



# The Eagle

September 2019

## What's

### Happening this Summer...

#### September 1

*Holy Eucharist  
8am & 10am*

*Kool Kids Church  
Summer Breakfast*

#### September 8

*Holy Eucharist  
8am & 10am*

*Welcome Back Rally*

#### September 15

*Holy Eucharist  
8am*

*Family Service with  
Children's Choir at 10am*

#### September 22

*Holy Eucharist  
8am & 10am*

*Church School*

#### September 29

*Morning Prayer  
8am & 10am  
Church School*

Dear friends in Christ,

Here we go! Summer is ending and all things Fall are upon us; school restarting, young adults off to college, technical training or new jobs, and the program year – at church and in other ministry organizations. As Willy Wonka said, "So much time and so little to do. Wait a minute. Strike that. Reverse it." We have so much to do and it feels like so little time. I'm asking myself, how will I get it all done!? I remind myself of the Cycle of Blessings.



I believe in a God of Abundance, as you've heard me speak about this, and pray it so often. God has given me all I need; all I need to be a loving co-creative part of God's creation. Yet I forget to breathe into this and live, in my heart, from a place of abundance. Time on long morning walks at my place in New Hampshire, intentionally for my physical wellness, have helped me to pray the awareness of God in all I do. It's about balancing, isn't it?



Our readings for September in Ordinary Time, the Sundays after Pentecost, invite us to ponder God's presence in all we do, and how we can follow The Way of Love as Gracious Leaders. The prophet Jeremiah helps the people remember God's goodness towards creation, and strongly cautions against straying from God's way. Paul's letters to early disciples about living in The Way of Love are reminders for us to find a balance in our lives. And Luke's gospel message shows us how Jesus's way is about restoring justice, mercy, and care for the marginalized and oppressed. You can read ahead with the links!

- Sept. 1 [http://www.lectionarypage.net/YearC\\_RCL/Pentecost/CProp17\\_RCL.html](http://www.lectionarypage.net/YearC_RCL/Pentecost/CProp17_RCL.html)
- Sept. 8 [http://www.lectionarypage.net/YearC\\_RCL/Pentecost/CProp18\\_RCL.html](http://www.lectionarypage.net/YearC_RCL/Pentecost/CProp18_RCL.html)
- Sept. 15 [http://www.lectionarypage.net/YearC\\_RCL/Pentecost/CProp19\\_RCL.html](http://www.lectionarypage.net/YearC_RCL/Pentecost/CProp19_RCL.html)
- Sept. 22 [http://www.lectionarypage.net/YearC\\_RCL/Pentecost/CProp20\\_RCL.html](http://www.lectionarypage.net/YearC_RCL/Pentecost/CProp20_RCL.html)
- Sept. 29 [http://www.lectionarypage.net/YearC\\_RCL/Pentecost/CProp21\\_RCL.html](http://www.lectionarypage.net/YearC_RCL/Pentecost/CProp21_RCL.html)

Many of us were knocked off balance recently with the unexpected news of Tom Schuckman's transition from this world to everlasting life. It was a reminder of the need for us to live each day loving and caring for each other, and our community, to be present and live a life worthy of the calling we have received. (Eph 4:1) We must live in a place of balance between loving God, loving neighbor and loving self.

I graduate on September 1<sup>st</sup> from a two year Apprentice Program with the Guild for Spiritual Guidance. My cohort has learned equilibrium and balance as we studied in the strands of Sacred Community, Sacred Earth, Sacred Love/Life, and Sacred Con-

## PRIEST IN RESIDENCE

The Rev. William Cruse

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sciousness. I have discovered, or perhaps uncovered for myself, the equilibrium of spiritual listening and sacred response. On this threshold of ending and beginning, I find myself wondering, "What's next?"

Indeed, what is next for you, and for us at St. John's? Where can we find balance in this world that seems to move too quickly, and where changes and upheavals leave us feeling knocked about, by tempests tossed and yearning to be free.

Prayer, meditation, and worship in community will support and nourish us.

Being in relationship, and greeting one another at parish activities, and around town will renew us. Here's a poem from John O'Donohue's *To Bless the Space Between Us* that you can read today, tomorrow, and in the days ahead.

Peace - Bill+

### For Equilibrium, a Blessing

Like the joy of the sea coming home to shore,  
May the relief of laughter rinse through your soul.

As the wind loves to call things to dance,  
May your gravity be lightened by grace.

Like the dignity of moonlight restoring the earth,  
May your thoughts incline with reverence and respect.

As water takes whatever shape it is in,  
So free may you be about who you become.

As silence smiles on the other side of what's said,  
May your sense of irony bring perspective.

As time remains free of all that it frames,  
May your mind stay clear of all it names.

May your prayer of listening deepen enough  
to hear in the depths the laughter of God."

## Ramsey Day is Saturday, September 7<sup>th</sup> from 11am – 4pm

Thanks to several indefatigable parishioners; St. John's will have a table/booth at this annual event again this year. We'll have a canopy to protect from the sun, and make a space with posters and flyers to welcome visitors.

