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**THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY**  
**January 13, 2019**

**7:45 A.M.**

**THE HOLY EUCHARIST**

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

The First Reading: Isaiah 43:1-7

Psalms 29

The Second Reading: Acts 8:14-17

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Blessing and Dismissal

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**ASSISTING AT THE SERVICE TODAY:** Scott Raab, *Reader and Chalice Bearer*; Richard Price, *Lay Eucharistic Minister*; Amanda Claire Hoover and Kristin Josey, *Flower Guild*; Robyne Johnston, *Assistant Head Usher*; and Rick Young, *Usher*.

**THE FLOWERS IN THE CHURCH** are given to the glory of God; in thanksgiving for the baptism today of **Sophia Ann Vandergrift**; and in loving memory of **Pratibha Raut**.

## Collect

Father in heaven, who at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit: Grant that all who are baptized into his Name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.

## Isaiah 43:1-7

But now thus says the Lord, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior. I give Egypt as your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you. Because you are precious in my sight, and honored, and I love you, I give people in return for you, nations in exchange for your life. Do not fear, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you; I will say to the north, "Give them up," and to the south, "Do not withhold; bring my sons from far away and my daughters from the end of the earth— everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made."

## Psalm 29

- 1 Ascribe to the Lord, you gods,  
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.
- 2 Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his Name;  
worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.
- 3 The voice of the Lord is upon the waters;  
the God of glory thunders;  
the Lord is upon the mighty waters.

- 4 The voice of the Lord is a powerful voice;  
the voice of the Lord is a voice of splendor.
- 5 The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees;  
the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon;
- 6 He makes Lebanon skip like a calf,  
and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.
- 7 The voice of the Lord splits the flames of fire;  
the voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness;  
the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.
- 8 The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees writhe  
and strips the forests bare.
- 9 And in the temple of the Lord  
all are crying, "Glory!"
- 10 The Lord sits enthroned above the flood;  
the Lord sits enthroned as King for evermore.
- 11 The Lord shall give strength to his people;  
the Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace.

### **Acts 8:14-17**

When the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit (for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

### **Luke 3:15-17, 21-22**

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with

unquenchable fire." Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

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.

### **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 two to three 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.

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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 9, 2019)

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*Nikki Allen*  
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*Pete & Emma Burgess*  
*Craig & Barbara Burkhardt*  
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*Rick Busch*

*Carolyn Buser  
Pete & Susan Carlson  
Robert Carroll  
Andrea Charters  
Mary Jane Checchi  
Preston & Merrell Cherouny  
Virginia Chew  
Carlye Christianson & Pascal Joly  
Betsy Gambrell Clark  
Andrew Clarke & Chip Sherrill  
Gwinneth Clarkson  
Laurie Clifford  
Clayton Cottrell  
Beth Couturier  
Pam Covington  
Claudette Cox  
Valerie Crotty  
Carolyn & Nelson Crouch  
Gwendolyn Cunningham  
Jim Czerwonky  
Pat Czerwonky  
Garry & Pat Dalby  
Betsy Danello  
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*Nick & Kate Hailey*  
*Budd Hallberg*  
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*Kristie Hansen*  
*Jeff & Katie Hantson*  
*Hunter Hardinge & Matthew Thomas*  
*Barbie Harper*  
*Bud & Anne Harrell*  
*Anne & Robert Harrington*  
*Fruzsina Harsanyi & Raymond Garcia*  
*John & Meg Hauge*  
*Diane Hauslein*  
*Susan & Tim Heil*  
*Hermann & Janet Helgert*  
*Ellen Whitley Herndon*  
*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*  
*Mendal Lay, Jr.*  
*Larry LeCompte & Dalia Zabala*  
*Marcus Lemon*  
*Lu Stanton León*  
*Patricia Leslie*  
*Leo Lex*  
*Stewart Lillard*  
*Michael & Priya Lodico*  
*Jesus Lopéz*  
*Margaret Love*  
*Jeffrey & Marisol Lovelace*  
*Emily & John Lucio*  
*Kathy Luhrman*  
*Jan Lupton*

