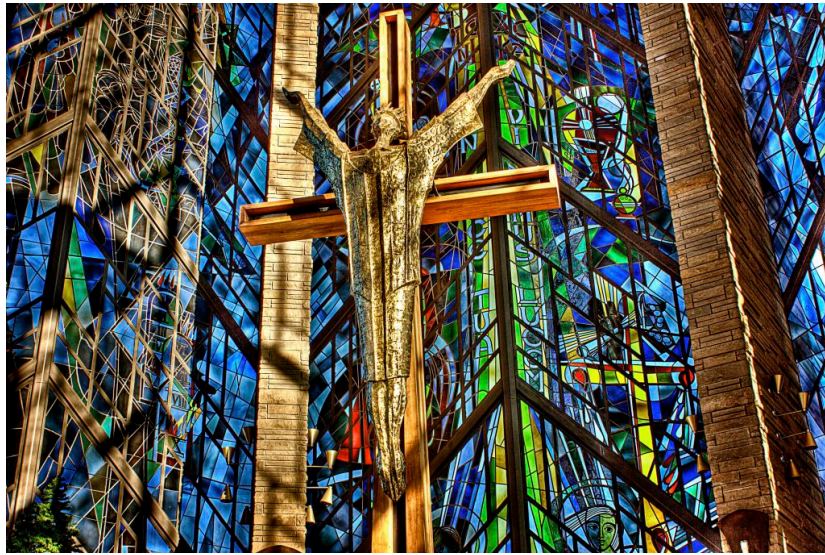


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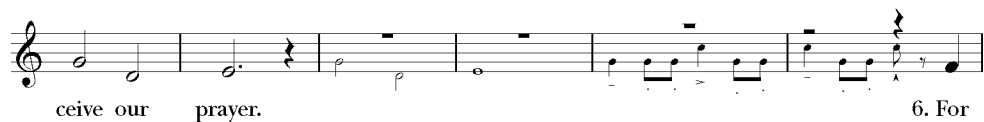
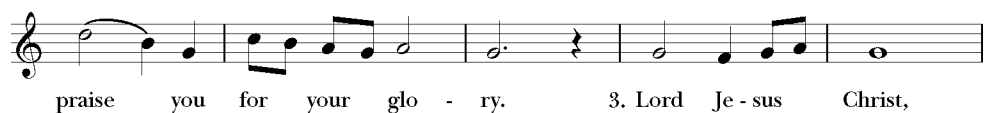
HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

*November 24, 2019*

*10:30 a.m.*



## THE GLORIA IN EXCELSIS



## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

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

*Celebrant* Let us pray. Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in your well-beloved Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords: Mercifully grant that the peoples of the earth, divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his most gracious rule; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

*People* **Amen.**

## THE WORD OF GOD

## THE FIRST LESSON

*Jeremiah 23:1–6*

*All sit.*

**W**oe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the Lord. Therefore thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the Lord. Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the Lord. The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: "The Lord is our righteousness."

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

## THE PSALTER

*Psalm 46*

*The people say the words in **bold** and sing the Antiphon as indicated.*

The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our strong-hold.

- 1 God is our refuge and strength, \*  
a very present help in trouble.
- 2 **Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved, \***  
**and though the mountains be toppled into the depths of the sea;**
- 3 Though its waters rage and foam, \*  
and though the mountains tremble at its tumult.
- 4 **The Lord of hosts is with us; \***  
**the God of Jacob is our stronghold.**

5 There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, \*  
the holy habitation of the Most High.

6 **God is in the midst of her;  
she shall not be overthrown; \*  
God shall help her at the break of day.**

*Antiphon*

7 The nations make much ado, and the kingdoms are shaken; \*  
God has spoken, and the earth shall melt away.

8 **The Lord of hosts is with us; \*  
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.**

9 Come now and look upon the works of the Lord, \*  
what awesome things he has done on earth.

10 **It is he who makes war to cease in all the world; \*  
he breaks the bow, and shatters the spear,  
and burns the shields with fire.**

11 "Be still, then, and know that I am God; \*  
I will be exalted among the nations;  
I will be exalted in the earth."

12 **The Lord of hosts is with us; \*  
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.**

*Antiphon*

## THE SECOND LESSON

*Colossians 1:11–20*

**M**ay you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers — all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

THE SEQUENCE HYMN 616 Hail to the Lord's anointed

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*All stand and sing.*

## THE GOSPEL

*Luke 23:33–43**Deacon* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Luke.*All* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

**W**hen they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing." And they cast lots to divide his clothing. The people stood by, watching Jesus on the cross; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!" The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews." One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!" But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong." Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." He replied, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

*Deacon* The Gospel of the Lord.*All* **Praise to you, Lord Christ.***Children are invited to go to the Education Wing for Children's Chapel, and will return at the Peace.*

## THE SERMON

The Reverend Margie Baker

*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.*

Lord God Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, we your people praise you, we exalt you, and we bless your holy name, as we bring to you our needs and those of the world.

