

THURSDAY, MARCH 25TH, 2021



Dear Ones,

Our Zoom room has been busy this week! As always, it's been wonderful to spend time with so many of you. At an especially hilarious Wednesday Tea Party, the prompt was, What food would you like to judge in a taste-off? Our answers are below!

This Sunday, Yulia Yun (piano) opens the service with *Hold On*, *The Show Must Go On*, *Pocketful of Sunshine*, and *Don't Stop Believin'*. Other musical highlights include Daniel Rosensweig singing *Hear My Song*; Mark David Buckles and Julie Metcalf singing Mark David's arrangement of Leonard Cohen's *Forget Your Perfect Offering*; and Ann-Marie Iacovello singing *Hold On* (from *The Secret Garden*). Hala Hazar is our worship coordinator. My sermon is called *The Longest Mile*. Yulia closes the service playing *Go the Distance* (from *Hercules*) on organ!

Easter always comes on the first Sunday after the first full moon of springtime ... meaning that we will be celebrating Easter a week from Sunday! Does it feel early? It turns out the earliest it can be is actually March 22nd, but it hasn't been then since 1818, and won't be again until 2285!

Here's another Save the Date ... something very fun! Nuns 'n' Fun makes its debut in the Arlington Street Zoom Room on Saturday, April 24th from 7:00-9:00 p.m.! Here's the teaser:

Join the Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence, friends, and family for an evening of family fun — Bingo, a raffle for some heavenly prizes, and surprise guest performances! Get ready for the unpredictable mayhem of the Sisters, who will be Perpetually Indulging in merriment. Bingo cards are \$10 and raffle tickets are \$25. Financial assistance is available. Registration details are coming soon!

Please mark your calendar and help get the word out. You and your loved ones will have so much fun it just might become ... a habit!

Faithfully yours, with love,
Kim

What food would you like to judge in a taste-off? Here are our answers....

Nachos, gnocchi, vanilla ice cream, maple “creemees” (Vermont soft-serve ice cream), hot fudge sundaes (special mention: McDonald’s for \$1.50), Italian cheesecake, banana cream pie, hush puppies, creative mac’n’cheese, popovers (a plug for Boston Chops from Bob and a special note that Eleanor chose the location for her and Art’s wedding reception based on their popovers), kielbasa, perogies, potatoes, potato salad, risotto, frozen custard, clam chowdah (a hot debate ensued as to whether Manhattan clam chowder should even be considered chowdah), chocolate (various contestants included Trader Joe’s 72% cacao dark chocolate, Burdick chocolate, and various Belgian and Swiss chocolates), any French, Italian, or Chinese food, chai, cornmeal griddle cakes, pumpkin kibbeh, popcorn (extra points if prepared over an open fire), lemon meringue pie, key lime pie, German or cinnamon crumb coffee cake, and meat loaf. Nominations for corn on the cob were heated — New Jersey Silver Queen vs. Massachusetts butter and sugar — but the chat was ruled by those for Best Pizza: Brooklyn Pizza (with Patrice throwing down the gauntlet that “The best pizza in the world and Massachusetts don’t belong in the same sentence.”), and then, in alphabetical order, the Massachusetts contestants: Bel Canto (Cambridge), Fior di Latte (North End), Pico (South End), Santarpio’s (Eastie), The Red Barn (Eastham), and Venice Italian Kitchen (Arlington). We’re dreaming of the next Arlington Street potluck!

