The Reverend Robert W. Fisher
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

Kaye Edwards
Assistant for Church Growth

Brent Erstad
Acting Director of Music

Samantha Scheff
Assistant Organist
The Third Sunday After the Epiphany
January 26, 2020

7:45 a.m. The Holy Eucharist

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

The First Reading: Isaiah 9:1-4

Psalm 27:1, 5-13

The Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:10-18

Gospel: Matthew 4:12-23

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

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: Lauren Edwards, Reader and Chalice Bearer; Paul Barkett and Anne Harrington, Flower Guild; Graham Keithley, Assistant Head Usher; Anita Diliberto and George Diliberto, Ushers.

THE FLOWERS IN THE CHURCH are given to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for the marriage yesterday of Sofia León and Joseph Ryan.

Collect

Give us grace, O Lord, to answer readily the call of our Savior Jesus Christ and proclaim to all people the Good News of his salvation, that we and the whole world may perceive the glory of his marvelous works; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Isaiah 9:1-4

There will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations. The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness—on them light has shined. You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.
Psalm 27:1, 5-13

1 The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear?
the Lord is the strength of my life; of whom then shall I be afraid?
5 One thing have I asked of the Lord; one thing I seek;
that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life;
6 To behold the fair beauty of the Lord and to seek him in his temple.
7 For in the day of trouble he shall keep me safe in his shelter; he shall hide me in the secrecy of his dwelling and set me high upon a rock.
8 Even now he lifts up my head above my enemies round about me.
9 Therefore I will offer in his dwelling an oblation with sounds of great gladness;
I will sing and make music to the Lord.
10 Hearken to my voice, O Lord, when I call; have mercy on me and answer me.
11 You speak in my heart and say, "Seek my face." Your face, Lord, will I seek.
12 Hide not you face from me, nor turn away your servant in displeasure.
13 You have been my helper; cast me not away; do not forsake me, O God of my salvation.

1 Corinthians 1:10-18

Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same purpose. For it has been reported to me by Chloe’s people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. What I mean is that each of you says, “I belong to Paul,” or “I belong to Apollos,” or “I belong to Cephas,” or “I
belong to Christ.” Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. (I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power.

For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

Matthew 4:12-23

When Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: “Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali, on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles— the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned.” From that time Jesus began to proclaim, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.”

As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. And he said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fish for people.” Immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him.

Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.
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.


(as of January 22, 2020)

Anonymous (4)
David Abernethy & Elizabeth Lewis
Dana & Sophie Ackerly
Katie Adams Holder & Paul Holder
John & Renate Alison
Tony Anikeeff & Tung-Lin Wu
Gale Arnold
Keith & Jeanne Arnold
Margo & Doug Arnold
Thomas & Christine Arrasmith
John Aschieris
Shea & Virginia Bader
Geoffrey & Kathryn Baker
Sarah Banks
Paul Barkett
Joanne Bayers
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
Anne Boardman
Matt Bode & Laurie Adams
Leo & Raluca Bouma
Becca Brown
Russell & Barbara Brown
William Brownlee
Glynnis Bryant
Kathryn Bubolz
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 Corcoran
Pam Covington
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 "Rhys" Dodd & Bailey Thomas
Richard Doege & Julia Koster
Laura & Renée Doucet
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
Mary English Saunders & Thomas Bell
Clark Ervin & Carolyn Harris
Le & Casey Evans
Amanda & Eric Eversole
Allison Eydt
Denis Faherty
Stephen & Caroline Faris
Wendy Fibison
Hyman & Anne Field
Jamie Finch & David Dawson
Rob Fisher & Sarah Wood
Carol Cole Flanagan
Lee & 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 Grimmet
Hunter & Katie Guerin
James Hague
Jane Milliken Hague
Gary & Debby Hailey
Nick & Kate Hailey
Budd Hallberg & Susie Jess
Kyle & Mary Hankey
Kristie Hansen
Jeff & Katie Hantson
Hunter Hardinge & Matthew Thomas
Barbie Harper
Robert & Anne Harrington
Fruzsina Harsanyi
Diane Hauslein
Timothy & Susan Heil
Susan Herrington
John & Laura Herzog
Kristin & John Highsmith
Robert & Tammi Hoback
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 Johnston
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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
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Marcus J. Lemon
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Jeffrey & Marisol Lovelace
Jimmy Lowe
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Kathy Luhrman
Jan H. Lupton
Chip & R.J. Lyerly
Troy & Maggie Lyons
Bernard Malloy
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
Saunders McElroy
Sara McGanity
Judson McIntire
Judith McKevitt
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 M. Redway
Jack Reiffer
Harker & Gini Rhodes
Hap & Nora Rigby
Chris Rogers
Caitlin Rooney & Austin Schrimsher
Jacquelyn Ryberg & Ethan Papish
Chase W. Rynd
Jessica & Alex Sanchez
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
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
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 27-FEBRUARY 2, 2020

