

ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH AND SCHOOL  
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THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
PROPER 5

Sunday, June 7, 2026

8am & 10:30am

HOLY EUCHARIST



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# Welcome to St. John's Church

*We are a diverse faith community committed to carrying out Christ's mission in the world around us. We love the beauty of worship, and live into the faithful and constant commitment towards seeking social and economic justice and reconciliation among all peoples. We come from across the globe, with varied family configurations, educational backgrounds, occupations, interests, and talents and invite you to join us.*

*If you are visiting our church for the first time, please introduce yourself to an usher or a member of the Clergy. We have a small gift for you from the parish.*

*If you are seeking a spiritual home, please speak with the Clergy.*



## **Please join us for Coffee and fellowship following the worship service**

If you are a guest with us today, please know that you are welcome to enjoy fellowship, coffee, and tea with us in the Parish Hall following the service.

## **Children are welcome at all services**

If you have little worshipers with you today who might enjoy coloring, Play-Doh, or a Rubik's cube, these can be found at either entrance.

**The Nursery is open from 10:15am to 12pm for children age 5 and under.**

## SUNDAY @ ST. JOHN'S

8am	<i>Worship with Eucharist, no music, in the Sanctuary</i>
9:15am	<i>Adult Forum in the undercroft Meeting Room</i>
9:45am	<i>Holy Household Half-Hour, Intergenerational "Sunday school" in the Parish Hall</i>
9:45am	<i>Holy Play, Intergenerational faith formation for families with children 1st grade and under in the Nursery</i>
10:30am	<i>Worship with Eucharist and choir in the Sanctuary</i>

## COME JOIN US

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### TODAY

- Middle & High School Youth Group @ 12pm
- Newcomer's Coffee Hour @ 12pm
- Esther Deel Meeting @ 12pm
- Rockville Pride Festival @ 2-5pm

### MONDAY, JUNE 15

- Women of St. John's Potluck Dinner at Carol Oesch's @ 6:30pm

### WEDNESDAY, JUNE 17

- Vestry Meeting @ 6:30pm

### SUNDAY, JUNE 21

- Casserole Club Meeting @ 12pm

# HOLY EUCHARIST

10:30AM  
Prelude

*The people stand.*

10:30AM  
Hymn #401

The God of Abraham

1 The God of A - braham praise, who reigns en - throned a - bove;  
2 He by him - self hath sworn: we on his oath de - pend;  
3 There dwells the Lord, our King, the Lord, our Right - eous - ness,  
4 The God who reigns on high the great arch - an - gels sing,  
5 The whole tri - um - phant host give thanks to God on high;

1 An - cient of ev - er - last - ing days, and God of love;  
2 we shall, on ea - gle - wings up - borne, to heaven a - scend;  
3 tri - um - phant o'er the world and sin, the Prince of Peace;  
4 and "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly," cry, "Al - might - y King!  
5 "Hail, Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost!" they ev - er cry;

1 the Lord, the great I AM, by earth and heaven con - fessed:  
 2 we shall be - hold his face, we shall his power a - dore,  
 3 on Zi - on's sa - cred height his king - dom he main - tains,  
 4 Who was, and is, the same, and ev - er - more shall be:  
 5 hail, A - braham's Lord di - vine! With heaven our songs we raise;

we bow and bless the sa - cred Name for ev - er blest.  
 and sing the won - ders of his grace for ev - er - more.  
 and, glo - rious with his saints in light, for ev - er reigns.  
 e - ter - nal Fa - ther, great I AM, we wor - ship thee."  
 all might and ma - jes - ty are thine, and end - less praise.

Words: Thomas Olivers (1725-1799), alt. Music: *Leoni*, Hebrew melody; harm. *Hymns Ancient and Modern*, 1875, alt.

