



The Tower

July & August 2024

Beloved in Christ,

As I am writing this I am just about two weeks into my sabbatical time. I'm pretty sure this is the longest I have been away from work since my junior year in high school when over April vacation the youth group here at St. John's went on a mission trip to North Carolina and the week we returned I went on vacation with my family for a week. So far my time has pretty much been split in three ways.

First, as I mentioned over the past months, part of what I wanted to do with this time was walk all the streets in Barrington, or at least attempt to. I am quickly learning that this is something I will be attempting and not finishing. At around seventeen miles walked I have only covered about one third of the Hampden Meadows area.

I have also been taking a class at RIC on Nonprofit finances. A lot of this class has focused on the IRS Form 990. Unlike most nonprofit, churches are exempt from filing this form, which means that a lot of the information is new to me, but also not terribly applicable to what we do. There has, however, been some good stuff from the class.

Finally, I have been taking time to recharge. I've been taking more time to read, watch movies, and play video games than I normally would be able to. It has been nice to mentally unplug in this way, but I am excited to be getting active again.

Tomorrow I jump out of sabbatical mode as I travel to Louisville, KY for General Convention. General Convention is the triennial meeting of the Episcopal Church. Deputations from every diocese of the Episcopal Church will gather for just over a week to take council and do the business of the church. Here we will vote on issues that affect our life in the Episcopal Church together and adopt a budget for the next three years. General Convention is similar to our Diocesan Convention, but for the entire church. One hundred and eleven dioceses will each send a deputation of four clergy members and four lay members to make up the House of Deputies, as well as their Bishops to make up the House of Bishops. One exciting part of this year's convention is that the House of Bishop's will be electing a new Presiding Bishop. The term for Presiding Bishop is nine years, and as Bishop Curry was elected in 2015 his term is up this year. While in most matters both Houses have an equal say in what is being discussed, for the election of Presiding Bishop the House of Bishop's votes on the candidates and the House of Deputies confirms the election.

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STEP DOWN TO ENCORE

Hours

Tuesday & Thursday
10:00am—4:00pm

Saturday
1st & 3rd Saturday
of the month



Encore

Encore is closed for the summer.
Have a wonderful summer
and we hope to see you
in September!



ST. JOHN'S TOWER

Please consider writing for The Tower.
Personal reflections, articles, poetry,
essays and commentary are always welcome!
Next Tower Deadline: August 15th.
The September Tower will be mailed on
August 28th

Please send articles, announcements and
"Letters to the Tower" to dale@stjohnsbarrington.org

COMMISSION ON CHILDREN'S FORMATION

Children Ministries News

Church School will meet at 9 am for the months of July and August. We will not have a session on July 7th or August 4th .

Our schedule is as follows:

July:

July 7th - no meeting

July 14th - 9am

July 21st -9am

July 28th -9am

August:

August 4th - no meeting

August 11th - 9am

August 18th - 9am

August 25th -9am

In June our Church School planted a garden, decorated bags for Loaves and Fishes and read several books, including *3 in 1- A Picture of God*, a story of the Trinity, and *The Marvelous Mustard Seed*, a story based on Jesus' parable of the Mustard Seed.



Ice Cream Social

Church School Families- Please join us on **Friday, August 16th at 5:30 for an ice cream social**. If you have a special ice cream request, feel free to reach out to Caitlin@stjohnsbarrington.org and I will try to accommodate requests.

COMMISSION ON ADMINISTRATION

Summer Hours

The Parish office will be open Monday – Thursday from 8:00am until 2:00pm and will be closed on Friday.

Lobster Roll Friday's

Our ever popular Lobster Roll Fridays continue! Every Friday evening this July & August, from 5:00 p.m. until we sell out, St. John's will be selling Lobster Roll dinners that will include: a large lobster roll, chips, and a bottled water for \$22. Please reserve your lobster rolls by calling 245-4065 or email dale@stjohnsbarrington before noon on Wednesday's. Please get the word out that the Lobster Rolls are back and sign up in Field Hall to volunteer your help!



Compline and S'mores

Our weekly Compline service has moved back outside to the Memorial Garden for the summer. We will gather around the fire pit to pray at 8pm. Following this brief service we will have supplies to make S'mores. This summer the service will not be livestreamed. If you are unable to join in person there are recordings of old compline services on our Facebook page and you can say compline on your own at home as well.



Would You Like To Play?

