

# The Eagle's Wings



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## *St. John's Rising*

St. John's Rising! For so many of us the phrase has taken on a life of its own over the past year. Coined in 2007 for our \$4 million restoration of the Middle Building and the supporting capital campaign, the core work of St. John's Rising is only weeks away from completion. We're doing everything possible to be finished and have a certificate of occupancy by the Christmas Show on December 5. We are almost there!

October was a month of pressing hard for completion and running into the inevitable finishing issues that put us a couple months behind. We struggled with removing the old leaking oil tank, remediation and containing the hole. We ran into surprises with both the new gas and electric lines. Happily the gas line is now fully installed and the heat is being tested as this goes to print, CL&P has a plan, and All Phase is managing the details for us. Hopefully we'll be back to being cozy in church this weekend!

We also added some necessary elements, including "little" things like new louvers and pigeon-blocking screens for the windows in the bell tower, repairing long neglected broken glass throughout the property and bringing our roof up to par to protect our work to date. Our investments have been focused on fixing structural, safety and security issues such as the following:

- Fixing storm damage on our slate roof that we hadn't noticed. Thankfully much of this is covered by insurance.
- Renovating a space many of you probably don't even know exists - the basement hallway and bathrooms between the new Middle Building youth space and the offices of l'Eglise de l'Epiphanie and determined it much more cost effective to fix that space now, including renovating the bathrooms and fire stairwell, neither of which were safe. They will be now!
- Creative reinforcement and waterproofing the north wall of the dining room. This wall was a major structural risk and the source of much flooding that we have to stop.
- Removing water soaked carpet in the basement beneath the dining room and installation of fresh vinyl tile to finish off the project. Then our friends at l'Eglise de l'Epiphanie and the International Institute will invest their own sweat equity to give their spaces a fresh coat of paint.

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*Pictured from left to right are: the basement hallway and bathrooms between the new Middle Building youth space and the offices of l'Eglise de l'Epiphanie; Glen Gawronski inspecting the slate roof; waterproofing the north wall of the dining room.*

**Our Mission / Vision**

St. John's is a wonderfully diverse community of faith rooted in the heart of downtown Stamford, where the Holy Spirit is leading us toward a new humanity in Christ. We embrace this vision by welcoming all people to:

- Celebrate God in the beauty of holiness through the richness of Anglican worship and glorious music;
- Strengthen their spiritual journeys through prayer, study and scripture; and
- Serve as instruments of God's peace, justice and love in the world.

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 information?  
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[www.stjohns-stamford.org](http://www.stjohns-stamford.org)

**SUNDAY SCHEDULE**

**8:00 A.M.**

Holy Eucharist with Healing - Rite I With Organ

**10:00 A.M.**

Children's Program and Nursery

**10:15 A.M.**

Holy Eucharist with Healing - Rite II with Organ and Choir

**11:30 A.M.**

Coffee Hour

**6:15 P.M.**

L'Eglise de L'Epiphanie Holy Eucharist in French

**SATURDAY SERVICE**

**5:00 P.M.**

Holy Eucharist - with healing

**WEEKLY SERVICE SCHEDULE**

**WEDNESDAY 7:00 A.M.**

Holy Eucharist - with healing and light breakfast

**THURSDAY 12:10 P.M.**

Holy Eucharist - with healing and music

*From Our Rector*

***Giving Back to God***

Thirty years ago as a young Assistant to the Rector and newly ordained priest I was challenged at a parish stewardship training event to give back to God a portion of my income. This would be a concrete way for me to acknowledge all that God had given me. I certainly knew about putting money in the plate and appreciated that members donations paid for the work and mission of the church, but I had never really thought much before about my part in that equation. If I and others gave faithfully back to God through our pledges a portion of what God had given us then there would be an abundance for God's work through the Church to go forward. I made a promise to myself at that conference that I would begin to give a portion, an actual percentage, of my income to God through the Church and would in fact work towards the tithe. A few years later Carol and I raised our percentage of giving to the point that we had become tithers, giving 10% of our income to God through the work of the Church. It is without doubt the best investment we have ever made and continue to make.

