The Evangelist
July 5, 2020
We are ready for you at St. John's!

Sunday: The Fifth Sunday after Pentecost 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, July 5, 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 Kristin MacMannis

Editor's Note: Fr. Humphrey is on vacation and will return to this space next Friday. Until then we wish you a Happy Fourth! Today's letter is from our Director of Sustainability & Engagement, Kristin MacMannis, whose smiling good cheer many of you know so well. We sure do look forward to seeing you in person as soon as we can!
Dear People, Neighbors & Friends of St. John's,

As Director of Engagement, the basis of my job is to connect with people. I believe the best way to do so -- and my favorite way to do so -- is in person. Boy, COVID really threw a fork in my wheel! Every week, we are all learning new ways to connect while constantly striving for improvement. The Evangelist letter is certainly a tried and true method of communication, so while Father is out, I'm here to take a stab at it. Of course, if I can't get you past this paragraph, I have failed. Alas, I am not above using some shock appeal to entice you to read on ... so here we go!

**What nail polish taught me about communicating compassion**

I graduated and got a job in finance when markets were booming. It was an exciting time to be in the industry, but I was aware of how success sometimes changed people for the worse. They wanted more when they already had so much and forgot about those who had so very little. I never wanted to go down that path. I felt that the best way to start down the right path in my career was to do something to help others. I wanted to do something BIG. Something that would remind me to be grateful every day.

Alas, I didn't have much time for BIG. I had a job and a start date so something like the Peace Corps was out. I searched the internet for "mini-peace corps" and found an article about an organization called Cross Cultural Solutions. After a quick call to mom and dad for the okay, I signed up to volunteer with the organization and booked my flight to Brazil. It was one of the quickest and best decisions I ever made.

I spent three weeks volunteering at an orphanage in Salvador, Brazil, and got to know some truly amazing children. A lot of these kids came from really bad situations. Some of the children had been there since birth. The "baby left at the doorstep" story was a norm at this orphanage. These kids had nothing of their own. That was against the rules. The orphanage had a few balls, but that was it for toys. The building they called home was concrete walls. There was no grass for them to play on. Yet despite all of this, they were some of the happiest children I have ever met and they quickly stole my heart.
As the days to my departure date drew closer, I tried to think about how to say goodbye in a compassionate and meaningful way. I wanted to do something to show them how much they meant to me. I wanted them to know how special they were. I wanted to thank them and let them know how much they impacted my life. But how could I tell them this when I couldn't speak their language? I only knew a few phrases and mostly communicated in a charade-like manner. I wanted to leave them with a gift but that was strictly forbidden by the orphanage and the company I volunteered through. I tried to think of new ideas to show my gratitude but I always hit walls. I felt like I had so much I wanted to communicate but no way to do so.

As I walked to the orphanage on my last day, I went into a store on the way to get some "Guarana" (Brazil's version of Fresca), and some overly bright nail polish caught my eye. I grabbed a few colors and on a whim, decided I was going to paint some of the older girls' nails for our afternoon activity.
When I showed the girls the nail polish, they were thrilled! They literally screamed and started dancing. They had never gotten their nails painted and I had no idea what a treat it would be! Slowly, more and more of the kids started surrounding me to watch what I was doing. One by one, other children asked if they could have their nails painted too. Before I knew it, I had painted each hand of the orphanage. Girls, boys, even the women that ran the orphanage. When I was done, we had an impromptu celebration with all sorts of "hand dancing." Something as simple as nail polish became Christmas morning on steroids!
As my bus pulled away from the orphanage on my very last day, I watched the kids line up by the fence and shake their hands to show me their nails while chanting "Nos te amamos Tia Esmalte!" meaning "We love you Aunt Nail Polish." Something so simple and unplanned became an act of compassion and gratitude. Despite not being able to give thanks
in all of the ways I was used to, I unknowingly found a way to show my appreciation and love.

Today, we are faced with a similar situation. We can't always show compassion like we are used to. Many of the ways we communicate and cared for one another are now on a "no no list." However, there are still simple and meaningful ways to show gratitude in this "new normal" -- including some ways that you might not have thought about before! (E.g. neon nail polish!) So let's all surprise ourselves with just how easy it can be to communicate compassion!

Have you found yourself communicating compassion in a new way? Are there ways St. John's can connect with people that you'd want to be a part of? Email me at engagement@stjohns-newport.org.

With gratitude,
Kristin
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 to make contact tracing easier.

The Fifth Sunday after Pentecost
This Sunday at 9:00 a.m., we will live-stream Sung Mass for the Fifth Sunday after Pentecost, Proper 9, at facebook.com/SaintJohnsNewport/live and on our website at 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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For the past two weeks, Dennis House, our c. 1740 rectory with an 1876 addition by noted architect Charles Follen McKim has been getting a new look. As of today, three out of the four main buildings on campus
are undergoing restoration: the church, Dennis House, and Grafton House.

A great debt of thanks is owed Terry Chase, Capital Projects Chair, and Chris Schillaci, Junior Warden, for overseeing the painters, masons, carpenters, electricians, and others who have been kept busy on campus improving St. John's for your eventual return.
These projects have been made possible both by external grants and by the generosity of the people, neighbors, and friends of St. John's, who understand that while the pandemic is temporary, the parish will endure.

Thanks as well to everyone who has continued to support our mission and ministry through their volunteer service, by maintaining their pledges, and by making special gifts to keep St. John's thriving.

Mass on the Grass in July
Watch this space for updates! We are hoping to do our first outdoor service on Sunday, July 19. 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.

In case you missed it, check out our June 28 performance, above, featuring

(And thanks to a technical glitch, Quarter Till from June 21 can be found on Fr. Humphrey's Facebook page here, rather than in its usual spot on the St. John's Facebook page.)

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.

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: 
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

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THANK YOU!

Candle Dedication
The Sanctuary Lamp Candle above the High Altar is given to the greater glory of God and in prayer for Diana and celebration of the birth of Caleb Knox Knickerbocker.

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The Sanctuary Lamp Candle above the altar in the Chapel of the Blessed Sacrament is given to the greater glory of God and in memory of Richard A. Sansone and Linda Rogers.

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

Intercessions, Memorials, Thanksgivings, and Anniversaries This Week

In thanksgiving for all the blessings of this life, especially for the birthdays of Linnea Bostrom & Charles Shoemaker (7/6), Dennis Gregory, Kathy Spargo, Michael Cullen & Alexander Corcoran (7/9), Mary Berry (7/11); the first service of the “Point” Mission in 1875; and all those for whom we offer our thanksgivings now.

In our prayers: Anthony, Elizabeth, Lauric, Michael, Stephanie, John Alexander, William Bachus, 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 Helen Iaconelli, Gene Corini, dear friend of Tom Emmett, and Bob Barczynski, father of Beverly Brownell; for those whose year’s mind falls this week, among them: John Christopher Johnson (7/5), Margaret MacIntyre & Hamilton Webb (7/7), Madeline LaRock (7/9), Thomas Frederick Guy (7/10), and Alma Mae Dempsey (7/11); 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.

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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.

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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.

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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