

St. John's Episcopal Church

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The Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost

HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

November 9, 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.

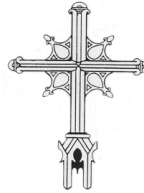
If you are new to St. John's, or have been attending a while but the parish office doesn't yet have your information, please fill out our online newcomer form by scanning the QR code or going to sjparish.net/newcomer



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 Pastorale

Percy Whitlock (1903–1946)

THE HYMN IN PROCESSION 401 The God of Abraham praise
All stand and sing.

LEONI

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. O God, whose blessed Son came into the world that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves as he is pure; that, when he comes again with power and great glory, we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE WORD OF GOD

THE FIRST LESSON

Haggai 1:15b–2:9

All sit.

In the second year of King Darius, in the seventh month, on the twenty-first day of the month, the word of the Lord came by the prophet Haggai, saying: Speak now to Zerubbabel son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, and to Joshua son of Jehozadak, the high priest, and to the remnant of the people, and say, Who is left among you that saw this house in its former glory? How does it look to you now? Is it not in your sight as nothing? Yet now take courage, O Zerubbabel, says the Lord; take courage, O Joshua, son of Jehozadak, the high priest; take courage, all you people of the land, says the Lord; work, for I am with you, says the Lord of hosts, according to the promise that I made you when you came out of Egypt. My spirit abides among you; do not fear. For thus says the Lord of hosts: Once again, in a little while, I will shake the heavens and the earth and the sea and the dry land; and I will shake all the nations, so that the treasure of all nations shall come, and I will fill this house with splendor, says the Lord of hosts. The silver is mine, and the gold is mine, says the Lord of hosts. The latter splendor of

this house shall be greater than the former, says the Lord of hosts; and in this place I will give prosperity, says the Lord of hosts.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE PSALTER

Psalm 145:1–5, 13–22

*The people are invited to chant the verses in **bold**.*

Robert Knox Kennedy
(b. 1945)



- 1 I will exalt you, O God my King, *
and bless your Name for ever and ever.
- 2 Every day will I bless you *
and praise your Name for ever and ever.
- 3 **Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised; ***
there is no end to his greatness.
- 4 **One generation shall praise your works to another ***
and shall declare your power.
- 5 I will ponder the glorious splendor of your majesty *
and all your marvelous works.
- 18 The Lord is righteous in all his ways *
and loving in all his works.
- 19 **The Lord is near to those who call upon him, ***
to all who call upon him faithfully.
- 20 **He fulfills the desire of those who fear him; ***
he hears their cry and helps them.
- 21 The Lord preserves all those who love him, *
but he destroys all the wicked.
- 22 My mouth shall speak the praise of the Lord; *
let all flesh bless his holy Name for ever and ever.

THE SECOND LESSON

2 Thessalonians 2:1–5, 13–17

As to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered together to him, we beg you, brothers and sisters, not to be quickly shaken in mind or alarmed, either by spirit or by word or by letter, as though from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord is already here. Let no one deceive you in any way; for that day will not come unless the rebellion comes first and the lawless one is revealed, the one destined for destruction. He opposes and exalts himself above every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, declaring himself to be God. Do you not

remember that I told you these things when I was still with you? But we must always give thanks to God for you, brothers and sisters beloved by the Lord, because God chose you as the first fruits for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and through belief in the truth. For this purpose he called you through our proclamation of the good news, so that you may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. So then, brothers and sisters, stand firm and hold fast to the traditions that you were taught by us, either by word of mouth or by our letter. Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and through grace gave us eternal comfort and good hope, comfort your hearts and strengthen them in every good work and word.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE SEQUENCE HYMN 526 Let saints on earth in concert sing

DUNDEE

All stand and sing.

THE GOSPEL

Luke 20:27–38

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

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

Some Sadducees, those who say there is no resurrection, came to Jesus and asked him a question, “Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man’s brother dies, leaving a wife but no children, the man shall marry the widow and raise up children for his brother. Now there were seven brothers; the first married, and died childless; then the second and the third married her, and so in the same way all seven died childless. Finally the woman also died. In the resurrection, therefore, whose wife will the woman be? For the seven had married her.” Jesus said to them, “Those who belong to this age marry and are given in marriage; but those who are considered worthy of a place in that age and in the resurrection from the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage. Indeed they cannot die anymore, because they are like angels and are children of God, being children of the resurrection. And the fact that the dead are raised Moses himself showed, in the story about the bush, where he speaks of the Lord as the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. Now he is God not of the dead, but of the living; for to him all of them are alive.”

