

Blessing of the Animals is Sunday at Christ Church

St. Francis taught us to experience the love of God in all creation including the animals that surround us in life. The Feast of St. Francis occurs each year on October 4 and many churches will either celebrate the blessing of the animals on that day or the Sunday closest to it.

This year Christ Church Parish will be celebrating the blessing of the animals at their 10:30 a.m. service on Sunday, October 7. "The community is invited to join us in this celebration by bringing your pets

to church that Sunday where there will be special prayers of blessing and giving thanks for the joy that these pets bring us, prayers to watch over them, and prayers that we may treat them well," said a church spokesperson.

Because this is an indoor service the church asks that you bring only house pets to the service in proper carriers or on leashes. Christ Church Parish Episcopal is located at 56 Christchurch Lane, Christchurch.