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Rector

The Reverend Jane Milliken Hague
Interim Associate Rector

The Reverend William Morris
Assisting Priest for Engaging Faith and the Workplace

The Reverend Savannah Ponder
Deacon for Ministries to Children, Youth, and Families

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Assistant for Church Growth

Brent Erstad
Acting Director of Music

Samantha Scheff
Assistant Organist

THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY
January 12, 2020

7:45 A.M.

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

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

The First Reading: Isaiah 42:1-9

Psalm 29

The Second Reading: Acts 10:34-43

Gospel: Matthew 3:13-17

The Sermon: The Rev. Jane Milliken Hague

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

A Prayer for Stewardship

Priest and People:

Gracious and everlasting God, the giver of all good gifts, you have blessed us and our parish abundantly. Grant us the hope to dream and the courage to live into our possibilities. Make us faithful stewards, both for the provision of our necessities and for the relief of those who are in need. Bless the efforts of our Annual Giving this year to extend the work of spiritual renewal in our church and community of faith. Through Jesus Christ, who gave all of himself, we offer this prayer. Amen.

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*; Richard Price, *Lay Eucharistic Minister*; Amanda Claire Hoover and Mary Raether, *Flower Guild*; Alfred Thesmar, *Assistant Head Usher*; Richard Young, *Usher*.

THE FLOWERS IN THE CHURCH are given to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for the baptism today of **James Cooper Hailey, Natalie Kathleen Davis Stolar, and Peter Carl Ward.**

Collect

Father in heaven, who at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit: Grant that all who are baptized into his Name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.

Isaiah 42:1-9

Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations. He will not cry or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street; a bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. He will not grow faint or be crushed until he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his teaching.

Thus says God, the Lord, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people upon it and spirit to those who walk in it: I am the Lord, I have called you in righteousness, I have taken you by the hand and kept you; I have given you as a covenant to the people, a light to the nations, to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness. I am the Lord, that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to idols. See, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth, I tell you of them.

Psalm 29

- 1 Ascribe to the Lord, you gods,
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.
- 2 Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his Name;
worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.
- 3 The voice of the Lord is upon the waters;
the God of glory thunders;
the Lord is upon the mighty waters.
- 4 The voice of the Lord is a powerful voice;
the voice of the Lord is a voice of splendor.
- 5 The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees;
the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon;
- 6 He makes Lebanon skip like a calf,
and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.
- 7 The voice of the Lord splits the flames of fire;
the voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness;
the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.
- 8 The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees writhe
and strips the forests bare.
- 9 And in the temple of the Lord
all are crying, "Glory!"
- 10 The Lord sits enthroned above the flood;
the Lord sits enthroned as King for evermore.

- 11 The Lord shall give strength to his people;
the Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace.

Acts 10:34-43

Peter began to speak to them: “I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ--he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

Matthew 3:13-17

Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?” But Jesus answered him, “Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness.” Then he consented. And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, “This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.”

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.

ON BEHALF OF THE RECTOR, WARDENS, VESTRY, AND ALL WHO
SHARE IN THE GRACE OF GOD THROUGH THE WORSHIP, MINISTRIES,
PROGRAMS, AND OUTREACH OF ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, WE THANK THE
FOLLOWING FOR THEIR PLEDGES FOR THE YEAR 2020.

(as of January 8, 2020)

Anonymous (2)
David Abernethy & Elizabeth Lewis
Dana & Sophie Ackerly
John & Renate Alison
Tony Anikeeff & Tung-Lin Wu
Gale Arnold
Keith & Jeanne Arnold
Margo & Doug Arnold
Thomas & Christine Arrasmith
John Aschieris
Shea & Virginia Bader
Sarah Banks
Paul Barkett
Jordan Baugh
Meg Beasley
Krista Becker
Bob Beizer
Laura Belman
Kate Benner
Judy Campbell Bird
William & Martha Birdseye
Diane Bitsberger
Marion Blakey & William Dooley
Paul Bledsoe & Celia Boddington
Thomas Bleha & Natasha Simes
Nita Blundon
Matt Bode & Laurie Adams
Russell & Barbara Brown
William Brownlee
Glynnis Bryant
Lee Buddendeck
Craig & Barbara Burkhardt
Richard Busch
Carolyn Buser
Peter & Susan Carlson
Robert Carroll
Andrea Charters
Mary Jane Checchi

