

St. John's Announcements

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Easter Brunch



The Fourth Sunday of Easter has been Good Shepherd Sunday since the liturgical and lectionary reforms of the 60's and 70's. This is the Sunday when we hear about Jesus being the Good Shepherd. Since the Roman Catholic clergy shortage began a generation ago, it has also been Vocation Sunday. The Church of England began celebrating it a couple of decades ago, and with our own clergy shortage in the Episcopal Church (and other mainline denominations), it is growing in observance. At last year's transition ministry conference, there were 622 Episcopal congregations filling vacancies and only 87 clergy looking for work. A transition officer called the clergy job market a "train wreck". It is a good idea to pray for young men and women to enter into ordained ministry. We also need older women and men. We certainly need more people in seminary, but we also need more creative and local ways of addressing clergy shortages. There are many members of the clergy who never graduated from seminary who are celebrated with lesser feasts in our church. Often times, when circumstances demand that we do things differently, we can look back at times when we did do things differently to great effect.

Blessings,
Marc

UPCOMING EVENTS:

4/24 - Eucharist @
10:30am

4/24 -Bible Study @
12:30pm

Happy Anniversary!

James & Sarah Tierinni

Happy Birthday!

Nancy Simon

Gerry Cosman

Jim Kaufman

Donna Smith

Carol Yeomans

Diane Daloe

LUNCH BUNCH IS BACK! - Lunch Bunch is starting Thursday, May 2nd! Barring snow, earthquake or eclipse, lol. Bring your favorite dish (homemade or store bought) and join us at 12:00pm for a potluck luncheon. Dessert and drinks will be provided. This is a pet free gathering, so please be respectful of your fellow parishioners and leave your 4- legged friends at home. Any questions may be directed to Chris Emery at 860-593-3176.

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.

New Bible Study Starting

On Wednesday, April 24th at 12:30pm in St. Mary's Hall, we will start a new book for our Bible Study. We will be studying the Acts of the Apostles. The book tells the story of the Apostolic Age of the early church. We are introduced to Paul and James, the brother of our Lord, as well as hearing how those former fishermen became great leaders of the church. I hope you can join us in-person or through Zoom. You may get a zoom link by contacting the Rev. Marc.