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## *The Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany*

HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

*January 28, 2018*

*10:30 a.m.*

## *An Epiphany Message from the Rector*

The Feast of the Epiphany, marking the end of Christmastide, is celebrated each year on January 6th by Christians all over the world. Since the 3<sup>rd</sup> century, the Church has celebrated the time when three kings, also known as the three wise men or the Magi, traveled from a long distance at King Herod's request to find the baby Jesus. In the Gospel of Matthew, we read about how the Magi followed the star to Bethlehem to find Mary, Joseph and the Christ child. This is a most momentous event for all Christians, because the Christ child, God incarnate, is revealed to the Magi — who represent all Gentiles in the world — for the very first time. At the sight of the holy infant, the three wise men kneel and pay homage with their gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. Not trusting King Herod's motives, the Magi leave the Holy Family by a secret route to avoid revealing the whereabouts of the Messiah. This holy "appearance," when Jesus was revealed to the Magi, is referred to as an "epiphany" — a word taken from ancient Greek that means "showing" or an appearance of the divine, also known as a "theophany." As faithful followers of Christ, we continue to experience the epiphany, the appearance of Jesus, in our lives and we give humble thanks, like the Magi, for God's presence with us.

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, and child care is provided in the education wing for children 0 to 5 years old. Please feel free to ask the ushers for assistance or more information. Again, welcome.



## ORDER OF SERVICE

THE VOLUNTARY Short Prelude and Fugue in G Major, BWV 557 Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

THE OPENING HYMN 535 Ye servant of God, your Master proclaim

PADERBORN

*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* Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord.

*People* **Amen.**

## HYMN OF PRAISE

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and  
 peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly  
 King, al - mighty God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we  
 give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus  
 Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you  
 take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy  
 on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -  
 ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,  
 you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most  
 High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the  
 glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

Title: *Canticle 20, Glory to God: Gloria in excelsis*

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## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Let us pray. Almighty and everlasting God, you govern all things both in heaven and on earth: Mercifully hear the supplications of your people, and in our time grant us your peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

*People* **Amen.**

## THE WORD OF GOD

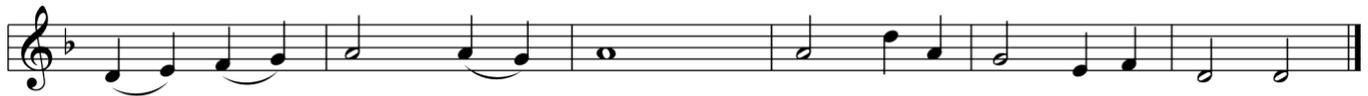
## THE FIRST LESSON

*Deuteronomy 18:15–20**All sit.*

**M**oses said: The Lord your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own people; you shall heed such a prophet. This is what you requested of the Lord your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly when you said: "If I hear the voice of the Lord my God any more, or ever again see this great fire, I will die." Then the Lord replied to me: "They are right in what they have said. I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their own people; I will put my words in the mouth of the prophet, who shall speak to them everything that I command. Anyone who does not heed the words that the prophet shall speak in my name, I myself will hold accountable. But any prophet who speaks in the name of other gods, or who presumes to speak in my name a word that I have not commanded the prophet to speak—that prophet shall die."

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

## THE PSALTER

*Psalm 111**The people read aloud the text in **bold** and sing the antiphon as indicated.*

- 1 Hallelujah!  
I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart, \*  
in the assembly of the upright, in the congregation.
- 2 **Great are the deeds of the Lord! \***  
**they are studied by all who delight in them.**
- 3 His work is full of majesty and splendor, \*  
and his righteousness endures for ever.
- 4 **He makes his marvelous works to be remembered; \***  
**the Lord is gracious and full of compassion.**
- 5 He gives food to those who fear him; \*  
he is ever mindful of his covenant.
- 6 **He has shown his people the power of his works \***  
**in giving them the lands of the nations.**
- 7 The works of his hands are faithfulness and justice; \*  
all his commandments are sure.
- 8 **They stand fast for ever and ever, \***  
**because they are done in truth and equity.**
- 9 He sent redemption to his people;  
he commanded his covenant for ever; \*  
holy and awesome is his Name.

