

HOLY BAPTISM & EUCHARIST

The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 13, 2026 | 10:15 am



In the name of Jesus Christ, welcome! We are delighted to worship with you this morning.

*This booklet and The Hymnal 1982 (dark blue) provide the resources needed for participation in the service. Congregational responses appear in **bold**.*

Whether a long-standing parishioner, a new member, or someone joining us for the first time, we hope you will sense God's work within you and in this community. May our worship strengthen, inspire, and guide us this day and always.

THE WORD OF GOD

VOLUNTARY *Elegy*

George Thalben-Ball (1896-1987)

Please stand

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

<i>Celebrant</i>	Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
<i>People</i>	And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.
<i>Celebrant</i>	There is one Body and one Spirit;
<i>People</i>	There is one hope in God's call to us;
<i>Celebrant</i>	One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;
<i>People</i>	One God and Father of all.

HYMN 390 "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

Lobe den Herren

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

<i>Celebrant</i>	The Lord be with you.
<i>People</i>	And also with you.
<i>Celebrant</i>	Let us pray.
	O God, because without you we are not able to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.
<i>People</i>	Amen.

Reader A Reading from the Book of Exodus.

The angel of God who was going before the Israelite army moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud moved from in front of them and took its place behind them. It came between the army of Egypt and the army of Israel. And so the cloud was there with the darkness, and it lit up the night; one did not come near the other all night. Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The LORD drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night, and turned the sea into dry land; and the waters were divided. The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. The Egyptians pursued, and went into the sea after them, all of Pharaoh's horses, chariots, and chariot drivers. At the morning watch the LORD in the pillar of fire and cloud looked down upon the Egyptian army, and threw the Egyptian army into panic. He clogged their chariot wheels so that they turned with difficulty. The Egyptians said, "Let us flee from the Israelites, for the LORD is fighting for them against Egypt." Then the LORD said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand over the sea, so that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and chariot drivers." So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at dawn the sea returned to its normal depth. As the Egyptians fled before it, the LORD tossed the Egyptians into the sea. The waters returned and covered the chariots and the chariot drivers, the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea; not one of them remained. But the Israelites walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. Thus the LORD saved Israel that day from the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. Israel saw the great work that the LORD did against the Egyptians. So the people feared the LORD and believed in the LORD and in his servant Moses.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 103:8-13 *Read responsively by half verse*

Benedic, anima mea

- 8 The LORD is full of compassion and mercy, *
 slow to anger and of great kindness.
- 9 He will not always accuse us, *
 nor will he keep his anger for ever.
- 10 He has not dealt with us according to our sins, *
 nor rewarded us according to our wickedness.
- 11 For as the heavens are high above the earth, *
 so is his mercy great upon those who fear him.
- 12 As far as the east is from the west, *
 so far has he removed our sins from us.
- 13 As a father cares for his children, *
 so does the LORD care for those who fear him.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
 as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

Please stand and sing

HYMN AT THE SEQUENCE 527 “Singing songs of expectation”

Ton-y-Botel

*Children who wish may follow the leaders to Children’s Chapel.
They will return at the Peace, following the Prayers of the People.*

THE GOSPEL

Matthew 18:21-35

Reader The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Peter came and said to Jesus, “Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?” Jesus said to him, “Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times. For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’ And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, ‘Pay what you owe.’ Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’ But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?’ And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.”

Reader The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Please be seated

THE SERMON

The Reverend Andrew Y. Moore, *Senior Associate Rector*

HOLY BAPTISM

PRESENTATION AND EXAMINATION OF THE CANDIDATE

Celebrant The Candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

The candidate is presented by her Parents and Godparents, as follows

Sponsors I present Clara Grace Mahoney to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

Celebrant Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present is brought up in the Christian faith and life?

Sponsors I will, with God's help.

Celebrant Will you by your prayers and witness help this child to grow into the full stature of Christ?

Sponsors I will, with God's help.

Then the Celebrant asks the following questions of the parents and godparents who speak on behalf of the candidate

Question Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

Answer I renounce them.

Question Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

Answer I renounce them.

Question Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

Answer I renounce them.

Question Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?

Answer I do.

Question Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

Answer I do.

Question Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?

Answer I do.

Then the Celebrant address the congregation, saying

Celebrant Will you who witness these vows do all in your power
to support this person in her life in Christ?

People **We will.**

Celebrant Let us join with Clara who is committing herself to Christ
and renew our own baptismal covenant.

Please stand

THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Father?

