



the TOWER

Upcoming Events

August 8th
10:00 am Baptism

August 15th
Tower Deadline

August 26th
Mail Tower

September 12
Church School Registration

September 19th
Church School begins

Friday, September 24th
Pumpkins Arrive

September 25th
Pumpkin Junction
(rain date 10/2)

Interim Rector's Message

I had not planned on writing anything for this edition of *The Tower* since I would not actually be here in August, but I have one last thought I want to share with you. Please excuse the fact that I am only going to use masculine pronouns here. It just makes it easier to write.

In the last month I have run into several parishioners who told me their spouses had been hospitalized for an extended length of time. I had no knowledge of these hospitalizations. When I asked why they didn't call and let me know I received the following responses: 1) "You are much too busy," 2) "You have too much to do," 3) "We didn't want to bother you."

Now, bearing in mind that some of you may simply not want to see the clergy, let me tell you, as emphatically and unequivocally as I can, that seeing you receive timely pastoral care and the Sacraments of the church is the foremost responsibility of any priest. In the priest's ordination vows we are asked, "Will you undertake to be a faithful pastor to all whom you are called to serve...?" Our job is to *serve* you. It *is not* a bother. It *is not* only something we do if we happen to have the time. *This is what God has called us to do.* All other work that we may have to do takes second place to caring for you pastorally. If you don't want to see us, that is one thing. But please don't assume we are too busy to take care of you.

When your new rector comes on board, don't hesitate to call him when you need him. Give him the opportunity to live into his ordination vows and minister to you pastorally. It will also enrich your relationship with your new priest, help him get to know you better, and strengthen the whole church body.

Jim +



Father Jim Bocchino and his wife Barbara Fox at Jim's Farewell party on July.

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See you in September!*

ST. JOHN'S TOWER



Please consider writing for The Tower. Personal reflections, articles, poetry, essays and commentary are always welcome!

**Next Tower Deadline:
August 16**

The September Tower will be mailed August 26. Please send articles, announcements and "Letters to the Tower" to St. John's, drop them off in the "Communications" mailbox outside the parish office, or email: joan@stjohnsbarrington.org

PARISH NEWS

Supply Clergy for August and an “Interim Interim”

St. John's will be experiencing something new this August. Since there is no associate priest to take services during the month of August we will be having Supply Clergy for our services. The Rev. Paul Twelves, who is himself a parishioner of St. John's, will take services for the first three weekends. The Rev. Gordon Stenning, will take services for the last two weekends. The Rev. Judith Mitchell will be the celebrant at the Wednesday morning service.

If the new rector is not on board by September, the Rev. Paul Twelves will serve as a very part-time Interim until the new rector arrives. He will be providing pastoral care to the sick and home bound, some support for the staff, and celebrate and preach at all services.



St. Ann's Outreach Update

"Love is the energy of a steadfast will bent on creating fellowship."

If you've spent any time at ECC (the Episcopal Conference Center) you may recognize that quote - it's been painted on the barn wall for as long as I can remember. And creating fellowship is just what we did with our friends at St. Ann's in the So. Bronx on Saturday, June 26. Several members of St. John's enjoyed the day connecting with new and reconnecting with old friends at St. Ann's. We hosted a cookout and had fun with an impromptu talent show, with our own Al Colella acting as emcee. The day also provided a good opportunity to interact with families of the boys who are coming up to ECC this summer. Five boys attended Teen Camp and they had such a good experience that three of them will be returning for Summers End. One other boy will be coming up for Younger Children's camp the first week in August. Chaperones are still needed to drive for the week of camp that we've added. to bring the boys from ECC to Barrington on Friday, August 13, and back to St. Ann's on Sunday, August 15. If you are able to help, please contact Sandy Connor (741-0086 or sandy@sconnor.com).

It takes a lot of volunteers and support to make this happen and we are grateful that with the help of many we've been able to continue our ministry with St. Ann's.

With gratitude, Sandy Connor,
Member of St. John's Outreach Team.

Thank You So Much

I can't thank you enough for the wonderful party that was given for me on Sunday, July 18. I was quite overwhelmed by the number of you who were there given the time of the year and the temperature that day. I am sorry that I did not get a chance to personally speak to all of you. I especially want to thank the planning team of Jean Audette, Michelle DuPont, Leslie Ferland, Debbie Jerome, Judy Tavares, Ann Glosson, Krystin Whitney, Robin Dewey, Phyllis Fragola, Pat Nolan and Phyllis McClelland. So many of you cooked and baked food for the event that I cannot name any names without the risk of leaving anyone out so please know that I thank you all from the bottom of my heart.

You have been a big part of my life for almost two years and I will remember all of you with joy and affection.

