



The Tower

March 2024

Beloved,

Easter is a little bit early this year, March 31st . It can actually be as early as March 22nd , but still March 31st is on the earlier side. If you're curious about why the date changes, it's because the date of Easter is based on a lunar calendar. Easter is the first Sunday after the full moon on or following the spring equinox. It can fall between March 22nd and April 25th.

Easter is the heart of our faith as Christians and our Holy Week and Easter celebrations make up the heart of our liturgical year. All our worship is grounded in the Triduum, the three great days of Holy Week, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and the Easter Vigil. If you have not taken part in these services I encourage you to do so this year. They can stand alone if you can only make one or two of them, but they are best experienced together. In fact, some people understand the three services to not be distinct separate services but pieces of one great service.

If you ask regular attendees of the Triduum services they will agree that these are some of the most moving and powerful things we do together at St. John's. All this is to say that our worship on these days is not just important in a theological sense but also important in our lived experience of our faith. If you were to tell me you only could join us for three days of the year I would tell you to come to these three days.

This year I invite you to join us as we walk Holy Week together in our Triduum services. On Thursday, March 28th in our Maundy Thursday service we will remember Christ's final commandment to us, that we love one another as he loves us, and his institution of the Last Supper. On Friday we will remember the pain and sacrifice of his crucifixion with our Good Friday liturgy. And on Saturday after the sun has set we will gather together to light a new fire on the front steps and bear the light from that fire into the dark church where we will hear stories of God's saving deeds throughout our history before we begin our Easter celebration flooding the church with light and music and joy.

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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 March.
Encore will open on Saturday, March 2nd and 16th
from 10:00am –1:00pm
If you have clothing you wish to consign please call
245-7380 to make an appointment.

Transitions

March Anniversaries ~ Congratulations!

George & Joan Crocker ~ March 16, 2005 ~ 19 years



ST. JOHN'S TOWER

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

Next Tower Deadline: March 14th.
The April Tower will be mailed on
March 27th

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 March, with the exception of Easter Sunday, March 31st . Our schedule is as follows:

March 3rd -10am

March 10th - 10am

March 17th - 10am

March 24th - 10am

March 31st - Easter Sunday (No class meeting)

Thank you to all who donated food during our Souper Bowl of Caring collection. We ended up with over 170 items to donate to Tap-In.



Thank you to Liz and Peter for helping our Church School students bake King Cakes. We will be serving them at our rescheduled Pancake Breakfast on March 3rd at 9am. Hope you can join us!



Please join us on Easter Sunday, March 31st, for our Easter Egg Hunt. We will have an egg hunt outside following both the 9am service and the 11am service. We have some baskets to borrow or feel free to bring your own!



COMMISSION ON MUSIC

Lenten Concert

Following the overwhelmingly positive reception to December's Advent Lessons & Carols Service performed by the Vox Humana chamber choir, we'd like to share that the group is currently preparing for a Lenten concert program for March 10th. The concert will feature sacred and secular works centered around the Lenten season and a humble, reverent welcoming of springtime, featuring works by Tallis, Byrd, Palestrina, Hogan, and more. The group, however, is still about \$400 short of their fundraising goal to make this event possible. The support of our community is crucial in bringing this spiritual journey to life. Plus, donors will enjoy priority seating at the front of the church. A GoFundMe page for the group has been shared on the church's Facebook page. Let's come together to ensure this concert becomes a reality and enriches our Lenten season with the power of music. Thank you for your generosity!"

COMMISSION ON OUTREACH

STJ Bookclub

The St. John's book club is hosting an event to meet the author of the most recent book we've read, Daughters of Nantucket. Julie Gerstenblatt will be joining us at church to discuss her book on Tuesday, March 5th at 6:30pm and we will also host on Zoom. Please join us if you'd like to meet Ms. Gerstenblatt (one of our neighbors, she lives here in town) and hear more about her book.

If you'd like to join us via Zoom, please send an email to wjacsmith@gmail.com and we'll make sure you get the link.

We've also chosen our next book. We'll be reading All the Light We Cannot See by Anthony Doerr. We're tentatively scheduled to meet Tuesday, March 19th to begin discussion of the new book (approx. 100 pages of the book). Meeting at 6:30pm in the church library and via Zoom.

If you're interested in hearing more about the books we read or would like to be included in our emails, please email wjacsmith@gmail.com.