People **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Celebrant Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People **I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People **I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**

Celebrant Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship,
in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin,
repent and return to the Lord?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you strive for justice and peace among all people,
and respect the dignity of every human being?

People **I will, with God's help.**

PRAYERS FOR THE CANDIDATE

Celebrant Let us now pray for this person who is to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

Leader Deliver her, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Open her heart to your grace and truth.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Fill her with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Keep her in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Teach her to love others in the power of the Spirit.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Send her into the world in witness to your love.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Bring her to the fullness of your peace and glory.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Celebrant Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and for ever.

People **Amen.**

Please be seated

THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

Celebrant We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

At the following words, the Celebrant touches the water

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior.

To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever.

People **Amen.**

THE BAPTISM

Celebrant N., I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

People **Amen.**

*The Celebrant places a hand on the person's head,
marking on the forehead the sign of the cross and saying*

Celebrant N., you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism
and marked as Christ's own for ever.

People **Amen.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon this your servant the forgiveness of sin, and have raised her to the new life of grace. Sustain her, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give her an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works.

People **Amen.**

Celebrant Let us welcome the newly baptized.

People **We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified,
proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.**

Please stand

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Please be seated

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Are you new to the St. John's community?
Fill out the newcomer card in the pew or scan the QR code
to help us get to know you and help you discover more about life at St. John's.*



THE HOLY COMMUNION

ANTHEM AT THE OFFERTORY *With a voice of singing*

Martin Shaw (1875-1958)

With a voice of singing declare ye this, and let it be heard, Alleluia.
Utter it even unto the ends of the earth.
The Lord hath delivered his people, Alleluia.
O be joyful in God, all ye lands, O sing praises to the honor of his name,
make his praise to be glorious.

*You can make an offering from your smartphone by scanning the QR code.
Use the drop-down menu to select "Donations" for a one-time offering,
or "2026 Pledges" for a pledge contribution.*



Please stand and sing

HYMN AT THE PRESENTATION

Laudate Dominum

O praise ye the Lord! Thanks - giv - ing and song
to him be out - poured all a - ges a - long!
For love in cre - a - tion, for hea - ven re - stored,
for grace of sal - va - tion, O praise ye the Lord!

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer A

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 our thanks and praise.**

Celebrant It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Here a Proper Preface is said as appointed.

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:

SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS

William B. Roberts (1947-)

The musical score is written on six staves of music, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff begins with a whole note G4, followed by a half note A4, and then a series of eighth notes. The second staff continues with a whole note Bb4, followed by a half note C5, and then a series of eighth notes. The third staff begins with a whole note D5, followed by a half note E5, and then a series of eighth notes. The fourth staff continues with a whole note F5, followed by a half note G5, and then a series of eighth notes. The fifth staff begins with a whole note A5, followed by a half note Bb5, and then a series of eighth notes. The sixth staff continues with a whole note C6, followed by a half note Bb5, and then a series of eighth notes. The lyrics are: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r, of pow'r and might, heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless'd is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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Please remain standing or kneel

Celebrant 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:

People **Christ has died. Christ has risen. Christ will come again.**

Celebrant 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.

People **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

Roberts

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



Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy,
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; Je - sus, re -
deem - er of the world: give us your peace.

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

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

The bread and the wine of Holy Communion are God's gifts for God's people.

Please follow the directions of the ushers to receive communion at the altar rail.

If you require assistance or wish to receive communion at your seat, please inform the ushers.

It is customary to receive communion while kneeling at the altar rail, but remaining standing is also appropriate. Gluten-free wafers are available. If you wish to receive a blessing instead of communion, please come forward and cross your arms across your chest.

HYMN AT THE COMMUNION 411 "O bless the Lord, my soul!"

St. Thomas (Williams)

HYMN AT THE COMMUNION "Blest be the tie that binds"

Dennis



1 Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Chris-tian love;
2 Be - fore our Fa - ther's throne we pour our ar - dent prayers;
3 We share our mu - tual woes, our mu - tual bur - dens bear,
4 From sor - row, toil, and pain, and sin we shall be free;



the u - ni - ty of heart and mind is like to that a-bove.
our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our com-forts and our cares.
and of - ten for each oth - er flows the sym - pa - thiz-ing tear.
and per - fect love and friend-ship reign through all e - ter - ni - ty.

Please stand

THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Celebrant Let us pray.

People Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

THE BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

The Celebrant blesses the people.

People Amen.

The Celebrant dismisses the people.

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

HYMN AT THE CLOSING 541 “Come, labor on”

Ora Labora

After the hymn, all gather in the front of the church for a parish photo.

