

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

Sunday, October 24, 2021 — Sunday, October 31, 2021

10/24	Sunday	8 a.m.	Holy Eucharist	Church
		10 a.m.	Holy Eucharist	Church and ZOOM
		10 a.m.	Godly Play and Nursery	Godly Play Room
10/25	Monday	6:30 p.m.	Education for Ministry	Learning Commons
		7 p.m.	Book It On Mondays!	ZOOM
10/26	Tuesday	7:30 p.m.	Festival Singers	Church
		8 p.m.	Evening Prayer	ZOOM
10/27	Wednesday	10:15 a.m.	Women's Bible Study	ZOOM
		5:45 p.m.	Youth Grp Pumpkin Carving	Courtyard
10/28	Thursday	8 p.m.	Evening Prayer	ZOOM
10/30	Saturday	10 a.m.	Deanery Assembly	ZOOM
		5 p.m.	Holy Eucharist	Chrysostom Chapel
10/31	Sunday	8 a.m.	Holy Eucharist	Church
		10 a.m.	Holy Eucharist	Church and ZOOM
		10 a.m.	Godly Play and Nursery	Godly Play Room

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

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. You don't want to miss this wonderful event!

THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE TO BENEFIT RSM CARES FOOD PANTRY

The Thanksgiving Food Drive is here! Again this year, donations will support our local RSM Cares Food Pantry. A newly revised shopping list can be found on the counter in the Narthex. Bring your donations to Church by **Sunday, November 14**. If you can help out with preparing and loading bags November 13-14, or help out with food distribution at Shepherd of the Hills United Methodist Church, Wednesday, November 17, contact Roger Bradshaw, parisbradshaws@me.com or 949.505.4663.

ATTENTION ALL YOUTH! PUMPKIN CARVING THIS WEEK!

The annual Youth Group pumpkin carving/pizza/cookie night at St. John's is **Wednesday, October 27, 5:45 to 7:15 p.m.** It's BYOPumpkin. To allow more carving time at church, gut your pumpkin at home. If you want to use the guts for your design, bag 'em and bring 'em. Masks are required for carvers, but are optional for your pumpkin. If you have carving tools, bring 'em — but we do have some as well. Flashlights are helpful too!

ST. JOHN'S MEALS MINISTRY OPEN FOR BUSINESS

The meals ministry at St. John's exists to serve those who may need assistance with meals during a difficult period such as post-surgery recovery, bereavement, or even a brand new baby! For those who have participated in the past and those who have not, but would like to participate, please contact Melinda Freese, our new coordinator, melindafreese@cox.net, with your email address and she will add you to the list of participants. When a request for meals is received, you will receive an invitation to participate via email, the dates meals will be needed and access to the scheduling website. This is a very rewarding ministry.

FOR OUR NEWER MEMBERS — NEWCOMER BREAKFAST COMING DECEMBER 5

Are you new or "new-ish" to St. John's Church? Please join us for a Welcome Breakfast Sunday, December 5 at 9 a.m. on the Learning Commons Courtyard. Members of the lay leadership attend as well as the priests. It's a great

chance to get to know each other in a smaller group setting and to ask questions about the church. Please sign up in the Narthex or RSVP to erinschwarz@yahoo.com. All those new to St. John's in the past year are welcome!

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE IN NOVEMBER

St. John's is hosting 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**.

BOOK IT ON MONDAYS! FOR OCTOBER

Our women's book club, Book It On Mondays!, will meet next on **Monday, October 25 at 7 p.m.** via ZOOM. Patricia Zehner will lead our discussion of *Crossing to Safety*, a semi-autobiographical by Wallace Stegner. Contact Loreen for the ZOOM link. We will also choose our 2022 reading selections at our October gathering. If you'd like to propose a book, please email Loreen Guilford, loreenguilford@gmail.com, for details.

CALLING ALL CHILDREN — SPECIAL EVENT SUNDAY MORNING, OCTOBER 31!

Please dress up in your favorite (non-scary) Halloween costume next **Sunday, October 31** to be in the Halloween spirit! Our Nursery and Godly Play Room will be open for all children! Fr. Christopher will give them a spooktacular Blessing that you don't want your kids to miss!

INTERESTED IN GODLY PLAY?

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!

WOMEN'S MINISTRY ZOOM DISCUSSION: LET'S CONNECT/CONVERSE/CHECK-IN!

The women of St. John's will gather via ZOOM **Thursday, October 28 beginning at 7 p.m.** As we head into the final months of 2021, we'll talk about refocusing our outlook and reclaiming our days. What has shifted for you in the last 18 months, what has taken priority? And how do you see the Women's Ministry of St. John's serving you? Join us for an open discussion about meeting each other where we are and planning for where we want to be. If you are interested in attending, please RSVP for a ZOOM invitation, djgomer60@gmail.com.

NEXT BAPTISM COMING IN NOVEMBER

The Sacrament of Baptism is scheduled for **Sunday, November 7 at the 10 a.m. service**. To sign up, contact Roger Bradshaw in the Church Office, 949.888.4595 x206 or rbradshaw@stjohns-es.org. Deadline to sign up is Monday, November 1.

ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY REMEMBRANCES

All Saints' Sunday is **November 7** and at all services we pray for loved ones who have gone before — members of the "great cloud of witnesses" described in the Letter to the Hebrews. Email Roger, rbradshaw@stjohns-es.org, by **Sunday, October 31** with names of parents, grandparents, children, spouses, friends, or anyone for whom you would like our community to offer a memorial prayer.

ST. JOHN'S WALL OF SAINTS

We are collecting photographs of loved ones from our St. John's community who have died to be used for our "Wall of Saints" boards. The boards will be displayed in the Columbarium as part of our Dia de los Muertos Ofrenda from **Wednesday, October 27 through Monday, November 8**. Photos of grandparents, parents, aunts, uncles, cousins, or other family members or close friends are welcome and should be brought to the Church Office no later than **Monday, October 25**. We apologize, but we are unable to return any photos as they will be kept on the presentation boards for use every year. The project is run each year by our St. John's School students — thank you!

WOMEN — SAVE THE DATE FOR THESE UPCOMING EVENTS IN NOVEMBER

Lectio Divina: Monday, November 16 at 7 p.m. via ZOOM. Led by Linda Allport.

Group Hike: Sunday, November 14 after the 8 a.m. service. Led by Erin Schwarz and Andrea Patton.

Saturday Church Service with Dinner Afterwards: Saturday, November 20. Attend the 5 p.m. service together and then have dinner outside at a local restaurant.