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THE TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 18, 2019

7:45 A.M.

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

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

The First Reading: Isaiah 5:1-7

Psalm 80:1-2, 8-18

The Second Reading: Hebrews 11:29-12:2

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Blessing and Dismissal

ASSISTING AT THE SERVICE TODAY: Heather Hopkins, *Reader and Chalice Bearer*; Kristie Hansen, *Lay Eucharistic Minister*; Sherill Mason and Jennifer Urquhart, *Flower Guild*; Alfred Thesmar, *Assistant Head Usher*; Judy McKeivitt, *Usher*.

THE FLOWERS IN THE CHURCH are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of **C. Paul and Lorna Chamberlain**, and **William and Mary Chamberlain**.

Collect

Almighty God, you have given your only Son to be for us a sacrifice for sin, and also an example of godly life: Give us grace to receive thankfully the fruits of his redeeming work, and to follow daily in the blessed steps of his most holy life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Isaiah 5:1-7

Let me sing for my beloved my love-song concerning his vineyard: My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill. He dug it and cleared it of stones, and planted it with choice vines; he built a watchtower in the midst of it, and hewed out a wine vat in it; he expected it to yield grapes, but it yielded wild grapes. And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and people of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard. What more was there to do for my vineyard that I have not done in it? When I expected it to yield grapes, why did it yield wild grapes? And now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard. I will remove its hedge, and it shall be devoured; I will break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down. I will make it a waste; it shall not be pruned or hoed, and it shall be overgrown with briars and thorns; I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it. For the vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the house of Israel, and the people of Judah are his pleasant planting; he expected justice, but saw bloodshed; righteousness, but heard a cry!

Psalm 80:1-2, 8-18

- 1 Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock; shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.
- 2 In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, stir up your strength and come to help us.
- 8 You have brought a vine out of Egypt; you cast out the nations and planted it.

- 9 You prepared the ground for it;
it took root and filled the land.
- 10 The mountains were covered by its shadow
and the towering cedar trees by its boughs.
- 11 You stretched out its tendrils to the Sea
and its branches to the River.
- 12 Why have you broken down its wall,
so that all who pass by pluck off its grapes?
- 13 The wild boar of the forest has ravaged it,
and the beasts of the field have grazed upon it.
- 14 Turn now, O God of hosts, look down from heaven;
behold and tend this vine;
preserve what your right hand has planted.
- 15 They burn it with fire like rubbish;
at the rebuke of your countenance let them perish.
- 16 Let your hand be upon the man of your right hand,
the son of man you have made so strong for yourself.
- 17 And so will we never turn away from you;
give us life, that we may call upon your Name.
- 18 Restore us, O Lord God of hosts;
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

Hebrews 11:29-12:2

By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace.

And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets-- who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection.

Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned to death, they were sawn in two, they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented-- of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground.

Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had provided something better so that they would not, apart from us, be made perfect.

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

Luke 12:49-56

Jesus said, "I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what stress I am under until it is completed! Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! From now on five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; they will be divided: father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law."

He also said to the crowds, "When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, 'It is going to rain'; and so it happens. And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, 'There will be scorching heat'; and it happens. You hypocrites!

You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present 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.

EVENTS FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 19-25, 2019

Monday August 19
6:30 p.m. AA Lawyers (Togo West Parlor)

Tuesday August 20
10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting (3rd Floor, Conference Room)
12 noon AA (Togo West Parlor)

Thursday August 22
12 noon Al-Anon (Togo West Parlor)

Friday August 23
5:00 p.m. Seth/U Wedding Rehearsal (Nave)

Saturday August 24
9:00 a.m. Flower Guild
5:00 p.m. Seth/U Wedding

Sunday August 25
7:45 a.m. Holy Eucharist—Homily
The Rev. Robert W. Fisher
9:30 a.m. Summer Choir Rehearsal
9:45 a.m. Nursery
10:30 a.m. Choral Holy Eucharist—Sermon
The Rev. Robert W. Fisher
11:45 p.m. Hospitality Hour
Tour of the Church
1:00 p.m. Oración Vespertina

