



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

# The Newsletter

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*From the Rector*

## 'THE DAY THE CRAYONS QUIT'

I RECENTLY READ A BOOK ENTITLED: *The Day the Crayons Quit* by Drew Daywalt and Oliver Jeffers (published by Harper Collins: [www.drewdaywalt.com/the-day-the-crayons-quit](http://www.drewdaywalt.com/the-day-the-crayons-quit)). It is an extraordinary story of a young boy named Duncan and his box of very unhappy crayons who decide to quit! The story goes like this: one day Duncan takes out his crayon box and opens it, he is shocked at what he sees. The crayons are all gone. Someone didn't steal them or misplace them, rather the crayons left on their own volition. They went on strike. Next to where the box of crayons typically live, there was a pile of letters addressed to Duncan from each of the crayons. Each crayon bravely communicated the issues they faced and all the trouble they had with the way they were being used. For example, red was exhausted because every Christmas and Valentine's Day, everyone uses it and colors everything with it (Santas, hearts, etc.). Blue also expressed being overused, becoming worn down and short. White was very depressed because it was rarely ever used, except to fill in blank spaces. So was pink. Purple, grey, orange, yellow, peach—all still other colors shared their concerns. In a nut shell, some crayons felt overworked, some under-appreciated, some had identity issues, felt misunderstood, or simply wanted to do things other than what Duncan wanted them to do!



Duncan felt bad for his crayons. Duncan tried to please the crayons, and so used Black to paint the beach, and then gave beige and white new things they could color, but he does not resolve all the problems of the other crayons. Duncan wants his crayons to be happy and fulfilled. Duncan does not want his crayons to be sad or unrecognized. Duncan wants his crayons to feel appreciated. Duncan creatively thinks ahead about an upcoming assignment and gives new jobs to the various colors. In the end, even Duncan feels good about his decision to incorporate all the colors in non-traditional ways. Duncan's teacher applauds Duncan's creativity as he proceeds forward utilizing the talents of all the colors in a common mission. It is as if, Duncan celebrates the qualities of each crayon while holding on to the pursuit of beautiful and newly reinvented artwork. Duncan is extraordinarily pleased to see that art has no boundaries and the journey is always a process of creativity and reinvention.

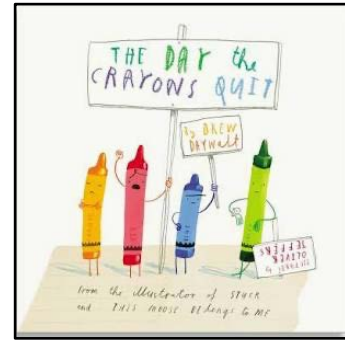
I can't help but wonder how you might feel about what color you most closely identify with and to what extent you contribute to the mission of our Church here at St. John's: "To Know Christ and To Make Him Known?" It might be an interesting exercise to discuss our unique perspectives. How might you relate this story to your own life? Your family? Your education in school or college? Your work? Your ministry? What comes to mind after becoming familiar with this story? What issues and concerns are you most mindful of? How can I help? How can the Church help? How can we help one another as a community

of faith as we begin a new year? As our praying shapes our believing, in its repetition and consistency, how can the use of your crayon not only contribute to the building up of God's Kingdom, but your own discipleship and ministry?

*The Day the Crayons Quit* is actually not a book about crayons that quit—but about crayons that have some real concerns and have a desire to express them. This is an excellent lesson in communication, expressing needs, walking in some else's shoes, and realizing that negotiations can bring about change and conflict resolution, which can be applied to all aspects of our lives and our ministries. I encourage you to incorporate these concerns into your prayer life. I encourage you to bring these concerns to the Altar when you receive communion, that by God's grace you will gain deeper insight, see things in new and creative ways, and with a deeper desire "To Know Christ and To Make Him Known."

*See you in Church or online!*

*Father Ron*



## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

### WELCOMING SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

*Holy Eucharist at 8 and 10:15*

*First Sunday for the Parish Choir*

*Church School Registration and Ministries Fair*

### TO OUR GUESTS AND VISITORS

We want to extend a warm welcome to everyone who is visiting with us. Whether you're just having a look, searching for a place of worship, or a guest of a parishioner, we're delighted to have you here. Please know that all baptized Christians are welcome to receive communion. This is not an Episcopal Table—indeed, it is the Lord's Table. *Welcome!*

### Visitors Welcome—Coffee Hour

We welcome all visitors to St. John's. Everyone is invited to the coffee hour held after the 8 am and the 10:15 am services in the Parish Hall. If you are a visitor, please fill out a white Welcoming card found in the pews and put it in the alms basin or give it to an usher or a member of the clergy or mail it to the Parish Office.

