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THE FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

March 10, 2019

7:45 A.M.

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

The Penitential Order, page 351, Book of Common Prayer

The First Reading: Deuteronomy 26:1-11

Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16

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Blessing and Dismissal

ASSISTING AT THE SERVICE TODAY: Michelle Mangrum, *Reader and Chalice Bearer*; Kristin Josey and Elizabeth Lewis, *Flower Guild*; Robyne Johnston, *Assistant Head Usher*; Rick Young, *Usher*.

THE GREENS IN THE CHURCH are given to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for the birth of **Charlotte Anne Rhodes** on February 23, 2019.

Collect

Almighty God, whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted by Satan: Come quickly to help us who are assaulted by many temptations; and, as you know the weaknesses of each of us, let each one find you mighty to save; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Deuteronomy 26:1-11

When you have come into the land that the LORD your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the LORD your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the LORD your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, "Today I declare to the LORD your God that I have come into the land that the LORD swore to our ancestors to give us." When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the LORD your God, you shall make this response before the LORD your God: "A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labor on us, we cried to the LORD, the God of our ancestors; the LORD heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. The LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O LORD, have given me." You shall set it down before the LORD your God and bow down before the LORD your God. Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the LORD your God has given to you and to your house.

Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16

- 1 He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High,
abides under the shadow of the Almighty.
- 2 He shall say to the LORD,
"You are my refuge and my stronghold,
my God in whom I put my trust."
- 9 Because you have made the LORD your refuge,
and the Most High your habitation,
- 10 There shall no evil happen to you,
neither shall any plague come near your dwelling.
- 11 For he shall give his angels charge over you,
to keep you in all your ways.
- 12 They shall bear you in their hands,
lest you dash your foot against a stone.
- 13 You shall tread upon the lion and adder;
you shall trample the young lion and the serpent under your feet.
- 14 Because he is bound to me in love,
therefore will I deliver him;
I will protect him, because he knows my Name.
- 15 He shall call upon me, and I will answer him;
I am with him in trouble;
I will rescue him and bring him to honor.
- 16 With long life will I satisfy him,
and show him my salvation.

Romans 10:8b-13

"The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. The scripture says, "No one who believes in him will be put to shame." For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

Luke 4:1-13

After his baptism, Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread." Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone.'" Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. And the devil said to him, "To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours." Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.'" Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, for it is written, 'He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you,' and 'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'" Jesus answered him, "It is said, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

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.

LITURGICAL CHANGES DURING LENT AT ST. JOHN'S

- 1) **Purple frontal and matching vestments.** At St. John's the altar is covered with a purple frontal, and the clergy wear purple stoles. Lenten purple is the liturgical color that symbolizes the pain and suffering that Christ endured on his way to the cross. It is also the traditional color for royalty, representing our hope for resurrection, signifying our reflective preparation to celebrate Easter, and reminding us of Christ's kingship in heaven.
- 2) **Greens on the altar instead of flowers.** In keeping with the mood of penitence and reflection that we observe during Lent, we refrain from the use of flower arrangements in the church and simplify with greens only.
- 3) **Prayers of the People.** Instead of the more familiar Form VI (found on page 392) to which we are accustomed at St. John's, during Lent we pray using Form I (page 383). Again, this is a more penitential arrangement, with the people responding to each petition, "Lord, have mercy."
- 4) **Kneeling when in other seasons we opt to stand or kneel.** During Lent, we are invited to kneel as we are able, which is the traditional prayer posture for penitence. Please note that if you are unable to kneel, sitting is appropriate.
- 5) **No Alleluias in Lent.** In keeping with the spirit of penitence, saying and singing Alleluia is omitted during the service, in hymns and anthems, in the opening sentences, and at the breaking of the bread (fraction) during communion.

EVENTS FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 11-17, 2019

Monday 6:30 p.m.	March 11 AA Lawyers (Togo West Parlor)
Tuesday 10:00 a.m. 6:30 p.m.	March 12 Staff Meeting EFM Class (3rd Floor Conference Room)
Wednesday 7:00 p.m.	March 13 Theology on Tap (Togo West Parlor)
Thursday 5:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	March 14 Music Staff Meeting (4th Floor) Choir Supper Choir Rehearsal
Friday 6:30 p.m.-9:00 p.m.	March 15 Parents' Night Out (Nursery)
Sunday 7:45 a.m. 8:15 a.m. 8:30 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 10:10 a.m. 10:45 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 12:15 p.m. 12:30 p.m. 1:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m.	March 17 Holy Eucharist—Homily The Rev. W. Bruce McPherson St. John's Choir Rehearsal Nursery Choral Holy Eucharist—Sermon The Rev. W. Bruce McPherson Speaker Series—Dr. M. Salih Sayilgan— <i>Islam and Christian-Muslim Relations in America</i> St. John's Choir Rehearsal (Nave) Children's Music Initiative (2nd Floor) Greeters Training (3rd Floor Conference Room) Church School (2nd Floor) Choral Holy Eucharist—Sermon The Rev. W. Bruce McPherson Hospitality Hour Parish Lunch Tour of the Church St. John's Choir Rehearsal (4th Floor) Oración Vespertina Parlor Series Concert