Preston & Merrell Cherouny
John & Victoria Cherry
Virginia Chew
Savanna Clark
Andrew Clarke & Chip Sherrill
Gwinneth Ann Clarkson
Audrey Wood Corcoran
Claudette Cox
Robert & Jamie Craft
Stephen & Nicole Crochet
Nelson & Carolyn Crouch
Gwendolyn Cunningham
James Czerwonky
Patricia Czerwonky
Garry & Patricia Dalby
Betsy Danello
Christine Davies
Susan Dawson
Justin Dean & Matthew Sipala
John Derrick
William Dodd & Bailey Thomas
Richard Doege & Julia Koster
James Doyle
Diana Duncan
Will & Grace Duthe
James Eastwood
Janet Edmond
Janice Berry Edwards
Kaye Edwards
Lauren Edwards
Karen & Christopher Eifert
Lyle Elder & Chiara Helm
Martha Ellison
Erika Emery
Clark Ervin & Carolyn Harris
Le & Casey Evans
Amanda and Eric Eversole
Allison Eyd
Denis Faherty
Stephen & Caroline Faris
Wendy Fibison
Hyman & Anne Field
Jamie Finch & David Dawson
Rob Fisher & Sarah Wood
Carol Cole Flanagan
Lee and Juliet Folger

Linda Gaines
David Gallalee
Hillary Garber & Tim Stuart
Elizabeth & Christopher Gardner
John & Ann Gardner
Jim & Carrie Garland
Kay Gilley
Eduardo Gonzalez
Ted & Sandy Graves
Michael & Missy Grealy
Richard & Jeanne Grimmett
Hunter & Katie Guerin
Jane Milliken Hague
Gary & Debby Hailey
Nick & Kate Hailey
Budd Hallberg & Susan Jess
Kyle & Mary Hankey
Jeff and Katie Hantson
Hunter Hardinge & Matthew Thomas
Barbara Harper
Robert & Anne Harrington
Fruzsina Harsanyi
Diane Hauslein
Timothy & Susan Heil
Susan Herrington
John & Laura Herzog
Kristin & John Highsmith
Robert & Tammi Hoback
Katie & Paul Holder
Heather Hopkins
Cecil & Lydia Hornbaker
Stephen & Teresa Huettner
Andrew Hunt & Elizabeth Hill
Powell & Joanne Hutton
John Peters Irelan
Elizabeth Johnson
Wande Johnson
Bayne & Elizabeth Johnston
Mac & Barbara Johnston
Robyne Johnson
Cliftine Jones
Bill & Sara Josey
Bill & Ann Kaye
Katherine Kehoe
Carter & Fran Keithley
Graham & Robin Keithley

Anne & Loren Kieve
Richard & Justine Kingham
Jack Kinsey & Becky Schergens
James & Lisa Kirchenbauer
Alan Kirk
Frank & Nancy Klotz
Elizabeth P. Koehler
Kenny Kraft
Grant Kraus
Albert & Katherine Kyle
Marcus J. Lemon
Joseph & Andrée Leonelli
Patricia Leslie
Leo Lex
Jesus I. Lopez
Margaret Love
Jeffrey & Marisol Lovelace
James Lowe
John & Emily Lucio
Kathy Luhrman
Jan H. Lupton
Troy & Maggie Lyons
Bernard Malloy
Tiffany Manchester
Paul Mandelson
Michelle Mangrum
Harry & Claire Marshall
Harry & Judith Martin
Sandy & Nancy Martin
Nancy Mathis & Shawn Maher
Earl Matthews
Nancy Matthews
Gregory & Liz Mays
Abbott McCartney & Sigrid Block
Sara McGanity
Judson McIntire
Judith McKevirt
Matthew McMurray
A. Richard Metzger, Jr.
Johnathan Miller
Nathan & Kelly Miller
Robert Miller & Victoria Choy
John & Livy More
John & Catherine Morefield
Will & Michelle Morris
Rob Mosbacher

