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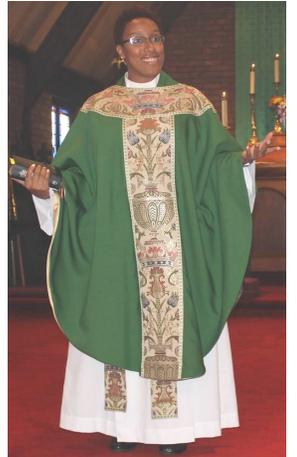
## Words From Our Priest

Welcome back from summer vacation and welcome to the first edition of St. John's brand-new newsletter, *Highlights from the Hill!* This will be a bi-monthly publication that will highlight various events taking place at St. John's and in the community as well as ministries happening within the church. *Highlights from the Hill* will also feature the "Parishioner Spotlight" where one parishioner will be selected to talk about who they are, what they do and what being a member of St. John's means to them. This piece will give each of us the opportunity to get to know who we are as a church family and I'm excited that our first spotlight is shining on Mrs. Nikki Young!

This newsletter is one of many new and exciting things happening here at St. John's. During the summer we began the parish hall clean up and thanks to many helping hands we were able to de-clutter and organize the parish hall. There are still some more improvements that need to be made which will happen over time as we work to make the parish hall more accessible for church events, meetings, and rentals.

One of the most important changes that must happen is the creation of a new mission and vision for St. John's, Springfield Gardens. Proverbs 29:18 says, "Where there is no vision, the people perish." Having a mission and vision is crucial to effective ministry. Therefore, on **Sunday, September 30<sup>th</sup>** there will be a **Mini-Parish Meeting** (formerly known as the PAG meeting) following the 9:00am worship service. At this meeting we will begin the conversation on crafting the new mission and vision that God is calling us towards. I urge everyone to be in attendance for this important and necessary conversation.

As I reflect on my first year with you, I continue to be excited and passionate about the work God has for all of us to do in this "little church on the hill". We may be *little* but we are mighty in deeds and power! May God, continue to bless us as we continue to shine our light in this part of God's vineyard!



### Parishioner Spotlight

### "Why I Tithe" Testimony - Gwendolyn Cardoza

### WHAT'S NEW? Ministries



**MIKKI YOUNG**  
Get to Know Your  
Fellow Parishioners

**Nikki Young** is a spirited individual who believes in limitless possibilities. She holds a master's degree in Business Management from the University of Phoenix.

For over 10 years she has made a profession in Business Sales and Marketing which stemmed from working in the telecommunications industry to retail tradeshows and of recent, kids footwear design and sales.

Apart from her 9-5, Nikki has a real passion for producing events and has worked with individuals and organizations to successfully create and execute such events.

She is happily married to Tim Young and has an adventurous 8-year-old daughter named Nia Young.

**Tithing** is mentioned throughout the Old Testament, particularly when God commissioned the Israeli tribe of Levi to serve by caring for the tabernacle and providing spiritual leadership for the nation of Israel. In the New Testament, Jesus affirmed the practice of tithing (see Matthew 23:23), and the Apostle Paul encouraged Christians to give to those in need and to those who were ministering in the Gospel (see II Corinthians 9:6-15).



I tithe because it is a way that I can honor God and reach out to meet the needs of others. It is another way to worship God, to honor Him as our provider & to remind our selves that all of our resources belong to Him and are provided through His grace.

- \*Men's Ministry aka "Resilient Men of Faith"
- \*Senior Saints Ministry aka "The Pacesetters"
- \*Communications Ministry
- \*Hospitality Ministry
- \*Community Events Fundraising Committee
- \*"Leading Legacy" Youth Ministry—LLYM

### Youth Ministry Highlight - LLYM

**Leading Legacy Youth Ministry (LLYM)** supports, strengthen and challenge young people as they grow personally and spiritually. We would like to congratulate all our graduates and we wish everyone a productive and successful 2018-2019 academic year.

LLYM provides a safe, judgment free space where young people can develop respect for differences, lead a prayerful life, participate in sacraments, and showcase their gifts in traditional and nontraditional ways. LLYM activities and events will resume at the church on September 21, 2018 at 7pm with our meet and greet social.

If you would like to join LLYM or have any questions about our ministry, please contact Cheryl Boyce (917-399-5718) and Roxann Samuel (917-862-2382).



### Most Recent Events

- ♦ **HAPPY 1st YR ANNIVERSARY** to The Rev. **Pauline A. Samuel** on 8/20/18
- ♦ Back to School Giveaway & BBQ - Sept. 8
- ♦ Undercroft Renovation 'underway' - Aug/Sept
- ♦ Women's Ministry trip to Washington DC - July

### Upcoming Events

- ♦ Queens ECW Holy Eucharist - Sept. 22
- ♦ Mini-Parish Meeting - Sept. 30
- ♦ Senior Saints Ministry - Annual Fall Luncheon - Oct.13

### Comedy Corner

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