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THE FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT
March 1, 2020

7:45 A.M.

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

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

The First Reading: Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7

Psalm 32

The Second Reading: Romans 5:12-19

The Gospel: Matthew 4:1-11

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 I, page 383

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: Lauren Edwards, *Reader and Chalice Bearer*; Diane Spaulding, *Lay Eucharistic Minister*; Pat Dalby and Susan Heil, *Flower Guild*; Bud Harrell, *Assistant Head Usher*; Bill Brownlee, *Usher*.

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

Collect

Almighty God, whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted by Satan: Come quickly to help us who are assaulted by many temptations; and, as you know the weaknesses of each of us, let each one find you mighty to save; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7

The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. And the Lord God commanded the man, “You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die.”

Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, “Did God say, ‘You shall not eat from any tree in the garden?’” The woman said to the serpent, “We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; but God said, ‘You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.’” But the serpent said to the woman, “You will not die; for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.” So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate.

Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

Psalm 32

- 1 Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven,
and whose sin is put away!
- 2 Happy are they to whom the Lord imputes no guilt,
and in whose spirit there is no guile!
- 3 While I held my tongue, my bones withered away,
because of my groaning all day long.
- 4 For your hand was heavy upon me day and night;
my moisture was dried up as in the heat of summer.
- 5 Then I acknowledged my sin to you,
and did not conceal my guilt.
- 6 I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord."
Then you forgave me the guilt of my sin.
- 7 Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in time
of trouble;
when the great waters overflow, they shall not reach them.
- 8 You are my hiding-place;
you preserve me from trouble;
you surround me with shouts of deliverance.
- 9 "I will instruct you and teach you in the way that you should go;
I will guide you with my eye.
- 10 Do not be like horse or mule, which have no understanding;
who must be fitted with bit and bridle,
or else they will not stay near you."
- 11 Great are the tribulations of the wicked;
but mercy embraces those who trust in the Lord.
- 12 Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the Lord;
shout for joy, all who are true of heart.

Romans 5:12-19

As sin came into the world through one man, and death came through sin, and so death spread to all because all have sinned-- sin was indeed in the world before the law, but sin is not reckoned when there is no law. Yet death exercised dominion from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sins were not like the transgression of Adam, who is a type of the one who was to come.

But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died through the one man's trespass, much more surely have the grace of God and the free gift in the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, abounded for the many. And the free gift is not like the effect of the one man's sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brings justification. If, because of the one man's trespass, death exercised dominion through that one, much more surely will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness exercise dominion in life through the one man, Jesus Christ.

Therefore just as one man's trespass led to condemnation for all, so one man's act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all. For just as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

Matthew 4:1-11

Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. The tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." But he answered, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'" Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If

you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written, 'He will command his angels concerning you,' and 'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'" Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'"

Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor; and he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me." Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! for it is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.'" Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

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.

LITURGICAL CHANGES DURING LENT AT ST. JOHN'S

- 1) **Purple frontal and matching vestments.** At St. John's the altar is covered with a purple frontal, and the clergy wear purple stoles. Lenten purple is the liturgical color that symbolizes the pain and suffering that Christ endured on his way to the cross. It is also the traditional color for royalty, representing our hope for resurrection, signifying our reflective preparation to celebrate Easter, and reminding us of Christ's kingship in heaven.
- 2) **Greens on the altar instead of flowers.** In keeping with the mood of penitence and reflection that we observe during Lent, we refrain from the use of flower arrangements in the church and simplify with greens only.
- 3) **Prayers of the People.** Instead of the more familiar Form VI (found on page 392) to which we are accustomed at St. John's, during Lent we pray using Form I (page 383). Again, this is a more penitential arrangement, with the people responding to each petition, "Lord, have mercy."
- 4) **No Alleluias in Lent.** In keeping with the spirit of penitence, saying and singing Alleluia is omitted during the service, in hymns and anthems, in the opening sentences, and at the breaking of the bread (fraction) during communion.

IF YOU ARE VISITING

a warm welcome to St. John's.

