



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

The Newsletter

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From the Rector

Dear Brothers and Sisters in the Lord Jesus Christ, "Plenty good room, plenty good room, plenty good room in my Father's Kingdom."

These inspiring words come from the well-known traditional African-American spiritual. It carries a deep and abiding truth. They remind us that God's love does not operate on a system of scarcity. You don't have to make a reservation to be a member of Christ's Church. His Kingdom is wide open and ready to receive everyone. There is no waiting list. There is no limited seating at the heavenly banquet. In God's house, there is always plenty of room, and there is a seat reserved specifically for you.

As we launch our Stewardship campaign this Fall, we find our hearts inspired by this powerful theme: "Plenty Good Room." This year Stewardship Sunday will be on Sunday, October 25. And our in-gathering Sunday will be on November 15.

New this year will be opportunities to gather together in parishioners' homes for fellowship and discussion on just how important our stewardship is to us as members of this parish and our church community. Look for details soon.

For us at St. John's, this is more just a beautiful lyric. It is our spiritual blueprint. It challenges us to ask: "How are we mirroring God's gracious hospitality in our own community?"

St. John's continues to be abundantly blessed, and we are called to share that abundance boldly. In the coming weeks, you will receive information about our goals for the upcoming year and a pledge card for 2027. I ask you to pray deeply about how you can support our shared vision.

Thank you for your continued faithfulness, your open hearts, and your generosity. Together, let us make sure everyone who walks through our big red doors know that there is plenty good room for them here.

See you in Church.

*God bless,
Father Ron*



An Invitation: Service, Ministry, and Discipline

Looking for ways to deepen your faith, engage in social justice issues, mission-outreach, religious education and formation, fellowship and worship? Are you seeking to channel your energy into a creative force for good? How do you incorporate our mission statement in your spiritual life: "To Know Christ and To Make Him Known?"

Service is in our DNA. When we at St. John's Episcopal Church in Somerville proudly opened up our arms and hearts in 1850 for the first time, we announced that we would be "shining lights in the Church and blessings to the world." So we have been. From our earliest years, St. John's has welcomed people from all walks of life who faithfully dedicated themselves in their homes,

the workplace, their neighborhoods, their classrooms, the Diocese of N.J., and the world volunteering their time, talent and treasure to make the planet a better place.

There's no shortage of challenges in the world. Poverty. Illiteracy. Homelessness. Social justice. Violence. Drugs. Disease. Conflict. Seeking solutions requires creativity, compassion and perhaps most importantly, knowledge grounded in critical thinking and global engagement. Sound familiar? These Christian values, traits and behaviors have been present at St. John's for generations and can be found today in many of our passionate and generous people, in our work and labor, and in our various ministries.

In his book *Servant Leadership: A Journey into the Nature of Legitimate Power and Greatness*, Robert Greenleaf offered one of the most wonderful definitions of service that I know. Genuine service means "that other people's highest priority needs are being served. The best test, and difficult to administer, is this: Do they, while being served, become healthier, wiser, freer, more autonomous, more likely themselves to become servants? And, what is the effect on the least privileged in society? Will they benefit or at least not be further deprived?" In my experience, the most rewarding ministry in serving others, are ones that create a genuine partnership, a solidarity between helpers and those being helped.

At its core, service, ministry and discipleship asks us all to reflect on the impact of what we do.

The people of St. John's Church have an ongoing opportunity to reflect upon how different members have taken actions that get to the heart of Greenleaf's wise observations. My hope for you is to find inspiration here, and to channel that creative energy and passion in serving Jesus Christ and the world. It's who we are. It's in our DNA.

Faithfully,
Fr. Ron

National Hispanic/ Latinx Heritage Month
September 15 – October 15

"For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do" (*Ephesians 2:10*)

We all have been created in the image of God and have inherited talents, skills, and abilities for good works. God has distributed that creative capacity helps to create an interdependence through which we can all serve each other with the talent God has given us.

