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VISITING ORGANIST

We welcome Mr. Andrew Kotylo as organist and choir director this Sunday. Mr. Kotylo is currently Associate Organist and Choirmaster at Trinity Church-on-the-Green, New Haven, Connecticut.

ARTICLES OF RELIGION II

The Articles established by the Episcopal Church in 1801 were a conservative adaptation of the Church of England's Thirty-Nine Articles of Religion within the new political circumstances of the church in the United States of America. These Articles, originally forty-two in number when drafted in 1553 by Archbishop Thomas Cranmer, were revised under Queen Elizabeth I and eventually adopted as Thirty-Nine Articles in 1571. Replaced in 1647 by the Westminster Confession, they were restored in 1662 under Charles II. *Ex animo* ('from the heart') subscription to the Articles was required of all the clergy, as well as of graduates of the Universities, so they functioned like other Protestant confessions of faith, as a doctrinal standard or 'formulary'.

The English reformation did not begin with doctrinal reform, but with institutional reform. Under Henry VIII, the papal supremacy was replaced by a royal supremacy, and the monasteries were dissolved, but

no significant further changes were made. Doctrinal and liturgical reform began only under his successor, the boy king Edward VI. Images were removed from the churches, and the elaborate splendor of the Latin liturgy replaced by the chaste simplicity of the English Book of Common Prayer. A book of Homilies was published to promote the two principal doctrines of the Reformation: the sufficiency of Scripture and justification by faith alone. Along with the Prayer Book and the Homilies, a more precise doctrinal standard was required for the clergy and the theologically educated, "for the avoiding of diversities of opinions and for the establishing of consent touching matters of religion". The Articles were a key element in forging a comprehensive theological consensus to unite an entire nation in a common faith as it was also in common prayer.

Since the 19th century, there has been a nationalistic tendency to distinguish the English reformation (supposedly more 'moderate') from the (supposedly more 'extreme') continental reformation. The distinction is historically dubious. The distinctive features of the English reformation, its retention

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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.

HOSPITAL VISITATIONS

Please call the Church Office to inform the clergy if you or a loved one is in the hospital.

ST. JOHN'S WEB SITE

Parish Paper essays may be read on our web site: www.stjohnssav.org

VESTRY OFFERING CHAIRMEN

8:00 Mr. Arthur D. Weed
10:30 M. Tyus Butler, Esq.

USHER CHAIRMAN

Mr. R. Gilbert Wells & Mr. William S. Willingham

The flowers at the altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Jennifer Liscomb Ross by Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Russell Ross, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Russell Ross, Jr, and Mr. and Mrs. Gregory Bosiack;

and in loving memory of Thomas Edward Johnson by Barbara Johnson;

and in loving memory of Barbara Lynn Jones by her family;

and in loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Moody Culver by Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Brian Culver and Mr. and Mrs. Randolph Bryan Jones, Jr.

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8:00 John Osborne
10:30 Mikel Kelly, Patrick Perrie
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Mrs. R. Kran Riddle

ADULT EDUCATION SUNDAY 9:30 A.M.

St. John's Gospel Fr. Dunbar, Reading Room
Sin and Judgment in Shakespeare's History Plays—David Noble, Cranmer Hall, Third Floor.

MEN'S WEEKDAY STUDY & DISCUSSION

Tuesday 6:45 a.m. *Men's Breakfast & Study*—Fr. O'Brien (Parish House, enter by Kitchen)
Thursday 7 a.m., *Samuel*, Fr. Dunbar, Reading Rm

WOMEN'S WEEKDAY STUDY & DISCUSSION

Thursday 9:15 a.m. Fr. O'Brien, *The Imitation of Christ* - Reading Room, Cranmer Hall.

SIGN UP FOR A SUMMER MORNING!

Parents & Grandparents are asked to sign up for one Sunday this summer, to teach a simple story-lesson to the Pre-School/ Kindergarten class at 10:30 a.m. Sign-up in Cranmer Hall or call Maryan Harrell 232-8887 or 272-7925.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

9 A.M. — NOON **JULY 14TH — 18TH**

Register Now! Volunteers welcome. The cost for VBS is \$30. (Some Scholarships are available upon request.) Open to children from three years old (and potty trained) through those who have completed 1st grade and are moving into 2nd grade.