10 **The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; \*  
those who act accordingly have a good understanding;  
his praise endures for ever.**

*Antiphon*

THE SEQUENCE HYMN 339 Deck thyself, my soul, with gladness

SCHMÜCKE DICH

*All stand and sing. Children are invited to follow the acolyte out to participate in Word Alive. They will return at the Peace.*

THE GOSPEL

*Mark 1:21–28*

*Minister* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Mark.

*All* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

**J**esus and his disciples went to Capernaum; and when the sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught. They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, and he cried out, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God." But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be silent, and come out of him!" And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, "What is this? A new teaching—with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him." At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.

*Minister* The Gospel of the Lord.

*All* **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

THE SERMON

The Reverend Susan Pinkerton

*All sit.*

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.*

Let us pray for our own needs and the needs of others in the name of Jesus of Nazareth, the Holy One of God, saying: Lord, hear our prayer.

For the Church, and especially for Michael our presiding bishop, Ian and Laura our bishops, and our parish clergy, that we may live and teach the gospel of love, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For this parish family, that we who gather to hear the Lord's teaching may fully respond to all that God asks of us, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For all who live and work in places of war and violence, especially those in the military, those who live in fear and want, and those who have fled from their homes. We pray for the leaders of the nations, that they may find new ways to resolve disputes and work for a just and peaceful society, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For all who are prophets, that they may understand the mind and heart of God and awaken new insights for the renewal and growth of the Church, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For the hungry and the homeless, the victims of conflict and violence, and all who live with mental and physical illness, remembering especially those on our parish prayer list, that God's love will strengthen, heal and sustain them, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For those who have died, remembering especially those in whose memory the altar flowers are given, that they may live in the presence of the Holy One of God, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Lifting our voices with all creation and with all the saints, let us offer ourselves and one another to the living God through Christ. **To you, O Lord our God.**

*Celebrant* Holy One of God, you come to teach us with authority and to set our spirits free. Hear our prayers and give us strength and courage as we proclaim your truth by word and deed. Glory to you for ever and ever.

*People* **Amen.**

## THE PEACE

*Priest* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*All* **And also with you.**

*We greet one another in the name of Christ.*

## THE WELCOME &amp; BLESSING OF PRAYER SHAWLS

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM Maria, mater gratiae

Gabriel Fauré (1845-1924)

Words: Cantus diversi in honorem Blessed Virgin Mary

Maria, Mater gratiae, dulcis Parens clementiae, tu nos ab hoste protege, et mortis hora suscipe. Jesu, tibi sit gloria, qui natus es de Virgine, cum Patre et almo Spiritu, in sempiterna saecula. Amen.

*Mary gracious mother, sweet fount of mercy, protect us from the foe and receive us in our hour of death. Jesu, born of the Virgin, glory be to thee with the Father and the Holy Spirit for ever and ever. Amen.*

*French composer Gabriel Fauré (1845-1924) is regarded as one of the greatest masters of art song. His contribution to the genre has impacted countless other artists in the twentieth century. As a composer of sacred music, Fauré's output is significantly smaller, totaling only eight opuses, among them the popular Requiem, Op. 48, which our choirs will perform in concert on March 11. Fauré wrote Maria, mater gratiae in close proximity to the Requiem—during a somewhat turbulent time in his life. Between the ages and 35 and 45, Fauré struggled with depression. Although he enjoyed a rather successful career, a broken engagement caused his personal life to become unstable, ultimately impacting his output as a composer. In this sense, Maria, Mater gratiae belongs to the late part of Fauré's "melancholy" decade—a time during which the composer was coming out of the dark period in his life.*

## THE PRESENTATION HYMN

OLD 100<sup>TH</sup>

**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.**

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

*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.*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

## THE SANCTUS

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and

might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,

God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are

full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. 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. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Music: from *Deutsche Messe*; Franz Peter Schubert (1797-1828); arr. Richard Proulx (b. 1937).  
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*All remain standing or kneel.*

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, 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; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, 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."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

*Celebrant and People*

**We remember his death.**

**We proclaim his resurrection.**

**We await his coming in glory.**

*The Celebrant continues.*

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **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, re - deem - er of the world:

give us your peace, give us your peace.

