St. John's Announcements

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Sterling Harmon at his Confirmation last Sunday

Today is a beautiful day. I look forward to praying with you at our last outdoor service of the year. Please join me in the Memorial Garden at 6:45pm to pray compline. Compline is a beautiful but short service, so please don't be late. We will see the sunset and pray the goodnight prayers of the church as we say farewell to the summer and our outdoor worship season. This Sunday will be celebrated as Creation Care Sunday and Michaelmas, or the feast of St. Michael and All Angels. It will be a special day for our parish. Michaelmas celebrates the angels and their lives among us. In their case, primarily, on the things unseen. We will also be focusing on the part of creation that encompasses the things we can see – the earth, the plants, the animals, and our fellow humans who sometimes suffer from the neglect and misuse of creation. This Sunday will be a celebration of all creation and our role in loving creation as God does. After the Eucharist, we will continue the medieval tradition of playing "Chase the Dragon". In honor of St. Michael's defeat of the forces of darkness, the children will have a chance to chase a "dragon" and win candy in the process.

Blessings,
Marc

UPCOMING EVENTS IN ST. MARY'S HALL

9/30– Wednesday Eucharist @ 10:30am.

9/30 – Bible Study @ 12:30pm

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Creation Care Video Series – Creation Care, Part 2!
After our Lenten series, there was interest in continuing our conversations on Creation Care on a more regular basis. Andy Burr and Letty Naigles will be facilitating a monthly forum between the morning services, to explore how our faith connects to creation care and climate justice. We will watch Blessed Tomorrow's Film Series, *Caring for the Earth: Stories from Faith Communities* on the first Sunday of the month, starting October 4, 2026, at 9am, in St. Mary's Hall (or the classroom right next door).
At each session, we will pray, read scripture, watch the 20-minute films, and engage in discussion about each of the topics, and how we might engage. This seven-part series features clergy, youth leaders, interfaith organizers, and climate advocates from diverse faiths. These films offer a timely resource for fostering dialogue, strengthening community, and inspiring faithful, collective action. Join us as we engage in theological conversations and imagine a bright future for all! All are invited, whether you have much climate knowledge and experience or none. Please don't hesitate to reach out with any questions, and we look forward to seeing you on October 4!

Bible Study – This year's bible study will focus on the Gospel according to Saint Matthew and will begin September 16th. Matthew's gospel is the favorite of many Christians. Matthew is where we find the Sermon on the Mount, the parable of the weeds and the wheat, and interesting details around the crucifixion narrative including the emptying of the tombs. The study meets on Wednesday afternoons at 12:30pm in St. Mary's Hall. We have a regular group of both in-person and on-line participants. We have interesting discussions every week. If you are interested in joining through Zoom, please talk to or email the Rev. Marc.

Men's Ministry Fall BBQ – Sunday, October 10th @ 5pm in St. Mary's Parish Hall. Tickets are available after the 8am and 10am services.

Menu	Suggested Donations	
Hamburgers / Hot Dogs	Adult Dinner	$15
Delicious Side Salads	Child Dinner	$10
Klondike Ice Cream Bars	Family Dinner (1 or 2 parents & up to 3 children)	$30
	Proceeds to support local food security ministries	

Medical Closet Update – We have many new items in the medical closet. They are available to loan out or to keep. There are cans of Ensure, small size Depends, canes, walkers, shower/toilet seats, rollators, and bed rails. The medical closet is located in the upper parish hall, the last door on the left. Please look before you buy anything! Call Bill and Diane Gutzmer with any questions – 860-875-1041.

Coffee Hour Sign -ups – Please consider signing up to host coffee hour.

Nut Sales – The holiday season has officially begun! Nut Sale order forms can be found at the back of the church. Orders are due by October 18th. Contact Nancy Simon with any questions. 860-978-0198