



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

The Newsletter

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From the Rector

Why Do We Serve?

LOOKING FOR WAYS to deepen your faith, engage in social justice issues, mission-outreach, religious education and formation, fellowship and worship? Are you seeking to channel your energy into a creative force for good? How do you incorporate our mission statement in your spiritual life: "To Know Christ and To Make Him Known"?

Service is in our DNA. When we at St. John's Episcopal Church in Somerville proudly opened up our big red doors in 1850 for the first time, we announced that we would be "shining lights in the Church and blessings to the world." So we have been. From our earliest years, St. John's has welcomed people from all walks of life who faithfully dedicated themselves in their homes, the workplace, their neighborhoods, their classrooms, the Diocese of New Jersey, and the world volunteering their time, talent and treasure to make the planet a better place.

There's no shortage of challenges in the world. Poverty. Illiteracy. Homelessness. Social justice. Violence. Drugs. Disease. Conflict. Seeking solutions requires creativity, compassion and perhaps most importantly, knowledge grounded in critical thinking and global engagement. Sound familiar? These Christian values, traits and behaviors have been present at St. John's for generations and can be found today in many of our passionate and generous people, in our work and labor, and in our various ministries.

In his book *Servant Leadership: A Journey into the Nature of Legitimate Power and Greatness*, Robert Greenleaf offered one of the most wonderful definitions of service that I know. Genuine service means "that other people's highest priority needs are being served. The best test, and difficult to administer, is this: Do they, while being served, become healthier, wiser, freer, more autonomous, more likely themselves to become servants? And, what is the effect on the least privileged in society? Will they benefit or at least not be further deprived?" In my experience, the most rewarding ministry in serving others, are ones that create a genuine partnership, a solidarity between helpers and those being helped.

At its core, service, ministry and discipleship asks us all to reflect on the impact of what we do.

The people of St. John's Church have an ongoing opportunity to reflect upon how different members have taken actions that get to the heart of Greenleaf's wise observations. My hope for you is to find inspiration here, and to channel that creative energy and passion in serving Jesus Christ and the world. It's who we are. It's in our DNA. Invite a family member, neighbor or friend.

See you in Church or online!

Father Ron



COMING UP IN MAY

Christian Formation

- **Sunday, May 5**, All students will be in Church.
- **Sunday, May 12**, “Children’s Chapel” with Father Ron from 10 am to 10:10 am. Following that, students will go to their respective classrooms for instruction. Students will join their families in Church, and the rest of the congregation, after “The Peace.”
- **Sunday, May 19**, Afternoon Formation:
 - 4 pm**—Church School Class in the Parish Hall
 - 4:30 pm**—Mini mission-outreach project supporting our *Meals To Go* Ministry
 - 5 pm**—Spaghetti Dinner in Parish Hall—*sign-up sheet on the main bulletin board.*

Questions? Contact a Church School teacher, Mark Trautman, or Father Ron.

A Forum on Children’s Religious Education and Formation

Intended for parents, teachers and other interested adults

Saturday, May 11 at 11 am and Saturday, May 18 at 11 am

Recently I was talking with the parents of two children (from another parish in North Carolina) and they shared that they felt good about raising their kids. One reason why things were going well was because they felt there was a



healthy interchange between them and the church community. “That is perhaps one of the most important ingredients in their formation” they said.

It is important to reflect upon the traditions and rituals children celebrate over the course of their lives. For example, before every baptism I make sure parents and I have an opportunity to go over the baptismal service and for me to provide resources for the parents and the God-parents. We discuss the meaning of baptism as we prepare. A rite of passage, such as baptism, can be a powerful moment in the life of anyone, especially a child or young adult. When certain milestones are recognized and celebrated, children feel embraced and affirmed by the community. Most recently, two young girls received their First Holy Communion on Easter Sunday. It was made especially meaningful because of the preparation and instruction that took place prior to their special day. Our forum will be an opportunity for parents to dream, anticipate and plan ways they can nurture their child’s faith as they grow. ***Here is our agenda:***

- Opening prayer for parents and their children, about hope, commitment, life, love and promise.
- We will focus on three things: age and stages, rites of passage (baptism, First Holy Communion, Confirmation) and traditions.

- Question for parents: what do you want your children to know, feel, and do in terms of their faith development and when.