PLEASE REMEMBER YOUR CHURCH IN YOUR WILL

of conservative features (three-fold order, diocesan structure, cathedral foundations, and the Prayer Book liturgy), owes more to the special historical circumstances of the English reformation than to a policy of 'moderation'. (It was led by bishops, and so there was no need to abolish the three-fold order or diocesan structure to proceed with reformation.) Though later Protestantism degenerated into denominational sectarianism, in its original impulse the reformation both in England and on the continent was ecumenical in spirit, determined to build and to live within a scripturally-based consensus of reformed churches about matters of faith.

So when we turn to the Articles, we find a document largely shaped not by the sectarian or nationalistic agendas so common in the church today, but rather by a desire to anchor the English church's place in a transnational fellowship of churches sharing a consensus of faith. In turn, this consensus itself did not present itself as an innovation, but as a faithful expression of the ancient faith set forth in Scripture, and taught in catholic antiquity. Like their counterparts on the continent, the English reformers introduced some bold reforms; but they were careful to anchor these reforms within a large community both of time and space. Like their partner churches on the continent, the English church would not define its faith on its own terms, but in terms shared with the larger

Christian world both in the past and in the present.

This spirit eventually shaped the Anglican Communion, and the principle was acknowledged in the American church's Constitution. Now apparently forgotten, it is the first lesson the Articles have to teach us: to locate ourselves in a community of faith that is much larger than us both in time and space. The narrow Americanism of the Episcopal Church today is not progress, but regression. GGD

HOLLY DAYS BAZAAR (11/12 & 13)
Silent Auction Chairman Needed!
With an operation and display team in place, we need an organized go-getter to solicit and gather donations for the Silent Auction. Training and support provided. Please call Erica Jarman 912-398-0138.

PARISH KALENDAR THIS WEEK

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 a.m. *Sung Eucharist*

TUESDAY 24TH JUNE

NATIVITY OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

8:15 a.m. & 5:30 p.m. *Morning or Evening Prayer & Holy Communion*

Summer Office Hours:
until Labor Day the Church Office closes at noon on Fridays.

TRUMPETS FOR TRINITY

(continued from last week)

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8:00 A.M. – HOLY COMMUNION

Collect, Epistle, and Gospel Prayer Book, p. 188
A continental breakfast is available in Cranmer Hall following this service.

9:30-12:00 (Noon)—Nursery (*Cranmer Hall*)

9:30-10:15—ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION (*Cranmer Hall*)

9:30-10:15—Pre-School through Kindergarten Summer Program (*Cranmer Hall*)

10:30—Activities for Pre-School & Kindergarten (*Cranmer Hall*)

10:30 A.M.—MORNING PRAYER AND SERMON

HYMN# 370 <i>Spirit divine, attend our prayers</i>	Graefenberg
Sentences, Confession, Absolution, The Lord's Prayer	Prayer Book, page 6-7
Versicles and Responses	7-8
VENITE #610	9
Psalm #12, 13	355
First Lesson: Leviticus 19:1-18 <i>The Law of Love</i>	
Anthem: <i>God So Loved the World</i>	Sir John Stainer
Second Lesson: 1 St. John 4:7-21 and St. Luke 16:19-31	189
BENEDICTUS #638	15
Apostles' Creed	15
Versicles and Responses	16
Collect for the Day.....	190
Other Collects, Prayers and the Grace	17-20
HYMN #376 <i>Come down, O Love Divine</i>	Down Ampney
<i>Children in Kindergarten to Grade 4 may follow the Cross for Junior Music.</i>	
SERMON	Fr. Dunbar

OFFERING

Sentences

Anthem: *Let Us Love in Deed and Truth*..... Larry King

Presentation of Alms: Doxology #139, and Hymn #141 (verse 4)

Prayer and Blessing

HYMN #279 *Praise to the Lord*..... Stralsund Gesangbuch

ORGAN: Toccata from *Plymouth Suite*..... Percy Whitlock

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

12 Noon —HOLY COMMUNION same as 8 a.m.