

Announcements – 10.11.20

Join us for coffee hour after the diocesan-wide service, with host, Ann Donaghy. The topic for discussion will be... “Reflecting on the importance of celebrating Indigenous Peoples’ Day.” We’ll also plan to spend a few minutes reflecting on our Christmas Fair events as well. See Nina’s News and Notes email for the Zoom invitation.

The 2020 Yarmouth Art Festival will be **fully virtual** this year, and will run **Oct. 19-31**, The show will include online purchasing for the first time, and we are planning an efficient no-contact process for buyers to pick up purchases. **Please mark your calendars, and plan to spread the word to your art-loving friends!** More information is on the website, <http://yarmouthartfestival.com> Any questions? Contact Joe Michaud michaud.joe@gmail.com.

BOOK NOTES – Donations now being accepted!

Thanks to a recent visit from book dealer Kevin Nowack (of Giddyworm Books in Saco), the book room at St. Bart’s now has some open shelf space for new donations. Although the book room is still off limits to browsers until the church building is open, we are now stocking our shelves with new inventory in anticipation of eventually getting back into the book selling business. So if you have books to donate, and have an opportunity to leave them at the church on a **Wednesday between 9am and 3pm, when the office is open**, please do. **Otherwise, books can be left in the shed but please be sure to notify one of us*** Margaret Betts (mmbetts@roadrunner.com), Linda Draper (ldraper347@gmail.com), or Jan Burson (janzimsu64@gmail.com), so that we can bring them indoors for dry, bug-free storage. *With apologies to Linda Perkins (lindaperkins77@gmail.com) who is temporarily off duty, but still very much a part of our team.

Hannaford Gift Cards a Big Winner!

Do you shop at Hannaford’s or Bow Street Market? If you do you could earn \$5 for St. Bart’s with every \$100 you spend buying groceries. So far this year thirty-three (33) St. Bart’s households have earned \$6,000 for St. Bart’s. Let’s see...that’s a LOT of grocery shopping at 5% donation to St. Bart’s by Hannaford!

Many thanks to folks who are participating! It’s an extra step in your grocery shopping process, but at the rate we are going we will earn \$8,000 for the St. Bart’s education program this year.

Please contact John Duncan at 232-6743 or johnwduncan29@gmail.com if you want to learn more.

Black Lives Matter Open Discussion - An online forum on the Second Tuesday of the month, 7-8:30pm.

A collaborative program with First Parish, co-facilitated by Rev. Kate Dalton and The Rev. Nina Pooley, it will use Microsoft Teams (a video conferencing platform similar to Zoom). You can either click on this link...[Join Microsoft Teams Meeting](#) or call in # 207-352-3423. Conference ID: 214 715 005#. You do not have to sign up, just click on the link to start Microsoft Teams or call in using the phone # provided.

For upcoming months, they will follow the topics listed below from *White Fragility*. The books are currently available at Royal River Books and on Amazon. You can join the discussion even if you haven’t read the book.

Oct 13 – Racism and white supremacy

Nov 10 – Racism after the civil rights movement

Dec 8 – How does race shape the lives of white people

Memorial Garden - We will have one final cleanup on **Friday, October 16**. Please join us **anytime between 9 and 10:30am** as we work at a distance to prep the garden for winter.

CLYNK Bags are available: We all still need to be recycling our bottle deposits correctly. CLYNK bags are available to help support St Bart’s. We have placed a clear plastic container with CLYNK bags under the wooden bench that sits below the overhang at the front of St Bart’s. Thanks for your continued support.

Mask sewing continues! We are looking for more people to help us out. We have very simple patterns and fabric to give to you. You can pickup and drop off at 3 Church St, Yarmouth. If you don't want to go out, Leigh Kirchner, leighmk2050@gmail.com, Yarmouth Aging in Place and CV Task Force member, will pick up and deliver for you. FMI: Contact Mary Calvin at 713-385-4708 or maryecalvin@gmail.com.

Zoom Knitting gathers every Monday!! All handicrafts really - we hope you will join us on Mondays from 3-4pm as we work on our handicrafts and chat on zoom. Check Nina's News and Notes for the weekly invitation.

Hello, St. Bart's kids and families! My name is Pal Covie, and as your new Education Coordinator, I am excited to announce some upcoming plans for Sunday School to be accessed virtually.

1. I encourage you to tune into our new **weekly children's homily**, which will be posted through the main page of the St. Bart's website. Every Sunday morning, I will post a video just for the kids that includes a lesson, a few prayers, and some suggested activities and reflection questions for the week.

2. You will now have a chance to see friends your age from church during a live Zoom call that will last about 30 minutes each week. These are called **Zoom Small Groups, and they will begin the week of October 19th**. During these small groups, me or another Sunday School teacher will be there to guide the call and to help us all talk about how we saw God working in our lives that week, to talk about any activities or creations you made based on Sunday's homily, and to do various fun relationship-building activities together.

Ages 5-7: Wednesday mornings from 7:30-8am

Ages 8-10: Wednesdays from 11:30am-12pm

Ages 11-13: Tuesday nights from 7-7:30pm

Every Monday, we will send an email that includes all of the links to our weekly Zoom Small Groups.

3. We are beginning a practice among all St. Bart's kids called **making "Godservations."** This means noticing how, where, and when you notice God working in your life. **Each St. Bart's kid will get their own journal** to record these "Godservations". Journals can also be used to track reflections when I pose a question after the weekly homily or for drawing and sketching things that inspire you. Email me to arrange getting one of these journals, I hope to see you at one of our Zoom Small Groups! Please don't hesitate to reach out to me if you have any questions or to introduce yourself: palcovie@gmail.com.

Friendship House - We are collecting donations of: **MEN'S WINTER CLOTHES, BLANKETS, pillows, razors, shaving cream, shampoo, toothpaste and body wash.** They can be dropped off in the plastic box labeled "Friendship House" under the wooden bench that sits below the overhang at the front of the church. Also, financial contributions are welcomed and can be mailed to: Friendship House, 390 Lincoln Street, South Portland, Maine 04106.

St. Elizabeth's Essentials Pantry

Ongoing donations requested: Adult Winter Coats (Please make sure all coats are clean and in good working order) and **Boots** (Please label toe of boots with its size (ex. Men's 10) using masking tape and tie the laces together.)

(Please donate children's coats and boots to one of the many organizations that specialize in these items.)

We Need Volunteers: If you are willing to serve directly with the public during our distributions on Tuesdays this fall and winter, please contact Linda Draper, ldraper347@gmail.com. Masks and face shields will be provided.

If you'd be willing to serve behind the scenes by repairing jackets (sewing on buttons or organizing inventory), please also contact Linda.

Cash Donations: If you would like to make a cash donation to St. Elizabeth's for the purchase of coats and boots in hard to find sizes or for the purchase of wool socks, please send checks payable to: St. Elizabeth's Jubilee Center, Attn: Rev. Holly Hoffmann, PO Box 4036, Portland, ME 04101

In Kind Donations: Consider purchasing our high need items listed on our Amazon wishlist: <http://a.co/eV6rZyn>.

October Lawn Care Schedule

Oct 11-17: Gregg Hoerr

Oct 18-24: John Perkins

Oct 25-31: Mark Goettel

Healing Prayers - The Pastoral Care Committee is available to offer healing prayers upon request via a phone call or video call. If you would like to arrange such a call, please contact Barbara Barhydt, jbml@gwi.net or Pam Hobson, pamhobson46@gmail.com and they will schedule a convenient time with one of the Committee members.