



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

# The Newsletter

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## FROM THE RECTOR

### Epiphany

MANY OF US were introduced through the familiar silhouetted-image of Three Wise Men bearing gifts as they followed the Great Star by night. In some cultures, Epiphany is known as the Day of the Kings (*Día de los Reyes Magos*). It is also known as Twelfth Night, reflecting an old custom of giving a gift for each of the days from December 25 to January 6 for the 12 Days of Christmas. The day has special meaning for a number of reasons. Several branches of Christianity celebrate the birth of the Christ Child on January 6.



The word *Epiphany* means manifestation, unveiling, proclamation, announcement, realization, foreshadowing, actualization, unearthing, appearance, disclosure, opening, an inner knowing, a moment of surrender. Use of this word by some conjures images of having a light bulb turned on, or of being able to see something that was once hidden from view. The Scriptures for the Sundays after Epiphany dramatize the many ways that we people came to understand who Jesus was, through His Baptism, the miracle at the wedding, or through that bodacious declaration in His hometown synagogue! But, this ever-widening circle of revelation began “outside the circle” with the Magi.

Who were the Magi? Many versions of the Bible refer to them as the Wise Men. What can we learn from the Wise Men? First, the Wise Men began their journey because of their beliefs. Second, the Wise Men were willing to follow what they had seen into unknown territory. We must remember that the Christian journey is often an off-road excursion. Third, the Wise Men were committed to the journey, where ever the star might lead. In this coming year, may we look to heaven for guidance and comfort and may we accept God’s blessings in whatever form we find them.

Finally, the Wise Men brought gifts. They did the thing that people in the East or in Africa or India would do when visiting royalty. They brought gifts. On the Twelfth Day, Three Kings, otherwise known as Epiphany, think of the gift that you will offer to God in the coming year. The gift of time? The gift of your talents? Your service in the community? Your witness and testimony? The gift of undying love and devotion? Your commitment to Jesus and His Church? To all of our brothers and sisters?

The greatest gift comes to us in the form of a realization. The Wise Men were the first to recognize that Jesus belongs to everyone. Good News is for everyone.

*Star of Wonder....Star of light....Star with royal beauty bright....  
Westward leading....Still proceeding....Guide us to thy perfect light. (Hymnal 1982, 128)*

Howard Thurman, an African-American theologian, educator and civil rights leader wrote:

“When the song of the angels is stilled,  
When the star in the sky is gone, when the kings and princes are home,  
when the shepherds are back with their flocks,  
The Work of Christmas begins.  
To find the lost, to heal the broken, to feed the hungry,  
to release the prisoner,  
to rebuild the nations,  
to bring peace among the people,  
to make music in the heart.”

*Invite a friend, neighbor or family member to church this Sunday!  
See you in Church or online,  
Father Ron*

## **STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN 2025**

### ***Celebrating 175 Years of Faith and Service to God's Community***

St. John's 2025 Stewardship campaign will run through January 7. We currently have 34 pledges totaling \$102,404.00 of the required \$235,000.00.

#### ***Why Pledge?***

By letting us know your expected contribution, we are better able to set budgets and plan for the following year. 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 our church, our diocese, and our world.

## **PASTORAL NOTES FROM THE RECTOR**

- Thank you to the Church School teachers, along with parents, who made our Christmas Pageant such a lovely celebration of Christmas.
- Thank you to the Parish Choir who offered their voices and hearts to enhance our liturgy, along with several of our young people offering their voices of song for Advent & Christmas services.



- Thank you to members of the Altar Guild, who served in this rich ministry of preparing the sacred vessels and vestments for services, along with those who helped pick up the poinsettias, carry flower stands to the altar area following Advent IV services and those who set up the Christmas trees.
- Thank you to Rian Sanders, guest trumpeter for the 5pm Christmas Eve Service.

