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THIS SUNDAY - CONFIRMATION

Sunday at 10:30 a.m. we welcome Bishop Dorsey Henderson of Upper South Carolina, who visits us on behalf of Bishop Benhase.

THIRD SERVICE AT 12:15 P.M. TODAY

CANDIDATES TO BE CONFIRMED (YOUTH):

taught by *Mr. and Mrs. Carter Hubbard, and Mrs. James McClellan, Jr.*

*Mariah Kay Duncan
Samuel Lawrence Forkner, IV.
William Pace Hargrove
Jackson Stuart McClellan
Brianna Lee Scott*

CANDIDATES TO BE CONFIRMED (ADULTS):

taught by *Fr. Bergstrom and Fr. Dunbar*

*Annette Irene Bader
Richie Darnell Finn Reid
Grace Meredith Repella
Robert Adger Ross, Jr.
Tiffany Dawn Taylor
Carole Brannen Wilson
John Morrison Wilson
Richard Lee Wright*

TO BE RECEIVED

Martin Roberts Sullivan, Jr.

Confirmands and Families:

- Adult Candidates are asked to meet in the Church at 9:15; adult and youth candidates will meet the Bishop at 9:30 a.m., in the Reading Room. .
- At 10:30, candidates and families are asked to sit in reserved pews (candidates in front of the pulpit, families in front of the lectern).
- During the final hymn, those who have been confirmed and received and their families are asked to follow the clergy out of the church, and proceed to the Parish House for photographs and presentations at Coffee Hour.

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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.

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ON FACEBOOK: St. John's Church in Savannah

VESTRY OFFERING CHAIRMEN

8:00 Mr. Arthur D. Weed
 10:30 Joseph R. Ross, Esq.

USHER CHAIRMAN

Mr. E. Brian Culver

Continued from last Sunday's Parish Paper Lilies at Easter were given: to the glory of God and in gratitude for St. John's Church and especially for the clergy by Leisl and David Noble.

The flowers at the altar this Sunday are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Wilson, Jr., by Mr. and Mrs. Randolph Wilson.

And in loving memory of Frank B. Arden Jr., by his family.

And in loving memory of Jolana Swift Bradshaw by Mr. and Mrs. John G. Bradshaw, Jr., and family.

And on the occasion of the marriage of Emily Caroline Connell and Leslie Alexander French.

CHANCEL SOCIETY

Mrs. T. Herbert Guerry III, Mrs. Timothy E. Coy
 Mrs. Carter C. Hubbard, Ms. Anne H. Mingledorff
 Mrs. Jonathan D. Sprague, Mrs. Roland S. Summers
 Mrs. W. Lee Belford, Mrs. Mrs. Marshall F. Campbell,
 Mrs. William T. Moore, Jr.

ACOLYTES

8:00 Lindsay Pindar
10:30 Chris Dixon
 Charles Perrie, Hunt McDen
 Turner Stevens, Jamie McClellan
 Finn Repella, Edwin Shepherd

CONFIRMATION RECEPTION

The Women of St. John's

ADULT EDUCATION SUNDAY 9:30 A.M.

- Fr. O'Brien: *Upper School*, Fellowship Hall
- Mr. Jack Wray: *The Seven Penitential Psalms*. 3rd floor, back left classroom Cranmer Hall.

WEEKDAY STUDY GROUPS

- Tuesdays 7 a.m. **Breakfast**, *Offices of Instruction* with Fr. O'Brien
- 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

WOMEN OF ST. JOHN'S

Board meets Monday, May 5, at 10:00 in the Green Meldrim House.

The Women's **Annual Picnic** will be Wednesday, May 7, at 11:00, following the 10:00 service, at the home of Mrs. George Fawcett (Martha), 487 Beaulieu Ave (31406).

All women of St. John's are invited.

