



The Tower

April 2024

Beloved in Christ,

There's a good chance that if you go into the nave and pick a prayer book out of pew then let it open up on its own, it'll open somewhere around page 355, the beginning of the Eucharist. This might not be true of all of them, but I bet a surprising number of them will do this. It makes sense that these particular prayer books open up so readily to this service, week in and week out that is what they're used for. Every so often they might be used for a baptism or funeral, but week after week they're opened to page 355, and they show that regular use.

While it makes sense that these particular prayer books open so readily to these pages, their tendency to do so speaks to how we are familiar with certain aspects of our tradition while other aspects often go overlooked. Our prayer book contains gifts of our tradition that we too often overlook. And that's just our prayer book, in addition to the Book of Common Prayer, we have the Book of Occasional Services. It's not exactly what they mean, but their titles speak to the frequency of their use and thus how well they're known.

All this is to say that we have a lot of hidden gems in our tradition. A lot of services that we do not make use of enough. One of these hidden gems that I highlight a couple times of year is our Blessing in Homes. We have a big service for this that processes from room to room and culminates with the Eucharist in the living room, which can take place pretty much any time. We also have a couple shorter services that take a matter of minutes. One at Epiphany, which includes the chalking of the doors and is offered from the Feast of the Epiphany on January 6th until Lent begins, and one during the season of Easter, which runs for fifty days from Easter Sunday up until Pentecost.

If you would like to talk about having your home blessed, whether through the longer service culminating with the Eucharist or the quick Easter blessing I am always happy to do so. Pentecost this year falls on Sunday, May 19th so the Easter blessing can take place any time between now and then.

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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 April and will be open during school vacation. Encore will open on Saturday, April 6th and 16th 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: April 17th.** The May Tower will be mailed on **April 30th**

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 each Sunday in April at 10 am. Our meeting dates are as follows:

April 7th

April 14th

April 21st

April 28th

Thank you for everyone who helped with the Pancake Breakfast in March. The food was delicious! Congratulations to Evelyn who had the lucky King Cake.



Thank you to Joyce for helping our Church School make Palm Crosses.



Families are welcome to join us for a movie night, April 12th at 5:30pm. There will be pizza and popcorn. Kids (and adults if you wish) can wear their pajamas and bring a stuffed animal.



COMMISSION ON MUSIC

From the Director of Music Programs....

Dear Parishioners,

I hope you are all joyfully awaiting the Easter season (not to mention the warmer weather....). As was announced this past Sunday, I will be leaving my position at St. John's, and moving out of state. I want to thank you for your kindness, generosity, and encouraging words concerning the music programs during my time at St. John's. I sincerely hope that my successor continues with all of the wonderful musical programs at the church, continuing to make St. John's a spiritual and cultural haven in the East Bay area.

On a lighter note....

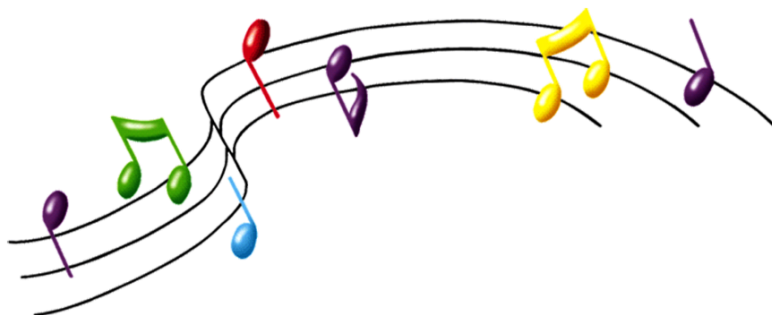
The Chamber Orchestra of Barrington at St. John's will be performing on Sunday April 21, at 3:00. Remember to get there early, as the church fill up fast!!



The Chamber Orchestra of Barrington at St. Johns presents a program featuring a fanfare, two iconic symphonies, and a work for a rare combination; harmonica and brass.