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

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

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

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

**FREE VALET PARKING FROM THE FRONT OF ST. JOHN'S FOR THE
9:00 A.M. AND 11:00 A.M. SERVICES AND
THE 10:00 A.M. SPEAKER SERIES.**

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

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

EVENTS FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 2–8, 2020

Monday March 2

6:30 p.m. AA Lawyers (1st Floor, Togo West Parlor)

Tuesday March 3

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 March 4

12:10 p.m. First Wednesday Concerts

Clara Gerdes, Organist

7:00 p.m. Latrobe Young Adult First Wednesday Holy
Eucharist followed by dinner and letter writing

Thursday March 5

12 noon Al-Anon (1st Floor, Togo West Parlor)

Debtors Anonymous
(1st Floor, Multi-Purpose Room)

5:00 p.m. Lenten Labyrinth Walk
(Church Plaza, Weather Permitting)

6:30 p.m. Choir Supper (1st Floor, Togo West Parlor)

6:45 p.m. St. John's Book Group
(2nd Floor, Teens Classroom)

7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal (4th Floor, Choir Room)

Friday March 6

6:30 p.m. Vestry Retreat (1st Floor, Togo West Parlor)

Saturday March 7

8:30 a.m. Vestry Retreat (1st Floor, Togo West Parlor)

9:00 a.m. Flower Guild (Church)

Sunday March 8

7:45 a.m. Holy Eucharist—Sermon
The Rev. William Morris

8:15 a.m. Parish Choir Rehearsal
Nursery Opens

9:00 a.m. Choral Holy Eucharist—Sermon
The Rev. Will Morris

10:00 a.m. Formation Hour

- Bible Study (3rd Floor, Conference Room)
- Church School (age three to grade five)
(2nd Floor, Godly Play Room)

- Youth Gathering (grades 6-12)
Donuts + Discipleship
(2nd Floor, Teen Room)
 - Speaker Series—Hank Handler
(1st Floor, Togo West Parlor)
- 10:10 a.m. St. John's Choir Rehearsal
- 11:00 a.m. Choral Holy Eucharist—Sermon
The Rev. William Morris
Children's Chapel
- 12:15 p.m. Hospitality Hour
Parish Lunch
Tour of the Church
- 12:30 p.m. St. John's Choir Rehearsal

**The Holy Eucharist will be celebrated Monday, Tuesday,
Thursday, and Friday at 12:10 p.m.**

INTERGENERATIONAL LENTEN WORKSHOP

Today, March 1, 10:00 a.m.

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.**

ADULT BIBLE STUDY

Sundays at 10:00 a.m.



The Adult Bible Study will continue meeting at 10:00 a.m. during the Sundays in Lent in the third floor conference room. **Starting today, 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.**

SPEAKER SERIES SCHEDULE

The Speaker Series is held at 10:00 a.m. on the following Sundays in the Togo West Parlor except on March 29 and May 10 which will be held in the Nave:



- **March 8: Hank Handler**, noted craftsman and master builder, co-founded Oak Grove Restoration Company 40 years ago to specialize in the conservation, preservation, restoration, and retrofitting of historic buildings. He will speak about the restoration of the Dolley Madison House.
- **March 15: Dick Grimmett**, American historian. He is a member of St. John's Church, and chairman of its Properties Committee. He is also the author of *St. John's Church, Lafayette Square: The History and Heritage of the Church of the Presidents, Washington, DC*. He will speak on *Benjamin Henry Latrobe: American Architect*.
- **March 22: Lillian Cunningham**, *Washington Post* reporter. She will speak on her podcast series, *Presidential*, which takes listeners on an epic historical journey through the personality and legacy of each of the American presidents.
- **March 29: Victoria Arbiter**, CNN Royal Commentator. She will speak on *The Windsors: A Chat about the British Royal Family*.
- **April 19: The Rev. Robert S. Heaney**, Director of the Center for Anglican Communion Studies and Associate Professor of Christian Mission at Virginia Theological Seminary. He will speak on *International Episcopal-Anglican Identity: The State of the Communion*.
- **April 26: George Chochos**, Assistant Director for the Georgetown University Pivot Program. He is a prison and criminal justice reform advocate who has worked with organizations and legislators to pass a wide array of reforms, ranging from sentencing reform to expanding college-in-prison programs at both the state and federal level. He will speak on *Reimagining Reentry: Preparing Citizens Returning from Incarceration for Success*.
- **May 10: Elaine Pagels**, American religious historian and the Harrington Spear Paine Professor of Religion at Princeton University. She will speak on her book, *Why Religion? A Personal Story*.
- **May 17: Christian Appy**, Professor of History at the University of Massachusetts, Amherst. He will speak about the Vietnam War.

