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# THE FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY

January 6, 2019

7:45 A.M.

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

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The First Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6

Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14

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**ASSISTING AT THE SERVICE TODAY:** Lauren Edwards, *Reader and Chalice Bearer*; Joanne Hutton, *Lay Eucharistic Minister*; Sarah Agnew, Pat Dalby, and Mary Raether, *Flower Guild*; Alfred Thesmar, *Assistant Head Usher*; and Bill Brownlee, *Ushers*.

**THE FLOWERS IN THE CHURCH** are given to the glory of God; in thanksgiving for the marriage yesterday of **Robin Anderson and Chuck Schwartz**; and in loving memory of **Dorothy and Robert Anderson**, and, **Lois and Warren Schwartz**.

## Collect

O God, by the leading of a star you manifested your only Son to the peoples of the earth: Lead us, who know you now by faith, to your presence, where we may see your glory face to face; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

## Isaiah 60:1-6

Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you. For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the LORD will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you. Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn. Lift up your eyes and look around; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from far away, and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms. Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice, because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you. A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall proclaim the praise of the LORD.

## Psalms 72:1-7, 10-14

- 1 Give the King your justice, O God,  
and your righteousness to the King's Son;
- 2 That he may rule your people righteously  
and the poor with justice;
- 3 That the mountains may bring prosperity to the people,  
and the little hills bring righteousness.
- 4 He shall defend the needy among the people;  
he shall rescue the poor and crush the oppressor.
- 5 He shall live as long as the sun and moon endure,  
from one generation to another.

- 6 He shall come down like rain upon the mown field,  
like showers that water the earth.
- 7 In his time shall the righteous flourish;  
there shall be abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more.
- 10 The kings of Tarshish and of the isles shall pay tribute,  
and the kings of Arabia and Saba offer gifts.
- 11 All kings shall bow down before him,  
and all the nations do him service.
- 12 For he shall deliver the poor who cries out in distress,  
and the oppressed who has no helper.
- 13 He shall have pity on the lowly and poor;  
he shall preserve the lives of the needy.
- 14 He shall redeem their lives from oppression and violence,  
and dear shall their blood be in his sight.

### **Ephesians 3:1-12**

This is the reason that I Paul am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles--for surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was given me for you, and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that is, the Gentiles have become fellow heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel. Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God's grace that was given me by the working of his power. Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the Gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ, and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he

has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him.

## **Matthew 2:1-12**

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage." When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: `And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.'" Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage." When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

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.

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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 January 2, 2019)

*David Abernethy & Elizabeth Lewis*

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*John & Renate Alison*

*Nikki Allen*

*Mike & Ann Andrews*

*Margaretta Conderman Arnold*

*Carlos & Lourdes Arriaga*

*John Aschieris*

*Ashley Atwater*

*Aimee Forsythe Azzarello*

*Shea & Virginia Bader*

*Sarah Banks*

*Paul Barkett*

*Krista Becker*

*Bob Beizer*

*Laura Belman*

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*Laura & John Herzog*  
*Ellen Hoff*  
*Heather Hopkins*  
*Maria Huaman*  
*Stephen & Teresa Huettner*  
*Kate Huffman & Chris Gorud*  
*Andrew Hunt & Elizabeth Hill*  
*Powell & Joanne Hutton*  
*John Peters Irelan*  
*Victoria & Stewart Jeffries*  
*Wande Johnson*  
*Elizabeth & Bayne Johnston*  
*Mac & Barbara Johnston*  
*Cliftine Jones*  
*Bill & Sara Josey*  
*Ann & Bill Kaye*  
*Katherine Kehoe*  
*Graham & Robin Keithley*  
*David Kieve & Kate Bedingfield*  
*Loren & Anne Kieve*  
*Justine & Richard Kingham*  
*Jack Kinsey & Becky Schergens*  
*Lisa & Jim Kirchenbauer*  
*Alan Kirk*  
*Frank & Nancy Klotz*  
*Lisa Koehler*  
*Brad & Lily Kosegarten*  
*Kenny Kraft*  
*Grant Kraus*  
*Mary & Daniel Kroese*  
*Pete & Katherine Kyle*  
*Mary Landrieu & Frank Snellings*  
*Larry LeCompte & Dalia Zabala*  
*Marcus Lemon*  
*Lu Stanton León*

