the directorship of Scot Crandal. Membership in the choir has averaged about 25 people. A small group of parishioners provides instrumental and vocal music at our Rite 3 liturgies. Larger events have included a Beatles Mass, a Queen Mass, a full production of Jesus Christ Superstar, various concert masses by Mozart, Haydn, and Bach, and the original musical, "The Voice of One." The annual sing-along Messiah is also an anticipated community event.



Our clergy have historically taken an active role in planning music for liturgies, drawing from a variety of resources, especially "The Hymnal 1982", "Lift Every Voice and Sing", and "Wonder, Love and Praise". To provide musical leadership and support to choir members, our musical artists in residence (salaried section leaders) are made up of a soprano, mezzo-soprano, tenor, and bass. The choir typically sings from the Sunday after Labor Day through Trinity Sunday.

During the summer, Scot and organist Fred Beal split the accompanying duties, with one of them accompanying hymn-singing each Sunday. Fred has been the organist for 20 years and Scot has been the music director for 25 years. There is often an overall brainstorming/planning meeting once or twice a year with clergy, to help develop a strategy for each year. In general, there is an open approach to planning for the musical needs of the



parish, keeping a balance between music that is familiar and music that is new.

The Flentrop Organ

was originally installed in 1972. It was updated in 2000, 2017 and in 2022 when our Diocese's only Trompette-en-Chamade was installed. Most recently, decorative pipes from the St. Helen's Hall organ were added early in 2023.

"The Voice of One" Musical

premiered in 2022, and is already legendary at St. John's, partly due the fact that it was written and composed by retired Rector Robert Bryant and Music Director Scot Crandal over the past five years. It was worth the wait! Hearing the story of St. John the Baptist's life is really about discovering your own authentic voice.

The Coulter Concert Series

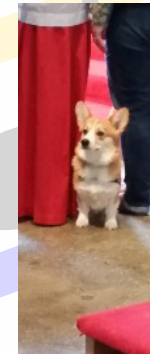
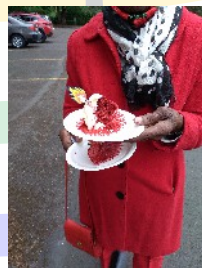
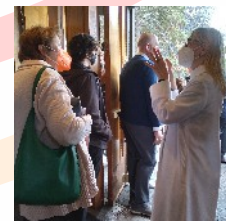
was established at Fr. Roy Coulter's retirement in June 2001. Over the years, the series has presented an array of eclectic performances, ranging from a Russian choir to Suzanna Mars singing Broadway, from The Total Gospel Experience out of Seattle to Thomas Lauderdale of "Pink Martini", from Dixieland jazz to Hildegard von Bingen's Ordo Virtutum, to a worshipful experience of the Pentecost Cantata's premiere performance.

The Rev. Robert H. Bryant Music Scholarship

was established in honor of Fr. Robert at his retirement in February 2023. It is awarded annually, in competition, to a high school student at OES or in our parish.



Writer, Composer and cast of the World Premiere of "The Voice of One"





GROWING AS CHRISTIAN DISCIPLES

PASTORAL CARE

Healing Prayer

provides the laying on of hands and anointing in the Healing Chapel during the communion part of the 10:00 am worship service. They meet each month to study healing prayer and hold a short prayer service during which they pray for all those on the parish prayer list who have asked for prayers. Healing prayer in person, with laying on of hands and anointing is also available at the Wednesday morning Eucharist at 11:00 am.



Hospitality

reaches out to our parish family members unable to attend services or homebound by illness, through food deliveries, transportation help, and home communion. This ministry also supports the clergy for funerals, weddings and other special gatherings.

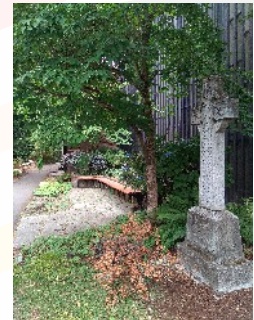


Prayer Shawl Ministry ("The KnitWits,")

provides hand-made knitted and crocheted items to parishioners who are going through a life challenge. These items include prayer shawls, lap blankets, and other items. These items are tangible reminders of God's love and the ongoing support of the church community.