- Thank you to Steven Russell, guest organist for Christmas Eve at 5pm and 11pm.
- Thank you to Thomas Borkowski, guest organist on Christmas Day.
- Thank you to Tom and Dana Keefer who transported the Christmas Poinsettias from Hionis Gardens to St. John's and for their significant contribution of purchasing them for us to enjoy.
- Thank you to the many members of our parish who provided food baskets, gift cards, toys and presents for those in need during the holiday season. Thank you to those who helped set up the gifts in the parish hall, those who delivered the toys and gifts and those who helped organize the distribution on the day of the give-a-way.
- Thank you to Chef Kir Rodriguez who once again made a gingerbread house replica of St. John's Church and provided many fabulous desserts at our Advent Lessons and Carols reception. The desserts were all amazing.
- Thank you to all who reached out to those who were home-bound, sick, or otherwise not able to attend Advent and Christmas services this year for whatever reason.
- Join me in continuing to pray for those on our sick list on a daily basis. Please pray for all who are currently serving in the U.S. Military and for their families. Pray for those who lost loved ones this past year.
- Join me in offering thanks to all involved in community outreach ministries: Meals To Go, Laundry Love, and Clothes Closet. Each of these ministries continue to be an important component in putting our faith into action. All are invited to participate. If you have any questions, please speak with me.
- Join me in thanking God for all those on the Stewardship Committee who worked hard to faithfully invite others to contribute to our 2025 Annual Stewardship Campaign. Thank you to all who have already made a financial pledge to St. John's for 2025. We are truly grateful.
- For those who have not made a pledge yet, would you prayerfully consider making a pledge for 2025? We thank you in advance for your support of our spiritual home! If you have any questions, please contact me.

*To God be the glory!*

*Father Ron*

### ***Epiphany Party and Potluck Supper***

Join us on January 5 at 5pm for a potluck supper. Please sign-up on the sheet on the main bulletin board indicating what food items you are willing to bring and share with others.

### ***Loose Change Sunday: First Sunday of every month***

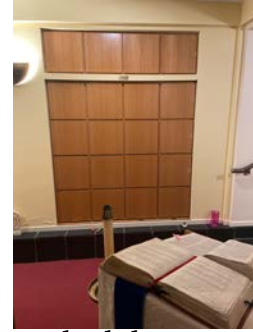
Our next scheduled date is *Sunday, January 5*. If you would like to participate in this important ministry, please feel free to bring a jar (or a Ziplock sandwich baggie) filled with loose change to church and put it in the designated baskets in the Narthex (front door area of church) or on the little 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.

## ST. JOHN'S COLUMBARIUM

"Nothing in death of life can separate us from the love of God" (Romans 8:38-39).

When souls of our loved ones go from us into the hands of the living God, we remember them in God's love within the community of those still living.

The St. John's Columbarium, located in the downstairs Chapel, is open to parishioners and their families. Non-members will be considered by the Rector on an individual basis.



In our Columbarium, we place the ashes of those bodies which have now returned to the dust from which they came. Our Chapel itself and those who worship within it become the living memorial to those who we have lost from among us, but know to be living in God's love.

The offering price for a niche is \$600, providing space for one interment. Adjoining niches are available for multiple purchase. The price is inclusive of the brass plaques provided by the parish, engraving of the name and dates of the deceased and interment fees. The Guidelines for the Columbarium, the Certification Form, as well as the Authorization Form from the family of the deceased will be provided by the Parish Office. *Applications for purchase may be addressed to: The Rector, c/o St. John's Episcopal Church, 158 West High Street, Somerville, NJ 08876.*

## A Morning Examen

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.
- Ask God's blessings, guidance and strength in all that lies before you.



—Adapted from *St. Ignatius Examen*, [www.IgnatianSpirituality.com](http://www.IgnatianSpirituality.com)



# CHRISTMAS AT ST. JOHN'S



## **MINISTRIES AROUND ST. JOHN'S**

### **Altar Guild and the New Year**

Looking for a New Year's Resolution that is do-able and rewarding and doesn't take a lot of time? How about considering Altar Guild? Altar Guild is a quiet ministry of the church, but this quiet ministry offers a big contribution.

*Consider this:*

- Membership in Altar Guild offers flexibility in time
- Membership in Altar Guild can be done as a couple
- Membership in Altar Guild is an avenue to introduce young people to stewardship at St. John's
- Membership in Altar Guild can be your introduction to church ministry.

