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

COLLECTS, EPISTLE, & GOSPEL ..... Prayer Book, page 127-128, 124  
*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, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor

## 9:00 A.M. – FAMILY HOLY COMMUNION, Chapel

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

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

HYMN #59 *Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days* ..... St. Flavian  
Sentences, Confession, Absolution and Lord's Prayer..... Prayer Book, pages 3-7  
Versicles and Responses ..... 7-8  
VENITE (Hymnal #608, page 705)..... 9  
Psalm #25 ..... 369  
First Lesson: Genesis 32:22-32 *Jacob wrestles with the Lord* ..... insert  
BENEDICITE ..... insert  
Second Lesson: 1 Thessalonians 4:1 and St. Matthew 15:21 ..... 127-128  
HYMN #450 *As Pants the Hart for Cooling Streams* ..... Martyrdom

### THE MINISTRATION OF HOLY BAPTISM (pg. 273)

Elliot Augustine Svihel

BENEDICTUS (Hymnal #638, page 716) ..... 14  
*Children (K-5<sup>th</sup>) may exit following the cross for Children's Church in Cranmer Hall.*  
Apostles' Creed ..... 15  
Versicles and Responses ..... 16  
Collects for the Day ..... 127, 124  
Other Collects, Commemoration of the Departed ..... 17  
HYMN #497 *O God of Bethel*..... Dundee  
Sermon ..... Father Dunbar

### OFFERING

Sentences  
ANTHEM *Thou Knowest, Lord, The Secrets of Our Hearts*..... Thomas Morley  
(Office of The Burial of the Dead BCP)  
Presentation of Alms: #732 *All Things are Thine* ..... Gardiner  
General Thanksgiving (*kneeling; said by all*) and Aaronic Blessing ..... 19  
HYMN #562 *Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus* ..... Webb  
VOLUNTARY: *Aus tiefer Not schrei ich zu dir* ..... Friedrich Wilhelm Zachau

*Coffee Hour after the 11:00 a.m. service is cancelled due to St. Patrick's Day.*

## 12:15 P.M. – HOLY COMMUNION, Chapel

### NOT IN VAIN

A week ago I officiated at the burial of a veteran of the Second World War. As is my custom, I asked the family if there was anything that might inform my reflections on that occasion, and his son shared with me what he had found among his father's papers, a copy of the presidential unit citation given to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Infantry Division to which he had belonged, "for outstanding performance in combat in the Colmar pocket campaign" – an episode I had never heard of, but which the citation described as "one of the hardest fought and bloodiest campaigns of the war".

Here's the story. By Christmas Eve 1944 the German counter-offensive through the Ardennes (the "Battle of the Bulge") was grinding to a halt, and on January 1<sup>st</sup> German forces began a diversionary counter-attack far to the south, in central Alsace around the old town of Colmar, the last pocket of French territory west of the Rhine held by German forces. The French First Army beat back that diversion, but the 3<sup>rd</sup> ID was ordered to join the French forces in eliminating the pocket, as Hitler regarded it as part of the German homeland, to be defended at all costs.

In addition to the bitter resistance they encountered, the allied forces had to deal with one of the coldest winters in Europe in years, and fight in conditions that could only be described as Siberian. The 3<sup>rd</sup> ID fought (as the citation says) "through heavy snow storms, across flat land raked by mortal artillery, tank, and machine-gun fire, through enemy-infested marshes and woods" to breach the German defense wall. In the fortress towns of the Alsatian plain, says the

Citation, it fought "house to house and street to street ... under furious concentrations of supporting fire", and there were many feats of valor which cannot be recounted here. By the 6<sup>th</sup> of February, after a month of bloody

## UPCOMING AT ST. JOHN'S

### ◆ WEEKDAY WORSHIP ◆

#### Monday – Friday

*Morning and Evening Prayer  
with Holy Communion, Chapel  
8:15 a.m. & 5:30 p.m.*

#### In addition, on Tuesday, March 19<sup>th</sup> Feast of St. Joseph

*Noon Holy Communion, Chapel  
Followed by meeting of the Women  
of St. John's. Program about St. Joseph  
in the Bible and Church tradition.*

#### In addition, on Wednesday

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

#### In addition, on Saturday

*11 a.m. Holy Communion, Chapel*

#### Next Sunday, March 24<sup>th</sup>

#### THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

*8 a.m. Holy Communion, Church  
9 a.m. Family Morning Prayer, Chapel  
11 a.m. Sung Eucharist, Church  
12:15 p.m. Holy Communion, Chapel  
5:30 p.m. Choral Evensong, Church*

### ◆ YOUTH OF ST. JOHN'S ◆

#### Youth Laser Tag at Star Castle 1-3 p.m. Sunday, March 24<sup>th</sup>

*6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders will spend the afternoon  
playing laser tag and eating pizza.  
Cost \$15/person (2 games and pizza)*

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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  
11:00 a.m. Mr. Holden T. Hayes

**Usher Chairman**

Mr. R. Leslie Johnson

**Coffee Hour Chairman**

Coffee Hour is cancelled this Sunday due to St. Patrick's Day.

