The Evangelist

July 26, 2020
We are ready for you at St. John's!

Sunday: The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost, Proper 12

9:00 a.m.: Live-Streamed Sung Mass
(followed by Zoom Coffee Hour at 10:30 a.m.)

10:30 a.m.: Mass on the Grass

To attend in person, please register at both of the following locations:
1. https://reopen.church/r/2oOSjeMo
2. https://forms.gle/qrjPdMyDsTCG6KFg7

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

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, July 26, 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

Editor's Note

Due to technical difficulties on the part of our newsletter service
provider, we were unable to load any new photos, images, or PDF downloads into this edition of our newsletter, so links have been provided instead where applicable. We apologize for any inconvenience.

Reflections of Peter Quire

(Music Director Peter Stoltzfus Berton is filling in for Fr. Humphrey, who is on vacation this week.)

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

This past weekend we reflected on the legacy of our founder Peter Quire, and heard anew how the acorn he planted on the Point has grown into a sturdy oak tree. This photo of his portrait set at the front of the church with a candle on Sunday happened to catch a reflection of the west window in the glass, which to me suggests yet another possible caption for his seemingly ever-changing expression: "It takes everybody." (He might have gone on: "We started with an acorn, we attracted followers, we built a movement, and a new stone "chapel" by the bay was consecrated as we began our third decade. Within these walls, for the five final years of my life, I have enjoyed the shade of the growing branches of this tree. But as Mrs. Zabriskie wisely left it to others to care for the building, its people and its programs, rather than endowing perpetual maintenance, it will continue to take everybody to see this oak into the next century and beyond.")

Here we are some 120 years, or five generations, later than this imagined voice from the portrait. "It takes everybody" was, as Fr. Humphrey reminded us in his sermon, a literal statement of the new parish's courageous aim in 1875: the first intentionally racially integrated and free Episcopal church in a city then with three others besides. "It takes everybody" might also be read into Mr. Quire's legacy of $419 left to St. John's in 1899; everybody who contributed to his life made it possible for that not inconsiderable sum to be added to the continuing work of everybody else. Somehow the window over
his shoulder adds the enduring present, and future, to a portrait of the past. While "everybody" includes all in the past and all of us now, it also means those yet to call St. John's home. And while that future continues to be written, let's focus for this moment on the "everybody" of today.

St. Paul writes in more than one Epistle of the "everybody" making up the body of Christ. "The body is a unit, though it is comprised of many parts. And although its parts are many, they all form one body." (1 Corinthians 12:12.) Each member is important, bringing his or her own spiritual gifts, talents, contributions of time and worldly assets. Some may seem to others (or to themselves) more like a head or lungs of the body, some more like a toe or a tooth, the way Mr. Quire's oak also needs the "everybody" of its parts to thrive: roots, trunk, branches, bark, and the littlest leaves, all equally necessary and varied. Organs, too, are comprised of the largest pipes and the smallest, and all manner of ordinary or glamorous mechanism in between, which all together make the music.

At St. John's recently, we have been rejoicing in newsworthy donations to our ongoing mission, be they from foundations, individuals making matching challenges, or individuals donating towards a match (say, for the organ restoration) or to other specific projects (such as a grant and donations to preserve the Rectory). In addition to these large and long-planned projects, significant funds have gone much less expectedly toward broadcasting technology, which makes worship from afar now seem almost like being there...so much so, that last Sunday when I signed on to coffee hour 30 minutes after the Peter Quire High Mass had ended, someone was still on the verge of tears from the experience. But let us never forget that it takes donations from the least as well as the greatest to generate the whole, and that the least are just as newsworthy. (How convenient that I wield this week's pen, and have such a story!)

There is one member of Christ's body, probably a mid-sized leaf in the tree analogy, who is planted in a knotty extended care facility yet who allocates nearly all dispensible income, $10 a week, to the organ restoration so that it will be matched. On top of that, this individual is able to save through enormous thrift additional donations and once a few years ago sent a check for more. Last month arrived from this good soul $200 for the organ restoration and $100 for the Choir School...a gesture equal if not greater in relative terms to that of Mrs. Zabriskie's ability to donate an entire building.
As the donor wrote in a note with the checks: "Church is an expensive proposition, but our beloved parish is worth it." If these gestures of green be from the leafy types, they give the nutrients back to the trunk and branches and roots types, and with all of them together the goals are met and the tree gives life and shade, beauty and security to all. It was with special joy (and the most accurate account report I had at the time) that I wrote this donor to say that these particular leaves were the ones that grew the "Organ Match Thermometer" officially past the $100,000 mark. I love telling people thank-you, but confess I most enjoy doing so to proverbial Biblical widows (of whatever gender and marital status) who have done something truly mighty.

Peter Quire is indeed beaming down upon all parts of the tree, for all the varied aspects of our collective body (well beyond this financial example). Hopefully he does reflect-each and every July!-that it has all been worth it in building the body of Christ. And because it takes everybody, hopefully you can each already see some part of yourself in that reflection of today's windows as well, providing life and shade, beauty and security in an uncertain world, 145 years and counting.

Sincerely,

Peter

Please Check In
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.
This Sunday at 9:00 a.m., we will live-stream Sung Mass for the Eighth Sunday after Pentecost, Proper 12, at facebook.com/SaintJohnsNewport/ and on our website at http://saintjohns-newport.org/. We will also hold "Mass on the Grass," or Low Mass on the lawn, at 10:30 a.m.

To attend either of these services, please register here and here. (One keeps track of numbers in order to comply with state COVID capacity restrictions, and one captures information for tracing, again in compliance with guidelines).