The biblical narrative is full of the migrations of humankind. Sometimes it was prompted by force, hunger, or persecution. Whatever their reasons for moving, immigrants portrayed in the Bible often contributed their talents to the common good of the host nation. For example, Joseph's forced emigration resulted in his saving Egypt and neighboring nations from famine. Ruth's migration because of hunger put her in place to be a link in Jesus' earthly genealogy. The migration of the first Christians transformed the norms of the known world. Today, in the United State, the talents of Latinos have contributed to the arts, sciences, public services, private companies, sports, and many other areas of public life.

God has a blessing for those who receive the immigrant: "Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world ... for I was a stranger, and you welcomed me ..." (*Matthew 25:34-35*)

God calls us to love our neighbor, whether he or she lives next to us or at another end of the planet.

Prayers:

O God, you have made of one blood all the people on earth, but you have also blessed us with a world of many languages, cultures, and traditions. Thank you for the many contributions which Hispanic/Latinx Americans have made, and continues to make, our country and world great. Help us to continually learn from one another and appreciate each other. Make us even stronger by bringing us together, our gifts and talents, skills and experiences. Amen.

Lord, your Word teaches us that we should not keep from doing good to those in need when we can do something about it. We pray for all of the peoples of the earth that our neighbors have access to food, health, and opportunities to thrive and reach the maximum potential that you, O God, have given them. Amen

What is National Hispanic/Latinx Heritage Month:

Each year, Americans observe National Hispanic Heritage Month from September 15 to October 15 by celebrating the histories, cultures, and contributions of American citizens whose ancestors came from Spain, Mexico, the Caribbean, and Central and South America.

The observation started in 1968 as Hispanic Heritage Week under President Lyndon Johnson and was expanded by President Ronald Reagan in 1988 to cover a 30-day period starting on September 15 and ending on October 15. It was enacted into law on August 17, 1988, on the approval of public Law 100-402.

The day of September 15 is significant because it is the anniversary of independence for the Latin American countries Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, and Nicaragua. Mexico's Independence Day is September 16 and Chile celebrates their independence on September 18.

Some dedicated Web Sites:

- National Archives and Records Administration
- National Endowment for the Humanities
- National Park Service
- Smithsonian Education – Hispanic Heritage Month
- National Gallery of Art
- Library of Congress
- United State Holocaust Memorial Museum

RECTOR'S REPORT: August, 2026**ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT**

Administrative Assistant, Karen Abbatiello works 10 hours per week.

Her office hours are: Tuesdays and Thursdays between 9am and 1pm and on Fridays between 2pm and 4pm

BEQUEST TO ST. JOHN'S

Jean A. Chittenden: remembered St. John's in her Will. Sam Galpin, our Treasurer, and Donna Lazartic, a Vestry Member, are monitoring and keeping in contact with the bank.

Harriet Osinski: received a \$5,000 gift for the Endowment fund.

Jose Cedenio & Joe Costa: remembered St. John's in their Will.

Nancy Haring: remembered St. John's in her Will.

BAPTISMS (made a member of Christ's one, holy, catholic and apostolic church)

Congratulations to Sienna Catherine Mercurio who was baptized on Sunday, June 7.

Parents: Tyler and Jordyn Mercurio

Congratulations to Maeve Olivia Newman who was baptized on Sunday, June 21.

Parents: Kenneth Newman and Megan Haplea.