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*Leo Lex*  
*Stewart Lillard*  
*Michael & Priya Lodico*  
*Jesus Lopéz*  
*Margaret Love*  
*Jeffrey & Marisol Lovelace*  
*Emily & John Lucio*  
*Kathy Luhrman*  
*Jan Lupton*  
*RJ & Chip Lyerly*  
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*Michelle Mangrum*  
*Claire & Harry Marshall*  
*Chrystal & John Martin*  
*Middleton & Nancy Martin*  
*Sherill Mason*  
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*Judith McKeivitt*  
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*Otilia Mendoza*  
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*Nathan & Kelly Miller*  
*Robert Miller & Victoria Choy*  
*Livy & John More*  
*Catherine & John Morefield*  
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*Johannes Mueller & Timothy Beacom*  
*Robert & Ann Mueller*  
*Dick & Joy Nathan*  
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Natalie Popovic  
Richard Price  
Brittany Prime & Will Rabbe  
Leah Proffitt  
Scott & Katherine Raab  
Allie Raether  
Carl & Mary Raether  
Katie & Nate Rawlings  
Norma Jean Reck  
Hwa Cha Redman  
Larry Redway  
Jack Reiffer  
Gini & Harker Rhodes  
Susan Todd Rich  
Nora & Hap Rigby  
Chris Rogers  
Cate Rooney  
Alyssa Ryerson  
Chase Rynd  
Jessica & Alex Sanchez  
Brian & KayAnn Schoeneman  
Chuck Schwartz & Robin Anderson  
Robert Schwartz  
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Thom Sinclair  
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Ken & Susan Starling  
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Catherine Stolar  
Desiree & Alex Stolar  
Holly & John Sukenik  
Meredith Sullenger  
Leila Taaffe & Arthur Kellermann  
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*Aja Thomas & Jamil Bussie*  
*Jocelyn Tichenor*  
*Philip Tierney*  
*Jose Trejó*  
*Cal Trepagnier & Marta Cook*  
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*Jonathan Wakely & Jennifer San Pietro*  
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*Carl Ward*  
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*Susan Welch*  
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*Brian Wesoloski*  
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*Hilary West*  
*Tripp Whitbeck*  
*Kathleen Wilcox*  
*Susan Wild*  
*Philip Willauer & Sandra Cunningham*  
*Neil & Emma Wilson*  
*Anita Woehler*  
*Brenda & Willy Wolter*  
*Renée & Keith Yancey*  
*Sarah & Hugh Yeomans*  
*Sang & Sarah Yi*  
*Keiko Yoshino*

## **NEW YEAR, NEW CHALLENGES, NEW OPPORTUNITIES**

*“He who was sitting on the throne said,  
“Behold, I make all things new.”” (Revelation 21:5)*

2018 is now behind us. We may remember it for many happy occasions, for unexpected blessings, or for financial or career successes. Or we may look at 2018 as a year which we would rather forget, because of failures, personal losses, opportunities denied or other reasons. But 2019 is a new year! As Christians, we are a people of optimism and hope. We know that although we do not know what lies ahead in the future, we do know that God will be there for us, and that we can count on Him to guide us and help us in whatever situation we find ourselves in. He will indeed “make all things new” for us. Remember also, that St. John’s will be there for you, as well!

