



# The Tower

April 2025

Beloved,

At our March Vestry meeting one of our members asked me which is harder Christmas or Easter. Without hesitating I answered Holy Week and Easter. Christmas is certainly busy, four services on Christmas Eve and one on Christmas Day. It is a whole lot all at once, but a whole lot of similar things. Christmas and Easter each carry a lot of meaning and importance for people, and that carries a heaviness of responsibility, but they pretty much share that. Christmas might carry a little more of that gravity culturally but Easter carries it theologically, so in that respect they're equal in different ways. What makes Holy Week and Easter harder is that even though the services are more spread out they are all very different. Now before I go on, harder doesn't mean worse or even bad at all, harder was not being used in a pejorative way. Think about it, good things are often hard, good things often take a lot out of us. That's how I see Christmas and Easter as being hard. So Holy Week and Easter are harder because there are quite a few services, if not so close together as at Christmas still fairly close together, that are theologically and culturally important and the services are all quite different from one another.

Remember though, good things are often difficult. I might talk about Holy Week and Easter being one of the hardest times of the year for me but they are also not only among my favorite days of the year but what I believe to be the most important days of the year. I believe that the services that make up the Holy Triduum: Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and The Great Vigil of Easter as well as the services of Easter Sunday are the most powerful moments of our liturgical year. I cannot impress upon you enough, not just that these are beautiful liturgical moments worth your time but that they are the heart of our liturgical year. They are the core of all of our worship and life together as Christians. If for some strange reason you could only attend three church services a year I would tell you to attend the Triduum.

Beyond the weight of planning and leading these services, I understand the difficulty in attending them. Four days in a row of a heavy and meaningful services. That's not just a lot of time spent at

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# STEP DOWN TO ENCORE

## Hours

*Tuesday & Thursday*

*10:00am—4:00pm*

*Saturday*

*1st & 3rd Saturday  
of the month*



## Encore

Encore will open on Saturday, April 5th and April 26th. Stop by every Tuesday and Thursday and check out our abundance of fun spring and summer fashions. It's a great time to come down and shop for a new Easter outfit.

If you would like to consign any items please call 401-245-7380 to make an appointment.

We hope to see you soon!



## ST. JOHN'S TOWER

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

**Next Tower Deadline: April 16th.**

**The May Tower will be mailed on  
April 28th**

Please send articles, announcements and "Letters to the Tower" to [dale@stjohnsbarrington.org](mailto:dale@stjohnsbarrington.org)

# COMMISSION ON CHILDREN'S FORMATION

## Children Ministries News

Our Church School will meet on Sunday mornings in April at 10am, with the exception of Easter Sunday, the 20th . Our schedule is as follows:

April 6th - 10am

April 13th -10am

April 20- Easter Sunday- no meeting

April 27th - 10am

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## Lenten Series for Kids

Our Lenten Series for Kids will continue in April on Wednesday evenings at 5:30, with the exception of April 16<sup>th</sup>. We are using, The BIG Way of Love for Kids, the children's companion to the program the adults will be doing. This includes seven spiritual practices to help us look, live and love more like Jesus. We will provide an alternate meal for children who are not interested in the soup dinner. If you have any questions about this program, please ask!

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## Easter

St. John's will have Easter Services on Sunday, April 20th at both 9 and 11am. If your child would like to participate as an acolyte during either service, please reach out to me and let me know. There will be Easter egg hunts after each of the services, at 10 am and 12pm. The egg hunts will be held outside (weather dependent). In case of rain, we can move it into the building. We will have extra baskets but feel free to bring your own too!



## April Family Service

Our Family Service will resume in May, on Sunday the 25<sup>th</sup> at 10am.

