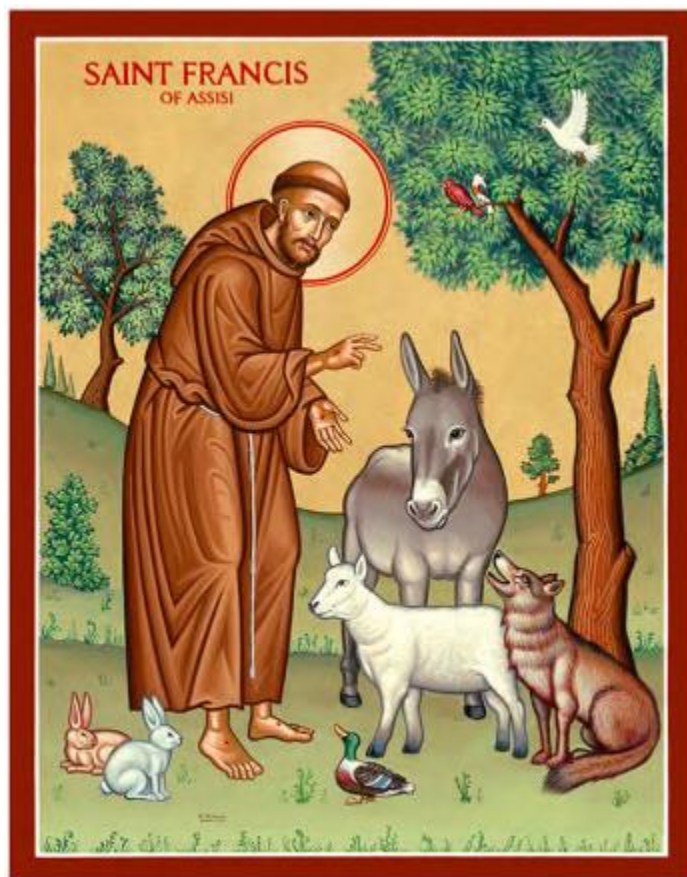


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The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

The Feast of St. Francis

HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

October 1, 2017

10:30 a.m.

An Autumn Message from the Rector

As we enter the fall season, we are still in the midst of what we call “ordinary time” on the church calendar. Many Sundays have passed since Trinity Sunday last spring, when we started to count the number of Sundays after Pentecost, the Church’s birthday. We will continue to do so until we celebrate the Feast of Christ the King, which concludes this liturgical year before we begin anew on the first Sunday of Advent in early December. In autumn, we feel a shift in time, in both our bodies and our calendars, as we fall in step with the pace of a new season. As the weather cools and the foliage takes on brilliant hues of red, orange and yellow, we are invited to take time to ponder what God is up to in the world, the neighborhood, and in our individual lives. During worship services, our faith forums, study groups, retreats and Church School, we will explore ways to tell our individual stories and how they are connected to God’s story. Through these shared stories, we see that God is always beckoning us, no matter where we are on our spiritual journey, drawing us closer as God’s beloved.

If you are with us for the first time, please make yourself comfortable. We look forward to meeting you. If you would like to learn more about the church, please fill out a card (hanging in each pew), put it in the offering plate or hand it to an usher or member of the clergy, and we will be in touch. It is our custom to be silent before the service, so as you take some time to pray, please turn off all electronic devices. All you should need to participate in the service is found here, in this bulletin and in the blue hymnal in the pew rack. Hearing assist devices are available from the ushers. Nursery care is available in the Education Wing for children from birth to age 5, and children are also invited to participate in “Word Alive” during a portion of the 10:30 service, where they will hear today’s lectionary scriptures in a child-friendly way. An acolyte will lead children out of the nave for “Word Alive” before the sermon; children will return to their families at the Peace. Please feel free to ask the ushers for assistance or more information. Again, welcome.

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ORDER OF SERVICE

THE ORGAN VOLUNTARY Dance Prelude on *Lasst uns erfreuen*

David Schack, 1971

THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN 405 All things bright and beautiful

ROYAL OAK

All stand and sing.