Jim+



Father Jim shows the party-goers one of two pictures of the church presented to him at his party.

Altar Guild

Why does the church need altar guilds? The purpose of the Altar Guild is to assist the clergy. With a new rector coming to St. John's, we will be having only one priest and he/she will need all of us to volunteer in some capacity.

In the nineteenth century the church stressed the need for increased involvement of the laity in the duties of the church for the liturgies and the altar. Those duties were assumed for the most part by women volunteers who became known as the altar guild. They looked upon their work as a sacred trust but, "in their fervent zeal, they often made their work seem of such an esoteric, pious nature they frightened others away." For many years altar guild ladies wore veils on their heads and wore white gloves as they performed their duties. That is NOT the altar guilds of today!

Over the years there have been many changes to altar guilds and today they are more informal. We, at St. John's, have a need for more participation by members of the church. We currently have five teams and therefore each team is on duty only once a month or less. There are five or six members on each team. That sounds sufficient; however, several members winter in Florida and some others feel that retirement is not far down the road. We cover for one another when one cannot be there. We are working on refining the altar guild work to coordinate it with the time that those who work or have young children feel that they can give. Training is offered on a one to one basis.

We feel very fortunate to have a high school junior recently join the altar guild and hope that other young people will feel welcome. We have a wonderful group and all men and women are welcome to join. Men now often assist us and we reach out to all in the parish to explore this service to God.

If you have an interest, please contact Joan Harper, either at a service or call 247-0099.

Help for a family at St. Ann's...

Recently one of the families we have a close connection with at St. Ann's has been able to move out of a shelter, and into their own apartment.

We're trying to help out with some basic needs for four boys, ages 8, 10, 12 and 14.

If you would like to donate any of the items listed below, please write your name on the list posted on the outreach bulletin board in Field Hall.

We'll be delivering the items to the family when we go to St. Ann's to pick up campers on Aug. 2 and 7, so please drop them off before those dates.

With gratitude, St. John's Outreach Team

Items needed:

Sneakers sizes 9, 8, 6, 5

T-shirts, sizes 12 and 14-16

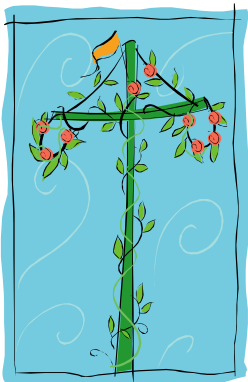
Shorts sizes 12, 14, 16, and 18

Boxers, sizes S, M, L

GoodNites boxers (L/XL)

Back packs

Thank you for your generosity!!



Transitions

Deepest Sympathy

The parish family would like to express its sympathy to the family of parishioner Isabel Hughes, who died on June 20 and to Judy Tavares and family on the death of her brother.

Births

Congratulations to Von and Racquel Ray on the birth of their daughter Rebecca Helen.

PARISH NEWS

THINK ORANGE! SAVE THE DATES!

Friday, Sep. 24th, 4 pm to ? Pumpkin Unloading!

We are trying something new this year and having our **2000** pumpkins delivered on a Friday afternoon/early evening! We will need many, many hands of all sizes to help pull this off! Please save the date and let us know if you have a pick up truck, wagon, wheelbarrow or trailer that you are willing to bring!

The pumpkin sale begins the very next day Sat. Sep. 25th! We will kick it off in a BIG way with our family festival from 10-4 (Rain date-Sat. Oct. 2nd). Outdoor vendors, old fashioned rides and games, crafts, storytelling, pony rides and of course...lots of yummy food and PUMPKINS will surely make this day special for the entire community!

Did you know that last year we had over 100 pumpkin patch volunteers manning the booth? WOW! What a great outpouring of support from our lively parish! Please consider signing up for at least one (2 hour) shift this year. Our sign up boards will be coming to Field Hall later this summer!



Crafters and Vendors Needed !!

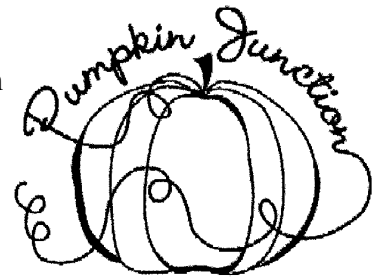
We still have vendor space available for the festival. If you have a popular item you sell or craft, please consider joining us or passing the info on to your crafty friends! Spaces are 12 x 12 and are only \$35! Please contact Nancy Silva for a registration form at **245-5533** or **nsilva9@cox.net**

When: Saturday September 25, 2010: 10 am to 4 pm Setup from 8-10 am *Rain Date Saturday Oct 2, 2010
Please note that when you register, you are committing to BOTH dates. In the event that it rains on both dates, money will be refunded.

