St. John's Announcements

November 15, 2026

860-872-0517
cmorin@stjohnsvernonct.org

Rainbow over St. John's



This coming Sunday concludes our holiday food drive. As you have probably seen on the news, our local food pantries are under a lot of stress. The cost of food has continued to rise, and Thanksgiving is almost here. I ask you to consider bringing in some food this Sunday. Thanks to everyone who brought in food already. Everyone at St. John's and our three local food pantries appreciate your generosity. Our various drives this year have been very successful, and that only happens because of your warm-heartedness. I am continually impressed by the impact that St. John's makes on our local community. I hope to see you on Sunday.
Blessings,
Marc

UPCOMING EVENTS IN ST. MARY'S HALL

11/18– Wednesday Eucharist @ 10:30am & Bible Study @ 12:30pm - **Undercroft**

11/21 Holiday Bazaar

St. Mary's Hall closed this week due to the Holiday Bazaar. All meetings will take place in the Undercroft.

Christmas Memorial Flowers – Order forms for Christmas flowers are located in the back of the church. Orders are due by Thursday, December 18th.

Mitten Tree – Please keep an eye out for the mitten tree! All donations will be given to MACC and Cornerstone. Thank you!

Baked Goods for Holiday Bazaar – Please consider baking something for the Holiday Bazaar! Baked goods need to be wrapped in clear plastic and labeled if nuts are included. Please drop off your baked goods on Friday, 11/20 by 7pm. Thank you!

Tree of Light - For the St. John' Episcopal Church 12th Annual Tree of Light, you may purchase a light, and a tag will hang on that light with the name of a loved one or friend. Lights are $2 each / 3 for $5 / or 6 for $10. We sell lights on the tree to honor, remember, and celebrate loved ones, and Linda Borovicka and her family make a tag with each name and decorate the fir tree by the walkway in front of St. Mary's Hall with lights and the tags. The money donated will go to World Central Kitchen. The Tree will be lit on November 29th and will be lit nightly through Epiphany 2027. Names and money are due by **Sunday, November 15th**. To purchase tags, please take a form in the Narthex and return to Linda Borovicka, Bethany Chanthavisouk, or Kimmie Farrell. Please make checks payable to St. John's Church with a memo of, "Tree of Light."

St John's will have a non-perishable Holiday Food Drive for the next three weeks. We will pass along the collected items to Cornerstone (Vernon), East Hartford social services, and MACC (Manchester). The need for food donations is always great this time of year. Below is a list of non-perishable food items requested by local pantries. Please consider donating some of them as you do your own grocery shopping. We encourage parishioners to place items in St. Mary's Hall. If that is not possible, there will be a collection cart in the Narthex. Thank you for your support.

Cereal
Chili / Canned Pasta, Beef Stew, Baked Beans
Canned Veggies
Peanut Butter / Jelly
Sugar, Flour
Pasta, Pasta Sauce in plastic jars or cans
Ramen Noodles, Rice-A-Roni, Instant Potatoes Knorr or rice side dishes
Chicken Noodle or Tomato Soup
Individual snack size packages of cookies

A Look at Joseph - Joseph is one of the great patriarchs in the Judeo-Christian tradition, but we do not get to spend much time with him in our Sunday lectionary cycle. For the next few weeks, I will be leading a look at this last of the Patriarchs found in Genesis. We will meet immediately following the 8:00am Eucharist this Sunday. All are invited to join us. No previous knowledge of Joseph is required for the discussion. We will meet in St. Mary's Hall.