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

Celebrant Ask the animals, and they will teach you; the birds of the air, and they will tell you...and the fish of the sea will declare to you. In God’s hand is the life of every living thing. (*Job 12: 7,8b,10a*)

People **Amen.**

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray. O God of unchangeable power, when you fashioned the world, the host of heaven shouted for joy; open our eyes to the wonders of creation and teach us to use all things for good, to the honor of your name; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People **Amen.**

THE WORD OF GOD

THE FIRST LESSON

*Genesis 1: 20–22, 24–26, 28, 31**All sit.*

And God said, "Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky." So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm, and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good. And God blessed them. And God said, "Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind." And it was so. And God saw that it was good. Then God said, "Let us make humankind." And God blessed them. God saw everything God had made, and indeed, it was very good.

Reader The Word of the Lord.*People* **Thanks be to God.**

THE PSALTER

*Psalm 104: 25–32**The people read aloud the text in bold.*

- 25 O Lord, how manifold are your works! *
in wisdom you have made them all;
the earth is full of your creatures.
- 26 **Yonder is the great and wide sea**
with its living things too many to number, *
creatures both small and great.
- 27 There move the ships,
and there is that Leviathan, *
which you have made for the sport of it.
- 28 **All of them look to you ***
to give them their food in due season.
- 29 You give it to them; they gather it; *
you open your hand, and they are filled with good things.
- 30 **You hide your face, and they are terrified; ***
you take away their breath,
and they die and return to their dust.
- 31 You send forth your Spirit, and they are created; *
and so you renew the face of the earth.
- 32 **May the glory of the Lord endure for ever; ***
may the Lord rejoice in all his works.

THE SEQUENCE HYMN 711 See ye first the kingdom of God

SEEK YE FIRST

All stand and sing.

THE GOSPEL

*Matthew 6: 24–33**Minister* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Matthew.*All* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

No one can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth. Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you — you of little faith? Therefore do not worry, saying, “What will we eat?” or “What will we drink?” or “What will we wear?” For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

Minister The Gospel of the Lord.*All* **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

THE SERMON

The Rev. Susan Pinkerton

All sit. The children are invited to come forward for the sermon.

Preacher Apprehend God in all things, for God is in all things. Every single creature is full of God, and is a book about God. If I spent enough time with the tiniest creature — even a caterpillar — I would never have to prepare a sermon, so full of God is every creature.

People **Amen.***Quote from Meister Eckhart, 13th c. Christian mystic.*

THE NICENE CREED

All stand.

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit**

**he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;**

**he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.**

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.

He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*The people say the words in **bold**.*

A period of silence is kept.

Let us give thanks to God our Creator for all the gifts so freely bestowed upon us and for the beauty and wonder of creation, in earth and sky and sea. **We thank you, Lord.**

For the splendor of mountains, plains and rivers; for the songs of birds and the beauty of trees, **we thank you, Lord.**

For all that is gracious in the lives of men and women; for the witness of your Church, **we thank you, Lord.**

For all who are sick and sorrowful, especially those on our parish prayer list and those in need after the hurricanes in Texas, Florida, Puerto Rico and the Caribbean islands, **we ask your blessing, Lord.**

For all who govern our towns, our state and our nation, **we ask your blessing, Lord.**

For pets and farm animals and those who care for them, **we ask your blessing, Lord.**

For our failures to love our neighbors as ourselves and to care for the creation you entrusted into our care, **we ask your forgiveness, Lord.**

Celebrant Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit, keep you in eternal life.

People **Amen.**

THE BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

Members of the congregation are invited to bring their pets, including toy pets and photos of pets, to one of the stations around the nave to be blessed by the clergy, as we sing the hymn.

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All **And also with you.**

We greet one another in the name of Christ.

If you have brought a pet with you who needs to go home, feel free to leave at this time. You and your pet are also welcome to stay for the rest of the service. Please do whatever is best for you and your pet.

