



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

# The Newsletter

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*From the Rector*

I REMEMBER A BEAUTIFUL WHITE BIRCH TREE in my parents' back yard in Cinnaminson, New Jersey. At the time we planted it I think I was just as tall as the tree was. The years passed, our family life went ahead and I didn't give it much thought. Day and night, year-in, year-out, the tree grew while we worked and played, and laughed and cried. My brother and sister and I grew up and had our pictures taken in the backyard on special occasions: birthdays, confirmations, graduations, and so forth. And in the summer when we played baseball the tree was located in the perfect position to be "second base." As we had done for years, kids from the neighborhood would come by to play baseball, and drink lemonade by our favorite birch tree.



In many of His parables, Jesus points to natural growth—seeds, plants, crops, shrubs and trees—to illustrate the growth of the reign of God. In the parable of the seed growing secretly (Mark 4:26-29), our Lord teaches that a farmer "knows not how" seeds sprout and grow. "The earth produces of itself," while the farmer works and sleeps, day and night. "But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come." The growth of the kingdom of God is just as certain as that!

In baptism we are called to work and pray and give for the kingdom of God. But the kingdom is coming, because God is faithful. Martin Luther, who taught and preached and led the Reformation with his relentless energy, could also sit and rest, confident in God's faithfulness. "While I sit and drink my little glass of Wittenberg beer," he once said, "the Gospel makes its way through the world."

So, take time to watch the trees grow this summer, confident that God is working to bring the harvest of the kingdom of God for all God's people. Come to St. John's Church. Invite a family member, neighbor or friend.

*God bless,  
Father Ron*

### ***Father Ron's Summer Reading List***

***World Travel: An Irreverent Guide*** by Anthony Bourdain.

***Castles of Wales*** by Alan Phillips.

***The Garden Sanctuary: Creating Outdoor Space to Soothe the Soul*** by Keith Mitchell.

***Luminaries*** by Rowan Williams, SPCK.

***A Greening of Imaginations: Walking the Songliness of Holy Scripture***  
by Herbert O'Driscoll.

***The Scandal of Redemption*** by Oscar Romero.

***Thunder in the Soul: To Be Known by God***

by Abraham Joshua Heschel and Robert Erlewine.

***The Kingdom, the Power, and the Glory: American Evangelicals in an Age of Extremism***  
by Tim Alberta.

***The False White Gospel: Rejecting Christian Nationalism, Reclaiming True Faith, and Refounding Democracy*** by Jim Wallis.

## A Prayer for Pride Month

GRACIOUS AND LOVING GOD,

*We praise you for making humankind in your image and for loving us all—regardless of gender identity, sexual orientation, religion, ideology, and beliefs.*

*We thank you for the love that you have instilled in us, that we may use our love for each other to make this world a more accepting and loving place.*

*We trust in your strength and guidance to lead us through turmoil that is anti-LGBTQ+.*

*Lord, we ask your loving protection for all your children, and that, you strengthen and protect your children in the LGBTQ+ community.*

*For those who are still in the closet, grant that they may be received with love and support by their family (both given and chosen).*

*For those who are out and proud, grant that they may be shielded from hatred and fear from those who seek to persecute us.*

*For those still navigating and determining their identity, grant them peace and kindness, as well as the wisdom that no matter who they are, they are loved wholly and purely for who they are.*

*For those unsure why Pride is a time of reflection and celebration, grant them the strength to learn and reflect upon the history of Queer revolution in this nation and abroad; guide them through the shame and fear instilled upon those in the LGBTQ+ community (especially queer people of color), both through the former legislation and current cultural practices that seek to erase us; grant that they may know the love, joy and support that we share among each other as we continue to fight for the freedom to be ourselves without physical or social punishment.*

*For those who seek to live in a world without Pride Month, Lord we ask that you may show forth that all of God's children are made in your image just as they are. Thank you for the revolutionaries that you have sent and those who are to come.*

*May our hearts be ever outpouring in love for all on this earth, now and forever. In Your Holy and Loving Name, we pray. Amen.*

—adapted from A Prayer for Pride by Bethany Straus




## St. John's Stewardship, 2024

God brought the Church into being, equipping us with gifts, empowering us with the Spirit, inviting us to be Christ's witnesses to the end of the earth, to make disciples and baptize and teach, to bring Good News to the poor, to join God's transforming mission and work in the world.

