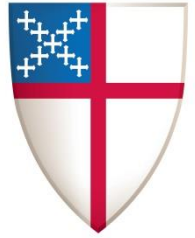




St. John's Episcopal Church and Day School

Alamogordo, New Mexico

- Our Mission is to proclaim the Good News of the Gospel
and to seek and serve Christ in all people -



2019 - June Newsletter

From The Rev. Michael Drinkwater, Rector

I've been thinking a great deal this month about transitions. There are transitions within my own family. We have sold our house in Albuquerque and bought a house here in Alamogordo (YAY!!!). There are also transitions in this community. Aileen and I are both new to our positions and attempting to figure out how best to work together for the good of St. John's.

Around town, as I have connected with other pastors, I have often heard them say "Your ministry is yours to make. Say what you need and we will be happy to help." This has been a heartwarming response and I feel very welcome where I am, but this also demonstrates a transition of sorts. There has been a transition in the last 20 years in how pastors talk about their ministry. People who graduated from seminary in the generation previous to mine have largely felt that the church was theirs to make or break, but I have never felt that way. I have always felt that the church was all of ours to make and shape.

All of this is to say that, while I am sure that my ministry here at St. John's will have its own distinct shape and flavor, the ministry of St. John's belongs to each of us. This transition is not just mine, but ours. It is our call to discern where God is calling US to make a difference in people's lives. It is OUR call to discern what this community needs from US and how WE will fill that need.

In some ways, this type of ministry is more difficult than simply crafting a mission statement and calling it a day, but it is also more rewarding. We all have a stake in the ministry of St. John's and I look forward to working with each of you to discern how we can all participate in that ministry together. My calling, after all, is to encourage each of you to live as deeply as possible into your own calling as members of the Royal Priesthood of Christ, into which each of us were baptized.

May God bless all of us as we continue to discern his will together. Thank you for your support during this time. My family and I have been grateful for your love, your patience, and your ministry to us. Blessings from...

Your Brother in Christ,

The Rev. Michael Drinkwater

Rector, St. John's Episcopal Church, Alamogordo, New Mexico

Diocese of the Rio Grande

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St. John's Rector:

The Rev. Michael Drinkwater

St. John's Deacon:

The Rev. Aileen Walther

Day School Director:

Christine Duncan

Day School Business Director:

Karla Warren

Organist:

Connie Broughton

Violinist:

Tom Lubenau

Parish Administrator:

The Rev'd Deacon Aileen Walther

Our Vestry

Senior Warden:

Randy Burroughs

Junior Warden:

Ann Bagby

Treasurer: In Transition

*Roy Benavides, Yvonne Perkins, Susan
Schultz*

Ministry Contacts

Altar Guild:

Jane Bedwell

Community Kitchen:

Bill Henchar

Eucharist Ministers:

