



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

The Newsletter

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October 2026

From the Rector

St. John's Plenty Good Room – Season of Stewardship

"And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work" (2 Corinthians 9:8)

God's promise of abundance and welcome lies at the heart of our stewardship theme: Plenty Good Room. St. John's Season of Stewardship is well underway.

There's a warm and welcoming buzz in the air this fall at St. John's. Week by week, the love is building as we reflect on God's abundance and our call to make space for all. There is room for everyone at God's table.

Our home gatherings have been a great success. In September, Deacon Mark hosted the Men's Ministry with abundant food and fellowship and The Keefers hosted a warm and joyous gathering in their lovely home.

Plenty good room will keep growing through October with additional opportunities to gather with St John's neighbors for light refreshments and abundant fellowship.

Saturday, October 3, 1-3pm – Christine and Jon Anobile, Hillsborough, is especially welcoming for families with children and is a dog friendly home.

Thursday, October 8, 10:30am – Deacon Keith, Laurel Circle Senior Living. Come and visit with St. John's parishioners who reside in this lovely home.

Sunday, October 18, 1-3pm – Terry McShane, Ringoes, will be a lovely autumn country outing and also a dog friendly home.

Plus, we have two opportunities to gather virtually by Zoom on **Wednesday, October 7, 7-8pm** and **Tuesday, October 13, 7-8pm**, both hosted by Donna Lazartic.

Don't miss out on the fun! Signup sheets are posted in the church or call Karen in the church office to sign up.

October doings will wrap up with **Stewardship Sunday on October 25** with a Special Coffee Hour after both services. Mark your calendar for this incredible Sunday service and fellowship.

"I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another." (John 13:34-35).

Remember -- St John's is a place of belonging — a beloved community where each person matters, and each gift is needed. Everyone and all are welcome!

Come and join us! Jesus said *"Come and see. Follow me. I come to bring new life. God's Kingdom is here."*

Peace and Blessings,

Fr. Ron and The Stewardship Committee



ST. JOHN'S INDUCTION LOOP SYSTEM

"Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ." (Philippians 1:2)

Overview

Our hearing "looping system" fits into our mission: *"To Know Christ And To Make Him known."* The importance of our hearing assistance system is for people who cannot easily engage in worship, fellowship, education, or mission-outreach efforts. The fact is, we want newcomers to feel welcomed. We want newcomers to be able to hear. St. John's is helping to lead the Diocese of New Jersey and the faith community at large to model how we are called to be an inclusive community and welcome those with hearing challenges into our community of faith.

Hearing loss in general

Did you know that more than 48 million Americans have hearing loss? While it largely impacts an older population, a person of any age can have hearing loss. And our looping system helps a number of parishioners who use hearing aids, as well as guests and community members. We continue to invite them to more fully participate in the church, whether it being able to hear better during the service or engage in events in the Parish Hall. If you have a loved one with hearing loss, we encourage you to invite them to "take the looping system for a test drive."

What is the Induction Loop Technology?

The Induction Loop Technology is the gold standard for clear delivery of sound to T-Coil equipped hearing aids and cochlear implants. For those that do not have hearing aids or are not equipped with T-Coils, a Listener device with headphones are available to provide the same clear sound. An Induction Loop Technology system consists of a wire(s) that are looped (multiple loops) around a listening area and connected to a special hearing loop driver (amplifier). An audio signal from a PA system, sound system, microphone, or other source is sent to the driver and circulated through the looped wires (transmitting). The resulting magnetic energy field is absorbed by a small coil of wire (receiving antennae) called a "T-Coil" or "telecoil" located inside the hearing aids and cochlear devices. Anyone with a telecoil compatible hearing aid or cochlear device can use the system without additional equipment to wirelessly connect to the audio signal. They simply switch their existing hearing aid to the "telecoil" position and they are wired directly into the sound system. Intelligibility is greatly increased because the distance between the speaker and the listener is bridged and background or environmental noises are almost eliminated; there is no echo or distortion by the room and sound system.

If you so desire to use our Induction Looping system, please see an usher when entering the church as they will assist you.