Richard & Joy Nathan
Julie Neff Lippman
Peter & Amber Neville
Peter & Eleanor Odom
Ralph & Lydia Olson
Uche & Nkem Onwuamaegbu
Emily & Jason Ornstein
Owen & Felicia Owunwanne
Alex & Nancy Pappas
Bob & Sharon Park
Bob & Gay Pasley
Laura & Sam Patten
Anthony Pegues
Robin Pennington
Eric Peters
Raymond & Susan Petniunas
Natalie A. Popovic
Richard J. Price
Scott & Katherine Raab
Will & Brittany Rabbe
Allie Raether
Carl & Mary Raether
Garret & Gigi Rasmussen
Nate & Katherine Rawlings
Hwa Cha Redman
Laurance Redway
Jack Reiffer
Harker & Gini Rhodes
Hap & Nora Rigby
Chris Rogers
Caitlin Rooney
Chase W. Rynd
Jessica & Alex Sanchez
Mary Saunders and Thomas Bell
Brian & KayAnn Schoeneman
Charles Schwartz
WonYong Shim
Sandy & Susan Sierck
Adelle Simmons
Thom Sinclair & James Kreger
Diane & Peter Spaulding
John Staples & Scott Raspa
Ken & Susan Starling
Anne Stewart
Toby Stock & Margy Slattery
Alex Stolar

Catherine Stolar
Desirée Stolar
John & Holly Sukenik
Meredith Sullenger
Leila Taaffe & Arthur Kellermann
Matthew Taylor
Dax & Veronica Tejera
Riley Temple
Hilary & Alfred Thesmar
Jocelyn Tichenor
Andrew & Alyssa Tomlinson
Thomas Traxler & Rachel Bright
José Trejo
Cal Trepagnier & Marta Cook
Anthony Turner
Jennifer C. Urquhart
Sophia Vandergrift
Patrick & Pamela Venzke
Susan G. Volgenau
Ann & Robert Von Der Lippe
Jonathan Wakely
Christopher R. Wall
Alis Wang & Amy Stulman
Carl Ward
Kristin Josey & John Ward
Marc & Susan Warren
Susan Welch
Hilary West
Mrs. Togo D. West, Jr.
Tripp Whitbeck
Margo E. Wiegenstein
Anna Wieger
Dan Williams
Christina Wilson
Neil & Emma Wilson
Andrea Winchell
Anita L. Woehler
Willy & Brenda Wolter
William Wright
Renée B. Yancey
Sang & Sarah Yi
Richard Young

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. Join us for the coffee hour following the service.

We welcome families with young children at our worship services. Liturgy bags with children's activities are available from the greeters as you enter the nave. For parishioners and visitors alike, nursery care for children under age three is provided on Sunday from 8:15 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. on the Lower Level. **We offer Church School at 10:00 a.m. for children age three through grade five every Sunday. Every Third Sunday, we offer a Youth Gathering for grades six through twelve. Both children and youth formation take place 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.**

