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This Sunday is Confirmation.

Today at 11 a.m., we welcome Bishop Paul Lambert, retired, of Dallas, who visits us on behalf of Bishop Benhase of Georgia.

Notes for Candidates for Confirmation and their Families:

- Candidates meet the Bishop at 10 a.m. in the Chapel.
- At 11 a.m., candidates and families are asked to sit in reserved pews (candidates in front of the pulpit, families in front of the lectern).
- During the final hymn, those who have been confirmed and their families are asked to follow the clergy out of the church, and proceed to the Parish House for photographs and presentations at Coffee Hour.

CANDIDATES TO BE CONFIRMED

MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH

*Taught by Mr. & Mrs. Carter C. Hubbard,
and Mrs. James S. McClellan, Jr.*

Thomas Green Burdell
Charles Jackson Ezelle Jr.
Ryder MacGregor Small
Eliza Ravel Strong
Jack Joshua White

ADULTS

Taught by Father Craig O'Brien.

Jeffrey Glenn Sills
William Elliott Sills

CONFIRMATION

The new life in Christ into which we enter by baptism and faith is not without spiritual enemies. Just as Jesus was assaulted by the tempter immediately after his baptism, so the baptized are targets for temptation by the world, the flesh, and the devil. In the epistle to the Ephesians, St. Paul urges Christians to "be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might. Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against

the wiles of the devil. For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places. Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness; and your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace; above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked. And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God: praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints". The Christian life is an embattled existence, but God has not left us undefended, or without means of prevailing in the spiritual combat, and in that experience we come to know and rely more deeply upon his grace and protection.

The Holy Spirit gives himself according to our need and capacity; and so in

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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 a.m. Mr. Arthur D. Weed
11 a.m. Mr. Holden T. Hayes

Usher Chairman

R. Bartley Turner, Esq.

Coffee Hour Chairman

Mrs. Christopher E. Klein

Roaming Greeter

Mrs. Lee M. Alderman, Jr.

Acolytes

8 a.m. Henry Osborne
11 a.m. Phillip Inglesby, Jack McClellan,
Jake Perkins, William Taylor, Haddon
Watson, and Whit Watson

Chancel Society

Mrs. John G. Bradshaw, Jr., Mrs. Jayne G.
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M'Donald A. Fawcett, Mrs. W. Lee
Belford, Mrs. Roland S. Summers, Ms.
Laura M. Reid, Miss Katherine E.
Wasden, and Mrs. David Schultz

Music

Flute Soloist: Eliza DeRienzo
Today's anthem was donated by
Mr. Kenneth Yates in memory of
Edith A. Yates

Altar Flowers

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Captain and Mrs. Harry E. Jennings by Mr. and Mrs. Richard C. E. Jennings, Nolan Balkcom and Alex Jennings.

And in loving memory of Jolana Swift Bradshaw by Mr. and Mrs. John G. Bradshaw, Jr. and family.

The flowers on the Chapel altar this Wednesday, May 8 are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of the Reverend William H. Ralston, Jr. by the Compton family.

Correction: The Easter flowers given to the glory of God, in thanksgiving for the resurrection, and in loving memory of Ronald and Elaine Constantine Coleman by Robert and Anne Constantine

And in loving memory of Thomas and Hester Forshaw by Robert and Anne Constantine.

10 A.M. SUNDAY SCHOOL

For Children: Cranmer Hall – 2nd Fl

For Youth: Cranmer Hall – 3rd Fl

- Middle & High School – *Exodus*

SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ADULTS:

- *Gospel of Luke*, CH3-Reading Room
- *The Church Fathers*, GMH, library
- *Faith and Fellowship*, CH3-Ralston