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

SAVE THE DATE

INSTALLATION OF THE REV. ROBERT W. FISHER

**Saturday, September 28 at 10:00 a.m.
St. John's Church, Lafayette Square**

Please join us on Saturday, September 28 at 10:00 a.m. to welcome and celebrate the new ministry of the Rev. Robert W. Fisher. Bishop Mariann Budde will preside at the service. A reception will follow at The Army and Navy Club on Farragut Square, at 901 17th Street, NW. (Corner of 17th and I)

POTLUCK SUPPERS WITH OUR NEW RECTOR

St. John's will continue its popular parishioner potluck suppers into the Fall! The Rev. Rob Fisher and Sarah Wood plan to attend. The potlucks are a wonderful opportunity both to meet our new rector and to connect with fellow parishioners. **If you are interested in hosting one, please contact Holly Sukenik hsukenik@hotmail.com or 202-332-2952.**

- **Sunday, September 1, 4:00 p.m. (Labor Day Weekend)**
Cathedral Heights, NW, Washington DC
Family, kid friendly event (pool available)
Pamela and Patrick Venzke
**RSVP: pamela.venzke@outlook.com or call/text 202-746-4793
with numbers (kids/adults)**
- **Saturday, September 21, 6:30 p.m.**
SW, Washington DC
Carolyn and Nelson Crouch
RSVP: Carolyn.crouch819@gmail.com
- **Tuesday, October 15**
Penn Quarter, Washington DC
Cay Buser
RSVP: buserward@verizon.net
- **Sunday, October 20, 5:30 p.m.**
Alexandria and S. Arlington, VA
Gay and Bob Pasley and Nancy and Frank Klotz **RSVP:**
gpasley@gmail.com or nhklotz@aol.com

SPEAKER SERIES SCHEDULE

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

- **September 8: Margaret Carlson**, columnist for the Daily Beast. She was the first female columnist at *Time* magazine, a columnist at Bloomberg View, a weekly panelist on CNN's "Capital Gang" and managing editor at the *New Republic*. She will speak on *The 2020 Elections*.
- **September 15: Kate Andersen Brower**, Author and Journalist. Kate is the author of the New York Times bestsellers *The Residence* and *First Women*. She is a CNN contributor and covered the Obama White House for Bloomberg News and is a former CBS News staffer and Fox News producer. She will speak on *America's First Ladies*.
- **September 22: Adam Rothman**, Professor in the History Department at Georgetown University. He will speak on *The Civil War and Reconstruction*.
- **September 29: Dr. Michael Witmore**, Director of the Folger Shakespeare Library. He was formerly professor of English at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, and before that he served as associate professor of English and assistant professor of English at Carnegie Mellon University. He will speak on *The Folger and Shakespeare*.
- **October 6: Jeffrey Rosen**, American academic and commentator on legal affairs. He is a professor of law at the Law School of George Washington University. He will speak on *The New Supreme Court Term*.
- **October 20: Ashok Kumar Mirpuri**, Ambassador of Singapore to the United States. He will speak on *Reflections from Embassy Row: A Discussion with the Ambassador of Singapore*.
- **October 27: Jane Clarke**, acclaimed Irish poet, will reflect on the role of poetry in helping us respond to loss, with a reading from her recently published second collection (*When the Tree Falls, Bloodaxe Books 2019*) and her illustrated group of poems inspired by a First World War family archive, (*All the Way Home, Smith/Doorstop 2019*). She will speak on *Give sorrow words*.
- **December 15: Stewart McLaurin**, President of the White House Historical Association. He leads the Association's non-profit and non-partisan mission to support conservation and preservation at the White House with non-government funding. He will speak on *The White House Historical Association*.

JOIN THE SUMMER CHOIR!