By participating in the life and ministry of the Church, by sharing our financial resources to fund this work, we join God's work and mission in the world. In the process, we discover our life's highest meaning and purpose and discover how we may join God's mission in the world today!

### 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.



If you have made a financial pledge to the church for 2024, we extend a sincere thank you. If you have not made a pledge for 2024, would you prayerfully consider making a pledge?

**Our 2024 budget is \$235,000. As of today, there are 88 pledges totaling \$188,00.** To fill out a pledge online visit <https://stjohnsomerville.org/pledge-card-form>. By the grace of God, we will bridge our gap.

Contact any member of the Vestry, a Warden, Treasurer, Parish Office or myself if you have any questions. "Honor the Lord with your wealth and with the first fruits. Then your barns will be filled with plenty, and your vats will be bursting with wine" (Proverbs 3:9-10). *May God continue to bless St. John's Church.*

*Father Ron*

## BRIDGE THE GAP 2024

*To All Parishioners of St. John's Church,*

*"Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ"*

*—Philippians 1:2*

**W**E ALL LOVE ST. JOHN'S CHURCH! It is our spiritual home. Since its incorporation in 1851, St. John's has played a crucial role in the Diocese of New Jersey and in the world. It is a place where men, women, and children are formed and informed for ministries, study, prayer, and common life in community, drawing from a rich variety of diversity and alive with the Good News of Jesus' death and Resurrection.

The Wardens, Vestry, Finance, and Stewardship Committees are all keenly aware of a \$45k shortfall in our budget and have been praying what to do. (You may recall there was a \$30k shortfall last year. By the end of last December, thanks be to God, we met our goal, thanks in part for our "2023 Bridge The Gap" efforts). St. John's is rising to the challenge in responding to our Baptismal Covenant in seeking, serving, proclaiming, believing that what we do here makes a difference in the lives of many people. We have faith that at the end of the day, all shall be well. But the cost of our common life continues to rise, expenses in maintaining our buildings, and we are committed to seeing our beloved Church flourish without debt. Your faithful and generous support makes a difference! Therefore, we have kicked off a "Bridge The Gap Campaign for 2024."

Would you prayerfully consider increasing your annual stewardship pledge for 2024 or consider making an additional gift?

As an expression of our heartfelt appreciation you are cordially invited to attend an Ice-cream Social in the Parish Hall on Sunday, August 18 during Coffee Hour following the 8am and 10:15am Holy Eucharist. We hope that you will continue to partner with us in this important work.

*Faithfully yours in Christ,*  
*Father Ron*





## LOOKING AHEAD

### Recognition Sunday, June 9

#### CHURCH SCHOOL

Once again, we had the privilege of watching our Church School students grow in their faith this year. We count ourselves abundantly blessed to walk alongside the youth of our parish. Each student has a bright mind and an energetic soul. Each student reflects the love of Christ. We are grateful for the time and ministry of our teachers: Tracey Jameson, Michelle Hernandez and Taffy Scherr. We are grateful to the parents of our students for their support, help and love. We give God thanks for the opportunity to educate and help form disciples of Jesus Christ through the ministry of church school formation.



#### ACOLYTES

On Sunday mornings we are humbled for the special ministry of those who serve as acolyte, crucifer or banner bearer. It is the well-ordered public worship that makes sure our liturgy dignified and spiritually uplifting as disciples of Christ and as a community of faith. We are so proud of our acolytes. Thank you to our core acolytes and for their supportive parents.



