



Happy Turkey Day

You have all undoubtedly been witnessing the changing of colors in the leaves and the changing of temperatures in the air as we moved from Summer and into Fall. We are nearing the end of November and with that comes one of America's most cherished holidays, Thanksgiving Day. Next to Christmas, Thanksgiving is certainly one of my favorite holidays. Hopefully, you all get to spend cherished time with family and/or friends enjoying food and festivities. For those that have a Friday holiday as well (me included), you can enjoy an extended four-day weekend.

From a financial perspective, the year is almost over and before you know it the Annual Meeting will be here. For the past few months, Anne, Diane, and I have been busy working with our new auditor to wrap up the CY 2023 audit. We are also working to analyze the results of the 2025 Stewardship campaign and finalizing a 2025 budget. Key to the 2025 budget will be our continued search for a new rector and what specific arrangements that will entail. I am extremely hopeful that 2025 will finally be the year that a new rector will be in place.

As always, much thanks to all our parishioners for their financial and non-financial support, and for your prayers as we continue to search for a new spiritual leader.

*Blessings,
Larry Espinet
Treasurer*

'Prepare Ye the Way'

This Sunday will be the First Sunday of Advent.

- Jesse Tree program! Beth Coates says: “We are excited to be supporting Torrington DCF with our annual Jesse Tree collection. We have received the names of 20 youth in need who will benefit from our donations! As we have done the past few years, we will give the families’ gift cards to Target or Walmart to get a gift for them, Subway or Dunkin, and a grocery card. This year, instead of filling out a form to order the gift cards, we are asking for monetary donations so we can order cards based on the funds we receive so as to more easily divide the donations between the children. Please make checks payable to St. John’s and put Jesse Tree in the memo. You can mail to the church, drop off to the office, put in the safe box in the narthex, or in the plate on Sunday.

Donations to the Jesse Tree are due by December 1st .”

- Bishop Ahrens is visiting our parish on December 8th. We will also be having a coffee hour/light brunch that day, we could use some more cookies, appetizers, etc.
- Our annual Lessons and Carols service is on December 15th. It is always a moving service that reflects on Advent and the thousands of years of waiting in hope for the coming of the Messiah.
- Christmas Services: Our Christmas Eve service of Holy Eucharist will be at 5pm on December 24th, the Reverend Salin Low will be presiding. Thank you, Salin! Our Christmas Day service will be 10 A.M. and will be a service of Morning Prayer.
- Christmas Flowers! If you want to contribute to the Christmas Flowers, please send a check or envelope specifically labelled for Christmas Flowers to the office.

SUNDAY WORSHIP RESOURCES

We will gather for worship on Sunday, December 1st, 2024 at 10am on-site and on-line.

The link for worship services is: www.facebook.com/stjohnspinemeadow

The link for the bulletin is <http://www.reddoors.com/worship-with-us.html>

The Book of Common Prayer can be found online at www.BCPonline.org

Thank you for worshipping God with us!

Thanks to our Ministers who sustain the worship life of our community

Officiant/Preacher – Evelyn Wheeler

Altar Guild – Diane Hayes and Sue Hall

Weekly Flower Orders – Ellen Childs

Facebook & Camera – Beth Coates

Weekly Eblast Article – Larry Espinet

Announcements – Nancy Butler

Greeters – Rose and Bob Osborne

Coffee Hour – Rose and Bob Osborne

Vestry Greeter – Gordon Ross

Liturgical Assistant – Guy Hayes

Lector – Donna Colavecchio

Intercessor – Donna Colavecchio

Counters – Guy Hayes and Ginny Hoffmann

Director of Music – Halyna Petronchak

Parish Administrator – Anne Hall

Office Cleaning Team – Nancy & Jeff Linton

Church Cleaning Team – Sue Hall, Guy Hayes, Barbara Henri and our Volunteers

HAPPENINGS AT ST. JOHN'S

Sunday Worship – 10am Eucharist – on-site and on-line
Daily Office/Morning Prayer – Tuesdays – Prayer list
Thursday Evening Compline -6:30pm
AA Meetings – Every Wednesday at 8:30pm
Vestry – 7pm – 4th Thursday Evening of the Month
Codependents Anonymous – Every Friday at 7:30pm
AA Meetings – Every Friday at 8:30pm
Drive Up Food Drives – 10am to 1pm – 3rd Saturdays
Office Hours – 8:30am – 1:30pm Monday thru Thursday & by appt.
Bingo!: Second Tuesday of the month at 10:30am
Dwelling in the Word – Thursdays at 10:30am

*Micro-sermon – Foundation -- You can't build unless you have a strong foundation. The invitation for today is to go "back to the basics," back to loving God with all your heart and soul and mind, and to loving your neighbor as yourself. There is nothing more important – or more urgently needed in the world.
Br. David Vryhof, SSJE*

Can You Help Out?

ADVENT BRUNCH: Please join us on December 8th for our Advent Brunch, we will also be celebrating Bishop Ahrens's visitation that day. We need finger foods or light appetizers.

BINGO!!: Bingo is held on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 10:30 in Sheffield Hall.

LESSONS AND CAROLS: Our annual Lessons and Carols service of music and Advent readings will be on December 15th.

BIRTHDAY AND ANNIVERSARY CARDS: Please sign the December Birthday and Anniversary cards; they are located in the narthex.

LITTLE FREE PANTRY DRIVE UP FOOD DRIVES - The LFP is open 24/7/365 for food drop off and for those who are in need. Nonperishable food items, cleaning supplies, and hygiene product are needed. Collections take place on the 3rd Saturday of the month with our next collection on December 21st.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! Would you like to help out? We always need people to help in our Sunday services; it is a wonderful way to experience God's grace through service. We need: greeters, coffee hour hosts, and counters in particular.

FAVORITE HYMN – Please contact Halyna if you would like a favorite/special hymn played at any of the services. Thank you.

DWELLING IN THE WORD – Dwelling meets every Thursday at 10:30 in the office rooms. It is a very interesting study of the Gospel using three different Bible translations, always a great conversation. Feel free to just drop in.

KNITTERS AND CROCHETERS – Please join us during coffee hour on the first Sunday of the month to work on knitting and crocheting projects, embroidering/needle work, we would love to have you join us.

PRAYER REQUESTS - Please contact the parish office for your prayer requests added to the weekly prayer list. The Prayer List goes out on Tuesday mornings.

2024 ALTAR FLOWERS – The 2024 Calendar is up in the narthex for Altar flowers sign up. Suggested updated donation is \$65, price has increased by Stop & Shop. Also, if you would like to have the Sanctuary Candle burn in someone's memory, please

contact the office.

Go in Peace to Love and Serve the Lord

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