THE WELCOME

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM Cantic of Brother Sun and Sister Moon Paul Winter/Jim Scott, 1982
(from *Missa Gaia/Earth Mass*)

All praise be yours through Brother Sun. All praise be yours through Sister Moon.
By Mother Earth my Lord be praised, by Brother Mountain, Sister Sea.
Through Brother Wind and Brother Air, through Sister Water, Brother Fire;
The stars above give thanks to thee; all praise to those who live in peace.

All praise be yours through Brother Wolf, all praise be yours through Sister Whale.
By Nature's song my Lord be praised, by Brother Eagle, Sister Loon.
Through Brother Tiger, Sister Seal. Through Sister Flower, Brother Tree.
Let creatures all give thanks to thee. All praise to those who live in peace.

Ask of the beasts and they shall teach you the beauty of the earth.
Ask of the trees and they shall teach you the beauty of the earth.
Ask of the winds and they shall teach you the beauty of the earth.
Ask of the flow'rs and they shall teach you the beauty of the earth.

Brother Sun, Sister Moon.
For the beauty of the Earth, sing, oh sing today.
Of the sky and of our birth, sing oh sing always.
Nature, human and divine, all around us lies.
Lord of all, to thee we raise grateful hymns of praise.

The Earth Mass was one of the first contributions made by Paul Winter when he and his Paul Winter Consort became the artists in residence at the Cathedral of St. John the Divine in New York City. The mass includes the usual text, such as the Kyrie and the Agnus Dei, and also other text, hymns, and instrumental pieces. The mass is an environmental liturgy of contemporary music. Since it was first written, the mass is performed annually at the Cathedral of St. John the Divine at The Feast of St. Francis, which is the blessing of the animals.

THE PRESENTATION HYMN

OLD 100TH

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

The Celebrant continues.

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

By your will they were created and have their being.

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

By his blood, he reconciled us.

By his wounds, we are healed.

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

THE SANCTUS

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly.

ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,

heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho-san-na in the

high - est. Bless - ed is he who

comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

Title: The Holy Eucharist II, Holy, holy, holy Lord: Sanctus

Music: William Mathias (1934-1992) Copyright © 1976 Oxford University Press.

All remain standing or kneel.

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

**We celebrate his death and resurrection,
as we await the day of his coming.**

Lord God of our Fathers and Mothers: God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, of Sarah, Rachel, Leah and Rebecca; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **AMEN.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Celebrant And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

All **Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,**

on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

**And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.**

**And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom,
and the power,
and the glory
for ever and ever. Amen.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Je - sus, Lamb of God: Have mer - cy on
us. Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: Have mer - cy on us.
Je - sus, re - deem - er of the world: Give us your peace.

Title: *The Holy Eucharist, Fraction Anthem: Jesus, Lamb of God: Agnus Dei*

Music: Gerard R. Near (b. 1942) Copyright © 1985 Aureole Editions, Dallas, Texas.

THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Everyone is invited to receive Holy Communion at St. John's.

Gluten-free wafers are available; please ask the clergy at the communion rail.

If you would like a blessing instead of Communion, please cross your arms over your chest.

If you would like to receive Healing Prayers, go to the baptismal font at the rear of the nave after receiving Communion.

THE COMMUNION SONG Eat this bread, drink this cup

Taizé Chant

Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to him and nev-er be hun-gry.
Eat this bread, drink this cup, trust in him and you will not thirst.

Text: John 6; adapt. by Robert J. Barastini, b. 1942, and the Taizé Community
Tune: Jacques Berthier, 1923-1994
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THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

All stand or kneel.

Celebrant Let us pray.

All **God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

THE BLESSING

Celebrant God's blessing be with you, Christ's peace be with you, the Spirit's outpouring be with you, now and always.