Everyone is welcome to join Altar Guild. Contact Father Ron or Altar Guild Directress Diane Sireci ([dianesireci61@icloud.com](mailto:dianesireci61@icloud.com)) to learn more.



### **Episcopal Church Women (ECW)**

ECW will meet on Monday, January 6 at 7pm in the Parish Hall. For more info contact Jennifer Kosensky or Linda Willard.

*ECW Winter Glove Collection for Those in Need*

Thank you for your continued support in the glove and hat collection. And our sock drive continues. Adult and children's gloves are urgently needed. Hats and scarves will also be accepted. A bin is in the Parish Hall. Your donations make a difference.

*Questions? Contact the ECW officers:*

*Co-President Jen 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))*

## **VESTRY NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

**Annual Parish Meeting: Sunday, January 12, 2025**

**NOMINATING COMMITTEE SLATE:**

Jr. Warden: 2 year term Steve Sireci  
Vestry: 3 year term Thomas Albee  
Donna Lazartic  
Ken Miller  
Christine Anobile

Diocesan Convention

Deputy: 3 year term Dee Britt  
Alternate 3 year term Still open position

Watchung Convention

1 year term: Kaitlyn Khan  
William Hoffman  
Valerie Smith  
Karen Whitmore  
Linda Willard  
Steve Mandraccia



## ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

The Annual Meeting of St. John's Parish will be Sunday, January 12, in the Parish Hall following the 10:15am Eucharist. Come cast your vote for your Warden, Vestry Members, Diocesan Convention Deputies and Watchung Convocation delegates.

All submissions for the Annual Report are due in the Parish Office by Tuesday, January 7; email to [admin@stjohnsomerville.org](mailto:admin@stjohnsomerville.org).

The Canons of the Church (49:1) wisely require an Annual Meeting of every congregation in which to elect those whose duty it is to protect the church property, and see that all things needed for the orderly worship of God and for the administration of the sacraments and Ordinances of the Church be provided. And further, to see that the funds of the Parish are expended properly (50:2,3). Those elected to the Vestry, and those elected to represent the parish in Diocesan capacities are expected to be faithful in their attendance at worship and to set an example in stewardship.

The Episcopal Church provided for a democratic method of governing itself and the annual elections are proof of that method. It takes seriously the responsibility laid upon people to support, to suggest, to extend the Kingdom of God through the Church. Canon 49:2, 4 defines the qualifications of votes and officers to be elected:

- The voters shall be baptized, at least 16 years of age, domiciled in the Parish, of good moral character, adhering to this Church and to no other religious body, regular attendants at the services of the Church in said Parish, meaning thereby those who are more frequently present than absent, and regular contributors to the current expenses of the Parish in the manner prescribed by the Vestry.
- The qualified voters shall elect such officers who shall be communicants in good standing. The term "communicant" shall be taken to mean a person who has been confirmed by a Bishop of this Church or by a Bishop of a Church in communion with this Church, or has been received into this Church by a Bishop of this Church, and who shall have received the Holy Communion at least once during the preceding year.

*To all heads of organizations and their treasurers:*

*Send materials to [admin@stjohnsomerville.org](mailto:admin@stjohnsomerville.org) by Tuesday, January 7*

**HEADS:** Please prepare a written report about the ministry and activities of your group or committee.

**TREASURERS:** Please prepare your financial report including: receipts—opening balance, receipts, (list categories, not single items), total receipts, balance and total. Disbursements (list categories, not single items), total disbursements, year's closing balance disbursements, and closing balance. Treasurers must include reports of monies in all saving accounts using the same information above.

Many thanks in advance for your continued leadership, cooperation, and timeliness.

## CANDIDATE BIOGRAPHIES

### **Christine Anobile: Vestry (3-year term)**

I was raised in the catholic faith and religion has always been important to me, when I met my husband, Jonathan, he introduced me to the Episcopalian church and I have never looked back. We have been members of St. John's since 2004, we were married at St. John's and had our children baptized here. Our children

are now and on are the alter as acolytes any given Sunday. It is a very important part of our life and our family.

