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# THE FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

February 10, 2019

7:45 A.M.

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

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

The First Reading: Isaiah 6:1-8

Psalm 138

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**ASSISTING AT THE SERVICE TODAY:** Scott Raab, *Reader and Chalice Bearer*; Richard Price, *Lay Eucharistic Minister*; Barbara Brown, Laurie Rossbach and Pamela Venzke, *Flower Guild*; Robyne Johnston, *Assistant Head Usher*; Rick Young, *Usher*.

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

## Collect

Set us free, O God, from the bondage of our sins, and give us the liberty of that abundant life which you have made known to us in your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

## Isaiah 6:1-8

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. And one called to another and said: "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory." The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. And I said: "Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!" Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: "Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out." Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I; send me!"

## Psalm 138

- 1 I will give thanks to you, O Lord, with my whole heart;  
before the gods I will sing your praise.
- 2 I will bow down toward your holy temple  
and praise your Name,  
because of your love and faithfulness;
- 3 For you have glorified your Name  
and your word above all things.

- 4 When I called, you answered me;  
you increased my strength within me.
- 5 All the kings of the earth will praise you, O Lord,  
when they have heard the words of your mouth.
- 6 They will sing of the ways of the Lord,  
that great is the glory of the Lord.
- 7 Though the Lord be high, he cares for the lowly;  
he perceives the haughty from afar.
- 8 Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe;  
you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies;  
your right hand shall save me.
- 9 The Lord will make good his purpose for me;  
O Lord, your love endures for ever;  
do not abandon the works of your hands.

## **1 Corinthians 15:1-11**

I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you--unless you have come to believe in vain. For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them--though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

## Luke 5:1-11

Once while Jesus was standing beside the lake of Gennesaret, and the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, he saw two boats there at the shore of the lake; the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little way from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch." Simon answered, "Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets." When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to break. So they signaled their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both boats, so that they began to sink. But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!" For he and all who were with him were amazed at the catch of fish that they had taken; and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. Then Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people." When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed him.

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 form 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.

## EVENTS FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 11-17, 2018

**Monday February 11**  
6:30 p.m. AA Lawyers (Togo West Parlor)

**Tuesday February 12**  
10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting  
6:30 p.m. EFM Class (Dining Room)

**Wednesday February 13**  
6:30 p.m. Pre-Baptism Class (Nave)  
Rector Search Committee Meeting  
(3rd Floor, Conference Room)

**Thursday February 14**  
5:00 p.m. Music Staff Meeting (4th Floor)  
6:30 p.m. Choir Supper  
7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

**Friday February 15**  
6:30 p.m.-9:00 p.m. Parents' Night Out (Nursery)

**Sunday February 17**  
7:45 a.m. Holy Eucharist—Homily  
The Rev. Michele V. Hagans  
8:15 a.m. Parish Choir Rehearsal  
8:30 a.m. Nursery  
9:00 a.m. Choral Holy Eucharist—Sermon  
The Rev. Michele V. Hagans  
10:10 a.m. St. John's Choir Rehearsal (Nave)  
10:45 a.m. Church School (2nd Floor)  
11:00 a.m. Baptism and Choral Holy Eucharist  
Sermon—The Rev. Michele V. Hagans  
12:15 p.m. Hospitality Hour  
Tour of the Church  
12:30 p.m. St. John's Choir Rehearsal (4th Floor)  
1:00 p.m. Oración Vespertina

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

### **RECTOR SEARCH COMMITTEE**

The Rector Search Committee has completed its last round of interviews with five semi-finalists. In the coming weeks, the Committee will present to the Vestry 2-3 finalists for their ultimate determination. Progress 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.

### **ANNUAL MEETING, FEBRUARY 3**

At the Annual Meeting of St. John's Lafayette Square last Sunday, the following members were elected to the vestry:

**Richard Metzger** - Senior Warden

**Paul Barkett** – Junior Warden

Serving four-year terms

**Lauren Edwards**

**Nora Rigby**

**Desirée Stolar**

Congratulations to all!

### **PARISH LUNCH**

**Today, February 10, after the 11:00 a.m. service**

**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.

## SPEAKER SERIES SCHEDULE

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

### *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.

**February 17: The Rev. W. Bruce McPherson**, St. John's Interim Rector. He will speak on *Congregations and Their Life Cycles*.