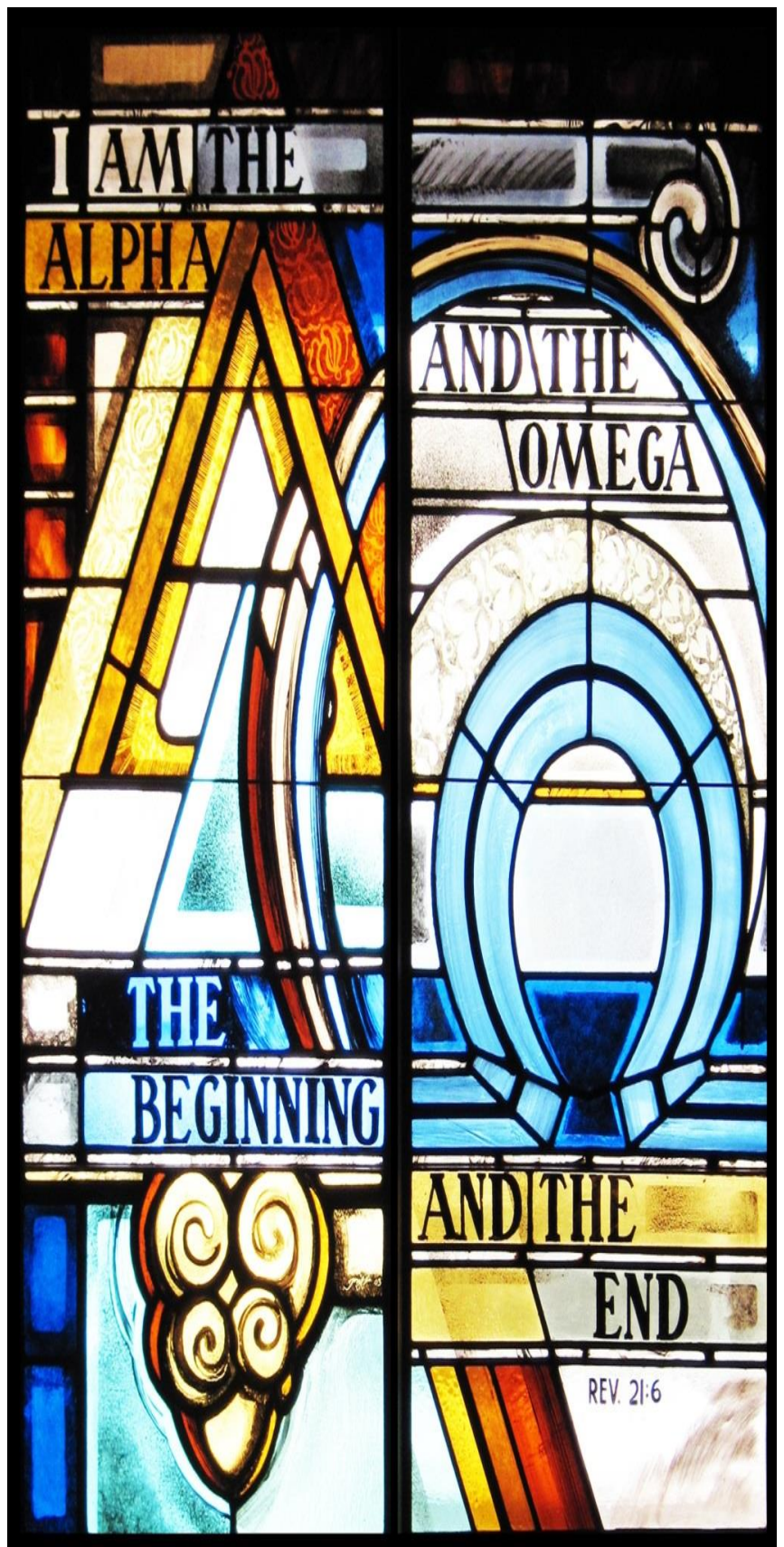
The Rev. Michael Drinkwater

Lectors:

Michael Drinkwater

Mission and Outreach:

In Transition



St. John's Day School News!



Genevieve L., sporting her doctor gear

June 2019

We had a wonderful school year. We remained full for most of the school year and made many improvements to the school grounds.

Our Preschool Graduation Program took place on May 23rd. It was bitter sweet watching our young students in caps and gowns, walking up the aisle of the church as their names were called. This time of year always brings tears and smiles.

Now we are ready for summer! June 3rd is the first day of our summer program.

During the months of June and July we have a lot of fun! We have water days, Tropical Sno visits the school on Wednesdays, and the classes have fun with science and food experience.

We have set up our classrooms for the summer based on a story from the children's bible. Each teacher makes a backdrop on one of their classroom walls and then, throughout the summer, they concentrate on the one bible story by reading, doing projects, and adding artwork to the backdrop. By the end of the summer, the classrooms have an entire bible story on their wall.

Beginning June 3rd! Free lunches in the church parish hall for children 18 years and younger. This ends Friday, August 2nd.

