



The Tower

May 2024

Beloved in Christ,

At the end of this past month we said goodbye to Jacob, our Director of Music Programs. We had a wonderful sendoff for Jacob on April 28th, with the Choir and Youth Choir singing anthems at the 10am service and a splendid reception following his last service. Thank you to everyone who came together to express our thanks and well wishes for Jacob in his next steps.

I know many of you are wondering what will happen now with the music at St. John's. The plan right now is to find temporary coverage for the summer to play either the piano or the organ. Organists are in short supply right now, which is why we're looking for either a pianist or organist for this part. Hopefully within in the week of the Tower going out this will be settled.

With the summer months covered we will put together a search committee to assist in filling the position. We will update the job description and distribute that to the American Guild of Organists with the hope of filling the position for September.

If all goes as I hope we will collect names over June and July with interviews in August. As mentioned already though, organists are in short supply and things may not go according to plan. However it unfolds, music is an important piece of our worship and shared life and we will be doing everything we can to continue the excellent musical traditions we been accustomed to at St. John's.

While we are going through this process please continue to keep our parish and this search for our next Director of Music Programs in your prayers.

Yours in Christ,

Patrick+

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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 open every Tuesday and Thursday in May .
Encore will open on Saturday, May 4th and 18th from
10:00am -1:00pm

If you have clothing you wish to consign please call
245-7380 to make an appointment.



ST. JOHN'S TOWER

Please consider writing for The Tower.
Personal reflections, articles, poetry,
essays and commentary are always welcome!

Next Tower Deadline: May 15th.
The June Tower will be mailed on
May 29th

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

COMMISSION ON CHILDREN'S FORMATION

Children Ministries News

We will continue to meet each Sunday in May at 10am. Our meeting dates are as follows:

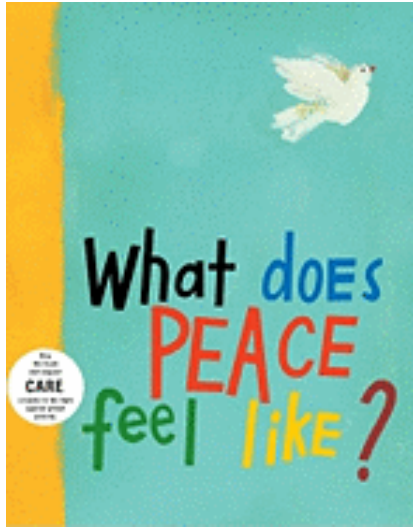
May 5th

May 12th

May 19th

May 26th

Over the last month we have been talking about the season of Easter and what Jesus meant when he greeted his disciples with "Peace be with you". We have read the book, "What Does Peace Feel Like?" by Vladimir Radunsky. The book gives examples of what peace means to different children around the world, and then students had the opportunity to come up with different ways they think of peace as well.



May Breakfast

Please join us for our May breakfast on Sunday, May 12th at 9am. The children will be making the decorations in honor of Mother's Day. We hope you can make it!



This May we will be collecting all sizes of diapers and wipes for the Women's Resource Center and the mothers they support. There is a bin for donations in Field Hall and items will be collected through Sunday May 12th.

COMMISSION ON BUILDING & GROUNDS



This Old Church:

I'm not Allowed to Dust - Barrington High School Girls Lacrosse Team Steps In
by David M. Murray

Ya know, when you wish really hard for something, like when you were ten years old, and Christmas was just around the corner? Well it works, it really works! Most of you know I recently return to work here at St. John's after a broken foot back at Thanksgiving. In my absence provisions were made to bring in an outside cleaning company, and let me tell you, they did a great job. I was a bit worried my parking spot might be gone when I returned.

Hey, nobody cleans like you do, right? So when I got back I was a bit behind in my work. With several months of physical therapy still ahead of me, it was slow going, but everyone offered to help. Driving home one day, I thought about how nice it would be to have an army of helpers. Even if it was just for one day.

POOF!

In walks Andy Soutter, Lacrosse Coach at Barrington High School with an offer that seemed, well, like a wish come true! Andy met with Fr. Pat, Dale (you remember Dale?) and I to offer the entire girls Lacrosse team (36 strong, with 27 attending) for a morning of community service here at St. John's.

Wake up, David. Did you hear what the guy said? Oh, I heard it, all right. So did Dale and Fr. Pat, as we set to compiling a list of projects. When I awoke, the big day was at hand. Tools were at the ready, water bottles, mops, cleaning cloths and, of course, the master list.

One by one our young athletes began to show up, grass rakes, brooms, garden rakes, even a big tractor, with front loading bucket and a chipper on the back. We're going to war with weeds!

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Fr. Pat greeted the team on the front steps of the church, photos were taken for posterity, and we broke the team into... let's call them "squads," sounds exciting huh? Each squad had an adult leader, some from the school and some from the church. Tom Billups and Mike Javery were relentless, working like they were eighteen-year-olds, again. (Of course, that is, until the next day.) Six young ladies went to Field Hall and formed a production line to wash and dry our nice white folding chairs, all one hundred of them. Two young ladies went with Dale to do some power dusting. (I'm not allowed to dust at my house.) A large squad, with the tractor headed for the north driveway and began loading pruned branches that were cut the day before. We had piles everywhere, but they made short work of it. These young athletes were powerhouses and I had all I could do to stay ahead of them.

