



Siasconset Union Chapel

SPRING/SUMMER 2022

WELCOME TO OUR 139TH YEAR

Worship Schedule

Protestant Services

Sundays 10:30 AM

June 12 to September 18, 2022

Midweek Prayer Service

Thursdays 8 AM

June 16 to September 15, 2022

Roman Catholic Masses

Sunday 8:45 AM

July 3 to September 4, 2022

Beach Services

Sundays 8 AM

July 3, 17

August 7 & 21

September 4



Dear friends of the Chapel,

The Chapel is focused on prayer and formation. We reopen each summer to offer a space where people may gather to support each other in the journey to know God, reflect on our lives in relation to Christ and tailor our responses to the ways and love of God.

Decades ago I met my first Anglican nun, Sister Judith, and ‘Yes’ there are protestant nuns. I asked, “Why this life of prayer, why five times a day, why a lifetime?” She rather simply said, “Many do not pray, so we carry their share and lift their burden even though they are unaware. We give glory to God where they may forget.” Every now and then I remember that the heart of the Christian journey is held in her words. We carry each other, aware or unaware. And we carry each other best when we turn Godward and open our deepest being, seeking wisdom for our lives and the lives of others.

As we gather on Island this season, many come to relax from the normal run of the world. Just the same our minds/hearts are occupied with much that follows us. Perhaps we carry fear around COVID, or are occupied with family needs, or are concerned about war in Europe. Perhaps we have opened ourselves to aid the burdens of homelessness, hunger, fear, loneliness; or we find that the politics of our country frustrate us. In our daily conversations we carry these concerns and other concerns. We might relish or resent that. As people of faith we are invited, even schooled in bringing these very concerns to our prayer.

By prayer we pause, open Godward, we open and seek to lighten the load we carry, seek a Word that guides and heals. This is prayer, changing our rhythm, pausing in the light of God’s purpose. We thus choose to hope in our higher power and seek Jesus and wisdom for daily life. We do so not to escape but rather to encounter meaning, to shift from the place where we may be overwhelmed to the place where we hope to grow wise, healed, joyful or forgiving perhaps.

There is an exchange in John’s gospel that has played over and over with me lately. It occurs on the night of Jesus’ arrest and trial. It is important to remember that this was a night of deep prayer on Jesus’ part. The exchange occurs in the hours when Jesus was removed from his followers, from his task of making God’s ways and love known. It is part of the Passion reading of Good Friday. Jesus stands before Pilate who asks, in essence, “What is your purpose?”

Jesus replies, “For this purpose I was born and for this purpose I have come into the world—to bear witness to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth listens to my voice.” Pilate said to him, “What is truth?” (John 18:37-38) The question hangs in the air and yet the whole of John’s gospel is focused on it.

The truth here is not a collection of empirical facts, like the temperature of the air or the number of visitors in my household just now. Truth is deeper. The truth is that Jesus Christ came to restore us to God, to undo the sin that hangs close to life — Adam’s sin, and yours, and mine. The truth is caught in Jesus’ teaching, in his manner of being, in God the creator whom He calls Father, whom He represents as He lives among us. The truth is that He died in faithful embodiment of God’s will and ways. The truth is that He rose into God to offer us a path, a forgiveness, a wisdom for daily life and hope, drawing us Godward. How? “Everyone who is of the truth listens to my voice.” The art is in the listening and creating space to do so.

That is the life of this Chapel. We gather here to listen, to turn Godward, to go quiet, to become attentive. As we listen, we can grow in awareness and hope, perhaps, to heal and see how we might serve God’s purpose. Here we grow in love, connection, and service. We seek to embody a moral life, learn the art of forgiveness, taste kindness and lighten our burdens.

Each season the Chapel reopens with an invitation to create a community of prayer, or care, of further formation in following God whom we know in Christ. Usually this is by times of prayer, public worship and through our effort to identify and serve the ongoing needs of the community around us.

This season we will add to our life a children’s program — a way to deepen the youngest among us, to invite them into the Truth that they are the beloved of God. It is an effort to help them playfully listen to the deeper notes of life. There is joy in this just as there is joy in many other aspects of Chapel life.

As you read further in this newsletter you will find many opportunities to engage in the life of the Chapel. There will be times of prayer, of deeper listening, of stilling and unburdening. There are also ways to serve, to respond with listening hearts to the needs around us daily. For when we listen to Christ, we are soon called to act on what we allow to take root in our lives.

