

St. John's Announcements

November 2, 2025



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Our champion bowler watching his
pumpkin about to knock over the pins.
Strike!



The Feast of All Saints (November 1st) is one of the most important Christian Feasts of the year. It is a day that honors the saints who have come before us as we give thanks for the saints who surround us in the pews. The feast is one of the oldest in the church. It was originally a celebration of the faith of the martyrs who were executed by the Romans for believing in Jesus Christ. Roman Christians would venture down into the catacombs underneath the city to celebrate the life of those who were willing to die for their faith. The holiday was eventually converted to our modern All Saints' Day by Pope Gregory III in the eighth century.

All Souls' Day (November 2nd) is the time traditionally set aside to pray for and remember the faithful departed. The liturgical color for All Souls' Day is traditionally black. Unbleached beeswax candles were also used on the altar on All Soul's Day. The orange candles with black vestments are the reasons why Halloween's colors are orange and black. In the Episcopal Church today, we tend to combine the two observances into one day. We celebrate all the Saints with great celebration, but we also solemnly remember those we love who are no longer physically with us. Christians have believed from the beginning that "death no more has dominion over us," that, in Christ, we are no more alive than those loved ones who have gone before us. We are still connected.

Blessings, Marc

UPCOMING EVENTS:

11/5 @ 10:30am
Wednesday Eucharist
St. Mary's Hall

11/5 @ 12:30pm
Bible Study
St. Mary's Hall

Linda Borovicka and Family

Lunch Bunch - will meet on Thursday, Nov. 6th 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.

St. John's is a vibrant and generous parish. Each year we give tens of thousands of dollars to local, national, and international partners. The Outreach Committee is tasked with deciding how those grants should be directed. While some committees at St. John's have a closed membership, like the vestry, the outreach committee may be joined by any parishioner. The next meeting of our committee will be through Zoom at 7:00pm on Wednesday. If you are interested in joining, or just listening, please contact the rector.