For July, we will be closed July 4th and 5th.

School starts August 12th.

Church members are always welcome to bring their children, grandchildren, nieces, nephews to events at the school. Just give us a call or email for more information (434-2755, sjdsalamo@gmail.com) or stop by.

June 2019 Scripture Readings and Serving Schedule

June 2 Sunday After the Ascension

Scripture:

[Acts 1:1-11](#)

[Ephesians 1: 15-23](#)

[Luke 24: 44-53](#)

[Psalm 93](#)

8:00 a.m.

Lector: L Fink

Prayers: J Bedwell

Eucharistic Minister: Dc. Aileen Walther

10:15 a.m.

Greeters: Y Perkins, S Van Doren

Lector: D Bredy

Prayers: Dc. Aileen Walther

Eucharistic Minister: Y Perkins

Acolytes: TBA

Altar Guild: J Bedwell, K Henchar, and L. Elliott

Coffee: Parish Potluck

Candles: available

June 9 Pentecost

Scripture:

[Gen. 11: 1-9](#)

[Acts 2: 1-21](#)

[John 14:8-17, \(25-27\)](#)

[Psalm 104: 25-35, 37](#)

8:00 a.m.

Lector: R Burroughs

Prayers: J Bedwell

Eucharistic Minister: N Gregory

10:15 a.m.

Greeters: D Bredy, B Woltz

Lector: S. Van Vliet

Prayers: Dc. A Walther

Eucharistic Minister:

Acolytes: S. Van Vliet

Altar Guild: J Bedwell

Coffee: open

Candles: available

June 16 Trinity

Scripture:

[Proverbs 8: 1-4, 22-31](#)

[Romans 5: 1-5](#)

[John 16: 12-15](#)

[Canticle 13](#)

8:00 a.m.

Lector: J Shipe

Prayers: J Bedwell/S Kelman

Eucharistic Minister: B Harris

10:15 a.m.

Greeters: D Bredy B Woltz

Lector: D Bredy

Prayers: Deacon

Eucharistic Minister: Y Perkins

Acolytes: TBA

Altar Guild: Henchars

Coffee: open

Candles: available

June 23 2nd Sunday After Pentecost

Scripture:

[Isaiah 65: 1-9](#)

[Galatians 3: 23-29](#)

[Luke 8: 26-39](#)

[Psalm 22: 18-27](#)

8:00 a.m.

Lector: N Gregory

Prayers: J Bedwell

Eucharistic Minister: N Gregory

10:15 a.m.

Greeters: D Bredy B Woltz

Lector: Y Perkins

Prayers: Dc. A Walther

Eucharistic Minister: Y Perkins

Acolytes: TBA

Altar Guild: N Van Vliet

Coffee: open

Candles: available

June 30 3rd Sunday After Pentecost

1 Kings 19: 15-16, 19-21

Galatians 5: 1, 13-25

Luke 9: 51-62

Psalm 16

8:00 a.m.

Lector: N Gregory

Prayers: J Bedwell

Eucharistic Minister: N Gregory

10:15 a.m.

Greeters: Y Perkins

Lector: Y Perkins

Prayers: Dc. A Walther

Eucharistic Minister: Y Perkins

Acolytes: TBA

Altar Guild: L Elliott

News From the Southwest Deanery

From the Very Reverend Laurie Benavides, Dean

Upcoming Deanery Events (All members of St. John's are welcome at Deanery Events)

- July 20 10:00 AM Diocesan Budget Workshop, Ascension/Cloudcroft for Budget, Discussion and then on to a picnic area in the forest for lunch and fellowship. Bring your family!
- November 2 10:00 AM Fall Deanery Meeting, St. Francis on the Hill/El Paso; Fr. Wally LaLonde—2019 Mission of Hope/Mustard Seed Babies' Home Mission Trip

<http://drgswdeanery.com/>

An Appeal to the Southwest Deanery for Support to the Borderland Refugee Crisis from St. Francis on the Hill Episcopal Church, El Paso, Texas

Although each of your parish's may be focused on giving or providing to the needs of the current southwest border refugee crisis, as a deanery, we would like to join together in fellowship by soliciting, gathering, and delivering critically needed items for the El Paso area, where currently shelters are overwhelmed with refugees being released, at times by the hundreds, on a daily basis.