Welcome back in this summer of 2022.

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

PRESIDENT'S REPORT



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Welcome to the Chapel's 139th season!

We look forward to opening our doors in June! Thank you for your ongoing generosity and support, which gives the Chapel the ability to carry out its mission.

We hope to resume all worship services, activities and programs to a pre-pandemic schedule this summer. Thank you for your patience and understanding these past two years as we navigated uncharted territory with our gatherings. Catherine Saynor will lead the Worship Committee once again. They meet in the spring and throughout the summer, to evaluate the latest diocese and state recommendations, among the many other components of worship.

The Trustees met in February 2022 to approve the operating budget for the year ahead. Special thanks to our treasurer, Joe Wright, and the Finance Committee for their thorough consideration of every line item. You can read Joe's summary of the Chapel's financial health in this newsletter. As you know, we are dependent upon your gifts to make all Chapel programs possible, as well as to maintain our buildings and grounds.

Our Outreach Committee meets in the spring and throughout the summer to identify the island's ongoing community needs, which have been exacerbated during the past two years of the pandemic. Sincere thanks to Eileen Shields West and the Outreach Committee members for their care in researching the needs of so many island non-profit organizations. Details are in Eileen's article.

The Chapel will begin a Children's Program this summer! After many years in the planning stages, this program has been thoughtfully developed by Chrissi Crampton

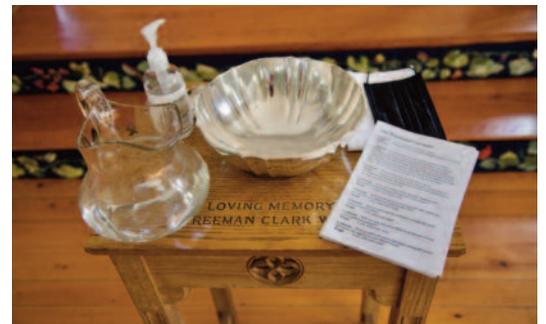
and a group of enthusiastic board members. They are busy planning lessons and crafts, for children ages 3 – 12, during the Sunday worship hour.

The entire Board is engaged in overseeing all aspects of Chapel life. In addition to the Committees mentioned, we focus on the maintenance of our beautiful grounds and columbarium areas, buildings and preservation, as well as communications, events, hospitality and pastoral support. We always need volunteers so please do not hesitate to reach out and offer a small amount of time. Options include bell ringing, becoming a docent for Chapel tours, or helping with the weekly news e-blast, to name a few!

As we begin this blessed new season together, I would like to take this opportunity to thank Carr for all he does behind the scenes, as well as our administrator, Sheila Daume. Their omnipresence, tireless energy and versatility greatly helps our beloved Chapel run so smoothly.

I wish everyone safe travels and a healthy joyful summer!

With gratitude,
 Patti Brown



“THE SCONSET CHAPEL IS AN HISTORIC SACRED PLACE
 OFFERING A SPIRITUAL HOME TO ALL
 AND AS SUCH PROVIDES AN OPPORTUNITY FOR ALL
 TO WORSHIP, CELEBRATE, LEARN, MOURN, AND SERVE TOGETHER
 IN THE CHRISTIAN TRADITION”

COME TO THE CHAPEL THIS SUMMER

In order to adhere to the limit of 100 people permitted for indoor gatherings, the Chapel is using Sign-Up Genius, an online tool that helps participants sign-up online by simply providing their name (creating an account is not necessary). In each weekly Newsletter, this link (Sign-up for Indoor Chapel Worship) will be included. Upon clicking the link you will be directed to the Sconset Chapel In-Person Sign-Up page where you can check-off the Sign Up button (RED), and then at the bottom click the 'Submit and Sign Up' button (BLUE). Please type the First Name and Last Name of the individual attending (including an e-mail address is optional and will allow you to receive a reminder the day prior to the service). Lastly click 'Sign Up Now' (BLUE) which will take you to your confirmation. Should you want to sign up for more than 1 person, click 'Back to Sign Up' on the confirmation page and begin again.

Please note you will not be able to sign up for services more than 5 days in advance.

SIASCONSET CHAPEL OUTREACH - 2022

The Siasconset Union Chapel is blessed in so many ways. As members of the Outreach Committee, we are particularly grateful for the caring and generous community of which we are a part. It was because of your support last year that we raised more funds than ever, and were able to double the Chapel's giving to those in need on Nantucket Island.

