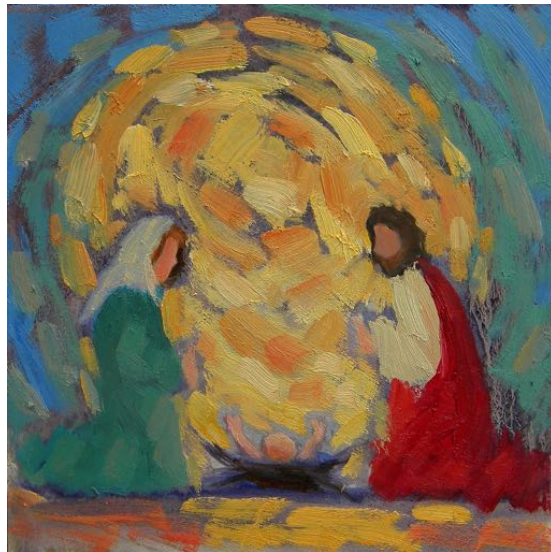


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First Sunday after Christmas

HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II & THE BAPTISM OF

Hudson Gary Hill

December 26, 2021

10:30 a.m.

Welcome!

To ensure everyone's safety, please observe the following guidelines. We will continue to follow the latest recommendations and monitor our local public health situation, and will revise these guidelines as needed:

- **Masks are required for all attending indoor services, regardless of vaccination status.**
- **Practice social distancing (at least 3 feet) with members of other households.**
- **Greet one another from a distance** with a nod, wave, peace sign, etc.

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 need to participate in the service is found in this bulletin and in the blue hymnals in each pew.

If you are new to St. John's, or have been attending a while but the parish office doesn't yet have your information, please fill out one of the pew cards and put it in the offering box, or hand it to an usher or one of our clergy. Or fill out our online newcomer form at sjparish.net/newcomer-form.

Our ushers are here to create a welcoming and safe space for worship; please let them know if you have questions, need assistance, or become aware of a health or safety concern. They have hearing assist devices available for those who need them. We're glad you're here!

Children are always welcome to be in church with their families. We encourage you to sit up front, as they will be more engaged if they can see and hear what's going on. Children are welcome here just as they are; please don't feel you must leave every time your little one makes a sound! We have children's bulletins, books, and other quiet activities available in the narthex (the entrance with the red doors) for children's use during the service. A nursery staffed by high school students is available on Sunday mornings from 9 a.m. to noon; it also has a changing table and rocking chair for parents to use. Sunday School is at 9:30 a.m. for all ages.

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ORDER OF SERVICE

THE VOLUNTARY Prelude on *Greensleeves*

Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872–1958)

THE OPENING HYMN 102, vv. 1, 2, 4, 6 Once in royal David's city

IRBY

All stand and sing.

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

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

People **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

Celebrant There is one Body and one Spirit;

People **There is one hope in God's call to us;**

Celebrant One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

People **One God and Father of all.**

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray. Almighty God, you have poured upon us the new light of your incarnate Word: Grant that this light, enkindled in our hearts, may shine forth in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

People **Amen.**

THE WORD OF GOD

THE FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 61:10–62:3

All sit.

I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, my whole being shall exult in my God; for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation, he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations. For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until her vindication shines out like the dawn, and her salvation like a burning torch. The nations shall see your vindication, and all the kings your glory; and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the Lord will give. You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE PSALTER

Psalms 147:13–21

The people say the words in bold.

- 13 Worship the Lord, O Jerusalem; *
praise your God, O Zion;
- 14 **For he has strengthened the bars of your gates; *
he has blessed your children within you.**
- 15 He has established peace on your borders; *
he satisfies you with the finest wheat.
- 16 **He sends out his command to the earth, *
and his word runs very swiftly.**
- 17 He gives snow like wool; *
he scatters hoarfrost like ashes.
- 18 **He scatters his hail like bread crumbs; *
who can stand against his cold?**
- 19 He sends forth his word and melts them; *
he blows with his wind, and the waters flow.

