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## IT'S TIME TO... FALL BACK INTO CHURCH AND SUNDAY SCHOOL THIS SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 9<sup>TH</sup>

### CHILDREN'S CHURCH OPENING DAY

Join us to celebrate at 10:00 a.m. in Cranmer Hall.

### YOUTH BACK- TO - SCHOOL BARBEQUE

All youth 6<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grades and parents are invited to join us after the 10:30 service as we start our new season together.

### SUNDAY SCHOOL & CHILDREN'S CHURCH SCHEDULE

**9:30 a.m. Adult, Youth, and Confirmation Classes** (3<sup>rd</sup> floor Cranmer Hall).

**Nursery for infants and toddlers** (1<sup>st</sup> floor Cranmer Hall).

**3 years old's (Potty-Trained) - 5<sup>th</sup> grade supervised fellowship** (2<sup>nd</sup> floor Cranmer Hall)

**10:30 a.m. Nursery for infants and toddlers** (1<sup>st</sup> floor Cranmer Hall)

**3 years old's (Potty-Trained) – Kindergarten Fellowship, lesson, and music** (2<sup>nd</sup> floor Cranmer Hall)

**Children in 1<sup>st</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> grade** will attend church with their parents and follow cross over to Cranmer Hall for a lesson and fellowship time (2<sup>nd</sup> floor Cranmer Hall)

\*All children are to be picked up at the conclusion of the 10:30 service.

### UPCOMING AT ST. JOHN'S

#### ◆ WEEKDAY WORSHIP ◆

#### Monday to Friday

*Morning and Evening Prayer*

8:15 a.m. & 5:30 p.m.

#### In addition, on Wednesday

9:45 a.m. *Litany*

10:00 a.m. *Holy Eucharist*

#### In addition, on Thursday

5:30 p.m. *Evening Prayer & Holy Eucharist*

#### Friday, September 14<sup>th</sup> – HOLY CROSS DAY

*Morning and Evening Prayer*

*With Holy Communion*

8:15 a.m. & 5:30 p.m.

#### Next Sunday, September 16<sup>th</sup>

TRINITY 16

*Sung Eucharist*

### CONFIRMATION CLASS & PARENTS

**THIS SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 9<sup>TH</sup>**  
**PLEASE SIT IN RESERVED PEWS**  
**BELOW LECTERN AT 10:30 A.M.**  
**SERVICE.**

### ARE YOU CONNECTED? Sunday, September 16<sup>th</sup> is Connection Sunday

Staff and volunteers will be on hand after 8:00 a.m. service and before and after 10:30 a.m. service, to help parishioners “get connected” with St. John’s online/smartphone directory and have photos taken for it.

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**STANDING NOTICES**

The occasional Sacraments of Baptism, Matrimony, Penance, Communion and Unction of the Sick, and the Office of Burial of the Dead are always available by appointment, at announced times, or as necessary. Please call the Church Office to notify the clergy if you or a loved one is in the hospital or hospice.

**VESTRY OFFERING CHAIRMEN**

8:00 a.m. Mr. Arthur D. Weed  
10:30 a.m. Mr. R. Gilbert Wells

**USHER CHAIRMAN**

Mr. E. Brian Culver & Mr. Edwin H. Culver

**ACOLYTES**

8:00 a.m. Henry Osborne  
10:30 a.m. Jack McClellan Jake Perkins  
Finn Repella Edwin Shepherd William Taylor  
Haddon Watson Whit Watson

**ALTAR FLOWERS**

The flowers on the altar this Sunday are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. John Herbert Mather, Mr. William P. Thompson, and Mr. Robert M. Thompson by Mrs. William P. Thompson.

And in honor of the life of Col. Lindsey P. Henderson, Jr. from his loving family.

And in loving memory of Mr. Andrew Gay Labrot by Mrs. Andrew Gay Labrot and his children.

And in honor of Father Gavin Dunbar's birthday on September 11<sup>th</sup>.

And in loving memory of Mary Lou Hague and all of those lost on September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2001, by Mr. and Mrs. Randolph H. Kulp II and family.