### Membership

Have you actually joined St. John's Church, or are you still attending as a guest? Joining the Church is like taking a relationship to the next level. There is something wonderful and different about being committed to *your* parish. If you would like to join St. John's, please contact Mark Trautman at [mtrautman@stjohnsomerville.org](mailto:mtrautman@stjohnsomerville.org) or Fr. Ron at [fronpollock1@verizon.net](mailto:fronpollock1@verizon.net).





## PLEDGING 2024

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 92 pledges totaling \$189,690.** To fill out a pledge online visit <https://stjohnsomerville.org/pledge-card-form>. Contact any member of the Vestry, a Warden, Treasurer, Parish Office or myself if you have any questions.

Father Ron

## STEWARDSHIP 2025—SAVE THE DATE!

Kick-off Sunday for **Pledge Drive 2025** will be **Sunday, November 10** at both services. There will be a special coffee hour and presentations after both services—*Mark your calendars!*



## St. John's this Summer!

Congratulations to Liam who was baptized into Christ's one, holy, catholic and apostolic church on Sunday, August 18.

Pray for our students—especially Anthony, Rebecca, Ellie, and Chase, who begin their freshman year of college this fall. *We are so proud of you!*



## MUSIC AT ST. JOHN'S

### St. John's Parish Choir

The Parish Choir resumes choir rehearsals on Thursday, September 5 at 7:15 pm, and we will sing for the first time on Welcoming Sunday, September 8 at the 10:15 service. We will sing Evensong for All Souls with Bound Brook Presbyterian at St. John's on Sunday, November 3 at 5 pm, and Lessons and Carols on Sunday, December 15 at 5 pm. *Everyone is welcome!*



### Brent Miller Memorial Music Fund

Thanks to our many contributors! Your donations and offerings help us to expand our musical offerings throughout the year, including our professional section leaders, music supplies, instrumentalists, and more. Contact Mark Trautman, [mtrautman@stjohnsomerville.org](mailto:mtrautman@stjohnsomerville.org).



## Church School Schedule for Fall 2024

- On the first Sunday of the month all students in remain Church. Students invited to serve in various capacities, such as: acolyte, usher (hand out bulletins and assist walking around for the collection), read, sing, and the like.
- On the second, third, fourth and fifth Sunday of each month Children's Chapel will be offered followed by Church School class. Students join their families during the Peace.
- On the second Sunday of the month, Church School also will be offered using the following schedule:
  - 4:30 pm to 5:00 pm: Evening Prayer
  - 5:00 pm to 5:30 pm: Church School Class
  - 5:30 pm to 6:00 pm: Mission-outreach project
  - 6:00 pm: Intergenerational Dinner.



*All parishioners, families, friends invited to attend dinner*

### Fall Schedule

- September 8: Welcoming Sunday and Church School Registration  
Blessing of the Backpacks and school supplies  
(to be distributed at Meals To Go, local agencies and people we know in the community)
- September 15: Morning: regular Church School class
- September 22: Morning: regular Church School class
- September 29: Morning: regular Church School class
- October 6: All children in Church. No class
- October 13: Morning: regular Church School class  
5 pm to 5:30 pm: Church School class in Parish Hall  
Theme: Bring-a-friend and Dress alike: Double Day  
Activity: Painting pumpkins
- October 20: Morning: regular Church School class
- October 27: Morning: regular Church School class
- November 3: All children in church. No class (Daylight Saving Time ends)
- November 10: Morning: Church School class  
5 pm to 5:30 pm: Church School class in Parish Hall  
Theme: Intergenerational Bible Study: "Things for which I am thankful"
- November 17: Morning: Church School class
- November 24: Morning: Church School class
- December 1: All children in church. No class
- December 8: Morning: Church School class  
5 pm to 6 pm: Church School field trip to Senior Citizens Building in Somerville.  
Activity: make Christmas ornaments with Senior Citizens and sing Christmas Carols
- December 15: Morning: Church School class
- December 22: Morning: Christmas Pageant rehearsal
- December 29: **No** Church School class
- January 5: All children in church
- January 12: Morning: Church School class  
Church School at 5 pm-5:30 pm in Parish Hall  
Theme: collect jackets, gloves, hats, etc. to be distributed at Meals To Go, to local agencies, and people we know in the community

