St. John's Announcements
February 9, 2025

Fr. Marc's Homemade Crepes

A big thanks to everyone who participated in the Crepe Fundraiser. We grossed $547 during an enjoyable morning of snacking for a cause. The proceeds will be sent to Episcopal Relief and Development's efforts to assist those who suffered from the terrible fires in Southern California. Thank you again for your generosity. I also thank the cub scouts from Pack 221 for being my serving assistants. They did a great job.

Crepes are the official food for the feast of Candlemas. As you can see in the picture, their speckled brown marks with their circle shape reminded people of the light of a candle. I strongly believe in connecting what we are doing in church with broader Christian culture over the centuries. We will have another chance to do this on Shrove Tuesday (March 4th) when we will have a big pancake breakfast. The connection here, similar to French traditions of Mardi Gras, is a final celebration with buttery foods before the start of Lent.

Blessings, *Marc*

UPCOMING EVENTS:
2/12 – Eucharist @ 10:30am
2/12 – Bible Study @12:30pm
2/13 – Lunch Bunch @ 12:15pm

Happy Anniversary!
Mary Ann & Peter Harting
Carole & Ron Cronsell

Happy Birthday!
Lenny Lavalette

Mark your calendar, Lunch Bunch will meet on Thursday, February 13th at 12:15, in St. Mary's hall. 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.

Blood Drive - We will again host an American Red Cross Blood Drive in St. Mary's Hall from 12-5 on February 20, 2025. Visit https://www.redcrossblood.org/ to make an appointment to donate! We will also be doing our usual gastronomic welcome by providing an array of goodies for donors posts-donation. If you would like to help in that regard, please contact Mary Ann Harting (marski476@gmail.com).