

St. John's Episcopal Church

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The Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost

HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II & COMMITMENT SUNDAY

November 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.

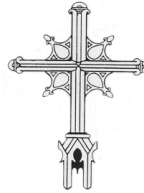
If you are new to St. John's, or have been attending a while but the parish office doesn't yet have your information, please fill out our online newcomer form by scanning the QR code or going to sjparish.net/newcomer



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.



ORDER OF SERVICE

THE ORGAN VOLUNTARY *Adagio from Symphony V*

Charles-Marie Widor (1844–1937)

THE HYMN IN PROCESSION 632 O Christ, the Word Incarnate
All stand and sing.

MUNICH

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 SONG OF PRAISE

John Rutter (b. 1945)

1. Glo - ry to you, Lord

God of our fa - thers; you are wor - thy of praise;

glo - ry to you. 2. Glo - ry to you

for the ra - di-ance of your ho - ly Name; we will

praise you and high-ly ex - alt you for ev - er.

3. Glo - ry to you in the splen - dor of your

tem - ple; on the throne of your ma - jes - ty, glo - ry to

you. 4. Glo - ry to you, seat - ed bet -

ween the Cher - u - bim; we will praise you and

high - ly ex - alt you for ev - er.

Descant

5. Glo - ry to you, be -

5. Glo - ry to you, be - hold - ing the

hold-ing the depths; in the high vault of

depths; in the high vault of hea-ven, glo - ry to

hea - ven, 6. Glo - ry to you, _____
 you. _____ 6. Glo - ry to you, _____ Fa - ther,
 — Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Spi - rit; we will
 Son, and Ho - ly Spi - rit; _____ we will praise you and
 high-ly ex - alt you Glo - ry to you! _____
 high-ly ex - alt you for ev - er. _____

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray. Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE WORD OF GOD

THE FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 65:17–25

All sit.

For I am about to create new heavens and a new earth; the former things shall not be remembered or come to mind. But be glad and rejoice forever in what I am creating; for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy, and its people as a delight. I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and delight in my people; no more shall the sound of weeping be heard in it, or the cry of distress. No more shall there be in it an infant that lives but a few days, or an old person who does not live out a lifetime; for one who dies at a hundred years will be considered a youth, and one who falls short of a hundred will be considered accursed. They shall build houses and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit. They shall not build and another inhabit; they shall not plant and another eat; for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be, and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands. They shall not labor in vain, or bear children for calamity; for they shall be offspring blessed by the Lord—and their descendants as well. Before they call I will answer, while they are yet speaking I will hear. The wolf and

the lamb shall feed together, the lion shall eat straw like the ox; but the serpent—its food shall be dust! They shall not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain, says the Lord.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE RESPONSE: HYMN 679 Surely it is God who saves me

All remain seated and sing.

THOMAS MERTON

Canticle 9: The first song of Isaiah

THE SECOND LESSON

2 Thessalonians 3:6–13

All sit.

Now we command you, beloved, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to keep away from believers who are living in idleness and not according to the tradition that they received from us. For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us; we were not idle when we were with you, and we did not eat anyone's bread without paying for it; but with toil and labor we worked night and day, so that we might not burden any of you. This was not because we do not have that right, but in order to give you an example to imitate. For even when we were with you, we gave you this command: Anyone unwilling to work should not eat. For we hear that some of you are living in idleness, mere busybodies, not doing any work. Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living. Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE SEQUENCE HYMN 600 O day of God, draw nigh

All stand and sing.

BELLWOODS

THE GOSPEL

Luke 21:5–19

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

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

When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, Jesus said, "As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down." They asked him, "Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?" And he said, "Beware that you are not led astray; for many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' and, 'The time is near!' Do not go after them. When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately." Then he said to them, "Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and plagues; and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven. But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. This will give you an opportunity to testify. So make up your minds not to prepare your defense in advance; for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, by relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death. You will be hated by all because of my name. But not a hair of your head will perish. By your endurance you will gain your souls."

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

THE SERMON

Todd FitzGerald

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 offer prayers in the name of Jesus, the one to whose name we must bear witness in all the earth, saying, Lord, hear our prayer.

For the Church and all its people, and especially for Sean, our presiding bishop; Jeff and Laura, our bishops; and our parish clergy, that we may continue to offer new hope and vision to all the human family in times of confusion and chaos. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For this parish family, that we may be good stewards of all God's gifts to us and use them wisely in the service of others. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For the healing of minds and hearts where division and mistrust prevail, that God's peace may touch hearts and lead us toward reconciliation and healing. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For peace, especially in the Holy Land, Ukraine, and Sudan, that God will bring an end to violence and conflict, and protect all who live in the shadow of war and terror. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For all those in need of our prayers, remembering especially those on our parish prayer list, that they may be strengthened by God's transforming love. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For all the departed, especially Peter Stanton, that they may enter into the eternal life promised to those who persevere to the end. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Celebrant God of all eternity, hear our prayers and let each new day be for us a time to testify to the all-embracing love of your Son Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

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

All remain standing or kneel.

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

Celebrant Almighty God have mercy on 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

During the Offertory, all are invited to come forward to place your 2026 annual pledge cards, capital campaign pledge cards, and/or regular weekly offerings in the basket on the chancel steps. Pledge campaign packets, including pledge cards for both the annual and capital campaigns, are available in the narthex and on the information cart in Hubbard Hall. If you have already submitted your pledge cards or pledged online, you may instead bring up one of the "Token of my treasure" cards (available in the pews and in the narthex). If you wish, you may write an expression of gratitude on the back of the card. After you have come forward, return to your pew via the side aisles. If you are unable to come forward, please alert one of the ushers, who will come get your offerings from you.

THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM Holy is the true light

William Henry Harris (1883–1973)

Text: Salisbury Diurnal

Holy is the True Light, and passing wonderful,
lending radiance to them that endured in the heat of the conflict,
from Christ they inherit a home of unfading splendour,
wherein they rejoice with gladness evermore.
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

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. For by water and the Holy Spirit you have made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Lord, to show forth your glory in all the world. 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

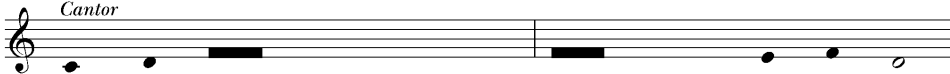
The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Antiphon
Cantor; then All

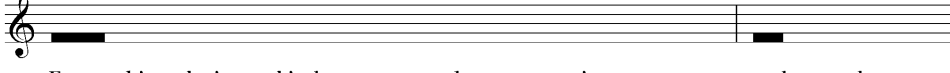


Bles - sed are those who are called to the Sup - per of the Lamb.

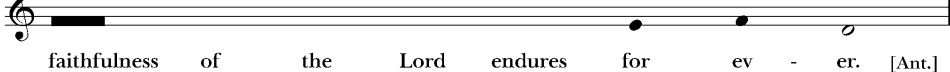
Cantor



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



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



faithfulness of the Lord endures for ev - er. [Ant.]

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 We shall walk through the valley African-American spiritual
 arr. Undine Smith Moore (1904-1989)

We shall walk through the valley in peace;
 we shall walk through the valley in peace.
*If Jesus himself shall be our leader,
 we shall walk through the valley in peace.*
 There will be no sorrow there;
 there will be no sorrow there. *Refrain*

THE COMMUNION HYMN 615 “Thy kingdom come!” on bended knee
All remain seated and sing.

ST. FLAVIAN

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 607 O God of every nation
All stand and sing.

LLANGLOFFAN

THE DISMISSAL

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

THE VOLUNTARY Litanies, JA 119

Jehan Alain (1911–1940)

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THE PARTICIPANTS IN THE LITURGY

Celebrant and Preacher: The Reverend Todd FitzGerald

Seminarian: Katherine Leary

Lector & Chalice Bearer: Betsy Chicares

Intercessor & Chalice Bearer: Katherine Leary

Acolytes: Jayden Donnelly, Selma Waddington, Brielle Worrell

The St. John’s Adult Choir

Organist: Elijah Morris

Choirmaster: Patrick Reardon

Ushers: Jo Anne Burgh, Julia O’Brien, David Vandermeulen

Livestream Operator: Rosa Guzzo

Altar Guild: Matteo Donnelly, Buffy Ineson

Healing Prayer Minister: Annabel Clapp

Sunday School Teachers: Enid Oberholtzer, Beth Kauczka, Donielle Joslyn, Jeff Verney

Nursery Staff: Sheryl Simoni, Livvy Lorenzo, Blythe Peck

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in memory of Alexander and Roselle Winterbottom, Beatrice and Fred Kellogg, Frederick Mascola, Wendy Wright Collins, Elsa M. Lattey, Erik F. Lattey, Andrya Ramer, and Margaret Rehm Rothschild.

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

This week, coffee hour food is provided by those with last names starting M through R.
 Next week, 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	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	Stephanie
Anne	Gracie	Dennis	Ann
Martha Babbitt	Jackie Harding	John Murray	Chris
Linda	Susan Clemow	Spencer Rothman	Alberto Guzman
Jamie Blean	June Aziz	Rosow Family	Kathy & Pete Beynor
Emily Brielle Clark	Cynthia Wannace	Stacy Wagner	
Easton Swift	Meg	Rich Lammlin	

Those serving in the military:

Alex Thaxton

Those celebrating birthdays this week:

Rick Joslyn	Grant McAuslan	Katherine Bainbridge
Keitha Campo	Stella Spletstoesser	Roger Minor
Merriol Almond	Matt Ciscel	Margaret Smith
Erica Williams	Jaime Patten	

Those who have died:

Peter Stanton, *brother of Paula Bokros*

In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:

Pray for St. Paul's, Windham; Grace Church, Windsor; St. James', Winsted; and for ministries with older adults, and the Brotherhood of St. Andrew and Daughters of the King.

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

Pray for the Episcopal/Anglican Province of Alexandria.

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

Upcoming Events

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

- **St. John's annual Christmas Festival!**
 - PRE-ORDER wreaths and ornaments – After the 10:30 service TODAY
 - 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.
- **Pipes Alive! with Frank Zilinyi** – Sunday, December 7, 12:30 p.m.
- **Candlelight Festival of Nine Lessons & Carols** – Sunday, December 14, 3 p.m.
- **Christmas at St. John's:**
 - Christmas Eve services at 4 p.m. (with the Choir School) and 10 p.m. (with the Adult Choir)
 - Christmas Day service with hymns 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

EVENSONG



St. John's Adult Choir

November 23, 5pm

St. John's Episcopal Church, West Hartford

Events are available
livestreamed at
www.reddoormusic.org



**MUSIC AT THE
RED DOOR**

PIPES ALIVE!



Frank Zilinyi

December 7, 12:30pm

St. John's Episcopal Church, West Hartford

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**MUSIC AT THE
RED DOOR**

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
- Sign up to make baked goods or soup to be sold at the festival at sjparish.net/festivalfood
- Sign up to help with set up, cashiering, or in other ways at sjparish.net/festivalvolunteers
- Contact the festival chair, Matteo Donnelly, at 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. Mary Lynn Dell.....	Priest Associate*
The Rev. Joseph Pace	Priest Associate*
The Rev. Nancy Wright.....	Priest Associate*

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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