*The remainder of Church School schedule to be published in late Fall. Please join us in praying for our Church School students, teachers and families:*

Tracey Jameson: [tkayj@aol.com](mailto:tkayj@aol.com), Michelle Hernandez: [mhernandez718910@gmail.com](mailto:mhernandez718910@gmail.com)

Taffy Scherr: [tafrika@aol.com](mailto:tafrika@aol.com), Father Ron: [fronpollock1@verizon.net](mailto:fronpollock1@verizon.net)



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YOUTH REGISTRATION, 2024-25 • CHORISTERS, CHURCH SCHOOL, YOUTH GROUP, ACOLYTES

Child's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Age \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

School attending this year \_\_\_\_\_ Grade, Fall 2024 \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name \_\_\_\_\_

Baptized? Yes  No  Confirmed? Yes  No

Parent/Guardian Name \_\_\_\_\_

Baptized? Yes  No  Confirmed? Yes  No

Email(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Phone numbers (cell and home)

*Baptized:* Yes  No

*Confirmed:* Yes  No

*Receiving Holy Communion:* Yes  No

*Interested in Confirmation:* Yes  No

How many years of previous enrollment? \_\_\_\_\_

*I give my permission for photographs and/or video footage of my child to be used by St. John's Church and its various programs for promotional purposes (brochures, websites, promotional videos, and the like). I understand that my child's name will not be used. I agree to return all emails, calls, and texts within a 24-hour period, and to keep all contact information up to date to the best of my ability.*

Parent/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

*Please return to St. John's in person, via regular mail, or email to  
mtrautman@stjohnsomerville.org*



## **COMING UP—TAKE NOTE!**

### **Welcoming Sunday**

Join us for Welcoming Sunday on September 8.

Welcoming Sunday is an opportunity to learn about life at St. John's. Ministries Fair will follow after the 8 and 10 am services, and displays and information tables will grace the Parish Hall. There will be a special coffee hour in the Parish Hall following both services, and the Parish Choir returns at 10:15. All groups are urged to participate and share how other people can become involved. We'll be welcoming everyone back from summer vacation. We'll be registering all the Sunday School students for the coming year. We'll be welcoming new members and visitors and guests. *All are welcome!*



### **Backpacks wanted—Welcoming Sunday**

We are collecting new school supplies, such as: backpacks, notebooks, three-ring binders (1½ to 3 inches), pencil cases that fit inside binders, paper, glue sticks, safety scissors, index cards, rulers, highlighters, markers, pens, pencils and crayons will be accepted. Donations made be dropped off to St. John's anytime—call prior to coming (908-722-1250). Or, bring supplies on a Sunday morning when you come to Church services and put them in the large basket box located in the Parish Hall. We will conduct the Blessing of the Backpacks and Children's School Supplies during both services on Welcoming Sunday.

### **Episcopal Church Women, September 9**

The Episcopal Church Women (ECW) will kick off its program year with a potluck supper on Monday, September 9 at 6 pm in the Parish Hall. Those



attending are asked to sign-up on the bulletin board list in the parish house foyer and indicate what they can bring to share (main entrée, salad, or side dish). Those attending a meeting for the first time do not need to bring anything.

A short business meeting at 7:15 in the Parish Hall will follow the supper. The ECW meets the first Monday evening of each month in the Parish Hall at 7 pm. Come and hear details of the ECW's plans for the 2024-2025 year including programs, speakers, and fundraisers. The annual sales of chocolates and wreaths at Christmas are on the fall schedule as well as the Yankee Swap gift exchange at the December meeting—*check out some chocolate samples when you check out the ECW display on Welcoming Sunday!*

*Contact an ECW officer:*

Co-president Jenn Kosensky (908-386-6152, [jrkosensky@gmail.com](mailto:jrkosensky@gmail.com))

Co-president Linda Willard (347-276-6491, [nolaandboogie@aol.com](mailto:nolaandboogie@aol.com))

### **Save the Date: 'A St. John's Murder Mystery'**

You're invited to an entertaining special event—Murder at the Billionaires Masquerade Ball—a murder mystery, complete with food, refreshments, prizes, and lots of fun on Saturday, October 26 in the Parish Hall.