There was a little boy who one Sunday didn't want to go to church. "Church is okay, I guess," he said. "The priest says that all baptized Christians are invited to receive communion, which I think is really cool. But no one ever asks me to do anything." We, my brothers and sisters in Christ, have more to say than that. We have Church School students, acolytes, crucifers and banner bearers right in our very midst who we are called to join us in all kinds of ministries in this community of faith. Let that be our mission: that our faith always be followed by action, our corporate lives will compose a painting that reflects God, and that the students and acolytes we meet on Sunday will see more clearly that they too, are beloved, and welcomed, and asked to join in Christ's "call to action."

Come and join us on June 9 for Recognition / Awards Sunday following the 10:15 am Eucharist in the Parish Hall. There will be a light luncheon for students, their parents and teachers to celebrate their achievements and ministry.

### Choral Evensong, Sunday, June 9

The Parish Choir will offer Choral Evensong on Sunday, June 11 at 5 pm, with music by Herbert Howells, William H. Harris, Harrison Oxley, Palestrina, more. A wine and cheese reception will follow.

Episcopalians celebrate services called "offices" at the beginning and the ending of the day. These daily services of prayer and praise are rooted in the Jewish and early Christian traditions of saying prayers at fixed hours of the day (Acts 10:9, 16:25). Many cathedrals, monastic houses, and collegiate chapels throughout the



world celebrate these services daily, and choral Evensong is one of the most distinctive parts of the Episcopal/ Anglican musical tradition. Settings of the *Magnificat* (The Song of Mary) and *Nunc dimittis* (The Song of Simeon) have formed the foundation of our choral tradition since the beginning of the Protestant Reformation. The pairing of these canticles at Evensong is meant to illustrate that God's promise and fulfillment of salvation are a never-ending circle, just as the regular celebration of Evensong is a liturgical conversation that was begun long before we were here and will continue long after we are gone.

So come and celebrate our wonderful Parish Choir on Sunday, June 9, and bring a friend or two! The offerings at the service will support our **Brent F. Miller Memorial Music Fund**. Everyone is welcome!

### **Mary and Martha Guild Year-end Luncheon**

The Mary & Martha Guild will have their year-end luncheon on Thursday, June 20 following the 10 am Eucharist. See the sign-up sheet on the main bulletin board. The main dish (lasagna) will be provided by Pauline Boyer, and please feel free to bring a side dish or dessert to share. All are cordially invited to join us.



### **THE WORK OF MINISTRY Clothes Closet**

Step into the new month of June in fashion and with great sales at the Clothes Closet of St. John's Episcopal Church in Somerville on Saturday, June 15 from 9 am to noon. 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.

The Clothes Closet is located in the lower level of the Parish Hall. Free parking is available in the church lot behind the church or on the street. Enter the Clothes Closet by way of the parking lot. Kindly follow the directions of the Clothes Closet crew upon arrival.

All of our items are donated and we do our best to review and evaluate each item to maintain a high level of quality in our shop. 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. The upcoming Clothes Closet dates are June 15 and July 6.

For more information contact [clothescloset@stjohnsomerville.org](mailto:clothescloset@stjohnsomerville.org); [www.StJohnSomerville.org](http://www.StJohnSomerville.org), Facebook: [www.facebook.com/StJohnsSomerville](http://www.facebook.com/StJohnsSomerville).



### **Laundry Love News**

Second and Fourth Thursdays of the month—Somerset Laundry, Division Street in Somerville. We can always use more quarter rolls and/or monetary support for the quarter rolls. Quarter rolls can be left in the alms basin on weekends, along with any cash/check donations—please just indicate Laundry Love

donation in the memo line. Quarter rolls can also be dropped off at the Parish Office (call prior to let us know you are coming, 908-722-1250).

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](mailto:pgrzella@verizon.net).

### ***Loose Change Sunday***

Loose Change Sunday is observed every first Sunday of the month, and our next scheduled date is *Sunday, July 7*. 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.

### ***Meals to Go***


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. Thank you to Janet Hahn and Linda Willard for shopping and packaging meals. For more information or to be added to the volunteer list, please contact Christine Bean or Father Ron. 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 hungry neighbors. If you wish to donate online, go to Meals-to-Go on the dropdown menu. For more information about volunteering, donations or publicity, call the Parish Office, or contact Christine Bean, [cbean727@gmail.com](mailto:cbean727@gmail.com), Father Ron, [Fronpollock1@verizon.net](mailto:Fronpollock1@verizon.net).

