

Calendar

Sunday May 10 (6 Easter Rogation Sunday)	9:15 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 12:15 p.m.	Formation Hour Mass ~ Rite II (In-person/COP) Outreach Ministry Group
Monday May 11 (John Arndt & Jacob Boehme, Rogation Day)		
Tuesday May 12 (Rogation Day)	10:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	St. Clare's Guild DOK (Library)
Wednesday May 13 (Frances Perkins, Rogation Day)	6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Mass Choir
Thursday May 14 (Ascension Day)	6:00 p.m.	Mass <i>Picnic follows</i>
Friday May 15 (Pachomius)		.
Saturday May 16 (Easter Feria)	4:00 p.m.	Mass ~ Rite II
Sunday May 17 (7 Easter)	9:15 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	Formation Hour Mass ~ Rite II (In-person/COP)

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This Week at St. John's

May 10, 2026

About the Readings

This Sunday was once called Rogation Sunday because medieval Christians went in processions (rogating) around the parish praying for the newly planted crops during this week. This is a good time to seek more effective ways to care for our environment and to witness that God's love is not only for humanity but also for the entire creation. Joined together by God's spirit in baptism, bound up in the dying and rising of Jesus, related by creation to all the earth, we the people of God bring all our lives and one another into the saving love of God in Eucharist.

Acts 17:22-31

The speech of the Apostle Paul in Acts skillfully weaves Hellenistic philosophy and poetry into his message as he invites his listeners to share in this indwelling life with God through Christ. Previously, Paul had fled Thessalonica and Beroea, because of the adversity of the crowds there, and gone to Athens. There he was invited to address the philosophers of the city, who were confused by Paul's teachings about the Resurrection. Speaking in front of the Areopagus, the historic meeting site of the advisory council to the Athenian kings, Paul begins by noting how "extremely religious you are in every way" (17:22). And to make sure that no genuine spiritual power is slighted, he notes the altar where sacrifices were offered "To an unknown god" (v. 23). In verses 24-28, Paul goes on to explain what they already know and revere about God without their realizing it. God is the Creator of all that is, and gives breath and life to all humanity. God is "Lord of heaven and earth" (v. 24), and is not dependent on human endeavor, as were the Greek deities with their human-made shrines. Just as people of every nation share a common ancestor, they also "search for God" (v. 27), who is nearer than they imagine. Indeed, "In him we live and move and have our being" (v. 28). Here Paul alludes to words from the poet Epimenides.

1 Peter 3:13-22

The epistle reading for today gives direction and encouragement to the followers of Jesus as they carry out the mission of the Resurrected Christ in the world.

John 14:15-21

The Gospel reading is a continuation of last week's passage from Jesus' farewell address (Jn. 13:1—17:26) to his disciples. As he prepares his followers for his absence, Jesus gives instructions on how they are to order their lives and practice their faith when he is no longer physically with them. Thus he promises that God the Father will send an Advocate to be with them in his stead. The text begins and ends with the relationship between love and obedience (14:15, 21). God's love is manifested in Christ, and the proper way to respond to this love is to keep the Lord's commandments: "If you love me, you will keep my commandments" (v. 15). Everything depends upon and is defined by this love. To enable them to carry out this command, Jesus will ask the Father to send them "another Advocate" (v. 16). The Greek here is *parakletos*, which can be translated as "one who is called alongside." This word is found only in the Gospel of John (14:16, 26; 15:26; 16:7) and is identified with the Holy Spirit.

Announcements

Welcome! We are glad to have you here to worship with us at St. John's today or with us online.

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God in memory of Wanda Abel, by Deborah Abel.

Help Needed: Each Sunday we have the opportunity to share fellowship and welcome visitors during coffee hour. We need your help providing refreshments. See the sign-up sheet in the parish hall to see what dates are available. Please consider taking a turn hosting coffee hour.