On Sunday, November 7 each and every one of us will be asked to make that same commitment at Consecration Sunday, to make our financial pledge to God through the work of the Church for the coming year. Following the 10:15 a.m. worship service there will be a catered celebratory luncheon. I hope you will join me in renewing that basic commitment, or perhaps for some of you - like me 30 years ago - making it for the first time. *Jim+*

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At this point many of you are thinking the inevitable: what does this project expansion mean financially? We're proud of our frugality and All Phase's cooperation. We expect the budget for the Middle Building, renovation of the three stained glass windows and the items listed above to come in just under \$4.5MM. This is 10% more than we'd hoped, but with a lot more work included and basically at the available funds with the \$1.7MM in funds raised and \$2.9MM loan.

The other inevitable question: what about the kitchen and dining room? Recall these were removed from the scope of Phase I for budget reasons. Vestry has requested a proposal. When it is ready, we will call a parish meeting discussion. All of us hope to finish the restoration by installing a new, to-code commercial kitchen suitable for rental and to "freshen" the dining room in the most cost effective way possible. The only way we can do this is to raise more funds. I ask you to consider whether you can increase your contribution to St. John's Rising this holiday season. And if you haven't yet contributed to preserving our glorious space, please do so.

As we count down the days to completion of this effort, please recognize and appreciate the massive sweat equity and energy investment of the Building Committee. This amazingly committed team of Joan Burke, Alison Chaltas, Stephen Clapp, Glenn Gawronski, Garry Higgins, Bruce Kittredge, John Svagr, Elise Zwart, and our partners from All Phase have spent more hours than you can imagine planning, inspecting, making plan tweaks, determining fixtures, selecting tile and paint, managing budgets and so much more. Please give thanks for them, both to God and in person, and be patient as we bring the project to closure.

How appropriate that All Phase Construction will be down to just finishing details as we celebrate the November 7th Blessing of our Doors and Consecration Sunday. All on All Saints' Day. I personally invite you to join us for tours of the almost finished space on the 7th. If you can't be there, please email me at [seniorwarden@stjohns-stamford.org](mailto:seniorwarden@stjohns-stamford.org) and we'll arrange for a personal walk through.

*Alison Chaltas, Senior Warden*

## Stewardship

### *A Personal Perspective on Stewardship -*

*An excerpt from a lay sermon preached by Stephen Clapp on October 17*

Faithful Christians sometimes disagree about values and lifestyle practices found in the Bible, and the two sides with opposite viewpoints use scripture as the rationale for their position. But one idea that all scriptures seem to agree on, which affects our life together, is this: we don't own ourselves, and everything we have is a gift from God. In gratitude for His goodness to us, we are commanded to contribute our time, abilities and financial resources to support God's work in the world. Since the earliest chapters of Genesis, a 10% tithe of assets is the minimum, and St. Paul urges us to be generous beyond the minimum. He writes to the Corinthians, "Remember this: The one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows generously will also reap generously. Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work.... You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity." *II Cor. 9: 6-11.*

My own spiritual journey has convinced me that my need to give to God is greater than the need of the church for whatever money I am able to contribute. There were times when that conviction limited what we had to spend on ourselves, but we never went hungry! As promised, God did provide for our needs, and we learned that our unnecessary wants were quickly forgotten.