Examples:

- *By the first grade*, I want my children to know the Lord's Prayer.
- *By the fifth grade*, I want my children to know the Ten Commandments.
- *By the seventh grade*, I want my children to know the Sacraments of the Church.
- *By the twelfth grade*, I want my children to know all the Books of the Bible.

We will identify key milestones that parents would like to see celebrated. What might their rites of passage look like? What would make it special? How can family, friends, church members, and others become involved?

Finally, how might an awareness of family and church traditions be emphasized? What might preparation look like for parents and children.

My prayer is that parents and other interested folks will have an opportunity to consider the ways they can make children grow deeper in relationship with Jesus Christ and His Church. I look forward to spending a little bit of time with you.

*Faithfully yours in Christ,
Father Ron*

Rogationtide

In 1559, the Anglican Book of Common Prayer required a particular prayer to be read in all Anglican Churches on the Sunday before Ascension Day, and on the following Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. Some of the more historical among you might know that these days in the Church Year are known as "Rogation Days." In the pre-industrial world, the Church noted with great care the days we should pray for good planting and good harvest, the days we should pray for the earth. This year, Rogation begins Sunday, May 5.



The word "Rogation" comes from the Latin word *rogare* which means "to ask." In the Christian Church, Rogation Days were set aside for special prayer for God's creation and the fruit of the earth. It is a sad pity, a tragedy really, that our industrial and even post-industrial society pays such little attention to that prayer. I pray that we return to those roots, that we return to these days, always just before the Feast of the Ascension (this year on May 9), as Rogation Days. Here is a portion of a particular prayer, the one required by Queen Elizabeth in 1559. Listen to its beauty and truth:

Almighty God, who has blessed the earth that it should be fruitful and bring forth everything that is necessary and has commanded us to work with quietness and eat our own bread; bless us in all our labors and grant us seasonable weather that we may gather in the fruits of the earth and ever rejoice in thy goodness to the praises of thy holy Name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

God has blessed the earth, that it should be fruitful! In addition to the 1559 requirement mentioned above, the Church required a procession around the Church. The entire Parish was meant to go outside and walk around the Church, in Rogationtide. It's time for us to take another look outside, too, to stop staying inside, cooped up, staring at TV screens and burning energy to stay comfortable, but to walk outside and observe the world. What do we see? Where do we see

God at work in Creation? How can we improve our awareness in the stewardship of God's Creation? Why should the Church be talking about Rogationtide? Quite simply, because the Church is in the business of Salvation. Jesus said, in John 3:16, "For God so loved the world...." That means "the world!" Not just the people in the world. God wants to save not just you and me, but the world itself. Salvation is not meant to be merely personal. It means salvation of others as well. And ultimately, salvation also refers to this very earth itself, to our land and air and water, all that sustains life here. Our ancestors made sure they asked their gracious God for fair and seasonable weather, for good planting and harvest. And so should we!

—Father Ron

Friendship and the Church

Last Sunday morning, Father Ron's sermon focused on Jesus' teachings on friendship. It was a very poignant topic for me, as he baptized my new best friend, Ella Marie Alcaraz. Ella is about seven months old, and I feel so blessed to live across the street and play with her. Her parents, Beth and Brian, who bought the house less than two years ago, are also special friends. I love them all, so I was thrilled that they chose St. John's for Ella to begin her spiritual life. That I had something to do with this is proof that Father Ron's sermon was true. You never know what role your friendship can play in others' lives.

Actually, Ella isn't my only new bestie to join St. John's. My other favorite neighbors (yes, you can have several favorites, just like you can have many favorite flavors of ice cream...coffee, pumpkin, black cherry. *Yes! Yes! Yes!*) Eric and Ernie are now knitted into our St. John's family. Ernie and I walk arm-in-arm to and from choir. Eric faithfully serves the Clothes Closet by setting up and removing the big sign. Even Ernie's mom and her husband, Marlene and Cesar, who recently moved from Miami to Somerville also regularly attend church. They are all being weaved into St. John's community.

I believe that friendship comes easily to Episcopalians. Whoever came up with the marketing slogan "the welcoming church" was onto something! When was the last time you wrote a letter to a friend? Father Ron and Deacon Keith write long letters each week. We call them sermons, but if you pay attention (and sitting where I do in the front of the choir, I have to), Father Ron addresses us as "my dear friends." They describe how we can improve our lives through the weekly readings. Although a bit more formal than my friends speak to each other, the sermons are often the kind of advice you get from friends.