St John's Memorial Garden

is a shady, quiet place on the north side of the building, provided for the interment of ashes of those who requested it for themselves, or their family members.



EDUCATION

Sacred Ground

Starting during the COVID lockdown, three separate cohorts have joined in dialog as part of the Sacred Ground guided study on racial healing, reconciliation, and justice. The fourth round is in development.

Tuesday Book Group

meets on Zoom (with occasional in-person gatherings) and reads the chosen book aloud (round robin) and discusses it.

Julian and Other Mystics Study Group

is an opportunity for parishioners to study the life and wisdom of Julian of Norwich and other mystics through reading and discussion.

Women's Bible Study Group

meeting twice monthly, is currently immersed in Mark's gospel but has also studied a book highlighting women in the Bible and another focused on scripture relating to social justice.

Adult Forums

explore challenging topics related to the expression of our Christian faith in the modern world. We meet on varied Sundays and are led by clergy, parishioners, and community leaders.

Lenten Programming

is our parish's time to come together as a family of faith on Wednesday evenings during this time of reflection and commitment to worship, share food, and learn.

Episcopal 101

newcomers and questioners explore the faith, history, structure, and practices of the Episcopal Church, based on the Book of Common Prayer and clergy's anecdotes.

RESPONDING TO THE NEEDS OF THE WORLD

Western Farm Workers Association

We have a long-term relationship with the Western Farm Workers Association, working *with* and *alongside* farm workers and their families in Washington County. Their programs provide emergency food, clothing, preventative medical care, and job referrals. Some of our activities include collecting school supplies, packaging and delivering meals, and providing funding through tamale sales. Our annual auction also raises money for this group.

William Temple House

feeds the hungry, clothes the poor, and helps provide for the mental needs of the working poor and those without health insurance. Donations of food and clothing are collected year-round at St. John's.



Operation Nightwatch,

Our parish provides supplies to Operation Nightwatch, a Portland agency whose unique vision is to provide a place for those experiencing homelessness, financial insecurity, or other barriers. During times that other agencies are closed and hope is especially hard to find, Nightwatch is an escape from social isolation by providing a cup of coffee, a meal, much needed supplies, and mental health services.

Our Coffee Creek Prison Ministry

began in 2006 and has continued, albeit with a brief shutdown during the pandemic. We currently offer evening prayer on two Saturdays a month with the women in the minimum-security side of the prison. We are hoping to get a priest once a quarter to offer Eucharist. We also hope to expand this ministry to offer a 4th day experience called Kairos which is modeled on Cursillo. A group has been meeting monthly to plan and pray for this ministry.

Our Annual Auction

has been held for decades in support of our mission. The money we raise helps provide quality

christian formation, pastoral care, and proof of the glory of God in worship, fellowship, and social ministry. Additionally, we include a “paddle raise” in support of local organizations in need. Last year's auction allowed us to send \$27,000 to those agencies. Parishioners prize this event to enjoy being with old friends, and meeting new ones; enjoying the food, the laughter, and the excitement of winning a bid; and, above all, enjoying the ability to make a difference.