By the time we reached the end of the school building, by the parking lot, everyone was pretty spent, but they still wanted more. I took them around to the north driveway and they raked, picked up large sticks on the buffer by the bike path and we trimmed all the bushes. I was looking for a hammock at this point, as the team silently drifted off, back to school.

A heartfelt thank you to the Barrington High School Girls Lacrosse Team, their Coach, Mr. Andy Soutter, his team and our own Tom Billups and Mike Javery for a truly great day!

Hey, it's all in a day's work!



COMMISSION ON ADMINISTRATION

Silver Spoons

Silver Spoons is a monthly gathering with lunch for any of our parishioners over the age of sixty. Each month lunch will be prepared and served by Fr. Patrick. This month's lunch will take place on Thursday, May 9th and will be tacos. If you would like to attend we ask you to RSVP to patrick@stjohnsbarrington.org by Tuesday, April 9th.

Art Gallery Opening

St. John's Mead Art Gallery Spring Art Show

Featuring KATHRINE LOVELL

May 3rd through June 30th

Opening Reception Friday, May 3rd from 5:00-7:00pm

We look forward to seeing you there!!

Ascension Day Eucharist

The Feast of the Ascension takes place forty days after Easter every year, this year falling on Thursday, May 9th. This feast is one of our seven Principal Feasts in the Episcopal Church, what would be called Holy Days of Obligation in the Roman Tradition. Our Principal Feasts are the big celebrations of the church. On Ascension Day we remember and reflect on when forty days after the resurrection Jesus ascended into heaven. Please join us as we celebrate this holy day with a service of Holy Eucharist at 7pm on May, 9th.

STJ Book Club

The St. John's book club has just completed its most recent read so if you're thinking about joining us, now may be a good time to jump in. We've chosen our next book and will be reading *The Personal Librarian* by Marie Benedict and Victoria Murray. We're planning to read approximately 150 pages for our next meeting which will be held Wednesday, May 8th at 6:30pm in the church library or via Zoom (for those who prefer online). Our following meeting will be held Wednesday, May 29th also at 6:30pm and we'll discuss the remainder of the book. If you're not yet on our email list and you'd like to be, please send an email to wjacsmith@gmail.com and we'll be glad to add you to the list. Hope you can join us!

May Breakfast

Come Have Breakfast With Us!! Join us at 9:00am on Sunday, May 12th for pancakes and all the fixings. What a great way to celebrate Mother's Day!

Summer Hours

Our summer hours will begin on Tuesday, May 28th. The parish office will be open from 8:00am until 2:00pm Monday through Thursday and will be closed on Friday's.

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ECW News

April showers bring May flowers and ECW is very excited to have Debbie Jerome and Pattie Mitchell offer an impressive flower arranging demonstration at our next meeting on May 15th at 5:30-6:30. Every St John's woman is welcome at ECW and we would love to hear your creative ideas for future activities. Just send along any program suggestions to Deb Allen at debaubie.allen@gmail.com and who knows... You may just be the lucky lady to take home the lovely floral arrangement and help ECW grow!

Morning Prayer

Join us on Mondays-Thursdays as we begin our day with Morning Prayer. This service includes scripture readings, short prayers and a brief period of silence, lasting around fifteen minutes total. We gather around the altar at 8:45am. We hope to see you there!

Coffee Connections

Nearly every Wednesday you can find Fr. Patrick holding "office hours" at Starbucks from 11-12:30. If you're around on a Wednesday stop by and say hello.

Compline on Zoom

Every Wednesday you can find a group of us gathering on Zoom at 8pm to close our day together in prayer with a service of Compline. If you're unfamiliar with this service I cannot recommend it to you enough, it is one of the most beautiful services we offer.

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): https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCoC6LP37QI_ovQTMm9Qw9wQ

Zoom Activities

Moving forward we will be using this link for all of our regular activities on Zoom. This includes our Tuesday Morning Coffee Hour at 9am and our Holy Happy Hour on Thursdays from 5-6.

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Sabbatical

Clergy in our Diocese are eligible to take a three month sabbatical after serving in a position for five years. I am coming up on six years back home at St. John's as your rector, meaning I was eligible for this leave last year. I feel that three months is a bit too much to take all at once so the plan I presented to our Vestry and Bishop Knisely is that I will take half of that time this summer and half next. This time will begin next month. Following services on June 9th I will be on Sabbatical leave until Sunday, August 4th. The diocesan sabbatical policy requires that sabbatical leave contains three components: spiritual, educational, and personal. This first half will focus on the educational and personal components. Some of you are aware that I have been working Rhode Island College's Graduate Certificate in Nonprofit Leadership, one of the classes for the program falls during this piece of my sabbatical time and will fulfill the educational component. For the personal component, once the kids are out of school we will be keeping them out of summer camps until August and we plan on spending a lot of time at the beach and camping. We will also be spending a week in Maine with my parents and my siblings and their families. Next summer I will focus more explicitly on the spiritual component. I had originally planned on taking a week at the beginning of the time this summer in silent retreat, but the timing didn't work out for that. My new plan for that component this summer comes out of a fascination I've had recently with the idea of a local pilgrimage. I will be undertaking this local pilgrimage by attempting to prayerfully walk all the streets within Barrington.

