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## TIME CHANGE THIS WEEKEND!!!

Remember to "*spring forward*" and set your clocks Saturday, March 10<sup>th</sup>, forward one hour **BEFORE** you go to sleep Saturday evening.

## SAINT PATRICK'S DAY

Saturday, March 17th  
10:30 Holy Communion (Chapel)  
Parking lot access limited.

### REHEARSING THE LAW (2)

The first and sixth commandments are the two poles of the moral Law - "thou shalt have none other gods but me" and "thou shalt do no murder": there is no right relation to God the Creator without a right relation to the human creature made in the image of God. We find the same correlation in the second and tenth commandments.

The second commandment is a lengthy prohibition on idolatry - the worship of fabricated images of creatures: "Thou shalt not make to thyself any graven image, nor the likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or in the earth beneath, or in the waters under the earth. Thou shalt not bow down to them nor worship them".

It comes with a warning and promise: "for I the Lord thy God am a jealous God, and visit the sins of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me; and show mercy unto thousands in them that love me and keep my commandments". God's "jealousy" is his zeal for the undivided loyalty of his beloved people - Israel as the spouse of God, an image that is taken up in the "mystical union of Christ and his Church" in the New Testament. As such, this warning and promise applies to the first

commandment as well as the second - and indeed in Roman Catholic and Lutheran (but not Eastern Orthodox, Reformed, or Anglican) numberings the first and second commandment are counted as one (which makes for an awkward division of the tenth into two).

The prohibition on the use of images in worship seems never to have been absolute: in the Temple there were images of cherubim and oxen, and the bronze serpent made by Moses, but there was no image of God himself. Archeologists have uncovered ancient synagogues with elaborate decorative schemes making use of images; and the catacombs of Rome - those subterranean burial galleries and chambers carved out of the rock by early Christians - are famous for their paintings of various biblical scenes. Gregory the Great defended the use of images in churches as "the Bible for the illiterate", and the iconodule (image-venerating) theologians of the eastern church devised a subtle theological apologia for icons. As the invisible Godhead of Christ could not be depicted, so his visible Manhood (and those persons and events connected

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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](http://www.stjohnssav.org)

**VESTRY OFFERING CHAIRMEN**

8:00 Mr. Arthur D. Weed  
10:30 Mrs. Morgan W. Murray

**USHER CHAIRMAN**

Mr. David C. Barrow III

The flowers at the altar are given to the glory of God for the beautification of the Church.

**CHANCEL SOCIETY**

Mrs. Carter C. Hubbard, Sr., Mrs. Philip F. Kirk  
Mrs. Anne H. Mingleдорff, Mrs. Thomas E. Johnson  
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**DAILY LENTEN SERVICES**

Mrs. Neil H. Victor, Mrs. Timothy E. Coy  
Mrs. Anne H. Mingleдорff, Mrs. Jonathan D. Sprague  
Mrs. David A. Young

**ACOLYTES**

**8:00** John DeBacker  
**10:30** Clayton Compton  
Lawson Turner, Chris Wasden  
Peter Stein, Mikel Kelly  
Hunt Wasden, Henry Bowden

**COFFEE HOUR CHAIRMAN**

Mrs. Key D. Compton

**SUNDAY MORNING ADULT CLASSES**

➤ Clergy: *Epistle to the Galatians* – (Chapel)

**MEN'S BIBLE STUDY & DISCUSSION GROUPS**

**Tuesday** 6:45 a.m. *Men's Breakfast Discussion on the Psalms* – Fr Dunbar (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.

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

**EASTER LILIES**

If you wish to give a lily for the decoration of the Church at Easter, send a check for \$35 payable to St. John's Chancel Society marked "Easter Lily" to the Church Office. Please be sure to indicate the specific intention of the gift (memorial, thanksgiving, etc.). *The list will be published the Sunday after Easter.*

**EVENSONG—MARCH 25<sup>TH</sup>**

Pergolesi's *Stabat Mater* at 5:30 p.m.  
in the Church. Mark your calendar!!

**Sunday, March 18<sup>th</sup>**

St. John's Parish Choir will sing a concert of sacred music at All Saints' Episcopal Church, Hilton Head Island, at 4:00 p.m. They will be joined by the All Saints' Parish Choir.

PLEASE REMEMBER YOUR CHURCH IN YOUR WILL

with him) could and indeed should be depicted. In this view the icon is a kind of analogy to the word of Scripture (one "writes" an icon, in the Eastern tradition), leading the faithful worshipper from copy to prototype, from creature to Creator.

The second commandment is perhaps not so much about liturgical regulation as it is about divine revelation. Man may not fabricate and worship as God images of creatures, but must worship God the Creator as he truly is, and as he has truly revealed himself to man in his Word, which, as the New Testament testifies, is the true Image of God (Colossians 1:15; 2 Corinthians 4:4). "The Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us; and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only-begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth" (John 1:14). Long before Freud, St. Paul knew that "covetousness is idolatry"; when we worship idols, what we treat as absolute are really just projections of our own desires: "whose god is their belly" (Philippians 3:19).

