

# St. John's Announcements

## September 28, 2025



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The weather continues to look good this weekend, so we are going to plan on having Eucharist in the church as usual. Just a reminder, we do not have heat in the building, please dress appropriately. We will still be using the main door (Door 1) and the north door (Door 2) for entrance and exits. We are expecting to have our temporary railings on the north side of the building installed by the next Sunday we will be in the church. At that time, Door 1 will be closed and we will use Door 2 and Door 3 to enter and exit. Please remember that we will not be in the church on October 5<sup>th</sup>. We will be celebrating the Feast of St. Francis and both services will be held in St. Mary's Hall. Sunday, we celebrate Michaelmas, or The Feast of St. Michael and All Angels. Angels play a role in both the Old and New Testaments. There are many different kinds of angels, but the most well-known are the four Archangels Michael, Gabriel, Raphael, and Uriel. Tradition teaches that angels are spiritual beings created by God. They do not have physical bodies in the way we do. Other than worshipping God, Angels serve two other main purposes. First is by protecting the people of God. This could be done through healing or offering spiritual protection from evil and harm. Angels main function in scripture is as messengers. Our English word "angel" comes from the Greek word ἄγγελος meaning messenger. This is an ancient feast that has been one of the most celebrated over the centuries. In the Northern Hemisphere, it has been celebrated as a harvest festival. "Michaelmas Daisies" (aster flowers) were collected and brought into the church. Special cakes were often made. There is also a medieval tradition that we continue in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. The youngest clergy person in the parish dresses up like a dragon and the children of the church chase him away with the help of St. Michael who in the Book of Revelation defeats the power of darkness signified by the dragon. The children receive sweet treats for their efforts at protecting the parish.

Blessings, **Marc**

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

10/1 @ 10:30am  
Wednesday Eucharist  
with Healing Service in  
St. Mary's Hall

10/1 @ 12:30pm Bible  
Study in St. Mary's Hall

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**Bible Study Returns**

Our Bible Study on Paul's first epistle to the Corinthians continues on Wednesdays at 12:30pm in St. Mary's Hall. You may participate either, in-person, or through zoom. If you are interested in participating remotely, please let Father Marc know. All are invited to this informal and lively study.

**Lunch Bunch** - Mark your calendar, Lunch Bunch will meet on Thursday, Oct. 2nd at 12:00, in St. Mary's hall. Please bring a hot or cold dish to share. Beverages and desserts are always provided. All adult parishioners are invited. Contact Chris Emery 860-593-3176 or Diane Gutzmer 860-875-1041 for more info.

**Fellowship continues after our coffee hours** - Please consider doing a coffee hour with a friend or mate. Since coffee and tea are already supplied, you would only need to bring 3 different baked or purchased sweet items. You can decide if you choose to add anything else.

**OPEN DATES** - Oct.5th-Dec 28th.

Sign-up sheets are at coffee hour, Terri's # 860.644.5892 or e-mail [TerriLsessions@gmail.com](mailto:TerriLsessions@gmail.com)  
There is no coverage if a date isn't fulfilled. Thank you!

**To Our St. John's Family:**

My family and I were overwhelmed with the response to Alfreda's request to support Bentley's Buddies for the annual Walk for Apraxia through [apraxia-kids.org](http://apraxia-kids.org). Every year, we raise money and attend the event to celebrate the children who need help finding their voices. The money we collect goes toward research; a support system for families; speech therapy; tablets to assist children with communication; and advanced, intensive training programs for speech-language pathologists, and much more. Bentley has benefited from these services for years.

I know many of you have not heard of Apraxia. Childhood Apraxia of Speech (CAS) is a motor speech disorder that makes it difficult for children to speak. Children with the diagnosis of Apraxia of Speech generally have a good understanding of language and know what they want to say. However, they have difficulty learning or carrying out the complex sequenced movements that are necessary for intelligible speech.

We are so grateful for your generosity and your support of Bentley. With your donations, the Bentley's Buddies team raised over \$1,000. This money will help so many children.

Thank you from all of us at The Compound for being a voice for children with Apraxia!  
Bethany, Sid, Emily, Bentley, Kimmie, Dave, Maizie, Roxie, and Linda