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THE LAST SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

February 23, 2020

7:45 A.M.

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

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

The First Reading: Exodus 24:12-18

Psalm 2

The Second Reading: 2 Peter 1:16-21

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Blessing and Dismissal

ASSISTING AT THE SERVICE TODAY: Lauren Edwards, *Reader and Chalice Bearer*; Jack Reiffer, *Lay Eucharistic Minister*; Becca Brown and Elizabeth Lewis, *Flower Guild*; Graham Keithley, *Assistant Head Usher*.

THE FLOWERS IN THE CHURCH are given to the glory of God; in thanksgiving for the baptism today of **Francis Armistead Cash Davis** and **Elizabeth Grace Eversole**; and in thanksgiving for **Jeff and Katie Hantson**.

Collect

O God, who before the passion of your only begotten Son revealed his glory upon the holy mountain: Grant to us that we, beholding by faith the light of his countenance, may be strengthened to bear our cross, and be changed into his likeness from glory to glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Exodus 24:12-18

The Lord said to Moses, "Come up to me on the mountain, and wait there; and I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction." So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. To the elders he had said, "Wait here for us, until we come to you again; for Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them."

Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. The glory of the Lord settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. Now the appearance of the glory of the Lord was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. Moses entered the cloud, and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

Psalm 2

- 1 Why are the nations in an uproar?
Why do the peoples mutter empty threats?
- 2 Why do the kings of the earth rise up in revolt,
and the princes plot together,
against the Lord and against his Anointed?
- 3 "Let us break their yoke," they say;
"let us cast off their bonds from us."
- 4 He whose throne is in heaven is laughing;
the Lord has them in derision.

- 5 Then he speaks to them in his wrath,
and his rage fills them with terror.
- 6 "I myself have set my king
upon my holy hill of Zion."
- 7 Let me announce the decree of the Lord:
he said to me, "You are my Son;
this day have I begotten you.
- 8 Ask of me, and I will give you the nations for your inheritance
and the ends of the earth for your possession.
- 9 You shall crush them with an iron rod
and shatter them like a piece of pottery."
- 10 And now, you kings, be wise;
be warned, you rulers of the earth.
- 11 Submit to the Lord with fear,
and with trembling bow before him;
- 12 Lest he be angry and you perish;
for his wrath is quickly kindled.
- 13 Happy are they all
who take refuge in him!

2 Peter 1:16-21

We did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. For he received honor and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, "This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased." We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain.

So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

Matthew 17:1-9

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. Then Peter said to Jesus, “Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.” While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, “This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!” When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, “Get up and do not be afraid.” And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.

As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, “Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.”

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
9:00 A.M. AND 11:00 A.M. SERVICES AND
THE 10:00 A.M. SPEAKER SERIES.**

**EXCEPT ON SPECIAL OCCASIONS, HOURS WILL BE
8:30 A.M. TO 1:00 P.M.**

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

EVENTS FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 24 – MARCH 1, 2020

Monday February 24
6:30 p.m. Pastoral Care Ministry Meeting
 (3rd Floor, Conference Room)

Tuesday February 25
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)

Wednesday February 26 (Ash Wednesday)
7:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist and Imposition of Ashes
 Sermon—The Rev. Robert W. Fisher
8:30 a.m. Ashes to Go (Church Plaza)
12:00 noon Holy Eucharist and Imposition of Ashes
 (with St. John’s Choir)
 Sermon—The Rev. Robert W. Fisher
4:30 p.m. Ashes to Go (Church Plaza)
7:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist and Imposition of Ashes
 (with Music)
 Sermon—The Rev. Robert W. Fisher

Thursday February 27
12 noon Al-Anon (1st Floor, Togo West Parlor)
 Debtors Anonymous
 (1st Floor, Multi-Purpose Room)
5:00 p.m. Lenten Labyrinth Walk (Church Plaza)
6:30 p.m. Choir Supper (1st Floor, Togo West Parlor)
7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal (4th Floor, Choir Room)

Saturday February 29
9:00 a.m. Flower Guild (Church)

Sunday March 1
7:45 a.m. Holy Eucharist—Sermon
 The Rev. Robert W. Fisher
8:15 a.m. Parish Choir Rehearsal
 Nursery Opens
9:00 a.m. Choral Holy Eucharist—Sermon
 The Rev. Robert W. Fisher
10:00 a.m. Formation Hour
 • Bible Study (3rd Floor, Conference Room)
 • Intergenerational Lenten Workshop
 (1st Floor, Togo West Parlor)

10:10 a.m. St. John's Choir Rehearsal
11:00 a.m. Choral Holy Eucharist—Sermon
The Rev. Robert W. Fisher
Children's Chapel
12:15 p.m. Hospitality Hour
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.**



ASH WEDNESDAY | FEBRUARY 26

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7:00 p.m.

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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.

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 third floor conference room.

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 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*.
- **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**

We could use a few more brief reflections for our online daily Lenten devotionals. 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. **Pathways Through Lent will launch on Ash Wednesday, February 26.** We will assign you a date later in the series and a deadline for your submission.

Please email Jack Reiffer at jjreiffer@gmail.com and Sara McGanity at sara.mcganity@gmail.com to offer your contribution.

