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Seminarian

THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS
December 30, 2018

7:45 A.M.

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

The Word of God, page 355, Book of Common Prayer

The First Reading: Isaiah 61:10-62:3

Psalms 147:13-21

The Second Reading: Galatians 3:23-25; 4:4-7

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Blessing and Dismissal

ASSISTING AT THE SERVICE TODAY: Michelle Mangrum, *Chalice Bearer*; Pat Dalby and Sherill Mason, *Flower Guild*; Alfred Thesmar, *Assistant Head Usher*; George Diliberto, *Usher*.

THE FLOWERS IN THE CHURCH are given to the glory of God.

Collect

Almighty God, you have poured upon us the new light of your incarnate Word: Grant that this light, enkindled in our hearts, may shine forth in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.. Amen.

Read by Michelle Mangrum.

Isaiah 61:10-62:3

I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, my whole being shall exult in my God; for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation, he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations. For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until her vindication shines out like the dawn, and her salvation like a burning torch. The nations shall see your vindication, and all the kings your glory; and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the Lord will give. You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

Psalm 147:13-21

- 13 Worship the Lord, O Jerusalem;
praise your God, O Zion;
- 14 For he has strengthened the bars of your gates;
he has blessed your children within you.
- 15 He has established peace on your borders;
he satisfies you with the finest wheat.
- 16 He sends out his command to the earth,
and his word runs very swiftly.
- 17 He gives snow like wool;
he scatters hoarfrost like ashes.

- 18 He scatters his hail like bread crumbs;
who can stand against his cold?
- 19 He sends forth his word and melts them;
he blows with his wind, and the waters flow.
- 20 He declares his word to Jacob,
his statutes and his judgments to Israel.
- 21 He has not done so to any other nation;
to them he has not revealed his judgments.
Hallelujah!

Galatians 3:23-25; 4:4-7

Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian. But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

John 1:1-18

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came

to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. (John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.'") From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

All persons, including children, are welcome to receive Holy Communion with us. Our tradition is to receive both the bread and the wine, sharing in the common cup. Please assist the chalice bearer by guiding the cup to your lips. You may also intinct by dipping the wafer into the chalice. Receiving the bread only is a valid and acceptable way to share in Holy Communion. After consuming the wafer, cross your arms over your chest to indicate that you do not wish to receive the wine. Gluten-free wafers are available on request from the communion minister. Parents may decide if their children receive the bread and/or wine. Children may instead signal their desire to be blessed by the priest by crossing their arms over their chest.



THE FLOWERS ARE GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD AND

IN LOVING MEMORY OF:

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ON BEHALF OF THE RECTOR, WARDENS, VESTRY, AND ALL WHO
SHARE IN THE GRACE OF GOD THROUGH THE WORSHIP, MINISTRIES,
PROGRAMS, AND OUTREACH OF ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, WE THANK THE
FOLLOWING FOR THEIR PLEDGES FOR THE YEAR 2019.

(as of December 18, 2018)

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Neil & Emma Wilson
Anita Woehler
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Ren3e & Keith Yancey
Sarah & Hugh Yeomans

Sang & Sarah Yi
Keiko Yoshino

FATHER MULCAHY'S BLESSING

One of the most popular TV shows in the '70s and '80s was "M.A.S.H." It followed the doctors and nurses of a medical unit during the Korean War, as it cared for severely injured U.S. and Allied soldiers. The unit's chaplain was Father Francis Mulcahy, a Roman Catholic priest who also was familiar with doing Protestant services, although he found Southern Baptist services "a little bit challenging!" In one very poignant episode, Father Mulcahy was at the bedside of a soldier who had just had surgery, could barely speak, and communicated by writing on a tablet. He talked to the soldier, gave him his blessing, and left with the words "Remember, He's watching over you." It's good to remember that God is, indeed, watching over each one of us, especially as we move through this Advent Season. As you are "making your list, checking it twice," think about St. John's and what it has meant to you during this year. Thank God that He is watching over St. John's and each one of us!

