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Interim Associate Rector

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Samantha Scheff
Assistant Organist

THE SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

March 8, 2020

7:45 A.M.

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

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

The First Reading: Genesis 12:1-4a

Psalm 121

The Second Reading: Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

The Gospel: John 3:1-17

The Sermon: The Rev. William Morris

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 I, page 383

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: Heather Hopkins, *Reader and Chalice Bearer*; Richard Price, *Lay Eucharistic Minister*; Pat Dalby and Adelle Simmons, *Flower Guild*; Alfred Thesmar, *Assistant Head Usher*; Judy McKevitt, *Usher*.

THE GREENS IN THE CHURCH are given to the glory of God. **THE GREENS ON THE ALTAR** are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of **Togo D. West, Jr.** who died on March 8, 2018.

Collect

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

Genesis 12:1-4a

The Lord said to Abram, “Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.” So Abram went, as the Lord had told him; and Lot went with him.

Psalms 121

- 1 I lift up my eyes to the hills;
from where is my help to come?
- 2 My help comes from the Lord,
the maker of heaven and earth.
- 3 He will not let your foot be moved
and he who watches over you will not fall asleep.

- 4 Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep;
- 5 The Lord himself watches over you; the Lord is your shade at your right hand,
- 6 So that the sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night.
- 7 The Lord shall preserve you from all evil; it is he who shall keep you safe.
- 8 The Lord shall watch over your going out and your coming in, from this time forth for evermore.

Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. For what does the scripture say? “Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness.” Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. But to one who without works trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness.

For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, “I have made you the father of many nations”) —in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

John 3:1-17

There was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.” Jesus answered him, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.” Nicodemus said to him, “How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother’s womb and be born?” Jesus answered, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, ‘You must be born from above.’ The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.” Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?” Jesus answered him, “Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?”

“Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

“Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.”

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.

LITURGICAL CHANGES DURING LENT AT ST. JOHN'S

- 1) **Purple frontal and matching vestments.** At St. John's the altar is covered with a purple frontal, and the clergy wear purple stoles. Lenten purple is the liturgical color that symbolizes the pain and suffering that Christ endured on his way to the cross. It is also the traditional color for royalty, representing our hope for resurrection, signifying our reflective preparation to celebrate Easter, and reminding us of Christ's kingship in heaven.
- 2) **Greens on the altar instead of flowers.** In keeping with the mood of penitence and reflection that we observe during Lent, we refrain from the use of flower arrangements in the church and simplify with greens only.
- 3) **Prayers of the People.** Instead of the more familiar Form VI (found on page 392) to which we are accustomed at St. John's, during Lent we pray using Form I (page 383). Again, this is a more penitential arrangement, with the people responding to each petition, "Lord, have mercy."
- 4) **No Alleluias in Lent.** In keeping with the spirit of penitence, saying and singing Alleluia is omitted during the service, in hymns and anthems, in the opening sentences, and at the breaking of the bread (fraction) during communion.

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 ushers 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 of the Parish House. **We offer Church School at 10:00 a.m. for children age three through grade five most Sundays. Youth gathering for grades six through twelve are held every Sunday at 10:00 a.m. 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.

**FREE VALET PARKING FROM THE FRONT OF ST. JOHN'S FOR THE
9:00 A.M. AND 11:00 A.M. SERVICES AND
THE 10:00 A.M. SPEAKER SERIES.**

**EXCEPT ON SPECIAL OCCASIONS, HOURS WILL BE
8:30 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 MARCH 9-15, 2020

- Monday March 9**
10:00 a.m. Visiting Choir: Lycoming College
 Chamber Choir (Church)
6:30 p.m. AA Lawyers (1st Floor, Togo West Parlor)
- Tuesday March 10**
12 noon AA (1st Floor, Togo West Parlor)
2:00 p.m. Staff Meeting (3rd Floor, Conference Room)
6:30 p.m. EfM Class (3rd Floor, Conference Room)
- Thursday March 12**
12 noon Al-Anon (1st Floor, Togo West Parlor)
 Debtors Anonymous
 (1st Floor, Multi-Purpose Room)
5:00 p.m. Lenten Labyrinth Walk (Church Plaza,
 Weather Permitting)
6:30 p.m. Choir Supper (1st Floor, Togo West Parlor)
7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal (4th Floor, Choir Room)
- Saturday March 14**
9:00 a.m. Flower Guild (Dining Room/Kitchen)
 Adult Inquirers' Class (1st Floor,
 Togo West Parlor)
- Sunday March 15**
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
 • Bible Study (3rd Floor, Conference Room)
 • Church School (age three to grade five)
 (2nd Floor, Godly Play Room)
 • Youth Gathering (grades 6-12) Donuts +
 Discipleship (2nd Floor, Teen Room)
 • Speaker Series—Dick Grimmatt
 (1st Floor, Togo West Parlor)
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

