ANNOUNCEMENTS



Readings For Next Sunday's Service:

* First Reading, Song of Solomon 8:6-7
* Psalm 103
* Philippians 4:4-9
* Gospel, Luke 10:38-42

November 15 - Feast of St. Cécile and Blessing of the Music and Sound Ministry - Join us as we celebrate St. John's Music Ministry and the new organ and sound system.

Keeping you in prayer

One of my roles as a priest is to pray for members of our parish community, which I do during my daily prayers. Beginning this week, you will find a small black binder on the prayer bench in our chapel during Sunday Service. Please feel free to write your name and/or the name of someone you care about, along with the date, and I will keep your name in prayer for the next little while. First names are fine, and I will collect the binder at the end of church each Sunday. If you would prefer to share a particular prayer intention--for yourself or for someone you know--please do not hesitate to let me know in person or via email.

Peace and all good,

- Father Shawn

Remembrance Day Service for Seafarers

Nov. 11, Sailor's Point Memorial, North Vancouver

The Company of Master Mariners of Canada has arranged a Remembrance Day Service for Seafarers. It begins at 10:45am at Sailor's Point Memorial in North Vancouver, located a very short walk away from the Seabus Station. The Act of Remembrance will be led by the Rev. Peter Smyth, Senior Port Chaplain, Mission to Seafarers, and Captain Mike Armstrong, Fraser River Pilots. Father Shawn will be there to lay a Wreath of Remembrance during the Service. All are welcome.

In Memorium - Joan Curtis

It is with great sadness we announce the passing of Joan Curtis, a long-time member of the St. John's family. Joan was famous for her knitted crafts, which were always very popular at the Christmas Fair and appreciated by Missions to Seafarers. Joan passed away October 26th, and is lovingly remembered by her niece Laura and her family. Details of a memorial service will be announced at a later date.

Order of the Diocese of New Westminster - Congratulations to volunteer extraordinaire, Jean Welsh, who was awarded the ODNW yesterday. The ceremony with Archbishop John Stephens was held at St. Andrews-Wesley Church, Vancouver, and recognized amazing volunteers from across the Diocese.

Come celebrate with Jean at coffee hour today!

Christmas Fair - Saturday November 28

It is time to start planning our annual fundraising and fellowship event! Just three weeks from now, the lounge will be filled with delicious home-baked goods, hand-crafts, giftables, and more. Folks will be taking their chances with the Bottle Game, and we will also have our famous Gift Basket draw.

None of this happens without a lot of help from everyone in the parish. We will need baked goods and bottles, gift baskets and Christmas crafts, knitted treasures and more. There is a cafe where shoppers can have tea or cider and something to nibble, and staff will be needed for this. We will also need a crew of helpers to staff the different tables. Please see the sign-up sheet in the lounge.

Items needed:

- Baked goods
- Bottles or jars of almost anything
- Gift baskets to raffle - $50 maximum value
- Hand crafts to sell
- Costume jewellery

National Indigenous Veterans Day - Sunday, November 8 - Today we honour the courage and sacrifices of First Nations, Inuit and Métis service members who served Canada in wartime, conflict, and peacekeeping missions.

Games Day! November 14th - 3pm - 8pm
Games day returns for an afternoon of fun for all ages! From Monopoly and Trouble to cribbage, Taboo and Scrabble, and Klask and Boggle too, there is something for everyone. Play a favourite, or try something new. Snacks will be provided. RSVPs to Christie are helpful, but drop ins are welcome.

Christmas Attic Treasures - Do you have Christmas themed items that no longer bring you joy? Dishes and servingware, decorations and decor, toys and stockings, games and puzzles - all of this is welcome on the Christmas Attic Treasures Table at the Christmas Fair.
Just a few guidelines:

- Only Christmas-themed items, nothing else
  - Exception: Puzzles & Games are welcome
- Must be in good, working, sellable condition
- Damaged or junk-drawer items will be thrown out

Hospitality and Fellowship Meeting - Sat. Nov 14 - All are welcome for the next Hospitality & Fellowship meeting on Saturday, November 14th at 10 am in the lounge. Refreshments will be served. We will be planning for the festive season including the Christmas Fair and Festive Coffee Hour. Look for volunteer sign up sheets at the Welcome Table!

Quote of the Week

Here is this week's quote that provides food for thought or inspiration, or, better yet, both.

"They shall grow not old,
as we that are left grow old:
Age shall not weary them,
nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun and in the morning
We will remember them."

—Laurence Binyon

These lines come from the poem "For the Fallen", written by author Laurence Binyon. In it, Mr. Binyon writes that "England mourns for her dead across the sea", but the solemn moment of remembrance for fallen soldiers is universal. How do these words speak to your heart?

Services This Christmas - There will be one Christmas Eve Service at St. John's on December 24th at 5pm, a service suitable for all ages. We hope you and your loved ones join us!

It is our turn at St. John's to host the Christmas Day service for the North Vancouver Deanery. Join us December 25th at 10am.

The Coming Week At St. John's

Sunday, Nov 8 **** Coffee, Tea and Fellowship - Today (Lounge) After the service - 12:15pm * AA Group (Lounge) 6pm-9pm***

Monday, Nov 9 **** Church Office is Open 9am-12pm * AA Meeting (Sanctuary) 7pm - 9pm***

Tuesday, Nov 10 **** Church Office is Open 9am-12pm * Prayer Shawl Ministry (Lounge) 1:30pm * Alanon Meeting (Lounge) 7pm - 9pm***

Wednesday, Nov 11 **** Church Office is CLOSED (Remembrance Day) * Never Alone Meeting (Lounge) 6:30 - 8:00pm * Remembrance Day Services - Cenotaph at Victoria Park (10:30am, parade starts at 9:15am)) - or - Sailor's Point Memorial (10:45am, Mission to Seafarers)***

Thursday, Nov 12 **** Church Office is Open 9am-12pm * Mother Goose Program (Lounge) 10:30-11:30am * AA Meeting (Lounge) 7pm- 9pm * Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary) 6:45pm***

Friday, Nov 13 **** Church Office is Closed * Chair Yoga with Andrea (Lounge) 10am ****

Saturday, Nov 14 **** Church Office is Open 9am-12pm * Games Day (Lounge) 3pm-8pm * Hospitality & Fellowship Meeting (Lounge) 10am, all are welcome***