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UPCOMING AT ST. JOHN'S

◆ MUSIC OF ST. JOHN'S ◆

**Mission Winds Clarinet Quartet
Concert, October 28th**
4:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m., Church

◆ 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—ALL SAINTS
*Holy Communion with
Morning or Evening Prayer*
8:15 a.m., 10:30 a.m. & 5:30 p.m.

*Men of St. John's Steak Dinner at Forest City
Gun Club following 5:30 p.m. Eucharist*

In addition, on Friday—ALL SOULS
Requiem Eucharists
8:15 a.m. 12:15 p.m. & 5:30 p.m.

Next Sunday, November 4th
**ALL SAINTS SUNDAY & Commemoration
of the Faithful Departed**
10:30 a.m. *Solemn Eucharist*
5:30 p.m. *Choral Evensong*
Prelude at 5:05 p.m. Reception Follows

trust reason itself, and also memory – yet there is no way of proving them reliable that does not involve using reason or memory. Ordinary reasoning also requires the evidence of our senses – but there is no way of proving this is reliable, apart from the evidence of our senses themselves. In our day, many subscribe to the idea that the only knowledge that is true is empirical knowledge – but what's the empirical proof of that? Moving beyond empirical evidence, what about questions of morality? How can one *prove on* empirical grounds that something is right and wrong? And yet there is nothing more certain to us than there is right and there is wrong. Even a thief objects when someone steals from him. Even a relativist is not relativistic about relativism!

Moreover, in everyday experience all our decisions involve trusting someone's authority. Who really understands the complexities of climate science? That doesn't stop people taking strong positions on it. How many people could explain the operation of an airplane, a toilet, or a toaster? Yet it doesn't stop us using them. Who can prove that they are making the right choice in marrying someone else? You can do your homework, you can seek confirmation that the relationship makes you both better persons – but the decision to be married still involves a leap of faith.

Reason itself – even in its most sophisticated expressions – requires trust in the reality of things we cannot prove. It is impossible to know anything at all without trusting and believing in something. So it is not “irrational” to seek knowledge of reality through faith of some kind.

Just as reason involves faith, so faith also involves reason. Faith gives access to knowledge of things revealed, things that we cannot know by reason alone, but faith is not simple credulity. It is not *simply* “blind faith”. It involves making a rational decision about what is and is not credible, reliable, worthy of

BELIEVING AND REASONING

It is typical of our age to think that reason and faith are mutually exclusive and antithetical approaches to reality. Religious and irreligious, believer and atheist, all think that faith and reason have nothing to do with each other. Either you take the leap of blind faith, or you live by reason alone. Yet nothing could be further from the truth.

First, reason itself assumes a kind of faith. Almost every kind of knowledge involves trusting an authority whose reliability we cannot prove. Ordinary reasoning requires we

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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. David C. Barrow III

USHER CHAIRMAN

Mr. G. Edward Warner

ACOLYTES

8:00 a.m. Henry Osborne
10:30 a.m. Philip Inglesby, Jake Perkins,
Daniel Sills, William Sills, William Taylor,
Haddon Watson, Whit Watson

ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers at the altar this Sunday are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. Craig Barrow, Jr. and Mr. and Mrs. Thornton M. Deas by Mr. and Mrs. Craig Barrow III

And in loving memory of George Anderson Mercer IV by Elizabeth Mercer Gilbert, Wayne Mercer Willis, and Bessie Mercer Halsey. His birthday was October 31st.

The flowers at the chapel altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Father Ralston for his birthday, October 25th.

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ROAMING GREETER

Mrs. Gary M. Schubert

SUNDAY 9:30 A.M.

SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR YOUTH:

Cranmer Hall – 3rd Floor

Middle School – David & Kalista Svihel
High School – Rick Wright & Martin Sullivan

SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ADULTS:

Collects Study with Father O'Brien, Will & Mary Helen Burdell – CH3-Reading Room
Father Dunbar's Class on *2 Kings* – Chapel
The Gospel According to John with Jack Wray – CH3-Room 309

MEN'S WEEKDAY STUDY & DISCUSSION

Won't meet Nov. 6th, reconvenes Nov. 13th

Tuesday Breakfast and *Philippians 4* with Father O'Brien, 6:45 a.m., Parish House

Won't meet Nov. 8th, reconvenes Nov. 15th

Thursday *Jeremiah* with Father Dunbar, 7:00 a.m. Cranmer Hall – Reading Room

WOMEN'S WEEKDAY STUDY & DISCUSSION

Won't meet Nov. 1st and 8th, reconvenes Nov. 15th—Thursday *A Glastonbury Romance* with Fr. O'Brien 9:15 a.m., CH3-Reading Room

YOUTH OF ST. JOHN'S

Fall Retreat Nov. 16-18st at Epworth by the Sea, St. Simons Island, Ga.

trust. "Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world" (1 John 4:1). That discernment of spirits is impossible with the exercise of reason.

