

# St. John's Announcements

## December 22, 2024



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St. John's Episcopal Church – East Hartford



It is almost Christmas.

Just a quick note on our Christmastide services. On Christmas Eve, we have two Eucharists. The 5:00pm Eucharist is a boisterous family affair and will include a prelude with the choir. Our 10:30pm service is a more traditional “midnight mass”. It will have music and Christmas hymns. It will also include a candlelight vigil at the end of the service. Both of these services will be Rite II. On Christmas Day, we will have Christmas hymns with a traditional Rite I Eucharist at 9:00am. Bishop Laura will be celebrating the Eucharist with us that morning. On December 29<sup>th</sup>, we will have a single Rite I Eucharist at 9:00am. We will also have music and Christmas hymns, but the choir will get a well-deserved weekend off. On January 5<sup>th</sup>, we will finish the holiday season with a celebration of the Epiphany with services at both 8:00am and 10:00am. The 10:00am Eucharist will be assisted by the children of the parish.

Blessings,  
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### UPCOMING EVENTS:

#### Happy Anniversary!

Caleb & Sara Brownell  
Don & Betty Ellwood  
Donna & Karl Smith

#### Happy Birthday!

Carol Clayton  
David Galica  
Judith Ferlazo  
Lawrence Butler



**Lunch Bunch** - Lunch Bunch 2024 ended on a sad note (cancelation due to inclement weather) but with much enthusiasm we're looking ahead to 2025! Mark your calendar for **Thursday, January 9th** at 12:00, in the St. Mary's hall, as Lunch Bunch rings in the new year! Please bring a hot or cold dish to share and as usual beverages and desserts are provided. All parishioners are invited. Contact Chris Emery 860-593-3176 or Diane Gutzmer 860-875-1041 for more info.

**Nut Sales** – We're in the home stretch...you still have time to purchase stocking stuffers, gifts or replenish your own supply! Call or text Nancy Simon at 860-978-0198 or email [nancysimon@att.net](mailto:nancysimon@att.net) to place an order. Many thanks for your support this year.

Variety	Price	Pounds Still Available
Holiday White Chocolate Pretzel Trees	\$7.50/lb	5
Christmas Nonpareils	\$8.50/lb	1
Sliced Ginger	\$6.50/lb	1
Dark Chocolate Cranberries	\$8.50/lb	5
Milk Chocolate Raisins	\$6.50/lb	1
Supreme Shelled Almonds	\$7.50/lb	14
Fancy Mammoth Pecan Halves	\$9.50/lb	3
Americana Mix <sup>1</sup>	\$8.50/lb	4
Lovers Mix <sup>6</sup>	\$7.50/lb	13
Oriental Party Mix <sup>8</sup>	\$5.50/lb	8
Elf Mix <sup>9</sup> ***NEW	\$9.00/lb	9
Polar Bear Plunge <sup>10</sup> ***NEW	\$9.00/lb	11

**The Continued life of St. John's, East Hartford**

Beginning with the feast of St. Mary back in August, we will now regularly remember those communities of faith who have merged, or joined, with St. John's. We will celebrate these communities who still very much live on in the DNA of our current community. I like the idea of focusing on the feast day of the church, but even I am not so stubborn not to realize the challenges of St. John's feast day being December 27<sup>th</sup>. We will honor St. John's, East Hartford's life and vibrancy on Advent IV (this year December 22<sup>nd</sup>). On this day, we will show off a few of the artifacts of St. John's and I will be visiting the archivist at diocesan HQ to comb through their records. I hope you are able to come to a special coffee hour on December 22<sup>nd</sup> to see and hear some of the stories of this faithful community.

**Yoga** – There will be Yoga at 10am on Monday, December 30<sup>th</sup> in the Undercroft. There is NO YOGA on 12/24.

**Book Group** –will meet in the Undercroft on Thursday evenings from 6pm – 7pm. Please see Melissa Fenner with any questions.

**Christmas Service Schedule:**

- 12/24 - Christmas Eve Services: 5pm & 10:30pm
- 12/25 -Christmas Day Service: 9am with Bishop Laura

