We are ready for you at St. John's!

**Sunday:** Low Mass at 8 a.m. & High Mass at 10 a.m.

**Monday through Friday:** Morning Prayer at 8:30 a.m. & Evening Prayer at 5:30 p.m.

**Feast Days & Special Services as announced.**

**Confessions by appointment.**

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**A letter from Father Humphrey**

Dear People, Neighbors, and Friends of St. John's,

With Deacon Close away this week, I decided that this Sunday was a good opportunity to have a special visitor: Father Brandt Leonard Montgomery will be with us as our guest celebrant and preacher. Fr. Montgomery currently serves as an associate at the Church of the Ascension in Lafayette, Louisiana. Prior to that, he was in Tuscaloosa, Alabama, where he served as the curate at Canterbury Episcopal Chapel and Student Center at the University of Alabama.

In 2012, Fr. Montgomery completed his Master of Divinity degree (*cum laude*) from the General Theological Seminary in New York City, for which he wrote the thesis *Time's Prisoner: The Right Reverend Charles Colcock Jones Carpenter and the Civil Rights Movement in the Episcopal Diocese of Alabama*. He is currently undertaking studies toward a Doctor of Ministry degree at the University of the South in Sewanee, Tennessee.
Fr. Montgomery and I connected at a conference on the roots of Anglo-Catholicism last November at The Church of the Advent in Boston. Fr. Andrew Mead, who was formerly rector of that parish and the rector emeritus of Saint Thomas Fifth Avenue in New York City, was also at that conference. He had many wonderful things to say about Fr. Montgomery, because he served as Fr. Mead's seminarian in New York. I was impressed that Fr. Montgomery knew of our lay founder, Peter Quire. When Fr. Montgomery mentioned that he would like to come to St. John's as a part of his doctoral research into the history of African-Americans in the Episcopal Church, I said we should find a mutually convenient date.

This past July, as you know, I was at General Convention, where I ran into Fr. Montgomery again. We discovered that in addition to Fr. Mead, we have another mentor in common in the person of former presiding bishop Frank Griswold. Those of you who have memorized the details of my biography will know that Bishop Griswold has known me since I was 19,
and will recall that he preached at my institution as your rector in 2016. As for Fr. Montgomery, their paths crossed in Philadelphia when he did some seminarian training at the parish Bishop Griswold attends in retirement. The Episcopal Church really is a small world.

In addition to being a priest and a scholar, Fr. Montgomery plays the trumpet, and I understand he has a particular fondness for 1930s-1950s instrumental jazz. I did not see a trumpet case amongst his luggage when he arrived yesterday, however, so I doubt we will enjoy any solos on this visit.

I'm sure you will join me in giving Fr. Montgomery a warm welcome.

Yours in Christ's Service
N.J.A. Humphrey+
XIV Rector

What's New in This Edition

- Welcome to Fr. Brandt Montgomery
- Watoto Children's Choir
- The Bible Project update
- Samaritans correction

Upcoming
Bishop Nicholas Knisely will visit St. John's on Sunday, Sept. 23, where he will serve as Celebrant at a Mass that will include confirmation and reception into the Episcopal Church. If you would like to be confirmed or received at this Mass and have not already indicated this to Fr. Humphrey, please be in touch with him within the next couple of weeks at rector@saintjohns-newport.org. The Vestry will be hosting an enhanced Coffee Hour following High Mass. If you would like to volunteer or contribute to the hospitality for the Bishop, please email Parish Administrator Melanie Ventura at parishoffice@saintjohns-newport.org.

September 30 at St. John's

September 30th is Homecoming Sunday! Invite all your relatives and friends in the area who have been a part of St. John's in the past as we look forward to the 125th anniversary of the dedication of the Zabriskie Memorial Church building in 2019. Come celebrate a family reunion of a different sort -- your church family! Spread the word!
Choral Evensong and Benediction for the Feast of St. Michael and All Angels will be held on Sunday, Sept. 30, at 4:00 p.m. This contemplative service of music features the Professional Choristers of The Choir School of Newport County and the St. John's adult choir, with organ music.
After Evensong, please join us in the Guild Hall for a special England Tour reception, celebrating the choirs' recent trip and highlighting their travels with a slide show from the trip, English dainties, and plenty of tales. Bloody brilliant, we say! Cheers!
The First Presbyterian Church, 6 Everett Street, Newport, invites all to experience the power of God's love with a visit from the Watoto Children's Choir from Uganda on Tuesday, Oct. 9, at 7 p.m.

The Watoto Children's Choir travels all over the world, sharing a message of hope for Africa's most vulnerable women and children, raising awareness about the work of the Watoto Choir, and providing leadership opportunities for children while experiencing different cultures.

The concert is free and features music from their new album, "We Will Go."

For more information about First Presbyterian or the Watoto Children's Choir, please visit fpcnewport.org or www.watoto.com.
The 228th Diocesan Convention will be held at St. Luke's Church in East Greenwich on Friday and Saturday, Nov. 2-3. Among the business conducted will be the election and appointment of clergy and laypersons to positions of responsibility on the Councils and committees of the Diocese.

