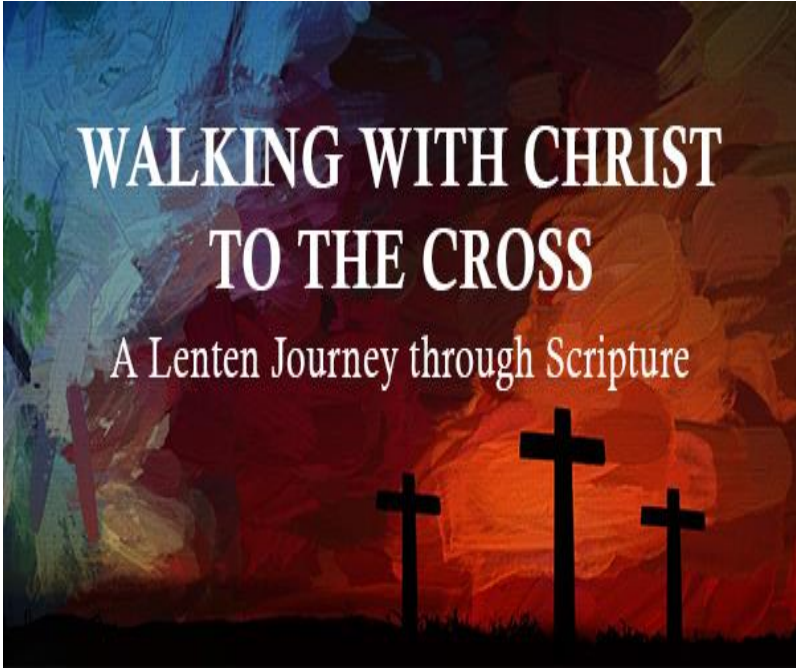


## The Beacon



*"O lord, make this Lenten season different from the other ones. Let me find you again. Amen." Henri Nouwen*

My Dear Friends in Christ,

As we continue on our Lenten journey of Lent, I hope and pray that this time brings you true solace. Every year when Lent arrives, we are invited to take some time to reflect on our lives and see where the Holy Spirit is calling you to. I am wondering if when you first heard the invitation you thought to yourself, “***Well Lent is here again and here are the things I am going to give up or do extra to get through Lent.***”

I hope that was not your thought because really it is not about us getting through Lent, really it is a matter of Lent getting through to you. Most of us consider Lent as a penitential season; unfortunately, the word penitential is often misunderstood, and Lent is looked at as a season filled with guilt, shame, regret and disappointment.

However, Lent is not about guilt, shame or regret. Think about the first sentence of the opening prayer in the Ash Wednesday Service. It says, “***Almighty and everlasting God, you hate nothing you have made....***” Now, if this is true and this is God’s attitude, then it should not also be ours. St. Irenaeus, a bishop of the second century, once said. “***What God creates, God loves; and what God loves, God loves everlastingly.***”

These words we need to hear. These words we need to listen to and take to heart. These words are so important and they are applicable to everyone, those who we love, and to those we do not like, and to those we do not even know. The Lenten is one of the greatest invitations a person can receive, for it is an invitation to discover something new about ourselves and live into our true authentic selves and our true identity as a child of

God. We are meant to remember who we are in God and who we are with God and the answer is a beloved child of God.

Lent invites us to look at the ways in which we have allowed our fears, attitudes, behaviors, our accomplishments, successes and failures, as well as the opinions of others, to dictate who we are, therefore separating us from God, ourselves, and each other.

Lent invites us to repent of, fast from, and let go of all the false identities that We have swirling around in our head and remember and recover our true selves as God's holy people, who are all created in the image and likeness of God.

Have a Blessed Lent, everyone.

Jody+



Wednesday, March 15<sup>th</sup> 2023

7:00 p.m.

Guild Hall

Everyone is welcome.

## *Ways to Donate*



Just so you are aware, if you donate via P.A.G. or do e-transfers, you are missing out on some of our special giving envelopes, such as the Building Fund, P.W.R.D.F, Flowers and Mariners Park. If you wish to donate to any of the specific envelopes at any time throughout the year, you may do so one of two ways.

