

THE SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT
 March 8, 2020 · 9:00 A.M. HOLY EUCHARIST

Welcome to St. John's Episcopal Church, Lafayette Square.

All who seek God are welcome at God's table.

Nursery Care is available from 8:15 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. in the Parish House basement.

Hearing assistance devices are available from the Ushers.

VOLUNTARY: *O Mensch, beweine deine Sünde groß, BWV 622* J.S. Bach
 (O mankind, mourn your great sins) (1685-1750)

HYMN 401 *The God of Abraham praise*
Sung by all. Please stand as the procession enters.

1 The God of A - braham praise, who reigns en - throned a - bove;
 2 He by him - self hath sworn: we on his oath de - pend;
 3 There dwells the Lord, our King, the Lord, our Right - eous - ness,
 4 The God who reigns on high the great arch - an - gels sing;
 5 The whole tri - um - phant host give thanks to God on high;

1 An - cient of ev - er - last - ing days, and God of love;
 2 we shall, on ea - gle - wings up - borne, to heaven a - scend;
 3 tri - um - phant o'er the world and sin, the Prince of Peace;
 4 and "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly," cry, "Al - mighty King!
 5 "Hail, Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost!" they ev - er cry;

1 the Lord, the great I AM, by earth and heaven con - fessed;
 2 we shall be - hold his face, we shall his power a - dore,
 3 on Zi - on's sa - cred height his king - dom he main - tains,
 4 Who was, and is, the same, and ev - er - more shall be:
 5 hail, A - braham's Lord di - vine! With heaven our songs we raise;

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

we bow and bless the sa - cred Name for ev - er blest.
 and sing the won - ders of his grace for ev - er - more.
 and, glo - rious with his saints in light, for ev - er reigns.
 e - ter - nal Fa - ther, great I AM, we wor - ship thee."
 all might and ma - jes - ty are thine, and end - less praise.

Words: Thomas Olivers (1725-1799), alt.
 Music: Leoni, Hebrew melody; harm. *Hymns Ancient and Modern*, 1875, alt.
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THE WORD OF GOD

Please continue to stand.

Priest: Blessed be the God of our salvation:

People: **Who bears our burdens and forgives our sins.**

Priest: Let us come to the Lord, who is full of compassion and acknowledge our transgressions in penitence and faith.

Please stand or kneel.

People: **God eternal, giver of light and grace, we have sinned against you and against our neighbors, in what we have thought, in what we have said and done, through ignorance, through weakness, through our own deliberate fault. We have wounded your love and marred your image in us. We are sorry and ashamed and repent of all our sins. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, who died for us, forgive us all that is past and lead us out from darkness to walk as children of light. Amen.**

ABSOLUTION

Priest: May the God of all healing and forgiveness draw us to himself, and cleanse us from all our sins that we may behold the glory of his Son and Word made flesh, Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: **Amen.**

KYRIE (S-91)

Sung by all, standing or kneeling.

Healey Willan
 (1880-1968)

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up -
 on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -

on us. Christ, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.
Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

Music: From *Missa de Sancta Maria Magdalena*, Healey Willan (1880-1968)
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THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Priest: Let us pray.

Priest: 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.

People: **Amen.**

THE FIRST READING

Read by Richard Doege.

Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

Please be seated.

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.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN 603 (stanza 1)
Sung by all, standing.

When Christ was lifted from the earth

1 When Christ was lift - ed from the earth, his
 4 Thus free - ly loved, though ful - ly known, may
 arms stretched out a - bove through ev - ery cul - ture,
 I in Christ be free to wel - come and ac -
 ev - ery birth, to draw an an - swering love.
 cept his own as Christ ac - cept - ed me.

Words: Brian A. Wren (b. 1936)
 Music: *St. Botolph*, Gordon Slater (1896-1979)
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Gospeller: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

THE HOLY GOSPEL

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.”

Gospeller: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

HYMN 603 (stanza 4)
Sung by all.

When Christ was lifted from the earth

THE SERMON
Please be seated.

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.

THE NICENE CREED
Please stand.

Priest and People:

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Please remain standing.

Leader: Gracious God, we thank you for giving us power through your Holy Spirit to reveal your life to the world. Strengthen the Church remembering especially our companion relationships with the *Anglican Church of Southern Africa** and *the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem*, and in the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, for *Grace Church, Georgetown*. Strengthen also *Michael*, our Presiding Bishop, *Mariann* and *Chilton*, our Bishops, and all bishops and other ministers.

