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## MONDAY, MARCH 17TH ST. PATRICK'S DAY

9:30 a.m. *Family Friendly Sung Eucharist*

followed by *Snake Hunt* in Mall Area. Parade attire welcome.

## TUESDAY MARCH 18TH, 6 P.M. ORDINATION OF A PRIEST

### PRIESTLY MINISTRY – PART II

*An ordination sermon from 1987, by the late Fr Robert Crouse, patron of the Elliott House of Studies.*

The ministry of Christ to his Church is multifaceted: it is a ministry of proclamation, of teaching, of exhortation and rebuke, making ready and clear the Lord's pathway through the wilderness; it is a ministry of governing and ruling, leading souls redeemed to heaven; but, above all, the ministry of Christ is a priestly ministry – the ministry of his one all-sufficient sacrifice, his one oblation of himself once offered, and his satisfaction for the sins of the whole world. He came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many. He is the good shepherd, who lays down his life for the sheep.

It is precisely that priestly, sacrificial ministry of Christ which the priesthood of the Church must represent, in word and sacrament. The priest must preach and live the word of reconciliation – the reconciliation of man to God, through the Cross of Christ; and therefore, it is the special office and duty of the priest to be the instrument of Christ in the celebration of the Holy Eucharist, which is, as St. Paul puts it, the showing forth of the reconciling sacrifice of Christ, until he come again (1 Corinthians 11:26). And, in Christ's name, the priest must minister God's word of

blessing and forgiveness, which that sacrifice has won.

Thus, in word and sacramental sign, the priest is minister of the saving sacrifice of Christ. As Archbishop Cranmer explains,

*The minister of the Church speaketh unto us God's own words, which we must take as spoken from God's own mouth, because ... his word it is, and not the minister's. Likewise, when he ministereth to our sights Christ's holy sacraments, we must think Christ crucified before our eyes, because the sacraments so represent him, and be his sacraments, and not the priest's.*

...To be a minister of Christ, a steward of the mysteries of God! What a terrible responsibility that is! "I was with you", says St. Paul, "in weakness, and in fear, and in much trembling" (2:3). To be ambassador for Christ, to be instrument of the word and will of God for mankind's salvation! How utterly deficient, how utterly incapable we are! Who could undertake such things, unless in faith and hope that he who calls will also grant sufficiency; unless in knowledge of the everlasting charity of God which freely covers all our sins.

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The flowers at the altar on Sunday are given to the glory of God and in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Harrell Charles Murray and Miss Ernestine Murray by Dr. and Mrs. Morgan W. Murray and in honour of our beloved Nellie Schmidt on her 98th birthday by Peter and Rence Schmidt

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8:00 John Osborne
10:30 Lawson Turner
Mikel Kelly
Jamie McClellan, Henry Osborne
Hawkins Pindar, Joseph Saffold

COFFEE HOUR CHAIRMAN

Mrs. James Pedrick

SUNDAY YOUTH & ADULT EDUCATION

- Fr. O' Brien Upper School, Fellowship Hall
• Dr. Bergstrom: Adult Catechism Reading Rm
• Mr. Jack Wray: The Seven Penitential Psalms. 3rd floor, back left classroom Cranmer Hall.

WEEKDAY STUDY GROUPS

- Monday Noon: Women's Study - NO MEETING THIS WEEK.
• Tuesdays 7 a.m. Men's Breakfast, NO MEETING THIS WEEK.
• Thursdays 7 a.m. Men's Bible Study, on Samuel, Reading Room (Fr. Dunbar)
• Thursdays 9:15 a.m. Women's Study, on The Imitation of Christ, with Fr. O'Brien

MEN'S FORUM

No meeting this week.

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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 Mrs. R. Bartley Turner (Christiana)

USHER CHAIRMAN

Mr. Robert F. Brannen

To be a minister of Christ, in a world which becomes each day more secular, and in a Church sorely tempted to conform itself more and more to the spirit of the present age, and all the "isms" of the age: to be truly a minister of Christ in such a world is to be a sign of contradiction; as, indeed, the Cross of Christ is always a sign of contradiction – a stumbling-block to Jews, and foolishness to Greeks. And what ambassador can live that life of contradiction, unless he be sustained by regular supplies from home? His living Master's gracious word, and the lively prayers of his compatriots, must be his daily bread.