**February 24: Warren Finch, Jr.**, Director of the George H. W. Bush Presidential Library in College Station, Texas.

**March 3: Peter Bergen**, CNN National Security Analyst and terrorism expert. He will speak on *An Update on Terrorism*.

**March 10: 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.

**April 7: Frank Sesno**, Director of the School of Media and Public Affairs at George Washington University and former CNN reporter.

**April 28: Karen King**, Hollis Professor of Divinity at Harvard Divinity School. Trained in comparative religions and historical studies, she pursues teaching and research specialties in the history of Christianity. She will speak on *Death and Life: Some Lesser Known Views from the Early Christians*.

## PARENTS' NIGHT OUT

**Friday, February 15, 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.**

**Just in time for Valentine's Day - Parents' Night Out at St. John's!** Enjoy time by yourself or with your valentine while your children enjoy dinner and activities at the church with trained childcare professionals. This Friday night program is free for all children of the parish family (infants through age 10). All we ask is that you **sign up by noon on Wednesday, February 13** so that we will have an adequate number of attendants and that you **pick up your children before 9:00 p.m.** when the doors will be locked. **To sign-up, contact Savannah, Assistant for Ministries to Children, Youth, and Families, at [savannah.ponder@stjohns-dc.org](mailto:savannah.ponder@stjohns-dc.org).**

## GRACE'S TABLE

**Saturday, February 16**

Please join us in providing a hot meal to the homeless, and underserved, at Grace's Table. Grace's Table, an outreach ministry, of Grace's Episcopal Church in Georgetown, is a fellowship that provides and shares a meal at 11:30 a.m. on Saturdays, to the homeless, and near homeless. Volunteers purchase and prepare the food, and then gather with guests to eat, and socialize together. The 60 minutes together, each Saturday includes the reading and discussion of a biblical passage. The guests and volunteers, take turns reading and participating in discussion, with great enthusiasm and insight. A menu will be provided, from which volunteers can select food contributions. Volunteers can be reimbursed for food expenses. Parking is available at meters on the street, or at a lot adjacent to the church, for a \$10. fee. **For more information, please contact Robin Schwartz at finsandgators@aol.com, or Chuck Schwartz at chuckws1@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: **Wednesday, February 13, 6:30 p.m.**
- Baptism: **Sunday, April 28, 11:00 a.m.**  
Class: **Saturday, April 27, 10:00 a.m.**
- Baptism: **Sunday, June 9, 10:30 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.

## ST. JOHN'S REFUGEE COMMITTEE MEETING

**Sunday, February 17, after the 11:00 a.m. service**

Following the 11:00 a.m. service, there will be a meeting of St. John's Refugee Committee. Please attend if you want to learn more about St. John's work in this area. **If you have questions, please email Leila Taaffe at taaffel@gmail.com.**

## THEOLOGY ON TAP WITH THE REV. SUSAN FLANDERS

**Wednesday, February 20 at 7:00 p.m.**

**The Togo West Parlor of St. John's Church**

***Where is Jesus Now For You? From Atonement to Incarnation***

In an age where church attendance is declining and belief in conventional formulations is dwindling, this discussion will focus on how and why Jesus is important for Christians and on ways to think about him that may inspire a more meaningful faith. **You're invited to a discussion with the Rev. Susan Flanders**

**on Wednesday, February 20 at St. John's Church.** Susan is on staff at St. Columba's Episcopal Church and spends much of her time working with parishioners on issues surrounding end-of-life spirituality, choices, and care. Her current book is *If I Ever Lose My Mind: Aid in Dying with Advanced Dementia*. Food, drinks, and good conversation will all be provided. **For more information about Theology on Tap, please contact the Rev. Andy Olivo at [Andrew.olivo@stjohns-dc.org](mailto:Andrew.olivo@stjohns-dc.org).** All are welcome!

### **PATHWAYS THROUGH LENT**

#### **Parish Lenten Devotional**

#### **Submissions are due by Friday, February 22**

It's time to think about your contribution to our daily Lenten devotional. We invite you to share your thoughts on the season of Lent by writing a brief reflection. Submissions only need be about 250 words long and can be inspired by the scripture verse of the day or some other Lenten or spiritual topic. **Submissions are due by Friday, February 22, 2019** so that the devotional can be ready by March 6 (Ash Wednesday). **Please email the Rev. Andy Olivo to choose a date or for more information.**

