**St. Bernard's Episcopal Church  St. John on the Mountain**

**THE LAST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**
November 22, 2026

**10:00 am Joint Holy Eucharist at St. Bernard's Church**
*Thank you for sharing in our worship today.*
*Hymns and service music are found in the blue Hymnal 1982.*

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**PRELUDE** Psalm Prelude, Set 1 No.2 Herbert Howells

**CHORAL PRELUDE** The Gift to be Simple Bob Chilcott

*The assembly stands as able to sing the hymn*

**PROCESSIONAL HYMN 433** We gather together *Kremser*

1 We gather together to ask the Lord's blessing;
he chastens and hastens his will to make known;
the wicked oppressing now cease from distressing:
sing praises to his Name; he forgets not his own.

2 Beside us to guide us, our God with us joining,
ordaining, maintaining his kingdom divine;
so from the beginning the fight we were winning:
thou, Lord, wast at our side: all glory be thine!

3 We all do extol thee, thou leader triumphant,
and pray that thou still our defender wilt be.
Let thy congregation escape tribulation:
thy Name be ever praised! O Lord, make us free!

**OPENING ACCLAMATION** *The Book of Common Prayer* p. 355

*Presider* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
*Assembly* **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

**THE COLLECT FOR PURITY** BCP p. 355

*Presider* Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**GLORIA S280** *sung by all* Robert Powell

**Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

**A GENERAL THANKSGIVING** BCP p. 836

*Presider* Let us pray. Accept, O Lord, our thanks and praise for all that you have done for us. We thank you for the splendor of the whole creation, for the beauty of this world, for the wonder of life, and for the mystery of love. We thank you for the blessing of family and friends, and for the loving care which surrounds us on every side. We thank you for setting us at tasks which demand our best efforts, and for leading us to accomplishments which satisfy and delight us. We thank you also for those disappointments and failures that lead us to acknowledge our dependence on you alone. Above all, we thank you for your Son Jesus Christ; for the truth of his Word and the example of his life; for his steadfast obedience, by which he overcame temptation; for his dying, through which he overcame death; and for his rising to life again, in which we are raised to the life of your kingdom.

Grant us the gift of your Spirit, that we may know Christ and make Christ known; and through Christ, at all times and in all places, may give thanks to you in all things. **Amen.**

*The assembly is seated for the lessons*

**FIRST LESSON:** Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24 *read by Lynda Stadtmueller*

*Lector* A reading from the Book of Ezekiel.

Thus says the Lord GOD: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord GOD. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice. Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. Because you pushed with flank and shoulder, and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged; and I will judge between sheep and sheep. I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. And I, the LORD, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I, the LORD, have spoken.

*Lector* The Word of the Lord. *Assembly* **Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM 100** *sung by the choir* Jubilate Deo Benjamin Britten

**SECOND LESSON:** Ephesians 1:15-23 *read by Jane Rauen*

*Lector* A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Ephesians.

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

*Lector* The Word of the Lord. *Assembly* **Thanks be to God.**

**CHILDREN'S MOMENT** – *Children (and parents) are welcome to come forward for a brief story*

*The assembly stands as able for the hymn and Gospel.*

**SEQUENCE HYMN 460 (stanzas 1-3)** Alleluia! sing to Jesus! *Hyfrydol*

1 Alleluia! sing to Jesus!
his the scepter, his the throne;
Alleluia! his the triumph,
his the victory alone;
Hark! the songs of peaceful Zion
thunder like a mighty flood;
Jesus out of every nation
hath redeemed us by his blood.

2 Alleluia! not as orphans
are we left in sorrow now;
Alleluia! he is near us,
faith believes, nor questions how:
though the cloud from sight received him,
when the forty days were o'er,
shall our hearts forget his promise,
"I am with you evermore"?

3 Alleluia! bread of Heaven, Thou on earth our food, our stay!
Alleluia! here the sinful flee to thee from day to day:
Intercessor, friend of sinners, earth's Redeemer, plead for me,
where the songs of all the siness sweep across the crystal sea.

**THE HOLY GOSPEL:** Matthew 25:31-46

*Gospeller* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

*Assembly* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.' Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.' Then he will say to those at his left hand, 'You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?' Then he will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.' And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

*Gospeller* The Gospel of the Lord. *Assembly* **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**THE SERMON** The Rev. Beth Rauen Sciaino

**CHORAL ANTHEM** Look at the World John Rutter

**THE NICENE CREED** BCP p. 358

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE, Form I** *led by Julia Somers* BCP pp. 383-385

*Intercessor* With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying "Lord, have mercy."

