

## THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

**Sunday, November 14, 2021 — Sunday, November 21, 2021**

<b>11/14</b>	<b>Sunday</b>	8 a.m.	Holy Eucharist	Church
		9 a.m.	O'Neil Park Hike	Meet in Parking Lot
		10 a.m.	Holy Eucharist	Church and ZOOM
		10 a.m.	Godly Play and Nursery	Godly Play Room
		1 p.m.	Thanksgiving Bag Packing	Courtyard
<b>11/15</b>	<b>Monday</b>	6:30 p.m.	Education for Ministry	Learning Commons
		7 p.m.	Book It On Mondays!	ZOOM
<b>11/16</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	7 p.m.	Lectio Divina	ZOOM
		7:30 p.m.	Festival Singers	Church
		8 p.m.	Evening Prayer	ZOOM
<b>11/17</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	10:15 a.m.	Women's Bible Study	ZOOM
		Noon	RSM Cares Food Pantry	Shepherd of the Hills Church
		6 p.m.	Bishop's Committee	Learning Commons & ZOOM
<b>11/18</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	8 p.m.	Evening Prayer	ZOOM
<b>11/20</b>	<b>Saturday</b>	5 p.m.	Holy Eucharist	Chrysostom Chapel
<b>11/21</b>	<b>Sunday</b>	8 a.m.	Holy Eucharist	Church
		10 a.m.	Holy Eucharist	Church and ZOOM
		10 a.m.	Godly Play and Nursery	Godly Play Room
		1 p.m.	Thanksgiving Bag Packing	Courtyard

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

### THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE TO BENEFIT RSM CARES FOOD PANTRY

The Thanksgiving Food Drive is here! Donations will support our local RSM Cares Food Pantry. There is still time to get to the grocery store for gift cards or food items needed. Bring your donations back to the Church by Sunday afternoon, **November 14 at 1 p.m.** And if you have a little extra time, you can help out with preparing and loading the bags. We also need help with food distribution at Shepherd of the Hills United Methodist Church this **Wednesday, November 17**. For details, contact Roger Bradshaw, [parisbradshaws@me.com](mailto:parisbradshaws@me.com) or 949.505.4663.

### EVERYONE IS WELCOME ON OUR HIKE THIS MORNING

We depart from the St. John's parking lot **after the 8 a.m. service** concludes (approximately 9 a.m.). This hike is for women, children, and men — and you're welcome to bring friends. We will walk in O'Neill Park for a moderate hike of about three miles as an out-and-back. Family friendly, everyone welcome. Please bring sunscreen, water, appropriate footwear, hat, etc. Your hike leaders are Erin Schwarz and Andrea Patton.

### THANKSGIVING EVE SERVICE AND PIZZA PARTY COMING

The best place to be **Wednesday, November 24 at 5:30 p.m.** is St. John's Church as we give thanks for life's blessings on the eve of the Thanksgiving holiday. We'll begin with Holy Eucharist in the Church followed by a pizza dinner in the Cardinal Gym. Sign-up for the pizza dinner by sending an email with the number attending to [ca@stjohns-es.org](mailto:ca@stjohns-es.org) for the pizza dinner! We'll also have salad and beverages.

### 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.

### INTERESTED IN GODLY PLAY?

If anyone is interested in training to become a Godly Play teacher, please reach out to Chrissy Hennings, [children@stjohns-es.org](mailto: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!

#### **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 coordinator, [melindafreese@cox.net](mailto: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 our clergy. 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](mailto:erinschwarz@yahoo.com). All those new to St. John's are welcome!

#### **OUR WOMEN'S BOOK CLUB MEETS TOMORROW EVENING—LAST ONE OF THE YEAR!**

Our Women's book club, Book It On Mondays!, will meet again by ZOOM for our final 2021 meeting **November 15 at 7 p.m.** The ZOOM link will be sent Sunday afternoon. Our reading selection is *Why Didn't They Ask Evans?* by Agatha Christie. We will discuss the life of Agatha Christie and the five essential elements of a mystery: characters, setting, plot, problem, and solution. Questions? Contact Loreen Guilford, [lorenguiford@gmail.com](mailto:lorenguiford@gmail.com).

#### **THE FESTIVAL SINGERS IN CONCERT SUNDAY, DECEMBER 5**

Join The Festival Singers (a volunteer choral group that rehearses weekly at St. John's) as we begin our 40th season of "Sharing the Joy of Music." Our holiday concert, "Warm Winter Melodies," will feature fresh and familiar arrangements of beloved holiday music including "We Need a Little Christmas", "Mary Did You Know", "The Christmas Song (Chestnuts Roasting)", "Somewhere in My Memory", a special Hanukkah song by our own Carol Roman, and a moving arrangement of "Silent Night" by composer Ken Neufeld. Join us **Sunday, December 5 at 3 p.m.** at our concert venue, Presbyterian Church of the Master, 26051 Marguerite Parkway in Mission Viejo. The program will last about 90 minutes without an intermission. Tickets are \$20 each and can be purchased at the door, online at [www.festivalsingers.net](http://www.festivalsingers.net), or stop by the Church office to see Cindy Drennan. Come support your St. John's friends including guest instrumentalist Carolyn Van Velzer. This concert will put you in the holiday mood!

#### **NEW PRAYER OPPORTUNITY FOR ST. JOHN'S SCHOOL**

As we enter into the season of Advent — a time of expectant waiting — we reflect on the gifts we receive during the year, sometimes unknowingly! One such gift is service of the faculty and staff at St. John's Episcopal School. During this Advent season, we want to let the staff know that we, their church community, will be praying for them. Would you be willing to hold the administration, faculty, and staff in your prayers during the Advent season? If yes, please respond to directly to Erin Schwarz, [erinschwarz@yahoo.com](mailto:erinschwarz@yahoo.com), by **Wednesday, November 24**. Let her know if you are willing to pray for 1, 2, 5, or more faculty/staff members. She will assign you the names and send you an email back. In addition, we will print out a note card to notify the staff member(s) that you are praying for them. Thank you for your willingness to remind our school faculty and staff that we support them!

#### **NEXT BAPTISM SCHEDULED FOR JANUARY 9, 2022**

The next baptism is scheduled for **Sunday, January 9, 2022 at the 10 a.m. service**. Baptism preparation for candidates, parents, and godparents is **Saturday afternoon, January 8 at 3 p.m.** Contact Roger Bradshaw to sign up, [rbradshaw@stjohns-es.org](mailto:rbradshaw@stjohns-es.org).

#### **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**.

#### **JOIN US FOR LECTIO DIVINA TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 16 AT 7 P.M.**

As we head into the holidays, let's make some time to sit quietly with God's scripture and reflect how His words offer us support, comfort, and direction. Lectio Divina is listening to a Scripture reading and experiencing God's word in a quiet and reflective atmosphere. To RSVP and receive the ZOOM link, please contact Linda Allport at [lallport@cox.net](mailto:lallport@cox.net).