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PARISH KALENDAR THIS WEEK

Monday through Friday

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

*Morning or Evening Prayer
with Holy Communion*

Saturday

10:30 a.m. *Holy Communion*

PSALM PSINGERS AT 10:30 A.M.

The Psalm Psingers will be singing at today's 10:30 service. Rehearsal begins right after 9:30 assembly – don't be late!

BELONGING TO CHRIST (3)

The Catechism enumerates three benefits of Baptism, and three corresponding promises which arise out of the benefits themselves. As a member of Christ (the first benefit) I can have no part with his enemies, named in Scripture as the devil, the world, and the flesh. Likewise, as the child of God (the second benefit), I am bound to believe him and his Word; and so the second promise is to *believe all the Articles of the Christian Faith*, "all things which a Christian ought to know and believe to his soul's health", the undiminished Rule of Faith taught by Christ, proclaimed by the apostles, written in Scripture, and summarized in the ancient Creeds. As an inheritor of the kingdom of heaven (the third benefit) I seek his kingdom and righteousness first of all, I shape my life in accordance with my present privileges and high destiny: and so I promise to *keep God's holy will and commandments, and walk in the same all the days of my life*, for they are the path that will bring me into the fullness of my inheritance.

Both Creed and Commandments will be

discussed further, but at this point, the Catechism calls for a decision about these promises made on my behalf at my Baptism (the Catechism assuming Baptism as an infant): *Dost thou not think that thou art bound to believe, and to do, as they have promised for thee?* It prompts a hearty affirmative: *Yes, verily; and by God's help so I will.* In this hyper-individualistic age, we may well balk at a choice has already been made for us: but in life there are all kinds of obligations which we did not choose for ourselves. If on my way about my business I encounter someone in danger, I am obliged to do what I can to rescue him, even if it means I don't get my business done that day. Or if I fall into danger and am rescued by a stranger or enemy, I am under obligation to my rescuer, even if we have no other tie. Likewise, that I am born into this family, or this country, or this set of social and economic circumstances, or with this body, mind, and temperament rather than any other, is not my choice: but I am still under obligation to family and country, I am still responsible for the good use of my circumstances and my personal qualities. My autonomy is not absolute, it is conditioned by circumstances over which I have no control and choices I did not make.

If when I was an infant, my Sponsors entered into religious obligations on my behalf, and for my benefit, it is only an abstract sense of freedom which denies that these commitments are

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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 and recordings of Services and Sermons are to be found on our web site:

www.stjohnssav.org

VESTRY OFFERING CHAIRMEN

8:00 Mr. Arthur D. Weed
10:30 Mr. E. Brian Culver

USHER CHAIRMAN

Mr. Robert F. Brannen

The flowers at the altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Mrs. M. Tyus Butler, Jr. by Mrs. W. Lee Belford and Mrs. Roland S. Summers.

ALTAR FLOWER MEMORIALS

If you would like to donate flowers at the altar for a memorial or thanksgiving, please call Mary Burnett (351-9622) or Penny Futrell at the Church Office (232-1251). The cost is \$75.00, paid to St. John's Chancel Society.

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8:00 need volunteer
10:30 Charles Perrie, Patrick Perrie
Turner Stevens, Edwin Shepherd
Phillip Inglesby, Henry Osborne

COFFEE HOUR CHAIRMAN

Mrs. Wiley A. Wasden III

9:30 A.M. SUNDAY YOUTH & ADULT EDUCATION
Men's Discussion Group Third Floor, Cranmer Hall. Led by Rick Wright, Walter Strong, and Charles Ezelle.

Women's Discussion Group Reading Room, Cranmer Hall. Led by Carol Hewson, Susan Donahue, Linda Sheahan, and Laura Wimbish.

Do I REALLY Have to Keep My Promise?, A Biblical Study of Covenant - 3rd Floor East. Led by Jack Wray. Sin and Judgment in Shakespeare's History Plays 3rd Floor East. Led by David Noble.

Middle and High School Youth. Third Floor Resource Room. (Mrs. Jennings and Fr. Bergstrom).

St. John's Gospel Chapel. Led by Fr. Dunbar.

MEN'S WEEKDAY STUDY & DISCUSSION

Tuesday 6:45 a.m. Breakfast & Discussion in Green Meldrim House, led by Fr. O'Brien.

Thursday 7 a.m., 2 Samuel, Reading Room, Cranmer Hall, led by Fr. Dunbar.