## 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 healing prayers for yourself or someone else, please go to the baptismal font at the back of the nave after receiving Communion, where someone is available to pray with you.*

## THE COMMUNION ANTHEM Prayer of St. Richard of Chichester Louie L. White (1921-1979)

O holy Jesus,  
Most merciful redeemer,  
Friend and brother,  
May I know thee more clearly,  
Love thee more dearly,  
And follow thee more nearly.

*Born to a noble family in the late 12th century, Richard of Chichester was educated at Oxford, and during a life worthy of canonization, was appointed chancellor of Oxford University. Later becoming a priest, he lived a life of simple vegetarian frugality, and as Bishop of Chichester, Richard was instrumental in major reform to the manners and morals of his clergy. Canonized in 1262, Richard's shrine eventually became so popular that King Henry VIII ordered it destroyed. On his deathbed in 1253, Richard is believed to have uttered a prayer containing these words.*

## THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

*All stand or kneel.*

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*All* **Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## THE BLESSING

*The Celebrant gives the blessing and the people respond, Amen.*

## THE CLOSING HYMN 438 Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord

WOODLANDS

*All stand and sing.*

## THE DISMISSAL

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

## THE VOLUNTARY Trumpet Tune in D

Henry Purcell (1659–1695)

*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 and Preacher:** The Reverend Susan Pinkerton**Layreader:** David Beers**Psalterer:** Katherine Foust**The St. John's Youth Choir****Organist/Choirmaster:** Scott Lamlein**Ushers:** John Amamoo, Shirley Blean, Bette-Jane Hardersen, Sarah Kieffer, Philip Chapman**Acolytes:** John O'Brien, Claire O'Brien, Ethen Worrell, Caleb Worrell**Healing Prayers:** Paul Shaker**Altar Guild:** Michael & Craig Wilkinson**At Hughes Health and Rehabilitation Center****Layreader:** John Hardy**Musician:** Steve Metcalf

**The altar flowers are given to the Glory of God and in memory of  
Helen Hinsdale Faude and Charles Pease II.**

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**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	Cheryl Trahan	Jay	Chas
Kim Green	Andrew Lee	Susan	Meg
Carol Grieco	Susan Murray	Donald Myers	John McCain
Janet Ray	Edward Shaker	Richard Myers	David A. Valfer
Ida McKenney	James Varga	Alison Johnson	Buffy Ineson
Jane	Tina		

**Those celebrating birthdays this week:**

Joseph Bleicher	Courtney Bass
Samantha Giuliano	Marie Montas
Audree Raffay	Quint Noyes
Mary Beth Lamlein	

**In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer:**

Pray for the Episcopal Church in Brazil.

**In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:**

Pray for St. Alban's, Danielson; Saint Luke's, Darien; St. Paul's, Darien; and for ministry to, with, and for the deaf.

**Happening Today!****Annual Meeting and potluck brunch**

The Annual Meeting starts at 9:30, will break for the 10:30 Holy Eucharist, and will reconvene afterward to cover the remaining agenda items and have a potluck brunch.

**Choral Evensong at 5:00 p.m., followed by church tour**

The ancient and beautiful service of Choral Evensong is presented on the last Sunday of selected months at St. John's. Join us today at 5 p.m. for music by the choir of Trinity Episcopal Church, Hartford, Jackson Merrill, organist and choirmaster.

Following Evensong, please join Douglas Hyland for one of his popular and fascinating tours of the St. John's nave and its art. Featured are the artistic aspects of our 1909 neo-Gothic building designed by famed architect Bertram Grosvenor Goodhue. Included are sculptures crafted by the noted Lee Lawrie along with stained glass windows from James Powell and Sons of London, England, and other important makers. Meet Douglas at the pulpit after Evensong ends.

# Save the Date

## **“Women Together” Book Group, Tuesdays, 3 p.m.**

The Women Together book group meets on Tuesdays from 3 to 4:15 p.m. in the Reception Room at St. John’s. Women Together is a book discussion group for women from St. John’s and other churches in the area. The group is discussing a collection of reflections titled *In God’s Holy Light: Wisdom from the Desert Monastics* by Joan Chittister. New members are always welcome!

