



ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN SOMERVILLE, NEW JERSEY

The Newsletter

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NOVEMBER 2021

From the Rector

STEWARDSHIP: *IT STARTS WITH CHILDREN*

JESUS SAID, "Let the little children come unto me, and do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. Truly I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it" (Luke 18:16-17).

This scripture certainly makes it clear that children are important to Jesus. And if nothing else, it calls us, as adults who lead and serve in our parish, to consider children in our church discussions and planning, particularly around stewardship, which affects all aspects of our lives.

I think this verse also tells us that adults can learn a lot from children. Luke 18 continues by telling the story of the man who asks Jesus what he must do to inherit eternal life. When Jesus tells him to sell all his possessions and distribute the money to the poor, the man hangs his head in sadness, unable to fulfill Jesus' call. Yet how often do we witness children eagerly sharing all that is in their pockets or their piggy bank to help a friend or a cause they care about.

Generosity lives in children's hearts. As adults, it is our role to empower children to discover, nurture, celebrate and share this God-given generosity. This is beyond simply including children in common stewardship practices, but it is about modifying the practices so that children can experience the transformation that comes from a deepened relationship with God.

Here are three potential steps that can enable children to live out their roles as God's stewards:

THE OFFERING

Make sure children and youth have a method for giving an offering every week. Perhaps provide your child with a fresh envelope each week. Or, maybe your child could join you when you give on-line. This shows kids that they are an important part of our parish community.

IDENTIFIED BUDGET

Make sure the offerings of children are acknowledged. Children need to be able to see how their dollar bills grow into significant amounts when given in community with others.

KIDS VESTRY OR A CHURCH SCHOOL COUNCIL

Children need a decision-making forum to provide a process for determining the use of their funds. All children may participate. The most



important aspect of these forums is that the children are allowed to make autonomous decisions that are not directed by adults. These steps also lay the foundation for exploring the holistic nature of God's gifts in Church and at home. Be sure to let the children share what they learn from their stewardship practices with the congregation at large. We grown-ups can learn a lot from "the little children."

See you in Church!

Father Ron

CHURCH SCHOOL HAS BEGUN!

Our teachers Marielena Cardinale, Tracey Jameson, and Michelle Hernandez are looking forward to seeing the children!

Join us at 10 am in the the Chapel

Grades pre-K through 6 are welcome.

For your convenience, the registration form is attached.

Please feel free to reach out to Superintendent Marielena Cardinale at 908.359.6873 or email the Parish Office at stjohnsomerville@gmail.com for questions and more information

STEWARDSHIP 2022

As we begin a new season it is very important to set goals and think of ways this next season can be better than the prior season. As we all consider ***Doing What Love Requires*** it is important for us to "love our neighbors as ourselves." We ask that you consider what this means to you. In our Baptismal Covenant we have all answered very difficult questions with the same answer "I will, with God's help." Currently, we are asking our entire congregation for not only their prayerful support but also for their financial support in the form of a pledge. A pledge is a solemn promise and is much like God's promises to each and every one of us.



"For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope." (Jeremiah 29:11)

This year our goal is \$235,000 for the mission of the congregation. We would ***love*** to exceed this goal! With the support of our entire congregation, we will make that happen! As you prayerfully consider a pledge, we ask you to reflect on:

How has St. John's been there for you?

How proud are you to be a member of St. John's?

How can you become more involved in the ministries at St. John's?

We assure you that your pledge is not only greatly appreciated but necessary for our mission to continue ***To know Christ and to make Him known.***

Faithfully,

St. John's Stewardship Committee: Jean Stamets, Marianne Salanik, Dee Britt, Brad Moor, Mark Hernandez and Alicia Gilmartin

WATCHUNG CONVOCATION

There will be a special meeting of the Watchung Convocation to be held on Sunday, October 24 at 3 pm, for the purpose of electing one clergy person and one lay person to represent the Watchung Convocation to the Diocesan Bishop Search Committee (a Zoom invitation is forthcoming). The six people elected at the special Zoom meeting held on September 26 to represent St. John's for the Convocation were: Alicia Gilmartin, Neva Rae Fox, Bob Fox, Marianne Salanik, Valerie Smith, and Mark Hernandez. *Congratulations and thank you to those willing to serve!*

THE WORK OF MINISTRY

St. John's Clothes Closet

The Clothes Closet will continue to be open on the first Saturday of the month from 9:00 am to 12:00 noon. It is located on the lower level of the parish house. Masks and social distancing will be enforced. Purchases are cash only.

