



The Tower

October 2024

Beloved in Christ,

If you missed the unloading of the pumpkins at the end of September you missed something special. People from all over Barrington came to help us unload thousands of pumpkins. These Wonderful volunteers not only helped to unload the truck in less than two hours but also arranged all the pumpkins and gourds in such a beautiful way on our lawn. I love the spirit of community that surrounds the pumpkin patch and this year that was already so evident at the unloading.

Throughout the month of October we have the opportunity to keep this spirit of community going by welcoming our neighbors to St. John's for the pumpkin patch. The Pumpkin Patch of course serves as a great fundraiser for us and it helps out an incredibly impoverished community (the pumpkins are grown on farms in Navajo land, bringing jobs to a community that desperately needs them) but what I really love about the Pumpkin Patch are the stories I hear from you all about meeting and welcoming our neighbors when they come looking for their pumpkins. Sometimes it's seeing a friend you haven't seen in years, sometimes it's meeting someone new, sometimes it's just watching kids run around looking for that perfect pumpkin. Whatever it is, the Pumpkin Patch is a gift not just to St. John's and Navajo land but to our whole community and it's your involvement that makes that happen.

What a wonderful opportunity we have to show off the warmth and love that we all know defines our St. John's family. As with everything else we do at St. John's this is not possible without the support and dedication of so many of you. Thank you to everyone who has taken part in the past for making this possible. Thank you especially to Tom Billups who has been organizing the Pumpkin Patch for the past few years and done so once again. And thank you to everyone who is already planning on taking part this fall. If you have never helped out in the Pumpkin Patch, please consider doing so. If you want to know more about the Pumpkin Patch and how you can help with it please reach out to myself or Tom.

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STEP DOWN TO ENCORE

Hours

Tuesday & Thursday
10:00am—4:00pm

Saturday
1st & 3rd Saturday
of the month



Encore

Encore will open on the following
Saturday's:
October 5th and October 19th .
Please call 245-7380 to make an appointment
for consignments.



ST. JOHN'S TOWER

Please consider writing for The Tower.
Personal reflections, articles, poetry,
essays and commentary are always welcome!
Next Tower Deadline: October 16th.
The November Tower will be mailed on
October 29th

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

COMMISSION ON CHILDREN'S FORMATION

Children Ministries News

Church school will continue to meet on Sundays at 10 am throughout the month of October, with the exception of October 27th , our family service.

Our schedule is as follows:

October 6th - 10am Church School

October 13th - 10am Church School

October 20th -10am Church School

October 27th – 10 am Family Service

Our Church School and Youth Group kids are invited to stay for coffee hour on October 20th to paint pumpkins. The kids were so creative with their designs last year, I can't wait to see what they come up with this year!



Join us Sunday, October 27th at 6pm for trick or treating in Field Hall. Wear your costume and bring a bucket, we will have different stations set up to trick or treat at.



2025 MEDICARE CHANGES EXPLAINED

**JOIN US FOR AN EDUCATIONAL EVENT
WITH LIGHT REFRESHMENTS**

**GET TO KNOW CARL WHO ASSISTS PEOPLE IN OUR COMMUNITY WITH IMPORTANT
MEDICARE AND MEDICAID INFORMATION**



**OCTOBER 10th AT 6:30 PM
ST. JOHN'S CHURCH FIELD HALL**

**QUESTIONS ABOUT THE EVENT? CONTACT CARL SEADALE
CARL@CFGSNE.COM (401) 374-4921**

**FOR ACCOMMODATIONS FOR PERSONS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS AT MEETINGS
CONTACT dale@stjohnsbarrington.org (401) 245-4065**

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The St. John's Art Committee

We are looking for volunteers to assist with the planning and execution of Arts and Craft Exhibits. Planning skills and an appreciation of art are all that is required. The next arts and crafts show opening is tentatively scheduled for the 15th of November and the next meeting of the art committee is scheduled for Thursday, October 4th at 4 pm at St Johns.

Please join us at our next meeting if you have an appreciation for art and would like to assist in the planning and execution of the opening event. For more information, please contact Pam Faulkner 401-965-8609 (by phone or text message), or come to our next meeting.