*Faithfully yours in Christ,
Father Ron*

Your Giving Supports St. John's Mission, "To Know Christ and To Make Him Known"

Your generosity strengthens our ministries, today and into the future. In addition to generous giving of your time and talents, your regular financial giving is essential to fulfill the work of our life with Children and Families, Spiritual Formation, Our Neighbors, Community Life and Sacramental Life. We also give our financial fair share for the work of the National Church and Global Ministries. It's important to know that our church is entirely self-funded. We do not receive financial support from the diocese for our operation. Bottom line -- regular financial giving is critical for funding St. Johns.

In addition to giving weekly, monthly or annually through your annual pledge, many choose to give regularly on line and through special gifts. Explore the many ways to regularly give – some with added financial tax benefits.



ACH/Direct Debit ~ Simple, automatic giving. Benefit: Regular giving without checks or manual payments. Best for: Anyone who wants to set up recurring donations directly from a bank account.

Bank Bill-Pay ~ Use your bank's tools to give regularly. Benefit: Easy to schedule recurring payments — no postage or fees. Best for: Those who manage finances through online banking.

Appreciated Stock ~ Give smart, give generously. Benefit: Avoid capital gains tax and receive a charitable deduction. Best for: Donors with long-held securities that have grown in value.

Retirement Assets (IRA Qualified Charitable Distribution) ~ Make a gift and reduce your taxable income. Benefit: If you're 70½ or older, donate from your IRA tax-free. Best for: Donors required to take minimum distributions.

Donor Advised Funds (DAFs) ~ Flexible giving from your philanthropic account. Benefit: Make gifts from a DAF at your convenience, and bundle giving for tax advantages. Best for: Donors who already have or want to establish a DAF.

Estate & Legacy Gifts ~ Leave a lasting legacy. Benefit: Ensure the church's future with a bequest or beneficiary designation. Best for: Anyone updating their will or estate plan. Great for life insurance policies, too!

Every Gift Makes a Difference. Whether it's your very essential regular giving, or a one-time gift or part of your long-term legacy, your generosity brings our mission to life. Thank you!
Questions? Contact Fr. Ron or the church office for more information.



Staff Purpose Statement

To the Glory of God

**The Rector, Deacons, Organist & Choirmaster, and Parish Administrator
partner in inspiring and strengthening our Christian Ministry and that of others
here at St. John's, in the Diocese of New Jersey and in the world through innovation,
sound judgment, and professionalism.**

**The Rev. Canon Ronald N. Pollock, Rector
The Rev. W. Keith McCoy, Deacon
The Rev. Mark Hernandez, Deacon
Dr. Fred Irwin, Organist
Karen Abbatiello, Parish Administrator
The Rev. Joyce Scheyer, Priest Associate
Hailey Hensley, Ministry Intern Student**

The Deacons' Bench

October 2026

Now that St. John's has two deacons again (remember Deacon Joanna George?), this presents an opportunity to explain what deacons do, why and where we do it, and why it matters to Episcopalians like you. So, going forward, Deacon Mark and I will alternate months in the Parish Newsletter, and explore various facets of diaconal ministry with you.

One thing you may have noticed in church is that Deacon Mark and I wear our stoles differently, as well as differently from Father Ron and Mother Joyce. There is a reason for that.

A stole is a liturgical piece of clothing, often made of silk and usually of one color or another, to match the season of the church year. It is a symbol of the office one holds in the church, mainly because the stole was originally a mark of office in the Roman Empire. It is worn over an alb (white garment) or a cassock (black garment), and under a chasuble (the covering that a priest wears) or a dalmatic (what a deacon would wear -- but you don't see those at St. John's).

In the church, a stole is a mark of ordination. Priests wear a stole around the neck, representing the yoke (or the bar uniting one with another) of Christ and a commitment to his service. Deacons wear a stole off the left shoulder, to leave the right arm free for service.

Deacon Mark wears his stole in the Roman style: simply across the body from the left shoulder and gathered on the right side. I wear mine in the Eastern (or Orthodox) style: from my right side and crossed over my left shoulder. It is probably the older of the two methods. In the Eastern churches, it is also called a double orarion.