## COMMISSION ON ADMINISTRATION

### Lenten/Easter Series

Our Lenten/Easter Program continues on Wednesday evenings through this month. We gather for a service of Holy Eucharist at 5:30pm. Following this service we will have a light soup and salad supper, beginning around 6pm, and this will be followed by our program. This year we are using a program called, Life Transformed: The Way of Love in Lent. During his tenure as Presiding Bishop, Michael Curry put forward the Way of Love as a way of life for the Episcopal Church. Life Transformed: The Way of Love in Lent will look at the seven practices that make up the Way of Love and how these seven practices shape and transform our lives. As there are more practices in the Way of Love than there are weeks in Lent our final two sessions will take place during the Easter Season, please note that we will not meet during Holy Week. Our remaining sessions fall along the following schedule:

4/2- "Bless"    4/9- "Rest"    4/23- "Worship"    4/30- "Go"

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### Silver Spoons

Silver Spoons is a monthly gathering with lunch for any of our parishioners over the age of sixty. Each month lunch will be prepared and served by Fr. Patrick. This month's lunch will take place on Thursday, April 10th and will be ham and cheese sliders. If you would like to attend we ask you to RSVP to [patrick@stjohnsbarrington.org](mailto:patrick@stjohnsbarrington.org) by Tuesday, April 8th.

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### St. John's Youth Group

In April our Youth Group will be meeting only on the first Sunday of the month as the third Sunday is Easter Sunday. Any middle and high school aged students are invited to join us Sunday, April 6th from 6:30-7:30 in the Youth Room (at the back of the church school wing). Our meetings consist of time to check in and catch up with one another, a short discussion on a topic related to our faith and lives, and plenty of time to hang out and have fun together, and of course snacks are provided. If you have any questions about the Youth Group please be in touch with Fr. Patrick.

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### Ancient Practice Series

Over the coming months you are invited to join Fr. Patrick in reading and discussing the books from the Ancient Practice Series. Once a month we will gather on a Sunday evening at 6:30 for one hour to discuss that month's book. In December we will discuss, *The Sacred Journey* written by Charles Foster. This series looks at seven practices common to the Abrahamic religions and examines them in light of Christian faith and practice. We will meet according to the following schedule:

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Sunday, April 13th – *The Sacred Meal*, Nora Gallagher

If anyone is interested in taking part in this please talk to Fr. Patrick. There are a few copies of each book available to borrow.

## COMMISSION ON ADMINISTRATION

### Coffee Connections

Nearly every Wednesday you can find Fr. Patrick holding “office hours” at Madrid Bakery from 11-12:30. If you’re around on a Wednesday stop by and say hello.

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### Morning Prayer

Join us on Mondays-Thursdays as we begin our day with Morning Prayer. This service includes scripture readings, short prayers and a brief period of silence, lasting around fifteen minutes total. We gather around the altar at 8:45am. We hope to see you there!

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### Compline on Zoom

Every Wednesday you can find a group of us gathering on Zoom at 8pm to close our day together in prayer with a service of Compline. If you’re unfamiliar with this service I cannot recommend it to you enough, it is one of the most beautiful services we offer.

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### Altar Guild

The altar guild will be making palm crosses Friday, April 11th from 4p-6p, and Saturday, April 12 from 9a-11a. Saturday we will be polishing the silver and brass as well. We welcome anyone who would like to participate! Questions? Call or email Rose at [rosemurrin@gmail.com](mailto:rosemurrin@gmail.com) or 773-350-3412.



## COMMISSION ON ADMINISTRATION

### Returning to the Common Cup

Last fall I planned on returning to using the common cup during communion and retiring our intinction chalice. As the fall went on we began to see a spike in respiratory virus infections and I decided to wait until after the winter to make that change. As we are moving into spring the time has come and we will make that change in the weeks following Easter. As we prepare to make that change I want to discuss with you all a few things regarding communion. First, intinction is understood to not be the safest option for receiving the wine at communion. Our intinction chalice was chosen to mitigate the risks associated with intincting, but with a regular chalice intincting is understood to be riskier than sipping from the chalice. When intincting in a regular chalice there is risk of fingertips and fingernails making contact with the wine or fingers making contact with the side of the chalice, once again the chalice we have been using for intinction was chosen to mitigate those risks (this is why in the announcements when I mention intincting I make a point of saying “you may gently dip the host into the wine”). Sharing the common cup is widely accepted as the healthier option, so much so that some dioceses prohibit intinction altogether. When we make the switch back to sharing the common cup we will no longer allow intinction, because of the increased risks noted above, unless we have more people willing to serve as Lay Eucharistic Ministers (the technical title for chalice bearers). If we can ensure having two Lay Eucharistic Ministers every Sunday we will be able to offer both the common cup and the intinction chalice. As a final word about this, if you are uncomfortable receiving the wine from the common cup, or receiving the wine regardless of how it is administered, please know that our theology holds that receiving in one kind only is full and complete. This belief, called the doctrine of concomitance, holds that the body and blood of Christ are fully present in both the bread and wine of the Eucharist.

