

St. John's Episcopal Church

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The Day of Pentecost

HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II & YOUTH SUNDAY

May 19, 2024

10:30 a.m.

Welcome!

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 our online newcomer form by scanning the QR code or going to sjparish.net/newcomer

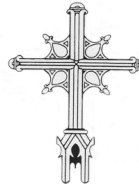


Scan to fill out online newcomer form.

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 children 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. Our professionally staffed nursery located in the Education Wing is open on Sunday mornings from 9 a.m. to 12 noon; parents/caregivers are welcome to drop off children in the nursery for part or all of the service. The Education Wing and nursery also have changing tables and seating that parents/caregivers may use as needed.

Cover image: Prayer of Illumination by Mike Moyers



ORDER OF SERVICE

THE ORGAN VOLUNTARY Air *from* Suite for Organ

Florence Price (1887–1953)

THE HYMN IN PROCESSION 225 Hail thee, festival day!
All stand and sing.

SALVE FESTA DIES

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION AND COLLECT FOR PURITY

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

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

THE HYMN OF PRAISE

All sing.

1. Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and
 peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly King, al -
 might - y 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.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray. O God, who on this day taught the hearts of your faithful people by sending to them the light of your Holy Spirit: Grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgment in all things, and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.
Amen.

THE WORD OF GOD

THE FIRST LESSON

Ezekiel 37:1–14

All sit.

The hand of the Lord came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. He said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O Lord God, you know." Then he said to me, "Prophesy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. Thus says the Lord God to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the Lord." So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. Then he said to me, "Prophesy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live." I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude. Then he said to me, "Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.' Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord God: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the Lord, have spoken and will act," says the Lord.

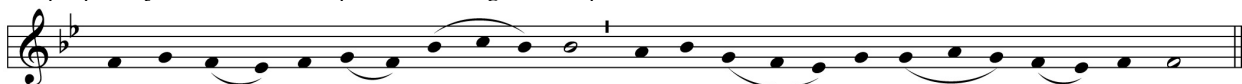
Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE PSALTER

Psalm 104:25–35, 37

The people say the text in bold print, and sing the antiphon as indicated.



Send forth your Spi - rit, O LORD, and re - new the face of the earth.

25 O Lord, how manifold are your works! *
in wisdom you have made them all;
the earth is full of your creatures.

- 26 **Yonder is the great and wide sea
with its living things too many to number, *
creatures both small and great.**
- 27 There move the ships,
and there is that Leviathan, *
which you have made for the sport of it.
- 28 **All of them look to you *
to give them their food in due season.**
- 29 You give it to them; they gather it; *
you open your hand, and they are filled with good things.
- 30 **You hide your face, and they are terrified; *
you take away their breath,
and they die and return to their dust.**
- 31 You send forth your Spirit, and they are created; *
and so you renew the face of the earth.
- 32 **May the glory of the Lord endure for ever; *
may the Lord rejoice in all his works.**
- 33 He looks at the earth and it trembles; *
he touches the mountains and they smoke.
- 34 **I will sing to the Lord as long as I live; *
I will praise my God while I have my being.**
- 35 May these words of mine please him; *
I will rejoice in the Lord.
- 37 **Bless the Lord, O my soul. *
Hallelujah!**

Antiphon

THE SECOND LESSON

Acts 2:1–21

When the day of Pentecost had come, the disciples were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine." But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the

morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: 'In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'"

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE SEQUENCE HYMN 513 Like the murmur of the dove's song

BRIDEGROOM

All stand and sing.

THE GOSPEL

John 15:26–27; 16:4b–16

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

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

Jesus said to his disciples, "When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he will testify on my behalf. You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning. I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. But now I am going to him who sent me; yet none of you asks me, 'Where are you going?' But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts. Nevertheless I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. And when he comes, he will prove the world wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment: about sin, because they do not believe in me; about righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will see me no longer; about judgment, because the ruler of this world has been condemned. I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

Minister The Gospel of the Lord.

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

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.