I am married to Jonathan Anobile, mother to Julian (14) and Aurelia (8). I work as a labor and delivery nurse.

**Dee Britt: Diocesan Convention (3-year term)**

I have been a member of St. John's over 30 years. Currently, I am a Lay Eucharistic Reader. I have previously served on the Vestry. I have served as a Delegate to Diocesan Convention and as an alternate. I have also served as a Watchung Convocation Representative

**Donna Lazartic: Vestry (3-year term)**

In 1993, I was a Roman Catholic divorcee looking for a spiritual home with a traditional liturgy and an active bible study. I found both at St. John's and so much more. I served on Vestry for several terms in the late 90's-early 2000's, eventually becoming Senior Warden and co-chairing the Capital Campaign and \$1.2M Historic Restoration of our beloved church under the visionary leadership of Fr. Ron. This investment was foundational for St. John's to welcome a new generation of individuals and families also seeking spiritual homes.

I lived in Bridgewater and Somerville for over 35 years, where I cared for my aging parents and was blessed by a loving relationship with Bob Vaucher until their passings. After a 30-year career in telecommunications and then an encore 12-year career in senior care, I'm now retired and living at Canal Walk in Somerset, enjoying pilates, pickleball, bocce and canasta.

The spirit is calling me back to Vestry after a long hiatus, as St. John's is at another juncture in her long and fruitful life. I believe it's time to prayerfully move forward together in faith and with a discerning spirit to once again judiciously invest in our bricks-and-mortar so that another new generation of spiritual seekers can be graciously welcomed into our church family. I hope to bring my time and talents to the fulfillment of St. John's next chapter.

**Steve Mandraccia: Watchung Convention (1-year term)**

I have been a member of St. John's since 1991. My wife Tina and I were married here in 1992. Our children Anthony and Sophia were baptized at St. John's and both served as acolytes during their high school and middle school years. I supervised the St. John's Youth Group for about 18 years. I have served 3 terms in the Vestry and was Warden for a total of 12 years, just finishing a term. I have been active in the finance, fundraising and property committees and helped organize several fundraising events over the years. I currently serve as an usher, currently responsible for scheduling and have done so for several years.

In my professional capacity I am a retired Probation Officer for the State of NJ, serving in Somerset County. Currently I work at Lifetime Fitness in Bridgewater and referee high school volleyball. My wife Tina is a teacher in Hillsborough. My son Anthony graduated from Rutgers School of Engineering and now lives and works in NY City. My daughter Sophia graduated from Rutgers with a major of labor relations. Outside work, I was a martial arts instructor at Somerville Martial Arts for over 24 years. I previously also served on the board of the Somerville YMCA and was a part of the organizing committee for the Tour of Somerville for over 20 years. I enjoy skiing and volleyball.

**Ken Miller: Vestry (3-year term)**

Ken currently serves as the Chief Commercial Officer of Koru Medical Systems (KRMD), a publicly traded medical device company. He graduated from



the University of Chicago, Booth School of Business with an MBA in Marketing and Finance. Ken also holds a BA in Business Management from the State University of New York at Albany.

Ken and his wife Tracey reside in Warren, New Jersey. Ken and Tracey are the proud parents of two sons (Anthony and Chase), and two grandsons (Christian and Jordan). The Miller family is committed to making an impact in their community with a focus on diversity and serving the less fortunate.

### **Steven Sireci: Vestry (3-year term)**

Dr. Steven Sireci is a radiologist who has spent the bulk of his professional career working in a Medical Affairs capacity for Bracco Diagnostics Inc., a Milan-based company that manufactures and sells pharmaceuticals and medical devices for use in diagnostic imaging. He resides in Hillsborough with his wife Diane, a registered nurse who is a former warden and vestrywoman, and current head of the Altar Guild, at St. John's, along with their youngest son Christopher, an environmental field technician. Their son James is a U.S. Navy aviator, who lives in Maryland with his wife Hannah, and their son Thomas is the in-house videographer for Janome America, and lives in West Milford. Steven has served in the past as a Sunday School teacher at St. John's, and has in recent years been a member of the Chaplaincy Committee for the Episcopal Ministry at Rutgers. He also served a term on the Hillsborough Township Committee in 2003-2005, filling the office of Mayor in 2004. Steven looks forward to contributing again to the great work of our parish.