EVENTS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 13-19, 2020

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| Monday | January 13 |
| 6:30 p.m. | AA Lawyers (Togo West Parlor) |
| Tuesday | January 14 |
| 12 noon | AA (Togo West Parlor) |
| 2:00 p.m. | Staff Meeting (3rd Floor, Conference Room) |
| 6:30 p.m. | EFM Class (3rd Floor, Conference Room) |
| Thursday | January 16 |
| 12 noon | Al-Anon (Togo West Parlor) |
| | Debtors Anonymous (Multi-Purpose Room) |
| 6:30 p.m. | Choir Supper (Togo West Parlor) |
| 7:00 p.m. | Choir Rehearsal (4th Floor, Choir Room) |
| Saturday | January 18 |
| 9:00 a.m. | Flower Guild Arranging Flowers |
| Sunday | January 19 |
| 7:45 a.m. | Holy Eucharist—Sermon The Rev. Robert W. Fisher |
| 8:15 a.m. | Parish Choir Rehearsal Nursery Opens |
| 9:00 a.m. | Choral Holy Eucharist—Sermon The Rev. Robert W. Fisher |
| 10:00 a.m. | Formation Hour <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Speaker Series—David Garrow, biographer of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.• Bible Study (3rd Floor, Conference Room)• Church School (age three-grade five) Godly Play class (2nd Floor, Parish House) |
| 10:10 a.m. | St. John's Choir Rehearsal |
| 11:00 a.m. | Choral Holy Eucharist—Sermon The Rev. Robert W. Fisher Children's Chapel |
| 12:15 p.m. | Hospitality Hour Tour of the Church |
| 12:30 p.m. | St. John's Choir Rehearsal |

**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:



- **January 12: Christopher Costa**, former intelligence officer of 34 years, former Special Assistant to the President and current Executive Director of the International Spy Museum. He will speak on *The International Spy Museum*.
- **January 19: David Garrow**, Pulitzer Prize-winning biographer of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. He will speak on *The Life and Legacy of Martin Luther King, Jr.*
- **January 26: Vestry Candidates' Presentation.**
- **February 9: Dr. Meredith Evans**, Director of the Jimmy Carter Presidential Library and Museum. She will speak about the library and the museum and the Carter presidency.
- **February 16: Robert Strong**, William Lyne Wilson Professor in Political Economy at Washington and Lee University. He will speak on *The Jimmy Carter Presidency*.
- **February 23: Ambassador Stuart Eizenstat**, chief White House domestic policy adviser to President Jimmy Carter. He will speak on his book, *President Carter: The White House Years*.
- **April 19: The Rev. Robert S. Heaney**, Director of the Center for Anglican Communion Studies and Associate Professor of Christian Mission at Virginia Theological Seminary. He will speak on *International Episcopal-Anglican Identity: The State of the Communion*.
- **May 10: Elaine Pagels**, American religious historian and the Harrington Spear Paine Professor of Religion at Princeton University. She will speak on her book, *Why Religion, A Personal Story*.

NEW ADULT BIBLE STUDY
Today, January 12 at 10:00 a.m.



Today and for most of the Sundays until Lent, a new adult Bible Study meets at 10:00 a.m. in the third floor conference room. Jack Reiffer is leading a study on the Gospel of Matthew, the lead gospel for our current Year A church year. The study examines the major themes that are part of this year's gospel readings and how the Matthew lessons are assigned to the various Sundays in the church year.

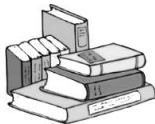
EPIPHANY LESSONS AND CAROLS AND HOLY EUCHARIST

Sunday, January 26, 11:00 a.m.



Join the Parish Choir for a service of Lessons and Carols for the Season of Epiphany. More ancient than the celebration of Christmas, the early church highlighted three manifestations—or *epiphanies*—of Jesus' life and early ministry: the visit by the Magi, the revelation that he was God's beloved child at his baptism in the Jordan, and his first miracle at the wedding feast at Cana. Explore these stories through music and readings for the season of Epiphany.

ST. JOHN'S BOOK CLUB
Thursday, February 6 at 6:45 p.m.



The St. John's Book Club will meet on Thursday, February 6. We will meet in the second floor teens classroom of the Parish House at 6:45 p.m. to discuss *Hitch 22* by Christopher Hitchens. If you love to read, please join us for an evening of discussion and socializing. **For more information, contact Leila Taaffe at taffel@gmail.com.**

ANNUAL MEETING AND ELECTION OF VESTRY
Sunday, February 2, 10:00 a.m.

