



## The Fledgling--Week of April 27, 2018

### Introducing The Fledgling!

Thank you for subscribing to this new email newsletter! My hope is that reading this weekly news will bring you closer to your church community, help you feel more included, and thus help further your walk in faith.

--Mtr. Megan

- **If you have a submission to the Fledgling, send it [to the office](#) by Thursday morning for inclusion on Friday**

### Prayer for the coming week

Almighty God, to whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life, through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

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## **Happening This Week at Church:**

This is a reminder that St. John's church is holding a parish dinner to celebrate spring and welcome Mtr. Megan **this Saturday April 28th from 5 to 7 p.m.** in the parish hall. Volunteers are needed to assist with set up (4:15-5) serving (5-7) and cleanup (6:30-7:30). Both meat-based and plant-based entrees will be provided. If you signed up to bring a salad, side dish or dessert, thank you! To volunteer or with questions, please contact Margaret Johnson (607-227-8315) or Sara Van Looy (607-227-1985) or email [hospitality@stjohns.org](mailto:hospitality@stjohns.org).

**MINISTRY FAIR** The Episcopal Diocese of Central New York invites you to *Ministry Fair: Arms Wide Open*, a day of inspiration and renewal for CNY Episcopalians. The event takes place on Saturday, May 12th from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Holiday Inn in Liverpool. Choose from twenty hands-on workshops, with topics like personal prayer practices, church photography, stewardship, website building, invitational evangelism, and more. You can learn more and register (by May 1st) at [cnyepiscopal.org/ministry-fair](http://cnyepiscopal.org/ministry-fair). Come: be inspired, be renewed!

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## **Ongoing Concerns:**

**ST. JOHN'S IS A LEARNING COMMUNITY!** As mentioned in the most recent St. John's Eagle newsletter, Bishop DeDe Duncan-Probe has called on congregations in our Diocese to join in the Learning Community initiative. A Learning Community is a group of congregations who commit to one another in a nine-month learning experience. Through prayer, skill-building, action and reflection, they address their most pressing questions about the future.

Each congregation will be supported by a Guiding Team and a Coach. The St. John's team includes Marcia Baum, Melissa Gallison, Margaret Johnson, Stephanie Nevels, Michael Roman, Pam Talbot and Sara Van Looy, with Father Tom Margrave as our Coach and Mother Megan Castellan as our Guiding Supporter.

The St. John's team will guide us in conversations and activities that deepen our spirituality, build connections with other congregations, learn to discern and respond to God's leading, engage and inspire our membership, and affirm our faith that God has vital work for us to do, in our church and community.

Over the next few months, you may be asked to participate in individual and group conversations and activities. We pray you will help us, join us, and support us! Together, and in collaboration with other Diocesan congregations, we can ensure that the future of St. John's and our Diocese is filled with connection and service to others and with the light and love of God.

There will be three main activities, called "**Dwell**", "**Walk**" and "**Listen**". We'll say more about these in the days ahead. For more information about the Learning Communities Initiative in our diocese, you may wish to visit: <https://tinyurl.com/y6vnydsh>.

Prayerfully and Joyfully,

The St. John's Learning Communities Guiding Team

### **Would you like to participate in music?**

**SINGERS** are invited to give Chancel Choir a try this spring; all voice parts are needed and welcome! The group meets Thursday evenings to prepare to sing weekly in worship. For more info speak with Karen Hindenlang, Organist / Director of Music, or contact her through the church office.

**RINGERS** are welcome to try Balcony Bells this spring; novice and experienced players can participate! Rehearsals are noon to 1:00 on most Sundays for upcoming seasonal offerings. For more information, visit <http://stjohnsithaca.org/music/> or speak with Mike Roman or Karen Hindenlang.



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