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PARISH KALENDAR THIS WEEK

Monday, February 15

PRESIDENT'S DAY

Church Office is closed.

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

*Morning & Evening Prayer
with Holy Communion*

Tuesday-Friday

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

*Morning & Evening Prayer
with Holy Communion*

In addition, Wednesday

9:45 a.m. *Litany*

10:00 a.m. *Holy Communion*

In addition, Fridays in Lent

12:15 p.m. *Litany & Holy Communion*

In addition, Saturdays in Lent

10:30 a.m. *Holy Communion*

REPENTANCE.

The story is told (it may be apocryphal) that *The Times* in London once sent out an inquiry to famous authors, asking the question, "What's wrong with the world today?" One (it is said) responded simply: "Dear Sir, I am. Yours, G. K. Chesterton." The ancients might locate the world's fatal flaw in the stars, or the fates, or the cruel indifference of the gods; moderns may blame "the system" (political, economic, social) rigged against them, or perhaps the repression of their passions by a puritanical moral code. They overlook the truly fatal flaw, which is not found in our circumstances,

but within ourselves, and which the Bible calls sin. Although it is accompanied and exacerbated by the darkening of the intellect and the inflammation of the appetites, though it is expressed in social and political structures, sin is primarily a defect of the will, the failure to choose right, disobedience to the word of God. We may meet with adversity in the world or oppression of one kind or another in society, but the beginning of a right response is neither fatalism nor rebellion – thus adding to the evil by our response to it - but *repentance*.

Still we must be clear about that of which we are repenting. It is not enough for us to say that sin is wrong-doing, transgression of the moral law. That definition leaves the door open to moralism, to self-righteousness or despair. Merely trying harder to be good is a recipe for failure, because it only addresses the symptoms and not the underlying condition. We are not sinners because we sin – we sin because we are sinners. In terms of the classical doctrine of original sin, we don't begin where Adam began, in a state of innocence (*posse non peccare*, with the ability not to sin) but where he left off, in a state of sin (*non posse non peccare*, with no ability not to sin). Underlying our particular transgressions of the law is a human condition that affects Jew and

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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.

VESTRY OFFERING CHAIRMEN

8:00 Mr. Arthur D. Weed

10:30 Mr. E. Brian Culver

USHER CHAIRMAN

Mr. Robert F. Brannen

ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers at the altar today are given to the glory of God.

If you would like to donate altar flowers in memory or in honor of a loved one, please call Mary Burnett (351-9622) or Wendy Corbin in the Church Office (232-1251). The cost is \$75.00; please make checks payable to St. John's Chancel Society.

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ACOLYTES

8:00 a.m. Henry Osborne
10:30 a.m. Patrick Perrie Jamie McClellan
Jackson McClellan Phillip Inglesby
Turner Stevens Finn Repella

COFFEE HOUR CHAIRMAN

Mrs. Jack C. Wray

9:30 A.M. SUNDAY CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Fr. Dunbar- Adult Catechism
3rd floor, Cranmer Hall, Reading Room
For (1) those considering Baptism, Confirmation, or Reception into the Episcopal Church; (2) newcomers wishing to know more about membership at St. John's; (3) members seeking a "refresher" course in the basics. To receive readings, email gundbar@stjohnssav.org.

Jack C. Wray- *Do You Hear What I Hear?*
3rd floor, Cranmer Hall, far left room

MEN'S WEEKDAY STUDY & DISCUSSION

Tuesday- Breakfast and Discussion with Fr O'Brien at 6:45 a.m. in Parish House
Thursday- Romans with Fr. Dunbar at 7:00 a.m. Reading Room, Cranmer Hall
Thursday- Men's Small Group Faith Fellowship
We will brown bag lunch through Lent.
Noon Thursdays, 1st floor, Cranmer Hall

WOMEN'S WEEKDAY STUDY & DISCUSSION

Wednesday- C. S. Lewis Women's Fellowship
Next meeting on February 24, 2016
Fellowship Hall, Cranmer Hall
Followed by an optional brown bag lunch
Thursday- Bernanos' *Mouchette* with Fr. O'Brien
9:15 a.m., Reading Room, Cranmer Hall

PLEASE REMEMBER YOUR CHURCH IN YOUR WILL

Gentile, Pharisee and Publican, elder brother and younger brother, righteous and unrighteous: alienation from God, an alienation which distorts and bends out of shape every other relation with man and nature (as Genesis 3 and 4 portray). It is a deep insight of the New Testament, that this alienation is expressed not only in overt rebellion, but also in the Pharisee's self-righteousness.