*Celebrant* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

*People* **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

## THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to his people on earth.  
Lord God, heavenly King,  
almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.  
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:  
receive our prayer.  
For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High,  
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

10:30AM

All creatures of our God and King

The musical score is written on three staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of text. The second staff contains the melody for the second line of text, including a fermata over the first note. The third staff contains the melody for the third line of text, ending with a double bar line. The lyrics are: "I All crea-tures of our God and King, lift up your voic-es, let us I sing: Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia! Bright burn-ing I sun with gold-en beams, pale sil-ver moon that gen-tly gleams,"

*Refrain*

O praise him, O praise him, Al - le - lu - ia,  
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

*The refrain may be sung antiphonally, by phrase; all join in the final Alleluia.*

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Music: *Lasst uns erfreuen*, melody from *Auserlesene Catholische Geistliche Kirchengeseng*, 1623; adapt. and harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)  
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## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

Let us pray.

O God, from whom all good proceeds: Grant that by your inspiration we may think those things that are right, and by your merciful guiding may do them; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*The people are seated.*

## Genesis 12:1-9

*Lector* A reading from Genesis.

Now the Lord said to Abram, “Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your

name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”

So Abram went, as the Lord had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. Abram took his wife Sarai and his brother’s son Lot, and all the possessions that they had gathered, and the persons whom they had acquired in Haran; and they set forth to go to the land of Canaan. When they had come to the land of Canaan, Abram passed through the land to the place at Shechem, to the oak of Moreh. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. Then the Lord appeared to Abram, and said, “To your offspring I will give this land.” So he built there an altar to the Lord, who had appeared to him. From there he moved on to the hill country on the east of Bethel, and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east; and there he built an altar to the Lord and invoked the name of the Lord. And Abram journeyed on by stages toward the Negeb.

The Word of the Lord.

*People*

**Thanks be to God**

### **Psalm 33:1-12**

- 1 Rejoice in the LORD, you righteous; \*  
it is good for the just to sing praises.
- 2 Praise the LORD with the harp; \*  
play to him upon the psaltery and lyre.
- 3 Sing for him a new song; \*  
sound a fanfare with all your skill upon the trumpet.
- 4 For the word of the LORD is right, \*  
and all his works are sure.

5 He loves righteousness and justice; \*  
the loving-kindness of the LORD fills the whole earth.  
6 By the word of the LORD were the heavens made, \*  
by the breath of his mouth all the heavenly hosts.  
7 He gathers up the waters of the ocean as in a water-skin \*  
and stores up the depths of the sea.  
8 Let all the earth fear the LORD; \*  
let all who dwell in the world stand in awe of him.  
9 For he spoke, and it came to pass; \*  
he commanded, and it stood fast.  
10 The LORD brings the will of the nations to naught; \*  
he thwarts the designs of the peoples.  
11 But the LORD's will stands fast for ever, \*  
and the designs of his heart from age to age.  
12 Happy is the nation whose God is the LORD! \*  
happy the people he has chosen to be his own!

### **Romans 4:13-25**

*Lector* A reading from Paul's letter to the church in Corinth.

The promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation. For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations") – in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become "the father of many nations,"

according to what was said, "So numerous shall your descendants be." He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. Therefore his faith "was reckoned to him as righteousness." Now the words, "it was reckoned to him," were written not for his sake alone, but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

The Word of the Lord.

*People*      **Thanks be to God.**

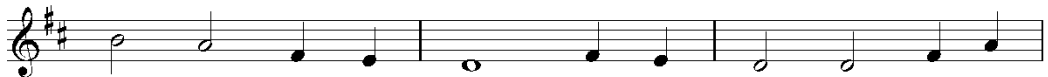
*The people stand.*

**Hymn #686**

Come, thou fount of every blessing



1 Come, thou fount of ev - ery bless - ing, tune my  
 2 Here I find my great - est trea - sure; hith - er,  
 3 Oh, to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly



heart to sing thy grace! Streams of mer - cy nev - er  
 by thy help, I've come; and I hope, by thy good  
 I'm con - strained to be! Let thy good - ness, like a



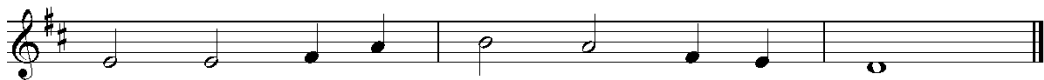
ceas - ing, call for songs of loud - est praise.  
 plea - sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home.  
 fet - ter, bind my wan - dering heart to thee:



