



FRIDAY, MARCH 10TH, 2023



Our #ASCNation of candles, thanks to Queen Cheryl!



Pippa, Anne, and Ben Koffel make their Gleason podium debut!

Dearly Beloved,

What a Covenant Renewal Sunday! *Holy smoke!* Thank you, beloveds — *thank you*. Once again, we have outdone ourselves. This Sunday, we'll continue to lift up the names of those who pledged from across #ASCNation and share our big-and-getting-bigger total to date!

Before I say more about this Sunday, I have a wonderful surprise to share with you! Two years ago, in the heart of the pandemic, an extraordinary team of Arlington Street members, led by Valentina Rosa, brought us Nuns'n'Fun, an evening of, well, nuns and fun and games and prizes — all on Zoom. In a time filled with fear and sadness, it was an oasis of joy. As much as I'm profoundly, eternally grateful for our new hybrid life as a congregation, sometimes I long to all be all on one platform again. In that spirit, as we mark the third anniversary of the COVID-19 shutdown, much of the team has reconstituted itself, and we're thrilled to announce Nuns'n'Fun 2023!



You can get your tickets here: <https://nunsfun.eventbrite.com>

At 7:00 on Saturday, April 29th, we'll welcome the legendary Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence to the Arlington Street Zoom room! Come play bingo and spin the virtual raffle wheel for heavenly prizes, enjoy surprise guest performers (more about the entertainment coming soon!), and hang out with friends and friends of friends we haven't yet met. All are welcome! Please help us spread the word!

Again, tickets are available at <https://nunsfun.eventbrite.com>. Kem & I just got ours and are *very* excited! *Join us!*

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Meanwhile, we find ourselves at the top of the “spring forward / lose an hour of sleep” weekend! For many years, for reasons that remain somewhat mysterious to me, a friend’s Aunt Miriam, who had been bar mitzvahed at the age of 80, made it her mission to serve as my personal alarm clock to get me out of bed on this particular Sunday each year. She died just before the advent of the self-adjusting iPhone clock. This Sunday morning, as I reach to silence the alarm, I’ll say, as I do each year on this mid-March day, “Good morning, Miriam! I’m awake!”

Baritone Andrew Stack brings us *If* (from Bread) and Strauss’ *Morgin!* (Tomorrow!). My sermon is called *Everlasting Arms*, and, in addition to some songs we love, we’ll sing a couple of verses of that old hymn. It begins

What a fellowship, what a joy divine
Leaning on the everlasting arms
What a blessedness, what a peace is mine
Leaning on the everlasting arms

As always, it will be wonderful to be together!

*Faithfully yours, with love,
Kim*



[Come have fun with the nuns!](#)