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Assistant Organist

THE FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY
February 9, 2020

7:45 A.M.

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

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

The First Reading: Isaiah 58:1-9a, 9b-12

Psalm 112:1-9

The Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 2:1-12, 13-16

Gospel: Matthew 5:13-20

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

The Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving, Prayer A, page 361

Prayer after Communion, page 365

Blessing and Dismissal

ASSISTING AT THE SERVICE TODAY: Robyne Johnston, *Reader and Chalice Bearer*; Becca Brown, Pat Dalby, and Katherine Kyle, *Flower Guild*; Richard Metzger, *Assistant Head Usher*; Rick Young, *Usher*.

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

Collect

Set us free, O God, from the bondage of our sins, and give us the liberty of that abundant life which you have made known to us in your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Isaiah 58:1-9a, 9b-12

Shout out, do not hold back! Lift up your voice like a trumpet! Announce to my people their rebellion, to the house of Jacob their sins. Yet day after day they seek me and delight to know my ways, as if they were a nation that practiced righteousness and did not forsake the ordinance of their God; they ask of me righteous judgments, they delight to draw near to God.

“Why do we fast, but you do not see? Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?” Look, you serve your own interest on your fast day, and oppress all your workers. Look, you fast only to quarrel and to fight and to strike with a wicked fist. Such fasting as you do today will not make your voice heard on high. Is such the fast that I choose, a day to humble oneself? Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush, and to lie in sackcloth and ashes? Will you call this a fast, a day acceptable to the Lord? Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the thongs of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, and bring the homeless poor into your house;

when you see the naked, to cover them, and not to hide yourself from your own kin?

Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly; your vindicator shall go before you, the glory of the Lord shall be your rear guard. Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am. If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil, Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am.

If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil, if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday. The Lord will guide you continually, and satisfy your needs in parched places, and make your bones strong; and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water, whose waters never fail. Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in.

Psalm 112:1-9

- 1 Hallelujah!
Happy are they who fear the Lord
and have great delight in his commandments!
- 2 Their descendants will be mighty in the land;
the generation of the upright will be blessed.
- 3 Wealth and riches will be in their house,
and their righteousness will last for ever.
- 4 Light shines in the darkness for the upright;
the righteous are merciful and full of compassion.
- 5 It is good for them to be generous in lending
and to manage their affairs with justice.
- 6 For they will never be shaken;
the righteous will be kept in everlasting remembrance.

- 7 They will not be afraid of any evil rumors;
their heart is right;
they put their trust in the Lord.
- 8 Their heart is established and will not shrink,
until they see their desire upon their enemies.
- 9 They have given freely to the poor,
and their righteousness stands fast for ever;
they will hold up their head with honor.

1 Corinthians 2:1-12, 13-16

When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the mystery of God to you in lofty words or wisdom. For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified. And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. My speech and my proclamation were not with plausible words of wisdom, but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God.

Yet among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to perish. But we speak God's wisdom, secret and hidden, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. None of the rulers of this age understood this; for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. But, as it is written,

“What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the human heart conceived, what God has prepared for those who love him”—these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. For what human being knows what is truly human except the human spirit that is within? So also no one comprehends what is truly God's except the Spirit of God. Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit that is from God, so that we may understand the gifts bestowed on us by God.

And we speak of these things in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual things to those who are spiritual.

Those who are unspiritual do not receive the gifts of God's Spirit, for they are foolishness to them, and they are unable to understand them because they are spiritually discerned. Those who are spiritual discern all things, and they are themselves subject to no one else's scrutiny.

“For who has known the mind of the Lord so as to instruct him?” But we have the mind of Christ.

Matthew 5:13-20

Jesus said, “You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot.

“You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

“Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.”

All persons, including children, are welcome to receive Holy Communion with us. Our tradition is to receive both the bread and the wine, sharing in the common cup. Please assist the chalice bearer by guiding the cup to your lips. You may also intinct by dipping the wafer into the chalice. Receiving the bread only is a valid and acceptable way to share in Holy Communion. After consuming the wafer, cross your arms over your chest to indicate that you do not wish to receive the wine. Gluten-free wafers are available on request from the communion minister. Parents may decide if their children receive the bread and/or wine. Children may instead signal their desire to be blessed by the priest by crossing their arms over their chest.