FUNERALS (Light perpetual. In the hope of the Resurrection)

Saturday, July 11: Funeral for Jennifer Yingst

Sunday, July 12: Memorial Service at Cusick Funeral Home for Caleb Richards

Saturday, August 1: Memorial Service at Laurel Circle for Dr. Blenda Wilson

Reverend Joyce Schyer and Deacon Keith McCoy officiated and preached respectively

PASTORAL CARE

Marcia Bower, Judy Marine, Edna Ashforth, Brian Ashforth, Cassandra Saunders, Don George (husband of Deacon Joanna George), Christopher Foreman, and John Cardinale
Parishioners who have friends or loved ones in need, but do not share publicly

INVOLVEMENT IN COMMUNITY / DIOCESE

Informal chaplain work with 911 operators

Had coffee welcoming new Pastor Lorenzo Cusick from Emmanuel Reformed Episcopal Church in Somerville

Conversation with Jewish Federation about multi-faith ecumenical work

Officiated at Memorial Service on 7/11 for Caleb Richards at Cusick Funeral Home grief work

NEW AND/OR RETURNING MEMBERS

Christian Matthews

Heather DeSoto

Helen Baez

Tricia Foo-Ying: starting up a consulting business to assist women businesses, book keeping services

COMMUNITY OUTREACH: "The Work of the Church"

Meals To Go

Clothes Closet

Laundry Love

Socks Collection

Adopt-a-family: ShopRite gift cards, food, etc.

OUTSIDE GROUPS USING SPACE

Community in Crisis AA Meeting: monthly meeting. Donation for use of space.

The Somerville Women's Civic League. Donating \$100 monthly to the church.

Wallace House mtg

Tres Diaz: spirituality / formation group

Funeral and wedding receptions

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Question: who do you think would be a good person to serve on the vestry?



THANK YOU FOR THOSE WHO CONTRIBUTED BACK TO SCHOOL SUPPLIES

We are grateful for all who contributed back to school supplies and backpacks. St. John's continues to reach out to community organizations and individuals within our parish and beyond who are in need. If you learn of anyone in need, please contact the Church Office. Thank you for providing many students with much needed school supplies and brightening their education.

BACK TO SCHOOL PRAYER

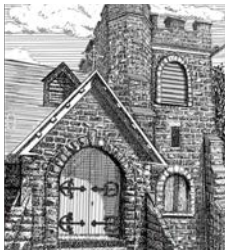
Almighty God, our heavenly Father,

We pray for all children returning to school. Enlighten with your wisdom those who teach and those who learn, that rejoicing in the knowledge of your truth, they may worship you and serve you from generation to generation. Bless every student, teacher, administrator, parent, coach, nurse, and member of our schools. May the presence of your Spirit fill the hearts of our students. Allow them to grow and have a fair opportunity to learn. Protect our children from gossip and bullying. May they know and hear that Your voice, O Lord, is louder than all others.

We ask these things in your holy and life-giving Name: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Amen.

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS: will take place on Sunday, September 6 (and Sept 13, if needed) during both 8am and 10:15am services.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS

WELCOMING SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

Holy Eucharist at 8 and 10:15

First Sunday for the Parish Choir

Church School Registration and Ministries Fair

St. John's Receives \$5,000 gift

We are delighted to share that St. John's received a check for \$5000 from the estate of Harriet Osinski. Mrs. Osinski was a long-time member of St. John's and faithfully served in several ministries such as, Vestry, Episcopal Church Women, Mary & Martha Guild, St. Elizabeth's Guild, Altar Guild, choir, property committee, finance committee, and treasurer of our capital campaign. Harriet designated this gift to be put into our endowment for future use. Her generosity strengthens our ministry today and into the future.

If you would like to explore the many ways you to give (some with added financial tax benefits) please reach out to Sam Galpin our Treasurer, a warden or vestry member, or to me frronpollock1@verizon.net

by Fr. Ron

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS – The Greatest Gift

We adopted our cat from the Somerset Regional Animal Shelter ten years ago. When we decided it was time to begin the "interviewing process", I had only two requirements of the cat that would be joining our family; it would be a male and would be an orange tabby. Since before I was born my family has had only male orange tabbies. I understood their bathroom habits and they matched the slipcovers. Enough said.

