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THIS SUNDAY - TEEN LUNCH FORUM

On the 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month, after Church, until 12:45 p.m., parishioners in **Upper School** are invited to meet for food and lively discussion of the questions that matter, and the answers Christ gives. Discussion led by Scott Howard, Betsy Howard, and Jessica Osborne, with support from Fr. O' Brien and Dr. Bergstrom.

THURSDAY MEN'S FORUM

Good Food for Body and Soul

The Human Nature of Christ –
What it is and Why it matters.

Donation suggested - Guests Welcome

Food service begins, 11:50 a.m.

Talk runs 12:10 - 12:50 p.m.

Please reserve your place by Tuesday

rick@wrightadvisorygroup.com

or call the Church Office 232-1251.

MEANS OF GRACE

How do we grow as Christians, and as churches? At its core, spiritual growth is the work of God in the individual heart, it is the renewal of the mind and will, (Ephesians 4:23, Romans 12:2). It is this inward work in the mind and heart by the Word and Spirit which is the "grace" we often pray for, as when we ask in the Litany for the "increase of grace to hear meekly thy Word, and to receive with pure affection, and to bring forth the fruit of the Spirit".

But how is that gift given? By what means does God accomplish his gracious work in the heart? One might say, 'in everything', and you would be right. God works through everything that happens to accomplish in his own people his gracious will. It's all grace— the good *and* the bad. Yet one must also say, that God has ordained particular "means of grace" – the ministry of Word and Sacrament entrusted

to the Church - through which he works in us, and by which we lay hold of grace. So spiritual growth, growth in grace, is both invisible and visible, it is both something inward in the individual soul, and also outward and shared in the fellowship of believers.

That's why spiritual growth requires we gather together (Hebrews 10:25); and it should result in people who go forth to serve their neighbours in love. The *gathering together in fellowship* and the *going forth to serve* are the condition and consequence of spiritual growth. But what lies between is the critical part - the renewing of the mind in the *teaching* of the Word of God, the will renewed in *common prayer*, the quickening and confirming grace of the *Sacraments*.

That is why in fall and winter St. John's invests so heavily on Sundays and weekdays in manifold opportunities for *gathering together to learn*, to *pray*, to receive the *sacraments*, and to *serve*. Spiritual growth does not lie in just one of these elements, but in them all together. So let us be gathered together, and gather others with us; let those who learn also pray, and those who pray receive the sacraments, and those who receive the sacraments also serve, and

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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. Wm. Howard Helmken, Jr.

USHER CHAIRMAN

Mr. R. Scott Howard

The flowers at the altar are given to the glory of God and loving memory of John F. Fitzpatrick by his family.

CHANCEL SOCIETY

Mrs. Carter C. Hubbard Sr., Mrs. Philip F. Kirk
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Mrs. T. Herbert Guerry III, Mrs. Sanford G. Simmons
Mrs. L. Dale Hendrix, Jr., Mrs. R. Bartley Turner

ACOLYTES

8:00
10:30 Clayton Compton
Chris Dixon, John Osborne
Charles Perrie, Patrick Perrie
Hawkins Pindar,

COFFEE HOUR

Mrs. Stuart Soule

SUNDAY MORNING 9:30 A.M.

ADULT CLASS (CHAPEL)

The Articles of Religion - IX-XVIII Salvation in Christ (the Rector)

TUESDAY AND THURSDAY MORNING

Men's Bible Study & Discussion Groups

(READING ROOM, 3RD FLOOR, CRANMER HALL)

Tuesday 7:00 a.m. – *Colossians* with Fr. O'Brien.

Thursday 7:00 a. m. — *Acts of the Apostles*, with Fr. Dunbar

Women's Bible Study & Discussion

Thursday Study Group will be reading Dorothy Sayers *Mind of the Maker* with Fr. O'Brien.

