

# St. John's Announcements

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Happy Labor Day!



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While the summer is winding down and with our summer programming finished, I thought I would take a moment to offer my thanks to all who make these grounds and gardens so beautiful. We have a very dedicated group who mow and trim the lawn, water and care for our flowers, and work the dirt, plant, weed, and harvest our vegetables. Our grounds are lovely and are enjoyed by many throughout the week. I also thank the many people who worked hard to allow us to worship outside in the memorial garden. While it is often pleasant to be outside, we do not really have an outdoor chapel. We have an outdoor altar, and there is a difference. Our equipment, chairs, and altar pieces need to be moved to the memorial garden and then taken down again each and every week. We rely on the expertise of Andrew Halpryn. We need the altar guild to make the space work when there is not always a one to one equivalency for items. I thank Zoe Vandermeer for being a good sport playing a keyboard on uneven ground instead of a Steinway piano. I also thank the whole congregation for worshipping through the summer. Those prayers are important. Churches that essentially close up for the summer have a real spiritual deficiency. I appreciate your willingness to show your love of God and each other throughout the year.

Blessings,

**Marc**

## UPCOMING EVENTS:

9/4- Eucharist @  
10:30am

## Happy Birthday!

Earlene Averett  
Rev. Karen Fedorchak  
Patricia Mahnke  
Marta Palombo  
Peter Ferlazo

## Happy Anniversary!

Marc & Maureen Toth



**Nominating Committee Meeting** – Sunday, 9/29 at 9am in St. Mary’s Hall there will be a meeting to discuss the nominations. This meeting is open to all parishioners.

**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
September 12th @ 6:30pm Upper Parish Hall	Braiding Sweetgrass	Robin Wall Kimmerer

**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.

**Lunch Bunch is back!** – Please join us on Thursday, Sept. 12<sup>th</sup> at 12pm for our potluck luncheon. Bring your favorite casserole, side dish or ready to made food to share with fellow parishioners. Drinks and dessert will be provided. Diane Gutzmer and Chris Emery are excited to share this ministry and look forward to seeing everyone!

**Homecoming Sunday** - Everyone please join us on Sunday, Sept. 15th for a barbecue to commemorate our ‘Homecoming Sunday’. Originally named for beloved parishioner Bill Winterton, Pre-COVID, this was an annual occasion to welcome back our summer travelers, and our kids back to Sunday school; it’s a great way to reconnect with each other and enjoy some fellowship before the hustle and bustle of the holiday season and the very busy liturgical calendar. We have so much to celebrate as a parish. Let’s do it together, Sept 15. Welcome back!”

**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