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

RECTOR SEARCH COMMITTEE

The Rector Search Committee has presented to the Vestry three finalists for their ultimate determination. This concludes an eleven-month committee endeavor, which included conducting and analyzing a parish survey; hosting focus groups; developing a parish profile; receiving and reviewing nearly 40 applications; hosting 15 video interviews; making nine site visits; and hosting five semi-finalists in Washington.

Thank you for keeping the Search Committee in your prayers across these many months. Please continue to pray that the Holy Spirit guides St. John's through this final phase of 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.

SPEAKER SERIES SCHEDULE

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

- March 10: The Rev. Susan M. Flanders**, Episcopal priest at St. Columba's Church who works on issues surround end-of-life spirituality, choices, and care. Her latest book is *If I Ever Lose My Mind: Aid in Dying with Advanced Dementia* and her topic will be *Dementia: A Quandary of Compassion*.
- March 17: Dr. M. Salih Sayilgan**, Professor of Islamic Studies at Wesley Seminary and **Dr. Anthony Tambasco**, Professor Emeritus of Theology, Georgetown University. They will address the intersection Islam and Christianity in the 21st century.
- March 24: Dr. Brahmachari Sharan**, Hindu Chaplain, Georgetown University and **Dr. Anthony Tambasco**, Professor Emeritus of Theology, Georgetown University.
- March 31: Dr. Ian Markham**, Dean, Virginia Theological Seminary. He will speak on *Why Interfaith Dialogue Matters to the Episcopal Church*.
- April 7: Frank Sesno**, Director of the School of Media and Public Affairs at George Washington University and former CNN reporter.

CLOTHING DRIVE

March 10-17

Need more space in your closets? Clear them out and help your neighbors in D.C. at the same time. The St. John's Clothing Drive will run through Sunday, March 17. Volunteers will be in the Togo West Parlor of the Parish House on Sundays before and after the 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. services to collect your gently-used clothing. We accept all types of clothing for men, women, and children. Additionally, we are requesting parishioners donate new, basic socks as they are always needed by our partnership organizations. Tax receipts will be available. **If you are interested in helping to sort clothes on one of the Sundays, contact Matthew Taylor at matthew.taylor.sjc@gmail.com.**

CHILDREN'S MUSIC INITIATIVE

Sundays in Lent: March 10 – April 7

10:10 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. (during Speaker Series)

Children with or without prior music experience are welcome. Join us for an engaging formation experience taught by a professional music educator. Children will learn stories of faith through song and will grow in their sense of belonging in the family of God. Ages 3+ are welcome to join independently. Infants to age 3 may join with a parent/guardian. Breakfast snacks will be served before Church School begins at 10:45 a.m. All activities will take place on the second floor of the Parish House. **For more information, contact Savannah, Assistant for Ministries to Children, Youth, and Families at savannah.ponder@stjohns-dc.org.**

THEOLOGY ON TAP

WITH THE REV. SUSAN FLANDERS

Wednesday, March 13 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, March 13 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. All are welcome! **For more information about Theology on Tap, please contact the Rev. Andy Olivo at andrew.olivo@stjohns-dc.org.**

PARENTS' NIGHT OUT

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

The Friday night program offers parents an opportunity to enjoy free time while St. John's provides child care, a light supper, and entertainment for children infants through age ten. All we ask is that you **sign up by noon on Wednesday, March 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.**

CARE OF CREATION GROUP

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

The Care of Creation group will gather on March 17, after the 11:00 a.m. service on the second floor of the Parish House. You are welcome to bring luncheon from the dining room in the basement with you. We plan to finish our conversation by 2:00 p.m. All are welcome. **If interested but unable to join us this week, please contact Joanne Hutton at joannerhutton@gmail.com or 703-282-4964.** The church charges us with making intentional decisions about living lightly and gently on God's good earth. How will we take this to heart and put it into action, here and at home and work?

ST. JOHN'S REFUGEE COMMITTEE MEETING

Sunday, March 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 in the Togo West Parlor. 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.**

PARLOR SERIES CONCERT

Sunday, March 17, 5:00 p.m.