- 1) In a regular envelope, write your name on it and place your donation inside the envelope. Drop off your donation, to the church and write where you would like the money to go.
- 2) Etransfer the money to [treasurerstjb@gmail.com](mailto:treasurerstjb@gmail.com) and in the memo section of the transfer, please state where the money is to be directed.

I thank you as always for your continued support for St. James and St. Brendan Anglican Church.

Blessings,

Jody+

# Thank You!

Thank you to everyone who helped with our Pancake Brunch and thank you to everyone who came and enjoyed our first Pancake Brunch! The feedback from everyone in regard to the Sausages, the Pancakes and the timing of the meal was overwhelmingly positive! Our first Pancake Brunch was a great success!!



## Holy Week

***Palm Sunday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2023***  
***8:30 a.m and 10:30 a.m.***

***Maundy Thursday, April 6<sup>th</sup>***  
***7:00 p.m.***

***Good Friday April 7<sup>th</sup>***  
***11:00 a.m.***

***Easter Sunday, April 9<sup>th</sup>***  
***8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.***

*The Parish Retreat has been Resurrected!!!*

*Register Early We only have space for 15 people.*

*Finishing Well,  
Spirituality for the Second Half  
of Life*

Join us for a 2 night / 3 day Spiritual Retreat  
at

Jericho House

10845 Rathfon Road, Port Colborne

Thursday, June 15 to

Saturday June 17th

Retreat Facilitators will be  
Robynn & Lowell Bliss  
with Reverend Jody Balint  
Officiating sessions of Prayer  
and Eucharistic Services

Cost is \$244. per person  
includes: private room, meals,  
snacks and all retreat materials.  
Space is limited to 15 persons

Contact St. James & St. Brendan Anglican Church  
905-834-3184 to register or for more information

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55 Charlotte St., Port Colborne

# MARINERS SERVICE

Sunday, March 19th  
7:00 p.m.

Please join us for our annual service in  
recognition of the opening of the  
Welland Canal and the 2023 Shipping Season

A free will offering will be taken at the service  
in support of POCOMAR  
(Port Colborne Marine Auxiliary Rescue )

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# St. J & B Lenten Lunch

~ Eat in at the Guild Hall or

delivered to your door each week ~

Soup- \$7.00; Sandwich - \$8.00

Combo with Dessert - \$15.

Join our Lenten Service at St. J & B each Wednesday at 12pm and enjoy a homemade soup & sandwich lunch too!

Orders must be placed by the Thursday before the Wednesday Service by calling the church office at 905-834-3184 or via email to [anglicanoffice@gmail.com](mailto:anglicanoffice@gmail.com).

Pre-pay via e-transfer to [treasurerstjb@gmail.com](mailto:treasurerstjb@gmail.com) or Cash to the office Tuesday or Thursday prior. Lunch will be Eat-in at the Guild Hall or Take-out.

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## Weekly Menu

Mar 1 - Soups: Veg Beef Barley or Mushroom

Sandwich: Roast Beef on a Kaiser

Mar 8 - Soups: Zuppa Toscana or Creamy Carrot

Sandwich: Turkey with Cranberry on a Chibatta

Mar 15 - Soups: Chicken Noodle or Tomato

Sandwich: Corned Beef on Rye

Mar 22 - Soups: Italian Wedding or Broccoli Cheddar

Sandwich: Chicken Salad on Croissant

Mar 29 - Soups: Potato Bacon or Butternut Squash

Sandwich: Ham & Cheese on Brioche

Apr 5 - Soups: Clam Chowder or Lentil

Sandwich: Egg Salad on a Crusty Roll



# Help us complete "Mariners Park"

Purchase a memorial  
walkway paver  
\$500 for a 6x12 or  
\$1000 for a 12 x 12

We're looking to raise funds to help us to put fencing around the Park enabling it to be used as a venue for private functions such as outdoor weddings, birthday parties, concerts etc.

