

St. John's Episcopal Church

"Our mission is to know and to share the love of Jesus Christ"



Dear Beloved Members of St. Johns,

Below you will see a resignation from Josh Singer. He is moving on to the Episcopal Church in Castine. Of course, I am very sad to see Josh move on but I also understand the reasons he gives. We will celebrate Josh's incredible artistry and service to the congregation on his last Sunday with us. His contract calls for a three month notification period before leaving so his last Sunday will be October 11. Our Music Director Colin Graebert and I will be searching for our next Organist during August and September. Of the many blessings Colin brings, one is his deep connections in the world of Maine musicians. If you would like to help with the Celebration of Josh on October 11 please contact the Rector when he is back from vacation.

-Jarrett



July 18, 2026

To: Rev. Jarrett Kerbel
From: Joshua Singer

I, Joshua Singer, hereby offer my resignation as St. John's Organist.

It has been my pleasure to have been St. John's organist since 2018. I have been your Organist and former Choirmaster through five clergy changes and COVID19. Sheila and I were married here in 2023.

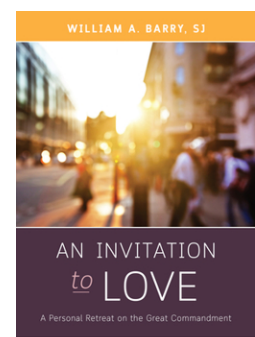
My reason for leaving St. John's is financial: I have accepted a position which compensates me appropriately for professional skills, education and devotion to my job and to the congregation.

Sincerely,
Joshua Singer

A Summer-Long Retreat: AN INVITATION TO LOVE, a retreat in real life on the Great Commandment

Jesus' Great Commandment to each Christian was and is to *"Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind". This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: "Love your neighbor as yourself."*
(Matthew 27:37-40)

We meet on Thursdays from 6:30-7:30pm on [Zoom](#). Our guide is : [An Invitation to Love by William Barry, SJ](#). We look forward to seeing you there. If you have any questions, please contact Pat at formation@stjohnsbangor.org.





Morning Prayer

Our weekday Morning Prayer service will be taking a three week summer break, which coincides with Fr. Kerbel's vacation, and will not meet July 20th -August 7th. Morning Prayer will return on Monday August 10th. (Fr. Kerbel will return on Tuesday August 11th.)

Evening Prayer will continue daily on [Zoom](#) at 5:15pm.

Brown Bag Encyclical Study

On August 19th and 26th at 6:30 pm the Rector will host a lively study of Magnifica Humanitas, the first encyclical of Pope Leo. The encyclical is a remarkable document that summarizes the best of Roman Catholic Social Teaching and applies it to the rising challenge of Artificial Intelligence to basic human dignity. Roman Catholic Social Teaching is an amazing resource for disciplined Christian moral reflection, the deliberate exploration of what it means to "Love God and neighbor and enemy" in our current moment. You can access the encyclical here: www.vatican.va/content/leo-xiv/en/encyclicals/documents/20260515-magnifica-humanitas.html. Please join the class by emailing the Rector at jarrett.kerbel@stjohnsbangor.org.

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HUMAN DIGNITY IN THE AGE OF A.I.

Study & Discuss

Magnifica Humanitas

On Safeguarding the Human Person in the time of Artificial Intelligence.

August 19 & 26, 6:30 pm
225 French Street

For more information:
jarrett.kerbel@gmail.com



DON'T MISS THIS OPPORTUNITY FOR THOUGHTFUL ETHICAL CONVERSATION!



Memorial Service for Lewis "Lew" Phillips

A memorial service for Lew Phillips will be held at St. Alban's Episcopal Church in Cape Elizabeth on Saturday September 19th at 11:30am. Please see the obituary in the [Bangor Daily News](#) for more details.

Announcements and Prayer Requests

Please be sure to submit all announcements and prayer requests to [the office](#) by noon on Thursday for them to be included in the weekly announcements and bulletins. Please submit photos / posters as a JPEG, and announcements in Word (not in a PDF).

Serving on Sunday July 26th at 9:00am:

Lectors – Ben O., Richard W. and Zach W.

Ushers – Jeff P. and Ben O.

Counters – Roger G. and Ken H.

Serving on Sunday August 2nd at 9:00am:

Lectors – Jacquie W., Nancy D. and Kelsi H.

Acolytes – Dakota M., David C. and Robert F.

Chalice Bearers - Jacquie W. and Robert F.

Ushers – Ken H. and John H.

Counters – Paul J. and Mary W.

Thank you to all who volunteer as Lectors, Acolytes, Chalice Bearers and Ushers. If you would like to serve in one of these positions, please let the [office](#) know.

