The Evangelist
September 13, 2020
We are ready for you at St. John's!

Sunday: The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost, Proper 19
8:00 a.m.: Mass on the Grass (Low Mass)
10:00 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. tinyurl.com/SJEreservations
2. tinyurl.com/SJEcheck-in

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, Sept. 13, 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=bGJXMVFJZ05OM3FDd1MydWZzb3ZJUT09

Or enter this redirect link in your browser window: tinyurl.com/SJEzoomcoffeehour

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

I took last Sunday off, but decided to watch the live stream of the ten o'clock service because I just couldn't help myself. I'm glad I did, because Fr. John Alexander preached an excellent sermon, concluding thusly:

Having been a clergy friend of this parish of St. John's, Newport, for almost twenty years now, I can testify that God is doing great things in your midst. The work of capital fund-raising, restoration, and rebuilding that you've undertaken bespeaks a wonderful vision of hope for the future. The results so far are marvelous. You've had your ups and downs, with times of conflict and division in the past, but at the moment you appear to be united in spirit and purpose. It's a joy to watch, even from a distance...

My message to you today is that you can count on God to keep on doing great things in your midst so long as you remain united in faith, hope, and love-praying together for the same things, forgiving one another, and maintaining the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. Easier said than done! In fact, what I'm describing is humanly impossible. The good news, however, is that we're not in this alone; God doesn't leave us to our own devices. The Collect of the Day invites us to trust with all our hearts in the God who always resists the proud who confide in their own strength, but does not forsake those who make their boast of his mercy. With that reassurance, although the night is far spent, we joyfully await the approaching day.

What I most appreciated about this message was how grounded it is in God's action in our lives. While we work to cooperate with God in maintaining our unity of faith, hope, and love, without God it is impossible. But with God all things are possible, and I hope we have seen that right here at St. John's over the past few years. While Fr. Alexander was kind enough to give me some credit in the sermon (the complete text of which may be found [here](#)), I'm keenly aware that nothing has happened here without God's grace combined with your generosity. I have not accomplished one thing at St. John's that did not
require other people to make it a reality, with God's abundant help.

Whether God does great things in our midst or not is not dependent on any one of us, but first of all on the community as a whole cooperating with God's grace. When I see churches go off the rails, it's usually because the leadership or the congregation as a whole has stopped believing that God is living and active, and wants to be living and active in their lives, both as individuals and as a community, which can do more together than any one or two of us can do on our own.

God is living and active, and wants to be living and active in your life, and in mine.

In order to let God into our hearts and minds, our bodies and souls, into our churches and our communities, we have to give up some measure of control over just how we think God should be living and active, because that's up to God, not up to us. We've never had control over God in the first place!

So we can indeed depend on God to keep doing great things in our midst, as long as we remember that it is God who keeps us united in faith, hope, and love, as we pray constantly together for these things, forgiving one another, and maintaining the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

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.
Join us after service at 11:30 a.m. for a Virtual Coffee Hour via Zoom. We provide the connection, but you will have to provide your own food and drink, for what we hope are obvious reasons.

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Password (if prompted to provide one): Quire

There are several ways to join. From your web browser on any device, join by clicking here:

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Hope to see and/or hear from you soon!

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.

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost
This Sunday at 10:00 a.m., we will live-stream Sung Mass for the Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost, Proper 19, at facebook.com/SaintJohnsNewport/ and on our website at http://saintjohns-newport.org/.

We will also hold "Mass on the Grass," a Low Mass on the lawn, at 8:00 a.m.

In order to attend either Mass, please register at tinyurl.com/SJEreservations and provide your contact information at tinyurl.com/SJEcheck-in. Each one takes just a minute to complete.

You can download the booklet for the services here.

And please join us after the service for Zoom Coffee Hour at 11:30 a.m. Details above!
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, Sept. 13, at 8:00 a.m., we will hold Low Mass celebrating the Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost, Proper 19. (At 10:00 a.m., we will live-stream Sung Mass in the church.)

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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@saintjohns-newport.org.