I'm so happy that we have a lovely church community where I can bring friends of all faiths and backgrounds. My Jewish friend never misses Lessons and Carols. She and her family also came (along with several of my non-St. John's friends) to celebrate the life of Manuel (Manny) Ovando. That's what friends do—support each other when we lose people we love. Manny was a very important person to me. I met Manny when I joined the choir at St. John's. They



met him at my house many times over the years. It was very sad, but also very meaningful to share our spiritual home when it was time to say goodbye to someone so unique.

Yes, I have plenty of friends outside of St. John's. The girls I broke rules with as a teen (including playing hide-and-go-seek in Trinity Episcopal Church's basement in Elmira, NY), college friends who challenged me intellectually, various colleagues, "mom friends" (usually parents of my children's friends), neighbors from everywhere I've lived, and the list goes on. One of my "mom friends" served as my daughter's confirmation sponsor, when we learned she needed one the evening before!

And, of course, I have many St. John's friends. The Mandraccias (who introduced me to St. John's), new friends "Carolyn and Carolyn," my neighbor, Fr. Ron... the list goes on and on. Living away from most of my family, I've had to build strong friendships. How fortunate to know so many of these friendships are part of St. Johns. Every time I walk into the choir room, I feel loved. According to the sermon, friendships are not just a teaching of Jesus, each one is a gift from God. If I can be such a gift to one person, I'm being a good Christian. Every time you check in with a neighbor, you are, too!

This Sunday I realized that we already have what Jesus wants for each of us: a thriving community of friendship, faith and love. So, welcome to St. John's, Ella, beautiful, sweet, baby girl. As we promised, we will all support you. Always...with God's help.

—Liz Eisinger

The Day of Pentecost and the Sacrament of Baptism


The Day of Pentecost, this year on Sunday, May 19, is one of the four principal Baptismal days in the Church Year. If you or someone you know desires to receive the Sacrament of Baptism, contact Fr. Ron at fronpollock1@verizon.net. Find out more about the Sacrament of Baptism at St. John's here: <https://stjohnsomerville.org/baptism>



St. John's Stewardship

We currently have 87 pledges, \$187,850 of our \$235,000 goal. It is never too late to pledge and *every* pledge regardless of the amount makes an impact on the future of St. John's. So also does each volunteers' work and prayers. Let's ensure that St. John's is a place where everyone is welcome as we seek to fulfill our mission: "To Know Christ and To Make Him Known." ***Come and See***

STEWARDSHIP AT ST. JOHN'S




Think of our church as a ship. We need the leadership and guidance of our "captain" and officers, but the ship does not function unless the crew are doing their part. We need your help.

How can I help?
Volunteer for one of our ministries. Attend or volunteer for one of our various events or clean-up dates. Join one of our groups such as the choir, the Episcopal Church Women, the Altar Guild. Volunteer to take on a role with the vestry or one of the church committees. Details are shared in the church newsletter and website, but please call the church office if you'd like to learn more.

In addition to your time, your financial contribution also helps with the operation and maintenance of the church, as well as providing funding to the ministries that are vital to our church and the community. Please consider making a pledge to help us serve.

Why Pledge?
By letting us know your expected contribution, we are better able to set budgets and plan for the following year.

How Do I Pledge?
Please use the method that works best for you. Fill out a pledge card and either mail to the church or drop it in the collection plate. Or set up an automatic pledge by using this QR code.



Choral Evensong, Sunday, June 9

The Parish Choir will offer Choral Evensong on Sunday, June 9 at 5 pm, with music by Palestrina, William H. Harris, and more. A wine and cheese reception will follow.

Come and celebrate our wonderful Parish Choir, and bring a friend or two! The offerings at the service will support our **Brent F. Miller Memorial Music Fund**. Everyone is welcome!

ECW Afternoon Tea

'An Afternoon on the Titanic'

The Episcopal Church Women of St. John's Somerville hosted a lovely Titanic Era Afternoon Tea featuring Historical Storyteller Alisa Dupuy on Saturday, April 20. Attendees travelled 112 years back in time to hear the accounts of fictional survivor Eliza Blackwell Dupree. Parishioner and Choir Section Leader Leo Campos sang a magnificent time era piece, accompanied by our own Janice Williams.



