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8:00 A.M. – THE HOLY COMMUNION, Church

COLLECT, EPISTLE, & GOSPEL Prayer Book, page 173-174
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

9:00 A.M. – FAMILY MORNING PRAYER, Chapel

10:00 A.M. – ADULT, YOUTH & CHILDREN'S EDUCATION

11:00 A.M. - MORNING PRAYER, SERMON & CHILDREN'S CHURCH

HYMN #90 <i>He Is Risen, He Is Risen!</i>	Neander
Sentences, Confession, Absolution and Lord's Prayer	Prayer Book, pages 3-7
Versicles and Responses	7-8
VENITE (Hymnal #606, page 705) with ANTIPHON	9
Psalm 66	417-418
First Lesson: Isaiah 66:7-14 <i>Rejoice with Jerusalem</i>	Insert
TE DEUM LAUDAMUS #613, 617	10
Second Lesson: I St. Peter 2:11-17 and St. John 16:16-22.....	173-174
BENEDICTUS (Hymnal #634, page 716)	14
<i>Children (K-5th) may exit following the cross for Children's Church in Cranmer Hall.</i>	
Apostles' Creed	15
Versicles and Responses	16
Collect of the Day	173
Other Collects, Commemoration of the Departed	17-20
HYMN #88 <i>Jesus Lives! Thy Terrors Now</i>	St. Albinus
Sermon	Father Dunbar

OFFERING

Sentences	
ANTHEM <i>Glory To The King of Kings</i>	V. D. Thompson
Presentation of Alms: Doxology #139 and America (Hymn #141, Stanza 4)	
General Thanksgiving (<i>kneeling; said by all</i>) and Aaronic Blessing	19
HYMN #95 <i>Christ the Lord is Risen Today</i>	Nassau
VOLUNTARY <i>Song of Triumph</i>	Charles L. Talmadge

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

ARDF COLLECTION THIS SUNDAY

Anglican Relief & Development Fund supports Anglican churches and people in the global south. Please give generously.

Jesus told his disciples: Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. (St. Mark 16:15)

THEOLOGICAL LITERACY

In a story by Flannery O' Connor, *The Enduring Chill*, a failed writer named Asbury has come home, he thinks, to die, but before that happens he means to punish his mother for the failure of his literary ambitions. In a shock to her conventional Protestantism, he insists on a visit from a Roman priest; but Father Finn brushes aside Asbury's literary chat, to inquire into the state of his soul, and rebukes him for his failure to pray or to know his catechism. "If you don't apply yourself to the catechism how do you expect to know how to save your immortal soul?" Asbury resists but the priest roars at him, "How can the Holy Ghost fill your soul when it's full of trash?"

It's a very funny story but it's making a serious point about catechizing – learning the basic elements of Christian teaching summarized in the Creed, the Commandments, the Lord's Prayer - "all that a Christian ought to know and believe to his soul's health". Catechism was once a standard part of Christian formation, and the result was what educators today call theological or biblical literacy, knowledge of the Bible and of basic Christian belief and practice.

Yet in the skeptical culture of today, the very idea of truth that needs to be learned has lost authority. Catechizing has largely fallen by the wayside. The result is widespread biblical and theolog-

ical illiteracy. Sixty per cent of Americans can't name just five of the ten commandments. A survey of graduating high school seniors revealed that over 50 per cent thought that Sodom and Gomorrah were husband and wife. It's not just the unchurched. According to 82 percent of Americans, "God helps those who help themselves," is a Bible verse. Those identified as born-again Christians did better - by one percent.

Such ignorance may be risible, but the consequences of Biblical illiteracy on this scale are no laughing matter. Here's what Christian Smith and Patricia Snell say in their landmark study of emerging adults, *Souls in Transition* (2009): "Emerging adults are determined to be free. But they do not know what is worth doing with their freedom. They work very hard to stand on their own two feet. But they do not really know where they ought to go and why, once they are standing. **They lack larger visions of what is true and real and good** [emphasis added], in both the private and the public realms. And so... a small set of predefined default imperatives quickly rush in to fill that normative and moral vacuum. One of those is mass consumerism's slavish obsession with private material comfort and possessions.... Other imperatives, in the meantime, may be the amusements of alcohol and drug intoxication and the temporary thrills of hook-

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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.