Have you prayerfully and carefully considered making a pledge to St. John's for 2019? For those of you who have already pledged, our Committee and our Church thank you!

For a pledge card, please contact Evangeline Gravina, at 202-347-8766 ext. 301, or by email at evangeline.gravina@stjohns-dc.org.

ST. JOHN'S ONLINE PAYMENT PROCESS

Payments for pledges and other types of donations can now be set up with an online payment profile at

<https://tinyurl.com/GivingSJC>

by using your email address and creating a password.

The password should contain a combination of at least eight numbers and letters. Payment can be made through VISA, MasterCard, Discover, and American Express cards as well as debit cards and echecks or ACH direct debits from your account. Just select your preferred method of payment from the drop-down list. Select the fund to which you wish to make a payment. A one-time payment can be executed this way, or automatic recurring payments can be arranged by following the instructions for scheduled payments. The site also keeps track of your payments. We encourage you to use this method of making payments and to let our financial secretary, Preston Cherouny, know that you will switch to online payments at a certain date. **Payments can now also be made by texting to 202-335-0365.** You will receive prompts on your device screen for completing the process. Please remember that this is a payment process, and St. John's still wants to receive your pledge. Pledging can be done online at our website. By making a pledge, parishioners are not only making a financial commitment to contribute a certain amount to St. John's, but they are also providing vital information to our Clergy and Vestry needed to plan the budget.

If you have questions, please call Preston Cherouny at the church office, 202-347-8766.

EVENTS FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 31, 2018-JANUARY 6, 2018

Monday December 31
Church and Parish Office Closed.

Tuesday January 1
Church and Parish Office Closed.

Wednesday January 2
10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting
6:30 p.m. Rector Search Committee Meeting
 (1st Floor, Multi-Purpose Room)

Thursday January 3
6:30 p.m. Choir Supper
7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Friday January 4
11:00 a.m. Dick Ellison Funeral Service
4:00 p.m. Anderson/Schwartz Wedding Rehearsal

Saturday January 5
10:00 a.m. Three Kings Rehearsal (Nave)
5:00 p.m. Anderson/Schwartz Wedding

Sunday January 6
7:45 a.m. Holy Eucharist—Homily
 The Rev. D. Andrew Olivo
8:15 a.m. Parish Choir Rehearsal
8:30 a.m. Nursery
9:00 a.m. Choral Holy Eucharist—Sermon
 The Rev. D. Andrew Olivo
10:00 a.m. St. John's Refugee Committee Speaker
 (Togo West Parlor)
10:10 a.m. St. John's Choir Rehearsal (Nave)
10:45 a.m. Church School (2nd Floor)
11:00 a.m. The Visitation of the Magi
 and Choral Holy Eucharist
 Sermon—The Rev. D. Andrew Olivo
12:15 p.m. Hospitality Hour
12:30 p.m. St. John's Choir Rehearsal (4th Floor)
1:00 p.m. Oración Vespertina

**The Holy Eucharist will be celebrated Wednesday through Friday
at 12:10 p.m.**

SPEAKER SERIES SCHEDULE

The Speaker Series is held at 10:00 a.m. on the following Sundays in the Togo West Parlor:

January 13: Jeremy Ben-Ami, Executive Director of J Street, an organization that advocates for policies that advance shared US and Israeli interests as well as Jewish and democratic values, leading to a two-state solution to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

January 20: General Eric Schoomaker, former Commanding General, United States Army Medical Command. He will address advances made in trauma care in the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan.

The Presidential Series—George H. W. Bush

February 3: Warren Finch, Jr., Director of the George H. W. Bush Presidential Library in College Station, Texas.

February 10: Mark Updegrove, President and CEO of The Lyndon B. Johnson Foundation. He will speak on *George H.W. Bush: President and Patriot*. Mark will talk about George H. W. Bush's presidency as well his life of service (including his military service in WW II) and the values he instilled in his son, President George W. Bush.

