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DEDICATION AND STEWARDSHIP

The Prayer Book (p. 259) provides for the observance of an annual "Feast of Dedication" - a yearly commemoration of a church's dedication to the service of Almighty God. Because ours falls at a busy time of year (May 7th), we have never been able to observe it with due solemnity. Fortunately, it is an old custom to observe the Feast on a Sunday in October, and therefore, on Sunday October 27th, we shall give thanks for one and hundred and sixty years of worship within these walls, as we pray for God's continued grace and blessing upon all those who pray here in the name of Jesus Christ.

Without the generous offerings of its congregation at that time, there would have been no church to dedicate to God's service in 1853. In 2013, therefore, a Feast of Dedication is a very fitting occasion for the members of the present congregation to dedicate their offerings for the coming year to the service of God. Accordingly, our Feast of Dedication will also be our annual Stewardship Sunday.

Giving to one's church is a personal matter, but one grounded in biblical teaching. Congregations that approach financial stewardship from a biblical

perspective do not view the money Christians give to their church merely as a way to pay its bills. Rather, such congregations see financial contributions as a way to grow spiritually. By supporting their church's mission and ministry with a percentage of their incomes, Christians grow in their relationship with God.

It is these biblical and spiritual



STEWARDSHIP

Offer unto God the sacrifice of thanksgiving, and pay thy vows unto the Most High.

Psalms 50:14

principles of generous giving that are taught in St. John's annual Stewardship campaign during the month of October. It is based on the biblical teaching of the need of the giver to give for his own spiritual development, rather than on the need of the church to receive.

Instead of treating our Parishioners as members of a social club who should pay dues, we ask them to be followers of Jesus Christ who want to give as an act of discipleship.

The Stewardship campaign encourages people to grow towards proportionate and systematic giving in response to the question, "What percentage of my income is God calling me to give?" During the morning services on Stewardship Sunday, we are asking St. John's parishioners to make their financial commitments to our church's mission and ministry.

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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. Charles B. Compton, Jr.

USHER CHAIRMAN

Mr. Sam Forkner

The flowers at the altar are given to the glory of God and in memory and honor of loved ones by the John Helmken family.

The flowers at the altar in the chapel on Wednesday, October 9th were given to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for St. Teresa of Avila and in witness of her life of prayer by Mr. and Mrs. T. Herbert Guerry III.

CHANCEL SOCIETY

Mrs. Thomas E. Johnson, Mrs. Nicolas K. Farley
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ACOLYTES

8:00 John Osborne
10:30 Chris Dixon
Mikel Kelly
Patrick Perrie, Hunt Wasden
Finn Repella,

COFFEE HOUR

Ms. Laura Reid

9:30 A.M. SUNDAY YOUTH & ADULT EDUCATION

- ✚ Dr. Bergstrom will meet with **Upper School** students 3rd floor classroom on the right.
- ✚ Fr. Dunbar: **NEW CLASS** (Oct. & Nov.) *Reading the Word of God in the Spirit.* (Reading Room)
- ✚ David Noble: *Shakespeare makes love AND war in the history plays.* *New title, same class.* - Conference Room (above chapel)
- ✚ Jack Wray: on the *Book of Daniel* (3rd floor classroom on the left)

WEEKDAY TEACHING AND STUDY GROUPS

- Mondays Noon: **Women's Study** *Athanasius on the Incarnation* (Dr. Bergstrom)
- Tuesdays 7 a.m. **Men's Breakfast**, *Study of upcoming Sunday lessons*, Parish House Dining Room (enter by kitchen), with Fr. O'Brien.
- Thursdays 7 a.m. **Men's Bible Study**, *No meeting Thur. 17th; next meeting Thur. 24th.*
- Thursdays Noon: **Men's Forum** *Moses and his Reluctant Pilgrims* (Rev. Dr. Bergstrom) Food served 11:50; Talk runs 12:10-12:50; Guests welcome, donations suggested.

VESTRY NOMINATIONS

Nominations for four five-year terms should be submitted in writing to the Nominating Committee or in a sealed envelope to the Church Office. Nominations will close Wednesday, Nov. 14, 2012.

The Annual Congregational Meeting is on Sunday, November 25, 2012.

Nominees must be:

1. Members of St. John's for at least 5 years;
2. Support St. John's financially; and
3. Worship regularly at St. John's.

PLEASE REMEMBER YOUR CHURCH IN YOUR WILL

In doing so, we respond to the call of Scripture: "offer unto God the sacrifice of thanksgiving, and pay thy vows unto the most High" (Psalm 50:14). Through the spiritual disciplines of stewardship, we grow in thankful commitment to Christ.

