

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

Sunday, October 31, 2021 — Sunday, November 7, 2021

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
11/01	Monday	6:30 p.m.	Education for Ministry	Learning Commons
11/02	Tuesday	7:30 p.m.	Festival Singers	Church
		8 p.m.	Evening Prayer	ZOOM
11/03	Wednesday	10:15 a.m.	Women's Bible Study	ZOOM
		Noon	RSM Cares Food Pantry	Shepherd of the Hills Church
		5:45 p.m.	Laundry Love	Lake Forest
11/04	Thursday	8 p.m.	Evening Prayer	ZOOM
11/06	Saturday	5 p.m.	Holy Eucharist	Chrysostom Chapel
		6 p.m.	Annual Fellowship Event	Cardinal Gym
11/07	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!

CALLING ALL CHILDREN — SPECIAL EVENT THIS MORNING!

Please dress up in your favorite (non-scary) Halloween costume or come as your are! 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!

ALERT! DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS NEXT WEEKEND

Daylight Saving Time ends next **Sunday, November 7**. Before retiring Saturday evening, **November 6**, be sure to turn your clocks **back** one hour for an extra hour of sleep!

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE IS NEXT SUNDAY

St. John's is hosting a blood drive in the Multipurpose Room next **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.

NEXT SUNDAY IS GRATITUDE AND INGATHERING SUNDAY

On **Sunday November 7**, in a very tangible way we will celebrate who we are at St. John's. On that day, with the many other things we will be doing (Blood Drive, Baptisms, and All Saints) we have made it our "Ingathering" Sunday. At all services, including Saturday night before the Fall Fellowship Event, we will present to God, to each other, and to ourselves our Promises of Support to the ministry and to the Church of St. John's of which we are all beneficiaries. After spending time in prayer and reflection, we promise financial support for 2022 in an amount that allows us to exercise our trust in God. Please bring your envelope with your Promise enclosed to Church on **November 6 or 7**. Everyone with an envelope will come forward and place it on the altar where they all will be blessed – as we are all blessed when we share in the ministry of the Gospel at St. John's.

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, parishbradshaws@me.com or 949.505.4663.

FORWARD DAY BY DAY — NEW ISSUE AVAILABLE

The November-December-January issue of the daily devotional, *Forward Day by Day*, is available today. *Forward Day by Day* is a booklet of daily inspirational meditations reflecting on a specific Bible passage, chosen from the daily lectionary readings. Stop by the display rack in the Narthex to pick up your copy. A \$1 donation is suggested.

ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY REMEMBRANCES

All Saints' Sunday is next week, **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 today, **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.

NOVEMBER 3 IS LAUNDRY LOVE LAKE FOREST TIME

It's time again for our Laundry Love ministry at Sparklean Laundry, 23532 El Toro Road in Lake Forest this **Wednesday, November 3**. Please pray for our Laundry Love leaders and our guests for the evening. Washing begins about **6 p.m.** If you have any questions, email Juan Chacon, one.chacon74@yahoo.com. Check with Juan if you want to join the team in person.

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!

NEXT BAPTISM COMING IN NOVEMBER

The Sacrament of Baptism is scheduled for next **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 tomorrow, **Monday, November 1**.

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.

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 are welcome!

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**.

NEXT RSM FOOD PANTRY COMING NOVEMBER 3

If you have a heart for helping our hungry neighbors, join us this **Wednesday, November 3** 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.

WOMEN — SAVE THE DATE FOR THESE UPCOMING EVENTS IN NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER

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

Lectio Divina: Monday, November 15 at 7 p.m. via ZOOM. Led by Linda Allport.

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.