People: **We are your Church, O God. Guide us in your grace.**

Leader: We thank you for your creation, and pray for the earth which you have given us to cherish and protect; nourish in us your love for all you have made.

People: **We are your stewards, O God. Guide us in your grace.**

Leader: Guide and bless us in our work and play, and shape the patterns of our political and economic life; we pray for *Donald*, our President, *the leaders of Congress*, and *the Supreme Court*.

People: **We are your servants, O God. Guide us in your grace.**

Leader: Awaken our hearts to your presence in all people: those we love easily and those with whom we struggle, those different from us and those similar to us, those familiar to us and those unfamiliar to us.

People: **We are made in your image, O God. Guide us in your grace.**

Leader: We thank you for calling us to the glorious heritage of your holy people. Free us from lack of vision, and from inertia of will and spirit. By your life giving Spirit, lead us out of isolation and oppression, redeem and restore us.

People: **You are the life within us, O God. Guide us in your grace.**

Leader: We thank you for the gift of life, with all its blessings and sorrows. Shield the joyous, especially those who are 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*; and those who are celebrating an anniversary this week, *Jody and Dexter Moses*. Comfort and strengthen those in any need or trouble, especially the people of the *Middle East, Latin America, Tennessee*, and *all affected by the Coronavirus*. Bless those who will be born today. Bless those who have died, especially *Togo D. West, Jr.* in whose memory the greens on the altar are given today, that by joining with the company of all your saints we may rejoice in one unending song of praise.

People: **In you alone we have eternal life, O God. Guide us in your grace.**

Priest: O God our strength and salvation, hear all our prayers this day, and grant that we may live in the joy of the resurrection, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: **Amen.**

** In particular, the Kwasa Centre in the Diocese of the Highveld.*

THE PEACE

Priest: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please be seated.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

God so loved the world

John Stainer
(1840–1901)

The Parish Choir

God so loved the world,
that he gave his only begotten Son,
that whoso believeth in him should not perish,
but have everlasting life.
For God sent not his Son into the world
to condemn the world;
but that the world through him might be saved.

HYMN 691

Sung by all, standing.

My faith looks up to thee

1 My faith looks up to thee, thou Lamb of Cal - va - ry,
2 May thy rich grace im - part strength to my faint - ing heart,
3 While life's dark maze I tread, and griefs a - round me spread,

Sa - vior di - vine! Now hear me while I pray, take all my
my zeal in - spire; as thou hast died for me, O may my
be thou my guide; bid dark-ness turn to day; wipe sor - row's

guilt a - way; O let me from this day be whol - ly thine.
love to thee pure, warm, and change-less be, a liv - ing fire.
tears a - way, nor let me ev - er stray from thee a - side.

Words: Ray Palmer (1808-1887)
Music: *Olivet*, Lowell Mason (1792-1872)
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THE GREAT THANKSGIVING (Eucharistic Prayer C)

Please remain standing.

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Priest: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Priest: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Priest: God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

People: **Glory to you for ever and ever.**

Priest: At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

People: **By your will they were created and have their being.**

Priest: From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

People: **Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.**

Priest: Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

People: **By his blood, he reconciled us.
By his wounds, we are healed.**

Priest: And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY LORD (S-124)

David Hurd

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, hea - ven and
earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Music:
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Please stand or kneel.

Priest: And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

Priest and People:

We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.

Priest: Lord God of our ancestors; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

People: **Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.**

Priest: Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation.

People: **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Priest: And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

Priest and People:

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Fraction Anthem (S-161)

David Hurd

Sung by all.

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world:
have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God,
you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

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Priest: The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on Him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

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.

MUSIC AT THE COMMUNION

Anthem *I will lift mine eyes*

Jake Runestad
(b. 1986)

The Parish Choir

I will lift mine eyes unto the hills.
From whence comes my help?
My help comes from the Lord.
He is the maker of heaven and earth.
He will not let your foot be moved.
He who keeps you will not slumber nor sleep.
The Lord is thy keeper.
The Lord is thy shade upon thy right hand.
The sun shall not harm you by day nor the moon by night.
The Lord will keep you from all evil.
He will keep your soul.
The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in
From this day forth for evermore.

Hymn 336
Sung by all.

