

St. John's Episcopal Church

"Our mission is to know and to share the love of Jesus Christ"



Brown Bag Encyclical Study

On August 19th and 26th at 6:30 pm the Rector will host a lively study of Magnifica Humanitas, the first encyclical of Pope Leo. The encyclical is a remarkable document that summarizes the best of Roman Catholic Social Teaching and applies it to the rising challenge of Artificial Intelligence to basic human dignity. Roman Catholic Social Teaching is an amazing resource for disciplined Christian moral reflection, the deliberate exploration of what it means to "Love God and neighbor and enemy" in our current moment. You can access the encyclical here: www.vatican.va/content/leo-xiv/en/encyclicals/documents/20260515-magnifica-humanitas.html. Please join the class by emailing the Rector at jarrett.kerbel@stjohnsbangor.org.

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GOOD NEWS!

Free

HUMAN DIGNITY IN THE AGE OF A.I.

Study & Discuss

Magnifica Humanitas

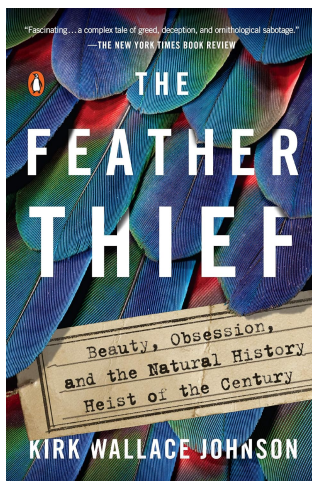
On Safeguarding the Human Person in the time of Artificial Intelligence.

August 19 & 26, 6:30 pm
225 French Street

For more information:
jarrett.kerbel@gmail.com



DON'T MISS THIS OPPORTUNITY FOR THOUGHTFUL ETHICAL CONVERSATION!



Women's Book Group

The Women's Book Group invites you to their next meeting, on August 18th at 2:00pm, to discuss "The Feather Thief: Beauty, Obsession, and Natural History Heist of the Century" by Kirk W. Johnson. The group meets on Zoom and all are welcome. Please contact the office with any questions. The group meets on [Zoom](#) and all are welcome. Please contact the [office](#) with any questions.

Choir Season is about to begin

Hello folks!

Hard to believe that it is already August (more so for me, perhaps, as a teacher), and planning for the 2026-2027 Choir Ministry is well underway! I am very excited for this year's musical offerings, including our usual Sunday morning anthems and psalms, Contemplative and Choral Evensongs (stay tuned for more information), Advent Lessons and Carols, and much more!

We will have our Kick-Off Potluck and first rehearsal on Thursday, September 3rd from 5:30 to 8:00. Regular choir rehearsals will take place on Thursdays from 5:30 to 7:30

If you have ever thought about joining the St John's Choir, **now is the perfect time; bring a friend!** No audition necessary, just a quick meeting with me to go over some of the procedures and run a few scales.

For more information or to schedule a meeting, please email me at choirdirector@stjohnsbangor.org

-Colin



Memorial Service for Lewis "Lew" Phillips

A memorial service for Lew Phillips will be held at St. Alban's Episcopal Church in Cape Elizabeth on Saturday September 19th at 11:30am. Please see the obituary in the [Bangor Daily News](#) for more details.

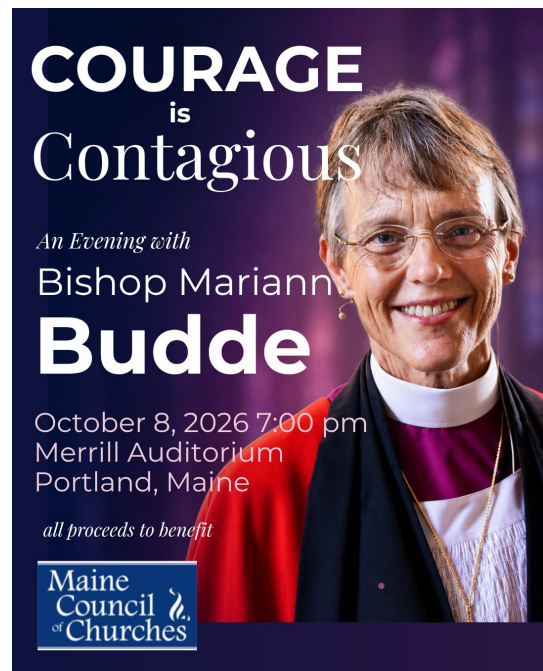
Courage is Contagious - An Evening with Bishop Mariann Budde **Hosted by the Maine Council of Churches** **October 8, 2026, 7:00 pm, at the Merrill Auditorium in Portland**

Join the Maine Council of Churches for an inspiring evening with Bishop Mariann Budde (Episcopal Diocese of Washington DC). Known for her courage in speaking truth to power, she will reflect on what is required of us at such a time as this: to learn to be brave, stand for justice, and seek mercy for those in harm's way.

Tickets are \$56 (includes service fee) and can be purchased any time online:

<https://porttix.com/whats-on/maine-council-of-churches-bishop-mariann-budde/>

or in person at the PortTix box office, 400 Congress Street, Portland, Monday-Friday, 11am - 3pm



Proceeds will benefit the Maine Council of Churches, a coalition of denominations that speaks with a prophetic voice calling people to help build a more just, compassionate, and peaceful world.

Announcements and Prayer Requests

Please be sure to submit all announcements and prayer requests to [the office](#) by noon on Thursday for them to be included in the weekly announcements and bulletins. Please submit photos / posters as a JPEG, and announcements in Word (not in a PDF).