## **Midwinter Party & Food Auction, February 2, 6:30 p.m.**

This annual event raises funds to support St. John’s ministries, but more important, is a chance to reconnect with old friends and make new ones, while enjoying delicious food and drink, and bidding on many unique food-related auction items, from themed dinners to sweet or savory treats to take home with you. *Everyone* is welcome, whether or not you plan to bid on auction items. If you’d like to donate an item, contact Marki Ware at [mware17@comcast.net](mailto:mware17@comcast.net). The event will be held at the home of David Beers and Marian Browning, located just three blocks from St. John’s at 30 Walbridge Road. Please come, and bring a friend!

## **Pipes Alive! with James Barry, February 4, 12:30 p.m.**

Pipes Alive! is a monthly series (January – June) featuring local organists performing a 30-minute program on the St. John’s Austin organ. James Barry, director of music and organist at St. James’ Church, Glastonbury, will present a program of *Odds and Evens*, with compositions written in various meters, from the standard to the extraordinary. Selections include works by Susa, Bourgeois, Brubeck, and Rutter.

## **Celtic service (February 4) and book study (February 11, 18, 25)**

The next monthly Celtic service, jointly sponsored with St. James’s Episcopal Church, will be held at St. John’s on Sunday, February 4. The service begins with a period of silence at 4:30 p.m. This month’s theme is the “divine feminine.” Also back by popular demand is another book study on Celtic spirituality, to be held February 11, 18 and 25 at 4:30 p.m., at St. James’s. Led by the Rev. Dr. Molly O’Neill Loudon, this series will focus on John Philip Newell’s book *Christ of the Celts*, and offer another way of learning about this ancient and relevant way to understand God and Jesus.

## **Choral Music for the Soul: Fauré Requiem, March 11, 4 p.m.**

The St. John’s Youth and Adult Choirs join with the Choirs of St. Paul’s-on-the-Green, Norwalk in presenting the sublime *Requiem* by Gabriel Fauré, with organ and chamber orchestra. Disconnect from the outside world and connect with the sacred in this concert that also includes a solo organ work and music for the children’s choirs, the newly composed *Visions* by John Rutter. This concert is free and open to the public – all are welcome with no tickets required. Suggested donation: \$20. A reception will follow the concert.

## **Chili Cook-Off (rescheduled), March 16, 6:30 p.m.**

The Chili Cook-off, originally scheduled for January 5 and postponed due to weather, will now take place on Friday, March 16. If you’d like to contribute a pot of chili, contact Stewart Murchie at [murchgs@comcast.net](mailto:murchgs@comcast.net). If you’re not a chili cook, please bring a side, salad or dessert to share. All are welcome, including friends!

## **Safe Church training at St. John’s, March 24, 9 to 11:30 a.m.**

St. John’s will be hosting one of the Episcopal Church in Connecticut’s Safe Church trainings on Saturday, March 24 from 9 to 11:30 a.m. Safe church training is **required** for anyone who volunteers in a direct ministry capacity, such as in the church school, youth program or as a lay Eucharistic visitor. We encourage all members involved in volunteer ministries to participate if you can, as it’s useful for anyone interacting with fellow parishioners and visitors to the church. This will be a “hybrid” training, in which participants will do some work at home before the class (short online videos and questionnaires, about 1–2 hours of work) and then get 2.5 hours of training here at St. John’s. The training covers topics such as recognizing elder and child abuse, and how to manage church programs to ensure oversight and safety for everyone involved. Registration is free. St. John’s will provide a continental breakfast and coffee. To register for the St. John’s training, or one at another site on another day, go to <https://www.episcopalct.org/safe-church-training-option-2/>.



**Coffee hour hosts needed:** Please look for a clipboard with a sign-up sheet at the Annual Meeting and choose a Sunday to host coffee hour. We provide the coffee and fixings, you provide a simple light snack, and help with set-up and clean-up. Feel free to partner with another family.

