



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

# The Newsletter

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## FROM THE RECTOR

### *FAMILY TRADITIONS FOR THE SEASON OF ADVENT*

#### Saying Grace Together

If your family doesn't have a tradition of saying grace, now is a great time to start. Pick one meal a day and try to say grace at that meal for each day during Advent. You can read a grace from *The Book of Common Prayer* (look at page 835), use your own words to thank God for your food, or go around the table and each say one thing that you are grateful for that day. *You can even sing!* The Doxology (*The Hymnal 1982*, 380, stanza 3) is a wonderful grace to sing—it's great fun!



#### Praying Together

Find a time once a week to pray together as a family. Express your joys and your concerns, and ask God for guidance and blessing. If you haven't taught your children the Lord's Prayer or the 23rd Psalm, the season of Advent is a wonderful time to practice saying those beautiful prayers together. Pray them together as a family before the children go to bed.

#### Reading Scripture Together

Advent is a time to grow closer to God, to pay more attention to God by simplifying our lives and reminding ourselves of God's great love and mercy towards us. What better way to grow closer to God than reading the Bible? Read a few verses of the Bible together every night. You may wish to follow the lectionary. Or you might pick and choose—something from the Announcement to the Virgin Mary all the way through the Wise Men. See how far you get. If you do have a tradition of reading the Bible together, choose a different translation of the Bible, like Eugene Peterson's *The Message*, so that the stories sound fresh and new.

#### Proclaim the Gospel in Word and Deed

As a family, find a project that will shine the light of Christ to the world. Here are some suggestions of how to love your neighbor as yourself:



- *Count how many pairs of shoes you have and see if you might have an extra pair you could donate to someone in need. Add some socks and underwear for good measure!*
- *Consider the Adopt-a-family program at St. John's. Bring a bag of food items to church.*
- *Consider buying a Christmas toy, present or gift card for someone in need.*
- *Give up eating out once a week and donate the money to the Episcopal Relief & Development Fund.*
- *Volunteer at an animal shelter. Collect blankets and donate them to a shelter.*
- *Care for God's creation by starting a compost for your garden next spring.*
- *Invite a lonely classmate to eat with you at the lunch table at school*

- *When you are filling out your Christmas cards, send one or more to:*
  - A resident of a local nursing home, residential care facility or a patient in a hospital.
  - A Recovering American Soldier, c/o Walter Reed, National Military Medical Center.

## Advent

Learn about the season of Advent, the Advent Wreath, Colors of Advent, Church Year Calendar, the Feast of St. Nicholas, Prophets, the Annunciation, Gabriel visits Mary, Joseph's Dream, the Peaceable Kingdom, the Visitation, Mary visits her cousin Elizabeth, the journey to Bethlehem, No Room in the Inn, Animals in the Stable, the Shepherds, the Heavenly Host, Silent Night, Christmas, preparing your house, gifts, the Feast of the Epiphany, the Adoration of the Magi, make Advent Cookies & Plum Sugar (*see flyer for the recipe in Parish Hall*).

## Advent Wreath

As a family, make your own special Advent wreath. This is a wonderful custom that will help mark time for the four weeks leading up to Christmas. Use 3 blue and 1 pink candles (or 3 purple and 1 pink candles). Feel free to use the prayers found in the Advent brochure provided at St. John's.

## The Good Deeds Jar

Put a jar on the kitchen counter next to a bowl of dried black-eyed peas. During Advent, any family member who performs a good deed, such as folding someone else's laundry or making their bed, moves a pea into the jar. On Christmas, the peas are replaced with candy canes or some other favorite family candy item. Add a few more pieces of candy for good measure! During Christmas everyone is invited to talk about one of the nice things they did for someone else. The tradition reminds us that while you never have control over whether someone else does something nice for you, but you always have control over whether you do something kind for someone else.