While I'm away somethings will be different. There will be no weekday services and I will not be leading the Monday Bible Study, nor will I hold my 'office hours' at Starbucks on Wednesdays. We will begin our summer worship schedule (services at 9am & 5:30pm) on Sunday, June 16th this year with a couple of priests filling in for those Sundays I am away. Our Sunday worship will continue as usual. Likewise, if you are experiencing a pastoral emergency someone will be here for you. In next month's Tower there will be more details about how everything will work while I'm away. If you have any questions about how things will work at St. John's, or how I'll be spending my time please do not hesitate to reach out.



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Open Hands Garden

If you're looking for a wonderful family project for the summer, or just an easy way to grow some food for yourself and others we want you in the Open Hands Garden. We are offering you the opportunity to 'adopt' one of our raised gardening beds behind the church for just \$20!! You provide your own plants and gardening tools, and we will provide the water. Call Dale at the church office at 245-4065 if you are interested.



Transitions

May Anniversaries ~ Congratulations!

Dan & Hope DuBois ~ May 1, 1976 ~ 48 years

Lou & Anne Massa ~ May 8, 1983 ~ 41 years

Michael & Denise Javery ~ May 10, 1986 ~ 38 years

Sherburne & Bonnie Cameron ~ May 12, 1984 ~ 40 years

Mark & Mary Heffner ~ May 14, 1983 ~ 41 years

Leeds & Pattie Mitchell ~ May 14, 1977 ~ 47 years

Mauriao Ossa & Bethany Duffy ~ May 17, 2021 ~ 3 years

Arthur & Linda Marcello ~ May 21, 1983 ~ 41 years

John & Karen Cavanagh ~ May 27, 1995 ~ 29 years

Stephen & Diana Turgeon ~ May 29, 1993 ~ 31 years

Jay & Cherry Cumming ~ May 30, 1970 ~ 54 years

Edward & Jennifer Rakeman ~ May 30, 1999 ~ 25 years

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Church - Red Living Room - Blue Choir Room - Purple Church School Wing - Green Field Hall - Brown Encore - Pink Off Site - Orange Outside - Turquoise Online - Aqua						
5 8:00am, 10:00am & 5:30pm Holy Eucharist 10:00am Church School	6 8:45am Morning Prayer 12:00pm Zoom Book/Bible Study 6:00pm Finance Meeting	7 8:45am Morning Prayer 9:00am Zoom Coffee Hour 10:00am Encore Open 10:30 Staff Meeting	8 8:45am Morning Prayer 9:30am Holy Eucharist 6:30pm STJ Book Club 8:00pm Compline Online	9 Ascension Day 8:45am Morning Prayer 10:00am Encore Open 12:00pm Silver Spoons 1:00pm Knitting Group 5:00pm Zoom Happy Hour 7:00pm Holy Eucharist	10	11
12 Mother's Day 8:00am, 10:00am & 5:30pm Holy Eucharist 9:00am May Breakfast 10:00am Church School	13 8:45am Morning Prayer 12:00pm Zoom Book/Bible Study 7:00pm Vestry Meeting	14 8:45am Morning Prayer 9:00am Zoom Coffee Hour 10:00am Encore Open 10:30 Staff Meeting	15 8:45am Morning Prayer 9:30am Holy Eucharist 5:30 ECW Meeting 8:00pm Compline Online	16 8:45am Morning Prayer 10:00am Encore Open 1:00pm Knitting Group 5:00pm Zoom Happy Hour	17	18 10:00am Encore Open
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26 Trinity Sunday 8:00am, 10:00am & 5:30pm Holy Eucharist 10:00am Baptism 10:00am Church School	27 Memorial Day Parish Office Closed	28 Summer Hours Start 8:45am Morning Prayer 9:00am Zoom Coffee Hour 10:00am Encore Open 10:30 Staff Meeting 6:00pm Property Meeting	29 8:45am Morning Prayer 9:30am Holy Eucharist 6:30pm STJ Book Club 8:00pm Compline Online Mail Tower	30 8:45am Morning Prayer 10:00am Encore Open 1:00pm Knitting Group 5:00pm Zoom Happy Hour 7:00pm COBSJ Rehearsal	31	



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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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Worship Services
Sunday ~ 8:00am Holy Eucharist
 10:00am Holy Eucharist
 5:30pm Holy Eucharist
Monday - Thursday ~ 8:45am Morning Prayer
Wednesday ~ 9:30am Holy Eucharist