

# St. John's Announcements

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## Our long-awaited steel!



Dear Friends,

This coming Sunday, we are out of the Christmas season, but there are still many things happening around St. John's. Every time I visit the church there is a little less of it there, as the Narthex demolition makes progress every day. St. Mary's Hall looks different almost daily as different groups and church services all take place there. With the undercroft inaccessible, the Men's Ministry and Yoga have had to move to the upper parish hall. I thank all the ministries for their patience and for their support of this important project. It is going to be such an improvement to our lives and ministries. Even during construction, we are still focused on educating ourselves and helping our neighbors. The St. Mary's Legacy Fund is supporting the work of CIRI (The Connecticut Institute for Refugees and Immigrants). Their leaders will be coming to speak at a special coffee hour after the 10:00am Eucharist this Sunday. They will thank us for our support and share the important ministries of which they are involved. They help support vulnerable people who have suffered terribly in their beloved homelands who are trying to find a place of safety and rest. I invite you to come and hear their story.

Blessings, *Marc*

## UPCOMING EVENTS:

1/14 @ 10:30am  
Wednesday Eucharist  
St. Mary's Hall

1/14 Men's Ministry  
Meeting

1/25 – Annual Meeting

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**Medical Equipment Ministry Update** – Bill and Diane Gutzmer are now heading up the Medical Equipment Ministry. If you are in need of equipment or would like to donate, please contact Bill and Diane – 860-875-1041, [billgutzmer@gmail.com](mailto:billgutzmer@gmail.com)

**Annual Meeting and Reports** – The Annual Meeting will be held on January 25<sup>th</sup> at 10:30am in St. Mary's Hall. Please email Christina your Annual reports by January 18<sup>th</sup>.

**Coffee Hour Host** - Please let Terri Sessions know if you can host on Jan 18th.  
Please call Terri at 860.644.5892 or e-mail [Terrisessions@gmail.com](mailto:Terrisessions@gmail.com)

**Special Coffee Hour Presentation on January 11th**

The St. Mary's Legacy Fund Committee recently awarded a \$10,000 grant for 2025 to the Connecticut Institute for Refugees and Immigrants (CIRI). CIRI president and CEO, Susan Schnitzer, and assistant director of development, Chris Altrock, were elated and grateful to learn of the grant. On Sunday, January 11th Susan and Chris will attend our 10 am service and then speak to us at coffee hour about the vital work that CIRI has been doing for refugees and immigrants in Connecticut since 1918. Please plan to be at coffee hour that morning to welcome Susan and Chris to St. John's and to learn more about CIRI.

Beth Bickley  
For the St. Mary's Legacy Fund Committee