So, with that in mind I started looking around. After searching online for a while I discovered there's an unnaturally disproportionate number of female black, white and/or gray cats in this

area. There wasn't an orange tabby to be had. This certainly wasn't consistent with my plans. Didn't they know I had strict standards?

Admittedly a little crestfallen, I dropped by the regional animal shelter to check things out in person. I had already decided that we should adopt an adult cat – further limiting my choices – but I was undeterred. I walked in the door and was quickly led to the 'Cat Room', a small area with no less than thirty cages lining the walls, each of them occupied. Down at the end of the room was a small window with a bird feeder just outside and a black cat with nose pressed to the window glass, tail and whiskers twitching.

There was activity all around me. One elderly gentleman volunteer was on his hands and knees trying to extract missing Bizzy-Balls from underneath the row of cages, only to have them disappear again within minutes. Other volunteers were cleaning, disinfecting, feeding and scooping like their lives depended on it. Cats everywhere were putting on their best come-hither performances hoping to lure me in their direction. It was beautiful and heartbreaking at once and all I could do to look away and pass by their seductions.

And then a flash of color caught my attention in the sea of black, white and gray. It was the illusive orange tabby laying back in its sling like Cleopatra on her barge! Disinterested and looking a bit bored by it all, there was no seduction going on here. I read the bio attached to the cage. Age, gender, color, and even playing hard-to-get, it ticked all the boxes. Sold!

The shelter manager and assistant manager interviewed, questioned, sliced and diced me and finally rewarded me with the adoption paperwork. "Will you love, honor and obey this cat?" "I will", I said. "Will you take this cat in sickness and in health?" "Of course", I said. "You may kiss the cat." And I did.

The assistant manager plucked the paperwork from the cage to include in my adoption package, but she stopped short when she read it. "Oh my", she said, "this says we have a male cat here". I was wondering all along why the cat's shelter name was Nicki Minaj but, heck, I can be progressive too. The manager scooped the cat up to take a look, prompting a scream that silenced every creature within earshot. "Yep, he's a she alright." Un-tick that box.

"So, I guess you don't want the cat, huh?" Were they kidding? In a sea of black, white and gray this cat was my little orange rubber dinghy! So Little Nicki and I left for home happy and relieved but having no idea what to expect. That was two years ago and the honeymoon has never ended.

I know, get to the point, Aesop. Despite my reservations I learned sometimes the unexpected can be the greatest gift of all. Just like people, pets come in all shapes, sizes, colors and genders. If I had overlooked Little Nicki because she didn't tick all the boxes I would have missed out on an extraordinary relationship, and she might still be laying back in that sling waiting for her forever-home. She may not have met my initial expectations, but she's certainly exceeded my greatest hopes. I hope your pets have done the same for you.

Please join us again this year for St. John's annual Blessing of the Animals on Sunday, October 4 at 3 pm. Come and share *your* gift with us!

See you then!
Sam Galpin

UPCOMING EVENTS—TAKE NOTE

Sunday, September 6:	Loose Change Sunday
Wednesday, September 9:	7pm, Vestry Meeting
Saturday, September 13:	Welcoming Sunday: Church School registration
Monday, September 14:	6:30pm, Episcopal Church Women potluck supper and meeting
Sunday, October 4:	3pm, Annual Blessing of the Animals

October 11-18:	ECW sponsored Silent Auction
Sunday, October 11:	5pm, Spaghetti Dinner sponsored by the Altar Guild
Wednesday, October 14:	7pm Vestry Meeting
Sunday, October 18:	CROP walk, beginning at the United Reformed Church, Somerville
Saturday, October 24:	Casino Night in the Parish Hall
Sunday, October 25:	Stewardship Sunday. Special coffee hour after both 8 & 10:15 services
Sunday, November 1:	10:15am, All Saints Sunday with Baptisms
Wednesday, November 11:	7pm Vestry
Sunday, November 14:	POW WOW led by Harold Willard
Sunday, November 15:	Stewardship in-gathering meeting
Saturday, November 21:	Vendor Fair
Sunday, November 22:	The Rev. Tammy Young, Guest Preacher
Thursday, November 26:	9am, Thanksgiving Day Eucharist

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 Fr. Ron at frronpollock1@verizon.net.