FIRST WEDNESDAY CONCERTS

Wednesday, January 9, 12:10 p.m.-12:45 p.m.

Music by French Composers

by concert organist Colin Lynch, Associate Director of Music at Trinity Copley Square, Boston

Please consider joining us during your lunch break on the First Wednesdays of the month, through June, and bring a friend. See full season details on the church website at www.stjohns-dc.org. Each concert is ticketless, free of charge, and held in the nave of our historic church.

THE LATROBE FELLOWSHIP

Wednesday, January 9, 2019, 7:00 p.m.

Champagne Tasting

Join the Latrobe Fellowship as we raise our glasses and toast the New Year with a champagne tasting on Wednesday, January 9 at 7:00 p.m. We will gather at St. John's for a celebration of the Holy Eucharist followed by champagne and sushi. Sparkling cider and other non-alcoholic beverages will also be included. **Please RSVP to the Rev. Andy Olivo at andrew.olivo@stjohns-dc.org by Friday, January 4** so that we know how much food to prepare for the evening. \$10 suggested donation. All are welcome!

ST. JOHN'S REFUGEE COMMITTEE

Sunday, January 6, 10:00 a.m.

The Refugee Committee presents Elizabeth Mandelman, the Director of Policy and Advocacy at HIAS as a Sunday speaker. Founded as the Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society in 1881 to assist Jews fleeing pogroms in Russia and Eastern Europe, HIAS has been working with refugees worldwide for more than 130 years. Mandelman will speak about her experience and HIAS' approach to advocacy. She will discuss how the St. John's community can use advocacy to support refugees in our area. Join us in welcoming her in the Togo West Parlor.

Sunday, January 13, after the 11:00 a.m. service

The Refugee Committee will serve the first Parish Lunch in our newly renovated kitchen. In the past year, our committee has helped a number of refugees as they settle into the greater Washington community. They come with minimal belongings, but a deep appreciation of what this country is offering them. With the support from St. John's and other churches and NGOs one such family, Sadiq, his wife, Fuzia, and their four children, have done an impressive job of settling into Northern Virginia. Fuzia will prepare several special Afghan dishes which our committee will complement with other dishes. Sadiq will speak briefly about his experience as a refugee departing from Afghanistan, getting established in this country and arranging for his family to join him.

ST. JOHN'S BOOK GROUP

Thursday, January 10, 6:45 p.m.

The next meeting dates and books are as follows:

January 10: *News of the World* by Paulette Jiles

February 7: *The Immortalists* by Chloe Benjamin

If you like to read and meet with others who like to read and talk about books, the Book Club is for you. **The meeting will be held in the 1st Floor, Multi-Purpose Room. If you have questions or would like more information, please contact Leila Taaffe at taffel@gmail.com.**

BAPTISM SERVICES

The next dates for Baptism and required pre-baptismal classes with the clergy are as follows:

- Baptism: **Sunday, January 13, 9:00 a.m.**
Class: **Saturday, January 12, 10:00 a.m.**
- Baptism: **Sunday, February 17, 11:00 a.m.**
Class: **Saturday, February 16, 10:00 a.m.**
- Baptism: **Sunday, April 28, 11:00 a.m.**
Class: **Saturday, April 27, 10:00 a.m.**
- Baptism: **Sunday, June 9, 11:00 a.m.**
Class: **Saturday, June 8, 10:00 a.m.**

If you are interested in having a child baptized, or in baptism for yourself, **please contact Kaye Edwards by e-mail at kaye.edwards@stjohns-dc.org**. Please note that the parents or grandparents of children being baptized must be active, pledging members of St. John's. Adults interested in baptism for themselves must attend the Rector's Adult Inquirers' Class and be active, pledging participants in the life of the parish.

THE PARLOR SERIES

Sunday, January 20, 5:00 p.m.

