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## Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost



**Sunday, September 9, 2018**  
**10 AM Eucharist at St. Johns**  
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Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23  
Psalm 125  
James 2:1-10, [11-13], 14-17  
Mark 7:24-37

Blessing  
of the  
Backpacks!



A Message from  
Keith Coppinge:

BLESSING OF THE  
BACKPACKS (and  
Dufflebags) during the  
10:00 service. It's a great  
chance to celebrate and  
fuss over our students in  
high school and college and  
this year we also may have  
on hand some elementary  
school kids on hand to get

their backpacks/totes blessed by Rev. Amanda. Please join us at \*10am\* for some spiritual refreshment and surprises. Also a chance to say "thanks" and farewell--very temporarily--to our partner church and show some love for the love they've shown us in opening their home to us this summer!

Support for our Students financially and otherwise is of course welcome. A \*second\* offering, so frequent and familiar to some of our evangelical bretheren (pass one, pass it

again!) will be taken up with funds going to the rector's fund at our churches for our students (it's a surprise, and they're too busy to read this). If you would like to be an "angel" to aid a specific young person in our midst see Rev. Amanda or Keith for info on names and needs. Gift cards to the DVC Bookstore, Visa, Safeway and Amazon are especially welcome. Thank you!

Diane's daughter Angie is, if you haven't heard from our message/email notices, doing pretty well after her heart transplant this week and Diane thanks all for the love and prayers. Recovery is a long process and they're taking it day by day so we ask that you keep Angie and her family in your prayers--they are felt and appreciated! Diane asks your indulgence if you are the messaging/email type, she doesn't have much time to respond, but know everything is meaningful to her and the family :)



We are now collecting travel sized toiletries for the Monument Crisis Center. If you have unused shampoo, conditioner or body wash that you've collected from trips, please bring to St. John's and place in the basket in the back. If you would like to purchase travel sized items, we will need shampoo, conditioner, body wash, toothbrush and toothpaste for each toiletry bag. We can take the items to the Monument Crisis Center as donated, or we can assemble them into small (quart sized) zip loc bags to make a complete pack. This will be an ongoing project,

so please bring whatever you have. The Crisis Center is very grateful for our support!! Please contact Carol Elizondo if you have questions.



### Book Club

The next St. John's book club will be on **Saturday, October 6th at Carol Elizondo's at 7:00 pm**. We are reading *The Word is Murder* by Anthony Horowitz. Please join us!  
Carol and Paul Henshaw

## Emergency Text Group

Last week we tried out the Emergency Text Group for Prayer Requests.

*We will be adjusting the way we have the text service set up.*

**All numbers** that have signed up for the service will be signed up for a **Holy Spirit Church Group** for communications for **BOTH** St. John's and St. Michaels then everyone on the list will be put into their individual church list as well

Examples: Holy Spirit group would receive information like the prayer request.  
Individual church would receive information like changing service locations.

If you would like to sign up for Group chat please Inform Franie Millar.

We are using an app called GroupMe - **You do not need to use/download the app, it runs through regular text message services**

*If using emojis please know that GroupMe will automatically send you a message saying the emoji may not show up in all text (phones have different emoji settings) You can still use them but know that you will receive this message and not all persons in the group chat may see the image.*

If you need any assistance please reach out to me, I'm happy to help

Depending on your cell phone carrier - fees may apply, please check with your plan before signing up

If you would like to be removed from the List please e-mail Franie Millar

[fjwmillar@gmail.com](mailto:fjwmillar@gmail.com)

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### Midweek Services

St. John's - Tuesday 10:00 AM Holy Communion

St. Michael's - Thursday 6:00 PM Celtic Evening Prayer in Chapel

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### Summer Calendar for Holy Spirit Churches

. 9/9 - **10 AM JOINT** Service at St. John's

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**GO AND VOTE this election 2018!**

Presiding Bishop Michael Curry reminds us, "we are blessed as a nation to vote. As citizens of this country this is a right, an obligation, and a duty. Go vote. Vote your conscience. Your conscience informed by what it means to love your neighbor, to participate in the process of seeking the common good, to participate in the process of making this a better world. However you vote, go and vote. And do that as followers of Jesus."

**Here are 6 steps to engage with this year's U.S. elections!**

1. Register to vote!
2. Be an informed voter!
3. Vote!
4. Mobilize!
5. Join Lawyers and Collars!
6. Engage your congregation using our Vote faithfully Toolkit!

**"Voting and participation in our government is a way of participating in our common life and that is a Christian obligation." - Presiding Bishop Michael Curry**

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**Request:**

I am looking for pictures of St. Johns at services and events to be used as our lead picture for the newsletters and making slides for Holy Spirit Church & St.

Johns Facebook pages.

If you would like to submit a picture for use please send them to

Franie Millar: [fjwmillar@gmail.com](mailto:fjwmillar@gmail.com)

or to the [Holy Spirit Church Facebook Page](#)

Thank you so much!

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

9-9-2018

Please enter any special prayers of petition, intercession, or thanksgiving in the PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE intercessory book on the lectern near the double doors of the sanctuary. You may also email Kathy Carr at [carrpets@pacbell.net](mailto:carrpets@pacbell.net) or call or text her at (925) 890-0115. Those listed below will be remembered in parish prayers throughout the month by individuals and those leading prayer services.

FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL AND/OR RECOVERING: [parish members with request]: Jim Fester [Fester], Alan Altorfer, Val Smith [Carr], Nancy Watson [Waterson], Don Spragg [Evon], Baby Zachery Milcetic [Waterson], Bev Shay [Waterson], Janna [Rosen], Joshua [Rosen and Hollister families], Olivia, Akemi [Tuohey], Karen Harless [Rosen], Maria Filipina [Rosen], Kathleen Barton [Ferrante], Jacquie Whitehurst [Carr], Gloria Davis [Waterson], Rose, Amanda, Camille, Vince & Sean, Chris Carter [Carter], Anne Banks [Carter], Kay Stuntz [Carr] Jodie Piazza [Hidalgo], Art Walsh [Waterson], Debi Branich [Rosen], Ryan Joseph [Hidalgo], Paula & Ed Ferguson [Adams], Mary Lou Street [Waterson], Elaine Hodl [Cindy H.], Elaine Viachos [Evon], Katherine Postman [Price], Jim Piccolo [Hidalgo], Annie Parcheter [Fester], Arvy Carney [Henshaw], And for all families, friends, and all who care for them or abide with them.

FOR THOSE SERVING IN THE ARMED FORCES: Zachary Sherman [Smith], Nolan Brekle [Rosen], Eric Wettstein [Rosen], Shea [Fester], Sean Donnelly [Murelli]. Joshua Rios [Altorfer], Joshua Flores-Crose [Murelli], Nicholas Sylocek [Francis], Mike Warren [Hidalgo], Rafe Wysham [Henshaw], and Josh Collins [Murelli]. And all others known and unknown to us, their families, and all who suffer and grieve as a result of conflict.

FOR THOSE IN LONG-TERM NEED AND CARE, ESPECIALLY: Dave Oster [Carr], Pat Robinson [Henshaw], Ann Ferrante, Helen & Dick Hilbourn, Beth Ferrante [Ferrante], Eric Price [Price], Janice Walsh [Waterson], Suzanne Howard, Alexei, Shelley, Lucas & Logan [Carr], Andrew Dillon [Waterson], Andrew Waterson [Waterson], Kathy Carr [Waterson]. And for all families, friends and all who care for them or abide with them.

FOR OTHER CONCERNS, CARE & SUPPORT: Marie Schild & Family [DeLeuw], Robert & Cheryl [Gwen O&Neil], Shirley Adams [Waterson], Tina Kristen [Rosen], Sophia & Michael [Carr], Carolyn & Dominic [Rosen], Anatoly Shchegolev [Tolstova], Jo Chapman [Rosen], Pat and Tom, Sharyn Lunghi [Elizondo], Alice Murray [Adams], Julie and James [Fester], Jordan and Tyler [Fester], Kathy & Kyota Takahashi family [Touhey], Jane Yarbrough [McDougald], Greg, Sandy, Kathy, Kathy Prato [Rosen]. So fill our hearts, O

Lord, with your abiding care and love.

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED: Dorothy Van Essen [Carylon Van Essen's mother],. Rest eternal grant to them, O Lord, let light perpetual shine upon them.

FOR THOSE WHO MOURN: . The Van Essen Family. Give them strength and courage to meet the days to come.

FOR THOSE WHO TRAVEL: Surround them with your loving care; protect them, and bring them in safety to their journey's end.

FOR THE HUMAN FAMILY: and all who minister with compassion to the needs of body, mind, and spirit.

WE REMEMBER & GIVE THANKS FOR OUR SHARED MINISTRIES IN THIS PARISH: For the Wardens, the Bishop's Committee members, and all who minister in and through St. John's and Saint Michael's; building upon the sure foundation of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

IN CELEBRATION OF: The upcoming birth of a child to Krishna & Bisher [Tuohey], the first great-granddaughter for Jacquie Whitehurst, the first great-granddaughter for Sherrie Hidalgo, and another great-grandson for Beryl Watson. Confirm their joy & anticipation, O Lord, by a lively sense of your presence with them.

IN JOYFUL THANKSGIVING: For our clergy: The Rev. Amanda May and for our parish family. Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice!

FOR THOSE CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS IN AUGUST: Rich Simonson - 2, Laney King - 3, Wendy Brose - 4, Barbara Fester - 8, Alyssa Fendall - 23, Dick Hilbourn - 23, Megan Rosen - 28. Grant that they may grow in faith, wisdom, and grace all their days. ,

FOR THOSE CELEBRATING ANNIVERSARIES IN AUGUST: Barbara & Tom Fester - 10, Laney & Andrew King - 17, Wendy & Barry Brose - 26, Janice & Raphael Belloumini - 28. Give them wisdom, devotion, forbearance, support, joy, and affection in their lives together.

ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS TO THE PRAYER LIST: Please send all changes to our weekly Prayer List to Kathy Carr at [carrpets@pacbell.net](mailto:carrpets@pacbell.net) or call her at (925) 890-0115 by Wednesday of each week.

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[Joint Calendar for St. Michael's and St. John's](#)