*RJ & Chip Lyerly*  
*Bernard Malloy*  
*Michelle Mangrum*  
*Claire & Harry Marshall*  
*Chrystal & John Martin*  
*Middleton & Nancy Martin*  
*Sherill Mason*  
*Nancy Mathis & Shawn Maher*  
*Abbott McCartney & Sigi Block*  
*Susan McDaid*  
*Sara McGanity*  
*Judson McIntire*  
*Judith McKevirt*  
*Bruce McPherson*  
*Otilia Mendoza*  
*Richard Metzger*  
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*Robert Miller & Victoria Choy*  
*Livy & John More*  
*Catherine & John Morefield*  
*Rob Mosbacher*  
*Johannes Mueller & Timothy Beacom*  
*Robert & Ann Mueller*  
*Dick & Joy Nathan*  
*Julie Lippman Neff*  
*Amber & Peter Neville*  
*Peter & Eleanor Odom*  
*Andy & Catherine Olivo*  
*Ralph & Lydia Olson*  
*Uche & Nkem Onwuamaegbu*  
*Matthew & Rachel Oster*  
*Owen & Felicia Owunwanne*  
*Alex & Nancy Pappas*  
*Jacob & Susan Parcell*  
*Sharon & Bob Park*  
*Margaret Ellen Parke*  
*Gay & Bob Pasley*  
*Kristina Pasqualone*  
*Anthony Pegues*  
*Robin Pennington*  
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*Eric Peters*  
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*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*  
*Robert Schwartz*  
*Robin and Chuck Schwartz*  
*Pete & Anne Seidlitz*  
*Susan & Sandy Sierck*  
*Thom Sinclair*  
*Diane & Peter Spaulding*  
*John Staples & Scott Raspa*  
*Ken & Susan Starling*  
*Anne Stewart*  
*Toby Stock*  
*Catherine Stolar*  
*Desiree & Alex Stolar*  
*Holly & John Sukenik*  
*Meredith Sullenger*  
*Leila Taaffe & Arthur Kellermann*  
*Edward Tang*  
*Matthew Taylor*  
*Veronica Bautista & Dax Tejera*  
*Riley Temple*  
*Hilary & Alfred Thesmar*  
*Aja Thomas & Jamil Bussie*  
*Jocelyn Tichenor*  
*Philip Tierney*  
*Jose Trejó*  
*Cal Trepagnier & Marta Cook*  
*Anthony Turner*

*Jennifer Urquhart*  
*Barbara & Peter Van Allen*  
*Sophie Vandergrift*  
*Mauricio Vasquez*  
*Pamela & Patrick Venzke*  
*Susan Volgenau*  
*Jonathan Wakely & Jennifer San Pietro*  
*Chris & Barbara Wall*  
*Alis Wang & Amy Stulman*  
*Carl Ward*  
*Marc & Susan Warren*  
*Tara Waterman*  
*Ben Watson*  
*Susan Welch*  
*Donna Welles*  
*Brian Wesoloski*  
*Gail West*  
*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 14-20, 2018

### **Tuesday**

### **January 15**

- 10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting  
6:30 p.m. EFM Class (Dining Room)

### **Wednesday**

### **January 16**

- 6:30 p.m. Rector Search Committee Meeting  
(3rd Floor, Conference Room)

### **Thursday**

### **January 17**

- 10:00 a.m. Construction Meeting  
6:30 p.m. Choir Supper  
7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

### **Friday**

### **January 18**

- 4:00 p.m. John Culver Funeral Service

### **Sunday**

### **January 20**

- 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. Choral Holy Eucharist—Sermon  
The Rev. W. Bruce McPherson  
10:00 a.m. Speaker Series—General Eric Schoomaker,  
former Commanding General,  
United States Army Medical Command  
(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  
5:00 p.m. Parlor Series—*George...Don't Do That!*  
Devised and performed by Catherine Flye  
(Togo West Parlor)

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



**PARISH LUNCH IS BACK!**  
**Sundays, after the 11:00 a.m. service**

**January 13**  
**Refugee Committee**

The Parish Lunch today will be hosted by the Refugee Committee, and prepared in part by Sadiq and Fazia, a refugee couple we have supported over the past year. Please come and enjoy Afghan food and listen and ask questions when Sadiq tells us about his family's journey to the DMV.

