



The Eagle

Winter 2015



The St. John's Canning Crew produced 1,092 jars of chutneys, jams and preserves this year, including a new flavor – orange marmalade! Their delicious goods will be for sale in the Garden Mall this year during the Holly Days Bazaar, November 11th and 12th.



2015 HOLLY DAYS Bazaar

Our Annual Holly Days Bazaar is only a few weeks away, so get excited!

If you have never been behind the scenes and seen our amazing parishioners and friends hard at work, take a look at just a few stats we have for 2015...

- 1098 Jars of Preserves (look for them in the Garden Mall this year!)
- 250 Pounds of Shrimp
- 156 Committed Volunteers
- 130 Tables
- 66 years of Holly Days Bazaars
- 34 Committee Chairmen
- 29 Charities to profit from Bazaar sales
- 17 Angel Ornaments made by St. John's children for sale at the Craft Sale
- 12+ Exciting Parties to bid on in the Silent Auction
- 4 Days of Sorting, Cleaning & Pricing Thrift, Book, and Treasure Room Donations
- 1 Unbelievable Team

VOLUNTEER: If you are not yet signed up to be a part of all the fun and fellowship, you are in luck - we still need:

Cashiers Both Days of the Bazaar:

Call Carolyn Ezelle at 272-9711

Waitresses Both Days of the Bazaar:

Call Grace Merritt at 658-3010

Silent Auction Volunteers for Thursday the 12th:

Call Dolly Chisholm at 644-5723

Storage Unit Unloaders for Sunday the 8th after 10:30

church: Call Ben Baxter at 313-4001

Quick easy ways to volunteer are by cooking a batch of soup or chili or making a homemade dessert. Bring your frozen soup or chili to the Cranmer Hall freezer anytime between now and the Bazaar. See page 8 of the Eagle for recipes. To donate a dessert the Wednesday or Thursday of the Bazaar contact Audrey Allgaier: 912-398-8828 or Audrey.Allgaier@gmail.com

LUNCH: In addition to volunteering, please invite friends to join you for a relaxing and delicious lunch in our beautiful historic Green-Meldrim House. If you are stuck at the office, order lunch in advance via email at BazaarLunch@gmail.com, it will take just a moment to come grab it and think how efficiently you will work with a tasty chicken salad sandwich and bowl of soup in your belly!

SHOP: As you may have seen on our St John's Church Holly Days Bazaar Savannah Facebook Page - we have incredible auction items, treasures, paintings, jewelry, books,

Green-Meldrim House t-shirts, children's goodies, plants and much more for sale. It is the perfect spot to find a one-of-a kind treat for yourself or for others. There really is no better or more fun place to find unique Christmas presents, and your money is used for the good of others. Win, Win! This year we even have a valuable Mathushek, Table Grand piano which will need to find a perfect home.

PURGE: The White Elephant, Treasure Room and Book Teams will be accepting drop-off donations the week of the Bazaar starting Sunday, November the 8th, after Coffee Hour, and the following Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday from 9:00-3:00 in front of Cranmer Hall. Thank you to those who have already donated!

KIDS CAMP: Children of volunteers are welcome to join the Holly Days Bazaar Kids Camp for two days of educational activities, story time, games and play instructed by The St. John's Children School teachers. The Kids Camp will run the Wednesday and Thursday of the Bazaar 9:30-2:30 and is available for children 6 months and up. Please bring a prepared lunch for your child. To sign up contact Caroline Hayes: chayas@stjohnssav.org.

VACATION HOMES: Dolly Chisholm and her team are looking for even more great Silent Auction items, especially vacation homes. Please call Dolly at 644-5723 if you have a home you are willing to share.

TOUR: During the Bazaar, do take the time to tour the church. Jack Wray will be sharing his knowledge from 11:00-2:00 each day with free tours. This is a great time to invite friends to see our beautiful sanctuary.

CANDLELIGHT DINNER: Last but not least you should have received your candlelight dinner tickets in the mail. If you have not, please call the Church Office at 232-1251 because you do not want to miss out on the chance to win that gourmet dinner!!! The winning raffle ticket will be pulled by Father Dunbar himself at 2:00 on the final Bazaar Day.

I have been humbled to serve in my mother and grandmother's footsteps by chairing this Holly Days Bazaar, and I appreciate every one of you who has made sacrifices to volunteer and make these two days a big success. St John's has one heck of a team, and I can't wait until game day!!!

