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Panic or Blessing
Psalm 46:10

November? Already!?! It's definitely time to panic! Just look at what's happening this month! First, it all starts with All Saints Day and All Saints Sunday. Let's see: special hymns, special readings, themed sermons. Oh my, it's also time to get the stewardship letters out asking for everyone's financial support for St. John's Chapel's ministry. And, Thanksgiving is coming too? Wait! Advent starts this month on top of all that! Family is already calling about when they'll be dropping in! Yes, this could be a good time to panic.



On the other hand, this could also be just the right time to start receiving blessings instead. After all, all these special events, and the change in the seasons, promise good times of celebration and joy just ahead for us. Sure, there's all the preparation to do to arrive at these important moments ready to enjoy them. Yet, the point is that we enjoy them! That joy can get lost if we are panicked over just getting there.

Psalm 46 can help us here. It opens and moves amidst tumult and furry. Nations rage and the earth shakes. Yet the call is to become still and remember that this is God's world, and that we are not to panic. Verse 10 is my favorite, "Be still, and know that I am God!" In other words, calm down and remember that God is with us in every moment and event of life. God is "Our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble (or panic!)."

November is really a time for blessing. Given that Thanksgiving is the big theme of the month, let this point us to how we can "Become still, and know God." Do you remember the words of that old Gospel tune, Count Your Blessings?

"If upon life's billows you are tempest tossed…thinking all is lost….count your blessings, name them one by one…and it will surprise you what the Lord has done."

Start today, before panic sets in, and count your blessings. And, consider how you will bless others by sharing some of those blessings. (Yes, it is stewardship campaign time, after all!) This is the best preparation for this month. Find time each day to count at least one blessing, (some are worth counting several times), and consider how to share it with others. You will gain a stillness within that will stifle the panic, and let you traverse this November ahead in Joy and Gratitude.

Blessings,
Fr. Rick



St. John's Celebrates its First Century: 1891-1991

By Elizabeth and Richard Barratt, St. John's Historians



Illustration: Nationally syndicated cartoonist Hank Ketcham designed the drawing for St. John's Centennial Luncheon..

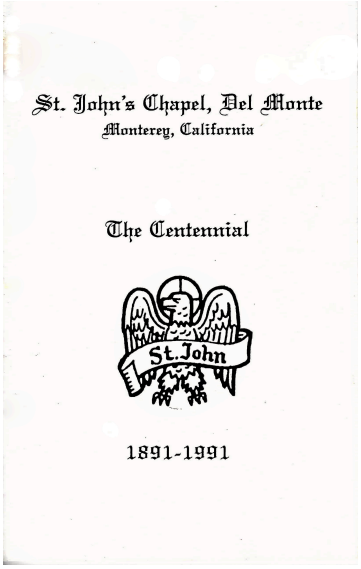
Celebrating St. John's first one hundred years was to be a momentous observance. Advance organizing was begun in January 1990 with Fr. Jerome Politzer's appointment of a Centennial Committee to plan the major events. With congregational membership at a burgeoning 625 souls, a major centennial project was discussed to create expanded meeting space. By the Annual Meeting in January 1991, a Centennial Building Fund Drive was started with committee members Joe Cochran, Evelyn Sharp, Glori Evert, William Gianelli, and Dan Wallis. The committee met with architect Will Shaw to begin plans for a new multi-purpose building and by April 1991 a preliminary drawing was approved for the proposed unit, with meeting room, extra restrooms, a children's chapel and storage, to be constructed on the north side of the chapel property.

Numerous celebratory events followed over the course of the Centennial Year. First among them was the commissioning of a specially designed Centennial Couroc tray featuring a likeness of the Chapel. In May 1991 a grand luncheon was held at the Barbara McNitt Ballroom at the Naval Postgraduate School. Invitations for the luncheon cover were designed by the nationally syndicated "Dennis the Menace" artist Hank Ketcham of Carmel Valley. An illustrated booklet featuring St. John's History was designed and written by Mary E. Korstad Engholm, who followed with a lengthy pictorial article in the Monterey Herald's "Alta Vista" magazine. Sadly, a large old oak tree in front of the church had to come down, but plans were soon made for its replacement.

