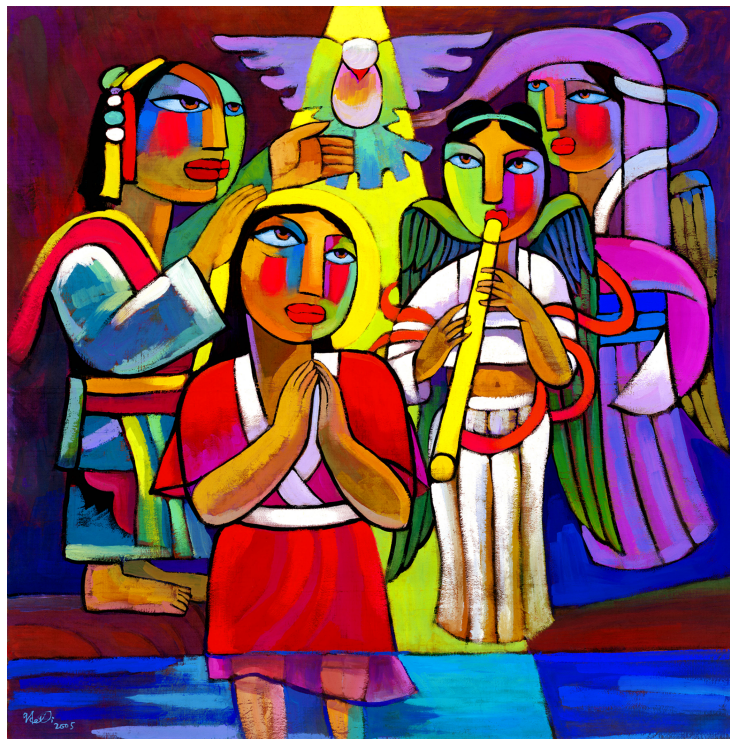


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The Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany

HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II & THE BAPTISM OF

Ava Wren McAuslan, William George Wigmore, and Richard James Wigmore

February 16, 2025

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

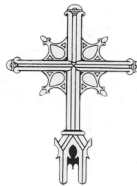


Scan to fill out online newcomer form.

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 art: Baptism of Jesus by He Qi



ORDER OF SERVICE

THE ORGAN VOLUNTARY Kyrie and Agnus Dei from *Exultate*

Craig Phillips (b. 1961)

THE HYMN IN PROCESSION 423 Immortal, invisible, God only wise
All stand and sing.

ST. DENIO

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. O God, the strength of all who put their trust in you: Mercifully accept our prayers; and because in our weakness we can do nothing good without you, give us the help of your grace, that in keeping your commandments we may please you both in will and deed; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE WORD OF GOD

THE FIRST LESSON

Jeremiah 17:5–10

All sit.

Thus says the Lord: Cursed are those who trust in mere mortals and make mere flesh their strength, whose hearts turn away from the Lord. They shall be like a shrub in the desert, and shall not see when relief comes. They shall live in the parched places of the wilderness, in an uninhabited salt land. Blessed are those who trust in the Lord, whose trust is the Lord. They shall be like a tree planted by water, sending out its roots by the stream. It shall not fear when heat comes, and its leaves shall stay green; in the year of drought it is not anxious, and it does not cease to bear fruit. The heart is devious above all else; it is perverse— who can understand it? I the Lord test the mind and search the heart, to give to all according to their ways, according to the fruit of their doings.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE PSALM

Psalm 1

The people are invited to chant the verses in bold.



Jerome Webster Meachen (1930–2015)

- 1 Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked,*
nor lingered in the way of sinners,
nor sat in the seats of the scornful!
- 2 Their delight is in the law of the Lord,*
and they meditate on his law day and night.
- 3 **They are like trees planted by streams of water,
bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither;***
everything they do shall prosper.
- 4 **It is not so with the wicked;***
they are like chaff which the wind blows away.

- 5 **Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes, *
nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.**
- 6 **For the Lord knows the way of the righteous, *
but the way of the wicked is doomed.**

THE SECOND LESSON

1 Corinthians 15:12–20

Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say there is no resurrection of the dead? If there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised; and if Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation has been in vain and your faith has been in vain. We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified of God that he raised Christ—whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised. If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. Then those also who have died in Christ have perished. If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE SEQUENCE HYMN 656 Blest are the pure in heart

FRANCONIA

All stand and sing.

