

# St. John's Announcements

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Today, we celebrate the Feast of the Presentation, usually called Candlemas. Candlemas is one of our earliest feast days. There is clear evidence of the feast taking place in the 4<sup>th</sup> century, and it may go back further than that. The feast is an important marker in our liturgical season. Since the liturgical year began at the beginning of Advent, our feasts and commemorations have been based on the Christmas cycle. Candlemas, whose day is properly February 2<sup>nd</sup>, is forty days after Christmas and commemorates Mary's purification following the rules found in Leviticus and Jesus' presentation in the temple. Candlelight processions were an early part of the feast recognizing that Jesus is the light of the world and held up as both the "light of the nations" and the glory of Israel. After today, our focus will be on Easter. We will soon begin Lent, we will then celebrate Eastertide, with Pentecost following. We then count our Sundays from there. Even the gospel text holds us in a middle place. Simeon praises the birth of a savior in the *Nunc dimittis* while immediately following it with a warning to Mary that "a sword will pierce her own soul".

Blessings, *Marc*

## UPCOMING EVENTS:

Open Forum - 2/12

Wednesday  
Eucharist - 2/8

Ash Wednesday - 2/22

CPR Training - 3/1

## Happy Anniversary!

Ron & Donna Lemay

## Happy Birthday!

Sheila Stupcenski

Carol Nelson

Ron Cronsell

Fay Flaherty

Jerry Kuhnly

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### Superbowl Challenge

Alfreda Barber and John Horan have thrown out a challenge to St. John's! If everyone brings in 1 item from the list of food below we could have over 100 items to stock our food pantry. Wouldn't that be INCREDIBLE! Please bring your items in by next Sunday, February 12<sup>th</sup>. Please contact John Horan or Alfreda Barber with questions. Let's make this a "touchdown" for our pantry!

List of Food items needed:

- Pasta, Pasta sauce, canned pasta meals
- Condensed soups
- Canned tuna in water
- Beans (black, kidney, white)
- Mac & cheese
- Canned fruit, Side dishes. (Knorr's, Rice A Roni)

### Daffodil Days

The American Cancer Society has begun its annual Daffodil Sale. You can purchase daffodils/tulips on Sunday, February 12<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>. Prices range from \$10-\$25. Checks can be made out to St John's and we will get one check to the ACS. Flowers will be delivered to St. John's for pick up on March 20<sup>th</sup>. Help support our Local Relay for Life. Please contact Alfreda Barber with questions.

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### Open Forum – Sunday, 2/12

There will be an open forum after the 10am service in the Lower Parish Hall. Contact Betsy Sartori with any questions. [betsy@stjohnsvernont.org](mailto:betsy@stjohnsvernont.org).

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### Wednesday Eucharist

There will be Eucharist on 2/8 @ 7:30pm

### Bible Study

Begins on Wednesday, 2/8 at 12noon. We will continue studying the Gospel of St. John. Please email Fr. Marc for Zoom link - [revmarc@stjohnsvernont.org](mailto:revmarc@stjohnsvernont.org).

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### Ash Wednesday – 2/22

There will be two services – 12pm and 7pm.

### CPR Training

As you all know, the importance of CPR training has been in the news a good deal over the past few weeks. A few years ago, we ran a CPR class here at St John's and seven people took advantage of this training. I'm pleased to announce that St John's will once again be hosting a CPR/AED class taught by a certified EMS and CPR instructor from the Tolland Fire Department, on **Wednesday, March 1st, at 6:00pm in the Lower Parish Hall**. This will be the American Heart Association CPR AED Heartsaver course and will cover performing adult, child, and infant CPR, as well as how to use an AED. This is especially important because the church has an AED but very few know how to use it. The cost of the training will be \$30 per person and you will receive a certification that is good for two years. If you would like to sign up for this class, please provide me with your name, phone number and email address by Wednesday, February 22. Payment details will be provided later. It can't be stressed enough how important it is to know CPR. It's not difficult and you could very well save a life! If you have any questions, feel free to contact me. Steve Filipek.

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