Where: St John's Episcopal Church 191 County Rd - Barrington, RI
In the center of Barrington directly across from Barrington Shopping Plaza

How: \$35.00 per 12 x 12 space. Please make checks payable to St. Johns Episcopal Church
Send to: Nancy Silva, 28 Clark Rd, Warren RI 02885 along with this registration form.

Outdoor spaces only - (please be sure your display can be set up on a grass field)
Vendors to provide own tables and/or tents for 12 ft by 12 ft area
We encourage you to have some type of signage to post at your table/tent identifying your name/product type



Payment needed to reserve space

Lunch and baked goods will be for sale and delivered to your space if desired

In the event that we have multiple vendors with like items, we may choose to limit these on a first come, first serve basis.
We may also ask to see samples of any products prior to accepting registration

YOUTH NEWS

HELPERS NEEDED: St. John's is looking for TWO helpers in the Church School wing.
Qualifications are: Love of children and God.



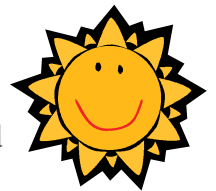
ALL AGES WELCOME!

If it sounds interesting, please see Ann Piper or e-mail her at annpiper@verizon.net.

Upcoming Events

Hope everyone is enjoying the fun days of summer...just a few things that we are gearing up for in SEPTEMBER...

- September 12th – After 10:00 am service - Church School Registration (for anyone who missed the one in May)
After 10:00 am service - Sundae Sunday in Field Hall
- September 19th – 9:00 am - Church School starts! (Nursery – 12th Grade)
10:00 am - Teacher Commissioning during service



Safe Church Training Schedule for all Church School Volunteers

The following is a list of Safe Church Training sessions available for those who have not had the training or who have completed only one of the two nights of training.

Lunch will be provided for the day long trainings and St. John's will pay the registration fee.

Please e-mail Ann Piper – annpiper@verizon.net if you are able to go to a session.

Saturday, August 28th – 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

Trinity Church
139 Ocean Ave.
Cranston, RI 02905

Saturday, September 25th – 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

Church of the Transfiguration
1665 Broad St.
Cranston, RI 02905

PARISH NEWS

Message from the Senior Warden Jean Audette

By the time you read this issue of The Tower, Father Jim will be enjoying a much deserved vacation in his beloved Adirondacks.

I want to thank everyone for responding to the Thank You reception held for Jim on Sunday, July 18th. With input from many we wanted to send him off with a bit of humor and at the same time, expressing our love and appreciation for his accomplishments at St. John's. With the deadline for The Tower the week preceding the reception, I am writing this before we all gather together to thank Jim but I know it will be an afternoon of many emotions - wishing him the best as he leaves us, thanking him for the positive changes he has helped the Vestry make for St. John's, for his wonderful singing on Sunday mornings, the sermons, liturgies, and for his spiritual presence as a dear friend. He has given us much - the time to heal- and has set the stage for all of us to begin a blessed future together at St. John's for the glory of God.

God bless our 13 Vestry members who will be meeting during the summer months – for the second year in a row. Thanks to all of you for your commitment to this church and to all parishioners.

The month of August we are fortunate to have the following Supply priests: The Reverend Judy Mitchell on Wednesday mornings, The Reverend Gordon Stenning and The Reverend Paul Twelves will be our weekend clergy. The Reverend Twelves will also be available for Pastoral Care and other administrative work that may be necessary. In September, The Reverend Twelves will be assuming several responsibilities of an Interim including all services at St. John's, Pastoral care, and he will be working closely with staff. Pending the arrival of a permanent Rector at St. John's, The Reverend Twelves will care for us. We are fortunate to have such wonderful people willing to step forward during this period of transition.

BUT – we have been in “transition” long enough...Pray for your Search Team!

One of the candidates for Rector referred to St. John's as “my dream church” and spoke about our mission statement:

“To be a community committed to the care, nourishment and spiritual growth of all”.

We will find a Rector who believes in and lives this mission statement. I hope all of us at St. John's feels the same way.

Good-Bye and Best Wishes, Jim!!

The parish community came out in numbers of wish Father Jim Bocchino a round of thanks and best wishes as he leaves St. John's as Interim Rector for the past 21 months. Father Jim scooped ice cream with members of the parish youth and was honored by parishioner Betty Genetti of the ECW.





Senior Warden Jean Audette raises a glass in honor of Father Jim Bocchino at his farewell reception on July 18. Father Bocchino celebrated his final service at St. John's on July 25 and will be taking some vacation time in the Adirondacks before reporting to Christ Church, Westerly as Interim Rector September 1. Thank you and good -bye Jim, we will miss you!

The mission of St. John's Church is to be a community of Christians committed to the care, nourishment and spiritual growth of all.



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