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

(as of February 5, 2020)

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Margo & Doug Arnold

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Aimee Azzarello

Shea & Virginia Bader

Geoffrey & Kathryn Baker

Sarah Banks

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Sandy & Nancy Martin
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Earl Matthews
Nancy Matthews
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Richard & Joy Nathan
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Ralph & Lydia Olson
Uche & Nkem Onwuamaegbu
Emily & Jason Ornstein
Matthew & Rachel Oster
Owen & Felicia Owunwanne
Alex & Nancy Pappas
Bob & Sharon Park
Bob & Gay Pasley
Laura & Sam Patten
Anthony Pegues
Robin Pennington
Eric Peters
Ray & Susan Petniunas
Savannah & Matt Ponder
Natalie A. Popovic
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Will & Brittany Rabbe
Allie Raether
Carl & Mary Raether
Garret & Gigi Rasmussen
Nate & Katherine Rawlings
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Dax & Veronica Tejera
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Jocelyn Tichenor
Andrew & Alyssa Tomlinson
Thomas Traxler & Rachel Bright
José Trejo
Cal Trepagnier & Marta Cook
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Jennifer C. Urquhart
Sophia Vandergrift
Patrick & Pamela Venzke
Susan G. Volgenau
Ann & Robert Von Der Lippe
Jonathan Wakely
Christopher R. Wall
Alis Wang & Amy Stulman
Carl Ward
John Ward
Marc & Susan Warren
Susan Welch
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Willy & Brenda Wolter
William Wright
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The Hon. Sang and Mrs. Sarah Yi
Keiko Lynn Yoshino
Richard Young
Karen Zachary

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. Every Sunday beginning February 9, 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.

**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 FEBRUARY 10-16, 2020

Monday February 10
6:30 p.m. AA Lawyers (Togo West Parlor)

Tuesday February 11
12 noon AA (1st Floor, Togo West Parlor)
2:00 p.m. Staff Meeting (3rd Floor, Conference Room)
4:00 p.m. Church Growth Committee Meeting
(3rd Floor, Conference Room)
6:30 p.m. EFM Class (3rd Floor, Conference Room)

Wednesday February 12
7:00 p.m. Latrobe Wednesday Holy Eucharist

Thursday February 13
12 noon Al-Anon (1st Floor, Togo West Parlor)
Debtors Anonymous
(1st Floor, Multi-Purpose Room)
6:30 p.m. Choir Supper (1st Floor, Togo West Parlor)
7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal (4th Floor, Choir Room)

Friday February 14
1:00 p.m. St. John's Church and Parish Office closed.

Saturday February 15
9:00 a.m. Flower Guild Arranging Flowers

Sunday February 16
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. Choral Holy Eucharist—Sermon
The Rev. Jane Milliken Hague
10:00 a.m. Formation Hour

- Bible Study (3rd Floor, Conference Room)
- Church School (age three to grade five)
Godly Play class (2nd Floor, Parish House)
- Youth Gathering (grades 6-12) Donuts + Faith
(2nd Floor, Parish House)
- Speaker Series—Robert Strong
(1st Floor, Togo West Parlor)

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
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.**



ASH WEDNESDAY | FEBRUARY 26

7:30 a.m.

Holy Eucharist and Imposition of Ashes
Sermon—The Rev. Robert W. Fisher

12:00 noon

Holy Eucharist and Imposition of Ashes (with St. John’s Choir)
Sermon—The Rev. Robert W. Fisher

7:00 p.m.

Holy Eucharist and Imposition of Ashes (with Music)
Sermon—The Rev. Robert W. Fisher

**NEW ADULT BIBLE STUDY
Sunday, February 9 at 10:00 a.m.**



The study of The Gospel of Matthew will resume on Sunday, February 9 at 10:00 a.m. in the third floor conference room. All are welcome. **Contact Jack Reiffer for further information at jjreiffer@gmail.com or at 202-230-1481.**

SPEAKER SERIES SCHEDULE

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



- **February 9: Dr. Meredith Evans**, Director of the Jimmy Carter Presidential Library and Museum. She will speak about the library and the museum and the Carter presidency.
- **February 16: Robert Strong**, William Lyne Wilson Professor in Political Economy at Washington and Lee University. He will speak on *The Jimmy Carter Presidency*.
- **February 23: Ambassador Stuart Eizenstat**, chief White House domestic policy adviser to President Jimmy Carter. He will speak on his book, *President Carter: The White House Years*.
- **March 8: Hank Handler**, noted craftsman and master builder, co-founded Oak Grove Restoration Company 40 years ago to specialize in the conservation, preservation, restoration, and retrofitting of historic buildings. He will speak about the restoration of the Dolley Madison House.
- **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 Arbitor**, 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*.
- **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*.

