

St. John's Announcements

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Daylight Savings Ends



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Presentation given by Thomas Stauffer, President of Cornerstone



This Sunday is one of our great celebrations of the year, the Feast of All Saints. As may be obvious, All Saints' Day is time to honor all of the saints. Throughout the year, we remember saints on their feast days, but this feast includes all of the saints in heaven even those who do not have their own feast day. It is a day to remember those Christians who made a difference in your life of faith but whom we see no longer.

This also begins our Holiday Food Drive. I encourage you as an act of devotion and a sign of gratitude to participate in this holiday collection. As we heard from our friends at Cornerstone last week, the need has continued to grow in our community. Thank you for your generosity.

Blessings,
Marc

UPCOMING EVENTS IN ST. MARY'S HALL

11/4- Wednesday
Eucharist @ 10:30am
(Healing Service)
& Bible Study @
12:30pm

10/30 Scouts Camp
Out



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*](#) 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.

Tree of Light - For the St. John' Episcopal Church 12th Annual Tree of Light, you may purchase a light, and a tag will hang on that light with the name of a loved one or friend. Lights are \$2 each / 3 for \$5 / or 6 for \$10. We sell lights on the tree to honor, remember, and celebrate loved ones, and Linda Borovicka and her family make a tag with each name and decorate the fir tree by the walkway in front of St. Mary's Hall with lights and the tags. The money donated will go to World Central Kitchen. The Tree will be lit on November 29th and will be lit nightly through Epiphany 2027. Names and money are due by **Sunday, November 15th**. To purchase tags, please take a form in the Narthex and return to Linda Borovicka, Bethany Chanthavisouk, or Kimmie Farrell. Please make checks payable to St. John's Church with a memo of, "Tree of Light."

St John's will have a non-perishable Holiday Food Drive for the next three weeks. We will pass along the collected items to Cornerstone (Vernon), East Hartford social services, and MACC (Manchester). The need for food donations is always great this time of year. Below is a list of non-perishable food items requested by local pantries. Please consider donating some of them as you do your own grocery shopping. We encourage parishioners to place items in St. Mary's Hall. If that is not possible, there will be a collection cart in the Narthex. Thank you for your support.

Cereal

Chili / Canned Pasta, Beef Stew, Baked Beans

Canned Veggies

Peanut Butter / Jelly

Sugar, Flour

Pasta, Pasta Sauce in plastic jars or cans

Ramen Noodles, Rice-A-Roni, Instant Potatoes Knorr or rice side dishes

Chicken Noodle or Tomato Soup

Individual snack size packages of cookies

A Look at Joseph - Joseph is one of the great patriarchs in the Judeo-Christian tradition, but we do not get to spend much time with him in our Sunday lectionary cycle. For the next few weeks, I will be leading a look at this last of the Patriarchs found in Genesis. We will meet immediately following the 8:00am Eucharist on Sundays. All are invited to join us. No previous knowledge of Joseph is required for the discussion. We will meet in St. Mary's Hall.