George...Don't Do That!

Devised and performed by Catherine Flye

Through a host of familiar, funny and endearing characters, actress Catherine Flye and pianist Michael Lodico celebrate the work of Joyce Grenfell in song and the spoken word. Catherine Flye is Artistic Director of the Interact Theatre Company and has been nominated over a dozen times for Washington's Helen Hayes Awards. **The Parlor Series offers an hour of entertainment in the newly-renovated Togo West Parlors. Performances are ticketless and free, and followed by a reception.**

ST. JOHN'S ANGEL TREE GIFT DRIVE

Thank you for your generosity this holiday season!

This year's Angel Tree Gift Drive has been a resounding success! Thanks to your generosity, over 175 children in need will have their wishes fulfilled this Christmas. Gift distribution is already underway and will continue through Christmas. **If you have questions, please contact Jeff and Katie Hantson at jeffhantson@gmail.com.**

OUTERWEAR DRIVE

Many, many thanks to the entire parish for the generous donations of jackets, blankets, socks, hats, and gloves to Communities in Schools for the students at the Cardozo Campus. Thanks as well to St. Johns for locating funds for the purchase of additional new jackets. The school was able to take care of every child in need of warm outerwear!

HAYDEN BRYAN TO RETIRE

After eighteen years of faithful service to St. John's, Hayden Bryan, Executive Director for Operations, has announced his retirement. Hayden has seen the parish through two major renovations, innumerable personnel changes, and a myriad of operating issues, both large and small. His retirement will be effective as of December 31, 2018. He will be greatly missed. **Hayden will be honored at the Annual Meeting on Sunday, February 3, 2019.**

WELCOME KIM CARLSON

Director for Operations

Kim Carlson joined the staff of St. John's as Director of Operations replacing Hayden Bryan who retires on December 31, 2018. Kim comes to us from St. Columba's where she has been responsible for financial operations for the past ten years. Prior to that, she was Director of Budget and Finance at the Washington National Cathedral. Kim also brings with her experience in facilities management. We are delighted to have her on the staff.

INTRODUCING THE REV. MICHELE V. HAGANS

Interim Associate Rector

The Rev. Michele V. Hagans joins the staff of St. John's as Interim Associate Rector. Michele serves the Diocese of Washington on the staff of Bishop Marian Budde as Canon for Ministry Initiatives. In this role, she consults with clergy and congregations that are in transition and advises the Bishop in matters regarding development of church properties. She also serves on the Board of Trustees of Virginia Theological Seminary, the Board of Directors of Compass Rose Society, and the Executive Council Committee on Historic Black Colleges and Universities for the National Church. Michele has served a number of churches in the Diocese of Washington including Holy Comforter and Grace, Silver Spring. Her first Sunday with us will be November 11.

RECTOR SEARCH COMMITTEE

The Rector Search Committee has completed its initial webcast interviews and has progressively narrowed the list of candidates in order to perform site visits across November and December; subsequent in-person interviews are expected to occur thereafter in order to recommend finalists to the Vestry for ultimate consideration. The progress of the committee can be followed on the Rector Transition page of our website. Please continue to pray that the Holy Spirit guides us throughout the Rector Search process.

Rector Search Committee: Hilary West (Chair), Krista Becker, Betsy Danello, Clark Ervin, Wendy Fibison, Andrew Hunt, Powell Hutton, Frank Klotz, Michelle Mangrum, Sara McGanity, Ralph Olson, Lisa Russo.

