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THE SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

March 17, 2019

7:45 A.M.

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

The Penitential Order, page 351, Book of Common Prayer

The First Reading: Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18

Psalm 27

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Blessing and Dismissal

ASSISTING AT THE SERVICE TODAY: Scott Raab, *Reader and Chalice Bearer*; Thom Sinclair, *Lay Eucharistic Minister*; Sherill Mason and Allie Raether, *Flower Guild*; Richard Metzger, *Assistant Head Usher*.

THE GREENS IN THE CHURCH are given to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for **Saint Patrick**.

Collect

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy: Be gracious to all who have gone astray from your ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of your Word, Jesus Christ your Son; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18

The word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." But Abram said, "O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." But the word of the LORD came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness. Then he said to him, "I am the LORD who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess." But he said, "O Lord GOD, how am I to know that I shall possess it?" He said to him, "Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtledove, and a young pigeon." He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away. As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him. When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. On that day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying, "To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates."

Psalm 27

- 1 The Lord is my light and my salvation;
whom then shall I fear?
the Lord is the strength of my life;
of whom then shall I be afraid?
- 2 When evildoers came upon me to eat up my flesh,
it was they, my foes and my adversaries, who
stumbled and fell.
- 3 Though an army should encamp against me,
yet my heart shall not be afraid;
- 4 And though war should rise up against me,
yet will I put my trust in him.
- 5 One thing have I asked of the Lord;
one thing I seek;
that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life;
- 6 To behold the fair beauty of the Lord
and to seek him in his temple.
- 7 For in the day of trouble he shall keep me safe
in his shelter;
he shall hide me in the secrecy of his dwelling
and set me high upon a rock.
- 8 Even now he lifts up my head
above my enemies round about me.
- 9 Therefore I will offer in his dwelling an oblation
with sounds of great gladness;
I will sing and make music to the Lord.
- 10 Hearken to my voice, O LORD, when I call;
have mercy on me and answer me.
- 11 You speak in my heart and say, "Seek my face."
Your face, LORD, will I seek.
- 12 Hide not your face from me,
nor turn away your servant in displeasure.
- 13 You have been my helper;
cast me not away;
do not forsake me, O God of my salvation.
- 14 Though my father and my mother forsake me,
the LORD will sustain me.

- 15 Show me your way, O LORD;
lead me on a level path, because of my enemies.
- 16 Deliver me not into the hand of my adversaries,
for false witnesses have risen up against me,
and also those who speak malice.
- 17 What if I had not believed
that I should see the goodness of the LORD
in the land of the living!
- 18 O tarry and await the LORD'S pleasure;
be strong, and he shall comfort your heart;
wait patiently for the LORD.

Philippians 3:17-4:1

Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. He will transform the body of our humiliation that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself. Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

Luke 13:31-35

Some Pharisees came and said to Jesus, "Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you." He said to them, "Go and tell that fox for me, 'Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my

way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.' Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, 'Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.'"

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.

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.

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.

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.**

SPEAKER SERIES SCHEDULE

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

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.

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*.

CLOTHING DRIVE

March 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 today, 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.

JOIN ST. JOHN'S GREETERS TEAM

Training Session: Today, 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, today, March 17 at 10:10 a.m. on the third floor conference room of the Parish House. **For more information about becoming a greeter, please contact Head Greeter Kat Kehoe at katkehoe@gmail.com.**

CHILDREN'S MUSIC INITIATIVE

Sundays in Lent: March 17 – 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.**

CARE OF CREATION GROUP

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

The Care of Creation group will gather today, after the 11:00 a.m. service on the third floor conference room 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, 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

Today, 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

Today, 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.

WEDNESDAYS IN LENT

March 20, March 27, April 3, and April 10

For four **Wednesdays** in Lent, beginning on Wednesday, March 20, St John's will offer **Prayer That Goes Deeper: A Short Course in the Practice of Prayer**. Participants will meet at 6:30 p.m. for light refreshments. The evening will conclude by 8:00 p.m. The Rev. Martin Smith will lead the first two sessions. The Rev. Bruce McPherson, St. John's Interim Rector, and the Rev. Andy Olivo, St. John's Assistant Rector, will lead the last two. Fr. Smith previously served as Superior of the Order of St. John the Evangelist and on the staff of St. Columba's Episcopal Church. He is the author of a number of widely read books including *Reconciliation, A Season for the Spirit; The Word is Very Near You; Love Set Free;* and *Compass and Stars*.