TO CONFIRM AND TO BE CONFIRMED

Baptism is the first and decisive step in the initiation of Christians. It is the sacrament by which we are made members of Christ and his Church and are counted the children of God and heirs of everlasting life. In it, moreover, we are pledged to renounce allegiance to the world, the flesh, and the devil (the three foes of God and man), to believe and profess the Christian Faith, and to keep God's holy Will and Commandments. Yet in the developed tradition of the western Church, the Confirmation of the Baptized normally follows, and this usually at years of the age at which one is capable of rational discernment, discrimination, and decision, and after thorough instruction in the Church's catechism. This certainly is the threefold pattern of Christian initiation retained in the historic Prayer Books, although in recent decades there has been variation from the historic norm.

This Confirmation has two elements, to confirm and to be confirmed: a solemn renewal of baptismal vows, which the candidates "ratify and confirm"; and the laying on of hands with prayer for the gifts of the Spirit, by which they are "confirmed" and "strengthened" for the Christian life. The first of these answers the need for a self-conscious faith promised and required for the baptized (Mark 16:16) – especially when they received baptism as infants. The second answers the need for strength, defense, and increase of grace as the baptized grow to spiritual maturity. As the 16th century Prayer Books explained, in terms that go back to late antiquity and to Scripture itself, "forasmuch as confirmation is administered to them that be baptized, that ... they may receive strength and defense against all temptations to sin, and the assaults of the world, and the devil: it is most meet to be administered when children come to that age, that partly by the frailty of their own flesh, partly by the assaults of the world and the devil, they

begin to be in danger to fall into sin".

Not just for adolescents, but for adults too, the Christian life is an embattled life. In our baptism we are enrolled as soldiers of Christ, "manfully to fight under his banner against sin, the world, and the devil"; in confirmation we are armed for the fight. "Satan will assault us" writes Dean Comber, "the world will allure us, and the flesh will entice us to break this vow [of Baptism], but the holy man prays we may ever be defended by the Spirit of grace, so that we may never fall [away]". If in Baptism we begin the Christian life, it is in Confirmation that we armed for spiritual strife, that we may come to maturity in Christ. GGD

PARISH KALENDAR THIS WEEK

MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY

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

Morning or Evening Prayer

IN ADDITION, ON WEDNESDAY

9:45 a.m.—*Litany*

10:00 a.m.—*Sung Eucharist*

THURSDAY MEN'S FORUM

LAST MEETING THIS SPRING

*Good Food for Soul and Body. Guests welcome.
Donation suggested.*

Having the Right Stuff—
The strength and character of St. Paul

(Fr. Bergstrom)

1ST QUARTER STATEMENTS

of Contributions were mailed this week. Call the Church office if yours has not arrived.

MEN OF ST. JOHN'S

24TH ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

Friday May 16th 2014

The Club at Savannah Harbor
Contact Jason Victor @ 247-7282 or

Victor.Jules@gmail.com

Tickets will be on sale during coffee hour \$100.

Per person groups of four.

Save the date for the O'Brien Cup Tennis Tournament on **Wednesday, May 14, 2014**. Call Fr. O'Brien for details 308-4441.

8:00 A.M. – HOLY COMMUNION

COLLECT, EPISTLE, and GOSPEL.....Prayer Book 172
A continental breakfast is available in Cranmer Hall following this service.

9:00 A.M.—12 Noon NURSERY (Cranmer Hall)

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

10:30 –Pre-school Worship Hour—3 year olds and 4 years olds (Cranmer Hall)

10:30 A.M. — CONFIRMATION, SUNG EUCHARIST & ADDRESS

HYMN: #91 *The Strife is O'er* Victory
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 ADDRESS..... The Rt. Rev'd Dorsey Henderson

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Everyone is invited to attend Coffee Hour in honour of the Confirmands in the Parish House immediately after the 10:30 service. If you are a guest and visiting our Parish, please make yourself known.

12:15 p.m. HOLY COMMUNION (as at 8 a.m.)