THE WORK OF MINISTRY

Loose Change Sunday, May 5

Loose Change Sunday is observed every first Sunday of the month 5. Feel free to bring a jar (or a Ziplock sandwich baggie) filled with loose change to church and put it in the designated baskets in the Narthex (front door area of church) or on the little table by the side door that leads to the Parish Hall. Or, simply put whatever loose change you may have in the alms basins. This money is placed into the Discretionary Fund and used to help the many who reach out to St. John's for assistance.

Clothes Closet—May 4 and 18

Mother's Day is here, so check out the special Mother's Day sale for presents and outfits at the St. John's Clothes Closet on Saturday, May 4 from 9 am to noon. Purses, shoes, scarves, and jewelry guaranteed to enhance your spring wardrobe are on sale. The Clothes Closet features reasonably priced clothing and accessories for all ages—men and women, boys and girls, infants, and toddlers. Shoppers should bring their own bags—masks are suggested and social distancing is required. *Cash only.*



Do you have fashionable new or gently used items that you'd like to donate? Contact Linda Willard at 347-276-6491. We are open the first and third Saturdays of each month from 9 am to 12 noon. or more information contact clothescloset@stjohnsomerville.org.

Laundry Love News

We are pleased to report that St. John's Laundry Love ministry is now an approved affiliate of the national Laundry Love organization, making us one of four locations in New Jersey and among 240 locations nationwide. We continue to meet at the Somerville Express Wash Laundry on the second and fourth Thursdays of each month, 5-6 pm. Quarter rolls can be left in the alms basin on weekends, along with any cash/check donations—indicate *Laundry Love* in the memo line. Each guest receives a \$10 quarter roll and a bag with laundry pods and drying sheets. We always need donations of dryer sheets. These community donations will support the ministry for at least three meetings.

If you have any questions about the ministry, would like to donate or to get involved in some way, just ask Ed Edwards or Paul Grzella in church, call 908-507-8020, or pgrzella@verizon.net or the Parish Office, 908-722-1250.

Meals to Go—May 4 and 18

Meals to Go is offered the first and third Saturdays of the month, 9-10 am. If you know someone (including yourself) who would enjoy a meal, stop by the St. John's Parish Hall, use the ramp entrance and bring a bag. We are grateful for your financial donations to support the ministry. Any amount is very much appreciated—a few dollars, combined with that of others, will go a long way to serving our customers. If you wish to donate online, go to *Meals-to-Go* on the dropdown menu on our For more information or to be added to the volunteer list, please contact Christine Bean, cbean727@gmail.com or the Parish Office, 908-722-1250.

Voices Awake: May 5

On Sunday, May 5 at both services we will welcome Ms. Vanessa Mwangala, founder of the Urban Promise International ministry *Voices Awake*.

Vanessa's dedication to empowering young women in Salima, Malawi, through education and support services, has been a source of inspiration and change. Her ministry, *Voices Awake*, stands as a pillar of safety and opportunity, providing a nurturing environment for girls to continue their education and build a brighter future. As the third visitor from Malawi that our church has had the pleasure of welcoming in recent years, Vanessa's visit will include a presentation during coffee hour with a live video connection to the students in Malawi. Her visit will serve as a continuation of St. John's global ministry and our multi-year commitment to the people of Malawi.

We invite you to join us in welcoming Vanessa and celebrating her remarkable work with the young women of Malawi. For more information, contact Bill Hoffman, william.hoffman@att.net.

'Let's Talk!—Drugs Over Dinner'

St. John's will host a free dinner, "Let's Talk!—Drugs Over Dinner" offering opportunities for important conversations with regional experts. Sponsored by *Not An Easy Fix*, the event will be held on Wednesday, May 8, 6 pm to 8:15 pm in the Parish Hall. Area addiction specialists will be available to answer questions, discuss an array of topics regarding substance use disorder, and provide the means to be aware, gain knowledge, break the stigma, and keep the conversations going.

A complementary buffet dinner, courtesy of two of Somerville's leading restaurants, Verve and Mannion's, will be served. There is no fee; however, registration is requested in order to provide for all. To register: www.notaneasyfix.org.



