

St. John's Announcements

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Dear Friends,
Today is the fifth Sunday of Easter. While not nearly as famous as next week's Rogation Sunday or even last week's Good Shepherd Sunday, the Fifth Sunday does have a tradition. It has been called *Cantáte Sunday* because the introit for the day is from Psalm 98 which begins in Latin *Cantáte Dómino* (Sing to the Lord). Song is an important part of our worship. Following the tradition of singing out on this Sunday, we will sing even at the 8:00am Eucharist. I thank Zoe and the choir for their leadership this year. We will be finishing our choir Sundays soon, so I encourage you to express your appreciation in the next few weeks when you have an opportunity.

Blessings,
Marc

UPCOMING EVENTS:
5/21 @ 12:30pm –
Bible Study

A five-week Bible Study on the beginning of Paul's first epistle to the Corinthians will begin on **Wednesday, May 14th at 12:30** in St. Mary's Hall. The study can be attended in-person or through Zoom. Let Marc know if you would like to join through Zoom. This wide-ranging epistle covers disputes in the community and how to resolve them, marriage, worship, and resurrection. I hope you are able to join us.

The Feast of Pentecost is on June 8th. We will celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit on this day. The Feast of St. Mary will be celebrated on **Sunday, August 17th**. On this holy day we will celebrate the life and continued importance of the mother of our Lord. We will flower the cross with blooms from our own gardens.

We had another very successful Undie Sunday this year. Many packages of underwear, socks, t-shirts, sweatpants and leggings were donated and distributed to the Vernon and East Hartford schools and to MACC. We also collected \$1,045 – an amazing amount of money that was used to supplement the donations. Thank you all for your generosity and for our helpers:

Dignity begins with the basics, and your support of Undie Sunday is another example of how St. John's makes a difference in small but meaningful ways to many in our communities. Blessings to all.

Come join us for coffee, fellowship and an assortment of snacks and treats. Coffee Hour is much more than the beverage or the food that is served. It's a special time for parishioners and visitors to sit and talk and get to know each other. How many of you have been disappointed that there was no coffee hour after the 10 a.m. service? My guess is many. The good news is that the remedy is a simple one – become a Coffee Hour host. Host with your spouse or a friend. The only requirement is to make the coffee and set up the urn with hot water for tea and hot chocolate. There is no need to bake or prepare anything fancy, but, if you want to, please do. Someone will help you, if it's your 1st time. We are looking for hosts on the Sundays from May 25th to June 29th . There is a sign-up sheet in St. Mary's Hall. If there is no host, there will be no Coffee Hour. Thank you for considering this ministry!

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Hello to all you fabulous bakers! Are you looking for a home for your baked goods? You can bring them in on any Sunday and leave them in the Narthex. Please package them in a freezer bag and date the bag. We will serve them at Coffee Hour.