*Intercessor* For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the Holy Church of God, and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord.

*Assembly* **Lord, have mercy.**

*Intercessor* For our Bishop Sally, and for all the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord.
*Assembly* **Lord, have mercy.**
*Intercessor* For our President, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.
*Assembly* **Lord, have mercy.**
*Intercessor* For this region of the Somerset Hills, for every city and community, and for those who live in them, let us pray to the Lord.
*Assembly* **Lord, have mercy.**
*Intercessor* For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord.
*Assembly* **Lord, have mercy.**
*Intercessor* For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering, let us pray to the Lord.
*Assembly* **Lord, have mercy.**
*Intercessor* For all on our parish Prayer Lists, including: ***(read names)***. Let us pray to the Lord.
*Assembly* **Lord, have mercy.**
*Intercessor* For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord.
*Assembly* **Lord, have mercy.**
*Intercessor* For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, especially Jock Lowndes, and for all the departed, let us pray to the Lord.
*Assembly* **Lord, have mercy.**
*Intercessor* For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation, let us pray to the Lord.
*Assembly* **Lord, have mercy.**
*Intercessor* That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and without reproach, let us pray to the Lord.
*Assembly* **Lord, have mercy.**
*Intercessor* In the communion of all of the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God.
*Assembly* **To thee, O Lord our God.**

*The Deacon offers a concluding Collect.*

**CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION** BCP p. 360

*Deacon* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor. *Silence may be kept.*

**Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you**
**in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.**
**We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.**
**We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,**
**have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will,**
**and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

*Presider* May the God of love and power forgive you and free you from your sins, heal and strengthen you by the Spirit, and raise you to new life in Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**THE PEACE**

*Presider* The peace of the Lord be always with you.
*Assembly* **And also with you.**

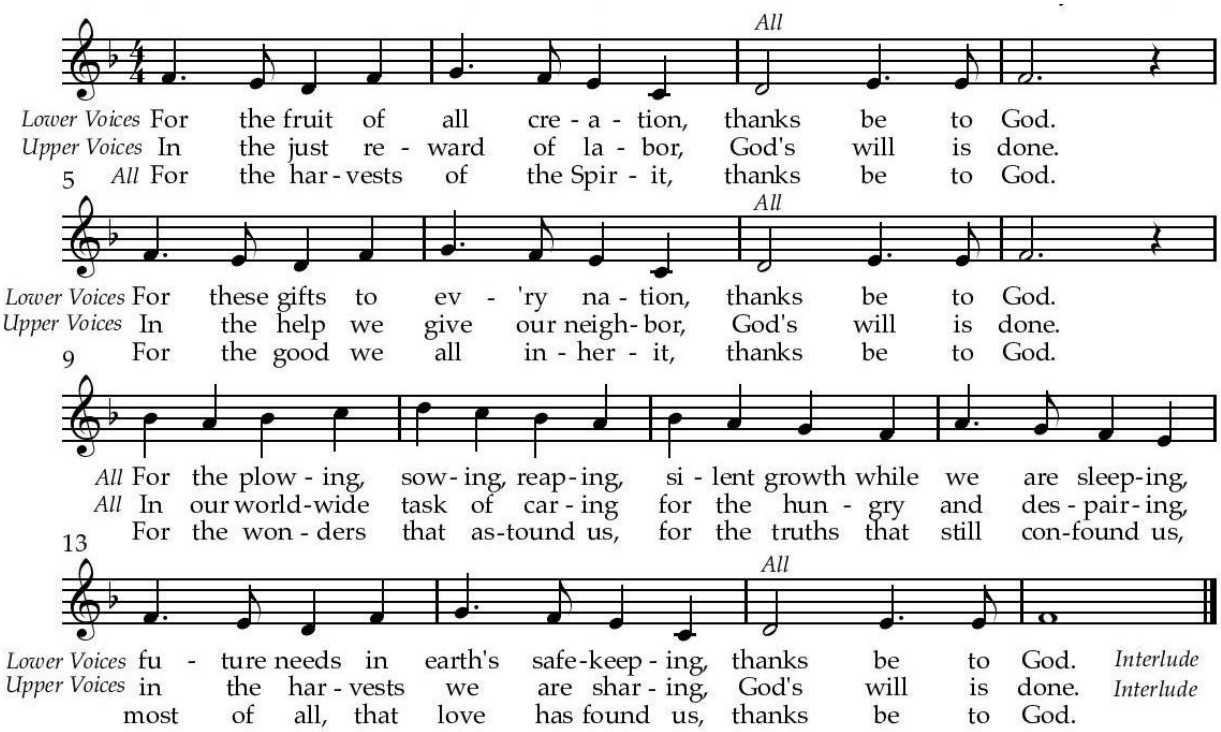
**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