As you may know, the mission of the Outreach Committee is to provide support for "health and human services on Nantucket Island and beyond." And, as you may have guessed, needs in those areas have only increased in recent years with so many livelihoods disrupted due to the persistent pandemic, the increased cost of living, interrupted school routines, and the scarcity of affordable housing for those who work on Nantucket. In 2021, the Committee was intent on focusing on housing and behavioral health needs for those who live year-round on the island.

We have two separate giving cycles – one in May and another in early September. This again was done in recognition of the immediate and pressing needs that we knew existed. Our funds provided money for housing and fuel assistance, behavioral health, meals programs, safety from abuse, laundry stipends, scholarships, professional support for teachers, and all-important travel assistance for health reasons. Last year, 18 non-profits received Outreach assistance: A Safe Place, Boston Med Flight, David Glidden Travel Fund, Fairwinds, Habitat for Humanity, Immigration Resource Center, Marla Ceely Lamb Travel Fund, Nantucket Boys and Girls Club, Nantucket Food, Fuel and Rental Assistance, Nantucket Housing, PASCON, Rising Tide, St. Paul's Laundry Love, St. Paul's Meals Mission, Small Friends, The Community Foundation – Behavioral Health Initiative, The Community Foundation – new Community Housing Trust Fund, and The Community Foundation – The Nantucket Fund.

Funds for Outreach come from collections on two summer Outreach Sundays. Once again, there will be one Outreach Sunday in July and another in August. An amazing Concert by Jamie McLean was held on the Chapel lawn.

Also, the Outreach Committee, in partnership with the Hospitality Committee, Gliddens Seafood, and the Food Pantry, hosted the second annual Lobster Lalapalooza in August.

And a huge thank you to all of you for your continued support of Outreach. We could not begin to help our valued neighbors and island community without your support. We look forward to seeing you, and reuniting and celebrating another summer in our beloved Chapel.

Eileen Shields West

Chairman Outreach committee

Siasconset Union Chapel

OUR 2021 OUTREACH BENEFICIARIES



LETTER FROM FATHER JOHN MURRAY

Dear Friends in Christ,

I pray that this letter finds you well and healthy and ready for Summer of 2022! I am very excited to begin our time together at the Siasconset Union Chapel.

This will be my first full summer here with you so that presents an opportunity to meet some of you for the first time or to get to know you again.

As pastor of St. Mary Our Lady of the Isle Catholic Church, my primary mission is to bring Jesus Christ to you in Word and in Sacrament. I've been making every attempt to do that faithfully since August of last year. I pray that continues as we work together in the summer months, which are far too brief.

Our summer Mass at the chapel will be at 8:45 on Sunday morning; this is what it was prior to Covid.

I look forward to seeing you all and praying together.

In Christ,

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

VOLUNTEERS

Greeters and readers are needed throughout the summer.

Please contact Catherine Saynor:
irishpoet3@gmail.com



Our Beautiful Garden...

We are ever so grateful for the generosity of those who made it possible.

We are grateful to those that carefully designed it's graceful paths and artistic flower beds and selected the glorious plant material.

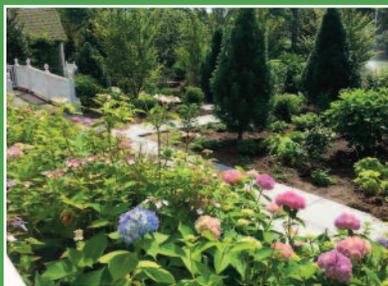
We are grateful for those that tenderly and carefully planted every beautiful flower, Shrub and Tree.

We are grateful for those who lovingly maintain it all year for our enjoyment all season.

We are eternally grateful!

God Almighty planted the first Garden;and indeed, is the Purest of human pleasures.