WOMEN'S WEEKDAY STUDY & DISCUSSION

READING ROOM, CRANMER HALL

Monday Noon, Hebrews, led by Fr. Bergstrom

Thursday 9:15 a.m., Phaedo, led by Fr. O'Brien

NEXT Men's Forum - March 19th .

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.

PLEASE REMEMBER YOUR CHURCH IN YOUR WILL

binding on me. Nor is it any restriction on my freedom to require I say yes to a life of security and purpose. As the Catechism puts it: *I heartily thank our heavenly Father, that he hath called me to this state of salvation, through Jesus Christ our Saviour. And I pray unto God to give me his grace, that I may continue in the same unto my life's end.* To say Yes to God's call, is to enter into a *state of salvation through Jesus Christ the Saviour.* To be in a state of salvation is to be in a state of grace, as those who have been received into the ark of Christ's Church, a community of refuge and security, in which I may be carried through the storms of this world to the promised land of eternal life. Trusting in Christ the Saviour, and making good use of the means of grace, I may indeed look confidently for his help in prayer as I move toward the glory of his kingdom. There is something to be sought, something to be gained; and the gaining of it does not lie beyond possibility: I have a good hope of doing so, through God's grace.

On this note of thankfulness and hope the first part of the Catechism concludes, and we see that it is very far from a dry and abstract instruction: it provides information in the radical sense of the word, an *inward formation* of the soul. That's why it leads (normatively) to Confirmation, the sign of my empowerment by the seven-fold gift of the Spirit for growth to spiritual maturity. GGD

LENTEN COLLECTION

Please join the Women and Sunday School of Saint John's in collecting household supplies for the Fresh Air Home's camp season: *liquid laundry detergent, bleach, pine sol cleaner, paper towels, and 55 gallon trash bags.* Collection in bins in Cranmer Hall.

THURSDAY EVENINGS IN LENT

6:15 P.M. - 7:30 P.M.

ADULT CATECHISM

Preparation for Confirmation and Reception; Orientation for new members, and a Refresher for old timers. Light supper provided. (Donation requested). If you are planning to eat, please email gdunbar@stjohnssav.org

W. H. AUDEN'S CHRISTIAN POETRY

Led by Fr. O'Brien. Texts in *Collected Poems* (at Shavers), or photocopies provided.

THE WOMEN OF ST. JOHN'S

Board Meeting is Monday March 2nd at 10:00 in the Green Meldrim Dining Room.

General Meeting is Wednesday, March 4th after Chapel. Speakers from The Living Vine, which cares for women with crisis pregnancies, and Shelter from the Rain, which assists low-income single mothers and their children. All are welcome.

Women's Quiet Day, Wednesday, March 25th 9:30am until 2:00 pm. Father O'Brien will speak on **The Life of Francis as an Exemplar of the Cross**. A light Lenten lunch will be served. Please call to reserve a place 232-1251.

PARKING ON SAINT PATRICK'S DAY

The Men of St. John's will be accepting reservations for parking spaces on March 17th. The first 50 spaces will be reserved on a first-come, first-served basis, and remaining spaces assigned by lottery on March 10th. To reserve a space, mail a suggested donation of \$20 to the Church Office with name, email address and cell phone number. One reservation per household, for parishioners and staff only. You will be notified by email as soon as your check is received. Entrance from Charlton Street only. Parking lot opens 8 a.m. and reservations held till 11 a.m.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY FAMILY SERVICE

9:30 a.m. Sung Eucharist.

Parade Garb Welcome!

ST. PATRICK'S SNAKE HUNT

For children, after the service, in the Mall, with a SPECIAL GUEST.

Refreshments for adults.

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

Collects, Epistle, and Gospel (Exhortation p.85)..... 125, 124, 126
A continental breakfast is available in Cranmer Hall following this service.

9:30a.m.-12:00 (Noon)—Nursery (*Cranmer Hall*)

9:30-10:15 A.M.: ALL AGES CHRISTIAN EDUCATION (*Cranmer Hall*)**10:30 A.M.: JOYFUL NOISE, JOYFUL HEARTS**

Music, Teaching, and Active Fun for Pre-School through Kindergarten

10:30 A.M. —SUNG EUCHARIST & ADDRESS

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

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ADDRESS Fr. Dunbar

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

ORGAN VOLUNTARY: *Chaconne* Louis Couperin

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 (Chapel) *collect, epistle, and gospel same as 8:00 a.m.*