SPEAKER SERIES SCHEDULE

- **May 17: Christian Appy**, Professor of History at the University of Massachusetts, Amherst. He will speak about *The Vietnam War*.

SUBMIT A DEVOTIONAL OR SIGN UP TO RECEIVE PATHWAYS THROUGH LENT

Submissions are due by Friday, February 21

We invite you to share your thoughts on the season of Lent by writing a brief reflection for our online daily devotional. Entries may be written individually or as a group (e.g. on behalf of a committee or a family) and should be no more than 250 words long. Your reflection can be inspired by the appointed scripture verse of the day (which we will share when we confirm your assigned date) or some other Lenten or spiritual topic. **Submissions are due by Friday, February 21**, so we can launch the devotional on Ash Wednesday, February 26.

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

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

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

POTLUCK SUPPERS—BUILDING COMMUNITY



St. John's is continuing the popular parishioner potluck suppers. The Rev. Rob Fisher, his wife Sarah Wood, the Rev. Jane Hague, and the Rev. Savannah Ponder will 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:

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

E Capitol Street, NE, Washington DC (Capitol Hill)

Hosted by Elizabeth Lewis and David Abernethy

RSVP: elizplewis@aol.com

BAPTISM SERVICES

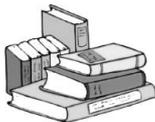


The next dates for Baptism and required pre-baptismal classes with the clergy are as follows:

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

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

ST. JOHN'S BOOK CLUB Thursday, March 5 at 6:45 p.m.



The St. John's Book Club will meet on Thursday, March 5. We will meet in the second floor teens classroom of the Parish House at 6:45 p.m. to discuss *Spying on the South: An Odyssey Across the American Divide* by Tony Horwitz. If you love to read, please join us for an evening of discussion and socializing. **For more information, contact Leila Taaffe at taffel@gmail.com.**

THE 2020 SPRING ADULT INQUIRERS' CLASS Saturdays, March 14 and March 21 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

If you would like to be baptized, confirmed, or received into membership in the Episcopal Church at St. John's, we invite you to join the 2020 Spring Adult Inquirers' Class. The two-day class will meet on two Saturdays, March 14 and March 21, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. both days. The Rev. Rob Fisher, Rector of St. John's, will lead the sessions. Anyone – newcomer or longtime parishioner – interested in learning more about our Christian faith and life, the Episcopal tradition, and the ministry of St. John's Church, is encouraged to attend. **For more information or to register, please contact Kaye Edwards at 202-347-8766, ext. 317 or by e-mail at kaye.edwards@stjohns-dc.org**. Those who participate in this class, or have completed another inquirers' class, may attend a Service of Confirmation, Reception, and Reaffirmation of Baptismal Vows at Washington National Cathedral on Saturday, May 9.

**PLEASE JOIN US FOR THE 7TH ANNUAL
ST. JOHN'S WOMEN'S RETREAT**

Friday-Sunday, March 6-8

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

Jane's goals for this retreat are:

- To be present and open to God.
- To learn to use prayer and poetry as a method of worship and deepening into God.
- To appreciate Mary Oliver as a poet and spiritual writer.

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

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

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

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

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

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:

NW, Washington DC

Sunday, March 8

52nd Street, NW, Washington, DC
Hosted by Caroline & Stephen Faris
RSVP: caroline_faris@yahoo.com

Saturday, March 14 (or Saturday, March 21)

32nd Street, NW, Washington DC
Hosted by Grant Kraus
RSVP: grant.kraus@mac.com

Saturday, March 21

2nd Street, NW, Washington DC (Bloomingdale)
Hosted by Eleanor & Peter Odom
RSVP: eleanorgoddess52@gmail.com

Saturday, March 28

1st Street, NW, Washington DC (Bloomingdale)
Hosted by Justin Dean & Matthew Sipala
RSVP: justin.dean@edwardjones.com