Be sure to come in costume! Prizes will be awarded for the best costume in a series of categories: most creative; most elaborate; prettiest; funniest; best team; and "you have got to be kidding!"

*The party begins at 6 pm. There's no telling when the murder happens!*

Tickets go on sale in September and are \$50 each for adults 21 years old and above. Tickets include dinner, refreshments, desserts, and, of course, the show! No teens or children and no childcare will be available. Tickets are limited so be sure to reserve your spot. You can help by donating: prizes for costume contests; wine, beer, soda, water, ice; desserts; and treasures for the silent auction (no knick-knacks, please). To donate treasures, contact Sheila Fuhrmann at [Jfuhrmann00@aol.com](mailto:Jfuhrmann00@aol.com). To donate food or drink items, contact Terry McShane at [t1m49@comcast.net](mailto:t1m49@comcast.net).

Proceeds benefit the *Bridging The Gap* effort for the St. John's 2024 operating budget. Tickets will be available after both Sunday services from any member of Vestry.

**THE WORK OF MINISTRY**  
**St. John's Clothes Closet**  
*Fifth Anniversary Open House,*  
*September 22*



Check out the Clothes Closet as we celebrate our fifth anniversary on September 22. There will be an open house for all parishioners after both services—come and see this vital ministry of St. John's Church!

We will be open on Saturdays, September 7 and 21, from 9 am until 12 noon, for new fall offerings of women's, men's, and children's clothes, shoes, and accessories! The Clothes Closet has everything you need for your fall wardrobe refresh!

All items are in good condition and very reasonably priced. Many are name-brand clothes with tags still attached! We are located on the lower level of the parish house and is open the first and third Saturdays of each month. Purchases are cash only. Masks and social distancing are suggested.

We accept men's, women's, and children's clothing for all ages. They should be clean, gently used, and in current fashion. Please do not donate clothing with damage, stains, or signs of heavy wear. Not acceptable are underwear, socks, bathing suits, pajamas (unless they are new), or any non-clothing items.

We are accepting only fall and winter items now. If you are interested in donating any clothes, shoes, or accessories, you must contact Linda Willard at [nolaandboogie@aol.com](mailto:nolaandboogie@aol.com) or 347-276-2491. Because storage space is limited, Linda is happy to advise which items we can accept. You may bring your items in on the Saturday sale days or Linda will schedule a mutually convenient time to drop them off during the week.

All Clothes Closet profits are deposited in the church operating fund and are used to support St. John's ministries. Five percent of sales are donated to local charities.

The Clothes Closet council includes Barbara Christel, Valerie Gibson, Taffy Scherr, Linda Willard, and Paula Windus. Volunteers are Isandra Alvarez, Mike Christel, Veronica Garcia, Carolyn Gioia, Niki Hoffman, Eric Reinard, Janice Reitman, Jean Stamets, and Karen Whitmore. Neva Rae Fox handles publicity. If you would like to help on sale days, or during the week to sort and hang clothes, please contact Linda (contact information above) or [clothescloset@stjohnsomerville.org](mailto:clothescloset@stjohnsomerville.org).

**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: First Sunday of every month***

Our next scheduled date is Sunday, September 1. If you would like to participate in this important ministry, please 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 into the baskets. This money will be placed into the Discretionary Fund and used to answer the needs of the many who reach out to St. John's for assistance.

### **MARY AND MARTHA GUILD**

*'Pray together—Stay together'*

The Mary and Martha Guild will resume their weekly gatherings after the Thursday morning service on September 5. All members of the parish are welcome to join us. It is a perfect chance to get to meet other parish members in a smaller group setting.



