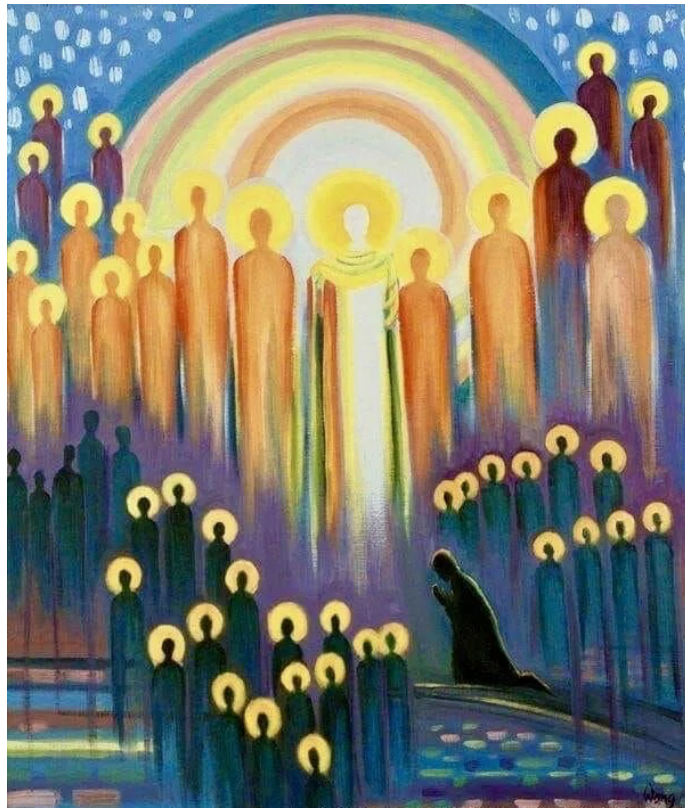


# St. John's Episcopal Church

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## *All Saints Sunday*

HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II & THE BAPTISM OF  
Anthony Robert Nanni III & Kyle Boucher

*November 2, 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](http://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: All Saints by Elizabeth Wang*



## ORDER OF SERVICE

THE ORGAN VOLUNTARY    Lied

Gaston Litaize (1909–1991)

THE HYMN IN PROCESSION 287    For all the saints  
*All stand and sing.*

SINE NOMINE

### 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.**



- 8 To bind their kings in chains \*  
and their nobles with links of iron;
- 9 To inflict on them the judgment decreed; \*  
this is glory for all his faithful people.  
Hallelujah! **Antiphon**

## THE SECOND LESSON

*Ephesians 1:11–23*

**I**n Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory. I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

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

## THE SEQUENCE HYMN 253 Give us the wings of faith

SAN ROCCO

*All stand and sing.*

## THE GOSPEL

*Luke 6:20–31*

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

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

**J**esus 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. But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. Do to others as you would have them do to you."

*Minister* The Gospel of the Lord.  
*All* **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

## THE SERMON

Todd FitzGerald

*All sit.*

## THE PRESENTATION AND EXAMINATION OF THE CANDIDATES

*The Priest says*

The Candidates for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

*Kyle's Sponsor* I present Kyle to receive the sacrament of baptism.

*Priest* Do you desire to be baptized?

*Kyle* I do.

*Anthony's Parents and Godparents* I present Anthony Robert to receive the sacrament of baptism.

*Priest* Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present is brought up in the Christian faith and life?

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

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

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

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

*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 people 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 those 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. **Amen.**

### THE BAPTISM

*The Priest says to the candidate*

Kyle/Anthony Robert, 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 618 Ye watchers and ye holy ones (verse 1)

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

*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 &amp; CHOIR SCHOOL RECOGNITIONS

*All sit.*

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

## THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM Hark, I hear the harps eternal

Traditional American  
arr. Alice Parker (1925–2023)

Hark, I hear the harps eternal ringing on the farther shore,  
As I near those swollen waters with their deep and solemn roar.

*Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah, praise the lamb!*  
*Hallelujah, hallelujah, glory to the great I AM!*

And my soul, though stained with sorrow, fading as the light of day,  
Passes swiftly o'er those waters, to the city far away. *Hallelujah...*

Souls have crossed before me, saintly, to that land of perfect rest;  
And I hear them singing faintly in the mansions of the blest. *Hallelujah...*

## 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.**

*Celebrant* This Holy Eucharist is offered to the glory of God, the people of St. John's Church, and on this All Saints Sunday, to the beloved of this parish who wait for us on the other shore.

Thomas Abraham	Bill Denton	Bruce & Andrew Lee	Guy Russo
Emmy Aziz	Joseph Daniel Duffy	Patti Legge	Mary Jo & Fred Schweizer
Margaret Fisher Babbitt	Nancy & John Dustin	Mary Looney	Deborah Seid
Theodore Babbitt	Gladys & Richard DuVerger, Sr.	Jim Manise	Jonisha Sinclair
Thomas Collier Babbitt	George & Alycia Evica	Spiro Makris	Harry Emerson Sloan III
Richard Barsness	Lonny Evica	Edney Minor	Charles Richard Sonne
Susan Blain	Ward Farrell	Caroline Monroe	Paul Stake
Edward Boksan	Virginia Flinchbaugh	Edna Monroe	Sally Anne Stake
Joyce Boksan	Frederick Gaige	Marie-José Zamor Montas	Sabin Streeter
Joseph Bourret	James McAfee Ganter	Susan & Frank Murray	George & Leona Terzi
David W. Burgh	Donald Gavin	Carol Myers	Margaret Somervell Berry
Carole & Murray Buttner	Ellen Arnold Groff	Eugene Myers	Thomas
Robert Carlisle	Christopher Harrison	Peter Baird Neville	Dawn Thompson
Patricia A. Chambers	Evalyn & Waldo Hatch	Louis Nuechterlein	Lillie Grace Tillman
Charles H. Chambers	Eleanor Winzler Hayes	Harriet Oestreicher	Henry Van Dyk
Damon Clemow	Barbara Kelsey Hoffman	Daniel & Louise Payne	Bonnie Vander Tuig
Edward & Louise Conger	Bill Hutchinson	Michael & Theresa Payne	Jean Marie Walters
Donald Wesley Cooper	Toni Hutchinson	Malcolm C. Peyton	Alexander & Roselle
David Emanuel Crespi	Molly Jacob	Douglas Popkin	Winterbottom
Neville Cusworth	Fred & Beatrice Kellogg	Ben & Florence Renz	Stephen Wilcox
Daisy	Beverly & Jack Kinney	Byron Renz	Leatrice Wolfman
Elaine Decker	John Lazarowski	Joan K. Renz	Nathan Wolfman
			Constance Wong

## 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 our 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,  
 heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
 san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
 san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*Music: Richard Proulx (1937-2010)*

*All remain standing or kneel.*

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

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

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Celebrant and People*

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving.

Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER


*Celebrant* And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

*All* **Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy Name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power,  
and the glory  
for ever and ever. Amen.**

## THE FRACTION ANTHEM

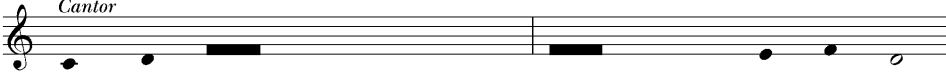
*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.*

*Antiphon*  
*Cantor; then All*

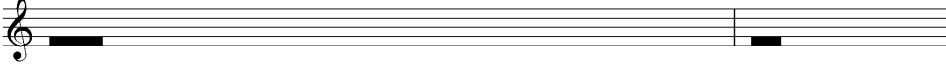


Bles - sed are those who are called to the Sup - per of the Lamb.

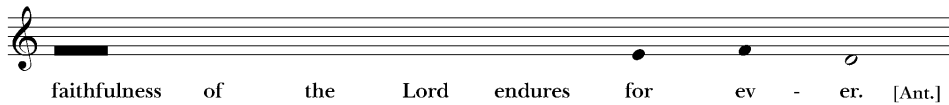
*Cantor*



Praise the Lord, all you nations; laud him, all you peo - ples.



For his loving - kindness toward us is great, and the



Music: Ambrosian chant; adapt. Mason Martens (1933-1991)

## THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION

*Celebrant* The gifts of God for the people of God. Come God's people, come receive Christ's heavenly food.