Sunday November 7, has been designated by St. John's Parish as Consecration Sunday. This is the opportunity for all of us to demonstrate growth in our life of faith by pledging a percentage of our income for the support of God's work at St. John's. Between now and then you are urged to "make up your mind," as St. Paul writes, how much you will give. At all three services on November 6 & 7 we will write on a card the amount we have decided, and at the end of the service will offer our pledge at the altar as an act which represents our whole being. After the Sunday 10:15 service we will enjoy a catered luncheon, hopefully in the newly renovated gym-turned-into-multi-purpose space on the second floor of the Middle Building. "God loves a cheerful giver!" *Stephen Clapp*

*To view this sermon in its entirety go to [www.stjohns-stamford.org](http://www.stjohns-stamford.org)*



O Lord our God, as for all this abundance that we have provided for building you a temple for your Holy Name, it comes from your hand, and all of it belongs to you.... All these things have I given willingly and with honest intent. And now I have seen with joy how willingly your people who are here have given to you. O Lord, ...keep this desire in the hearts of your people forever, and keep their hearts loyal to you. *1 Chronicles 29:16-18*

### **Important St. John's Parking Notice**

The "Bird's Eye" area in front of the church is for drop off **only!** Cars will be ticketed or towed at owner's expense by the Police Department. Please use our underground parking garage. Or, (on **Sundays only**) use the lot to the right of the Fire Department on Main Street. If you have any questions, please call Sandie in the parish office or speak to Father Jim.

### **PARISH REGISTRY**

#### NEW MEMBERS

Welcome Back to  
Nicola and Christopher Mehan

#### DIED

Joan Haine



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## In Our Community

### Calling All Creative Parishioners & Friends Of St. John's!

The Building Committee needs your help. As we restore the upstairs spaces, it is clear we need to find a more suitable name than "the gym" for this special upstairs space that we expect will be used for theatrical events, concerts, meetings and ultimately banquets. So far, a few names have been tossed into the ring. Initial ideas so far include: Canterbury Hall, Cathedral Hall, St. John's Theatre, Upstairs at St. John's and more. If you have any additional ideas for names please share them with your Senior Warden at: [Alison.Chaltas@interscopellc.com](mailto:Alison.Chaltas@interscopellc.com) or 203.984.7125. All ideas submitted by Sunday, November 7 will be welcomed and considered.

### Help for Haiti

The school year in Haiti began in October and our mission partner, The Good Samaritan School, needs your help! Many of the children's parents are unable to afford the tuition, books and uniforms. You can help by sponsoring a child for the entire school year for just \$60. Imagine, just \$60 makes for a whole year of education and a hot meal is also provided thanks to our lunch program. What a great gift idea for your friends and family this Christmas to sponsor a child in their name!

Please make your checks out to St John's with "Haiti Child Scholarship" in the memo line. A mission trip in the spring of 2011 is being planned. Please see Gus or Sheelagh Schlegel if you are interested in coming on the trip. Donations of American Airlines or Delta Airlines miles are also being sought to offset travel costs..

### Volunteer of the Year Award

On Wednesday October 6, Jim Himes presented Puck Purnell and Gus Schlegel with Volunteer of the Year Awards!!! Congratulations Puck and Gus! *Pictured right are: Puck Purnell, Jim Himes, and Gus Schlegel and Danelie Millien*



### Thanksgiving is Coming - Help Needed!!

#### Thanksgiving Dinner Donations

St. John's will be donating Thanksgiving dinners for 35 (or more!!!) families in the Stamford area through Family Center. In this difficult economic climate, this mission is more crucial than ever. We will be assembling the boxes after church on Sunday, November 21 so please bring your donations to church Sunday morning. Please also attach a check in the amount of \$10 made payable to "St. John's." These checks will be used to purchase gift certificates the recipients can use to purchase a main course.

#### List of suggested food items:

**Potatoes or yams –canned or in jars, cranberry sauce, canned vegetables, instant mashed potatoes, Stove Top Stuffing, gravy , coffee, tea, cocoa, rolls, nuts, olives, cookies (or non-perishable dessert), Thanksgiving napkins, paper towels, detergent (for washing dishes), sponges.**

We also need additional boxes decorated with autumn colors, wrapping paper, drawings, etc., and parishioners to help set up in the dining room and accept the food on the morning of Sunday, November 21st. Help will also be needed to deliver boxes to the Family Center on Monday November 22nd. Please contact the parish office at 203-348-2619 ext 10 if you are able to help. More complete details. can be found online at [www.stjohns-stamford.org](http://www.stjohns-stamford.org).

