Today at St. John’s

Today’s Outreach Collection for the Betty Ann Krahnke Center benefits victims of domestic violence. Please give generously.

Adult Ed - Incarnation and Creation Care, 9:00 am in the Parish Hall and on Zoom
Topic is stewardship of the Earth’s fragile body. Join in person in the Parish Hall, or on Zoom: bit.ly/STJNFallForums.

Church School Nativity, 11:30 am in the Nave, followed by a reception in the Parish Hall

Gun Violence Prevention Meeting, 12:00 pm in the Lounge and on Zoom

Blue Christmas Service, 4:00 pm in the Chapel
A contemplative service for those experiencing grief and loss around the holidays.

Christmas Potluck and Caroling, 6:00 pm in the Parish Hall
Join us for food, fellowship, and Christmas cheer! St. John’s staff will host and provide the main dishes (including a vegetarian option) and beverages; everyone else is asked to bring a side (last names A-M) or dessert (last names N-Z) to share. More in Crossroads.

This Week at St. John’s

Sunday, December 18
Fourth Sunday of Advent
Deadline for Newsletter Submissions
Deadline for Christmas Flower DedICATIONS
Outreach Sunday to benefit the Betty Ann Krohnke Center
8:00 - 9:00 am Spoken Holy Eucharist - St. Mary’s Chapel
8:00 am - 4:00 pm Shepherd’s Table food preparation - Kitchen
9:00 - 10:00 am Adult Ed - Parish Hall, Online Church School, J2A - Classrooms
10:00 - 10:30 am Fellowship & Transition - West Avenue Lobby
10:30 - 11:30 am Holy Eucharist - Nave, Livestream
11:30 am-12:00pm Church School Nativity Pageant
12:00 - 2:00 pm GVP Meeting - Lounge
4:00 – 4:45 pm Blue Christmas Service - Chapel
5:00 - 6:00 pm “Come As You Are” Holy Eucharist-Nave
6:00 - 8:00 pm Holiday Potluck & Caroling - Parish Hall

Monday, December 19
7:00 - 8:00 pm Advent Book Discussion - Online

Tuesday, December 20
6:30 - 8:00 pm EfM Meeting - Library
7:30 - 8:00 pm Vestry devotions - Online
8:00 - 10:00 pm Vestry (open) meeting - Online

Wednesday, December 21
10:00 - 11:00 am Bible Study - Online
4:30 - 6:30 pm Choristers - Lounge, Choir Room

Thursday, December 22
6:00 - 7:00 pm Norwood Ringers - Choir Room
7:30 - 9:00 pm Choir Rehearsal - Choir Room

Friday, December 23
No Scheduled Events.

Saturday, December 24
5:00 - 6:00 pm Christmas Pageant and Holy Communion - Nave; pre-service carol sing-along at 4:45 pm
8:00 - 9:00 pm Holy Communion - Nave, Livestream; pre-service choral music at 7:30 pm
9:00 - 10:00 pm Christmas Eve Reception - Parish Hall
10:30 - 11:30 pm Holy Communion - Nave; pre-service choral music at 10:00 pm

Sunday, December 25
Christmas Day
10:30 - 11:30 am Holy Eucharist - Nave
Events and Ministry Need Announcements

For more information on any of these events, see the most recent edition of Crossroads. To be added to the Crossroads email list, email publicity@stjohnsnorwood.org. Instructions for giving can be found on the back of this bulletin.

Ministry Needs

If you have not already done so, please help us plan for next year’s activities and budget by sharing your 2023 Pledge commitment, using either a pledge card on the online form, accessible via the QR code at right:

The J2A class of 2023 seeks donations of “big ticket” items for the annual J2A winter raffle, its largest fundraiser. To donate items or share ideas, email catherinepwilliamson[AT]gmail.com and NicoleChristensenDC[AT]gmail.com.

Clothing and shoe donations are needed for families facing economic hardship. Please bring items to the bins near the sacristy.

Support Flower Guild with a Christmas flower dedication, which will appear in the Christmas Eve and Christmas Day bulletins. Request yours via the QR code at right; deadline is TODAY, December 18.