On behalf of all who are governed, we pray that those who hold great power in the lives of their people will lead as Jesus did, in the spirit of compassion, wisdom, and service. God is our refuge and strength, **our help in times of trouble.**

We pray for your people, the Church, that Jesus will rule over how we spend our time and money, how we speak and think, and how we work and worship. God is our refuge and strength, **our help in times of trouble.**

We pray that Christ, who revealed his power over wind and wave and through whom all people are reconciled to God, may bring peace and calm to those who lives are troubled. We pray especially for those on our parish prayer list and those whom we remember now [*pause for silent or spoken prayers*]. God is our refuge and strength, **our help in times of trouble.**

We pray for those who have died, that they may abide forever with Christ in Paradise. God is our refuge and strength, **our help in times of trouble.**

*Celebrant* We ask all these things through Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit, who live and reign as one God, now and forever.

*People* **Amen.**

## THE CONFESSION OF SIN

*Celebrant* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*All remain standing or kneel.*

*All* **Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

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

## 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.*

## THE WELCOME & BLESSING OF PRAYER SHAWLS

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

*During the Offertory, children are invited to bring donated food and winter accessories up to the chancel steps.*

THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM Since by man came death (from *Messiah*) G.F. Handel (1685–1759)  
 Text: I Corinthians 15:21–22

Since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead.  
 For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive.

## THE PRESENTATION HYMN

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*All stand and sing.*

**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. For you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in 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,

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.*

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Celebrant and People*

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

*The Celebrant continues.*

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy

Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: 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 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 baptismal font in the back of the church after receiving Communion.*

## THE COMMUNION ANTHEM Come, renew us

Eleanor Daley (b. 1955)  
Words: David Adam

Come, Lord, come to us. Enter our darkness with your light,  
 Fill our emptiness with your presence,  
 Come, refresh, restore, renew us.  
 In our sadness come as joy, in our troubles, come as peace,  
 In our fearfulness, come as hope, in our darkness, come as light,  
 In our frailty, come as strength, in our loneliness, come as love,  
 Come, refresh, restore, renew us.

*Eleanor Daley is a Canadian composer, performer, and accompanist. She received her bachelor of music degree in organ performance from Queen's University in Kingston, Ontario, and holds diplomas in both organ and piano from the Royal Conservatory of Music in Toronto and Trinity College in England. She has been the director of music at Fairlawn Heights United Church in Toronto since 1982. During that time, she has established a thriving choral program for which much of her choral music has been composed. This lovely anthem was commissioned for Christ Church, Cambridge, Massachusetts, Stuart Forster, Director of Music and Organist, in celebration of the 250th anniversary of the dedication of the church, 2011.*

## 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 HYMN IN PROCESSION 397 Now thank we all our God

NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT

*All stand and sing.*

## THE DISMISSAL

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

## THE VOLUNTARY Nun danket alle Gott

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685–1750)  
 Arranged for organ by Virgil Fox (1912–1980)

*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.*

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### THE PARTICIPANTS IN THE LITURGY

**Celebrant:** The Reverend Susan Pinkerton

**Preacher:** The Reverend Margie Baker

**Layreader:** Lissie Brooks

**Psalterer:** Lynn Brooks

**The St. John's Youth & Adult Choirs**

**Organist/Choirmaster:** Scott Lamlein

**Organ Scholar:** Ted Babbitt

**Acolytes:** Ethen Worrell, Dawson Biondi, Elise Biondi, Caleb Worrell

**Ushers:** John & Laura Roche, Don Polk, Paul Shaker

**Healing Prayers:** Ginger Gillespie

**Altar Guild:** Ginny Kemp, Rosa Guzzo, June Aziz

**Sunday School Teachers:** Annabel Clapp, Leah Lorenzo, Akilah Williams,  
Joan Murphy, Susan Thaxton, Buffy Ineson

**Nursery Caregivers:** Kiley Murphy and Caroline Thaxton

**At Hughes Health and Rehabilitation Center**

**Layreader:** Bess Amamoo

**Musician:** Ray Giolitto

### HAPPENING TODAY

#### ***Love Your Enemies* book discussion, 9:30 a.m.**

In this age when division and contempt between people of different viewpoints are everyday occurrences, *Love Your Enemies* by Arthur C. Brooks calls us to a better way of relating with one another. Jillian Puzzo, a St. John's parishioner and founder of BookBarCT, will lead a conversation about the book during the Faith Forum.

