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THE SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY
February 16, 2020

7:45 A.M.

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

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

The First Reading: Deuteronomy 30:15-20

Psalm 119:1-8

The Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 3:1-9

Gospel: Matthew 5:21-37

The Sermon: The Rev. Jane Milliken Hague

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: Scott Raab, *Reader and Chalice Bearer*; Amanda Claire Hoover and Kristin Josey, *Flower Guild*; Robyne Johnston, *Assistant Head Usher*; Judy McKeivitt, *Usher*.

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

Collect

O God, the strength of all who put their trust in you: Mercifully accept our prayers; and because in our weakness we can do nothing good without you, give us the help of your grace, that in keeping your commandments we may please you both in will and deed; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Deuteronomy 30:15-20

Moses said, “See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. If you obey the commandments of the Lord your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the Lord your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the Lord your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. But if your heart turns away and you do not hear, but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, I declare to you today that you shall perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, loving the Lord your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him; for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the Lord swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.”

Psalm 119:1-8

- 1 Happy are they whose way is blameless,
who walk in the law of the Lord!
- 2 Happy are they who observe his decrees
and seek him with all their hearts!
- 3 Who never do any wrong,
but always walk in his ways.
- 4 You laid down your commandments,
that we should fully keep them.
- 5 Oh, that my ways were made so direct
that I might keep your statutes!
- 6 Then I should not be put to shame,
when I regard all your commandments.
- 7 I will thank you with an unfeigned heart,
when I have learned your righteous judgments.
- 8 I will keep your statutes;
do not utterly forsake me.

1 Corinthians 3:1-9

Brothers and sisters, I could not speak to you as spiritual people, but rather as people of the flesh, as infants in Christ. I fed you with milk, not solid food, for you were not ready for solid food. Even now you are still not ready, for you are still of the flesh. For as long as there is jealousy and quarreling among you, are you not of the flesh, and behaving according to human inclinations? For when one says, "I belong to Paul," and another, "I belong to Apollos," are you not merely human?

What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through whom you came to believe, as the Lord assigned to each. I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. The one who plants and the one who waters have a common purpose, and each will receive wages according to the labor of each. For we are God's servants, working together; you are God's field, God's building.

Matthew 5:21-37

Jesus said, “You have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, ‘You shall not murder’; and ‘whoever murders shall be liable to judgment.’ But I say to you that if you are angry with a brother or sister, you will be liable to judgment; and if you insult a brother or sister, you will be liable to the council; and if you say, ‘You fool,’ you will be liable to the hell of fire. So when you are offering your gift at the altar, if you remember that your brother or sister has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother or sister, and then come and offer your gift. Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are on the way to court with him, or your accuser may hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the guard, and you will be thrown into prison. Truly I tell you, you will never get out until you have paid the last penny.

“You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall not commit adultery.’ But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lust has already committed adultery with her in his heart. If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to be thrown into hell. And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to go into hell.

“It was also said, ‘Whoever divorces his wife, let him give her a certificate of divorce.’ But I say to you that anyone who divorces his wife, except on the ground of unchastity, causes her to commit adultery; and whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery.

“Again, you have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, ‘You shall not swear falsely, but carry out the vows you have made to the Lord.’ But I say to you, Do not swear at all, either by heaven, for it is the throne of God, or by the earth, for it is his footstool, or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great

King. And do not swear by your head, for you cannot make one hair white or black. Let your word be ‘Yes, Yes’ or ‘No, No’; anything more than this comes from the evil one.”

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 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
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 17-23, 2020

Monday February 17
St. John's Church and Parish Office Closed.

Tuesday February 18
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 February 20
12 noon Al-Anon (1st Floor, Togo West Parlor)
Debtors Anonymous
(1st Floor, Multi-Purpose Room)
6:30 p.m. Choir Supper (1st Floor, Togo West Parlor)
7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal (4th Floor, Choir Room)

Saturday February 22
9:00 a.m. Flower Guild Arranging Flowers
10:00 p.m. Pre-Baptism Class (Church)

Sunday February 23
7:45 a.m. Holy Eucharist—Sermon
The Rev. Savannah Ponder
8:15 a.m. Parish Choir Rehearsal
Nursery Opens
9:00 a.m. Baptism and Choral Holy Eucharist—Sermon
The Rev. Savannah Ponder
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 + Faith
(2nd Floor, Teen Room)
- Speaker Series—Ambassador Stuart Eizenstat
(1st Floor, Togo West Parlor)

10:10 a.m. St. John's Choir Rehearsal
11:00 a.m. Choral Holy Eucharist—Sermon
The Rev. Savannah Ponder
Children's Chapel
12:15 p.m. Hospitality Hour
Tour of the Church
Parish Lunch

12:30 p.m. St. John's Choir Rehearsal

**The Holy Eucharist will be celebrated Tuesday 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

ASHES TO GO

Church Plaza (16th and H Street, NW)

8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.

4:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

ADULT BIBLE STUDY

Sunday, February 16 at 10:00 a.m.



The study of The Gospel of Matthew will resume on Sunday, February 16 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 except on March 29 and May 10 which will be held in the Nave:



- **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 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*.
- **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>.

LENTEN LABYRINTH WALK

**Thursdays | February 27, March 5, March 12, March 19,
March 26, and April 2**

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



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

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.

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

SPYING ON THE SOUTH



Tony Horwitz

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 taaffel@gmail.com.**

INTERGENERATIONAL LENTEN WORKSHOP

Sunday, March 1, 10:00 am

Togo West Parlor

Begin your Lenten season prayerfully in community. Lent is the 40 day period that Christians observe to get ready to enter into the mystery of Easter. This season is marked by many outward and tangible acts, such as fasting from luxuries and giving to others. It is a time that we are invited to clear away that which distracts us from who we truly are--beloved children of God. Join us for a creative workshop on the first Sunday in Lent where we will put together prayer boxes to help guide us through the Lenten journey of repentance, fasting, and drawing closer to God. This event is intentionally intergenerational, with activities for all ages to make space for God in our lives. **For more information, contact the Rev. Savannah Ponder at savannah.ponder@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.**

**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 the following dates:

NW, Washington DC

Sunday, March 8

52nd Street, NW

Hosted by Caroline & Stephen Faris

RSVP: caroline_faris@yahoo.com

Saturday, March 14

32nd Street, NW

Hosted by Grant Kraus

RSVP: grant.kraus@mac.com

Saturday, March 21

2nd Street, NW (Bloomingdale)

Hosted by Eleanor & Peter Odom

RSVP: eleanorgoddess52@gmail.com

Saturday, March 28

1st Street, NW (Bloomingdale)

Hosted by Justin Dean & Matthew Sipala

RSVP: justin.dean@edwardjones.com

Sunday, March 29

Plymouth Street, NW

Hosted by Livy & John More

RSVP: livezey@aol.com

Sunday, March 29

Q Street, NW (Logan Circle)

Hosted by Andrew Clarke & Chip Sherrill

RSVP: andrew@asiapacificoffset.com

Capitol Hill, Washington DC

Sunday, March 15

3rd Street, NE (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

Hosted by Carolyn & Nelson Crouch

RSVP: carolyn.crouch819@gmail.com

Virginia

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

Date to be determined

Lynnhurst Drive, Fairfax

Hosted by Anne & Bob Harrington

RSVP: anharring@msn.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.

MENS LUNCH GROUP

Wednesdays | 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.

POTLUCK SUPPERS—BUILDING COMMUNITY



The potluck supper on Friday, February 28, 6:30 p.m. on East Capitol Street, in Northeast Washington (Capitol Hill), hosted by Elizabeth Lewis and David Abernethy, has reached capacity, so no new RSVPs can be accepted. The next potluck dinner will be held after Easter. The dinners are a wonderful opportunity to meet and connect with fellow parishioners. **If you are interested in hosting a gathering in the spring, please contact Holly Sukenik at hsukenik@hotmail.com.** Meanwhile, please see the announcement for the Agape community dinners that will be held during Lent at several locations in the area.

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 (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.**

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.

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.

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.**

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.**

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.

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.

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 N Columbus Street, Alexandria, VA; Tracy Place, NW, Washington, DC; and Parkers Lane, 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*), Tom Burkart (*Pamela Venzke*), 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*), 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*), 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*), 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 in our parish celebrating a birthday this week: Tom Abernethy, Steve Coppinger, William Generous, Susan Lewis, Ariana Paslar, Stephen Smith, Desirée Stolar, and Teddy Tierney.

Those in our parish celebrating an anniversary this week: Alyssa and Will Ackerly, Anita and George Diliberto, and Diane and Peter Spaulding.

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



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: February 16,
April 5 (Palm Sunday), April 12 (Easter Day), and May 10 (Mother's
Day).

Date	Host
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

THE PROBLEM WITH BIODEGRADABLE TRASH BAGS



We all want to do the right thing when we throw out our trash. And that trash, unless it is composted or recycled, goes to a landfill. EPA requires that landfills block out air, moisture, and sunlight, all essential ingredients for proper biograting (and composting as well), so any trash bag labeled biodegradable has an attractive cachet, but provides no benefit if it ends up in a landfill, where it becomes just another plastic bag since it cannot rot. We're really caught between a rock and a hard place. The best thing to do? Recycle or compost where we can. Otherwise, minimize our trash. <https://rebrand.ly/ecogarb>.

–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

Casey Evans,
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

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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