



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

The Newsletter

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OCTOBER 2024

From the Rector

GROWING AND NURTURING A THANKFUL HEART

WHEN I WAS GROWING UP it was a common exercise to write a thank you letter to my soccer coach after the season had ended or my public school teacher at the end of the school year. There are other people to add to that list: my dentist, my priest, my grandparents, my God-parents, and the like. I was taught to not only be thankful but to live every day in humble recognition of the abundance of God's creation and the blessings that surrounded me on every side. That teaching was a gift I continue to treasure to this very day. The people who make a considerable impact upon my life are the ones who offer a simple "thank you" in their daily living. So many people continue to have a hand in my spiritual formation and transformation. My church community, my family, neighbors and friends, have all helped me know God's command to "be thankful" (Colossians 3:15).



Growth is an essential component for life, and this is especially true for us as Christians. God is constantly on the move, working a new thing. Gratitude is more than a nice feeling, gratitude is a daily practice, a way of life. There is no doubt that we can cultivate and deepen our gratitude in daily life, which will completely change our experience, of ourselves, our world and our spiritual life.

I am wondering if you might be willing to write down one thing each day for the next three months for which you are grateful?

What might God be saying to you about showing forth your gratitude in your life, your family, your church community?

*Faithfully yours in Jesus Christ,
Father Ron*

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!*



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 Fr. Ron at fronpollock1@verizon.net.

STAFF TRANSITIONS

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,
Mark Trautman sat down at the organ here at St. John's Church in Somerville to begin a ministry that would continue for three years. Mark has helped bring the message and wisdom of Jesus Christ to our congregation through the gift of his music. Mark has carried the Good News of each liturgical season through song, organ and piano walking along-side the Choristers and the Parish Choir. In particular, Mark has made a wonderful contribution building up our annual Advent Lessons and Carols service. Mark's musical direction has lifted the hearts of our people, inspired them to walk more closely with the Lord as disciples of Jesus Christ, and enhanced our weekly services. Many people, of all ages, have listened to the liturgical music of our faith offered by our organist and choirmaster Mark.



Mark is a gifted musician and has a generous heart. Mark has always viewed playing the organ and piano and being choirmaster as a ministry—one that has allowed him to share not only his love of music, but his commitment to God with others. It would be nearly impossible to count the people he has touched in his unassuming way, but there can be no doubt of the positive effect he has made on the scores of people who have sat within the sound of his music. Mark's hard work has not gone un-noticed, and we are grateful for the opportunity to express our thanks for his being here at St. John's Church.

Forthcoming information will help us better understand a healthy discernment process our parish will enter into as we discover next steps in calling a new organist and choirmaster. I am currently in conversation with clergy, musicians, and Bishop Sally French seeking their wisdom and guidance. For now, please pray for Mark in his transition and for our beloved St. John's in our discernment going forward.

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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 93 pledges totaling \$190,190.*** 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!*



Coffee Hour

Volunteers are needed for Coffee Hour following our 8am and 10:15 am services. Please consider signing up for this wonderful ministry of facilitating fellowship as we learn and grow spiritually together. A sign-up sheet is in the Parish Hall on a table next to the big kitchen entrance. Contact any Vestry Member or Fr Ron to join this exciting ministry of hospitality.

Acolyte Training

We are recruiting persons young and old who would like to serve at the Altar as acolytes.

The word “acolyte” is derived from the Greek word *akolouthos*, meaning companion, attendant, or helper. The ministry of acolyte has its roots in the Old Testament of the Bible, where the prophet Samuel is seen assisting the priest Eli in the shrine at Bethel and then Elisha is seen assisting the prophet Elijah.

In the Episcopal Church altar servers are called acolytes and can be either gender. We are looking for both children and adults to join in this wonderful ministry to serve as an acolyte.

An acolyte may assist in worship by carrying a torch, a processional cross, a banner, lighting candles, extinguishing candles, and assisting the priest and deacon as seen fit by the priest or deacon. Confirmation is not a requirement to be an acolyte, but it is something an acolyte should strive for in the very near future. *Contact the clergy to find out more!*



Ushers

Are you looking to help grow our St. John’s community? Please consider becoming an usher. We are in need of ushers for both the 8 am and 10:15 am Sunday services. This work is important as we are the first impression people have as they arrive at Church. Your impression could help us to continue to grow and make our Church home a more friendly and welcoming place. The commitment is not more than once per month and schedules are worked around your availability. We will be happy to help train you on the responsibilities. If interested, please reach out to Steve Mandraccia at smandraccia@verizon.net.

