



The Tower

July 2018

“And on the seventh day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation.” (Genesis 2:2-3)

In the midst of our busy, demanding, over-scheduled lives, it is easy to forget that having a weekly day of rest is built into the story of Creation itself. Not only that, but out of all of the potential commandments that one might imagine, keeping a Sabbath day is one of the Big Ten. Maybe Scripture is trying to tell us something.

Both the Creation story and the Ten Commandments tell us that the Sabbath is hallowed, holy – and therefore is about our relationship with God. It is tempting in the midst of our busyness to begin to think it’s all about me: look at what I am doing, it all depends on me. Taking time to rest, to pull back a bit and look up and out serves to restore some sense of balance. We can begin to remember our interconnectedness with others, with the natural world, and above all with God.

Summer brings the possibility at least for some rest. Schedules tend to lighten up, there may be official vacation time, even Church life slows down a bit. It can become a good opportunity to develop the habit of finding Sabbath time. We may be passed the time when the regular schedule comes to a halt for an entire day, but we can certainly be more intentional about setting aside some time for rest, for family, for enjoying the Creation into which God put so much care – and then rested. I pray these remaining weeks of summer can provide you with some time of rest and renewal – and above all some reconnection with God.

Faithfully,

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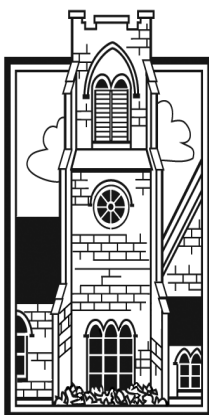
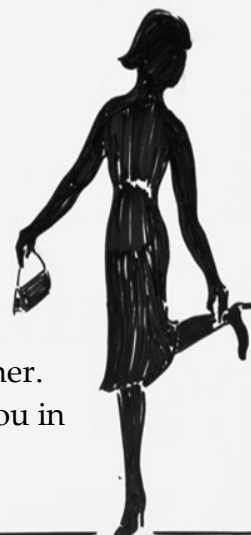
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STEP DOWN TO ENCORE

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tues, wed, thurs. 10-4
first sat of the month
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ENCORE is closed for the summer.
Enjoy the summer and we'll 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: July 18th.
The August Tower will be mailed on
July 26th.

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

July 1st

9:00am Holy Eucharist
5:30pm Holy Eucharist

July 3rd

9:00am Staff Meeting
10:30am Art Team Meeting

July 4th

Happy 4th of July
Parish Office Closed

July 5^h

7:30am Not Your Average Bible Study
12:30pm Warm Wooly Knitters

July 6^h

5:00pm Lobster Roll Sale

July 7^h

8:30am John's Meals

July 8th

9:00am Holy Eucharist
5:30pm Holy Eucharist

July 10th

9:00am Staff Meeting
6:00pm Softball Game

July 11th

9:30am Morning Prayer
10:15am Women's Bible Study

July 12th

7:30am NYA Bible Study
12:30pm Warm Wooly Knitters

July 13th

5:00pm Lobster Roll Sale

July 14th

8:30am John's Meals

July 15th

9:00am Holy Eucharist
5:30pm Holy Eucharist

July 16th

6:00pm Finance Meeting
7:00pm Vestry Meeting

July 17th

9:00am Staff Meeting

July 18th

Tower Deadline

9:30am Holy Eucharist
10:15am Women's Bible Study

July 19th

7:30am NYA Bible Study
12:30pm Warm Wooly Knitters

July 20th

5:00pm Lobster Roll Sale

July 21st

8:30am John's Meals

July 22nd

9:00am Holy Eucharist
11:30am Loaves & Fishes RI
5:30pm Holy Eucharist

July 23rd

6:00pm Property Meeting
6:00pm Softball Game

July 24th

9:00am Staff Meeting

July 25th

9:30am Holy Eucharist
10:15am Women's Bible Study

July 26th

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7:30am Not Your Average Bible Study
12:30pm Warm Wooly Knitters

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COMMISSION ON CHILDREN'S FORMATION

Through the years: The youth art team enjoys a well-deserved break at their annual ice cream party. They will be releasing a comics anthology this fall, so stay tuned for more details – you won't want to miss it!



COMMISSION ON CHILDREN'S FORMATION

MISSION TRIP UPDATE: EAST BAY GOES SOUTH!