# COMMISSION ON OUTREACH

## The St. John's Book Club

Spring has sprung-- read a NEW book: The St. John's book club has chosen our next book and would love for you to join us as we read, *In the Garden of Beasts* by Erik Larson. We will be meeting next on Tuesday April 1st, 2025 at 6:30pm (in person and via Zoom). We' ll be reviewing the first 27 chapters of the book for this meeting. If you're not yet on our mailing list and would like to be, please send an email to [wjacsmith@gmail.com](mailto:wjacsmith@gmail.com). Look forward to sharing time with you on the 1st.

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## May Breakfast

Join us for our May Breakfast, which will be held on Sunday, April 27th at 9am. Have a meal with parishioners from both the 8am and 10am services. This breakfast is free and open to all members of St. John's.



## COMMISSION ON MUSIC

Dear People of St. John's.

It is an honor to be appointed your new Organist and Choir Director. I thought I would take a moment to introduce myself and share a little of my musical background. My interest in church music began at the young age of five. I was absolutely fascinated with the pipe organ. My parents were the resident sextons at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Pawtucket. I can remember hearing the organist (Ruth Johnston whom I used to call Aunty Ruth) practice in the church. I was immediately hooked. At age five I began my private studies in piano and this passion for music has grown extremely over the years. I started organ in 2003 with Fr. Patrick Campbell (Rector of Church of the Redeemer, Providence) and continued private studies with Dr. Mark Steinbach (Brown University Organist) until I started my first appointed position at Trinity Episcopal Church in Stoughton Massachusetts. I have been fortunate enough to have been Organist at numerous churches in Rhode Island and Vermont. I have played at master classes for the AGO (American Guild of Organists) and was honored to play at a birthday celebration for John Weaver (recently deceased). I have enjoyed working with both Adult and Youth choirs over the years as well.

Sincerely,  
Adam

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### COBSJ "SPRING CONCERT"

Sunday, April 27, 2025 at 3 p.m.

St. John's Episcopal Church, 191 County Road, Barrington, RI

Edward Markward, Conductor

Kari Juusela, Composer

The Chamber Orchestra of Barrington at St. John's presents the final concert of founding music Director Edward Markward's eight-year tenure. The concert features the premiere of Kari Henrik Juusela's "Barrington, Fantasy on a Hymn Tune by Daniel Read." Read was an early American tunesmith and part of the First New England School of composers. The work was commissioned by the COBSJ.

Kari Henrik Juusela is a Finnish-American composer, the former Dean of the Professional Writing and Music Technology Division at Berklee College of Music in Boston and principal cellist of the COBSJ. The "Fugue" from the Fourth Symphony by Charles Ives is also based on an early hymn tune and is a delightful companion to Juusela's work. Rounding out the program are W.A. Mozart's Overture and March of the Priests from "The Magic Flute" and his Symphony No. 35 in D Major, the "Haffner," perhaps the most sparkling of Mozart's great symphonies.

Please consider bringing a canned food item for St. John's Outreach Program.

FREE ADMISSION, patrons are encouraged to pay what you can.



# COMMISSION ON MUSIC

**COBSJ** CHAMBER ORCHESTRA  
of BARRINGTON at ST. JOHN'S



Edward Markward, *Music Director*  
(Last concert as COBSJ Music Director)



Kari Henrik Juusela, *Composer*

Join us for . . .

