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

The Newsletter

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From the Rector

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



Many of us are familiar with the old African American spiritual, Plenty Good Room. It was born out of the pain of slavery by a people who were not remembered, denied dignity, and had no real place to safely declare "home!" Can you imagine "that" reality?

And yet, these same people, who did not receive a warm welcome, looked up to heaven and sang with defiant joy, "Plenty good room, in my Father's Kingdom." Those who sang with conviction, passion, and love, "knew" something the world didn't. God's house doesn't send an invitation for a select few. All Are Welcome! God's heart doesn't run out of space. All Are Welcome!

In this season of Stewardship, we have to be crystal clear that Stewardship is not about protecting our little basket of stuff, paying our institutional dues, or giving God whatever scraps are left over. Jesus reminds us that true stewardship, and indeed, Christianity, is not about anxiety, rules or putting up fences to keep people out. Rather, it is the joyful response to a God who has already made Plenty Good Room for us.

That is precisely, the Good News of the Gospel. That expansive vision of God's house, where there is always more than enough room. The religious leaders of Jesus' day were hell-bent on rules, boundaries, and check lists. They wanted to know exactly who was in, and who was out.

In countless teachings and miracles Jesus provides answers that are expansive, inclusive, and that completely shatters small, narrow-minded expectations. Jesus declares that Stewardship is not about keeping people out or managing a small spiritual budget. It is about a love of God and our neighbors so massive, that it demands, it colors, it influences how we use everything we have. Stewardship becomes a joyful response to God's unconditional, expansive love. Stewardship is love in action; it is a prayer with feet.

Here's the Gospel truth. We see Plenty Good Room come alive every single time we put our time, talents and monies into action right here in our community outreach efforts. When we support Laundry Love, we aren't just washing clothes; we are making room for dignity. We don't just hand out rolls of quarters, we are getting to know our neighbors by name. When someone walks into our Clothes Closet, we are making room for warmth and respect. Every time we provide Meals To Go, or adopt families for Thanksgiving and Christmas, we are telling our neighbors: "You matter! You are seen. And there is plenty of room for you here." To our newcomers, guests, neighbors, friends and partners in ministry we proclaim that there is Plenty Good Room.

When we make a pledge of our time, talent and money, we are connecting our hearts with Jesus Christ; to use what we have to stretch the walls of our church even wider. We are building a sanctuary of hope. Everyone in Somerville, no, everyone in New Jersey, should be able to say: "Oh, St. John's, that the Church of Hope!"

I invite you to step forward in faith, with a spirit of determined hope and joy. Do not give out of fear, or obligation, or guilt. Give because you want to be a part of the miracle. When you fill out your pledge card over the next few weeks, you are casting a vote for love.

Let's be generous, let's be bold and let's watch how God miraculously uses our gifts to expand His Kingdom, this house of prayer to welcome the world!

God bless, Father Ron

Important Notes About Making Your Pledge

- A Stewardship Letter from the Rector with a Pledge Card will be mailed the first week in November. If you do not receive your letter and card, please contact the church office.
- Over the next few weeks, please prayerfully consider your pledge. Bring your completed pledge cards to church service on Sunday, November 15 for our ingathering and offering up to the Lord in gratitude for plenty good room at St John's.
- You also are welcome to make a Pledge on-line by scanning the QR code located in this newsletter or by going to our St John's Somerville website. Go to the upper right corner and click the "Giving" button, scroll down to the Pledge Card. Submit your pledge.

THE DEACONS' BENCH

Two types of Deacons:



In the Episcopal Church you may notice that priests are ordained twice. This may seem confusing especially since they are ordained as deacons and then a short time later, often six to twelve months later, to the priesthood. You may be thinking what is the difference?

I would like to introduce some terms that are commonly used when describing deacons.

Transitional and Vocational:

Transitional Deacon • Path to Priesthood: Every person ordained as an Episcopal priest must first be ordained as a deacon. • Duration: They typically serve in the transitional diaconate for a short period—usually a minimum of 6 months to a year—before being ordained to the priesthood. • Role: They practice liturgical and pastoral duties of a deacon while completing the final phase of their formation to become a priest. A recent example of this would be Deacon Tiffany.

Vocational Deacon • Lifelong Vocation: They are called, prepared, and ordained specifically to the order of deacons as a permanent, lifelong ministry. • Bridge to the World: Their core focus is to connect the church with the outside world—bringing the needs, hopes, and concerns of the community (especially the poor, sick, and marginalized) back into the church. • Secular Employment: Many vocational deacons have secular jobs outside of the church and serve in outreach roles like hospital chaplaincies, social work, or prison ministry rather than seeking a stipendiary church job or moving on to the priesthood.