# THE HOLY COMMUNION

*During the Offertory Anthem an offering is collected for God's mission and ministry. Thank you for your generosity.*

**OFFERTORY ANTHEM** For the Fruit of All Creation arr. Tyler Weakland

*The assembly stands to join in singing the anthem where notated "All."*




**PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS - HYMN 680, v. 6** *St. Anne*

**O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,**
**Be thou our guide while life shall last, and our eternal home.**

**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING** Eucharistic Prayer 2, *Enriching Our Worship 1*

*Presider* The Lord be with you.
*Assembly* **And also with you.**
*Presider* Lift up your hearts.
*Assembly* **We lift them to the Lord.**
*Presider* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
*Assembly* **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing. You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love. And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing:

**SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS S 129** *sung by all* Robert Powell

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.**
**Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**
**Hosanna in the highest.**

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God. Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to

draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you. On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*All* **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice. Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made. In the fullness of time bring us, with all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world. Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER** BCP p. 364

*Presider* As our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

**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** *The Presider breaks the consecrated Bread. Silence is kept.*

**FRACTION ANTHEM S 163** *sung by all* Robert Powell

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.**
**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.**
**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace.**

**INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

*Presider* The Gifts of God for the People of God.

*You are welcome to say A Prayer for Spiritual Communion found below during Communion.*

***A PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION*** *(Diocese of Oxford, England)*

Lord, you stand at the door of my heart and knock./You wait for me and only I can let you in.
I believe and trust in you and ask you now to fill me with your presence.
Feed me with your Body and unite me in your Blood,
that I may be your blessing to a world in need. **Amen**.

**COMMUNION ANTHEM** Pilgrims' Hymn Stephen Paulus

*The assembly stands as able for the Post Communion Prayer*

**POST COMMUNION PRAYER** BCP p. 365

**Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**THE BLESSING**

**RECESSIONAL HYMN 432** O praise ye the Lord *Laudate Dominum*

1 O praise ye the Lord!
Praise him in the height;
rejoice in his word,
ye angels of light;
ye heavens, adore him
by whom ye were made,
and worship before him,
in brightness arrayed.

2 O praise ye the Lord!
Praise him upon earth,
in tuneful accord,
all ye of new birth;
praise him who hath brought you
his grace from above,
praise him who hath taught you
to sing of his love.

3 O praise ye the Lord!
All things that give sound;
each jubilant chord
re-echo around;
loud organs, his glory
forth tell in deep tone,
and sweet harp, the story
of what he hath done.

4 O praise ye the Lord!
Thanksgiving and song
to him be outpoured
all ages along!
For love in creation,
for heaven restored,
for grace of salvation,
O praise ye the Lord!

**THE DISMISSAL**

*Deacon* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia.
*Assembly* **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

**POSTLUDE** Liturgical Prelude no.11 Gaston Litaize

**Assisting today at ST. BERNARD'S**

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| *Presider & Preacher* | The Rev. Beth Rauen Sciaino |
| *Deacon* | The Rev. Karen B. Lewis, Deacon |
| *Director of Music & Organist* | Tyler Weakland |
| *Organist* | William Rehwinkel |
| *Combined choir of St. Bernard's & St. John on the Mountain* | |
| *Lectors* | Lynda Stadtmueller, Jane Rauen, Julia Somers |
| *Chalicist* | Mary Kempen |
| *Ushers* | Frank Curtis, Stephanie Haueis |
| *Altar Guild* | Mary Kempen, Carmen Paul |
| *Coffee Hour* | St. Bernard's Parishioners |

*Thank you to Mindy and Ned Kirby for providing the fresh produce on our Thanksgiving altar today, and to Beth Gustafson for arranging it so beautifully. All the produce, along with the items you have donated, will go to the Food Bank Network of Somerset County.*

**Prayer List**

*Peter, Virginia, Sheri, the Jenkins Family, Clarke, Martha, Marion, Alexandra, Beth, Richard and Karen, Nick, Julie and David, Jim, Phyllis, Jill, Frank, Rob, Patrick and Sue, Neil, John, Bill, Elizabeth, Daniel, Pamela, Ann, Barrett, Nancy, Kyle, Maddie, Jeff, the Clark family, Yemisi, Barbara, Paul, Jansen, Gary, Grace, David, Frank, Al, Barbara, Suzanna, Scott, Bill, Eloise, Jo, Karin, Ryan, Richard, Cynthia, Beau, Oliver, Anne, Jill, and Heather.*

## CALENDAR & ANNOUNCEMENTS – November 22, 2026

***Worship and Fellowship***




**SHOULDER TO SHOULDER: STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN**

This year's theme ***Shoulder to Shoulder*** gives thanks for all God has given us in the form of the community of St. Bernard's Church. Thank you to those who have returned your Giving estimate (pledge) certificates. If you have not yet pledged we appreciate your returning this information this month in support of for our budgeting process. Thank you for your generosity to God's mission.