Baptism he gives himself for the beginning of spiritual life, for spiritual regeneration and remission of sins; but in Confirmation he gives himself to “confirm”- defend and strengthen - those reborn in him, for growth to spiritual maturity. “In Baptism we are *reborn to life*; in Confirmation we are *armed for the strife*.” This historic understanding of Confirmation is reflected in the Bishop’s prayer as he lays hands on each person, a prayer for the *defense* of the child of God (from the assaults of the world, the flesh, and the devil); and for his daily *increase* in the Holy Spirit (for growing up into Christ in virtue and good works- Ephesians 4:11-16.) In the Anglican tradition, Confirmation is administered by a Bishop in historic succession, by prayer for the sevenfold gifts of the Spirit and the laying on of hands, after the ratification of Baptismal vows. (Those already *confirmed* by a Bishop in historic succession but in another communion are not confirmed again but are formally *received* into ecclesial fellowship.)

The historic standard for Anglicans is that none are admitted to Holy Communion, except those who have been confirmed, or are ready and desirous of being confirmed. In practice, however, many exceptions are made: principally for those persons who were already admitted to Communion in other churches (without benefit of Confirmation by a bishop in historic succession) and are either visiting or becoming members of St. John’s. Nevertheless, those who have not been confirmed, ought to do so.

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WEEKDAY STUDY

Tuesday, May 7 men’s breakfast with Fr. O’Brien, 6:45 a.m., Parish House

Thursday *Jeremiah* with Fr. Dunbar, 7 a.m., CH3-Reading Room

Women’s Thursday book study with Fr. O’Brien, 9:15 a.m., CH3-RR

Please remember St. John’s in your will.

BRASS FUND: Our 2019 brass fund is empty! If you would like to hear brass at upcoming services, please donate.

PRAYER CIRCLE: Wednesday, May 8th at 6:15 p.m. in Cranmer Hall, 1st floor. The Bible study will be the Prayer of Solomon followed by prayers of thanksgiving and intercession.

GUEST LECTURE: FIVE VIEWS OF THE GENERAL CONFESSION: Thursday, May 9th at 6:15 p.m. in Cranmer Hall. St. John’s and the Prayer Book Society USA are pleased to welcome Professor Samuel L. Bray of Notre Dame University. Dr. Bray will discuss in liturgical, historical, biblical, and literary perspectives on the prayer of General Confession. Admission is free, but registration is required at StJohnsSav.org/Lecture.

MEN’S ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT: Friday, May 10th at 1 p.m., Bacon Park Golf Course on Eisenhower Ave.

CONCERT: Friday, May 10th at 7 p.m. in St. John’s Church. The Chicago Recorder Quartet will perform “Double Take”: Musical Paintings Through the Ages. This free concert is open to the public.

ARDF COLLECTION: Will be next **Sunday, May 12th** during our services.

UPCOMING AT ST. JOHN’S

◆ WEEKDAY WORSHIP ◆

Monday-Friday

Morning & Evening Prayer
8:15 a.m. & 5:30 p.m., Chapel

In addition, on Wednesday

9:45 a.m. *Litany*, Chapel
10 a.m. *Holy Communion*, Chapel

In addition, on Thursday

5:30 p.m. *Holy Communion with Evening Prayer*, Chapel

Next Sunday, May 12th – EASTER III (MOTHER’S DAY)

8 a.m. *Holy Communion*, Church
9 a.m. *Family Morning Prayer*, Chapel
11 a.m. *Morning Prayer*, Church
12:15 p.m. *Holy Communion*, Chapel

8 A.M. – THE HOLY COMMUNION, Church

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

8:45 a.m.-12:15 p.m. – **Nursery** for birth to age 3 in Cranmer Hall, 1st Floor

9 A.M. – FAMILY MORNING PRAYER, Chapel

10 A.M. – ADULT, YOUTH & CHILDREN’S EDUCATION

11 A.M. - SUNG EUCHARIST, CONFIRMATION, SERMON & CHILDREN’S CHURCH

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Everyone is invited to attend the Coffee Hour in the Parish House immediately after the 11 a.m. service. If you are a guest and visiting our Parish, please make yourself known.

12:15 P.M. – HOLY COMMUNION, Chapel