**Monday January 27**
6:30 p.m. AA Lawyers (Togo West Parlor)
Latrobe Committee Meeting
   (3rd Floor, Conference Room)

**Tuesday January 28**
12 noon AA (1st Floor, Togo West Parlor)
2:00 p.m. Staff Meeting (3rd Floor, Conference Room)
5:00 p.m. Vestry Meeting (3rd Floor, Conference Room)
6:30 p.m. EFM Class (3rd Floor, Conference Room)

**Thursday January 30**
12 noon Al-Anon (1st Floor, Togo West Parlor)
Debtors Anonymous
   (1st Floor, Multi-Purpose Room)
6:30 p.m. Choir Supper (1st Floor, Togo West Parlor)
7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal (4th Floor, Choir Room)

**Saturday February 1**
9:00 a.m. Flower Guild Arranging Flowers

**Sunday February 2**
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. Annual Parish Meeting (Nave)
   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. Parish Reception (1st Floor, Togo West Parlor
   and Multi-Purpose Room)
12:30 p.m. St. John’s Choir Rehearsal

The Holy Eucharist will be celebrated Monday through Friday
at 12:10 p.m.
EPIPHANY LESSONS AND CAROLS AND HOLY EUCHARIST
Today, 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.

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

Absentee ballots are available at the Parish House reception desk.
**SPEAKER SERIES SCHEDULE**

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

- **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*.
- **March 8:** Hank Handler, noted craftsman and master builder, co-founded Oak Grove Restoration Company 40 years ago to specialize in the conservation, preservation, restoration, and retrofitting of historic buildings. He will speak about the restoration of the Dolley Madison House.
- **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*. 
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 with our new rector, the Rev. Rob Fisher. 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!

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 taaffel@gmail.com.

POTLUCK SUPPERS–BUILDING COMMUNITY

St. John’s is continuing the popular parishioner potluck suppers. 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
NEW ADULT BIBLE STUDY
Sunday, February 9 at 10:00 a.m.

The study of The Gospel of Matthew will resume on Sunday, February 9 at 10:00 a.m. in the third floor conference room. The group will not meet on January 26 and February 2, so that everyone can attend the presentation of vestry candidates and the annual meeting of the congregation. All are welcome. Contact Jack Reiffer for further information at jjreiffer@gmail.com or at 202-230-1481.

SUBMIT A DEVOTIONAL OR SIGN UP TO RECEIVE PATHWAYS THROUGH LENT
Submissions are due by Friday, February 21

We invite you to share your thoughts on the season of Lent by writing a brief reflection for our online daily devotional. Entries may be written individually or as a group (e.g. on behalf of a committee or a family) and need be about 250 words long. Your reflection can be inspired by the appointed scripture verse of the day (which we will share when we confirm your assigned date) or some other Lenten or spiritual topic. Submissions are due by Friday, February 21, so we can launch the devotional on Ash Wednesday, February 26.

Please email Jack Reiffer at jjreiffer@gmail.com and Sara McGanity at sara.mcganity@gmail.com to choose a date.

Note: if you were subscribed to Pathways in 2019, you should automatically begin receiving devotionals on the morning of February 26.

If you would like to sign up for the daily email, please subscribe at https://stjohns-dc.org/category/pathways.

PLEDGE ENVELOPES ARE NOW AVAILABLE FOR PICK UP

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!
PLEASE JOIN US FOR THE 7TH ANNUAL
ST. JOHN’S WOMEN’S RETREAT

Friday-Sunday, March 6-8

This year we are excited to welcome our own, the Rev. Jane Hague, who will lead us in a deep reflection of the poems of Mary Oliver. At this retreat we will enjoy fellowship as we explore the spirituality of the poetry and writings of Mary Oliver. Oliver gives us through her words *Instructions for living a life: Pay attention. Be astonished. Tell about it.* Mary Oliver, “Sometimes” Devotions, page 104.

Jane’s goals for this retreat are:
• To be present and open to God.
• To learn to use prayer and poetry as a method of worship and deepening into God.
• To appreciate Mary Oliver as a poet and spiritual writer.

We welcome all women in the St. John’s community and even friends and family who might benefit from this special gathering of women. Becoming part of the St. John’s “Sisters” is not just joining us in retreat, it also about becoming part of a supportive group of women who are there for each other in times of good and challenge. The retreat is limited to 25 women.

The retreat is held at the beautiful and spacious Felix Dupont Memorial House in Rehoboth, Delaware. Visit https://memorialhouse.church/ for more information.

