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PARISH KALENDAR THIS WEEK

MONDAY – TUESDAY: 8:15AM - *Morning Prayer* & 5:30 PM - *Evening Prayer*

Monday – *Office Closed due to National Holiday.*

SHROVE TUESDAY

5:15 – 7:15PM - **MARDI GRAS PANCAKE SUPPER**

Tickets \$10/adult; \$6/child. Proceeds to Boys and Girls Choirs.

ASH WEDNESDAY - FIRST DAY OF LENT (FAST DAY)

Imposition of Ashes and Holy Communion: In the Chapel: 7:15am;

In the Church: (9:45 a.m. Litany) 10am; 12:15pm; & 5:30pm.

Sitter available at 10:00 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. NO Supper or Class today.

THURSDAY: 8:15 AM -5:30 PM *Daily Prayer & Holy Communion*

Noon – Men's Forum

FRIDAY 24TH FEBRUARY: ST. MATTHIAS THE APOSTLE

8:15AM -5:30PM *Daily Prayer & Holy Communion*

SATURDAY: 10:30 AM *Holy Communion*

AS IN ADAM ALL DIE

The ceremony that gives the first day of Lent its traditional name, Ash Wednesday, speaks to the heart of the gospel. Ashes are imposed on the foreheads of the faithful by the priest, who says, "Remember O man, that dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return" – a form of words derived from God's judgment on Adam's disobedience, Genesis 3:19. With those words we acknowledge our solidarity with sinful Adam, and the death both spiritual and physical that is the wages justly paid for our disobedience to God, the source of all life. Yet, precisely in acknowledging the justice of God's judgment against us, we appeal for his mercy to save us from ourselves: "Turn thou us, O good Lord, and so shall we be turned". This dust can only live again if God himself

converts us to himself and reforms us by his Word. And so our repentance is a plea for spiritual resurrection, through the perfect obedience of Christ. "As in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall be made alive" (1 Corinthians 15:22).

LENTEN DISCIPLINE

In the Forty Days that begin on Ash Wednesday, the faithful take upon themselves the corporate disciplines commended by Christ (Matthew 6:1-18): fasting and abstinence, almsgiving and prayer. Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fasting (no food until evening and then a plain and modest meal). The other weekdays of Lent are days of abstinence (customarily from flesh meat, together with moderation in other pleasures). The sick and infirm, the very young and very old, those engaged in heavy

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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 Mrs. R. Bartley Turner

USHER CHAIRMAN

Joseph R. Ross, Esq.
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The flowers at the altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. Victor L. Johnson, Jr. and Victor L. Johnson III by Mr. and Mrs. Glenn C. Hagin.

And in loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. John J. Rauers, Sr. Mr. and Mrs. John J. Rauers, Jr. and Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Wannamaker by the Rauers family.

On the occasion of the marriage of Miss Kenlea Cristen Wiechens to Mr. Ben Burke Wall, Jr.

CHANCEL SOCIETY

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ACOLYTES

8:00 Kameron Sallee
10:30 Cord Helmken, Lawson Turner
Chris Dixon, John Osborne
Peter Stein, Henry Bowden

COFFEE HOUR CHAIRMAN

Mrs. R. Bartley Turner

SUNDAY MORNING ADULT CLASSES

- Clergy: *Epistle to the Galatians* – (Chapel)
- David Noble: *Canterbury Tales*—Reading Rm

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY & DISCUSSION GROUPS

Tuesday 6:45 a.m. *Men's Breakfast Discussion*
(Parish House Dining Room, enter by Kitchen)

Thursday 7 a.m. *Acts of the Apostles*
(Reading Room, with the Rector).

Thursday: Noon - MEN'S FORUM

WOMEN'S STUDY & DISCUSSION GROUPS

Reading Rm, Cranmer Hall.

Wednesday: 10:45 a.m.-Noon *Philippians*.

Thursday: 9:15 -10:30 a.m. - *Athanasius On the Incarnation* (with Fr O' Brien)

CONFIRMATION

Is set for April 22nd. Adults wishing to be baptized and/or confirmed should give their names to Fr Dunbar, and makes plans to attend **Adult Catechism** 6:30-7:30 Wednesday nights. This includes adults who have been confirmed at another church, but not by a bishop in historic succession.

PLEASE REMEMBER YOUR CHURCH IN YOUR WILL

labour, are dispensed from the fasting rule; but they should take such opportunities as they may have to deny themselves in other ways.