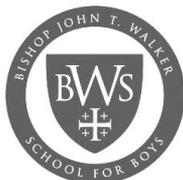
12:15 p.m. Hospitality Hour
Parish Lunch
Tour of the Church
12:30 p.m. St. John's Choir Rehearsal

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

BISHOP WALKER SCHOOL

Today, March 8

9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. services | Parish Lunch



Friends of Bishop Walker School are hosting a parish lunch today, March 8 to celebrate and support the school. During the 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. services, outgoing Executive Director James Woody will share more about the school's progress during his tenure and its future plans, as well as the memorable moments from the recent 12th Annual Dinner. The lunch is not a fundraiser, but an opportunity for parishioners—whether you support BWS or are interested in learning more about the school—to meet. Andrew Clarke and Wande Johnson (Board members), Anthony Pegues (Parish Rep), Cary Kelly (BWS supporter), and Desirée Stolar (Auxiliary Council member) will be here to answer any questions you may have.

A SPACE FOR THE SACRED

Submissions due on Friday, March 20



For her training to be an Interim Minister, the Rev. Jane Milliken Hague is collecting stories about how St. John's has been a place of Grace and Presence for parishioners. She will gather and write an account of what the space on the corner of 16th and H Streets has meant to people. Please send her your recollections of when and why you came to St. John's and found solace. For example, was it after the attacks on 9/11? A time of personal crisis? An election time? **Please email your stories by March 20 to the Rev. Jane Hague at Jane.hague@stjohns-dc.org.**

SPEAKER SERIES SCHEDULE

The Speaker Series is held at 10:00 a.m. on the following Sundays in the Togo West Parlor except on March 29 and May 10 which will be held in the Nave:



- **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.
- **March 15: Dick Grimmett**, American historian. He is a member of St. John's Church, and chairman of its Properties Committee. He is also the author of *St. John's Church, Lafayette Square: The History and Heritage of the Church of the Presidents, Washington, DC*. He will speak on *Benjamin Henry Latrobe: American Architect*.
- **March 22: Lillian Cunningham**, *Washington Post* reporter. She will speak on her podcast series, *Presidential*, which takes listeners on an epic historical journey through the personality and legacy of each of the American presidents.
- **March 29: Victoria Arbiter**, CNN Royal Commentator. She will speak on *The Windsors: A Chat about the British Royal Family*.
- **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*.
- **April 26: George Chochos**, Assistant Director for the Georgetown University Pivot Program. He is a prison and criminal justice reform advocate who has worked with organizations and legislators to pass a wide array of reforms, ranging from sentencing reform to expanding college-in-prison programs at both the state and federal level. He will speak on *Reimagining Reentry: Preparing Citizens Returning from Incarceration for Success*.
- **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*.
- **May 17: Christian Appy**, Professor of History at the University of Massachusetts, Amherst. He will speak about the Vietnam War.

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**. The next Agape dinners will be on the following dates:

NW, Washington DC

Sunday, March 8

52nd Street, NW

Hosted by Caroline & Stephen Faris

RSVP: caroline_faris@yahoo.com

Saturday, March 14

32nd Street, NW

Hosted by Grant Kraus

RSVP: grant.kraus@mac.com

Saturday, March 21

2nd Street, NW (Bloomingdale)

Hosted by Eleanor & Peter Odom

RSVP: eleanorgoddess52@gmail.com

Saturday, March 28

1st Street, NW (Bloomingdale)

Hosted by Justin Dean & Matthew Sipala

RSVP: justin.dean@edwardjones.com

Sunday, March 29

Q Street, NW (Logan Circle)

Hosted by Andrew Clarke & Chip Sherrill

Full Capacity

Capitol Hill, Washington DC

Sunday, March 15

3rd Street, NE (Capitol Hill)