-Cathy Baxter

2015 HOLLY DAYS Bazaar

Amazing Auction Items!

Fabulous Low Country Experience! Traditional Oyster Roast and Barbeque for 20 at the Isle of Hope home of Anna and Wiley Wasden overlooking the marshes and views of the Skidaway River. Hosted by Alva and Chip Compton, Beverley and Allan Reynolds and Anna and Wiley Wasden.

Nestled in Sapphire Valley, North Carolina, just 3 miles from Cashiers Town Center, this mountain home of Mary Lee and Henry Stevens can be yours for a long weekend. Entertain family and friends in this 4 bedroom, 4 bathroom mountain retreat.

Gobble, gobble! Springtime turkey hunt at Belfair Plantation. 2 people, 2 birds, 2 mornings. No guarantees, no bait, fair chase. Donated by Jimmy Hungerpiller.

Bidding for Bridge! Entertain a group of 16 for lunch and bridge. Two offerings available: Cards and Luncheon on the Porch overlooking the beautiful Forest River donated by Nita Ann Klein and Sherry Holtzclaw, or Dine and Play in the gorgeous surroundings of the Green-Meldrim House. Hosted by Dianne Franz, Mary Sprague and Martha Sullivan.

DEATHS

HUGH CARLTON LEWIS

FRANCES FLOYD KNIGHT

WILLIAM HENRY STUEBE

BARBARA HINES RUSSELL

MARRIAGES

NONE SINCE AUGUST 1, 2015

BAPTISMS

ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2015, MR. DAVID ROBERT EGGLESTON RECEIVED THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM.

Bookplate Dedications for Church/Chapel Hymnals and Prayer Books

Members of St. John's Church may now dedicate a Hymnal or Book of Common Prayer in honor of a special occasion or as a memorial gift. These dedications are the perfect way to acknowledge special occasions such as weddings, anniversaries, baptisms and confirmations. Dedication forms are available in the Church Office. The charge of \$50.00 per book will offset the costs of replacing worn, well-loved Hymnals and Prayer Books in the Church and in the Chapel.





Betsy Howard,
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of St. John's
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Fall Is In the Air!

Do you love this time of year like I do? Cooler mornings, the changing quality of light, pulling out winter clothes, and one of my personal favorites - switching china from Spode Blue Italian to Spode Woodland (okay, that one might not be for everyone!) Fall is the most beautiful season to me. But growing up in Ohio, fall meant dread of another dreary winter and the mean girls from high school. It's funny how a change in location changed my perspective so completely. Now, the cooler weather means excitement of the upcoming Holly Days Bazaar, Thanksgiving (my favorite) and Christmas. The reprieve from the heat is like a taste of heaven. So, I'm thankful that God shows us His majesty in this world, and He promises that it is just a shadow of how wonderful heaven will be.

Part of what I love about fall is the Holly Days Bazaar! I love those two days of working together for a purpose with the women of the church. I love getting to know the people I see in church Sunday after Sunday. I confess that I am terrible at introducing myself to new people. I'm awkward and not very good at small talk. The Bazaar, with all of its tasks and duties, is a great opportunity to interact with people!

The Bazaar allows me to get to know others socially. But I want to dig deeper in those relationships to get to know one another spiritually as well. I want to share my walk with Christ with others that are also walking with Christ. I'm excited for the new "Faith-Sharing" Sunday School program Fr. Dunbar has started beginning in October and ending the Sunday before Thanksgiving. The idea of Faith-Sharing is a great way to get to know the hearts of the people who are involved. When we know each other on a spiritual level, we develop compassion, caring concern and love for each other. And it is encouraging to hear how others live out their faith. And aren't our relationships a foretaste of heaven?

Will you join me in coming to this new Sunday School class? No homework required!



Scott Howard,
Vice President,
Men of St. John's
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Men of St. John's, Fall 2015

The Men of St. John's concluded a very successful year and kicked off a new year at the Men's Club Annual Meeting held on Wednesday, September 30th at the Green-Meldrim House. Outgoing President, Randy Kulp, wrapped up the year by discussing the many activities of the club, including the Annual Oyster Roast, St. Patrick's Day festivities, breakfast bible study groups, Evensong assistance, and donations to worthwhile charities locally and globally. The featured speaker of the event was Fr. Dunbar, and his topic was a new initiative called Faith & Fellowship which will kick off on October 15th. The initiative will provide a forum for men to convene during the lunch hour, in multiple locations around town, including downtown and the southside and will include a moderator who will help lead the discussion which will primarily be based on the previous week's sermon. Stay tuned for information regarding times, locations, and moderators, and please join a group if you are able. This will not replace the Tuesday and Thursday morning men's groups, but we will take a break from the Men's Forum during the Faith & Fellowship initiative. Also, at the annual meeting, new officers were elected for 2016 and they are: Alex Jarman, President; Scott Howard,