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 the Parish Office, admin@stjohnsomerville.org.

‘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 are on sale in now 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.

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Adults only—childcare not available.

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Contact Sheila Fuhrmann at shfuhrmann00@aol.com.
Terry McShane at tim49@comcast.net

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Proceeds benefit the Bridging the Gap effort for the St. John’s 2024 operating budget.

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. To donate food or drink items, contact Terry McShane at tlm49@comcast.net.

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

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

Church School Fall Schedule

- 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, Michelle Hernandez: mhernandez718910@gmail.com

Taffy Scherr: tafrika@aol.com, Father Ron: frronpollcock1@verizon.net

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Blessing of the Animals—October 6

Marco, the Somerville Police Department Therapy Dog, and Office Nikki DeBiase visited St. John's and the Rev. Canon Ron Pollock to learn the details for the Blessing of Animals on October 6 at 3 pm, rain or shine.

The eight-month-old Marco, a familiar pup in Somerville, will join cats and dogs, birds and horses, toads and snakes, fish and bunnies, and all creatures furry or feathered or scaled, and their owners, to St. John's. Owners are asked to bring their two, four and/or multi-legged (or no-legged) pets on a leash or in a cage. Father Ron will offer an individual blessing for each pet.

After the blessing, there will be a reception featuring dog and cat treats, generously offered by The Hungry Hound, Main St., Somerville.

For more than 25 years, St. John's has blessed pets of all kinds and sizes, recognizing the importance of pets and animals in people's lives. The blessing of the animals is an annual Episcopal tradition in honor of St. Francis Day.



Corvette Club Gift

Members of the Central New Jersey Corvette Club presented a check for \$2,000 to St. John's Church, recognizing our parish community's exemplary outreach and care to the people who live in the greater Somerville Community.

CJCC was established in 1997 by a small group of Corvette owners from Somerset and Hunterdon Counties. They currently have approximately 80 members from throughout the Central Jersey.



Harold Willard, Senior of Distinction

Congrats to our own Harold Willard, a resident of Somerville and an active member of St. John's, on being honored as a 2024 Senior of Distinction by Congressman Thomas Kean, Jr. of the Seventh Congressional District in a special ceremony on September 13. Harold was honored for his public service to the community through his personal, professional, philanthropic, and volunteers works.

In his nomination, Harold was described as "a loving member of his family, a 20-year US Navy veteran, a social worker, a community leader, an educator, a man of faith, and a loyal and trusted friend"



as well as a “proud Native American, living in a way that blends the ancient rituals and practices of his ancestors with the modern world.”

We all know of his many activities at St. John’s. For example, he organized a 2013 traditional Native American Pow Wow with more than 500 people in attendance. He was named Grand Marshall of the 2024 Memorial Day Parade as it returned to the Somerville streets for the first time in years.

Harold has demonstrated many times his commitment to education and helping others, through his work at the New York State Office for People with Developmental Disabilities. He was one of the images in promotional materials for the opening of the Smithsonian Museum of the American Indian. He was instrumental in highlighting American Heritage Month to Somerville. He is known regionally for his presentations and offerings about Native American Heritage. As a First Class Petty Officer Navy Corpsman (medic), he served in both Operation Desert Shield and Desert Storm. *Be sure to congratulate him on this great honor!*

Somerville Area Ministerial Association

The first Somerville Area Ministerial Association (SAMA) meeting was held on last Monday here at St. John’s Church. A dinner was followed by a discussion on how SAMA and Christians United for Christian Ministry (CUCM) might be able to further our fellowship and ministry together in the greater Somerville area community.



Attending were: The Rev.

Loreno Flemmings, First Baptist Church in Somerville, The Rev. Donna Stewart, St. Thomas AME Zion Church in Somerville, The Rev. Nehemiah Thompson, Methodist Church in Branchburg, The Rev. Bruce Montgomery, retired, former Rector of St. Martin’s Episcopal Church in Bridgewater, The Rev. Kristen Foley, St Paul’s Episcopal Church in Bound Brook, The Rev. Ben Lee (not pictured), United Methodist Church in Somerville, The Rev. Paul Janssen, United Reformed Church in Somerville, and myself.

—Father Ron

COMING UP—TAKE NOTE!

Episcopal Church Women, October 7

Be sure to join the Episcopal Church Women (ECW) at the next meeting on Monday, October 7 at 7 pm. We’ll be getting crafty for fall with a pumpkin floral craft. It promises to be a fun gathering with a look at upcoming efforts.