Sunday, March 29

Plymouth Street, NW, Washington DC
Hosted by Livy & John More
RSVP: livezey@aol.com

Date to be determined

Q Street, NW, Washington DC (Logan Circle)
Hosted by Andrew Clarke & Chip Sherrill
RSVP: andrew@asiapacificoffset.com

Capitol Hill, Washington DC

Date to be determined

3rd Street, NE, Washington DC (Capitol Hill)
Hosted by Susan & Pete Carlson
RSVP: susanthigpencarlson@gmail.com

AGAPE DINNERS

SW, Washington DC

Saturday, March 14 (or Friday, March 20)

G Street, SW, Washington, DC

Hosted by Carolyn & Nelson Crouch

RSVP: carolyn.crouch819@gmail.com

Virginia

Friday, March 13

27th Street N, Arlington, Virginia

Hosted by Joanne & Powell Hutton

RSVP: joannerhutton@gmail.com

Sunday, March 29

S Jefferson Street, Falls Church, Virginia

Hosted by Anne Stewart & Tony Tambasco

RSVP: adstewart4411@gmail.com

Date to be determined

Lynnhurst Drive, Fairfax, Virginia

Hosted by Anne & Bob Harrington

RSVP: anharring@msn.com

ATTENTION ST. JOHN'S YOUTH

Donuts + Faith in Real Life, the Sunday gathering for St. John's middle school and high school students, is meeting every week at 10:00 a.m. in the youth room on the second floor of the Parish House. We hope to see you for this fun and inspiring chance for youth to get to know one another, explore their faith—and eat donuts!

When this new program kicked off in the fall, we met only on the 3rd Sunday of the month. The number of youth attending has been growing steadily and sustainably, and we are thrilled to have been asked by parents move it to the more consistent weekly format.

Stay tuned for more about the group's next service project and other youth events that we are planning.

If you have questions or would like to receive youth news by email, please contact the youth leaders: the Rev. Savannah Ponder, Katie Adams, Matthew Taylor, John More and Sarah Wood at youth@stjohns-dc.org.

STUDY GROUP



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

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

Here is a link to a survey where you can express your preference on times and days of the week: <https://rebrand.ly/doopoll>.

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

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

St. John's will travel again to the Kwasa Centre in South Africa this summer. 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, 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.**

THINKING ABOUT SCIENCE AND FAITH

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

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.

JOIN THE ST. JOHN'S TOUR GUIDE MINISTRY



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

JOIN ST. JOHN'S GREETERS TEAM



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

SING WITH THE PARISH CHOIR



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

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.

VOLUNTEER AT CARDOZO EDUCATION CAMPUS

Communities in Schools, a St. Johns Outreach partner, will continue to provide tutoring for Cardozo students on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays, from 3:30 p.m. until 5:00 p.m., through February 13. The February Food Market will be held on Tuesday, February 11. Finally, report card conferences will take place on Thursday, February 13. Volunteers will sit down in one-to-one meetings with students to discuss their reports. In the past, St. Johns parishioners have enjoyed helping out in this way. **For information about any of these volunteer opportunities or about the Cardozo Educational Campus, please contact Livy More at livezey@aol.com or at 202-291-8783.**

AN EASY WAY TO HELP OTHERS



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

PASTORAL CARE AT ST. JOHN'S CHURCH



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

FLOWER DELIVERIES

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

Flowers need to be delivered to N Columbus Street, Alexandria, VA.

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, Teresa Huettner, Nelda Johnson, Bob Patchell, Dace Vidins, Jeff White, and Susan Wild.