Although St. John's actual founding date was June 14, 1891, the centennial celebration kickoff was held two days later, to coincide with Sunday, June 16, 1991. Local dignitaries were invited, and special music was planned for all three Sunday services.

Centennial observances stretched into the rest of 1991with a fall fashion show featuring women's costumes through the century and a potluck featuring foods popularly served at the former Hotel Del Monte. A Centennial Celebration music concert took place in November, with the final event the wrap-up of the building fund campaign plans. A luncheon and tree planting to replace the aged oak out front was held on March 8, 1992.

Highlight and capstone of the centennial event focused on the new multi-purpose building. By June 1991 a property surveyor had been hired. Plans included relocating the drive on the north side of the chapel to save the trees in the area. Once the architect's sketch was presented and approved at the January 1992 Annual Meeting, a fund-raising drive began. By early spring 1992 bids came in. Ernest Mill and Mill Construction Company was hired in October, and the financial goal was met a month later. The Architectural Review Committee authorized construction to begin in January 1993. The building was completed by mid-July, with dedication on August 15, 1993. The building's major feature, formally named Centennial ***Continued on p. 3***



Mary E. Korstad Engholm published a 32-page pamphlet on the chapel's first one hundred years.

First Century, ***Continued from p. 2*** Hall, was dedicated in memory of Francis Gardner to honor Admiral Frank Gardner, due to the exceptionally generous donation of his widow, Norma. The Altar Guild donated a table and six chairs to the interior. Dedication of Centennial Hall was the highlight event of St. John's first 100 years.

As a wrap-up, Fr. Politzer remarked, "As St. John's Chapel concludes its first century of existence on the Monterey Peninsula the members can look with gratitude upon its accomplishments. From its romantic beginnings as a Chapel-of-Ease for the guests of the fabled Hotel Del Monte to its growth to a multi-service, mid-sized parish church, the doctrine of the blessed Apostle and Evangelist St. John has been lived and taught here. St. John's has remained faithful to the evangelical message and the apostolic order established by our Lord Jesus Christ. All sorts and conditions of men have received the consolation of the Gospel and have been inspired to a better life as they knelt to prayer in the beautiful Chapel."

On June 14, 2026, St. John's Chapel will reach a milestone 135th anniversary. Plans are about to begin for yet another joyful celebration of our beloved little chapel's presence on the Monterey Peninsula.

The First English Prayer Book Placed in Use



Thomas Cranmer courtesy britannica.com

In 1549 when Archbishop Cranmer's work came to fulfillment in the complete revision of all the old services and the new Book of Common Prayer was ordered placed in use throughout England, what was the new Prayer Book like? What was the relation between the new English services and the old Latin ones of the medieval church?

The most serious spiritual impoverishment of medieval religious life was the inability of the ordinary man to take part in the chief service of his Church, the Holy Communion or the Mass. Not only was the Latin language a real barrier between him and the meaning of the Sacrament, but the popular notion that the Mass was an act performed by the priest on behalf of the people restricted them to the murmuring of a Hail Mary or an Our Father while the supreme corporate act of Christian worship was reduced to recitation by one man. The outreaching and evangelizing power of the church's worship was thus denied the mass of medieval folk. Since they lacked the highest means of that self-offering of the whole man to God, which is the essence of all true worship, it is not surprising that ordinary men sought some release in many superstitious beliefs and practices.

A staunch conservative in all matters save those of the power of the Pope and the most glaring abuses of the Church Henry VIII refused to allow his Archbishop complete freedom in the revision of the church's services. Cranmer succeeded in persuading the King to order the new English bible set up in the churches and to require each parish priest to teach his people the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments in English.

Further than that Henry would not go, with one exception. In 1544 he yielded to Cranmer's urging and allowed the Archbishop to issue the magnificent English Litany which is still in the Prayer Book. Translated partly from Latin litanies in use in the medieval Church and partly from a Lutheran litany it displays Cranmer's masterly touch and almost uncanny skill in the use of the English language.

