

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

Sunday, November 21, 2021 — Sunday, November 28, 2021

11/21	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
11/22	Monday	6:30 p.m.	Education for Ministry	Learning Commons
11/23	Tuesday	7:30 p.m.	Festival Singers	Church
		8 p.m.	Evening Prayer	ZOOM
		10:15 a.m.	Women's Thanksgivings	ZOOM
11/24	Wednesday	5:30 p.m.	Thanksgiving Eve Eucharist	Church
		6:30 p.m.	Thanksgiving Eve Pizza Party	Cardinal Gym
		OFFICE CLOSED — Thanksgiving Day [no Evening Prayer tonight]		
11/25	Thursday	OFFICE CLOSED		
11/26	Friday	OFFICE CLOSED		
11/27	Saturday	5 p.m.	Holy Eucharist	Chrysostom Chapel
11/28	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

THANKSGIVING EVE SERVICE AND PIZZA PARTY COMING

The best place to be this coming **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 at 5:30 p.m. followed by a pizza dinner in the Cardinal Gym. Sign-up for the pizza dinner by sending an email to ca@stjohns-es.org! We'll also have salad and beverages so there is something for everyone!

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 school 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, 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!

WEDNESDAY WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY GROUP TO GIVE THANKS AND EXPRESS GRATITUDE NOVEMBER 24

Linda Allport has offered to open up the ZOOM feed for anyone that would like to just check in on Thanksgiving Eve at our regular meeting time (we won't be having Bible study). We can use the hour to share what you're thankful for as this year begins to wind down, or maybe bring a reading about gratitude that resonates with you. The holidays can be challenging for some, and joyful for others. So if you're not elbow deep in making pies or prepping for the next day's dinner, please consider joining us! The ZOOM link will be sent Tuesday.

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 since 2020 are welcome to join this gathering!

YOUR 2022 PROMISE CARD NEEDED

Thanks to all who brought their 2022 promise cards to the altar during our ingathering and in the mail this past week. We've received 50 thus far! If you haven't had a chance to complete your promise card, now is the time! We are encouraging 100% participation, regardless of the amount pledged. If you didn't receive a card in the mail, you'll find cards on the counter in the Narthex. Just fill it out and drop it in the offering basin.

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 season 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 or online at www.festivalsingers.net. Come support your St. John's friends including our very own Carolyn Van Velzer on piano. This concert will put you in the holiday mood!

YOUTH GROUP SCHEDULE FOR REST OF 2021

Here's the schedule for both groups for the rest of this year: High School & Beyond: Tuesday, **November 30 and December 7, 7:30 p.m.** ZOOM (College members are grads of St. John's YG who continue to enjoy the fellowship); Middle School: **Wednesday, December 1:** Christmas shop for a family from Families Forward, 6 to 7:30 p.m. and **Wednesday, December 15:** Christmas Party at St. John's, **6 to 7:30 p.m.** High School and College members in town are welcome to attend! To join either group or ask questions, contact Mrs. Patti: sjecyouthgroup@stjohns-es.org. Youth Group members are reminded that adult leaders are just a text away, 24/7, if members need to talk.

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.

OUR GREEN TIP MINISTRY IS BACK!

Interested in helping our members learn to be good stewards of God's creation? We need volunteers to submit green tips for publication in the bulletin. Also, over the years we have collected corks for recycling. At this time we are suspending cork collection. Send your green tips to Cindy in the Church Office, cdrennan@stjohns-es.org.

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 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!

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.

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**.