**Join Hartford Habitat for National Women Build Week:** Hartford Habitat invites women to create a team to help build a home in East Hartford or New Britain in May. Or you may help fundraise for this event by donating in the name of an important woman in your life or volunteering to raise money from people you know. More details and contact information are available at [HartfordHabitat.org](http://HartfordHabitat.org).

**Traveling companion needed for trip to Haiti:** Global Missions chairperson Giselle Genece is planning a trip to visit St. Sauveur School in Les Cayes, Haiti, the week of April 16, and is looking for another parishioner to accompany her. St. John's provides financial support to St. Sauveur, and this trip is an opportunity to foster our relationship with the school and see firsthand how our contributions make a difference. If you are interested in going to Haiti with Giselle, please email her ASAP at [geneceegj@sbcglobal.net](mailto:geneceegj@sbcglobal.net). The parish will provide partial financial support for the trip.

**Blessing Bags update:** Thanks to the students and staff at Grace Academy, the St. John's Community Service Committee, and generous parishioners, we currently have plenty of warm hats, gloves, and socks; toiletries; and bus passes to give out to people in need who come to the church looking for help. **Reminder:** It is not uncommon for people in need to approach parishioners in the parking lot, during church events, or on Sunday mornings asking for money or food. Our recommended response to such requests is to refer people to the office during office hours, when we can give them a Blessing Bag along with referrals to agencies that can address their needs.

Fifteen years ago, seven women gathered here at St. John's with bundles of yarn, knitting needles, and crochet hooks and, in a spirit of love and giving, lit a candle and said a prayer:

O Love Divine, Giver and Gift, we thank you for the many times you have taken the tangled threads of our lives and created a thing of beauty. Help us do the same for others, here or near, or worlds away, symbolically yet tangibly, through the gift of our hearts and hands. Infuse this shawl with a blessing that will always be present, always be felt as comforting, all-encompassing love. We send sustaining strength today to all who are crushed in spirit, wherever they may be. May blessings abound, to and through all who knit together in this ministry of love. Amen. (by Miriam Therese Winter)

Since then, we have prayerfully knitted hundreds of beautiful "wreaths of comfort" for parishioners, friends and relatives.

The inspiration for our ministry here came through one of our members who joined 40 other women in a course at Hartford Seminary called Women's Leadership Institute. In a spirit of love and understanding of a loving, compassionate God, they had profound and blessed experiences of prayer and God's presence. As a project near the end of the course, two of the women from a class six years before began knitting shawls to be given to parishioners in need of comfort. It was not long before others wanted to knit shawls, and a ministry was born. There are now women and men worldwide who have taken on this ministry.

Here at St. John's we meet once a month, on Thursday nights, from 7 to 9 p.m. There has been some interest in meeting during the day; several of us are able to do either or both, and are open to meeting at different times. Our next meeting is Thursday, February 11 at 7 p.m. Please join us in blessing the prayer shawls at today's 10:30 service and consider joining us in this spirit-led ministry!

Cindy Lawler  
St. John's Prayer Shawl Ministry

## Vestry Nominees 2018

### Nominated as Co-Treasurers

**Tim Goetz** — A lifelong Episcopalian, Tim was baptized and confirmed at Church of the Epiphany in Southbury, CT. He moved to West Hartford in 2012. St. John's became his spiritual home in 2014, when he started to attend the 8:00 a.m. service, and he has been ushering at that service for the last two years. In 2016, Tim married his wife Neha at St. John's; their son Maxom is being baptized here in January 2018. Tim was voted onto the Vestry in 2016 and has since been named chair of the Growth Committee. He graduated from Central Connecticut State University in 2005 with degrees in economics and political science, graduated from Western New England Law School in 2010, and earned a master of law degree in estate planning in 2012. He is self-employed as an attorney at Goetz Law, LLC.