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Help us to spread the Good News of your loving kindness to everyone. We pray for those who do not yet believe, and for those who have lost their faith. Holy Spirit, come to us **and give us grace.**

We pray for unity in the church and in the world, that our divisions may cease, and that we all may be one. Holy Spirit, come to us **and give us grace.**

For those in positions of public trust, that they will work for justice, freedom, and peace. Holy Spirit, come to us **and give us grace.**

We pray for the well-being of the world, especially in the Holy Land, Ukraine, Haiti, and Sudan. Holy Spirit, come to us **and give us grace.**

We ask for goodwill among nations, that a spirit of respect and forbearance may grow among nations and people. Holy Spirit, come to us **and give us grace.**

Give us a greater appreciation of those around us and how our community supports us. Bless all human labor. Holy Spirit, come to us **and give us grace.**

We pray for those who feel alone in our community, that they will be supported and comforted in Christ. Holy Spirit, come to us **and give us grace.**

God be with those who are suffering, including the incarcerated and those struggling with their physical or mental well-being. We pray especially for those on our parish prayer list. Holy Spirit, come to us **and give us grace.**

Bring compassion and comfort to those who are sick or struggling in any way. Holy Spirit, come to us **and give us grace.**

We pray for those who have died, that they may rest in God's eternal kingdom, where there is no pain or grief, but life eternal. Holy Spirit, come to us **and give us grace.**

We thank you for the creation that you have given us to use. Help us to strive for the just and proper use of your creation. Holy Spirit, come to us **and give us grace.**

We pray for this good earth that God has given us, that we may use its resources rightly in service of others and to your honor and glory. Holy Spirit, come to us **and give us grace.**

Celebrant Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

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

All remain standing or kneel.

All **God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.**

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

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 The lone, wild bird

Spiritual, arr. David N. Johnson (1922–1987)
Text: Henry Richard McFayden (1877–1964)

The lone, wild bird in lofty flight
Is still with Thee, nor leaves Thy sight.
And I am Thine! I rest in Thee.
Great Spirit, come, and rest in me.

The ends of earth are in Thy hand,
The sea's dark deep and far off land.
And I am Thine! I rest in Thee.
Great Spirit, come, and rest in me.

THE PRESENTATION HYMN

OLD 100TH

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

All stand.

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 our thanks and praise.**

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time, you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing. You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love. And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices as we sing:

THE SANCTUS

All sing.

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.

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God. Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw the world to himself yet we were heedless for his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for remembrance of me." As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for remembrance of me."

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice.

Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.

In the fullness of time bring us, with all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world. Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and 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.

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.
People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

THE FRACTION ANTHEM

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. To receive, please kneel or stand at the altar rail. You may choose to receive bread only, intinct (dip) your wafer in the wine, or drink from the cup.

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.

If you would like to pray with our healing prayer volunteer, go to the baptismal font at the back of the church after receiving Communion.

THE COMMUNION MOTET Veni, Creator Spiritus

Plainsong

Text: Latin, 9th century

Come Creator Spirit, visit the souls of Thy people,
Fill with grace from on high the hearts which Thou hast created.

Inflame our senses with Thy light, pour Thy love into our hearts,
Strengthen our weak bodies with lasting power.

Grant us by Thee to know the Father and to know the Son,
And Thee, Spirit of both, may we always believe.

To God the Father be glory, to the Son Who rose from the dead
And to the Comforter, for all ages. Amen.

THE COMMUNION HYMN Spirit of the Living God, fall fresh on me

SPIRIT OF THE LIVING GOD

All remain seated and sing.

Spir - it of the Liv - ing God, Fall fresh on me,

Spir - it of the Liv - ing God, Fall fresh on me.

Melt me, mold me, Fill me, use me.

Spir - it of the Liv - ing God, Fall fresh on me.

Words: Daniel Iverson (1890-1977)

Music: Daniel Iverson

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THE POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

All stand or kneel.

Celebrant Let us pray.

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 HYMN IN PROCESSION 516 Come down, O Love divine

DOWN AMPNEY

All stand and sing.

THE DISMISSAL

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

THE VOLUNTARY Toccato from Suite for Organ

Florence Price

THE PARTICIPANTS IN THE LITURGY

Celebrant and Preacher: The Reverend Margie Baker

Deacon: The Reverend Walter McKenney

Lectors: Benjamin Clapp, Jamie Baker

Psalterer: Bobby Eikel

Intercessors: Eden Baker, Jx Eikel

Chalice Bearer: Robert Eikel

The St. John's Choir School

Organist and Choirmaster: Christopher Houlihan

Acolytes: Elise Biondi, Bradley Crocker, Atticus Finkell

Ushers: Eleanor Barnes, Annabel Clapp, Mary Honyotski, Wes Winterbottom

Livestream Oversight: Bobby Biondi

Altar Guild: Kate Eikel, Buffy Ineson

Healing Prayer Ministers: Sarah Kieffer, Jo-Ann Sadosky

Nursery Staff: Sheryl Simoni, Caroline Thaxton, Olivia Thaxton

Sunday School Teachers: Robert Eikel, Margie Baker

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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, and the George Beach Apartments, Allen Place, Hartford. All those whose hurts, burdens, and fears are unspoken or unknown.