With the death of Henry VIII Cranmer's work proceeded more rapidly. The government of the Protector and the Council. Ruling in the name of Henry's nine-year-old son Edward VI, was far more sympathetic to the aims of the reformers than Henry had been. As a result, the lessons of Matins and Vespers as well as the Epistles and Gospels of the Mass were ordered read in English.



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Excerpted from "The Struggle for the Prayer Book," The National Council, 1945

St. John's Chapel, Del Monte
NOVEMBER 2025 Schedule

Date	Activity	Notes
NOVEMBER 1 All Saints Day	45th Diocesan Convention *via* Zoom	8:00AM-1:30PM
NOVEMBER 2 All Souls Day/ Trinity 20	10:00 AM - Holy Communion	Fr Richard Miles Presiding: Daylight Savings ends, turn clocks back 1 hour
NOVEMBER 4	ELECTION DAY	
NOVEMBER 9 Trinity 21	10:00 AM - Holy Communion Veterans Day Observed 11:30AM – Vestry Meeting 12:30PM – Finance Committee Meeting	Fr Richard Miles Presiding: (NOTE: Veterans are encouraged to wear identifying uniform or part thereof) Centennial Hall: Mr. Geoffrey Holland conducting
NOVEMBER 11	VETERANS DAY	
NOVEMBER 16 Trinity 22	10:00 AM - Holy Communion	Fr Richard Miles Presiding:
NOVEMBER 23 Christ the King/ Next before Advent	10:00AM - Morning Prayer	Licensed Lay Reader Conducting
NOVEMBER 27	THANKSGIVING DAY	
NOVEMBER 30 Advent 1	10:00AM - Morning Prayer	Licensed Lay Reader Conducting

St. John's Chapel, Del Monte & Our Military Connection

David Jones, longtime member of our congregation, is undertaking the daunting task of chronicling the members of St. John's who have served in the military. Our connection to the military goes back even before the US Navy acquired the Del Monte Hotel. David is asking everyone in the congregation to search their memories and provide him with names, photographs in uniform (or partial thereof), any military memorabilia, and any history you might have. He can be reached at **davediane1@comcast.net**, or you're welcome to chat with him during "coffee hour" after service on Sundays.

CHRIST BEFORE US

SHARE ABUNDANTLY IN EVERY GOOD WORK
2 CORINTHIANS 9:8

2026 Annual Giving Campaign

Now that letters and pledge cards have been mailed, we want to remind you of the facts of our community: **it will take commitment from each of us to enable our ministries to continue to provide the connection and spiritual growth that they do in the coming year.** If you find yourself able to increase your pledge this year, please know that by doing so, you are unequivocally supporting those community members around you who might be struggling.

And so, we ask each of you to commit to a pledge of any amount to show your support of our community - St. John's Chapel - whether that's $5 or $50,000. Pledging in this way allows our Vestry and leadership to budget most effectively to serve our community. As a reminder, this is a non-binding pledge that simply indicates your estimate of giving in the coming year. It is understood that conditions may change your estimate and giving as the year progresses.

Please bring, or send, your pledge cards to St. John's Chapel. We will be wrapping up the campaign on Sunday, November 16th this year.

St John's Chapel Current Financial Encapsulation
2025 Year to Date[1]

Income	**$ 185,839.00**
Expenses	**$ 178,521.00**
Bottom Line (+/-)	**$ +7,318.00**

[1] as of Sunday 19OCT25

Can You Help St. John's Cut Expenses?

Dear Parishioners,

We are always in need of extra toilet paper and paper towel supplies. If you're shopping at COSTCO or another big box store, would you please pick up a packet of these items and bring them to church on Sunday? These small donations really add up in helping the Chapel defray extra expenses. Thanks so much for your help!

Volunteers Needed for All Ministry Areas

We need help in all ministry areas including acolytes, altar guild, lay readers, and ushers. If you're able to assist even one Sunday a month please contact the Church Office at (831) 375-4463

Altar Flowers: The Flower Chart is in its usual place in the Parish Hall. Reserve those important dates now. Costs are $30.00 for regular seasonal flowers, greenery and candles, OR $40.00 for roses.