Vice President; Dr. David Carson, Secretary; and Joe Mercer, Treasurer. The Men thanked both Randy Kulp and Holden Hayes for their leadership and service. Holden was especially relieved and thankful as his 15-year tour of duty as Treasurer finally came to an end.

The Men look forward to the fall and assisting the ladies with the Bazaar, and then our eyes turn toward the Christmas season, before starting out the year with our Annual Oyster Roast in January. Stay tuned for details. Remember, if you are a man, and a member of St. John's, you are a member of the Men's Club. Please speak with one of the officers if you would like to volunteer for any of our activities throughout the year.



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Childhood Education

The Church School is off to a fantastic start! We have started our lessons, memory work, and had a special event for Michaelmas. Please make sure to visit the website each week under Sunday School updates for the latest information and lessons for each. To find this information look under the title, Christian Education at the top of the home page. There will be a drop-down menu that has several choices. All information is located under the drop-down title Sunday School Info.

Just a few things to remember:

Please remind your children to bring in their weekly Offerings. This is a part of the morning assembly each week. It is a great way for the children to begin learning about giving back to the Church.

Also, please bring in collections for the Backpack Program (small jars of peanut butter, packs of crackers, snack packs, pudding cups, etc.) Stick a few extra items in your cart at the grocery store. It will make all the difference to these children who would not normally have food on the weekends

and your children will learn the importance of caring for those in need. As always, if you have ideas, suggestions, or would like to be involved, please contact Caroline Hayes at chayes@stjohnssav.org or 232-8887. It takes a village! See you Sunday!



Meet Wendy Corbin, New Parish Administrator



A new smiling face now graces the Church Office at St. John's. Wendy Corbin has been manning the front office since October 1st, after the retirement of Penny Futrell, who faithfully served St. John's in that capacity for 23 years.

Wendy comes to us from Skidaway Island Methodist Church where she worked in the same capacity. Her duties include greeting visitors, maintaining parish records and putting together the Parish Paper each week. She says she sees many familiar faces at St. John's based on her past career

at C&S Bank, Savannah Christian Preparatory School, and membership in the Junior League. She and her husband, Tom, who teaches Special Education and coaches football at Richmond Hill High School, live in Garden City. They have two children, Natalie, a junior at UGA, and a son, Knox, a senior at BC. They are also the owners of a black lab, Gus, who brings "great joy" to their lives.

Please stop by the office and welcome Wendy to our church family!



By: Father
Gavin Dunbar

Rector's Rambles

Almost thirty years ago I visited Italy for the first time, in my year after college. I arrived in early January, in the coldest winter Europe had had for 75 years – and without the Canadian winter clothing I had left behind I froze through most of it, in the very cheap hotels whose off-season rates I could afford. My itinerary began in Sicily, which was also cold, and very wet. Still, my enthusiasm for that three-cornered island floating at the crossroads of the Mediterranean had been ignited by John Julius Norwich's account of the Norman kingdom of Sicily, (the then) Sir Anthony Blunt's book on the Sicilian Baroque; and of course Lampedusa's *The Leopard*, and nothing quenched my ardour. Besides the superb Byzantine mosaics of Monreale, Cefalu, and Palermo, Sicily has some of the best Greek ruins in the world at Segesta and Agrigento; plus the Baroque churches, palazzi of Palermo, Catania, and Syracuse –and in Noto, an entire town, built from scratch after a late 17th century earthquake had leveled its predecessor. I recall walking miles in rain and growing darkness through an industrial quarter of Palermo in search of some remnants of a Norman pleasure palace, and as darkness fell finally located them with a sense of satisfaction and shoes that squelched. Sicily

was also my introduction to gelato (then unknown in North America outside Italian grocery stores) – which despite the cold I consumed two or three times a day. I took the trains everywhere; and where trains failed, buses, so I was able to get around the island even to smaller places on my list. One morning I recall riding the train from Gela to Catania, across the wide fertile plain of Catania with its groves of orange trees and carobs. It was a sunny day, with a few clouds hanging in the blue sky, but there was one very odd-looking cloud hanging far above the rest, and after a while I realized with a start I was looking at the top of Mount Aetna. Unfortunately I have never been back; but my copies of Norwich, Blunt, and Lampedusa (now joined by Camilleri) allow me to revisit it in memory.



