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Rector

The Reverend Jane Milliken Hague
Interim Associate Rector

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

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Assistant for Church Growth

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Acting Director of Music

Samantha Scheff
Assistant Organist

THE FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY

January 5, 2020

7:45 A.M.

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

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

The First Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6

Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14

The Second Reading: Ephesians 3:1-12

Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12

The Sermon: The Rev. Robert W. Fisher

Preacher and People:

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

Nicene Creed, page 358

The Prayers of the People, Form VI, page 392

The Peace

A Prayer for Stewardship

Priest and People:

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

The Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving, Prayer A, page 361

Prayer after Communion, page 365

Blessing and Dismissal

ASSISTING AT THE SERVICE TODAY: Scott Raab, *Reader and Chalice Bearer*; Julia Koster, *Flower Guild*; Bud Harrell, *Assistant Head Usher*; Bill Brownlee, *Usher*.

THE FLOWERS IN THE CHURCH are given to the glory of God.

Collect

O God, by the leading of a star you manifested your only Son to the peoples of the earth: Lead us, who know you now by faith, to your presence, where we may see your glory face to face; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Isaiah 60:1-6

Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the Lord will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you. Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn. Lift up your eyes and look around; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from far away, and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms. Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice, because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you. A multitude of camels shall cover

you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall proclaim the praise of the Lord.

Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14

- 1 Give the King your justice, O God,
and your righteousness to the King's Son;
- 2 That he may rule your people righteously
and the poor with justice;
- 3 That the mountains may bring prosperity to the people,
and the little hills bring righteousness.
- 4 He shall defend the needy among the people;
he shall rescue the poor and crush the oppressor.
- 5 He shall live as long as the sun and moon endure,
from one generation to another.
- 6 He shall come down like rain upon the mown field,
like showers that water the earth.
- 7 In his time shall the righteous flourish;
there shall be abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more.
- 10 The kings of Tarshish and of the isles shall pay tribute,
and the kings of Arabia and Saba offer gifts.
- 11 All kings shall bow down before him,
and all the nations do him service.
- 12 For he shall deliver the poor who cries out in distress,
and the oppressed who has no helper.
- 13 He shall have pity on the lowly and poor;
he shall preserve the lives of the needy.
- 14 He shall redeem their lives from oppression and violence,
and dear shall their blood be in his sight.

Ephesians 3:1-12

This is the reason that I Paul am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles--for surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was given me for you, and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I

wrote above in a few words, a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that is, the Gentiles have become fellow heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God's grace that was given me by the working of his power. Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the Gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ, and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him.

Matthew 2:1-12

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage." When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: `And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.'"

Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage." When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

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.

IF YOU ARE VISITING

a warm welcome to St. John's.

We are delighted to have you worship with us. Please let us know who you are and how we can best serve you by filling out a "Welcome" card and leaving it in the offering plate or with an Usher or Greeter. Join us for the coffee hour following the service.

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

All persons, including children, are invited to take part in the Holy Eucharist. Parents may decide if their children receive the bread and/or wine. Children may instead signal their desire to be blessed by the priest at the altar by crossing their arms across their chest.

Follow us on Instagram at @stjohnschurchlafayettesquare. See photos from St. John's musical performances, special events, meetings, Sunday services, and more. Relive the moment or experience it for the first time through the touch of a button on your smartphone. Help St. John's capture each moment by submitting your photos from events, worship services, trips, and volunteer efforts.

