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**THIS SUNDAY AT 5:30 P.M.**  
**CHORAL EVENSONG FOR CANDLEMAS**  
**& PROCESSION WITH CANDLES**

*Nursery available. Reception to follow in Green-Meldrim House.*

**SATURDAY FEBRUARY 9<sup>TH</sup> - RUMMAGE SALE - 9 A.M. TO NOON.**

Donations of clothes, shoes, handbags, linens, curtains, etc.. may be received Monday to Friday (Feb. 4<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup>). For information or to help, call Nita Ann Klein 927-4270.

***THIS SUNDAY - CHILDREN'S 9:30 A.M.***

***ASSEMBLY IN THE CHAPEL***

Candlemas commemorates the coming of the infant Jesus to the Temple and his being recognized by aged Simeon (and Anna) as "a light to lighten the Gentiles". Candlemas calls us to recognize, receive, and bear to others the light of Christ; as Simeon and Anna did. It is also about the transmission of faith from older to younger. In the chapel at 9:30 a.m. this Sunday after Candlemas, some older parishioners will share with the Sunday School children their faith in Christ, and their memories of growing up in his Church. Please join them!

**THE CALL TO LABOUR (Pt 2)**

"The Church knows our inability to change rapidly, to go abruptly from one spiritual or mental state to another. Thus, long before the actual effort of Lent is to begin, the Church calls our attention to its seriousness and invites us to meditate on its significance. Before we can practice Lent we are given its meaning" (Schmemmann, *Great Lent*, 1974). On the three Sundays before we begin the corporate disciplines of Lent - fasting, prayer, and almsgiving - the Church takes care to instruct her members in their importance and purpose.

**ADULT CONFIRMATION CLASS**

For adults seeking Confirmation (or Baptism), newcomers, inquirers, and those seeking a "refresher" course Sundays at 9:30 a.m. in the Reading Room, on the third floor of Cranmer Hall. Confirmation is Sunday April 21<sup>st</sup>. Please speak to the clergy if interested in confirmation or baptism.

So on this Sunday, Sexagesima, the epistle (in its historic extended version 2 Corinthians 11:19-12:9) speaks of the apostle's *patient endurance* of trials and labours for the sake of the gospel, "in watchings often, in hunger and thirst, in fastings often". In his weakness God's power is made perfect. The gospel (Luke 8:4-15) also speaks of the *patience* in which the seed of the word is

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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, as hospitals are reluctant to give out any information.

**ST. JOHN'S WEB SITE**

Parish Paper essays may be read on our web site: [www.stjohnsav.org](http://www.stjohnsav.org)

**VESTRY OFFERING CHAIRMEN**

8:00 Mr. Arthur D. Weed  
10:30 John M. Hewson III, Esq.

**USHER CHAIRMAN**

Mr. Robert F. Brannen

The flowers at the altar last Sunday were also given to the glory of God in memory of loved ones by Dr. Thomas C. Stultz.

And in loving memory of William Perry Thompson, Robert Mather Thompson, and Mr. and Mrs Herbert Mather by Mrs. William P. Thompson.

And in loving memory of Sara Jane Kuszak by Cheshire Nash McIntosh, John Nash McIntosh, Christopher Wood Dixon McIntosh, Horace Smithy McIntosh, William Tallman, Mr. and Mrs. James T. Walker, Jr. and James Andrew Walker.

And a permanent memorial given in memory of John H. Calais and Mr. and Mrs. John S. Calais by the Chancel Society.

**CHANCEL SOCIETY**

Mrs. Edward J. Derst III, Mrs. Richard C.E. Jennings  
Mrs. Carter C. Hubbard, Sr., Ms. Anne H. Mingleddorf  
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**ACOLYTES**

**8:00** Jamie McClellan  
**10:30** John Osborne, Mikel Kelly  
Chris Dixon, Charles Perrie  
Patrick Perrie, Hunt Wasden  
**5:30 Evensong**  
Mikel Kelly  
Lindsay Pindar, Hawkins Pindar

**COFFEE HOUR CHAIRMAN**

Mrs. David A. Young

**MEN'S STUDY & DISCUSSION GROUPS**

*Tuesdays at 7 a.m. (Parish House) Fr O'Brien*  
*Thursdays at 7 a.m. (Reading Room) Fr Dunbar*

**NO Men's Forum this Thursday**

**WOMEN'S STUDY & DISCUSSION GROUPS**

*Monday at Noon (Reading Room) Dr. Bergstrom*  
*Thursday at 9:15 a.m. (Reading Rm) Fr O'Brien*

**PARISH KALENDAR THIS WEEK**

**MONDAY – FRIDAY (CHAPEL)**

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

**in addition ON WEDNESDAY**

9:45am *Litany*  
10AM – *Sung Eucharist*

PLEASE REMEMBER YOUR CHURCH IN YOUR WILL

received and cultivated until it bears fruit. The Old Testament figure is Noah, who in *patient* adherence to the promises of God and in reliance upon his power rides out the baptismal flood and is brought into new creation (Genesis 6-8). Here the virtue that is being cultivated is chiefly *hope* (under the aspect of patience) grounded in God's promise and in his power. The Lenten discipline chiefly in view is *prayer*. That discipline corresponds to the principle established in the second Temptation of Christ - that God's providence is to be trusted, not put to the test ("thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God").