Why the difference? Personal preference - which only goes so far in church. That is why most of the clergy vestments match the altar and pulpit vestments in terms of color and pattern. It isn't a fashion show, but there are reasons why we wear green or white or purple at specific times of the year. But that will be the subject of another column.

Deacon Keith

ECW Women of Honor Event 2026

The ECW (Episcopal Church Women) of The Diocese of New Jersey will host the 10th Women of Honor event on Zoom at 10am on Saturday, October 17, 2026. The Zoom link is

ID: 6958535270

Password: GraSP

Beginning in 1999, each church in our Diocese was given the opportunity to select one woman who exemplified the qualities of the ministry of ECW, and serves as an exceptionally dedicated volunteer in her parish.

Every three years, we come together as a Diocesan ECW to share in recognizing these wonderful women who exemplify God's ministry at church. Over 300 women have been honored since its inception.

As a reminder, all women, by virtue of their membership in parishes located in the Episcopal Diocese of NJ are members of the ECW of the Diocese of NJ.

Linda Willard

Linda has been a member of St. John's for 20 years, current ECW President and Clothes Closet Council member. She has served on the Altar Guild, Ushers and Meals To Go. Beyond our parish Linda is a Watchung Convocation Representative and collaborates with other partners in ministry such as the Somerville Women's Civic League. Linda and her husband, Harold, conduct an occasional Native American Pow wow for the larger community. Linda faithfully adds her special touch and caring labor of love to build up Christ's Church.

Faithfully yours,

Casino Night

Join family and friends with food and entertainment while gambling for fun and a good cause at Casino Night on Saturday, October 24.

Utilizing play money, enjoy Blackjack, Craps, Roulette, and Texas Hold 'Em (*and if you don't know how to play, we'll teach you!*) in the Parish Hall, 6 pm to 10 pm. Topping off an evening of fun and laughs will be gifts, prizes, and raffles.

Tickets include play money, two drinks, and hors d'oeuvres. Tickets are limited; \$60 per person for NJ's legal gamblers, 21 years and older. Additional play money can be purchased during the evening.

Tickets are available from Terry McShane or after each service on Sunday. Checks or cash; no charge cards.

Donations for gifts and prizes are welcomed. Email eron15@msn.com for details.

UPCOMING EVENTS—TAKE NOTE

Saturday, October 3:	9am, Clothes Closet
Sunday, October 4:	Loose Change Sunday; 3pm, Annual Blessing of the Animals
Monday, October 5:	7pm, ECW meeting
October 11-18:	ECW sponsored Silent Auction
Sunday, October 11:	Special coffee hour for Deacon Keith celebrating 25 years serving us 5pm, Spaghetti Dinner sponsored by the Altar Guild
Wednesday, October 14:	7pm Vestry Meeting
Saturday, October 17:	9am, Clothes Closet
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

Blessing of the Animals—Saturday, October 4

The Blessing of Animals: is October 4 at 3 pm, rain or shine. Join us in welcoming all of cats and dogs, birds and horses, toads and snakes, fish and bunnies, and all creatures, furry or feathered or scaled, and their owners at 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.

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 frronpollock1@verizon.net.

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.

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.

Christmas Gift Collection & Distribution

Once again, St. John's Episcopal Church will be collecting and distributing Christmas presents on Saturday, December 12 from 10am to 12noon. The event will take place at St. John's, 158 West High Street, Somerville, NJ 08876. Christmas presents will be given away to people who come to our giveaway event. Presents will also be distributed to various agencies, such as The Somerset Home for Temporarily Displaced Children, Agape House, and other local non-profit agencies. And in addition, we will distribute to local children and families known to us from our St. John's community outreach ministries such as: Laundry Love, Clothes Closet and Meals to Go.

The firm DEADLINE to deliver gifts to St. John's will be no later than Wednesday, December 9 by 12noon.

