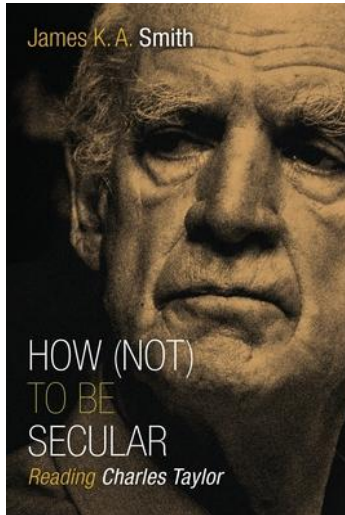


# St. John's Episcopal Church

## "Our mission is to know and to share the love of Jesus Christ"



### **Reading with the Rector: [How \(Not\) to be Secular by James K.A. Smith](#)**

**Wednesday, June 24th at 6:30 pm in person and on [Zoom](#)**

This is an excellent book about a great book. Charles Taylor wrote his massive 900 page book "A Secular Age" about 20 years ago. Smith offers a much shorter and accessible commentary on Taylor's magisterial work that speaks directly to the struggles of faith in a social imaginary dominated by exclusive humanism. Ever wonder how the world became so indifferent to the questions and answers offered by faith? This book provides a clear picture of how we arrived at this point and how faith still answers our deepest cravings for meaning and orientation in the world. I believe this book is VERY important for the mission of our church in a secular age. We must understand our context if we are to minister in it. Please RSVP with this [link](#).

### **Evening Prayer**

My name is Nancy. Six months before COVID hit I became a member of St. John's. I attended Sunday worship on a regular basis, attended faith formation, and volunteered when I was able. I was interested in Evening Prayer, but I don't drive. So during the pandemic and person to person worship was called off, I was thrilled to see the opportunity to participate in Evening Prayer on [Zoom](#). We refer to this as a digital blessing. Yes, our lives can be busy in this present day world, but I take 20 minutes to reflect, pray, and support my faith community. This discipline has broadened my faith and allowed me to form a bond with those who participate. It has been over 6 years that I have been doing this. May I extend an invitation to you to join us and explore what evening prayer has to offer. You will find the [Zoom link](#) for Evening Prayer every week in This Week at St. John's. I look forward to seeing you at Evening Prayer.

Peace to all.

Nancy Matulis

### **A Summer-Long Retreat: AN INVITATION TO LOVE, a retreat in real life on the Great Commandment**

Jesus' Great Commandment to each Christian was and is to "*Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind*". *This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'*" (Matthew 27:37-40)

Doesn't it seem increasingly true that the first part of this passage is relatively easy in comparison to the second? Do you think – or hope - we're given a pass on either part just because – in our opinion - so many of our neighbors are thinking and acting so very WRONG? Hmmm...

Please consider joining a group of your fellow parishioners as together we attempt to find a bit of spiritual renewal and strength over the summer. We will be following a set of readings and meditations in *An Invitation to Love* by William Barry, SJ who was one of the most experienced and best-loved spiritual directors of our time.

“*An Invitation to Love* provides a practical and adaptable sequence of prayer sessions on the great commandment of the Christian faith: to love God and love our neighbor. All other aspects of a healthy and hopeful life grow from our practices of love. When we experience God’s love for us, we can respond with a growing love for God. Loving God will transform us into people who can love our neighbors, too, whoever they are. The voice that speaks in these pages so personally and warmly is that of William A. Barry, SJ, who for decades has gently accompanied people in their prayer. His understanding of Scripture, expertise in nurturing spiritual growth, and joyful confidence in God’s desire for our friendship prepares a welcoming and walkable path to conversation with God and renewal in our hearts.” - Amazon.com  
An organizational meeting will be held, on [Zoom](#), Thursday, June 25, 6:30 – 7:00, in which we will agree on a schedule of readings and meetings.

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### **Celebrate Pride at the Pride Parade in Bangor**

In fellowship with our sister churches in Orono and Brewer, St. John's will once again be marching in the Pride Parade in Bangor and sharing an Episcopal Pride Booth as well on June 27th. All ages are invited to march in the parade and staff the booth.