VISITING CHOIR
KammerChor Saarbrücken
Today, March 1, 2:30 p.m.



Today, March 1 at 2:30 p.m., the KammerChor Saarbrücken will present a concert in the sanctuary. One of the premiere chamber ensembles in Germany, the KammerChor Saarbrücken maintains an active touring, concert, and recording schedule with their dynamic maestro, Georg Grün. This professional choir of almost 40 voices will sing an eclectic program of German music including works by Johannes Brahms, Richard Strauss, and Gustav Mahler. They will be joined on the concert by the George Mason University Singers, under the direction of Stan Engebretson, presenting spirituals and music by contemporary composers Jake Runestad and Ēriks Ešēvalds. The concert is free and open to the public, all are welcome! **For questions, please contact Brent Erstad, Acting Director of Music, at Brent.Erstad@stjohns-dc.org.**

FIRST WEDNESDAY CONCERTS
Organist Clara Gerdes
Wednesday, March 4 at 12:10 p.m.



First Wednesday Concerts is pleased to welcome organist Clara Gerdes, from Davidson, North Carolina. She is a first-year Master's Degree student at Yale Institute of Sacred Music where she studies with Martin Jean. She recently graduated from the Curtis Institute of Music where she studied with Alan Morrison. Clara serves as Assistant Organist at Saint Bartholomew's Church, Park Avenue in New York City and was previously Organ Scholar at Saint Mark's Church, Locust Street in Philadelphia. Clara has taught at Curtis Summerfest and two AGO Pipe Organ Encounters and also enjoys transcribing works for organ and playing harpsichord.

THE LATROBE YOUNG ADULT FELLOWSHIP

Wednesday, March 4, at 7:00 p.m.

The Latrobe Young Adult Fellowship at St. John's Church is an active and engaged group of adults, primarily in their 20s and 30s. Join us on Wednesday, March 4 for our monthly First Wednesday celebration of the Holy Eucharist at 7:00 p.m. Following the service, we will gather in the Togo West Parlor to write letters to service men and women, in support of Operation Gratitude. We'll enjoy dinner and drinks as we hear from members of the military community on what inspired them to serve. Those who wish to bring a small item or cash gift towards a care package to be sent on behalf of St. John's should review Operation Gratitude's wish list online for donation recommendations at www.operationgratitude.com. For more information, please contact Alyssa Tomlinson at awolice89@gmail.com.

LENTEN LABYRINTH WALK

Thursdays

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.**

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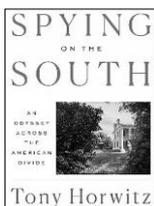
Pathways Through Lent, St. John's daily online devotional, is now live and will run through Easter Sunday. Published and produced by members of our greater church community, the reflections offer opportunities to meditate on Lenten themes through lectionary readings and shared experiences.

To receive the daily email, please subscribe at

<https://stjohns-dc.org/category/pathways>.

Note: if you were subscribed to Pathways in 2019, you should automatically begin receiving devotionals today.