You can download the booklet for the services here.
And join us after the service for Zoom Coffee Hour at 10:30 a.m. by clicking here:

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Are you interested in hosting a Zoom Coffee Hour? It's quick and easy! If you're interested in hosting, please email Kristin MacMannis at engagement@saintjohns-newport.org. You don't need an account, and we will be glad to answer any questions you may have.

Mass on the Grass is Here!

Welcome to Mass on the Grass, this Sunday, July 26, at 10:30 a.m. for the Eighth Sunday after Pentecost, Proper 12. (The 9 a.m. live-streamed Sung Mass from the church will remain as it has been since Lent, with the addition of the 10:30 a.m. Low Mass on the lawn.)
To attend Sunday's low Mass outdoors, please register [here](https://ui.constantcontact.com/rnavmap/emcf/email/edit?flow=edit&camefrom=view&campaign=ea75907a-fd6e-443e-9721-09b2234e4d89) and [here](https://ui.constantcontact.com/rnavmap/emcf/email/edit?flow=edit&camefrom=view&campaign=ea75907a-fd6e-443e-9721-09b2234e4d89). (One keeps track of numbers in order to comply with state COVID capacity restrictions, and one captures information for tracing, again in compliance with guidelines).

All you need is a chair or blanket (we'll take care of the spacing), hat or umbrella if desired, good cheer and a smile, even if it's covered at all times by a face mask as required by the Diocese at all services, both indoors and out. Participants will gather on the Poplar Street side of the lawn, facing the bay, between the front of the Rectory at 59 Washington St., and the Grafton House at 63 Poplar.

In order to ensure safety for all, participants must remain masked throughout the service and should enter the lawn from Poplar Street. Although it's OK to park in the lot, it's a tight squeeze from the parking lot through to the lawn because of the scaffolding, so we ask that people avoid a bottleneck there, and walk around to the open space along Poplar Street to enter the lawn.

Being able to gather again this way is certainly a breath of fresh air, and we can't wait! Thank you for following state and diocesan guidelines to protect all of our loved ones during the global pandemic.

See you Sunday!

If you would like to volunteer to help with setup or breakdown, please let Kristin MacMannis know at [engagement@saintjohns-newport.org](mailto:engagement@saintjohns-newport.org).

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](www.facebook.com/SaintJohnsNewport/live).

Our July 5 performance is above, and in case you missed it, check out our July 19 performance celebrating Peter Quire Day, featuring:

J. S. Bach: Prelude and Fugue in C Major BWV 545
Billy Strayhorn, arr. Alec Wyton: Lotus
Henri Mulet: Tu es petra

at [https://www.facebook.com/watch/?v=573153460239626](https://www.facebook.com/watch/?v=573153460239626)

(And our Quarter Till Organ Recitals Archive is here: [http://saintjohns-newport.org/quarter-till-organ-recitals/](http://saintjohns-newport.org/quarter-till-organ-recitals/))

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 the latest issue of Newport Life Magazine, or online here:

https://tinyurl.com/NewportCounty2020Best

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.

![Organ Fund Match](https://ui.constantcontact.com/navmap/emcf/email/edit?flow=edit&camefrom=view&campaign=ea75907a-fd6e-443e-9721-09b2234e4d89)

Low Mass
With ongoing technology upgrades in the church, it is uncertain whether we will have internet access from the Chapel of the Blessed Sacrament tonight Friday, July 25, for the feast of St. James. Thankfully, **Mass will be live-streamed on Facebook from Saint Stephen's, Providence**, at noon on Friday (Noonday Prayer followed by Low Mass at 12:10).

The service itself may be found at: [https://facebook.com/sstephensinprovidence/](https://facebook.com/sstephensinprovidence/).

Readings for the day and other liturgical resources will be posted to the parish website at: [https://www.sstephens.org/sermon-archive](https://www.sstephens.org/sermon-archive).

The next weekday Low Mass at St. John's is scheduled for 5:45 p.m. on Tuesday, August 25, for the Feast of St. Bartholomew (transferred from Monday due to the rector's day off). Evening Prayer will precede it at 5:30. All services by then, unless otherwise advertised, will be **both** by live-stream and in-person. Stay tuned for further instructions on guidelines for weekday services.
**Friday, July 24:** Low Mass for the Eve of St. James the Apostle at **St. Stephen's**

Candle Dedications
The Sanctuary Lamp Candle above the High Altar is given to the greater glory of God and in prayer for Diana.

To arrange to dedicate a candle on a particular date, please be in touch with the Parish Office at parishoffice@saintjohns-newport.org.

Choir School News
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](https://ui.constantcontact.com/rnavmap/emcf/email/edit?flow=edit&camefrom=view&campaign=ea75907a-fd6e-443e-9721-09b2234e4d89).

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 are available at:
https://tinyurl.com/726Intentions

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Did you know, you can donate to St. John's through every eligible purchase you make on Amazon Smile?

When you shop at Amazon Smile and choose "St. John the Evangelist" as your charitable organization, Amazon Smile will donate 0.5% of eligible purchases to St. John's. Yes, it's that easy! And, Amazon Smile has the same products and prices as Amazon.

You can shop Amazon Smile via the Amazon Shopping app on your mobile phone by either downloading the app if you don't already have it, via Android here, or iOS here, or, if you already have the app, by going to the Settings menu on the upper left via the three bars (≡), scrolling down, and choosing "Amazon Smile":

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You can learn more about how to use Amazon Smile here. To learn more about the Amazon Smile program, click here.

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.

To give by text message:

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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