Please do not leave donations anywhere inside or outside the church building or parish house. Donations of clean, gently used clothing, shoes, and accessories for men, women, and children will be accepted on sale days only or by contacting Linda Willard at nolaandboogie@aol.com or 347.276.6491. Linda will make an appointment to meet you at a mutually convenient time.

Items on hangers are appreciated but not mandatory. Please donate only current, contemporary items suitable for fall or winter. We do not accept underwear or socks (unless they are *new* and in original packaging), bathing suits, or pajamas.

If you would like to help with the Clothes Closet, please contact Paula Windus at 908.526.7150 or paulawindus@verizon.net. Donations of thirty-gallon trash bags will be gratefully accepted and may be left on the stage in the parish hall, labeled for the Clothes Closet.

The Clothes Closet council also includes Liz Eisinger, Valerie Gibson, and Marianne Salanik. Valued volunteers are Niki Hoffman, Jean Stamets, and Taffy Scherr.



'Meals to Go'—A caring ministry

This ministry provides a free meal for those in need each Saturday morning, and menus are published in the *Friday Good News and Notices*. If you are interested or know of someone who might enjoy receiving a nice meal, simply arrive on Saturday between 9 am and 10 am. People enter via the ramp door entrance, come inside, share contact tracing information, walk to the main kitchen to receive food items, then leave the Parish Hall via the back glass door and then depart from the church property. Wearing masks is mandatory. For more

information, contact Fr. Ron frronpollock1@verizon.net. Sign up to volunteer: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0C45AFAD2BA2F8C70-meals2>

Men's Group Forming

MARK HERNANDEZ

Dearest Brothers in Christ,

St John's would like to invite the men of our congregation into the formation of a Men's Faith-based Fellowship. What is the power of fellowship: o put it in today's terms, it means to "hang out" with people who believe in the same God as you! And by this, I mean to pray, worship, praise, and encourage each other to grow in Christ. God has given each of us special spiritual gifts, and together, we must show God's grace to the world.



We are proposing the following ideas please let us know if you are interested and which of these options you would like best:

- A Men's Bible Study (strictly bible study)
- A Men's Faith and Fellowship Group (Bible study and fellowship)
- Or something else? (a book discussion group)

We can offer this via zoom or in person or a combination of the two. I would like to include as many of you as possible. Contact me, Mark Hernandez, via email episcopalmark@gmail.com or my cell phone (908.413.1918). *Thank You and God Bless!*

"They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved."

Acts 2:42-47

Episcopal Church Women News

HELPING HANDS IN NOVEMBER

ECW will be collecting new gloves and mittens for women, men, and children for warmth, work, fun, and well-being. Helping Hands, a new initiative by ECW, begins on November 21. Look out for the special basket where you can drop off new gloves and mittens or let us know and we will find a mutual time for pick-up. The gloves and mittens will be donated to area and regional groups for distribution. ECW will be collecting new gloves and mittens through December and into January. *Thank you in advance for your generosity.*

LIVE CHRISTMAS WREATHS

ECW is selling beautiful live holiday wreaths, decorated with a red ribbon, direct from Washington State. The mixed Evergreen wreath is 22 inches, and is an aromatic combination of Noble fir, berried juniper, and incense cedar. Only \$25 each. No limit on the number you order! Ideal for holiday decorating, as presents to friends and family, and for seasonal cheer. Order today—deadline is November 6. To order contact Terry McShane: TLM49@comcast.net;



phone/text 908.217.6888. Wreaths will be delivered to St. John's in early December (exact date TBA). Payment is required at pick-up; cash or checks payable to St. John's ECW (no charge or debit cards accepted). Proceeds will benefit St. John's ministries.