### ***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).

### ***UPCOMING EVENTS—TAKE NOTE***

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

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

***Sunday, September 8:*** Welcoming Sunday

***Sunday, September 22:*** Clothes Closet open house

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

***Saturday, October 26:*** *A St. John's Murder Mystery*

***Sunday November 3:*** All Saints' Sunday; All Souls Evensong at 5 pm

***Sunday, November 10:*** Stewardship 2025 Kick-off

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

***Sunday, December 15:*** Advent Lessons and Carols





**WE CELEBRATE, WE REMEMBER: SEPTEMBER 2024**

**BIRTHDAYS**

1. Verna Tonk, Robert Potts, Thomas Hussey
2. Alexis Siliwono, Kelsy Russell
3. Colin Bower, Liam Wawrzyniak
6. Christian Martinez
7. Richard Neff
8. Brian Callahan, Lucas Scott, James Voss
9. Nicholas & Sarah Karrmazyn, Polina Rogalsky, Gino A. DeLuca, Grace Bancone
10. Sophia Scott, Caleb Hernandez, Vincenzina Mlenak
11. Lucas Disko
12. Gabriel Zambrano
13. Nicholas Lande
14. Kay Halsed, Ryan Loften, Joanne Polito
15. Fallon Billy
16. Wislene Augustin
17. Ottavio Lo Presti, Joan Sammartano
18. Martha Healy-Fried, Steve Mandraccia
19. John Caufield, Michelle Golder
20. Linda Bowers, Dean Andricsak
22. Bobbi Agins, George Seminara Jr., Raymond Brown
23. Lisa Stebenne
24. Megan McNamara, Brian Spolarich, Robert Becker
25. Carson Kendall
26. Robert Fox, Robert Hewett, Christian Carrillo, Sonia Hollingsworth
27. Cassandra Marshall, Jon Anobile
28. David Raphael, Katherine Taylor
29. Christopher Venet, Cortney Lane


**WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES**

3. Bill & Karen Wickham,
10. Brian & Silvia Boyle
13. Ronald & Elizabeth Szumigala
14. John & Jill Plesniarski
17. Justin Rhymer & Nicholas Williams
19. Patrick & Sonia Brienz,
20. Brian & Jessica Williams
22. Eric & Lisa Tipton
23. Kevin & Megan McNamara, Sasha & Susan Rogalsky, Peter & Caitlin Chetwynd
24. Katie & Kyle Fletcher
25. Joe & Charissa Poklikuha
26. Rebecca Scott & Christian Kneafsey
27. Joseph & Kimberly Britanak
29. Antonietta Bekir & Christine LoMauro

**DEATH ANNIVERSARIES**


10. Paul Henderson
11. Annie Scoppetta
12. Greg J. Gibson
14. Ed Gimbut
15. Julia Casteliro
17. Ernest Arundell Hewett, Dorothy Hewett
19. Ruth C. Croll
22. Angelo Marine
25. Carmen Carballo
26. Jane Troup, George Joseph Mullen Jr., Mark Lines
30. Joe Edwards

**St. Francis' Day**  
**BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS**  
Sunday, October 6, 2024 at 3:00 p.m.  
**St. John's in Somerville**




St. Francis

**WELCOME**  
all creatures great and small,  
furry or feathered or scaled,  
and their owners,  
in the church.  
Reception follows in the churchyard.  
Bring your pet leashed or caged.  
Masks are optional.



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**Come and check it out!**  
**A ST. JOHN'S MURDER**  
**MYSTERY**  
Saturday, October 26, 2024 at 6 p.m.




**The party begins at 6 pm.**  
**There's no telling when the murder happens!**

Tickets go on sale in September—\$ 50 each for adults 21 years old and above—  
dinner, refreshments, desserts, and, of course, the show!  
Adults only—childcare not available.

**Tickets are limited so be sure to reserve your spot.**  
Contact Sheila Fuhrmann at [jfuhrmann00@aol.com](mailto:jfuhrmann00@aol.com)  
Terry McShane at [tjm49@comcast.net](mailto:tjm49@comcast.net)

