

**ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH AND SCHOOL
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**THE LAST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
CHRIST THE KING
PROPER 29**

Sunday, November 20, 2022

8:00 & 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 and/or priest. 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 some 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-Do, or a Rubik's cube, these can be found at either entrance.

The Nursery is open from 8am to 12pm for children age 5 and under.

SUNDAY @ ST. JOHN'S

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| 8am | <i>Worship with Eucharist, no music in the Sanctuary</i> |
| 9am | <i>Adult Forum: Book & discussion group in the undercroft Meeting Room</i> |
| 9am | <i>Choir Rehearsal in the undercroft Choir Room</i> |
| 9:45am | <i>Holy Household Half-Hour, Intergenerational "Sunday school" in the Parish Hall</i> |
| 10:30am | <i>Worship with Eucharist and choir in the Sanctuary</i> |
| 12-1pm | <i>Middle & High School Youth Group in The Gathering Space upstairs</i> |
| 12-1pm | <i>Hand Bell Choir in the undercroft Choir Room</i> |
| 1-2pm | <i>Children's Choir in the undercroft Choir Room</i> |

HOLY EUCHARIST

10:30AM

Prelude: You Satisfy the Hungry Heart

Tucker

10:30AM

Opening Hymn: 494

Crown him with many crowns

Descant

5 Crown him the Lord of heaven, en - throned a - bove;

1 Crown him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on his throne; Hark!
2 Crown him the Son of God be - fore the worlds be - gan, and
3 Crown him the Lord of life, who tri - umphed o'er the grave, and
4 Crown him of lords the Lord, who o - ver all doth reign, who
5 Crown him the Lord of heaven, en - throned in worlds a - bove; Crown

Crown him with man-y crowns, as thrones be-fore him

1 wake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee, and
 2 ev - ery grief hath known that wrings the hu-man breast, and
 3 glo - ries now we sing who died, and rose on high, who
 4 lives in realms of light, where saints with an - gels sing their
 5 him with man - y crowns, as thrones be-fore him fall, crown

fall, crown him, ye kings, for he is King of all.

1 hail him as thy match-less King through all e - ter - ni - ty.
 2 takes and bears them for his own, that all in him may rest.
 3 died, e - ter - nal life to bring, and lives that death may die.
 4 songs be - fore him day and night, their God, Re - deem - er, King.
 5 him, ye kings, with man - y crowns, for he is King of all.

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People Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
 And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

Collect for Purity

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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.**

Wait for the Lord

Wait for the Lord, whose day is near.

Wait for the Lord: keep watch, take heart!

The image shows a musical score for two systems. Each system consists of a treble and bass staff. The first system has the lyrics 'Wait for the Lord, whose day is near.' The second system has the lyrics 'Wait for the Lord: keep watch, take heart!'. The music is in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first system ends with a repeat sign, and the second system also ends with a repeat sign.

Text: Isaiah 40, Philippians 4, Matthew 6:33, 7:7; Taizé Community, 1984
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The Collect of the Day

People The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in your well-beloved Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords: Mercifully grant that the

peoples of the earth, divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his most gracious rule; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Advent candle is lit

1. Kin - dle this flame of peace. May it burn bright and true.
2. God's realm is our de - sire, where peace and jus - tice reign.

The musical score is written for a two-part setting (Soprano and Bass) in 3/4 time, key of B-flat major. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with the lyrics written below the notes.

Light-ing the way that is of God, the jour - ney we pur - sue.
Hea - ven and earth com - bined as one, when Christ shall come a - gain.

The musical score continues the two-part setting, maintaining the same key and time signature. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with the lyrics written below the notes.

WORDS: Gary L. Lake Dillensnyder, 2009

TRENTHAM

MUSIC: Robert Jackson, 1888

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Heavenly Father, you call us to repent of our sins: soften our proud and stubborn hearts. Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, you declared the forgiveness of God: teach us to forgive one another. Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Holy Spirit, you search our hearts and show us the truth: direct us in your way of righteousness. Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Almighty God, who in Jesus Christ has given us a kingdom that cannot be destroyed, forgive you your sins, open you eyes to God's truth, strengthen you to do God's will and give you the joy of his kingdom, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Jeremiah 23:1-6

Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the Lord. Therefore thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the Lord. Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the Lord.