*See you in Church or online,  
Father Ron*

*Some ideas from What We Do in Advent: An Anglican Kids' Activity Book,  
by The Rev. Anne E. Kitch*



## CHRISTMAS-NEW YEAR'S SERVICES

**December 7, Advent Lessons and Carols, 5 pm**

**December 24, Christmas Pageant and Eucharist, 5 pm**

**December 24, Festal Choral Eucharist at 11 pm**

**December 25, Christmas Day Eucharist at 9 am**

**December 31, New Year's Eve Eucharist, 5 pm**

## Stewardship 2026:

### Taking the Next Faithful Step

Many, many thanks to the families who have returned their pledges for 2026! This has been a tremendous help as we prepare for and embrace a new year celebrating 175 Years of Faith And Service To God's Community. We are filled with change and hope for our future.

The Vestry will adopt a budget for 2026 to fulfill the hopes in following our mission: “To Know Christ And To Make him Known.”

We will continue to focus on:

- Meaningful worship
- Active fellowship
- Growing together in Christ
  - Connect
  - Engage
  - Volunteer
  - Support
- Community outreach through
  - Meals To Go
  - Laundry Love
  - Clothes Closet
  - Red Door Ministries
  - Adopt-a-family during the holidays
  - Christmas gift giveaway event

If you have been unable to submit your Pledge card yet, please do so. Would you prayerfully consider making a pledge? We very much encourage your support of our parish community of faith. We continue to accept Pledges all throughout the year, send it in the mail, drop it off at the Parish Office, or go on-line to our website ([stjohnsomerville.org](http://stjohnsomerville.org)), click the GIVING button, and make your pledge. Questions? Please give us a call at 908-722-1250 or contact Fr. Ron [frronpollock1@verizon.net](mailto:frronpollock1@verizon.net)

We are grateful to all those who have helped serve on our Stewardship Committee. Make your pledge today! Your Vestry would greatly appreciate it, and YOU will be happy you did it!

### YEAR-END GIVING FOR 2025

“For if I do this of my own will, I have a reward...” —1 Corinthians 9:17

**W**E KNOW GROWING DISCIPLES and funding ministry impact is even more important during this unprecedented time of ministry. We’re committed to resourcing our vital ministries with tools, ideas, and best practices to reach people and change lives, even during these challenging times.

I pray that our beloved St John’s is a recipient of year-end dollars so that we can increase and fortify our impact as well as the buildings we call our spiritual home.

Throughout the year, we have seen extraordinary efforts succeed to help many in our community facing economic hardships and more. We continue our many outreach ministries, including *Meals To Go*, *Laundry Love* and *Clothes Closet*.

When so much attention is given to what divides us, generosity brings people together across races, faith, and political views. St. John’s is a powerful force for good! We have a deep reserve of generosity which can deploy in a myriad of ways to make a difference in the lives of many and to the church we all love so much.



You are invited to consider making a year-end gift to St. John's Church. This is not in lieu of your faithful pledge, but a separate gift to our church. For those who may be able to make even a small gift it would be gratefully appreciated. Perhaps as 2025 comes to a close, this is a final opportunity to build important momentum for year-end giving as we look to our future. The excitement generated can act as a catalyst for a strong finish to our calendar year.

Every generous act of giving counts. Prayerfully consider making a year-end gift no matter how small or large.—*Faithfully, Father Ron*

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

Our next scheduled date is **Sunday, December 7**. 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 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 Father Ron at [fronpollock1@verizon.net](mailto:fronpollock1@verizon.net). Checks should be 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 Commemorative Bookmark are available!!***

Beautiful, eye-catching brass bookmarks celebrating St. John's 175 Years of Faith and Service to God's Community are now available for only \$10. The bookmarks feature the west facade of St. John's. Quick historical facts are included in the package. For info and to reserve your bookmarks, contact Deacon Keith. Add a ribbon to it hang on your tree.