Here's the drill: people purchase a gift (or gifts) to be given to someone in need. You decide whether to buy a present for a boy or a girl (or both) and what age(s). If Christmas presents are wrapped, they must be clearly marked for boy or girl and indicate what age. Or if the gift(s) is unwrapped then holiday gift bags or wrapping paper ought to be provided. Deliver gift to the

church no later than Wednesday December 9. Contact the Church Office or Fr. Ron to arrange a mutually convenient day / time to drop off.

Some suggestions to consider:

- Visa / Mastercard gift cards are especially welcome! They are easy to distribute.
- Movie tickets or gift card to a video game store.
- Snack items, candy-canes, peanuts, popcorn, granola or protein snack bars, etc.
- Action figures, trains, cars, puzzles, board games, dolls, kites, etc.
- Don't forget the teenagers: sweat-shirts, hoodies, sweat-pants, hats, gloves, mittens, scarves, hair-brush, curling iron, lip-stick, chap-stick, perfume, cologne, deodorant, and other toiletries.
- Basketballs, footballs, soccer balls, volley balls, Nike t-shirts, and all things sports related.
- Art supplies: pencils, pens, magic markers, art-paper, etc.
- Winter coats: all ages and sizes.

If you have any questions, please contact Fr. Ron at 908-722-1250 or frronpollock1@verizon.net
With your help we can provide some hope for those in need.

Thank you in advance for your generosity of spirit and for instilling in our children's hearts and minds the real meaning of Christmas and God's love for all of us.

God bless, and thank you!

Father Ron Pollock

Rector, St. John's Episcopal Church, Somerville, NJ

COMING UP—TAKE NOTE!

Episcopal Church Women, October 5

Our October ECW meeting is scheduled for Monday October 5 at 7:00pm in the Parish Hall. Anyone is welcome to join us.

Look for our updated brochure with upcoming meetings and events for the remainder of 2026 through June 2027 located on the ECW Bulletin Board and the ECW Table in the Parish Hall.

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 October 5. We have a lot planned for the next few months to discuss.

Linda Willard, President, ECW

Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee will begin its work in 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 for two-year term
- 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
- One (1) Vestry Unexpired 1 year term
- One (1) Vestry Unexpired 2 year term

The Committee asks you to start thinking about who might serve in these roles (including yourself). Nominations forms will be available in the November Newsletter. If you have any questions and would like to learn more, please contact Fr Ron.

Now is the time for prayer. 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."*

Faithfully,

Fr. Ron

THE WORK OF MINISTRY

St. John's Clothes Closet

October is Breast Cancer Awareness month! Please wear pink in honor of survivors, those we have lost, and support of individual and families currently facing the disease.



It's all about Fall! Great selections at great prices at our October Clothes Closet sales! Our \$2 rack is back and other items have been reduced to \$3. Stop by on Saturday October 3 and 17 from 9am until noon.

It's a Spooktacular Halloween Sale. Check out our great finds for the kiddes and grownups too for an extra special Halloween trick or treat. Most items are only \$2. Our Fall racks are packed with so many choices; there is something for everyone. We just stocked up on our racks with our lightweight vests and cozy sweaters for those early autumn nights, and pair it with one of our beautiful scarfs.

Back to school selections and boys and girls, at great prices for all the kiddies. Our must have rack has specially selected items that you must have! Our jean rack is back and priced only at \$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 and women's plus rack is filled with great boutique items. Brand new never worn varieties to choose from. Most items are \$5 or less. Don't forget to stop by our jewelry display. So many beautiful 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. So many new items to check out on our new arrival racks. Dresses, pants, tops, jackets, and so much more. Our step out in style rack is looking great! A stylish selection of fall shoes, boots and accessories. Just what you need to ass and that finishing touch to your fall ensemble.

Look for our new glitz and glam display. Lovely gowns, 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 or clothescloset@stjohnsomerville.org.

Laundry Love News

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, October 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.

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*

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 22 and Saturday, December 9 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

St. Francis' Day

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

Sunday, October 4, 2024 at 3:00 p.m.

