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TWO NEW SUNDAY OFFERINGS

From the Rector: This Sunday and next we launch two new offerings for St. John's— one for adults, the other for teenagers. Unlike other Sunday morning classes, these are relaxed (albeit focused and grounded) discussions on various aspects of Christian faith and life, helpful especially for those without much theological background. Please read on for a description of each, beginning with Dr. Jeremy Bergstrom's offering for adults:

New this Sunday at 9:30 a.m.:

CAFFEINE AND CHRISTIANITY:

The Faith, Your Church, and why you should care...

From Dr. Bergstrom: The only way to make sense of life's ambiguities, frustrations, sorrows, and delights is to see our life as it truly is, in Christ. The rhyme and reason of the Christian life is found in the person of Jesus Christ, and together we'll explore the ways in which devotion to Christ and reflection on what he's doing in the Church gives perspective and purpose to our own lives as well.

For those who are serious about their lives and their faith - especially for 20's-40's - but all are very welcome. Reading Room, Third Floor, Cranmer Hall. With coffee on the landing.

New NEXT Sunday after Church -

TEEN LUNCH FORUM

2ND AND 4TH SUNDAYS

For parishioners in Upper School: right after church, in the Youth rooms (2nd floor, Cranmer Hall), until 12:45. Food, fellowship, and lively discussion of the questions that matter, and the answers God has given. Scott and Betsy Howard and Jessica Osborne are leading the discussion with support from Fr. O'Brien and Dr. Bergstrom.

OTHER SUNDAY CLASSES THIS FALL

The Thirty-Nine Articles of Religion – Fr Dunbar (with Fr O'Brien) continues his summer course on this historic “formulary” of classical Anglicanism (Chapel)

Judgment and Expiation in Shakespeare's History Plays - David Noble leads a close and complete reading - in sequence - of Richard II, Henry IV Parts 1 & 2; Henry V; Henry VI Parts 1, 2 & 3; and Richard III (Conference Room, over Chapel)

“Are you really The One, or do I keep shopping?” – Jack Wray looks at five Old Testament Prototypes of Christ (Prophet, Priest, King, Servant, and Son of Man), and how they are fulfilled in Jesus of Nazareth (Back Classroom, 3rd Floor, Cranmer Hall.)

Weekday Discussion Groups for Men and Women listed on Page 2.

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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. Stuart C. Clifford

USHER CHAIRMAN

Mr. R. Scott Howard

The flowers at the altar are given to the glory of God and loving memory of loved ones by Mr. and Mrs. Warren L. Traver.

And in loving memory of Jo Francis Deal, and Edward John Derst, Jr. by Mr. and Mrs. Edward J. Derst III.

And in memory of Mr. and Mrs. William H. Helmken, and loved ones, and in thanksgiving for St. John's Church by Howard, Deborah, William and Jonathan Helmken and Mr. and Mrs. Gary M. Schubert.

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ACOLYTES

8:00 Kameron Sallee
10:30 Cord Helmken
John Osborne, Charles Perrie
Lindsay Pindar, Mikel Kelly
Hunt Wasden, Turner Stevens

COFFEE HOUR

Mrs. Max Cooper

BAZAAR BUSINESS

The **Canners** meet every Wednesday in the Cranmer Hall kitchen. Jane Pressly 233-6551.

A third Storage unit is available for **White Elephant** and **Treasure Room**, contact Betsy Howard at betsyd6@aol.com or 398-1326.

As the college football season gets under way, consider doubling or tripling your **SOUP OR CHILI** recipes in preparation for the Holly Days Bazaar! Both are easy to freeze in ziplock bags. Space is available in the Cranmer Hall kitchen freezer. Christiana Turner 912.308.0102 or Sherry Holtzclaw 912.897.3889.