### ***St. John's Stained Glass Window Note Cards***

The Windows of St. John's Episcopal Church – 16 Historic Stained Glass Windows, by world- renowned Tiffany Studios, D'Ascenzo Studios, Payne Studios, and Payne-Spiers Studios, crafted from 1896 to 1952. Each elegant gift box includes 8 unique, high gloss cards and envelopes and features full color, high resolution photography of each window, with title, memorial, design studio and date. The cards have been curated into Collection I (Christ and The Little Children) and Collection II (Pastoral). \$10 per box and \$20 per two box set. Makes excellent holiday and hostess gifts. Available in the parish hall on Sundays or by contacting the church office.

## **ADVENT LESSONS AND CAROLS**

***Sunday, December 7***

Join us for our annual Advent Lessons and Carols Service, Sunday, December 7 at 5 pm. Lessons and Carols was developed by Dean Eric Milner-White for King's College Cambridge, England at the end of the First World War. He wrote: "The main theme is the development of the loving purposes of God ... seen through the windows and the words of the Bible." The service will be followed by a Dessert Extravaganza in the Parish Hall, featuring the unveiling of the St. John's Gingerbread Church made by Chef Kir. *Everyone is welcome—invite a friend to this festive community event!*



### **Christmas Flowers and Music**

Special flowers and music adorn our worship, especially at Christmas. If you wish to write a check, please mark "Flowers" or "Music" in the memo line. Please let the Parish Office know if you are giving your gift in thanksgiving or in memory of loved ones, and clearly print or type each name or intention. Send names to Karen Abbatiello, [admin@stjohnsomerville.org](mailto:admin@stjohnsomerville.org) or send via regular mail to the Parish Office. *Please make sure to deliver your gift and names no later than Wednesday, December 17.* Poinsettias, greens, and special music are cherished traditions at St. John's and remind us of the joy of the birth of Jesus. Gifts to the **Brent F. Miller Memorial Music Fund** will fund a string quartet for the 11 pm Christmas eve service.

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

#### **Altar Guild**

##### **Sunday Flowers**

Do you wish to honor or recognize a loved one? A lovely way is to sponsor the Sunday Altar Flowers. Prominently placed next to the altar for both Sunday services, names are listed in the weekly worship bulletin and *Good News*, and included in the Prayers of the People. Many Sundays are available—contact Dana Keefer (908.448.6220, [dzkeefe@yahoo.com](mailto:dzkeefe@yahoo.com)) to reserve a Sunday or for more information. Weekly flowers are only \$75. Checks need to have "flowers" indicated on the memo line, and there is also a giving tab for *Altar Flowers* on our website.

Altar Guild is a special ministry, preparing the altar for worship and honor. Membership is open to women and men, adults and teens—anyone who would like to participate in and dedicate themselves to this ministry. Contact Father Ron or Altar Guild Directress Diane Sireci ([dianesireci61@icloud.com](mailto:dianesireci61@icloud.com)) to learn more.



#### **Ushers**

Are you looking to help grow our St. John's community? Please consider becoming an usher. This work is important as we are the first impression people have as they arrive at Church. Your impression helps us to continue to grow and make our Church home a friendly and welcoming

place. The commitment is once per month and schedules are worked around your availability. Please reach out to Steve Mandraccia at [smandraccia@verizon.net](mailto:smandraccia@verizon.net).

### **WREATHS ARRIVE DECEMBER 6, 7**

The Christmas wreaths and swags will be available for pick up on December 6 from 10 am to 1 pm and Sunday, December 7 after both services in the Parish Hall. Remember—checks or cash; no credit cards. For more info contact Terry McShane.

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

#### **NEXT MEETING**

Our next ECW meeting is Monday, December 8. Please join us at 7:00 for our Advent Eucharist, followed by a brief meeting in the Parish Hall, a holiday dinner provided by Tiffany and Jessica Campbell and our annual Yankee Swap.

Everyone is welcome to join us for a spiritual and festive gathering to celebrate the holiday season. Hope to see everyone then. Wishing everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year.

### **ECW Christmas Chocolates**

You may pick up your Christmas Chocolate orders in the parish hall during coffee hours on Sundays, December 7, 14, and 21. There will be a few extras available in both milk and dark chocolate. Payment may be made in cash (no very large bills, please) or a check made out to the Episcopal Church Women. 8 oz containers are \$10 each. A pound of milk chocolate for \$6 will also be available for purchase for your personal home use.

