The Evangelist
June 28, 2020
We are ready for you at St. John's!

Sunday: The Feast of Sts. Peter & Paul Live-Streamed Sung Mass *
9:00 a.m.

*To attend service in person, please be in touch with Fr. Humphrey ASAP at rector@saintjohns-newport.org

https://www.facebook.com/SaintJohnsNewport/live

Watch on Facebook (you don't need an account),
or on our website at saintjohns-newport.org

Download the service booklet here.

Join us for (virtual) Coffee Hour after the service!
We miss you, too, and look forward to seeing you!

On Zoom:
Sunday, June 28, at 10:30 a.m.
There's nothing to download and you don't have to sign in or sign up for anything!

Join by clicking this link:
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84223052255?pwd=bGJXMVFJZ05OM3FDd1MydWZzb3ZJUT09

Meeting ID: 842 2305 2255
Password (required): Quire

How to reach Father Humphrey:
By phone: 401-500-0042
By email: rector@saintjohns-newport.org
By phone appointment: rector.youcanbook.me

A Letter from Deacon Buck

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

Well here we are again. Father Humphrey is taking a couple of weeks of staycation and he has made the really egregious error in judgment of allowing me to write the Friday letter for the Evangelist. However, in the spirit of the non-season - it's Ordinary Time - I am going to spare our
Leader from the sting of my poison pen. Instead, I am going to share with you my thoughts on the topic of the year - Racism.

Way back in 1969, I left college one morning and flew to Haiti to volunteer my services to the Salesian Sisters of Haiti, whom I had met on earlier trips. I got no one's permission and my parents were notified after the fact. Haiti, in those days, was a mixture of the exotic and the grim. Today, 50 years of decline has made it much less exotic and more grim. I was infatuated with the country and its people. So I went there to stay indefinitely. I wanted to serve the poor in the poorest place in the hemisphere.

Now, during 1969, Haiti was NOT a tourist destination anymore than it is today. So being a 19 year old lily-white boy walking or riding a bike around Port-au-Prince, I attracted a lot of attention. Little kids would follow me around hoping that dollar bills would simply gush out of my pockets. I almost never encountered white people and all my friends and co-workers were black. Over time I ceased to notice skin color since everyone with whom I interacted was the same color. My ingrained reactions to race were worn away by time and by living in a place where I was the minority. And remember that I grew up in the openly racist South.

Now, if you think that I am going to say that this experience ended my racism, you are going to be disappointed. When I returned to the U.S., I noticed and openly talked about how noticing race and skin color gradually crept back into my psyche. That doesn't mean I became a bigot - a racist who defends racism by denigrating those who are unlike him or her. No, but I simply couldn't prevent the racism in our society from reinfecting me. It is too insidious a thing to resist. And it isn't as much about how you think as it is about how you react -- before you think.

Twice in my life, once in 1973 and again in 2001, I have undergone rigorous anti-racism training. The first time was when I went to work for Church World Service in Nicaragua following the earthquake of December 1972. That organization required all employees to attend a two week retreat where everything we thought we knew was questioned, including our belief that we weren't racists. It was a tough two weeks of indoctrination. At that time the Church was full of Liberation Theology and that influenced our curriculum.
The second time I underwent training to combat racism was when I was assigned to the Rural and Migrant Ministry in the Diocese of New York. It was just as rigorous a training as I'd undergone 28 years before and I NEEDED IT JUST AS MUCH. So, I want to point out two things. First of all, the notion that being anti racist requires training has been recognized by the Church for a long time. It is nothing new. Second, retraining is necessary. Those walls that you tear down tend to build themselves back up if you're not vigilant. It is my hope that the current discussion on racism leads to widespread emphasis on anti-racism training starting at a young age. Things won't get better if we don't work to make them better.

Reaching out with respect and compassion to people who have been the victims of racism is so obviously part of what the Church needs to be doing that it is impossible to argue otherwise. But purging our own hearts and minds of conscious or unconscious racism is a prerequisite to effective engagement with others whose skin is a shade darker. It is just one of the unending challenges that face us as followers of Jesus. Let us embrace it.