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

**EXCEPT ON SPECIAL OCCASIONS, HOURS WILL BE
9:30 A.M. TO 1:00 P.M.**

**LOOK FOR THE VALET SIGN AT THE CORNER OF 16TH
AND H STREETS.**

EVENTS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 6-12, 2020

Monday	January 6
11:00 a.m.	Eric Neff Funeral Service
6:30 p.m.	AA Lawyers (Togo West Parlor)
Tuesday	January 7
2:00 p.m.	Staff Meeting (3rd Floor, Conference Room)
6:30 p.m.	EFM Class (3rd Floor, Conference Room)
Wednesday	January 8
12:10 p.m.	First Wednesday Concerts David Heinze, Organist
7:00 p.m.	Latrobe First Wednesday Holy Eucharist followed by Snacks and Champagne Tasting
Thursday	January 9
12 noon	Al-Anon (Togo West Parlor)
6:30 p.m.	Choir Supper (Togo West Parlor)
6:45 p.m.	St. John's Book Group (2nd Floor, Teens Classroom)
7:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal (4th Floor, Choir Room)
Saturday	January 11
9:00 a.m.	Flower Guild Arranging Flowers
10:00 a.m.	Pre-Baptism Class (Church)
Sunday	January 12
7:45 a.m.	Holy Eucharist—Sermon The Rev. Jane Milliken Hague
8:15 a.m.	Parish Choir Rehearsal Nursery Opens
9:00 a.m.	Baptism and Choral Holy Eucharist—Sermon The Rev. Jane Milliken Hague
10:00 a.m.	Speaker Series—Christopher Costa, Director of the International Spy Museum Formation Hour Church School
10:10 a.m.	St. John's Choir Rehearsal
11:00 a.m.	Choral Holy Eucharist—Sermon The Rev. Jane Milliken Hague 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, Tuesday, Thursday,
and Friday at 12:10 p.m.**

SPEAKER SERIES SCHEDULE

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



- **January 5: Richard Bell**, scholar, writer, and associate professor at the University of Maryland. His research focuses on the history and culture of the United States between 1750 and 1877. He will speak on his new book, *Stolen: Five Free Boys Kidnapped into Slavery and Their Astonishing Odyssey Home*.
- **January 12: Christopher Costa**, former intelligence officer of 34 years, former Special Assistant to the President and current Executive Director of the International Spy Museum. He will speak on *The International Spy Museum*.
- **January 19: David Garrow**, Pulitzer Prize-winning biographer of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. He will speak on *The Life and Legacy of Martin Luther King, Jr.*
- **January 26: Vestry Candidates' Presentation.**
- **February 9: Dr. Meredith Evans**, Director of the Jimmy Carter Presidential Library and Museum. She will speak about the library and the museum and the Carter presidency.
- **February 16: Robert Strong**, William Lyne Wilson Professor in Political Economy at Washington and Lee University. He will speak on *The Jimmy Carter Presidency*.
- **February 23: Ambassador Stuart Eizenstat**, chief White House domestic policy adviser to President Jimmy Carter. He will speak on his book, *President Carter: The White House Years*.
- **April 19: The Rev. Robert S. Heaney**, Director of the Center for Anglican Communion Studies and Associate Professor of Christian Mission at Virginia Theological Seminary. He will speak on *International Episcopal-Anglican Identity: The State of the Communion*.
- **May 10: Elaine Pagels**, American religious historian and the Harrington Spear Paine Professor of Religion at Princeton University. She will speak on her book, *Why Religion, A Personal Story*.

NEW ADULT BIBLE STUDY
Today, January 5 at 10:00 a.m.



Beginning today, January 5, and for most of the Sundays until Lent, a new adult Bible Study will meet at 10:00 a.m. in the third floor conference room. Jack Reiffer will lead a study on the Gospel of Matthew, the lead gospel for our current Year A church year. We will examine the major themes that are part of this year's gospel readings and how the Matthew lessons are assigned to the various Sundays in the church year.

FIRST WEDNESDAY CONCERTS PRESENTS
ORGANIST DAVID HEINZE
Wednesday, January 8 at 12:10 p.m.



First Wednesday Concerts is pleased to welcome organist David Heinze to Lafayette Square in a program of Bach, Widor, Schumann, and Litaize. Mr. Heinze is Associate Organist of Grace Episcopal Church in Providence, Rhode Island. He recently completed graduate studies at the University of Cambridge where he was Graduate Organ Scholar at Selwyn College as well as organist for St. John's Voices at St. John's College. A native of Grand Rapids, Michigan, he is an alumnus of Interlochen Arts Academy and Hope College. Following his studies in Cambridge, David was appointed Gerre Hancock Fellow in Church Music by the Association of Anglican Musicians. He has performed throughout the US, UK, and Europe and is an Associate of the Royal College of Organists.

THE LATROBE FELLOWSHIP
Wednesday, January 8 at 7:00 p.m.

Join the young adult Latrobe Fellowship for our monthly First Wednesday celebration of the Holy Eucharist at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, January 8. Following the service, we will gather in the Togo West Parlor for snacks and champagne tasting. **For more information, please contact Matthew Taylor at matthew.taylor.sjc@gmail.com.** All are welcome!