### ***Parish BBQ and 'Kitchen Mission'—Sunday, July 14***

*You are cordially invited to a Parish BBQ—and to hear about our 'Kitchen Mission!* On Sunday, July 14, please join your fellow parishioners after the 10:15 am Eucharist for a special presentation by Somerville architect Dennis Kowal, in which he will lay out the plan for the proposed renovation of the big kitchen in the Parish Hall.

The renovation will bring the kitchen to a fully functional, energy efficient, and attractive state, allowing it to be used to prepare (not just heat up and set out) meals to support and expand our mission to the community, bring us together in service and for great parish events, and raise donations from private parties hosted in the Hall. The project will bring our kitchen up to the standards of Somerville's construction code (we've gotten a pass on that so far), and include an upgrade of electrical service necessary both to support a fully functioning kitchen, and future air conditioning of the entire Parish Hall—turning it into a year-round venue.

Immediately following the presentation, and a Q&A session (*please ask questions!*), Dan's Backyard Bar-B-Que will open at 12:30 pm, to serve "Mouthwatering Mains (pulled pork, hamburgers, hot dogs) and Scrumptious Sides (coleslaw, mac-n-cheese, cucumber / tomato / onion salad, corn bread, cheese and condiments).



**Dan's Backyard Bar-B-Que**

Will be at St. John's on Sunday, July 14, 2024 beginning at 12:30pm following a presentation by Somerville architect Dennis Kowal on the proposed renovation of the big kitchen in the Parish Hall.

All are welcome  
Admission is Free

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For more information:  
[www.dansbackyardbbq.com](http://www.dansbackyardbbq.com)

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### **Upcoming Events—Take Note**

**Saturday, June 8:** Altar Guild Meeting

**Sunday, June 9:** Awards/Recognition Sunday after the 10:15 service

**Sunday, June 9:** Choral Evensong at 5 pm

**Thursday, June 20:** Mary and Martha Guild Luncheon

**Saturday, June 23-28:** General Convention of the Episcopal Church in Louisville, KY

**Monday, June 24:** First Anniversary of the Consecration and Ordination of Bishop Sally French

**Sunday, July 14:** Holy Baptism at 10:15 am

**Sunday, July 14:** Special Presentation on the Kitchen Renovation and Dan's Backyard Bar-B-Que (see above)

**Sunday, July 14-18:** Diocesan Choir Camp at Church of the Advent, Cape May

**Monday, July 15-August 5:** Father Ron on vacation

**Tuesday, September 3:** Tuesday Eucharist resumes, 7 pm

**Thursday, September 5:** Eucharist and Mary & Martha Guild resumes, 10 am

**Sunday, September 8—**Welcoming Sunday, Ministries Fair, Church School Registration

**Sunday, October 6 at 3 pm—**Blessing of the Animals

**Sunday November 5—**All Saints' Sunday; All Souls Evensong at 5 pm

**Sunday, November 3—**Appreciation Day and Special Coffee Hour

**Sunday, December 1—**First Sunday of Advent



### **Mid-week Services Summer Hiatus**

*Our mid-week services will be suspended for the summer—please make a note in your calendar. Tuesdays at 7 pm: ends on June 18 and resumes on September 3.*

*Thursdays at 10 am: ends on June 20 and resumes on September 5.*

### **Coffee Hour**

Coffee Hour is about inviting visitors and parishioners to stay a little bit longer, to get to know each other better, and make Church more than just a “thing you do on Sunday mornings.” The focus is to bring people together in order to strengthen the bonds of the parish community. To engage in fellowship after a Sunday morning service is always a good and holy thing! It is at Coffee Hour, among other places, where the people of St. John's are strengthened, not just with coffee but with warmth, laughter and conversation.