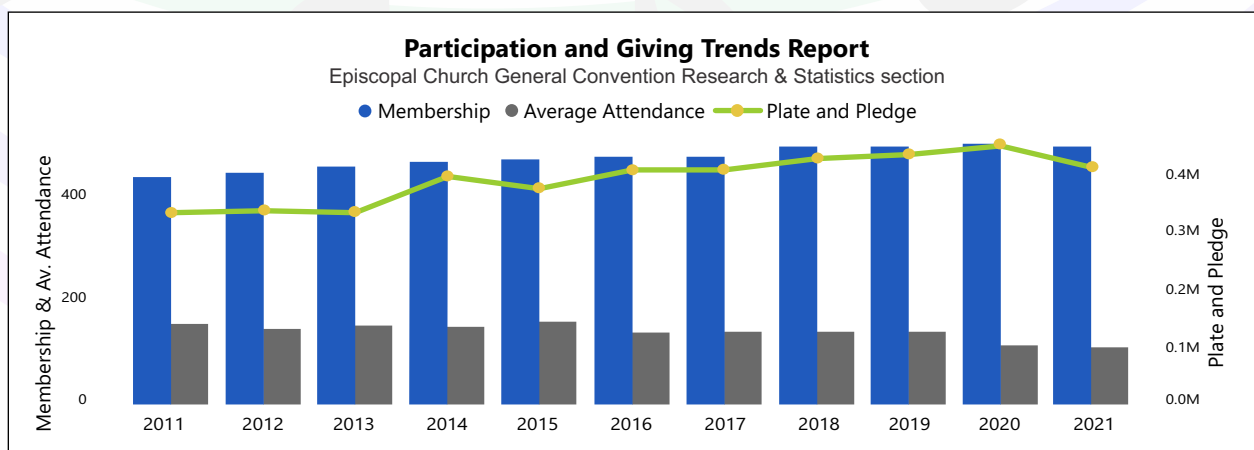
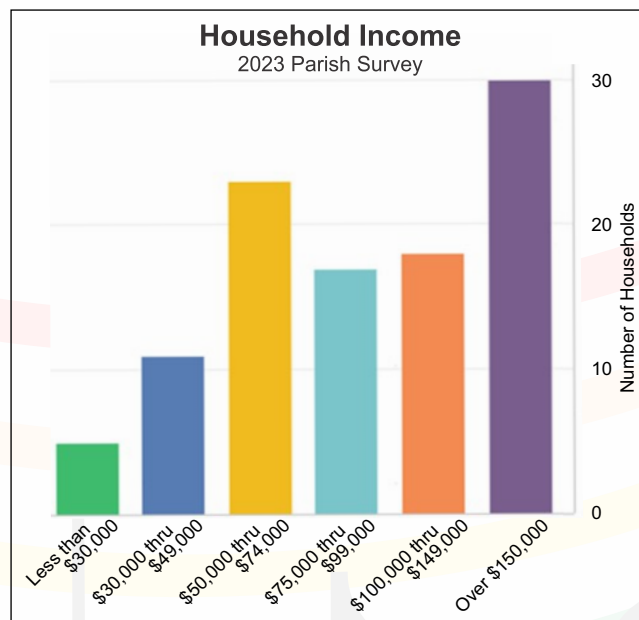
St. John's Public Policy Team

leads forums to enlighten our parish and participates in lobbying efforts concerning public policies and legislation, from local to national issues. Their main resources for congruence of policy principles consistent with our faith are the Episcopal Public Policy Network (EPPN) and Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon (EMO).

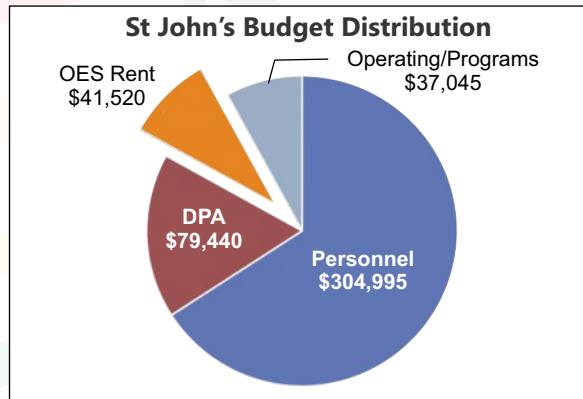
ADMINISTRATION

Overview of Finances

Our parish receives \$400,000 - \$450,000 per year in pledges across approximately 150 pledging units. Our statistics show that both church membership and pledge/plate giving have steadily increased over the past 10 years, and our average Sunday attendance has held steady.



Two thirds of our spending is for personnel (clergy and lay salaries and benefits), with the remaining third split between Diocesan Program Assessment (DPA), rent to OES for use of the building, and operating/programs.



Endowment and Reserve Funds

The parish has an Endowment Fund, managed by an elected board, with a balance of just over \$150,000, and a Reserve Fund of approximately \$182,000. About \$5,000 of the Endowment Fund, is available for grants each year. There is no restriction on the Reserve Fund.