Once you sign up we will get back to you with information about our assembly point for the parade. Sign up here:

<https://forms.gle/DwkaNjHjEyMoUMJN7>

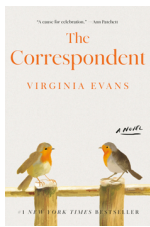
There are t-shirts available in sizes M, L and XL that you can purchase for \$20.



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### **St. John's Young Adult Group**

On **July 18th at 4pm**, the **Young Adult Group** will be gathering at Jarrett and Alison's house in Hancock. We will enjoy a variety of (optional) outdoor activities (hiking, kayaking, swimming, etc.) and conversation, followed by a communal dinner. Additional upcoming events include **Bass Park After Dark (June 20th, 4:00pm)** and the **Summer Sidewalk Art Festival (July 11th, 10:00am)** in downtown Bangor. Generally, anyone between the ages of ~25-35 is welcome to participate. For questions and to RSVP, please email William Some at [WilliamLauringSomes@gmail.com](mailto:WilliamLauringSomes@gmail.com).



### Women's Book Group

The Women's Book Group invites you to their next meeting, on July 21st at 2:00pm, to discuss "The Correspondent" by Virginia Evans. The group meets on Zoom and all are welcome. Please contact the office with any questions. The group meets on [Zoom](#) and all are welcome. Please contact the [office](#) with any questions.

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### Announcements and Prayer Requests

Please be sure to submit all announcements and prayer requests to [the office](#) by noon on Thursday for them to be included in the weekly announcements and bulletins. Please submit photos / posters as a JPEG, and announcements in Word (not in a PDF).

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**Summer Service time change is coming July 5th. . .**

Serving the Community since 1835  
*Join Us For*  
**SUMMER SUNDAY WORSHIP**  
*Sundays at 9:00am*  
*Starting July 5th*  
[www.stjohnsbangor.org](http://www.stjohnsbangor.org)

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**Serving on Sunday June 21st at 8:00am:**

Lectors – TBD

Chalice Bearer – Patricia S.

**Serving on Sunday June 21st at 10:00am:**

Lectors – Jacqueline C., Katharine F. and Zach W.

Acolytes – Dakota M., Gavin F. And Robert F.

Chalice Bearers – David C. and Robert F.

Ushers – Katharine F. and Sheila S.

Counters – Ken H. and Hilary G.

**Serving on Sunday June 28th at 8:00am:**

Lectors – TBD

Chalice Bearer – Cindy L

**Serving on Sunday June 28th at 10:00am:**

Lectors – Ben O., Richard W. and Chris M.

Acolytes – Dakota M., Gavin F. and Robert F.

Chalice Bearers – Patricia S. and Jacquie W.

Ushers – Ken H. and John H.

Counters – Marsha C. and Jim B.

**\*\*\*Ministry Coordinators for the above ministries, please hand in your third quarter schedules to the office by June 21st. Thank you\*\*\***

Thank you to all who volunteer as Lectors, Acolytes, Chalice Bearers and Ushers. If you would like to serve in one of these positions, please let the [office](#) know.

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***Sunday's  
Readings***

**What's Happening This Week**

**Friday, June 19th:** The Parish Office is closed in observance of Juneteenth.

**Sunday, June 21st:** Happy Father's Day!

**Sunday, June 21st, 8:00am:** Rite II Eucharist spoken service, in person, followed by Coffee Hour in the Undercroft.

**Sunday, June 21st, 10:00am:** Rite II Eucharist with Choir, in-person and on [YouTube](#), followed by Lemonade on the Lawn.

**Sunday, June 21st, 11:30am:** Vestry Meeting

**Sunday, June 21st, 2:00pm:** Divisi Concert "Spectrum: The Human Journey"

**Sunday, June 21st, 7:00pm:** [AA](#) meeting in the Undercroft.

**Tuesday, June 23rd, 9:30m:** Dorothy Day Soup Kitchen, serving the community at the Salvation Army. Contact [Claudia and Jim](#) for more information.

