

# St. John's Announcements

## May 3, 2026



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The Renewal of Ministry last Sunday was a big success. I thank everyone who made it so. I especially want to thank Elaine Anderson and Joanne Palica who organized a beautiful reception and handled many other aspects of the planning. I thank Zoe Vandermeer for helping put together a beautiful liturgy. I thank the choir and all the musicians for really making the day special. I do not think I have ever heard the congregation sing that strongly. I thank Bishop Mello for his words of wisdom and his fine sermon. While we might not be able to do this every week, as some of our parishioners requested, I am proud of the way St. John's came together to make this all happen as well as it did. This is a special congregation. Between the Renewal Celebration and the accessibility project, we have proven that St. John's can accomplish big things. I look forward to seeing St. John's meet the next challenge. I just hope it has nothing to do with water.

Blessings,  
Marc

### UPCOMING EVENTS IN ST. MARY'S HALL

5/6 - Wednesday  
Eucharist with Healing  
Service @ 10:30am

5/6 - Wednesday  
Bible Study @ 12:30pm



**Pledge Status** - Dear Friends: As of this week we have received 67 pledges for 2026, compared to the 111 pledges we had in 2025. As a result, the total pledged amount is about 40% below our 2025 offering total and the 2026 faith-based budget amount. This shortfall will significantly impact our ongoing mission and ministry if not addressed. If you have not yet sent in a pledge for 2026, please consider doing so now. If you need a pledge card contact the church office or call me at 860-978-0091.

Skip Sutcliffe, Senior Warden

**Buildings and Grounds** - Our Building and Grounds people will be here every Friday @ 9am.

**Lunch Bunch** - Lunch Bunch will be on **Thursday, May 7th**. Beverages and dessert are provided. If you are able, please bring a dish to share. Thank you! Bill & Marsha Francis.

**“Gifts from Jerusalem” will be visiting St. John’s on May 3rd**, to offer Olive Wood hand carvings for sale in St. Mary’s Hall after both the 8:00am and 10:00am Eucharists. The Awad family came to the United States from their home city of the Nativity (Bethlehem) last September. They were seeking safety during the dramatic political instability of the past few years. They are here on mission supported by several local churches and civic organizations from the Holy Land. They seek to serve and promote the artwork of more than 200 Catholic families who have been there for centuries, carving Olive Wood souvenirs to sell to pilgrims who come to visit the ancient churches and sites in the Holy Land. “Gifts from Jerusalem” proceeds help these Christian families earn their living with dignity and help the Holy Land not be emptied of Christians. The items they have made are a perfect gift for any occasion and especially the upcoming Mother’s Day. Your generous support is greatly appreciated. They accept all kinds of payments.

**Deuterocanonical Bible Study**

On Wednesdays we will be studying some of the Deuterocanonical texts. If you have always wondered what those funny books in the middle of your Bible are, come and see on Wednesdays at 12:30 pm. Sessions will be in-person and through Zoom. Please let Fr. Marc know if you need a zoom link.