PLEASE REMEMBER YOUR CHURCH IN YOUR WILL

From the Choirmaster

CHOIR AS A SPIRITUAL EXERCISE

My first Organist-Choirmaster post was at the Presbyterian Church in Shrewsbury, New Jersey, a small church worshipping in a colonial era building. One of the altos in that choir was a woman in her thirties who was very quiet. She was faithful in her attendance, but unfortunately, I didn't come to know her all that well. At the end of my two-year tenure she handed me a note saying how much being in the choir had meant to her. She appreciated not only the musical aspect but also the spiritual quality of the rehearsals.

Over the years I have come to realize how much singers in the church choir receive spiritually as they rehearse the music for the services week in and week out. Going over a piece for several weeks not only allows one to learn the music, but also permits the soul to steep itself in the sacred text and its meaning. One of my singers recently observed that when working on a difficult piece of music, it is sometimes good to leave it at some point and return to it the following week, knowing that the sub-conscious is still working on that music. Likewise, the texts that are sung are also being stored in the sub-conscious and are taking deep root in the soul.

The Parish Choir is a service organization - and the service it offers to Christ and his Church in the music of worship is of great importance. Those who are looking also to plumb the depths of spirituality may consider becoming part of the choir- as an opportunity

not only for service but also for spiritual exercise and spiritual growth.

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PARISH KALENDAR THIS WEEK

Monday – Thursday

Morning and Evening Prayer

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

In addition, on

Ember Wednesday

9:45 a.m. *Litany*

10 a.m. *Sung Eucharist*

Canon Frank Logue, celebrant.

Ember Friday 21st.

ST. MATTHEW THE APOSTLE

Morning and Evening Prayer with

Holy Communion

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

Ember Saturday 22nd

Holy Communion 10:30 a.m.

WEEKDAY DISCUSSION GROUPS

Reading Room, 3rd Floor, Cranmer Hall

TUESDAYS: 7-8 am - Men's Bible Study & Discussion Led by Fr O'Brien.

Now reading *Ephesians*, to be followed by the controversial *Ecclesiastes*.

THURSDAYS 7-8 am - Men's Bible Study & Discussion Led by Fr Dunbar.

Now reading *Acts of Apostles*.

THURSDAYS 9:15-10:30 A.M. Women's Book Discussion Led by Fr. O'Brien.

Now reading Sayers' "Mind of the Maker". Coming: the *Song of Songs*.

Thursday Noon– MEN'S FORUM

That Christ is God – What does this mean? Why does it matter?

Dr. Jeremy Bergstrom

Good Food for Body and Soul.

Talk begins 12:10, ends 12:50.

Donation suggested. Guests welcome.

8:00 A. M. – HOLY COMMUNION

COLLECTS, EPISTLE, and GOSPEL *Insert & Prayer Book, page 210*
A continental breakfast is available in Cranmer Hall following this service.

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

9:30-10:15 A. M.—CLASSES FOR ADULTS

(Chapel, Conference Room, & Cranmer Hall)

9:30-10:15 A. M.—Pre-School program continues (Cranmer Hall)

10:30 A. M.—Pre-School & Kindergarten (Cranmer Hall)

Jr. Choir—grades 1—4

10:30 A. M. —SUNG EUCHARIST & SERMON

HYMN #106 *The Head that once was Crowned with Thorns* St. Magnus

ANTE-COMMUNION

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KYRIE ELEISON: (Hymnal #710)..... Healey Willan

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1st through 4th grade children enrolled in Jr. Choir exit following the cross

SERMON Fr. O’Brien

OFFERTORY

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AGNUS DEI (Hymnal #712)..... Healey Willan

HYMN #189 *And, now, O Father, mindful of the Love*..... Unde et Memores

MOTET:*Adoramus te, Christe* ‘..... Giovanni da Palestrina

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GLORIA IN EXCELSIS (Hymnal #713) Healey Willan

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HYMN #357 *Hail, thou Once Despised Jesus!*..... In Babilone

ORGAN: *Toccata in E minor* Johann Pachelbel

Everyone is invited to attend the Coffee Hour in Cranmer Hall immediately following the 10:30 service.
If you are a guest and visiting our Parish, please make yourself known.

12 Noon HOLY COMMUNION in the Chapel. (Collect, Epistle, Gospel as 8 a.m.)