**Soprano Tory Wood with pianist Joey Arkfeld
perform *Art Song***

Tory Wood, from Michigan's beautiful Upper Peninsula, sings in the St. John's Choir and will be in chorus appearances in *Tosca* and *Faust* with the Washington National Opera this spring. Her husband Joey Arkfeld recently obtained his Master of Music in Piano from the University of Maryland and is artistic director and composer for the ensemble *New Dynamic*. They will perform works by Bachelet, Strauss, and Ricky Ian Gordon. The Parlor Series offers an hour of ticketless, free entertainment followed by a light reception in the newly-renovated Togo West Parlor of our Parish House.

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.** 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.

MUSIC FOR LENT

Sunday, March 31, 11:00 a.m.

Requiem, by Maurice Duruflé

The St. John's Choir and the Ars Nova String Ensemble will join forces to perform the sublime *Requiem* by Maurice Duruflé in the context of liturgy.

ELLEN PARKE FUNERAL SERVICE

Tuesday, April 2, 1:30 p.m.

The Funeral Services for Ellen Parke are scheduled for Tuesday, April 2 at 1:30 p.m. A reception will follow in the Togo West Parlor.

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. Each concert is ticketless, free of charge, and held in the nave of our historic church.

ST. JOHN'S BOOK GROUP

First Thursdays of the month at 6:45 p.m.

The next meeting dates and books are as follows:

April 4: *The Power of Love: Sermons, Reflections, and Wisdom to Uplift and Inspire* by Michael Curry.

May 2: *Heartland: A Memoir of Working Hard and Being Broke in the Richest Country on Earth* by Sarah Smarsh.

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 2nd Floor, Teens Class Room. If you have questions or would like more information, please contact Leila Taaffe at taaffel@gmail.com.**

**ORCHESTRA IN RESIDENCE PERFORMS HAYDN'S
SYMPHONY NO. 101 "THE CLOCK"**

Sunday, April 7, 5:00 p.m. in the Nave

Our "Orchestra in Residence," the Ars Nova Chamber Orchestra (ANCO) will perform the second of their two season concerts. The 90-minute program will include Fauré's *Masques et bergamasques*, Britten's *Rejoice in the Lamb* with the St. John's Choir, and Haydn's *Symphony No. 101 "The Clock."* The program engages themes of innocence, wonder, and the passage of time. ANCO is an innovative 30-member ensemble that performs as a full orchestra without a conductor using chamber music techniques. Tickets are available for \$20 for general admission and \$5 for students at the door or via ancoselfconducted.org. **For St. John's parishioners and friends, three tickets for the price of two are available through the music office—Michael.Lodico@stjohns-dc.org or 202-347-8766.**

**ST. JOHN'S REBUILDING TOGETHER:
THE TRADITION CONTINUES**

Saturday, April 27, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Pre-Build Date: Saturday, April 20, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

For more than 20 years as part of our Outreach mission, St. John's has been participating in National Rebuilding Together days by making repairs and improvements to homes in Southeast Washington, DC. Work activities this year will include general repairs, cleaning, drywall repair, and painting. No experience is necessary. **Please note the strict requirement that volunteers must be at least fifteen years of age. Five volunteers are needed for April 20, 2019 and 10 volunteers for April 27, 2019.** We will have most of the tools, gloves, masks, etc. that volunteers will need. You may bring your own tools, e.g., saws, and drills. Lunch will be provided to volunteers. The homeowner's address and directions will be provided to those who volunteer. A waiver form must be completed online prior to arriving at the site. **Online volunteer application access has changed from prior years so we will provide updated information for that when it becomes available. To volunteer, please contact Chris Gardner, the team captain at 804-761-4349 or ancabet@yahoo.com or the Rev. Andy Olivo at andrew.olivo@stjohns-dc.org or by phone at 202-347-8766.**

BAPTISM SERVICES

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

- 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 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.**

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 to learn more.**

JOIN ST. JOHN'S GREETERS TEAM

Training Session: Sunday, March 17, 10:10 a.m.

Would you enjoy welcoming visitors to Sunday services? Helping new parishioners feel comfortable in the congregation? Exchanging morning greetings with old and new friends in the parish? Then please join the Welcome Team Ministry and become a Greeter for the 9:00 a.m. or 11:00 a.m. service. Greeting requires only a short time before and after the service and is important to the continued growth and health of St. John's Church. If you are interested in learning more about the role of greeters, attend the training session for all greeters, current as well as new, on Sunday March 17 at 10:10 a.m. on the third floor of the

Parish House. **For more information about becoming a greeter, please contact Head Greeter Kat Kehoe at katkehoe@gmail.com.**

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.**

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.

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.**

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 Linnean Avenue, NW, Washington, DC and W. Langley Lane, McLean, VA.