Please contact Linda Willard, President at [nolaandboogie@aol.com](mailto:nolaandboogie@aol.com) or Paula Windus, Vice President at [paulawindus@verizon.net](mailto:paulawindus@verizon.net) with any questions.

### **ANNUAL PARISH MEETING**

The Annual Meeting of St. John's Parish will be Sunday, January 18, in the Parish Hall following the 10:15 am 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 12**; 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 **January 12***

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

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

## **MINISTRY IN THE COMMUNITY**

### **Meals to Go News**

Meals to Go is now offered the 1st and 3rd Saturdays of the month, 9-10 am. Upcoming dates are December 5 and 19 and January 3. 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.

### **Volunteers**

If you would like to be added to the volunteer list, please contact me, Christine Bean, [cbean727@gmail.com](mailto:cbean727@gmail.com) or call the Parish Office.



### **CLOTHES CLOSET**

Tis the season at our December Clothes Closet sales.

Since inception, 6 years ago, the Clothes Closet has provided clothing and at times funds for agencies and individuals in need throughout Somerset County and beyond. Agape House, Freedom Trail, Steeple Chase Cancer Center, Somerset Family Practice and victims of the Somerville fire, Pregnancy Aid in Raritan, and disabled American Veteran Chapter 16 are local examples. We also donate to Hunterdon County Education Services and Morristown Mission. In addition, we provide clothing to the church of St. Mary the Virgin, located in NYC, who have told us that our donations are the best they receive.

Please stop by on Saturday, December 6 and 20. We are open from 9am until noon. In appreciation of our loyal customers and to celebrate the holiday season, we have a free gift for you! Start your holiday with us! We have great gift ideas, festive clothing, beautiful, and sparkly jewelry for that special someone or maybe a present just for you!

Our new arrival racks include a variety of items. We have a large section women's, men's and children's clothing, accessories, shoes, and so much more! Check out our great selection of winter coats, scarfs, hats gloves for the entire family. Our cozy sweaters, fleece jackets, and boots are just the right fit for those chilly mornings and evenings to keep you nice and warm.

Our womens plus rack has a lot of new items. Don't pass it by. Lots of reduced prices. Our winter and holiday boutique racks are stocked with so many beautiful items, brand new, never been worn, tags on at prices you cannot pass up. Lots of items have been reduced.

We are currently accepting winter items only. Hope to see you soon. Please reach out to Linda Willard with any questions regarding donations at 347-276-6491 or email at [nolaandboogie@aol.com](mailto:nolaandboogie@aol.com)

## **THANKSGIVING ADOPT-A-FAMILY UPDATE 2025**

*Here is a quick update on how the Adopt-A-Family ministry went this year for Thanksgiving: Nine turkeys and one ham, along with the appropriate canned and dry good items, and a home-made pumpkin pie, were distributed to needy families. Several individuals received \$40 gift cards to ShopRite. Donations came from parishioners of St. John's Church, the Episcopal Church Women (gift cards), the Ancient Order of Hibernians, Mannions Pub & Restaurant in Somerville and an anonymous local friend of St. John's Church who made the pumpkin pies. Thank you to all for such tremendous support for this important community outreach ministry.*

*—Father Ron*

**ADOPT-A-FAMILY**

**HELP FEED A FAMILY THIS CHRISTMAS**

*Families within our own parish and local community are struggling to make ends meet.*

***A basket of non-perishable food items plus a \$40 gift card\* to ShopRite\*\* will provide Christmas Dinner for a family of four.***

*\*any amount will be gratefully accepted. \*\*any store 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***

***Donations are accepted through Wednesday, December 10***

*You may also bring your basket and gift card to church on Sunday,*

*Or contact the Parish Office for drop off during the week.*

### ***St. John's Christmas Gift Giveaway***

Mark your calendar for Saturday, December 13, 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.