Singers, whether experienced or not-so-experienced, are invited to sing in the choir on Sunday mornings at St. John's **through Labor Day Weekend**. The rehearsal begins at 9:30 a.m. sharp each Sunday morning in the church, to prepare for the 10:30 a.m. service. Members of both the St. John's Choir and the Parish Choir will be on hand to lend their voices as well, and you may sing for one Sunday or all Sundays. **Please contact Michael Lodico at michael.lodico@stjohns-dc.org if you are interested in singing in the Summer Choir** or just show up for rehearsal.

ST. JOHN'S BOOK CLUB

- **Thursday, September 12 at 6:45 p.m.:** The St. John's Book Club will resume its monthly meetings on Thursday, September 12. We will meet in the second floor teens classroom at 6:45 p.m. to discuss *The Overstory* by Richard Powers. If you love to read, please join us for an evening of discussion and socializing. **Questions? Contact Leila Taaffe at taaffel@gmail.com.**
- **Saturday, September 14 at 2:00 p.m., Trip to the Theater:** Please join the St. John's Book Club for an outing to the play *Assassins* at the Signature Theater in Arlington, VA on Saturday, September 14 at 2:00 p.m. Last year we read *Destiny of the Republic: A Tale of Madness, Medicine and the Murder of a President* by Candance Millard about the assassination of President Garfield, and the play *Assassins* looks at nine assassins in history, including Garfield's. We have secured a block of group tickets at the discounted rate of \$88.60 per ticket. **If you are interested to join us, please contact Janet Edmond at janet0817@hotmail.com by August 18, 2019.**

BAPTISM SERVICES

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

- Baptism: **Sunday, September 22, 9:00 a.m.**
Class: **Saturday, September 21, 10:00 a.m.**
- Baptism: **Sunday, November 3, 11:00 a.m.**
Class: **Saturday, November 2, 1:00 p.m.**
- Baptism: **Sunday, January 12, 9:00 a.m.**
Class: **Saturday, January 11, 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.

THE 2019 FALL ADULT INQUIRERS' CLASS
Saturdays, October 5 and October 19
9:00 a.m. to 2:00 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 Fall Adult Inquirers' Class. The two-day class will meet on Saturdays, October 5 and October 19 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. both days. The Rev. Rob Fisher, Rector of St. John's, 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 Saturday, November 2.

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 most rehearsals with a service of Compline in the nave. 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 "Fall Quarter" beginning with breakfast, a retreat, and sung midday prayer with Rev. Rob Fisher on the morning of Saturday, September 7, please be in touch with Director of Music Michael Lodico at Michael.Lodico@Stjohns-dc.org to learn more.**

THE ST. JOHN'S REFUGEE COMMITTEE

The St. John's Refugee Committee would like to thank the congregation for the incredible outpouring of support over the past few weeks to support the efforts of the committee to prepare an apartment for an incoming refugee family. The family is settled in their new home, and expressed tremendous gratitude for our welcome. **For more information about how to become involved with future efforts, please contact jesspulsifersanchez@gmail.com**

YOUTH PILGRIMAGE TO KWASA COLLEGE IN SOUTH AFRICA
Summer 2020

Rising ninth-twelfth graders are invited to contact Savannah Ponder to apply to participate in a pilgrimage to The Kwasa College in Springs, Gauteng, South Africa. This pilgrimage will happen next summer. Kwasa is an educational center for children age three through grade five. St. John's has had a long relationship with Kwasa, both supporting their ministry financially and sending volunteers to visit the community. Rev. Sharron Dinnie, the rector of Kwasa, has warmly

invited St. John's youth to return to Kwasa next summer to build relationships, serve with the school, and learn more about their ministries with children. The requirements leading up to this pilgrimage would be participation in the following: monthly group meetings for prayer, faith formation, and fundraising planning, hosting parish-wide fundraising events leading up to the trip, and leading one presentation at St. John's after the trip.

If you are interested in learning more about this opportunity, please contact Savannah Ponder, Assistant for Ministries to Children, Youth, and Families at savannah.ponder@stjohns-dc.org by September 1.