Did you know Barrington has a House of Worship Softball League? We play one game a week on either Monday, Tuesday or Thursday through August and anyone over the age of 16 is invited to play. All games are at 6:00pm at Bicknell Field and the dates are on the calendar. If you are interested in joining our team please show up at a game!. If you're not interested in playing, be ready to come on out and cheer on our team, you'll be able to find our game schedule in the bulletin each week

COMMISSION ON ADMINISTRATION

Back Pack Drive

St. John's will once again be providing filled backpacks for elementary students in need of back-to-school supplies. We are accepting donations of NEW Back-Packs and/or supplies for elementary age children. We would like to deliver them at the start of the school year so the last day to drop off contributions is August 22nd. Back Pack Sunday (Blessing of the Back Packs) is August 25th. Recommended supplies include: Back Packs, pencils, crayons, markers, pencil boxes, colored pencils, pocket folders, Kleenex packets and personal size hand sanitizers. Nothing sharp can be put in the backpacks. Please see Dale West for more information. Take advantage of the back to school sales!!



COMMISSION ON ADMINISTRATION

Ancient Practices Series

Beginning this fall we gather once a month to discuss the books in the Ancient Practice Series. This eight book series includes an introductory book followed by seven books that look at practices of the church that not only have been a part of Christianity since our origins but are also shared with the major faith traditions of the world. The books are: Finding Our Way Again: The Return of the Ancient Practices; In Constant Prayer; Sabbath; Fasting; The Sacred Meal; The Liturgical Year: The Spiraling Adventure of the Spiritual Life; The Sacred Journey; and Tithing: Test Me in This. Starting in August we will have a few copies of each book available at the church for those who would like to borrow one rather than purchase their own. In September we will gather on Sunday, the 8th at 6:30 to discuss Finding Our Way Again: The Return of the Ancient Practices written by Brian McLaren. I hope you will join us in the coming months as we dive deeper into the practices of our faith.

Confirmation Class

Bishop Knisely will be making his visitation with us this year on Sunday, October 6 th . When a Bishop visits we have the option of including Confirmations, receptions, or reaffirmations of baptismal vows. We often have confirmations of our high school youth who are around the age of 16, this rite, however, is not just for youth but everyone. Any adults who have not been confirmed, or were confirmed in a tradition that does not have Bishops in apostolic succession, are strongly encouraged to consider it. Reception into the church is for anyone who was confirmed in another tradition by a Bishop in apostolic succession, and reaffirmation is for anyone who has been confirmed or received but would like to make a formal recommitment to our way of life.

Anyone in the parish who would like to take part in one of these rites, or to learn more about them, is encouraged to reach out to Fr. Patrick. In early August we will come up with a schedule of classes that will take place from late August through September to prepare for these rites.

COMMISSION ON ADMINISTRATION

Weekday Morning Services

While Fr. Patrick is on sabbatical our morning weekday services, Morning Prayer Monday - Thursday and the Wednesday Eucharist, will not take place. These services will resume Monday August 5th..

You Tube

Our Worship services can be found on our YouTube Channel. Make sure to subscribe to receive notifications when we are streaming. Our YouTube channel can be found here: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCoC6LP37QI_ovQTMm9Qw9wQ

EPISCOPAL CHURCH WOMEN ~ ECW

ECW News

Swing into summer, ECW ladies, and enjoy these glorious, light-filled July and August days! Come September, we hope you will join us for an exciting ECW meeting on September 18 at 5:30 at St. John's. Please note the slight change of date to the 18th, due to a bustling, busy "back to business" fall. Our September meeting guest speaker, from the Women's Resource Center, will be sharing lots of good news about all the positive energy going on at the center. This is a vibrant organization supporting women in RI, so please plan to tune in at our next meeting to learn more about how ECW might actively offer our assistance in anticipation of the upcoming holidays. As the saying goes....See you in September!

COMMISSION ON BUILDING & GROUNDS

This Old Church: Dog Days of Summer... ALREADY?

by David M. Murray

Well, the temperature gauge might be suggesting it's August, but things are springing up all around St. John's! Our Open Hands Garden is about to burst into color and a variety of fresh veggies, lovingly tended to by our parishioners. This year our Children & Youth Ministries Director, Caitlin Bogert has her students getting firsthand experience as gardeners, growing flowers. If you're looking to steal a few precious moments out of the day, why not stroll the garden? Bring a friend or member of the family, who knows what wonderful conversations might bloom.

And speaking of blooming, mark your calendars for later in the summer and enjoy the sun flowers and angel trumpets that were recently planted in the atrium. They'll take your breath away, for sure!

We are gearing up to greet our summer renters, the Arts Alive Program. Each year they bring their theatrical creativity to St. John's Field Hall, and here's another opportunity to steal away and eavesdrop as the children rehearse their lines and songs preparing for their Friday stage debuts each week. The Church is filled with music and laughter and it sure remedies what ails you!

