



# St. John's Epistle

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Monthly Newsletter of Saint John's Episcopal Church, West Hartford, CT

## Sundays at St. John's

8 am Holy Eucharist

9:30-10:15 am Christian Education for all ages

10:30 am Holy Eucharist

Prayers for healing offered each Sunday

Childcare available 9:30 a.m. – noon

## Wednesdays at St. John's

5:30 p.m. Holy Eucharist

Choir Rehearsals – Wednesdays 5 pm

Youth; Adults 6:30 pm 2/1, 2/15, 2/29,

7:30 pm 2/8, 2/22

Choir dinner at 6 pm on 2/1, 2/15 & 2/29

## Dates to Note

Feb. 5 (Sun.) -9:30 am Intergenerational Program; 5 pm Candlemass Evensong

Feb. 15 (Wed.) - 6:30 pm Book Group

Feb. 16 (Thurs.) - 7 pm Concert

Feb. 21 (Tues.) - 6 pm Shrove Tuesday

Feb. 22 (Wed.) - Ash Wednesday Liturgy:  
7 am, 12:10 pm (at St. James's) & 5:30 pm

Feb. 27 (Mon.) - 7 pm Stephen Ministers

Feb. 28 (Tues.) - 7 pm Vestry

## 12 Step Programs at St. John's

AA – Wednesdays at 8 p.m. and Saturdays,  
6:30 p.m., Hubbard Hall

Grey Sheeters (Eating Disorders) – Thursdays,  
5:30 pm, Reception Room

**Office Closed** on Monday, February 20 in observance of Presidents' Day.

**The Epistle** is available in color on the church website: [www.sjparish.net](http://www.sjparish.net).

## Rector's letter

Soon after the beginning of the year I set off on a retreat, something which all clergy are expected to do annually. Over the years I have sometimes let the retreat slide to keep up with the business of the parish, but a couple of years ago I decided a retreat was not a luxury, but a necessity, for without the time for prayer and contemplation the work of the parish simply becomes unmanageable: prayer is the real life of the church. For the past couple of years I have made a retreat at Eastern Point, a Jesuit retreat house on a spit of land sticking out into the Atlantic in Gloucester, MA. The setting is lovely, especially when winter is warmer than usual and there are no nor'easters.

Each retreat participant is assigned a director, with whom he or she meets for 30-60 minutes a day. The rest of the time is in silence, except for the celebration of the Eucharist immediately before supper. It is up to the director and retreatant how to organize the day. My day was framed by Morning and Evening Prayer, and included three periods of meditation on themes offered by my director, a couple of miles of walking each day, a couple hours of study on a topic I brought with me, which this year was preparing for a Lenten study on the Muslim Jesus, and a couple of hours of reading and writing, plus breakfast, lunch and dinner. There really was no idle time. And this daily rhythm of prayer, meditation, study, exercise continued for eight days.

There is something very right about maintaining this schedule for eight days, for it allows prayer and silence to really work its way into one's soul. There were perhaps 50 people on retreat the same time I was at Eastern Point, and even though there was no conversation among us, it was am surprising how strong a sense of community developed among us. Many were Roman Catholics, but not all. I was one of four Episcopal priests in the group. A little more than half the participants were clergy (including one Methodist), the others were people who had set aside their usual responsibilities for this time of quiet and prayer.

Not everyone, I realize, has the luxury or desire to set aside 8 days for a retreat, but every one of us has the need for periods of prayer, study and contemplation in our weekly routines. It is precisely this sort of work that keeps us focused and energized, faithful to God. If you have not already done so in making your resolutions for the year, I urge you to carve out a regular time for prayer and study in addition to Sundays at St. John's. Join in the challenge to read the Bible this year (go to the church web site and follow the link to "Read the Bible" on the home page): pick up a devotional or something to study; or simply create a few minutes of silence in your busy day. I know you will find it to be refreshing and energizing, a necessity, not a luxury.

Yours in Christ,  
The Rector

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## Read the Bible this Year

If you have not taken up the Read the Bible in a Year challenge, it is not too late to do so. Reading each day (Sundays off) three chapters of the Old Testament, one psalm (or part of a longer psalm, some become quite lengthy), and one chapter of the New Testament will carry you through the entire Bible in a year.