## A Spring Concert

*Overture and March of the  
Priests from "Die Zauberflöte"*  
**W.A. Mozart**

*Barrington, Fantasy on a Hymn  
Tune by Daniel Reed*  
**Kari Henrik Juusela** (World  
Premiere, commissioned by the  
COBSJ)

*Fugue from Symphony No. 4*  
**Charles Ives**

*Symphony No. 35 in D Major  
(Haffner)*  
**W.A. Mozart**

**Sunday, April 27, 2025**  
**3p.m.**

St. John's Episcopal Church  
191 County Rd. Barrington, RI

**This is a pay what you can event.**

[WWW.COBSJ.ORG](http://WWW.COBSJ.ORG)

Many thanks to cardi's for their continued support.



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## Transitions

### *April Anniversaries ~ Congratulations!*

Daniel & Christine Barlow ~ April 2, 2011 ~ 13 years

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Bob & Charlotte Morse ~ April 9, 1977 ~ 48 years

Mars & Prudy Bishop ~ April 10, 1954 ~ 71 years

Stephen & Polly Danyla ~ April 10, 1999 ~ 26 years

Peter & Deb Daniello ~ April 12, 2003 ~ 22 years

Steve & Janice Primiano ~ April 12, 1986 ~ 39 years

Frohman & Kin Anderson ~ April 20, 1991 ~ 34 years

Jim Hummel and Wendy Smith ~ April 24, 1993 ~ 32 years

Bob & Bobbi Wexler ~ April 28, 1979 ~ 46 years

# April 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><b>Church - Red Living Room - Blue</b>  <b>Choir Room - Purple Field Hall - Brown</b>  <b>Church School Wing - Green Encore - Pink</b>  <b>Off Site - Orange Outside - Tunquoise</b>  <b>Online - Aqua</b></p>		<p><b>1</b>  <b>8:45am Morning Prayer</b>            9:00am Zoom Coffee Hour  <b>10:00am Encore Open</b>            10:30am Staff Meeting            6:30pm STJ Book Club</p>	<p><b>2</b>  <b>8:45am Morning Prayer</b>            9:30am Holy Eucharist            5:30pm Lenten Program            8:00pm Compline</p>	<p><b>3</b>  <b>8:45am Morning Prayer</b>  <b>10:00am Encore Open</b>            1:00pm Kariting Group            5:00pm Zoom Happy Hour            7:00pm Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p><b>4</b></p>	<p><b>5</b>  <b>10:00am Encore Open</b></p>
<p><b>6</b>  <b>8:00am, 10:00am &amp; 5:30pm</b>  <b>Holy Eucharist</b>            9:00am Adult Formation            10:00am Church School            6:30pm Youth Group</p>	<p><b>7</b>  <b>8:45am Morning Prayer</b>            12:00pm Book/Bible Study</p>	<p><b>8</b>  <b>8:45am Morning Prayer</b>            9:00am Zoom Coffee Hour  <b>10:00am Encore Open</b>            10:30am Staff Meeting</p>	<p><b>9</b>  <b>8:45am Morning Prayer</b>            9:30am Holy Eucharist            5:30pm Lenten Program            8:00pm Compline</p>	<p><b>10</b>  <b>8:45am Morning Prayer</b>  <b>10:00am Encore Open</b>            12:00pm Silver Spoons            1:00pm Kariting Group            5:00pm Zoom Happy Hour            7:00pm Choir Rehearsal  <b>7:00pm COBSI Rehearsal</b></p>	<p><b>11</b>            4:00pm Palm Cross Making</p>	<p><b>12</b>            9:00am Palm Cross Making &amp; Silver Polishing</p>