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: "The Lord is our righteousness."

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| | The Word of the Lord. |
| <i>People</i> | Thanks be to God |

Psalm 46

- 1 God is our refuge and strength, *
a very present help in trouble.
- 2 Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved, *
and though the mountains be toppled into the depths of the sea;
- 3 Though its waters rage and foam, *
and though the mountains tremble at its tumult.
- 4 The LORD of hosts is with us; *
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.
- 5 There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, *
the holy habitation of the Most High.
- 6 God is in the midst of her;
she shall not be overthrown; *
God shall help her at the break of day.
- 7 The nations make much ado, and the kingdoms are shaken; *
God has spoken, and the earth shall melt away.
- 8 The LORD of hosts is with us; *
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.
- 9 Come now and look upon the works of the LORD, *
what awesome things he has done on earth.
- 10 It is he who makes war to cease in all the world; *
he breaks the bow, and shatters the spear,
and burns the shields with fire.
- 11 "Be still, then, and know that I am God; *
I will be exalted among the nations;
I will be exalted in the earth."
- 12 The LORD of hosts is with us; *
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

Colossians 1:11-20

May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers-- all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

People The Word of the Lord.
 Thanks be to God.

Hymn: 397

Now thank we all our God

1 Now thank we all our God, with heart, and hands, and voic - es,
 2 O may this boun - teous God through all our life be near us!
 3 All praise and thanks to God the Fa - ther now be giv - en,

who won - drous things hath done, in whom his world re - joic - es;
 With ev - er - joy - ful hearts and bless - ed peace to cheer us;
 the Son, and him who reigns with them in high - est hea - ven,

who from our mo - ther's arms hath blessed us on our way
 and keep us in his grace, and guide us when per - plexed,
 e - ter - nal, Tri - une God, whom earth and heaven a - dore;

with count - less gifts of love, and still is ours to - day.
 and free us from all ills in this world and the next.
 for thus it was, is now, and shall be, ev - er - more.

Words: Martin Rinckart (1586-1649); tr. Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878), alt.

Music: *Nun danket alle Gott*, melody Johann Crüger (1598-1662); harm. William Henry Monk (1823-1889), after Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke 23:33-43

People

Glory to you, Lord Christ

When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing." And they cast lots to divide his clothing. The people stood by, watching Jesus on the cross; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!" The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews."

One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!" But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong." Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." He replied, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

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

THE SERMON

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.

Prayers of the People

A representative of the congregation prays:

Watchful at all times, let us pray for strength to stand with confidence before our Maker and Redeemer.

That God may bring in his kingdom with justice and mercy, let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, have mercy.

That God may establish among the nations his sceptre of righteousness, let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, have mercy.

That we may seek Christ in the Scriptures and recognize him in the breaking of the bread, let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, have mercy.

That God may bind up the brokenhearted, restore the sick, and raise up all who have fallen, let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, have mercy.

That the light of God's coming may dawn on all who live in darkness and the shadow of death, let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, have mercy.

That, with all the saints in light, we may shine forth as lights for the world, let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, have mercy.

Especially in our prayer today, we pray for: **Matt, Patrick and family, Bob, Jane, "Young Dave", Phil, Edgar, Penny, Fred, Stephen, Peter, Nan, Jack, Rinchen, Bud, Jeanne, Sophia, Tim, Nancy, Scott, Lu, Frances, and Mary.**

We commend ourselves and all for whom we pray to the mercy and protection of our heavenly Father.

Silence is kept.

Celebrant concludes:

Almighty God, as your blessed Son Jesus Christ first came to seek and to save the lost; so may he come again to find in us the completion of his redeeming work; for he is now alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever.

Amen.