AFTER THE SERVICE, PLEASE JOIN US
FOR A KICKOFF SUNDAY PICNIC IN SHEARS HALL.

SERVING THIS MORNING

Acolytes	8:00 am	Bobbi Bowman
	10:15 am	Sydney Tregoning, Jack Tregoning
Lay Readers	8:00 am	Nancy Simon, Janice Brambilla
	10:15 am	Amanda Lincoln, Anne Marie McDonald
Chalice Bearers	8:00 am	Mimsy Stirn, Nancy Simon
	10:15 am	Kannon Shanmugam, Margaret Kerfoot
Ushers	10:15 am	Duane Dobson, Zoe Dobson, Debbie Watson
Altar Guild	8:00 am	Sarah Decker
	10:15 am	Dawn Jones, Kristin Saunders
Flower Guild		Lorraine Beaver

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PRAYER LIST

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for The Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia.

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for St. James, Leesburg; Trinity, Fredericksburg; and St. Martin de Porres, Alexandria.

We give thanks for those who celebrate birthdays this week: Jackson Sharpe, Catherine Cody, Patrick Kris, Carl Leto, Ginny Marshall, Winston Moore, Mary Parker Stump, Lynn White, Andrea Cayley, Mimi Heisey, Reid Prouty, Anthony Avery, Ashi Day, Bryant Nichols, Bunny Baker, Laura Behm, Dylan Hosmer, Elizabeth Dunne Richardson, Greg Stayin, Marcee Craighill, Megan Saunders, Allison Lurton, Ann Nash, David Neuman, and Barbie Parks; and for those who celebrate wedding anniversaries this week: Stephanie & Greg Stayin, Mollie & Joe Fletcher, Mason & Matt Howard, Sue & Bill Perry, Margaret Kerfoot & Doug McDonald, and Gigi & Scott Price.

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Victoria Van Wazer
Charlotte Van Wazer
Jean McDonald
Catherine Blakely

We pray for the departed and for all who mourn.

To add someone to the Prayer List, please email churchmail@stjohnsmclean.org.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WEDNESDAY DIGITAL COMPLINE RETURNS

September 16 at 8:00 pm on Zoom

Find a peaceful end to your day and let your spirit rest with the gentle prayer: “Guide us waking, O Lord, and guard us sleeping; that awake we may watch with Christ, and asleep we may rest in peace.” Join us for 15 quiet minutes of solace, reflection, and comfort. All are warmly welcome. Join the Zoom call at bit.ly/sj-comp01 (Meeting ID: 829 1677 1291; Passcode: 758119).

SUNDAY FORUM RETURNS

SPECIAL NOTE: Please join us this morning at 9:15 am downstairs in the Community Room for a conversation about the year ahead.

September 20 from 9:15 to 10:00 am in Shears Hall

We’ll begin a series exploring prayer and worship. A core element of Episcopal theology is Lex Orandi, Lex Credendi—what we pray, we believe. What are ways we approach prayer as individuals and as a community and how do they impact our relationship with God?

GET READY FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL & YOUTH ACTIVITIES

Sunday School launches on Sunday, September 20! We can’t wait to welcome your kids back! Register online at bit.ly/sj-ChildYouth26-27 or scan the QR code.



WEDNESDAY HYBRID BIBLE STUDY RETURNS

September 23 from Noon to 1:00 pm; In Person (Smoot Conference Room) AND on Zoom

The Book of Judges is a fascinating and sometimes challenging collection of stories of individuals God calls to lead the people of Israel in difficult times between the end of the Exodus and the anointing of the first kings of Israel. For four weeks, we’ll look at these remarkable individuals and what we can learn from their stories. Following this, we’ll explore the Gospel of Mark.

YOUTH KICKOFF TUBING TRIP

Saturday, September 26

Calling all youth grades 6–12! Ready to kick off the new school year with the biggest splash possible? We are joining forces with the crews from The Falls Church, St. Mary’s, and St. Peter’s for an epic day of floating, laughing, and chilling down the river in Front Royal! Think massive tube trains, beautiful sunshine, and hanging out with other youth from the area. Don’t miss the first big event of the year. Register by September 13 at bit.ly/sj-Tubing-092626.

FOURTH SUNDAY STUDY RETURNS

September 27 from 9:10 to 10:00 am; In Person (Smoot Conference Room) AND on Zoom

Join us every 4th Sunday for *Singing Our Faith* — exploring the church year through Scripture and hymns. Led by parishioners, we consider the theology of scripture and hymns, how they speak to us in different seasons, and how these practices can deepen our faith. Drop in for any or all discussions, no preparation necessary. For questions, please contact Kim Clark Pakstys at kclarkpakstys@gmail.com.