Examples of this are Deacon Keith and Deacon Mark.

Key Similarities:

Shared Order, both share the same foundational diaconal order of ministry.

Liturgical Duties: In worship services, both assist the priest, proclaim the Gospel, lead the prayers of the people, and set the Eucharistic table.

This practice, of being ordained a deacon prior to the priesthood reflects both historical tradition and theological symbolism:

- **Historical Tradition:** By the Middle Ages, the diaconate became a mandatory preliminary step or transitional office for candidates studying for the priesthood, a custom inherited from Western church practice that the American Episcopal Church retained.
- **Theological Symbolism:** The diaconate is an order of service rooted in ministry to the poor, sick, and marginalized, bridging the church and the world. Because all priests were first deacons, they continue to carry out the core diaconal ministry of servanthood (such as proclaiming the Gospel and serving the community) as part of their identity before taking on the sacramental and pastoral duties of a presbyter
- **Canonical Requirement:** The governing rules (canons) of the Episcopal Church mandate this step so that every priest is firmly grounded in the order of service before receiving the authority to preside over the Eucharist and offer blessings and absolution.

The Rev. Mark Hernandez, Deacon

POWWOW - NOVEMBER 14

In honor of November as Native American History Month, St. John's Episcopal Church is sponsoring an American Indian Intertribal PowWow on Saturday, November 14.

Events for the entire family are among the many offerings of this impressive event. The Grand Entry is at noon, featuring colorful heritage regalia and music. Among the activities for the celebration will be Native American dancers, traditional foods, Youngblood Singers, Red Blanket Singers, and traditional Native crafts.

The PowWow will be held on the grounds at St John's at 158 West High Street in Somerville, from 11 am to 4 pm. Admission is $5 for adults; children under 12 are free.

LIVE WREATH SALE

With the holidays rapidly approaching, St. John's Episcopal Church is selling 22-inch live wreaths and swags for only $30 each. The live wreaths and swags, from Washington State, are ideal for doors, hallways, and as grave blankets. The live wreaths make great holiday presents and party gifts. There is no limit to the number you can order.

Deadline for ordering is November 2. Pick up at St. John's is Saturday, December 5 – plenty of time before the holidays. Cash or check required at pick-up; no charge cards. To order contact tlm49@comcast.net.

For more information contact 908-722-1250. www.StJohnSomerville.org

FALL VENDOR FAIR

Fall treasures, Christmas presents, and fine crafts are on tap at the St. John's Vendor and Craft Fair on Saturday, November 21 from 10 am to 3 pm at St. John's Episcopal Church, 158 W High St. in Somerville.

With more than 25 crafters and vendors showing their wares, the Vendor and Craft Fair provides ideal shopping for all ages. Don't miss the many and varied items, including crafts, jewelry, clothing, unique presents, garden items, baskets, and much more.There is no entry fee.

The event will be held in the accessible parish hall at St. John's. Convenient parking is available in the church lot behind the church or on the street.

For more info contact Anthony at eron15@msn.com or St. John's at 908-722-1250.

VESTRY NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Annual Parish Meeting: Sunday, January 17, 2027

POSITIONS OPEN INCLUDE:

- One (1) Warden; (two year term)
- Three (3) Vestry positions for three-year terms;
- One (1) One-year unexpired term
- One (1) Two-year unexpired term
- 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.

CALLED TO SERVICE: VESTRY

WHAT DOES THE VESTRY DO?

It's the legal governing body of the parish, the "board of directors." With the rector as its leader, it sets policy and goals and oversees the finances and property. But it has another equally important role: providing leadership to implement the ministries that serve the parish and the community. It actively supports the work and ministry of the Rector.

WHO CAN RUN FOR VESTRY?

Any baptized member of the Episcopal Church who has been a member of our parish in good standing for at least one year, is at least 16 years old, makes a regular financial contribution to the parish, and worships regularly with us.

IS THERE AN EXPECTED TIME COMMITMENT?

Yes. A term runs for three years. The Vestry meets once every month. Vestry members are also members of either the Property Committee or Finance Committee. We have one all-day Vestry Retreat once a year. And since every vestry member's voice matters our goal is for members to have no more than three unexcused absences from regular meetings in a year.

WHAT DO WE LOOK FOR IN A VESTRY MEMBER?