**January 20**  
**New Kitchen Orientation**

Anyone who thinks they may be interested in helping with Parish Lunch is invited to **contact Holly Sukenik at [hsukenik@hotmail.com](mailto:hsukenik@hotmail.com) or at 202 332-2952 to join in and help.**

**January 27**  
**Super Bowl Chili Cook Off !**

Calling all chili chefs. After a one year hiatus, the Super Bowl Chili Cook Off is back! **Robin and Chuck Schwartz at [finsandgators@aol.com](mailto:finsandgators@aol.com) if you are interested in participating.**

**If you have not hosted before we can team you up with an experienced host to work with.**

**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.

**January 27: Vestry Candidates' Presentation.**

*The Presidential Series—George H.W. Bush*

**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.

**ANNUAL MEETING, ELECTION OF VESTRY,  
AND RECEPTION**

**Sunday, February 3, 9:45 a.m.**

**VESTRY CANDIDATES**

**Richard Metzger, Senior Warden**

**Paul Barkett, Junior Warden**

*Vestry (voting for 3):*

**Lauren Edwards**

**John Herzog**

**Nora Rigby**

**Chase Rynd**

**Desiree Stolar**

**Leila Taaffe**

*Rotating off:*

**Carrie Garland**

**Thom Sinclair**

**Anne Stewart**

**Parish Reception at the Decatur House to follow  
the 11:00 a.m. service.**

Join the St. John's community at the Annual Parish Reception immediately after the 11:00 a.m. service at the Decatur House on H Street. We will gather to celebrate the re-opening of the Parish House as well as a promising 2019 with all parishioners and newly elected vestry members of St. John's Church. We will also honor Hayden Bryan after eighteen years of faithful service to St. John's as Executive Director for Operations. There will be wine and other non-alcoholic beverages in addition to heavy hors d'oeuvres.

**Please RSVP at [www.stjohn2019reception.splashthat.com/](http://www.stjohn2019reception.splashthat.com/)  
or call (202) 347-8766 by Wednesday, January 30 so that we can  
accurately confirm the food order for the reception.**

All are welcome!

**Valet Parking will be extended to 2:00 p.m.**

## 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.**

## FIRST WEDNESDAY CONCERTS

**Wednesday, February 6, 12:10 p.m.-12:45 p.m.**

*Baritone Bob McDonald's Broadway Show*

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.

## THE LATROBE FELLOWSHIP

**Wednesday, February 6 at 7:00 p.m.**

**Trivia Night!**

Trivia night is back! Join us at 7:00 p.m. for a celebration of the Holy Eucharist followed by dinner and an evening where you get to show off just how much you know. **For more information, please the Rev. Andy Olivo at [andrew.olivo@stjohns-dc.org](mailto:andrew.olivo@stjohns-dc.org).** All are welcome!

## ST. JOHN'S BOOK GROUP

**Thursday, February 7, 6:45 p.m.**

*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, 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.

### **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](mailto: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](mailto:carsonkyle@gmail.com).**

### **AN EASY WAY TO HELP OTHERS**

When you travel, bring back unopened toiletry items for homeless shelters. Place them in the basket in the connector between the Church and the Parish House.

### **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](mailto:andrew.olivo@stjohns-dc.org).**

## **FLOWER DELIVERIES**

Help brighten the day of parishioners who can't be with us by taking them flowers, located in the side chapel. A card is attached to each vase with contact information. Thank you for checking to see if a delivery address is convenient for you.

**Flowers need to be delivered on Parkers Lane, Alexandria, VA; Moncure Drive, Alexandria, VA; and Lynnhurst Drive, Fairfax, VA.**

**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*), 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:**

**Friends and family of our parish:** Michael Deland who died January 8.

**Those in our parish celebrating a birthday this week:** Bonnie DeWitt, Lizzie Ehrich, Naomi Froehlich, Spencer Galm, Kenner Gutterman, Hannah Hahn, Jack Herzog, Ann Hughes, Gabriela Koch, Jessica Martens, Julie Neff, Bob Pasley, Raymond Petniunas, Margaux Polanski, Natalie Popovic, Daniel Rasmussen, Ellen Spencer, Ken Starling, Chandler Van Orman, Benjamin Watson, and Willy Wolter.

**Those in our parish celebrating an anniversary this week:** Missy and Michael Grealy and Emily and John Lucio.

**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	Holly Sukenik–New Kitchen Orientation
January 27	Robin & Chuck Schwartz–Superbowl Chili Cook Off!
February 3	Annual Meeting and Reception at the Decatur House
February 10	2018 Holy Land Pilgrims welcome back 2019 Pilgrims
February 17	
February 24	
March 3	
March 10	
March 17	
March 24	Rector Search Committee
March 31	Miller Winecoff and Friends
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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