## Collect for All Saints Day (Nov. 1)

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. *Amen.*

## Collect for All Souls Day (Nov. 2)

O God, the Maker and Redeemer of all believers: Grant to the faithful departed the unsearchable benefits of the passion of your Son; that on the day of his appearing they may be manifested as your children; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Vestry Meeting Report

Vestry Meeting Updates from October 22, 2026

The following items were reported completed: The lighting in the sanctuary has been upgrade. The new handicapped toilet has been installed; we are currently waiting for the grab bar to be installed. A new lock has been installed on the entrance to Sheffield Hall. New locks will be put on the “pantry” closet in the narthex and locks on the elevator doors. This will secure our food storage and the parish hall. We are in the process of having Security Cameras installed on the Little Free Pantry area to further secure the building and to ensure the safety of the community and parishioners.

The Vestry is holding a workshop to plan for our priorities in 2027. If anyone has fundraising ideas or other ideas for the growing of the congregation, please speak to a Vestry member.

Stewardship packets are going out the last week in October Please prayerfully consider your pledge for 2027 to help St. John's grow and continue God's work.
We will be doing the Jesse Tree again this year for 20 children in partnership with Covenant for Care in Torrington; as in previous years we will provide gift cards to the families. The due date for donations for these cards will be announced soon.
And as always, the vestry is thankful for a parish of loving, faithful, and committed parishioners!

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## Annual Convention: Livestream & Worship Offering

Here is the link to Bishop Mello's address at the 242nd Annual Convention of the ECCT

**https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Fyz9SPDhWuE**

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### 2027 Stewardship

You will be shortly receiving your packet for stewardship and pledging for 2027. There is room in God's House for us all, in all times. Even in the challenges of this past year, as a parish we have lived ever more fully into this and we hope that you have continued to feel at home here in this church. We know you will consider with prayer and living faith your call to St. John's Pine Meadow next year.
May God hold you always in his hands and in the mansions of His Father's house.

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### Parish Hall Update

An important notice about the doors of the parish hall. The front door at the base of the stairs now has a keypad lock on it and the back door is locked. Both doors will open from within regardless of whether they are locked or unlocked. During services, coffee hours, and events feel free to prop these doors open!! However, please make sure that both doors are closed if you are the last person out of the space.
If you need access contact the office. A set of spare keys will be kept in the sacristy cabinet for emergency access.
*Thank you so much for your patience!*
*Anne*

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### Mother Claudia's Weekly Schedule

- Fri 10/23 AM Pastoral Visits, Weekly prep EVE Dioc Convention-Bishop's Dinner
- Sat 10/24 Diocesan Convention
- Sun 10/25 AM Presiding at Trinity. PM Meeting with NW Region team via Zoom
- Mon 10/26 Claudia's Sabbath Day
- Tue 10/27 St. John's drop in morning or after noon
- Wed 10/28 Funeral St. John's morning. Trinity after noon
- Thu 10/29 AM St. John's PM Trinity
- Fri 10/30 Pastoral Visits, Noon mtg w SJPM Organist Weekly prep (home office)
- Sat 10/31 SJPM Vestry Retreat Sermon prep (home office)
- Sun 11/1/AM Presiding at St. John's
- 11/2-11/7 Vacation

I have many open times this week for pastoral visits, or coffee/breakfast/ lunch with anyone who'd like to chat. Even within the times marked above I can 'tweak' most of

my plans to fit in your visit, call, or pastoral session. Call me directly at 959-799-1515 or email me at rectorstjohntrinity@gmail.com to verify your best time to meet.
Please Note: I am away next week 11/2-7. If a priest is needed during my absence, please contact the parish wardens.
*Claudia +*

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## Little Free Pantry

Barden Farm Store is supporting a Thanksgiving Food Drive for us!
Friday, November 6th through Sunday, November 8th.
The focus is on collecting food for Thanksgiving. We are aiming to create around 20 to 30 'baskets' that will be given to families that New Hartford's Town Hall has identified as in need. Please spread the word.

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## Upcoming Events at St. John's Pine Meadow

- Vestry Retreat on Saturday October 31st in the morning. Have thoughts? Tell someone on vestry.
- Halloween: Barbara Hinman and Nancy Butler will be representing St. John's Pine Meadow at the 'Trunk or Treat' event downtown on October 31st from 4:30 to 6:30. They would love some more people!
- Stewardship: Our Stewardship season has begun, please prayerfully consider St. John's impact on your lives. Packets will be mailed in the last week of October, pledges are requested by December 1st.
- Little Free Pantry food drive at Barden Farm Store: Nov. 6 to 8
- Worship Committee Meeting: Nov. 10th. What do you like about our liturgy and music? Or don't like? Let Anne in the office know, she is coordinating this.
- BINGO! Our monthly Bingo group will be holding the next fiercely friendly competition on Nov. 10th at 10:30 in the Parish Hall

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## Formation & Education Autumn 2026—*Trinity, Collinsville/St. John, Pine Meadow*

**Safe Church Training** **Zoom and/or In person** **Various dates/times**
As followers of Christ, we all share responsibility for creating safe spaces in our worshipping communities. ECCT's Safe Church policies & training are grounded in our baptismal call to "seek and serve Christ in all persons and respect the dignity of every human being."