#### **Coffee hour after the 10:30 service**

Join us in Hubbard Hall after the 10:30 service for coffee, snacks, and a chance to meet someone new.

#### **EYC (Episcopal Youth Community), Flight Trampoline Park, 5 to 7 p.m.**

The youth group will meet at Flight Trampoline Park in New Britain this evening for plenty of jumping fun, plus a pizza dinner. Please arrive 10–15 minutes ahead, and bring \$10 toward food plus socks to wear on the trampolines.

**In your prayers this week, please pray for:**

Peace in our world, for those serving our country in the 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.

Séminaire 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.

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

**Those in need of healing, help, and comfort:**

Jim Evans	Susan	Michael	Mary Smith
Kim Green	Meg	Beth	Karen Licht
Janet Ray	Edward Shaker	Chris	Ann Marie
Susan Murray	Edith Connolly	Mary Stoughton	Daphne Lynch Fifield
Brad Babbitt	Linda Evans	Blanca Rodriguez	Paul
Michael Bruce	Sally	David Agahigian	Ellie Brown
Byron	Billy Ulrich	Thomas McCary	Sean
Amy Jones			
Saint Sauveur School & the people of Les Cayes, Haiti			

**Those celebrating birthdays this week:**

Beth Grieco  
Sandy Pond  
Wil Brunjes  
Eleanor Taylor  
Zach Scoma

**Those celebrating anniversaries this week:**

Edith & Bob Connolly  
Pat & Alex Vance

**In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer:**

Pray for the Falkland Islands.

**In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:**

Pray for St. Paul's, Woodbury; St. John the Evangelist, Yalesville; Grace Church, Yantic; and for the health and well-being of persons employed by The Episcopal Church, the Presiding Bishop, and the President of the House of Deputies of The Episcopal Church.

# Save the Date

## **Men's Bible Study, Thursdays at 6:30 a.m.**

We meet every Thursday, 6:30 to 7:30 a.m. in the Reception Room. This fall, we are studying the life and story of David in 1 and 2 Samuel. Gentlemen, start your day out right; join us!

## **St. John's EYC (Episcopal Youth Community), Sundays from 5 to 7 p.m.**

The EYC calendar for the next few weeks is as follows. Dinner is provided. **Adult assistance is needed! If you are an adult who can help provide supervision or dinner, contact Margie at [margie@sjparish.net](mailto:margie@sjparish.net).**

- November 24 – Flight Trampoline Park, New Britain.
- December 1 – Thanksgiving weekend, no EYC

## **Thanksgiving Day service, Thursday, November 28, 10 a.m.**

Before turkey, pie and football, come give thanks to God at our Thanksgiving Day service of Holy Eucharist, at 10 a.m. on Thanksgiving morning.

## **Intergenerational Advent Workshop, Sunday, December 1, 9:30 a.m.**

Parishioners of all ages are invited to an intergenerational Faith Forum to make an Advent wreath, color Advent calendars, and get other Advent resources and ideas. For the wreaths, we will provide faux evergreen wreaths, candles, and decorations (ribbons, small ornaments, pinecones, etc.). If you have a wreath from a previous year, feel free to bring it in to freshen it up and get new candles. Suggested donation: \$10 for a wreath and candles, \$5 for candles only. One wreath per family, please. We will also have a variety of Advent devotionals and other material to support your observance of Advent at home.

## **Wreath Decorating Night for the Christmas Festival, Thursday, December 5, 7 p.m.**

This is an extremely fun and social night, and there is no decorating talent required, so please consider coming if you don't have plans. If you do have earlier plans, we sometimes are still working on wreaths past 9 p.m., so feel free to call Lindsey Carlisle if you are thinking of stopping by (860-280-6812). We will have nibbles and refreshments to keep everyone going! We do have a decent supply of scissors, glue guns and glue sticks, wire cutters, and extension cords, but more are always welcome! Please label any supplies that you bring so you can collect them at the end of the evening. Lastly, a gentle reminder that this is NOT an event for children, and there will not be babysitting available. Looking forward to seeing you then! If you have questions you can e-mail Lindsey at [smclbc@comcast.net](mailto:smclbc@comcast.net).

## **Candlelight Festival of Lessons and Carols, Sunday, December 15, 3 p.m.**

A favorite tradition and a wonderful way to find peace in a busy season, the annual Candlelight Festival of Lessons and Carols tells the story of God's redeeming work through scripture and song. Child care will be provided. Mark your calendar, and invite a friend.