By: Father
Craig O'Brien

Of Women

November is the month of the Holy Souls with the celebration of All Saints on November 1st and The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed on All Souls' Day, November 2nd. At St. John's, November is also, of course, the month of the annual Holly Days Bazaar- a wonderful occasion of parish fellowship and community outreach that especially showcases the gifts, talents, dedication and service of St. John's women. So here is a little suggested offering of good things I've recently read or seen that bring to the fore the distinctive perspective of women.

Europa, 51 (1952). The first of Italian director Roberto Rossellini's collaborations with his then-wife, Ingrid Bergman. In addition to a meditation on the social, economic, cultural and spiritual challenges facing post-war Europe (which is strangely prescient for today), it is also an extremely moving portrait of a woman discovering herself and her vocation through the crucible of loss and grief.

Journey to Italy (1954). Another Rossellini/Bergman venture, *Viaggio* tells the story of an English couple's marital strain while settling a relative's estate in Italy. Told mostly from Bergman's character's perspective, it was filmed to remarkable naturalist effect, on location in and around Naples.

Colm Toibin, **On Elizabeth Bishop** (2015). It seems I'm ever commending a title by Irish novelist Colm Toibin. Oh well, here's another! This one, in Princeton's series, "Writer's on Writer's," is a short, beautiful and poignant study by one of our best chroniclers of the female perspective on one of our greatest twentieth-century woman poets, Elizabeth Bishop. (Another is Toibin's late compatriot Brian Moore in *The Lonely Passion of Judith Hearne*, *An Answer from Limbo*, *The Doctor's Wife*, *The Temptation of Eileen Hughes* and *Cold Heaven*).

Patti Smith, **M Train** (2015). Seminal punk rocker, performance poet and, it turns out, artful Polaroid photographer Patti Smith, just released this dream narrative follow-up to her 2010 National Book Award winning New York memoir, *Just Kids*. As Elizabeth Bishop did in verse, so Smith in lyrical prose describes the "ordinary universe" and the "slightest things" within it as if discovering this world for the first time. Her strange journeys and coffee-fuelled intuitive ruminations on art, life and death are illustrated throughout *M Train* with her haunting black and white Polaroid photographs.

November 8th Coffee Hour
Canners Showcase Their Treats
Sip and Bid on Auction Items



Sunday, November 8th is an exciting one! The canners are hosting Coffee Hour to showcase their jams, jellies, preserves and chutneys. Come learn new ways to serve these delicious treats. Then, walk upstairs in the Green-Meldrim House to have a champagne toast to all the great Silent Auction items. Sip on some bubbly and bid on all the fabulous parties, wine, vacation homes, artwork and much more! To burn off all that delicious food and drink, come over to Cranmer Hall and help unload the boxes of donations that are coming from our storage units. We need all the help we can get!

Left: Sigrid Kirk, Penny Farley and Jettie Johnston check out the fruits of their labor.

Psalm Psingers



The Psalm Psingers have been hard at work.

Mark your calendars for the following dates when the children will sing in church:

Sunday, November 22th, 2015

Sunday, February 14th, 2016

Sunday, April 24th, 2016

Sunday, May 22nd, 2016



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******Holly Days Bazaar CHILI******

2 pounds of Ground Beef, 2 teaspoons Salt
1 medium Onion, minced, 2 teaspoons Black Pepper
2 Green Peppers, minced, 32 ounces of Whole Tomatoes, with juice
4 tablespoons Chili Powder, 16 ounces Tomato Sauce
2 teaspoons Ground Cumin, 32 ounces Red Kidney Beans OR Black Beans, with juice

Brown ground beef in large pot, drain off fat. Add remaining ingredients to beef and cook over low heat for an hour...or more. STIR OFTEN to prevent scalding at bottom of the pot.

Place pot of chili in sink, surround with ice, stirring occasional until chili is room temperature. Can be double-bagged in regular ziplocks for your freezer. IF freezing on a rack, be sure to place a piece of cardboard or folded newspaper between rack and chili bags to prevent chili freezing onto freezer rack.