- 20 **He declares his word to Jacob, *
his statutes and his judgments to Israel.**
- 21 **He has not done so to any other nation; *
to them he has not revealed his judgments.
Hallelujah!**

THE SECOND LESSON

Galatians 3:23–25; 4:4–7

Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian. But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, “Abba! Father!” So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE SEQUENCE HYMN 98 Unto us a boy is born

PUER NOBIS NASCITUR

All stand and sing.

THE GOSPEL

John 1:1–18

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

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

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. (John testified to him and cried out, “This was he of whom I said, ‘He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.’”) From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father’s heart, who has made him known.

Minister The Gospel of the Lord.

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

THE SERMON

The Reverend Margie Baker

All sit.

THE PRESENTATION AND EXAMINATION OF THE CANDIDATE

The Priest says

The Candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

Parents and Godparents I present Hudson Gary to receive the sacrament of baptism.

Priest Will you be responsible for seeing that he is being brought up in the Christian faith and life?

Parents and Godparents I will, with God's help.

Priest Will you by your prayers and witness help him to grow into the full stature of Christ?

Parents and Godparents I will, with God's help.

Then the Priest asks the following questions of the parents and godparents, who speak on behalf of the child.

Question Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

Answer I renounce them.

Question Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

Answer I renounce them.

Question Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

Answer I renounce them.

Question Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?

Answer I do.

Question Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

Answer I do.

Question Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?

Answer I do.

The Priest addresses the Congregation saying

Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support this person in his life in Christ?

People **We will.**

Priest Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT

All stand.

Priest Do you believe in God the Father?

People **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Priest Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People **I believe in Jesus Christ, the only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

Priest Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People **I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**

Priest Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?
People **I will, with God's help.**
Priest Will you persevere in resisting evil, and whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?
People **I will, with God's help.**
Priest Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?
People **I will, with God's help.**
Priest Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?
People **I will, with God's help.**
Priest Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?
People **I will, with God's help.**

THE PRAYERS FOR THE CANDIDATES

Leader Let us now pray for this child who is to receive the Sacrament of new birth. Deliver him O Lord, from the way of sin and death.
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**
Leader Open his heart to your grace and truth.
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**
Leader Fill him with your holy and life-giving Spirit.
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**
Leader Keep him in the faith and communion of your holy Church.
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**
Leader Teach him to love others in the power of the Spirit.
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**
Leader Send him into the world in witness to your love.
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**
Leader Bring him to the fullness of your peace and glory.
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**
Priest Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and for ever. Amen.

THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

Priest The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Priest Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

The Priest continues

We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life. We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son,

we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever.

People **Amen.**

THE BAPTISM

The Priest says to the candidate

Hudson Gary, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All **Amen.**

Then the Priest places a hand on the candidate's head, marking on his forehead the sign of the cross and saying
You are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever.

All **Amen.**

Priest Let us pray. Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon your servant the forgiveness of sin, and have raised him to the new life of grace. Sustain him, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give him an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works.

All **Amen.**

Priest Let us welcome the newly baptized.

All **We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.**

THE BAPTISM HYMN Child of blessing, child of promise

STUTTGART

1 Child of bless-ing, child of prom-ise, bap - tized with the Spir-it's sign;
2 Child of love, our love's ex-pres-sion, love's cre - a - tion, loved in - deed!
3 Child of joy, our dear-est trea-sure, God's you are, from God you came.
4 Child of God your lov - ing Par - ent, learn to know whose child you are.

With this wa - ter God has sealed you un - to love and grace di - vine.
Fresh from God, re - fresh our spir - its, in - to joy and laugh - ter lead.
Back to God we hum-bly give you; live as one who bears Christ's name.
Grow to laugh and sing and wor - ship, trust and love God more than all.

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All **And also with you.**

THE WELCOME

All sit.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM Go tell it on the mountain

Eugene W. Hancock (1929–1994)

THE PRESENTATION HYMN

OLD 100TH*All stand.*

**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 you gave Jesus Christ, your only Son, to be born for us; who, by the mighty power of the Holy Spirit, was made perfect Man of the flesh of the Virgin Mary his mother; so that we might be delivered from the bondage of sin, and receive power to become your children. 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.

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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 children; 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.

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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.

If you would like a blessing, cross your arms over your chest.