*Thanks. Ann Barnett*

### Volunteers Needed for Midnight Run



Midnight Run is an organization dedicated to serving the homeless in New York City. "Runs" go to the city nightly, providing warm blankets, clothing, toiletries and food to our homeless brothers and sisters.

St. John's is scheduled to hold our very first run on Friday, Dec. 10, 2010. **Donations are needed by Sunday, December 5 and may be left in the bins marked "Midnight Run" in back of the church and in the dining room.**

Join us for a packing party on Thursday, December 9. At this time we will be preparing food, organizing collected items. All are welcome. More details can be found on our website: [www.stjohns-stamford.org](http://www.stjohns-stamford.org) or contact Cherie Hartmann: [cherieh@optonline.net](mailto:cherieh@optonline.net) or Deacon Liz: [deaconliz624@gmail.com](mailto:deaconliz624@gmail.com) directly. **Thank you!!**

#### We are in need of the following items especially on the dates listed:

**Sunday 11/14 -NEW** packages of heavy white tube socks & men's briefs (no boxers) underwear, (M-L-XL) - **No used items please!**

**Sunday 11/21 -Used men's jeans: (prefer large and extra large)**

**Sunday 11/28 - Used sneakers, shoes, lightweight boots, all in good condition (no dress shoes)**

**Sunday 12/05 - Blankets:** Dark colors preferred, dark colored **sleeping bags**

**And on any Sunday please bring: Used Backpacks, totes, knapsacks, bags, Clothing:** winter (button down) shirts, coats, sweaters, belts, and hats, Hand warmers - **Women's items:** More and more women are on the streets we especially need **NEW** undergarments and **NEW** heavy white tube socks.

**Toiletries:** small travel size soap, shampoo, toothpaste, toothbrushes, combs, razors, shaving cr me, powder, & body lotion.

## *In Our Community*

### **St. John's Christmas Show 2010**



Christmas time is the season for giving; giving of ourselves to each other. It is in that spirit that St. John's Episcopal Church has offered the gift of a Christmas show to the surrounding community for 18 years. While it takes a village to raise a child, it takes a congregation to put on a show. It takes 100+ of us to take care of the big and the small details. While the work of the cast and the choir may get recognized with applause following their performance, it takes many more quietly toiling behind the scenes. Some jobs require a large commitment of time or talent, others just taking doing. Here are a few ways to help:

**Show Operations:** processing ticket orders; helping with fund raising and promotions; neighborhood outreach, assembling St. Nicholas gifts

**Performance Support:** ushering, taking tickets & program distribution, food service (for rehearsals, cast supper, post performance reception), clean-up committee,

**Performance Crew:** helping with costumes, props, lighting, sound and photos

**Donations:** to off-set our costs are also needed and extremely welcome. Look for the special envelopes in church.

This year's Christmas Show incorporates many of the elements that make St. John's a unique home for worship. The cast is multicultural and multi-generational, composed of members of St. John's and l'Eglise de l'Epiphanie. The St. John's Choir, led by Dr. Jackson, perform beautiful music in support of the telling of the story, which includes a "living tableau", complete with live animals. And, for the first time, we have incorporated our children's education program, Godly Play, into the telling of the Story of the Holy Family and the first Christmas.

**Performances will be at 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. on Sunday, December 5.** While admission is free (with a ticket), attendees are asked to bring a small gift: canned, dried goods or a toy to help the neediest of Stamford served by St. Luke's Lifeworks.

