

St. John's Announcements

May 24, 2026

Happy Memorial Day!



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This Sunday, we will celebrate the Feast of Pentecost. Pentecost is one of our high feasts, and the only Christian Feast that carried on from Christianity's Jewish heritage, though the emphasis is not the same. We will be celebrating the gift of the Holy Spirit. This gift was promised by Jesus even before he was crucified, and the Holy Spirit sustains us to this day. We give thanks for the gifts of the Spirit that strengthen us and make us better people than we would otherwise be. The Spirit is there when we need courage to love someone that other's do not find worthy of love. The Spirit is there when we need to express a truth that may be uncomfortable, or convicting. Sometimes the Spirit is the one that shows us a truth that reveals our own sin.

We also will be honoring Memorial Day. Every year, I make the intention of the Eucharist on behalf of those who have died protecting our country. Last year, it was a joy to have no name to remember, but that is not true this year. I encourage us all to pray for peace. After the Eucharist, if you feel so called, you may join us in the memorial garden to offer our prayers of thanks for those who have served and are no longer with us.

Blessings, Marc

UPCOMING EVENTS IN ST. MARY'S HALL

5/27 - Wednesday
Eucharist @ 10:30am

5/27 - Wednesday
Bible Study @ 12:30pm

Bible Study on Judith

The book of Judith is one of the Deuterocanonical texts. It is a story that was once very well-known as it contains sexual innuendo, violence, and a person of faith overcoming great odds. These subjects have always been interesting to humanity. Judith tells the story of a young Jewish widow and how she was able to overcome a powerful enemy. Please join the Bible Study's late spring examination of the Book of Judith on Wednesdays at 12:30pm. If you would like to join by Zoom, please see the rector.

Concordia's "Celebration of Ministry Eucharist" - We are inviting members of St. John's to Concordia's "Celebration of Ministry Eucharist" to be held on **Sunday, June 7** with **organ prelude at 3:45pm and worship at 4:00 p.m.** We are still looking for RSVP's so we can get some idea of the number of people attending the reception. While we will officially close our doors on June 28, we are gathering on June 7 to sincerely celebrate 132 years of ministry in Manchester. Seven out of nine former pastors are returning. Our Bishop will be attending. There will be a brass quintet and timpani. This will be followed by a catered reception in our hall afterward.

Please RSVP to Margie Gallagher @ office@concordiamanchester.org

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EAGLE SCOUT SERVICE PROJECT ★★★

COMMUNITY CLOTHING DRIVE

Led by Life Scout Jonathan Turner

Supporting families, reducing textile waste, and helping teens shine at prom

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-  Clothing for all ages
-  Gently used *Dresses & Suits for Prom*
-  Worn / Damaged Clothing for Recycling



HOW TO DONATE

-  Use Two Bags: Usable Clothing & Recycle Only
-  Label Bags Clearly
-  Pack Items Neatly



DROP-OFF / PICKUP

-  St. John's Episcopal Church Parking Lot
-  523 Hartford Turnpike, Vernon, CT
-  May 30, June 27, July 18, & August 29 • 10 AM ~ 12 PM



WHY IT MATTERS

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