If you have mobility limitations and would like a priest to bring Communion to you in your seat, please let an usher know.

A healing minister is available to pray with you today; go to the baptismal font after you receive Communion.

THE COMMUNION HYMN 82 Of the Father's love begotten

DIVINUM MYSTERIUM

All remain seated and sing.

THE PRAYER OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

Those worshipping online are invited to offer this prayer silently or aloud.

Gracious and risen Lord, we believe that you are present in the most Blessed Sacrament. We love you above all things and we desire to receive you into our souls. Since we cannot now receive you sacramentally, come spiritually into our hearts. We embrace you and unite ourselves wholly to you. Never may we be separated from you. Amen.

THE POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

All stand.

People **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 115 What child is this

GREENSLEEVES

All sing.

THE DISMISSAL

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

THE VOLUNTARY Fantasy on *Joy to the World*

Wilbur Held (1914–2015)

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 Todd FitzGerald

Preacher: The Reverend Margie Baker

Layreader: Jyothsna Diaz

Organist: Scott Lamlein

Acolytes: James Baker, Caleb Worrell, Ethen Worrell

Ushers: Don Polk, Paul Shaker

Healing Prayers: Sarah Kieffer

Livestream Oversight: Francis Lamlein

Altar Guild: Kate Eikel, Bill Lockery

Nursery Workers: Abigail Thaxton, Caroline Thaxton

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.

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

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

Those in need of healing, help, and comfort:

Jim Evans	Susan	Ellie Brown	Kimberley
Kim Green	Sue	Anita Winters	Kent Lawrence
Janet Ray	Whitney Lynch	Marrion	Clark Hendley
Brad Babbitt	William Bittinger	Marie	Maria Ferreira
Ward Farrell	Seamus Turco	Heather Pelletier	Mary
Mary A. Looney	David Lerner	Tom Reichenbach	Edie
Joanne	Joan	Duccio Rosselli del Turco	Gary Wait
Margaret Thomas	Deb Christiansen	Peter	Bruce Bauer
L.B.	Mary		

Those serving in the military:

Alex Thaxton

Those celebrating birthdays this week:

Marshall Cook	Jackie Wells	Bob Hoffman
Winston Booker	Harriet Odum	Virginia Eikel
David Murphy	Alycia Montas	Genella Evans
Carolyn Giliberto	Dorian Ciscel	Paul Faude

In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:

Pray for St. Mark's, Bridgewater; Good Shepherd, Bristol/Plainville; St. Paul's, Brookfield; Trinity, Brooklyn; and for soup kitchens and food pantries, and all ministries that feed those who go without.

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

Pray for the Iglesia Anglicana de la Region Central de America.

Weekly Offering Envelopes
<p>If you requested weekly offering envelopes when you turned in your 2022 pledge, you may pick up your envelopes in the narthex (the red door entrance). Please look for the envelopes with your name and address on them. If you did not request envelopes but would like them, please contact Ellen in the parish office.</p>

Christmas Flower Offerings

The poinsettias are given to the Glory of God and:

In honor of:

Patricia A. Chambers

Leslie Carl Smith, II

In memory of:

Carol Bachand	Donald J. Hayes
Ira and Mary Bachand	Elizabeth Hetherington
Shepard W. Baker	Noble and Sara Hetherington
Mary Bierwirth	Sue Jacques
Ruth and Lawrence Buckner	Renee Jacques
Carol H. Byrd	Carolyn and Paul Jeanneret
Elaine Byrd	Herb and Betty Keating
Mary Gehringer Byrd	Robert W. Knorr
Charles H. Chambers	William E. Knorr
Damon B. Clemow	Ann Koucky
Janet Cochran	Elsa M. Lattey
Wendy Wright Collins	Erik F. Lattey
Cyril and Mildred Connolly	Mary and Richard Lawrence
Deane Connolly	Lockery, Marchion, and Masse Families
Michael Connolly, Sr.	Sadie and Ernest MacLaughlin
Renee Corey	Bill Moore
Katherine Rogers Coward	Edward and Eleanor d'Este Mosehauer
Adrian Edward Crocker	Charles D. and Janet M. Peterson
John Frank Shears Crocker	Robert F. and Abbie V.S. Peterson
Margaret E. Dimmitt	George and Edith Phillips
Robert K. Dimmitt	John and Grace Potter
Ruth and Bill Eakins	Andrya Ramer
Robert Eikel	Robert and Sara Reiersen
Helen H. and John Paul Faude	Frank and Mary Reilly
John Paul Faude, Jr.	Francis P. Reilly
Wilson Hinsdale Faude	Byron Renz
Edmund W. Flynn	Shirley Roos
Donald Gavin	Shaker Family
Virginia Pfeil Gregory	Doris and Oscar Sodergren
Richard Harrington Gregory, Jr.	Thomas R. Tight
John and Carol Grieco	Shirley LaValley Uricchio
Alfred Haddad	Joseph John Uricchio
Marge Hardge	George E. and Abbie Baxter Van Siclen
Charles R. Harris	Guy Verney
Orson Henry Hart Jr.	Julie Verney
Susan Moore Hart	Marion Whittemore
	M. Searle Wright