Those in need of healing, help, and comfort:

Kim Green	Susan	Ellie Brown	Wendy
Brad Babbitt	Sue	Anita Winters	Bob Norton
Paul L. Peck	Whitney Lynch	Alison Gillespie	Joseph
Virginia Skeele	Tessa Trussell Wolf	Joyce Flynn	Sarah Carroll
Grant Loevenbruck	The Yelland family	Rachel Boccio	Greg Highland
John & Barbara Spannaus	Harry Barber	Joan Ackley	Rachel
Jennifer Blean	Doug Larson	Guy Russo	Lucas
Tori	Brenda	Jon Nelson	Amy Bittinger
Hale Walkoff	Jeff Lewis	G.F.	William Bittinger
Rod Farrell	Miranda	Ned	Ben Mabrey
Hillary Lord	Allison and Family	Roger	Mike
Madeline	Linda	Randy McCord	Rick
Helen Rosen	Jacob Latranica	Rich Lammlin	Richard Myers
Nick Willke	Rich & Ginny Flinchbaugh	Daniel Zoltan	Janet Harvey
Wayne Gollenburg	Tom Tata	Jim & Kathlyn Schofield	Uncle Rich Alpin

Those serving in the military:

Alex Thaxton

Those celebrating birthdays this week:

Wendy Bartlett	Huck Whittemore
Linda Dunakin	Anne Hayes
Alison Hardy	Craig Wilkinson
Abby White	Betty Knorr

Those celebrating anniversaries this week:

Wendy & Tom Lincoln

In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:

Pray for St. Thomas', New Haven; Trinity, New Haven; St. James, New London; and for clergy peer groups and the Clergy Family Assistance Program.

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

Pray for the Anglican Church of Canada.

Sandwiches for Loaves & Fishes, next Sunday after the 10:30 service. Next Sunday we'll make our monthly supply of sandwiches for clients of the Loaves & Fishes feeding ministry. Please sign up to provide supplies or help with set-up at sjparish.net/sandwiches.

Spring Fling & Food Auction fundraiser, Friday, May 31, 6:30 p.m. *Tickets can be purchased online or in-person after the 10:30 service today.* All parish adults and friends are welcome. Enjoy good conversation, live music, appetizers, beverages, and silent and live auctions. **Purchase tickets (\$10/person) online at sjparish.net/springfling or purchase from event volunteers TODAY or next Sunday, May 26. Tickets purchased at the door are \$15/person.**

St. John's at the Yard Goats, Sunday, June 16, 1:05 p.m. Come cheer on Hartford's favorite minor league ball team at Dunkin Donuts Park with your St. John's friends. The Choir School will sing *America, the Beautiful* before the game starts. **Reserve your tickets (\$17/person) at sjparish.net/yardgoats.** Bring a friend!

Vacation Bible School for all ages, June 17 to 20, 5:30 to 8 p.m. Prayer, Scripture, activities, and dinner centered on the theme of how God nourishes us. Open to everyone, regardless of age or affiliation with St. John's. Children age 10 and under must be accompanied by an adult. \$30 per person, maximum \$100/family. **Reserve your spots at sjparish.net/VBS.**

West Hartford PRIDE Festival, Saturday, June 22, 12 noon to 6 p.m. Help us share a message of welcome and inclusion at the annual West Hartford Pride Festival in the Town Hall parking lot. We'll have stickers, temporary tattoos, and other treats to give away. We need volunteers to sign up for two-hour shifts to staff our table. Youth volunteers are welcome if accompanied by an adult. Contact Margie at margie@sjparish.net if you can help.

Summer service schedule, June 9 through September 1. Our summer service schedule, which begins on June 9 and goes through Labor Day weekend, consists of a 9 a.m. service held outdoors in the Cloister Garden (or in Hubbard Hall if it rains), and a 10:30 a.m. service held in the nave and also livestreamed. **We are in need of a few more pianists, guitarists, or other musicians to accompany hymns and/or provide preludes and postludes at the 9 a.m. outdoor services on the following dates:** July 28, August 4, August 18, August 25.