VESTRY CANDIDATES

Paul Barkett, *Senior Warden*

Jeff Hantson, *Junior Warden*

Vestry (voting for 3):

Laurie Adams

Michelle Mangrum

John More

Anthony Pegues

Jack Reiffer

Carl Ward

Rotating off:

Virginia Bader

Audrey Wood Corcoran

Wande Johnson

Richard Metzger, *Senior Warden*

ST. JOHN'S ANNUAL PARISH RECEPTION
Sunday, February 2, after the 11:00 a.m. service

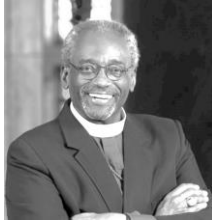
Join St. John's community at the Annual Parish Reception on Sunday, February 2, after the 11:00 a.m. service. We will gather to celebrate the first year with our new rector, the Rev. Rob Fisher, as well as a promising 2020 with all parishioners and vestry members of St. John's Church. There will be wine and non-alcoholic beverages in addition to heavy hors-d'oeuvres.

Please RSVP at rsvp@stjohns-dc.org or at 202- 347-8766 by Thursday, January 30, so that we can accurately confirm the food order for the reception. All are welcome!

MORE JESUS, MORE LOVE REVIVAL SERVICE
Sunday, January 26, 2020, 2:00 p.m.

Entertainment and Sports Arena
1100 Oak Street SE, Washington, DC 20032

With the Most Rev. Michael B. Curry
Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church



General admission tickets for the More Jesus, More Love Revival service with Presiding Bishop Michael B. Curry are now available. This event is free, but requires a ticket for entry. Tickets are limited to 6 per person and available on a first come, first served basis.

How to reserve tickets:

- Go to <https://tix.cathedral.org/TheatreManager/1/online?performance=22495>.
- Click on Reserve Your Tickets.
- Select the number of tickets to reserve.
- Click the View Options box, then click Add Tickets to Cart.
- At check-out, use your Washington National Cathedral login if you've purchased Cathedral event tickets previously, or create a login.

Tickets will be mailed in January 2020.

PLEDGE ENVELOPES
ARE NOW AVAILABLE FOR PICK UP



Pledge envelopes are available. Please pick up your pledge envelopes at the reception desk in the Parish House. **Envelopes may be picked up from 9:00 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 9:00 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. on Friday and 8:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. on Sunday.** Envelopes that have not been picked up by February 3rd will be mailed!

POTLUCK SUPPERS—BUILDING COMMUNITY



St John's will continue its popular parishioner potluck suppers in the New Year! The Rev. Rob Fisher, his wife Sarah Wood, and the Rev. Jane Hague hope to attend. They are a wonderful opportunity to meet and connect with fellow parishioners. **If you are interested in hosting one, please contact Holly Sukenik at hsukenik@hotmail.com.** The next potluck will be on:

Saturday, February 8, 6:00 p.m.

Falls Church City, VA.

Hosted by Dick and Joy Nathan.

RSVP: dick.nathan@longandfoster.com

Friday, February 28, 6:30 p.m.

Capitol Hill, Washington DC

Hosted by Elizabeth Lewis and David Abernethy

RSVP: elizplewis@aol.com

WELCOMING OUR NEW ASSISTANT ORGANIST



We're pleased to welcome **Samantha Scheff** to St. John's as Assistant Organist. Sam comes to St. John's from her most recent appointment as Director of Music at Trinity Episcopal Church in Asbury Park, NJ. She is currently completing graduate studies in organ performance at Rutgers University where she is a student of Renée Anne Louprette. Sam will split her time between DC and New Jersey until early summer when she will relocate to Washington full time. She is an active recitalist, having performed recently at Marble Collegiate Church in NYC and National City Christian in Washington D.C. She was the second place winner in both the 2019 Brooklyn AGO Competition and the 2019 West Chester University Organ Competition and first place in the 2019 DC AGO/Quimby Chapter Competition.

BAPTISM SERVICES

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

- Baptism: **Sunday, February 23, 9:00 a.m.**
Class: **Saturday, February 22, 10:00 a.m.**
- Baptism: **Sunday, April 19, 11:00 a.m.**
Class: **Saturday, April 18, 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.