St. John's Book Club

The St. John's book club continues to enjoy some interesting reads and each other's company. We've just chosen our next book, and hope that you'll consider joining us either in person at the church or via Zoom. In October we will be reading *The Keeper of Happy Endings* by Barbara Davis. Keep an eye out in the weekly reminders and the service programs for the date of our next gathering. We've chosen books from various genres and everyone will have an opportunity to put forth their selections of books for the group to vote on. If you're not on our mailing list and would like to join us, please send an email to wjacsmith@gmail.com and we'll add you to the broadcast

The Pumpkins are Here!!

Volunteers for pumpkin sales is needed. We will use "Sign-up Genius" as we have for the past several years for pumpkin patch shift times and sign ups. If you need help with Sign-up Genius you can see either Tom or Fr. Patrick in Field Hall on Sunday's during coffee hour. Please contact Tom Billups at thomasbillups54@gmail.com or at 401-569-4546 with questions.



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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, October 10th and will be homemade pizza. If you would like to attend we ask you to RSVP to patrick@stjohnsbarrington.org by Tuesday, October 8th.

Morning Prayer

Come start your day off with a little prayer, scripture and silence. Monday through Thursday we gather around the altar for Morning Prayer at 8:45, the service lasts around fifteen minutes.

Coffee Connections

You can find Fr. Patrick nearly every Wednesday at Starbucks from 11am-12:30pm, drop on by to chat with him. Every so often he may be running a little late or unable to make it, usually when this is happening our Facebook and Instagram pages are updated with that info.

Compline is Back on Zoom

We have put away the fire pit and marshmallows as Compline is moving back to Zoom until next summer. Join us Wednesday evenings on Zoom or Facebook Live at 8pm as we end our day together in prayer.

Ancient Practice Series

Over the coming months you are invited to join Fr. Patrick in reading and discussing the books from the Ancient Practice Series. Once a month we will gather on a Sunday evening at 6:30 for one hour to discuss that month's book. In September we will start with the introduction to the series, *Finding Our Way Again* written by Brian McLaren. This series looks at seven practices common to the major world religions and examines them in light of Christian faith and practice. We will meet according to the following schedule:

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Sunday, October 13th – *In Constant Prayer*, Robert Benson

Sunday, November 10th – *Tithing: Test Me In This*, Douglas Leblanc

Sunday, December 8th – *The Liturgical Year: The Spiraling Adventure of the Spiritual Life*, Joan Chittister

Sunday, January 12th – *The Sacred Journey*, Charles Foster

Sunday, February 9th – *Sabbath*, Dan B. Allender

Sunday, March 9th – *Fasting*, Scot McKnight

Sunday, April 13th – *The Sacred Meal*, Nora Gallagher

If anyone is interested in taking part in this please talk to Fr. Patrick. There are a few copies of each book available to borrow if needed.

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Monday Bible Study

Throughout the fall our Noon Monday Bible Study will be transforming from a Bible Study into a theology discussion. Each week we will discuss a different theological topic to better understand our faith. If you would like to join us we meet from noon until 1pm in the Living Room and on Zoom. If you have any questions please speak with Fr. Patrick.

Welcome to Blinn Dorsey

This fall we are welcoming Blinn Dorsey a seminarian out of the Diocese of Massachusetts. As part of his formation Blinn will be serving at St. John's, similar to an internship or student teaching. In addition to taking part in our liturgy Blinn will be helping to bring back the Sunday Morning Adult Forum. We are once again offering the Adult Forum in between the 8am and 10am services. Please make sure to introduce yourself to Blinn when you see him.

Youth Group is Back!

All High School and Middle School students are invited to join our Youth Group. We meet on the first and third Sundays of the month. Once a month we meet at the church from 6:30-7:30, these gatherings include time for a short discussion on issues of our faith and lives, time to hang out and have fun together and plenty of snacks. This month we will be meeting at the church on October 6th . On October 20th we will be planning an offsite event in the afternoon. Information about this event will be available at our October 6th meeting. If you have any questions please be in touch with Fr. Patrick.

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

Weekday Morning Services

Please join us for our morning weekday services, Morning Prayer at 8:45am Monday-Thursday and the Wednesday Eucharist at 9:30am.

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This Old Church: Tuesday, September 3rd , I Did Nothing!

by David M. Murray

It's Tuesday, September 3rd , right after Labor Day weekend and I'm just about to begin my day here at St. John's. I like to come in early and get a jump on the day. It's nice and quiet and I get a lot done before the troops arrive – I love it! But this was not destined to be one of those days.

Three, two, one...

