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All Saints' Sunday

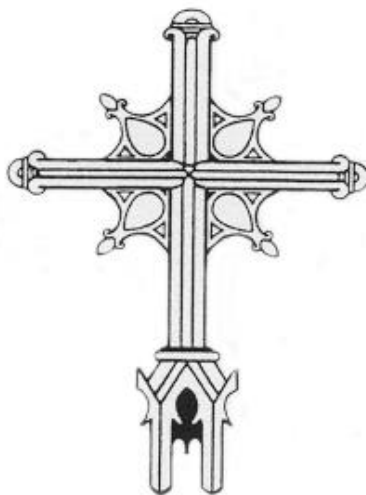
HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

November 6, 2016

10:30 a.m.

Welcome to Saint John's

We are very pleased to have you with us. If you are with us for the first time, please make yourself comfortable, and stay for coffee following the service. We look forward to meeting you. If you would like to learn more about the church, please fill out a card (hanging in each pew), put it in the offering plate or hand it to an usher or member of the clergy, and we will be in touch. It is our custom to be silent before the service, so as you take some time to pray, please turn off all electronic devices. All you should need to participate in the service is found, here, in this bulletin and in the blue hymnal in the pew rack. Hearing assist devices are available as is nursery care. Please ask the ushers for assistance with these or with any other request. Again, welcome.



ORDER OF SERVICE

THE ORGAN VOLUNTARY The Lost Chord

Arthur Sullivan (1842-1900)

Sir Arthur Sullivan was an English composer best known for his operas, but is remembered mostly for this work, and his hymn "Onward soldiers." Sullivan's brother, Fred, an actor, was very dear to him, and when he fell ill, Arthur spent many hours by his bedside. During the final week of Fred's illness, Arthur composed "The Lost Chord," setting a poem by Adelaide Anne Procter. The piece went on to become the biggest commercial success of the 1870s and 80s in both Britain in America. The final verse reads: It may be that death's bright angel / Will speak in that chord again, / It may be that only in Heav'n / I shall hear that grand Amen.

THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN 287 (1-4) For all the saints, who from their labors rest SINE NOMINE All stand and sing, verses 1 through 4 only.

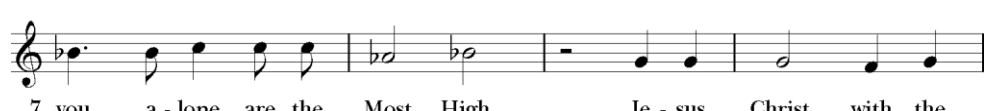
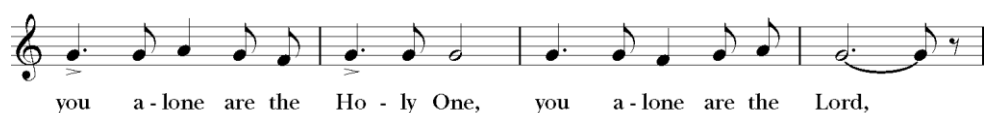
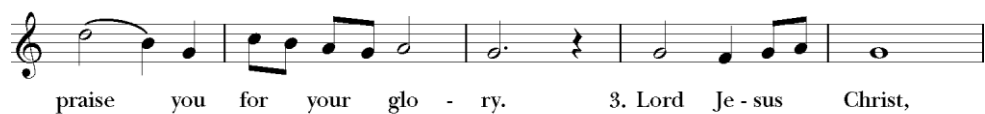
Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

Celebrant Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord.

People **Amen.**

THE GLORIA IN EXCELSIS



THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray. Almighty God, you have knit together your elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord: Give us grace so to follow your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living, that we may come to those ineffable joys that you have prepared for those who truly love you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting.

People **Amen.**

THE WORD OF GOD

THE FIRST LESSON

Daniel 7:1-3,15-18

All sit.