People **Amen.**

THE CLOSING HYMN 412 Earth and all stars

EARTH AND ALL STARS

THE DISMISSAL

The Celebrant dismisses the people, and the people respond. **Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

THE VOLUNTARY Carillon

Scott Lamlein, 2010

*The closing voluntary is a part of worship, extending the beauty of holiness so that the congregation can remember and give thanks for God's Word as it has been experienced this day. All are invited to say **Amen** at the end of the voluntary as a conclusion to our worship.*

THE PARTICIPANTS IN THE LITURGY

Celebrant: The Reverend William J. Eakins

Preacher: The Reverend Susan Pinkerton

Deacon: The Reverend Walter McKenney

Layreader: Carol Sonne

The St. John's Adult Choir

Saxophone: David Poirier

Percussion: Ray Palagy

Organist and Choirmaster: Scott Lamlein

Ushers: John Amamoo, Susan Clemow, Conny DeLuca, Don Polk, Laura Roche

Acolytes: John O'Brien, Eddie Genece, Elsa Ciscel, Francis Lamlein

Healing Prayers: Sarah Kieffer

Altar Guild: Nancy Pedersen, Paul Shaker

At Hughes Health and Rehabilitation Center

Layreader: Paul Shaker

Musician: Steve Metcalf

In your prayers this week, please pray for:

Peace in our world, for those serving our country in armed services, and for all victims of war and violence.

The parish of Santa Cruz del Norte, our companion parish in Cuba, and Saint Sauveur School, Les Cayes, Haiti.

Séinaire de Théologie d'Église Épiscopale d'Haïti (STEEH), the Episcopal Seminary in Haiti.

Residents of the Caleb Hitchcock Center at Duncaster; the George Beach Apartments, Allen Place, Hartford; and the Hughes Health and Rehabilitation Center.

Our postulant, Michael Corey, and our missionary in Haiti, Dr. Lucinda Mosher.

All those whose hurts, burdens and fears are unspoken or unknown.

Those in need of healing:

Jim Evans	Jim Tracy	Bob Connolly	Chas
Kim Green	Cheryl Trahan	Jay	Doris Klemm
Carol Grieco	Andrew Lee	Susan	Meg
Janet Ray	Susan Murray	David	Robin
Ida McKenney	Mary Stoughton	Barbara Proft	John McCain

Those celebrating birthdays this week:

John Brunjes	Joan Warner
Jennifer Evans	Brittany Bass
Jake Giuliano	Katie Cech
Alex Thaxton	Ford Gillespie
Helen Moore	Natalie Puzzo
Jenifer Hartt	Douglas Hyland
Stephan Christiansen	Jeff Gostyla
Heather Simson	Anna Cook
Andrew Alemany	

Those celebrating anniversaries this week:

Laura and John Roche
Buffy and John Ineson

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

Pray for the Province of the Southern Phillipines.

In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:

Pray for St. John's, Vernon; St. Paul's, Wallingford; St. John's, Washington; and for all companion and service animals, all livestock and all wild animals, great and small.

All Saints Day Remembrances

If you would like your loved ones' names included in the All Saints Day (November 5) service bulletin and prayers for those who have died, please fill out this form, tear it off and put it in the offering plate OR e-mail Ellen in the parish office at ellen@sjparish.net. Please send in names no later than **Monday, October 30**.

Name(s):

Happening Today!

Schweitzer Organ Festival Closing Eucharist Featuring St. John's and St. James's Youth Choirs, TODAY at 12:30 p.m. at Trinity College Chapel

The Trinity College Chapel Singers will be joined by the treble choristers from St. James's and St. John's to perform the world premiere of a new setting of Psalm 150 composed by Philip Stopford. The anthem was commissioned by the festival in memory of David Spicer, former artistic director and founder.

Celtic Contemplative Service, TODAY at 4:30 p.m.

The new monthly Celtic service, a joint endeavor of St. John's and St. James's, centers on contemplation, silence, connections to the earth, meditation and prayer. The service is held the first Sunday of the month, October through June, at St. John's. A period of silence starts at 4:30 p.m., and the service will begin shortly after.



As you know, the Kattoub family (the Syrian family cosponsored by St. John's and St. James's) is expecting a child this fall and preparations are underway! If you are able to **donate size 2 or 3 diapers, wipes, or gently used or new season-appropriate infant clothing** for a November 8 due date, please reach out to Barbara Rua to coordinate a drop off or pickup via Barbara.RuaBusse@gmail.com or 203-895-6642. Your generosity is appreciated and will most certainly be put to good use!