JOIN ST. JOHN'S GREETERS TEAM

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 (10:30 a.m. service during summer). 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. **For more information about becoming a greeter, please contact Head Greeter Kat Kehoe at katkehoe@gmail.com.**

JOIN THE ST. JOHN'S TOUR GUIDE MINISTRY

St. John's Tour Guide Ministry is looking for new members. For the Tour Guides of St. John's, spring and summer mean that the number of visitors and guests who are interested in tours of the church will be increasing at our services. Leading tours is rewarding. You meet wonderful people from all over the United States and around the world. Training from current Tour Guides is done at your convenience. Guides are called upon once every 8 weeks or so to give tours on Sundays after the 11:00 a.m. service (during the regular program year) and after the 10:30 a.m. service during the summer. **If the opportunity presents itself, please take a tour from one of our Guides or contact the head of the Tour Guides, Karen Zachary, at karen.zachary@gmail.com.** We look forward to welcoming you as a part of this important ministry at St. John's.

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.**

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.

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.

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. Rob Fisher at rob.fisher@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 10th St NE, Washington, DC; Red Clover Drive, Rockville, MD; and Summit Place, NW, Washington, DC.

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

Those who are sick or recovering:

From our parish: Krista Becker, Teresa Huettner, Nelda Johnson, Bob Patchell, Gordon Richmond, Robin Schwartz, Dace Vidins, and Samuel Watson.

Friends and family of our parish: Bruce Anderson (*Cay Buser*), Niels Beck (*Michelle Mangrum*), Jeannie Boyd (*Samuel Watson*), Rachael Buckley (*Chrystal Martin*), John Frew Carter (*Margo Arnold*), Lane Carter, Kevin Chaney (*Andrew Tomlinson*), Laura Chaney (*Andrew Tomlinson*), Bill Clark (*Clark Ervin*), William Frew Conderman (*Margo Arnold*), Sambar Datta (*Ashley Culbertson*), Harry Davis (*Mary & Carl Raether*), Karl Dornemann (*Deb Dornemann*), Bobby Doyle (*Alex Pappas*), Henry Farrington (*Samuel Watson*), Ted Fibison (*Wendy Fibison*), Chantay Griffin (*GeeGee Bryant and Charley Griffin*), Lucas Hunt (*Matthew Taylor*), Edwarda Johnson (*Wande Johnson*), Frederick T. Kraus (*Grant Kraus*), 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*), Ginger Parra (*Leila Taaffe*), Cawley Scott (*Robyne Johnston*), Diane Sinclair (*Pat Dalby*), Henry and Sandy

Welles (*Donna Welles*), Jim Wolter (*Willy Wolter*), and Kristen Wyckoff (*Pat Dalby*).

Those who are shut-in:

From our parish: Max Hudgins.

Those who were born:

From our parish: James Cooper Hailey who was born August 12.

Those who died:

Friends and family of our parish: Brian M. Edmond and Shirletta Lewis who died August 10 and Elizabeth Carlson who died August 12.

Those who are in the hospital:

Friends and family of our parish: Yanira Barona (*Wande Johnson*), Russ Capps (*Virginia Bader*), Julie Howell (*Cynthia Walker*), Aiden Mylnikov (*Lindsey Bowen*), and Travis Rogers (*Robert Carroll*).

Those in our parish celebrating a birthday this week: David Baugh, Eduardo González, Michael Grealy, Davis Hampe, Jan Lupton, Peter Odom, Ugo Owunwanne, Charles Schwartz, Bard Sullenger, Hadley Sullenger, and Thomas Traxler.

Those in our parish celebrating an anniversary this week: Nancy and Frank Klotz, Katherine and Pete Kyle, Gini and Harker Rhodes, and Alexian Wines and Christopher Semkow.

Those serving in the Armed Forces including those who are deployed, and for the Armed Forces Ministry of the Episcopal Church:

Friends and family of our parish who are deployed: Steve Helmer (*Sara McGanity*) and Peter T. Watson (*Wendy Fibison*).

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
September 29, 2019 – May 17, 2020

Parish Lunch Resumes!

Our beloved Parish Lunch tradition resumes September 29.

Sign Up to Host A Sunday Parish Lunch!

The Calendar is open. Your help is needed to make it happen.

