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PARISH KALENDAR FOR WHITSUN WEEK (OCTAVE OF PENTECOST)

Monday to Friday:

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

*Morning or Evening Prayer
& Holy Communion*

Ember Wednesday:

9:45 a.m. *Litany*

10 a.m. *Sung Eucharist*

Ember Saturday

9:00 a.m. *Holy Communion*

TRUMPETS FOR TRINITY SUNDAY

If you would like to make a donation toward the cost of the brass musicians on Trinity Sunday, please write "brass" on the memo line of your cheque. Intentions for these donations (e.g., memorials) will be published in the Parish Paper on Trinity Sunday or the Sunday following.

MEN'S STEAK NIGHT

Thursday, June 12th

Derst Park 6-9 p.m.

Tickets: \$20 - Raffle Tickets: \$5

Guests welcome. *If you bring a guest whom you would like to introduce to the Men of St. John's, his ticket will be free.* RSVP to Alex Jarman by email, phone or text: (404) 617-6310 or alex.jarman@ml.com

THE SPIRIT OF THE SON

The Christian year begins with the Son of God's coming down from heaven, and his taking upon himself human nature from the womb of the Virgin. It

nears its end with his ascension into heaven in the same human nature in which he was born, and in which he died and rose again. "From God the Father he proceeds, / To God the Father back he speeds; / His course he runs to death and hell, / Returning on God's throne to dwell" (*Veni, Redemptor gentium*, written by St. Ambrose). When Christ returns home to the glory of the Father, he takes our manhood with him, he enters into his Kingdom in our humanity. In Christ, man attains his end in God, and the weakness of our mortal flesh is clothed in the power of immortal Spirit.

The Incarnation is therefore (as the Creed of Saint Athanasius puts it) "not the conversion of Godhead into flesh, but the taking up of manhood into God". By God's gracious condescension in Christ, human nature is redeemed and reborn to divine Sonship, elevated to a new life in the Spirit. "Yea, Angels tremble when they see / How changed is our humanity; / That flesh hath purged what flesh had stained, / And God, the Flesh of God, hath reigned" (5th century hymn, *Aeterne Rex Altissime*). In the Ascension of Christ we celebrate our spiritual destiny as the children of God and heirs of everlasting life; we perceive in the person of the Ascended Lord what it is to be truly

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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. 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 Mrs. Richard C. E. Jennings

USHER CHAIRMAN

Mr. R. Gilbert Wells
and Mr. William S. Willingham

The flowers at the altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. John Groover Kennedy, Jr, and Mr. E. Runyon Tyler, Jr. by Mr. and Mrs. John Groover Kennedy III;
and in honor of Robbie and Eddie Culver by three very grateful friends.

CHANCEL SOCIETY

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ACOLYTES

10:30 Clayton Compton, John Osborne
Mikel Kelly, Patrick Perrie
Jamie McClellan, Joseph Saffold
Hawkins Pindar, Henry Osborne

COFFEE HOUR CHAIRMAN

Mrs. Mark Stevens

ADULT EDUCATION SUNDAY 9:30 A.M.

St. John's Gospel Fr. Dunbar, Reading Room
Sin and Judgment in Shakespeare's History Plays— David Noble, Cranmer Hall, Third Floor.

MEN'S WEEKDAY STUDY & DISCUSSION

Tuesday 6:45 a.m. *Men's Breakfast & Study*— Fr. O'Brien (Parish House, enter by Kitchen)
Thursday 7 a.m., *Samuel*, Fr. Dunbar, Reading Room

WOMEN'S WEEKDAY STUDY & DISCUSSION

Thursday 9:15 a.m. Fr. O'Brien, *The Imitation of Christ* - Reading Room, Cranmer Hall.

SIGN UP FOR A SUMMER MORNING

Parents or Grandparents are asked to give ONE Sunday in the summer to lead the 10:30 a.m. Pre-School/Kindergarten. Sign-up in Cranmer Hall beginning this Sunday or call Maryann Harrell 232-8887 or 272-7925.

VISITING ST. JOHN'S?

Baptized Christians who have been confirmed or otherwise admitted to communion in their own churches are welcome to receive the Sacrament on the conditions of faith, repentance, and charity set forth in the Prayer Book. To receive the host, place right hand over left, palms upwards, and hold them at chest level. To receive the chalice, gently tip it to your mouth with your hands on the bowl.

PLEASE REMEMBER YOUR CHURCH IN YOUR WILL

human: crowned with glory, and reigning from God's throne, ready to claim all creation for his inheritance.

That is why, just before ascending, he gave his disciples the "great commission": "All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you; and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world." (Matthew 28:18-20) "Ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judæa, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth" (Acts 1:8). By his commission, Christ authorizes his disciples to claim the world's allegiance on his behalf.

For the sake of this mission, just ten days after he ascended into heaven, on the feast of Pentecost, he poured out the Spirit upon his disciples, with the sound of a rushing wind, tongues of fire, and the gift of speech to declare God's praise in all the languages of the world. As for Christ the Head, so also for his Body the Church: the weakness of the flesh must be clothed with the power of the Spirit. Thus empowered in words and works of witness, the Church calls the world by the gospel to the allegiance of faith. Through the working of the Spirit in the Word, the disciples' minds are illuminated with knowledge of the truth, their hearts enkindled with the fire of love and zeal; through the Spirit the Church proclaims the gospel in the apostolic ministry of word and sacrament; through the Spirit those who hear the gospel believe, repent, and are

baptized; through the Spirit they cry out in glad recognition, Abba, Father; through the same Spirit they are justified from all their sins and sanctified in all good works; through the same Spirit they grow up into the fullness of the measure of the stature of Christ. Through the Spirit we are made partakers of Christ, and through Christ we are united to God in holy communion and fellowship: and so it is only fitting that the feasts of the Lord's Ascension and of Whitsunday should culminate in a feast in honour of the Holy Trinity. The Christian year begins with the Father's sending the Son into the world; but it ends with the world's return in the Spirit, through the Son, to the Father in praise and thanksgiving. By the witness of the Son and the Spirit in the Church may we glorify God and enjoy him forever. GGD

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

9 A.M. – NOON **JULY 14TH—18TH**

Register Now! Volunteers welcome. The cost for VBS is \$30. (Some Scholarships are available upon request.) Open to children from three years old (and potty trained) through those who have completed 1st grade and are moving into 2nd grade.

GOLF TOURNAMENT RESULTS

Ralston Cup

Chip Compton, Captain;

Charlie Compton, John Helmken,

Robert Sallee

Dunbar Cup/Closest to Pin

John Sipple

8:00 A.M. HOLY COMMUNION

Collect, Epistle, and Gospel..... Prayer Book, p. 180
A continental breakfast is available in Cranmer Hall following this service.

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

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

10:30 a.m. —Pre-school/Three-year-olds through Kindergarten (*Cranmer Hall*)

10:30 A.M. — SOLEMN EUCHARIST & ADDRESS

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Everyone is invited to attend Coffee Hour in the Green Meldrim 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 at 8 a.m.)