**John Roche** — John moved to West Hartford from Boston with his wife Laura in 1992 and joined St. John's shortly afterward. Their children Morgan, Will and Carolyn benefited from the religious education program, and served as acolytes and lay readers. John has been involved in many facets of St. John's including teaching 4<sup>th</sup> grade and Rite 13; co-chairing the Newcomers Committee; and serving as a Vestry member and member of the Discernment Committee — not to mention Santa Claus. John is a graduate of Cornell University, and works as a sales manager in the printing industry. He likes to ski, sail, cycle and generally be outdoors. John is thankful for the spiritual and moral guidance offered by St. John's, and looks forward to working to help enhance the vibrancy of the church.

### Nominated for a three-year term on the Vestry

**Stephen Crocker** — Stephen was born in Canada, where he was raised a practicing Anglican. With his grandfather serving as dean of Nova Scotia at All Saint's Cathedral (Halifax) for 21 years, religion was a very personal aspect of Stephen's childhood and upbringing. Stephen has been a parishioner of St. John's for the past 10 years and resides in West Hartford with his wife Rosa (Guzzo) and their two children, Bradley (10) and Dana (7), both of whom were baptized at St. John's. Stephen completed the International Baccalaureate (IB) diploma at King's Edgemoor School and went on to receive his bachelor of science degree from the University of King's College (Halifax) and a Ph.D. in pharmacology from the University of Ottawa, and completed postdoctoral training at the Neuroscience Research Institute (Ottawa) and then at the Scripps Research Institute (La Jolla, CA). He is currently a tenured associate professor of neuroscience at the University of Connecticut School of Medicine, where he teaches medical, dental and graduate students and runs a federally (NIH) funded research lab. As an active faculty member, he serves on a variety of committees, including as associate director of the Neuroscience Graduate Program, vice-chair of IACUC, and chair of the Graduate School Admissions Committee. Outside of work, he is the board president for Morley Extended Day Care, a 30-year-old nonprofit after-care program for more than 100 elementary school children with more than 15 employees. He is also an active father and choir parent for his daughter, and has coached his son's soccer teams in the West Hartford Youth Soccer Association, and more recently at FSA in Farmington. Currently, Stephen is serving as an usher at St. John's. He hopes that his experience and perspective will benefit St. John's and would be honored to serve the church in its mission.





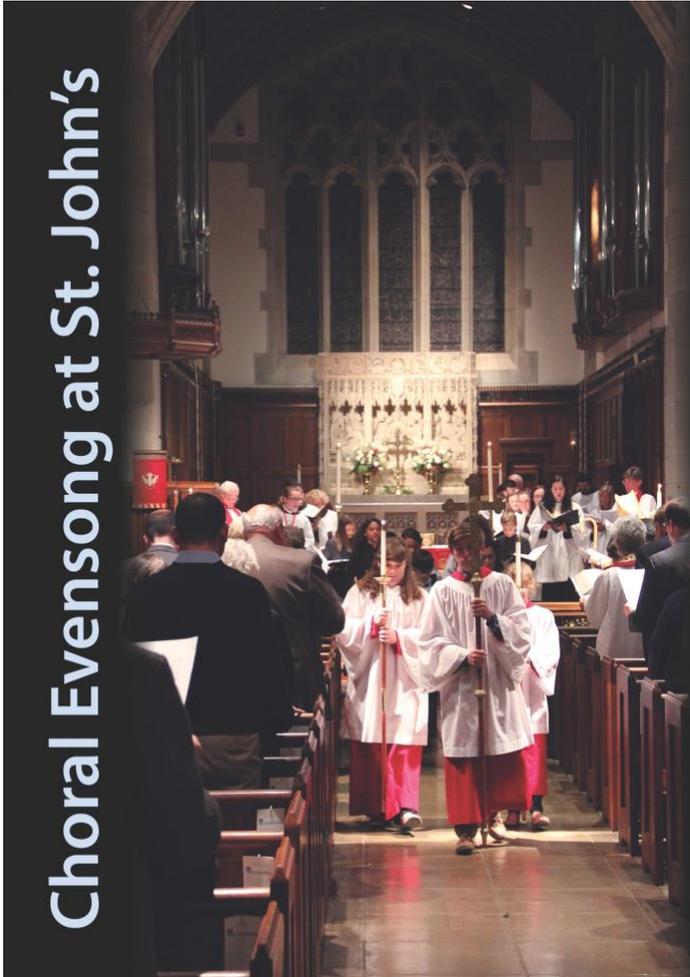
**Ann Hutchinson** — Ann is a “cradle Episcopalian” who attended Episcopal schools for her primary and secondary education in her hometown of Jacksonville Beach, Florida. She earned a bachelor’s degree in drama from the University of North Carolina – Greensboro, and a master’s in theater arts from UCLA. She worked for more than 20 years in local theater in Connecticut until about five years ago, when she resumed her study of classical piano, which is her first love. Ann serves as the director of human resources at the Pez Candy company in Orange, CT, and holds numerous professional certifications and memberships. Ann started attending St. John’s in 2015; is a member of the choir, Sacred Circle, and the Worship Committee; and will go on the Holy Land pilgrimage with a group from St. John’s in September. She is very interested in using the arts in liturgy (she directed the Passion reading here on Palm Sunday 2017), interfaith