More information on the Bible Challenge may be found on the church web site, [www.sjparish.net](http://www.sjparish.net): click on "Read the Bible" on the left hand side of the home page. Links are available for many resources to help in this devotion. Also included is a blog, where you may share your thoughts with other parishioners. The first Sunday of each month, after coffee hour, interested participants are invited to gather in the Reception Room to share insights, comments and questions.

## Guest Preachers

St. John's will welcome two guest preachers this month. The Rev'd Johan Johnson, newly appointed Head of School for Trinity Episcopal School (scheduled to open September 2012 in Asylum Hill) will lead the Sunday Forum and preach at 10:30 a.m. on February 19. Fr. Johnson came to Hartford from St. Martin's Church, New York City.

Ellen Brown will be our guest preacher on February 26. Ellen, who is new to St. John's, was raised a Roman Catholic and then practiced Tibetan Buddhism for 25 years before beginning training in clinical pastoral care and taking a Masters in Divinity. She also holds a PhD in comparative literature with a focus on ethics. Ellen has taught literature and writing, organized and led weekend retreats on mindfulness meditation and contemplative living, and designed and facilitated sessions of group reflection on Christian scripture and the writings of modern mystics. She has also published essays on Percy and Mary Shelley, one religious historical novella with a second forthcoming. Her *Master Kierkegaard* series portrays the life and thought of Soren Kierkegaard from the perspective of a fictional female servant. Ellen will also lead a Sunday morning discussion during Lent.



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### WELCOME TO NEWCOMERS

*We extend a warm welcome to all those who are visiting St. John's this morning. We are very pleased to have you with us. Please introduce yourselves to the clergy, ushers and greeters and sign our guest book. We invite you to stay for coffee following the 10:30 service and stop by the welcome table in the parish hall.*

The Rev'd Joseph L. Pace	Rector
The Rev'd Patrick R. Perkins	Assistant to the Rector
The Rev'd Ann (Nancy) C. Miller	Priest Associate
The Rev'd Dennis E. Kane	Deacon
Peter Stoltzfus Berton	Music Director
Cynthia Lawler	Youth Ministry Coordinator
Margaret Smith	Director of Religious Education
Joyce J. Reemts	Financial Secretary
Karen A. Golfin	Parish Secretary
Katherine M. Gelardi	Parish Secretary
Dwight Latif	Sexton

### THE VESTRY

John Earnhardt, Warden	Buffy Cech, Warden
Adele Patterson, Clerk	Stewart Murchie, Treasurer
	Deb Schwartz, Assistant Treasurer

2010-12: Susan Clemow, Geoff Emerick, Lisa Mahoney, Mary Sloan  
2011-13: Kim Byrd, John Hardy, David Ringquist, Deb Schwartz  
2012-14: Stephen Ashford, Scott Donofrio, Paul Glover, Jean Mitchell

### STEPHEN MINISTERS

Barbara Abbott	Lissie Brooks
Trig Cooley	Marge Hardge
Richard Krissingner	Mari Merwin

### SAINT PAUL'S DEAF CONGREGATION

Meets on Sundays, 10:30 a.m., in the church library.  
The Rev'd Erich Anderson-Krengel, the Diocesan Missioner  
with the Deaf – 860-398-4226 (Video Phone).

## Warden's Letter

It is with pleasure that I write this letter to you as your new warden and offer a brief introduction. I grew up in Virginia attending St. Paul's Episcopal Church in downtown Richmond. I was baptized and confirmed there. I was a member of the youth choir and active in the junior and senior youth groups. While living in Philadelphia, I attended The Church of the Redeemer in Bryn Mawr where I was a Sunday school teacher, youth group leader, and member of the Mother's Group. Katie, Sidney, and Strother were all baptized at Redeemer. I have been a member of St. John's since moving to Hartford in 1999. I am a registered nurse and currently working in the pediatric clinic at St. Francis Hospital.

In assuming this position, I follow in the footsteps of Julia O'Brien, our retiring warden. Her dedicated leadership and diplomacy have always been inspirational. I hope to live up

to the standard she has set. I also look forward to sharing the Warden role with John Earnhardt. Finally, I thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve God, this church, and all of you.