PLEDGING 2026

If you have not made a pledge for 2026 would you prayerfully consider making a pledge? ***Our 2026 budget is \$225,000. As of today, there are 58 pledges totaling \$156,044.*** 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

St. John's Parish Choir *UPDATED*

Do you have a song in your heart? What about a need to enrich your soul through music? Please come and be part of the choir there is plenty of room for you. We will begin practice on Thursday Sept. 3 at 7:30pm and will sing beginning Sunday, Sept. 13 at the 10:15 service. If you would like

more information, please feel free to get in touch with the Parish Office or any member of the choir. Hope you can join us. *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.

Welcoming Sunday

Join us for Welcoming Sunday on September 13. 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!*



Episcopal Church Women, September 14

Our Pot-Luck Supper will be on Monday September 14 at 6:30pm in the Parish Hall, followed by our meeting at 7:00pm. Anyone is welcome to join us.

A sign-up sheet is posted on the ECW Bulletin Board. If you would like us to sign you up please let me or Paula Windus know what you would like to bring: Appetizer, Main Dish, side dish, and we will add you to the sheet. ECW will be providing all beverages and desserts.

Look for our updated brochure with upcoming meetings and events for the remainder of 2026 until June 2027 located on the stage near our ECW Trifold.

Please feel free to contact me at nolaandboogie@aol.com or Paula Windus, V.P. at paulawindus@verizon.net

Looking forward to seeing you on September 14th. We have a lot planned for the next few months to discuss.

Linda Willard, President, ECW

THE WORK OF MINISTRY

St. John's Clothes Closet

It's all about Fall! Great selections at great prices at our September Clothes Closet sales! Stop by Saturday September 5 and 19 from 9am to noon.

Our 'fall racks' are packed with so many choices. There is something for everyone. Back to school selections and boy and girls at great prices for all the kiddies! Our 'must have it rack' has specially selected items that you must have!

Our 'jean rack' is back and priced only \$4 or less. We offer a large selection of women's men's and children's clothing, shoes, accessories, and so much more at prices that can't be beat!

Our 'women's plus rack' is filled with great new fall items. Don't pass it by. Everything is priced at \$3 and under. Don't pass up our beautiful fall women's boutique items. Brand new, never been worn to choose from. Don't forget to complete your outfit by stopping by our jewelry display. So many eye-catching items in vibrant colors and a variety of choices to highlight your fall attire.



Our 'mixed medley rack' is full of a variety of items to mix and match for any occasion. Plenty of new items to check out on our 'new arrival racks'; dresses, pants, tops, jackets, and so much more. Our step put in style rack is looking great! A stylish selection of fall shoot, boot, and accessories. Just the right finishing touch to complete fall ensemble.

Look for our new glit and glam display. Lovely gown, sparkly shoes, handbags, and accessories just perfect for your special occasion. All items are \$2, some are new with tags.

Don't forget to stop by our free table! There is always something for everyone at the Clothes Closet!

See you soon!

Please contact Linda Willard with any questions or if you would like to make a donation. Cell: 347-276-6491 or email Linda at Nolaandboogie@aol.com

Laundry Love News **No Laundry Love in September**

Third Thursday 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.

Loose Change Sunday: First Sunday of every month

Our next scheduled date is **Sunday, September 6**. If you would like to participate in this important ministry, please feel free to bring a jar (or a Ziplock) 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 10**. 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

We will continue to offer meals to those who come to our doors who are food insecure. People who desire to contact the church office who are hungry and in need of a meal can find a mutually convenient time for them to pick up a meal or two. Currently, we have new volunteers willing to supply the meals at no cost to the church and will deliver them on a periodic basis. If you would like to donate meals, please contact the Church office.