<p><b>13</b> Palm Sunday  <b>8:00am, 10:00am &amp; 5:30pm</b>  <b>Holy Eucharist</b>            9:00am Adult Formation            10:00am Church School            6:30pm Ancient Practices Series</p>	<p><b>14</b>  <b>8:45am Morning Prayer</b>            12:00pm Book/Bible Study            6:00pm Finance Meeting</p>	<p><b>15</b> Shrove Tuesday  <b>8:45am Morning Prayer</b>            9:00am Zoom Coffee Hour  <b>10:00am Encore Open</b>            10:30am Staff Meeting</p>	<p><b>16</b>  <b>8:45am Morning Prayer</b>            9:30am Holy Eucharist            8:00pm Compline</p>	<p><b>17</b> Maundy Thursday  <b>8:45am Morning Prayer</b>  <b>10:00am Encore Open</b>            1:00pm Kariting Group            5:00pm Zoom Happy Hour            7:00pm Holy Eucharist w/ Foot Washing</p>	<p><b>18</b> Good Friday            12:00pm Stations of the Cross            7:00pm Good Friday Liturgy</p>	<p><b>19</b>  <b>7:30pm Easter Vigil</b></p>
<p><b>20</b> <b>Easter</b>  <b>9:00am &amp; 11:00am</b>  <b>Holy Eucharist</b>            9:00am Church School            10:00am Easter Egg Hunt            12:00pm Easter Egg Hunt</p>	<p><b>21</b> Easter Monday            Parish Office Closed</p>	<p><b>22</b>  <b>8:45am Morning Prayer</b>            9:00am Zoom Coffee Hour  <b>10:00am Encore Open</b>            10:30am Staff Meeting</p>	<p><b>23</b>  <b>8:45am Morning Prayer</b>            9:30am Holy Eucharist            5:30pm Lenten Program            8:00pm Compline</p>	<p><b>24</b>  <b>8:45am Morning Prayer</b>  <b>10:00am Encore Open</b>            1:00pm Kariting Group            5:00pm Zoom Happy Hour            7:00pm Choir Rehearsal  <b>7:00pm COBSI Rehearsal</b></p>	<p><b>25</b>            5:30pm Art Gallery Opening</p>	<p><b>26</b>  <b>10:00am Encore Open</b>  <b>1:30pm COBSI Rehearsal</b></p>
<p><b>27</b>  <b>8:00am, 10:00am &amp; 5:30pm</b>  <b>Holy Eucharist</b>            9:00am May Breakfast            10:00am Church School            3:00pm COBSI Concert</p>	<p><b>28</b>  <b>8:45am Morning Prayer</b>            12:00pm Book/Bible Study            6:00pm Property Meeting</p>	<p><b>29</b>  <b>8:45am Morning Prayer</b>            9:00am Zoom Coffee Hour  <b>10:00am Encore Open</b>            10:30am Staff Meeting</p>	<p><b>30</b>  <b>8:45am Morning Prayer</b>            9:30am Holy Eucharist            5:30pm Lenten Program            8:00pm Compline</p>	<p><b>MAIL TOWER</b></p>		

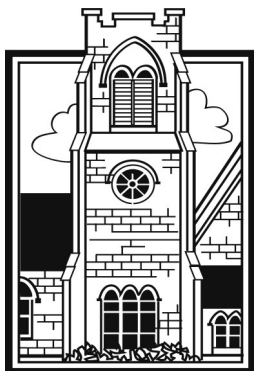
church but that's a lot to take in. I promise you, however, it is worth it. Celtic Christianity has an idea of thin places, places where the veil between heaven and earth is so thin that they bleed into one another and God's Kingdom is felt more fully. I believe that these services create a thin time, as we walk through this week together and take part in these services together, God's Kingdom is more fully felt and known.

I invite you, especially if you have never taken part in these services, to walk the Triduum with us this year. Come and join us on Maundy Thursday and Good Friday at 7pm and for the Great Vigil of Easter on Saturday, April 19th at 7:30 as well as at one of our Easter Sunday services at 9am or 11am. I promise if you join us on these days your faith and your life will be transformed.

Yours in Christ,



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

**April 2025**

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Worship Services  
Sunday ~ 8:00am Holy Eucharist  
          10:00am Holy Eucharist  
          5:30pm Holy Eucharist  
Wednesday ~ 9:30am Holy Eucharist