## **MINISTRY IN THE COMMUNITY**

### **St. John's Clothes Closet**

Celebrate the new year with a new wardrobe at the January 4 Clothes Closet at St. John's in Somerville from 9am to noon.

All women's sweaters are half-price, plus a selection of free women's tops and jeans. And, don't miss the sale on fashionable boots.

The Clothes Closet features reasonably priced seasonal clothing and accessories for all ages—men and women, boys and girls, infants, and toddlers.

Shoppers should bring their own bags. Masks suggested and social distancing is required. Cash only; small bills appreciated.

Upcoming Clothes Closet dates are January 18 and February 3 and 15. 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 347-276-6491. 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.

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 email [clothescloset@stjohnsomerville.org](mailto:clothescloset@stjohnsomerville.org).



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

Meals to Go is offered the 1st and 3rd Saturdays of the month, 9-10am. Upcoming dates are January 4 and 18. If you know someone (including yourself) who might enjoy a meal, stop by St. John's Parish Hall. Use the ramp door entrance and bring a bag.



### ***Updates***

Can you help us restock our pantry for the New Year? Needs include: canned soups, canned beans, rice, pasta and sauce, peanut butter - and any other pantry item you wish to donate. Take advantage of the January sales at the grocery stores! You can leave items in the big kitchen.

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. If you wish to donate online, go to Meals-to-Go on the dropdown menu.

### ***Volunteers***

If you would like to be added to the volunteer list, or if you would like to provide suggestions for this ministry please contact me, Christine Bean, cbean727@gmail.com or call the Parish Office.

### ***Laundry Love News***

Laundry Love ministry will be offered on January 16. On average, the ministry assists 45 people each month. This is offered on the third Thursday of each month.

Representatives of the ministry will return to Somerville Express Wash Laundry, 20 Division St., Somerville, from 5 to 6pm. Each guest receives a bag containing \$10 in quarters along with laundry pods and dryer sheets. The ministry needs donations of quarter rolls. They may be dropped off on Sundays in the collection baskets or left during the week at St. John's.

Guests who are interested in signing up can contact Paul Grzella at 908.507.8020 or email pgrzella@verizon.net. For more information how you can support the Laundry Love ministry, speak to Paul Grzella or Ed Edwards.

### ***Somerville Scholarship Challenge***

When I was a teenager back in the 70's, I worked after school as a library page to save money for college. With that and a half scholarship, I managed to go to a very nice school. Today, I would have to work after school as a stockbroker or a professional athlete to be able to afford further education on my own. College has become very expensive, especially for those from blue collar homes.

As everyone knows, education of most any sort is the pathway to a better economic life. "The dignity of every human being" is based on being able to support oneself and one's family. If you don't have those tools, you'll fall behind. Some of the people we see in our various ministries to the community here at St. John's are those who have fallen behind. Perhaps we need to get "upstream" and give people help early on, so they won't need our assistance later.

After the murder of George Floyd in May 2020, Fr. Ron, Dee Britt, and myself began talking about how St. John's can do something different to change the usual narratives in regard to how whites and Blacks live together. We settled on education as the best avenue, and the possibility of this congregation sponsoring a scholarship which would support a local Black teen in their education goals.

Fortunately, there is already such a scholarship in place. In 2018, the Somerville Area Ministers' Association (SAMA) and Clergy United for Christian Ministry cooperated on the establishment of a Martin Luther King Jr. Scholarship. Rather than reinvent the wheel, we think that St. John's should connect with other congregations in town to provide a bigger and better impact and give more local teens the resources to get ahead.

