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THE ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 25, 2019

7:45 A.M.

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

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

The First Reading: Jeremiah 1:4-10

Psalm 71:1-6

The Second Reading: Hebrews 12:18-29

Gospel: Luke 13:10-17

The Sermon: The Rev. Robert W. Fisher

Preacher and People:

God, grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, the courage to change the things I can, and the wisdom to know the difference. Amen.

Nicene Creed, page 358

The Prayers of the People, Form VI, page 392

The Peace

The Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving, Prayer A, page 361

Prayer after Communion, page 365

Blessing and Dismissal

ASSISTING AT THE SERVICE TODAY: Michelle Mangrum, *Reader and Chalice Bearer*; Joanne Hutton, *Lay Eucharistic Minister*; Thea Crouch, Katherine Kyle, and Elizabeth Lewis, *Flower Guild*; Graham Keithley and Richard Metzger, *Assistant Head Usher*; George Diliberto, *Usher*.

THE FLOWERS IN THE CHURCH are given to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for the marriage yesterday of **Ella-May Seth and Edwin John U.**

Collect

Grant, O merciful God, that your Church, being gathered together in unity by your Holy Spirit, may show forth your power among all peoples, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Jeremiah 1:4-10

Now the word of the Lord came to me saying, “Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations.”

Then I said, “Ah, Lord God! Truly I do not know how to speak, for I am only a boy.” But the Lord said to me, “Do not say, ‘I am only a boy’; for you shall go to all to whom I send you, and you shall speak whatever I command you, Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you, says the Lord.”

Then the Lord put out his hand and touched my mouth; and the Lord said to me, “Now I have put my words in your mouth. See, today I appoint you over nations and over kingdoms, to pluck up and to pull down, to destroy and to overthrow, to build and to plant.”

Psalm 71:1-6

- 1 In you, O Lord, have I taken refuge;
let me never be ashamed.
- 2 In your righteousness, deliver me and set me free;
incline your ear to me and save me.
- 3 Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe;
you are my crag and my stronghold.
- 4 Deliver me, my God, from the hand of the wicked,
from the clutches of the evildoer and the oppressor.
- 5 For you are my hope, O Lord God,
my confidence since I was young.
- 6 I have been sustained by you ever since I was born;
from my mother's womb you have been my strength;
my praise shall be always of you.

Hebrews 12:18-29

You have not come to something that can be touched, a blazing fire, and darkness, and gloom, and a tempest, and the sound of a trumpet, and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that not another word be spoken to them. (For they could not endure the order that was given, "If even an animal touches the mountain, it shall be stoned to death." Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, "I tremble with fear.") But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

See that you do not refuse the one who is speaking; for if they did not escape when they refused the one who warned them on earth, how much less will we escape if we reject the one who warns from heaven! At that time his voice shook the earth; but now he has promised, "Yet once more I will shake

not only the earth but also the heaven." This phrase, "Yet once more," indicates the removal of what is shaken-- that is, created things--so that what cannot be shaken may remain. Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us give thanks, by which we offer to God an acceptable worship with reverence and awe; for indeed our God is a consuming fire.

Luke 13:10-17

Now Jesus was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath. And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, "Woman, you are set free from your ailment." When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God. But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, "There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured, and not on the sabbath day." But the Lord answered him and said, "You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger, and lead it away to give it water? And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the sabbath day?" When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame; and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things that he was doing.

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.

**WELCOME
THE REV. JANE MILLIKEN HAGUE!**

Interim Associate Rector

The Rev. Jane Milliken Hague has a Bachelor of Science in Foreign Service (BSFS) from the Walsh School of Foreign Service at Georgetown University and earned a graduate degree from Virginia Theological Seminary. After working in business, Jane turned her focus back to her love for the church.

She managed the Welcome Table at the Church of the Epiphany for three years, and was ordained in 2011. She was Associate Rector at St. Margaret's in Annapolis, MD for five years and Associate to the Rector at St. Thomas Church, on the campus of Dartmouth College in Hanover, NH, for two years.