Teach me some me - lo - dious son - net, sung by  
Je - sus sought me when a stran - ger wan - dering  
prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it, prone to



flam - ing tongues a - bove. Praise the mount! Oh, fix me  
from the fold of God; he, to res - cue me from  
leave the God I love; here's my heart, oh, take and



on it, mount of God's un - chang - ing love.  
dan - ger, in - ter - posed his pre - cious blood.  
seal it, seal it for thy courts a - bove.

Words: Robert Robinson (1735-1790), alt. Music: *Nettleton*, melody from *A Repository of Sacred Music, Part II*, 1813; harm.  
Gerre Hancock (b. 1934).

## The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew (9:9-13,18-26)

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ**

As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth; and he said to him, "Follow me."

And he got up and followed him. And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax collectors and sinners came and were sitting with him and his disciples. When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?" But when he heard this, he said, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. Go and learn what this means, 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' For I have come to call not the righteous but sinners."

While he was saying these things to them, suddenly a leader of the synagogue came in and knelt before him, saying, "My daughter has just died; but come and lay your hand on her, and she will live." And Jesus got up and followed him, with his disciples. Then suddenly a woman who had been suffering from hemorrhages for twelve years came up behind him and touched the fringe of his cloak, for she said to herself, "If I only touch his cloak, I will be made well." Jesus turned, and seeing her he said, "Take heart, daughter; your faith has made you well." And instantly the woman was made well. When Jesus came to the leader's house and saw the flute players and the crowd making a commotion, he said, "Go away; for the girl is not dead but sleeping." And they laughed at him. But when the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took her by the hand, and the girl got up. And the report of this spread throughout that district.

*People*      The Gospel of the Lord  
**Praise to you, Lord Christ**

**THE SERMON**

The Rev. Nancy Stockbridge

*The people stand.*

**The Nicene Creed**

**We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.  
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,**

God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father.  
Through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation  
    he came down from heaven:  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
    he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,  
    and was made man.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
    he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
    in accordance with the Scriptures;  
    he ascended into heaven  
    and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
    and his kingdom will have no end.  
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
    who proceeds from the Father and the Son.  
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.  
He has spoken through the Prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
    and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Form III

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;  
*People* **That we all may be one.**

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and  
humbly serve you;  
*People* **That your Name may be glorified by all people.**

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;  
*People* **That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and  
Sacraments.**

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations  
of the world;  
*People* **That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;  
*People* **That our works may find favor in your sight.**

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;  
*People* **That they may be delivered from their distress.**

Give to the departed eternal rest.  
*People* **Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;  
*People* **May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.**

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

For **Becky, Anne, Lois, Maxwell, Jere, Harry, Andrew, Aurora,  
Carole, Ivy, Steve, and Mary.**

*Silence*

*The people may add their own petitions silently or aloud.*

*Celebrant concludes with a collect.*

*Deacon* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

**Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Silence*



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**EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER B**

The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

*People* **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People* **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

**8AM**

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

10:30AM

# Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord


Richard Proulx



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,



heaven and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho -



san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.



Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -



san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Music: From *A Community Mass*; Richard Proulx (b. 1937). Copyright © 1971, 1977 GIA Publications, Inc.

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world.

In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

**We remember his death,  
We proclaim his resurrection,  
We await his coming in glory;**

*The Celebrant continues*

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, in the language closest to our hearts, we are bold to say,

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy Name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,**

하늘에 계신 우리 아버지여,  
이름이 거룩히 여김을 받으시오며,  
나라이 임하옵시며,  
뜻이 하늘에서 이룬 것같이  
땅에서도 이루어지이다.  
오늘날 우리에게 일용할 양식을 주옵시고,  
우리가 우리에게  
죄 지은 자를 사하여 준 것같이  
우리 죄를 사하여 주옵시고,  
우리를 시험에 들게 하지 마옵시고,  
다만 악에서 구하옵소서.  
대개 나라와 권세와 영광이  
아버지께 영원히 있사옵나이다. 아멘.