Sunday's Readings

1 Kings 3:5-12

Romans 8:26-39

Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

Sunday Worship:
[Worship Bulletin](#)
[YouTube](#)

Morning Prayer

(currently on hiatus until August 10th)

Monday - Friday:
9:00am
Morning Prayer
[Zoom](#)
[Facebook](#)

Tuesday - Friday:
in person in the Bethlehem Chapel

Evening Prayer
Monday - Friday:
5:15pm
live on **[Zoom](#)**

What's Happening This Week

Sunday, July 26th, 9:00am: Morning Prayer, in-person and on **[YouTube](#)**, followed by Lemonade on the Lawn. The Officiant will be The Honorable Bruce Mallonee with the Homily delivered by Dr. Jacqueline Camm, D.O.

Sunday, July 26th, 7:00pm: **[AA](#)** meeting in the Undercroft.

Tuesday, July 28th, 9:30am: Dorothy Day Soup Kitchen at the Salvation Army. For more information contact **[Claudia and Jim B.](#)**

Thursday, July 30th, 6:30pm: Invitation to Love Retreat on **[Zoom](#)**.

Sunday, August 2nd, 9:00am: Rite II Holy Eucharist, in-person and on **[YouTube](#)**, followed by Lemonade on the Lawn. Our Guest Reverend will be The Rev. Victoria Sirota.

Sunday, August 2nd, 7:00pm: **[AA](#)** meeting in the Undercroft.

For more information about these and future events, as well as ways to get involved, check out www.stjohnsbangor.org.

Nursery Care and Children's Chapel

Children should arrive between 9:45 and 10:00 am in the Undercroft on Sunday mornings for Nursery care, ages 0-3, and for Children's Chapel, ages 4-10.

In **Children's Chapel**, we celebrate the boundless curiosity and wonder of our young ones as we delve into the stories and lessons of the Bible. We aim to cultivate a nurturing and engaging environment that teaches our youngest members the stories of their faith and promotes spiritual growth and a strong sense of community. For inquiries or to register, please contact Mary-Frances Beesorchar at **children@stjohnsbangor.org**.

*****Nursery Care and Children's Chapel are on Hiatus and will resume on September 13th*****

Opportunities to pray together:

Sunday Morning Eucharist

9:00am in person and on **[YouTube](#)**

Morning Prayer - on hiatus until August 10th

Mon-Fri, 9:00am on Facebook and on **[Zoom](#)**

and in person Tuesday - Friday in the Bethlehem Chapel

Evening Prayer

Mon-Fri, 5:15pm on **[Zoom](#)**

Volunteering is a wonderful way to give. Looking for the right Ministry Opportunity for you? Just click the link below for more information.

[OPPORTUNITIES FOR MINISTRY](#)

Parish Prayer List:

*If you would like to add or reinstate a name or concern for our parish prayer list, please contact the church office or **prayers@stjohnsbangor.org**.*

For the Sick, Injured, or Distressed, and for those who have requested prayer: Kim M., R & L, Jane M., Kurt K., Sean C., Judy A., The Kosciusko Family, Mikenzy, Laurel, and Roy G. **Continued prayers for** – Robin S., Brian M., Cindy K., Katie B., Ross M., MarLynne M., Kent C., Ann C., Esther R., Marcia & Richard, Russell M., Perry D., Donna W., Leith W., Earlene B.,

Donald K., Jane Z., Joan P., Susan J., Elena B., Jay B., Susan S., Loretta, David B., Jane P., Henry L., Kelly M., D., M., and L.

For our Homebound Members: Bonnie A., Kathy C., Ginny F., Carolyn L., Evelyn L., Roberta D., Carolyn S., Esther R., Gary S., Deborah T., Lee W., Donna W., Lura W., Lilly P., Earlene B., and Eileen H.

For the World: for Peace and Goodwill among Nations and for peoples in places of violence or oppression, and for the many places in our world where there is danger and desperation. We continue to pray for the people in Ukraine and for the people in the Middle East and Sudan. For an end to war and all forms of violence. For all who suffer for conscience's sake. For our enemies and those who wish us harm. For all suffering effects of climate change and of natural disasters. For refugees, immigrants, and those who are displaced.

For our Nation: For the healing of divisions and the celebration of diversity; for the recognition that no single viewpoint on any issue, no matter how important, is without human error; and for all who struggle to change our world and its systems of oppression and exploitation.

For the Leaders of our Country, State and Community: Donald J. Trump, President; Members of Congress, especially, Susan Collins, Angus King, Chellie Pingree, Jared Golden of Maine; Janet Mills our Governor; and Susan Hawes our Mayor; for those who administer justice in the courts of this land, that they all may serve our nation and the world with wisdom, civility, and compassion.

For our Military Personnel, especially those of this Parish: Sarah M., Dillan L., and Joshua M. For all members of our military currently in harm's way. We pray for peace.

With Thanksgiving for the lives of those celebrating birthdays during the coming week including: Katharine F., Roger G., Mikenzy M. and Jeff P.

For the Departed: Bruce O'Donnell and for our service members killed in the current conflict.



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