Our mission trip travelers will be commissioned during the 9:00 service on Sunday, July 8th. Youth group members and their adult chaperones will be working with the staff and students at Holy Cross Anglican School on a little island in Belize from July 14-20. Those traveling are Andrew Barton, Lock Billingsley, Eva Dupre, Zach Gauthier, Emma Holmes, Ike Maness, Liza, Zachary, & Jackson Obel-Omia, Douglas Perron, Pat Anderson, Dan DuBois, David Materne, and Heather Annis. Please send them off with your blessings and keep them in your prayers while they are away!

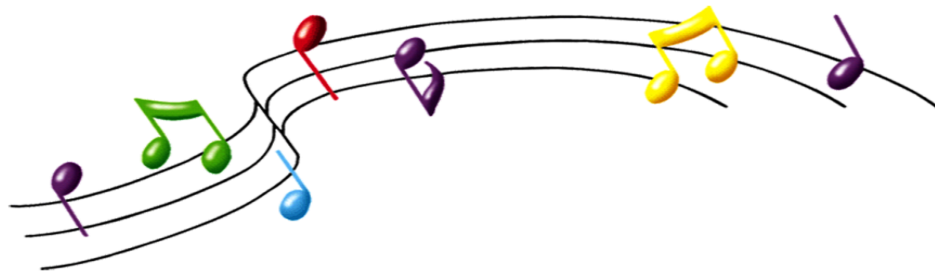


Confirmation Preparation

The bishop's annual visit this year will be on Sunday, September 30th. Students aged 15 and up are invited to participate in confirmation prep classes, which will take place August 19-21. Classes are designed to guide candidates through church history, scripture, prayer, and community service. For more information, please contact Heather Annis; candidates should plan to enroll no later than August 1st.



COMMISSION ON MUSIC



From the Director of Music Programs:

Hello Parishioners of St. John's:

As we are hurrying towards the sunshiny activities of summer, I would like to take the time to say "thank you!" to all of you.

My first year here at St. John's is almost upon me, I would like you all to know how appreciative I am of your kindness, encouragement, humor and most of all, your truly Christian spirit.

Several of the activities I had envisioned would not have come to fruition without your assistance for which I am immensely grateful: Evensong, receptions after concerts, the Chamber Orchestra of Barrington at St. John's, the High Tea (which was a bit hit!), to name a few.

Furthermore, I had a wonderful time working with Heather and the youth of the parish for the Coffee House Night, which was also a big hit! You should be proud to have such an excellent leader and role model for your young parishioners! In addition, I found the youth to be well behaved, respectful and well-mannered.....not so easy to find amongst the young these days.

Please remember, we are always looking for more choir members! If you are interested, please see me after Service.

Thank you all again!

Jacob Stott

COMMISSION ON OUTREACH

Barrington House of Worship Softball League

The St. John's softball team is off to a strong start this season! After soundly defeating the Barrington Congregational Church 26-8 on Tuesday the 19th, St. John's kept on rolling and beat Temple Habonim 7-0 on Thursday the 21st. Everyone chipped in both offensively and defensively on Tuesday night and Thursday night's highlight reel would have to include Steve "Ace" Adamek's amazing pitching, first baseman Andrea Walker's awesome lunging grabs, Amanda Jocelyn's dazzling hitting as well as our shortstop, Nick Rondeau's, phenomenal leaping catches and solo home run.

Excellent effort by all at the Tuesday, June 26th game vs. St. James Church! Our 12-11 loss was tough but we all played well ~ in addition to looking amazing in our new team uniforms designed by Abby Barton. We are 2-1 for the season which is a solid start.

Our July games are Tuesday, July 10th vs Team Unaffiliated, Monday, July 23rd against Barrington Congregational and Monday, July 30th against St. Luke's. All games are played at Bicknell Field which is at the corner of Walnut and Alden roads at 6:00pm. If you would like to join the team please let us know. All are welcome to come out to cheer us on!! Thank you to all the players and supporters!

Hope everyone has a happy and safe fourth of July!

Loaves & Fishes RI

The shiny white-and-silver Loaves & Fishes RI truck is a gathering place for poor and homeless individuals throughout Rhode Island. Those in need are drawn to the truck for fresh sandwiches, fruit, hard-boiled eggs, cookies, and more. They are warmed by coffee and hot chocolate in the winter and cool off with lemonade and iced tea in the summer – and by the compassion and love of our volunteers. Our mission statement is *“With kindness and compassion, we serve food and provide clothing to our neighbors in need, while honoring their dignity.”*

We could use your help! St. John's goes to Greene St. in Providence on the third Sunday of every month. Our next run is July 22nd and we are in dire need of personal hygiene items including, toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorant, shampoo, soap and razors. One of our biggest needs is socks!! The athletic socks for both men and women seem to be the most popular. We can not keep this ministry going without the help of volunteers. If you could take the time to help prepare food, pack the truck or most importantly...go on the truck it would be most appreciated! We are always looking for help!! If you would like to make a donation please leave it in the parish office. If you would like to be put on the email list please contact Dale at dale@stjohnsbarrington or call 245-4065 to learn more about Loaves & Fishes.