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

Laundry Love ministry will be offered on December 18. On average, the ministry assists 45 people each month.

Representatives of the ministry will return to Somerville Express Wash Laundry, 20 Division St., Somerville, from 5 to 6 pm. 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](mailto:pgrzella@verizon.net). For more information how you can support the Laundry Love ministry, call St. John's at 908.722.1250 or email [admin@stjohnsomerville.org](mailto:admin@stjohnsomerville.org)

## **Confirmation 2025**



**WE CELEBRATE, WE REMEMBER, DECEMBER:  
BIRTHDAYS**

31. Christine Kutlow

1. Michelle Hernandez, Jack Poklikuha
4. Bob Disko
7. Timothy Windus
9. Connor Elliston, John Newton, Keeley  
McGuigan
10. John Daniel, Romir Tonk
11. Alison Manko
12. Christopher Spolarich, Kathryn Helen Van  
Arsdale
13. Katelyn Wilson
14. Lisa Moor, Peter Chetwynd
15. Gavin Williams, Sean David Edwards
16. Elizabeth Foreman, Eva Dalrymple
17. Elizabeth Hollingsworth, Jagger Bachman
18. Christine Anobile
19. Michelle Barkin, Natalia Mathews, Kraig  
Williams
- 20.
21. Jonathan Martin, Kevin Hewett, Julian  
Anobile, Lisa Vandever
- 22.
23. Keri Siliwono
24. Tom Kothe, Jason Yingst, Kayla Bancone
26. Ashley Bowden, Keith Bowden, Tammy  
Harimon, Hope Tracey
28. David Chudy
29. Shirley Lyken, Emily Todd, Rafael De  
LosSantos, Renee Ferris, Margaret  
Massey,  
Lois Reilly



30. Logan Billy, Rana Keefer

**WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES**

- 5. Ed Edwards & Paul Grzella, Anthony & Danielle Liberatoscioli
- 9. Kyle & Renee Ferris
- 16. Michael & Barbara Christel
- 19. Keith & Rebecca Wiley
- 23. Gregory & Karen Krueger
- 24. Olumide Olawoye & Ibiyo Lawrence
- 27. Jonathan & Christine Kutlow
- 28. Pamela & Robert Becker; Kraig & Janice Williams
- 31. Raymond & Roseann Brown, Kristian & Martha Fried

**DEATH ANNIVERSARIES**

- 2. Gladys Henderson, Sylvia Smith
- 3. William C. Ellis, Charlotte Pennington
- 4. Robert T. Bonham, John Francis deVoe, Frank Agins

- 7. Hazel McConnell, Emma H. Degler, Deanna Jameson
- 8. Daniel Casey Sr.
- 9. Michael Osinski
- 14. Julianna Nagy
- 15. Gary Bower
- 18. Clifford F. Haring, Charles Swody
- 20. Jennie S. Kosensky
- 23. Beverly Jean Gardner
- 25. John Wood Goldsack
- 27. Pattie Sherwood Smith, David Salanik
- 28. Robert Otis Pennell, George Lloyd Snyder, Sophia Rodriguez
- 29. Lois Schmelz
- 31. Margaret Hicks, Gertrude Vanderbeek