As I pushed the big green door open, I could hear the blaring of our fire alarm. Darn, I knew I shoulda stayed home! Fortunately, our alarm system is connected directly to the Fire Department. With no apparent smoke or fire detected, I stepped outside to wait for them. Soon, the sirens were wailing down Country Road, it's 7AM, as a caravan of emergency vehicles descend on St. John's. A big hook and ladder truck blocked traffic at the plaza entrance and began hooking hoses to the hydrant on the corner, (standard procedure for a building like ours... just in case.) A rescue parked alongside the Memorial Garden, and a pumper strategically positioned themselves in the middle of the parking lot, apparently readying for a fight. A police car sat in the driveway and another at the entrance. I suddenly felt very small, but very grateful. Procedure dictates the Fire Department inspect the entire building before reactivating the alarm, so I had firemen crawling all over the place. Ya know, I shoulda been a fireman; ringing that bell, petting the dalmatian, making home-made beans. How cool is THAT! "Relax," the captain said, "it's just a malfunction in the fire alarm panel." Whew, a quick call to our fire protection company and I'm back to my ordinary, quiet day.

Oh, yeah proof. Oh, no.

Only an hour into my "quiet " day and I had met with five more contractors. John Anderson Drain Cleaning pulled up to flush out a clogged down spout and drain between Encore and our side door.

No sooner had I got them up and running when an electrical subcontractor from Alert Fire Protection came through the door to assess our broken kitchen exhaust fan, which vents our kitchen stove. I had a ladder at the ready because I thought he might not be prepared to climb, not knowing the motor was located on the roof.

I had just gotten the ladder in position when I heard the familiar voice of our general electrician, Neal Bellavance, who came to trouble shoot our exterior flood lights that light up the front of the church. This became a massive investigation, trying to trace ancient wiring through ancient walls, but we have an ancient electrician... and he's good! Our beautiful church is once again illuminated at night for all to enjoy.

Next came a conversation with our landscaper, Joe Parker, about cutting back some of the saplings and brush on our north driveway, which were beginning to overhang and interfere with travel. So off we go to appraise that work. We talked about being aggressive with the cutting, so he wouldn't need to revisit the problem again, in three years.

It's now 9:00, and everybody's working away. Me? I spent the rest of the morning running between all these guys, making sure they hadn't encountered any unforeseen problems... fortunately, everything went smoothly.

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Now, if you haven't been counting contractors... that totals six, and all before 9AM! Hey, what happened to my "quiet" morning?

Dale and Fr. Patrick pitched in, offering some valuable historical info to assist with all the work and that made everything flow smoother and faster. (One tiny problem, @@ I had to translate some words for the contractors – like "thingamabob," "doohickey," and "little red thing," but I'm grateful to Dale and Pat for their assistance.)

One last thing, before I let you go. On Tuesday, September 3rd , from 7AM to 12 noon...

I did nothing!

Hey, it's all in a day's work! (sometimes)

Don't Forget The Big Green Bin

Don't forget the big green donation bin sitting behind the church. The bin serves as a collection point for community donations of clothing, shoes and cloth items (sheets, towels, etc.) to benefit Big Brothers Big Sisters of Rhode Island's mentoring program. For 55 years BBBDRI has supported hundreds of young people and diverted millions of pounds of cloth out of the RI landfills. St. John's will receive funds based on the number of pounds collected from our bin.

The bin is located in the parking lot right behind the church school wing.

So please bag up your unwanted clothing, shoes, sheets, towels and all other cloth items and drop them off! NO TOYS or HOUSEHOLD GOODS PLEASE!!

Transitions

October Anniversaries ~ Congratulations!

Steve & Simmy Carter ~ October 7, 1978~ 46 years
Tim & Wendy Foley ~ October 7, 2000 ~ 24 years
Brian & Tracy Greene ~ October 8, 1977 ~ 47 years
Peter & Brenda Kanarian ~ October 8, 1988~ 36 years
Brad & Jill Blankenhorn ~ October 13, 2012 ~ 12 years
Tom & Katie Stuart ~ October 17, 2015 ~ 9 years
Bill & Mimsey Cauley ~ October 19, 2013 ~ 11 years
John & Joan Taylor ~ October 20, 1962 ~ 62 years
Chris & Alyssa Kelley ~ October 26, 2002~ 22 years
Steve & Stephanie Adamek ~ October 27, 2001 ~ 23 years
David & Kristen Materne ~ October 27, 2001 ~ 23 years
Thomas & Lynn Katon ~ October 28, 1978 ~ 46 years
Chad & Rachel Mellen ~ October 31, 1992 ~ 32 years