COMMISSION ON OUTREACH

The Rummage Sale Needs Help to Continue!

Currently, I have no co-chair for the Rummage Sale. I need your help! I can not put it on the fall calendar until I get someone, or a few people, to help with any of the following options:

- 1) Publicity Chair: handling posts, e-mails and calling the charities that pick up at the end. This entails two e-mails to the Barrington Times (and not missing the deadline!!), managing the e-mail list for past Rummage Sale attendees and sending out reminders, posting on Craigslist and local yard sale sites, posting on our church Facebook page, and remembering to call our wonderful charities to schedule pick up at the end (something that sometimes escapes me as Kelly always did that).
- 2) Saturday Sale Chair/Team: Handle the Saturday portion of the sale completely. The bag sale is from 8am-12pm and requires clean up afterward. A team of people puts clothing stands and tables away, pulls out chairs for Sunday, vacuums and sweeps.
- 3) Midweek Chair/Team: Can you handle one or more full day during the week of set up? People walk in during the day with many donations and questions. Volunteers come to help sort. A point person is needed.
- 3) General Co-Chair! Would you be my other half?? I'd love that!
- 4) New Chairs: Want to take it over completely? I'm game for that if you are. I've done this a LONG time.

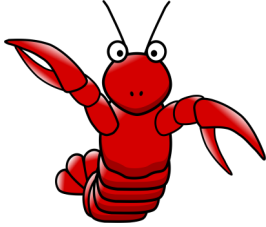
The Rummage Sale is a decades-long tradition at St. John's. It helps support our church and outreach budget, the community loves it, and we are helping to recycle clothing and keep it out of landfills. It is difficult to sustain at this point, however, and will need more help from the parish if it is to continue. If you have questions, or are ready to jump in, contact Kristyn Whitney at whitzinger@yahoo.com.



COMMISSION ON OUTREACH

Lobster Roll Fridays are Back!

Get your Lobster Roll!! Every Friday evening this summer, from 5:00-7:00 p.m. St. John's is selling Lobster Roll dinners that will include: a large lobster roll, chips, and a bottled water for \$15. This is a St. John's project to raise money for all of our ministries. This is a great fundraiser so get the word out that the Lobster Rolls are back!! They sell out quickly so if you would like to reserve one or two...or more, call the office at 245-4065 by Thursday at noon.



COMMISSION ON ADMINISTRATION

Calendar continued

July 27th

5:00pm Lobster Roll Sale

July 29th

9:00am Holy Eucharist

5:30pm Holy Eucharist

July 30th

6:00pm Softball Game

July 31st

9:00am Staff Meeting

10:30am Art Team Meeting

4:30pm Loaves & Fishes RI

Transitions

The Life Eternal

Barbara "Boo" Sage

July Anniversaries

Ed & Deb Renaud ~ July 2, 2003 ~ 15 years

Jamie & Megan Medeiros ~ July 3, 2004 ~ 14 years

Dan & Susan Koelliker ~ July 6, 1985 ~ 32 years

Paul & Donna Nicholson ~ July 11, 1970 ~ 48 years

Jeffrey & Dianne Silva ~ July 11, 1981 ~ 37 years

Jeff & Joan Taber ~ July 12, 1952 ~ 66 years

Jeff & Chris Barton ~ July 14, 1990 ~ 28 years

Ron & Nancy Kirkpatrick ~ July 15, 1956 ~ 62 years

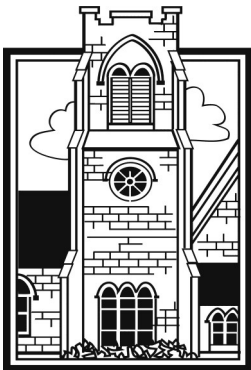
Anthony & Beth Rondeau ~ July 17, 1998 ~ 20 years

Alan & Wendy Sheridan ~ July 20, 2002 ~ 16 years

Rik & Kelly Deering ~ July 25, 1998 ~ 20 years

St. John's July 2018

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Summer Parish Office Hours
Monday– Thursday 8:00am - 2:00pm
Friday—Closed

Summer Worship Services
Sunday: 9:00am and 5:30pm
Wednesday: 9:30am

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community of Christians committed to the care,
nourishment and spiritual growth of all.*

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