

# St. John's Announcements

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A Monarch Butterfly Caterpillar



A note from Rev. Ben Brockman:

Last Sunday I stated that there were four women named in the lineage of Jesus in Matthew's Gospel . . . and there are . . . **in addition to** Mary, his mother. I forgot about Tamar, twice-widowed, who tricks her deceitful father-in-law Judah into impregnating her, and so continuing the line that leads to Jesus. (See <https://www.shadiahrichi.com/story-of-tamar-in-the-bible/> for a fine exposition of her story, told in Genesis 37-38.) It's a very messy story, and another dramatic reminder that God's grace prevails. My apologies to you who heard the sermon . . . and to Tamar!

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

8/6- Eucharist @  
10:30am - Healing  
Service

### Happy Birthday!

Marcia Horan  
John Palica  
Skylar Marshall  
Susan Morehouse  
Joe Pospisil  
Claudia Ayer  
Grover Cleveland  
Terri Sessions

### Happy Anniversary!

George & Alma Precourt  
Joanne & John Palica

**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.

**Holiday Weekend Services** – There will be one service on Sunday September 1<sup>st</sup> at 9am.

**Outdoor Services schedule –**

- 8/4 – 8am inside & streamed/10am outside
- 8/11 - 8am inside & streamed/10am outside
- 8/18 - 8am inside /10am inside and streamed
- 8/25 - 8am inside & streamed/10am outside

**\*Outside services will be in the Memorial Garden weather permitting**

**Women’s Group** – Women’s Group will resume meeting on the last Sunday of every month. If you have any questions – please contact Kelli Peters.

**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 date:

Meeting Date	Book Title	Author
August 15th @ 6:30pm Upper Parish Hall	The Many Lives of Mama Love	Lara Love Hardin

**Funeral Planning** – **August 11<sup>th</sup> at 9:00am** in St. Mary’s Hall. Father Marc will lead a discussion on funeral planning. Few parishioners have any documentation in the office, and we all want a proper liturgical good-bye, even if we are planning on being late to ours. Father Marc has extra availability to meet with individuals and families over the following two weeks to make arrangements.

**Feast of St. Mary** – **August 18<sup>th</sup> at the 8:00am and 10:00am** Eucharists. We will also host a special 8:00 service coffee hour in St. Mary’s Hall. Some historical items from St. Mary’s in Manchester will be on display. We will also have a special festive coffee hour after the 10:00 service. We will be flowering the cross, so parishioners are encouraged to bring flowers from their gardens for that purpose.

**Ice Cream Sunday** – On **August 25<sup>th</sup>, after the 10:00am Eucharist**, we will have a special coffee hour that will include Father Marc’s homemade ice cream. It is a special treat you will not regret.

**Yoga at St. John’s is moving to the evenings!!!** Starting in September (date TBD), Yoga at St. John’s will be in the evenings now. Whether you were coming in the morning or have yet to get back on your mat with fellow parishioners of all ages and experience, we’d love to practice together. Please complete [this Google survey](#) (link also below) so we can choose the best evening for all. Feel free to reach out via email with any questions. Melissa Fenner [kandmfenner@comcast.net](mailto:kandmfenner@comcast.net)

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