In fasting and abstinence we learn to deny ourselves; in giving alms we grow in love of neighbor; in prayer we may grow in love for God; and it is only by learning self-denial that we may truly love neighbor and God. These are not good works meriting salvation, but "fruits meet for repentance" (Matthew 3:8), in keeping with amendment of life. In them our repentance in thought (contrition) and word (confession) becomes repentance in deed (satisfaction). In gratitude for the unmerited mercy freely given by God to those who repent and believe the Gospel of his Son, we seek in these disciplines to die to sin and rise again to holiness and righteousness of life, leading lives worthy of the one who died and rose for us. GGD

**PRAYER BOOK SOCIETY
PUBLIC LECTURE**

*"The Word of God in Worship –
Cranmer's Common Prayer and
Why the Church Needs it Today."*

Speaker: Fr Dunbar

Response: Fr Edward Rix. **Saturday,
February 18th at 10 a.m.**

Ralston Room of Cranmer Hall.

**ENGLISH SPEAKING UNION
SUNDAY 19TH AT 4:00 P.M.**

In the Ralston Room John M. McCardell, Jr., Vice Chancellor of The University of the South (Sewanee), will speak on "The Civil War and American Historical Memory." *Meeting open to all.*

Like any other good thing, the works of repentance can be corrupted (see Isaiah 58). Here is a protest against the empty formalism of the outward act without amendment of life and conversion of heart:

*Is this a Fast, to keep
The Larder clean?
And clean
From fat of veals and sheep?
Is it to quit the dish
Of flesh, yet still
To fill
The platter high with fish?
Is it to fast an hour,
Or ragg'd to go
Or show
A downcast look and sour?
No: 'tis a Fast to dole
Thy sheaf of wheat
And meat
Unto the hungry soul,
It is to fast from strife
And old debate,
And hate;
To circumcise thy life.
To show a heart grief-rent;
To starve thy sin,
Not bin;
And that's to keep thy Lent.*

Robert Herrick (1591-1674)

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 19TH, 2012

**AT ALL SAINTS CHURCH, HILTON HEAD
4:00 P.M.** Organ recital by Dr. Jared Johnson, Canon Organist and Choirmaster of Trinity Cathedral, Columbia, S.C. *Music of Bach, Howells, Ives, Durufle, Widor and Liszt.*

GREEN-MELDRIM HOUSE CONCERT

*To benefit Green-Meldrim House Restoration
Fund and Savannah Philharmonic
Nova Scotia acoustic folk duo,
"Naming the Twins".*

Saturday March 3rd, 7pm

To reserve a place, r.s.v.p.

mmconsults@comcast.net

No charge but donations welcomed.

8:00 A.M. – HOLY COMMUNION

Collect, Epistle, and Gospel (*The Gloria in Excelsis is omitted until Easter*) 122
A continental breakfast is available in Cranmer Hall following this service.

9:30 — 12 Noon NURSERY

9:30 —ADULT, YOUTH and CHILDREN’S CLASSES (*Chapel & Cranmer Hall*)

10:30 –Pre-school—3 year olds through Kindergarten (*Cranmer Hall*)

Jr. Choir—1st through 4th Grade (*Cranmer Hall*)

10:30 A.M. — MORNING PRAYER AND SERMON

HYMN #376 *Come Down, O Love Divine* Down Ampney
 Opening Sentences, Confession, Absolution and Lord’s Prayer 3-7
 Versicles and Responses 7-8

VENITE EXULTEMUS DOMINO #608 9
 Psalm #31 375
 First Lesson: Genesis 12:1-9 *God calls Abram with a promise of blessing.*

BENEDICITE, OMNIA OPERA DOMINI *see insert*
 Second Lesson: I Corinthians 13:1, St. Luke 18:31 123

BENEDICTUS #638 14
 Apostles' Creed 15
 Versicles and Responses 16

Collect for the Day 122
 Other Collects and Prayers and the Grace 17-20

HYMN #554 *Lead On, O King Eternal* Lancashire
1st through 4th grade Children enrolled in Jr. Choir will exit following the Cross.

THE SERMON Fr. O’ Brien

OFFERING

Sentences

Anthem: *God is My Shepherd, Fr. Biblical Songs (Opus 99, no. 4)* ... Antonin Dvořák
 Ms. Lucy Sheils, soprano

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

Prayer and Blessing

HYMN #479 *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* Hyfrydol

ORGAN: *Organ Sonata No. 2, C minor, Op. 65: Allegro maestoso* Felix Mendelssohn

Everyone is invited to attend the Coffee Hour in the Parish House immediately after the 10:30 service.

If you are a guest and visiting our Parish, please make yourself known.

12 NOON—HOLY COMMUNION (Chapel - Collect, Epistle, Gospel BCP pp. 122)