

Parish News

October Alms

October alms will go to the Rector's Discretionary Fund. This important ministry allows the priest to carry out the extended and individualized works of the church, which includes ministering to the poor, the hungry, the homeless, the sick, the downtrodden, the children, and more.

Please consider giving generously to support our priest in her mission here at St. Joseph's.



Blessing of the Animals

Blessing of the Animals will take place in St. Joseph's courtyard, tomorrow, **Saturday, Oct 6 at Noon.**

Invite friends, family, neighbors and their beloved pets!



Cottage Meetings Sign-Ups!

The first stage of our interim discernment process is for me to get to meet all of you. I want to hear your stories and your desires for St. Joseph's.



Cottage Meetings are informal gatherings hosted at someone's home. I will have some questions to ask the group and this portion will take no longer than 90 minutes.

Look for the sign-up sheets in the Narthex!

Altar Flowers

The month of October has all weeks available. If you have a loved one you would like to honor, write "in Thanksgiving of" or "in Memory of" along with their name and yours on the Altar Flowers poster in the Parish Hall. \$25 per vase.



Adult Sunday School

Most sermons in the Episcopal Church focus on the Gospel reading or the Epistle for the day. The Adult Sunday School will look at the Old Testament reading of the day.



Classes are held in the Parlor (the room across the hall from the Priest's office) from 9:30 to 10:20 each Sunday through Oct 7. This Sunday we will look at Job 1:1, 2:1-10.

Attention All Ushers

New ushers, **as well as long time ushers**, there will be Usher Training and Refresher Training Sunday, Oct 21 at 9:30 AM.



Please attend this short training session to insure all procedures are being followed.

Parish Wide Gathering

Family Systems Theory Discussion

"For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we who are many are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another."



Romans

12:4

St. Paul's use of the Body of Christ as a metaphor for the Church is an apt description of the interconnectedness of the members of a congregation (as well as the congregation's relationship to the larger Church). St. Paul asserts that each part of the Body is related to and affected by every other part. The hand cannot say to the eye "I don't need you." This is not just a hoped-for goal of the Church; it is indeed an accurate description of how things actually work.

Family Systems Theory: The Congregation as a System - This parish-wide gathering on **October 28th** provides an introduction to Rabbi Edwin Friedman's family systems theory and its particular application in times of transition in congregations.

The purpose of looking at St. Joseph's through the lens of family systems theory is not to diagnose, but to understand. When one understands what makes a congregation function in both healthy and unhealthy ways, one is better positioned to bring health to a community. Through self-differentiated leadership by both clergy and laity, congregations can move forward, focusing on their strengths and living out of their positives.

Please plan to attend after the 10:30 service and bring a dish to share. I hope to see you there for good discussion and fellowship!

Denise+

Happy to Visit You!

Message from Rev. Denise:



I want you to know that I'm very pleased to visit all of you -- not just those whose health prevents them from attending church. You don't have to need anything for me to come. The visit is its own reason.

I can be flexible depending on the day and week. Please email coachfortransitions@gmail.com or call the church office at 770-957-7517 and we'll find a time to get together.

Prayer Request? Praise Report?

Prayer Requests, as well as **Praise Reports**, can now be submitted through the website. The Healing Prayer Team will pray for each submission and will join in praise the answered prayers.



All requests will be kept confidential. If you would like your request to be sent to the Parish, please state this in the Prayer Details section.

Check it out [here](#) and [here](#).

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