Someone who is involved in some parish ministry, and preferably (but not necessarily) has shown some leadership ability. He or she should keep informed about the parish and be willing to contribute to working out solutions to issues that arise. Every Vestry member should work respectfully with other members and participate in discerning the parish's vision and encouraging its ministries. The Vestry affords people the opportunity to share a variety of their own gifts and talents.

HOW ARE VESTRY MEMBERS CHOSEN?

They are nominated by the Nominating Committee, whose recommendation must be approved by the Vestry, and they are elected at the annual meeting.

HOW DOES THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE WORK?

It accepts suggestions from parishioners, discusses possible candidates, decides who it thinks should be nominated, makes sure people are willing to run, and presents a proposed slate to the Vestry. The approved nominees are then announced to the parish. Each nominee will then be asked to prepare a statement of qualifications of no more than 100 words.

HOW CAN I NOMINATE SOMEONE?

You may give the completed form to Fr. Ron, put it in the collection basket, or leave it with Karen Abbatiello in the Parish Office. You may nominate yourself or someone else.

HERE ARE MY SUGGESTIONS FOR SOMEONE TO RUN IN JANUARY FOR VESTRY, DIOCESAN CONVENTION, WATCHUNG CONVOCATION:

Name: _____

I RECOMMEND THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) FOR:

Vestry _____

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Diocesan Convention _____

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Watchung Convocation _____

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Please make sure each nominee is willing to be considered.
Deadline for nominations is the end of November.



Advent Lessons and Carols

Sunday, December 6



Join us for our annual Advent Lessons and Carols Service, Sunday, December 6 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, and 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 at admin@stjohnsomerville.org or send via regular mail to the Parish Office. ***Please make sure to deliver your gift and names no later than Friday, December 18***. 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 additional music for the late Christmas eve service.

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

Upcoming Events—Take Note

Sunday, November 1:	Loose Change Sunday; Holy Baptism at 10:15am; 5pm All Souls Evening Prayer
Monday, November 2:	last day to order wreaths; 7pm, Episcopal Church Women meeting
Thursday, November 5:	7:15pm, Choir
Saturday, November 7:	9am, Clothes Closet
Wednesday, November 11:	7pm, Vestry
Saturday, November 14:	11am, POW WOW led by Harold Willard
Sunday, November 15:	Stewardship in-gathering meeting
Saturday, November 21:	9am, Clothes Closet; 11am, Vendor Fair
Sunday, November 22:	The Rev. Tammy Young, Guest Preacher
Thursday, November 26:	9am, Thanksgiving Day Eucharist
Saturday, December 5:	Wreath Pick-up
Sunday, December 6:	Loose Change Sunday; 5pm, Lessons & Carols
Monday, December 7:	Episcopal Church Women meeting
Wednesday, December 9:	Last day for gift donation; 7pm Vestry
Saturday, December 12:	10am, Gift distribution
Friday, December 18:	Deadline for Christmas Flower and Music Gifts

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.

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 Sunday, December 20 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

**any amount will be gratefully accepted.* ***any kind of gift card will be gratefully accepted*

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

Episcopal Church Women, November 2

Our November ECW meeting will be on Monday, November 2 at 7:00pm in the Parish Hall. Our Guest Speaker will be Meg Myers, she will speak on Plant Based Nutrition. Anyone is welcome to join us. 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

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 right next to the coffee pot. 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.

THE WORK OF MINISTRY

St. John's Clothes Closet



Great selections at great prices at our November Clothes Closet sales! Stop by on Saturday November 7 and 21from 9am until noon. Our $1 and $2 racks are packed with so many choices. There is something for everyone.

Cozy warm vests, jackets, scarfs, comfy shoe boots and so much more. Our pants rack has so much more to choose from and all for $3. We continue to received new items every week. If there is something special you are looking for just let us know, our volunteers are happy to assist you with anything. Our must have rack has specially selected items that you must have!

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 selections. Don't pass it by. Everything is priced at $3 or less. Don't pass up our beautiful women's boutique items. Brand new never been warn varieties to choose from.

Don't forget to stop by our jewelry display. So many beautiful items in vibrant colors and a variety of choices to highlight your 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 much more.

Our step out in style rack is looking great! A stylish selection of fashionable shoes, boots, and accessories, just what you need to add that finishing touch to your ensemble. Our glitz and glam display offers lovely gowns, sparkly shoes, handbag accessories just perfect for your special occasion. All items are only $2, some brand new with tags.

Getting Married? We have the perfect wedding gown and a Tuxedo for your husband to be! Lovely shoes, the perfect purse and a variety of jewelry to choose from to make your day extra special.

