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SPECIAL VISITOR: This Sunday we welcome Mr. **Jeremy Bergstrom**, who will assist at 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m., and speak to the Adult Class at 9:30 a.m. in the Chapel (or in the Church, if space requires). Mr. Bergstrom, who is a postulant for ordination, comes to us with impressive recommendations and credentials – among others, a Ph. D. from Durham University, England, received this year, for a dissertation on Augustine's theology of Christian marriage. He is himself married, and he and his wife, Jackie, have two little boys. It is deeply encouraging that a man of his traditional faith and personal gifts would offer himself for the priestly ministry in the Episcopal Church. I strongly encourage all who can to make his acquaintance this weekend.

PARISH KALENDAR THIS WEEK

Monday 11th June –

ST. BARNABAS THE APOSTLE

*Morning or Evening Prayer
with Holy Communion*

8:15 a.m. & 5:30 p.m.

Tuesday 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*

which God has chosen to reveal to us. This attempt to understand is not an act of pride, but of humility – ‘standing under’ the bright heaven of divine truth, in openness to its vitalizing gifts.

In explaining the mystery of God, resort is commonly had to the acts of God in history. Thus, for example, the answer to the question about the Apostles' Creed in the Prayer book Catechism, “What dost thou chiefly learn in these Articles of thy belief? *Answer.* First, I learn to believe in God the Father, who hath made me, and all the world. Secondly, in God the Son, who hath redeemed me, and all mankind. Thirdly, in God the Holy Ghost, who sanctifieth me, and all the [elect] people of God.” That is to say, the persons of the Holy Trinity are revealed in the acts of God in history, the “economy” of salvation.

This is helpful, and yet a false conclusion may be drawn – that the meaning of “Father, Son, and Holy Ghost” is expressed fully in the formula “Creator, Redeemer, and Sanctifier”. The latter

KNOWING THE MYSTERY

When we speak about the doctrine of God the Holy Trinity, we approach with fear and trembling a great mystery. For many modern Christians, any attempt to think about the mystery is considered impious; but this cannot be: because “unto you it is given to know the mysteries of the Kingdom of God”. *Not* to receive this gift of knowledge is the true impiety. And though the mystery ever exceeds our comprehension, yet “now we know in part” however imperfectly, the mystery

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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	Mr. W. Barron Crawford

USHER CHAIRMAN

Mr. Don McElveen

The flowers at the altar are given to the glory of God and loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. John Groover Kennedy, Jr. and Mr. E. Runyon Tyler, Jr. by Mr. and Mrs. John Groover Kennedy III.

And in honor of Mrs. Jesse L. Fulenwider, Jr., "Miss Teeny", on her birthday by her children.

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8:00	Lawson Turner
10:30	Chris Dixon
	Lindsay Pindar, Jamie McClellan
	Hunt Wasden, Henry Bowden

COFFEE HOUR CHAIRMAN

Mrs. J. David Carson

SUNDAY MORNING ADULT CLASSES

➤ Mr. Jeremy Bergstrom will address the Adult Class in the Chapel, or in the Church, if numbers warrant.

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY & DISCUSSION GROUPS

Reading Room, Cranmer Hall 3rd Floor

Tuesday: 7am *Philippians* (led by Fr O' Brien)
Thursday: 7 a.m. -*Acts of the Apostles* (Reading Room, with the Rector).

JUNE 25-29TH CHOIR CAMP

*The cost of the All-day Choir camp is \$95.
Please register with Dr. Taylor.*

SIGN UP FOR A SUMMER MORNING!

Parents &/or 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 sheets will be in Cranmer Hall beginning this Sunday or call Maryan Harrell 232-8887 or 272-7925.

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

Monday – Thursday

9 a.m.- 4:30 p.m.

Friday 9 a.m. – Noon.

*Fr. Dunbar is out of the office on
Fridays;*

Fr. O'Brien on Mondays.