Buffy Cech

## Vestry Notes

At its January Vestry Meeting the Vestry:

- Welcomed new Vestry members
- Received year end financial reports
- Noted the anonymous gift of \$10,000 for operating expenses for 2012
- Appointed Deb Schwartz as Assistant Treasurer
- Spoke about the importance of thanking volunteers

## Sunday Forum

**Hubbard Hall – 9:30 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.**

Feb 5 – Church School and Forum meet for an intergenerational event

Feb 12 – Episcopal 101: One of Many, Episcopalians and other Christian denominations

Feb 19 – Trinity Episcopal School – the Rev'd Johan Johnson speaks about Trinity Episcopal School,  
(Scheduled to open in September 2012 in Asylum Hill)

Feb 26 – TBA

## Ash Wednesday Services—February 22

7 a.m. & 5:30 p.m. – The Ash Wednesday Liturgy and Holy Eucharist at St. John's

12:10 p.m. – The Ash Wednesday Liturgy & Holy Eucharist at St. James's; The Rev'd Patrick Perkins, preaching

## A Lenten Program: The Muslim Jesus

**Thursdays, March 1, 15, 22 and 29**

**7 p.m. Church Reception Room**

Jesus is one of the most highly regarded of the Muslim prophets, although the Muslim Jesus differs significantly from the Jesus of the Christian Church. A look at the Muslim Jesus highlights these differences and may lead to a renewed appreciation of Jesus, our Lord and Savior. The discussions will begin at 7 p.m. in the Reception Room. Each session stands on its own so if you cannot make all four sessions, attend whichever ones you can. The evening will conclude with Compline (prayer for the close of the day) at 8 p.m. Bring a light dessert or snack to share.

## LOOKING BACK

by BILL URICCHIO



**Chapter House as Built**



**Prospect Bible Chapel Today**

Q. The last services at St. John's Hartford were held on Easter Day, 1907, but our present building did not open until two years later. What happened to the parish in between?

A. The story dates back to 1896 when the Hartford branch of a national service organization called "The Daughters of the King" built a sizeable chapter house on the east side of Prospect south of Farmington. Some of the group's leaders, including the mother-daughter pair of Harriet (Mrs. Franklin G.) Whitmore and Harriet (Mrs. John O.) Enders, were also prominent St. John's parishioners. St. John's services began at the chapter house the Sunday following the Hartford closure.

The Hartford chapter, which subsequently severed its relationship with the national organization and changed its name to the King's Daughters, sold the Prospect Avenue building to a non-denominational Christian church in 1932 and, remodeled and renamed more than once, it is still recognizable as the Prospect Bible Chapel.

Note: Although the Hartford group appears to be defunct, the national Daughters of the King is still in existence. For a brief history see: <http://www.doknational.com/history.html>

## Snow and Bad Weather Policy

Announcements of the cancellation of Church School, Church events or Sunday services will be posted on the local TV stations (NBC Connecticut and WFSB Channel 3), the church answering machine and the home page of the church web site. Always use caution driving in bad weather. If the Governor suggests people not venture out on the roads in bad weather, please heed his advice. For those within walking (or skiing) distance of the church, chances are one of the clergy will be on hand to conduct services even if other activities are cancelled, but do check TV stations, the web site and the church answering machine.

## Community Service Spotlight

### *Winter Warmth for our Hartford Neighbors*

Throughout the winter, St. John's collects new or gently used cold weather items including: coats, snow pants, mittens/gloves and hats for the Church of the Good Shepherd in Hartford. The Reverend José L. Martínez distributes the items to those in need.



The Rev. José L. Martínez  
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Last year, St. John's donated seven 30-gallon containers filled with warm coats, mittens, and hats. Given the rising cost of heating fuel and the ever increasing numbers of individuals and families in need, this is a worthy project for our parish to continue.

If you would like to help, please bring your items to the storage bins located in the parish hall. We will make sure that your donations are delivered to the Church of the Good Shepherd for distribution. If you would like more information on the Church of the Good Shepherd, please visit their website: <http://www.cgshartford.org/id22.html>

Thank you for your continued generosity!

## Shrove Tuesday

**February 21st at 6:00 p.m.**

**On Tuesday, February 21<sup>st</sup>**, the Men of St. John's will sponsor a Shrove Tuesday celebration when all parishioners will share their favorite rich sweet dessert, **starting at 6:00 p.m.** in the Parish Hall. This is an old tradition, and we hope the entire parish will join us for what promises to be a fun celebration of "Fat Tuesday" before the serious Lenten season begins. Mark your calendars and plan to be with us! All are welcome, young and old.