The holidays are quickly approaching. Look for our selection of gift ideas, clothing and so much more for the entire family. Don't forget to stop by our free table! There is always something for everyone at the Clothes Closet!

See you there.

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 *November 19 and December 17*

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, November 1.*** 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



WE CELEBRATE, WE REMEMBER,

NOVEMBER:

BIRTHDAYS

3. Peter Tom-Wolverton, Gregory Krueger, Ivan Latanision
5. Susan Mathews, David Blue
6. Danielle Barry, Olivia Massey
7. Zachary Hillman, Ronald Szumigala
8. Emery Pierson
9. Eva Normant, Sarah Ann Metaxas
11. Anthony Pinto, Leo Campos
12. Allan Tom-Wolverton, Charles Halsted II, Mark Jameson, Katie Fletcher
14. Cecilia Lande, Isabelle Thorpe
15. Kurt Jelinek
16. Jeff Daugherty, Tia Maria Viola Yingst
17. Ed Edwards
19. Anais De LosSantos, Damien Dodds
20. Emma Dupuis
21. Margo Ellis Christou, Julianna Barkin
22. Brian Hamer
23. Douglas Mathews
24. Thom Boyer
27. Charlotte Newton, Marie Teresa Vendettuoli, Amber Leibold, Mark Ansbro
28. Jane Henderson-Glick
29. Nathan Loften
30. Antonio Saunders, Jesse Smith, Michael Marshall

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

1. Howard & Michelle Barkin
3. Rafael & Gretchen Rivera
9. Anthony Pinto & Christian Carrillo
11. Christine & Jon Anobile
17. Mark & Pamela Ansbro
26. Robert & Patricia Potts
29. Peter Miller & Christine Kelly

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES

1. Robert Yingst
2. Russell Bedford
4. Carol Caufield
5. Wilbur Wood Goldsack, John H. Croll
8. Frances Powers, Eleanor Giordano
9. Colleen Goldsack
10. David Robert Andricsak, Rose Kletz, Alice Marshal
11. Clara Weill, William McCoy
12. Dorothy Kenvin
13. Marianne Salanik
16. Caroline Chandler Hewett
17. Marian Crooler, Patricia Anne Miller
19. Joseph G. Hoff Sr., John Agins
21. Mary Rozenberger
22. Claire Rokisky
23. Mary Beth Ferris
24. Raymond Frazer, Sr., James Streeter
25. Walter Ivas
29. Sylvia Foo-Ying



November 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 ***ALL SAINTS*** *8am, Eucharist* *10:15, Eucharist & Holy Baptism* ***Loose Change Sunday*** *5pm Evening Prayer*	**2** *12:30-1:30, All Recovery Meeting* *ECW 7pm meeting* *8pm, AA Meeting*	**3** *7pm, Eucharist* 	**4**	**5** *10am, Eucharist; Mary & Martha* *7:15pm Choir*	**6** ***Fr. Ron's Day off***	**7** *9am, Clothes Closet*
8 ***Pentecost 24 Proper 27A*** *8am, Eucharist* *10:15, Eucharist;* *3pm Blessing of the animals*	**8** *12:30-1:30, All Recovery Meeting* *8pm, AA Meeting*	**10** *7pm, Eucharist*	**11** *7pm Vestry Mtg* 	**12** *10am, Eucharist; Mary & Martha Guild* *7:15pm Choir*	**13** ***Fr. Ron's Day off***	**14** *11am, PowWow*
15 ***Pentecost 25 Proper 28A*** *8am, Eucharist* *10:15, Eucharist;*	**16** *12:30-1:30, All Recovery Meeting* *8pm, AA Meeting*	**17** *7pm, Eucharist*	**18**	**19** *10am, Eucharist; Mary & Martha Guild* *7:15pm, Choir*	**20** ***Fr. Ron's Day off***	**21** *9am, Clothes Closet* *11am, Vendor Fair*
22 ***Christ the King Proper 29A*** *8am, Eucharist* *10:15, Eucharist*	**23** *12:30-1:30, All Recovery Meeting* *8pm, AA Meeting*	**24** *7pm, Eucharist*	**25**	**26** *9am, Thanksgiving Day Eucharist;*	**27** ***Fr. Ron's Day off*** ***Office Closed***	**28**
29 ***Advent 1 Proper 1B*** *8am, Eucharist* *10:15, Eucharist*	**30** *12:30-1:30, All Recovery Meeting* *8pm, AA Meeting* **Saint Andrew The Apostle**					



St. John's in Somerville, Leadership

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Mary & Martha Guild

Fr. Ron, convener

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