## **The Breaking of the Bread**

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.*

*A period of silence is kept.*

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
*People* **Therefore let us keep the feast.**

10:30AM

Fraction Anthem: Christ our Passover

Gerald Near

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.  
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Christ our Pass - ov - er is  
sac - ri - ficed for us; there - fore let us keep the feast.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Setting: Gerald R. Near (b. 1942)

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

*The people are seated.*

*Communion is offered to all who are called by Christ to participate. You can receive in both kinds, bread and wine or in just one. To receive communion, or a blessing, please come forward to the priest at the front of the altar. To receive bread, put your hands out, to receive wine, please drink from the chalice. To receive a blessing, cross your arms across your chest. Gluten-free host is available. Please make your needs known to the priest.*

*The people are seated.*

## **Sending Prayers for Eucharistic Visitors.**

*Deacon* In the name of God and this congregation, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood.

*People* **We who are many are one body because we all share one bread and one cup.**

### **Post Communion Prayer**

Let us pray.

*The people stand.*

*Celebrant and people.*

**Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom.**

**And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

### **The Blessing**

# Hymn #493

O for a thousand tongues to sing

1 O for a thou - sand tongues to sing my dear Re - deem - er's praise,  
2 My gra - cious Mas - ter and my God, as - sist me to pro - claim  
3 Je - sus! the Name that charms our fears and bids our sor - rows cease;  
4 He speaks; and, lis - tening to his voice, new life the dead re - ceive,  
5 Hear him, ye deaf; ye voice - less ones, your loos - ened tongues em - ploy;

1 the glo - ries of my God and King, the tri - umphs of his grace!  
2 and spread through all the earth a - broad the hon - ors of thy Name.  
3 'tis mu - sic in the sin - ner's ears, 'tis life and health and peace.  
4 the mourn - ful bro - ken hearts re - joice, the hum - ble poor be - lieve.  
5 ye blind, be - hold, your Sa - vior comes; and leap, ye lame, for joy!

6 Glory to God and praise and love  
be now and ever given  
by saints below and saints above,  
the Church in earth and heaven.

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788), alt. Music: *Azmon*, Carl Gotthilf Gläser (1784-1829); adapt. and arr. Lowell Mason (1792-1872).

## Dismissal

Let us go forth in the name of Christ

*People* Thanks be to God.

## Postlude

## TENDING GOD'S FLOCK

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*Use this list to pray and to show your love and concern for the sick, shut-in, bereaved, or those merely in need of prayer. If you wish to submit a name please contact the office at [accounting@stjec.org](mailto:accounting@stjec.org).*

*In case of pastoral emergency, please call 301-774-3619 or email [pastoralcare@stjec.org](mailto:pastoralcare@stjec.org)*

Becky Hast

Anne Frey

Lois Taylor

Maxwell A.

Jere Rowland

Harry Brooke

Andrew Erickson

Aurora

Carole

Ivy Choe-Branstetter

Steve Ruff

Mary Persinger



*This Sunday's altar flowers are given by Becky Hast  
"Remembering my husband,  
DALE HAST  
of 53 years and the life we shared together"*

*If you are ill for an extended period, are hospitalized, need a visit or Eucharist brought to you, want your home blessed, are celebrating a birth, adoption, or want specific prayers for any number of celebrations or sorrows, please email: [pastoralcare@stjec.org](mailto:pastoralcare@stjec.org).*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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- **NEWCOMER'S COFFEE HOUR**

All newcomers are invited to join us for a special Coffee Hour following the 10:30am service TODAY in the Parish Hall. This is a wonderful opportunity to meet the Rector and members of the Vestry, enjoy a cup of coffee, learn about St. John's, and get to know others in the parish community.

