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Or if you would like to help as a Greeter at a coffee hour please contact Mrs. Thomas S. Johnston (598-7488).

## SIGN UP THIS SUNDAY

### MAGNIFICAT

What does the grace of Christ look like in its realization in human beings? We see it in its fullest realization in the glorified humanity of Christ himself, in his Resurrection and Ascension, into whose likeness we are being transformed, by the Spirit of the Lord, and with whom we are to be glorified together. Still, we may ask, what does that grace look like in other human beings, not the head but the members of his body? In ourselves, the operations of grace may not be very clearly discerned, and that is why the Church has looked to the saints, in whom that grace has been more fully realized than in the common run of believers. Protestants are nervous about acknowledging the saints as examples to follow, but it is a doctrine that has explicit warrant in Holy Scripture, taught by Saint Paul: “be ye followers of me, even as I also am of Christ” (1 Corinthians 11:1 cf. 4:16; Philippians 3:17). The Prayer for the Church stands squarely in the teaching of Scripture when it invites us to pray

for “grace so to follow their good examples, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom”. The same doctrine is found in a more amplified form in the Collect for All Saints (p. 256), but there is also a little-known gem, hidden at the end of the Burial office (p.336), that is suitable for the commemoration of the saints.

Our focus, naturally, is very often on the example of the saints to us in our pilgrimage; but it is equally important that we lift up our hearts to consider them in the glory of heaven, for this is our destination also. For the fullest realization of the grace of Christ is in the glory of the resurrection, not only his but also ours, when death itself shall be destroyed, and “God shall be all in all” (1 Corinthians 15:26-28).

It is in this perspective that we might consider the feast of the Virgin Mary, which falls on August 15<sup>th</sup> – known as the commemoration of her Dormition (her “Falling Asleep” i.e. in death) or her Assumption (her “Taking up” into heaven). Though Scripture is silent on the matter, it has long been a belief of many Christians that she was miraculously preserved or rescued from death in body as well as soul, and taken up into heavenly glory, through the grace of her Son. As to whether or how the Virgin

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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 may be read on our web site: [www.stjohnssav.org](http://www.stjohnssav.org)

**VESTRY OFFERING CHAIRMEN**

8:00 Mr. Arthur D. Weed  
10:30 Dr. Roland S. Summers

**USHER CHAIRMAN**

Mr. Ross M. Haire

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Dr. Albert J. Kelley and Mr. Charles B. Compton by the Compton family;

And in loving memory of Mrs. Patty C. Gaillard and Trish Snyder by Sally Fiveash.

The flowers at the altar on Wednesday are given to the glory of God and in honor of the honor of the ordination of Fr. O'Brien to the Priesthood.

**CHANCEL SOCIETY**

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**ACOLYTES**

**8:00** *Volunteer Requested*  
**10:30** Mikel Kelly, Jamie McClellan  
Hunt Wasden, Hawkins Pindar  
Finn Repella, Jackson McClellan

**COFFEE HOUR CHAIRMAN**

Mrs. Edward J. Derst III  
*Special Coffee Hour in honor of Fr. O'Brien's Ordination Anniversary.*

**ADULT EDUCATION SUNDAY 9:30 A.M.**

*St. John's Gospel* Fr. Dunbar, Reading Room  
Dr. Noble's Class will resume September 20<sup>th</sup>.

**MEN'S WEEKDAY STUDY & DISCUSSION**

**Tuesdays** 7 a.m. Breakfast and Discussion with Fr. O'Brien in Green Meldrim House.  
**Thursdays** 7 a.m., *1 Kings* Fr. Dunbar, Reading Rm

**VESTRY MEETING**

The August Vestry meeting has been transferred from Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> August to Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> August, after 5:30 p.m. Evening Prayer.