## Global Missions to Visit Cuba

The Global Missions Committee has at long last reestablished contact with church authorities in Cuba – new priest at Santa Cruz del Norte, new bishop and new diocesan staff. As planned now, Pat Perkins will lead a delegation including Alycia Evica, Jim Miller and Paul Shaker to Cuba the week after Easter. The travelers will spend a little time at the cathedral in Havana and spend the rest of the journey working in Santa Cruz del Norte and making a trip to Cardenas to learn more about the diocesan music program.

In March Global Missions will ask parishioners to contribute supplies to be taken to Cuba. The list will be finalized soon but will include basic medical supplies, vitamins, eye glasses and soap. There are strict limits on goods that may be taken into Cuba, as well as weight limits, hence the effort to maximize what can be taken without exceeding limits or trouble with Cuban customs. More information will be coming soon.

## St. John's Youth Ministry

The last Sunday in January, eight teenagers participated in the Ceremony of Manhood and Womanhood. During the 10:30 service, we celebrated this important rite of passage with Marshall Cook, Sam Fiske, Caroline Grant, Emily Hardy, Lydia Henning, Carolyn Roche, Sarah Thaxton and Eleanor Wilcox. The class is named Rite-13 after the special liturgy we held that day. In some respects, this is a new way of saying to our young people things we have meant to convey all along...things like "We are with you as you make your journey; we're here if you need us; we think you are super; we love you." We often assume our teens feel appreciated and accepted as a vital part of St. John's, but adolescence can be such a time of uncertainty that some things need to be said again and again.

The Rite-13 Liturgy is a rite of passage that recognizes the gift that God bestows on each one of us: the gift of manhood and womanhood. This is a free gift that we cannot earn and need not prove. This gift is the essence of who we are. The same energy that propels us through our adolescent years gives us the power to change the world. As these young people grow and mature, their knowledge and skills will increase, but the core of who they are will remain the same.

Every time we participate in this ceremony, we have the opportunity to affirm all that is good in these young people who live and grow around us and to recognize them as young men and women in our midst. They are holy and wonderful and blessed, and we won't look away from them!

### February Calendar

2/5 9:30 am All teens participate in an intergenerational event  
5:00 pm Rite-Nite Bowling!

2/12-3/25

9:30 am J2A confirmation classes (7 of the eight classes are required.)

Cindy Lawler

## Church Happenings

We are off to a good start this term. Please keep in mind that church school classes start at 9:30 a.m.

**Up Coming Event!!!!** Intergenerational Event on **February 5th!!!** Don't miss out on the fun of being with your fellow parishioners of all ages. I can't wait to see you there!!

It is never too soon to consider teaching in the spring. The term begins in March. Please see me if you are interested.

Thank you, Margaret Smith

## RITE 13 NEWS!!!

The Rite 13 class has begun their service project to support our deployed troops. This commitment to our community has been met with the enthusiasm that characterizes this group of young people. We are hoping you will join us in showing our support, respect, and thankfulness to the men and women who are serving our country.

\* We encouraged people attending the Festival as well as those attending the past four Sundays' 10:30 service to write a holiday message to the service men and women which will be enclosed in packages being sent overseas

\* Cards will continue to be made available in Hubbard Hall after the 10:30 service.

\* We are collecting items most requested by the troops at Hubbard Hall each Sunday. A complete list of these items can be accessed on the St. John's web site and at the Rite 13 table.

\* The collected note cards and donated items will be brought to the Give 2 the Troops headquarters to be divided up and shipped to different companies of deployed troops

\* Please consider donating a box of Girl Scout Cookies! Cookies have already been ordered, and will be available to purchase and donate in March/April. Our plan is to have cards signed by the purchaser and attached to the donated boxes!

Thank you for your assistance. Please stop by the Rite 13 table in Hubbard Hall after the 10:30 service to send a card to our troops. Knowing we are thinking about them and sending our prayers and thanks for their sacrifice means so much to these brave men and women.