ST. JOHN'S BOOK CLUB
Thursday, January 9 at 6:45 p.m.



The St. John's Book Club will meet on Thursday, January 9. We will meet in the second floor teens classroom of the Parish House at 6:45 p.m. to discuss *Remarkable Creatures* by Tracy Chevalier. If you love to read, please join us for an evening of discussion and socializing. **For more information, contact Leila Taaffe at taaffel@gmail.com.**

POTLUCK SUPPERS—BUILDING COMMUNITY



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

Saturday, January 11, 5:30 p.m.

Rosslyn, VA (two blocks from the metro)

Children are welcome.

Hosted by Alex and Desirée Stolar.

RSVP: desalexstolar@gmail.com

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

Falls Church City, VA.

Hosted by Dick and Joy Nathan.

RSVP: dick.nathan@longandfoster.com

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

Capitol Hill, Washington DC

Hosted by Elizabeth Lewis and David Abernethy

RSVP: elizplewis@aol.com

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Class: **Saturday, April 18, 10:00 a.m.**



If you are interested in having a child baptized, or in baptism for yourself, **please contact Kaye Edwards by e-mail at kaye.edwards@stjohns-dc.org**. Please note that the parents or grandparents of children being baptized must be active, pledging members of St. John's. Adults interested in baptism for themselves must attend the Rector's Adult Inquirers' Class and be active, pledging participants in the life of the parish.

WELCOMING OUR NEW ASSISTANT ORGANIST

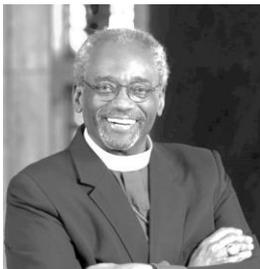


We're pleased to welcome **Samantha Scheff** to St. John's for her first Sunday as Assistant Organist. Sam comes to St. John's from her most recent appointment as Director of Music at Trinity Episcopal Church in Asbury Park, NJ. She is currently completing graduate studies in organ performance at Rutgers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

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

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

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



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

How to reserve tickets:

- Go to <https://www.edow.org/news-events/more-jesus-more-love-revival>.
- Click on Reserve Your Tickets.
- Select the number of tickets to reserve.
- Click the View Options box, then click Add Tickets to Cart.
- At check-out, use your Washington National Cathedral login if you've purchased Cathedral event tickets previously, or create a login.

Tickets will be mailed in January 2020.

LISTEN AGAIN TO SUNDAY SERMONS



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

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JOIN THE ST. JOHN'S TOUR GUIDE MINISTRY



St. John's Tour Guide Ministry is looking for new members. For the Tour Guides of St. John's, spring and summer mean that the number of visitors and guests who are interested in tours of the church will be increasing at our services. Leading tours is rewarding. You meet wonderful people from all over the United States and around the world. Training from current Tour Guides is done at your convenience. Guides are called upon once every eight weeks or so to give tours on Sundays after the 11:00 a.m. service (during the regular program year) and after the 10:30 a.m. service during the summer. **If the opportunity presents itself, please take a tour from one of our Guides or contact the head of the Tour Guides, Karen Zachary, at karen.zachary@gmail.com**. We look forward to welcoming you as a part of this important ministry at St. John's.

ENGAGING FAITH AND THE WORKPLACE



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

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

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

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

CONSIDER JOINING THE FLOWER GUILD



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

JOIN ST. JOHN'S GREETERS TEAM



Would you enjoy welcoming visitors to Sunday services? Helping new parishioners feel comfortable in the congregation? Exchanging morning greetings with old and new friends in the parish? Then please join the Welcome Team Ministry and become a Greeter for the 9:00 a.m. or 11:00 a.m. service (10:30 a.m. service during the summer). Greeting requires only a short time before and after the service and is important to the continued growth and health of St. John's Church. **For more information about becoming a greeter, please contact Head Greeter Kat Kehoe at katkehoe@gmail.com.**

SING WITH THE PARISH CHOIR



The Parish Choir, a dedicated corps of volunteer musicians who provide musical leadership for Sunday morning services, welcomes new members. Midweek rehearsals are most Thursday evenings from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., with a light supper of sandwiches provided at 6:30 p.m. There is a straightforward voice trial for admission, but the main qualification is your interest in serving St. John's in its music program. **Please be in touch with Brent Erstad, Acting Director of Music, at Brent.Erstad@stjohns-dc.org to learn more.**

AN EASY WAY TO HELP OTHERS



When you travel, bring back unopened toiletry items for homeless shelters. Place them in the basket in the connector between the Church and the Parish House.