A Wee Bit O' the Irish

Our St. Patrick's Day Celtic celebration is coming again! Join us on Sunday, March 17th, at 6:00pm when we gather in Field Hall to enjoy a Celtic feast with traditional Irish food. If you would like to donate a corned beef, potatoes or carrots please contact Dale. There is no cost, (donations are gladly accepted) but please make your reservation by calling Dale in the church office; 245-4065 or email dale@stjohnsbarrington.org

Art Gallery

Be sure and stop by the Mead Gallery and enjoy some wonderful art by 5 of our resident artists, Nick Miles, Mary Hood-Davis, Virginia Mead, Jane Cioe and Pat Anderson. These pieces will be a part of our ever changing permanent collection—but they are all on sale.

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, March 14th and will be Southwestern Chicken Stew. If you would like to attend we ask you to RSVP to patrick@stjohnsbarrington.org by Tuesday, March 12th.

Lenten Series

Throughout Lent we are once again holding our Lenten Program on Wednesday evenings. We gather for a service of Holy Eucharist at 5:30pm. Following this service we will have a light soup and salad supper, beginning around 6pm, and this will be followed by our program. This year we will be looking at a few different bible passages through the lens of TED talks. If you are unfamiliar with TED talks they are short, powerful talks originally based on Technology, Entertainment, and Design, but have grown to include many other topics. Each week we will watch a TED talk and read a corresponding passage of scripture and discuss them and what they mean for us as we seek to draw closer to our God.

St. John's Youth Group

All High School and Middle School students are invited to join our Youth Group. In March we will have a meeting on Sunday, March 10th from 6:30-7:30. At our meetings we have time to check in with each other, have a short conversation on a topic related to our faith and our lives, and have time to hang out and have fun together. Our Youth Group are also invited to help out with the Corned Beef Dinner on Sunday, March 17th .

The ABC's of Medicare

On Tuesday, March 12th at 6:00pm, St. John's Vestry Member, Carl Seadale, will host a presentation entitled The ABC's of Medicare. Carl will break down the many Medicare options to help you get a better understanding when making healthcare decisions for yourself and your loved ones. RSVP to dale@stjohnsbarrington.org or just join us that evening to learn more. See you there.

Palm Cross Making

Ever wanted to learn to fold palm crosses? Can't wait to show off your folding technique? Join the altar guild Thursday, March 21 at 6:30p or Friday, March 22 at 10a to prepare the palms for Palm Sunday.

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!

COMMISSION ON ADMINISTRATION

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/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.



March

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						
3 8:00am, 10:00am & 5:30pm Holy Eucharist 9:00am Parish Breakfast 10:00am Church School	4 8:45am Morning Prayer 12:00pm Zoom Book/Bible Study 5	5 8:45am Morning Prayer 9:00am Zoom Coffee Hour 10:00am Encore Open 10:30am Staff Meeting 6:30pm STJ Book Club	6 8:45am Morning Prayer 9:30am Holy Eucharist 10:00am BWC Meeting 5:30pm Lenten Program 8:00pm Compline	7 8:45am Morning Prayer 10:00am Encore Open 1:00pm Knitting Group 5:00pm Zoom Happy Hour 6:15pm Youth Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal	8	9
10 8:00am, 10:00am & 5:30pm Holy Eucharist 10:00am Church School 2:30pm Lenten Concert 6:30pm Youth Group	11 8:45am Morning Prayer 10:00am BWC Board Meeting 12:00pm Zoom Book/Bible Study 6:00pm Finance Meeting	12 8:45am Morning Prayer 9:00am Zoom Coffee Hour 10:00am Encore Open 10:30am Staff Meeting 6:00pm ABC's of Medicare	13 8:45am Morning Prayer 9:30am Holy Eucharist 5:30pm Lenten Program 8:00pm Compline	14 8:45am Morning Prayer 10:00am Encore Open 12:00pm Stir or Spoons 1:00pm Knitting Group 5:00pm Zoom Happy Hour 6:15pm Youth Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal	15	16 8:30am John's Meals 10:00am Encore Open
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31 Easter 9:00am Holy Eucharist 10:00am Easter Egg Hunt 11:00am Holy Eucharist 12:00pm Easter Egg Hunt	MAIL TOWER					

As we move through Lent this March I encourage you all to join us at the end of this month for our Triduum services. I promise you that if you join us for our worship on these days your faith will be deepened as they draw you closer in to our God.

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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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