So, please join us in supporting the Somerville Martin Luther King Jr. Scholarship. Contributions, with the notation Scholarship, can be made to St. John's by Sunday January 26, so we can aggregate the donations and make it as one check from all of us. Let's try to be proactive in how we live together. You can also give online on our website; pull down "Somerville Scholarship Giving" in the Funds menu.—*Deacon Keith McCoy*

**WE CELEBRATE, WE REMEMBER, JANUARY:  
BIRTHDAYS**

1. Kir Rodriguez, Heather Marshall, Timothy Hussey, Chase Miller
2. Summer Andricsak
3. Sasha Rogalsky, Aubriella Stuart
4. Derek Mathews, Sally Falls Agins
5. Anthony Liberatoscioli
6. Suzette Miller
7. Noah Brown, Matthew Tom-Wolvoerton, Toni-Jo Kolupanowich, Rolando Ruiz
8. Paul Grzella
9. Kimberly Edwards, Thendrel Beth Nirmal
10. Millicent Barry, Kyle Kiernan, Della Grace Piperata
11. Jennifer Wickham, William Windus, Lisa Tipton, Jean Edwards, Nicole Casamassimo, Jerry Skillicorn
12. Ken Morrow, Richard Mathews, Hailey Lynn Bender
13. Donna Lazartic, Andrew Mehring
15. Claudia Brown, Janine Tirrito
16. Jenna Potts, Matthew Daugherty, Kory Soden, Michael Paladini, Patricia Mlenak
17. Brian Mathews, Deacon W. Keith McCoy
19. Addison Kurzawa, Joseph Clymore
20. James Wilson, Aurelia Anobile
21. Harry Dowden
22. Suzanne Vaucher, Meredith Barry, Nathaniel Bender, Janet Eager, Susan Miller Rogalsky
23. Rebecca Mullen, Kathleen Conceicao, Brian Nauer
25. Mary McMullen, Meghan Soucier, Judy Marine, Christopher Frost

26. Brandon Kurzawa, Guy Scott, Kathy Dowden
27. Melisande Skillicorn
28. Andrew Hoffman, Peyton Moor
29. Lauren Krueger, Karolyn Clymore
30. Valerie Gibson, Patricia Potts, Lucas Mathews
31. Lucas Huntley

**WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES**

3. Barry & Katherine Stuart
4. Jorge & Sarah Benitez
10. Robert & Neva Rae Fox
13. Gary & Carol Boyer
16. Brian & Amy Nauer

**DEATH ANNIVERSARIES**

1. Isabelle Caruccio, Roy Barry, Richard Meier
2. Gerald Gaughan
3. Kenneth Osinski
4. Michael A. Cinelli, Brent Miller
5. Cora Wilcox, Eugene Kielar
9. Joseph J. Balint
10. Lou Leight, Frank Eakin
11. Garrett M. Wyman
12. Arnold Von Horn
13. Harry Leight
15. Manuel Ovando
18. Dorothy Gaughan
19. Melissa J. Schamp
25. Robert Powers
26. Margaret Comiskey
28. Helen Hilda Reich, Idabell Collins Demaray, Paul H. Chapman
29. J. Stanley Ebel
30. Margaret Hicks, John B. Nelson, Gertrude Vanderbeek, Marlyn Hudicka
31. Victor Marshall

