



Siasconset Union Chapel

SPRING/SUMMER 2019

WELCOME TO OUR 136TH YEAR

Protestant Services

Sunday 10:30am
June 9 – September 15

Eucharist Services and Healing Service

Thursday 8am
Beginning June 13

Beach Services

July 7 and July 21
August 4 and August 18

The Reverend J. Carr Holland

Roman Catholic Services

Sunday 8:45am
June 30 – September 1

Father John Kelleher

Dear friends of the Chapel,

Welcome to another season at the 'Sconset Union Chapel. The Chapel offers religious, spiritual and ethical grounding to any who come here. Some embrace time on Nantucket as a slowdown, a time to shift into a lower, more reflective gear. For others their time here becomes quite busy with relationships and favorite activities. I suspect for many of us, there is an effort to seek balance between those two ends. So often we seek space to tend to life and family and self, to renew. There are various avenues offered here for this tending of our deeper life.

Each Sunday of the season there is intentional worship offered to God. The main service of the Chapel at 10:30 is a form of morning prayer with sermon and music. The biblical readings selected for us in the Revised Common Lectionary, are consistent with many denominations. The hymns chosen reflect scriptures', themes and sermon invites us to listen responsively to God's word.

There is also reflective quiet, to help us unite in prayer. We lend each other our focus as we open Godward. Many Roman Catholics worship earlier in a similar manner adding the reception of Holy Communion.

There are two Sundays, the third ones in July and August, when we offer Holy Communion, a time when we are Christ's guest receiving him tangibly into our being by the means he left to us.

Every Thursday at 8:00 AM there is a Service of Healing in the context of Holy Communion. It is a bit more than that, however, for we take time to reflect on the Biblical readings for the coming Sunday together. I offer brief reflections from my study of each lesson and gain insight from the communal thoughts. We do all in a quiet manner and then center in prayer. For those who wish it, there is a laying on of hands for healing which opens them into Communion. All is completed within an hour.

On the first and third Sundays of July and August we welcome the village to an 8:00 AM half-hour service of prayer that unites us with nature, simple music and a short sermon on 'Sconset beach. Families love this service and pets are welcomed, with a special Blessing-of-the-Animals on the third Sundays. Bring a chair or towel for your comfort.

The vocation of any church and this Chapel is to offer entry points to a deepening relationship with God and one another. Each of these opportunities can be such welcoming entry points on this ever-deepening journey. We welcome the advent of summer and the treasure of life in Christ, ever deepening by simple actions of attentiveness.

In Christ's love,
The Rev. J. Carr Holland III

AN UPDATE ON CHAPEL OUTREACH

The outreach program at the Chapel continues to thrive thanks to the ongoing support and generosity of the Chapel community.

It is with sincere gratitude to all that we are able to support many local organizations. These include: The Community Foundation of Nantucket, Habitat for Humanity, A Safe Place [for survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault], Gosnold [providing treatment for people suffering with addiction and mental health issues] Fairwinds [family and children's services], Nantucket Food Pantry and Housing Assistance, Nantucket Boys and Girls Club, Laundry Love, Music Programs for the Elderly and Sconset local emergencies.

In addition, we are also able to support off island initiatives such as Mercy Corps [a non governmental international humanitarian aid organization], Medflight [a critical care transport team operating from Nantucket to Boston] and Tulgey Woods [a camp for disabled adults].

We had several joyful and heartwarming experiences last summer that aptly reflected that "it's more blessed to give than receive"

"The Lemonade Kids" demonstrated the true meaning of giving when they got together not once, but twice, to raise money to benefit "Children in need" on Nantucket. Their thoughtful initiative raised money that was very well received by Nantucket Star [sports and Therapeutic Accessible Recreation] for children with special needs on Nantucket. The kindness demonstrated by the "Lemonade Kids" received a well deserved standing ovation they received on Outreach Sunday.

With our sincere appreciation for generous support in helping to make a difference in the lives of our island friends and neighbors.

The Outreach Committee





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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Dear Friends of the Chapel,
 As we approach our 136 th year at the Chapel, the countdown begins for another Sconset summer. Our thoughts go to our special village with all of our family traditions which we hold dear.

Our calendar displays not only a vibrant schedule of worship services, weddings and baptisms, but also an array of speakers and lectures on topics of interest to many of our congregants.

However, amongst all of this activity one must not forget that the Chapel offers a quiet place to retreat for personal reflection and meditation as the pace of summer moves into high gear. These dual roles establish the Chapel as a solid rock in the center of the village.