Please join Renée Peters, Bill Lathrop, Megan Kendall, and Martha Anderson for some time at the booth. Let your Currency of Relationship flow as you greet your Ramsey friends, and make new ones. Share your Currency of Truth about the Wellness you encounter at St. John's and the opportunities we have for contributing to the wellness of our community.



**Welcome Back/Rally Sunday is September 8th.** On Sunday, September 8th we are inviting all parishioners to “kick-off” the 2019-20 church season with an indoor tailgate following the 10:00am service.

### **Food • Games • Fellowship**

We'll commission our Sunday School and other programs of mission and ministry, and formally welcome many newer parishioners. Following the 10am service, St. John's will host a parish picnic at 11:30am. Bring your favorite fall foods to share with friends; you will receive a sign-up sheet via email. “Come greet one another and share stories of trips, reunions, relaxation, reading or other summer fun. Enjoy time with each other in our wonderful place, deepening our relationships that nurture our wellness.

**To sign up, go to: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F44A4A82BA5F94-welcome>**

For more info contact Kelly Jo Bledsoe and/or Kristin Canty.

## **WELCOME NEWER PARISHIONERS**

On Sunday, September 8, 2019 as all parishioners gather for the Kick-Off Rally of the church season, the *Newer Parishioners* will be acknowledged. They include:

**Maria Cornea**

**Jeanne Davis**

**Tony Davis and Kristen Andretta**

**Bill Deegan**

**Jim Francese**

**John Harley**

**Capri O'Hara**

**Robert Clooney**

**Dana and Brian Reinke and Family**

**Matthew and Erin Schroeder and Family**

**John and Claire Speer**

During the 10 am service, a special blessing will be offered. The Rally begins immediately following the service. We look forward to being together as we start our new church year at St. John's.

~ *The Membership Ministry*

# Church School

## St. John's Episcopal Church Church School Calendar 2019-2020

September 8	Church School Opening – 9:45 AM – Parish Hall Gathering – “Meet and Greet”/Classrooms
September 15	Family Service: 10:00 AM, No Church School
September 22	Church School – 10:00 AM - Classrooms
September 29	Church School – 10:00 AM - Classrooms
October 6	Church School – 10:00 AM - Blessing of the Animals
October 13	Church School – 10:00 AM
October 20	Family Service: 10:00AM with Choristers and Cherubs, No Church School
October 27	Church School – 10:00 AM
November 3	Church School – 10:00 AM -Thanksgiving Food Drive Begins -
November 10	Church School – 10:00AM - CS Staff Meeting: 11:15 AM - Gr. 3-5 Classroom
November 17	Family Service: 10:00 AM with Choristers and Cherubs, No Church School, Thanksgiving Food Drive Ends
November 24	Church School - 10:00 AM
December 1	Church School – 10:00 AM - First Sunday in Advent
December 8	Church School – 10:00 AM - Second Sunday in Advent
December 15	Family Service: 10:00 AM, No Church School – Third Sunday in Advent
December 22	No Church School – Fourth Sunday in Advent – Christmas Pageant and Christmas Card Supper
December 29	No Church School – Christmas Vacation Schedule
January 5	Church School- 10:00 AM
January 12	Church School – 10:00 AM - Souper Bowl Outreach Project Begins – NWC for Food Action
January 19	Family Service: 10:00 AM with Choristers and Cherubs, No Church School
January 26	Church School – 10:00 AM – “Souper Bowl” Collection Project Ends
February 2	Church School – 10:00 AM
February 9	Church School - 10:00 AM – CS Staff Meeting – 11:15 AM - Gr. 3-5 Classroom
February 16	Family Service: 10:00 AM with Choristers and Cherubs - No Church School
February 23	Church School –10:00 AM
March 1	Church School – 10:00 AM, First Sunday in Lent
March 8	Church School – 10:00 AM, Second Sunday in Lent
March 15	Family Service: 10:00 AM with Choristers and Cherubs, No Church School Third Sunday in Lent
March 22	Church School – Fourth Sunday in Lent
March 29	Church School - 10:00 AM, Fifth Sunday in Lent

# Church School

April 5 No Church School - Palm Sunday  
April 12 No Church School - Easter Day  
April 19 Family Service: 10:00 AM  
April 26 Church School – 10:00 AM Prepare Meal for St. Paul’s Shelter in Parish Hall

May 3 Church School – 10:00 AM - CS Staff Meeting – 11:15 AM  
May 10 Church School – 10:00 AM - Mother’s Day  
May 17 Family Service: 10:00 AM with Choristers and Cherubs, No Church School  
May 24 No Church School – Memorial Day Vacation Schedule- Trinity Sunday  
May 31 Church School - 10:00 AM - Day of Pentecost.