Episcopal Church Women News

Next Meeting

Please join us for the next meeting of Episcopal Church Women (ECW) on Monday, May 6 at 7 pm in the Parish Hall. The ECW June meeting on June 3 will feature a potluck dinner at 6:30 pm followed by an ice cream social for dessert. *More details to come.*

Spring Plant Sale on the Lawn, May 11

Hanging baskets, planters, individual plants, flowering favorites, and herbs and tomatoes are among the vast selection available at the Spring Plant Sale on Saturday, May 11 on the front lawn of St. John's, sponsored by ECW. Ideal for gardens and as Mother's Day presents, the sale will be 10 am to 2 pm. Prices range from \$25 for larger plants and baskets, \$20 for smaller baskets, and \$5 for all other small plants. *Checks and cash only.*



Questions? Contact an ECW officer:

Vice-President Jenn Kosensky (908-386-6152, jrkosensky@gmail.com)

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Climate Blessing: We Hold the Earth

**We hold brothers and sisters who suffer
from storms and droughts intensified by climate change.**

We hold all species that suffer.

We hold world leaders delegated to make decisions for life.

**We pray that the web of life may be mended through courageous actions
to limit carbon emissions.**

**We pray for right actions for adaptation and mitigation
to help our already suffering earth community.**

**We pray that love and wisdom might inspire my actions and our actions
as communities...so that we may, with integrity,
look into the eyes of brothers and sisters and all beings and truthfully say,
we are doing our part to care for them and the future of the children.**

May love transform us and our world with new steps toward life.

—from *Interfaith Power and Light, Faith Climate Action Month,*
The Episcopal Diocese of Northern California, Beloved Community Resource Newsletter

WE CELEBRATE, WE REMEMBER: MAY 2024

BIRTHDAYS

1. *Sophia Mandraccia*
2. *Emma Rose Cardinale, James Thomas Van Arsdale*
3. *Justin Tyler Agins, Anne Finetto*
4. *William Marshall, Antonietta Bekir*
5. *Heather DeSoto, Joseph Polonyi, Doreen Franko, Julianne Newton*
6. *Brittany Sena*
7. *Christine Kelly*
8. *John Cardinale*
9. *Nicole Boyer*
10. *Emma Darcy, Robert Marshall, Paige Dillard, Jadesola Olawoye*
11. *Dennis Mathews, Brad Moor*
12. *Cherie Pieroni*
13. *Jeremiah Wiley*
14. *Danielle Scott, Ita Hines*
15. *Tim Brown, Rajkumar Nirmal, Dana Keefer, Tyler Kelly, Steven Smith*
16. *John Kiernan, Staceyann Smith*
17. *Kerry Edwards, Jasmine Fox, Kenneth Cardinale, Brian Williams, Kerry Kecker, Gabriella Nawrath*
18. *Maxwell Wiley*
19. *Bill Loftin, Anna Strano*
20. *Harriet Osinski*
21. *Eric Tipton, Daneka Ann Pieroni, Isabella Grace Fletcher*
22. *Kayla Marie Agins, Ryan Schofield, Anthony Pieroni,*
23. *Sam Galpin*
25. *Edward Gilroy, Caitlin Chudy, Sheila Fuhrmann*
26. *Marielena Cardinale, Jose Rivera, Karen Whitmore*
27. *Joseph Callahan, Stephanie Soden*
28. *Erica Daugherty*
29. *Tony Pieroni, Jennifer Paladini, Jorge Armando Benitez*

30. *Rebecca Williams*

31. *Jennifer Yingst*

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

- 2 *David & Susan Mathews,*
5. *Clinton & Linda Bowers,*
7. *Chuck Agins & Tammy Harimon*
16. *Mark & Michelle Hernandez*
18. *David & Amanda Pierson, Stephen & Ann Spolarich*
22. *Steven & Ruth Roll*
24. *James Richart & Deirdre Kramer*
26. *Jose & Gloria Rivera*
28. *John & Vivien Ellis,*
30. *John & Julianne Newton*
31. *Steve & Tina Mandraccia*

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES

1. *Walter Miggins Sr.*
3. *Charles Chittenden*
4. *Howard H. Demaray*
5. *Ronald Quagliato Sr.*
6. *Patrick Gaughan, Elizabeth Holmes*
7. *Charles Stokes, Gail M. Fredericks*
8. *Elizabeth Anderson Thomson*
9. *Sarah Louise Thompson, Phillip Jameson*
10. *Marie Phyllis Durant Jacobs*
13. *Valerie Yingst*
15. *Squire Johnson, Jim Agins*
16. *Frederick S. Hallowell*
18. *Rose Rilighera*
19. *Emily H. Smith*
21. *Mary Weill Lawrence, Bishop George E. Councill. Linda Sue Olson*
22. *Edward F. Schaub, Elizabeth Morrison*
23. *Bernard T. Bruckner*
24. *Martha Chapman, Duane Wilson, Carmelo J. Vadala*
25. *Henry M. Biggin*
29. *Daniel Casey Jr.*