**Acolytes**

8:00 a.m. Henry Osborne  
11:00 a.m. Jack McClellan, Jake Perkins, William Sills, William Taylor, Whit Watson, Haddon Watson, and Wesley Worsham

**Altar Flowers**

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and in memory of our beloved Nellie Schmidt on her 103<sup>rd</sup> birthday by Peter and Rencie Schmidt

And in loving memory of Miss Eugenia Burroughs and Miss Cecil Burroughs by the Chancel Society.

The flowers at the Baptismal Font are given to the glory of God on the occasion of the Baptism of Elliot Augustine Svihel, son of Mr. and Mrs. David M. Svihel.

**Chancel Society**

Mrs. John G. Bradshaw, Jr., Mrs. Richard C. Jennings, Mrs. Jayne G. Holland, Mrs. Carter C. Hubbard, Sr., Mrs. James C. Pedrick, Mrs. Edward J. Derst III, Mrs. T. Herbert Guerry, Mrs. I. David Futrell and Mrs. George E. Miller

**SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:00 A.M.**  
**For Children:** Cranmer Hall – 2<sup>nd</sup> Fl  
**For Youth:** Cranmer Hall – 3<sup>rd</sup> Fl

• Middle & High School – *Exodus*

**SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ADULTS:**

- *The Gospel of Luke* with Father Dunbar, CH3-Reading Room
- *The Church Fathers* with Father O'Brien and Will & Mary Helen Burdell, GMH, library
- *Faith and Fellowship:* a group discussion of Sunday's Scripture readings, CH3-Ralston Room

**MEN'S WEEKDAY STUDY**

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

Thursday *Jeremiah* with Fr. Dunbar, 7:00 a.m., CH3-Reading Room

**WOMEN'S WEEKDAY STUDY**

Thursday, *Gaudy Night* by Dorothy L. Sayers, Fr. O'Brien, 9:15 a.m., CH3-RR

fighting, the Colmar pocket was eliminated, three German divisions destroyed, and three more mauled. With this threat from the south eliminated, Eisenhower was able to concentrate allied forces for the next phase of the campaign, the crossing of the Rhine, which took place at Remagen on March 7. After the battle, France granted the U.S. 3<sup>rd</sup> Infantry Division the right to wear the Croix de Guerre, and the president of the United States awarded the division the Distinguished Unit Citation, one of only four such unit honors awarded in the second war.

Like countless other citizen-soldiers, after having helped to win the victory against demonic tyranny, the man I buried came home and took part in rebuilding the world in the peace, prosperity, and freedom he had helped secure, and to enjoy the fruits of his labor. Like many of his generation, he did not talk about his war-time experiences, though it was clear that they meant a lot to him. The burial of his ashes was an opportunity for us to acknowledge that the freedom we enjoy and often take for granted was won and can only be maintained by those who are ready to pay the cost.

But there is another lesson here, and one not perhaps so well known. The tides of history never cease, the best and costliest achievements do not last. Is it all therefore in vain? Of all the struggles of human history, one victory alone can rescue them from ultimate futility. *The sting of death is sin; says St. Paul; and the strength of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord* (1 Cor 15:56-58). If there is a point to our labors, our struggles and sacrifices, it is to be found beyond all of them, in the victory that is eternal.

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**WOMEN'S MEETING ~ MARCH 19<sup>TH</sup>**

The Women of St. John's will meet on **Tuesday, March 19<sup>th</sup>** following the Noon Holy Communion Service in the Chapel. The program will be on St. Joseph in the Bible and Church tradition.

**MUSIC OF ST. JOHN'S CHURCH Choral Evensong:** On **Sunday, March 24<sup>th</sup>** guest organist, Richard Morgan, from Sacred Heart, begins Prelude music at 5:05 p.m. with the service at 5:30 p.m. and a reception in the Green-Meldrim.

**5K FUNDRAISER ~ MARCH 30<sup>TH</sup>**

The Old Savannah City Mission needs our support: run/walk, sponsor, donate or volunteer for their fundraiser on **Saturday, March 30<sup>th</sup>** at 8 a.m. in Forsyth Park. Visit [www.oscm.org](http://www.oscm.org) or call 912.232.1979 ext. 200 for more information. If you are unable to participate, you may send donations to Fr. O'Brien who serves on the OSCM council.

**EASTER LILIES**

To give a lily for the decoration of the Church at Easter, complete a form and send it along with a \$35 check to the Church office. Payable to St. John's Chancel Society; marked Easter Lilies.

Download the Lily form at <http://StJohnsSav.org/Easter> to indicate how the memorial or honorarium should read and by whom it is given. The list will be published the Sunday after Easter.

**CHURCH TOUR DOCENTS**

We are in need of additional volunteers to lead tours of our beautiful church during the week (11 a.m. – 1 p.m.) Contact Jack Wray at 912.596.2950 or by email at [jcwray12@gmail.com](mailto:jcwray12@gmail.com) if interested. To view the schedule of available slots, visit <http://StJohnsSav.org/docents>

**MISSION OUTREACH DONATIONS**

We are gathering supplies in Cranmer Hall for the Fresh Air Home. Consider donating by ordering from our Amazon wish list: <https://tinyurl.com/y5pxmbu4>

Please remember St. John's Church in your will.