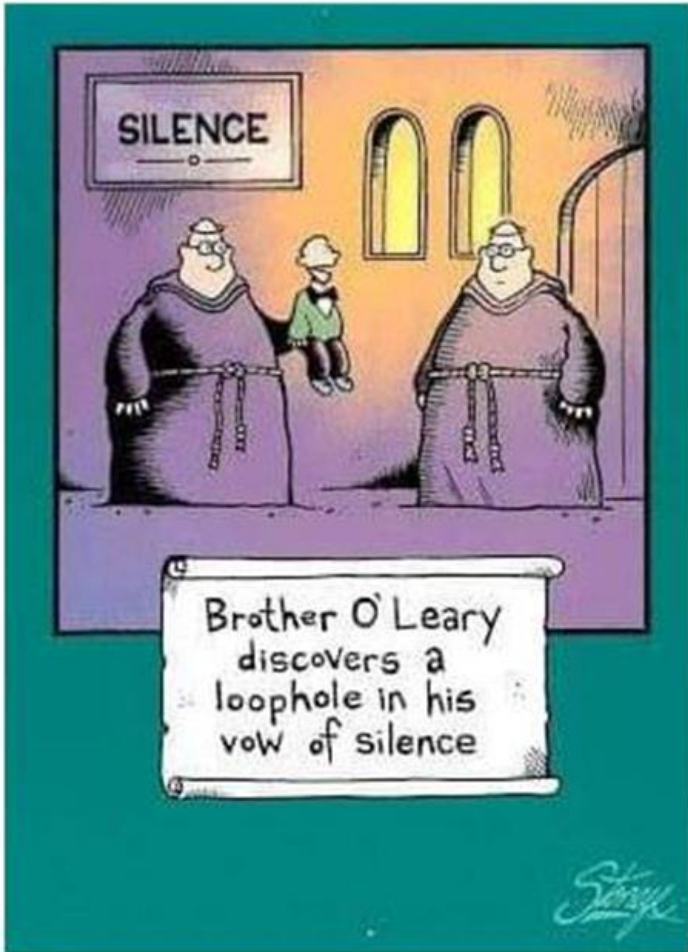


Income tax receipts  
will be issued by  
St. James & St. Brendan  
Anglican Church  
for all donations

We would be pleased to recognize a donation from your firm or organization of \$2,000 or more on our donor appreciation marker

For more information contact  
St. James & St. Brendan Anglican Church at  
905-834-3184

*Church Chuckle*





# *Funeral Planning*

Over the past 22 years, I have planned and organized a variety of funerals. When loved ones have to come in and meet the Priest to plan a funeral, it is an incredibly emotional and stressful time. One of the struggles is if your loved one is no longer a churchgoer. They have no idea about what hymns or readings to pick.

If you want, I am offering to help you plan your funeral ahead of time. We will sit and go through your favourite hymns and songs. We will go through readings and psalms. You can let me know if you wish for a church service or one at the funeral home.

Now, I pray that during my time here at St. James and St. Brendan, I will never have to use this information; however, if it will ease some of the stress for your family and loved ones, I would like to assist. Please call me to set up an appointment.

Blessings

Jody+



**Job Title: Landscape Maintenance Job Posting**

**Position:** May 23 – August 25, 2023

30 hours weekly, Monday to Friday

\$16.25 an hour for 14 weeks

**Job Description:** The successful candidate will provide for the maintenance and upkeep of

Mariners Park and the church gardens, located in downtown Port Colborne.

**Primary Responsibilities**

- care for the daily upkeep of the public outdoor space of the parish
- demonstrate the ability to work independently.
- provide a welcoming space for the community by demonstrating the ability to interact with the public.
- maintenance tasks of planting, weeding and watering of flower beds; lawns, trees and bushes as required daily cleaning of park benches and general daily maintenance
- assist with special events held throughout the summer.
- adhere to all Health & Safety regulations and reporting.

- Other general maintenance duties as required.

## **Qualifications**

- Be between the ages of 15-30 years of age.
- Be a Canadian citizen, permanent resident, or person to whom refugee protection has been conferred
- adhere to the qualifications set by the Canada Summer Jobs program.
- past experience in planting and upkeep of gardens, an asset
- Provision of a vulnerable sector police check
- St. James & St. Brendan values diversity and is an equal opportunity employer committed to employment equity.

We invite all qualified candidates to send a resume and cover letter to [anglicanoffice@gmail.com](mailto:anglicanoffice@gmail.com) by May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023.