Flowers for the Altar: Just a reminder that the Altar Flowers sign-up sheet with instructions is posted on the bulletin board outside the parish hall. What a great way to brighten our services and honor or memorialize loved ones and special occasions. Many spaces are available; sign up today!

Ascension Day Picnic: Ascension Day (May 14) is fast approaching! We will have Mass at 6:00 p.m. followed by our yearly picnic. We will bring out the grill, and we ask that everyone please bring a dish or dessert to share. If you can help with the clean-up afterward, that is always very appreciated. A sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board outside the parish hall. See you there! Burgers, brats and dogs. Yum!

Formation Hour: Join Fr. Ben in conversations about what it can mean to be an Anglo-Catholic Episcopalian. During the course of the conversations, we'll explore how it fits into the broader Anglican tradition, its far-reaching and lasting effects on the Episcopal Church, and how it's influenced our own community at St. John's. Grab a cup of coffee or tea and pull up a chair at the table beginning Sunday, May 10th, at 9:15am in the Parish Hall!

CORRECTION: the Mosquito Bucket Challenge decorating party, hosted by the Green Team, is scheduled for Saturday, May 16 at 10:00 -11:00 a.m at St. John's on the lawn. It's free and for all ages.

Pridefest is Saturday, June 13 this year. Activities include a Pride Mass at 10 a.m. at Christ Church, a parade starting at 11:30 at the Martin Luther King Jr. Historic Bridge and a booth downtown on the square from noon until 5 p.m. The Rev. Benjamin George-Thoms will be the Homilist, and the Celebrant will be The Rt. Rev. Amy Dafler Meaux at the Mass. We are looking for volunteers:

- Sing in the Choir at the Mass; contact person; Kenny Kabak
- Create items to be given away at the Booth
- Help with Set up / Clean up at the booth
- Just come: Pray with us at Mass & Celebrate Diversity
- Readers for the Mass are needed
- Donate water and/or cookies for the booth
- March in the Parade
- Volunteer to work in the booth

Contact Melissa (417 440-0288; melissa.gallian@gmail.com) to sign up for greeters (one hour or more) in the booth, want to march in the parade, donate water and cookies, and/or read a lesson at the Mass (one volunteer). If you wish to join the choir contact either Melissa or Kenny Kabak at Christ Church. Thank you in advance for whatever help you can provide.

Intercessions

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for The Church of Pakistan (United).

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for Christ Episcopal Church, Springfield; The Rev. Joe Behen, Rector; The Rev. Katherine Mansfield, Curate; and for the Priests of the Diocese.

Birthdays

May 9 Reagan Walstrand
May 10 Theodore Kelley
May 11 Sarah Baker
Oliver Junod
May 13 Nicholas Greer
May 14 Amber Cash
May 15 Kathryn Follis
Cinnamon Smith

Anniversaries

May 10 Nick & Terry Greer
Richard & Teresa Ollis
May 12 Fr. Jim & Cheryl Moon
Chris & Joyce Nelson
Dcn. Constance Tyndall (Ordination)

Faithful Departed

May 9 Einar Jacobson, Jr.
Robert E. Leigh
May 10 Michael Follis
Mary Virginia Langsford
May 13 Ricky "Mountain" Phipps
May 14 William B. Lincoln

Prayer Requests

Clara	Kristen
Bill	Casey
Jim	Sarah
Patty	Dean
Nikki	Penny
Clara	David
Jim	Elizabeth
Jessica	Melissa
Katy	Janet
Elaine	Darlene
Darrel	Charlie
Jerry	Cara
Pat	Glen
Ann	Wayne
Tyler	Becky
Tony	Joe & Mary
Nick	Mike
	Jim

Psalm 67 says in part: "The earth has brought forth her increase; may God, our own God give us his blessing." And surely we have been blessed with untold riches and blessings; may we covenant to return generously to God and to serve others in his name as a sign of our heartfelt gratitude.

We are still polling for interest in hosting a Blood Drive at St. John's. Please fill out a slip from the ushers if interested in participating.