

St. John's Announcements

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Parishioners were invited to decorate the Memorial Garden plaques of those who served our country.



We are now in the short season of Ascensiontide. This is the ten-day period from the feast of the Ascension to Pentecost. This is an interesting mini season of our church year. Historically, it has been a time to focus on discernment. This follows the advice that Jesus gives at the ascension to stay in place and wait for the Holy Spirit. Our society is a fast paced one and is focused on action and doing. This is fine, but it cannot be the only way to function. We also have to focus on our being. We need quiet and stillness. We need time to think and pray. This is the time in our calendar that calls us to remember these things. Is there an important life decision that you have been putting off? Perhaps, this is the time to discern what to do. God is in our midst here at St. John's. It is always a good time to pray, but this week is a great time to see where God is leading you.

Blessings,

Marc

UPCOMING EVENTS:

6/4 @ 12:30pm – Bible Study

6/5 @ 12:15pm – Lunch Bunch

6/7 – Pig Roast @ 5:30pm

Free Concert! – Zoe Vandermeer will be hosting a free concert on **June 14th @ 7pm** at St. John's. She will be performing baroque and classical music and her own compositions with her harp.

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 will also be honoring our confirmands at this mass.

Men's Ministry Pig Roast – Join us **Saturday, June 7th 5:30pm – 8:00pm** inside St. Mary's Hall for the 2025 Pig Roast. Sign-up for desserts and ticket sales can be found in the Narthax.

Coffee Hour after 10 a.m. Service - 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 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! Terri Sessions, 860-644-5892

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.

Lunch Bunch - Mark your calendar, **Lunch Bunch will meet on Thursday, June 5th at 12:15pm** in St. Mary's Hall. Please bring a hot or cold dish to share. Beverages and desserts are always provided. All parishioners are invited. This will be the last luncheon before we take a 2-month summer break. The next luncheon will be held in September. Contact Chris Emery 860-593-3176 or Diane Gutzmer 860-875-1041 for more info.

Medical Equipment- St. John's has an array of durable medical equipment for parishioners to borrow. If you or someone you know needs a walker, rollator, wheelchair, shower chair or other short-term piece of medical equipment contact Chris Emery at 860-593-3176 or happyreader2016@gmail.com.

Summer Food Events and Rector's Brunches

During the summer we have several opportunities to gather together as a parish both in large and smaller groups. The biggest of our summer fellowship events is the World Famous Pig Roast which takes place on June 7th at 5:30pm. The roast is always a wonderful and tasty affair. The last Lunch Bunch for our program year is June 5th. If you have never come, it is a fun event with a wide variety of food offered. We will also have several Rector's Brunches. These are smaller affairs that anyone may come to. It is a great way to get to know parishioners and spend time with the rector. They will be held at 10:00am on June 12th, July 1st, and July 25th. RSVP to Christina by phone or email contact@stjohnsvernont.org. We will also have a couple of special after church events. Our annual Berryfest will be July 20th after the 10:00am Eucharist. Our annual Ice Cream Sunday will be August 31st immediately after the 10:00am Eucharist. I hope you are able to join us for these fun events.