

St. John's Announcements

April 7, 2024

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Easter Sunday



Happy Eastertide!

While I am away this Sunday, we will have a service of Solemn Holy Matins, or Morning Prayer. Elements of Morning and Evening Prayer are as old as the church. Daily prayer is an important part of the life of faithful Jewish people. Jesus, himself a faithful Jew, prayed every day. As the church grew and developed, readings from both the Old and New Testaments were added to the psalms to form the heart of this worship service. Canticles were also added. At the 10:00 service, those canticles will be sung. As I have written to you before, Morning and Evening Prayer were more musical services than the Eucharist was during the time of the early church. Leading these offices is not reserved to priests and bishops, as the Eucharist is. A trained and licensed lay person or a deacon may lead services of Morning Prayer as a community worship service. When Thomas Cranmer compiled the Book of Common Prayer, it was his hope that lay people would pray the daily office with their families at home. While even during more Puritanical times, the Eucharist never went away, Sunday Services of Solemn Morning Prayer were more common in many parishes around the country. Today's service may seem very new for some of you, and perhaps a reminder of long ago for others. Either way, I know God will be present in the building in all of your prayers.

*Blessings,
Marc*

UPCOMING EVENTS:

4/10 - Eucharist @
10:30am

4/10 - Men's Ministry
@ 6:30pm

4/14 - Healing Service
@ 8am & 10am
services

4/14 - Easter Brunch
@ 11:15am

Happy Birthday!

Ray Bienkowski

Wes Shorts

Diane Pospisil



Trivia Night is back!

On Thursday, April 18th we will have our second annual Trivia Night. We will begin our time with a pot luck supper at 6:00pm and then break up into groups for a round of trivia. Father Marc will be the trivia master for this fun event. We will have rounds focusing on movies, music, sports, and more.

LUNCH BUNCH IS BACK! - On Thursday, May 2nd Lunch Bunch is making a comeback. All parishioners are welcome to attend a potluck luncheon in the St. Mary's lower parish hall. Doors open at 12 noon for socializing with a potluck lunch to follow at 12:30. Bring a hot or cold dish of your choice to share (the kitchen oven will be available for any hot foods). Additional potluck lunches are scheduled for June 6th. Mark your calendar and join in for some food, fun and fellowship. For any questions contact Chris Emery at 860-593-3176 (calls or texts).

UNDIE SUNDAY COLLECTION: DIGNITY BEGINS WITH THE BASICS

This year we will be collecting for the 5 elementary school nurses in Vernon and for Manchester Area Conference of Churches (MACC) in Manchester. School nurses are asking for girls' and boys' undies sizes 4t to 14/16, especially sweatpants 5t to 16 and girls leggings 5t to 16. MACC is asking for women's, men's, and children's underwear, tee shirts, bras and socks. For adults, sizes up to and including XL are most needed; for children, sizes 3t to 16 are most needed.

There is a marked collection box in the Narthex. We are accepting cash and/or check donations to purchase additional items. Checks may be made out to St. John's with Undie Sunday on the memo line. Your donations will show how St. John's spreads the love of God and strives to make a difference in the lives of those who are struggling. Donations will be accepted through April 28th. Thank you for your generosity!

QUESTIONS/POINT PERSONS: At 8 am service: Betsy Ibsen, 860.647.7101, and Joy Dorin, 860.614.8183. At 10 am service: Sarah Tierinni, 860.922.5849, Pat Cleveland, 860.875.0205, and Terri Sessions, 860.644.5892.