If you'd like to help out, contact Sunny Stearns at: [sunnygrossman@yahoo.com](mailto:sunnygrossman@yahoo.com) or Betsy Foran-Owens at [BetsyForanOwens@gmail.com](mailto:BetsyForanOwens@gmail.com). For tickets, please contact Sandie DeFilippis at [sdefilippis@stjohns-stamford.org](mailto:sdefilippis@stjohns-stamford.org) or telephone (203) 348-2619 ext 10.



### *End of Year Thoughts ...*

New Year's is just around the corner! The Church's "New Year's Eve," the last Sunday in the liturgical calendar, is November 21. On that day we celebrate the mystery and the reality of Christ the King. "...through Him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of His cross." (*Col. 11-20*) We can rest assured that Christ will bring all things to Himself. Our task is to be attentive to how God is calling us in our own lives. And to consider how we respond to God's call.

So as leaves fall, the academic year powers up, business transactions forge ahead, and social activities charge into high gear, the Church calendar calls Christians to pause and reflect on the year before. And we think about the year to come. Here are some questions that I wrestle with. I know that prayer enriches my relationship with God -- Have I had time for individual prayer? When do I pray? Do I think that God is listening to me? When has God seemed close in the past year? When has God seemed most elusive? What would I like to ask God? Are there things that are important to me that I think God is "too busy" to attend to? Am I tired or burned out? What would it be like to ask God about this?

What other ways might we consider to strengthen our relationship with God in the New Year? Commit to regular worship and Eucharist? What about committing to a regular Bible study? Attending adult formation class at 9am on Sunday mornings? Coming to a Saturday morning retreat? Attending a lecture? God is calling us into relationship. Let's take time at year's end to consider our own spiritual journey and how we might respond to God's call in new ways. And listen for God speaking to us.  
AMEN

*Mother Kathleen+*

## Save the Date!

### **Saturday, November 6~ High Tea Party ~ 3:00 - 5:00 p.m.**

St. John's Fundraising Committee will be hosting a Tea Party to benefit the building fund. Bring a friend and join us for an afternoon of tea and scrumptious finger foods. In addition, we'll be giving away prizes for the best hats and dresses so get your hats and vintage dresses ready for the festivities!

### **Sunday, November 7~ Consecration Sunday ~ 8:00 and 10:15 a.m.**

During morning worship on Consecration Sunday, we are asking our attendees and members to make their financial commitments to our church's missionary, benevolent, and educational ministries in this community and around the world.

### **Monday Evenings, Adult Bible Study ~ 7:30 p.m.**

Monday night Bible study and Prayer Group meets every week from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m. for fellowship and Bible study. We will be studying and meditating on "*The Message of Acts.*" by John Stott. Come and join us on this journey. All are welcome!

### **Tuesday Evenings ~ Quilting Group and Knitting Group ~ 6:30 p.m.**

Each of these groups meet in the conference room every Tuesday evening. If you are interested in or have questions about the quilting group or the newly formed prayer shawl group please call the parish office.

### **Wednesday Evenings ~ thorough Nov. 17 ~ "GOT PEACE?" Taizé Service ~ 7:00 p.m.**

Back by popular demand.....our Taizé service will meet every Wednesday evening through November 17. All are welcome - newcomers and church members.....come and rest...in our candle lit sanctuary, a sacred space where you can spend time in quiet reflection, led by Deacon Liz on flute. Enjoy the beauty of Taizé chants and meditative prayer. For more information, please email Deacon Liz: [lskaleski@stjohns-stamford.org](mailto:lskaleski@stjohns-stamford.org) or call: 203-856-4944

### **Wednesday Evenings ~ thorough November 17 ~ Bible Study Tastings ~ 7:45 p.m.**

Come "taste" this Holy Book! "Read, mark and inwardly digest" the marvelous story of God and God's people -- Our Story -- by reading together the scriptures for the coming Sunday. As we share, gently and openly, our personal response to the readings, the scriptures (and Sunday's sermon) will come alive for us!!! Bring your favorite Bible (and we'll have extras). "Not knowing anything" is the best credential. (*Conference Room*).