In October, ECW will be collecting diapers for newborns, infants, toddlers, adults and everyone in between for distribution to local organizations, civic groups and charities. You can donate to this worthwhile drive by dropping off diapers in the designated box in the parish hall.

Christmas Chocolates will again be offered by ECW.

Toffee Almond Bark, Nonpareils, Nut Clusters, Pretzel Rods, and Cranberry Clusters, in both dark and milk chocolate, will be available for sale for \$10 per



half pound. Fill out an order form by November 3. Orders packaged in attractive containers suitable for gift giving will be ready for pick up during coffee hours beginning December 8.

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.

Contact an ECW officer:

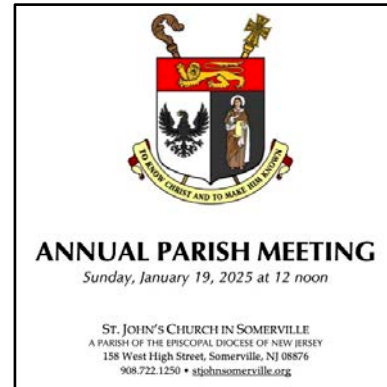
Co-president Jenn Kosensky (908-386-6152, jrkosensky@gmail.com)

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

Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee will begin its work during the month of October. Nominating Committee Members are made up of: The Rector (Chair), one warden, three vestry members and 3 members-at-large. Positions open include:

- One (1) Warden.
- Three (3) Vestry positions for three-year terms.
- Six (6) Representatives to Watchung Convocation for one year term.
- One (1) Deputy to Diocesan Convention for a three-year term.
- One (1) Alternate to Diocesan Convention for a three-year term.



The Committee will ask for input from the community at large. A flyer will be included in the November *Newsletter* and in the weekly *Good News*. One side of the flyer includes a description on what a vestry person does, who can run for vestry, time commitment, how are vestry members chosen/elected, etc. On the other side of the flyer is a section for parishioners to suggest someone to run in January for Vestry, Diocesan Convention, or Watchung Convocation. (The one making the suggestion must make sure the person is willing to be considered.) People need to turn their suggestions in by mid- November.

If you have any questions and would like to learn more, please contact Fr Ron. The Committee asks the prayers of the congregation that all positions will be filled so that we can continue to fulfill our mission here at St. John's Church: *"To Know Christ And To Make Him Known."*

THE WORK OF MINISTRY ***St. John's Clothes Closet***

We will be open on Saturdays, October 5 and 19, from 9 am until 12 noon. Wear Pink to acknowledge Breast

Cancer Awareness Month at the Clothes Closet. It's a time for reflection on trends in breast cancer research, prevention and treatment.

Happy Halloween! Stop by and check out our great costumes for children and adults.

Stay tuned for our upcoming awesome semi-annual Accessory Sale on Saturday October 19. Shoes, Handbags, jewelry and much more.



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 or 347-276-2491. 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.

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). ***There will be no Laundry Love in the month of November.***

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.

Loose Change Sunday: First Sunday of every month

Our next scheduled date is ***Sunday, October 6***. 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.

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, Father Ron, Fronpollock1@verizon.net.

Food Bank Network of Somerset County

It's St. John's turn to assist with the Food Bank's distribution at the Somerville pantry in October. It is a perfect opportunity to get Service hours for any teenagers you know. The dates are tentatively set for October 5 and 19, 8:30-10:45 am—the place is the United Reformed Church, 100 West Main Street, Somerville. Due to limited space, volunteers will not be able to park inside the church's fenced parking lot.

Please feel free to share this with anyone you know who would like to help out. A sign-up sheet has been posted on the bulletin board in the Parish Hall. For more information contact Anne Tom (908-938-2875, text or call) or annetom@comcast.net.

St. John's Church Christmas Cards on Sale

Ten festive Christmas cards along with envelopes may be purchased for \$20. The cards feature artwork created by Somerville artist Les Floyd. The proceeds benefit St. John's Church. A sign-up sheet is available in the Parish Hall, or contact Fr. Ron at frronpollock1@verizon.net. Checks made out to *St. John's Church*. Cash is also accepted. This is a wonderful way to celebrate the Christmas season and support St. John's ministries!