After assessing the shelter situation in downtown El Paso, we can tell you they have not the time nor space to organize and stockpile supplies and goods to support the refugees as they transition from El Paso via bus to their sponsor locations around the country.

Due to that, rather than send out a broad appeal for all types of supplies and goods, we felt it best that we as a deanery take a more targeted giving approach that would best serve the most at risk population in the community right now.

That at-risk population are the infants, babies, and toddlers that transition the border with their parent(s); so to that end, we ask that parishes within the Southwest Deanery solicit donations, for delivery to El Paso, to support the at risk population. Below is a list of items that would be appropriate, but please do not limit yourself to the list, instead, think of anything related to facilitating a parent in transit as they transition via bus from the border to their final destination that will enable them to provide for their infant/baby/toddlers.

Infant Formula	Bottles that are easy to use with disposable liners	Disposable Bottle Liners and nipples	Baby Blankets and bibs
Diapers	Desitin (or other suitable rash ointment)	Infant and Children's liquid Tylenol	Diaper bags (new and used)
Jarred baby food	Age appropriate clothing for traveling	Disposable Wipes (containers and refill packets)	Walmart Gift Cards or cash that we can use to purchase these type goods locally

The Parish of St Francis on the Hill in El Paso has agreed to receive all donated items and goods and then deliver them to the appropriate shelter locations in El Paso (Annunciation House, the Rainbow Center, or directly to the families as they are sheltered in leased motels in the downtown area).

To coordinate delivery of your donations, please contact any of the following members of the Parish:

Gayle Dollarhide, Parish Secretary, 915-581-9500, st.francis.episcopal@gmail.com
 Fr Justin Gibson, 806-441-5789, jgibson0283@gmail.com
 Derrick Washington, 915-588-4712, derrick.c.washington2@gmail.com

Delivery address: St Francis on the Hill Episcopal Church, 6280 Los Robles, El Paso, TX 79912

We are collecting items at St. John's and will deliver them to St. Francis on the Hill.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

St. John's Community Kitchen served 517 meals during the month of May

Please see the calendar on the last page of the newsletter for this month's meal serving schedule.

Diocesan Newsletter

Click on the link below to read the current issue of TOGETHER online:

<https://www.dioceserg.org/NewsEventsMinistries/together-newspaper>

Diocesan Weekly E-newsletter

Click on the link below to read issues of In the Loop online:

<https://www.dioceserg.org/NewsEventsMinistries/in-the-loop>

Women of the DRG

For news about Women in the Diocese of the Rio Grande please visit:
<http://varietiesofgifts.blogspot.com/>

Bishop's Ridge: Stoney Camp & Recreation Center

For information about Camp Stoney and recreational or retreat opportunities please visit: <http://www.bishopsridge.org/>

St., John's Luncheon

The monthly St. John's luncheon will be Friday, June 14th, at 11:45 am at Peppers.

Adult Christian Formation

The group, facilitated by Dr. Roy Benavides, meets in the Parish Hall Parlor on Sundays from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

If you have any questions or would like more information, please contact Dr. Benavides at 432-770-4048 or roy.benavides@brothersandrew.net.

Brotherhood of St. Andrew Bible Seminar

The Brotherhood is a group of men who engage in the study of scripture and service. We currently meet each Saturday morning at 10:00 a.m. for a Bible seminar in the Gerald Champion Regional Medical Center cafeteria. All men and women from the community with an interest in the study of scripture are invited to attend.

