NEWS FOR THE PEWS

Events, Announcements, Calendar, and Prayers for St. John's and Beyond

November 22, 2026

Welcome! We are thrilled to have you celebrating the joy of the resurrection with us today and every day. We strive to be an open community and safe place where you can receive God's grace, grow in faith, experience fellowship, and serve our world. Whether it is your first service with us or you have been attending your whole life, you are beloved in this family. Take a look at all the ways the Spirit is moving at St. John's!

CHRISTMAS MOTHER

We are overjoyed to see that all the Christmas Mother gift tags have been taken! Our congregation has once again demonstrated God's love for all people by your generous donations to our less fortunate neighbors. If you did not get a tag, a donation can still be sent in. The funds are used to purchase pajamas, socks, underwear, etc. If you put a check or cash in the Sunday collection plate, please add a note that it is for Christmas Mother.

Unwrapped gifts are due at St. John's no later than November 29. Please place the gifts in a collection bin located in the office lobby. Make sure you attach our tag to the gift and include the receipt in case an exchange is necessary. Gifts will be moved periodically to a secure area.

The Outreach Committee will be organizing and wrapping gifts on Tuesday, December 1, at 2:00 pm in the Armstrong Room. All are welcome to attend and help. If you have any questions, please contact JoAnn Maher (804) 661-0093 or lnjmaher@aol.com. Thank you**!**

THE DAUGHTERS OF THE KING

The DOK will be hosting coffee hour on December 6. We will be continuing our tradition of bringing in goodies along with our personal nativities for display in the Parish Hall. This year, we would like to invite any interested parishioners to bring in their nativities, also. Please bring them in before church on December 6.

ONLINE DIRECTORY

For those new to St. John's, we have an online directory for parishioners. It has pictures (if desired by parishioners). Addresses and phone numbers. If you would like to join the directory, please contact Chris Day at chday73@gmail.com. Access to the directory is granted when you request to join.

THE WEEK OF THANKSGIVING

St. John's offices will be closed from Monday, November 23 – Saturday, November 28. Reach out to Rev. Mary Margaret with any issues or pastoral concerns. as our custodial team will be waxing and polishing the floors in the narthex, lobby and bathrooms.

There will be a **Thanksgiving Eve service on Wednesday, November 25th at 5pm**. Please use the colonnade doors when entering and exiting the nave—other doors will be locked.

STEWARDSHIP

Thank you to those who have returned their pledge card for 2027. For anyone that did not receive a card either at church or through the mail, we have cards in the narthex and in the lobby outside the office. You can also go to the church website and submit your pledge electronically. Please drop off your pledge card no later than November 22nd in order for the vestry to begin preparation of the 2027 budget. Thank you.

CHURCHYARD CLEANUP

The time is here for winter yard cleanup to clear our grounds of leaves, twigs, and anything else that looks like it doesn't belong. We'll meet at **9AM Saturday, December 12th** to rake and blow the leaves to the Dodomeade Street and Richmond Street curbs, where they'll be vacuumed up later that afternoon, so everything looks pristine for Sunday's services. What do you need to bring? Work gloves, rakes, cold weather gear, and some energy to burn off. If history is any guide, we'll be finished by noon. Hope to see you there! Please see Larry Maher with any questions. Thanks!

OUTREACH PROJECTS

Calendars from the patients at McGuire Veterans hospital are doing great. We've collected 150 so far. They will be taken to McGuire the 2nd week in December along with goodie bags for the veterans. Please continue to collect them for new patients. Also, Ronald McDonald tabs collection is going well. I will make a final delivery in early January – so far this year RMcD has received approximately 30 lbs from St. John's, so keep them coming. The animal shelter is fine at the moment for towels. Thank you so much for supporting these projects. Sue W. Outreach

PARISH LIFE

We need your **HELP** to supply refreshments at the Coffee Hour. If you prefer not to prepare and serve the coffee and lemonade, we will do that for you. Please just sign up to bring the "goodies", cookies, donuts, fruit, cheese and crackers, etc.

This is an important part of our Sunday service so we can welcome and get to know our visitors and fellowship with our members. Parish Life Committee

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Please call the church office with any changes or additions for the prayer list.

November Birthdays

16 Bill Sloane, Kacee Lotti
20 Susan Keophila
23 Andrea Marotta
28 Una Harrison
30 Ryan Wood

Those in Need of Healing

Phillipa Smith, Jerry Harwell, Pat Dvorak, Linda DeBell Kim Gentry (brother of Fr. Keith), Dick Pitman, Tim Pahlick, Arlene Lotti, Annette Blankenship, James Robinson, George Starke, Terry & Bill Fields, Jim Colonna, Jaydon Robinson, Jordyn Prophett, Cathy Frazer, Marguerite Alley, Britt Young & Family, Marianne Branigan, Gene Thompson, Rita Johnson, Melissa Fields, Jim Krech, Una Harrison, Joy Maughan, The Macri Family, The Sheridan Family, Sweeney Family, Maria & Family

Those Who Serve

Col. Ernesto M. DiVittorio, Rear Admiral Brett W. Mietus, Colonel Amalia DiVittorio, Sergeant First Class Reade Whitner Enochs, Staff Sergeant Ryan Steidel and Petty Officer 3rd Class Damien Carter, Deputy Sheriff Donald H. Farr

Those Who Have Recently Died

Billy Johnson
John Paul Macri
Martha Sheridan

Parishioners @ Home

Maggi Twilley, Julie Johnson, Sandy Weilbacher, and Millie Johnson

St. John's Vestry

Kim Courington, Senior Warden
Larry Maher, Junior Warden (Property)
John Maxwell, Junior Warden (Strategy)
Catherine Mueller, Congregational Vitality
Don Raybould, Liaison for Parish Life

Hazel Sloane, Register
Lalin Peiris, Treasurer

We cannot do this without your help! Scan this QR code with your smartphone to make a donation to St. John's.

WORSHIP LEADERS FOR NOVEMBER 22, 2026

The People of St. John's
Aubrey Lindsey, Organist and Choirmaster
Bryant Watson, Violinist
Chris Day, Live Streaming
John Maxwell, 8 AM Security
Hank Dvorak, 10 AM Inside Security
John Maxwell, 10 AM Outside Security
Kim Courington, 8 AM LEM
Larry Maher, 10 AM LEM
Kim Courington & Pat Robinson, 8 AM Readers
JoAnn & Larry Maher, 10 AM Readers
Jan Keavy & Guy Smith, Ushers
Paul Murman & Don Farr, Tellers
Jennifer Morgan, Valerie Paredes, Becky Farr and Donna Horner -Altar Guild
Rev. Mary Margaret Winn, Rector

CONTACT US

The church office is open Tuesday—Friday, 9:15 AM to 3:15 PM. Reach out to Rev. Mary Margaret directly for an appointment. Call: 804-748-2182.

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THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S
Offices will be closed

Sun., Nov. 22	8:00 AM 8:30 AM 9:00 AM 10:00 AM 11:15 AM	Holy Eucharist Choir Rehearsal Adult Forum Holy Eucharist Fellowship Coffee Hour
Mon., Nov. 23	7:00 PM	Boy and Cub Scouts
Tues., Nov. 24	2:00 PM 7:00 PM	Outreach Committee-AR AA/Al-Anon-PH
Wed., Nov. 25	5:00 PM	Thanksgiving Eve Service
Thurs., Nov.26	HAPPY THANKSGIVING	
Fri., Nov. 27		
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