YOUTH SUNDAY & PARISH PICNIC

May 19

10:30 service followed by picnic

Rain or shine!

Hot dogs and beverages provided.

Last name A-M: Bring salad, side, or chips

Last name N-Z: Bring fruit or dessert





Spring Fling & Food Auction

Annual gathering and fundraiser for the St. John's community.
All adults (parish members and friends) are welcome!
Tickets: \$10 per person
Purchase tickets online using the URL or QR code below OR
Purchase tickets in-person on Sundays 5/12, 5/19, and 5/26 OR
Purchase tickets at the door for \$15 per person.

Friday, May 31
6:30 p.m.



sjparish.net/springfling

Here's a sneak peak at two items included in the Live Auction!

FAJITAS WITH THE FITZGERALDS for 6

Among his many other talents, our amazing priest in charge, Todd FitzGerald is also a skilled and adventurous cook. His years in Texas helped him perfect his Tex-Mex repertoire. Prepare to relax and enjoy the warm hospitality of Todd and his wife Amy, while enjoying fajitas, queso, guacamole, margaritas, cerveza, and una buena noche! Taste a little bit of Austin right here in CT!

INDIAN FEAST FOR 6

Neha Pande's mom and Tim Goetz's mother-in-law, Chandra Pande, is the prime mover behind this exquisitely authentic Indian feast. We don't have room to describe the delicacies in depth, but dishes include Baingan Bharta, Vegetarian Kofta, Fry Bhindi Masala, Palak Paneer, Chicken Masala, Roti, Pulao, Papad, and the delicious grand finale: Kheer. This culinary extravaganza will be delivered to your home by Tim and Neha.

Be part of the Mystery Wine Pull at the Spring Fling!

This is a fun one, and there are two ways to participate!

- For this year's Spring Fling, please donate a bottle of wine (Suggested Value = \$10 - \$50), preferably in advance but even at the door the evening of the event for our mystery wine pull!
- To sign up online, go to sjparish.net/winepull2024 to add your info to our google sheet or email coordinator Pia Mara Santomauro at piamarasantomauro@gmail.com.
- Bottles can be donated at coffee hour following the 10:30 service any Sunday leading up to the event, or dropped off at the parish office during the week.
- At the event, people can purchase a \$10 wine pull ticket at the door, which guarantees they take home a mystery wine of at least that value (and often even more!).

ST. JOHN'S AT THE YARD GOATS

June 16 at 1:05 p.m.

Enjoy an afternoon at Dunkin Donuts Park in Hartford with St. John's as we cheer on the Yard Goats. Our Choir School will sing before the opening pitch.

Tickets: \$17 per person

Purchase tickets at sjparish.net/yardgoats or use the QR code below.



St. John's Summer Sundays

9 a.m. outdoors

10:30 a.m. indoors & livestreamed

June 9 through September 1

COME TO THE TABLE

All Ages Vacation Bible School

June 17-20

5:30-8:00pm

This summer, St. John's is offering an all-ages Vacation Bible School! Join us for dinner, prayer, Scripture, and activities on the theme of how God nourishes us. All ages and stages are welcome. Children age 10 and under must be accompanied by an adult. \$30 per person, maximum \$100/family. Scholarships available. Open to everyone: invite your friends! Register at sjparish.net/VBS or use the QR code.



West Hartford Pride

Saturday, June 22, 12-6pm

St. John's is a place of love and belonging—help us spread the word by volunteering at the St. John's booth at West Hartford Pride! We provide fun giveaways. You provide the joy, welcome, and wisdom! Email Margie (margie@sjparish.net) to sign up for a two-hour shift.

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WORSHIP SCHEDULE

8 a.m. Sunday: Spoken Holy Eucharist

9:30 a.m. Sunday: Christian education for all ages

10:30 a.m. Sunday: Choral Holy Eucharist (also livestreamed)

5 p.m. on the second Sunday of the month (*October – May, no service in December*): Celtic Eucharist in Hubbard Hall

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

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2023–25: Angela Allen-Peck, John Nowacki, Tom Oberholtzer
2024–26: Ginger Gillespie, Lauren Mascola, Linda Schatz, Brenda Zanta