

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

Sunday, September 12, 2021 — Sunday, September 19

09/12	Sunday	9 a.m.	Holy Eucharist	Church and ZOOM
		9 a.m.	Godly Play and Nursery	Godly Play Room
		11 a.m.	Welcome Back BBQ	Cardinal Café
09/13	Monday	6:30 p.m.	Education for Ministry	Learning Commons
09/14	Tuesday	6 p.m.	Altar Guild Meeting	Godly Play Room
		6 p.m.	School Committee	Learning Commons
		7:30 p.m.	Festival Singers	Church
		8 p.m.	Evening Prayer	ZOOM
09/15	Wednesday	10:15 a.m.	Women's Bible Study	Gomer residence
		Noon	RSM Cares Food Pantry	Shepherd of the Hills
		6 p.m.	Bishop's Committee	Learning Commons
		7 p.m.	Youth Group ZOOM	Online
09/16	Thursday	8 p.m.	Evening Prayer	ZOOM
09/18	Saturday	5 p.m.	Holy Eucharist	Chrysostom Chapel
09/19	Sunday	8 a.m.	Holy Eucharist	Church
		9 a.m.	Holy Eucharist	Church and ZOOM
		9 a.m.	Godly Play and Nursery	Godly Play Room

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

WELCOME BISHOP BRUCE!

We are pleased to have Bishop Diane Bruce with us this morning. At the end of the service we will gather for our annual BBQ in the Cardinal Café where you can greet her.

BUY YOUR TICKET NOW FOR ST. JOHN'S CHURCH'S ANNUAL FELLOWSHIP EVENT AND FUNDRAISER

Saturday, November 6 from 6-8:30 p.m. is the date and the Cardinal Gym is the venue for our annual fundraiser featuring members from our music ministry offering "From the Stage: Music from the Great American Songbook." This event features great food, a wine wall, a silent auction, and wonderful entertainment. Ticket sales are underway, so logon to www.stjohnsrsm.org. The cost is **\$50** per person. We'll start giving you a sneak peak of our silent auction items and wine wall soon!

JOIN THE CHOIR!

Rev. Christopher and Johannes have been talking about creating opportunities for those of you who are vaccinated and would like to join our choir leads on Sundays. Here are the details: 1. We are counting on the health guidance to either become less restrictive or stay the same. Should restrictions increase, we will revisit the offer for expanded singing; 2. We are starting to incorporate more service music (Gloria, offertory hymn) and ease back into more sung liturgy; 3. If you want to resume singing in the choir, we will sit at least three feet apart (stacked on the three rows) with masks on while singing; 4. You may only attend if you're vaccinated and do not experience any flu-like symptoms; 5. We will be rehearsing upstairs in the choir area; 6. Beginning September 19, arrive at 9:10 a.m. for a 30 minute rehearsal prior to the service. We will go over the hymns, the service music, and the two anthems. The leads will continue to do the Psalm by themselves; 7. All music will be shared in advance by email including printable PDFs and audio when available; 8. Should there be extra time we could meet earlier, e.g., 8:45 a.m., and rehearse more and cover music further in advance. If that sounds interesting to you and you'd like to join, please email Johannes, jmstosch@gmail.com.

WE ARE STILL HOSTING EVENING PRAYER DURING THE WEEK!

Join us **Tuesdays and Thursdays at 8 p.m.** for Evening Prayer or Compline on ZOOM!

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE IN NOVEMBER

St. John's will host a blood drive in the Multipurpose Room **Sunday, November 7**, from **8:15 a.m.—2 p.m.** Logon to <https://www.redcrossblood.org>, and use sponsor code St. John to sign up.

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**. Let's make sure we have a beautiful sanctuary adorned with flowers each Sunday!

RSM FOOD PANTRY WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15!

We meet again this **Wednesday, September 15** to serve our neighbors at Shepherd of the Hills United Methodist Church, 30605 Avenida de las Flores, in Rancho. Questions? Roger Bradshaw, parisbradshaws@me.com.

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.

BOOK IT ON MONDAYS! FOR SEPTEMBER

Our women's book club, Book It On Mondays!, will meet next on **Monday, September 27 at 7 p.m.** and return to using ZOOM for now. Carol Atkins will lead our discussion of *The Last Bus to Wisdom* by Ivan Doig. The ZOOM link will be sent mid-September. Also, you will receive guidelines for choosing our 2022 reading selections. We will make those selections at our October gathering.

SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE HOUR MEETS AFTER CHURCH [EXCEPT TODAY]!

On most Sundays, 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. Contact Gary and Dena Graves, capgary@cox.net.

WEEKLY WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY HAS RESUMED

Our Wednesday morning Women's Bible Study are back together after a short summer hiatus. Join us at DJ Gomer's home each week from **10:15-11:30 a.m.** If you would like more information about our Bible Study, please contact DJ Gomer, djgomer60@gmail.com.

ALTAR GUILD OPPORTUNITIES

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.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY UPDATES

If anyone is interested in attending and becoming a Godly Play teacher, please reach out to Chrissy Hennings, children@stjohns-es.org or 949.291.6141 ASAP. We are also looking for door greeters to be available on Sundays to welcome the children into Godly Play and to be a helping hand to the teacher. Please let us know if you can help out and would like more information!

FESTIVAL SINGERS ARE REHEARSING AGAIN

Are you looking for a musical outlet in your life? On **Tuesday, September 14**, the Festival Singers will resume regular weekly rehearsals in preparation for their winter concerts. New singers of all parts (soprano, alto, tenor, and bass) are invited to join during the month of September. Rehearsals are held in the Church at St. John's from **7:30-9:30 p.m.** We sit socially distanced and wear vocal rehearsal masks for our safety. For further information, logon to www.festivalsingers.net/join-us/