INVESTMENT AND FINANCIAL REPORT

Our Chapel continues to operate on a sound financial foundation. Operating Income increased with a kind donation to assist future garden projects. The Annual Appeal was successful and most notably, the July and August Outreach plates set an all-time record for the Chapel. Operating Expenses were up, albeit less than Operating Income--notable one-time expenses included complete replacement of the Chapel front

door jamb and restoration of the Chapel's shutters. In the Columbarium and garden, we incurred additional expenses removing invasive trees, shrubs and vines from our property lines with our village neighbors. We made no capital improvements in 2018 and had a slight operating loss, offset by a modest distribution from the General Endowment. We are continuing to complete action items from our financial review of agreed upon procedures. The Trustees approved a budget for 2019 with projected Income and Expense closer to our 2017 budget than the 2018 budget, although the new budget includes a significant increase in

During the winter months your board has addressed ever present budgetary matters along with maintenance of our building, columbarium and grounds. We are addressing the issue of an interior cooling system that will hopefully offer relief from uncomfortable July and August temperatures.

We are most grateful for your generous support which enables the Chapel to carry out it's mission. As you are aware we are totally dependent upon your gifts to keep us viable. Thanks you for recognizing and addressing this need.

As Spring awakens, we look forward to reuniting with our friends in the Chapel community and our first sighting of Carr with Lady on his daily walks through the village.

Cordially
 Ray Grubbs

PRESERVATION

You may recall that we had the front doors rebuilt in 2017 and reinstalled with antique hardware appropriate to the period. During the process of reinstalling and repainting the doors and the jamb, we discovered that the door jamb and threshold had extensive damage from water and insects. Over the fall and winter the committee commissioned Ben Moore of Moore Woodworking to reconstruct the door jamb, exterior trim, decorative exterior molding and rosetted to exactly replicate the original molding and decorative details.

our Outreach efforts. We have also budgeted for a capital improvement this year and are currently installing five interior ceiling fans. We hope these will provide some comfort on 90 degree Sunday mornings this summer. The Finance and Investment Committee looks forward to seeing you in June and wants to remind you that if we are adjusting our estate plans in 2019, a bequest to the Chapel Endowment will be much appreciated and will serve to protect the Chapel's mission of worship and outreach into the future!

Photos by Deb Martin



LETTER FROM JOHN KELLEHER

Dear Friends in Christ,

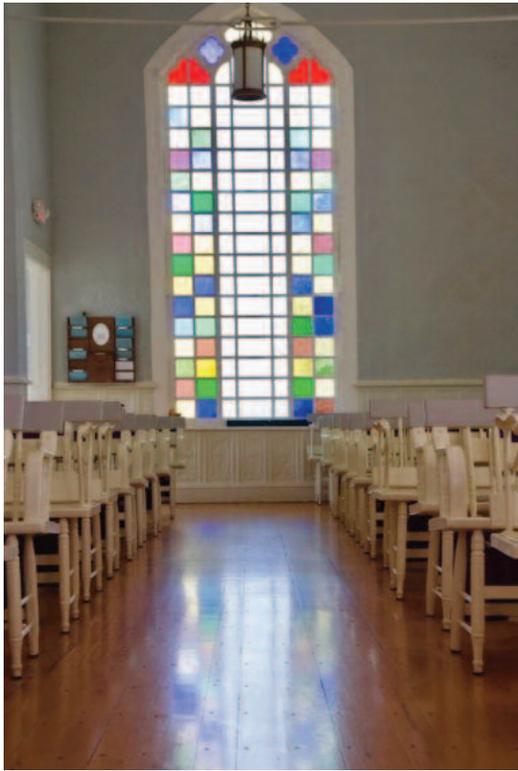
Blessings and Peace to you from St. Mary, Our Lady of the Isle Parish! I hope you had a good Winter and are ready for a wonderful Summer here on Nantucket.

My FIRST Summer on Nantucket last year was an absolute whirlwind between the move from my former parish, and the transition to St. Mary's here. I am much more settled now (thank God!), and looking forward to celebrating Mass again at Sconset Chapel this Summer. Perhaps we can even get Bishop da Cunha back here for a visit, and a Mass at Sconset Chapel once again. I know he loves visiting here!

I look forward to crossing paths with you at Sconset Chapel this summer.