Deacon Buck
As we return to public worship, we will be asking those who attend services or enter the building for any reason whatsoever to provide their contact information, either with the assistance of the ushers, or directly via our website so that we may be in touch with you about any COVID-related concerns, and so that you can be in touch with us, should you or someone close to you fall ill or test positive for the coronavirus.

And in case you missed it, the state of Rhode Island also released an app, CRUSH COVID RI, that aims to make contact tracing easier.

The Feast of Sts. Peter & Paul
This Sunday at 9:00 a.m., we will live-stream Sung Mass for the Feast of Sts. Peter & Paul, with Fr. Andy Mead, at [Facebook](https://facebook.com/SaintJohnsNewport/live) and on our website at [http://saintjohns-newport.org/](http://saintjohns-newport.org/).

If you would like to attend Mass in person, please be in touch with Fr. Humphrey as soon as possible at rector@saintjohns-newport.org.

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Mass on the Grass in July

We are optimistic that we should be able to return to two services as of July 5. The 9 a.m. live-streamed Sung Mass from the church would remain as it has been since Lent, with the addition of a 10:30 a.m. Low Mass on the lawn.

To save time and energy on setup, attendees would be expected to bring their own chairs unless they let us know beforehand or upon arrival that one is desired. If you would like to volunteer to help with setup or breakdown, please let Kristin MacMannis know at engagement@saintjohns-newport.org.

While we had hoped to use the beautifully restored side altar recently donated back to the church by Rick Best and Susan Taylor, due to its weight, it will likely only be usable out of doors on special occasions such as weddings and events, where quick setup and breakdown isn't
necessary. But if we have some hearty souls who can come up with a plan for its regular Sunday use over the coming months of good weather, we're open to all proposals!

Quarter Till Returns!

Quarter Till Organ Recitals have returned at 4:45 p.m. Sundays and will continue through Sunday, Sept. 6! The recitals will be performed on Facebook Live at [www.facebook.com/SaintJohnsNewport/live](http://www.facebook.com/SaintJohnsNewport/live).

In case you missed it, check out our June 14 performance, above, featuring J.S. Bach: Prelude in a minor, BVW 543, and César Franck: Choral in a minor (1890).

Admission is still just a "quarter" (or more), with proceeds benefiting restoration of our historic 1894 Hook & Hastings pipe organ. This year, in conjunction with the virtual recitals, St. John's is thrilled to announce a GENEROUS MATCH CHALLENGE of up to $275,000 towards the restoration of the organ! To donate: [https://tinyurl.com/OrganChallenge](https://tinyurl.com/OrganChallenge).

Our Quarter Till organ recitals this year were named *Newport Life Magazine*’s "2020 Best of Newport County" award winner as "Best Kept Secret: Entertainment"! You can read all about it and all the winners in
Quarter Till organ recitals are 15-20 minutes and feature Bach and other composers, with live video feed projected onto a screen showing the organist and a close-up view of the organ's inner workings during the music. This year's concerts will also feature our brand-new and newly installed organ console.

ST. JOHN'S ORGAN FUND MATCH

A generous donor has offered a match challenge of up to $275,000 for donations toward the restoration of our historic 1894 Hook & Hastings Pipe Organ.

THANK YOU!
The Sanctuary Lamp Candle above the High Altar is given to the greater glory of God and in prayer for Barbara Odegaard, and Diana.

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The Sanctuary lamp candle above the altar in the Chapel of the Blessed Sacrament is given by Cynthia Sinclair to the greater glory of God and in prayer for Richard.

To arrange to dedicate a candle on a particular date, please be in touch with the Parish Office at parishoffice@saintjohns-newport.org.
Parishioner Melissa Bostrom has generously offered to hold Morning Prayer weekly on Mondays at 8:30 a.m. at her home in the Point.

A half-hour period of Centering Prayer will follow between 9 and 9:30 a.m. Please feel free to join either or both regularly, or as your schedule allows.

