

# St. John's Announcements

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Happy Mother's Day!



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## Rogation Sunday Visitor



We have another busy Sunday at St. John's. We will be celebrating three baptisms at the 10:00am Eucharist. It is also Rogation Sunday. The Latin word *rogare* – "to ask" gives the observance its name. We are encouraged to ask God for what we need. There are few things we need more than quality food and water, so Rogation Day quickly became associated with praying for farms, gardens, wells, and rivers. It is a time to give thanks for the beauty and fruitfulness of the earth. This past Lent, our parish series concentrated on the environment. I asked the group to write some Rogation Day prayers, and we will be praying them at the first station of the Rogation Day procession. Parishioners are also encouraged to bring in a cup of dirt from their garden or farm and place it in the holy wheelbarrow we will have in the narthex. We will bless the dirt, and you are invited to bring that blessed dirt home. We will also say prayers over the organic garden and the memorial garden. While Rogation Day has a focus on the land, we also take a moment to give thanks for all of the holy work we do. God blesses us through accountants, doctors, and teachers, as well as religious workers, farmers, and ranchers. Rogation Day is a good time to pray for meaningful labor. I give thanks for all the labor through time and talent that you offer the parish. While the work you do harvesting in our organic garden, serving food at Cornerstone, or serving at the altar are all direct ministries of the church, the church also goes where you go. When you are taking care of children, family members in need, or working at the grocery store, you are doing God's work. You are the church in action, and I am grateful for it.

Blessings, Marc

## UPCOMING EVENTS IN ST. MARY'S HALL

5/13 - Wednesday  
Eucharist @ 10:30am

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Bible Study @ 12:30pm

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**Pledge Status** - Dear Friends: As of this week we have received 70 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. The committee meets on the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of each month at 5:30pm.

**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.