## St. John's Announcements

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Manchester Troop 27 is sponsored by our parish. They held an Eagle Scout Court of Honor for seven scouts this past Sunday at Camp Webster.



This is a very important time of year for many of our young people. For our children, they are nearly out of school. Our Confirmation Class is wrapped up for the summer, and today is the last day of Sunday School. For our young adults, many have recently graduated from college with many more graduating from high school. East Hartford High School had their graduation on June 6th, Ellington High School on June 7th, Rockville and Manchester High School graduates June 12th, and Tolland High School graduates the 14th. Our joy and prayers go to all the graduates and their families. I always council patience to graduates and those who love them. It takes more than 18 years to fully grow up. Many of us are still working on it. Blessings, *Marc* 

## **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

6/9 - Eucharist @ 10:30am

6/9 - Bible Study @ 12:30pm

6/13 - Book Group @ 6:30pm

6/15 - Zoe's Fairytale Summer Concert @ 7pm

## Happy Birthday!

Margaret Mullen

## Happy Anniversary!

David & Evelyn Clarke
Rev. Virginia & Dr. Tom Army
Laurie & Shawn Somma
Rev. Ben & Dr. Linda Brockman
Pamela & William Sargent

Wednesday Eucharist - The Wednesday Eucharist has been growing throughout the year, and for the first time in my years as a priest, we are going to keep it going throughout the summer. That also means that we will continue to have our monthly healing service the first Wednesday of the month. Our Wednesday Eucharist is a simple "said mass" that is shorter than our Sunday worship, but it is a great way to supplement your prayer life and receive the sacrament in a more intimate setting. If you have never attended a Wednesday liturgy, I encourage you to do so especially if you are going away for the weekend.

**Pig Roast BBQ Dinner** – The Men's Ministry cordially invites you to the 2024 Pig Roast BBQ Dinner on Saturday, June 22<sup>nd</sup> @ 5:30pm inside St. Mary's Hall. Suggested ticket donations are: Adult dinner - \$15/ Child Dinner - \$10/ Family Dinner - \$30. Proceeds and donations will go to Cornerstone Soup Kitchen, MACC, and St. Vincent's Center in Haiti. We hope to see you there!

**Book Group -** Book Group will be reading the following through the summer. We hope you will come discuss your thoughts with fellow parishioners. Here's what we are reading and meeting dates:

| Meeting Date            | Book Title | Author  |
|-------------------------|------------|---------|
| June 13 <sup>th</sup> @ |            |         |
| 6:30pm                  | The        | Kristin |
| Upper Parish Hall       | Women      | Hannah  |

**Yoga Classes Update -** 6/11 from 5:30-6:30 will be the last of the Tuesday evening yoga for a bit. There will be NO yoga on 6/20.

St. John's Summer Concert - Saturday June 15, 2024, 7 p.m. at St. John's. Benefit Concert for the Cornerstone Food Pantry, and IFAW.org rescuing animals in Brazil's most recent floods, featuring ZOE's MUSICAL FAIRY TALE, with 8 singers, flute, narrator, and two pianos Tickets are a suggested donation of \$20. ZOE's MUSICAL FAIRY TALE (story, poetry, lyrics, and music by Zoe Vandermeer) Compared to Phantom of the Opera, Into the Woods, Secret Garden, Harry Potter, and Narnia, Zoe's You are invited to hear this magical work that Zoe created featuring St. Johns' members: Mary Chesley, narrator, Lily LaCaprucia-Hull as The Good Witch and Goddess of the Deep, soprano, Kimmie Farrell, flute and, Zoe Vandermeer as The Mother, Goddess of the Deep, etc., soprano, piano, composer/author, Maestro Steven Crawford, piano (Metropolitan Opera, international opera conductor), with Zoe's students: TaeKeira Jackson as Serafina, soprano, Elizabeth Boucher as Le Rossignol, soprano Sabrina Brooks as The Ghost, soprano, George Quach as Sean/Zhong, tenor Shane Dwy as the Guard and the Cruel King, tenor, Gregory Hunt as the Cruel King, tenor The concert features musical and poetical excerpts from the complete two act show. Refreshments to follow in St. Mary's Hall. Hope to see you there!

The Book of Judges: Moral and Spiritual Decline in the Leadership of Ancient Israel - Join the Rev. Marc in a study and discussion of the Book of Judges. The meetings will take place in **St. Mary's** Hall at 9:00am on Sunday mornings from June 9<sup>th</sup> through the 23<sup>rd</sup>. Topics to include: June 9<sup>th</sup> - The Good Judges. June 16<sup>th</sup> - The Downward Spiral. June 23<sup>rd</sup> - "Everyone did what they wanted in their own eyes." I hope you can join us.

Camp Washington Sunday - Thank you all who donated during our first annual Camp Washington Sunday. Donations go to help more youth attend a church camp filled with summer swimming, canoeing, s'mores by the campfire all in safe space to be themselves out in nature and creating new relationships with self, others and God. If you would still like to donate, please earmark a check or envelope to Camp Washington and get it to Fr. Marc or treasurer, Kevin Fenner. If you would like more information about sending a young person to camp this summer please visit Camp Washington's website <a href="https://www.campwashington.org/give">https://www.campwashington.org/give</a>