

St. John's Announcements

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Praying Mantis saying Hello!



The Solemnity of the Holy Cross

Holy Cross Day is celebrated every year in the middle of September. It marks the anniversary of the dedication of the Church of the Holy Sepulcher in Jerusalem on September 14th, 335. This church is built on the sites of both the crucifixion of Jesus and the burial tomb. The cross is not the earliest Christian symbol, but it is still attested to as being used in worship by Church Fathers Tertullian and Justin Martyr. In the field of archeology, we have an older attestation of the cross used in worship. In the year 79, there was an altar in the destroyed city of Pompeii that has an imprint of a cross in the plaster just above it. The cross itself seems to have been taken off the wall shortly before the destruction of the city. It is theorized that the Christians departing the doomed city took the cross as they evacuated. Holy Cross Day gives the church the opportunity to celebrate the cross as a symbol of Christ's victory over death. Good Friday needs to remain focused on the sacrifice that Christ made, so the tone is solemn and reflective. Holy Cross Day, can focus on the power and triumph of Christ with the cross turning from a symbol of cruel torture and death to one of hope and resurrection.

Blessings,

Marc

UPCOMING EVENTS:

9/15 - Homecoming
Cookout @ 5:30pm

9/16 - Vestry Meeting
@ 7pm

9/18- Eucharist @
10:30am

9/18 - Bible Study @
12:30pm

9/22 - Creation Care
Sunday

Happy Birthday!

Anne Willette
Cheryl Abbott
Douglass Marshall
Ralph Sullivan

Happy Anniversary!

Sylvia & Richard Armogida
Christina & Russell Amende
Reginia & Walter Kustwan



Creation Care Sunday - Sunday September 22nd will be celebrated as Creation Care Sunday. This will be a time to pray and reflect on our environment and draw attention to environmental issues and ministries. As has been encouraged in the past, the congregation is challenged to walk, bike, or carpool to church that morning. Our environment is a creation of God, and it needs our prayers. The prophet Micah so beautifully wrote that “God has shown you, O mortal, what is good. And what does the LORD require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.” Since the early monastic movement nearly two thousand years ago, part of walking humbly with God is living a simple life. A simple life is good for the soul and good for the environment. Join us next week for a special “green” Sunday.

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

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!”

Sunday Church School - will resume at the 10:00am service on “Homecoming Sunday,” September 15th. Parents/guardians can register their children at any time. We are excited this year to be expanding our Church School program and will have two classes based on the child’s age. For more information, please talk with Alfreda at a Sunday service or email cmorin@stjohnsvernonct.org

Bible Study – Our Bible Study on the Acts of the Apostles continues this coming Wednesday at 12:30pm in St. Mary’s Hall. All are welcome from those who love to read scripture to those who have never read a word of Acts in their lives. We have a great group with lively conversation. If you are not able to come in person, that is just fine. Every Wednesday Bible study is hybrid. If you would like a zoom link, please contact Father Marc.