Peace,

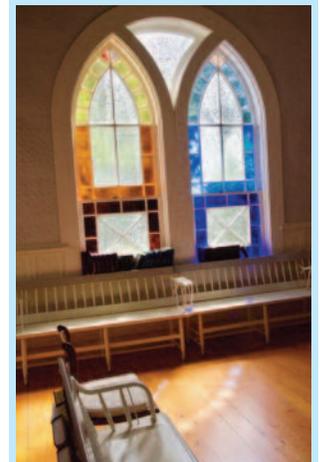
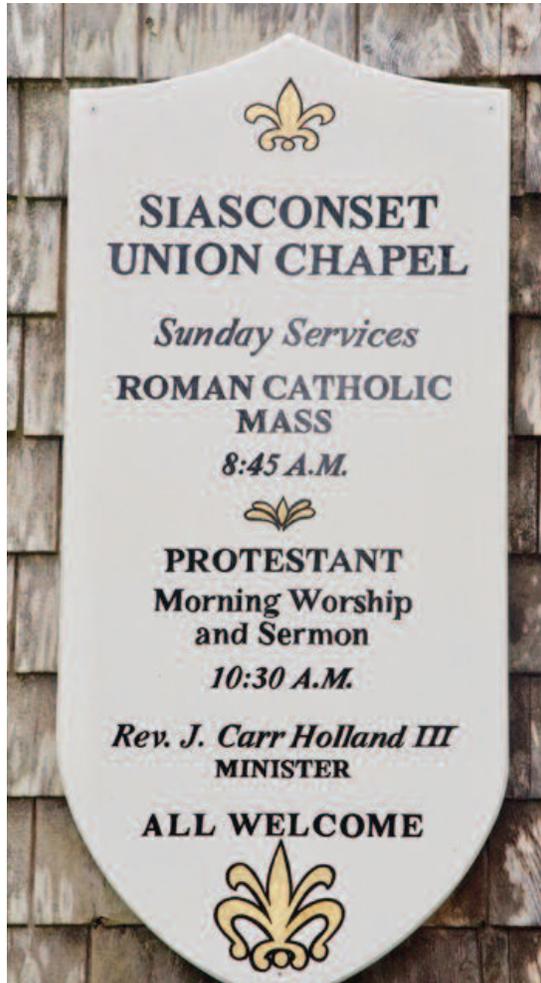
Fr. John Kelleher
Pastor
St. Mary, Our Lady of the Isle Parish



VOLUNTEERS

The Chapel is open every weekday from 10:30 to 12:30 from late June till early September. We welcome visitors and share our unique history accenting the Chapel's architecture and needlework. We had a very successful summer last year greeting many visitors old and new to our chapel. We welcome back past docents and encourage all to consider joining our outreach to the public. We are proud of our historic building and grounds and we are grateful to be able to continue to help show off the results of excellent stewardship. Please contact Daphne McCarthy at daphne@verizon.net if you would care to serve as a docent this summer.

Volunteers are needed for Sunday and beach services to usher, greet or to be a reader at the regular chapel services. Please contact Catherine Saynor at irishpoet@aol.com for more information.





BEHOLD BOOK AND ORNAMENTS

The BEHOLD book was a project by the needlepoint committee about the Chapel needlepoint and evolved into a history of the Chapel and its place in the village of Sconset. It includes great history and photographs of all the beautiful kneelers and all the other needlepoint in the Chapel. There are five ornaments which make wonderful gifts to special friends and family. You may work the canvas or buy it completed. Please contact Sheila Daume: P.O. Box 604, Sconset, MA 02564. The book is \$50 and the ornaments are \$50 unfinished and \$100 finished.

FAMILY PICNIC

Mark your calendars for the
Annual Family Picnic
 Monday, July 15th at 5:30
 at the Sconset Casino
 RAIN OR SHINE

Sign up to bring your favorite salad
 or dessert to share.

Both congregations have enjoyed this
 wonderful event for many years .
 It's great fun to be together!





SPECIAL EVENTS

Anticipate the special programs that the Chapel will sponsor this summer

- **July 4th** Lawn games sponsored by The Sconset Trust 10 am
- **July 14th** Florence Reed, founder of Sustainable International 5 pm
- **July 15th** Annual Family Picnic 5:30 pm
- **August 11th** Charness concert 5pm
Our beloved and ever popular Charness Family indulge us with Classical pieces on flute, piano and violin.
- **August 13th** Tulgey Woods Sing a Long and picnic at the Casino 4 pm
- **August 25th** Bonnie Levison... Sconset stories told by actual villagers, coached by Moth instructor Bonnie Levison. 5 pm
- **September 1st** Concert with Courtenay Hardy and Alan Murchie
Playing beautiful music on the flute and Piano. 5 pm



*Did your address or email change?
Are you new to the Chapel and want to be included
in our newsletter and email blast?*

Send your email and address to:
Sconsetchapel@gmail.com



WEDDINGS

As the Chapel guidelines highlight, marriage is a challenging and rewarding relationship that is “meant to be lived out in a community of faith.”

The Chapel is a special place for a wedding on the island. We encourage year-round residents of Nantucket, Chapel summer worshippers, Nantucket property owners and those who vacation regularly on the island to reserve the Chapel. The cost is \$4,000 with proceeds directed toward the building and garden maintenance. A new audio/video system allows for the taping of the ceremony as well. Information on Chapel policies can be found on the website or by calling Elaine Boehm at (508 257 -9868) to reserve a date.