## *During Lent*



### **Station to Station**

Questions for Reflection and Discussion

*Come and pray the Stations of the Cross every  
Friday during Lent from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon*

*In the church*

*March 10<sup>th</sup>, March 17<sup>th</sup>, March 24<sup>th</sup>, March 31<sup>st</sup>*



**Mark your Calendar for the Holy Week Prayer**

**Stations Sunday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>. 12 p.m. to 4 p.m.**

**Monday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 7 a.m. to 12:00 a.m.**

**Come and Spend some Quiet time with the Lord in the  
Guild Hall.**

# *MORE*



**Sunday, April 9<sup>th</sup>**, Community Easter Egg in the Church  
after the 10:30 a.m. Service

**Sunday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>**, there will be one service only at 9:30  
amm. Special Guest for the weekend

**The Most Reverend Colin Johnson**

Assistant Bishop

Who would like to invite Parishioners into a 45-minute  
Q&A after during coffee time.

**Saturday, June 24,<sup>th</sup>** Berries and Bubbly

**Saturday, July 15<sup>th</sup>**, Garden Tour and Ice Cream Social

**Friday, August 18<sup>th</sup>** ,2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Golf Tournament

**Sunday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>**, Rector's BBQ

**Friday, October 20<sup>th</sup>**, Oktoberfest Dinner and Dance

**Saturday, November 25<sup>th</sup>**, Christmas House Tour

## Volunteers Needed for Church Tours

Starting at the end of April, on Fridays from the hours of 9:00 am to 12:00 p.m., while the market is open, we would like the church to be open to the public. We want to give people the opportunity to come in, pray or look around. We are looking for people to be the host of these Friday mornings. Please call the office if you are interested.



The Knitting/Crocheting group will meet on Tuesday, March 28<sup>th</sup>, 2023, at 10:30 a.m. in the Narthex. Everyone is welcome!

**If you are unable to attend service, nor do you not have internet, please listen to the Gospel and the Sermon on your Phone.**



**New Corporation for 2023**

<b>Rector</b>	Jody Balint
Rector's Warden	John Hogan
Deputy Rector's Warden	Brian Abbott
People's Warden	Kathy Kairies
Deputy People's Warden	Jennifer Main
Treasurer	Leslie Kennedy

**The New Parish Council 2023 which is made up of the Corporation members and the following people**

2 Lay Synod Delegate	Robynn Bliss
	Pat Davis
Alternative Lay Synod Delegate	Jim Wilkins
Stewardship	Norbert Gieger
Member at Large	Vicky Sesto
Property Manager	Tim Kennedy
M.A.P. Representative	Wendy Saunders
Rector's Appointee M.A. L.	Tami Zacharias

If you ever have any questions in regards to going on within the parish, please feel free to speak with anyone on either Corporation or Parish Council, and please remember I am always available to chat. In person, on the phone or via email.

*My Door is always open.*



**Everyone is Welcome to All Our Services**



**Tuesday Morning Prayer**

9:00 a.m.

**Thursday Morning Healing Eucharist**

10:00 a.m.

**Bible Study**

Every Thursday Morning

10:30 a.m.

**Sunday Eucharist**

8:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

**Taize**

Third Sunday of the Month

The next Service is on April 16th

6:30 p.m. with a Pizza Hour in the Guild Hall

**Praise and Worship Service**

Fourth Sunday of every month.

The next Service is March 26<sup>th</sup>

4:00 p.m.

**At the Pub with God**

Fourth Sunday of every month after the Praise and Worship

Service at the Belmont.

5:15 p.m.

**Service for Peace**

**No Peace service in March due to Community Lenten Service**

Next Service is Wednesday, April 26<sup>th</sup>

12:15 p.m.

**God Answers Prayers (G.A.P.)**

Third Wednesday of every month

March 15<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 a.m., in the Narthex

**Places to Find Us:**

<https://www.portcolborneanglican.org/>

**Facebook:**

<https://www.facebook.com/St-JB-Anglican-Church-Port-Colborne-112931226929130>

**YouTube:**

<https://www.youtube.com/c/StJamesandStBrendanAnglicanChurch>



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**If you ever have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact anyone on the Corporation.**

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**905-414-4860**

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**Warden:** John Hogan

**Warden:** Kathy Kairies

**Deputy Warden:** Brian Abbott

**Deputy Warden:** Jennifer Main

***Vision Statement:***

*To Live as Christ Lived, Loving Everyone!*

***Mission Statement:***

*To invite, welcome, educate and support people into the community of St. James and St. Brendan and into the Life of Christ.*