### **WOULD YOU LIKE TO HOST COFFEE HOUR?**

Would you please consider hosting coffee hour? Since this is one component of our time together on Sundays, it would be wonderful if everyone took a turn. Maybe you would like to host coffee hour with a partner or along with several friends or members of a particular ministry group you are involved in at St John's. Maybe you have never hosted a coffee hour before. Have no fear!—there are folks who would be happy to help share some tips on how to make coffee

hour a simple and wonderful time. We do not want this to be a financial burden to anyone. You will not be asked to spend any of your own money. Supplies are usually available in the big kitchen pantry with coffee, filters, cups, stirrers, napkins, and the like. Half-and-half or milk is in the big refrigerator. No need to buy goodies, such as donuts, but if you want to you may do so. For those interested, we do welcome donations that go toward purchasing supplies needed.

Please consider hosting a coffee hour one Sunday! There is a sign-up sheet near the big kitchen for both 8 am and 10:15 am. If you have questions, I would be happy to answer as best I can; contact me at [Frronpollock1@verizon.net](mailto:Frronpollock1@verizon.net) or call the Parish Office at 908-722-1250.—*Faithfully, Father Ron*

### ***Summer Resources for Children and Families***

The Diocese of New Jersey is committed to providing resources for all ages and stages in the journey of followers of Jesus Christ. While many of us are accustomed to programming for gathered, traditional faith formation in our churches, we know that faith must be present and practiced in the home in order to be fully realized. Individuals and families are often unsure of practicing faith in their homes, and may feel ill equipped and uncertain. It is our ministry as individuals, congregational leaders, and disciples to engage people of all ages in relationship with Jesus: equip people, by resourcing and modeling faith practices, empower people, by giving them space and permission to become disciples of Christ and encourage people, by walking with them in their faith journeys.

Many of you were in Church on Sunday, June 2 to hear The Reverend Canon Susanna Cates, our new Canon for Formation and Vocations in the Diocese of New Jersey. Mother Cates mentioned that she would send the link to Summer Resources for Children and Families. Check it out:

<https://dioceseofnj.org/lifelong-christian-formation>. Contact Father Ron at [frronpollock1@verizon.net](mailto:frronpollock1@verizon.net) to find out more.

### ***My Favorite Hymn!***

One of my church music professors, the late Dr. Erik Routley, was fond of saying that hymns are “poetry for people who are not necessarily poets and music for people who are not necessarily musicians—hymns should allow the congregation to sing about and give thanks for all the Lord has done for them.” I work hard to choose hymns and anthems for services that will reflect the prayers, readings, and sermon on



Sunday mornings. I try to choose a mix of familiar hymns as well as introduce hymns that are new to our parish. Occasionally people will ask for a particular hymn they love to sing, or something that is particularly meaningful. I love hymn requests—always feel free to ask for your favorite hymn! We are fortunate to have *The Hymnal 1982* and *Lift Every Voice and Sing II* in the pews. Feel free to look through the indices the next time you’re in church. —*Mark Trautman*



## **WE CELEBRATE, WE REMEMBER: JUNE 2024**

### **BIRTHDAYS**

1. Delaney Billy
2. Kayla Elyse Ford, Charles Halsted
3. Tracey Jameson
4. Pamela Becker, Caitlin Chetwynd
5. Steven Fraser, Linda Willard
6. Patrick James Collins, Jean Jachim
8. Ian McMullen, Rich Neff, Ibiyo Lawrence
9. Natasha Marchick, Kimberly Fleming,
10. Barbara Meier, Florence Mindos
11. Drew Cardinale, Alison Kiernan
12. Christine Massey, Frances Saunders
13. Carl Spolarich, Dana Halsted, Connie Osinski, Liam Licht, Antonio De LosSantos, Rebecca Scott, Joe Siliwono
14. Avery Loftan, Ita Hines
15. Adam Jacob
16. Nicole Trotter, Brendan Keker, Joshua & Camryn Hussey
17. Molly Dupuis, Nancy Haring
18. Cherie Scott, Kimberly Nawrath, Adrienne Kurzawa
19. Steven Marchick
21. Lorraine Bernhardt, Gregory Massey
24. Michael Scott
25. Joe Bakes
26. Carly Smith
28. Jonathan Kutlow, Ava Tipton
29. Devron Robinson, Liliana Benitez
30. David Mathews, Susan Kiern, Michael Christel