PLEASE REMEMBER YOUR CHURCH IN YOUR WILL

phrase speaks of God's acts in history (in each of which all three persons are involved); the former of God in himself. For that we must engage with the paradoxes of the technical language of theology, developed to uphold the Biblical revelation: that there is but one divine substance, essence, or nature; infinite in power, wisdom, and goodness. Within this unity of substance there is a distinction of persons, each of them fully God, co-equal, co-eternal, consubstantial – and yet “there are not three Gods, but one God”. God is not a committee.

According to Saint Augustine, the best image of the Trinity is in the life of the human soul itself, made in the image of God. When we look at the soul itself, we see a certain image and likeness of God. Robert Crouse summed up Augustine's teaching: “One says of the soul three things: it is; it knows; and it wills, or loves. And these three powers are one soul: being, knowing, and willing. God is; God knows; and God wills. God eternally begets his Word, the Son – that is the divine knowing; and in that knowing, there proceeds God's love, God's will, the divine Spirit. The Word begotten, the Spirit proceeding; Father, Son, and Spirit: one spiritual life, one substance, in which these three are co-equal, co-eternal persons. God is not some abstract principle, physical or mathematical or whatever; God is not some impersonal force in the universe. The actuality of God, being, knowing, and loving, Father, Son, and Spirit, is the actuality of life. He is the living God.” Since our end is to know and to love God, our salvation consists finally in our worship – by knowing and loving – the living God. So the doctrine of the Trinity is not some arcane obscurity, but the

truth which shapes the spiritual life of Christians, as they turn to God and grow into his likeness in Christ. To a limited degree we may know God through God's knowing of himself; we may love God through God's delight in his own infinite goodness; our knowing and loving God is a participation in the life of God himself. Not to think the Trinity, therefore, not to believe and profess this doctrine, is to shut oneself out from salvation. GGD

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

July 16th—20th * 9 A.M. - NOON

Open (free of charge) to children 3 years old (and potty trained) through to those who have completed 1st grade and are moving into 2nd grade. Register Now! Volunteers Welcome.

NEW! THIS SUMMER: TUESDAY MORNING MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

On *Philippians*, led by Fr. O'Brien.
7 a.m. Reading Room.

SUMMER CHOIR

The Parish Choir would like to invite anyone who might like to try out for choir to join us for, some or all summer, Sundays when the demands are lighter. Contact Dr. Taylor for more information

TRINITY BRASS DONORS

To the glory of God and in memory of His Saints, past and present, by Anne H. Mingledorff.

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8:00 A.M. — HOLY COMMUNION

Collect, Epistle, and Gospel 188-190
A continental breakfast is available in Cranmer Hall following this service.

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

9:30-10:15—Classes for Adults & Confirmed Youth (Chapel & Cranmer Hall)

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

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

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

10:30 A.M.—SUNG EUCHARIST & SERMON

HYMN #271 *Come, thou almighty King* Moscow

ANTE-COMMUNION

Collect for Purity Prayer Book, page 67

Summary of the Law 68

KYRIE ELEISON: #710 Healey Willan

Collect and Epistle 188, 189

HYMN #302 *O that I had a thousand voices* Mentzer

The Holy Gospel 190

The Nicene Creed 71

HYMN #379 *Gracious Spirit, Holy Ghost* Capetown

Children in Grades 1-4 may exit following the Cross for Junior Choir.

SERMON Fr. Dunbar

OFFERTORY

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Presentation of Alms #139

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AGNUS DEI # 712 Healey Willan

HYMN #193 & 194 *Sion, Praise Thy Saviour* Lauda Sion/Bone Pastor

HYMN #196 *Bread of the World* Eucharistic Hymn

MOTET: *O Sacred Feast* Healey Willan

Thanksgiving (*said with the congregation*) 83

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS #739 Old Scottish Chant

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HYMN #479 *Love divine, all loves excelling* Hyfrydol

ORGAN: *Allegro in D for Trumpet and Flute* John Stanley

*Everyone is invited to attend **Coffee Hour in Cranmer Hall** 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 188—190.