**CONCERT AT THE CONVENT: ADELPHI ORCHESTRA QUARTET, Sunday, Nov. 22, 4 pm**

On Sunday, Nov. 22 at 4 pm at the Community of St. John Baptist there will be a concert for the Bicentennial 250 by The Adelphi Orchestra Quartet playing works by Mozart and Dvorak. Location: Convent of St. John Baptist, 82 West Main St., Mendham, NJ. Suggested donation: $25 at the door. For info: 973-906-1878 or sr-pamela@csjb.org .

**COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE, Monday, Nov. 23, 6:00 – 8:00 pm –** ***note earlier time***

The **Community Thanksgiving Service** will be held at the Islamic Society of Basking Ridge, 124 Church St., Basking Ridge, on Mon., Nov. 23, at **6:00-8:00 pm**. Refreshments available after the service. All are welcome, invite a neighbor.

**ADVENT POTLUCK DINNER, Sunday, Nov. 29, 5:00-7:00 pm**

All are welcome to join us for fellowship over a Potluck Dinner on the First Sunday of Advent, Nov. 29, from 5:00-7:00 pm in the Parish Hall at St. John on the Mountain. Sign up via the Signup Genius to bring something to share.

**GAME NIGHT at St. Bernard's, Thursday, Dec. 10, 6:00-8:30 pm**

Join us for our monthly Game Night on Thurs., Dec. 10, from 6-8:30 pm in St. Bernard's Parish Hall. All ages welcome for collaborative games, pizza, and fun. Upcoming date: **12/10.**

## ST. JOHN'S AND ST. BERNARD'S WEEKLY CALENDAR

**November 22, The Last Sunday after Pentecost**
8:30 am Choir Rehearsal
10:00 am Joint Holy Eucharist, St. Bernard's
11:00 am Coffee Hour + Advent Wreath making

**November 23, Monday**
6-8 pm Community Thanksgiving Service, Islamic Society of Basking Ridge

**November 26, Thanksgiving Day,** *Office Closed*

**November 27, Thanksgiving Holiday,** *Office Closed*

**November 29, The First Sunday of Advent**
7:45 am Holy Eucharist, Rite I, St. John's Chapel
8:30 am St. John's Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room
9:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II, St. John's, Church
9:00 am Sunday School & Advent Wreath making
9:45 am St. Bernard's Choir Rehearsal
10:00 am Coffee Hour, St. John's
11:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II, St. Bernard's
12:00 pm Coffee Hour, St. Bernard's
5-7 pm Advent Potluck Dinner, St. John's Parish Hall

**December 2, Wednesday**
8:00 am The Open Table, Zoom
5:30 pm Advent Evening Prayer, Zoom

**December 3, Thursday**
12:15 pm Men's Lunch, Morristown Club

**December 6, The Second Sunday of Advent**
7:45 am Holy Eucharist, Rite I, St. John's Chapel
8:30 am St. John's Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room
9:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II, St. John's, Church
9:00 am Sunday School, St. John's Atrium -
9:45 am St. Bernard's Choir Rehearsal
10:00 am Coffee Hour, St. John's
10:15-11 am Confirmation Class, St. John's
11:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II, St. Bernard's
12:00 pm Coffee Hour, St. Bernard's

**December 9, Wednesday**
8:00 am The Open Table, Zoom
5:30 pm Advent Evening Prayer, Zoom

**December 12, Saturday**
9:00 am Pageant rehearsal, St. John's

**December 13, The Third Sunday of Advent**
8:45 am Combined Choir Rehearsal, St. John's
10:00 am Joint Pageant & Holy Eucharist, St. John's
11:00 am German Christmas Advent Coffee Hour

**December 15, Tuesday**
12:30 pm Ladies' Holiday Luncheon, The Grain House
7:00 pm St. John's Vestry Meeting

**December 16, Wednesday**
8:00 am The Open Table, Zoom
5:30 pm Advent Evening Prayer, Zoom
7:00 pm St. Bernard's Vestry Meeting, Zoom