In the first year of King Belshazzar of Babylon, Daniel had a dream and visions of his head as he lay in bed. Then he wrote down the dream: I, Daniel, saw in my vision by night the four winds of heaven stirring up the great sea, and four great beasts came up out of the sea, different from one another. As for me, Daniel, my spirit was troubled within me, and the visions of my head terrified me. I approached one of the attendants to ask him the truth concerning all this. So he said that he would disclose to me the interpretation of the matter: "As for these four great beasts, four kings shall arise out of the earth. But the holy ones of the Most High shall receive the kingdom and possess the kingdom for ever—for ever and ever."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE PSALTER

Psalms 149

*The people say the responses in **bold** and sing the antiphon as indicated.*

The image shows musical notation for the antiphon 'Sing to the LORD a new song.' It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The key signature is one sharp (F#), and the time signature is common time (C). The melody is written in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The lyrics are placed below the notes: 'Sing to the LORD a new song.' The word 'new' is underlined, and 'song.' is also underlined. There are slurs over the words 'new' and 'song.'.

- 1 Hallelujah!
Sing to the LORD a new song; *
sing his praise in the congregation of the faithful.
- 2 Let Israel rejoice in his Maker; *
let the children of Zion be joyful in their King.
- 3 Let them praise his Name in the dance; *
let them sing praise to him with timbrel and harp.
- 4 For the LORD takes pleasure in his people *
and adorns the poor with victory.

- 5 Let the faithful rejoice in triumph; *
let them be joyful on their beds.
- 6 Let the praises of God be in their throat *
and a two-edged sword in their hand;
- 7 To wreak vengeance on the nations *
and punishment on the peoples;
- 8 To bind their kings in chains *
and their nobles with links of iron;
- 9 To inflict on them the judgment decreed; *
this is glory for all his faithful people.
Hallelujah!

Antiphon

THE EPISTLE

Ephesians 1:11-23

In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory. I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE SEQUENCE HYMN 620 Jerusalem, my happy home

LAND OF REST

All stand and sing.

The children will be led to the education wing for the Word Alive program and will return at the Peace.

THE GOSPEL

Luke 6:20-31

Minister The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Luke.

All **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus looked up at his disciples and said:
 "Blessed are you who are poor,
 for yours is the kingdom of God.
 Blessed are you who are hungry now,
 for you will be filled.

Blessed are you who weep now,
for you will laugh.

Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets.

But woe to you who are rich,
for you have received your consolation.

Woe to you who are full now,
for you will be hungry.

Woe to you who are laughing now,
for you will mourn and weep.

Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets."

"But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. Do to others as you would have them do to you."

Minister The Gospel of the Lord.
All **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

THE SERMON

Michael Corey

THE NICENE CREED

All stand.

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

A period of silence is kept.

Let us pray for the whole Church of God, for those worshipping in this sanctuary, and our extended family worshipping online, that our minds might be quiet, our hearts open, and our souls receptive to the wisdom and grace of our sovereign God. — Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Almighty God, to whom we must account for our powers and privileges, guide the people of these United States in the Tuesday elections of president, senators, representatives, and all other officials. Grant, O God, that your holy and lifegiving Spirit may so move every human heart, that barriers may crumble, suspicions disappear, and hatreds cease. — Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O God our Father, strengthen those who suffer for the sake of their conscience and their faith, including protesters at the Standing Rock Indian Reservation. When they are imprisoned, save them from despair; when they are rejected, save them from bitterness; give us your servants wisdom to discern the truth, that our communities may be cleansed and empowered to always witness to you. — Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O God, we commend to your gracious care and keeping the women and men of our armed forces here at home and abroad, praying especially for those serving in Aleppo and Mosul, and the residents of those communities. Give them courage to face the perils that beset them, and grant them a sure sense of your abiding presence. — Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Almighty and everlasting God, you made the universe and with its marvelous order and infinite complexity of living creatures. Grant that as we probe the mysteries of your world, we may come to know you more truly, and more surely fulfill our role in your creation. — Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Oh, Christ, the great Physician, giver of life and health, comfort and relieve your sick servants. Bless them and fill them, and those who minister to their needs, with your power of light and healing. — Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Eternal God, who holds all souls in life: Grant your peace and love to your whole Church in Paradise and on earth. May we, following the good examples of those who have served you on earth and are now at rest, one day enter with them into your unending joy, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Celebrant Almighty Christ, Lord of your Church, gather all our prayers and unite all who carry your Name into one vigorous community of faith, that the world might see you as the king of glory and instrument of salvation. In your blessed and holy name, **Amen.**