Coming up with ECW:

- The November 1 ECW meeting will feature a special guest and will be a hybrid meeting. ECW is thrilled to welcome Deacon Joanna George to present a reflection via zoom at the November meeting, beginning at 7 pm Eastern. No stranger to St. John's, Deacon Joanna moved to Texas with her husband Don after devoting many years to St John's. ECW will present the November meeting—and future meetings—in a hybrid manner, both in person and on zoom. ECW and others have the option of gathering in person or zooming into the meeting. Going hybrid assists many. Zoom info for November is here:

Topic: Episcopal Church Women's Meeting

Time: November 1, 2021, 07:00 pm Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87350083706?pwd=MEFHcjBBWVRTTtKVVpsbVltY2xQQOT09>

Meeting ID: 873 5008 3706, Passcode: 287310

One tap mobile

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+19292056099,,87350083706#,,,,*287310# US (New York)

- United Thank Offering (UTO) in-gathering will be Sunday, November 14.

For more information, contact President Judy Marine, jmarine@verizon.net, or Vice-President Neva Rae Fox, nevarae@aol.com.



ALTAR GUILD NEWS

The Altar Guild is a group of dedicated volunteers whose ministry is to care for the altar, vestments, vessels, and altar linens of the church. Currently the Altar Guild needs three-pound coffee cans (or a similar-sized container) for transporting the Sunday altar flowers to homebound or hospitalized parishioners. Please leave your donation on the edge of the stage in the Parish Hall, labeled "Altar Guild."

For more information about the Altar Guild, and to consider becoming a part of this ministry, contact Paula Windus, paulawindus@verizon.net.

Choral Evensong, November 7

The Parish Choir will sing Choral Evensong on All Saints' Sunday, November 7 at 5 pm. Traditionally the feasts of All Saints and All Souls (November 1 and 2) are times to remember the saints who have gone before us. This is an opportunity for us as a community to remember those we have lost, especially members of our community who have died in the past year, as well as loved ones we have lost. The Parish Choir will sing music by Brewer, Oxley, and Ralph Vaughan Williams. *Everyone is welcome!*

Choral Evensong lies at the heart of the Anglican tradition. The pairing of the *Magnificat* (The Song of Mary) and the *Nunc dimittis* (The Song of Simeon) remind us that the fulfillment of God's promises are ever new and ever present. Please join us for this service as we remember those loved ones who have gone before us.

All Souls' Observance

During Evensong on November 7, we will remember in prayer the names of those who have been buried from St. John's Church during the past year.

In addition to reading the list of names of those who died this year, you are invited to share with us the names of those you have loved and lost.

Please send us those names, and we will remember them before God.

Please print names without titles, using first and last:

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

It is not necessary, but if you would like to include a contribution in memory of those remembered,

kindly enclose your check for any amount made payable to:

St. John's Church, Memo: 'Music Fund'

or you may donate on-line.

Please return your dedication by Wednesday, November 3 to:
frronpollock1@verizon.net and/or stjohnsomerville@gmail.com

St. John's Church
Attn: Fr. Ron Pollock
158 West High Street
Somerville, New Jersey 08876

Your Name _____

Phone and e-mail _____

CHORISTERS & HAND CHIMES

Our new hand chimes were used for the first time on Sunday, October 17, a gift of the memorial fund. *Thanks to our young acolyte Luke for playing them so beautifully during the psalm!* There is a place for our youth in the St. John's Music Program. We have many talented singers and

instrumentalists and we're looking forward to seeing you in church. Even if you've never sung in choir, come. It's fun! Contact Mark Trautman at stjohnsomerville@gmail.com or call the Parish Office. *Everyone is welcome!*



SILENT AUCTION, NOVEMBER 6-14

A Silent Auction containing lots of great products and gift ideas, will be displayed in the Parish Hall starting Saturday, November 6, ending Sunday, November 14; bidding will end one half-hour after the end of the 10:15 service that morning.



