

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

September 13, 2015

Birthdays and Anniversaries

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*Today we welcome back our Choir to sing and lead us in our Music!
Thank you to Ruth Eifert, Pam Fenner and Jason Mignone for accompanying our
hymns in August.*

Christian Education: Today, beginning at 9:30 and after our 10am service in the Parish Hall is Christian Education Registration for the 2015/2016 school year.

Conversation & Light Brunch with Fr. John: Beginning in October the Vestry and Parish will be hosting “Conversation & Brunch with Fr. John” gatherings on Saturday mornings at their homes. These will be small informal gatherings where parishioners and Fr. John can tell each other a little more about themselves, why they call St. James home and what they are excited about and hoping for from St. James in the future.

The hope is that parishioners will sign up to visit a vestry members home they live closest. **Please sign up during our Hospitality in the Parish Hall.** Because of Church and community events we will not be able to hold any gatherings in November and only one in December but more gatherings will be organized in January so do not worry if you are unable to make one of the first few.

Light breakfast items will be provided. Please indicate if you have any food allergies. If you have children they are more than welcome to attend. You may want to try to attend the event at the home of the Courchesne’s or Mignone’s as they have small children that could help entertain other children. Also please note the Millers, Nolan and Fenners have pets.

We are looking forward to this opportunity to get to know Fr. John a little better and tell him more about us.

Hospitality: Gathering for Coffee Hour after the 10am service is an important part of our life together here at St. James. It is more than just coffee and food, it also helps people feel welcome in our church and to build our fellowship. Coffee hour gives us an opportunity to introduce ourselves to visitors and newcomers. It gives us the chance to catch up with other members of our parish family. Breaking bread together--even in this very ordinary way--helps strengthen us as a parish and renew us as individuals.

Could you help host a Coffee Hour? Just one Sunday every so often and share in the hosting with another parish member! Please talk with Kelly Bennett, our Hospitality Chair, about how and when you can help.

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Acolyte Training: Acolyte training with Fr. John will be held on September 19th at 10am in the Sanctuary. If you are in grade 5th thru 12th and are interested in serving at the Altar, please join us. Learn about the history of the Acolyte and how to serve at the Altar. Donuts and fellowship will follow in the parish hall. Commissioning of Acolytes and Lay Ministers will be held on Sunday, September 20th during the 10am service.

Chalice Bearer/Lector: If you are interested in serving as a Chalice Bearer or Lector, please talk with Fr. John or send us an e-mail at stjames.office@verizon.net.

Commissioning Service: Sunday, September 20th St. James will hold a Commissioning Service for our Sunday Ministries: Acolytes, Lectors, Intercessors, Choir and Servers.

Choir Update: It is time to sing! If you are interested in joining the choir, now is your chance. Choir is open to anyone from high school to 100. Weekly Choir rehearsals are held and we sing every Sunday morning at the 10am worship service.

The Choir's first rehearsal will be on Thursday, September 3rd at 7:15 in the Parish Hall. The first Sunday to sing will be Sunday, September 13th.

For more information feel free to contact Ruth Eifert, Choir Director via stjames.office@verizon.net.

Building and Grounds Ministry: The Building and Grounds Ministry is beginning several exciting projects to help beautify and make St. James all the more welcoming to our community. The ministry is hoping to recruit some new members as the planning of these projects begin. If you are interested in joining this vital ministry of our parish or would like more information please speak with Liz Iacobucci or Joe Fahey or e-mail the parish office at stjames.clergy@verizon.net.

Altar Flowers: Are you interested in providing floral tributes? You may sign up to provide funds or supplies for our Altar flowers and other ways of beautifying our church. Our volunteers will work with you, or for you, to create a beautiful tribute. Please contact the Office to reserve your choice of date(s) and to schedule a time to speak with an Altar Guild representative. Office telephone number is 978-388-0030 or contact via e-mail at stjames.office@verizon.net.