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](mailto:evangeline.gravina@stjohns-dc.org).**

*–The Stewardship Committee*

## 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 JANUARY 7-13, 2018

### **Tuesday**

### **January 8**

- 10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting  
6:30 p.m. Holy Land Pilgrims Meeting  
(1st Floor, Multi-Purpose Room)  
EFM Class (Dining Room)

### **Wednesday**

### **January 9**

- 10:00 a.m. Staff Planning Meeting  
(1st Floor, Multi-Purpose Room)  
12:10 p.m. First Wednesday Concerts  
*Music by French Composers*—Colin Lynch,  
Associate Director of Music at Trinity  
Copley Square, Boston  
6:30 p.m. Rector Search Committee Meeting  
(3rd Floor, Conference Room)  
7:00 p.m. Latrobe First Wednesday Holy Eucharist  
followed by Champagne Tasting

### **Thursday**

### **January 10**

- 10:00 a.m. Construction Meeting  
6:30 p.m. Choir Supper  
6:45 p.m. St. John's Book Group  
(2nd Floor, Teens Class Room)  
7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

### **Friday**

### **January 11**

- 12:00 noon Budget Meeting  
(1st Floor, Multi-Purpose Room)

### **Saturday**

### **January 12**

- 1:30 p.m. Pre-Baptism Class (Nave)

### **Sunday**

### **January 13**

- 7:45 a.m. Holy Eucharist—Homily  
The Rev. W. Bruce McPherson  
8:15 a.m. Parish Choir Rehearsal  
8:30 a.m. Nursery  
9:00 a.m. Baptism and Choral Holy Eucharist—Sermon  
The Rev. W. Bruce McPherson



- 10:00 a.m. Speaker Series—Jeremy Ben-Ami, Executive Director of J Street, an organization that advocates for policies that advance shared US and Israeli interests (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. Choral Holy Eucharist—Sermon  
The Rev. W. Bruce McPherson
- 12:15 p.m. Hospitality Hour  
Parish Lunch (Dining Room)
- 12:30 p.m. St. John’s Choir Rehearsal (4th Floor)
- 1:00 p.m. Oración Vespertina

**The Holy Eucharist will be celebrated Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday at 12:10 p.m.**

### **RECTOR SEARCH COMMITTEE**

The Rector Search Committee has completed its site visits and will be conducting final interviews in Washington with five semi-finalists across January and February. From there, the committee will present 2-3 candidates to the Vestry for ultimate determination. The progress of the committee can be followed on the Rector Transition page of St. John’s 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.

### **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](http://www.stjohns-dc.org). Each concert is ticketless, free of charge, and held in the nave of our historic church.

## **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.

## **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](mailto: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 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 [taaffel@gmail.com](mailto:taaffel@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, 1:30 p.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](mailto: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.

## PARISH LUNCHESES RESUME ON JANUARY 13

Next Sunday, January 13, the first Parish Lunch in the renovated Parish House will be sponsored by the Refugee Committee. If you or a group wish to sponsor a future lunch, please sign up on the sheet provided in the new vestibule or reach out to Evangeline Gravina in the office.

## 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](mailto: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!

### **WELCOME KIM CARLSON**

#### **Director for Operations**

Kim Carlson joined the staff of St. John's as Director of Operations replacing Hayden Bryan who retired 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.

## **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*), 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:** 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:** John Culver who died December 26.

**Friends and family of our parish:** Beth Graham who died January 2.

**Those in our parish celebrating a birthday this week:** Celia Boddington, Linda Douglass, Hyman Field, William Hankey, Bud Harrell, Becky Quinn, John Siddall, and Renée Yancey.

**Those in our parish celebrating an anniversary this week:** Anna and Rob Ehrich, Fruzsina Harsanyi and David Garcia, Kate Bedingfield and David Kieve, and Kathleen and Brian Montgomery.

**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.**

**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:**

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**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Phone number:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

(Circle one)

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

Thank you!

**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](mailto:hsukenik@hotmail.com) or the Parish Office at 202-347-8766 or by email to [kaye.edwards@stjohns-dc.org](mailto: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	



## **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

## **The Parish Staff**

Kim Carlson  
*Director for Operations*

Evangeline Gravina  
*Operations Assistant*

Preston Cherouny  
*Financial Secretary*

R. J. Gravina  
*Program Coordinator*

Elizabeth Leach  
*Communications  
Coordinator*

Victor Obregon, *Sexton*

Glynnis Bryant  
and David Gamboa  
*Assistant Sextons*

## **Welcome!**

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](http://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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