### **Thursday Morning Bible Study**

The Thursday morning bible study group has begun a study of the Gospel of Luke. All are welcome to join us in the Conference Room from 10:30 to 11:45 a.m. every Thursday. Many often stay for the 12:10 Holy Eucharist and brown bag lunch afterward. Come early for coffee and fellowship.

### **Saturday, Nov. 27 ~ Stamford Model Railroad Club Open House ~ 1:00 - 5:00 & 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.**

The Stamford Model Railroad Club opens its doors to the public only 3 times a year between Thanksgiving and Christmas. The December dates are Saturday, December 4 from 1:00 to 5:00 & 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. and Sunday, December 5 from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. & 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

### **Sunday, December 5 ~ St. John's Annual Christmas Show ~ 4:00 and 6:00 p.m.**

Christmas time is the season for giving. Giving of ourselves to each other. It is in that spirit that St. John's Episcopal Church offers the gift of its Christmas show for the 18th year. This event brings together the diverse talents of St. John's community, and l'Eglise de l'Epiphanie to tell the story of The Holy Family and the first Christmas. Admission is free with a ticket and a gift: canned, dried goods or a toy donation for St. Luke's Lifeworks. For tickets, please contact Sandie in the parish office at (203) 348-2619 ext 10.

### **Thursday, December 9 ~ Midnight Run Packing Party ~ 6:30 p.m.**

See details on page 4 or contact Deacon Liz at [deaconliz624@gmail.com](mailto:deaconliz624@gmail.com)

### **Friday, December 10 ~ Kelly & Sean's Cabaret Performance in New York City ~ 8:30 p.m.**

Don't miss Dr. Sean Jackson and parishioner Kelly Chatman at "Don't Tell Mama's" Cabaret, Piano Bar located at 343 West 46th Street on Restaurant Row in the heart of the Theatre District in New York City.

# Parish Calendar - November and December Calendar of Events

## Monday, November 1

**Rolf Studios Reinstallation of Stain Glass  
Transfiguration Window 11/1 to 11/10**  
7:30 p.m. Adult Bible Study

## Tuesday, November 2 ~ All Souls Day

10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting  
6:30 p.m. Quilting Group Meeting  
6:30 p.m. Knitting Group Meeting  
7:00 p.m. **Holy Eucharist with full choir -  
All Souls Requiem**

## Wednesday, November 3

7:00 p.m. **Taizé Service**  
7:45 p.m. **Bible Study Group**

## Thursday, November 4

10:30 a.m. Thursday Morning Bible Study  
6:30 p.m. Pre-baptismal Class  
7:00 p.m. Boy Scout Meeting  
7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

## Saturday, November 6

3:00 p.m. **High Tea Party Fundraiser**

## Sunday, November 7 ~ Consecration Sunday

10:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist with Baptism  
11:45 a.m. Consecration Sunday Celebration Lunch

## Monday, November 8

7:30 p.m. Adult Bible Study

## Tuesday, November 9

10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting  
6:00 p.m. Vestry Meeting  
6:30 p.m. Quilting Group Meeting  
6:30 p.m. Knitting Group Meeting

## Wednesday, November 10

7:00 p.m. **Taizé Service**  
7:45 p.m. **Bible Study Group**

## Thursday, November 11 - Veteran's Day

10:30 a.m. Thursday Morning Bible Study  
7:00 p.m. Community Foundation Meeting  
7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

## Sunday, November 14

### Midnight Run (New) Undie Sunday (details page 4)

11:30 a.m. Children's Choir Rehearsal  
11:45 a.m. Decorating Thanksgiving Boxes  
11:45 a.m. Christmas Show Rehearsal  
12:00 p.m. Worship Committee Meeting

## Monday, November 15

7:30 p.m. Adult Bible Study

## Tuesday, November 16

10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting  
6:30 p.m. Quilting Group Meeting  
6:30 p.m. Knitting Group Meeting