Every parishioner who completes an *Estimate of Giving Card* does so voluntarily while attending services at 8 a. m. or 10:30 a. m. on Stewardship Sunday, October 27th. (There will be no service at Noon.) Even if you are do not wish to complete a card, we urge you to attend one of the services and the Breakfast (after the 8 a.m. service) or the Brunch (after the 10:30 a.m. service). The process is done in such a way that no one should feel uncomfortable or conspicuous if he chooses not to fill out an Estimate of Giving card during the service.

There will be no home solicitation to ask people to complete Estimate of Giving cards. This year's guest preacher, Fr Patrick Bright, Rector of All Souls Oklahoma City, will conduct a brief period of instruction and exhortation, culminating in members' making their commitments as a *confidential* act of worship.

The Stewardship Committee and the Vestry will be encouraging all members of St. John's to take part in the observance of our Feast of Dedication and the events of Stewardship Sunday. Since they will make no follow-up visits to ask people to complete their cards, we will make every effort to inform and encourage everyone to attend a service on Stewardship Sunday, October 27. Please do plan take part in the worship of this important day. GGD

RESERVATIONS FOR OCTOBER 27TH:

If you know you are going to be out of town for Dedication and Stewardship Sunday, or to reserve your place now, please call or email Elaine Barrow at (912) 598-9325 or at ehbarrow@aol.com.

THE CHILDREN'S SCHOOL
AT ST. JOHN'S CHURCH *Open House*
Wednesday 16th October 9:30-10:30
a.m. Come hear about our plans!
Some spaces still available.

THURSDAY WOMEN'S GROUP

WITH FR. O'BRIEN

begins Thursday, Oct. 17th

9:15 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. in the reading room. Thomas A Kempis' Devotional Classic, *The Imitation of Christ*.

Copies available in office.

PARISH KALENDAR THIS WEEK

Monday – Office Closed

8:15 a.m. *Morning Prayer*

No service at 5:30 p.m.

Tuesday to Thursday

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

Morning or Evening Prayer

In addition, on Wednesday

9:45 a.m. *Litany*

10 a.m. *Sung Eucharist*

Friday, October 18th

SAINT LUKE THE EVANGELIST

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

Holy Communion with

Morning or Evening Prayer

BAZAAR NOTES

Bazaar Chairmen: Mandatory meeting 5 p.m. Wednesday October 16th Cranmer Hall

Waitressing is the fun job! Please call Katie Solana at (912) 660-3874

Silent Auction donations sought.

Tell Coren Ross mom4travel@aol.com or 398-6884

Check website for more Bazaar Notes

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8 A.M.—HOLY COMMUNION

COLLECT, EPISTLE, and GOSPEL Prayer Book, page 217
A continental breakfast is available in Cranmer Hall following this service.

9:30-12:00 Noon: NURSERY (*Cranmer Hall*)

9:30—10:15 A.M.: ALL AGES CHRISTIAN EDUCATION
Cranmer Hall and Conference Room.

9:30 A.M. – NOON: PRESCHOOL to/and PRE-KINDERGARTEN
(Cranmer Hall –activities for children during the 9:30 education and/or 10:30 service times)

10:30 A.M.—MORNING PRAYER AND SERMON

HYMN #301 <i>Immortal, Invisible, God only Wise</i>	St.Denio
Sentences, Confession, Absolution and Lord’s Prayer	Prayer Book pages 5-7
Versicles, Responses and Lord’s Prayer	7-8
VENITE (Hymnal #610).....	9
Psalm #145	520
First Lesson: Proverbs 9 <i>Wisdom’s Banquet</i>	<i>insert</i>
TE DEUM LAUDAMUS (Hymnal #615, 619)	10
Second Lesson: Ephesians 5:15; St. Matthew 22:1	217, 218
BENEDICTUS (Hymnal #634)	14
Apostles’ Creed.....	15
Versicles and Responses.....	16
Collect for the Day	217
Fixed Collects, other prayers, and the Grace	17-20
HYMN #195 <i>Father We Thank Thee</i>	Rendez a Dieu
<i>Children up to Grade Four may exit following the cross for Junior Choir</i>	
THE SERMON	Fr. O’Brien

OFFERING

Sentences

Anthem: *Lead me, Lord, from Praise the Lord, O my Soul..* Samuel Sebastian Wesley
Presentation of Alms: Doxology #139, and Hymn #141 (verse 4)

Final Prayer and Blessing

HYMN #276 *Now Thank we all our God* Nun Danket

ORGAN: Voluntary for Trumpet and Flute John Stanley

Everyone is invited to attend Coffee Hour at the Green Meldrim House immediately following the 10:30 service. If you are a guest or visiting our parish, please make yourself known.

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