*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 instead of receiving Communion, 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 land of pure delight Grayston Ives (b. 1948)  
Text: Isaac Watts (1674-1748)

There is a land of pure delight,  
Where saints immortal reign;  
Infinite day excludes the night,  
And pleasures banish pain.

But timorous mortals start and shrink  
To cross the narrow sea,  
And linger shivering on the brink,  
And fear to launch away.

There everlasting spring abides,  
And never-withering flowers;  
Death, like a narrow sea, divides  
This heavenly land from ours.

O could we make our doubts remove,  
These gloomy doubts that rise,  
And see the Canaan that we love  
With unclouded eyes!

Sweet fields beyond the swelling flood  
Stand dressed in living green;  
So to the Jews old Canaan stood,  
While Jordan rolled between.

Could we but climb where Moses stood,  
And view the landscape o'er,  
Not Jordan's stream, nor death's cold flood  
Should fright us from the shore!

THE COMMUNION HYMN 624 Jerusalem the golden EWING  
*All remain seated and sing.*

## 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 286 Who are these like stars appearing ZEUCH MICH, ZEUCH MICH  
*All stand and sing.*

## THE DISMISSAL

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

## THE VOLUNTARY Placare Christe servulis

Marcel Dupré (1886–1971)

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## THE PARTICIPANTS IN THE LITURGY

**Celebrant and Preacher:** The Reverend Todd FitzGerald

**Seminarian:** Katherine Leary

**Lector & Chalice Bearer:** Jane Harris

**Intercessor & Chalice Bearer:** Katherine Leary

**Acolytes:** Dorian Ciscel, Bobby Eikel, Virginia Eikel

**The St. John's Adult Choir & Choir School**

**Organist:** Nick Capozzoli

**Organ Scholar:** Elijah Morris

**Ushers:** Matt Ciscel, Geoff Emerick, Virginia Van Dyk,  
Erica Weinstock, Wes Winterbottom

**Livestream Operator:** Ray Giolitto

**Altar Guild:** Bill Lockery, Matteo Donnelly

**Healing Prayer Minister:** Wes Winterbottom

**Sunday School Teachers:** Enid Oberholtzer, Tim Watt, Akilah Williams, Jeff Verney,  
Leah Lorenzo, Matt Ciscel, Angela Allen-Peck, Buffy Ineson

**Nursery Staff:** Sheryl Simoni, Caroline Thaxton, Olivia Thaxton

**Music notes:** Today's voluntaries come from two distinguished composers of twentieth-century France. Gaston Litaize was born blind, and like many blind French musicians, he studied and later taught at the National Institute for the Blind in Paris. *Lied* (German for "song") is a lyrical piece that develops a long melody first heard on the Trompette stop. This development grows to a climax and eventually evaporates into a serene ending. The prolific composer, pedagogue, and touring artist Marcel Dupré often incorporated plainsong into his music. Like Litaize, he was a life-long church musician, serving as titular organist at St. Sulpice in Paris for 37 years. Today's postlude is a virtuosic toccata based on a Gregorian hymn for the Feast of All Saints.

**Join us in Hubbard Hall after the service for coffee hour  
and to make sandwiches for Loaves & Fishes.**

This week, coffee hour food is provided by those with last names starting A through F.

Next week, food will be provided by those with last names starting G through L.

# PIPES ALIVE!



## Gail Archer

**November 2, 12:30pm**

St. John's Episcopal Church, West Hartford

Events are available  
livestreamed at  
[www.reddoormusic.org](http://www.reddoormusic.org)