St. John's Christmas Gift Giveaway

Mark your calendar-Saturday, December 14, 11 am-1 pm for the annual St. John's Christmas Gift Giveaway in the Parish Hall. There are stacks of gifts we will distribute to families in need and tons of smiles to be found. Volunteers will be needed beginning at 9 am to prepare. If you are available, please consider helping with this festive event. For more information, contact Father Ron, frronpollock1@verizon.net. A sign-up sheet will be out in the Parish Hall in the coming weeks.



A Morning Examen

St. Ignatius Loyola

In God's presence, think through the day ahead:

1. The work you will do.
2. The people you will encounter.
3. The dangers or uncertainties you face.
4. The possibilities for joy and acts of kindness.
5. Any particular resolutions you need to renew.
6. Consider what might draw you from the love of God and neighbor.
7. The opportunities you will have to know and serve God and to grow in virtue.
8. Remember those closest to you and all for whom you have agreed to pray.
9. Ask God's blessings, guidance and strength in all that lies before you.



—Adapted from *St. Ignatius Examen*: www.IgnatianSpirituality.com

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.

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 24 and Saturday, December 14 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

WE CELEBRATE, WE REMEMBER, OCTOBER: BIRTHDAYS

1. Ken Miller
2. Alissa Schofield
3. Dennis Mathews, Cassandra Bower,
Jonathan Spolarich, Art Ritchie
4. Cassandra Saunders
5. Andy Agins
6. Elizabeth Callahan, Cooper Jelinek,
Gary Schuman
7. Wilma Nurse
8. Betty Bomberger
9. Karen Abbatiello
11. Suzanne Manziano, Bryan Paladini
13. Maryanna De LosSantos
14. Robert Ivias, Paul Keker
16. Rafael Rivera, Catharine Marshall,
Steven Spolarich, Colleen Spolarich
17. Donna Daugherty, Nihoko Hoffman,
Eric Joseph Tipton
18. Dee Britt, Alex Harimon-Agins
20. Maryellen Stewart
21. James Smith, Valerie Smith, Howard
Barkin, Madeline Carlson, Janice Williams
24. Melissa Bryan
25. Sarah Anne Callahan, Joseph Khan,
Brooklyn Joe Vellano
26. Anne Tom, Justin-Burgess Agins
27. Amanda Applebaum
28. Pamela De LosSantos, Elis Keefer
29. Ashley Rutgar
30. David Mathews, Kimberly Hussey

31. Rose Watorzyniak

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

1. Keith McCoy & Kir Rodriguez
2. Jason & Jessica Matyas
3. Antonio & Pamela De LosSantos
5. Dean & Tracy Andricsak.
7. Nancy & Christopher Spolarich,
9. Devron & Leigh Robinson
10. Larry & Barbara Jones, Brandon &
Adrienne Kurzawa
11. Tim & Claudia Brown
14. Debbie Drury & Vicki Dombrowski
17. Kurt & Debbie Jelinek
18. David & Caitlin Chudy
19. Paul & Kerry Keker
20. Kevin McCabe & Jane Sausanavage
21. Cindy & Chris Frost
24. Rich & Lynne Neff, Staceyann Smith &
Ivan Latanision

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES

3. Jill Agins Csaszi
4. Edna May Brown Pennell
5. Elmer Agins, Agnes Spear, Mary Eileen
Marine
8. Florence Kendall
10. Scott Shields, Margaret B. Richart
11. Joan Mulally McNamara
14. Earle Genge
18. May Agins
24. Raymond Brown Jr.
27. Virginia Peel

October 2024

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

St. John's in Somerville, Leadership, 2024

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

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Ministers: The People of St. John's

Altar Guild

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Dana Keefer, *Flowers, Weddings, & Funerals*, dzkefer@yahoo.com

Bread & Wine and Altar Candles, admin@stjohnsomerville.org

Music Program

To be announced

Canon Chancellor John W. Goldsack Church Library

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Church School

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Taffy Scherr, tafrika@aol.com

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Co-president Linda Willard, nolaandboogie@aol.com)

Mary & Martha Guild

Fr. Ron

Episcopal Youth Community (EYC) Adviser

Fr. Ron

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Barbara Christel, Valerie Gibson, Taffy Scherr, Linda Willard, Paula Windus

Laundry Love

Paul Grzella, pgrzella@verizon.net

Meals to Go

Christine Bean, cbean727@gmail.com, Niki Hoffman, nikihoffman@hotmail.com

Red Door Ministries

Baby Blankets for newborns and those baptized: Pauline Boyer, 908.722.1832

Loose-Change for Discretionary Fund: position open

Happy Mealers: Parish Office, admin@stjohnsomerville.org

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