This year, 15 clergy and lay slots need to be filled. There are openings on the following Councils and Committees:

- Bishop's Standing Committee
- Diocesan Council
- Commission of Finance
- Commission on Congregational Development
- Investments Committee

If you are interested in serving on any of these bodies, please be in touch with Fr. Humphrey at rector@saintjohns-newport.org. He just happens to be the chair of the Elections & Nominations Committee, responsible for putting together the slate of candidates!

Low Mass
There will be a Low Mass after Evening Prayer at 5:30 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 21, for St. Matthew.

The Choir School News

We've been holding events throughout the summer for our expanded choir program. (In case you missed it, details here and a flyer here.) Now, under the direction of Piano Program Coordinator Nikki Vazquez, we're officially recruiting for the Sept. 28 start date of the program. Click here to read our
To read an account of our England Tour from the perspective of a British reviewer, check out "An American Visit" in the latest Friends of Cathedral Music newsletter, here. Friends of Cathedral Music is a charity which supports all choirs that sing cathedral-style music. The newsletter includes an account of the Hereford Cathedral Choir's tour to sing at the Vatican, written by a chorister, as another example of the benefits of travel as part of a choir school education.

**England Tour 2018**

You can see The Choir School's 2018 England Tour tour in photos and videos on Facebook [here](#) and [here](#). Below, the Professional Choristers
and the St. John's Adult Choir, at Hereford Cathedral.
Please watch this space for updates as Sunday School resumes after summer hiatus!

For Adults & Older Youth

Rector's Tuesday Book Study

The Rector's Book Study will meet on Tuesday, Sept. 18, at 9:00 a.m. in the Rector's Study in the Guild Hall. We will discuss *Being Disciples* by Rowan Williams. Please RSVP to rector@saintjohns-newport.org if you're interested in joining us.
Fr. Humphrey used many of these videos in teaching the Bible to high school students at St. George's, and it occurred to him that these would be great to share on a weekly basis with the wider parish.

So far, we've explored The Bible Project series "How to Read the Bible," and started reading the Old Testament. We continue this week with Numbers:

Interested in reading the Bible in a year? Download the Read Scripture App for free here. (You can also download a PDF of the reading plan here.)

If you want to check out the full array of videos by The Bible Project, click here! Or check back here next week!

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**Samaritans**

The Samaritans' next 5th Sunday Food Drive is Sunday, Sept. 30.

Started by the Samaritans ministry last year, the 5th Sunday Food Drives are an initiative to benefit the MLK Center and take place every month in which there are five Sundays.

Donations including nonperishable food items, toiletries, household
cleaning supplies or gift cards will be collected in reusable shopping bags available in the church and Guild Hall at the beginning of the month, and returned the following Sunday, for delivery to the MLK Center at the end of the month.

In lieu of goods, gift cards also are welcome, preferably to Aldi's, but Stop & Shop, Shaw's, CVS, Walgreens and Rite Aid also are welcome. These are used by MLK staff to purchase items to stock their pantry.

Correction: The Samaritans will next meet on Monday, Oct. 1, at 9:30 in the Guild Hall Lounge. Please contact Deacon Close at 401-864-9041 or buckclose@gmail.com with parish and/or community needs.

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**Service Details for Sunday**

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**Sunday, Sept. 16, 2018**  
The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost, Proper 19

**Low Mass at 8:00 a.m.**  
Celebrant & Preacher: Fr. Brandt Montgomery

**High Mass at 10:00 a.m.**  
Celebrant & Preacher: Fr. Brandt Montgomery  
Deacon: Fr. Humphrey

**Acolytes:**  
Patricia Burdick  
John Sawicki

**Acolyte positions available:**  
Just come to the Sacristy and we'll be glad for your help!

Click [here](#) for this week's service sheet.

Many thanks to all our altar servers! You, too, can volunteer to serve as an acolyte. It's easy; just email Fr. Humphrey at:  
rector@saintjohns-newport.org.

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**Something to Submit?**
Please send your submission for inclusion to the Evangelist or our published materials **no later than one week in advance**, and preferably as soon as you can, to parishoffice@saintjohns-newport.org.

Most of our material is planned for or produced in advance, so we need to plan our time and materials accordingly in order to make sure everything gets out in a timely manner. This applies especially to written publications.

Even if you don't have the details, please give us at least a general outline so that we may plan accordingly. Submissions are subject to editing.

Thank you and we hope to hear from you soon!

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**Calendar at a Glance**

- **Monday, Sept. 17** - 9 a.m., Centering Prayer
- **Tuesday, Sept. 18** - 9 a.m., Rector's Book Study
- **Tuesday, Sept. 18** - 6 p.m., Vestry Meeting
- **Sunday, Sept. 23** - Bishop's Visitation
- **Sunday, Sept. 30** - Homecoming Sunday!
- **Sunday, Sept. 30** - 4 p.m., Michaelmas Evensong, followed by England Tour Celebration
- **Monday, Oct. 1** - 9 a.m., Centering Prayer
- **Monday, Oct. 1** - 9:30 a.m., Samaritans
- **Tuesday, Oct. 2** - 9 a.m., Rector's Book Study
- **Wednesday, Oct. 3** - Noon, Executive Committee Meeting

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The Zabriskie Memorial Church of Saint John the Evangelist