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

All remain standing or kneel.

All **Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

Celebrant Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All **And also with you.**

We greet one another in the name of Christ.

THE WELCOME

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE OFFERTORY Hark, I hear the harps eternal Southern Harmony tune, arr. Alice Parker (b. 1925)
Text: Attributed to F. R. Warren

Hark, I hear the harps eternal ringing on the farther shore,
As I near those swollen waters with their deep and solemn roar.
Hallelujah, hallelujah, Hallelujah, praise the lamb!
Hallelujah, hallelujah, Glory to the great I AM!
And my soul, tho' stain'd with sorrow, fading as the light of day,
Passes swiftly o'er those waters, to the city far away.
Souls have cross'd before me, saintly, to that land of perfect rest;
And I hear them singing faintly in the mansions of the blest.

THE PRESENTATION HYMN

OLD 100TH

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

THE DEDICATION

Celebrant This Holy Communion is offered to the greater glory of God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, the people of St. John's Church, those who have asked for our prayers, those for whom we pray, and those whose prayers are known to God alone, and on this All Saints' Day, to the beloved of this parish who wait for us on the other shore.

Helen Bennett	William Dunakin	Nicole LoStocco	Tucker Warner
Robert Biondi	Cynthia Gordon	Ralph MacIntyre	Marion Whittemore
Sue Biondi	Charles Harderson	Barbara Pinkerton	
Robert Cudworth	Curtiss Hickcox III	Robert Solner	

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

The Celebrant continues.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. For you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

THE SANCTUS

Ho - ly, ho - ly,
 ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,
 heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho-san-na in the
 high - est. Bless - ed is he who
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high-est.

Title: *The Holy Eucharist II, Holy, holy, holy Lord: Sanctus*

Music: *William Mathias (1934-1992) Copyright © 1976 Oxford University Press.*

All remain standing or kneel.

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Celebrant And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

All **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory for ever and ever. Amen.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Je - sus, Lamb of God: Have mer - cy on

us. Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: Have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, re - deem - er of the world: Give us your peace.

Title: The Holy Eucharist, Fraction Anthem: Jesus, Lamb of God: Agnus Dei
Music: Gerard R. Near (b. 1942) Copyright © 1985 Aureole Editions, Dallas, Texas.

THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Gluten-free wafers are available; please ask the clergy at the communion rail.

If you would like a blessing instead of Communion, please cross your arms over your chest.

To request healing prayers, proceed to the baptismal font in the back of the nave immediately after receiving communion.

THE COMMUNION ANTHEM Souls of the righteous

T. Tertius Noble (1867-1953)

Text: Wisdom 3: 1-8

Souls of the righteous in the hand of God, no hurt, no torment, comes to them now. They rest in peace. They live in heavenly joy. To those who loved them they seemed to die, they are at peace, God is their life and light. On earth as children they were chastened by Love's rod, As gold in furnace tried, so now in heaven, they shine like stars, they live in heavenly joy. Souls of the righteous in the hand of God.

Thomas Tertius Noble was organist and choirmaster at St. Thomas Church, New York, from 1913-1943, and founder of the choir school there, which is one of two such full-time day schools for young choristers still operating in our country (many such schools still exist in Britain). Two of our parishioners have connections with this choir school – one having been a chorister there under Gerry Hancock, another having a brother who sang with Noble in the very early years. Souls of the righteous has been described as “an old chestnut that proves its vitality again and again.”

