

St. John's Announcements

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Cub Scout 221 Campfire



Today is Scout Sunday. St. John's has long supported scouting in our community. We have sponsored cub scout, girl scout, and boy scout troops in the past. At the moment, we are sponsoring Troop 2 out of Tolland, Troop 27 out of Manchester, and sponsor, and are home to, Cub Scout Pack 221. Some members of Pack 221 will be here today. Today, we are celebrating Scout Sunday at its most traditional time. February 8th is the anniversary of the founding of scouting, so we are both celebrating scouting's role within a life of faith and scouting, itself. I know many members of the church have played a role either as a scout, as a scout leader, or both. I thank you for helping our community. While scouting plays an important role in teaching young people outdoor skills and how to function as an independent person in the world, scouting's emphasis on caring for and building community is one that our Christian faith fully shares. This past year, Pack 221 did monthly park cleanups. While the scouts often had more fun when the parks were dirty, it was satisfying to see fewer and fewer bags of garbage being pulled out every month. I am proud of our young people for helping make our community a cleaner, better place.

Blessings,

Marc

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Morning Prayer - 2/7

Shrove Tuesday - 2/13

Ash Wednesday - 2/14

Vestry Meeting - 2/19

Happy Birthday!

Sarah Tierinni, Sheila Stupcenski

Carol Nelson, Ron Cronsell

Fay Flaherty, Lenny Lavalette

Richard Cleary, Jerry Kuhnly

Kim Nisch

Happy Anniversary!

Donna and Ron Lemay



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.

Ash Wednesday – There will be 2 services on Ash Wednesday – 10:30am & 7pm. The choir will be joining us at the 10:30am service.

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

Blood Drive – We will be hosting a Red Cross blood drive at St. John's on Tuesday, Feb. 20th from noon to 5 pm in St. Mary's Hall. If you would like to donate, please go to <https://www.redcrossblood.org/> to schedule a time. The Red Cross has said that the need for blood is at emergency levels; the blood supply is at the lowest level in 20 years! Please consider donating. We are also using this as an opportunity to welcome some folks who have never been to St. John's and we will be making cookies and such for donors to consume after they have donated. The Red Cross provides pre-packaged pretzels and cookies but it is much more welcoming for us to provide them with freshly baked goods. If you are willing to help with this aspect of the event, please contact Lois Valliere lvalliere1@icloud.com. They would also appreciate having a couple of St. John's folks to volunteer at the event to check-in donors, etc. If you are interested in doing so for even part of the 5 hours, please contact Deacon Scott. And just to reassure you, doing this volunteering for a time will NOT prevent you from also donating!

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 – No Bible study this week.

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, 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.