[This newly ordained priest] is called and chosen as an ambassador of heaven – as a priestly minister of Christ, a steward of the mysteries of God. May he be found faithful in that calling, with humility and thankfulness, knowing that "we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellency of the power may be of God, and not of us" (2 Corinthians 4:7). May the living word of God sustain him; may the Spirit's gifts inspire him; may the prayers of all the saints in heaven and on earth uphold him, now and ever. RDC

*For those to be admitted into Holy Orders.*

ALMIGHTY God, the giver of all good gifts, who of thy divine providence hast appointed divers Orders in thy Church; Give thy grace, we humbly beseech thee, to all those who are to be called to any office and administration in the same; and so replenish them with the truth of thy doctrine, and endue them with innocence of life, that they may faithfully serve before thee, to the glory of thy great Name, and the benefit of thy holy Church; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### **EASTER LILIES AND EASTER BRASS**

To give a lily for the Church at Easter, send a check for \$35 payable to St. John's Chancel Society marked "*Easter Lily*".

To contribute to the cost of the Brass players on Easter, please send a check payable to St. John's Church marked "*Easter brass*".

Please indicate the specific intention of the gift (memorial, thanksgiving, etc.). *The list will be published the Sunday after Easter.*

### **PARISH KALENDAR THIS WEEK**

#### **Monday March 17<sup>th</sup>**

*Church Office Closed*

9:30 a.m. *Holy Communion*

*(Family Service)*

*No other Services*

#### **Tuesday March 18<sup>th</sup>**

8:15 a.m. *Morning Prayer & Holy Communion*

5:00 p.m. *Evening Prayer*

6:00 p.m. ***Ordination and Solemn Eucharist***

#### **Wednesday to Friday**

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

*Holy Communion with Morning or Evening Prayer*

#### **In addition, on Wednesday, March 19<sup>th</sup>**

#### **FEAST OF ST. JOSEPH**

Fr. Bergstrom's First Celebration

9:45 a.m. *Litany*

10 a.m. *Sung Eucharist*

#### **Saturday**

9:00 a.m. *Holy Communion.*

#### **WEEKDAY OFFERINGS IN LENT**

*Unpledged offerings at weekday services in Lent will be reserved for the relief of those in need at home and abroad.*

**8:00 A.M. —HOLY COMMUNION—***(No Gloria in excelsis during Lent)*

Collects, Epistle, and Gospel..... 125, (124), 126

*A continental breakfast is available in Cranmer Hall following this service.*

***A donation of \$4/person is suggested.***

9:00—12 Noon NURSERY *(Cranmer Hall)*

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

10:30a.m. —Pre-school Worship —3 and 4 year olds *(Cranmer Hall)*

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

***10:20 a.m. Congregational Rehearsal of Ordination Hymn "Veni Creator" #217***

CARILLON

HYMN #61 *The Glory of These Forty Days*.....Spines

Sentences, Confession, Absolution, Lord’s Prayer.....Prayer Book, pages 6, 7

Versicles and Responses..... 7-8

VENITE EXULTEMUS DOMINO #606..... 9

Psalm #25 .....369

First Lesson: Genesis 27: 1-46; 28: 1-4 *Jacob obtains a blessing from Isaac.*

BENEDICITE #744..... Hymn Book p. 835

Second Lesson: I Thessalonians 4:1, St. Matthew 15:21 ..... 127, 128

BENEDICTUS #638..... 14

Apostles’ Creed..... 15

Versicles and Responses..... 16

Collect for the Day ..... 127 (124)

Fixed Collects..... 17

Other Prayers, Prayer of St. Chrysostom and the Grace ..... 17- 20

HYMN #567 *Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us*.....Dulce Carmen

*Kindergarten through 4<sup>th</sup> grade children may exit following the Cross for music.*

THE SERMON..... Fr. O'Brien

**OFFERING**

Sentences

Anthem: *Like as the Hart* (Psalm 42, Prayer Book p.392) ..... Herbert Howells

Presentation of Alms: #732 *All Things are Thine*..... Gardiner

Prayer and Blessing

HYMN #553 *Go Forward, Christian Soldier*..... Lancashire

ORGAN: *Lord God, we all give praise to Thee*.....Johann Walther

*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 (CHURCH- AS 8 A.M.)**