*Faithfully yours in Christ,
Father Ron*

Kitchen Progress as of 08-24-26



So much excitement!!!! There has been lots going on around here. A majority of the electric and air conditioning has been started which mostly had to get done before the major work. The above shows the one door being widened and the range hood removed! It's fun to watch!



WE CELEBRATE, WE REMEMBER: SEPTEMBER 2026

BIRTHDAYS

1. Verna Tonk, Robert Potts
2. Alexis Siliwoono
3. Liam Watorzyniak
7. Richard Neff
8. Lucas Scott, James Voss
9. Nicholas & Sarah Karmazyn, Polina Rogalsky, Gino A. DeLuca, Grace Bancone
10. Sophia Scott, Caleb Hernandez, Vincenzina Mlenak
11. Lucas Disko
13. Nicholas Lande
14. Kay Halsted, Joanne Polito
15. Fallon Billy, Ella Alcaraz
17. 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, Robert Becker
25. Carson Kendall
26. Robert Fox, Christian Carrillo
27. Jon Anobile
28. Katherine Taylor
29. Christopher Venet, Cortney Lane

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

3. Bill & Karen Wickham,
13. Ronald & Elizabeth Szumigala
14. John & Jill Plesniarski
16. Edward Miller & Anna Palaski
19. Patrick & Sonia Brienza,
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 Britanek
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



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YOUTH REGISTRATION, 2026-27 • CHORISTERS, CHURCH SCHOOL, YOUTH GROUP, ACOLYTES

Child's Name _____

Age _____ Date of Birth _____

School attending this year _____ Grade, Fall 2026 _____

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
admin@stjohnsomerville.org

September 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2	3 7:30pm Choir	4 <i>Fr. Ron's Day off</i>	5 9am, Clothes Closet
6 <i>Pentecost 15</i> <i>Proper 18A</i> 8am, Eucharist 10:15, Eucharist; <i>Loose Change</i> <i>Sunday</i>	7 <i>Labor Day</i> <i>Office Closed</i> 12:30-1:30, All Recovery Meeting 8pm, AA Meeting	8 7pm, Eucharist	9 <i>7pm Vestry Mtg</i>	10 10am, Eucharist; Mary & Martha Guild 7:30pm Choir	11 <i>Fr. Ron's Day off</i>	12
13 <i>Welcoming</i> <i>Sunday</i> <i>Pentecost 16</i> <i>Proper 19A</i> 8am, Eucharist 10:15, Eucharist;	14 12:30-1:30, All Recovery Meeting ECW 6:30 dinner 7pm meeting 8pm, AA Meeting <i>Holy Cross Day</i>	15 7pm, Eucharist	16	17 10am, Eucharist; Mary & Martha Guild 7:30pm, Choir	18 <i>Fr. Ron's Day off</i>	19 9am, Clothes Closet
20 <i>Pentecost 17</i> <i>Proper 20A</i> 8am, Eucharist 10:15, Eucharist	21 12:30-1:30, All Recovery Meeting 8pm, AA Meeting <i>St. Matthew,</i> <i>Apostle &</i> <i>Evangelist</i>	22 7pm, Eucharist	23	24 10am, Eucharist; Mary & Martha Guild NO Laundry Love 7:30pm, Choir	25 <i>Fr. Ron's Day off</i>	26
27 <i>Pentecost 18</i> <i>Proper 21A</i> 8am, Eucharist 10:15, Eucharist	28 12:30-1:30, All Recovery Meeting 8pm, AA Meeting	29 7pm, Eucharist <i>St. Michael and</i> <i>all Angels</i>	30			

St. John's in Somerville, Leadership

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Ministers: The People of St. John's

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Music Program

Canon Chancellor John W. Goldsack Church Library

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Church School

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