Participate in one of the best fellowship opportunities at St. John's.

Make new friends – both members and visitors – and catch up
with old friends.

We encourage individual members, families, and groups and ministries
of our church to host lunches.

Working with family and friends is FUN!

It takes at least two people to pull it off.

So, ...

Talk to a friend – or two or three – about joining you to host a Sunday
Lunch. The more the merrier!

Hosts may be reimbursed for expenses or receive a tax receipt as you
choose.

Detailed guidelines are sent to anyone who inquires.

To sign up to host a lunch and select a date, contact Holly Sukenik, the lunch coordinator, at 202-332-2952 (home) 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: October 27 (Marine Corps Marathon), December 1 (Thanksgiving weekend), December 22, December 29, January 5, April 5 (Palm Sunday), April 12 (Easter Day), and May 10 (Mother's Day).

| Date | Host |
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| September 29 | |
| October 6 | |
| October 13 | |
| October 20 | |
| November 3 | |
| November 10 | |
| November 17 | |
| November 24 | |
| December 8 | |
| December 15 | |
| January 12 | |
| January 19 | |
| January 26 | |

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| February 2 | Annual Meeting and Reception |
| February 9 | |
| February 16 | |
| February 23 | |
| March 1 | |
| March 8 | |
| March 15 | |
| March 22 | |
| March 29 | |
| April 19 | |
| April 26 | |
| May 3 | |
| May 17 | |

**EMAIL WHALING/PHISHING SCAMS PERSIST
BE AWARE AND DON'T BE A VICTIM!**

Again, community members have received messages purporting to be from the Rev. Rob Fisher, asking for favors and gift card purchases. **These emails are not from Rob!**

Rob and the rest of the staff at St. John's Church will never email anyone asking for gift card purchases. Treat this as a red flag and report it to staff immediately.

Any email from clergy or staff will have an address that ends with stjohns-dc.org. Common phishing/whaling attempts use very similar looking email addresses from free services like Gmail or Yahoo.

Please do not open any suspicious emails that may come from any account. Delete them immediately. If you are unsure, please contact the Church Office (202-347-8766) for assistance. To learn more about whaling/phishing attempts, visit the Diocese of Newark's blog post on the subject at <https://dioceseofnewark.org/geeks/whaling-email-attacks-how-foil-them>.

JUST EAT IT; WASTING FOOD MATTERS

Imagine carrying four full shopping bags home from the grocery store. When we get home, we immediately toss one into the garbage pail. That's the equivalent of what we consumers do (commercial establishments often toss up to 40%), at a time when nearly one in six Americans faces hunger, many of them children. Some food gets discarded because "sell by", "best by", "use by" dates have expired. These are not government mandates—except for baby formula, the government does not set expiration dates—but rather industry prescribed dates, beyond which nutrients are alleged to decline. Industry uses them as inventory control but also has an interest in having us buy more to replace “obsolete” items. Tossed food wastes all the work that went into getting it, plus the water, fertilizer, transport, storage and packaging resources, quite apart from the cost to our pocketbooks when we throw away what we have already bought and paid for.

What we can do:

- Check out this site for useful ideas:
<https://ivaluefood.com/resources/cooking-eating/creative-ways-to-use-leftovers/>
- Measure our own food waste: how are we doing? Plan for and buy only what we need, and before tossing, look, smell, and taste. “When in doubt, use your snout.” Much can be determined to be still tasty. Compost non-meat organics or use them for vegetable stocks.
- Savvy consumers look (and ask) for seconds on fruits and vegetables that might be slightly bruised or misshapen. The errant parts can be cut out while our wallets are beefed up.

–St. John’s Care of Creation Group

In coordination with the Care of Creation Group’s efforts to stop the use of items, such as plastic shopping bags, that are harmful to the environment, St. John’s has produced reusable tote bags with the St. John’s logo. Please contact the office or see a greeter on Sunday mornings to pick up a bag for your use.

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

Thank you!

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 infants through age six is provided on Sundays from 9:45 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.**

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 10:30 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
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Welcome!

AT ST. 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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