

St. John's Announcements

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The Solar Eclipse



Celebrating Eastertide

I do gain much from observing Lent. It has beautiful liturgies, especially during Holy Week, and its call to a serious Christian life is an important one. Many Episcopalians agree with me, and I think the church, broadly speaking, observes Lent very well. Easter Day is a glorious day in Episcopal Churches around the world. This year, we flowered a cross for the first time at our new St. John's, and it was beautiful. I definitely felt the joy of Easter. Observing Eastertide has always been a harder challenge for our denomination. We rightly believe that Easter is not just one day but an entire season. It can be a difficult to keep up celebrations, but other cultures and Christians have accomplished it in the past. One way of celebrating, is to spend more time together in fellowship. You are invited to our Easter Brunch following the 10:00am Holy Eucharist. It should be a fun time of fellowship. This Thursday will also be a chance to have some fun at Trivia night. This is a potluck event and with the Jeopardy Invitational Tournament wrapped up, it is our time to shine. The Sunday School will also have a few chances to have continued fun with eggs during this season. Even our big outreach effort will be fun as we bring back "Undie Sunday". I hope you can continue to celebrate Easter throughout the next month with us.

*Blessings,
Marc*

UPCOMING EVENTS:

4/17 - Eucharist @
10:30am

4/18 - Trivia night with
Potluck @ 6pm

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

4/14 - Easter Brunch
@ 11:15am

4/21 - Confirmation
@ 5pm

Happy Anniversary!

Carl & Polly Schaefer
Cindy & Rich Harding
Dwight & Sherri Feenstra

Happy Birthday!

Beth Bickley
Virginia Hunter
Reginia Kustwan
Jodie Stevens
Karen Armogida



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.