Please consider donating a basket, soliciting a gift card from your favorite restaurant, hairdresser, or your other favorite businesses, and do consider placing bids on one or more items to help support St. John's ministries.

All raffle items must be brought to the Parish Hall by Friday, October 29 with a description of each item and its exact value. If possible, please have each ready to display. Groups may consider doing a theme basket with each member contributing an item, such as spa products, wine, and the like.

A box will be set up in the Guild Room for each group where members may drop their contributions off. Please include the sales receipt or a note with the value. All items will be displayed in the church hall from November 6-14; Deacon Keith will be in the Parish Hall from 6-8 pm on November 10 if folks would like to stop by. The highest bidder for each item will be announced at noon on November 14. For more information, contact Karen Whitmore at karwhit46@gmail.com.

TWENTIETH ANIMAL BLESSING

Our twentieth annual Blessing of the Animals in honor of St. Francis' Day took place on Sunday, October 3. More than 50 pets came to be blessed by Father Ron, and we even made the paper! This wonderful outreach to the community recognizes the importance of pets in people's daily lives. *"The animals of God's creation inhabit the skies, the earth and the sea. They share in the fortunes of human existence and have a part in human life. God, who confers gifts on all living things, has often used the service of animals or made them reminders of the gifts of salvation. Animals were saved from the flood and afterwards made a part of the covenant with Noah."* (Genesis 9:9-10).



CALLED TO SERVICE: VESTRY

VESTRY NOMINATIONS

The Vestry Nominating Committee will soon be seeking nominations for the Vestry. New members will be chosen at our annual meeting in January. We need your help in choosing them. Here's what you need to know.

WHAT DOES THE VESTRY DO?

It's the legal governing body of the parish, the "board of directors." With the rector as its leader, it sets policy and goals and oversees the finances and property. But it has another equally important role: providing leadership to implement the ministries that serve the parish and the community. It actively supports the work and ministry of the Rector.

WHO CAN RUN FOR VESTRY?

Any baptized member of the Episcopal Church who has been a member of our parish in good standing for at least one year, is at least 16 years old, makes a regular financial contribution to the parish, and worships regularly with us.

IS THERE AN EXPECTED TIME COMMITMENT?

Yes. A term runs for three years. The Vestry meets once every month. Vestry members are also members of either the Property Committee or Finance Committee. We have one all-day Vestry Retreat once a year. And since every vestry member's voice matters, our goal is for members to have no more than three unexcused absences from regular meetings in a year.

WHAT DO WE LOOK FOR IN A VESTRY MEMBER?

Someone who is involved in some parish ministry, and preferably (but not necessarily) has shown some leadership ability. He or she should keep informed about the parish and be willing to contribute to working out solutions to issues that arise. Every Vestry member should work respectfully with other members and participate in discerning the parish's vision and encouraging its ministries. The Vestry affords people the opportunity to share a variety of their own gifts and talents.

HOW ARE VESTRY MEMBERS CHOSEN?

They are nominated by the Nominating Committee, whose recommendation must be approved by the Vestry, and they are elected at the annual meeting.

HOW DOES THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE WORK?

It accepts suggestions from parishioners, discusses possible candidates, decides who it thinks should be nominated, makes sure people are willing to run, and presents a proposed slate to the Vestry. The approved nominees are then



announced to the parish. Each nominee will then be asked to prepare a statement of qualifications of no more than 100 words.

HOW CAN I NOMINATE SOMEONE?

You may complete and give this form to Fr. Ron or a member of the Nominating Committee, or put it in the collection basket, or leave it with Mark Trautman in the Parish Office. You may nominate yourself or someone else.

HERE ARE MY SUGGESTIONS FOR SOMEONE TO RUN IN JANUARY FOR VESTRY, DIOCESAN CONVENTION, WATCHUNG CONVOCATION:

Name: _____

I RECOMMEND THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) FOR:

Vestry _____

Diocesan Convention _____

Watchung Convocation _____

Please make sure each nominee is willing to be considered.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Father Ron Pollock, Chair;

Karen Whitmore, Warden;

Anthony Pinto, Vestry member;

and two Vestry members to be decided.

