

ALL THE ST. JOHN'S NEWS YOU NEED TO KNOW

NEXT RSM FOOD PANTRY COMING JULY 7

If you have a heart for helping our hungry neighbors, join us this Wednesday, July 7 at Shepherd of the Hills United Methodist Church, 30605 Avenida de las Flores in Rancho Santa Margarita. We can use help all day (11 a.m. to 5 p.m.) or for just an hour or two! Contact Roger Bradshaw, parishbradshaws@me.com. Distribution is from Noon-4 p.m.

JULY 7 IS ALSO LAUNDRY LOVE LAKE FOREST TIME

It's time again for our Laundry Love ministry at Sparklean Laundry, 23532 El Toro Road in Lake Forest Wednesday, July 7. It's likely that we will be able to meet onsite this month, so check with Juan Chacon if you want to join the team in person. Please pray for our Laundry Love leaders and our guests for the evening. Washing begins about 6 p.m. Juan can be reached at one.chacon74@yahoo.com.

OUR SATURDAY EVENING SERVICE HAS RETURNED

We restarted our Saturday evening service on June 19. We celebrate Eucharist in an intimate setting. We recruit volunteer readers and leaders on the spot, and we have a dialogue about the readings instead of a formal sermon. We share our spiritual journeys together and use the liturgy of St. Anslem, a 12th century French priest and monk, whose writings became the basis of several of our Eucharistic Canons. The service lasts about 45 minutes, giving us much time for after-worship fellowship. The music is less traditional than we use on Sunday mornings, but will be familiar to many. So bring your family, your friends, or just yourself, to St. John's at 5 p.m. on Saturday, and celebrate with your voice, your hands, and your hearts as we rejoice in our continued steps towards normal!



GODLY PLAY, SUNDAY SCHOOL, AND THE NURSERY ARE OPEN

Bring your children (of any age) to the Nursery this morning where our Children's Ministry team will have lots in store for them this week. Godly Play begins again soon and we need lots of help! Chrissy Hennings has assumed the leadership of our Children's Ministry and she has several important immediate needs: We need Godly Play teachers. If you have a desire to be trained as a Godly Play teacher, please contact Chrissy, children@stjohns-es.org. We are also in need of nursery attendants. If you are interested, please contact Chrissy at the same email address.

SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE HOUR IS BACK!

Join us after the service on the lower courtyard (Learning Commons Courtyard) which is the perfect spot to hold coffee hour where tables, comfortable seating, and shade abound. We even have an elevator you can use to get there! If you have a desire to be part of this ministry, please chat with one of our clergy when you come to grab your coffee and greet your friends! We will need a couple of people each week who are willing to prepare the coffee, etc., set up, and clean up at the end. You can also contact Gary and Dena Graves, capgary@cox.net.

MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR HARRY ELLIOTT SET FOR JULY 28

St. John's will hold a memorial service for long time beloved member Harry Elliott **Wednesday, July 28** at 2 p.m. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, this service had been delayed until we could all gather. At the end of the service, Harry's remains will be interred in the St. John's Columbarium. All are invited to support Faith Goldman and members of the Elliott family who will be attending.

CALLING ALL ACOLYTE FAMILIES!

Acolyte families? What is that? An "acolyte family" is an opportunity to serve at church on Sundays with members of your family. Parent and child, grandparent and child, spouses, siblings, you get the idea. We'd love to see YOU up there with a member or two of your family. An easy training session and you're on your way to serving as part of the Altar ministry. No age limit, although our younger members should be old enough to carry something (cross, gospel book, or candle). If you're interested in serving, contact Patti Peebles, sjecyouthgroup@gmail.com.

ST. JOHN'S YOUTH GROUP

The St. John's Youth Group meets most Wednesdays over the summer via ZOOM. Our youth group is comprised of young people grades 6-12. Questions? Contact Patti Peebles, sjecyouthgroup@gmail.com.

YOUTH AND ADULT CONFIRMATION COMING SEPTEMBER 12 WITH BISHOP'S VISITATION!