SING WITH THE PARISH CHOIR

The Parish Choir, a dedicated corps of volunteer musicians who provide musical leadership for Sunday morning services, welcomes new members. Midweek rehearsals are most Thursday evenings from 7:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m., with a light supper of sandwiches provided at 6:30 p.m. There is a straightforward voice trial for admission, but the main qualification is your interest in serving St. John's in its music program. The Parish Choir uses the Rule of St. Benedict as a guide for serving together in a community of faith and ends each rehearsal with a service of Compline. Additionally, the singing season is divided into "Quarters," which are focused commitments of eight to ten weeks. **If you would like to join for the "Winter Quarter", please be in touch with Director of Music Michael Lodico at Michael.Lodico@Stjohns-dc.org to learn more.**

LISTEN AGAIN TO SUNDAY SERMONS

If you missed a Sunday at St. John's Church or would like to listen again to past sermons or speaker series, you can visit the St. John's website and click on the "Media" tab at the top of the page to listen. You can also find past sermons by searching for "St. John's Church, Lafayette Square" in the Podcast app on your iPhone or iPad.

CONSIDER JOINING THE FLOWER GUILD

Whether acquiring a new skill or expanding on an existing talent, being a member of the Flower Guild is a rewarding way to volunteer at St. John's. Newcomers are paired with experienced members who mentor them until they are fully fledged, confident flower arrangers. It is a wonderful ministry with the benefit of newfound friendships. For a typical Sunday, two team members meet on Saturday morning. **Please contact Flower Guild Chair Katherine Kyle if you would like additional information at carsonkyle@gmail.com.**

PASTORAL CARE AT ST. JOHN'S CHURCH

Praying for the sick and those in need is an important part of our life together. We invite you to add yourself, family, or friends to the parish prayer list. Other than birthdays, anniversaries, and deaths, names added to the prayer list will appear for four consecutive weeks. If you would like the name to be on the prayer list for a shorter or longer period of time, please let us know. We are listing in parentheses the name of the person requesting prayers for family and friends who are not members of the congregation. **To add a name to the prayer list, please contact the Rev. Andy Olivo at andrew.olivo@stjohns-dc.org.**

OUR PRAYERS are requested for the special needs and concerns of this congregation, especially:

Those who are sick or recovering:

From our parish: Jimmy Lowe, Ginger Parra, Bob Patchell, Gordon Richmond, Diane Spaulding, and Samuel Watson.

Friends and family of our parish: Yvonne Allen (*Nikki Allen*), Bonni Ashburn (*Kaye Edwards*), Jim Bailey (*Mike Becraft*), Barton Edwards Bruce (*Kaye Edwards*), Rachael Buckley (*Chrystal Martin*), John Frew Carter (*Margo Arnold*), Lane Carter, Ellen Cromwell-Cecrle (*Carolyn Becraft*), Bill Clark (*Clark Ervin*), William Frew Conderman (*Margo Arnold*), Sambar Datta (*Ashley Culbertson*), Henry Farrington (*Samuel Watson*), Ted Fibison (*Wendy Fibison*), Kate Fisher (*Katherine Kehoe*), Elisabeth Fisher (*Ellen Parke*), Nancy Francisco (*Ellen Parke*), Allison Gardner (*Elizabeth Gardner*), Antonina Gawel (*Margaux Polanski*), Anne Harrington (*Anne and Robert Harrington*), Joe Heitzler (*Mike Becraft*), Lucas Hunt (*Matthew Taylor*), John Linton (*Cay Buser*), Linda Linton (*Cay Buser*), Rosemary Mariner (*Carolyn Becraft*), William Markiewicz (*Matthew Taylor*), Tammy McCleaf (*Matthew Taylor*), Hattie McDowell (*Ellen Parke*), Timothy Mullins (*Jim Mullins*), Judy Nicola (*Cynthia Walker*), Jerry O'Hagan (*Lance Jensen*), Jonathan A.I. Olowu (*Elizabeth Leach*), Susie Pappas (*Alex Pappas*), Lisa Pell (*Mike Becraft*), Moon Sa (*Richard Metzger*), Elizabeth Soyster (*Debby Hailey*), Jim Tatosian (*Pat Dalby*), Dick Van Orden (*Ellen Parke*), Henry and Sandy Welles (*Donna Welles*), John Wilson (*Neil Wilson*), Sonya Wilson (*Neil Wilson*), and Peter Winkler (*Betty van Iersel*).