**Wednesday, June 24th, 6:30pm:** Reading with the Rector, in person and on [Zoom](#).

**Saturday, June 27th, 10:00am:** The Bangor Pride Parade.

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**For more information about these and future events, as well as ways to get involved, check out [www.stjohnsbangor.org](http://www.stjohnsbangor.org).**

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### **Nursery Care and Children's Chapel**

Children should arrive between 9:45 and 10:00 am in the Undercroft on Sunday mornings for Nursery care, ages 0-3, and for Children's Chapel, ages 4-10.

In **Children's Chapel**, we celebrate the boundless curiosity and wonder of our young ones as we delve into the stories and lessons of the Bible. We aim to cultivate a nurturing and engaging environment that teaches our youngest members the stories of their faith and promotes spiritual growth and a strong sense of community. For inquiries or to register, please contact Mary-Frances Beesorchar at [children@stjohnsbangor.org](mailto:children@stjohnsbangor.org).

**\*\*\*Nursery Care and Children's Chapel is on Hiatus and will resume on September 13th\*\*\***

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### **Opportunities to pray together:**

#### **Sunday Morning Eucharist**

8:00am in person and at 10:00am in person and on [YouTube](#)

#### **Morning Prayer**

Mon-Fri, 9:00am on Facebook and on [Zoom](#)  
and in person Tuesday - Friday in the Bethlehem Chapel

#### **Evening Prayer**

Mon-Fri, 5:15pm on [Zoom](#)

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**Volunteering is a wonderful way to give.** Looking for the right Ministry Opportunity for you? Just click the link below for more information.

**[OPPORTUNITIES FOR MINISTRY](#)**

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## Parish Prayer List:

*If you would like to add or reinstate a name or concern for our parish prayer list, please contact the church office or [prayers@stjohnsbangor.org](mailto:prayers@stjohnsbangor.org).*

**For the Sick, Injured, or Distressed, and for those who have requested prayer:** Joan P. and Allison S. **Continued prayers for** – Ronald R., Katie B., Ross M., MarLynne M., Kent C., The Robbins family, Ann C., Esther R., Marcia & Richard, Russell M., Will, Neal, Carl H., Earlene B., Donald K., Jane Z., Susan J., Elena B., Doreen W., Mikenzy, Jay B., Susan S., Loretta, David B., Jane P., Henry L., Lyla C., Kelly M., D., M., and L.

**For our Homebound Members:** Bonnie A., Kathy C., Ginny F., Carolyn L., Evelyn L., Roberta D., Carolyn S., Esther R., Gary S., Deborah T., Lee W., Donna W., Lura W., Lilly P., Earlene B., and Eileen H.

**For the World:** for Peace and Goodwill among Nations and for peoples in places of violence or oppression, and for the many places in our world where there is danger and desperation. We continue to pray for the people in Ukraine and for the people in the Middle East and Sudan. For an end to war and all forms of violence. For all who suffer for conscience's sake. For our enemies and those who wish us harm. For all suffering effects of climate change and of natural disasters. For refugees, immigrants, and those who are displaced.

**For our Nation:** For the healing of divisions and the celebration of diversity; for the recognition that no single viewpoint on any issue, no matter how important, is without human error; and for all who struggle to change our world and its systems of oppression and exploitation.

**For the Leaders of our Country, State and Community:** Donald J. Trump, President; Members of Congress, especially, Susan Collins, Angus King, Chellie Pingree, Jared Golden of Maine; Janet Mills our Governor; and Susan Hawes our Mayor; for those who administer justice in the courts of this land, that they all may serve our nation and the world with wisdom, civility, and compassion.

**For our Military Personnel, especially those of this Parish:** Sarah M., Dillan L., and Joshua M. For all members of our military currently in harm's way. We pray for peace.

**With Thanksgiving for the lives of those celebrating birthdays during the coming week including:**  
Nancy D., Andy H. and Cuddy S.

**For the Departed:** Sarah Clark, Sheila Muniz, Kyra Hansen, Lewis Phillips, Sarah Braik and for our service members killed in the current conflict.

**The Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God and in celebration of the 28th wedding anniversary of Doreen and Richard Waite.**



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