Fasting is the foundation of Lenten discipline, but it is not meant to stand alone. Without some measure of self-denial in eating and drinking and sensual pleasure generally, the observance of Lent is an empty exercise. But as the teaching of Christ in the Sermon on the Mount indicates (Matthew 6), fasting is complemented by prayer and almsgiving. In fasting we learn to curb the turbulence of sensuality, so that in liberty of spirit we may turn our attention to the service of God in prayer, and to our neighbour in relief of need. In prayer we wait in *patience* upon the promise of God, "in hunger and thirst, in fastings often", glorying in his strength which is made perfect in our weakness.

Prayer comes in many different forms. Central to the life of prayer is the discipline of "common prayer" - a twice-daily corporate discipline centered in the shared reading of the word of God in holy Scripture, to the praise of his glory and in petition for

his grace. At St. John's Morning and Evening Prayer is said in the chapel Monday to Friday at 8:15 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. (and in Lent is accompanied by Holy Communion.) It can also be said privately - all you need is a Prayer book and a Bible. A leaflet with instructions for following the service on your own (or in a simplified version) is available in the tract rack or in the window by the entrance to the chapel. GGD

#### APPLES OF GOLD

This 6-week Lenten Fellowship and Study for young married women on Saturday mornings begins Feb. 9th. It is a proven means of deepening ties and growing spiritually. For information, email Coren Ross [mom4travel@aol.com](mailto:mom4travel@aol.com).

#### ST. JOHN'S PRE-SCHOOL ENROLLMENT FOR FALL 2013

Advance enrollment for parishioners of St. John's is open **Wednesday January 30<sup>th</sup> to Tuesday February 5<sup>th</sup>**. Registration packets available from Caroline Hayes at 232-1251 or [cqhayes@gmail.com](mailto:cqhayes@gmail.com)

#### NEW—WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Dr Bergstrom's class will begin a study of 1 Corinthians on Mondays 12-1 p.m. beginning February 11<sup>th</sup> and continuing into April.

**THANKS** to Dr. Neil Robertson, who conducted the Elliot House annual clergy seminar this past week; and to Mrs. William Osborne, who organized it with meticulous care; and to Chef Bryn Futrell, who prepared a marvelous Southern-themed meal for the Elliott House Dinner.

**8:00 A.M. – HOLY COMMUNION**

Collect, Epistle, and Gospel (*No Gloria in Excelsis till Easter*) .....p. 120  
*A continental breakfast is available in the Cranmer Hall following this service.*

**9:30 a.m. — 12 Noon NURSERY** (*Cranmer Hall*)

**9:30 A.M. — ALL AGES CHRISTIAN EDUCATION** (*Chapel & Cranmer Hall*)

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

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

HYMN #415 <i>Jesus, Lover of My Soul</i> .....	Aberystwyth
Sentences, Confession, Absolution and Lord's Prayer.....	3-7
Versicles and Responses .....	7-8
VENITE EXULTEMUS DOMINO #608.....	9
Psalm #44.....	394
First Lesson: Genesis 6:5-end. <i>God threatens a great flood and promises to save Noah in the Ark.</i>	
BENEDICITE.....	<i>insert</i>
Second Lesson: 2 Corinthians 11:19 – 12:9 and St. Luke 8:4-15.....	<i>insert and</i> 121
BENEDICTUS #638 .....	14
Apostles' Creed .....	15
Versicles and Responses .....	16
Collect for the Day.....	120
Other Collects and Prayers, the Grace .....	17-20
HYMN #564 <i>How Firm a Foundation</i> .....	Lyons
<i>1<sup>st</sup> through 4<sup>th</sup> grade children enrolled in Jr. Choir will exit following the Cross.</i>	
THE SERMON.....	Fr. Dunbar

**OFFERING**

Sentences

Anthem: *Jesu, Grant Me This, I Pray* ..... Orlando Gibbons/Edward C. Bairstow

Presentation of Alms: #732 *All things are Thine*, ..... Hymnal pg. 787  
 and Hymn #141 (verse 4) *My Country 'tis of Thee* ..... Hymnal pg. 141

Prayer and Blessing

HYMN #562 *Stand Up for Jesus* ..... Webb

ORGAN: *Carillon* ..... Louis Vierne

*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 - as 8 a.m.)**