St. John's Announcements

November 22, 2026

Happy Thanksgiving!

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Thank you to all who donated to the food drive!



This coming week we will be celebrating Thanksgiving. Thanksgiving is an important holiday with a religious theme that we can share with all Americans. We are called to practice gratitude every day, but taking an entire day to focus on what we are thankful for is an important annual exercise. We have two Thanksgiving services that you are invited to attend. On Thanksgiving morning at 9:00am in the church, Deacon Scott will lead morning prayer with a focus on the holiday. On Sunday, November 22nd we will have the annual Interfaith Thanksgiving Service held at Beth Sholom B'nai Israel synagogue in Manchester. This will take place at 4:00pm. In our tradition, Thanksgiving has been a time to think of others – especially the food insecure. Our Holiday Food Drive was a big success. Thank you all for your generosity and support. Thanks, too, to our parishioners who are in the process of delivering all of this food. I pray that you enjoy this holiday, whether it is with friends or family, watching a football game, or running the Manchester Road Race. Happy Thanksgiving!

Blessings,

Marc

UPCOMING EVENTS IN ST. MARY'S HALL

11/25– Wednesday
Eucharist @ 10:30am

11/26 – Thanksgiving Day Service @ 9am

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Multi-Faith Thanksgiving Service - Sunday, November 22, 2026 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM
Beth Sholom B'nai Israel - 400 East Middle Turnpike Manchester, CT
In preparation for the Thanksgiving holiday please come and join multiple faith groups as we explore community building one peace at a time. Our featured speaker will be Dr. Maria Cruz, our current Town Clerk in Manchester, with nearly 30 years of experience working for the State of Connecticut in various human services roles. Her subject will be building community, a topic to which she brings wisdom and experience garnered from her multiple decades of work with diverse communities and populations. Multi-media offerings will be delivered by clergy-persons, laypeople, artists, and performers. Sites and sounds will include those of scripture, poetry, drumming, music, art, and dance. Light refreshments will be served for all to share at the conclusion of the program.

Thanksgiving Day Service – Deacon Scott will lead Morning Prayer Thanksgiving morning at 9am.

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!

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.