 **MUSIC AT THE  
RED DOOR**

**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	Joyce Flynn	Wendy
Virginia Skeele	Sue	Rachel Boccio	Bob Norton
Grant Loevenbruck	Tessa Trussell Wolf	Joan Ackley	Joseph
John & Barbara Spannaus	Harry Barber	Jon Nelson	Sarah Carroll
Jennifer Blean	Doug Larson	Ned	Greg Highland
Hale Walkoff	Miranda	Roger	Rachel
Rod Farrell	Allison and Family	Daniel Zoltan	Lucas
Hillary Lord	Linda	Jim & Kathlyn Schofield	Amy Bittinger
Helen Rosen	Tom Tata	John Scott	William Bittinger
Nick Willke	Timothy Foga	Eric Zoltan	Mike
Tracie O'Brien	Shoemaker Family	Elizabeth Myers	Rick
Naya	Elsa	Rob Roy	Richard Myers
Amy	Heidi	Meghan	Carol
Cora	Alondra	Gaylord	Paul Thaxton
Beth	Andrew Worrell	Bonnie Evans	Frank Higginbotham
Katie	Sam Wiley	Barbara	Peter Stanton & family
Anne	Gracie	Dennis	Stephanie
Martha Babbitt	Jackie Harding	John Murray	Ann
Linda	Susan Clemow	Spencer Rothman	Chris
Jamie Blean	June Aziz	Rosow Family	Alberto Guzman
Emily Brielle Clark	Cynthia Wannace	Stacy Wagner	Kathy & Pete Beynor
Easton Swift	Meg		

**Those serving in the military:**

Alex Thaxton

**Those celebrating birthdays this week:**

Eti Akpan  
Avery Layfield  
Maxom Goetz

**Those celebrating anniversaries this week:**

Francine & Stephan Christiansen  
Kevin Graver & Donald Giustiniani

**In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:**

Pray for Emmanuel, Weston; Christ & Holy Trinity, Westport; and for the health and well-being of persons employed by The Episcopal Church, and for the Presiding Bishop and the President of the House of Deputies.

**In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer:**

Pray for the Church of the Province of West Africa.

**Weekly contemplative Holy Eucharist, Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m.** Meet in the chancel (front of the church).

**Ever dreamed of an acting career? Or maybe you're a detective show super fan? We have an opportunity for you!** Our EYC (youth group) is in need of some parish adults to play the roles of Miss Scarlet, Professor Plum, Colonel Mustard, Mrs. Peacock, Dr. Orchid, and the Rev. Green in their live Clue game on Sunday, November 16 from 5 to 7 p.m (Mr. Black is, unfortunately, dead). If you'd like to participate, contact Sharon Henes at sharon.henes@gmail.com.

**Nick Capozzoli, music director, will be on paternity leave from Monday, November 10 through Monday, January 12.** Congratulations to Nick and his wife Caroline Deschamps on the impending arrival of their first child! Nick will be in Montreal — his former home where Caroline still lives (for now) and the baby will be born — for the duration of his leave. While Nick is away, our organ scholar, Elijah Morris, will serve as our principal organist, and Patrick Reardon, a St. John's member and director of music at Miss Porter's School, will serve as choirmaster. In addition, two familiar faces — Ted Babbitt and Walden Moore — will play organ for Thanksgiving and Christmas services. We are so grateful to everyone who has stepped up to allow Nick to spend this valuable time with his growing family.

### Upcoming Events

*More information in each week's Thursday e-news and in the graphics in this bulletin.*

- **Pipes Alive! with Gail Archer** — TODAY at 12:30 p.m.
- **Commitment Sunday (ingathering of pledges)** — Sunday, November 16 at both services
- **St. John's annual Christmas Festival!**
  - PRE-ORDER wreaths and ornaments – After the 10:30 service TODAY, 11/9, 11/16
  - Wreath Decorating Night – Thursday, November 20 at 6:30 p.m.
  - Friday night Festival Preview Gala – Friday, November 21 at 6:30 p.m.
  - Festival hours:
    - Saturday, November 22 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
    - Sunday, November 23 from 12 to 1:30 p.m.
- **Choral Evensong with the St. John's Adult Choir** — Sunday, November 23 at 5 p.m.
- **Thanksgiving Day Holy Eucharist** — Thursday, November 27 at 10 a.m.



## CHRISTMAS GIFTS FOR CHILDREN



St. John's will once again support Hartford Healthcare's Stronger Families/Stronger Futures program by helping participating families provide gifts for their children. There are three ways to participate:

**Choose a child's tag off our tabletop tree at coffee hour any Sunday from 11/2 to 11/30 (while the tags last), and return a \$100 gift card for that child to the church.** The tag will include the child's age and the family's preferred retailer (Walmart, Target, etc.). **Please return the gift card AND tag by Sunday, December 7** to the offering plate, the church office, or a volunteer staffing the coffee hour table.