### **ST. JOHN'S COMMUNITY BUILDING EVENT**

Parishioners continue to host fellowship opportunities on a neighborhood basis and also events open to all parishioners. These events may be potluck suppers, brunches, cocktail parties, happy hours at local restaurants, picnics, or wherever our creativity leads us. **If you are interested in participating by hosting or organizing an event, please contact Holly Sukenik at [hsukenik@hotmail.com](mailto:hsukenik@hotmail.com).**

**The next community building event will be held Saturday, February 23, from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.** Parishioners Robin and Chuck Schwartz, who live on 15th Street across from McPherson Square, will host a Tex-Mex Potluck Supper. Space is limited to 16 guests. **Please contact Robin at [finsandgators@aol.com](mailto:finsandgators@aol.com) or at 202-203-9467 if you can attend and for more information.**

### **JAZZ MUSIC FESTIVAL SERVICE**

#### **Sunday, March 3, 11:00 a.m.**

The St. John's and Parish Choirs will join forces with the Dan Dufford Jazz Ensemble to perform selections from Robert Ray's *Gospel Mass* and André Thomas' *Mass in Celebration of Love and Joy* in the context of the liturgy. Additionally, the anthems that morning will be Judith McAllister's spirited *Hallelujah, You're Worthy* and Ola Gjeilo's sublime *Evening Prayer*. Do join us on March 3rd at 11:00 a.m. for our annual jazz service on the last Sunday of Epiphany.

## ST. JOHN'S WOMEN'S SIXTH ANNUAL RETREAT

March 8 – 10 (Friday to Sunday)

Dupont Memorial House, Rehoboth Beach, Delaware

Led by the Rt. Rev. Mariann Edgar Budde, Bishop of the  
Diocese of Washington

You are invited to join the women of St. John's at a special weekend retreat on March 8 to March 10 at the Dupont Memorial House in Rehoboth Beach, Delaware. Our featured leader and speaker will be Bishop Mariann Edgar Budde, leading us on the theme of "The Power of Love." The weekend is a wonderful opportunity to connect more deeply with other St. John's women, rest, rejuvenate and dig more deeply into your own spirituality. The retreat house is warm and inviting and the food is delicious. We are just a couple of blocks from the beach and there is downtime on Saturday afternoon to walk, rest and commune with other women. **Reservations will be secured by sending in a \$285 check (includes room and food), payable to St. John's Church and with "Women's Retreat" noted in the memo section of the check.** In preparation for the weekend, please read Presiding Bishop Michael Curry's book, *The Power of Love*. The **deadline for sending your check to secure a place is Thursday, February 28.** Space is limited, so please sign up as soon as possible. **For more information, please contact Lisa Kirchenbauer at Lisa@OmegaWealthManagement.com or at 703-862-8226.**

## THE 2019 SPRING ADULT INQUIRERS' CLASS

Saturdays, March 23 and March 30

8:45 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

If you would like to be baptized, confirmed, or received into membership in the Episcopal Church at St. John's, join the 2019 Spring Adult Inquirers' Class. The two-day class will meet on Saturdays, March 23 and March 30, from 8:45 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. both days. The Rev. Bruce McPherson, Interim Rector and the Rev. Andy Olivo, Assistant Rector, will lead the sessions. Anyone – newcomer or longtime parishioner – interested in learning more about our Christian faith and life, the Episcopal tradition, and the ministry of St. John's Church, is encouraged to attend. **For more information or to register, please contact Kaye Edwards, Assistant for Church Growth, at 202-347-8766, ext. 317 or by e-mail at [kaye.edwards@stjohns-dc.org](mailto:kaye.edwards@stjohns-dc.org).** Those who participate in this class, or have completed another inquirers' class, may attend a Service of Confirmation, Reception, and Reaffirmation of Baptismal Vows at Washington National Cathedral on May 11, 2019.

## FIRST WEDNESDAY CONCERTS

Wednesday, April 3, 12:10 p.m.-12:45 p.m.

*Music for Percussion and Organ*

*with percussionist Tom Maloy and organist Michael Lodico*

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.

