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PARISH KALENDAR THIS WEEK

Monday -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*

TEMPTATION (PART I)

When Jesus received Baptism from John in Jordan, his divine Sonship was revealed, in the voice from heaven and in the Spirit's descent upon him in the form of a dove - and immediately the same Spirit led him into the wilderness, precisely so that he might be tempted - tried or put to the test - by the Devil. The Devil tempts in order to seduce, subvert, and destroy the fidelity of the Son of God, but God permits his Son's temptation not for his ill, but for his good, as a test of his mettle, a trial and proving of his loyalty and his strength. It is an opportunity to learn by experience in spiritual warfare against Satan, and victory over him, what it is to be the Son of God.

So it is also for those who are baptized into Christ, and share his Sonship: though we are not to seek

temptation, and indeed pray not to be led into it. Yet if God permits it to come upon the faithful, it is not because he seeks to destroy them, but rather for them to experience more deeply the experience of spiritual warfare, their calling to Sonship, and their share in his Spirit. In virtue of our Baptism, we are to *have power and strength to have victory, and to triumph, against the devil, the world, and the flesh.*

For Jesus is not the first Son of God to be tempted. *Thus saith the Lord, Israel is my son, even my firstborn* (Exodus 4:22); and after their Baptism in the Red Sea, Israel too was led into the desert, *to humble thee, and to prove thee, to know what was in thine heart, whether thou wouldest keep his commandments, or no* (Deut. 8:2). The testing of Israel's Sonship in the desert was threefold - lust after bread, putting God to the test, and apostasy - they were recapitulated in the temptations of Jesus - to turn stones into bread; to put God's favour to the test by casting himself down from the temple; and to worship the Devil, the false god of this world. But the temptations of the wilderness generation are also the temptations of Israel in every age. If the lust for bread is the characteristic temptation of

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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

VESTRY OFFERING CHAIRMEN

8:00 Mr. Arthur D. Weed
10:30 Mr. David C. Barrow III

USHER CHAIRMAN

Mr. Robert F. Brannen, Jr.

The flowers at the altar this Sunday are given to the glory of God and in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Victor L. Johnson, Jr. and Victor L. Johnson III by Mr. and Mrs. Glenn C. Hagin;

And in loving memory of C. Kenneth and Rhoda Smith, Herbert and Jeanne Gengler, Charles Williamson, Bernard Pollak, Jr. and Brenda Anderson, and Sheila Pollak by Mr. and Mrs. Peter A. Pollak, Jr.;

And in memory of Mrs. M. Tyus Butler, Jr. by Mr. and Mrs. Lee Belford.

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ACOLYTES

8:00 a.m. Henry Osborne
10:30 a.m. Turner Stevens
Jackson McClellan
Edwin Shepherd
Phillip Inglesby

COFFEE HOUR CHAIRMAN

Mrs. Michael E. Donahue

9:30 A.M. SUNDAY ADULT 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- *Is anybody listening? Can prayers be answered?* Breakfast & discussion with Fr. O'Brien, 6:45 a.m., 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
2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month
11:00 a.m., Fellowship Hall, Cranmer Hall
Bring your lunch and enjoy the fellowship.
Thursday- Michael D. O'Brien's novel, *Sophia House*
9:15 a.m., Reading Room, Cranmer Hall
Speak with Father O'Brien, if interested.

PLEASE REMEMBER YOUR CHURCH IN YOUR WILL.

Israel's sojourning in the wilderness, the testing of God at the Temple is the temptation of Israel under the kingdoms of David and Solomon; and the temptation to apostasy the characteristic of the captivity in pagan Babylon. Moreover, if they are the temptations of God's people in the old covenant, they are also the temptations of his people in the new. *Now these things were our examples, to the intent we should not lust after evil things, as they also lusted* (1 Cor. 10:6). So in his temptations in the desert, Jesus endured the temptations of all the elect people of God under both testaments. Where Israel failed, and the Church also fails, he is the faithful Son, who proves his obedience in the fires of temptation, trial and tribulation. The *obedience he perfected in suffering* is the atonement for our past failures, and the hope of future fidelity. That's why the Epistle to the Hebrews testifies that *Jesus was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin* (4:15). He was immersed in the same testing, the same trials and temptations, that beset us, yet when his fidelity was put to the test, when his divine Sonship put to the proof, he did not fail. He did not fail his God and Father - nor will he fail us, when we are tempted: *for in that he himself hath suffered being tempted, he is able to succour them that are tempted* (3:18). *Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.* (Heb. 4:15, 16). GGD

(To be continued)

PUBLIC LECTURE

*The Beaufort Revival of 1831 –
And Its Far-Reaching Consequences*

Thursday, March 10 at 7:00 p.m.
St. John's Church

Speaker: John McCardell, Vice-Chancellor and President of the University of the South, and an award-winning American historian.

His topic is the momentous revival which caused over fifty persons to enter the ministry, including Stephen Elliott, first Rector of Saint John's Church, first Bishop of Georgia, and founder of Sewanee.

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.

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, Pine-Sol 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

COLLECT, EPISTLE, and GOSPEL (*No Gloria in Excelsis until Easter*)..... Prayer Book, page 127
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. - CHRISTIAN EDUCATION FOR ALL AGES (*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.: MORNING PRAYER & SERMON

HYMN #59 <i>Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days</i>	St. Flavian
Sentences, Confession, Absolution and Lord’s Prayer.....	Prayer Book, pages 3-7
Versicles and Responses.....	7-8
VENITE EXULTEMUS DOMINO (#608)	9
Psalm #25	369
First Lesson: Genesis 32:22-32 <i>Jacob wrestles with the Lord</i>	Insert
BENEDICTE.....	Insert
Second Lesson: 1 Thessalonians 4:1, St. Matthew 15:21	127,128
HYMN #450 <i>As Pants the Hart for Cooling Streams</i>	Martyrdom

THE MINISTRATION OF HOLY BAPTISM,

To Smith Ramsey Pollak, Prayer Book, p. 273

BENEDICTUS (#638)	14
<i>Children may exit following the cross for PSALM PSINGERS (Grades 1-5).</i>	
Apostles’ Creed	15
Versicles and Responses	16
Collects of the Day.....	124, 127
Other Collects, Commemoration of the Departed, Thanksgiving, the Grace	17-20
HYMN [Insert] <i>In Token That Thou Shalt Not Fear</i>	St. Stephen
Sermon	Father Dunbar

OFFERING

Sentences	
Anthem: <i>O Divine Redeemer</i>	Gounod
Presentation of Alms: <i>All Things Are Thine</i> #732	
Prayer and Blessing	
HYMN #562 <i>Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus</i>	Webb
VOLUNTARY: <i>Trumpet Tune in G</i>	David N. Johnson

*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.