

St. John's Announcements

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Undercroft Clean Out!



This Sunday will be celebrated as the Feast of St. Mary. After a long stretch of ordinary time, it is nice to have a big party. One way we do that liturgically is by having some special music at the 10:00am Eucharist. Brittany Cusack will be our guest vocalist. She has a beautiful voice that I think you will really appreciate. We also will be flowering the cross at both the 8:00am and 10:00am Eucharists. This is a wonderful tradition that is a liturgical symbol of St. John's priorities. We believe in the Good News that Jesus Christ was crucified, died, and was resurrected - defeating the forces of injustice and death. That cross was a symbol of fear, death, and intimidation. It was one of the most terrifying symbols of the power of the state. Through his resurrection, Jesus turns that cross into a symbol of defiance, victory, and life. Carrying the beauty of God's creation into our worship space to bring life to a simple wooden cross is an inspiring and hopeful message. Prayer is also much bigger than the ways we usually discuss it. The process of seeking the right flower to bring, carefully transporting it, and then placing it on the cross in front of others as a public witness, is all a form of prayer. We can pray with our hands and our feet as well as with our lips. This is also a Sunday when we give thanks for the continued life and witness of St. Mary's Episcopal Church in Manchester. The faith and mission continue on in some amazing ways. I look forward to seeing you all as we celebrate this special feast. Blessings, Marc

UPCOMING EVENTS IN ST. MARY'S HALL

8/19 - Wednesday
Eucharist @ 10:30am.

Ice Cream Social – Enjoy some homemade ice cream after the 10am service on Sunday, 8/30.



TROOP 2

EAGLE SCOUT SERVICE PROJECT ★★

COMMUNITY CLOTHING DRIVE

Led by Life Scout Jonathan Turner

Supporting families, reducing textile waste, and helping teens shine at prom

ITEMS ACCEPTED

 Clothing for all ages

 • Gently used **Dresses & Suits** for Prom

 Worn / Damaged Clothing for Recycling



HOW TO DONATE

 Use Two Bags: Usable Clothing & Recycle Only
  Label Bags Clearly
  Pack Items Neatly



DROP-OFF / PICKUP

 St. John's Episcopal Church Parking Lot
  523 Hartford Turnpike, Vernon, CT
  May 30, June 27, July 18, & August 29 • 10 AM ~ 12 PM



WHY IT MATTERS

Helping local families & teens while reducing textile waste

★ A Scout is Helpful ★