Deadline for nominations is Sunday, November 14.

ADOPT-A-FAMILY

HELP FEED A FAMILY THIS THANKSGIVING AND/OR CHRISTMAS.

Families within our own parish and others in our local community are struggling to make ends meet, especially amid a pandemic and in the aftermath from Hurricane Ida.

A basket of non-perishable food items plus a \$40 gift card to ShopRite** will provide Thanksgiving or Christmas Dinner for a family of four.*

**any amount will be gratefully accepted*

***any kind of gift card will be gratefully accepted*

Please deliver the food basket and gift card to:

***St. John's Church, 158 West High Street, Somerville, NJ 08876
by Sunday, November 21 and Saturday, December 11 respectively—
no later than 9 am SHARP!***

*You may also bring your basket and gift card to church on Sunday,
Or contact the Parish Office for drop off during the week.*

Contact: Fr. Ron at frronpollock1@verizon.net or 908.722.1250

CHRISTMAS GIFT COLLECTION & DISTRIBUTION

Once again, St. John's will be collecting and distributing Christmas presents for anyone between the ages of birth to 18 years old. Christmas presents will be distributed to various agencies, including The Somerset Home for Temporarily Displaced Children, Agape House, Somerset County Jail Chaplaincy program (children of inmates), and many other children we are aware of in the community. The firm deadline will be on Saturday, December 11 by 9 am **sharp!**

Here's the plan: people purchase a toy (or toys) to be given to someone in need. If Christmas presents are wrapped, they must be clearly marked for boy or girl and indicate what age. Or if the toy(s) is unwrapped then holiday gift bags or wrapping paper must be to be provided. Deliver gift to the church no later than Saturday, December 11 at 9 am. You may bring your gift(s) to church on any Sunday morning and place it in a large box which will be in the Narthex. Or you may contact the Parish Office to determine a mutually convenient time



when you can to drop them off. You decide what sex and age you desire to purchase a gift for! This year, may we suggest gift cards, as they may prove to be easier to distribute.

This year, only 10 volunteers are needed (because of the pandemic) to help us welcome families and individuals when they arrive at St. John's, conduct contact tracing for every person, help assemble food baskets, toys and gifts, bag and distribute Christmas gifts to agencies and families. From 9 am until 11 am volunteers will organize gifts and food baskets downstairs.

From 11 am until 1 pm, volunteers will greet people in the back parking lot, where they will safely accompany them to the basement area observing safety guidelines and protocols. Once downstairs more volunteers will assist those who seek gifts and assist by putting the toys and gifts into bags or boxes. Then they will be escorted out of the building using another exit.

We will need volunteers to transport toys and gifts to local agencies and homes using their own cars. If interested in volunteering, contact Fr. Ron, frronpollock1@verizon.net. With your help we can provide some hope for those in need. —Fr. Ron

SACRED GROUND: A FILM-BASED DIALOGUE SERIES ON RACE & FAITH

Sacred Ground is a film- and readings-based dialogue series on race, grounded in faith. Small groups are invited to walk through chapters of the United States' history of race and racism, while weaving in threads of family story, economic class, and political and regional identity.

The 10-part series is built around a powerful online curriculum of documentary films and readings that focus on Indigenous, Black, Latino, and Asian/Pacific American histories as they intersect with European American histories.

Sacred Ground is part of *Becoming Beloved Community*, The Episcopal Church's long-term commitment to racial healing, reconciliation, and justice in our personal lives, our ministries, and our society. This series is open to all, and especially designed to help white people talk with other white people. Participants are invited to peel away the layers that have contributed to the challenges and divides of the present day—all while grounded in our call to faith, hope, and love.



St. John's and St. Martin's in Bridgewater began meeting on September 23 and will continue through November 11. These Thursday evening meetings are held via Zoom. Contact Fr. Ron frronpollock1@verizon.net if you are interested.!