"There is no health in us." Given the flaw within, we cannot look to ourselves for healing, nor to other humans, but only to the grace of God proclaimed by Jesus Christ. This is the significance of his exorcisms, which feature in the first three Sundays at Lent: they show us that sin is spiritual bondage, and redemption from it spiritual liberation. By faith in him, and (as the last Sundays in Lent shall teach us) and in his perfect sacrifice for our sin, we are delivered from guilt, wrath, and alienation; we are received into the Father's favor, and know the comfort of the Holy Ghost.

In this faith and by the Holy Ghost we are emboldened to "fight the good fight", against the temptations of the world, the flesh, and the devil; to amend our lives in good works; to train our minds and wills by fasting, prayer, and almsgiving that we may serve the Lord in righteousness and holiness. In this world we shall often face adversity, and in human society, injustice. However, if we respond in fatalism or rebellion, we only increase the evil. Only by true repentance, and faith in the gospel, do we find that grace in which we may endure evil with patience, resist it with steadfastness, and (yes) work for positive change. GGD

QUINK IN CONCERT

Thursday, February 18 at 7:00 p.m.

QUINK, a Dutch vocal quintet, will sing a recital representing four centuries of music (Renaissance, Baroque, Impressionist, Romantic, & Contemporary) in Dutch, French, and Italian. This is a free concert and all are welcome!

EASTER LILIES AND EASTER BRASS

To give a lily for the decoration of the Church at Easter, please send a \$35 check to the Church Office made payable to St. John's Chancel Society marked *Easter Lilies*.

To contribute to the expense of the brass players at Easter, please send a check to the Church Office made payable to St. John's Church marked *Easter Brass*.

Please include a note of how the memorial/honorarium should read and by whom it is given. The list will be published the Sunday after Easter.

GREEN-MELDRIM HOUSE DOCENTS

We are moving into the Spring Tourist Season! To help as a docent at the Green-Meldrim House, please call Jane Pressly (233-6551) or Martie Thomas (598-4299). Tour-guiding is a wonderful way to learn more about our history and to meet people from all over the world!

CHILDREN'S BIBLE PAGE

For children who may be staying in church throughout the service, an age-appropriate work page is provided in the basket by the door.

FRESH AIR HOME SUMMER CAMP COLLECTION

Please join the Women and Sunday School of Saint John's in collecting household items for the **Fresh Air Home's** camp season: *liquid laundry detergent, bleach, PineSol cleaner, paper towels, and 55-gallon trash bags.* Collection bins can be found in the lobby of Cranmer Hall through Easter Sunday, March 27.

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

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

9:30 A.M.-12:00 P.M. (Noon)—Nursery (*Cranmer Hall*)

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

10:30 A.M. - JOYFUL NOISE, JOYFUL HEARTS (*Cranmer Hall*)

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

10:30 A.M. - SUNG EUCHARIST & ADDRESS

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

ANTE-COMMUNION

Collect for Purity Prayer Book, page 67

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KYRIE ELEISON: #702John Merbecke

Collects 125,124

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Please remain seated for the 1st Stanza to be sung by the PSALM PSINGERS.

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ADDRESS Father O'Brien

OFFERTORY

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Sarah Eliasoph & Daniel Garrick, Soloists

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

VOLUNTARY: *Chaconne*..... Louis Couperin

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

12:00 P.M. (NOON)-HOLY COMMUNION (Chapel) as at 8:00 a.m.