Come with us, O blessed Jesus



1 Come with us, O bless - ed Je - sus, with us ev - er -
*2 Come with us, O might - y Sa - vior, God from God, and
*3 Come with us, O King of glo - ry, by an - gel - ic



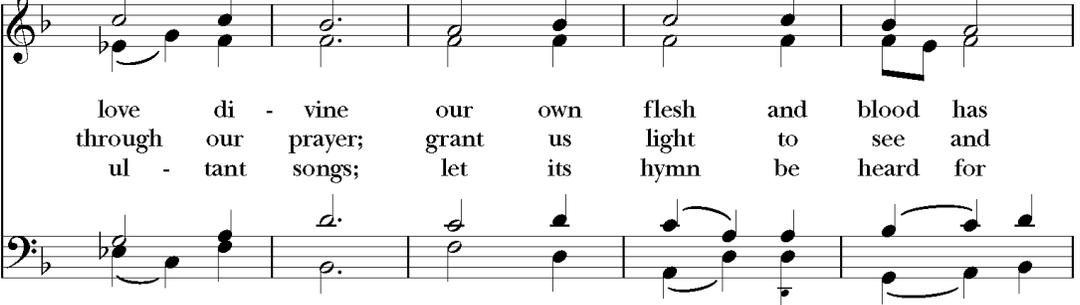
more to be; and though leav - ing now thine
Light from Light; thou art God, thy glo - ry
voic - es praised; in our hearts as in thy



al - tar, let us nev - er - more leave thee.
veil - ing, so that we may bear the sight.
hea - ven, be en - rap - tured an - thems raised.



Be thou one with us for ev - er, in our life thy
Now we go to seek and serve thee, through our work as
Let the might - y cho - rus ev - er sing its glad ex -



love di - vine our own flesh and blood has
through our prayer; grant us light to see and
ul - tant songs; let its hymn be heard for

tak - en, and to us thou giv - est thine.
 know thee, in thy peo - ple ev - ery - where.
 ev - er— peace for which cre - a - tion longs.

Words: John Henry Hopkins, Jr. (1861-1945) and Charles P. Price (1920-1999)
 Music: *Werde munter*, Johann Schop (1590-1667); arr. and harm. Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)
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THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Please stand or kneel.

Priest: Let us pray.

Priest and People:

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

The Priest distributes a communion kit to each Lay Eucharistic Minister saying:

Priest: We send you forth bearing these gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood.

People: **We who are many are one body, because we all share one bread, one cup.**

THE BLESSING

Priest: Life is short. And we do not have too much time to gladden the hearts of those who travel the way with us. So be swift to love. Make haste to be kind. And the blessing of God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always.

People: **Amen.**

HYMN 48

Sung by all, standing.

O day of radiant gladness

1 O day of ra - diant glad - ness, O day of joy and
 2 This day at the cre - a - tion, the light first had its
 3 This day, God's peo - ple meet - ing, his Ho - ly Scrip - ture
 4 That light our hope sus - tain - ing, we walk the pil - grim

light, O balm of care and sad - ness, most
 birth; this day for our sal - va - tion Christ
 hear; his liv - ing pres - ence greet - ing, through
 way, at length our rest at - tain - ing, our

beau - ti - ful, most bright; this day the high and
 rose from depths of earth; this day our Lord vic -
 Bread and Wine made near. We jour - ney on, be -
 end - less Sab - bath day. We sing to thee our

low - ly, through a - ges joined in tune, sing,
 to - rious the Spi - rit sent from heaven, and
 liev - ing, re - newed with heaven - ly might, from
 prais - es, O Fa - ther, Spi - rit, Son; the

“Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly,” to the great God Tri - une.
 thus this day most glo - rious a tri - ple light was given.
 grace more grace re - ceiv - ing on this blest day of light.
 Church her voice up - rais - es to thee, blest Three in One.

Words: Sts. 1-2, Christopher Wordsworth (1807-1835), alt.; st. 3, Charles P. Price (1920-1999);
 st. 4, ver. Hymnal 1982

Music: *Es flog ein kleins Waldvögelein*, German folk song; harm. George Ratcliffe Woodward (1848-1934)

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THE DISMISSAL

Priest: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

VOLUNTARY: *Toccata in E minor*

Johann Pachelbel
(1653-1706)

THE PARISH LUNCH TODAY will be at 12:15 p.m. in the Togo West Parlor
on the first floor of the Parish House.

It will be hosted by the friends of The Bishop Walker School.