Many Christians, it is true, minimize the use of reason in their faith, as if it is somehow impious to think or reflect rationally on what is revealed in the Word of God, as if faith were simply intuitive or merely cultural. But the renouncing of reason does not strengthen but weakens faith. When they do not use reason to interpret, understand, reflect on, synthesize, and apply the revelation recorded in Scripture, then they are not able to articulate "the reason for the hope that is in them" (1 Peter 3:18), they cannot give anyone else persuasive grounds for believing, or mount an effective defence of their faith against skepticism. Moreover, in their own religion, their dichotomizing of faith and reason as mutually exclusive entities produces a dualistic separation of religion (ruled by faith) from the rest of life (where reason rules). Head and heart are disconnected, to the detriment of both. So I have faith, yet my faith in no way shapes my life – and that's the road to a dead faith, that does not save. "The devils also believe – and tremble" (James 2:19).

The Christian religion involves more than reason alone – but it does not involve less. To try to believe while minimizing the use of reason, does not strengthen or purify faith, but only concedes reason to the service of that which is not faith. Yet God himself is the source of reason, for he is supremely rational. The word that he speaks in his Son is (in Greek) *logos* – which can also mean 'reason', or 'rational discourse', or 'rational study' (it's the root of words like *logic* and *theology*). And one aspect of our being made in the image of God, is that we are endued with reason also. Not to use this gift in the service of our faith, is to despise the one who gave it.

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MISSION WINDS CLARINET QUARTET

The free concert featuring the United States Air Force Band of the West will be held today **Sunday, October 28th at 4:00 p.m.** here at St. John's. We hope to see you this afternoon.

MEN'S STEAK DINNER

Hosted by the Men of St. John's on **Thursday, November 1st** at the Forest City Gun Club, social hour will begin at 6:00 p.m. Call the church office to reserve your spots. The cost is \$35 in advance or \$45 the week of.

WOMEN'S BOARD MEETING

Monday, November 5th at 10:00 a.m. in the Dining Room in the Green-Meldrim House. All officers and chairmen are asked to attend.

WOMEN'S GENERAL MEETING

There will be no General Meeting in November. Hope everyone plans to participate in the upcoming Holly Days Bazaar!

SUPPORT FOR PRISON MINISTRY

To support the Kairos Ministry Weekend at Coastal State Prison November 1-4th, we ask parishioners to write a personal letter of encouragement to a convict. For guidelines contact the Church office or Outreach Committee chairman Clayton Kennedy at c.kennedy@comcast.net. **Please hand your letters to a priest or to Mr. David Crawley this Sunday, October 28th.**

HOLLY DAYS BAZAAR

Post Cards: Please pick up cards during Coffee Hour today and distribute to local businesses for displaying at their registers. Share with your friends and neighbors.

Candlelight Dinner Raffle: Purchase tickets today during Coffee Hour!

Volunteers Needed: Help is needed on Oct. 31 to chop chicken and before the bazaar on Nov. 4 to unload donations. Lunch provided both days. Volunteers are needed to serve as waitresses, in the garden and hat shops, and at the Take Out table during the bazaar.

Soup & Chili: Please remember to stock the Cranmer Hall freezer with your homemade soup and chili!

Silent Auction: Donations for White Elephant/Treasures will be accepted in Cranmer Hall on Nov. 4. At Coffee Hour, the Silent Auction will open with a champagne toast in the Green-Meldrim House.

8:00 A.M. – HOLY COMMUNION

COLLECTS, EPISTLE & GOSPEL (Trinity 22)..... *Prayer Book*, p. 254, 220

A continental breakfast is available in Cranmer Hall following this service.

NURSERY for birth - age 3 (Cranmer Hall, 1st floor) from 9:15 a.m. till 12:15 p.m.

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

10:30 A.M.—SUNG EUCHARIST, SERMON & CHILDREN’S CHURCH

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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.*

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