**December 17, Tuesday**
7:30 pm Joint Blue Christmas service, St. Bernard's

**December 19, Saturday**
9:00 am Greening of the Church, St. Bernard's
2:00 pm Wreaths Across America, St. B's Cemetery

**December 20, The Fourth Sunday of Advent**
7:45 am Holy Eucharist, Rite I, St. John's Chapel
8:30 am St. John's Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room
9:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II, St. John's, Church
9:00 am Sunday School, St. John's Atrium
9:45 am St. Bernard's Choir Rehearsal
10:00 am Coffee Hour, St. John's
11:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II, St. Bernard's
12:00 pm Advent Brunch, St. Bernard's

**December 22, Tuesday**
7:30 pm Carols by Candlelight, The Praski (string) Quartet from Warsaw, Poland, St. Bernard's

**December 24, Thursday, Christmas Eve**
4:00 pm Festive Holy Eucharist, St. Bernard's
6:00 pm Festive Holy Eucharist, St. John's
8:00 pm Festive Holy Eucharist, St. Bernard's

**December 25, Friday, Christmas Day**
10:00 am Joint Holy Eucharist, St. Bernard's

**December 27, Sunday, First Sunday after Christmas**
10:00 am Joint Lessons & Carols, St. John's Chapel

**January 3, The Epiphany**
7:45 am Holy Eucharist, Rite I, St. John's Chapel
9:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II, St. John's, Church
9:00 am Sunday School, St. John's Atrium
10:00 am Coffee Hour, St. John's
11:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II, St. Bernard's
12:00 pm Coffee Hour, St. Bernard's

**January 6, Wednesday**
8:00 am The Open Table, Zoom
5:30 pm Epiphany Evening Prayer, Zoom

**LADIES HOLIDAY LUNCHEON, Tuesday, Dec. 15, 12:30 pm, Grain House at Olde Mill Inn**

All ladies are welcome to our annual luncheon. Cost is $52. Please make checks payable to *St. John on the Mountain*. To RSVP and for more info, contact Sue Kennedy, susankennedy0279@gmail.com

**ADVENT EVENING PRAYER, Wednesday, Dec. 2, 5:30 pm. via Zoom**

Advent Evening Prayer will run weekly beginning Wed., Dec. 2, at 5:30 pm over Zoom. Join us and learn about a saint in this 20-min. service. Upcoming Advent dates: Dec. 2, 9, 16, and 23.

## *Outreach Opportunities*

**WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA:** Each December on National Wreaths Across America Day, the mission to **Remember** the fallen, **Honor** those who serve and their families, and **Teach** the future generations about the value of freedom is carried out by coordinating wreath-laying ceremonies at more than 3,400 locations in all 50 U.S. states, at sea and abroad. St. Bernard's Cemetery will be participating in this moving and meaningful wreath-laying ceremony on Saturday, December 19 at 2 p.m. To sponsor a wreath ($17) and/or volunteer to help place the wreaths, please sign up at https://wreathsacrossamerica.org/pages/168720. I hope you'll help us say thank you to our American heroes!

**HOMEWORK HELPERS PROGRAM - VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! TUESDAYS, 3 – 5 PM**

Volunteers needed weekly (Tues. 3-5pm) in St. Bernard's Parish Hall, a partnership with the YMCA. Running thru May 18, 2027. It provides homework/academic support for 1st-8th grader students. Cost for students: FREE! To volunteer (HS students/adults welcome) register through the Y's website. More info. contact Priscilla Miller at priscillajmiller@aol.com. To register: https://gscymca.volunteermatters.org/project-catalog/530 .

**CHRISTMAS GIFT DONATIONS FOR CASA SHaW, CHILDREN IN NEED**

St. John on the Mountain is again supporting children in our tri-county area living in foster care with the support of ***CASA SHaW*** (Court Appointed Special Advocates in Somerset, Hunterdon and Warren counties - www.casa.org). You can help in one or more of the following ways:

- ***DONATE NEW, Unwrapped Toy, Game, Craft, Puzzle, Sports Ball*** to the "Holiday Shop" that is hosted by CASA in the headquarters office in Lebanon, NJ. Parentso come and select gifts for children in their care.
- **DONATE A *$25 (or more) GIFT CARD*** from either Amazon, Walmart, Sephora, or Target.

**Bring items UNWRAPPED to church by Sunday, Nov. 29. Thank you for your generosity in helping to make a child in need's Christmas a little brighter!**

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