People The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

Silence



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Anthem: Canticle of Thanksgiving

Schweizer

People The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

People Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

People Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise

Blessed are you, Lord God, for you have looked favorably on your people and redeemed them. You raised up a mighty savior for us in the house of your servant David, as you spoke through the mouth of your holy prophets from of old. You have shown the mercy promised to our ancestors, and have remembered your holy covenant, the oath that you swore to our ancestor Abraham, to grant that we, being rescued from the hands of our enemies, might serve you without fear, in holiness and righteousness before you all our days, and finally coming to dwell with you, with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven, singing the hymn of your unending praise.

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

Sanctus WLP 852

William Bradley Roberts

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,

God of pow - er and might, Heav'n and

earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the

high - est. Blessed is the one who comes in the

name of the Lord. Ho - san-na in the high - est.

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God most high, you sent Jesus as a prophet and a promise; for he went before you to prepare your ways, to give knowledge of salvation to your people by the forgiveness of their sins. You show us the cost and glory of your salvation in the breaking and pouring and sharing of bread and wine. Send down your Holy Spirit, that your people may be sanctified by your grace, and these gifts of bread and wine may be for us the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ, who, at supper with his disciples, took bread, gave you thanks, broke the bread, and gave it to them, saying, "Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup. Again he gave you thanks, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "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. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

People Great is the mystery of faith,
 Christ has died;
 Christ is risen;
 Christ will come again.

By your tender mercy, Lord God, the dawn from on high will break upon us, to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, and to guide our feet into the way of peace. Inscribe in us that tender mercy, that we may be people of tenderness and mercy. Clothe us and all your creation in the kingship of Christ, that we may all know your power in weakness, your rule through grace, and your triumph through sacrifice, until all bow before your throne and worship in your glory, ever one God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, 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,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

A period of silence is kept.

8AM

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

Therefore let us keep the feast.

10:30AM

Fraction Anthem: Come fill

Con - fi - te - mi - ni Do - mi - no
Come and fill our hearts with your peace.

quo - ni - am bo - nus. Con - fi - te - mi - ni
You a - lone, O Lord, are ho - ly. Come and fill our hearts

Do - mi - no, Al - le - lu - ia!
with your peace, Al - le - lu - ia!

Text: Psalm 137, *Give thanks to the Lord for he is good*; Taizé Community, 1982
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The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Communion is offered to all who are called by Christ to participate. Gluten-free host is available. Please make your needs known to the priest. To receive communion, or a blessing, please come forward to the priest at the front of the altar.

Communion: Jesus Remember me

Ostinato Refrain

Je-sus, re-mem-ber me when you come in-to your King-dom.

Je-sus, re-mem-ber me when you come in-to your King-dom.

Text: Luke 23:42; Taizé Community, 1981
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Let us pray.

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 Savior 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

Closing Hymn: 477

All praise to thee, for thou, O King divine

Descant

5 Let ev - ery tongue con - fess with one ac - cord

1 All praise to thee, for thou, O King di - vine,
2 Thou cam'st to us in low - li - ness of thought;
3 Let this mind be in us which was in thee,
4 Where - fore, by God's e - ter - nal pur - pose, thou
5 Let ev - ery tongue con - fess with one ac - cord

Je - sus Christ is Lord;

1 didst yield the glo - ry that of right was thine,
2 by thee the out - cast and the poor were sought;
3 who wast a ser - vant that we might be free,
4 art high ex - alt - ed o'er all crea - tures now,
5 in heaven and earth that Je - sus Christ is Lord;

and God the Fa - ther be by all a - dored.

1 that in our dark - ened hearts thy grace might shine. _____
 2 and by thy death was God's sal - va - tion wrought. _____
 3 hum - bling thy - self to death on Cal - va - ry. _____
 4 and given the Name to which all knees shall bow. _____
 5 and God the Fa - ther be by all a - dored. _____

Al - le - lu - ia! A - men.

Al - le - lu - ia! A - men.

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Dismissal

Let us go forth in the name of Christ
 Thanks be to God.

Postlude: Toccata

Krieger

TENDING GOD'S FLOCK

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.

In case of pastoral emergency, please call 301-774-3619 or email pastoralcare@stjec.org.