### **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 "Spring 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.**

### **STEWARDSHIP OF CREATION: CALLING INTERESTED PARISHIONERS**

Last summer the 79th General Convention of the Episcopal Church recognized the care of God's creation as a priority. The church's triennial Convention affirmed that "as individuals and communities of faith, The Episcopal Church needs to be an example by making intentional decisions about living lightly and gently on God's good earth." Presiding Bishop Michael Curry has also called on the Episcopal Church to take bold action to address the climate crisis, reminding us that we are all trustees and stewards of God's good creation. What would it mean for our parish and for each one of us to take seriously the charge to be faithful stewards of God's creation in 2019? If you might be interested in thinking through these questions, and in being active to ensure our community honors this charge, **please be in touch with Joanne Hutton at [joannerhutton@gmail.com](mailto:joannerhutton@gmail.com), or 703 282-4964**, and we will find an opportunity to begin those conversations.

### **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 and N Taylor Street, Arlington, VA.**

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

### **Those who are sick or recovering:**

**From our parish:** Sarah Agnew, Martha Ellison, Ann Gardner, Jimmy Lowe, Bob Patchell, LaFleur Paysour, 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*), Mark Bewsher (*Powell Hutton*), 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*), Bobby Doyle (*Alex Pappas*), Henry Farrington (*Samuel Watson*), Ted Fibison (*Wendy Fibison*), Kate Fisher (*Katherine Kehoe*), Allison Gardner (*Elizabeth Gardner*), Antonina Gawel (*Margaux Polanski*), Joe Heitzler (*Mike Becraft*), Lucas Hunt (*Matthew Taylor*), Lucien Johnson, Jr. (*Wande Johnson*), John Linton (*Cay Buser*), Linda Linton (*Cay Buser*), William Markiewicz (*Matthew Taylor*), Tammy McCleaf (*Matthew Taylor*), Timothy Mullins (*Jim Mullins*), Judy Nicola (*Cynthia Walker*), Jerry O'Hagan (*Lance Jensen*), Jonathan A.I. Olowu (*Elizabeth Leach*), Lisa Pell (*Mike Becraft*), Diane Sinclair (*Pat Dalby*), Elizabeth Soyster (*Debby Hailey*), Jacob Stein (*Samuel Watson*), Henry and Sandy Welles (*Donna Welles*), John Wilson

(*Neil Wilson*), Sonya Wilson (*Neil Wilson*), Peter Winkler (*Betty van Iersel*), Jim Wolter (*Willy Wolter*), and Kristen Wyckoff (*Pat Dalby*).

**Those who are in the hospital:**

**From our parish:** Max Hudgins and Dace Vidins.

**Friends and family of our parish:** Julie Howell (*Cynthia Walker*), Shirletta Lewis (*GeeGee Bryant*), Aiden Mylnikov (*Lindsey Bowen*), Conyers Thompson, Jr. (*Joanne Hutton*), and Larry Watson (*Catherine Outten Olivo*).

**Those in our parish celebrating a birthday this week:** Lourdes Avilés, Brady Demarest, Anna Fleming, Mary Getz, Missy Grealy, Imogen Hahn, Izzy Hill, William Hughes, Robin Keithley, Claire Marshall, Annie Morefield, Ariana Paslar, Richard Price, Jack Reiffer, Jean Schepers, Desirée Stolar, Teddy Tierney, Anderson Waltz, and Carl Ward.

**Those in our parish celebrating an anniversary this week:** Barbara and Craig Burkhardt.

**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**  
**February 10–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
February 10	St. John's Refugee Committee – Afghan menu prepared by refugee couple
February 17	
February 24	2018 Holy Land Pilgrims welcome back 2019 Pilgrims
March 3	Sandwich Sunday
March 10	Crouch Family
March 17	The Parish Choir – Katherine McClintic
March 24	Rector Search Committee
March 31	Miller Winecoff and Friends
April 7	St. John's Vestry
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	

## **WE'RE ALL HERE TOGETHER**

St. John's has several members who have lived in this area all their lives. But for most of us, we are transplants from other communities. We moved to the DC area to go to college, to get a job, or to be with a special friend. Perhaps we moved here because the military assigned us to this area, or because of an election or Presidential appointment. We travel back to our hometowns for reunions and to see old friends and relatives. We have all found a church home at St. John's! We may not know the name of the person sitting next to us in the pew on Sunday, but we do know that he or she has also found a home at St. John's. Can you play a role in insuring that other people can also be blessed by St. John's ministry?

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.**

**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**

## **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  
Lauren Edwards  
Martha Ellison  
Jeff Hantson  
Wande Johnson  
Peter Odom  
Nora Rigby  
Jessica Sanchez  
Desirée Stolar

Nkem Onwuamaegbu,  
*Treasurer*

Casey Evans,  
*Assistant Treasurer*

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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