If you plan to attend, please let us know by emailing Evangeline Gravina at Evangeline.gravina@stjohns-dc.org.

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 Service for Ellen Parke is 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.**

PARENTS' NIGHT OUT

Friday, April 5, 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, April 3**, 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.**

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.**
- Baptism: **Sunday, August 4, 10:30 a.m.**
Class: **To be announced**

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.**

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 Ladybank Lane, Oak Hill, VA and Marycrest Street, 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: Ann Gardner, Teresa Huettner, Bob Patchell, Gordon Richmond, Dace Vidins, and Samuel Watson.

Friends and family of our parish: Bonni Ashburn (*Kaye Edwards*), 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.

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 who died:

Friends and family of our parish: Bessie Lilian Onwuamaegbu who died February 22.

Those in our parish celebrating a birthday this week: Paul Barkett, Joanne Bauers, Tad Blundon, Ashley Coxe, Jamie Craft, Cynthia Ferranto, Carolyn Gardner, John Gardner, John Goheen, Thomas Hailey, Patrick Hanniford, Michael Lodico, Marti Patchell, Scott Raab, Katherine Rawlings, Doug Schwartz, Graham Singer, Peter Spaulding, Amy Stulman, and Sarah Wild.

Those in our parish celebrating an anniversary this week: Emily and Paul Kallaur.

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 **April 14**
7:45 a.m. Holy Eucharist
9:00 a.m. Choral Holy Eucharist
 and Blessing of the Palms
11:00 a.m. Choral Holy Eucharist
 and Blessing of the Palms

Monday-Wednesday **April 15-17**
12:10 p.m. Holy Eucharist

Maundy Thursday **April 18**
12:00 noon Choral Holy Eucharist and Stripping of Altar
7:00 p.m. Choral Holy Eucharist, Stripping of Altar,
 and Foot Washing

Good Friday **April 19**
2:00 noon-1:00 p.m. Good Friday Liturgy with Choir

Easter Day **April 21**
7:45 a.m. Holy Eucharist with Hymns
9:00 a.m. Festival Holy Eucharist
 with Choir, Brass Quintet and Timpani
11:00 a.m. Festival Holy Eucharist
 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 17–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 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</i> (Palm Sunday)
April 21	<i>No Parish Lunch</i> (Easter Day)
April 28	
May 5	
May 12	<i>No Parish Lunch</i> (Mother's Day)
May 19	

A GOLF PRO'S ADVICE

Martin Hall is one of the most highly regarded golf teachers in the world. His weekly show, "The Golf Academy," is full of tips for golfers of all skill levels who wish to improve their games. At the end of each show, he repeats his constant advice – "If you keep on doing what you've been doing, you'll keep on getting what you've been getting." His bottom line is that if you are dissatisfied with your game, it might be time for you to consider some changes. Evaluate what you've been doing. If you have weaknesses in certain areas, seek some professional help. Spring is an ideal time to step back, evaluate where you are and plan steps to move forward.

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 IMMENSE CHALLENGE OF PLASTICS

Plastics were deemed a revolutionary advance to society in the 1940s, and they have been. Remember the advice given to Dustin Hoffman in *The Graduate*: “One word: Plastics”? Unfortunately, what was good for that generation has spawned a nightmare for today’s. Unless they have been recycled or burned, every piece of plastic ever made is still with us—and will be for hundreds and perhaps thousands of years. It’s a non-renewable material the Earth cannot digest. It does not biodegrade; it breaks into smaller pieces. It is made with petrochemicals and leaches toxins that are found in nearly all of us, including newborn babies. Plastics poison the food chain, threaten wildlife, and cost millions to abate. That’s why St. John’s is starting a program to Care for God’s Creation by trying to limit plastic use.

—St. John’s Care of Creation Group

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

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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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