******Holly Days Bazaar VEGETABLE SOUP******

2 pounds of Ground Beef, 2 teaspoons Salt
1 medium Onion, minced, 2 teaspoons Black Pepper
2 Green Peppers, minced, 32 ounces of Diced Tomatoes
1 Zucchini, diced, 3 stalks celery, diced
2 Bay Leaves
3 cups beef broth, 6 cups water
Frozen vegetables such as mixed veggies, green beans, lima beans, corn (pick 3)

Brown ground beef in large pot; drain off fat. Add peppers, onions zucchini and celery and cook 5-10 minutes. Add remaining ingredients and cook over low heat for an hour...or more. STIR OFTEN to prevent scalding at bottom of the pot. REMOVE bay leaves.

Place pot of soup in sink, surround with ice, stirring occasionally until soup is room temperature. Can be double-bagged in regular ziplocks for your freezer. IF freezing on a rack, be sure to place a piece of cardboard or folded newspaper between rack and soup bags to prevent soup freezing onto freezer rack.

Good News/ Good People
From a couple of our visitors

Dear Friends,
My daughter and I took the house tour last Friday, July 17th. In the process of getting change, we were given two bills, which should have been a ten-dollar bill and a one-dollar bill. When we got to our next tour stop, we realized we'd been given two ten-dollar bills. Please find enclosed the check for the difference.


We enjoyed the tour immensely!

Sincerely,
Shirley Jernigan


We had a wonderful tour of that beautiful house. It was exactly what we wanted to see. The tour guides were wonderful. The gal on the main floor (I can't remember her name) gave us such a relaxed tour. She was so elegant too. It was her first day and she did great. Also Christiana gave a great tour upstairs. Thank you. The house is gorgeous. We had been on many tours in the past and this was the best one.

Loy Rossel
September 30th

If you would like more information on being a guide at the Green-Meldrim House, please contact Jane Pressly at janepressly@aol.com or 912-233-6551.



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Treasure Trove

Tired of polishing silver, want to downsize and donate china and crystal? The Treasure Room ladies will be most grateful, and the storage unit is available for these fine items at any time. Please make sure to mark FRAGILE on the box of more delicate pieces. We thank you ahead of time for your generous contributions. Contact Jettie Johnston at 912-598-7488

Book Nook

Remember to put aside books for the Holly Days Bazaar (no magazines, please). Please separate and label special or valuable books (1st editions, autographed copies, very old, etc) as they will be priced separately and have a special booth in the garden.

Contact Marilyn Solana at iohope41@aol.com or 912-660-3393



Sunday School students, Anders Northup, John Sumner and Mary Duval Summer, made angel shell ornaments for sale at the Bazaar. Look for them in the Craft Booth!



We are blessed! Babies, babies everywhere and more on the way! Please consider offering to assist in the nursery one Sunday during the year. All that is required is to hold one of these precious angels. Please contact Caroline Hayes at chayes@stjohnssav.org or 232-8887. Dates that we need helpers are November 29th, December 13th, December 20th, January 10th, January 31st, February 7th, 21st, and 28th, March 13th, 20th and 27th, April 3rd, 10th, 17th, and 24th, May 1st, 8th, and 22nd.



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Support the Holly Days Bazaar by buying one of the Green-Meldrim House's fabulous new T-shirts. They are super soft and cozy. Thanks to donations from 4 generous parishioners, 100% of the proceeds go to the Holly Days Bazaar. Kids \$15, Adults \$18. Contact Cathy Baxter at 704-5111 or cathybaxter@gmail.com to buy your very own!



The Order of the Daughters of the King

After nearly a 50 year hiatus, the Order of the Daughters of the King® is once again alive and well at St. John's! Soon after being reinstated as a Chapter in February, we hosted a Quiet Day in April led by Fr. Dunbar, and in June, we also hosted a Coffee Hour. Additionally, we are helping Bonnie Gilbreath with the ministry to shut-ins. We are a small but mightily busy group, and we love it!

Over the summer, we have continued a monthly book study on Prayer by Timothy Keller. This is open to all women and is held on the second Wednesday of every month following Evening Prayer, unless otherwise posted in the Parish Paper. It's not too late to join us!

If you'd like to know more about Daughters of the King, our mission and our ministries, please contact Karen Wray at kcwray@yahoo.com or 912.398.8006. Meanwhile, you are welcome to join us at any of our meetings.

L-R: Fr. Dunbar, Mary Dawson, Karen Wray and Lachlan Ivy

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