dialogue, and the power of prayer. She also loves classical music, reading and comedy. Ann lives in Newington with her husband Dan and three cats, and has two adult stepdaughters.

**Sonia Michel** — Sonia Michel is a graduate of the University of California at San Diego with a major in urban studies & planning, and minors in economics and Spanish literature. Her professional experience includes five years as a contract administrator for the San Diego Convention Center and eight years in sales and marketing program management for international IT manufacturers serving clients in Mexico, Central America, and Latin America. Upon moving to Connecticut in 2003, Sonia served as an educational consultant for local nonprofit organizations and then became a certified CT World Languages teacher. Since 2014, she has taught Spanish and French at East Granby Middle School. A member of the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages, Sonia is currently pursuing a master’s degree in teaching French with Southern Oregon University. She has volunteered with the citizenship education program hosted here at St. John’s since 2012, and lives in Windsor with her husband Paul.



**Alex Nelson** — Alexander Nelson joined St. John’s parish three years ago with his wife, Elizabeth. Subsequently, their son Edward was baptized at St. John’s. They are expecting another child in May. Alex has been a member of the men’s Bible study group since its inception two years ago. He also sat on the discernment committee for Mike Corey’s decision to join the ministry. Just recently, Alex was on the parish block party committee and enjoyed working the first-aid station. Alex has lived in the Hartford area for almost 10 years working as an aerospace engineer, first at R&D Dynamics, currently at Pratt & Whitney. He received both his MBA and master of mechanical engineering from University of Hartford; and holds bachelor degrees from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute (RPI) in aerospace engineering and mechanical engineering. As a child, he attended Wyoming Presbyterian Church in New Jersey, and was an active member of the youth choir and youth ministry. As a young adult, he attended St. Stephen’s Episcopal Church in New Jersey. He is very excited to serve St. John’s in a new way and become more actively involved in the parish.



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# St. John's Midwinter Party & Food Auction

Friday, February 2

6:30 p.m.

30 Walbridge Road, West Hartford

Home of David Beers and Marian Browning  
Three blocks from church

Join us for the St. John's annual midwinter party and food auction. All adult parishioners (and friends!) are invited for a fun evening of food, drinks and fellowship.

The auction features delicious items, from themed dinner parties to sweet and savory treats to enjoy at home. Come and bid — or just enjoy an evening out with good food, drinks and friends!

If you'd like to donate an item for the auction, please contact Marki Ware at [mware17@comcast.net](mailto:mware17@comcast.net).

All are  
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Invite a  
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## SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

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

Christian Education: Sundays at 9:30 a.m. September – May

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## VESTRY

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Wes Winterbottom .....	Warden
Beth Grieco and Chris Byrd .....	Co-Treasurers
Ellen Painter Dollar .....	Clerk

2015-17: Courtney Bass, Jan Hickcox, John Roche, Heather Simson

2016-18: Bess Amamoo, Tim Goetz, Ginny Kemp, Will Smith

2017-19: Geoff Emerick, Douglas Hyland, Virginia Van Dyk, Andrew Worrell

## ST. PAUL'S DEAF CONGREGATION

Sundays, 10:30 a.m., in the church

Lay leaders: Victoria Crosta – text: 860-478-6524; Melissa Render – text: 860-983-4606