# St. John's Annual Christmas Festival

## Saturday, December 7 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Wreaths and greenery, gifts, food, books, jewelry, accessories, art, furniture, caroling, tours of our historic building and stained glass, and more.

Come have a bite to eat, shop for unique gifts and goodies, and enjoy this favorite annual tradition. All are welcome!



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The annual St. John's Christmas Festival is coming up on **Saturday, December 7, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.** There are lots of ways you can participate — many hands are needed! For more information about what help is needed and to volunteer, please contact Karen Licht ([karen\\_licht@yahoo.com](mailto:karen_licht@yahoo.com)), Ellen Flynn ([ellenflynn517@gmail.com](mailto:ellenflynn517@gmail.com)), or Carla Abdo-Katsipis ([cabdo28@gmail.com](mailto:cabdo28@gmail.com)).

**Please pick up a lawn sign** in Hubbard Hall this morning to spread the word to our neighbors about this favorite annual event where they can purchase unique Christmas décor and gifts, along with delicious food!

**If you have items to donate to any of the Festival sales areas (see area descriptions below),** you may bring them to the church during office hours or on Sunday mornings. Items should be dropped off in the open closet area next to the elevator. During office hours, please call ahead so we can unlock the back door for you. If you have large items to donate and need help, please call the office at 860-523-5201 so we can designate a time when someone is available to assist you with transporting items from your vehicle.

- **Jewelry & Accessories:** Once again we will be selling used jewelry, handbags, scarves, neckties and other accessories in the Chic Boutique. So please go through your closets and drawers and see what you might have to donate! A great opportunity to clean out your closets, donate what you are no longer using and let someone else enjoy these items! Donations can be left at the church (in a box/bag marked Chic Boutique) or contact Kim Byrd at 860-558-9916 and she will arrange to pick them up.
- **Art & Antiques:** St. John's loves your art and antiques...even when you have grown tired of them! Make room for something new — Donate your framed art, prints, antiques, or interesting furniture. Contact Colin Gillespie at [gillespiecolinh@gmail.com](mailto:gillespiecolinh@gmail.com).
- **Books:** Looking to pare down your collection of most any kinds of books? We need your donations of fiction, biography, history, crafts, cookbooks, travel, children's books, and coffee table books (art, photography, etc). In fact, just about anything! Hard cover or soft cover. (Please, no periodicals, dated items or text books.) We also accept quality CDs and DVDs. Mark your bagged or boxed donations with "Book Sale" and

leave them in the closet across from the restrooms. For more information, contact John Hardy at [johnedwardhardy@yahoo.com](mailto:johnedwardhardy@yahoo.com).

- **Items for wreath decorating:** It's that time again, to look through your closets, attics and basements for any bows, ornaments, faux flowers and fruits, and any other items that can be repurposed for this year's wreath decorating. We always need to purchase some new supplies, but the more we can repurpose, the more money we save! Please start dropping any supplies by the office clearly marked for GREENERY. Thank you!
- **Donate baked goods or other kitchen specialties to the "Country Kitchen" sale.** Bakers, cooks, chefs, everyone! Please think of the Country Kitchen as you are preparing for Thanksgiving and Christmas. Sweet and savory treats are appreciated and needed. If you wish to donate and need more information, suggestions and recipes can be provided. Also, we could use your help "behind the table" at the festival. Ginger Gillespie would love to hear from you, 860-985-3697 or [viriniagillespie1@gmail.com](mailto:viriniagillespie1@gmail.com).
- **Hand-knitted goods.** If you're a knitter who would like to help make accessories and other items to sell at the Festival, contact Heidi Gostyla at [heidigostyla@snet.net](mailto:heidigostyla@snet.net).

### Important Note on Year-End Giving

For your contributions of cash or checks to appear on your 2019 year-end giving statement, they must be received in St. John's office/offering plate by December 25. Due to holiday staff schedules, contributions received after December 25, 2019, will get posted to St. John's bank account in January, in which case they will appear on your 2020 giving statement (even if they are in payment of a 2019 pledge).

If you would like to make an online pledge payment with your credit card and have it appear on your 2019 giving statement, please also do so by December 25, so there is plenty of time for your contribution to clear the merchant account and our bank account in December.

If you plan to donate stock to St. John's, please contact Financial Administrator Peggy O'Toole at [peggy@sjparish.net](mailto:peggy@sjparish.net) or 860-523-5201 x311, before you or your broker initiate the stock transfer.



**Thank you to all who have pledged their support to St. John's for 2020.**

This list includes pledges received as of Thursday, November 21, and will be updated weekly.