Building and Grounds

Our church is set on the beautifully landscaped 40-acre campus of Oregon Episcopal School (OES). No other parish in the diocese has our unique arrangement where we pay rent, and the school handles maintenance and improvements for the building and grounds. The parish office wing was built for our exclusive use. Funded and designed by St. John's and owned by OES, it includes the Bishop Ladehoff conference room, staff offices, ADA restrooms, and nursery.

The rest of the building, except for a few rooms on the lower level, is available to us in partnership with the school. Since it is a shared facility, the school has primary access to the nave during the week. We can also schedule the use of other buildings and facilities on campus, as we have for our annual auction, parish luncheons, potlucks and celebrations, and outdoor Masses.



The campus is abuzz with activity during the week when school is in session. Our church is surrounded by students, teachers and staff rushing to classes, athletics, and other activities. It is not a normal quiet office space, but the energy makes for a nice work environment.

CLERGY

The Rev. Marianne Allison, Interim Rector

A cradle Episcopalian, sister to an Orthodox rabbi, and granddaughter of missionaries to China, she has lived in Oregon since 1988. After being ordained to the priesthood in January 2017 she served at St. Gabriel the Archangel as transitional deacon and associate rector since summer of 2016, and as chaplain and spiritual care coordinator at William Temple House in Portland. Mtr. Marianne accepted a call to join St. John's as associate rector in September 2019. She was selected as interim rector after the retirement of Fr. Robert Bryant in March 2023.

The Rev. LouAnn Pickering, Assisting Priest for Children and Families

"Mama Lou" as she has been known to a generation of students at OES, returned to St. John's on a part-time basis in March 2023 to help us address the needs of families with young children. Mtr. LouAnn was a Sunday school teacher at St. John's when she answered the call to ministry and was raised up by this parish. She was the OES lower school chaplain, then head chaplain before being called as rector of St. Gabriel the Archangel Church. She retired from that position in 2021. She is an elected member of the current OES Board of Trustees.

The Rev. Annette Rankin, Deacon



Deacon Annette's life as a deacon began by observing her father, who was the kind of doctor in the Midwest who made house calls, and sometimes, she rode with him. It was that experience of going to people in their time of pain that made a huge impression on her and led her to become a psychotherapist. In that capacity, she first encountered the Episcopal Church in the person of the director of a program. Twenty-five years later, she became a member. In 2010, she

graduated from the Episcopal School for Deacons and was ordained in 2011. She was called to serve St. John's in 2017.

STAFF

Parish Administrator

Brent Miller handles a wide range of tasks including communication, database management, scheduling and payroll, among others. Brent has a 20-year history at St. John's and knows how to get things done.



Music Director

Scot Crandal has been at St. John's for 25 years. He is a composer, singer and musician and is employed by Catholic Press. His musical works have been published and recorded, and are often included in our own worship.

Organist

Fred Beal became the organist at St. John's in September of 2003 after having served the same position at St. Augustine Episcopal Church in Wilmette, IL, for 19 years. He works for Bond Organ Builders.

Videographer

Matias Crespo, a student at nearby Jesuit High School, is employed part time to run our A/V system for Zoom. We intend to continue to recruit from Jesuit's A/V program for assistance. He is supported by parish volunteers.

Childrens' Corner

Litzy Alcala and Claire Moran are employed part-time to staff our Childrens' Corner.

Bookkeeper

Robin Haglund provides expert financial recordkeeping.

HISTORY

A Parish begotten by a Freeway

As early as 1958, it was known that construction of the Westhills Freeway (I-405) would displace St. Helen's Hall, the oldest Episcopal School west of the Rocky Mountains. The School Board purchased a new site at the end of Nicol Rd. in southwest Portland, and a groundbreaking ceremony was conducted in July 1963. The cross above the chapel, the brass school bell, and the school's cornerstone were moved to the new campus and classes began in September 1964, joined by the students at the boys' school, Bishop Dagwell Hall.

This move led Oregon's Bishop, the Rt. Rev. James Carman, to form a new congregation to serve the neighborhood as well as the new school. Further, he requested St. Stephen's Cathedral to sponsor this new mission as a Chapel of the Cathedral.