Office hours during Christmas week & notes on year-end giving. The parish office will be closed Monday and Tuesday, December 27 and 28, and Friday, December 31. The office will be open (with limited staffing/hours) on Wednesday and Thursday, December 29 and 30. As has been noted in previous announcements, for your contributions of cash or checks to appear on your 2021 year-end giving statement, **they must be received in the St. John's office by Tuesday, December 28.** If you wish to drop off a contribution when the office is closed, you may leave it in the secure mailbox at the parish office entrance. Gifts/pledge payments received after that date, and online gifts/pledge payments made via our web site after today, are unlikely to post to our bank account until early January, so would appear on your 2022 giving statement (even if in payment of a 2021 pledge).

Can you guess which St. John's staff member this is? Perhaps, like him, you rocked a classic bowl haircut in your childhood, but we want to see how your style has evolved! Please send us your updated family/individual photo so we can update our parish directory.

We produce parish directories in-house using our membership database software and photocopier. Between now and January, we are updating contact information and parishioner photos, so we can print an updated directory after the new year. In addition to **updated photos**, we need **updated contact info** (especially if you've moved, changed your email, or dropped your landline in recent years).

And did you know that in addition to listing birthdays in the bulletin, we have started sending birthday cards to parishioners this year? We can only send one to YOU if we have your **date of birth** in our database! We will never share your birth year or age. We also like to recognize **wedding anniversaries**, so please send those dates too! Send info and photos to Ellen at ellen@sjparish.net.

You can also access our parish directory through a password-protected smartphone app! Download the "ACS Church Life" app and then contact Ellen, who will provide you with a user name and password. The app allows you to look up contact info and photos of other church members, and to update your own record.

Pipes Alive! with Christopher Houlihan, January 2, 12:30 p.m. Our series of organ recitals featuring regional artists continues with Christopher Houlihan, organist at the Trinity College Chapel, performing a selection of Christmas carols along with Mendelssohn's Sonata No. 1 in F minor, op. 65. Free admission with donations accepted.

Twelfth Night Tree Burning & Movie Night, Friday, January 7, 5:30 p.m. It has become a unique and beloved tradition here at St. John's to mark the end of the Christmas season/beginning of Epiphany by burning a Christmas tree (or several) outdoors, following strict fire safety protocols, of course. Join us at 5:30 p.m. on Friday, January 7 for the tree burning, followed by a family movie night in Hubbard Hall. You are welcome to bring your own dinner or snacks. Everyone is invited — bring a friend!

Choral Evensong, Sunday, January 23, 5 p.m. Join us for a service of Choral Evensong, featuring the St. John's Schola, on January 23 at 7 p.m. Evensong is an ancient and beautiful tradition that offers us the opportunity to gather and pray while listening and participating in music that is specially selected to bring us into deeper understanding of the mysteries of our faith.



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SUNDAY SCHEDULE

8 a.m. Spoken Holy Eucharist

9:30 a.m. Christian formation for all ages

10:30 a.m. Choral Holy Eucharist

(also livestreamed at sjparish.net/services)

5 p.m. Choral Evensong on select fourth Sundays of the month

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