Serving on Sunday August 16th at 9:00am:

Lectors – Zach W., Kelsi H. and Chris M.
Acolytes – David C., Dakota M., Pat S. and Evelyn S.
Chalice Bearers – Cassy P. and David C.
Ushers – Zach W. and Ben O.
Counters – Don L and Roger G.

Serving on Sunday August 23rd at 9:00am:

Lectors – Zach W., Ann H. and Kelsi H.
Acolytes - Grant P., Isaac P., Cindy L. and Evelyn S.
Chalice Bearers - Cindy L. and Grant P.
Ushers – Katharine F. and Mary W.
Counters – Paul J. and Ken H.

Thank you to all who volunteer as Lectors, Acolytes, Chalice Bearers and Ushers. If you would like to serve in one of these positions, please let the [office](#) know.

***Sunday's
Readings***

[Isaiah 56:1,
6-8](#)

[Romans 11:1-
2a, 29-32](#)

[Matthew
15:21-28](#)

***Sunday
Worship:
[Worship
Bulletin
YouTube](#)***

***Morning
Prayer***

***Monday -
Friday:***
9:00am
Morning
Prayer
[Zoom](#)
[Facebook](#)

***Tuesday-
Friday:***
in person in
the Bethlehem
Chapel

What's Happening This Week

Sunday, August 16th, 9:00am: Rite II Eucharist, in-person and on [YouTube](#), followed by Lemonade on the Lawn.

Sunday, August 16th, 10:30am: Vestry Meeting

Sunday, August 16th, 7:00pm: [AA](#) meeting in the Undercroft.

Tuesday, August 18th, 2:00pm: Women's Book Group on [Zoom](#).

Wednesday, August 19th, 6:30pm: Human Dignity in the Age of AI.

Thursday, August 20th, 6:30pm: Invitation to Love Retreat on [Zoom](#).

Sunday, August 23rd, 9:00am: Rite II Eucharist, in-person and on [YouTube](#), followed by Lemonade on the Lawn.

Sunday, August 23rd, 7:00pm: [AA](#) meeting in the Undercroft.

For more information about these and future events, as well as ways to get involved, check out www.stjohnsbangor.org.

Nursery Care and Children's Chapel

Children should arrive between 9:45 and 10:00 am in the Undercroft on Sunday mornings for Nursery care, ages 0-3, and for Children's Chapel, ages 4-10.

In **Children's Chapel**, we celebrate the boundless curiosity and wonder of our young ones as we delve into the stories and lessons of the Bible. We aim to cultivate a nurturing and engaging environment that teaches our youngest members the stories of their faith and promotes spiritual growth and a strong sense of community. For inquiries or to register, please contact Mary-Frances Beesorchar at children@stjohnsbangor.org.

*****Nursery Care and Children's Chapel are on Hiatus and will resume on September 13th*****

Opportunities to pray together:

Sunday Morning Eucharist
9:00am in person and on [YouTube](#)
Morning Prayer
Mon-Fri, 9:00am on Facebook and on [Zoom](#)

**Evening
Prayer
Monday -
Friday:
5:15pm
live on [Zoom](#)**

and in person Tuesday - Friday in the Bethlehem Chapel

Evening Prayer
Mon-Fri, 5:15pm on [Zoom](#)

Volunteering is a wonderful way to give. Looking for the right Ministry Opportunity for you? Just click the link below for more information.

[OPPORTUNITIES FOR MINISTRY](#)

Parish Prayer List:

If you would like to add or reinstate a name or concern for our parish prayer list, please contact the church office or prayers@stjohnsbangor.org.

For the Sick, Injured, or Distressed, and for those who have requested prayer: Mannone, Patrick, Kim M., and R & L. **Continued prayers for** – Jane M., Kurt K., Earlene B., Donald K., Jane Z., Sean C., Judy A., Susan J., Elena B., Jay B., Susan S., Mikenzy, Laurel, Roy G., Loretta, David B., Jane P., Henry L., Kelly M., D., M., L., Robin S., Brian M., Cindy K., Katie B., Ross M., MarLynne M., Kent C., Ann C., Esther R., Marcia & Richard, and Russell M.

For our Homebound Members: Bonnie A., Kathy C., Ginny F., Carolyn L., Evelyn L., Roberta D., Carolyn S., Esther R., Gary S., Deborah T., Lee W., Donna W., Lura W., Lilly P., Earlene B., and Eileen H.

For the World: for Peace and Goodwill among Nations and for peoples in places of violence or oppression, and for the many places in our world where there is danger and desperation. We continue to pray for the people in Ukraine and for the people in the Middle East and Sudan. For an end to war and all forms of violence. For all who suffer for conscience's sake. For our enemies and those who wish us harm. For all suffering effects of climate change and of natural disasters. For refugees, immigrants, and those who are displaced.

For our Nation: For the healing of divisions and the celebration of diversity; for the recognition that no single viewpoint on any issue, no matter how important, is without human error; and for all who struggle to change our world and its systems of oppression and exploitation.

For the Leaders of our Country, State and Community: Donald J. Trump, President; Members of Congress, especially, Susan Collins, Angus King, Chellie Pingree, Jared Golden of Maine; Janet Mills our Governor; and Susan Hawes our Mayor; for those who administer justice in the courts of this land, that they all may serve our nation and the world with wisdom, civility, and compassion.

For our Military Personnel, especially those of this Parish: Sarah M., Dillan L., and Joshua M. For all members of our military currently in harm's way. We pray for peace.

With Thanksgiving for the lives of those celebrating birthdays during the coming week including: Nancy H. and Julian P.

For the Departed: For our service members killed in the current conflict.



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