ENGAGING FAITH AND THE WORKPLACE



What does it mean to engage faith and the workplace? And what is a workplace ministry?

Is it about helping our neighbors at work? Is it about trying to shape the organization in which we work to better serve the community? Is it about creating vibrant businesses that both model good practices, and earn profits that can pay staff, support their families, and enhance the dignity of work? Is it about using and sharing our God-given gifts in the secular world? Is it about gently living lives modeled on Christ?

The short answer is that it can be all of the above! And the good news is that we can all engage in this ministry – and not just those currently in the workplace. As we think about how to build up this ministry, and become still more light and salt for our neighbors and co-workers, we would love to get input from as many of you as possible. We look forward to working on this new ministry of St John's.

For questions or ideas or simply a request to talk, please contact the Rev. Will Morris at will.morris@stjohns-dc.org.

THINKING ABOUT SCIENCE AND FAITH

Would you be interested in exploring the intersections of modern science and theology during Lent next year? A few parishioners are exploring ideas for a study group, possibly to take place later in March. **If you'd like to be part of this, whether as a participant or planner, please be in touch with Joanne Hutton at joannerhutton@gmail.com.** Thank you.

JANUARY AT CARDOZO EDUCATION CAMPUS

Communities in Schools, which is supported by St. Johns Church, is looking for volunteers at Cardozo this January:

- The school has made an urgent request for tutors during January. Tutoring will take place after school on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays, starting January 7. No special training is needed. Tutors will be working with vulnerable students who are in danger of failing the term. Volunteers are welcome at one, some, or all sessions as they are able.
- The monthly food market will be on Tuesday, January 14, starting at 1:30 p.m. **Please contact Livy More at 202-291-8783 or at livezey@aol.com for more information.**

LISTEN AGAIN TO SUNDAY SERMONS



If you missed a Sunday at St. John's Church or would like to listen again to past sermons or speaker series, you can visit the St. John's website and click on the "Media" tab at the top of the page to listen. You can also find past sermons by searching for "St. John's Church, Lafayette Square" in the Podcast app on your iPhone or iPad.

CONSIDER JOINING THE FLOWER GUILD



Whether acquiring a new skill or expanding on an existing talent, being a member of the Flower Guild is a rewarding way to volunteer at St. John's. Newcomers are paired with experienced members who mentor them until they are fully fledged, confident flower arrangers. It is a wonderful ministry with the benefit of newfound friendships. For a typical Sunday, two team members meet on Saturday morning. **Please contact Flower Guild Chair Katherine Kyle if you would like additional information at carsonkyle@gmail.com.**

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 eight 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.

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 the 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.**

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. **Please be in touch with Brent Erstad, Acting Director of Music, at Brent.Erstad@stjohns-dc.org to learn more.**

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. Jane Hague at jane.hague@stjohns-dc.org.**

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

Those who are sick or recovering:

From our parish: Teresa Huettner, Nelda Johnson, Bob Patchell, Dace Vidins, Jeff White, and Susan Wild.

Friends and family of our parish: Bruce Anderson (*Cay Buser*), Niels Beck (*Michelle Mangrum*), Rachael Buckley (*Chrystal Martin*), John Frew Carter (*Margo Arnold*), Lane Carter, Bill Clark (*Clark Ervin*), Carl Edwards (*Lauren Edwards*), William Frew Conderman (*Margo Arnold*), Sambar Datta (*Ashley Culbertson*), Harry Davis (*Mary & Carl Raether*), Gideon Donoho (*Thom Sinclair*), Karl Dornemann (*Deb Dornemann*), Bobby Doyle (*Alex Pappas*), Ted Fibison (*Wendy Fibison*), Lucas Hunt (*Matthew Taylor*), Edwarda Johnson (*Wande Johnson*), Elliot Josey and Henry Josey (*Sara and Bill Josey*), Linda Linton (*Cay Buser*), Amy Lowenthal (*Andrew Tomlinson*), William Markiewicz (*Matthew Taylor*), Tammy McCleaf (*Matthew Taylor*), Geoff Megaree (*Cay Buser*), Kevin Milstead (*Andrew Tomlinson*), Timothy Mullins (*Jim Mullins*), Zach Newton (*Andrew Tomlinson*), 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*), Zoe Taaffe (*Leila Taaffe*), Gabriel Van Oyen (*Carolyn Crouch*), 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 are in the hospital:

Friends and family of our parish: Lois Herrmann (*Kaye Edwards*), Courtney Jordan Hillman (*Erika Northcutt*), Julie Howell (*Cynthia Walker*), Aiden Mylnikov (*Lindsey Bowen*), Gina Robinson (*Matthew Taylor*), Travis Rogers (*Robert Carroll*), and Matthew Wild (*Susan Wild*).

Those in our parish celebrating a birthday this week: Bonnie Dewitt, Lizzie Ehrich, Naomi Froelich, Spencer Galm, Kenner Gutterman, Hannah Hahn, Jack Herzog, Gabriela Koch, Kevin Kozlowski, Julie Neff Lippman, Jessica Martens, Bob Pasley, Cami Pease, Raymond Petniunas, Natalie Popovic, Ellen Spencer, Ken Starling, Chandler Van Orman, and Willy Wolter.

Those in our parish celebrating an anniversary this week: Missy and Michael Grealy, Kate Bedingfield and David Kieve, and Emily and John Lucio.

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
January 12 – May 17, 2020



Sign Up to Host A Sunday Parish Lunch!

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: April 5 (Palm
 Sunday), April 12 (Easter Day), and May 10 (Mother's Day).

| Date | Host |
|-------------|--------------------------------------------------|
| January 12 | 2019 Holy Land Group |
| January 19 | |
| January 26 | St John's Book Group |
| February 2 | Annual Meeting and Reception |
| February 9 | Sarah Wood and Family/Laurie Adams and Family |
| February 16 | |
| February 23 | Karen Zachary and Thom Sinclair |
| March 1 | |
| March 8 | Friends of The Bishop Walker School |
| March 15 | Deacon Discernment Committee |
| March 22 | Vestry |

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| March 29 | |
| April 19 | |
| April 26 | |
| May 3 | |
| May 17 | Church School Families |

OUR PETS HAVE A CARBON PAW PRINT, TOO



We Americans love our pets, and our lives are deeply enriched by their presence. Together, we care for some 163 million dogs and cats—and they have their own unique carbon paw prints. The most important contributor is the food we feed them. Because so much pet food is protein sourced, our pets alone account for 30% of the greenhouse gases emitted by US meat and dairy production. Even as we humans are advised to cut back on meat and dairy products, the same advice applies to our pets, not least because over half of them are overweight. What we serve our pets has consequences. Producing a pound of chicken or tuna typically generates between 6-7 lbs. of carbon emissions. Making a pound of beef edible, on the other hand, releases 27 lbs. of carbon, and a pound of lamb generates over 39 lbs. of carbon.

–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!

Vestry

Richard Metzger
Senior Warden

Paul Barkett
Junior Warden

Virginia Bader
Andrew Clarke
Audrey Wood Corcoran
Carolyn Crouch
Lauren Edwards
Martha Ellison
Jeff Hantson
Wande Johnson
Peter Odom
Nora Rigby
Jessica Sanchez
Desirée Stolar

Nkem Onwuamaegbu,
Treasurer

Casey Evans,
Assistant Treasurer

Andrew Tomlinson,
Secretary

Christopher R. Wall
Parish Counsel

Head Usher

James H. Czerwonky

The Parish Staff

Kim Carlson
Director for Operations

Evangeline Gravina
Operations Assistant

Preston Cherouny
Financial Secretary

Sharlyne Griffin
Receptionist

R. J. Gravina
Program Coordinator

Victor Obregon, *Sexton*

GeeGee Bryant
and David Gamboa
Assistant Sextons



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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