

St. John's Announcements

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Annual Meeting



Today we will have our annual meeting. I wrote to you last year explaining that it was going to be an unusual year for meetings, as we were in deep discernment over merging with St. Mary's. We had three parish meetings last year. This should be a much more normal year. I think this will be our one-and-only official parish meeting, but it is still not quite back to normal. Typically, we would elect a slate of vestry-members. We already did that at our October meeting because the merger meant that we were creating a new church, therefore, we no longer had a vestry – we had to elect one. With that major topic off the agenda, this is a laid-back meeting. For all the change that has happened over the past several years, that does not sound so bad. We will still have an opportunity to hear about our parish budget - income and expenses. An organization's budget is a mission statement. We can all see what we value by how we spend our money. We also continue to celebrate the generosity of our parishioners who make so much possible. Our annual meeting will also be a great time of fellowship for new united parish.

Blessings, Marc

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Bible Study - 1/31

Shrove Tuesday - 2/13

Ash Wednesday - 2/14

Vestry Meeting - 2/19

Happy Birthday!

Judith Stoughton

Bill Byers

Robert Devanna

Joan Sizer



Confirmation classes – Classes will resume on 1/21 & 1/28 at 5pm in St. Mary's Hall.

Vestry Retreat – The Vestry will be on retreat on Friday and Saturday, 2/2 & 2/3. The Vestry will meet at the Rectory on 2/2 from 6pm – 8pm. On 2/3 they will meet at St. George's in Bolton from 9am – 2pm.

Shrove Tuesday – Tuesday, 2/13 5:00pm – 6:30pm. Please join us in the St. Mary's Hall for pancakes and a flap jack relay. Tickets sales and more details soon!

Ash Wednesday – There will be 2 services on Ash Wednesday – 10:30am & 7pm.

Vestry Meeting – the next Vestry Meeting will be 2/19.

Blood Drive – St. John's will be hosting a Blood Drive on Tuesday, 2/20 in St. Mary's Hall. More details to follow!

Eucharistic Visitor Training – Training will take place immediately following the 10am service on 2/25.

St. Patrick's Corned Beef Dinner – Save the Date! Saturday, March 16th in St. Mary's Hall. More details to follow!

Bible Study - St. John's hosts a weekly Bible Study. This winter, we are reading the Book of Daniel. We meet in a hybrid fashion in St. Mary's hall. All are welcome to attend at 12:30pm on Wednesdays. If you would like to join via Zoom, please contact Father Marc or Christina in the office.

Super Bowl Challenge - It's time for the Super Bowl Challenge! Last year we collected and donated around 800 canned goods. Exceeding our goal of 100! Let's see if we can make 900 happen this year! Donations will go to support our food pantry with excess going to Cornerstone and MACC. Sunday, February 11th is Super Bowl Sunday. Thank you! John Horan and Alfreda Barber.

Food Items Needed:

Canned fruit/pasta/tuna or chicken/vegetables

Coffee (regular, decaf, instant)

Instant potatoes

Pasta sauce in plastic jar / cans

Pasta

Peanut butter and jelly

Ramen noodles

Rice-A-Roni or Knorr rice side dishes

Daffodil Days - The American Cancer Society has begun its annual Daffodil Sale. You can purchase daffodils/tulips on Sunday, Jan. 28 and February 4. Prices range from \$12-\$25. Please make checks out to St John's. Flowers will be delivered to St. John's for pick up March 17th.