Francis Bacon



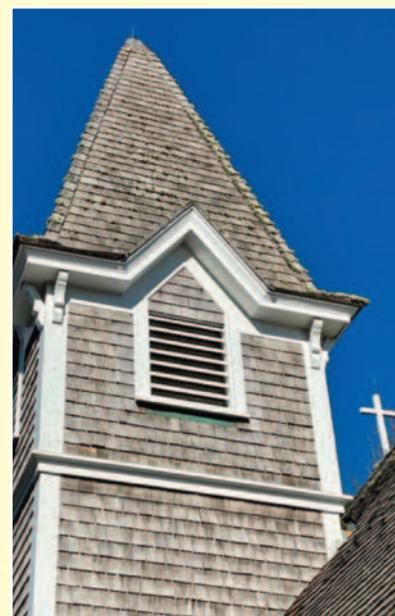
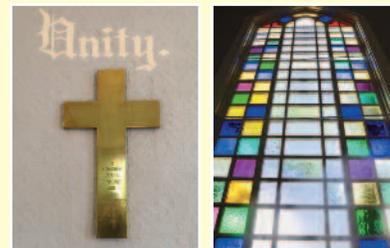
BEHOLD BOOK AND ORNAMENTS

The BEHOLD book was a project by the needlepoint committee about the Chapel needlepoint and evolved into a history of the Chapel and it's 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.



FOOD PANTRY BAGS

Sconset Chapel Food Pantry bags will be available at the Chapel every Sunday during the season. Please take one, fill it up with suggested items on the list in the pocket of the bag. Bring it back on Sunday or to the porch at Amen and the bags will be taken to the food pantry.

THE NANTUCKET FOOD PANTRY IS MOST APPRECIATIVE OF OUR DONATIONS.

INVESTMENT AND FINANCIAL REPORT

To fellow members of the Sconset Chapel, I am happy to report that 2021 was, an excellent one for the Chapel from a financial point of view. 2022 looks to be a good year as well.

Our success is first and foremost due to the continuing wonderful generosity of our congregation. Secondly my predecessor, Jamie Holt, put in place what has been a very wise investment strategy for our two endowment accounts. Both the Columbarium and the Chapel Endowment accounts have prospered due to the stock market's excellent performance during the last 3 years. Our endowments increased 32% in 2019; 16% in 2020 and 27% in 2022 net of withdrawals to fund operations, Columbarium expansion and our increased level of contributions to Nantucket's not for profits. Our 2021 Annual Appeal equaled the wonderful level achieved in 2020.

We are truly blessed financially as well as in Faith!

Our Financial Plan for 2022 for the Chapel is to have it be another year of investment: in our buildings; our people and our community. We are again counting on the ongoing generosity of our congregation. We are of the opinion that it would be unwise to count on another outstanding year from the stock market.

In 2022 we plan to:

INVEST IN OUR PEOPLE We have approved increased compensation for the people who make our Chapel life so special. For example, we are investing in our Music Program to recognize both the increased level of living costs on Nantucket as well as scarcity of music professionals on Island. We are increasing the compensation of those who organize events and weddings at the Chapel which are important sources of income for us. We have budgeted funds for the new Childrens Program which will start this year.

INVEST IN OUR FACILITIES We have budgeted expenditures on the Chapel physical plant in excess of the Outreach budget listed below. The largest items are for exterior and interior painting. Much of this work will be completed in the last Quarter of 2022. We will have an excellent understanding of where we are financially in August/September of this year and whether or not we will need to draw on the Chapel endowment to finance all or part of these expenditures. The balance is for miscellaneous annual maintenance as well as completion of the exterior drainage/skirting program started last year.

INVEST IN OUR COMMUNITY We have again budgeted \$150,000 of contributions to Nantucket's not for profits in 2022 in fulfilment of The Mission of The Chapel. With these funds we hope to continue to address the most urgent food security; behavioral health and housing needs of the people who live and work on Nantucket. The administration of these grants by our Outreach Committee familiarizes the members of the Committee with the needs of the larger Island Community. Each recipient organization is studied and interviewed by a Committee member before funds are allocated. The Sconset Chapel has become one of the larger participants in this activity on Nantucket of which we should be very proud. We have advised our grantees that there is no guarantee that we will be able to maintain this level going forward.

