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Good Morning,

Today, we will have our quarterly healing service. We are still trying to figure out the best way of doing this. For this service, we will go back to the way we did it in the fall and have people come up for healing after the litany of healing. It may be possible to do this in the narthex after the accessibility project is completed, but we will see. St. John's offers monthly healing services on Wednesday mornings at 10:30am. They usually fall on the first Wednesday of the month. Both the monthly and quarterly healing services are open to all parishioners. While it was common in the church only to be anointed near death, that was not the practice of the church before the Bubonic Plague. Since the 1979 prayer book, we have returned to the practice advocated in the Epistle of James. While people are not typically anointed for the common cold, prayers of healing with the laying on of hands by church members can be done for really any ailment. You don't have to say anything when you come up for anointing, but if you would like for the healing ministers to pray for something in particular, please let us know. Also, remember that you can add people to the parish prayer list by contacting Laura Jasak liasak707@gmail.com or by writing on a pew card and placing it in the collection plate or by giving them to an usher. Blessings,

Marc

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Rector's Brunch – 7/1 @ 10am

Wednesday Eucharist with Healing Service – 7/2 @ 10:30am

Cinnamon Bear in Yellowstone National Park



St. John's Announcements

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.

Summer Food Events and Rector's Brunches

We started this past week with another round of Rector's Brunches. These are smaller affairs that anyone may attend. It is a great way to get to know parishioners and spend time with the rector. They will be held at 10:00am on July 1st and July 25th. RSVP to Christina by phone or email. <u>contact@stjohnsvernonct.org</u>. 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.

Father Marc to speak at MACC Charities annual meeting.

MACC Charities annual meeting is Friday, June 27th at 9:00am at American Legion Hall in Manchester (20 American Legion Drive). MACC is one of our close partners in ministry, with St. John's donating the funds necessary to purchase a new large outdoor freezer to store meat and other items that significantly balance the diet of hundreds of needy people. Marc was invited to share some of the story of the merger of St. John's and St. Mary's which helped create the St. Mary's Legacy Fund whose support was vital to this project. As a partner parish, we are invited to attend the meeting.

Rector's Brunch

Tuesday, July 1st at 10:00am will be the next Rector's Brunch. Marc will be serving buttermilk waffles and sausage. All are invited to come. Please let Fr. Marc know if you plan to attend. These are informal gatherings to enjoy one another's company and can certainly be a time to ask questions about parish life.