Matt Ladd
Patrick and family
Bob Cooper
Jane MacDonald
"Young Dave"
Phil Yarnall
Edgar McHenry
Penny
Fred
Stephen Bellairs
Peter McWilliams
Nan

Jack Fish
Rinchen Khandro
Bud Nicholson
Jeanne Van Hoeck
Sophia Jusko
Tim Wittig
Scott Smith
Lu Soukup
Frances Hunt
Mary Persinger
Chris Prinz

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.

If you feel called to pray intentionally in a small group for the needs of the congregation or community, visit those who cannot attend service, or write cards and make calls for encouragement or support, we want to know and be in touch with you. Please email pastoralcare@stjec.org.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



CASSEROLE CLUB meets TODAY following the Pie Auction at 2:30pm in the Parish Hall. If you are grieving the loss of a loved one, we invite you to join us at this informal, come-as-you-are, safe assembly of people joined by the experience of deep loss.

ALTAR GUILD MINISTRY - Each week, members of the Altar Guild Ministry set up and clean up Eucharist, taking special care of the Eucharistic hosts, wine, and silver settings on the altar. The ministry is in need of members for both services, with special need for those who attend the 10:30am service. If you are interested in being a part of this ministry please contact Joy Reiff or Diane Marie Gray.

ADULT FORUM - The Adult Forum will be reading and discussing the book, "Receiving Jesus: The Way of Love" by Mariann Edgar Budde, during the Advent season. Discussion sessions are as follows -

- November 20th – Chapters 1 & 2 To Turn and to Learn
- November 27th – Chapters 3 & 4 To Pray and to Worship
- December 4th – Chapters 5 & 6 To Bless and to Go
- December 11th – Chapter 7 To Rest
- December 18th – Preparation for Christmas and next steps

Sunday mornings at 9am in the Meeting Room. Please join the discussion.

Celebrating ADVENT



SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3rd @ 5pm
~ LESSONS & CAROLS and POTLUCK DINNER ~

Kicking off the season with a little bit of fancy and a lot of fellowship with Lessons & Carols followed by the Advent Dinner. New for this year... "Host" a table, invite 6 people (including you, your spouse and guest), come to the 5pm Lessons & Carols and stay for the Potluck Dinner. Enjoy the worship, have a meal and fellowship. Children are also invited and welcome to attend the Advent Lessons & Carols with their family. A Children's Advent Dinner and Party follows in the gym from 6-8:30pm. For a donation of \$25 the nursery will be open for Pre-K and under.

4pm - 5pm

*Host Decoration Table Time
in the Parish Hall*

5pm

*Lessons & Carols for All
(Adults & Children)*

6pm

*Adult only Fellowship Hour
Parish Hall
Appetizers, Table Viewing, Voting,
and Advent Trivia*



6pm

*Children's Advent Party
Advent activities in the gym*

7pm

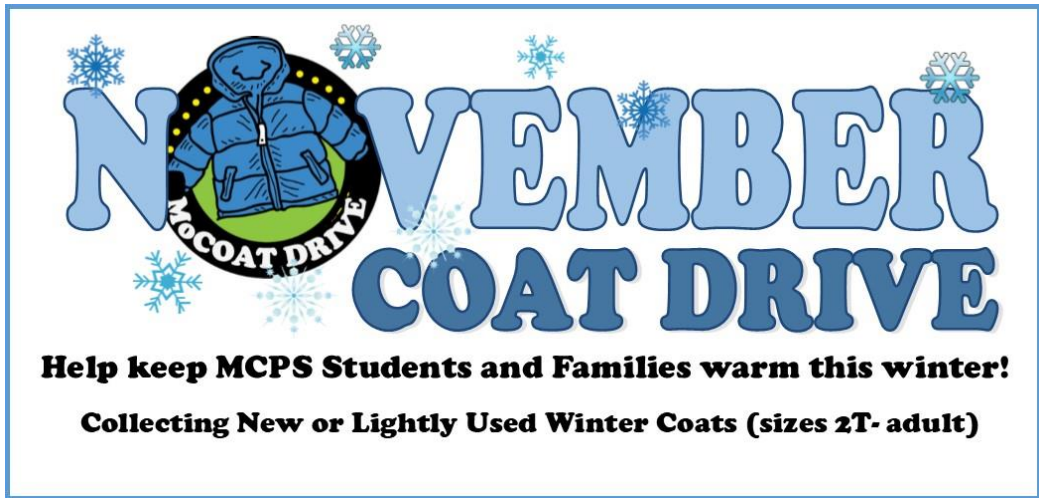
*Adult Dinner in the Parish Hall
Children's dinner in the gym*