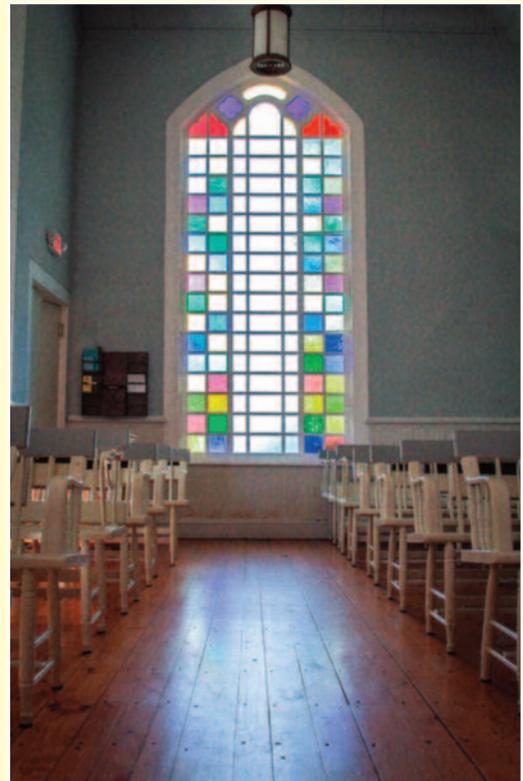
The Finance Committee looks forward to seeing you in Chapel this summer. We want to remind you that if any of us are making changes to your estate plans this year a bequest to the Chapel Endowment would be much appreciated. We also hope that the wonderfully generous level of support to our Sunday plates and Annual Appeal will be continued in 2022.



WEDDINGS

“The Chapel is a special and highly sought after place for a wedding on the island. Choosing it for your marriage ceremony brings your family into our Christian community. To learn more about our practices and policies concerning marriage and eligibility, please visit our website, sconsetchapel.org/weddings.

We encourage Chapel worshippers and their families, year round and summer residents of Nantucket, island property owners and frequent visitors to reserve the Chapel for weddings at least eight months ahead. The \$4,000 fee for a Protestant wedding generates funding for building and garden maintenance. For all details, review the website and contact Mary Lathrop Will, the Chapel Reservationist, with questions about availability and steps forward. She can be reached at marylathropwill@gmail.com.”





MEMORIAL GIFTS

We are grateful for the following gifts In Memory of:

Barbie and John Bartlett
 Harold, Elaine and Richard Boehm
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 Mark Rhodes
 Dick Tevebaugh
 Jane and Duane Todd
 Hetty and James Torrey
 Ann and Stephen West
In thanksgiving for:
 Out lovely Chapel
 Car Holland and Maxwell Mundy
 Catherine Saynor
 Nell Wilson

CHAPEL NEEDLEPOINT RUG SOMETHING NEW FOR OUR FUNDRAISER

Introduced by Mary Jo Beck of Quidnet, our new needlepoint designer Denise Strasser of Cincinnati worked a pleasing pattern of selected Nantucket flowers in a 9 panel rug. The border in soft shades of Green and the flower designs in lovely colors.

Mary Jo Beck, Judy Darby, Sheila Daume, Aine Donovan, Caroline Ellis, Heather Rodts Garland, Lucile Hays, Emma Ward, wielded their needles, sorted the yarns to create a different, yet very appealing Sconset design.

Raffle tickets will be available at the Chapel on Sundays and other days when the Chapel is open.



*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

THE PET COLUMBARIUM

The Chapel garden includes a small columbarium in the west garden where pet ashes may be scattered. There is a \$150 fee and a memory log is kept in the Chapel.

“all things bright and beautiful all creatures
 great and small, all things wise and wonderful
 .The Lord God made them all”

COLUMBARIUM

The Columbarium is a beautiful and peaceful final resting place for Chapel worshippers and Sconset residents – summer and year round.

The current cost to reserve a half niche is \$3000 (per person) and \$6000 for a full niche for two people. An additional interment fee, which cannot be prepaid, includes a Chapel-issued urn, a plaque and opening/resealing of the niche at time of interment. Please see “Memorials” on the Chapel website for more details on how to apply.

There is another option of direct in-ground interment of ashes. A granite stele wall “niche” can be reserved for \$500. The stele wall, located in the west garden, will have a plaque and the ashes will be interred in a designated location on the grounds.

Interments currently cost \$1000.

Please contact Robert Felch at
rdfelch@aol.com

or write to him at

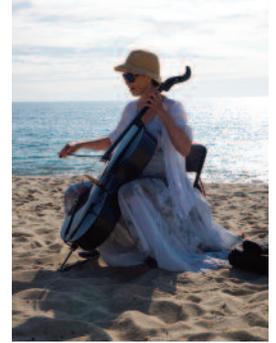
P.O. Box 339
Siasconset, MA 02564



SUMMER BEACH SERVICES

The Chapel will offer our very popular beach services again this summer . The service is offered at 8 AM on the Sconset Beach weather permitting. Sunday July 3rd and July 17th and again August 7th and 21st. The blessing of the animals will be July 17th and August 21st.