Those who are in the hospital:

From our parish: Max Hudgins and Dace Vidins.

Friends and family of our parish: Beth Graham (*Ellen Parke*), Robert Hohman (*Wendy Fibison*), Julie Howell (*Cynthia Walker*), Aiden Mylnikov (*Lindsey Bowen*), Conyers Thompson, Jr. (*Joanne Hutton*), and Larry Watson (*Catherine Outten Olivo*).

Those who died:

From our parish: Dick Ellison who died December 18 and John Culver who died December 26.

Those in our parish celebrating a birthday this week: Case Anderson, Tony Anikeeff, Logan Arnold, Matthew Berlin, Lee Buddendeck, Emerson Coxe, James Doyle, Jack Garland, Frances Hampe, Lisa Koehler, Caroline Littleton, Marisol Lovelace, Nicole Neufeld, John Noonan, Lizzie Rigby, Christopher Semkow, Adelle Simmons, Todd Smith, Mary Snellings, Andrew Stover, Richard Ward, Philip Willauer, Neil Wilson, and Jude Zeller.

Those in our parish celebrating an anniversary this week: Becky Schergens and Jack Kinsey and Anne Stewart and Tony Tambasco.

Those who are deployed:

Friends and family of our parish: Mary Formanek (Annie Formanek).

Please help us keep these lists updated by contacting the clergy at St. John's via email as soon as you can with corrections, additions, and updates on status.

HOST A ST. JOHN'S SUNDAY PARISH LUNCH
January 13–May 19, 2019

We are happy that our Sunday Parish Lunch tradition will resume on January 13, 2019. If you have not participated in the past, please begin a new tradition of your own and plan to come to our Parish lunches at 12:15 p.m., after the 11:00 a.m. service. It is one of the best fellowship opportunities at St John's and a way to meet new friends, both members and guests, and to catch up with old friends. Hosts are needed. Gather your friends and family to help plan, cook, and serve in our new kitchen! I am happy to answer any questions and offer guidance.

To sign up or ask questions, contact Holly Sukenik, the lunch coordinator, at 202-332-2952 or hsukenik@hotmail.com or the Parish Office at 202-347-8766 or by email to kaye.edwards@stjohns-dc.org.

There will be no Parish Lunch on the following dates: April 14 (Palm Sunday), April 21 (Easter Day), and May 12 (Mother's Day).

Date	Host
January 13	St. John's Refugee Committee – Afghan menu prepared by refugee couple
January 20	
January 27	
February 3	
February 10	
February 17	
February 24	
March 3	
March 10	
March 17	
March 24	
March 31	
April 7	
April 14	<i>No Parish Lunch (Palm Sunday)</i>
April 21	<i>No Parish Lunch (Easter Day)</i>
April 28	
May 5	
May 12	<i>No Parish Lunch (Mother's Day)</i>
May 19	

HONOR YOUR LOVED ONES WITH FLOWERS

You can recognize your loved ones or a special event with a dedication in our Sunday bulletin when you make a contribution to the Flower Fund. In doing so, you invite the congregation to participate in remembering a loved one, a birth or birthday, or a wedding, anniversary, graduation, or other special event.

St. John’s Flower Guild lovingly arranges flowers each week for our Sunday services. You can choose to dedicate the two main altar arrangements with a contribution of \$110, the side chapel for \$55, or the narthex for \$55. Or, you can dedicate all four arrangements in the church for \$220.

**Please contact the Parish Office at 202-347-8766
and send a check to St. John’s Church
Attention: Flower Fund, 1525 H Street N.W., Washington, D.C.
20005-1005, Fax 202-347-3446**

(Circle one)

In Memory of | Thanksgiving for | Celebration of:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone number: _____ **Email:** _____

(Circle one)

Entire Church-\$220 | Main Altar-\$110 | Side Altar-\$55 | Narthex-\$55

Thank you!