**CHANCEL SOCIETY**

Mrs. John G. Bradshaw, Jr., Mrs. Jayne G. Holland,  
Mrs. Carter C. Hubbard, Sr., Mrs. Edward J. Derst III,  
Mrs. James C. Pedrick, Mrs. T. Herbert Guerry,  
Miss Amara DeRienzo, Mrs. William E. Dillard III,  
Mrs. Jeanne H. McMillian, Mrs. Samuel P. Inglesby

**COFFEE HOUR CHAIRMAN**

Mrs. Nicholas K. Farley

**ROAMING GREETER**

Mrs. R. Gilbert Wells

**SUNDAY 9:30 A.M.**

**SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR YOUTH:**

CRANMER HALL-3<sup>RD</sup> FLOOR

**Upper & Middle School – D. Svihel**

**SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ADULTS:**

*Collects Study* With Father O'Brien and Will & Mary Helen Burdell. CH3-Reading Room  
Father Dunbar's Class on 2 Kings - Chapel

**MEN'S WEEKDAY STUDY & DISCUSSION**

Tuesday- *Men's Breakfast*,  
with Father O'Brien 6:45 a.m., Parish House  
Thursday- *Jeremiah* with Father Dunbar  
7:00 a.m. Third Floor Cranmer Hall

**WOMEN'S WEEKDAY STUDY & DISCUSSION**

Thursday Book Study: William Golding "The Spire"  
with Father O'Brien 9:15 a.m.,  
CH3-Reading Room

**PRAYER REQUEST BOXES**

To encourage praying with and for one another, parishioners are invited to submit Prayer Requests (supplication or thanksgiving) to the Prayer Boxes set up in the narthex and at the Chapel entrance. These will be collected and prayed for during the monthly meeting of the St. John's Prayer Circle (to which all are welcome).

**St. John's Prayer Circle meets, Wednesday, September 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 in Cranmer Hall following the Evening Prayer service.**

PLEASE REMEMBER YOUR CHURCH IN YOUR WILL

## SEEKING GOD'S KINGDOM

Vacation is over, kids are back in school, and the church's "program year" is moving into gear. This Sunday we begin a new year in Children's Church, Grade Six Confirmation Class, and Sunday School for Youth and Adults. After church St. John's youth and their parents are invited to a barbecue with David Svihel in Cranmer Hall, where they can find out what he is offering this fall and winter. I hope all our young people will take up this opportunity. Meanwhile, the Women of St. John's are back in action after their summer break; preparations for the Holly Days Bazaar are moving forward; weeknight choir rehearsals are resuming for the Parish Choir; the Men of St. John's are lumbering into action too, and Small Group Fellowships are meeting (for study, discussion, and prayer) - and to that brief list we must add an ambitious series of talks on Science and Truth that begin next Thursday evening. Moreover, to keep information about these opportunities for fellowship, spiritual growth, and service at your fingertips, we have spent the last year in modernizing our communications, with a new St. John's website, weekly parish emails, sermon podcasting, Parish Paper, and the Sunday service booklet.

In our highly consumerized culture, it is easy for us to look at these diverse activities as a cafeteria buffet from which we may pick and choose options according to personal taste and inclination. Though a certain amount of picking and choosing is required, it is a mistake to do so by the consumer criterion of personal taste. The real choice is (as last Sunday's epistle lesson from Galatians 5 put it) a choice to *walk in the Spirit*, to gratify the *desire of the Flesh*. The choice to live by the Spirit or the Flesh is not a choice between soul and body, but between a life turned in upon itself, in self-gratifying greed (life according to 'the Flesh'); or a life turned outward to God and neighbor, in God-glorifying gratitude (life in the Spirit). We can live by the Spirit, or we can live by the Flesh - that is the choice we are making; and all our particular choices of how and where we invest our time and energy will embody that fundamental decision.