Worshippers are encouraged to bring their children, grandchildren, dogs and house guests to this gentle early morning service. Don't forget your chair! The Reverend J Carr Holland leads the prayers with musical accompaniment and the ocean as our back drop. We can socially distance if need be in this atmosphere.



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

CHAPEL BELL RINGING

Last summer the beautiful bell at the Sconset Chapel rang everyday at noon spreading the feeling of Hope Healing and Joy throughout the village. This wonderful tradition will continue this summer with the help of our enthusiastic Bell Ringers of all ages ..

Listen to a few of the comments from the bell ringers ...

“Entering the Chapel and ringing the bell this summer made us feel more connected to both the Chapel and the Sconset community at a time when we really were seeking a connection after so much time of isolation. It lifted our souls ... It also lifted their bodies [when our four year old held on to the bell rope the weight of it unexpectedly pulled her two feet into the air.”

The Longworthy Family

“My favorite memory of ringing the bell was having my 3 year old granddaughter watched in awe.. as her “Mimi “tugged on the rope to make the big beautiful bell sound!”

Patti Brown

“On occasion I would find that someone would sit on the benches outside the Chapel just waiting for the bell to ring out from above . Several times after I finished ringing the bell and exited the Chapel There were visitors very interested in the Chapel “

George Hubbs

“It was so much fun to send the Chapel’s Love out to the village _ Once with my mother and a second time with my daughter who was expecting her first Baby. Four Generations Calling out the count !!”

Jamie Holt

“In the strangest summer of all for most of us . The Chapel bell ringing provided a few daily moments of Joy . I found my self listening out for the bells on days I didn’t have bell duty.”

Jackie Kraeutler

Thank you all ..for bringing such joy to the village Maxwell Mundy, Kitty Sperry , Jackie Kaeutler, Elaine Boehm, Elizabeth Queally, George Hubbs ,Catherine Obrien , Andrew Heath, Julia Hobart, Robin Reid and Chris Staudt, Longworthy Family ,Crampton Family Stephanie Hodges, Jamie Holt Noreen Paulson, Ashley Kadakia, Patti Brown and Sheila Daume.

If you are interested in joining the Bell Ringers please contact Stephanie Hodge at haps861@aol.com.

SCONSET BELL RINGERS

When the Chapel bell rings out at noon
Our village listens well
It brings to mind - and none too soon
In unity we must dwell.
Above the altar, lest we forget
Are words to steer our path
How good and pleasant it truly is-
That bell makes joyful fact.
This summer let us pray for peace
And love and equal measure
Of all Gods gifts and tender care
To those whose lives He treasures .
It’s you and me and everyone
From far and near and never
Can anyone be excluded
From His promise of joy forever.

– Catherine Saynor



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This season it is vital we have your **CORRECT** email address sent to: SconsetChapel@gmail.com
Stay attuned to the E-blast and the Chapel website: www.sconsetchapel.org
for changes in worship due to COVID 19.

CHAPEL CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2022

JUNE

- 12** Protestant Service begins 10:30am
Continues weekly thru September 18th
- 16** MIDWEEK PRAYER BEGIN 8:00am
Continues weekly thru September 15th
- 23** Chapel retreat 9:30am
- 26** Catholic Masses start 8:45 am
Continues thru September 4th

JULY

- 3** Beach Service 8:00am
- 4** Sconset Trust Games in the garden 9:30am
- 10** Children's Program
- 17** Beach Service 8:00am
- 21** Trustees Meeting
- 24** Children's Program
- 24** Outreach Sunday
- 31** Children's Program

AUGUST

- 7** Beach service 8:00am
- 14** Children's Program
- 18** Trustees meeting 9:30am
- 18** Children's Program
- 21** Beach Service 8:00am
- 28** Outreach Sunday

SEPTEMBER

- 4** Beach Service 8 am ????
- 4** Last Catholic Mass at the Chapel 8:45am
- 15** Trustees Meeting 9:30am
- 18** Last Protestant Service

While the events committee has not scheduled any concerts or lectures to date, we do anticipate that the Chapel will be able to accommodate these over the summer; the weekly Eblast will be your guide