PASTORAL CARE AT ST. JOHN'S CHURCH



Praying for the sick and those in need is an important part of our life together. We invite you to add yourself, family, or friends to the parish prayer list. Other than

birthdays, anniversaries, and deaths, names added to the prayer list will appear for four consecutive weeks. If you would like the name to be on the prayer list for a shorter or longer period of time, please let us know. We are listing in parentheses the name of the person requesting prayers for family and friends who are not members of the congregation. **To add a name to the prayer list, please contact the Rev. Jane Hague at jane.hague@stjohns-dc.org.**

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

Those who are sick or recovering:

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

Friends and family of our parish: Bruce Anderson (*Cay Buser*), Niels Beck (*Michelle Mangrum*), Rachael Buckley (*Chrystal Martin*), John Frew Carter (*Margo Arnold*), Lane Carter, Bill Clark (*Clark Ervin*), Carl Edwards (*Lauren Edwards*), William Frew Conderman (*Margo Arnold*), Sambar Datta (*Ashley Culbertson*), Harry Davis (*Mary & Carl Raether*), Gideon Donoho (*Thom Sinclair*), Karl Dornemann (*Deb Dornemann*), Bobby Doyle (*Alex Pappas*), Ted Fibison (*Wendy Fibison*), Lois Herrmann (*Kaye Edwards*), Lucas Hunt (*Matthew Taylor*), Elliot Josey and Henry Josey (*Sara and Bill Josey*), Linda Linton (*Cay Buser*), Amy Lowenthal (*Andrew Tomlinson*), William Markiewicz (*Matthew Taylor*), Tammy McCleaf (*Matthew Taylor*), Geoff Megaree (*Cay Buser*), Kevin Milstead (*Andrew Tomlinson*), Timothy Mullins (*Jim Mullins*), Zach Newton (*Andrew Tomlinson*), Judy Nicola (*Cynthia Walker*), Jerry O'Hagan (*Lance Jensen*), Jonathan A.I. Olowu (*Elizabeth Leach*), Ginger Parra (*Leila Taaffe*), Cawley Scott (*Robyne Johnston*), Diane Sinclair (*Pat Dalby*), Zoe Taaffe (*Leila Taaffe*), Gabriel Van Oyen (*Carolyn Crouch*), Henry and Sandy Welles (*Donna Welles*), Jim Wolter (*Willy Wolter*), and Kristen Wyckoff (*Pat Dalby*).

Those who are shut-in:

From our parish: Max Hudgins.

Those who died

From our parish: Samuel Watson who died December 23.

Those who are in the hospital:

Friends and family of our parish: Courtney Jordan Hillman (*Erika Northcutt*), Julie Howell (*Cynthia Walker*), Edwarda Johnson (*Wande Johnson*), Anthony Lewis Jr. (*GeeGee Bryant*), Aiden Mylnikov (*Lindsey Bowen*), Gina Robinson (*Matthew Taylor*), Travis Rogers (*Robert Carroll*), and Matthew Wild (*Susan Wild*).

Those in our parish celebrating a birthday this week: Celia Boddington, Linda Douglass, Hyman Field, William Hankey, Bud Harrell, Will Morris, Becky Quinn, Renée Yancey, and Jude Zeller.

Those in our parish celebrating an anniversary this week: Anna and Rob Ehrich, Fruzsina Harsanyi and Raymond Garcia, and Robin and Chuck Schwartz.

Those serving in the Armed Forces including those who are deployed, and for the Armed Forces Ministry of the Episcopal Church:

Friends and family of our parish who are deployed: Steve Helmer (*Sara McGanity*) and Peter T. Watson (*Wendy Fibison*).

Please help us keep these lists updated by contacting the clergy at St. John's via email as soon as you can with corrections, additions, and updates on status.

JOIN US FOR A SUSTAINABLE MEAL



This Sunday the Care of Creation Committee will be hosting a meal made from ingredients as many as possible locally grown and the production of which is low in carbon generation. Being locally grown means fewer emissions in transportation and likely in production itself. It can certainly mean greater freshness. Because our menu is plant-based, it still provides needed protein but none of the carbon emissions a meat-based menu would generate. And it's tasty! Join us after the 11:00 service, meet some of our advocates, and let us show you the national Church's new carbon tracking tool, as well as other ways to prepare and eat food more sustainably and wholesomely.

