

10:00 Holy Eucharist (BAS) Licensed Lay Minister: Bill Canning

Processional Hymn: Part of the Family

Gathering of the Community
Gloria (said)

Collect: O God, from your providing hand even the dissatisfied and grumbling receive what they need for their lives. Teach us your ways of justice and lead us to practise your generosity, so that we may live a life worthy of the gospel made known through your Son Jesus Christ, our Saviour. **Amen**

The Proclamation of the Word:

Exodus 16: 2-15 (John Greer)

Psalms 105: 1-6, 37-45

Philippians 1: 21-30 (Karen Torrance)

Gradual Hymn: A Man Owned a Vineyard

The Holy Gospel: Matthew 20: 1-16 (David Torrance)

Homily – Joan MacDonald

Apostles Creed

The Prayers of the People

Confession and Absolution

The Peace

Offering Hymn – My Life Flows On (CP 401)

Prayer over the Gifts: God of power, the glory of your works fills us with wonder and awe. Accept our offering this day, and help us to live in peace and harmony with all your creation, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Breaking of Bread #2

Lamb of God

The Communion

Communion Hymn: All Who Hunger

Ablution Hymn: Christ be our Light

Prayer after Communion: Ruler of the universe, all creation yearns for its fulfilment in your Son. May we who have shared in holy things grow into maturity in him. This we ask in the name of the same Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Doxology

Children's Hymn: Brother Jesus

Blessing of Backpacks

The Blessing

Closing Hymn: We Shall Go On with Hope of Resurrection

Dismissal

Music: Let There be Love

Postlude

Greeters: Hazel & Michael Sherren

Counters: Roger McNutt & Michael Sherren

Chancel Guild: Team February

In lieu of altar flowers, a donation has been made to the glory of God and in loving memory of Dorothy P. Harris and Len Harris from Neil, Kim, Ashley and Adam.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Tuesday, Sept. 22nd – Morning Prayer 8:45 a.m.

Wednesday, Sept. 23rd – Choir Practice 6:30 p.m.

Friday, Sept. 25th – Spiritual Café 9:00 a.m.

Saturday, Sept. 26th – Natasha's Ordination 2:00 p.m. All Saints Cathedral, Halifax

Next Sunday, September 27th – 18th Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist (BAS)

The church office has resumed **regular hours**. Hours going forward will be Monday – Thursday from 9:00 a.m. – noon.

Communion: We offer two options for the receiving of communion wine: the common cup and a second cup from which a medicine dropper is used to place wine upon the host. You're invited to cross to the chalice of your choice after receiving the host. **Dropper cup on the piano side/Drinking cup on the organ side. Note:** Dipping of the wafer (intinction) is not permitted in the common cup.

Ordination: The bus for Natasha's ordination will leave St. John's at 11:00 a.m. sharp on Saturday, Sept. 26th. It will leave Halifax at 5:30 p.m. for the return trip. Those who have signed up for the bus will receive a confirmation call this week.

Sunday School resumes regular classes **TODAY**. We will also bless the children's backpacks during today's worship. Further dates for the fall term are October 4 & 18, November 1, 15, & 29, and December 6 & 20.

Spiritual Café returns on Friday, September 25th from 9:00 – noon in the parish hall meeting room. In keeping with the feast day of St. Michael and All Angels on September 29th, our topic will be angels!

Coffee hour dates for the fall will be September 20, October 4 & 18, November 1, 15 & 29, and December 6 & 20.

Anyone wanting to become a **greeter** at our church or receive information about the duties of a greeter may contact Placide Chiasson at placidechiasson290@gmail.com or by phone at 902 895-7832. Thank you.

Men's Fellowship Group will be starting up once again in the next few weeks. If anyone would like to consider giving us a try or would like to know more about the group, please contact Harry MacKenzie, either in person or by email (htmackenzie2@gmail.com). This will be our third year of operating, and we are always looking to increase our numbers!

Mary Hubley is taking orders for copies of the **2027 Canadian Church Calendar**. This cost is \$8. If you have ordered in the past, she will automatically order you a copy. If you have not ordered before and would like a copy, please contact her at 902-893-8087 or speak to her in church.

ASK ME! You may have noticed some of our members wearing bright yellow and red "ASK ME" buttons. If you are new to St. John's (or even not so new!) and have questions – please speak to anyone wearing a button. If they don't have an answer for you, they'll find one!