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**.*

Called to stand firm and hold fast, let us offer our prayers to God who proclaims to us the good news of Christ, 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 faithful witness to God's abiding love.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For this parish family, that we who celebrate this Eucharist in joyful hope may be transformed in Christ as children of the resurrection. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For all who serve in the military, and for all veterans, that they may know God's presence in their lives, and that their service will inspire us all to continue working for greater justice, freedom, and peace.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For peace throughout the world, and especially in the Holy Land, Ukraine, and Sudan, that those whose lives are overwhelmed by violence and division may find new paths toward peace and reconciliation.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For all who are in danger and need: the hungry, the homeless and the oppressed, the sick and the suffering, and those on our parish prayer list, that God will grant them comfort and strength. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For all the departed, that as children of the resurrection, they may rejoice now in the presence of the One who is the beginning and the end. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Celebrant Living God, your word to us is food indeed. Receive the prayers we offer you this day, and let your loving kindness be our comfort, for the sake of Jesus Christ, your living Word. **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

THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM How beauteous are their feet

Charles Villiers Stanford (1852–1924)

Text: Isaac Watts (1674–1748)

How beauteous are their feet
Who stand on Zion's hill!
Who bring salvation on their tongues,
And words of peace reveal!

How happy are our ears
That hear this joyful sound,
Which kings and prophets waited for,
And sought, but never found!

How blessed are our eyes
That see this heavenly light
Prophets and kings desired it long,
But died without the sight.

The Lord makes bare his arm
Through all the earth abroad;
Let every nation now behold
Their Savior and their God!

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

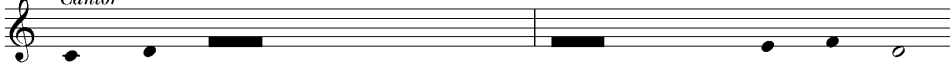
The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Antiphon
Cantor; then All




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

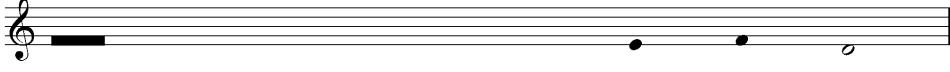
Cantor



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 My God, how wonderful Thou art Richard Scarth (1930–2014)
Text: Frederick W. Faber (1814–1863)

My God, how wonderful Thou art,
Thy majesty how bright,
How beautiful Thy mercy seat,
in depths of burning light!

How wonderful, how beautiful,
the sight of Thee must be,
Thine endless wisdom, boundless pow’r,
and awful purity.

Father of Jesus, love’s reward,
what rapture will it be,
prostrate before Thy throne to lie,
and ever gaze on Thee!

THE COMMUNION HYMN 341 For the bread which you have broken
All remain seated and sing.

OMNIDIE

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 625 Ye holy angels bright

DARWALL'S 148TH

All stand and sing.

THE DISMISSAL

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

THE VOLUNTARY Ye holy angels bright

Percy Whitlock

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THE PARTICIPANTS IN THE LITURGY

Celebrant and Preacher: The Reverend Todd FitzGerald

Seminarian: Katherine Leary

Lector & Chalice Bearer: Matteo Donnelly

Intercessor & Chalice Bearer: Dave Derby

Acolytes: Danielle Branco, Alice Yelland, Luke Yelland

The St. John's Adult Choir

Organist: Nick Capozzoli

Organ Scholar: Elijah Morris

Ushers: Eleanor Barnes, Annabel Clapp, Molly Cooper,
Dan Minster, Mark Sarkisian, Susie Sarkisian

Livestream Operator: Mary Honyotski

Altar Guild: Bill Lockery, Brenda Zanta

Healing Prayer Minister: Chris Byrd

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

Nursery Staff: Nichole Segar, Livvy Lorenzo, Olivia Thaxton

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in memory of David and Phyllis Derby.

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

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

Next week, food will be provided by those with last names starting M through R.

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	Rich Lammlin	

Those serving in the military:

Alex Thaxton

Those celebrating birthdays this week:

Britt Emerick	Philip Nelson
Donielle Joslyn	Jamie Baker
Madeline Patten	Bill Eakins
Atis Watt	Vijaya Jyothsna Diaz
Stanley Giliberto	Mason Donnelly

Those celebrating anniversaries this week:

Kate & Robert Eikel

In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:

Pray for Trinity, Wethersfield; St. Paul's, Willimantic; St. Matthew's, Wilton; and for all deacons, the Deacons' Council, and the Province I School for Deacons.

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

Pray for the Church in the Province of the West Indies.

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.

- **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 and 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 sjarish.net/festivalgala
- Sign up to make baked goods or soup to be sold at the festival at sjarish.net/festivalfood
- Sign up to help with set up, cashiering, or in other ways at sjarish.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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VESTRY

Eleanor Barnes.....	Warden
Stewart Murchie	Warden
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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