The Episcopal Parish of St. John the Baptist, née St. Stephen's Chapel, held its first service with 21 communicants in the school's recreation hall on October 4, 1964, led by the Rev. Robert Greenfield. A chapel building was constructed on the campus and inaugurated during Holy Week 1967.



Dwindling numbers in the downtown Cathedral (exacerbated by its location and suburbanization) led to its relocation to Nicol Rd. At the 1973 Diocesan Convention, Fr. Bob Greenfield was appointed Dean of the Cathedral and St. Stephen's Chapel was renamed the Cathedral Church of St. John the Baptist where its mission was "to maintain a dynamic Christian community where we worship God and encourage spiritual growth, where we care for each other, and where we equip ourselves for our ministry to the community and to the world." Little has changed in our more succinct 21st century mission statement.



Twenty years later, a recognition that the Cathedral should be located closer to downtown was acknowledged by the Diocesan Convention, which

electd to move the cathedral to Trinity Parish in northwest Portland and the Parish of St. John the Baptist evolved. St. John's shares facilities and a mutually beneficial relationship with the Oregon Episcopal School. Both are institutions of the Episcopal Diocese in Western Oregon.

Epilogue:

In 1980 the Very Rev. Greenfield resigned to test a monastic vocation with the Society of St. John the Evangelist in Cambridge MA. Later that year the Very Rev. Roy Coulter became dean, retiring 20 years later, making way to call the Rev. Canon Robert Bryant (retired, March 2023). 59 years after its formation, we are seeking St. John's fourth Rector.

RELATIONSHIP WITH OREGON EPISCOPAL SCHOOL

OES is a college preparatory, independent school serving nearly 880 students from Pre-Kindergarten through Grade 12, including approximately 60 boarding students from around the world in Grades 9-12. OES was originally founded in 1869 as the all-girls school St. Helen's Hall by the Rt. Rev. Benjamin Wistar Morris. In 1972 St. Helen's Hall was merged with the all-boys school, Bishop Dagwell Hall, and was renamed Oregon Episcopal School.



The Rt. Rev. Diana Akiyama serves as the chair of the OES Board of Trustees, and our Interim, The Rev. Marianne Allison, is a voting member of the Board, as will be our future rector. We are already investing in a relationship with The Rev. Michael Spencer, the new Head of School at OES, who started work in 2023. First an educator, he is also an Episcopal priest, and we look forward to the possibilities this may bring.

United by tradition and geography, our two institutions share both space and history. Shortly after St. Helen's Hall moved to Nicol Road, they began construction of the chapel building. While the larger part of the cost of construction came from donations given through the school, which owned both land and building, the small St. Stephen's Chapel (precursor to St. John the Baptist) congregation helped defray the cost by taking out a mortgage of \$50,000 on the chapel (fully paid in 1976).

It's indicative of the close relationship between parish and school that the first formal Memo of Understanding (MOU) between us was not drafted until 1994, thirty years after we first began living together. In that original MOU, mention was made of "intent of the agreement to maintain and enhance the spirit of close cooperation which has existed between the two institutions since 1964" and the desire "to foster a climate of mutual enrichment in which the parish is enriched by the presence of the school and the school by the presence of the parish."

It's recognized that the benefits from such a relationship often can be intangible, but they are



nonetheless real. The benefits serve to bind the two institutions together and can change from time to time. The following examples help to capture a few dimensions of the relationship:

Some families are drawn to the parish through the school and some to the school through the parish.

Faculty and staff members of the school are sometimes members of the Parish and serve in leadership roles in the congregation.

The Rector of the parish is a permanent member of the school Board of Trustees.

The Bishop of the Episcopal Church in Western Oregon is a permanent chair of the school's Board of Trustees.

On occasion, members of the Parish are elected or appointed as members of the Board of Trustees of the school.

The Rector is regularly invited to participate in school events (e.g., opening prayer at the school opening each year) and the clergy have also been called to attend to pastoral emergencies when the school chaplains are not available.

The staff of the parish are welcome to free lunch in the school dining hall.

The clergy of the parish are available to consult with members of the school community on any pastoral matter.