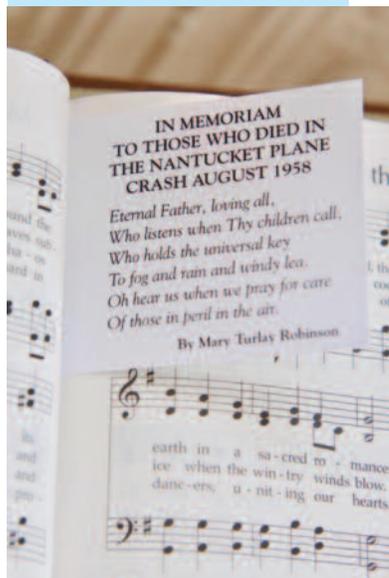
MEMORIAL GIFTS

*We are grateful for the following gifts
In Memory of:*

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Sheila Daume
Mario Iocopucci
Kate and Gary Kasmer
Father John Kelleher



THE PET COLUMBARIUM

With approval from the Chapel and a \$150 fee, pets ashes may be scattered in a separate space in the west garden. A memory Log will be kept by the Chapel.



COLUMBARIUM

The columbarium is a beautiful and quiet final resting place for Chapel worshippers and Sconset residents summer or year round.

Upon accepting of a request, the current cost to reserve is \$2500. per person half niche and \$5,000. to reserve a full niche for two people. An additional fee, which can not be prepaid, includes the required urn, plaque and opening/re-sealing of the niche.

As of last year there is now the option for direct in ground interment of ashes. The fee is \$500 to reserve a designated space in the columbarium. The current interment fee for this option is \$1,000, which includes a plaque on the new stele as you enter the west garden.

Please contact Marianne Felch at
mhfelch@aol.com

or write to her at

**P.O. Box 339
Siasconset, MA 02564**

SUMMER BEACH SERVICE

Back by popular demand

The Chapel will host an informal and serene 30 minute service on the Sconset Beach at 8 am weather permitting. There will be two services in July and August. The blessing of the animals occurs once each month, July 21st and August 18th.

Worshippers are encouraged to bring their children, grandchildren, dogs and houseguests to this wonderful

early morning service. The Reverend J. Carr Holland leads the prayer with musical accompaniment for a simple hymn sing with the ocean as our backdrop.

Call the Chapel after 7:30 am if weather looks questionable. 508-257-6616



TULGEY WOODS SUMMER 2019



We are pleased to announce that on Tuesday, August 13th, the Chapel will be hosting Camp Tulgey Woods for a sing-a-long and picnic. Last years event was a huge success for everyone as we sang together in the Chapel and then gathered for a picnic supper and a wonderful story time at the Casino. Tulgey Woods is a camp for disabled adults who have the opportunity to spend ten days in Nantucket each summer. We have been graced with their company for the past three summers and welcome an opportunity to get together once again this year. We hope you will mark your calendar to enjoy a fabulous evening with a very special group of people.

“The mission of Tulgey Woods is to create an integrated community for people with and without disabilities to live, create, play and adventure together. We don’t say ‘campers’ or ‘counselors’ because we want to do all we can to recognize the important contributions that everyone, with or with out disabilities, makes to our community. We strive to treat each other as equals and connect with one another in positive and productive ways. The friendships we make are what matter most.”

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CHAPEL CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2019

JUNE

- 9** Protestant Service begins 10:30 am
- 13** Eucharist Service begins 8 am
- 20** Chapel Trustees Retreat 9 am
- 30** Catholic Service begins 8:45 am

JULY

- 4** Sconset Trust Lawn Games and Parade 10 am
- 7** Beach Service 8 am
- 14** Communion Sunday 10:30 am
- 14** Florence Reed, Sustainable Harvest International 5 pm
- 15** Annual Family Picnic at Casino 5:30 pm
- 17** Curtis Institute Concert at Casino 5:30 pm
- 18** Trustees Meeting 9 am
- 21** Beach Service 8 Am Blessing Of The Animals
- 21** Communion Sunday 10:30 am
- 21** Sconset Trust Gala
- 28** On the Isle Show
- 28** Outreach Sunday 10:30 am

AUGUST

- 4** Beach Service 8 am
- 4** Communion Sunday 10:30 am
- 8** NPT Fete Broadway Revival at Casino 5 pm
- 11** Charness Concert 5 pm
- 13** Tulgey Woods Picnic and Sing Along at Casino 4 pm
- 15** Trustees Meeting 9 am
- 18** Beach Service 8 am Blessing of the Animals
- 18** Communion Sunday 10:30 am
- 22** NPT, Lecture And Luncheon With Paula Henderson, Preservation In The UK
- 25** Outreach Sunday 10:30 am
- 25** Sconset Stories With Moth Instructor Bonnie Levison 5 pm

SEPTEMBER

- 1** Last Catholic service. 8:45 am
- 1** Courtenay Hardy And Alan Murchie Concert 5 pm
- 12** Trustees Meeting 9 am
- 15** Last Protestant service 10:30 am