Rite 13 Leaders

Nancy George, Beth Grieco, Mark Proft, and Jeff Verney

## Choral Music for February

February 5 The Fifth Sunday after Epiphany  
Youth Choir: The Birds – Benjamin Britten  
O for a thousand tongues – Richard Shephard  
We have seen his star – Everett Titcomb

February 5 **Choral Evensong for Candlemass at 5 p.m.**  
O nata lux – Thomas Tallis  
Preces and Responses – William Smith  
Psalms 48 and 87  
Magnificat and Nunc dimittis – George Dyson in D  
When to the temple Mary went – Johannes Eccard

February 12 The Sixth Sunday after Epiphany  
I hear a voice a-praying – Houston Bright  
Deep River – Gerre Hancock

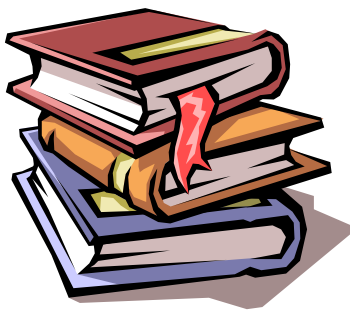
February 19 Last Sunday after Epiphany –  
The Transfiguration  
Prayer for Transfiguration Day – John Weaver  
O nata lux – Morten Lauridsen

February 26 The First Sunday in Lent  
Youth Choir: Day by day – Martin How  
Call to remembrance – Richard Farrant  
Miserere – Gregorio Allegri

## Book Group to Discuss “The Leftovers”

**Wednesday, February 15, 6:30 p.m.**

Tom Perotta’s new novel “The Leftovers” will be the topic of discussion at the winter meeting of the Book Group. This provocative novel concerns a “partial Rapture” in a small town. The people who are not Raptured into the heavens to meet the Lord are left with a double challenge of trying to make sense of why they were not chosen as well as how to live without their loved ones. Holy Wayne, who wishes to take away others’ pain, and the Guilty Remnant, a white clothed group of people who stand by silently smoking cigarettes, attempting to make survivors feel guilty, add color and complexity to the novel.



## Confirmation for Adults and Youth

Young people who wish to be Confirmed this year will begin confirmation instruction as a part of the J2A Sunday morning class this month. Adults who would like to be Confirmed into the Episcopal Church or be Received from the Roman Catholic or Eastern Orthodox Churches, should speak to the clergy to arrange for instruction. Confirmation is the adult reaffirmation of Baptismal Promises in the presence of a bishop and marks one’s official membership in the Episcopal Church. The Bishop will administer Confirmation on Easter Eve, April 7 (Saturday evening) at Christ Church Cathedral, Hartford.

## Thank You!

### Gourmet Food Auction

On Friday, January 20, we enjoyed a fun and very successful St John's Gourmet Food Auction. Thank you to The Grieco's who hosted our event this year. We enjoyed a sampling of hot and cold hors d'oeuvres and cookies provided by our gourmet volunteers, all while being entertained and educated with cultural tidbits by our auctioneer Colin Gillespie. Many parishioners supported our event by donating items and /or bidding in the live and silent auctions, netting over \$6500 for parish programs - Thank you Thank you! Laura and Susan, co-chairs

# Becoming Ourselves with God

King David, Mary, St. Paul, Thomas Aquinas and Francis of Assisi, our friends and guides, lead us on a journey to live out our vocation, becoming completely and fully ourselves with God.



**A Quiet Day with the Rev'd Dr. Minka Sprague  
Saturday, March 17, 9 a.m. - lunch**

**St. John's Episcopal Church**

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A popular speaker and formerly Professor of New Testament and Greek at New York Theological Seminary, Minka Sprague currently serves St. James' Episcopal Church in Jackson, MS. Her introduction to the New Testament *One to Watch, One to Pray* is available from Amazon.com.

Cost: \$20 (includes lunch). Reservations: [office@sjparish.net](mailto:office@sjparish.net) or 860-523-5201



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# Photos from St. John's Annual Meeting



## Dates to remember this month

### *Birthdays*

2/02 Chuck Pease  
2/02 Marie Montas  
2/03 Quint Noyes  
2/04 Dolly Cudworth  
2/05 Paul Thaxton  
2/06 Cindy Lawler  
2/06 Maggie Willard  
2/08 Spencer Sloan  
2/08 Anne Fraipont  
2/09 Doug Engwall  
2/09 Alice Murchie  
2/10 Frank Berall  
2/10 Catherine Emerick  
2/11 Grant Jones  
2/13 Ralph MacIntyre  
2/13 William Ulrich  
2/13 Caroline Smith  
2/13 Maisie Smith  
2/13 Rowan Lawrence  
2/18 Nancy Pedersen