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 taaffel@gmail.com.**

BISHOP WALKER SCHOOL
Sunday, March 8

9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. services | Parish Lunch

Friends of Bishop Walker School are hosting a parish lunch on Sunday, March 8 to celebrate and support the school. During the 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. services, outgoing Executive Director James Woody will share more about the school's progress during his tenure and its future plans, as well as the memorable moments from the 12th Annual Dinner earlier that week. The lunch is not a fundraiser, but an opportunity for parishioners—whether you support BWS or are interested in learning more about the school—to meet. Andrew Clarke and Wande Johnson (Board members), Anthony Pegues (Parish Rep), Cary Kelly (BWS supporter), and Desirée Stolar (Auxiliary Council member) will be there to answer any questions you may have. We look forward to seeing you Sunday! **For more information, please contact Desirée Stolar at des.stolar@gmail.com or Andrew Clarke at andrew@asiapacificoffset.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

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

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

MEN'S LUNCH GROUP

Wednesdays

March 18, April 15, and May 20

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

Togo West Parlor

Please bring \$15 for lunch

RSVP at RSVP@stjohns-dc.org

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

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



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

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

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

THE REFUGEE COMMITTEE MEETING
Sunday, March 22 after the 11:00 a.m. service

The Refugee Committee wrapped up 2019 in a heartwarming and fulfilling way by setting up an apartment in December for a family of six from Afghanistan coming to the United States on special immigrant visas in connection with the husband's support of the U.S. Government in Afghanistan. Thank you again for all the incredible support and generosity! Please mark your calendars for the first quarterly committee meeting on **Sunday, March 22 after the 11:00 a.m. service** in the third floor conference room. We will be discussing our priorities for this year. For more information or if you have questions, please **contact Jessica Sanchez at jesspulsifersanchez@gmail.com.**

ST. JOHN'S YOUTH
SERVICE PROJECT AND BOWLING IN MARCH
Saturday, March 21

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

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

DONUTS + DISCIPLESHIP
Sundays at 10:00 a.m. (except March 1)
Second Floor Youth Room
Lent Madness Begins



You've heard of that mad basketball tournament in March, but did you know there's a different madness we're exploring this Lent? Youth are invited to learn more about Lent and the saints. Each week throughout the Sundays in Lent except March 1, we'll meet at 10:00 a.m. to review the saintly winners and losers and tabulate each person's score. We'll have a special prize for the winning bracket on the Second Sunday of Easter. **If you're interested in participating, but don't yet have a bracket, contact Matthew Taylor at youth@stjohns-dc.org.**

THINKING ABOUT SCIENCE AND FAITH

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

Third Floor Conference Room

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

HOLY WEEK SEDER DINNER

Tuesday, April 7 at 7:00 p.m.

The entire Parish is invited to come together in our traditional Holy Week Seder Dinner. Please join us as the Clergy lead us through the liturgy of a Jewish Seder dinner. We will serve a full dinner of lamb and vegetables. We will ask for a small donation to cover costs. **We are looking for volunteers. If you would like to help, please email Emily Lucio at emilyksinger@gmail.com.**

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.**

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.

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.**

WASHINGTON INTERFAITH NETWORK

St. John's is a founding member of the Washington Interfaith Network (WIN), a faith-based, multi-racial, interfaith grassroots organization dedicated to improving the life of all residents of the District of Columbia. WIN leaders have decided to become involved in making certain that the District cures the horrendous conditions in the 144 public housing units that serve the District's neediest residents and increases the number of units. The DC Housing Authority is facing \$2 billion in deferred maintenance. Residents have to endure lead poisoning, rat infestations, safety issues, and lack of heat and cooling. There is also the threat of further loss of units. This notice is an alert about this WIN campaign and an invitation to become involved – again for many and for the first time for newer parishioners. **If you would like to get involved in St. John's organizing efforts, please reach out to John More at morej1@mac.com or at 202-256-1515 cell.** Visit the Washington Interfaith Network website at www.windc-iaf.org for more information and to sign up for the newsletter.