If the north driveway side of the choir room looks nicer, it's because we had the bricks power washed to remove all the moss and algae. We also turned the company loose on the school roof under the dreaded honey locust trees where the moss was so thick you could mow it. Nah, I'm just spoofing ya. But leaving it like that is not healthy for the roof.

A few projects on the drawing table...

We recently completed a search for a new security company that will serve all our emergency needs for St. John's – fire alarm and extinguishers, emergency lighting, and kitchen suppression system (stove hood).

This was a good opportunity to reduce our contractors to one, full-service company. There will be one more walk-through and Alert Fire Protection, Inc. located in Cranston, RI. starts July 1st .

We are having some missing shingles and wooden trim replaced on the church roof. Tough to find a contractor willing to put a crew out for such minor repairs, but after a quick conversation with the staff it was agreed that laying out a small amount of cash now is much smarter than waiting to repair the church ceiling due to a leaky roof!

Hey, it's all in a day's work! Please pass the lemonade.

COMMISSION ON ADMINISTRATION

Transitions

July Anniversaries ~ Congratulations!

Ed & Deb Renaud ~ July 2, 2003 ~ 21 years
Paul & Donna Nicholson ~ July 11, 1970 ~ 54 years
Jeffrey & Dianne Silva ~ July 11, 1981 ~ 43 years
Jeff & Chris Barton ~ July 14, 1990 ~ 34 years
Ron & Nancy Kirkpatrick ~ July 15, 1956 ~ 68 years
Anthony & Beth Rondeau ~ July 17, 1998 ~ 26 years
Alan & Wendy Sheridan ~ July 20, 2002 ~ 22 years
Robert & Susan Halkyard ~ July 22, 2000 ~ 24 years
Rik & Kelly Deering ~ July 25, 1998 ~ 26 years
Richard & Nancy Silva ~ July 28, 1973 ~ 51 years
Samuel & Jennifer Burling ~ July 29, 2006 ~ 18 years
Sean & Jessica Buchanan ~ July 31, 2004 ~ 20 years

The Life Eternal

Bob Boyden ~ June 24, 2024

Transitions

August Anniversaries ~ Congratulations!

Brian & Rachel Kingsford ~ August 2, 2015 ~ 98 years
Bill & Gwyneth Groves ~ August 3, 1971 ~ 53 years
Joseph & Jennifer Hoffman ~ August 3, 2013 ~ 11 years
John & Susan Adams ~ August 4, 1973 ~ 51 years
Anne Marie Dupre & James McCormick ~ August 5, 2007 ~ 17 years
Benjamin & Kimberly Rackliffe ~ August 9, 2008 ~ 16 years
Ralph & Laura Barton ~ August 19, 1961 ~ 63 years
Joe & Lori Codega ~ August 20, 1983 ~ 41 years
Lawrence & Susan Bacher ~ August 21, 1976 ~ 48 years
Stewart & Andrea Walker ~ August 24, 1996 ~ 28 years
Nick & Jane Cioe ~ August 26, 1967 ~ 57 years
Stephen & Betty Stoner ~ August 30, 1969 ~ 55 years
Andrew & Deb Faulkner ~ August 31, 1996 ~ 28 years
Chip & Heather Wilkerson ~ August 31, 1991 ~ 33 years

July 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	
	1	2	3	4	5	6
		9:00am Zoom Coffee Hour	8:00pm Compline Outside	Parish Office Closed	5:00pm Lobster Roll Sale	8:30am John's Meals
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
9:00am & 5:30pm Holy Eucharist	9:00am Art's Alive	9:00am Zoom Coffee Hour 9:00am Art's Alive 6:30pm STJ Book Club	9:00am Art's Alive 8:00pm Compline Outside	9:00am Art's Alive 1:00pm Knitting Group 5:00pm Zoom Happy Hour 6:00pm Softball Game	9:00am Art's Alive 5:00pm Lobster Roll Sale	8:30am John's Meals
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25	26	27	28	29	30	31
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Even though it hasn't even been two whole weeks yet I miss you all and St. John's already. I look forward to returning in August hopefully renewed and refreshed to continue following Jesus with you all on the way of love he has set before us.

Yours in Christ,



Patrick+



*The mission of
St. John's Church
is to be a community of
Christians committed to
the care, nourishment and
spiritual growth of all.*

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Summer Worship Services
Sunday ~ 9:00am Holy Eucharist
5:30pm Holy Eucharist