2/19 Joyce Burke  
2/19 Bill Faude  
2/21 Lydia Henning  
2/22 Nancy Sichler  
2/22 Lori Noyes  
2/22 Heidi Gostyla  
2/22 Courtland Jones  
2/23 Mary Hardy  
2/24 Clara Day  
2/24 Doris Barclay  
2/24 Joel Grieco  
2/24 Olivia Anne Giuliano  
2/26 John Austin  
2/26 Alexander Beir  
2/27 Joyce Milliken  
2/27 Nina Rosselli Del Turco  
2/27 Margaret Neville  
2/27 Katherine Powell  
2/28 Anita Parsons  
2/28 Hannah Earnhardt

### *Anniversaries*

2/14 Alf & Barbara Millard  
2/21 George & Laura Hicks  
2/25 Mark & Ginny Proft

### *Parish Register*

*Dec. 29, 2011—Jan. 27, 2012*

#### Death

Carl William Ringquist, Jr.

#### Received by Transfer

Robert and Dorothy Cudworth

## Prayers for Healing

Each Sunday at 10:30 a.m. prayers for healing are offered by the clergy and lay people at the baptismal font at Communion time. These prayers are available to all who wish to pray for healing (or ask for a blessing) for themselves or on behalf of another. If you would like to assist the clergy in offering these prayers, please speak to the Rector.

## If You Enter The Hospital...

Please let the church office know. Federal privacy laws now make it difficult for the church to keep up with parishioners in the hospital or nursing home. The clergy are happy to visit parishioners in the hospital, but the patient or patient's family must first let the church office know. A reminder that even though federal privacy laws don't govern the church Prayer List, a respect for the privacy of the individual dictates that you must have an individual's permission to add his or her name to the Prayer List.

## Men of St. John's

The Men of St. John's will meet on Wednesday, February 22nd at 7 a.m. for the Holy Eucharist followed by breakfast and fellowship in the Parish Hall. All are welcome, so please join us for a lively discussion on a variety of topics.

## Food Basket

When shopping buy something extra for the Food Basket which is presented at the offertory the first Sunday of each month. Your offerings of canned foods and staples are given to the food bank at First United Methodist Church, our neighbor to the east on Farmington Ave. If you wish, you may make a tax-deductible check, payable to West End Food Pantry, and leave it in the offering plate on Sundays.

## Thank You!

Thank you to all who made the Gourmet Food Auction last month a time of great fun. Thanks to the Griecos for opening their house for the evening; and thanks to the co-chairs, Laura Roche and Susan Clemow; Wendy Lincoln, Deb Schwartz, Virginia Van Dyk, Ginny Kemp and Lindsey Carlisle, committee members; and auctioneer Colin Gillespie for a lively evening.



# Sacred Music at the Red Door

## Sunday February 5

Sunday Tea (4:00 p.m.), Choral Evensong for Candlemass with a candle-lit procession, sung by the St. John's Adult and Youth Choirs (5:00 p.m.), and a half-hour Organ Recital (5:45 p.m.) Feel free to come for any or all of the afternoon; a brief break following Evensong permits easy coming and going. A video screen shows the organist's hands and feet during the Recital. The recital this month is of music of Mendelssohn, Langlais and Franck, played by Graham Schultz, Lloyd Cast Organ Scholar, The Cathedral of All Saints, Albany, NY.

## Thursday February 16 at 7:00 p.m.

**Passion and Folly in Baroque Song.** Marian Maccarone, soprano and Tim Stella, harpsichord, in a Valentine's Day-themed concert to feed the heart and soul. General admission \$10; students and seniors \$7. Two for one admission (or half price single ticket) when you show your *Let's Go Arts* card (a program of the Greater Hartford Arts Council). Reception following. Tickets are available at coffee hour on February 5 and 12, in the Parish Office, and online at [www.brownpapertickets.com](http://www.brownpapertickets.com).