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Stay up to date on all that's happening at St. John's Church. Subscribe at bit.ly/sj-News.

CARING CLOSE KNIT CRAFTERS

Thursday, October 8 at 10:30 am in Smoot Conference Room

Join us for an inviting time of crafting and conversation, whether you knit, paint, needlepoint, or have a mending project to finish. We also have an inventory of blessed prayer shawls available; contact Jayne Swanson at jswan8855@yahoo.com if you know someone who might need one.

BOOKLOVERS DISCUSSIONS THIS FALL

Calling all bookworms and page-turners! Whether you are a lifelong reader or looking to dive into some great conversation, the Booklovers group welcomes you. We are excited to announce our fall discussion lineup. Mark your calendar to join us on Zoom from 7:00 to 8:00 pm EST:

- **Tuesday, Oct. 27:** *Red Badge of Courage* by Stephen Crane
- **Thursday, Nov. 19:** *The Correspondent* by Virginia Evansgoods

DAY TRIPPER EXCURSION: AMAZON FULFILLMENT WAREHOUSE-BW12-TOURS, BALTIMORE

Wednesday, October 28

Join us for an exciting day trip a bit further afield! Our group of 25 will carpool at 10:30 am for a 1.5-hour drive to Baltimore, where a free, 90-minute walking tour begins promptly at noon. Because this is an active workplace, closed-toe shoes and photo IDs are required, headphones will be provided, and no purses or phones are allowed. Afterward, we will enjoy a late lunch at Jimmy's Famous Seafood. Reservations for both the tour and lunch are required by October 19. Deborah Page will provide you with a form that must be filed with Amazon by October 20. We'll wrap up the day by 5:00 pm. For questions and reservations, contact Deborah at dwp2rfp@verizon.net.

CALLING ALL ST. JOHN'S YOUNG ADULTS!

Young Adults Group is organizing activities for the upcoming program year! If you or someone you know is between 21 and 41 and would like to be kept in the loop, please scan the QR code to add your contact information. We will send out monthly invitations for upcoming events.



PILGRIMAGE 2027: MERHABA, TÜRKİYE!

From April 5 to 15, 2027, our Rector, the Rev. Joshua D. Armstrong-Walters, will lead a St. John's Pilgrimage to Asia Minor (modern Türkiye) to explore the early foundations of our faith. After spending several days in Istanbul, we'll travel to Ephesus, Sardis, and Laodicea. Between site visits, we'll have opportunities to savor Turkish cuisine and visit vendors selling carpets, ceramics, and leather goods—all part of the educational and fellowship experience. Senior Warden, Mike Murphy, will support our travel and manage logistics. To express your interest in joining us, please email Mike at merhabaturkey@stjohnsmclean.org. Visit bit.ly/sj-turkey27 for Information Reports.

ST. JOHN'S MEMORIAL GARDEN

We warmly invite you to take a peaceful stroll through our Memorial Garden this Sunday and enjoy our beautiful new plantings. Learn more about our flora at bit.ly/sj-mgarden. Please visit bit.ly/sj-mgardenFund or scan the QR code to donate.



HELP HOMESTRETCH FAMILIES: ST. JOHN'S COLLECTING QUARTERS FOR LAUNDRY

St. John's is collecting quarters for Homestretch residents to use in laundromats. Homestretch provides long-term shelter and support services to unhoused parents and children, many of whom are fleeing domestic violence. Please drop your quarters in the container located on the reception desk in the Parish Office. Learn more about Homestretch at homestretchva.org/about.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS (AA) meets Monday through Thursday at noon in our Community Room (on the lower level; enter through the back door adjacent to the playground). Additionally, there is a meeting every Friday at 8:30 pm in the Community Room, or if the weather's good, just outside. You can also call the Northern Virginia AA Intergroup hotline at 703-293-9753 or visit nvintergroup.org for other group listings. Have questions about AA? Contact a fellow parishioner at 571-334-0073.

Kickoff Sunday!

Sunday School Open House

Parish Photo

Fried Chicken Lunch

Bounce House

SEPTEMBER 13

Open House (between services)

All Other Events (after the 10:15 am Service)

SUNDAY FORUM:

What We Pray, We Believe

We'll explore prayer and worship through the Episcopal principle of Lex Orandi, Lex Credendi—what we pray, we believe.

**Sept. 20; 9:15 to 10:00 am
in Shears Hall**

PRAY

Believe

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