Meditation and Lectionary Bible Study have resumed meeting. Meditation is at 10:00 a.m. in the choir room of the parish hall and Lectionary at 11:00 a.m. in the main parish hall meeting room. All are welcome to join us!

Looking Ahead: Our annual **Blessing of Animals** service takes place on Sunday, October 4th, the feast day of St. Francis of Assisi. We will meet on the church lawn at 2:00 p.m., rain or shine. Bring your companion animals for blessing and join with us as we give thanks for all God's good creation.

Our parish **Fall Retreat** will take place on **Saturday, October 17th**. We will enjoy a day away together at the Seek Wilderness facility at the top of Young St. All are welcome to join in this time of prayer, reflection, sharing and enjoying God's good creation! (**Note: change of date**)

Praying for Peace: During the Second World War, a group of people stopped whatever they were doing for a specific time every night to pray for peace and safety for everyone. They did this every day, and it was as if the whole city paused – such was the power of prayer. The result was so overwhelming that the bombing stopped shortly afterward! Now once again, a group of people around the world has agreed to spend one minute praying for the safety of our countries, for the end of the problems that oppress us, and for God to guide the decisions of our leaders. The time chosen for Canada to pray is **12:00 noon**. Please pause in your busy day to pray for peace at that time.

We are exploring the possibility of holding an **adult Confirmation Class** this fall. If interested in seeking Confirmation, please speak to Rev. Lori.

Mission to Seafarers: We will be starting our Mission to Seafarers Campaign earlier in the fall this year. Items for a regular running shoe box include: Hat / Toque, Scarf or neck warmer, Gloves, Socks. Wrapped hard candy (**no chocolate**), Soap, Toothpaste, Toothbrush, Shampoo or body wash (no larger than 375ml to fit in a shoebox), Shaving foam, Razors, Deodorant, Lip balm, Playing cards, Pen/pencil, Small packages of tissues, Comb, Christmas card, Bible (supplied by mission), Mementos of NS, PEI or Canada. Rev'd Bev will be explaining more about this mission at various Sundays through to the late fall.

Pickleball anyone? We are exploring the possibility of setting up pickleball play for interested parishioners in the upstairs hall. Pickleball for years has been the fastest growing sport in North America; providing an excellent opportunity for fitness and fellowship for people of all ages. If the interest is there, we will put together a meeting to look at the next steps; ie times and frequency of play. If you think you'd like to give pickleball a try, please contact Harry MacKenzie at htmackenzie2@gmail.com



EVENING PRAYER SERVICE

ST. MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS

TUESDAY, SEPT. 29, 7:00 P.M.

BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER

SERMON: DEACON NATASHA



Canadian Foodgrains Bank – Setting the Table for Peace. **World Food Day** is October 16th. Join us at 7:30 p.m. at Immanuel Baptist Church as we host a live-stream Worship Service from St. Matthew's Church in Kitchener, Ontario and meet Skylar Boylan, our new Atlantic Rep.

FLOURISHING FAITH

A flourishing congregation is grounded in a simple, life-giving truth: when we stay rooted in Christ, our daily lives naturally overflow with joy, purpose, and spiritual vitality. To help our communities continue to grow a vibrant spiritual life, we are anchoring our faith formation around four practical, interconnected rhythms:

Prayer & Spiritual Disciplines
Christian Education & Study
Worship & Sacramental Life
Giving, Serving & Stewarding

ROOTED & REACHING – MICROPRACTICE

The Scripture Echo

Focus: Christian Education & Study

THE PRACTICE: Take one phrase from Sunday's readings that caught your ear. Write it on a sticky note or your phone lock screen. Return to that single sentence twice a day – not to analyze it, but to ask: "How does this speak to where I am today?"

TRY THIS AT HOME: Pick one short verse at the dinner table or morning coffee. Read it aloud once, pause for 30 seconds of quiet, and share one word from it that resonated.

PARISH REFLECTION: What is one question about faith or scripture you've wondered about recently but haven't voiced to anyone?

"Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path." — Psalm 119:105

September 20th, 2026
17th Sunday after Pentecost



Rector: Rev'd Lori Ramsey



Wardens: Sarah Lennerton and Michael Sherren

PLEASE TAKE THIS LEAFLET HOME FOR FUTURE REFERENCE