Safe Church Training is required by The Episcopal Church for all clergy and lay leaders who work with children, youth, or vulnerable adults.

See dates/times/locations available: **Episcopal Church in Connecticut**

**Bible Study: Freedom Stories in the Bible** **(via Zoom)** **Weds 7pm beginning Sept 16**
Trinity and St. John's are invited to participate in the Zoom bible study prepared by Rev. Erika at St. Thomas Bethel. Come to one, come to many, come to all—come as you are to this intriguing

study series!

Exodus-Freedom from Oppression 9/16—11/18
Magnificat-Freedom Through Hope 12/2—12/16
Ephesians-Freedom by God's Light 1/6—2/3
Lent—Freedom Through Forgiveness 2/17—3/17
Gospel of John-The Truth Will Set You Free 4/7—5/27

To receive the Zoom code, contact **reverika@stthomasbethel.org**

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Prayers

Assist us mercifully, O Lord, in these our supplications and prayers, and dispose the way of thy servants towards the attainment of everlasting salvation; that, among all the changes and chances of this mortal life, they may ever be defended by thy gracious and ready help; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*For Matthew Olson, Maryelen Wielock, Mary Lou Rayno, Zach Marcus, Rowan, MaryEllen A., Wells, Steve Avilas, William Pereria, James Rubinow, Barbara Lanthier, Priscilla Lavoie, Nancy Gibson, Lucie, Brad, Louis, Donnie Lehy, Patty Barrett, George Semler, Nicole Misko, Penny, Hank, Patrice Olson, Denise, Marie Prelli Keefe, Brett Hitchcock, Sherri Johnson, Greg A., and for all held in the hearts of the parishioners of St John's, and for their families and their friends.*

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## THIS SUNDAY WORSHIP RESOURCES

We will gather for worship on Sunday, Nov 1, 2026 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 worshiping God with us!

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

### This Week's Worship Leaders

Celebrant: The Rev. Claudia Scheda
Altar Guild – Ann Atwood and Molly Read
Weekly Flower Orders – Anne Hall/Altar Guild
Facebook & Camera – Beth McNeil
Weekly Eblast Article – A little of everything
Announcements – Candy Flaherty
Greeters – Nancy and Jeff Linton
Coffee Hour – Nancy and Jeff Linton
Vestry Greeter – Barbara Hinman
Liturgical Assistant – Guy Hayes
Lector – Joe Kenney
Intercessor – Allison Kimmerle
Counters – Barbara Hinman and Joe Kenney
Organist – Ed Mason
Parish Administrator – Anne Hall
Office Cleaning Team – Nancy & Jeff Linton

Church Cleaning Team – Sue Hall, Guy Hayes, Barbara Henri and our Volunteers
Weekly Website Update – Anne Hall
Website Organization – Diane Hayes/Anne Hall

*Micro-sermon – Victory - Jesus' work and that of his disciples marks the beginning of the end for the forces of evil. There will continue to be skirmishes between good and evil, but there is a sure and certain hope that Satan will be conquered in the end. Recall Jesus' words, "I watched Satan fall from heaven," and put your trust in God's strength and God's assurance of victory.*
*Br. David Vryhof, SSJE*

## Works of Prayer and Hands

**ALTAR FLOWERS:** The altar flowers today are given in memory of Howie Martin, he is deeply missed.

**A NOTE ON THE PARISH HALL DOOR:** An important notice about the doors of the parish hall. The front door at the base of the stairs now has a keypad lock on it and the back door is locked. Both doors will open from within regardless of whether they are locked or unlocked. During services, coffee hours, and events feel free to prop these doors open!! **Please make sure that both doors are closed if you are the last person out of the space.**
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**ORGANIST UPDATE!** We want to finally, formally share the good news! We have hired a new organist, Dianne Rechel. She will be starting at the end of November, at the beginning of the new liturgical year. Dianne comes to us with many years of experience with various church organs and choirs. We look forward to singing God's praises with her!

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY:** Happy birthday this coming week to Raymond Roy!

**ECCT TRAINING:** The calendar for upcoming ECCT training is posted in the narthex. These are open to all, but if you do attend something, let the office or Mother Claudia know as some of it we keep track of!

**PRAYER LIST**: Your prayers, cards, and well wishes are very much appreciated by all the people on, or recently on, our prayer list. The Prayer list goes out on Tuesday at 8 a.m., please contact to the office to place a prayer request.

### Next Week's Worship Leaders (November 8th)

Celebrant: The Rev. Joseph Pace
Lector: Larry Espinet
Intercessor: Debbie Fritch
Announcements: Donna Colavecchio
Greeters: John and Julie Gargiulo
Coffee: John and Julie Gargiulo
Vestry Greeter: Guy Hayes
Liturgical Assistant: Nancy Butler
Counters: Betty Castonguay and Guy Hayes

### HAPPENINGS AT ST. JOHN'S

Sunday Worship – 10 am – on-site and on-line
Thursday Evening Compline on Facebook -6:30pm
AA Meetings – Every Wednesday at 8:30pm
Vestry – 7pm – 4th Thursday Evening of the Month
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!: 2nd Tuesday of the month at 10:30 in the Parish Hall

*Go in Peace to Love and Serve the Lord*

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