The program opens with Aaron Copland's "Fanfare for the Common Man," a work composed in 1942 to bolster the American patriotic spirit shortly after the country's entry into WWII. Next on the program is Charles Ives' Symphony No. 3, which was completed in 1910 but not performed until 1946. It won for the composer the 1947 Pulitzer Prize in Music. Our featured soloist, Chris Turner, a world class harmonica virtuoso, will perform Rhode Island composer Paul Nelson's "William Street Blues," commissioned in 1998 for Mr. Turner by the RI Philharmonic Orchestra. This performance is only the second in the work's existence. Rounding out the program is W.A. Mozart's magnificent Symphony No. 41 in C Major, the "Jupiter," the composer's last and, arguably, greatest symphony.

Please consider bringing a canned food item for St. John's Outreach Program.



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, April 11 th and will be ham and cheese sliders. 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!!

ECW News

Greetings ECW Ladies,

Our March meeting was a huge success and we are grateful to all for your help brainstorming such creative suggestions to guide our future direction.

As we move forward to narrow down some of the ideas, we would like to encourage everyone to email their suggestions to Deb.debaubie.allen@gmail.com or Bobbi.bwexlerisme@gmail.com by April 15. That will give Jayne Nightingale, Bobbi Wexler, Denise Javery, and Deb Allen a chance to get together as a committee to begin organizing upcoming activity proposals before our next meeting. Please come join us on May 15th at 5:30 for wine & cheese and on September 17th at our fall meeting to learn more about The Women's Resource Center.

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.

COMMISSION ON ADMINISTRATION

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/UCoC6LP37Ql_ovQTMm9Qw9wQ): https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCoC6LP37Ql_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.

Transitions

April Anniversaries ~ Congratulations!

Daniel & Christine Barlow ~ April 2, 2011 ~ 13 years
Bob & Charlotte Morse ~ April 9, 1977 ~ 47 years
Mars & Prudy Bishop ~ April 10, 1954 ~ 70years
Stephen & Polly Danyla ~ April 10, 1999 ~ 25 years
Peter & Deb Daniello ~ April 12, 2003 ~ 21 years
Steve & Janice Primiano ~ April 12, 1986 ~ 38 years
Frohman & Kin Anderson ~ April 20, 1991 ~ 33 years
Jim Hummel and Wendy Smith ~ April 24, 1993 ~ 31 years
Bob & Bobbi Wexler ~ April 28, 1979 ~ 45 years

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Easter Monday Parish Office Closed	2 8:45am Morning Prayer 9:00am Zoom Coffee Hour 10:00am Encore Open 10:30am Staff Meeting	3 8:45am Morning Prayer 9:30am Holy Eucharist 6:30pm STJ Book Club 8:00pm Compline Online	4 8:45am Morning Prayer 10:00am Encore Open 1:00pm Knitting Group 5:00pm Zoom Happy Hour	5	6 8:30am John's Meals 10:00am Encore Open
7 8:00 am, 10:00am & 5:30pm Holy Eucharist 10:00am Church School 10:00am Baptism	8 8:45am Morning Prayer 12:00pm Zoom Book/Bible Study 6:00pm Finance Meeting	9 8:45am Morning Prayer 9:00am Zoom Coffee Hour 10:00am Encore Open 10:30am Staff Meeting	10 8:45am Morning Prayer 9:30am Holy Eucharist 8:00pm Compline Online	11 8:45am Morning Prayer 10:00am Encore Open 12:00pm Silver Spoons 1:00pm Knitting Group 5:00pm Zoom Happy Hour 6:15pm Youth Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm COBSJ Rehearsal 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal	12 5:30pm Movie Night	13 8:30am John's Meals
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		MAIL TOWER	Church - Red Living Room - Blue Choir Room - Purple Church School Wing - Green Field Hall - Brown Encore- Pink Off Site - Orange Outside - Turquoise Online - Aqua			

Our homes are such important parts of our lives, they hold more than just our possessions. Our hopes and fears and dreams are found within their walls. Our big moments, our tender moments, our joys and sorrows, all these take place within their walls. Having our homes blessed is a powerful way of inviting God into all that takes place within them.

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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