AND/OR

**Donate any amount (cash or check written to St. John's with "Stronger Families" in the memo), and we will purchase gift cards as needed for participating families.** Please put your donation in the offering plate, send to the church office, or give to a volunteer staffing the coffee hour table **by December 7.** We apologize that we cannot accept credit card donations for this project.

AND/OR

**Donate an UNWRAPPED new or gently used children's book** by placing it in the marked bin outside the office door **by December 7.** Books for children 5 and under, especially board books, are preferred.

**DEADLINE: SUNDAY 12/7**

Questions? Contact Beth Kauczka, bkauczka@gmail.com

# ST. JOHN'S CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL

FRIDAY, NOV. 21: PREVIEW GALA AT 6:30 PM

SATURDAY, NOV. 22: FESTIVAL HOURS FROM 10AM TO 1PM

SUNDAY, NOV. 23: FESTIVAL HOURS FROM 12 TO 1:30PM

## WHAT IS THE ST. JOHN'S CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL?

The festival is a beloved St. John's tradition! It's a festive gathering for both parishioners and the wider community that raises funds for St. John's mission and ministries. Everyone is welcome to gather, shop, and celebrate.

## WHAT HAPPENS AT THE FESTIVAL?

Offered for sale are delicious homemade treats and savory soups to take home; Christmas décor; gently used jewelry, accessories, and handbags in the "Chic Boutique," and handmade items that make great gifts. You can also buy raffle tickets for several fabulous themed baskets, and enjoy a soup and sandwich lunch.

## WHAT IS NEW THIS YEAR?

This year's festival features a new earlier and expanded schedule! We've moved the festival to the weekend before Thanksgiving to get a jump on the busy Christmas season. We've added a Friday night Preview Gala, where you can browse goodies for sale while enjoying good company and a beverage or snack. Saturday festival hours have been shortened, while we've added Sunday hours.

## WILL THE TRADITION OF DECORATING AND SELLING WREATHS CONTINUE?

Yes! Our uniquely decorated fresh evergreen wreaths have always been among the most popular items. However, this year, you must PRE-ORDER your wreath, to help us better estimate how many wreaths to make. Pre-order after the 10:30 service on November 2, November 9, or November 16. Prices are \$35 to \$75. This year's St. John's ornament will also be available for pre-sale (\$25).

## HOW CAN I HELP?

- Pre-order a wreath and/or ornament after the 10:30 service on 11/2, 11/9, or 11/16 (cards only, please).
- Donate gently used Christmas décor or jewelry/accessories/handbags for the Chic Boutique. There is a collection bin outside the parish office.
- Come to the annual wreath-decorating night on Thursday, November 20 at 6:30 p.m.
- Sign up to bring snacks or beverages to the Friday night Preview Gala at [sjparish.net/festivalgala](http://sjparish.net/festivalgala)
- Sign up to make baked goods or soup to be sold at the festival at [sjparish.net/festivalfood](http://sjparish.net/festivalfood)
- Sign up to help with set up, cashing, or in other ways at [sjparish.net/festivalvolunteers](http://sjparish.net/festivalvolunteers)
- Contact the festival chair, Matteo Donnelly, at [mdpsych123@gmail.com](mailto:mdpsych123@gmail.com) or 860-406-0936 with questions or to volunteer to help in other ways.
- Come to the festival and bring a friend!

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## WORSHIP SCHEDULE

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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The Rev. Todd FitzGerald (todd@sjparish.net) .....	Rector
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The Rev. Mary Lynn Dell .....	Priest Associate*
The Rev. Joseph Pace.....	Priest Associate*
The Rev. Nancy Wright .....	Priest Associate*

\*These positions are non-stipendiary.

## VESTRY

Eleanor Barnes.....	Warden
Stewart Murchie.....	Warden
Tim Goetz and John Wilcox .....	Treasurers

2023–25: Angela Allen-Peck, John Nowacki, Tom Oberholtzer

2024–26: Lauren Mascola, Stacey Samuel Bannon, Brenda Zanta

2025–27: Kim Byrd, Matteo Donnelly, Susan Fay, Jeff Verney