*Summer office hours through Labor Day*  
*Monday through Thursday: 9:00 to 4:30*  
*Friday 9:00 to 12 noon*

**Men's Tuesday Morning  
Breakfast Bible Group**

Time for us to saddle up and resume our weekly breakfast and conversation with Father O'Brien. Breakfast will be served at 6:50AM. Donation of \$5 helps to keep the quality of the food offerings high. Please see if there is anyone I have missed and feel free to invite anyone you think might be interested in attending.

PLEASE REMEMBER YOUR CHURCH IN YOUR WILL

was assumed into heaven, the old catholic fathers used to say “the church prefers to hesitate reverently rather than define hastily”, (although this did not stop the Roman church from defining it as an article of faith in 1950), and perhaps this is as far as Anglicans can go; but there is nothing in the doctrine that is *contrary* to Scripture. It simply affirms that by a special privilege of her Son, and in honour of the sacred humanity which he took upon himself in her womb, Mary was granted immediately at her death that resurrection to glory with him that will be granted to all Christians in the day of the Lord: “that where I am” as he said to his disciples “there ye may be also” (John 14:3). As such, the doctrine has value in strengthening our own hope of the resurrection, and is an incentive to imitate her humble trust and complete dependence upon the saving grace of her Son, to whose word she submitted herself, “Behold, the handmaid of the Lord; be it unto me according to thy word”.

The narrative of Mary’s dormition and assumption ends with her coronation as “Queen of heaven”, the event portrayed in the medieval tapestry in St. Mary’s Chapel. The Virgin kneels at the heart of heaven, her hands joined in prayer, humbly clad in a blue-black robe: but where it parts, we glimpse a gorgeously-embroidered garment underneath, a sign of her inner beauty, her “adorning ... in that which is not corruptible, even the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit, which is in

the sight of God of great price” (1 Peter 3:3, 4). Like the king’s daughter of Psalm 45, she is “all glorious within”. Around her the spheres are populated with cherubim and seraphim, intermingled with the saints (of whom John the Baptist alone can be identified, the others are generic types.) They are joined with her in adoration of the blessed Trinity - the Father (with orb and triple tiara, in token of the plenitude of power), and the Son (in a crown of thorns, the emblem of his passion), seated on the rainbow, the sign of everlasting salvation, while the Spirit, in the form of a dove, hovers between them and over the Virgin’s head, upon which the Father and the Son are setting “a crown of pure gold”. As Mary herself testified, praising God for the advent of his Son in her womb, “He that is mighty hath magnified me, and holy is his Name”. A living icon of our partaking by grace in the glory of the divine nature (2 Peter 1:4), she leads the saints and angels in “the praise of the glory of his grace, wherein he hath made us accepted in the beloved” (Ephesians 1:6). “O higher than the Cherubim; more glorious than the Seraphim, lead their praises, alleluia! Thou bearer of the Eternal Word, most gracious, magnify the Lord, alleluia!” (#599). GGD

#### **PARISH KALENDAR THIS WEEK**

**Monday to Friday**

*Morning and Evening Prayer*

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

**In addition, on Wednesday**

9:45 a.m. *Litany*

10 a.m. *Said Eucharist*

**8:00 A.M.—HOLY COMMUNION**

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*A continental breakfast is available in Cranmer Hall following this service from 8:45 to 9:15.*

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

**9:30-10:15 A.M.—ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION** (*Cranmer Hall*)

9:30 a.m. – Noon— Preschool-Kindergarten Summer Program

(*Cranmer Hall –activities for children during the 9:30 education and/or 10:30 service times*)

**10:30 A.M. – MORNING PRAYER & SERMON**

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THE SERMON ..... Fr. O’Brien

**OFFERING**

Sentences

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Presentation of Alms: Doxology #139, and Hymn #141 (verse 4)

Prayer and Blessing

HYMN #599 *Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones*..... Vigiles et Sancti

VOLUNTARY: *Toccata* ..... Roland Erismann

*Everyone is invited to attend Our Special Coffee Hour in the Green Meldrim House immediately after the 10:30 service in honour of Fr. O’Brien’s Ordination Anniversary to the Priesthood.*

*If you are a guest and visiting our Parish, please make yourself known.*

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