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<b>1</b>  <b>Pentecost 15</b> <b>Proper 17B</b> 8 am, Eucharist 10:15, Eucharist <b>Loose Change</b> <b>Sunday</b>	<b>2</b>  12:30-1:30 All Recovery LABOR DAY  Office Closed	<b>3</b>  7 pm, Eucharist	<b>4</b>  	<b>5</b>  10 am, Eucharist; Mary & Martha Guild 7:15, Choir Rehearsal	<b>6</b>  <b>Fr. Ron's Day</b> <b>off</b>	<b>7</b>  9 am, Meals to Go 9 am, Clothes Closet
<b>8</b>  <b>Pentecost 16</b> <b>Proper 18B</b> 8 am, Eucharist 10:15, Eucharist <b>WELCOMING</b> <b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>9</b>  12:30-1:30, All Recovery Meeting 8 pm, AA Meeting	<b>10</b>  7 pm, Eucharist	<b>11</b>  7 pm, Vestry	<b>12</b>  10 am, Eucharist; Mary & Martha Guild 7:15, Choir Rehearsal 5 pm, Laundry Love	<b>13</b>  <b>Fr. Ron's Day</b> <b>off</b>	<b>14</b>  <b>Holy Cross Day</b>
<b>15</b>  <b>Pentecost 17</b> <b>Proper 19B</b> 8 am, Eucharist 10:15, Eucharist 10 am, Church School	<b>16</b>  12:30-1:30, All Recovery Mtg. 8 pm, AA Mtg.	<b>17</b>  7 pm, Eucharist	<b>18</b>  	<b>19</b>  10 am, Eucharist; Mary & Martha Guild 7:15, Choir Rehearsal	<b>20</b>  11 am, Karen Hartwick memorial, Bruce Van Arsdale Funeral Home	<b>21</b>  9 am, Meals to Go 9 am Clothes Closet <b>St. Matthew,</b> <b>Apostle and</b> <b>Evangelist</b>
<b>22</b>  <b>Pentecost 18</b> <b>Proper 20B</b> 8 am, Eucharist 10:15, Eucharist 10 am, Church School	<b>23</b>  12:30-1:30, All Recovery Meeting 8 pm, AA Meeting	<b>24</b>  7 pm, Eucharist	<b>25</b>  	<b>26</b>  10 am, Eucharist; Mary & Martha Guild 7:15, Choir Rehearsal	<b>27</b>  <b>Fr. Ron's Day</b> <b>off</b>	<b>28</b>  
<b>29</b>  <b>Pentecost 19</b> <b>Proper 21B</b> 8 am, Eucharist 10:15, Eucharist 10 am, Church School	<b>30</b>  12:30-1:30, All Recovery Mtg 8 pm, AA Meeting <b>St. Michael and</b> <b>All Angels (tr)</b>					

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		<b>1</b>  7 pm, Eucharist	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>  10 am, Eucharist; Mary & Martha Guild 7:15, Choir Rehearsal	<b>4</b>  <b>Fr. Ron's Day off</b>	<b>5</b>  9 am, Meals to Go 9 am, Clothes Closet
<b>6</b>  <b>Pentecost 20 Proper 22B</b> 8 am, Eucharist 10:15, Eucharist Youth Sunday <b>Loose Change Sunday</b> <b>Blessing of the Animals, 3 pm</b>	<b>7</b>  12:30-1:30, All Recovery Meeting 8 pm, AA Meeting	<b>8</b>  7 pm, Eucharist	<b>9</b>  7 pm, Vestry	<b>10</b>  10 am, Eucharist; Mary & Martha Guild 7:15, Choir Rehearsal 5 pm, Laundry Love	<b>11</b>  <b>Fr. Ron's Day off</b>	<b>12</b>  Acolyte Festival, Washington National Cathedral
<b>13</b>  <b>Pentecost 21 Proper 23B</b> 8 am, Eucharist 10:15, Eucharist 10 am, Church School 5 pm, Church School activity and supper	<b>14</b>  Indigenous People's Day; OFFICE CLOSED  12:30-1:30, All Recovery Mtg. 8 pm, AA Mtg.	<b>15</b>  7 pm, Eucharist	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>  10 am, Eucharist; Mary & Martha Guild 7:15, Choir Rehearsal	<b>18</b>  <b>Fr. Ron's Day off</b> <b>St. Luke the Evangelist</b>	<b>19</b>  9 am, Meals to Go 9 am Clothes Closet
<b>20</b>  <b>Pentecost 22 Proper 24B</b> 8 am, Eucharist 10:15, Eucharist 10 am, Church School	<b>21</b>  12:30-1:30, All Recovery Meeting 8 pm, AA Meeting	<b>22</b>  7 pm, Eucharist	<b>23</b>  <b>St. James of Jerusalem, Brother of our Lord Jesus Christ</b>	<b>24</b>  10 am, Eucharist; Mary & Martha Guild 7:15, Choir Rehearsal	<b>25</b>  <b>Fr. Ron's Day off</b>	<b>26</b>  'A St. John's Murder Mystery', 6 pm
<b>27</b>  <b>Pentecost 23 Proper 25B</b> 8 am, Eucharist 10:15, Eucharist 10 am, Church School	<b>28</b>  12:30-1:30, All Recovery Mtg 8 pm, AA Meeting <b>St. Simon and St. Jude</b>	<b>29</b>  7 pm, Eucharist	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>		



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