

# St. John's Announcements

July 3, 2002 - Happy 4<sup>th</sup> of July!

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Old Glory!



Today, we worship in St. John's Memorial Garden. It is a beautiful, reflective space to visit and pray. Many throughout the week come to call. Some visit their loved ones, others use the place to sit and meditate, some walk their dogs through the meditation path, and others just come to say a quick prayer. Beginning with the pandemic, regular church services were held here. Before I arrived, I was told that the parish was interested in carrying on this tradition. Today represents a start for that. We will be returning to worship here later this month.

Outdoor worship was something I had done before, but it was almost always linked to youth or animal related liturgies. When COVID hit, I began leading regular worship outside as St. John's also did. I enjoyed it more than I thought I would. While it is true that gusts of wind can play havoc with communion wafers, I feel the sounds and images of the natural world preach their own take on the gospel. I hope you all find this to be a prayerful experience.

Blessings,  
Marc

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Brunch with Rev. Marc

Berry Breakfast

## REMINDERS

Prayer requests can be emailed to  
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Has your mailing address, phone number or email address changed? Please email updates to  
[cmorin@stjohnsvernont.org](mailto:cmorin@stjohnsvernont.org)

Please help keep our pantry stocked. Non-perishable items are always accepted.

## Coffee Hour

There will be no coffee hour after 9am service today.

## Brunch with Fr. Marc

Back by popular demand! Rev. Marc will be hosting brunches in July on the following Thursdays at 10:30am - 7<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>. There will be a Sunday brunch on the 17<sup>th</sup> at 11:15am located in the Undercroft. The other brunches will be in the Lower Parish Hall. Please email Christina Morin to RSVP.

## Berry Breakfast

Immediately following the 10:00 am service on July 10<sup>th</sup>, we will have a special berry filled breakfast in the Lower Parish Hall. While lots of berry topped waffles and other treats will be available, parishioners may bring a brunch dish of their own if they feel so moved. A sign-up sheet will be in the narthex. If you would like to assist with the event please speak to Fr. Marc or Christina.

## Fun Summer Events for Children

While Sunday School is out for the summer, that does not mean that there is nothing going on for the children of St. John's. On **Sunday July 10<sup>th</sup>**, we will have the **Berry Breakfast** mentioned above. On **July 24<sup>th</sup>**, we will have a **water balloon toss** immediately following the 10:00am Eucharist. On **August 21<sup>st</sup>**, we will have our first annual **Slip 'n' Slide Sunday** in the front field. Adults are welcome to join us. **August 28<sup>th</sup>** will be **Ice Cream Sunday** which features Fr. Marc's homemade ice cream. We also would love to see pictures of you and your adventures with Flat Jesus. Please send any pictures you take to Christina Morin.

## Durable medical equipment

As you've all heard Maria will no longer be serving as St. John's parish nurse. One of her tasks was overseeing a variety of durable medical equipment that parishioners could borrow. These items include but are not limited to walkers, shower chairs, raised toilet seats and more. To inquire about borrowing or even donating an item you may now contact Chris Emery at 860-593-3176 (call or text) or send an email to happyreader2016@gmail.com.

## Men's Ministry

Men's Ministry meeting will be on **Wednesday, 7/13** in the Church Undercroft from 6:30 to 8 pm. All men of St. John's (and their guests) are invited. We will have a short business meeting, followed by a short prayer service, and then continue our study of the SSJE Fruits of the Spirit podcast or the Bishop Rob Wright - For People devotional series. Come join us in fellowship and help us plan our next project.

## Newspapers Needed

The Ellington Community Theatre is putting on the musical Newsies this summer. They need newspapers for the show! There will be a box in the Narthax to put them in.

### HOW CAN I HELP? WHERE DO I RSVP?

Brunch with Rev. Marc - Christina Morin  
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### This week's Birthdays and Anniversaries!

#### Happy Birthday to:

Polly Schaefer

#### Happy Anniversary to:

Sid and Bethany Chanthavisouk  
Linda and Wes Shorts