St. John's Announcements

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Diocesan Convention

Last week, the Episcopal Church in Connecticut came together for our diocesan convention. We met at the newly built Bristol Event Center. Over four hundred delegates from around the state came to pass a budget, elect leaders, and to discuss proposed resolutions. The resolutions that relate most closely to our lived experience are the six merging parishes: Good Shepherd in Shelton, Immanuel - St. James in Derby, St. Paul's in Fairfield, St. Timothy's in Fairfield, St. Mark's in New Britain, and St. James Parish in Farmington. All three mergers have different starting places and goals, but they are all seeking to find a way forward in the worship of a loving God while participating in God's mission in their communities. I would ask that you pray for these communities this morning. Merging and saying goodbye to a property (even if it isn't going to be sold, as in one case) is hard. Change is hard no matter the circumstances. These merged communities are excited for the future, and I pray this enthusiasm working with the power of the Spirit will sustain them for years to come.

Blessings.

Marc

UPCOMING EVENTS:

11/6- Eucharist @ 10:30am

11/6 - Bible Study @ 12:30pm

Happy Birthday!

Jackie Petrizzo Russell McClelland Sally Vaughn Tyler Stanley Happy Anniversary! Richard & Susan Loalbo

Diane & Bill Gutzmer

Bible Study – Our Bible Study on the Acts of the Apostles continues this coming Wednesday at 12:30pm in St. Mary's Hall. Every Wednesday Bible study is hybrid. If you would like a zoom link, please contact Father Marc.

Tree of Light – Join us in making our Tree of Light shine bright this holiday season. Order forms will be in the back of the church. Due date for forms is **Sunday, November 17**th. Please contact Linda Borovicka with any questions.

Gift Card Sales - Sale begins now and last day to put in orders is December 8th. Gift cards will be delivered on 12/15. Order forms are on the table in the Narthex. Please hand in your orders along with a check made payable to St. John's Episcopal Church. You can give your order to Lois Valliere at the 8am service and Bill Francis at the 10am service. You can also drop your order at the office or call Bill Francis to arrange a pick-up – 860-836-6748. Please remember those amongst us who are challenged with grocery insecurity.

Bazaar Basket Table- Looking for some help with a few items to complete the basket table. They are: 2 kids bubble bath, 8 cat treats, English tea bags, blueberry muffin mix, a jar of blueberry jelly or jam, transparent scotch tape, and small and large spools of ribbon. Also need a few more people to make a couple of baskets like tea, coffee, hot chocolate or any other theme you would like. I can give you a basket, basket cover, a bow & a paper to write contents. Thank you, Terri Sessions 860.644.5892

Lunch Bunch – will meet Thursday, Nov. 7th at 12:00 in St. Mary's Hall. Please bring a hot or cold dish to share. Beverages and desserts are provided. All parishioners are invited. Contact Chris Emery 860-593-3176 if you have any questions. Hope to see you there!

Ushers for 10am service - We need two additional ushers for the 10 o'clock service. Please contact Skip Sutcliffe at 860-978-0091 or <u>jw9714@yahoo.com</u> if you would be willing to serve one Sunday a month in this important but low-key ministry

Offertory Envelopes - In order to conserve resources in 2025, please let us know if you would prefer monthly offering envelopes. You may contact the church office or drop a note in the offering plate.