- **PRIDE FESTIVAL ROCKVILLE**

Celebrate Pride Month with a "crew" from St. John's at the annual Rockville Pride event THIS afternoon from 2-5pm, at Rockville Town Square, 131 Gibbs Street, Rockville. A few parishioners will be leaving from the church at 2pm OR you can meet the group at the festival at 2:30pm. The event is free, open to all ages, and wheelchair accessible.

- **WOMEN of ST JOHN'S**

Women of St. John's invite you to an in-person evening of food, fellowship, and fun at their potluck dinner on Monday, June 15, at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Carol Oesch. Please bring a favorite dish to share and enjoy a relaxed evening filled with good conversation, laughter, and friendship.

- **FOOD PANTRY NEEDS**

Food Pantry needs for this week include: Shelf Stable Milk (small) | Fruit Cups | Pudding Cups | Fresh Stack Crackers | Stuffing Mix | Peanut Butter | Jelly | Cake Mix | Frosting | Pancake Mix | Syrup | Beef Stew Chili | Manwich.

- **ALL STJEC BEANS AND RICE PACKING**

Hunger doesn't take a vacation, and our neighbors continue to rely on our beans and rice ministry throughout the summer months. We invite the entire parish community to join us as we pack beans and rice for the summer months on Sunday, June 28<sup>th</sup> at 12:15pm in the Parish Hall. Our youth group has kept our supplies stocked since January and will serve as team leaders on the 28th. A light lunch will be provided, and we will celebrate our work together with ice cream. To plan effectively, please let Deacon Nancy know you are coming or sign up in the Parish Hall during Coffee Hour - that way we have ice cream for YOU!

- **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL (VBS)**

Sign up for this year's VBS - "Journeys to the Holy." Early registration is important as it helps us plan appropriately for materials, staffing, and activities. Register online at [WWW.STJEC.ORG](http://WWW.STJEC.ORG).

2026 VBS



**JOURNEYS TO THE HOLY**

*The Outward, Inward, Upward,  
Downward Travels of Faith*

An all ages, all-parish Vacation Bible School exploring the meaning of pilgrimage and faith

Sun. July 26<sup>th</sup> - Wed. July 29<sup>th</sup>  
6-8:30pm each evening

REGISTER @  
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\*Includes dinner, Bible reflection, games, crafts, activities, laughter, learning, and a prayerful reflection.

- **WOMEN'S SHELTER DINNER MEAL PREP**

With joy and love, the people of St. John's will prepare a summer salad meal on Monday, June 22 for our sisters at the Women's Shelter on Crabbs Branch Way. We will meet in the St. John's kitchen at 3:45 pm to prepare the meal. A team will leave at 5:30pm to deliver and serve dinner at the shelter between 6-7pm. Please see Friday's Bell Tower to sign up for ingredients and roles that are needed for making the Summer Salad Dinner. Deacon Nancy or Shelley Spencer will be available during Coffee Hour to help with signing up and there will be an updated list available. Ingredients may be dropped off before the 22nd in the kitchen. ALL ingredients will be needed by 3:45 pm on Monday when we start making the salads. For more details, please contact Shelley Spencer at [sspencer38@gmail.com](mailto:sspencer38@gmail.com).



### **HELP SUPPORT VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

One of the ways we keep VBS affordable is through the generosity of parishioners who donate one or two items from our VBS Wish List. A complete list of items needed is available on Amazon. Please see Friday's Bell Tower for the link.

We also need the following:

- Empty rectangular tissue boxes
- Full newspapers (approximately 8-10 copies)

If you can purchase an item from the wish list from another vendor, please make sure it is of comparable quantity and quality, and let me know so I can mark it off the list. Thank you for helping make VBS a success!

Signup Genius for dinner supplies COMING SOON. Stay tuned!

# SERMON NOTES

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Andrew Hamill - *Treasurer*

Julie Metcalf - *Registrar*

Becky Hast, 2028 - *Jr. Warden, STJES*

Carolyn Schopp, 2028

Rob Schellhase, 2028 - *Parish Life*

Mark Glaudemans, 2029 - *Worship*

Francesco Paganini, 2029 - *STJES*

Mary Quinn, 2029 - *Stewardship*

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