ST. JOHN'S IS 'LOOPED'!

The NJ Association of the Hearing Loss Association of America (HLAA) has just updated its listing of looped facilities in New Jersey. Sadly, St John's remains the only Episcopal Church on the list. On Sunday October 10, HLAA-NJ distributed a list of churches several hundred HHD (hard of hearing or deaf) people, and their supporters, at NJ's annual March for Hearing, in Mercer County Park. Later this fall, the list will be distributed to legislators as they consider two NJ bills requiring public spaces (city halls, etc.) to provide loops under certain circumstances.

We are proud to be looped for the hard of hearing or deaf. Many thanks to Catherine O'Shea and the late Lt. Col. Bob Vaucher for their efforts in making this new ministry a possibility at St. John's!

WE CELEBRATE, WE REMEMBER

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

1. John Cunningham
3. Peter Tom-Wolverton, Gregory Krueger, Ivan Latanision
- 4 Susan Mathews, David Blue
6. Danielle Barry, Olivia Massey
7. Zachary Hillman, Ronald Szumigala
8. Emery Pierson
9. Nancy Spolarich, Eva Normant, Sarah Ann Metaxas
11. Anthony Pinto
12. Allan Tom-Wolverton, Charles Halsted II, Mark Jameson, Katie Agins
14. Cecilie Lande, Isabelle Thorpe
15. Kurt Jelinek
16. Jeff Daugherty, Tia Maria Viola Yingst
17. Ed Edwards
18. Anji Centolanza
19. Anaïs De LosSantos, Damien Dodds
20. Emma Dupuis
21. Margo Ellis Christou, Julianna Barkin
22. Brian Hamer
23. Douglas Mathews
24. Thom Boyer, Derek Pasquale
27. Charlotte Newton, Marie Teresa Vendettuoli, Amber Leibold, Wayne Westmoreland, Mark Ansbro
28. Jane Henderson-Glick
30. Antonio Saunders, Jesse Smith, Michael Marshall

LOOKING AHEAD

November 1, *All Saints' Day*, ECW at 7 pm
November 2, *All Souls' Day*, Tuesday Eucharists resume at 7 pm
November 6-14, *Silent Auction*
November 7, *Choral Evensong* at 5 pm
November 8-10, *Diocese of New Jersey Clergy Conference*, Fr. Ron away
November 25, *Thanksgiving Day Eucharist* at 9 am
December 5, *First Sunday of Advent*
December 12, *Lessons and Carols* at 5 pm

NOVEMBER WEDDING

ANNIVERSARIES

1. Howard & Michelle Barkin
3. Rafael & Gretchen Rivera
9. Anthony Pinto & Christian Carrillo
11. Christine & Jon Anobile
13. Mark Trautman & Ben. Sifuentes
17. Mark & Pamela Ansbro
22. Dick & Barbara Meier
26. Robert & Patricia Potts
29. Peter Miller & Christine Kelly

NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH

1. Robert Yingst
2. Russell Bedford
4. Carol Caufield
5. Wilbur Wood Goldsack, John H. Croll
8. Frances Powers, Eleanor Giordano
9. Colleen Goldsack
10. David Robert Andricsak, Rose Kletz
11. Clara Weill, William McCoy
12. Dorothy Kenvin
16. Caroline Chandler Hewett
17. Marian Crooler
19. Joseph G. Hoff Sr., John Agins
21. Mary Rozenberger
24. Raymond Frazer, Sr., James Streeter
29. Sylvia Foo-Ying