Bishop Suffragan Diane Jardine Bruce will be with us Sunday, September 12 celebrate Eucharist and confer the rite of confirmation on those interested. Adults, please contact our associate vicar, Rev. Karen, if you are interested, kmaurer@stjohns-es.org. Youth, please contact Mrs. Patti, sjecyouthgroup@gmail.com. We can accept names of those interested until July 15.

SPONSOR ALTAR FLOWERS FOR 2021

Commemorate or celebrate a loved one or friend by sponsoring altar flowers. More than one donation can be submitted per week. Just send the commemoration along with your name and mail it to the Church Office or drop off on Sundays while at church. The suggested flower donation is \$60.

WOMEN'S HYBRID BIBLE STUDY ON WEDNESDAY MORNINGS

Join us Wednesday mornings from 10:15—11:30 a.m. (our schedule may vary during the summer months). We will meet in-person and via ZOOM so those who are out of town or not feeling comfortable meeting in person can also participate. And if you will be joining us in person, but are NOT vaccinated we request that you wear a mask. If you would like more information about our Bible Study, please contact DJ Gomer, djgomer60@gmail.com.

WOMEN'S LUNCHEON "SISTERS WHO CONVERSE" PLANNED — SIGN UP NOW!

Are you a bit rusty after months of limited interactions and ZOOM meetings? The women of St. John's will gather **Saturday, July 24** for lunch at Tutto Fresco in RSM. Our time is 11:30 a.m. and we'll dine on their lovely outside patio. It will be a great opportunity to enjoy tasty food and wonderful fellowship. Cost is \$25 and will include your choice of several options from Tutto Fresco's Brunch/Lunch menu, along with dessert and coffee/tea. Other beverages will be billed individually. To sign up, send your check to the Church Office or pay via PayPal. Your spot is considered reserved when we receive your payment. Let's come together to converse, connect, and practice again the art of conversation. Questions? Contact DJ Gomer, djgomer60@gmail.com.

WOMEN — SPECIAL AUTHOR PRESENTATION IN SEPTEMBER

Saturday, September 18 we will gather at the home of Kathy O'Connor in Pasadena (aka The Bishop's residence) for lunch and a presentation by author Lian Dolan discussing her book, *The Sweeney Sisters*. Watch for more information about this event in the weeks to come.

ALTAR GUILD OPPORTUNITIES

If you get nervous speaking in public but want to participate in the active life of the parish, then Altar Guild is for you. Joining Altar Guild is an opportunity to serve at church behind the scenes a few hours a month. We set up for the worship services and clean up afterwards at your convenience. Families are especially welcome (no age limits) and men are sought to help with occasional heavy lifting. Here is an opportunity to introduce your children to volunteer service. If you are interested in learning more, contact Christy Morinello, auntchristy4@gmail.com.

RSM FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS WELCOME ALL THE TIME!

St. John's is a part of a team of volunteers helping to feed our neighbors in need on the first and third Wednesdays of each month at Shepherd of the Hills United Methodist Church, 30605 Avenida de las Flores, RSM. Weekly, the people of St. John's gather items used in the monthly distribution including canned protein-based items such as soup, chili, beans; pasta, pasta sauce; peanut butter, jelly, and also grocery store gift cards. Please bring your food donations to Church on Sundays.

CAREGIVING MOSAICS MEETS WEDNESDAY, JULY 14

BJ Sullivan has graciously assumed the responsibility to facilitate this group. If you know someone who is caring for a loved one, or if you are a caregiver, please strongly consider joining this group — "The table is the place where the doing stops, the trying stops, the masks are removed, and we allow ourselves to be nourished, like children. We allow someone else to meet our need. In a world that prides people on not having needs, on going longer and faster, on going without, on powering through, the table is a place of safety and rest and humanity, where we are allowed to be as fragile as we feel." For more information, please contact BJ Sullivan at: bjs54321@gmail.com. We meet via ZOOM and BJ will send the link out prior to the meeting.