May 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 <i>St. Philip and St. James, Apostles</i>	2 10 am, Eucharist Mary-Martha Guild 7:15 pm, Parish Choir Rehearsal	3 Fr. Ron's Day off	4 9 am, Meals to Go 9 am, Clothes Closet
5 EASTER 6 8 am, Eucharist 10:15, Eucharist Loose Change Sunday 'Voices Awake' presentation	6 <i>Rogation Monday</i> 12:30-1:30, All Recovery Meeting 7 pm, ECW 8 pm, AA Meeting	7 <i>Rogation Tuesday</i> 7 pm, Holy Eucharist (chapel)	8 <i>Rogation Wednesday</i> 6 pm, "Let's Talk!—Drugs Over Dinner"—	9 ASCENSION DAY 10 am, Eucharist Mary-Martha Guild 5 pm, Laundry Love 7:15 pm, Parish Choir Rehearsal	10 Fr. Ron's Day off	11 10 am-2 pm, Plant Sale 11 am, Christian Ed. Forum
12 EASTER 7 8 am, Eucharist 10 am, Church School 10:15, Eucharist	13 12:30-1:30, All Recovery Meeting 8 pm, AA Meeting	14 7 pm, Holy Eucharist (chapel)	15 7 pm, Vestry	16 10 am Eucharist Mary-Martha Guild No Choir Rehearsal	17 Fr. Ron's Day off	18 9 am, Meals to Go 9 am Clothes Closet 11 am, Christian Ed. Forum
19 PENTECOST 8 am, Eucharist 10:15, Eucharist	20 12:30-1:30, All Recovery Meeting 8 pm, AA Meeting	21 7 pm, Holy Eucharist (chapel)	22	23 10 am, Eucharist Mary-Martha Guild 5 pm, Laundry Love 7:15 pm, Parish Choir Rehearsal	24 Fr. Ron's Day off	25
26 TRINITY SUNDAY 8 am, Eucharist 10:15, Eucharist	27 Memorial Day— office closed 12:30-1:30, All Recovery Mtg 8 pm, AA Meeting	28 7 pm, Holy Eucharist (chapel)	29	30 10 am, Eucharist Mary-Martha Guild 7:15 pm, Parish Choir Rehearsal	31 <i>The Visitation of the BVM</i> Fr. Ron's Day off	

June 2024

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						1 9 am, Meals to Go 9 am, Clothes Closet
2 Pentecost 2 Proper 4B 8 am, Eucharist 10:15, Eucharist Loose Change Sunday Mother Susanna Cates, Guest Preacher	3 12:30-1:30, All Recovery Meeting 6:30 pm, ECW 8 pm, AA Meeting	4 7 pm, Holy Eucharist (chapel)	5	6 10 am, Eucharist Mary-Martha Guild 7:15 pm, Last Parish Choir Rehearsal	7 Fr. Ron's Day off	8
9 Pentecost 3 Proper 5B 8 am, Eucharist 10:15, Eucharist; 11:45, Church School Awards 5 pm, Choral Evensong	10 12:30-1:30, All Recovery Meeting 8 pm, AA Meeting	11 St. Barnabas, Apostle	12 7 pm, Vestry	13 5 pm, Laundry Love	14 Fr. Ron's Day off	15 9 am, Meals to Go 9 am Clothes Closet
16 Pentecost 4 Proper 6B 8 am, Eucharist 10:15, Eucharist	17 12:30-1:30, All Recovery Meeting 8 pm, AA Meeting	18	19	20 5 pm, Laundry Love	21 Fr. Ron's Day off	22
23/30 Pentecost 5 Proper 6B <hr/> Pentecost 6 Proper 7B 8 am, 10:15, Eucharist	24 12:30-1:30, All Recovery Mtg 8 pm, AA Meeting	25	26	27	28 Fr. Ron's Day off	29 St. Peter and St. Paul, Apostles

St. John's in Somerville, Leadership, 2024

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