June 7 Church School – 10:00 AM - Trinity Sunday  
June 14 Church School – 10:00 AM  
June 21 Family Service: 10:00 AM with Choristers and Cherubs,  
No Church School, Father’s Day

Family Service Sundays: Baby Care and Toddler Care Available

Child Care will also be available for the following occasions:

EMV Information Sunday  
Palm Sunday Service on April 5th: 10:00 AM  
Easter Services on April 12th: 10:00 AM  
Christmas Eve – 5:00 PM Service on December 24 th

\*Chorister and Cherubs Rehearsals: Grades 2- Grade 7 - Tuesdays: 4:30-5:00 PM (5:20 PM for  
Choisters) [First Rehearsal: 9/17/19]

\*St. John’s Chamber Players – woodwind, brass, percussion (one or more years of experience) – El-  
lane Klee ([eklie3@gmail.com](mailto:eklie3@gmail.com) 551-804-7496)

26 Church School Class Sessions

All Saints Day - November 1st  
Christ the King Day - November 24th  
Advent - December 1st - December 24th  
Epiphany - January 6th  
Lent - February 26th - April 11th

Chapel Services for Primary Class (Preschool, K, 1, 2) - 10:00 AM - 10:30 AM - Preschool Classroom  
First Sunday of the Month:

October 6  
November 3  
December 1  
January 5  
February 2  
March 1  
May 3  
June 7

## Outreach to Homeless Families

St. John's is working with First Presbyterian Church of Ramsey to help house homeless families through the non-profit Family Promise. The vision of this organization is to break the cycle of poverty and homelessness for working families in Bergen County. Their goal is to empower the homeless working families to succeed by providing temporary shelter and targeted support. Visit their website ([bergenfamilypromise.org](http://bergenfamilypromise.org)) to learn more about the initiatives of Family Promise.

First Presbyterian is a host congregation to house and feed families for a week. Host congregations provide space for beds as well as dinner and overnight chaperones. There may be one or multiple families staying at the church, but the maximum number of people is fourteen. This is very volunteer intensive so First Presbyterian welcomes other local churches to partner with them in providing the dinners and overnight chaperones.

First Presbyterian's week is September 22<sup>nd</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup>. St. John's has volunteered for Saturday, September 28<sup>th</sup>. Families arrive by van at approximately 6:30 pm and dinner is served at 6:45 pm. We are looking for cooks and chaperones. Our efforts will help the currencies of relationship, wellness, and time flow in our cycle of blessings. To volunteer, please contact Janice Hardy ([HardyCJR@aol.com](mailto:HardyCJR@aol.com)) or call the church office (201-327-0703).

### ♪ A Note about Instrumental Music ♪

If you play a *brass, woodwind or percussion* instrument, perhaps you should consider joining the *St. John's Chamber Ensemble!*

Any musician who has had a year of experience playing at school, is eligible to join!

The Chamber Ensemble plays for Family Sunday Services and at various other times during the year.

We practice in the music room on Sunday mornings after church...  
(during coffee hour.)

If you think your child might like to take part, get in touch with me!

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(Ensemble Director)

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**Let's make some joyful noise!**



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**Worship Schedule**

**Sunday Services**

Holy Eucharist  
8 AM & 10 AM

**Church School**

9:45AM Infant & Child Care

**Celtic Prayer**

Wednesdays at 7:30 PM



The Rev. William Cruse  
*Priest in Residence*

The Rev. Richard Louis  
*Rector Emeritus*

Drew Kreisner  
*Organist/Choirmaster*

Meg Acer  
*Interim Parish Administrator*

Megan Kendall  
*Youth Missioner*



Our Fall Rummage Sale will be held **October 25 and 26**. Set-up and receipt of donations will be Sunday, October 20 through Wednesday, October 23. Donations of fall/winter clothing, household items, small appliances (be sure they work), linens, jewelry and children's toys are gratefully received. Please be sure that items are clean and in good condition. We cannot accept electronics and children's car seats. We ask that you hold on to your donations until October 20. Set-up will begin after the 10:00 service. We do not have the space to store rummage brought in advance of that date. For more information contact Kathy Fede or Rosemary Haas.

**Sunday Worship Schedule**

Services at 8am (spoken) and 10am (with music)

Sept 1 – Holy Eucharist – Rev. Richard Andersen at 8am,  
Rev. Susan Schink at 10am

Sept 8 – Holy Eucharist – Rev. Bill Cruse

Rally/Welcome Back Sunday

Sept 15 – Holy Eucharist – Rev. Richard Andersen

Sept 22 – TBD

Sept 29 – Morning Prayer – Lay Officiant.

Guest preacher: Sara Lilja, Director of  
LEAMNJ – focus on Immigration Justice,

Oct. 6 – Holy Eucharist – Rev. Richard Andersen at 8am & 10am

Oct. 13 – Holy Eucharist – Rev. Bill Cruse

Oct. 20 – Holy Eucharist Family Service – Rev. Bill Cruse

Oct. 27 – Holy Eucharist – Rev. Bill Cruse