The names of *new pledgers* are in italics.



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### Christmas gifts for children in need due by December 2

St. John's is continuing the tradition of sponsoring 60 children with Christmas gift bags in the Stronger Families, Stronger Future program (formerly known as the Nurturing Families Network). If you picked up a gift tag, please shop and place *unwrapped* items in a gift bag, then return your gift bag to St. John's by Monday, December 2. You can deliver to the office during the week or to our gift bag table on Sunday mornings. Thank you in advance for your continued generosity! For more information, contact Jillian Puzzo at [jillianpuzzo@gmail.com](mailto:jillianpuzzo@gmail.com) or Leah Murchie at [murchlt@comcast.net](mailto:murchlt@comcast.net).



### Donate food and cold weather accessories

Every Sunday, parish children bring donations of nonperishable food up to the chancel during the Offertory. They've also recently started bringing forward donations of cold weather accessories (hats, gloves, heavy socks, and umbrellas). Please bring in any of these items when you are able, on any Sunday!

- **Nonperishable food donations** go to the Grace Seventh Day Adventist Church food pantry on Prospect Avenue. They are always in need of high-protein foods (such as peanut butter, legumes and tuna), along with cereal, canned goods, rice, pasta, and other staples. With the holidays approaching, stuffing mix, baking mixes, canned veggies, jarred gravy, dried fruits and nuts, and other items for special meals are also welcome.
- **Cold weather accessories** are given to people in need who come to the church looking for help. We need heavy insulated or fleece gloves, warm socks (such as wool boot socks), winter hats, and umbrellas. Items for both men and women are needed, but we tend to see more men in need, so larger sizes are especially helpful.

### Donate snacks for Trinity Academy students

St. John's has been supporting Trinity Academy for the past two years. Trinity Academy serves 40 students at its Hartford location on Sigourney Street (at Trinity Episcopal Church). Trinity is seeking support for its students with a snack drive. Please consider helping Trinity Academy by donating the following snacks: Nutri Grain granola bars, pretzels, animal crackers, graham crackers, Honey Nut Cheerios cereal, Cinnamon Toast Crunch cereal, Goldfish crackers, applesauce, fruit cups. The easiest way to donate is to order directly from Trinity Academy's Amazon wish list: <https://tinyurl.com/wr54ppw>. Orders will be sent directly to Trinity Academy. Or, you may bring your donations to St. John's and leave them in the box marked "Trinity Academy" in the Education Wing by **December 15**.

**Welcoming All to St. John's**  
*A note from our Hospitality Chairperson*

Dear St. John's Family:

How many of you remember your first morning at St. John's? Or perhaps it was a Music at the Red Door concert? Or our annual Christmas Festival? Whenever your first step through the front or back doors of St. John's was, I hope (and assume) you were met by a warm welcome.

But then what kept you coming back? What helped you to feel a part of the St. John's community? Did someone invite you to coffee hour? Ask you to serve on a committee? Remind you to come for the Sunday morning Faith Forum? Ask you to go in with them on a Spring Food Fling auction item? Whatever it was, the invitation pulled you in. It got you to come back. It got you to participate more fully and by doing so, began to make you feel a real part of our church community.

This is what we want to do for all who pass through our doors. This effort is not new — all of us greet each other warmly at the Peace and our ushers say hello to all.

What we'd like to do is be even more intentional about making those who are new, and even those who have been at St. John's for many years, feel even more welcome, more a part of our community, more like St. John's is their home "wherever they are in their spiritual journey," as Susan says so often.

So, I invite you to think about what you can do. If you are part of a certain ministry, can you ask someone to join? Can you ask someone to join you for coffee hour? Can you invite someone to join you for the Sacred Circle meeting? Can you simply strike up a conversation with someone you've never met? It doesn't take much, but it does take a bit of thought and intentionality.

As the season changes toward Christmas, and as we move into 2020 with a renewed sense of energy with the wonderful addition of Margie and her family, think about what you can do to make those around you feel even more welcome at St. John's.

If you have ideas, thoughts or suggestions around how to do this in the activities, groups, ministries and committees that you are a part of at church, please reach out to me or Susan so we can help make those ideas happen. My e-mail is [jjpowellob@comcast.net](mailto:jjpowellob@comcast.net).

Thank you,  
Julia O'Brien  
Chair, Hospitality at St. John's

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## SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist each Sunday

4:30 p.m. Celtic contemplative service on the first Sunday of the month (Oct – June)

5 p.m. Choral Evensong on select fourth Sundays of the month (Sept – April)

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