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

let those who serve also learn, that we may indeed grow up into health and maturity as Christians. GGD

PARISH KALENDAR THIS WEEK

Monday to Friday

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

Morning or Evening Prayer

Saturday 29th - MICHAELMAS

10:30 a.m. *Holy Communion*

NEXT SUNDAY, 30th September:

5:30 p.m. CHORAL EVENSONG

FOR MICHAELMAS

Wine & Cheese Reception to follow in the Mall & Green Meldrim House

EUPHORIA, EXHAUSTION & EXQUISITE BEAUTY

Betty Ann Foran shares her experience *of singing in the choir.*

I joined St. John's choir in January 1978 after we moved here from Nova Scotia. I was a refugee from Vatican II in the Roman Catholic Church, when the baby was thrown out with the bath water, along with the scores of beautiful music composed by Mozart, Palestrina and the like. So after years of hearing the word of God put to Kumbaya, I was desperate to sing and hear good church music again. The first morning we attended St John's, I heard it! The choir sang *Kyrie Eleison, Agnus Dei, Sanctus* and a wonderful anthem by Mozart. I walked up to the chancel during the postlude and joined the choir after the last note was played.

When we sing in the choir, we share the gift of music not only with God, for Whom it is offered, but with the clergy, the congregation and last but not least fellow choir members. There is a bond amongst us that comes from having so many unique musical experiences. We share the joy each Sunday of processing in choir robes behind the

cross to that beautiful chancel and there sing for the glory of God. We share that same euphoria, mixed with exhaustion, during three full Communion on Easter Sunday. We share the exquisite beauty of Communion on Christmas Eve and the quiet simplicity of the service on Christmas morn. The musical experience encompasses all, from practice on Wednesday night to a moving Evensong at day's end. As if that isn't enough, every four years we have been going to England for a week to sing daily Evensong plus a Sunday Communion in a magnificent cathedral. This experience is enhanced daily by tours to see ruins, castles and estates with the incredibly well informed tour master, Gavin Dunbar. It is an honor, a privilege and a joy for us to experience all of this. Linus summed this all up when he said, "Happiness is singing in the choir." BAF

SUNDAY ADULT EDUCATION

Caffeine & Christianity – led by Jeremy Bergstrom, Reading Room, Cranmer Hall.

Sin & Expiation in Shakespeare's History Plays – led by David Noble – Conference Room, above Chapel.

"Are you really The One?" – led by Jack Wray, Classroom, 3rd floor Cranmer Hall.

The Thirty-Nine Articles – led by Fr. Dunbar, Chapel.

WEEKDAY ADULT EDUCATION

Reading Room, 3rd Floor, Cranmer Hall

Tuesdays 7-8 a.m. – Men's Bible Study – *Colossians* led by Fr. O' Brien

Thursdays 7-8 a.m. – Men's Bible Study – *Acts* led by Fr. Dunbar

Thursdays 9:15 -10:30 a.m. Women's Book Discussion – *Mind of the Maker* led by Fr. O' Brien

8:00 A.M.—HOLY COMMUNION

Collect, Epistle, and Gospel 212
A continental breakfast is available in Cranmer Hall following this service.

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

9:30-10:15 A.M.— ALL AGES CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

(Chapel, Cranmer Hall and Conference Room)

9:30-10:15 a.m.—Pre-School through 6th Grade Summer Program (Cranmer Hall)

10:30 a.m.—Activities for Pre-School & Kindergarten (Cranmer Hall)

Jr. Choir—grades 1—4

10:30 A.M.—MORNING PRAYER AND SERMON

CARILLON

HYMN #288 *O Worship the King*.....Hanover

Sentences, Confession, Absolution and Lord’s Prayer Prayer Book 3-7

Versicles and Responses..... 7-8

VENITE (Hymnal #610)..... 9

Psalm #86 447

First Lesson: Ephesians 3:13 212

TE DEUM LAUDAMUS (Hymnal #615, 619) 10

Second Lesson: St. Luke 17:11 212

BENEDICTUS (Hymnal #634) 14

Apostles' Creed..... 15

Versicles and Responses..... 16

Collect for the Day 212

Other Collects and Prayers, the Grace 17-20

HYMN #314 *We Sing of God* Magdalen College

Jr. Choir children will exit following the crucifer.

THE SERMON Fr. Dunbar

OFFERING

Sentences

Anthem: *All People that on Earth do Dwell* Thomas Tallis

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

Prayer and Blessing

HYMN #282 *Praise My Soul the King of Heaven*Lauda Anima

ORGAN: *Toccata in F# minor* Dietrich Buxtehude

*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.)