Friends and family of our parish: Bruce Anderson (*Cay Buser*), Niels Beck (*Michelle Mangrum*), Rachael Buckley (*Chrystal Martin*), Lane Carter, Bill Clark (*Clark Ervin*), Carl Edwards (*Lauren Edwards*), Sambar Datta (*Ashley Culbertson*), Harry Davis (*Mary & Carl Raether*), Karl Dornemann (*Deb Dornemann*), Bobby Doyle (*Alex Pappas*), Courtney Jordan Hillman (*Erika Northcutt*), Lucas Hunt (*Matthew Taylor*), Vera Hyncik (*Holly Sukenik*), Edwarda Johnson (*Wande Johnson*), Elliot Josey and Henry Josey (*Sara and Bill Josey*), Linda Linton (*Cay Buser*), Amy Lowenthal (*Andrew Tomlinson*), William Markiewicz (*Matthew Taylor*), Tammy McCleaf (*Matthew Taylor*), Geoff Megaree (*Cay Buser*), Kevin Milstead (*Andrew Tomlinson*), Timothy Mullins (*Jim Mullins*), Zach Newton (*Andrew Tomlinson*), Judy Nicola (*Cynthia Walker*), Jerry O'Hagan (*Lance Jensen*), Jonathan A.I. Olowu (*Elizabeth Leach*), Ginger Parra (*Leila Taaffe*), Cawley Scott (*Robyne Johnston*), Diane Sinclair (*Pat Dalby*), Zoe Taaffe (*Leila Taaffe*), Gabriel Van Oyen (*Carolyn Crouch*), Henry and Sandy Welles (*Donna Welles*), 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*), Peter Meister (*Thom Sinclair*), Aiden Mylnikov (*Lindsey Bowen*), Gina Robinson (*Matthew Taylor*), Travis Rogers (*Robert Carroll*), and Matthew Wild (*Susan Wild*).

Those who are in hospice care:

Friends and family of our parish: Mac Hansbrough (*Emily Lucio*).

Those who died:

Friends and family of our parish: Alice Wright Summers Hale who died November 25, 2019 and Adolfine Estes who died February 1.

Those in our parish celebrating a birthday this week: John Aschieris, Betsy Danello, Brady Demarest, Anna Fleming, Mary Getz, Missy Grealy, Imogen Hahn, Elizabeth Hill, William Hughes, Robin Keithley, Claire Marshall, Annie Morefield, Richard Price, Jack Reiffer, Jean Schepers, Margy Slaterry, Anderson Waltz, Carl Ward.

Those in our parish celebrating an anniversary this week: Barbara and Craig Burkhardt.

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 FLOWERS

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

St. John’s Flower Guild lovingly arranges flowers each week for our Sunday services. You can choose to dedicate the two main altar arrangements with a contribution of \$110, the side chapel for \$55, or the narthex for \$55. Or, you can dedicate all four arrangements in the church for \$220.

**Please contact the Parish Office at 202-347-8766
and send a check to St. John’s Church
Attention: Flower Fund, 1525 H Street N.W., Washington, D.C.
20005-1005, Fax 202-347-3446**

(Circle one)

In Memory of | Thanksgiving for | Celebration of:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone number: _____ **Email:** _____

(Circle one)

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

Thank you!

HOST A ST. JOHN'S SUNDAY PARISH LUNCH
February 9 – May 17, 2020



Sign Up to Host A Sunday Parish Lunch!

Your help is needed to make it happen.

Participate in one of the best fellowship opportunities at St. John's.

Make new friends – both members and visitors – and catch up
with old friends.

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

Working with family and friends is FUN!

It takes at least two people to pull it off.

So...

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

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

Detailed guidelines are sent to anyone who inquires.

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

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

Date	Host
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

WE ARE FLUSHING OUR FORESTS AWAY



We don't usually think about toilet paper until it runs out, but we should. Its ubiquitous presence and low cost misrepresent the dramatic and irreversible toll it is taking on our boreal forests. As with paper towels discussed last week, those forests are also the favored source for virgin softwood pulp for tissue products, and in the past 20 years, an area the size of Ohio has been logged, some 28 million acres. Alternatives to this tree-to-toilet-paper pipeline exist. Tissue products made from recycled materials emit a third of the greenhouse gasses as that from virgin pulp, and are becoming available at neighborhood stores – see Giant's Nature's Promise line, for example. Check that what we buy has recycled content, and the more of that the better. When we buy those popular (and comfortable) brands without recycled material, we are literally flushing our forests down the drain. Use this NRDC scorecard to check our favorite brands for sustainability: <https://rebrand.ly/wafofa>.

–St. John's Care of Creation Group.

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

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

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



Vestry

Paul Barkett
Senior Warden

Jeff Hantson
Junior Warden

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

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Christopher R. Wall
Parish Counsel

Head Usher

James H. Czerwonky

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Evangeline Gravina
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Preston Cherouny
Financial Secretary

Sharlyne Griffin
Receptionist

R. J. Gravina
Program Coordinator

Javier 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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