Being an avid fan of the Washington Nationals is just one of the reasons Jane is thrilled to return to the DC area. She has two sons, loves to hike, and is a beginner in golf.

EVENTS FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 26-SEPTEMBER 1, 2019

Monday	August 26
6:30 p.m.	AA Lawyers (Togo West Parlor)
Tuesday	August 27
10:00 a.m.	Staff Meeting (3rd Floor, Conference Room)
12 noon	AA (Togo West Parlor)
Wednesday	August 28
12 noon	Transition Committee Meeting
Thursday	August 29
12 noon	Al-Anon (Togo West Parlor)
Friday	August 30
4:30 p.m.	Kozlowski/Kanitra Wedding Rehearsal (Nave)
Saturday	August 31
9:00 a.m.	Flower Guild
4:30 p.m.	Kozlowski/Kanitra Wedding
Sunday	September 1
7:45 a.m.	Holy Eucharist—Homily—The Rev. Jane Hague
9:30 a.m.	Summer Choir Rehearsal
9:45 a.m.	Nursery
10:30 a.m.	Choral Holy Eucharist Sermon—The Rev. Jane Hague
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.**

REGULAR SUNDAY SCHEDULE BEGINS ON SEPTEMBER 8

7:45 a.m.	Homily and Holy Eucharist
8:15 a.m.	Nursery
9:00 a.m.	Sermon and Holy Eucharist
11:00 a.m.	Sermon and Holy Eucharist
1:00 p.m.	Oración Vespertina

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: glpasley@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*.

CHILDREN AND YOUTH FORMATION LEADERS' RETREAT

Saturday, September 7, 9:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Please save the date for a formation leadership retreat day--Saturday, September 7 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. This is a time for both new and veteran church school teachers and formation leaders to come together for team building, training, prayer, and a lunch with the rector and family minister. **If you are interested in serving in leadership with children and youth this program year (September-May), please contact Savannah Ponder, Assistant for Ministries with Children, Youth, and Families at savannah.ponder@stjohns-dc.org.**

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 taffel@gmail.com.**

PARLOR SERIES SEASON OPENER

Sunday, September 15 at 5:00 p.m.

Soprano Tory Wood with pianist Joy Schreier

In Recital

Tory Wood, from Michigan's beautiful Upper Peninsula, sings in the St. John's Choir and is a member of the Washington National Opera Chorus. Joy Schreier is pianist for the Cathedral Choral Society and received her doctorate in accompanying from the Eastman School of Music. They will perform art songs and arias by Donizetti, Handel, Reynaldo Hahn, Joaquin Rodrigo, Schubert, and Richard Strauss. The Parlor Series offers an hour of ticketless, free entertainment followed by a light reception in the newly-renovated Togo West Parlor in the Parish House.

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.

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 to 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. The 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.

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. to 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 the 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.**

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 Delaware Ave., SW, Washington, DC and Key Blvd., Arlington, VA.

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

Those who are sick or recovering:

From our parish: 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 died:

Friends and family of our parish: Yanira Barona who died August 20.

Those who are in the hospital:

From our parish: Susan Wild.

Friends and family of our parish: 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: Hugh Agnew, Jamie Agnew, Leslie Arriaga, Sarah Baker, Reed Barnes, Diamond Bryant, Casey Evans, Debra Fine, Richard Greene, Lucy Herzog, Max Hudgins, Stevan Johnson, Bayne Johnston, Elizabeth Livingston, Quinn Lyerly, Michael Malinick, Gregory Mays, Eric Peters, Jason Rossbach, Ann Tierney, and Philip Tierney.

Those in our parish celebrating an anniversary this week: Carolyn and Nelson Crouch, Susan and Sandy Sierck, and Holly and John Sukenik.

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
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	

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>.

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
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 Odum
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

Kim Carlson
Director for Operations

Evangeline Gravina
Operations Assistant

Preston Cherouny
Financial Secretary

Charley Griffin
Receptionist

Elizabeth Leach
*Communications
Coordinator*

R. J. Gravina
Program Coordinator

Victor Obregon, *Sexton*

GeeGee Bryant
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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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