Marian Maccarone and Tim Stella excite audiences with this concert of varied baroque music. Even though they perform at a high level of expertise, their rapport with each other and the audience generates energy with passion and fun. Both Marian and Tim enjoy speaking directly to the audience, sharing fascinating tidbits about the music or composer, putting the selection in a context to make it even more enjoyable. Audiences leave a performance enlightened and delighted. Tim is Music Director at the Church of St. Peter Claver in West Hartford, and associate conductor of *Phantom of the Opera* on Broadway. Marian is Cantor and Associate Music Director at the Church of St. Peter Claver, a professional soloist and private voice instructor.

### PROGRAM

Nymphs and Shepherds	Henry Purcell
Oh sleep, why dost thou leave me?	
Verdi Prati	
Piangero la sorte mia	George Frideric Handel
Pavana Dolorosa <i>harpsichord solo</i>	Peter Philips
Oh, had I Jubal's lyre	Handel
Lasciatemi morire	Claudio Monteverdi
Lascia ch'io pianga	Handel
Gia il sole dal Gange	Alessandro Scarlatti
The Carman's Whistle, <i>harpsichord solo</i>	William Byrd
Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring, BWV 147	Johann Sebastian Bach
Bist du bei mir, BWV 508	
Ombrai mai fu	Handel
Vittoria, mio core	Giacomo Carissimi

The harpsichord used in this concert was built in 1997 by Carl Dudash and decorated by Marilee Dudash. It incorporates a design feature found on just a handful of extant instruments from the 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> Centuries. The jacks that pluck the strings are arranged in three rows, or registers, that spread apart toward the bass. This produces great contrasts in timbre between registers giving the player an interesting variety of sounds from which to choose. The instrument was originally commissioned by the late Richard P. Garmany, a great patron of the arts and a fine amateur musician. Before his death in 2008, Mr. Garmany established a fund to support both the arts and medical research.