JOIN ST. JOHN'S GREETERS TEAM

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

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. 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.**

AN EASY WAY TO HELP OTHERS

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

SING WITH THE PARISH CHOIR

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

PASTORAL CARE AT ST. JOHN'S CHURCH



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

FLOWER DELIVERIES

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

Flowers need to be delivered to Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC and Ladybank Lane, Oak Hill, 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, Nelda Johnson, Bob Patchell, Dace Vidins, Jeff White, and Susan Wild.

Friends and family of our parish: Niels Beck (*Michelle Mangrum*), Rachael Buckley (*Chrystal Martin*), Tom Burkart (*Pamela Venzke*), Cay Buser (*Carl Ward*), 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*), Amy Lowenthal (*Andrew Tomlinson*), William Markiewicz (*Matthew Taylor*), Tammy McCleaf (*Matthew Taylor*), Kevin Milstead (*Andrew Tomlinson*), Timothy Mullins (*Jim Mullins*), Zach Newton (*Andrew Tomlinson*), Judy Nicola (*Cynthia Walker*), 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*), Chase Madar (*Rob Fisher*), Peter Meister (*Thom Sinclair*), Aiden Mylnikov (*Lindsey Bowen*), Grace Parnham (*Karis and TJ Parnham*), Gina Robinson (*Matthew Taylor*), Travis Rogers (*Robert Carroll*), and Matthew Wild (*Susan Wild*).

Those who died:

From our parish: Teresa Huettner who died February 24.

Those in our parish celebrating a birthday this week: Ryan Bishop, Craig Burkhardt, Conor Daugherty, Christian Davis, William Davis, Timothy Edwards, Fruzsina Harsanyi, Rene Kirchner, Liz Mays, Richard McCormack, John More, Lydia Olson, Sharon Park, Virginia Pasley, Alfred Thesmar, Cooper Thesmar, and Karen Zachary.

Those in our parish celebrating an anniversary this week: Adrienne and Matt Gaziano.

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.

EASTER DAY FLOWERS

The deadline for inclusion in the Easter Day order of service is Monday, April 6.

The flowers that enhance the beauty of the Church and Parish House at Eastertide are given as memorials and in thanksgiving by parishioners. Please consider remembering those who are important to you in this special way. The suggested donation is \$55.00 per name. Please send your check made out to St. John's Church with "Easter Flowers" noted on the outside of an envelope addressed to the Flower Fund, or place this form in the offering plate. Your support of this important ministry is greatly appreciated.

In memory of _____

As a Thank Offering for _____

Name _____

Address _____

Phone Number _____ **Amount** _____

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2020 HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Palm Sunday

7:45 a.m.

9:00 a.m.

11:00 a.m.

April 5

Holy Eucharist

Choral Holy Eucharist
and Blessing of the Palms

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and Blessing of the Palms

Monday-Wednesday

12:10 p.m.

April 6-8

Holy Eucharist

Tuesday

7:45 a.m.

April 7

Seder Dinner

Maundy Thursday

12:00 noon

7:00 p.m.

April 9

Choral Holy Eucharist

Choral Holy Eucharist, Stripping of Altar,
and Foot Washing

Good Friday

2:00 noon-1:00 p.m.

April 10

Good Friday Liturgy with Choir

Easter Day

7:45 a.m.

9:00 a.m.

11:00 a.m.

April 12

Holy Eucharist with Hymns

Festival Holy Eucharist

Festival Holy Eucharist

HOST A ST. JOHN'S SUNDAY PARISH LUNCH



Sign Up to Host A Sunday Parish Lunch!

Your help is needed to make it happen.

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

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

Working with family and friends is FUN!

It takes at least two people to pull it off.

So...

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

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

Detailed guidelines are sent to anyone who inquires.

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

There will be no Parish Lunch on the following dates: March 1, April
5 (Palm Sunday), April 12 (Easter Day), and May 10 (Mother's Day).

Date	Host
March 8	Friends of The Bishop Walker School
March 15	Deacon Discernment Committee
March 22	Vestry
March 29	
April 19	
April 26	
May 3	
May 17	Church School Families

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,
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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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