Hosted by Susan & Pete Carlson

RSVP: susanthigpencarlson@gmail.com

AGAPE DINNERS

Southern Montgomery County, MD/Silver Spring,
Chevy Chase

Sunday, March 29

Plymouth Street, NW

Hosted by Livy & John More

RSVP: livezey@aol.com

Virginia

Sunday, March 8

Lynnhurst Drive, Fairfax

Hosted by Anne & Bob Harrington

RSVP: anharring@msn.com

Friday, March 13

27th Street N, Arlington

Hosted by Joanne & Powell Hutton

RSVP: joannerhutton@gmail.com

Sunday, March 29

S Jefferson Street, Falls Church

Hosted by Anne Stewart & Tony Tambasco

RSVP: adstewart4411@gmail.com

LENTEN LABYRINTH WALK

Thursdays

March 12, March 19, March 26, and April 2

5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

(Church Plaza, Weather Permitting)



For more information, please contact
the Rev. Jane Hague at jane.hague@stjohns-dc.org.

MEN'S LUNCH GROUP

Wednesdays

March 18, April 15, and May 20

12:00 noon to 1:30 p.m.

Togo West Parlor

Please bring \$15 for lunch

RSVP at RSVP@stjohns-dc.org

**For more information, please contact
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SUBSCRIBE TO ST. JOHN'S PATHWAYS THROUGH LENT DAILY EMAIL

Pathways Through Lent, St. John's daily online devotional, is now live and will run through Easter Sunday. Published and produced by members of our greater church community, the reflections offer opportunities to meditate on Lenten themes through lectionary readings and shared experiences.

To receive the daily email, please subscribe at

<https://stjohns-dc.org/category/pathways>.

Note: if you were subscribed to Pathways in 2019, you should automatically begin receiving devotionals today.

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 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.

STUDY GROUP ON WORK AND FAITH

Thursday, March 19 at 6:00 p.m.



The time that seemed to work best for people was Thursday, 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., so **the first meeting of our Study Group will be in the third floor conference room on Thursday, March 19 at 6:00 p.m.** We'll look at the first chapter of *Where is God at Work?* (currently an absolute bargain on Amazon!) to examine the case for believing that God can be found – wants to be found – in the workplace, as well as what the possibilities for our workplace ministry might be.

The text that underpins the whole book is Jacob's words when he awakes from his dream in the wilderness at Bethel after seeing angels ascending and descending between earth and heaven: "*Surely the Lord is in this place – and I did not know it? ... How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven.*" We need to look for God in unexpected places – including, perhaps especially, in the workplace.

All are welcome, whether in paid or unpaid work, retired, or never in the workforce – and feel free to bring a friend. A glass of wine will be available afterwards. **Please contact the Rev. Will Morris at will.morris@stjohns-dc.org with any questions.**

THE REFUGEE COMMITTEE MEETING

Sunday, March 22 after the 11:00 a.m. service

The Refugee Committee wrapped up 2019 in a heartwarming and fulfilling way by setting up an apartment in December for a family of six from Afghanistan coming to the United States on special immigrant visas in connection with the husband's support of the U.S. Government in Afghanistan. Thank you again for all the incredible support and generosity! Please mark your calendars for the first quarterly committee meeting on **Sunday, March 22 after the 11:00 a.m. service** in the third floor conference room. We will be discussing our priorities for this year. For more information or if you have questions, please **contact Jessica Sanchez at jesspulsifersanchez@gmail.com**.

THINKING ABOUT SCIENCE AND FAITH

Monday, March 30, 6:45 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Third Floor Conference Room

Come explore the intersections of modern science and theology. Tony Tambasco, retired chair of the Department of Theology at Georgetown University will be our facilitator. We will meet on the third Mondays of each month beginning March 30 from 6:45 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in the third floor conference room. **For more information, please contact Joanne Hutton at joannerhutton@gmail.com**.

ST. JOHN'S BOOK CLUB

Thursday, April 2 at 6:45 p.m.

The Uninhabitable Earth

Life After Warming

David
Wallace-Wells

The St. John's Book Club will meet on Thursday, April 2. We will meet in the second floor teens classroom of the Parish House at 6:45 p.m. to discuss *The Uninhabitable Earth: Life after Warming* by David Wallace-Wells. 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**.

HOLY WEEK SEDER DINNER

Tuesday, April 7 at 6:30 p.m.