## February Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>29</b> <b>8:00 AM</b> Holy Eucharist <b>9:00 AM</b> Youth Choir Rehearsal <b>9:15 AM</b> Adult Choir Rehearsal <b>9:30 AM - 10:25 AM</b> J2A confirmation class <b>10:30 AM</b> Holy Eucharist <b>5:00 - 7:00 PM</b> J2night	<b>30</b> <b>9 AM</b> ESOL classes <b>6:30 PM</b> All Committee Meeting	<b>31</b>	<b>1</b> <b>9 AM</b> ESOL classes <b>9:15 AM</b> Madsingers <b>5:00 PM - 7:30 PM</b> Youth Choir Rehearsal (Gillespie) <b>5:30 PM</b> Holy Eucharist <b>6:00 PM - 6:30 PM</b> Choir Dinner <b>6:30 PM - 8:30 PM</b> Adult Choir Rehearsal <b>8:00 PM</b> AA, Parish Hall	<b>2</b> <b>5:30 PM</b> Grey Sheeters, Reception Rm	<b>3</b> <b>2:00 PM</b> Duncaster Eucharist	<b>4</b> <b>8:30 AM - 3:00 PM</b> Nutmeg Spinners Guild, Hubbard Hall <b>1:00 PM - 5:00 PM</b> Pinewood Derby clinic, Rumpus Room <b>6:30 PM</b> Big Book Step Study Group, Hubbard Hall
<b>5</b> Scout Sunday <b>8:00 AM</b> Holy Eucharist <b>9:00 AM - 9:30 AM</b> Youth Choir Rehearsal <b>9:15 AM</b> Adult Choir Rehearsal <b>10:30 AM</b> Holy Eucharist <b>3:30 PM</b> Youth and Adult Choirs Rehearse together for Evensong at 5 pm <b>4:00 PM</b> Tea before Evensong <b>5:00 PM</b> Candlemass Evensong, St. John's Youth & Adult choirs	<b>6</b> <b>9 AM</b> ESOL classes	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> <b>9 AM</b> ESOL classes <b>9:15 AM</b> Madsingers <b>11:30 AM</b> Loaves & Fishes Soup Kitchen, Hartford <b>5:00 PM - 6:30 PM</b> Youth Choir Rehearsal (Hammond) <b>5:30 PM</b> Holy Eucharist <b>6:00 PM</b> No Choir Dinner <b>6:30 PM - 7:30 PM</b> Cub Scouts meet <b>7:30 PM - 9:00 PM</b> Adult Choir Rehearsal <b>8:00 PM</b> AA, Parish Hall	<b>9</b> <b>5:30 PM</b> Grey Sheeters, Reception Rm	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> <b>1:00 PM - 5:00 PM</b> Pinewood Derby clinic, Rumpus Room <b>6:30 PM</b> Big Book Step Study Group, Hubbard Hall
<b>12</b> <b>8:00 AM</b> Holy Eucharist <b>9:00 AM - 9:30 AM</b> Youth Choir Rehearsal <b>9:15 AM</b> Adult Choir Rehearsal <b>9:30 AM - 10:25 AM</b> J2A confirmation class <b>10:30 AM</b> Holy Eucharist <b>1:00 PM - 6:00 PM</b> Blue and Gold banquet, Hubbard Hall	<b>13</b> <b>9 AM</b> ESOL classes	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> <b>7:00 AM</b> Men's Eucharist and Breakfast <b>9 AM</b> ESOL classes <b>9:15 AM</b> Madsingers <b>5:00 PM - 7:30 PM</b> Youth Choir Rehearsal (Emerick) <b>5:30 PM</b> Holy Eucharist <b>6:00 PM - 6:30 PM</b> Choir Dinner <b>6:30 PM - 8:30 PM</b> Adult Choir Rehearsal <b>6:30 PM</b> Book Group <b>8:00 PM</b> AA, Parish Hall	<b>16</b> <b>5:30 PM</b> Grey Sheeters, Reception Rm <b>7:00 PM</b> Concert, 'Passion & Folly in Baroque Song'	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> <b>1:00 PM - 5:00 PM</b> Pinewood Derby clinic, Rumpus Room <b>6:30 PM</b> Big Book Step Study Group, Hubbard Hall
<b>19</b> No Youth Choir Rehearsal - Not singing in church today - Happy Presidents' Day <b>8:00 AM</b> Holy Eucharist <b>9:30 AM - 10:25 AM</b> J2A confirmation class <b>9:45 AM</b> Adult Choir Rehearsal <b>10:30 AM</b> Holy Eucharist	<b>20</b> <b>Office closed</b>	<b>21</b> <b>6:00 PM</b> Shrove Tuesday Celebration	<b>22</b> Ash Wednesday Liturgy: 7 am, 12:10 pm & 5:30 pm <b>9 AM</b> ESOL classes <b>9:15 AM</b> Madsingers <b>5:00 PM - 6:30 PM</b> Youth Choir Rehearsal (Babbitt) <b>6:00 PM</b> No Choir Dinner <b>6:30 PM - 7:30 PM</b> Cub Scouts meet <b>7:30 PM - 9:00 PM</b> Adult Choir Rehearsal <b>8:00 PM</b> AA, Parish Hall	<b>23</b> <b>5:30 PM</b> Grey Sheeters, Reception Rm	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> <b>9:00 AM - 6:00 PM</b> St. John's Parish Cup Derby, Hubbard Hall <b>1:00 PM - 5:00 PM</b> Pinewood Derby clinic, Rumpus Room <b>6:30 PM</b> Big Book Step Study Group, Hubbard Hall
<b>26</b> <b>8:00 AM</b> Holy Eucharist <b>9:00 AM - 9:30 AM</b> Youth Choir Rehearsal <b>9:30 AM - 10:25 AM</b> J2A confirmation class <b>9:45 AM</b> Adult Choir Rehearsal <b>10:30 AM</b> Holy Eucharist	<b>27</b> <b>9 AM</b> ESOL classes <b>7:00 PM</b> Stephen Ministers, Reception Room	<b>28</b> <b>7:00 PM</b> Vestry Meeting, Library	<b>29</b> <b>9 AM</b> ESOL classes <b>9:15 AM</b> Madsingers <b>5:00 PM - 7:30 PM</b> Youth Choir Rehearsal (Ashford) <b>5:30 PM</b> Holy Eucharist <b>6:00 PM - 6:30 PM</b> Choir Dinner <b>6:30 PM - 8:30 PM</b> Adult Choir Rehearsal <b>8:00 PM</b> AA, Parish Hall	<b>1</b> <b>5:30 PM</b> Grey Sheeters, Reception Rm  7 PM Lenten Program, Reception Room	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> <b>1:00 PM - 5:00 PM</b> Pinewood Derby clinic, Rumpus Room <b>6:30 PM</b> Big Book Step Study Group, Hubbard Hall