Prayer will be held outdoors as weather permits, or indoors using social distancing if not. Cloth face coverings must be worn if anyone in the group desires such; or alternatively, everyone must agree not to.

Please be in touch with the parish office at parishoffice@stjohns-newport.org if you would like to attend, or call 847-2512 or email cliffcottage@gmail.com.

In addition, Morning Prayer is live-streamed by Deacon Buck Close on the St. John's Facebook page Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 9 a.m., shared with his New Orleans parish of St. Anna's.
Have you seen the 2019-2020 Second Edition of the Program Book?

To check out our concert listings and to support our donors and advertisers, you can pick up a copy at St. John's or download a copy here.

Thank you for all your help in gathering and showing community support for our programs!

Please note: Dates and times subject to change. Please check our event listings in the Evangelist, on our website or Facebook page, or contact the parish office at parishoffice@saintjohns-newport.org or (401) 848-2561 to double-check dates and times.

Service Details

Live-Streamed Services on Facebook

In accordance with state reopening guidelines and in consultation with Bishop Knisely, we welcome the return of parishioners to in-person worship at St. John's! Attendance is limited, however, and we will continue to live-stream our services. If you wish to be added to a small
group, please see Father Humphrey's guidelines on returning to church, here.

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This week's intercessions
In thanksgiving for all the blessings of this life, especially for the birthdays of Mary Jane Rodman & Pat Needham (6/28), Ryan Clarke (6/29), Richard Stone (7/30), Fr. Michael Tessman & Howard Browne (7/1), and Bill Bachus, James Kiker & Ralph Petrarca (7/4); the anniversaries of the Rev. Stephanie & Dr. Charles Shoemaker (6/30), and David & Patricia Dresser (7/2); and all those for whom we offer our thanksgivings now.

In our prayers: Anthony, Elizabeth, Laurie, Michael, Stephanie, John Alexander, William Bachus, Bob & Joann Barczynski, Mary Berlinghof, Karl Berroth, Bruno Bich, Ne’anci Brewer, John Brooks, Barby Brown, Kathleen Sullivan Buck, Elliot Carter, Stephanie Chase, Roseanne Curry, Liz Davis, Caroline Davis, Pamela Dolan, Shawn Donnelly, Patrick Feighan, Joan Garrison, Joe Goldkamp, David Humphrey, Ruth Kiker, Doris Little, Christine Luciano, Trish Miller, Sherry Moe, Mary Naylor, Heather O'Connor, Barbara Odegaard, Bill Passera, Mary Pyle, Marlene Quarry, Rita Rogers, Rita Scott, John Silvia, John Sawicki, and Donald Smith; for the Sisters of the Holy Nativity: Abigail, Claris & Ellie; for all those affected worldwide by the coronavirus pandemic; and all those we pray for now.

For the repose of the souls of the recently departed, especially Gene Corini, dear friend of Tom Emmett, Bob Barczynski, father of Beverly Brownell; for those whose year’s mind falls this week, among them: Edith Simmons (6/29), Joseph Amado (6/30), Catherine Lee Ausmus Mertensotto (7/1), Bruce Jon Shaw & Raymond Waldron (7/4); for the departed members of the Guild of All Souls; for the departed Sisters & Associates of Holy Nativity; for all those who have died in the coronavirus pandemic; and for all those we remember now.

Candle Dedications

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**Stewardship at St. John's**

Stewardship is a year-round commitment, and we thank you for your investment in our present and in our future, but above all, thank you for simply showing up (when you're allowed to!) and being who you are.
In this time in particular, the Diocese is encouraging parishes to highlight to our supporters and parishioners how easy it is to set up an automatic payment directly from your bank account to the church. If you don't already give online, please consider contacting your financial institution to arrange for automated repeating gifts. Doing so will give everyone some measure of peace of mind in these troubling times.

Thank you for supporting us in prayer when you are unable to be with us, and for the love that you give in so many ways, of which St. John's is merely one recipient and conduit among many.

If you would like to support St. John's with a donation, please click here.

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Text SERIOUSFUN to 73256 to donate in any amount to St. John’s Church

And always, thank you for your generous support!

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