The entire Parish is invited to come together in our traditional Holy Week Seder Dinner. Please join us as the Clergy lead us through the liturgy of a Jewish Seder dinner. We will serve a full dinner of lamb and vegetables. We will ask for a small donation to cover costs. This is a family friendly event and child care and pizza will be provided for younger children. We will ask for a donation of \$20 per adult and \$5.00 per child (10 and under) to cover costs. Please register in advance to help us have a headcount at <https://rebrand.ly/SederRegister2020>. We are looking for volunteers. We need help with preparations, cooking, serving and clean up. **If you would like to help, please email Emily Lucio at emilyksinger@gmail.com.**

BAPTISM SERVICES



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

- Baptism: **Sunday, April 19, 11:00 a.m.**
Class: **Saturday, April 18, 10:00 a.m.**
- Baptism: **Sunday, May 31, 11:00 a.m.**
Class: **Saturday, May 30, 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.

ST. JOHN'S SOUTH AFRICA TRIP TO THE KWASA CENTRE

July 6 to 20, 2020

St. John's will travel again to the Kwasa Centre in South Africa this summer. **The tentative travel dates are July 6 to 20, 2020.** The Rector will lead the trip, which will include spending time at Kwasa with its founder and Rector, the Rev. Sharron Dinnie. Kwasa, now known as the Kwasa College (www.Kwasacollege.org), is a growing Anglican pre-primary and primary school serving children from a nearby informal settlement. St. John's has supported and been in partnership with Kwasa since 2004 and has made several mission trips there, as well as hosting students and teachers from Kwasa on a regular basis. **If you have questions or are interested in being part of the pilgrimage, please contact Abbott McCartney at abbottmccartney@verizon.net or Sigi Block at sigiblock@verizon.net.**

ADULT BIBLE STUDY

Sundays at 10:00 a.m.



The Adult Bible Study will continue meeting at 10:00 a.m. during the Sundays in Lent in the third floor conference room. We will study the Book of Genesis and its place in the Lenten themes of preparing for Easter. **Contact Jack Reiffer for further information at jjreiffer@gmail.com or at 202-230-1481.**

ST. JOHN'S ON LINKEDIN



As many of you know, LinkedIn is the top online business networking platform, with over 630 million registered members. While used primarily to list career and business interests, it also allows you to list (and link) outside interests, memberships and affiliations, including places of worship. As part of our outreach into the community and world of work, we invite you to list your membership (and roles) at St. John's, which will both allow others who might be interested in St John's to connect with you, and also show our interest in, and relevance to, the world of work.

We have set up a LinkedIn page, which you can access at this link: <https://www.linkedin.com/company/st-john-lafayette-square>.

We would welcome congregational participation in building out and populating the page. **To help with that or with any questions, please contact the Rev. Will Morris at will.morris@stjohns-dc.org.**

WASHINGTON INTERFAITH NETWORK

St. John's is a founding member of the Washington Interfaith Network (WIN), a faith-based, multi-racial, interfaith grassroots organization dedicated to improving the life of all residents of the District of Columbia. WIN leaders have decided to become involved in making certain that the District cures the horrendous conditions in the 144 public housing units that serve the District's neediest residents and increases the number of units. The DC Housing Authority

is facing \$2 billion in deferred maintenance. Residents have to endure lead poisoning, rat infestations, safety issues, and lack of heat and cooling. There is also the threat of further loss of units. This notice is an alert about this WIN campaign and an invitation to become involved – again for many and for the first time for newer parishioners. **If you would like to get involved in St. John’s organizing efforts, please reach out to John More at morej1@mac.com or at 202-256-1515 cell.** Visit the Washington Interfaith Network website at www.windc-iaf.org for more information and to sign up for the newsletter.

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, 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. 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.**

CONSIDER JOINING THE FLOWER GUILD



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

LISTEN AGAIN TO SUNDAY SERMONS

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

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.

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.**

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 Rockwood Parkway, NW, Washington, DC and New Mexico Avenue, NW, Washington, DC.

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

Those who are sick or recovering:

From our parish: Jennifer Agiesta, Judy Campbell Bird, Nelda Johnson, Bob Patchell, Dace Vidins, and Jeff White.