The rooms are cozy with ensuite bathrooms, and are generally shared (really, it’s ok!) with healthy, generous meals, walks on the beach and the opportunity to rest, reflect and connect. The cost covers lodging and meals Friday dinner through Sunday lunch.

The retreat cost is $290 and is due by Monday, February 24 by check. If you need financial assistance, please contact the Rev. Jane Hague at jane.hague@stjohns-dc.org.

For more information, please contact Lisa Kirchenbauer at Lisa@OmegaWealthManagement.com.
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.

THE 2020 SPRING ADULT INQUIRERS’ CLASS
Saturdays, March 14 and March 21
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, we invite you to join the 2020 Spring Adult Inquirers’ Class. The two-day class will meet on two Saturdays, March 14 and March 21, 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 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, May 9.

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.
AGAPE DINNERS
During Lent, we will be employing an early church practice called “Agape dinners” to provide members of St. John’s with an opportunity to gather in a member’s home, share a meal together, and reflect on the significance of Lent in their lives. We will be organizing the dinners by neighborhood so that members who live near each other can get to know each other better. If you are interested in participating, please contact Holly Sukenik at hsukenik@hotmail.com.

STUDY GROUP
As part of our faith in the workplace outreach, the Rev. Will Morris would like to gauge interest in joining a study group/book club to discuss work-related issues and dilemmas. Would you like to get together for one hour most months to discuss a chapter in Will’s book, Where is God at Work?, and share with others your views on the issues as you find them (or found them; or imagine them) in any workplace with which you are familiar? The subjects that Will covers range from your boss to retirement; from what happens if you have to answer a difficult email to what happens if you are asked to lie; from the relevance of the bible to your work (e.g., the parable of the talents) to the theological implications of open plan and hot desking!

To be very clear this is open to all, wherever you work, if you no longer work, of if you have never worked. All that is required is an interest in where God might be in the workplace.

Here is a link to a survey where you can express your preference on times and days of the week: https://doodle.com/poll/ez9vunf574st3dn.

You may also contact the Rev. Will Morris at will.morris@stjohns-dc.org.

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 device.
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.

FLOWER DELIVERIES

Help brighten the day of parishioners who can’t be with us by taking them flowers, located in the side chapel. A greeting card for the parishioner is attached to each vase, which also contains contact information. Thank you for checking to see if a delivery address is convenient for you.

Flowers need to be delivered to N Oak Street, Arlington, VA and Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA.
OUR PRAYERS are requested for the special needs and concerns of this congregation, especially:

Those who are sick or recovering:


Friends and family of our parish: Bruce Anderson (Cay Buser), Niels Beck (Michelle Mangrum), Rachael Buckley (Chrystal Martin), Lane Carter, Bill Clark (Clark Ervin), Carl Edwards (Lauren Edwards), Sambar Datta (Ashley Culbertson), Harry Davis (Mary & Carl Raether), Karl Dornemann (Deb Dornemann), Bobby Doyle (Alex Pappas), Ted Fibison (Wendy Fibison), Courtney Jordan Hillman (Erika Northcutt), 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: 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: Coleman Bird, Paul Bledsoe, Russell Brown, David Dawson, Jennifer Egsgaard, Brent Erstad, Annie Froehlich, Vaughan Johnston, Erika Northcutt, Kristina Pasqualone, Elizabeth Sadqi, Michael Waltz, and Harrison Yi.

Those in our parish celebrating an anniversary this week: Sharon and Randy DeAngelis and Marisol and Jeffrey Lovelace.

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.
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: _____________________

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Entire Church-$220 | Main Altar-$110 | Side Altar-$55 | Narthex-$55

Thank you!
HOST A ST. JOHN’S SUNDAY PARISH LUNCH
January 26 – 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).

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THE IMPENDING BOOM IN PLASTICS

We spent a number of weeks last year discussing the danger of plastics in their production, use, and disposal. We emphasized our personal responsibilities for alleviating the problem. Unfortunately, the problem is likely to grow bigger in the near future. Major oil companies, facing the prospect of reduced demand for their products, are ramping up their plastics output. A host of new petrochemical plants, using ethane feedstock supplied by the fracking boom, are coming on line… in operation, under construction, or awaiting regulatory approval. Since 2010, companies have invested more than $200 billion in 333 plastic and other chemical projects. As individuals, we may have little leverage to affect that, but we can ask: what have we in our own households done to minimize our personal plastic waste?

–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.

THE CARE OF CREATION INTEREST GROUP MEETING
Sunday, February 23 at 12:30 p.m.

The Care of Creation interest group will gather on Sunday, February 23 at 12:30 p.m. to make plans for this spring and summer. All are welcome. Please grab lunch and join us on the 3rd floor, Conference Room.
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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