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## ASH WEDNESDAY - FAST DAY

*For all the baptized not prevented by reason of health or necessity, Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are observed by a complete fast from food until the evening, when a light meal is taken. The other weekdays of Lent are marked by abstinence, that is, a reduction in quality of food and drink and other sensual pleasures. The historic custom is to abstain from flesh meat.*

On Ash Wednesday: **IMPOSITION OF ASHES AND HOLY COMMUNION:**

*In the Chapel:* 7:15 a.m. *In the Church:* 10 a.m.; 12:15 p.m.; and 5:30 p.m. (with choir)

Morning Prayer: 8:15 a.m. (Chapel). Litany 9:45 a.m. (Church)

### PARISH KALENDAR THIS WEEK

#### Monday and Tuesday

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

*Morning or Evening Prayer*

#### Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

5:15 p.m. -7:15 p.m.

*Tickets \$10/adult; \$5/child.*

*Proceeds to Boys' and Girls' Choirs.*

#### Thursday and Friday

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

*Morning or Evening Prayer*

*with Holy Communion*

#### Saturday

10:30 a.m. *Holy Communion*

with his disciples, to suffer, die, and rise again. For Christ, this pilgrimage is a passing over through suffering to glory, from the world to the Father. For the disciples, it is a journey from blindness to vision, from perplexity and confusion to understanding and knowledge. The epistle lesson (1 Corinthians 13) speaks of an inward pilgrimage: the putting away of "childish things", and the growing up in faith, in hope, and above all, in charity, into the maturity of spiritual life as citizens of the heavenly Jerusalem. "Now we see through a glass, darkly, but then face to face; now I know in part, but then shall know even as also I am known". What is seen with clarity and willed with steadfast charity, in the fellowship of the heavenly Jerusalem, is the true and eternal good, God himself, to be glorified and enjoyed forever.

**THE CALL TO LABOUR (3)**  
The three Sundays before Lent prepare the Church to undertake the labours and disciplines of Lent - fasting, prayer, and almsgiving. Today's Old Testament Lesson speaks of this labour as a journey or pilgrimage of faith, hope, and charity - Abraham's call by God, his journey to the land of promise, his offering of sacrifice (Genesis 12:1-9). The gospel lesson (*Luke* 18:31-43) also speaks of the same journey, completed in Christ's going up to Jerusalem

This emphasis on charity - the willing of the eternal good known with clarity - corresponds to the third temptation of Christ, when Satan offered Christ "all the kingdoms of the world, and the glory of them if thou wilt fall down 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, 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.stjohnssav.org

VESTRY OFFERING CHAIRMEN

8:00 Mr. Arthur D. Weed
10:30 Mr. John C. Helmken II

USHER CHAIRMAN

Mr. Robert F. Brannen

The flowers at the altar last Sunday were also given to the glory of God and in honour of Mrs. Frederick Debele Maner on her birthday by her family.

The flowers in the baptismal font are given to the glory of God on the occasion of the Holy Baptism of Charles Morgan Williams, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. G. Morgan William, and in memory of his grandmother Nita Morgan Williams.

CHANCEL SOCIETY

Mrs. Edward J. Derst III, Mrs. Richard C.E. Jennings
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DAILY LENTEN SERVICES

Mrs. Jonathan D. Sprague, Mrs. David A. Young
Mrs. Neil H. Victor, Mrs. Timothy E. Coy
Ms. Anne H. Mingleдорff

ACOLYTES

8:00 Kameron Sallee
10:30 Lawson Turner
Chris Dixon,
CharlesPerrie, Patrick Perrie
Turner Stevens, Jamie McClellalan

COFFEE HOUR CHAIRMAN

Mrs. Richard C. E. Jennings

MEN'S STUDY & DISCUSSION GROUPS

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

MEN'S FORUM

Thursday at Noon:

Good food for body and soul
Guests welcome. Donation suggested.

Great Men of Faith: Abraham
(Dr Bergstrom)

WOMEN'S STUDY & DISCUSSION GROUPS

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

ORGAN CONCERT

There will be a One Year Anniversary Organ Concert given by Louis Shirer at All Saints Episcopal Church, 3001 Meeting St., Hilton Head Island, SC. Sunday, Feb. 10th at 4pm. All members from St. John's are cordially invited.