Additionally, the men of the Brotherhood meet each first and third Saturday at 9:00 a.m. BEFORE the Bible seminar.

For more information please contact Clark Magruder at two.blackstones2@gmail.com

Latte with the Padre

Join the group for coffee and conversation, "Latte with the Padre", Wednesday mornings at 10:00 a.m. at Plateau Espresso in Lowe's Signature Grocery. We have an open discussion on topics of general interest, so please come and join us!

Greeting Card Ministry

Care that is felt, and then expressed brings strength to the soul. It is a tangible way to show we care for each other. Few things can light up a face like the arrival of a greeting card. It allows us to convey our heartfelt emotions. It creates a doorway into someone's heart.

Please take a moment and email me, Sharon Kelman at ke4zia@gmail.com to join our birthday list. I only need your birth month and day (NO YEARS). Also, please send me your wedding anniversary date so we can help you celebrate.

If you know of anyone that would benefit from one of our cards, (get well, congratulations, thinking of you, etc.) please send me their name and address. Thank you and God Bless!

Women's Prayer and Support Group

Women are invited to join in our prayer and support group. We also have a meditation and picture of a woman of the Bible and share our thoughts on how each biblical woman has an influence on our lives today. We will meet on Tuesday, June 18 at the church in the sitting area in the south end of the parish hall at 2 p.m. Refreshments will be served. Our group is open to women of different churches or no church affiliation.

Birthdays in June

We have 2 birthdays this month: Katy Ann Henchar on the 15th, Serenity Helfand on the 26th. and Susan Morrison on the 19th. Happy birthday to all! We also have three anniversaries: Sharon and Joe Kelman on the 15th, Gwen and Randy Burroughs on the 21st, and The Rev. Michael and Sarah Drinkwater, also on the 21st. Happy anniversary to each couple!

Space City Evening Sertoma

Sertoma meets every Wednesday evening at 7:00 p.m. in the parish hall. Please call 437.8046 for more information or feel free to attend a meeting!

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June 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26	27	28	29 Latte-Lowe's 10am	30 Community Kitchen- Christ Community 5-6 pm	31	1 BSA@GCRMC 9:00am Bible Seminar 10:00am
2 Sunday After the Ascension Discretionary Fund 8am HE Rite I 9amAdult Class 10:15am HE Rite II w/music	3	4 Community Kitchen-49 MDSS 5-6 pm	5 Latte-Lowe's 10am Sertoma 7pm	6 Community Kitchen-54 MXS 5-6 pm	7 Church Lunch 11:45 am at Peppers.	8 BSA@GCRMC Bible Seminar 10:00am
9 Pentecost 8am HE Rite I 9amAdult Class 10:15am HE Rite II w/music	10	11 Community Kitchen- LRS&FSS Senior NCO 5-6 pm	12 Latte-Lowe's 10am Sertoma 7pm	13 Community Kitchen— St. Joseph's Mission 5-6 pm	14	15 BSA@GCRMC 9:00am Bible Seminar 10:00am
16 Trinity 8am HE Rite I 9amAdult Class 10:15am HE Rite II w/music	17	18 Prayer & Support Group 2 pm-St. John's Community Kitchen-Christ Community Church 5-6 pm	19 Latte-Lowe's 10am Sertoma 7pm	20 Community Kitchen-Retired Teachers 5-6 pm	21	22 BSA@GCRMC Bible Seminar 10:00am
23 2 nd Sunday after Pentecost 8am HE Rite I 9amAdult Class 10:15am HE Rite II w/music	24	25 Community Kitchen-St. John's 5-6 pm	26 Latte-Lowe's 10am Sertoma 7pm	27 Community Kitchen-First Presbyterian Church 5-6 pm	28	29 BSA@GCRMC Bible Seminar 10:00am

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3rd Sunday after Pentecost
8 am HE Rite I
9 am Adult Class
10: 15 am HE Rite II w/music