Our Neighbors' Table: During the summer months, ONT is in need of shampoo, soap, deodorant, razors, toothpaste, toothbrushes, canned: fruit, chicken, tuna, ravioli, spaghetti & meatballs and breakfast cereals/drinks.

YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

Pizza & Bowling

Youth Group "Kick Off" at Leo's Super Bowl will be held on Sunday, September 27th from 12:30pm to 2:30pm. Join us for bowling, pizza and fellowship!

Procession of the Ghouls

Halloween at the Cathedral, St. John the Divine in Manhattan will be infused with new energy. The full stretch of the nave is at the disposal of Mr. Lee's fantastic creatures of the night, and visitors are encouraged to brace themselves for increased ghostly mischief and ghoulish tricks. Seats closest to the action are for the bravest at heart, who may find themselves directly confronted with the hooked, expressive nose of a demon, the mossy nails of a witch, or the bulging, flushed cheeks of a ghostly manchild.

If you are feeling brave enough, to encounter these ghostly characters, this is for you. Parents, it will involve your daughter/son missing a day (or perhaps a half day) of school. This is a Church event at a Church so we are hoping you will not mind letting your youth miss the day of school. Chaperones will drive us into NYC for the 7PM show. After the show we would stay for pictures with the ghouls and then head to Larchmont, NY, where I grew up, which is about 30 mins outside NYC. We would visit the Church I grew up in, St. John's, and spend the night there in the Parish Hall.

In the morning we would go out for breakfast/lunch and then head home to Amesbury arriving probably between 4-5pm. If need be we can always leave earlier on Saturday if any of you want to get back to trick or treat.

The cost of the tickets is \$20 plus you will need to bring spending money and money for dinner and breakfast. St. James will cover the cost of gas and parking. Tickets sell out fast so I need to hear by **September 19th** if you would like to come so that I can purchase our tickets. You are always welcome to bring a friend as well as wear a costume to this event. Chaperones/drivers are needed. This is an event for 6th to 12th graders.

More information can be found at stjohndivine.org under their October calendar. As we get closer to the event we will hand out permission slips as well as firm up logistics.

I hope to see you all at Procession of the Ghouls.

Fr. John Satula

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION UPCOMING EVENTS

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INQUIRER'S CLASSES

**Are you considering Baptism or having a loved one Baptized?*

**Interested in being Confirmed?*

**What about Reaffirmation or perhaps Reception?*

**Interested in knowing about Confirmation, Reaffirmation, Reception?*

**Maybe you are just interested in learning more about the Episcopal Church; our traditions, customs, quirks.*

**Maybe you have specific questions such as why the Altar candles are always lit in a specific order or why the colors of our Church hangings change?*

If you are 16 years old and older, Fr. John welcomes your inquiries. Beginning on Wednesday September 30 from 7:00-8:00PM at St. James and continuing through the next few months, Fr. John will be leading an Inquirers Class which is designed to answer those burning questions as well as to teach us more about our faith.

All are welcome and bring a friend or two.

**MSPCA
Angell Walk for Animals**



Take the lead-walk with your best friend! You can make a difference in the lives of thousands of animals. The MSPCA-Angell Walk for Animals will be held at MSPCA Nevins Farm in Methuen on September 26, 2015 (registration begins at 11:00am, the Walk begins at 12:00pm).

Protecting animals is a serious business, but this is a day when we all let our love for animals dissolve into pure joy! Get creative, get a little crazy, but most of all get going! If you start now you have the best chance to help the most animals.

Encourage your friends, family and fellow animal lovers to do the same. Or urge them to support the cause by donating or becoming one of your sponsors.

For more information, to register to walk or to donate visit
MSPCA Nevins Farm in Methuen.

If you would prefer to send a check, please make it out to MSPCA Walk for Animals and mail to: MSPCA Walk for Animals, 400 Broadway, Methuen, MA 01844. Remember to include if your donation is for a specific individual or team!