What the tenth commandment adds to the second is the explicit claim not only on external actions and words, but also on the thoughts and desires of the heart. "Thou shalt not covet" thy neighbour's house, or wife, or anything that is his. Man's coveting is insatiable, without limit, precisely because the heart of man is made for the infinite God. "Thou hast made us for thyself, O Lord, and our hearts are restless until they find their rest in thee". When our hearts are set upon the infinite God, we are set free from covetousness to serve one another in love. St. Paul can turn the tenth commandment's prohibition on its head, urging us "to covet earnestly the best gifts", and especially

"the more excellent way" of charity, which "seeketh not her own" (I Corinthians 12:31, 13:5). GGD

### PARISH KALENDAR THIS WEEK

#### SATURDAY, MARCH 10

Due to Funeral at 11:00 a.m.,  
HOLY COMMUNION will be at **9:30 A.M.**  
instead of 10:30 a.m.

#### MONDAY– FRIDAY:

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

#### WEDNESDAY

8:15 – *Morning Prayer  
& Holy Communion*  
9:45 – *Litany*

10am *Sung Eucharist*

5:30PM– *Evensong, Supper,  
& Adult Classes (6:30- 7:30 p.m.)*

#### CLASSES (1) ADULT CATECHISM:

*For Inquirers, Newcomers, and adults  
seeking baptism and/or Confirmation –  
Fr Dunbar*

(2) T. S. ELIOT'S *FOUR QUARTETS.*  
*Fr O'Brien*

(3) NEW CLASS –

#### MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT

*Mike Chastain. To register, please email  
[mc3@me.com](mailto:mc3@me.com)*

THURSDAY, NOON: MEN'S FORUM

SATURDAY: ST. PATRICK'S DAY  
10:30 AM - *Holy Communion*

### MEN OF ST. JOHN'S ANNUAL HOTDOG SALE

Saturday, March 17<sup>th</sup>,  
St. Patrick's Day

While you are enjoying the parade, stop  
by for Hotdogs, chips, and drink.

### WOMEN'S LENTEN QUIET DAY

A Lenten Quiet Day for the Women of the Church will be held Wednesday, March 14, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Green-Meldrim House. Led by Fr O'Brien on the theme of *Acquiring the Character of Jesus*. Lunch provided. RSVP to the Church Office 232-1251. Please advise if you will require a sitter.

**8:00 A.M.—HOLY COMMUNION—***(No organ during Lent)*

Collects, Epistle, and Gospel (*The Gloria in excelsis is omitted until Easter*).....128, (124)  
*A continental breakfast is available in Cranmer Hall following this service.*

**9:30 a.m.—12 Noon NURSERY** (*Cranmer Hall*)**9:30 A.M.—ADULT, YOUTH, AND CHILDREN'S CLASSES**  
*(Chapel & Cranmer Hall)*

**10:30 a.m.—Pre-school continues—3 year olds through Kindergarten** (*Cranmer Hall*)  
**1<sup>st</sup> through 4<sup>th</sup> grade children enrolled in Jr. Choir**

**10:30 A.M.—MORNING PRAYER and SERMON**

## CARILLON

HYMN #415 *Jesus, Lover of My Soul* ..... Aberystwyth  
 Sentences, Confession, Absolution and Lord's Prayer ..... Prayer Book p. 3-7  
 Versicles and Responses ..... 7-8  
 VENITE EXULTEMUS DOMINO #608 ..... 9  
 Psalm #9.....351  
 First Lesson: Genesis 37:2-end.....128  
*Joseph is sold into slavery by his brothers, and mourned as dead by his father Jacob.*

BENEDICITE ..... *insert*

Second Lesson: Ephesians 5:1, St. Luke 11:14 .....129

BENEDICTUS #638 .....14

Apostles' Creed .....15

Versicles and Responses .....16

Collect for the Day .....128, (124)

Fixed Collects.....17-20

HYMN #56 *Kind Maker of the World* .....Jesu Dulcis Memoria  
*Children (1<sup>st</sup>—4<sup>th</sup> grade) enrolled in Jr. Choir will exit following the Cross.*

THE SERMON ..... Fr. Dunbar

**OFFERING**

Sentences

Anthem: *Thou Knowest, Lord, the Secrets of our Hearts* .....Henry Purcell

Presentation of Alms: #732, *All Things are Thine*

Prayer and Blessing

HYMN #551 *A Mighty Fortress* .....Ein' Feste Burg

ORGAN: *A Mighty Fortress*..... Johann Pachebel

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*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.*

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**12 Noon—HOLY COMMUNION** (Chapel - Collect, Epistle, Gospel BCP pp 128, 124.)