8:30pm

*Dessert, Coffee & Caroling
for all in the Parish Hall
(Adults and Children)*



To RSVP see Friday's Bell Tower or visit www.stjec.org



ONLINE DIRECTORY - If you haven't already done so, we encourage you to register for Servant Keeper's online directory as 2022 year end statements will not be mailed out unless requested. The online directory will allow you to view and download contribution statements, update member profile, look up and stay in touch with other members. The Member Portal link to register for the directory can be found on the website at www.stjec.org.

ALTAR FLOWERS - Parishioners are invited to donate altar flowers in memory of loved ones, in thanksgiving of someone or something, or in honor and celebration of an event or person. A suggested donation of \$75 is requested and your donation will be noted in the Sunday bulletin. Payment can be made through the website - www.stjec.org/give or by check made payable to St. John's Church with Altar Flowers noted on the memo line.

The leaves have fallen, the air has gone well beyond crisp to chilly, and we are hoping to wrap up our pledge campaign to make a budget for the new year.

If you have not pledged yet, we are asking you to prayerfully discern and submit a pledge certificate for the 2023 year.

The church does not have income beyond the weekly donations and contribution of our membership. Knowing how much our members plan to contribute allows the leadership to make a budget, fund ministries like music, outreach and formation. To date we have received just over half our expected pledge certificates, and are hoping to quickly gather in the rest. We know it has been a busy October and beginning of November and it is easy to have missed submitting it.

If you have never completed a pledge certificate, please consider it, even if it is just an assumed average. Having one from each household, is a wonderful gauge on how we can invest in God's ministries through our parish. You can always revise your intentions should your circumstances change.

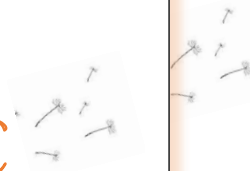
A substantial number of the pledges we have received have been increased over last year's. We see excited and bustling worship and more people participating in formation and events. We have grown: in the number of visitors each week, in households joining our parish, and in ministries both to our parish and our community. We would like to have a budget that reflects all this growth and makes the budding ministries where God is leading us funded for all the possibilities.

Please submit your pledge as soon as possible.

In Christ,
Mo. Shivaun+

Every Day is a Gift from the *Creator*

2023 Stewardship



Every Day is a Gift from the Creator!

Your gift to God, in support of the ministries of St. John's can be offered:

- Online at: www.stjec.org/give
- In the Collection Plate on Sunday
- By mail to: St. John's Episcopal Church - Attn: Stewardship
PO Box 187
Olney, MD 20832

Having prayed about the covenant with God to love God and love our neighbor, I / We are prepared to celebrate every day as a gift and support the ministries of St. John's.

God willing, our annual contribution to St. John's will be:

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January 1 to December 31, 2023

Name(s)

Address

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I / We intend to give:

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Weekly

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Monthly

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Full Amount Annually

BY:

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I / We are interested in making a separate gift (in addition to the annual support listed above) to a specific project for which funds are needed. Please have the Rector contact me about having this conversation.

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I / We are interested in receiving information about planned giving (estate planning, charitable trusts, making a will or living will etc.) Please contact me/us about this by sending literature which will help to inform my/our planning.

THANK YOU

For your commitment.

You will be sent a letter confirming your pledge in December.

Pledge and Contribution Statements for tax use can be downloaded and printed through the Servant Keeper Online Directory portal OR you may request the statement by emailing accounting@stjec.org after January 30th.

Mail your completed pledge certificate to:

St. John's Episcopal Church
PO Box 187
Olney, MD 20832
Attn: Stewardship

or place in the collection plate on Sunday.

You may also pledge on line at
WWW.STJEC.ORG/GIVE



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