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.**

(Church Plaza, Weather Permitting)



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

BIBLE STUDY
Sunday, February 23 at 10:00 a.m.



The Adult Bible Study concludes its study of the Gospel of Matthew today, February 23. Bible Study will continue meeting at 10:00 a.m. during the Sundays in Lent. Starting on March 1, we will study the Book of Genesis and its place in the Lenten themes of preparing for Easter. **Contact Jack Reiffer for further information at jjreiffer@gmail.com or at 202-230-1481.**

INTERGENERATIONAL LENTEN WORKSHOP

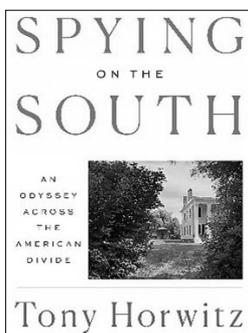
Sunday, March 1, 10:00 am

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.**

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 taaffe@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 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 | March 18, April 15, and May 20

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

Togo West Parlor

Please bring \$15 for lunch

RSVP at RSVP@stjohns-dc.org

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

THINKING ABOUT SCIENCE AND FAITH

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

Third Floor Conference Room

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

**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.**

**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

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

Southern Montgomery County, MD/Silver Spring,
Chevy Chase

Sunday, March 29

Plymouth Street, NW

Hosted by Livy & John More

RSVP: livezey@aol.com

SW, Washington DC

Saturday, March 14

G Street, SW

Hosted by Carolyn & Nelson Crouch

RSVP: carolyn.crouch819@gmail.com

Virginia

Sunday, March 8

Lynnhurst Drive, Fairfax

Hosted by Anne & Bob Harrington

RSVP: anharring@msn.com

Friday, March 13

27th Street N, Arlington

Hosted by Joanne & Powell Hutton

RSVP: joannerhutton@gmail.com

Sunday, March 29

S Jefferson Street, Falls Church

Hosted by Anne Stewart & Tony Tambasco

RSVP: adstewart4411@gmail.com

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.**

ATTENTION ST. JOHN'S YOUTH

Sundays at 10:00 am: Donuts + Discipleship
Second Floor Youth Room
Lent Madness Begins



You've heard of that mad basketball tournament in March, but did you know there's a different madness coming this Lent? In preparation for Ash Wednesday and the season of Lent, youth are invited to learn more about Lent and the saints. **On Sunday, February 23**, we'll be filling out brackets for Lent Madness during Donuts and Discipleship class. Then, each week throughout the Sundays in Lent, we'll meet at 10:00 a.m. to review the saintly winners and losers and tabulate each person's score. We'll have a special prize for the winning bracket on the Second Sunday of Easter. **If you're interested in participating, but can't make it this Sunday, contact Matthew Taylor at youth@stjohns-dc.org before Ash Wednesday for a bracket. For more information, check out LentMadness.org.**

BAPTISM SERVICES



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

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

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

STUDY GROUP ON WORK AND FAITH
Thursday, March 19 at 6:00 p.m.



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

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

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

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.

ST. JOHN'S ON LINKEDIN



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

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

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

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.**

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.

JOIN THE ST. JOHN'S TOUR GUIDE MINISTRY

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

JOIN ST. JOHN'S GREETERS TEAM

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

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 Audreys Court, SE Vienna, 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, Judy Campbell Bird, 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*), Brian Cohen (*Jane Hague*), 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:

From our parish: Cay Buser.

Friends and family of our parish: Julie Howell (*Cynthia Walker*), Phyllis Lambert (*Will Morris*), Chase Madar (*Rob Fisher*), Peter Meister (*Thom Sinclair*), Aiden Mylnikov (*Lindsey Bowen*), Gina Robinson (*Matthew Taylor*), Travis Rogers (*Robert Carroll*), and Matthew Wild (*Susan Wild*).

Those who died:

Friends and family of our parish: Caroline Gaiser who died February 11 and Mac Hansbrough who died February 15.

Those in our parish celebrating a birthday this week: Meg Beasley, Krista Bradley, Jamil Bussie, Nelson Crouch, Pat Czerwonky, Christine Davies, Callie Ervin, Kenneth Faunteroy, Benjamin Garland, John Martin, Alma Paty, Molly Raab, Charlotte Rhodes, Wiley Simonds, Tripp Whitbeck, and Kris Zeller.

Those in our parish celebrating an anniversary this week: Amanda and Eric Eversole.

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.

HOST A ST. JOHN'S SUNDAY PARISH LUNCH



Sign Up to Host A Sunday Parish Lunch!

Your help is needed to make it happen.

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

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

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

Working with family and friends is FUN!

It takes at least two people to pull it off.

So...

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

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

Detailed guidelines are sent to anyone who inquires.

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

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

Date	Host
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

HONOR YOUR LOVED ONES WITH GREENS FOR LENT

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

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

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

(Circle one)

In Memory of | Thanksgiving for | Celebration of:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone number: _____ **Email:** _____

(Circle one)

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

Thank you!

Vestry

Paul Barkett
Senior Warden

Jeff Hantson
Junior Warden

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

Casey Evans,
Treasurer

Andrew Tomlinson,
Secretary

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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