**Looking Ahead**

**Sunday, January 5:** Loose Change Sunday, Epiphany Party & Potluck Supper, 5pm

**Monday, January 6:** ECW, 7pm

**Sunday, January 12:** Annual Parish Meeting

**Wednesday, March 5:** Ash Wednesday, services at 7am, noon and 7pm

**Sunday, April 13:** Palm Sunday

**Sunday, April 20:** Easter Day

**Regular Ministries**

**Clothes Closet:** First and third Saturdays

**Meals to Go:** First and third Saturdays

**Laundry Love:** Third Thursday each month





# January 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			<b>1</b>  <i>The Holy Name of Our Lord Jesus Christ</i>  <i>Parish Office closed</i>	<b>2</b>  10am, Eucharist Mary-Martha Guild	<b>3</b>  <i>Fr. Ron's Day off</i>	<b>4</b>  <i>THE EPIPHANY</i> 9am, Meals to Go 9am, Clothes Closet
<b>5</b>  <i>Christmas 2:</i> 8am, Eucharist 10:15, Eucharist <b>Loose Change Sunday</b> 5pm, Epiphany Party & Potluck Supper for all	<b>6</b>  <i>The Epiphany</i> 12:30-1:30 All Recovery Meeting 7pm, ECW 8pm, AA Meeting	<b>7</b>  7pm, Holy Eucharist (chapel)	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>  10am, Eucharist Mary-Martha Guild	<b>10</b>  <i>Fr. Ron's Day off</i>	<b>11</b>  11am, Funeral for Ricco Jones
<b>12</b>  <i>EPIPHANY 1</i> <b>Baptism of our Lord</b> 8am, Eucharist 10am, Church School 10:15, Eucharist Annual Meeting following worship	<b>13</b>  12:30-1:30 All Recovery Meeting 8pm, AA Meeting	<b>14</b>  7pm, Holy Eucharist (chapel)	<b>15</b>  7pm, Vestry	<b>16</b>  10am, Eucharist Mary-Martha Guild 5pm, Laundry Love	<b>17</b>  <i>Fr. Ron's Day off</i>	<b>18</b>  <i>Confession of St. Peter</i> 9am, Meals to Go 9am Clothes Closet
<b>19</b>  <i>EPIPHANY 2</i> 8am, Eucharist 10:15, Eucharist	<b>20</b>  12:30-1:30 All Recovery Meeting 8pm, AA Meeting <b>Martin Luther King, Jr Day</b> <b>Parish Office closed</b>	<b>21</b>  7pm, Holy Eucharist (chapel)	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>  10am, Eucharist Mary-Martha Guild	<b>24</b>  <i>Fr. Ron's Day off</i>	<b>25</b>  <i>Conversion of St. Paul</i>
<b>26</b>  <i>EPIPHANY 3</i> 8am, Eucharist 10:15, Eucharist	<b>27</b>  12:30-1:30 All Recovery Meeting 8pm, AA Meeting	<b>28</b>  7pm, Holy Eucharist (chapel)	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>  10am, Eucharist Mary-Martha Guild	<b>31</b>  <i>Fr. Ron's Day off</i>	

# February 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						<b>1</b>  9am, Meals to Go 9am, Clothes Closet
<b>2</b>  <i><b>The Presentation of the Lord in the Temple</b></i>  <i><b>EPIPHANY 4:</b></i> 8am, Eucharist 10:15, Eucharist <b>Loose Change Sunday</b>	<b>3</b>  12:30-1:30 All Recovery Meeting 7pm, ECW 8pm, AA Meeting	<b>4</b>  7pm, Holy Eucharist (chapel)	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>  10am, Eucharist Mary-Martha Guild	<b>7</b>  <b>Fr. Ron's Day off</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>9</b>  <i><b>EPIPHANY 5</b></i> 8am, Eucharist 10am, Church School 10:15, Eucharist	<b>10</b>  12:30-1:30 All Recovery Meeting 8pm, AA Meeting	<b>11</b>  7pm, Holy Eucharist (chapel)	<b>12</b>  7pm, Vestry	<b>13</b>  10am, Eucharist Mary-Martha Guild	<b>14</b>  <b>Fr. Ron's Day off</b>	<b>15</b>  9am, Meals to Go 9am Clothes Closet
<b>16</b>  <i><b>EPIPHANY 6</b></i> 8am, Eucharist 10:15, Eucharist	<b>17</b>  12:30-1:30 All Recovery Meeting 8pm, AA Meeting	<b>18</b>  7pm, Holy Eucharist (chapel)	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>  10am, Eucharist Mary-Martha Guild 5pm, Laundry Love	<b>21</b>  <b>Fr. Ron's Day off</b>	<b>22</b>
<b>23</b>  <i><b>EPIPHANY 7</b></i> 8am, Eucharist 10:15, Eucharist	<b>24</b>  12:30-1:30 All Recovery Meeting 8pm, AA Meeting	<b>25</b>  7pm, Holy Eucharist (chapel)	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>  10am, Eucharist Mary-Martha Guild	<b>28</b>  <b>Fr. Ron's Day off</b>	

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