This coming Sunday's gospel (Matthew 6:33) reminds us of our true priority: *seek ye first the Kingdom of God and his righteousness*. We might fruitfully reflect on that imperative, and our response to it in the choices we have made. To break it down a bit - if we are not feeding our minds with God's truth, then with what are we feeding it? if we are not aligning our wills with God's will, then what power is directing our wills? if we are not offering ourselves, our souls and bodies, all that we are, and all that we have, in the service of God, then what gods are we serving instead? To quote this Sunday's gospel again, *ye cannot serve two masters*. If we are too busy to give these questions the rigorous thought and honest answers they deserve, then our over-scheduled, lives are the enemy of spiritual health. *Seek ye first the Kingdom of God*. What are we doing to seek His kingdom for ourselves, our church and our neighbor?

That gospel imperative is the theme of this fall's Stewardship campaign, which begins this Sunday and culminates on Sunday October 21st. You will be hearing more about this in weeks to come, but it's not too soon to begin reflecting on our priorities, in the choices we make about the use of our own gifts of time, talent, and treasure. The stewardship of our resources begins in the good stewardship of our soul and body. May we discern rightly, and choose wisely! GGD

### BRASS FOR MICHAELMAS

If you would like to contribute to the cost of the brass at Michaelmas (Sept. 30<sup>th</sup>), please make checks payable to St. John's Church marked "brass" in the memo line, and add (if desired) a note as to intention (thanksgiving or memorial).

### SCIENCE & TRUTH

Is there room for God in our understanding of reality?

Five Talks by Jon Sprague  
Thursdays Sept. 13, 20, 27, Oct. 4, 11  
at 6:15 p.m. – 7:15 p.m.

- **Childcare is Available by Prior Registration Only:** Register online at [www.stjohnssav/grow.org](http://www.stjohnssav/grow.org) or contact the Church Office 912-232-1251.
- **Interested but not sure you can come to all?** Come to all, or come to one.
- **Free Admission**

**8:00 A.M. – HOLY COMMUNION**

COLLECT, EPISTLE & GOSPEL ..... Prayer Book, page 210  
*A continental breakfast is available in Cranmer Hall following this service.*

Children’s Nursery for birth - age 3 (Cranmer Hall, 1st floor),  
 is available from 9:15a.m. till 12:15 p.m.

**9:30 A.M. – ADULT & YOUTH CHRISTIAN EDUCATION (Cranmer Hall)**

**10:30 A.M. – MORNING PRAYER, SERMON & CHILDREN’S CHURCH**

HYMN: #158 <i>O Splendor of God’s Glory Bright</i> .....	Puer Nobis
Sentences, Confession, Absolution and Lord’s Prayer .....	Prayer Book, pages 3-7
Versicles and Responses .....	7-8
VENITE: #609.....	9
Psalm #146 .....	522
First Lesson: Joshua 24: 1-28 <i>Choose this day whom ye will serve</i> .....	insert
TE DEUM LAUDAMUS #615.....	10
Second Lesson: St. Matthew 6:24.....	211
BENEDICTUS#634.....	14
<i>Children may exit for Children’s Church, following the Cross.</i>	
Apostles' Creed.....	15
Responses .....	16
Collect of the Day.....	210
Collects for Peace and for Grace, other prayers.....	17-20
Welcome and Announcements .....	The Rector
Charge to the Confirmation Class.....	The Rector
HYMN: #567 <i>Lead Us, Heavenly Father, Lead Us</i> .....	Dulce Carmen
Sermon .....	Father Dunbar

**OFFERING**

Sentences	
Anthem: <i>Pax Dei</i> .....	C. Whitney Coombs
Presentation of Alms: Doxology #139, and Hymn #141 (verse 4)	
General Thanksgiving ( <i>said by all</i> ) and Aaronic Blessing.....	19
HYMN: #279 <i>Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of Creation</i> .....	Praise to the Lord
VOLUNTARY: <i>Fanfare</i> .....	Healey Willan

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*Everyone is invited to attend the Coffee Hour in the Parish House immediately after the 10:30 a.m. service.  
 If you are a guest and visiting our Parish, please make yourself known.*

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**12:00 P.M. (Noon)—HOLY COMMUNION (Chapel - as at 8:00 a.m.)**