ASSISTING AT THE 9:00 A.M. SERVICE TODAY: Andrew Tomlinson, *Crucifer*; Leo Lex and Andrew Tomlinson, *Chalice Bearers*; Richard Price, *Lay Eucharistic Minister*; Leila Taaffe and Rick Young, *Greeters*; Pat Dalby and Adelle Simmons, *Flower Guild*; Alfred Thesmar, *Assistant Head Usher*; Lee Buddendeck, Earl Matthews, and Desirée Stolar, *Ushers*.

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.

FORMATION HOUR FOR CHURCH SCHOOL meets at 10:00 a.m. on the second floor of the Parish House.

THE BIBLE STUDY TODAY will be held at 10:00 a.m. in the third floor Conference Room.

THE SPEAKER SERIES TODAY will be held at 10:00 a.m. in the Togo West Parlor on the first floor of the Parish House. It will be presented by **Hank Handler**, noted craftsman and master builder who 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.

THE SPEAKER SERIES NEXT WEEK will be presented by **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*.

RECYCLING of Order of Service Bulletins paper is good stewardship. If you wish, please leave them at the end of the pew after the service.

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) **Confession at the beginning of the service.** In order to emphasize the posture of penitence we observe during Lent, we confess our sins at the beginning of the service, instead of in the context of the Prayers of the People before celebrating the Eucharist.
- 4) **Kyrie instead of Gloria.** Again, in keeping with the spirit of penitence, we ask the Lord for mercy instead of singing a more jubilant Gloria or song of praise.
- 5) **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.

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Pathways Through Lent, St. John's daily online devotional, is now live and will run through Easter Day. 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.

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 Grimmett (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.

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:

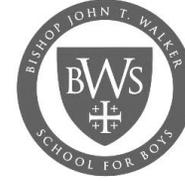


- **March 8: Hank Handler**, noted craftsman and master builder, co-founded Oak Grove Restoration Company 40 years ago to specialize in the conservation, preservation, restoration, and retrofitting of historic buildings. He will speak about the restoration of the Dolley Madison House.
- **March 15: Dick 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.

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.**

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.

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 (Bloomingtondale)

Hosted by Eleanor & Peter Odom

RSVP: eleanorgoddess52@gmail.com

Saturday, March 28

1st Street, NW (Bloomingtondale)

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

Southern Montgomery County, MD/Silver Spring, Chevy Chase

Sunday, March 29

Plymouth Street, NW

Hosted by Livy & John More

RSVP: livezey@aol.com

AGAPE DINNERS

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

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 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.

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
the Rev. Jane Hague at jane.hague@stjohns-dc.org.

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.

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 YOUTH

SERVICE PROJECT AND BOWLING IN MARCH

Saturday, March 21

Come join other St. John's youth and their friends for a service project with Grace's Table and bowling at Pinstripes on Saturday, March 21. We'll get started preparing lunch for the guests of Grace Church at 10:45 a.m. Grace Church is located at 1041 Wisconsin Ave. in Georgetown. After cleaning up from lunch we'll go bowling at Pinstripes across the street. Pinstripes is at 1064 Wisconsin Ave.

For more information and to sign up all students, friends and parents who are attending, go to: <https://rebrand.ly/stjyouthbowling>. **Be sure to sign up by noon on Thursday March 19. Questions? See the link above or email Sarah Wood at sarelwood1@yahoo.com.**

DONUTS + DISCIPLESHIP

Sundays at 10:00 a.m.

Second Floor Youth Room

Lent Madness Begins



You've heard of that mad basketball tournament in March, but did you know there's a different madness we're exploring this Lent? Youth are invited to learn more about Lent and the saints. Each week throughout the Sundays in Lent, we'll meet at 10:00 a.m. to review the saintly winners and losers and tabulate each person's score. We'll have a special prize for the winning bracket on the Second Sunday of Easter. **If you're interested in participating, but don't yet have a bracket, contact Matthew Taylor** at youth@stjohns-dc.org.

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 Sigi Block at sigiblock@verizon.net or Abbott McCartney at abbottmccartney@verizon.net.**

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 McKeivitt*), 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.

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!

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 Attn: Evangeline Gravina 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 _____ **Email** _____

Amount _____

St. John's Parish House
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Telephone 202 347-8766
Website www.stjohns-dc.org

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
Choral Holy Eucharist and Blessing of the Palms

Monday-Wednesday

12:10 p.m.

April 6-8

Holy Eucharist

Tuesday

6:30 p.m.

April 7

Seder Dinner (Togo West Parlor)

Maundy 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

12:00 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



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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