Friends and family of our parish: Niels Beck (*Michelle Mangrum*), Rachael Buckley (*Chrystal Martin*), Tom Burkart (*Pamela Venzke*), Cay Buser (*Carl Ward*), Bill Clark (*Clark Ervin*), Brian Cohen (*Jane Hague*), Carl Edwards (*Lauren Edwards*), Harry Davis (*Mary & Carl Raether*), Karl Dornemann (*Deb Dornemann*), Bobby Doyle (*Alex Pappas*), Geri Lucas Haji (*Judy McKeitt*), Courtney Jordan Hillman (*Erika Northcutt*), Lucas Hunt (*Matthew Taylor*), Vera Hyncik (*Holly Sukenik*), Edwarda Johnson (*Wande Johnson*), Amy Lowenthal (*Andrew Tomlinson*), William Markiewicz (*Matthew Taylor*), Tammy McCleaf (*Matthew Taylor*), Kevin Milstead (*Andrew Tomlinson*), Timothy Mullins (*Jim Mullins*), Zach Newton (*Andrew Tomlinson*), Judy Nicola (*Cynthia Walker*), Grace Parnham (*Karis and TJ Parnham*), Ginger Parra (*Leila Taaffe*), Cawley Scott (*Robyne Johnston*), Diane Sinclair (*Pat Dalby*), Zoe Taaffe (*Leila Taaffe*), Gabriel Van Oyen (*Carolyn Crouch*), 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*), Phyllis Lambert (*Will Morris*), Chase Madar (*Rob Fisher*), Peter Meister (*Thom Sinclair*), Aiden Mylnikov (*Lindsey Bowen*), Gina Robinson (*Matthew Taylor*), and Travis Rogers (*Robert Carroll*).

Those in our parish celebrating a birthday this week: Laurie Adams, Thomas Cellucci, Savanna Clark, Charles Dewitt, Sandy Graves, Ted Graves, Matt Hallett, Pete Kyle, Cameron McBride, Lyla Mehrkam, Peter Metzger, Katherine Raab, James Rice, Christopher Tierney, Jess Unger, Jennifer Urquhart, and Ashwathi Zachariah.

Those in our parish celebrating an anniversary this week: Jody and Dexter Moses.

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 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.

EASTER DAY FLOWERS

The deadline for inclusion in the Easter Day order of service is Monday, April 6.

The flowers that enhance the beauty of the Church and Parish House at Eastertide are given as memorials and in thanksgiving by parishioners. Please consider remembering those who are important to you in this special way. The suggested donation is \$55.00 per name. Please send your check made out to St. John's Church with "Easter Flowers" noted on the outside of an envelope addressed to the Flower Fund, or place this form in the offering plate. Your support of this important ministry is greatly appreciated.

In memory of _____

As a Thank Offering for _____

Name _____

Address _____

Phone Number _____ **Amount** _____

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2020 HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Palm Sunday

7:45 a.m.

9:00 a.m.

11:00 a.m.

April 5

Holy Eucharist and Blessing of the Palms

Choral Holy Eucharist
and Blessing of the Palms

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and Blessing of the Palms

Monday-Wednesday

12:10 p.m.

April 6-8

Holy Eucharist

Tuesday

7:45 a.m.

April 7

Seder Dinner (Togo West Parlor)

Maunder Thursday

12:00 noon

7:00 p.m.

April 9

Choral Holy Eucharist and Foot Washing

Choral Holy Eucharist, Stripping of Altar,
and Foot Washing

Good Friday

2:00 noon-1:00 p.m.

April 10

Good Friday Liturgy with Choir

*(The church will be open until 3:00 p.m. for
quiet meditation.)*

Easter Day

7:45 a.m.

9:00 a.m.

11:00 a.m.

April 12

Holy Eucharist with Hymns

Festival Holy Eucharist

Festival Holy Eucharist

HOST A ST. JOHN'S SUNDAY PARISH LUNCH



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
March 8	Friends of The Bishop Walker School
March 15	Deacon Discernment Committee
March 22	Vestry
March 29	
April 19	
April 26	
May 3	
May 17	Church School Families

HONOR YOUR LOVED ONES WITH GREENS FOR LENT

During Lent we decorate the church with greens. You can recognize your loved ones or a special event with a dedication in our Sunday bulletin when you make a contribution to the Flower Fund. In doing so, you invite the congregation to participate in remembering a loved one, a birth or birthday, or a wedding, anniversary, graduation, or other special event.

St. John’s Flower Guild lovingly arranges greens each week for our Lent 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

Paul Barkett
Senior Warden

Jeff Hantson
Junior Warden

Laurie Adams
Andrew Clarke
Carolyn Crouch
Lauren Edwards
Martha Ellison
Peter Odom
Anthony Pegues
Scott Raab
Nora Rigby
Jessica Sanchez
Desirée Stolar
Carl Ward

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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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