THE COMMUNION HYMN 253 Give us the wings of faith to rise

SAN ROCCO

THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

All stand or kneel.

Celebrant Let us pray.

All **Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

THE BLESSING

The Celebrant gives the blessing and the people respond, Amen.

THE HYMN IN PROCESSION 293 I sing a song of the saints of God

GRAND ISLE

All stand and sing.

THE DISMISSAL

The minister dismisses the people and they respond, Thanks be to God.

THE VOLUNTARY Psalm 19: The heavens declare the glory of God Benedetto Marcello (1686-1739)

The closing voluntary is a part of worship, extending the beauty of holiness so that the congregation can remember and give thanks for God's Word as it has been experienced this day. All are invited to say Amen at the end of the Voluntary as a conclusion to our worship.

**Vestry members are on hand today to welcome you to St. John's.
This morning's greeter is Beth Grieco.**

THE PARTICIPANTS IN THE LITURGY

Celebrant: The Reverend Hope Eakins

Assisting: The Reverend Susan Pinkerton

Preacher: Michael Corey

Layreader: Bess Amamoo

Acolytes: John O'Brien, Caroline Smith, Ethen Worrell, Caleb Worrell

Ushers: John Amamoo (*Team Leader*), Shirley Blean, Bette-Jane Harderson, Philip Chapman

Healing Prayers: Paul Shaker

Altar Guild: Karen Stook and Paul Shaker

At Hughes Convalescent Home:

Layreader: Carol Sonne

Musician: Steve Metcalf

All are welcome to coffee hour immediately after the service. Thank you to Cindy Lawler for hosting today. We have some open dates for coffee hour hosting in late November and December. Please sign up for your preferred date on the sign-up sheet in Hubbard Hall.

In your prayers this week, please pray for:

Peace in our world, for those serving our country in armed services, and for all victims of war and violence.

The parish of Santa Cruz del Norte, our companion parish in Cuba, and Saint Sauveur, Les Cayes, Haiti.

Séinaire de Théologie d'Église Épiscopale d'Haïti (STEEH), the Episcopal Seminary in Haiti.

Residents of the George Beach Apartments, Allen Place, Hartford, and the Hughes Convalescent Home.

Our postulants, Stacey Kohl and Michael Corey, and our missionary in Haiti, Dr. Lucinda Mosher.

All those whose hurts, burdens and fears are unspoken or unknown.

Those in need of healing:

Jim Evans

Janet Ray

Charlie

Kathy

Chas

Kim Green

Jim Tracy

Susan

Jay

Nancy

Carol Grieco

Those who are celebrating birthdays this week:

Stacey Kohl

Jack Taylor

Those celebrating anniversaries this week:

The Rev. Nancy and the Rev. Barry Miller

The Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

Pray for the Lusitanian Church in Portugal (Extra-Provincial to Canterbury) and the The Rt Rev. José Jorge De Pina Cabral.

In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:

St. Paul's, Windham; Grace Church, Windsor; St. James', Winsted; All Saints', Wolcott. Women's ministries, Women's Global Mission groups; Anglican Women's Empowerment.

FOR YOUR CALENDAR

The Altar Guild meeting on Saturday, November 12, 10:30 a.m., is for all members and anyone interested in our ministry. Please join us for Holy Eucharist, business meeting and potluck luncheon. For more information, call Nancy Pedersen, 860-561-4212.

Pledge Sunday next week, November 13. Please bring in your pledge card if you haven't sent it in already. Extra cards are available in the Narthex and at the back entrance.