THE GOSPEL

Luke 6:17–26

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

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

Jesus came down with the twelve apostles and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them. Then he looked up at his disciples and said: “Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled. Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh. Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets. But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation. Woe to you who are full now, for you will be hungry. Woe to you who are laughing now, for you will mourn and weep. Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets.”

Minister The Gospel of the Lord.

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

THE SERMON

Margie Baker

All sit.

THE PRESENTATION AND EXAMINATION OF THE CANDIDATES

The Priest says

The Candidates for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

Parents and Godparents I present [Ava Wren/William George/Richard James] to receive the sacrament of baptism.

Priest Will you be responsible for seeing that they are 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 them 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 children.

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 these children in their 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.**
- Priest* Will you cherish the wondrous works of God, and protect the beauty and integrity of all creation?
- People* **I will, with God's help.**

THE PRAYERS FOR THE CANDIDATES

- Leader* Let us now pray for these children who are to receive the Sacrament of new birth. Deliver them, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.
- People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**
- Leader* Open their hearts to your grace and truth.
- People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**
- Leader* Fill them with your holy and life-giving Spirit.
- People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**
- Leader* Keep them in the faith and communion of your holy Church.
- People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**
- Leader* Teach them to love others in the power of the Spirit.
- People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**
- Leader* Send them into the world in witness to your love.
- People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**
- Leader* Bring them 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.**

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

[Ava Wren/William George/Richard James], 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 the 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 servants the forgiveness of sin, and have raised them to the new life of grace. Sustain them, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give them 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 BAPTISMAL HYMN 295 Sing praise to our Creator

CHRISTUS, DER IST MEIN LEBEN

All sing as the baptismal party and clergy return to their seats.

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 Beatitudes

Craig Phillips (b. 1961)
Matthew 5:3–12

Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
 Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.
 Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.
 Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.
 Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy.
 Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.
 Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called children of God.
 Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness sake,
 for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
 Blessed are you when men revile you
 and utter all manner of evil against you falsely for my sake.
 Rejoice and be glad, for great is your reward in heaven. Alleluia.

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 God thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Because in Jesus Christ our Lord you have received us as your children, made us citizens of your kingdom, and given us the Holy Spirit to guide us into all truth. 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 pow - er and
might, hea - ven 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. _____

Setting: Robert Powell (1932–2025)

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.

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.

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

THE FRACTION ANTHEM

Lamb of God, you take a - way the
 sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you
 take a - way the sins of the world: have mer - cy on us.
 Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

Setting: Robert Powell (1932–2025)

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 ANTHEM There is a balm in Gilead

African-American spiritual
arr. William Dawson (1899–1990)

*There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole;
There is a balm in Gilead to heal the sin sick soul.*

Sometimes I feel discouraged and think my work's in vain,
But then the Holy Spirit revives my soul again. *Refrain*

If you cannot sing like angels, if you cannot pray like Paul,
You can tell the love of Jesus and say, "He died for all." *Refrain*



African-American composer William Dawson wrote many choral arrangements of traditional spirituals. As long-time head of music at Tuskegee University, he brought its choir to international fame and wrote a symphony based on Black folk music for the Philadelphia Orchestra.

THE COMMUNION HYMN We cannot measure how you heal

THE BANKS O' DOON

All remain seated and sing.



1 We can - not mea - sure how you heal or an - swer ev - ery suf - ferer's prayer,
2 The pain that will not go a - way, the guilt that clings from things long past,
3 So some have come who need your help and some have come to make a - mends,



yet we be - lieve your grace re - sponds where faith and doubt u - nite to care.
the fear of what the fu - ture holds, are pres - ent as if meant to last.
as hands which shaped and saved the world are pres - ent in the touch of friends.



Your hands, though blood - ied on the cross, sur - vive to hold and heal and warn,
But pres - ent too is love which tends the hurt we nev - er hope to find,
Lord, let your Spi - rit meet us here to mend the bo - dy, mind, and soul,



to car - ry all through death to life and cra - dle chil - dren yet un - born.
the pri - vate ag - o - nies in - side, the mem - o - ries that haunt the mind.
to dis - en - tan - gle peace from pain and make your bro - ken peo - ple whole.