## Wednesday, November 17

7:00 p.m. **Taizé Service**  
7:45 p.m. **Bible Study Group**

## Thursday, November 18

10:30 a.m. Thursday Morning Bible Study  
7:00 p.m. Boy Scout Meeting  
7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

## Saturday, November 20

4:00 p.m. L'Epiphanie Game Night

## Sunday, November 21

### Midnight Run Blue Jeans Sunday (details page 4)

10:15 p.m. Holy Eucharist with Baptism  
11:30 a.m. Children's Choir Rehearsal  
11:30 a.m. Christmas Show Rehearsal  
12:00 p.m. Thanksgiving Boxes Due

## Monday, November 22

7:30 p.m. Adult Bible Study

## Tuesday, November 23

10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting  
6:30 p.m. Quilting Group Meeting  
6:30 p.m. Knitting Group Meeting

## Thursday, November 25 Thanksgiving Day

(Parish Office Closed)

## Friday, November 26 (Parish Office Closed)

5:30 p.m. Cooking at St. Luke's

## Saturday, November 27

1:00 p.m. Model Railroad Open House (until 5:00 p.m.)  
7:00 p.m. Model Railroad Open House (until 9:00 p.m.)

## Sunday, November 28

### Midnight Run Sneakers Sunday (details page 4)

11:30 a.m. Children's Rehearsal  
11:30 a.m. **Advent Wreath Making**

## Monday, November 29

7:30 p.m. Adult Bible Study

## Tuesday, November 30

10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting  
6:30 p.m. Quilting Group Meeting  
6:30 p.m. Knitting Group Meeting

## Thursday, December 2

10:30 a.m. Thursday Morning Bible Study  
7:00 p.m. Boy Scout Meeting  
7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

## Saturday, December 4

8:30 a.m. Christmas Show Dress Rehearsal  
1:00 p.m. Model Railroad Open House (until 5 p.m.)  
7:00 p.m. Model Railroad Open House (until 9 p.m.)

## Sunday, December 5

### Midnight Run Blanket Sunday (details page 4)

11:30 a.m. All Midnight Run Donations Due Today  
1:00 p.m. Final Christmas Show Dress Rehearsal  
**\*\*4:00 & 6:00 p.m. The Christmas Show\*\***  
4:30 p.m. Model Railroad Open House (until 5:30 p.m.)  
6:30 p.m. Model Railroad Open House (until 7:30 p.m.)

## Monday, December 6

7:30 p.m. Adult Bible Study

## Tuesday, December 7

10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting  
6:30 p.m. Quilting Group Meeting  
6:30 p.m. Knitting Group Meeting

## Thursday, December 9

10:30 a.m. Thursday Morning Bible Study  
6:30 p.m. **Preparation for Midnight Run**  
7:00 p.m. Boy Scout Meeting  
7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal



# St. John's Episcopal Church at Canterbury Green

*(Corner of Main and Grove in Stamford)*

Presents

## The Christmas Show

*Sunday, December 5<sup>th</sup> – 4:00 & 6:00 p.m.*

*Come Enjoy...*

### The Story of Christmas

Featuring St. John's Concert Choir and one of the largest pipe organs in New England. With dramatic costumes, animals and carols, the Story of Christmas comes alive with inspiration and excitement.

Join us for refreshments, Saint Nicholas, treats for the children and door prizes after each show.

Visit the Stamford Model Railroad between each performance. See one of the largest model train layouts in New England -

IN ACTION!



**Free Admission by Ticket and Canned Goods**

A free-will offering will be taken. Donations of canned goods or toys will go to St. Luke's LifeWorks. For tickets call: 203-348-2619 ext.29 or visit us at: [www.stjohns-stamford.org](http://www.stjohns-stamford.org)

We are located at:

628 Main Street, Stamford, CT

Park Free in the Canterbury Green Garage



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