PLEASE REMEMBER YOUR CHURCH IN YOUR WILL

worship me". Christ replied with the word of God that says: "Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve" - by loving him with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and loving our neighbour as ourselves.

Beginning in the third and fourth century, there were Christians (both men and women) seeking to live more fully the life of prayer, who followed the example of Christ by going out into the desert wilderness. Their rule of life was later summed up as "ora et labora" – prayer and work. Fasting often, they prayed continuously, meditating on the psalms as they wove mats and baskets out of palm leaves. These they sold, and whatever they did not keep for their own very modest needs, they gave as alms to relieve the poor. This way of life (which gave birth to the great monastic communities that survive to this day in many parts of the world) has a remarkable unity, simplicity and focus not usually available to Christians living in the world, and distracted by many commitments. But in Lent the Church proposes to her members to make a little desert wilderness in their lives, where, with less distraction by worldly business and worldly pleasures, they may give themselves more fully to the spiritual disciplines of fasting, prayer, and almsgiving. As the virtue of faith in God is cultivated in the practice of fasting, and the virtue of hope in God in the practice of prayer, so the virtue of charity (love) toward God and man is cultivated in the giving of alms and other services of compassion. We deny ourselves through fasting, that we may give ourselves more fully to God in prayer, and more fully to our needy neighbour in charity. GGD

### **PARKING ON SAINT PATRICK'S DAY**

For fairness and convenience, on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> March parking lot spaces in the St. John's Parking Lot are available to St. John's parishioners *by reservation*, in return for a donation of \$20.00 to the Men's Club. Spaces will be held until 11 a.m., and any unreserved spaces will be available on first-come first-serve basis. To reserve your parking space send an email to [Mensclub@stjohnssav.org](mailto:Mensclub@stjohnssav.org) or speak to Rick Wright 598-2073.

Please note that a special **Family service** is planned for St. Patrick's Day at 9:30 a.m., followed by a **special event** for children in the garden mall. Further details to be announced.

### **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.

### **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.](#)

**8:00 A.M. – HOLY COMMUNION**

Collect, Epistle, and Gospel (*The Gloria in Excelsis is omitted until Easter*) ..... 122  
*A continental breakfast is available in Cranmer Hall following this service.*

**9:30 — 12 Noon NURSERY**

**9:30 A.M. — ALL AGES CHRISTIAN EDUCATION** (*Chapel & Cranmer Hall*)  
**10:30 –Pre-school—3 year olds through Kindergarten** (*Cranmer Hall*)  
**Jr. Choir—1<sup>st</sup> through 4<sup>th</sup> Grade** (*Cranmer Hall*)

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

HYMN #479 *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* .....Hyfrydol  
 Opening Sentences, Confession, Absolution and Lord’s Prayer ... Prayer Book pp 3-7  
 Versicles and Responses..... 7-8  
 VENITE EXULTEMUS DOMINO #608 ..... 9  
 Psalm #77 ..... 433  
 First Lesson: Genesis 12:1-9 *God calls Abram with a promise of blessing.*  
 BENEDICITE, OMNIA OPERA DOMINI..... *insert*  
 Second Lesson: I Corinthians 13:1, St. Luke 18:31..... 123  
 BENEDICTUS #638..... 14  
 Apostles’ Creed..... 15  
 Versicles and Responses..... 16  
 Collect for the Day ..... 122  
 Other Collects and Prayers and the Grace ..... 17-20  
 HYMN #554 *Lead On, O King Eternal* ..... Lancashire  
*1<sup>st</sup> through 4<sup>th</sup> grade Children enrolled in Jr. Choir will exit following the Cross.*  
 THE SERMON ..... Fr. Dunbar

**OFFERING**

Sentences

Anthem: *Though I Speak with the Tongues of Men* ..... Edward C. Bairstow  
 Presentation of Alms: #732 *All Things are Thine*..... Gardiner  
 and Hymn #141 (verse 4)

Prayer and Blessing

HYMN #376 *Come Down, O Love Divine* [additional stanza on insert] ..... Down Ampney  
 ORGAN: Hymn Prelude on *Hyfrydol*..... Gerald Near

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*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.*

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**12 Noon—HOLY COMMUNION (Chapel - as 8 a.m.)**