## **JULY 2024**

### **BIRTHDAYS**

1. Roseann Brown
2. Carol Boyer, Justin Matyas
3. Connie Van Arsdale
4. Brian Hewett
5. Emerson McTernan, Kenneth Morrison
7. Clinton Bowers, Kelly Mehring, Rebecca Wiley
9. Nicholas Venet, Gabriel Ruiz
10. Cheyenne Britt, Joseph Gaitan
12. Kyle Ferris
13. Robin Fehring
14. Mark Hernandez, Dani Conceicao
15. Megan Roth
16. Paula Windus, James Barna
17. Elizabeth Lande
18. Lori Ellis, Aiden Hernandez
20. Lia Belle Buchanan, Steven Roll
22. Jonathan Marshall
23. Jessica Jacob
25. Rohan Tonk
26. Kristian Fried
27. Karl Spolarich, Caryle Steggall
28. Lynne Neff, Charlotte Metrokotsas
29. Michael Normant
31. Cherie Fox, Alice Marshall, Patrick Brienza

### **WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES**

2. Bob & Buffy Disko, Kelly & Brian Hamer
10. Sue & Russell Tepper

### **WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES**

1. Joe & Keri Siliwono
6. Tom & Dana Keefer
7. Charlie & Paula Windus
8. Gary & Diane Schuman
11. Brad & Lisa Moor
13. Carl & Dorothy Spolarich
16. John & Kimberly Nawrath
20. Arthur & Catherine Wetstein
22. David & Susan Conners
23. Kathy & Joe Bakes
24. John & Marielena Cardinale
27. William & Cheri Fox, Karl & Colleen Spolarich
28. George & Candi Mullen, Daniel & Kathleen Conceicao
29. Peter & Christine Miller
30. Ralph & Mary McMullen

### **DEATH ANNIVERSARIES**

2. Louise Reeve Wyman
3. Florence Newton
6. Howard Sloan
10. Clara Logan
11. Brad Taylor
14. Raymond F. Frazer Jr.
15. Harry M. Biggin, Lyman H. Demaray
17. William Marshall Sr., Richard L. Boyer
19. Myrtle H. Haring
24. Kayte Bowers
26. Sydney Ellis
29. Charlotte Frey Dennis
30. Hazel Jane Schaub, Jeffrey J. Yingst

13. Cherie & Tony Pieroni
16. James & Alison Voss
17. Matt & Kimberly Fleming
18. William & Nihoko Hoffman
19. Robert & Christine Massey, Edward & Alison Manko
23. Andrew & Kelly Mehring, Steven & Carly Smith,
31. Michael & Sinead Normant

### **DEATH ANNIVERSARIES**

1. Alexis Smith
4. Joseph H. Chapman, Beth Ann Manfredi
7. George Preston Fleet
8. Joseph P. Gaughan
9. Grace Vadala, Margaret Wachter, Shirley Rostron
10. Thomas L. Berry Jr.
11. Theresa Allgair
12. Dan Eldon, Salvatore Salzano
13. Jean Chittenden
19. Walter Miggins Sr., William Marshall Jr., Ben Neal
22. Lucy Matthews, Vincentina Frazer
25. Theodore F. Richart, Margaret Rogers
26. Jessamine & Richard Henderson
28. Florence Ellis
29. Lavona Oasler, Arthur Van Tassel, Linda Perrone
31. Regina L. Spolarich, Ruth Kletz