Sharing space with each other is not without challenges in terms of the day-to-day reality, but what makes this relationship work is the quality of respect and of admiration for each other's strengths, and because we are grateful for the gifts that the other offers.

THE DIOCESE

The Episcopal Church in Western Oregon consists of 60+ faith communities, dedicated to growing, expanding, and redefining what it means to be the Beloved Community of Christ in western Oregon. Our diocese originated as part of the Missionary Jurisdiction of the Oregon and Washington Territories in 1853 and became its own diocese in 1889. Trinity Episcopal Cathedral in Northwest Portland serves as our diocesan cathedral and the seat of the bishop. The Rt. Rev. Diana D. Akiyama was ordained and consecrated as the eleventh Bishop of Oregon on January 30, 2021. She was the first Japanese-American woman ordained Bishop in The Episcopal Church. Speaking the truth in love expressed through authenticity, trustworthiness, compassion, and clarity of vision are the hallmarks of Bishop Akiyama's spiritual leadership. "I am energized when my leadership helps communities to shift assumptions, restore expectations, and imagine a new way forward. Listening with empathy, courage and openness allows me to walk with individuals and communities to connect their deepest yearnings with God's call," Bishop Akiyama stated.



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NEIGHBORHOOD and COMMUNITY

Among the woodlands, wetlands, and wildlife of the hills of Southwest Portland, on the campus of Oregon Episcopal School lies The Episcopal Parish of St. John the Baptist. St. John's is fifteen minutes from downtown Portland in the southwest Raleigh Hills area, just outside the city boundary in Washington County—close enough for easy access to the city, but far enough removed from the urban environment in a quiet suburban setting.

The communities surrounding St. John's are served by some of the best independent and public-school systems in the state. Most families with school-age children attending the church send their children to Beaverton Schools, Portland Schools, or independent schools such as the Oregon Episcopal School.



The region has several renowned public and private institutions of higher learning, including Lewis and Clark College, Linfield College, Oregon Health Sciences University (OHSU), Pacific University, Portland State University (PSU), Reed College, George Fox University, and the University of Portland.

Portland has about 650,000 residents, with almost 2.5 million people metro wide. About half of Oregon's population resides within the Portland metropolitan area. Portland's historically vibrant and architecturally rich downtown and uniquely styled neighborhoods are surrounded by the nation's largest urban wilderness area. The Northwest is unabashedly progressive. This is a state with 100% public coastline; the state that inaugurated the bottle bill; a state that innovated and launched 100% mail-in/drop-off ballots in the 1990's.

Like other places, Portland is slowly recovering from the shutdowns of the COVID pandemic and the protests of 2020-2021, and all the changes that came from both. As a suburban church St. John's was not directly affected by the Portland protests and continues to provide supplies to Operation Nightwatch which serves Portland's unhoused. We also support William Temple House which feeds the hungry, clothes the poor, and helps provide for the mental needs of the working poor and those without health insurance.

Portland's economy is diverse, with goods and services produced in high technology, forest products, agriculture and food processing, tourism, primary and fabricated metals, and transportation equipment. Communities to the west of St. John's are known for their high-tech industry, causing the region to be known as "the Silicon Forest."



Portland offers cultural options typically found only in cities twice Portland's size. Portland Center Stage, Portland Center for the Performing

Arts, Portland Opera, Oregon Symphony, Oregon Historical Society, and the Portland Art Museum are pillars of the arts in the region, and there are myriad performances and exhibitions throughout the city year-round. The Native American Art and Culture Foundation's national headquarters is in Portland.

The city's acres of parks and urban woodland provide ample opportunity for recreation such as jogging, hiking, and biking. The Willamette River is ideal for boating and fishing. The scenic Columbia River Gorge with its world-class wind surfing is a 30-minute drive from downtown Portland. To the west, the Pacific Ocean, with open beaches, surfing, whale watching and deep-sea fishing, and to the east, 11,249-foot Mt. Hood with hiking and year around skiing, are each an hour and a half away from Portland.



HOW TO APPLY

Please submit your Cover Letter of Interest, your OTM Profile, and your current Resume to our Canon to the Ordinary, The Rev. Canon Christopher Craun at ccraun@ecwo.org.

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