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8 a.m. Mr. Arthur D. Weed
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The Men of St. John's

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Altar Flowers

The flowers on the altar are given
to the glory of God and in loving
memory of Mrs. Richard White Miller
by Mrs. John M. Saylor.

And in loving memory of Julie Backus
Smith by Jean, Miles and Owen Greer.

10 A.M. SUNDAY SCHOOL

For Children: Cranmer Hall – 2nd Fl
For Youth: Cranmer Hall – 3rd Fl
• Middle & High School – *Leviticus*

SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ADULTS:

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

WEEKDAY STUDY

Tuesday Men's Breakfast Study with
Fr. O'Brien, 6:45 a.m., Parish House
Thursday Men's Study of *Jeremiah*
with Fr. Dunbar, 7 a.m., CH3-Reading

up sex. Yet even in the early emerging adult years, ... many already find these culturally given, default purposes, amusements and thrills unsatisfying, if not outright wounding. Many know there must be something more, and they want it. Many are uncomfortable with their inability to make truth statements and moral claims without killing them with the death of a thousand qualifications. But they do not know what to do about that, given the crisis of truth and values that has destabilized their culture. And so they simply carry on as best they can, as sovereign, autonomous, empowered individuals who lack a reliable basis for any particular conviction or direction by which to guide their lives". Without even basic theological literacy, we lack "larger visions of what is true and real and good" which would give meaning and direction to our lives. We are condemned to crippling spiritual ignorance. "How can the Holy Ghost fill your soul when it's full of trash?"

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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 19th – EASTER IV

8 a.m. *Holy Communion*, Church
9 a.m. *Family Communion*, Chapel
11 a.m. *Morning Prayer*, Church
12:15 p.m. *Holy Communion*, Chapel
5:30 p.m. *Choral Evensong*, Church
5:05 p.m. *Prelude with reception in Green-Meldrim House following the service.*

Please remember St. John's in your will.

BRASS FOR TRINITY SUNDAY

Would you like to hear brass at our Trinity Sunday service on June 16th? Please consider contributing to our brass fund!

CHORAL EVENSONG ~ MAY 19TH

Join us **Sunday, May 19** at 5:05 p.m. for the Prelude by Organist, Steven Branyon with the Choral Evensong at 5:30 p.m.

YOUTH SUMMER PARTY ~ MAY 22ND

The Food + Fellowship Summer Party will be **Wednesday, May 22nd** from 6-8 p.m. Bring a friend! RSVP to dsvihel@stjohnssav.org.

EYCS SCHOLARSHIPS FOR COLLEGE

The Episcopal Youth and Children's Services scholarship applications are available for youth parishioners who have a financial need and will attend college in 2019-20. Apply before **Friday, May 31st** at eycs.georgiaepiscopal.org. If you know possible candidates, please share. Contact cathybaxter@gmail.com with your questions.

NEW INFANT CLASS

The Children's School at St. John's is adding a new infant class (3-11 months). Consider helping them fully equip this new nursery by donating items such as infant toys, burp cloths, crib sheets, changing pad covers, and diaper genie liners. You may bring items to Cranmer Hall or visit StJohnsSav.org/outreach to order from a Amazon wish list and have items shipped directly to the church.

SJC AT THE SAVANNAH BANANAS

Join us **Wednesday, June 12** at 7 p.m. to watch the Savannah Bananas vs. Lexington County Blowfish at Grayson Stadium (1401 E Victory Dr.) \$18/ticket (includes: unlimited hamburgers, hot dogs, chicken sandwiches, soda, water, popcorn, and Byrd's cookies.) Reserve your tickets by emailing mnelson@stjohnssav.org. Pay for your tickets at the Church office via cash or check (payable to St. John's Church). Place your name and the word "baseball" on the front.