Text: John L. Bell (b. 1949)

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 665 All my hope on God is founded
All stand and sing.

MICHAEL

THE DISMISSAL

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

THE VOLUNTARY Paeon

Craig Phillips

THE PARTICIPANTS IN THE LITURGY

Celebrant: The Reverend Todd FitzGerald

Preacher: The Reverend Margie Baker

Seminarian: Robin Brown

Layreader: Dave Derby

The St. John's Adult Choir

Organist & Choirmaster: Nick Capozzoli

Acolytes: Jamie Baker, Eden Baker, Mason Donnelly

Ushers: Matt Ciscel, Ellen Flynn, Virginia Van Dyk

Livestream Operator: Jenn Baker

Altar Guild: Matteo Donnelly, Bill Lockery

Healing Prayer Minister: Wes Winterbottom

Nursery Staff: Nichole Segar, Caroline Thaxton, Olivia Thaxton

Sunday School Teachers: Audrey Baker, Robert Eikel, Margie Baker, Donielle Joslyn, Jeff Verney

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in memory of Elizabeth Vail Keating.

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Join us for coffee hour in Hubbard Hall after the service!

This Sunday, food is provided by those with last names starting M through R.
 Next Sunday, food will be provided by those with last names starting S through Z.



In your prayers this week, please pray for:

Peace in our world, those serving our country in the armed services, and 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
Virginia Skeele	Whitney Lynch	Joyce Flynn	Joseph
Grant Loevenbruck	Tessa Trussell Wolf	Rachel Boccio	Sarah Carroll
John & Barbara Spannaus	The Yelland family	Joan Ackley	Greg Highland
Jennifer Blean	Harry Barber	Guy Russo	Rachel
Hale Walkoff	Doug Larson	Jon Nelson	Lucas
Rod Farrell	Jeff Lewis	G.F.	Amy Bittinger
Hillary Lord	Miranda	Ned	William Bittinger
Helen Rosen	Allison and Family	Roger	Mike
Nick Willke	Linda	Rich Lammlin	Rick
Wayne Gollenburg	Jacob Latranica	Daniel Zoltan	Richard Myers
Uncle Rich Alpin	Tom Tata	Jim & Kathlyn Schofield	Carol
Tracie O'Brien	Timothy Foga	John Scott	Paul Thaxton
Naya	Miriam Myers	Eric Zoltan	Frank Higginbotham
Amy	Shoemaker Family	Elizabeth Myers	Peter Stanton & family
Cora	Elsa	David J. Beisler	Stephanie
John & Anne Walsh	Heidi	Carole Buttner	Lisa
Stephan	Charles & Susan Oakley	Branden	Ann
Todd FitzGerald	Rob Roy	Steve Fleury	

Those serving in the military:

Alex Thaxton

Those celebrating birthdays this week:

Ryan Hill	Isabel Castillo
Isla McAuslan	George Giannios
Nancy Pedersen	Heidi Gostyla

Those celebrating anniversaries this week:

Mary & Ryan Honyotski
Laura & George Hicks

In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:

Pray for St. David's, Gales Ferry; St. James', Glastonbury; St. Luke's, Glastonbury; Christ Church, Greenwich; and for the Union of Black Episcopalians CT and the Racial Healing, Justice & Reconciliation Ministry Network.

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

Pray for the Church of Bangladesh.

Midweek contemplative Eucharist, every Wednesday at 5:30 p.m. in the chancel.

Spring Fling planning meeting, TODAY after the 10:30 service. The Spring Fling (on May 30 this year) is a favorite annual tradition for adults (church members and friends!) to gather for conversation, food, music, and to bid on many wonderful items in both a silent and live auction. We welcome both experienced and novice volunteers to help plan this year's event. Join us after church next Sunday to begin the conversation. If you cannot attend the meeting but would like to help, please contact Liana Douillet Guzman (liana.douillet@gmail.com) and Lauren Mascola (laurenmascola@gmail.com).