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>Church - Red Living Room - Blue Choir Room - Purple Field Hall - Brown Church School Wing - Green Encore- Pink Off Site - Orange Outside - Turquoise Online - Aqua</p>		<p>1 8:45am Morning Prayer 9:00am Zoom Coffee Hour 10:00am Encore Open 10:30am Staff Meeting</p>	<p>2 8:45am Morning Prayer 9:30am Holy Eucharist 6:30pm STJ Book Club 8:00pm Compline</p>	<p>3 8:45am Morning Prayer 10:00am Encore Open 1:00pm Knitting Group 5:00pm Zoom Happy Hour</p>	<p>4 4:00pm Art Gallery Meeting</p>	<p>5 8:30am John's Meals 10:00am Encore Open</p>
<p>6 8:00am, 10:00 am & 5:30pm Holy Eucharist 10:00am Church School 10:00am Confirmation 5:00pm Blessing of the Animals 6:00pm Youth Group</p>	<p>7 8:45am Morning Prayer 12:00pm Book/Bible Study</p>	<p>8 8:45am Morning Prayer 9:00am Zoom Coffee Hour 10:00am Encore Open 10:30am Staff Meeting</p>	<p>9 8:45am Morning Prayer 9:30am Holy Eucharist 5:30pm Flower Guild Meeting 8:00pm Compline</p>	<p>10 8:45am Morning Prayer 10:00am Encore Open 12:00pm Silver Spoons 1:00pm Knitting Group 5:00pm Zoom Happy Hour 6:30pm Medicare Seminar</p>	<p>11 Date Off</p>	<p>12</p>
<p>13 8:00am, 10:00 am & 5:30pm Holy Eucharist 9:00am Adult Formation 10:00am Church School 6:30pm Ancient Practices Series</p>	<p>14 Columbus Day Parish Office Closed</p>	<p>15 9:00am Zoom Coffee Hour 10:00am Encore Open</p>	<p>16 8:00pm Compline</p>	<p>17 8:45am Morning Prayer 10:00am Encore Open 1:00pm Knitting Group 5:00pm Zoom Happy Hour</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19 10:00am Encore Open</p>
<p>20 8:00am, 10:00 am & 5:30pm Holy Eucharist 9:00am Adult Formation 10:00am Church School 11:00am Church School Pumpkin Painting 6:00pm Youth Group</p>	<p>21 8:45am Morning Prayer 12:00pm Book/Bible Study</p>	<p>22 8:45am Morning Prayer 9:00am Zoom Coffee Hour 10:00am Encore Open 10:30am Staff Meeting 7:00pm Vestry Meeting</p>	<p>23 8:45am Morning Prayer 9:30am Holy Eucharist 8:00pm Compline</p>	<p>24 8:45am Morning Prayer 10:00am Encore Open 1:00pm Knitting Group 5:00pm Zoom Happy Hour</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26 8:30am Diocesan Convention</p>
<p>27 8:00am, 10:00 am & 5:30pm Holy Eucharist 9:00am Adult Formation 10:00am Family Service 6:00pm Trick or Treat 7:00pm Pipe Screens Concert</p>	<p>28 8:45am Morning Prayer 6:00pm Property Meeting</p>	<p>29 8:45am Morning Prayer 9:00am Zoom Coffee Hour 10:00am Encore Open 10:30am Staff Meeting</p>	<p>30 8:45am Morning Prayer 9:30am Holy Eucharist 8:00pm Compline</p>	<p>31 8:45am Morning Prayer 10:00am Encore Open 1:00pm Knitting Group 5:00pm Zoom Happy Hour</p>		
			<p>MAIL TOWER</p>			

If you would like to sign up for a shift (or two, or three...) you can do so with the following link:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D49ACAA22A0FCC43-51313508-pumpkin#/>

If you need help with the Signup Genius we will have a computer set up after every Sunday service to assist with it.

Once again thank you all for making fall so special at St. John's.

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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Parish September Office Hours
Monday – Thursday 8:00am - 4:00pm
Friday - Closed

Worship Services
Sunday ~ 8:00am Holy Eucharist
 10:00am Holy Eucharist
 5:30pm Holy Eucharist
Wednesday ~ 9:30am Holy Eucharist