A *Grace Disguised* book group on loss meets this morning, November 13, and November 27 at 9:30 a.m. in the Reception Room. Jerry Sittser's deeply moving, empowering book will be the springboard for discussion on the reality of loss in our lives, whether centered on employment, vocation, health, a loved one, aging or other areas, and God as an ever-present force in every circumstance. Contact the Rev. Helen M. Moore, 860-331-1127 or Helen@sjparish.net for further information.

Celebration Eucharist at Diocesan Convention, November 20 at 10:30 a.m. with sermon from the Most Rev. Michael Curry, Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church. Our St. John's choir will be one of three "core choirs" providing service music. Registration for Sunday is free to all attendees, but requires advance registration (including for choir members). To register, go to <http://ow.ly/iwXk305Bvvs> and click on "Register for Sunday only." St. John's will still hold regular services that morning for those who cannot attend the Convention worship service.

Sacred Circle will meet on Tuesday, November 15 at 7 p.m. in the St. John's Room. Sacred Circle is a group for women who want to explore our relationship to the sacred in everyday life. This month's meeting will discuss Jesus the rabblouser: When does our faith compel us to take a stand? All women are welcome!

Men's Bible study is held every Thursday at 6:30 a.m. in the Reception Room. Almost always less sweaty than the gym! Join us!

Teen Volunteer Fair at Conard High School, November 17, 6 to 8 p.m., with local organizations on hand to match middle and high school students with volunteer opportunities appropriate for their age and availability.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR MINISTRY, GIVING AND CONNECTION

St. John's provides regular financial support to **St. Sauveur School in Les Cayes, Haiti**—a coastal city that was heavily damaged in Hurricane Matthew. To donate toward the school's hurricane relief efforts, please write a check to St. John's with "Haiti hurricane relief" in the memo (that part is important!), and put it in the offering plate or send it to the office between now and November 20.

The 2016 St. John's Christmas Festival will be Saturday, December 3 in Hubbard Hall. We are in need of a Table Coordinator for the Jewelry & Accessories table as well as the Wreath Making. Please contact Joellen Weidenmiller and Karen Licht via e-mail if you are interested in helping in these or other ways —j.weidenmiller@gmail.com and karen_licht@yahoo.com.

St. John's is again supporting 60 children in the Nurturing Families Network with Christmas Gift Bags. Sign up to fill a bag and make a child's Christmas brighter. Sign-up sheets will be outside Hubbard Hall today and for the next few Sundays. Please shop and place unwrapped items in a gift bag, and return your bag to the St. John's office by Monday, November 28. More information: Contact Jillian Puzzo at jillianpuzzo@gmail.com or Brittany Bass at britbrown76@aol.com.

Printed contribution statements for 2016 will be available by next week. Thanks to those who have already fulfilled their 2016 pledges. Outstanding pledge payments must be received in the office by December 31 if you wish to claim them on your 2016 taxes. If your circumstances have changed and you are unable to fulfill your pledge, please let one of the clergy or treasurers know; these conversations will remain confidential.

The Christian Education program is collecting clean half-gallon milk or orange juice containers for a Christmas craft activity. Please give your cartons to Janet Babbitt, director of religious education.

Keep up with St. John's online! Join our email list to receive our weekly e-blast, which will alert you to events, where you can help, pictures and more! Check out our website at www.SJParish.net, connect with us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/StJohnsWestHartford, and follow us on Instagram at www.instagram.com/st.johnswhtfd/

DID YOU KNOW?

Focus on St. John's Pastoral Counseling and Spiritual Direction Ministries

One of St. John's newest ministries comes courtesy of the Rev. Helen M. Moore, who joined the staff as director of pastoral and spiritual ministries a few months ago. What do we mean by "pastoral counseling" and "spiritual direction"? How are they different from each other and from other modes of counseling and therapy?