November 2021

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 All Saints' Day 7 pm, ECW	2 Election Day All Souls' Day 7 pm, Eucharist	3	4 7 pm, Sacred Ground 7:30 pm, Parish Choir	5	6 Auction begins 9 am, Clothes Closet 9 am, Meals to Go
7 8 am, Eucharist 10:15, Eucharist 5 pm, Evensong	8 7 pm, ECW 8 pm, AA Meeting Clergy conference	9 7 pm, Eucharist Clergy conference	10 Clergy conference	11 7 pm, Sacred Ground 7:30 pm, Parish Choir	12	13 9 am, Meals to Go 11 am, Choristers
14 8 am, Eucharist 10:15, Eucharist Auction ends	15 8 pm, AA Meeting	16 7 pm, Eucharist	17 7 pm, Vestry	18 7:30 pm, Parish Choir	19	20 9 am, Meals to Go
21 UTO Ingathering 8 am, Eucharist 10:15, Eucharist	22 8 pm, AA Meeting	23 7 pm, Eucharist	24 Office Closed	25 THANKSGIVING 9 am Eucharist	26 Office Closed	27 9 am, Meals to Go
28 8 am, Eucharist 10:15, Eucharist	29 8 pm, AA Meeting	30 7 pm, Eucharist	1 December	2 December 7:30 pm, Parish Choir	3 December	4 December 9 am, Meals to Go
5 December ADVENT I 8 am, Eucharist 10:15, Eucharist	6 December 7 pm, ECW 8 pm, AA Meeting	7 December 7 pm, Eucharist	8 December	9 December 7:30 pm, Parish Choir	10 December	11 December 9 am, Meals to Go



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CHURCH SCHOOL REGISTRATION, 2021-2022

Child's Name _____

Age _____ Date of Birth _____

School _____ Grade: _____

Baptized? Yes ☐ No ☐ Confirmed? Yes ☐ No ☐

Receiving Holy Communion? Yes ☐ No ☐

My Child is interested in Confirmation? Yes ☐ No ☐

How many years of previous enrollment? _____

Address _____

Email(s) _____

Phone number(s) _____

Parent's Name _____

Baptized? Yes ☐ No ☐ Confirmed? Yes ☐ No ☐

Parent's Name _____

Baptized? Yes ☐ No ☐ Confirmed? Yes ☐ No ☐

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stjohnsomerville@gmail.com*

ST. JOHN'S 'LIVE' STREAMING

We are now offering LIVE streaming on Sundays, in addition to in-person Holy Eucharist at 8:00 and 10:15 on Sunday mornings. Simply click on our St. John's Church YouTube page, then click **subscribe** and then YouTube will notify you when the weekly service starts. Visit our website

www.stjohnsomerville.org where you can find the Sunday Bulletin, Order of Service, including Scripture readings for each Sunday, links to our Facebook page and other resources. We are online at <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCuUvGm3qLoDcgErzva2KP7A/videos>

Please share on your personal Facebook page!



JOIN THE LIVE-STREAM TEAM

An exciting new ministry, and you're invited!

St. John's is the proud owner of a new camera and video equipment that allows us to live stream our Sunday services. Stemming from the need created during the pandemic to offer online services, this has become an important way to include many people in weekly worship who wouldn't normally be able to attend St. John's. We learned how much people all over the country came to depend on the accessibility of these services.

We are forming a technical team to train and learn how to operate the equipment; they will join a rotation of volunteers to film the 10:15 service on Sundays—the live-stream then is uploaded to YouTube and becomes part of our archives.

We're looking for tech-savvy volunteers of all ages to help in this important ministry. Help us to reach out to our community, and beyond, with weekly worship. If you are interested, please contact Fr Ron or the Parish Office.

STAY CONNECTED TO ST. JOHN'S CHURCH

PARISH STAFF

The Rev. Canon Ronald N. Pollock, *Rector*, frronpollock1@verizon.net

The Rev. W. Keith McCoy, *Deacon Associate*, kmccoy1@optonline.net

Mark A. Trautman, *Organist-Choirmaster and Administrator*, stjohnsomerville@gmail.com

Ministers: The People of St John's

Altar Guild

Paula Windus, *Directress*, paulawindus@verizon.net

Dana Keefer, *Treasurer, Flowers, Weddings, & Funerals*, wpmulan@gmail.com

Bread & Wine and Altar Candles, stjohnsomerville@gmail.com

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Canon Chancellor John W. Goldsack Church Library

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