Veteran members of St. John's Chapel (from Vestry Members List and Vestry Minutes)

1913
The Rev William Jenvey (Drummer, Union Army, Civil War)

1930-1940
COL J.G. Pillow
COL Easton R. Gibson
CPT George H. Shea

1940-1950
BG H.S. Higley
CDR W.P. Reuland
CPT T.C.Phifer
Seaman 2/c The Rev. Jerome Politzer
CPT U.S. Army Air Corps Allen Wolter
Robert W. Pearson
Edward P. Earle
Michael Purcell Bell
William Fraser Darling
Charles Francis Kiernan
John Stewart Wither
John W. Pearson
Harold Ball
Willets Ware
Henry Ray Krolfifer
Thor Hellum
Wayne Kiger
Charles W. Stickney.

1950-1960
GEN E.G. Reinartz
COL W.H. Jones
COL Allen Griffin
COL Blomquist
MAJ Robinson
CPT Walter Quinn
RADM Lucius H. Chappell

1960-1970
LT Ray Hardy
LT Robert Prather
CDR Edmund Clark
MAJ Monica Nathan

1970-1980
MAJ Jay Bunten
LTCDR John Simpson
COL Francis Houghton
COL Oliver Wood
LTCDR J.L. Blackwell
COL Stanley Sydenham
COL Luther Wallis
COL Donald Ashton
COL John Key
MAJ Richard Meyer
COL Harold Taylor
CDR Ernest Lewis
Lt. Rattigan
CPT Merle Bowman
LTC Stanley Hunter
LT USA William Hague
CPT John McQuary
LTC Frederick Bell
MAJ Donald R. Street
COL Wood
CDR George Stansbury

1980-1990
LTC Charles Swannack
MAJ Francis Hunter, Jr.
MG Glen Leland Cagwin
COL Keith Takaberry
CPT Scott Burgess
MAJ Warren Hurst
William Bennett

1990-2000
LT USNR The Rev. William Cantrell
CPT Scott Burgess
Charles Fox

2000
LTC Robert Ott
LTC Richard Barratt
CPT Charles Hollingsworth
CPT Michael Payne
LT USNR The Rev. Michael Bowhay
Brandon Pontius
LTC Jack Jones
Gail Strandberg

SPECIAL REQUEST/INVITATION

Currently Serving and all Veterans are invited to wear uniforms, or parts thereof, or any other identifying garment from a veterans organization, for the Veterans Day Recognition Service at 10:00AM on November 9th.



BENEFIT SHOP

THE BENEFIT SHOP ACCEPTS

Clean, gently used clothing
Clean, working small appliances
Clean Kitchen items
Chinaware, Glassware
CDs and DVDs
Knick knacks and bric-a-brac
Small furniture items in good condition
Art and Art objects
Holiday items
Jewelry

WE DO NOT ACCEPT

ELECTRONICS: such as MEDICAL EQUIPMENT, PRINTERS, COPIERS, LAPTOPS, CELL PHONES, TELEVISIONS, OR COMPUTERS.
Soiled or worn-out clothing or shoes
Cassettes or VHS videos
Non-working small appliances
Broken, chipped, or cracked items
Worn kitchen ware
Broken jewelry or watches

Please Note: We do not have the woman-power to dispose of unsaleable items. Please do not leave items at the gate, it is unlawful.

We'll be celebrating St. John's 135th Anniversary on June 14, 2026, with several special observances. To help fund the event, Elizabeth Barratt is offering for sale this set of 8 luncheon/dessert plates from the historic Hotel Del Monte. Although priced at $120 per plate, she is offering them to St. John's members at $100 each for 7 plates in pristine condition, one for $75 with a small chip not visible on the top; or $775 for the set. These Syracuse China Co. plates date to the 1930s. If you are interested, please email Elizabeth at HRHANDQE3@gmail.com or call 831-241-6927.





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