The Evangelist

August 2, 2020

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

Sunday: The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost, Proper 13
8:00 a.m.: Mass on the Grass (Low Mass)
9:00 a.m.: Live-Streamed Sung Mass (High Mass)
(followed by Zoom Coffee Hour at 11:30 a.m.)

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

Watch on Facebook (you don't need an account):
https://www.facebook.com/SaintJohnsNewport/
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, August 2, at 11:30 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=bGJXMFJZ05OM3FDd1MydWZzb3ZJUT09

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 Thought from Father Humphrey
Dear People, Neighbors & Friends of St. John's,

Upon returning from vacation last Saturday, the first thing I noticed when we got out of the car on Poplar Street was that all of the scaffolding along the south side of the church had been removed.

At long last, after months of work and more money than I like to think about, it finally looked ... well, it finally looked about the same as before we spent all that money and expended all that labor! Read it all here.

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

P.S. I would love to hear from you. You can be in touch by email at rector@saintjohns-newport.org, or, to make an appointment, please visit rector.youcanbook.me.
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.

What's Old is New Again
We're pleased to announce several changes this week regarding service times and in-person worship.

St. John's will be returning to our regular service times of 8:00 and 10:00 a.m. as of this Sunday, August 2.

We will hold Low Mass outdoors for "Mass on the Grass" at 8:00 a.m. on the lawn in front of the main entrance of the Church, 61 Washington St., and a Sung Mass inside the church, live-streamed to Facebook and on our website, at 10:00 a.m.

All are invited to attend either or both services above, in person; wearing a mask at all times inside the church and outdoors is compulsory under diocesan guidelines. To attend either of these services, please register here and fill out your contact information here.

Virtual Coffee Hour will start at 11:30 a.m. on Zoom, here:
Meeting ID: 842 2305 2255
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In addition, Morning and Evening Prayer are again being offered, in person, daily Monday through Friday at 8:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. To attend, just come to the chapel and please fill out your contact information using the link here or at the top of our website or above in this newsletter.
To attend Mass on the Grass, 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 hidden behind a mask.

The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

This Sunday at 10:00 a.m., we will live-stream Sung Mass for the Ninth Sunday after Pentecost, Proper 13, 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 8:00 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 11:30 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.
Welcome to Mass on the Grass! In case you missed it, you can read all about it in The Newport Daily News, [here](#).

This Sunday, August 2, at 8:00 a.m., we will hold Low Mass celebrating the Ninth Sunday after Pentecost, Proper 13. (At 10:00 a.m., we will live-stream Sung Mass in the church.)
To attend Sunday's low Mass outdoors, 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).

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 lawn around the steps in front of the front entrance of the church at 61 Washington St.

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@stjohns-newport.org](mailto:engagement@stjohns-newport.org).

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**Thank You**
Many thanks to Joyce Novak, who hand-sewed new linen veils for the interior of the high altar tabernacle. Most parishioners don’t notice such things, but the veils we had were torn and clearly past their prime.

As a bonus, Joyce also fashioned a removable linen floor, which a standard tabernacle would have but ours lacked. Fr. Humphrey is grateful to Joyce for taking an interest in this project, and is delighted by the quality of her handiwork.

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.

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

(And our Quarter Till Organ Recitals Archive is here: 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.

Our Quarter Till organ recitals 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 also feature our brand-new and newly installed organ console.
Low Mass

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!

tinyurl.com/OrganChallenge
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.

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**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

England Revisited
Two years ago at this time, we were departing for our two week training trip to England. Over the next three weeks, we naturally will be observing the same liturgical events which occurred during the first half of August and, with our improved broadcast technology, we have the ability not only to include some of the beautiful recordings from our trip (as we have done already in the past months) but also to show videos within worship.

In each of our next three Sunday live-streamed services, we will include just the audio from a special anthem we sang across the pond, so as not to detract visually from our local service and to ease the switchery for those running the equipment while Peter is on vacation.

However, we thought you'd enjoy seeing the video (never before released!) of these three items, starting with an anthem for this Sunday which was captured almost accidentally by Fr. Humphrey and his camera. This occurred during a rehearsal which, miraculously, did not stop in the middle of the piece, or get talked over or sneezed over (nor did the batteries die, nor the tripod crash to the ground, nor the fire alarm activate, or what have you). My recollection is that two key singers became sick and did not sing the service, with the result that this rehearsal recording best captures the tricky eight-part music with full forces.
Yet to come:

- August 9 (Transfiguration): O nata lux (Thomas Tallis) ... will be published here on August 7.
- August 16 (Assumption): Ave Maria (Franz Biebl) ... will be published here on August 14.

Our choristers will return to rehearsals in September according to one of two reopening plans put in place and announced to parents in mid-June, to be selected depending on Governor Raimondo's August 16 announcement regarding reopening schools.

Meanwhile, this summer they are continuing piano lessons at home, and some singers have elected to have some fun with a TikTok Challenge organized by our head choristers, the video results of which we will also share here during the month of August.

Over the summer we accepted a new student, age 13, trained in a similar program (who will become a splendid alto, tenor or bass) whose parents moved to town for work. We have continued to stay in touch with our piano students weekly and have been reaching out to spread the word about The Choir School despite the very unusual times. The pandemic won't last forever, and we'll be ready to serve and beautify the community when it ends.
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.

Fifth Sunday Food Drive
Now more than ever, members of our community could use a helping hand.

August is a Fifth Sunday Food Drive month!

Because of the COVID crisis, we are asking that instead of food donations, gift cards to Aldi's, Stop & Shop, Shaw's, CVS, Walgreens, or the Dollar Tree, be put in the pledge plate, sent in with your pledge envelopes, or slipped through the Poplar St. mail slot.

Volunteers will deliver your gift cards to the MLK Center at the end of the month. Thank you for your generosity!

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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 Jennifer Dalrymple (8/3) and Naomi Earle (8/4); and all those for whom we offer our thanksgivings now.

In our prayers: Anthony, Elizabeth, Laurie, Michael, Stephanie, John Alexander, William Bachus, Joann Barczynski, Mary Berlinghof, Karl Berroth, Lily Berton, Bruno Bich, William Boyer, Ne’anci Brewer, John Brooks, Barby Brown, Kathleen Sullivan Buck, Elliot Carter, Roseanne Curry, Liz Davis, Caroline Davis, Pamela Dolan, Shawn Donnelly, Joan Farmer, Patrick Feighan, Joan Garrison, Joe Goldkamp, David Humphrey, Ruth Kiker, Daniel King, Doris Little, Christine Luciano, Trish Miller, Sherry Moe, Mary Naylor, Heather O'Connor, Barbara Odegard, 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, Clarys & 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, and for those whose year’s mind falls this week; 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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https://tinyurl.com/726Intentions

Support St. John's with Amazon Smile
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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Turn on AmazonSmile in the Amazon app to generate donations.
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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!

The Zabriskie Memorial Church of Saint John the Evangelist

The Choir School of Newport County