This Week

Monday, December 19: Advent Book Discussion, 7:00 pm on Zoom
Rev. Sarah Reynolds leads a discussion of Padraig O’Tuama’s spiritual memoir, In the Shelter. bit.ly/STJNBibleStudy

Monday, December 19: Vestry Meeting (open), 8:00 pm online. Devotions for Vestry members at 7:30.

Wednesday, December 21: Bible Study, 10:00 am on Zoom. Explore the Scripture in good company. bit.ly/STJNBibleStudy

Saturday, December 24: Christmas Eve
4:45 pm - Christmas Carol Sing-a-long
5:00 pm - Christmas Pageant and Holy Communion
7:30 pm - Choral Preludes
8:00 pm - Holy Communion (with Livestream option)
9:00 pm - Christmas Eve Reception, in the Parish Hall
10:00 pm - Choral Preludes
10:30 pm - Holy Communion

Next Week

Sunday, December 25: Christmas Day
There will be one worship service, 10:30 Holy Eucharist. For virtual worship, view the Christmas Eve recording on St. John’s YouTube channel. There will be no Nursery, Church School, or Adult Ed offered on Christmas Day.

The Church Office is closed through January 2. Bible Studies, Church School, Adult Ed, and Crossroads will also take a break during that time.

Upcoming


Wednesday, January 11: Men’s Book Club Meeting - More information in Crossroads.

January 27-29, 2023: Men’s Retreat at Shrinemont

March 11, 2023: Women’s One-Day Retreat at Virginia Theological Seminary
This Week in Prayer

We join in prayer this week for:


Parishioners celebrating a birthday next week (December 18 – December 24): Marit Bjornlund, Tom Crven, Janet Hall, Margaret Hilton, Colleen Kelly, Amanda Klovers, Dawn Moffitt, Sally Ruskowski, Cottin Walsh

Those serving in the military, including: Jonathan Hackett (nephew of Liz & Jim Mullikin), Keenan McUmber (son of Melanie Folstad and Rick McUmber), all our Wounded Warriors, all our POW/MIA soldiers

Those in the Anglican Communion: The Anglican Church of Korea

Those in the Diocese: Church of St. Stephen and the Incarnation/San Esteban y La Encarnación. DC; St. Thomas' Church, DC; St. Thomas’ Church, P.G. County, and the Chapel of the Incarnation

Those in Companion Dioceses: Diocese of Kontagora - The Church of Nigeria (Lokoja Province)

Today’s flowers are given to the Glory of God and in thanksgiving for all the blessings of this life.

Please share prayer requests – including transitions and thanksgivings – on a “Voice from the Pew” card or call/email the Church Office.

*Denotes St. John’s parishioner. Bolded names under those newly in need of prayer are names added this week. **Unless the Office is asked to remove or move them to the “continuing” prayer list, all “new” names will be listed for four weeks.

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St. John’s COVID Protocols:
St. John’s worship services and other events are now mask-optional in keeping with the latest CDC guidelines. Mask on or mask off, we hope you’ll join us! The Clergy and Lay Eucharistic Ministers will continue to wear masks when administering communion. Please rest assured that no one will be criticized for their masking choices at St. John’s. Remember that masks of high quality (i.e., KN95 or N95) do provide a level of protection to the wearer, even if others around them are mask-free. Our parish leadership will continue to monitor CDC guidance and local transmission levels, and will update our policies as necessary.
St. John’s Sunday Worship Schedule

8:00 am  Simple, spoken Eucharist with sermon in the Chapel
10:30 am  Livestreamed Holy Eucharist service with music and sermon in the Nave
5:00 pm  “Come as you are” informal, yet traditional service, with music, reflection, and communion in the round in the Nave

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Give to St. John’s

You may make a contribution to St. John’s in any of the following ways:

1.  **Donate online** through Breeze ([https://stjohnsnorwood.breezechms.com/give/online](https://stjohnsnorwood.breezechms.com/give/online)). Select the appropriate fund in the drop-down menu.

2.  **Text** (301) 685-7608. You can use no keyword for general donations, “pledge” for pledging, or “outreach” for an outreach Sunday donation. If this is your first time making a text donation, you will be directed to an online form to set up text donation information in Breeze.

3.  **Checks** placed in the offering plate or sent by mail. Checks should be made payable to St. John’s Norwood Episcopal Church. Our mailing address is 6701 Wisconsin Avenue, Chevy Chase, MD 20815.

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