Episcopal Relief and Development continues to provide vital services to people affected by the hurricanes in Texas, Florida and elsewhere. For more information on what they are doing and how you can help, go to www.episcopalrelief.org.

A Note of Thanks

*Thank you to everyone who participated in the Ministry Fair and Blessing Bags project last Sunday. I hope you had the opportunity to learn more about the many ways you can be involved at Saint John's and with our community partners, including Loaves & Fishes, Operation Fuel, Covenant Prep, Grace Academy, Habitat for Humanity and Journey Home. We have the potential to make an important impact on our community and within our parish. Building connections with our neighbors and community creates stronger connections among us at Saint John's. Take some time to look at the booklet titled **Opportunities to Learn, Grow, Connect and Serve at Saint John's**, available on the literature table in the carpeted area of Hubbard Hall. Join a new-to-you committee, or have a conversation with a committee chairperson or members to learn more.*

More than 50 Blessing Bags were filled at the Ministry Fair, and several have already been given to people in need from our community. Your past and continued donations are appreciated. Many blessings to everyone who contributed items for the bags, and to the fabulous group who assembled them Sunday morning.

*Ginger Gillespie
Chair, Fall Ministry Fair*

Save the Date

October Guest Preachers at St. John's

St. John's is pleased to welcome **the Rev. Chuck Robertson**, canon to the presiding bishop for ministry beyond the Episcopal Church, and author of the book *Barnabas vs. Paul: To Encourage or Confront* (Abingdon Press), a fresh look at church leadership. On **October 15**, Robertson will lead our Sunday morning Faith Forum (9:30 a.m.) and preach at both Sunday services. On **October 29**, which is St. John's Commitment Sunday when all are encouraged to return your 2018 pledge commitment, the guest preacher will be **the Very Rev. Andrew McGowan**, president and dean of Berkeley Divinity School at Yale University.

"Good News from Grace Academy" next Sunday, October 8 at 9:30 a.m.

Grace Academy, a school for girls in Hartford, is one of St. John's community partners. St. John's sponsors a student every year, and many St. John's parishioners volunteer in various capacities. For example, St. John's member Mary Hardy leads a Girl Scout troop that is supported by parish funds and volunteers, and other parishioners have led workshops for the girls and participated in community service projects that bring together St. John's members and Grace Academy students. At the Faith Forum next Sunday, several people involved in this partnership, from both St. John's and Grace Academy, will share the good news of how the school is making a difference in the lives of students, how our partnership is growing, and how you can be involved.

Financial Peace University at Trinity Episcopal Church, starting October 9 at 7 p.m.

Trinity Episcopal Church in Hartford will be hosting Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University (FPU), starting Oct 9 at 7 p.m. and meeting for nine Mondays this fall. The cost of the class is \$93 per family and includes online access to video lectures, the course workbook and a copy of Dave Ramsey's book, *Guide to Money*. Wherever you are on your financial journey, FPU can help you get clarity around your relationship with money, help you build a strong financial foundation, and align your finances with the ultimate goal of being generous with God's gifts. If you have any questions about the class, you can contact Kevin Chick at kevinjchick@gmail.com or to sign up directly for the class you can use this link: <https://fpu.com/1042789>.

"Dine Around" with St. John's, October 20

Come have dinner and socialize with other parishioners in their homes on Friday, October 20. Dine Arouns will be an opportunity for us to spend an evening enjoying the company of other St. John's friends, getting to know each other better and enjoying a good dinner and good conversation! All adults are welcome — married, single, old, young, long-time parishioners and newcomers. We'll have a number of different dinners happening at the same time; don't miss this fun evening! **Call or email the church office to sign up, or look for a sign-up sheet at the Ministry Fair and coffee hour today.** The Dine Around committee will match you up with a host and then the host will let you know what you can bring to contribute to the dinner! Sign up by October 15th so we can arrange the various dinners. If you have any questions please contact Kim Byrd, 860-558-9916.