Please donate sandwich supplies this week! While we would normally make sandwiches for Loaves & Fishes next Sunday, February 23, that's going to be a very full Sunday because of the bishop's visit. Therefore, our confirmands will make sandwiches during their confirmation retreat on Friday and Saturday, February 21 and 22. **We need people to donate sandwich supplies and bring them to the church no later than 6 p.m. on Friday evening, February 21.** You may drop off items on Wednesday 2/19 from 5 to 7 p.m., during office hours (9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday), or at 6 p.m. on Friday 2/21 when the confirmation retreat begins. Sign up to donate supplies at sjparish.net/sandwiches.

Bishop Mello to be at St. John's next Sunday. The Right Reverend Jeffrey Mello, bishop diocesan of the Episcopal Church in Connecticut, will be at St. John's for the triennial bishop visitation on Sunday, February 23. Besides preaching and presiding at both Sunday services, he will baptize and/or confirm several of our parish youth. The bishop's visit is also an opportunity for newer St. John's members to be received into the Episcopal Church.

We're creating a St. John's team for a Habitat for Humanity build on April 5, with a registration deadline of March 5. On Saturday, April 5, St. John's members are invited to help build a new housing project sponsored by Habitat for Humanity. This is an opportunity to make a tangible contribution to the life of a family who will be moving into their own home for the first time. **We have room for up to 10 volunteers.** No prior experience is necessary. Volunteers must be at least 16 years old, and anyone under 18 must be accompanied by a chaperone. Habitat will have skilled trade people on site to guide us through our assignment that day. They will also provide safety glasses, helmets, and tools. Work will begin at 7:45 a.m. at the site (550 Burnside Ave. in East Hartford) and end at 2:30 p.m., with breakfast and lunch provided via a grant from Thrivent. **Habitat requires that all participants register 30 days in advance.** If you are interested in participating, please contact Jeff Kinney at jefpkin@gmail.com no later than March 5. In addition, members can also support Habitat financially with a gift to <https://hfhnc.org/support/>. Please note that your donation is on behalf of St. John's team.

**BISHOP
VISITATION SUNDAY**
WITH
**THE RIGHT REVEREND JEFFREY MELLO
BISHOP DIOCESAN
EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN CONNECTICUT**

THE BISHOP WILL PREACH AND PRESIDE AT BOTH SUNDAY SERVICES, AND WILL BAPTIZE, CONFIRM, AND RECEIVE INTO THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH A NUMBER OF ST. JOHN'S MEMBERS.

**SUNDAY,
FEBRUARY 23 8 & 10:30 A.M.**

Join the St. John's team for a
Habitat for Humanity build day.
Saturday, April 5
7:45 a.m. to 2:30 p.m in East Hartford

- We have space for 10 team members.
- Volunteers must be at least 16 years old, and if under 18, must attend with a chaperone.
- The registration deadline is March 5.

Contact Jeff Kinney at jefpkin@gmail.com
with questions and to sign up.
Donate on behalf of St. John's team at
<https://hfhnc.org/support/>

Help furnish an apartment!

St. John's is again partnering with Journey Home—a community organization working to end homelessness in Connecticut—to furnish an apartment in Hartford for their client Barbara and three of her children (ages 7, 11, and 19).

How you can help:

- Go to sjparish.net/journeyhome to review our online sign-up, which lists needed items. If you can provide one or more items, please sign up on the online form.
- You may bring your item to church and leave it in the open coat closet area just outside the Education Wing OR hang onto the item and bring it in for one of our two drop-off days (see 4th bullet point below).
- Please only donate items AFTER checking the online sign-up and signing up to bring a specific item that is needed.
- Join us on Saturday, February 15 and/or Saturday, February 22 to transport items to Barbara's apartment. Meet in the church parking lot at 8:30 a.m.
- Donate funds so we can purchase items that aren't donated. Checks should be payable to St. John's with "Journey Home Adopt-a-Family" in the memo. Donations must be check or cash (we cannot accept credit card donations for this purpose).
- **The donation deadline for items and funds is February 21.**

Questions? Contact one of the following St. John's volunteers who are managing this project:

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Sundays at 8 a.m.: Spoken Holy Eucharist

Sundays at 10:30 a.m.: Choral Holy Eucharist

Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m.: Spoken Holy Eucharist

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