# December 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	<b>1</b> 12:30-1:30pm, All Recovery Meeting  8pm, AA Meeting	<b>2</b> 7pm Eucharist	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> 10am, Eucharist; Mary & Martha Guild  7:30pm Choir	<b>5</b> <b>Fr. Ron's Day off</b>	<b>6</b> 9am, Clothes Closet & Meals to Go
<b>7</b> <b>Advent 2</b> <b>Loose Change Sunday</b> 8am, Eucharist 10:15, Eucharist; 5pm Lessons & Carols	<b>8</b> 12:30-1:30pm, All Recovery Meeting  7pm ECW meeting and Yankee Swap 8pm, AA Meeting	<b>9</b> 7pm Eucharist	<b>10</b> 7pm Vestry	<b>11</b> 10am, Eucharist; Mary & Martha Guild & Christmas Luncheon  7:30pm Choir	<b>12</b> <b>Fr. Ron's Day off</b>	<b>13</b> 11am-1pm Christmas Gift distribution
<b>14</b> <b>Advent 3</b>  8am, Eucharist 10:15, Eucharist	<b>15</b> 12:30-1:30pm, All Recovery Meeting  8pm, AA Meeting	<b>16</b> 7pm, Eucharist	<b>17</b> Father Ron's 30 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Ordination to the Priesthood	<b>18</b> 10am, Eucharist; M & M Guild 5pm, Laundry Love 7:30pm Choir	<b>19</b> <b>Fr. Ron's Day off</b>	<b>20</b> 9am, Clothes Closet & Meals to Go
<b>21</b> <b>Advent 4</b>  8am, Eucharist 10:15, Eucharist	<b>22</b> 12:30-1:30pm, All Recovery Meeting  8pm, AA Meeting	<b>23</b> 7pm, Eucharist	<b>24</b> 5pm Christmas Pageant & Eucharist  11pm Festal Choral Eucharist	<b>25</b> 9am Christmas day Eucharist	<b>26</b> <b>Fr. Ron's Day off</b> <b>Office Closed</b>	<b>27</b>
<b>28</b>  <b>First Sunday after Christmas Day</b>  8am, Eucharist 10:15, Eucharist	<b>29</b> 12:30-1:30pm, All Recovery Meeting  8pm, AA Meeting	<b>30</b> 7pm Eucharist	<b>31</b> 5pm New Year's Eve Holy Eucharist with music			

## **St. John's in Somerville, Leadership**

### **PARISH STAFF**

The Rev. Canon Ronald N. Pollock, *Rector*, [frronpollock1@verizon.net](mailto:frronpollock1@verizon.net)

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### **Ministers: The People of St. John's**

#### **Altar Guild**

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Bread & Wine and Altar Candles, [admin@stjohnsomerville.org](mailto:admin@stjohnsomerville.org)



#### **Music Program**

Open

#### **Canon Chancellor John W. Goldsack Church Library**

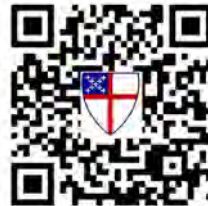
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#### **Episcopal Church Women (ECW)**

Linda Willard, *President*, [nolaandboogie@aol.com](mailto:nolaandboogie@aol.com)

#### **Mary & Martha Guild**

Fr. Ron, convener

#### **Episcopal Youth Community (EYC) Adviser**

Fr. Ron

#### **Clothes Closet Council**, [clothescloset@stjohnsomerville.org](mailto:clothescloset@stjohnsomerville.org)

Linda Willard, Taffy Scherr, Paula Windus, Karen Whitmore

#### **Laundry Love**

Paul Grzella, [pgrzella@verizon.net](mailto:pgrzella@verizon.net)

#### **Meals to Go**

Christine Bean, [cbean727@gmail.com](mailto:cbean727@gmail.com), Nikki Hoffman, [nikihoffman@hotmail.com](mailto: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: Fr. Ron

#### **Finance Committee**

#### **Stewardship**

Fr. Ron, *Adviser*; Terry McShane, *Chair*

#### **Treasurer**

Sam Galpin, *Parish Treasurer*, [sam.galpin@outlook.com](mailto:sam.galpin@outlook.com)

Anne Tom, *Parish Co-Treasurer*, [annetom@comcast.net](mailto:annetom@comcast.net)

#### **Vestry**

Terry McShane, Sr. Warden

Christine Anobile, Vestry

Steve Sireci, Jr. Warden  
Thomas Albee, Vestry  
Donna Lazartic, Vestry  
Ken Miller, Vestry

Sheila Fuhrman, Vestry  
Barbara Christel, Vestry  
Janice Williams, Vestry  
Kyle Ferris, Vestry  
Carolyn Groff, Vestry

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