Women's Retreat, October 21 from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Join author/speaker Jennifer Grant for a **women's retreat on Saturday, October 21, from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.**, about the power of storytelling for making sense of our lives and seeing God at work in them. We will talk about the stories of women in the Bible and share some of our own stories as well, looking for how they reveal insights about ourselves, our families and communities, and God. Grant is the author/editor of several highly regarded books, an experienced retreat leader, and an Episcopalian from the Chicago area. Her most recent books are *When Did Everybody Else Get So Old?: Indignities, Compromises and the Unexpected Grace of Midlife* and the children's book *Maybe God is Like That Too*. The retreat is open to ALL women — invite a friend! Registration is \$15 if tickets are purchased ahead of time*, and \$20 at the door. Lunch is included. To register, go to www.sjparish.net/events/retreat and click on the Eventbrite button. *Pre-registration ticket price is \$13.82 plus \$1.72 Eventbrite fee = \$15.

Lecture on *The Rise of Beatlemania in America*, October 22 at 1 p.m.

Join Beatles scholar Aaron Krerowicz for a multimedia presentation on connections between the life and death of John F. Kennedy and the Beatles' unprecedented fame and success in America. Part of the Music at the Red Door series, this event is free and open to the public; donations in any amount are welcome.

Pipescreams! Organ Concert, October 27 at 7:30 p.m.

Hear the celebrated St. John's Austin organ played by a stunning cast of costumed players in this *spooktacular* concert. The music will be kooky, creepy, dramatic, doleful — featuring old favorites as well as some pieces you may not have heard before. Reception with ghoulish treats follows the concert. Fun for all ages. Don't miss it! Co-sponsored by the Greater Hartford Chapter, American Guild of Organists. A freewill offering helps support the L. Cameron Johnson Memorial Organ Competition for young organists.

A Night with the Saints ECCT Event, October 28, 6 to 9 p.m.

Join kids and parents from across the Episcopal Church in Connecticut (ECCT) for a night of fun, tricks and treats at Christ Church Cathedral in Hartford. The evening will feature karaoke in costume, refreshments, and more. Bring some treats to share if you'd like. Free admission and free parking (with validation) available in the MAT garage.

Choral Evensong featuring the St. John's Youth Choir, October 29 at 5 p.m.

Evensong offers us the opportunity to gather and spend time in prayer while listening to and participating in music that is especially selected to bring us into deeper understanding of the mysteries of our faith. Evensong is a wonderful way to bring your weekend to a close in peace and beauty, and prepare for the week ahead. Please come and bring a friend.

Confirmation Program 2017-2018

We're thrilled to host the Very Rev. Ian Douglas, bishop of the Episcopal Church in Connecticut, next April 15, for a service of Holy Eucharist and confirmation. Below is the schedule for confirmation classes and activities, starting with a special blessing of confirmation program participants on October 22. Youth who are planning to go on the Dominican Republic mission trip are encouraged to take part in these classes and activities, even if they have already been confirmed. Please see Janet Babbitt or Susan Pinkerton for more information and to let them know if you/your child plans to participate.

**St. John's Confirmation Program
2017-2018**

October 22	Blessing of confirmands at 10:30 a.m. Sunday service
November 5	Dinner for confirmands and 6 p.m. their parents
January 7, 14, 21	Confirmation classes after the February 4 10:30 a.m. service
February 27	Confirmation dinner with the 5:30 p.m. bishop
April 15	Confirmation and Holy Eucharist 10:30 a.m. with Bishop Ian Douglas

To sign up or for more information, contact Janet Babbitt
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Women's Retreat with author Jennifer Grant

Saturday, October 21

10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

\$15 pre-registration

\$20 at the door

Lunch included

Register at

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8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. each Sunday morning

5:00 p.m. Evensong on selected last Sundays of the month

4:30 p.m. Celtic contemplative service on the first Sunday of the month, October - June

5:30 p.m. Evening Prayer each Monday, Wednesday and Friday

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