# June 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						<b>1</b>  9 am, Meals to Go 9 am, Clothes Closet
<b>2</b>  <b>Pentecost 2</b> <b>Proper 4B</b> 8 am, Eucharist 10:15, Eucharist <b>Loose Change</b> <b>Sunday</b> Mother Susanna Cates, Guest Preacher	<b>3</b>  12:30-1:30, All Recovery Meeting 6:30 pm, ECW 8 pm, AA Meeting	<b>4</b>  7 pm, Holy Eucharist (chapel)	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>  10 am, Eucharist Mary-Martha Guild 7:15 pm, Last Parish Choir Rehearsal	<b>7</b>  <b>Fr. Ron's Day</b> <b>off</b>	<b>8</b>  10 am, Altar Guild Meeting
<b>9</b>  <b>Pentecost 3</b> <b>Proper 5B</b> 8 am, Eucharist 10:15, Eucharist; 11:45, Church School Awards 5 pm, Choral Evensong	<b>10</b>  12:30-1:30, All Recovery Meeting 8 pm, AA Meeting	<b>11</b>  <b>St. Barnabas,</b> <b>Apostle</b>	<b>12</b>  7 pm, Vestry	<b>13</b>  10 am, Eucharist Mary-Martha Guild 5 pm, Laundry Love	<b>14</b>  <b>Fr. Ron's Day</b> <b>off</b>	<b>15</b>  9 am, Meals to Go 9 am Clothes Closet
<b>16</b>  <b>Pentecost 4</b> <b>Proper 6B</b> 8 am, Eucharist 10:15, Eucharist	<b>17</b>  12:30-1:30, All Recovery Meeting 8 pm, AA Meeting	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>  10 am, Eucharist Mary-Martha Guild, luncheon follows	<b>21</b>  <b>Fr. Ron's Day</b> <b>off</b>	<b>22</b>
<b>23/30</b>  <b>Pentecost 5</b> <b>Proper 7B</b> <u>Gen. Conv. begins</u> <b>Pentecost 6</b> <b>Proper 8B</b> 8 am, 10:15, Eucharist	<b>24</b>  12:30-1:30, All Recovery Mtg 8 pm, AA Meeting <b>Nativity of St.</b> <b>John Baptist</b> Bp. French anniv.	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>  5 pm, Laundry Love	<b>28</b>  <b>Fr. Ron's Day</b> <b>off</b> Gen. Convention ends	<b>29</b>  <b>St. Peter and St.</b> <b>Paul, Apostles</b>

# July 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	<b>1</b>  <i>12:30-1:30 All Recovery Meeting 7 pm, ECW</i>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>  <i>INDEPENDENCE DAY Office Closed</i>	<b>5</b>  <b>Fr. Ron's Day off</b>	<b>6</b>  <i>9 am, Meals to Go 9 am, Clothes Closet</i>
<b>7</b>  <i><b>Pentecost 7</b> <b>Proper 9B</b> 8 am, Eucharist 10:15, Eucharist <b>Loose Change Sunday</b></i>	<b>8</b>  <i>12:30-1:30, All Recovery Meeting 8 pm, AA Meeting</i>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>  <i>5 pm, Laundry Love</i>	<b>12</b>  <b>Fr. Ron's Day off</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>14</b>  <i><b>Pentecost 8</b> <b>Proper 10B</b> 8 am, Eucharist 10:15, HB &amp; HE; 11:30 Kitchen Presentation 12:30 Dan's Backyard BBQ</i>	<b>15</b>  <i>12:30-1:30, All Recovery Meeting 8 pm, AA Meeting <b>Fr. Ron on vacation until August 5</b></i>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>  <i>9 am, Meals to Go 9 am Clothes Closet</i>
<b>21</b>  <i><b>Pentecost 9</b> <b>Proper 11B</b> 8 am, Eucharist 10:15, Eucharist</i>	<b>22</b>  <i>12:30-1:30, All Recovery Meeting 8 pm, AA Meeting <b>St. Mary Magdelene</b></i>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>  <i><b>St. James, Apostle</b></i>	<b>26</b>  <i><b>Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary</b></i>	<b>27</b>
<b>28</b>  <i><b>Pentecost 10</b> <b>Proper 12B</b> 8 am, Eucharist 10:15, Eucharist</i>	<b>29</b>  <i>12:30-1:30, All Recovery Mtg 8 pm, AA Meeting</i>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>



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