



The Fledgling--Week of June 15, 2018

From Mother Megan:

Today begins the most joyous of times, the most glorious of events, that only happens once every four years. It is the first day of the 2018 World Cup!

If you are not aware, the World Cup is essentially the global championship of soccer. Each country fields a team, and they must qualify for the tournament. (The US did not, sadly.

Our men's team is ...underwhelming.

Our women's team is undeniably the best in the world, however.) Countries lobby for the chance to host the tournament with a similar amount of enthusiasm as Olympic hosting campaigns.

But, of course, if you know this much, then you also probably know that the World Cup is incredibly, hopelessly corrupt. John Oliver has a very good run down on it, if you care to find it on YouTube (language is not suitable for kids or work). But basically, a small handful of self-appointed overseers get obscenely rich, while everyone else stay very poor.

The reason I love the World Cup, however, is because in the midst of this (pretty obvious) corruption and mess, the players and fans still so transparently adore what they're doing.

In spite of the sobering injustice, and the often horrific conditions some of the players defeat to be present, they are visibly joyful to be on the field, with the world watching, playing for their homelands. They always come onto the field, link arms, and shout out their national anthem in chorus with the crowd, in total defiance of whatever power would hold them back.

Somehow, that simple joy survives some pretty awful circumstances, and it's beautiful to witness.

The presence of God frequently sneaks up on us like this; in those moments of joy that surprise us, in those bursts of happiness that seem to defy logic. The Holy Spirit is not bothered by human corruption or injustice--somehow She shows up in our world anyway. Be on the lookout!

- **If you have a submission to the Fledgling, send it [to the office](#) by Thursday morning for inclusion on Friday. **Bulletin announcements should be into the office by Wednesday morning.****
- **If you know of someone who would like to receive the Fledgling, please send their email [to the office](#).**

Prayer for the coming week

Keep, O Lord, your household the Church in your steadfast faith and love, that through your grace we may proclaim your truth with boldness, and minister your justice with compassion; for the sake of our Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Thank you for participating in the Tablet Survey! The response has been really fantastic. The vestry will review the data at their upcoming meeting on June 17, and then report out in the June 22nd Fledgling. Thanks for your care and dedication to the common life of this church!

Happening this Week:

- The Wednesday midday service will be in **the Chapman Room**, because Bovard has returned, and is reinstalling all the windows. This time, they will stay until all our windows are put back. (Hooray!)

New in This Issue:

- **STUDENT INSTRUMENTALISTS** are invited to offer their musical gifts in worship this summer. Our church is a beautiful space in which to play, and our appreciative congregation is very supportive. Most student literature, including NYSMMA and ITE pieces, can be used as a prelude or offertory in our later services. For more info, contact Karen Hindenlang through the church office, or speak with her after services.

Ongoing Concerns:

ADULT FORUM The adult forum will have resumed on Sundays at 9:15 in the Chapman Room. The book we are studying is "Living Into God's Dream: Dismantling Racism in America." The book is available thru Amazon. If you have any questions, please contact Lisa Tatusko 607-351-2890.

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Parishioner Data Form The link in the Fledgling to update your file with St. John's didn't really work, so it is linked

here as a PDF. Please print it or pick up a copy in the rear of the church, fill it out and drop it off with the office, in the locked mailbox out front, or with Mtr. Megan on Sunday. Thank you, and sincere apologies for any confusion. (Mtr Megan repeats her assurance that we will not sell, give away, or otherwise distribute your information, despite our momentary technological glitch.)

SAVE THE DATE: To celebrate the end of Summer, St. John's will be holding a Mass on the Grass with a potluck lunch following on **August 5 at Stewart Park!** There will be ONE SERVICE at **10am** on that day. Mark your calendars now, and be on the lookout for more information.

Summer Services: Beginning with the first **Sunday in July**, our services times will shift to **8am and 10 am**, to beat the heat in midmorning. Mark your calendars now! We will return to the usual schedule in September.

Community Events:

EfM CELEBRATION Save the date: Saturday, June 16, 2018, 10:30 am to 1 pm (tentative)

Join Bishop DeDe and The Rev. Canon John Crosswaite in honoring this year's graduates, participants, and alumni of the EfM program in DCNY, here at St. John's. Eucharist followed by a luncheon and an opportunity to engage in small group theological reflection. Bring friends/family!



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