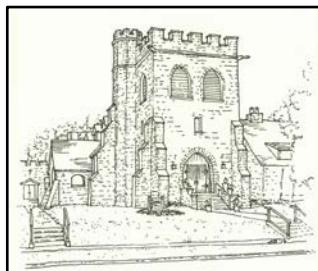
St. John's in Somerville



WELCOME

**all creatures great and small, furry or feathered or scaled,
and their owners, in the church. Bring your pet leashed or caged.**

Reception follows.



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The Rev. Canon Ronald N. Pollock, Rector



JOIN US FOR

Pasta Dinner

Altar Guild Fundraiser

Sunday October 11th 2026

**5:00 - 6:30
PM**

\$10
PER PERSON

SUGGESTED
DONATIONS

\$30

FAMILY OF 4

**St John's
Parish Hall**

Take Out Available

**INCLUDES: Spaghetti, Meatballs, Salad,
Bread, Drinks and Deserts BYOB**

Contact Diane Sireci dianesireci61@icloud.com



TICKETS : \$65
Cash or Check

CASINO NIGHT

St. John's Episcopal Church

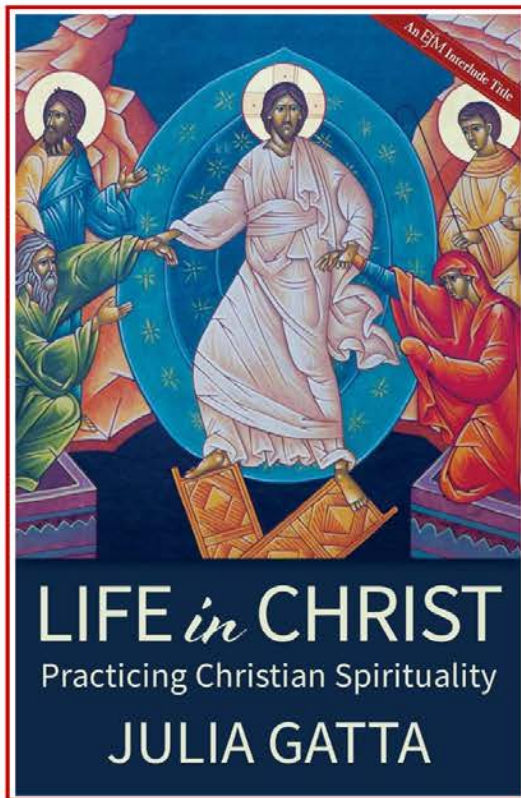
October 24, 2026
6PM - 10PM

COSTUME OPTIONAL!

158 W High Street, Somerville
908-722-1250

St. John's Spiritual Sojourners

Fall 2026 Book Study



Life in Christ: Practicing Christian Spirituality by Julia Gatta

With its great heritage from English mystics, the Episcopal Church has been “spiritual” since before it was trendy, and modern Episcopalians have been in the forefront of exploring practices beyond Anglican boundaries. Yet, perhaps only rarely do they grasp the implications of the theology embedded in these practices or in the liturgies of the Book of Common Prayer, which has shaped Episcopalians in this country with its emphasis on baptismal spirituality and the centrality of the Eucharist. Julia Gatta wants to change that with her book, *Life in Christ*, by exploring common Christian practices and their underlying theology through an Episcopal lens.

Small Group Study for Nine Weeks via Zoom

Thursdays 7-8 pm

September 10th thru November 5th

All are invited. No need to be a member of St. John's.

No prior bible study experience needed. Join as often as you are able.

To sign up, contact

Fr. Ron frronpollock1@verizon.net or Donna Lazartic dlazartic@gmail.com

Books can be purchased via Amazon for \$19.00. Please let Fr. Ron or Donna know if you need assistance.