Michaelmas
On Sunday, September 27, at 4 p.m., an audio recording of Choral Evensong for the Feast of St. Michael and All Angels, or Michaelmas, will be posted on Facebook and our website. This recording is from The Choir School of Newport County's "Welcome Home" Evensong after their return from their trip to England in 2018. Dr. Giles Brightwell, then recently appointed at Trinity Church, Newport, was organist for this service.

This special audio recording will be available on Facebook and on our website.
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. Evensong, an atmospheric and deeply personal form of worship, appeals to persons of many faiths and has been adopted as an American tradition in many parishes and cathedrals of the Episcopal Church.

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**Low Masses**

The following low Masses will take place in September following Evening Prayer at 5:30 p.m. Low Masses will be both in-person and live-streamed.

**Tuesday, September 15:** Low Mass for the Feast of the Holy Cross (transferred from September 14)
Tuesday, September 22: Low Mass for the Feast of St. Matthew (transferred from September 21)

Tuesday, September 29: Low Mass for the Feast of St. Michael and All Angels

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.
WELCOME BACK to our Choir students, who will be returning to in-person practice the week of September 21!

Following state and diocesan guidelines and a parent survey, rehearsals and instruction will resume with personal protection, distancing protocols and equipment upgrades, ensuring the safety of all.

Watch this space for further details to follow!
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.

'This Is NOT Sunday School'

A new, free, Christian online learning resources aims to teach families and people of all ages about God, at home.

Free sessions of "This is NOT Sunday School," an initiative by ChurchNext and FORMA, will launch weekly starting Wednesday, September 16. Each week's session features video teaching by a professional from the Christian formation network, FORMA, in addition
to lessons and readings that can be downloaded. You can sign up for the series here.

These lessons explore Forward Movement's Exploring the Bible curriculum, including the Bible's more well-known stories. The lessons are part of Forward Movement's Living Discipleship series for children, youth, and adults, and is available in English and Spanish.

For more information, click here.

Fifth Sunday Food Drive

Thank You!

WOW! August's Fifth Sunday Food Drive collected a whopping $1,290 via gift cards and a Facebook fundraiser for the Martin Luther King Jr. Community Center.

Fifth Sunday Food Drives benefit the MLK Center and take place every month in which there are five Sundays. Donations are collected and delivered to the MLK Center food pantry, which in 2019 provided 268,531 meals to 4,132 people living in Newport County.
During the COVID crisis, the need for this assistance has been greater than ever, with the MLK center serving more than half of the people in one month than all of those in the entire year past.

Our Fifth Sunday Food Drive volunteers have stepped up their efforts, too, reaching out to more people, and switching from our regular non-perishable goods collection, to a gift card system.

THANK YOU to our generous donors. Our next Fifth Sunday fundraiser is in October, when we hope to provide even more to Newport County families in need.

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**Service Details**

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**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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2. https://forms.gle/qrjPdMyDsTCG6KFg7

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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 Skylar McGee (9/14), Michael Robinson & Thomas Shoemaker (9/16), Edic Simmons (9/17), and Alison O'Brien (9/18); the wedding anniversaries of Pelham & Ann Boyer (9/13), Brendan & Annie Kiernan (9/15), and J.C. & Megan Rieman (9/18); 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 Berruth, Lily Berton, Bruno Bich, Susan Bolick, Warren Boyer, Ne'anci Brewer, John Brooks, Barby Brown, Kathleen Sullivan Buck, Elliot Carter, Roseanne Curry, Liz Davis, Caroline Davis, Clint Dempsey, 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 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 by the wildfires in the western states and worldwide by the coronavirus pandemic; and all those we pray for now.

For the repose of the souls of the recently departed, especially Larry Douglas McKinney, nephew of Doris Little, Mary Pyle, stepdaughter of Barbara Pyle, and Frank Uhlig, longtime editor of the Naval War College Press; and for those whose year's mind falls this week, especially Suzanne Foster (9/14) and Anne M. Allan (9/15); 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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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":

Turn on AmazonSmile in the Amazon app to generate donations.
If you don't have or don't want to shop via the app, you can shop through your browser on your mobile or your desktop by logging in to Amazon Smile (at SmileAmazon.com) with your regular Amazon account information here: tinyurl.com/SmileAmazonSignin, and choosing St. John the Evangelist when prompted.

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