IF YOU ARE VISITING

a warm welcome to St. John's.

We are delighted to have you worship with us. Please let us know who you are and how we can best serve you by filling out a "Welcome" card and leaving it in the offering plate or with an Usher or Greeter, and joining us for the coffee hour following the service.

We welcome families with young children at our worship services. **Children's Worship Bulletins** are available from the Ushers as you enter the nave. For parishioners and visitors alike, **nursery care for children under age three is provided on Sunday from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.** We also offer Church School at 10:45 a.m. for children and youth from age three through tenth grade on the second floor of the Parish House.

All persons, including children, are invited to take part in the Holy Eucharist. Parents may decide if their children receive the bread and/or wine. Children may instead signal their desire to be blessed by the priest at the altar by crossing their arms across their chest.

Follow us on Instagram at @stjohnschurchlafayettesquare. See photos from St. John's musical performances, special events, meetings, Sunday services, and more. Relive the moment or experience it for the first time through the touch of a button on your smartphone. Help St. John's capture each moment by submitting your photos from events, worship services, trips, and volunteer efforts.

**FREE VALET PARKING FROM THE FRONT OF ST. JOHN'S FOR THE
SPEAKER SERIES AND 11:00 A.M. SERVICE.**

**EXCEPT ON SPECIAL OCCASIONS, HOURS WILL BE
9:30 A.M. TO 1:00 P.M.**

**LOOK FOR THE VALET SIGN AT THE CORNER OF 16TH
AND H STREETS.**

Vestry

Richard Metzger
Senior Warden

Paul Barkett
Junior Warden

Virginia Bader
Andrew Clarke
Audrey Wood Corcoran
Carolyn Crouch
Martha Ellison
Carrie Garland

Jeff Hantson
Wande Johnson
Peter Odom

Jessica Sanchez
Thom Sinclair
Anne Stewart

Nkem Onwuamaegbu,
Treasurer

Casey Evans,
Assistant Treasurer

Karis Gong Parnham,
Secretary

Christopher R. Wall
Parish Counsel

Head Usher

James H. Czerwonky

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Director for Operations

Evangeline Gravina
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Preston Cherouny
Financial Secretary

R. J. Gravina
Program Coordinator

Elizabeth Leach
*Communications
Coordinator*

Victor Obregon, *Sexton*

Glynnis Bryant
and David Gamboa
Assistant Sextons



Welcome!

AT ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, we believe Christ is calling us to be a renewed church in a changing world. Empowered by the Spirit of God, we respond to Jesus' call as we deepen our bond with Christ through worship, become a community where all are accepted, and work together as laity and clergy to do God's work in the world.

ST. JOHN'S WAS ORGANIZED IN 1815 to serve as a parish church for Episcopalians residing in the neighborhoods in the west end of the District of Columbia. Its cornerstone was laid on September 14, 1815, and it was consecrated on December 27, 1816. Beginning with James Madison, every person who has held the office of President of the United States has attended a service at the church. Several Presidents have been communicants. Thus, St. John's is often referred to as the "Church of the Presidents." Pew 54 is the President's Pew. The architect of the church was Benjamin Henry Latrobe, who assisted in the rebuilding of the U.S. Capitol and the White House after the War of 1812. Twenty-five of the stained glass windows in St. John's were designed and executed by artisans of the noted Lorin firm of Chartres, France.

BROCHURES DESCRIBING PARISH LIFE, the history of St. John's, and the Episcopal denomination can be found in the church entrance. If you are visiting, please fill out the visitor information card found at the end of each pew to enable us to welcome you personally into the life of our parish.

ST. JOHN'S WEBSITE WWW.STJOHNS-DC.ORG has up-to-date information about the Church including the weekly calendar, the Sunday service schedule, Adult Forum speakers and topics, the music calendar and newsworthy events.

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