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

Those who are sick or recovering:

From our parish: Ann Gardner, Teresa Huettner, Bob Patchell, Gordon Richmond, and Samuel Watson.

Friends and family of our parish: Bonni Ashburn (*Kaye Edwards*), Jim Bailey (*Mike Becraft*), Mark Bewsher (*Powell Hutton*), 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*), Jan Lindsay (*Catherine Olivo*), 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*), Sanaullah (*Gay Pasley*), Cawley Scott (*Robyne Johnston*), 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*), 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*), Lucien Johnson (*Wande Johnson*), 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: Matt Bode, Savanna Clark, Charles DeWitt, Thomas Dodson, Sandy Graves, Ted Graves, Joanne Grossmann, Matt Hallett, Sarah Hanniford, Loren Kieve, Albert Kyle, John Livingston, Nathan Malinick, Cameron McBride, Lyla Mehrkam, Matthew Oster, Katherine Raab, Caroline Schwartz, Pete Seidlitz, Haley Thomas, Christopher Tierney, and Aswathi Zachariah.

Those in our parish celebrating an anniversary this week: Susan and Clayton Lewis and Jody and Dexter Moses.

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.

2019 HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Palm Sunday

7:45 a.m.

9:00 a.m.

11:00 a.m.

April 14

Holy Eucharist

Choral Holy Eucharist
and Blessing of the Palms

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Monday-Wednesday

12:10 p.m.

April 15-17

Holy Eucharist

Maundy Thursday

12:00 noon

7:00 p.m.

April 18

Choral Holy Eucharist and Stripping of Altar

Choral Holy Eucharist, Stripping of Altar,
and Foot Washing

Good Friday

2:00 noon-1:00 p.m.

April 19

Good Friday Liturgy with Choir

Easter Day

7:45 a.m.

9:00 a.m.

11:00 a.m.

April 21

Holy Eucharist with Hymns

Festival Holy Eucharist
with Choir, Brass Quintet and Timpani

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with Choir, Brass Quintet and Timpani

EASTER DAY FLOWERS

The deadline for inclusion in the Easter Day order of service is Monday, April 15.

The flowers that enhance the beauty of the Church and Parish House at Eastertide are given as memorials and in thanksgiving by parishioners. Please consider remembering those who are important to you in this special way. The suggested donation is \$55.00 per name. Please send your check made out to St. John's Church with "Easter Flowers" noted on the outside of an envelope addressed to the Flower Fund, or place this form in the offering plate. Your support of this important ministry is greatly appreciated.

In memory of _____

As a Thank Offering for _____

Name _____

Address _____

Phone Number _____ **Amount** _____

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HOST A ST. JOHN'S SUNDAY PARISH LUNCH
March 10–May 19, 2019

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

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

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

Date	Host
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	

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Martin's advice applies to more areas of our lives than golf. This Spring perhaps is a good time for us to step back, and evaluate where we are in our lives. Are we satisfied with where we are in our relationships? Are we satisfied with where we are in our habits? Are we satisfied with the time we are spending with our families? Do we see areas for improvement?

As Martin says – "If you keep on doing what you've been doing, you'll keep on getting what you've been getting." Are you satisfied with your commitment of time and talents to St. John's?

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.

–The Stewardship Committee

THE CARE OF CREATION

St. John's has embarked on a ministry that will focus on our care of God's creation. An initial meeting, Sunday, 24 February, produced some ideas to be pursued. More are welcome. As we embark on this venture, perhaps a good place to start is with the Book of Common Prayer:

“We give you thanks, most gracious God, for the beauty of the earth and sky and sea; for the richness of mountains, plains and rivers; for the songs of the birds and the loveliness of flowers. We praise you for these good gifts and pray that we may safeguard them for our posterity. Grant that we may continue to grow in our grateful enjoyment of your abundant creation, to the honor and glory of your name, now and forever. Amen.”

RECTOR SEARCH COMMITTEE

The Rector Search Committee has presented to the Vestry three finalists for their ultimate determination. This concludes an eleven-month committee endeavor, which included conducting and analyzing a parish survey; hosting focus groups; developing a parish profile; receiving and reviewing nearly 40 applications; hosting 15 video interviews; making nine site visits; and hosting five semi-finalists in Washington.

Thank you for keeping the Search Committee in your prayers across these many months. Please continue to pray that the Holy Spirit guides St. John's through this final phase of 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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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 GREENS

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 greens (during Lent) 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

Andrew Tomlinson,
Secretary

Christopher R. Wall
Parish Counsel

Head Usher

James H. Czerwonky

The Parish Staff

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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 has up-to-date information about the Church including the weekly calendar, the Sunday service schedule, Speaker Series speakers and topics, the music calendar and newsworthy events.

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