Diocese of New Jersey Reparations Commission Slavery History Pilgrimage

Saturday, Oct. 31

*meet at 11:00 am at Perth Amboy
Ferry Slip slave trade historical marker*

Pilgrimage sites, visited in a circuit:



Perth Amboy Ferry Slip



Tinton Manor African Burial ground, Tinton Falls

Stop for lunch (or bring your own)



Marlpit Hall, Middletown. Open Fri-Sun, 1-4 pm



Sandy Hook (viewed from Mount Mitchill, NJ)



Perth Amboy Ferry Slip

Questions? jolyonp@princeton.edu or priest@stbernardsnj.org



All are welcome to join members of the Diocese of NJ for this moving pilgrimage. You can also take the pilgrimage on your own. The full PDF for the pilgrimage or a mobile friendly version can be found on the Diocese of NJ's Racial Justice Review blog:



<https://dionj-racialjusticereview.blogspot.com/p/pilgrimage-guide.html>

WE CELEBRATE, WE REMEMBER,

OCTOBER: BIRTHDAYS

1. Ken Miller
2. Alissa Schofield
3. Dennis Mathews, Cassandra Bower,
Jonathan Spolarich
4. Cassandra Saunders
5. Andy Agins
6. Cooper Jelinek, Gary Schuman
7. Wilma Nurse
8. Anna Palaski
9. Karen Abbatiello
11. Suzanne Manziano, Bryan Paladini
13. Maryanna De LosSantos
14. Robert Iwas, 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 Wawrzyniak

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

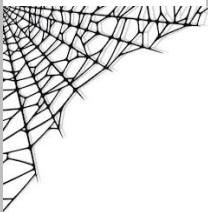
1. Keith McCoy & Kir Rodriguez
2. Jason & Jessica Matyas
3. Antonio & Pamela De LosSantos
5. Dean & Tracy Andricsak.
7. Nancy & Christopher Spolarich,
9. Devron & Leigh Robinson
10. Brandon & Adrienne Kurzawa
11. Tim & Claudia Brown
17. Kurt & Debbie Jelinek
18. David & Caitlin Chudy
19. Paul & Kerry Keker
20. Kevin McCabe & Jane Sausanavage
21. Cindy & Chris Frost
24. Rich & Lynne Neff, Staceyann Smith &
Ioan 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 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 10am, Eucharist; Mary & Martha Guild – Healing Service 7:15pm Choir	2 Fr. Ron's Day off	3 9am, Clothes Closet 1-3pm Stewardship gathering at Anoblie home
4 Pentecost 19 Proper 22A 8am, Eucharist 10:15, Eucharist; Loose Change Sunday 3pm Blessing of the animals	5 12:30-1:30, All Recovery Meeting ECW 7pm meeting 8pm, AA Meeting	8 7pm, Eucharist	7 7-8pm Stewardship gathering on Zoom	8 10am, Eucharist; Mary & Martha Guild 10:30am Stewardship gathering at Laurel Circle 7:15pm Choir	9 Fr. Ron's Day off	10
11 Pentecost 20 Proper 23A 8am, Eucharist 10:15, Eucharist; Celebrating Keith 25 yrs at St. John's 5pm Pasta Dinner	12 12:30-1:30, All Recovery Meeting 8pm, AA Meeting	13 7pm, Eucharist 7-8pm Stewardship gathering on Zoom	14 7pm Vestry Mtg	15 10am, Eucharist; Mary & Martha Guild 7:15pm, Choir	16 Fr. Ron's Day off	17 9am, Clothes Closet
18 Pentecost 21 Proper 24A 8am, Eucharist 10:15, Eucharist CROP Walk 1-3pm Stewardship gathering at McShane home	19 12:30-1:30, All Recovery Meeting 8pm, AA Meeting St. Luke, The Evangelist	20 7pm, Eucharist	21	22 10am, Eucharist; Mary & Martha Guild 5pm Laundry Love 7:15pm, Choir	23 Fr. Ron's Day off St. James of Jerusalem, brother of our Lord Jesus Christ	24 Casino Night 
		ECW Sponsored Silent Auction				
25 Pentecost 22 Proper 25A 8am, Eucharist 10:15, Eucharist Stewardship Sunday Auction ends	26 12:30-1:30, All Recovery Meeting 8pm, AA Meeting	27 7pm, Eucharist	28 St Simon and St. Jude, Apostles	29 10am, Eucharist; Mary & Martha Guild 7:15pm, Choir	30	31 

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