The purpose of **pastoral counseling** is to empower someone to penetrate beneath the surface of his or her life, move beyond the façade of conventional gestures and attitudes that one presents to the world, and bring out his or her inner freedom and inmost truth — what we might call the image of God abiding in one's deepest aspects. The counselor helps people identify ways in which they have sought satisfaction and fulfillment from sources that haven't worked, and have perhaps pushed God aside. Pastoral counseling enables another in the journey toward wholeness as experienced in work, family, partnership — in short, in one's relationship with God, self, and others.

Spiritual direction (also called spiritual companionship) is an ancient faith discipline in which a director or "soul friend" guides another in a growing, intimate relationship with God. Using discernment, the director can help others notice, see, and understand where God is at work and present in their lives. Spiritual direction explores a deeper relationship with the spiritual dimension of being human, paying attention to God's personal communication to someone through their life experience, dreams, prayer, journaling and Holy Scripture. Spiritual direction is a pilgrimage, a journey with God and toward God that fosters transcendent experiences that exist beyond and above language yet long to be articulated and made concrete in everyday living. It is a contemplative practice that awakens one to the mystery of God and helps one grow in discovery of freedom and commitment.

Interested? Intrigued?

Get in touch with Helen by phone at 860-331-1127 or at helen@sjparish.net to discuss whether one of these disciplines might be a good fit for you, wherever you are in your life and your journey of faith.

SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK
NOVEMBER 6, 2016 – NOVEMBER 13, 2016

ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY

- 8:00 A.M. Spoken Holy Eucharist
- 9:00 A.M. Youth Choir Rehearsal
- 9:15 A.M. Adult Choir Rehearsal
- 9:30 A.M. Youth Education Classes
- 9:30 A.M. Faith Forum: Jonathan Daniels, Hubbard Hall
- 9:30 A.M. "A Grace Disguised" Book Group, Reception Room
- 10:30 A.M. Holy Eucharist

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 7

- 9:00 A.M. ESOL Classes, Education Wing
- 5:30 P.M. Evening Prayer, Chancel

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8

- 8:00 A.M. Breakfast Club Networking Meeting, Hubbard Hall
- 10:00 A.M. Staff Meeting, St. John's Room

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 9

- 9:00 A.M. ESOL Classes, Education Wing
- 9:30 A.M. Madsingers
- 5:00 P.M. Youth Choir Rehearsal
- 5:30 P.M. Evening Prayer, Chancel
- 6:00 P.M. Choir Dinner
- 6:00 P.M. Hartford Family Institute, Library
- 6:30 P.M. Adult Choir Rehearsal
- 8:00 P.M. AA, Hubbard Hall

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 10

- 6:30 A.M. Men's Bible Study, Reception Room
- 7:00 A.M. AA, Hubbard Hall
- 12:00 P.M. West Hartford Garden Club, Hubbard Hall
- 6:30 P.M. GED and Citizenship Classes, Education Wing
- 7:00 P.M. Prayer Shawl Group Meeting, Reception Room
- 7:00 P.M. Women's Recovery Meeting, St. John's Room

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 11

- 5:30 P.M. Evening Prayer, Chancel
- 6:00 P.M. Refuge to Recovery, Reception Room
- 6:30 P.M. AA, Hubbard Hall

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 12

- 10:30 A.M. Altar Guild Meeting and Lunch, Hubbard Hall
- 6:30 P.M. Big Book Step Study Group, Hubbard Hall

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST & PLEDGE SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 13

- 8:00 A.M. Spoken Holy Eucharist
- 9:15 A.M. Adult Choir Rehearsal
- 9:30 A.M. Youth Education Classes
- 9:30 A.M. Faith Forum: St. John's Storycorps, Hubbard Hall
- 9:30 A.M. "A Grace Disguised" Book Group, Reception Room
- 10:30 A.M. Holy Eucharist
- 11:45 A.M. Iona Pilgrimage Meeting, Reception Room

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8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. each Sunday morning

5:00 p.m. Evensong on selected last Sundays of the month

5:30 p.m. Evening Prayer each Monday, Wednesday and Friday

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