—St. John's Care of Creation Group.

In coordination with the Care of Creation Group's efforts to stop the use of items, such as plastic shopping bags, that are harmful to the environment, St. John's has produced reusable tote bags with the St. John's logo. Please contact the office or see a greeter on Sunday mornings to pick up a bag for your use.

HOST A ST. JOHN'S SUNDAY PARISH LUNCH
January 5 – May 17, 2020



Sign Up to Host A Sunday Parish Lunch!

The Calendar is open. Your help is needed to make it happen.

Participate in one of the best fellowship opportunities at St. John's.
 Make new friends – both members and visitors – and catch up
 with old friends.

We encourage individual members, families, and groups and ministries
 of our church to host lunches.

Working with family and friends is FUN!

It takes at least two people to pull it off.

So...

Talk to a friend – or two or three – about joining you to host a Sunday
 Lunch. The more the merrier!

Hosts may be reimbursed for expenses or receive a tax receipt as you
 choose.

Detailed guidelines are sent to anyone who inquires.

**To sign up to host a lunch and select a date, contact Holly Sukenik,
 the lunch coordinator, at 202-332-2952 (home) or
 hsukenik@hotmail.com or the Parish Office at 202-347-8766 or by
 email to kaye.edwards@stjohns-dc.org.**

There will be no Parish Lunch on the following dates: December 29,
 April 5 (Palm Sunday), April 12 (Easter Day), and May 10 (Mother's
 Day).

Date	Host
January 5	Care of Creation Committee
January 12	2019 Holy Land Group
January 19	
January 26	St John's Book Group
February 2	Annual Meeting and Reception
February 9	Sarah Wood and Family/Laurie Adams and Family
February 16	
February 23	Karen Zachary and Thom Sinclair
March 1	
March 8	Friends of The Bishop Walker School

March 15	Deacon Discernment Committee
March 22	Vestry
March 29	
April 19	
April 26	
May 3	
May 17	Church School Families

Vestry

Richard Metzger
Senior Warden

Paul Barkett
Junior Warden

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

Nkem Onwuamaegbu,
Treasurer

Casey Evans,
Assistant Treasurer

Andrew Tomlinson,
Secretary

Christopher R. Wall
Parish Counsel

Head Usher

James H. Czerwonky

The Parish Staff

Kim Carlson
Director for Operations

Evangeline Gravina
Operations Assistant

Preston Cherouny
Financial Secretary

Charley Griffin
Receptionist

Elizabeth Leach
*Communications
Coordinator*

R. J. Gravina
Program Coordinator

Victor Obregon, *Sexton*

GeeGee Bryant
and David Gamboa
Assistant Sextons



Welcome!

AT ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, we believe Christ is calling us to be a renewed church in a changing world. Empowered by the Spirit of God, we respond to Jesus' call as we deepen our bond with Christ through worship, become a community where all are accepted, and work together as laity and clergy to do God's work in the world.

ST. JOHN'S WAS ORGANIZED IN 1815 to serve as a parish church for Episcopalians residing in the neighborhoods in the west end of the District of Columbia. Its cornerstone was laid on September 14, 1815, and it was consecrated on December 27, 1816. Beginning with James Madison, every person who has held the office of President of the United States has attended a service at the church. Several Presidents have been communicants. Thus, St. John's is often referred to as the "Church of the Presidents." Pew 54 is the President's Pew. The architect of the church was Benjamin Henry Latrobe, who assisted in the rebuilding of the U.S. Capitol and the White House after the War of 1812. Twenty-five of the stained glass windows in St. John's were designed and executed by artisans of the noted Lorin firm of Chartres, France.

BROCHURES DESCRIBING PARISH LIFE, the history of St. John's, and the Episcopal denomination can be found in the church entrance. If you are visiting, please fill out the visitor information card found at the end of each pew to enable us to welcome you personally into the life of our parish.

ST. JOHN'S WEBSITE WWW.STJOHNS-DC.ORG has up-to-date information about the Church including the weekly calendar, the Sunday service schedule, Speaker Series speakers and topics, the music calendar and newsworthy events.

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