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THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

SUNDAY

GUEST CHOIR: The **North Greenville University Choir**, conducted by Dr. Barry Combs. will sing the Anthem at the 10:30 a.m. service, and are in **Concert** at 6:00 p.m. at Southside Baptist Church. Admission free.

WEDNESDAY

WOMEN'S QUIET DAY: 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. on *Prayer and Practice*, led by Father O'Brien. A light Lenten lunch will be served. Please RSVP to 912-232-1251. All are welcome.

DAUGHTERS OF THE KING meet after 5:30 p.m. service. Lachlan Ivy leads a discussion of Tim Keller's *Prayer* in Cranmer Hall. All are welcome.

THURSDAY

PUBLIC LECTURE: *The Beaufort Revival of 1831 – And Its Far-Reaching Consequences*. Dr. **John McCardell**, Vice-Chancellor and President of the University of the South, speaks about the revival which led into the ministry Stephen Elliott, first Rector of this St. John's, first Bishop of Georgia, and a founder of Sewanee. 7:00 p.m., Ralston Room, Cranmer Hall. RSVP to 912-232-1251 or wcorbin@stjohnssav.org

SATURDAY

PIPE ORGAN DAY

Majestic Instruments in Architectural Gems
St. John's pipe organ will be featured in a series of short recitals sponsored by the

Savannah Chapter of the American Guild of Organists. Admission is free.

1:00 p.m.- St. Paul's Lutheran

2:00 p.m.- St. John's Church

3:00 p.m.- Cathedral of St. John

4:00 p.m.- Independent Presbyterian

5:00 p.m.- Christ Church Episcopal

GO NATURAL!

As there will be no heat or cooling in the Church until the installation of the new HVAC system is complete, please dress accordingly.

A JEALOUS GOD

In the South, I am told, many Episcopalians are often refugees from "fire-and-brimstone" revival-ism, fleeing religious guilt, fear, and moralism, for the tolerant "all you need is love" ethos of liberal Protestantism. Unfortunately, the liberal Protestant ethos does not repair the defect of the old-time revivalism it fled, but only (so to speak) turns it upside down. If the former is prone to divorcing truth from love, the latter is in danger of divorcing love from truth. Truth without love may be harsh and judgmental; but love without truth is sentimental and enabling.

The same divorce of love and truth is present in the common view that the Old Testament is a religion of wrath, and the New Testament a religion of love – though it is the Old Testament that proclaims the mercy of God, and in which Jesus finds the

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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 notify the clergy if you or a loved one is in the hospital.

VESTRY OFFERING CHAIRMEN

8:00 Mr. Arthur D. Weed
10:30 Mr. R. Scott Howard

USHER CHAIRMAN

Dr. James S. McClellan, Jr.

ACOLYTES

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

The flowers at the altar this Sunday are given to the glory of God and in memory of Mrs. Robert V. (Julia) Martin, Jr., by her loving family;

And in memory of Mr. and Mrs. James Thompson Walker, Sr.; and Mr. and Mrs. John Anderson Myers; by Mr. and Mrs. James T. Walker, Jr.; and Mr. and Mrs. Edward D. Hill;

And in memory of Lois V. Philbrick by Dr. Thomas Philbrick;

And in loving memory of Jettie L. Mooney by Dr. and Mrs. Thomas S. Johnston and family.

Last week's altar flowers were given in memory of Graham Sadler's mother, Freda Evelyn Sadler, who passed away on February 23, 2016 in Kent, England.

CHANCEL SOCIETY

Mrs. Jayne G. Holland, Mrs. Carter C. Hubbard, Mrs. John G. Bradshaw, Jr., Mrs. Timothy E. Coy, Mrs. Edward J. Derst III, Mrs. J. Pride Sheahan, Mrs. Mark Alligaier, Mrs. William H. Helmken, Jr., Mrs. William B. McNeal II, Mrs. David A. Young, Mrs. Neil H. Victor, Sr., Ms. Anne H. Mingledorff, Mrs. Adolphus J. Carter III, Mrs. John R. Reiter, Mrs. William T. Moore, Jr.

COFFEE HOUR CHAIRMAN

Mrs. Thomas S. Johnston

9:30 A.M. SUNDAY ADULT EDUCATION

Fr. Dunbar- *Adult Catechism*
3rd floor, Cranmer Hall, Reading Room
For readings, email gdunbar@stjohnssav.org.

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

MEN'S WEEKDAY STUDY & DISCUSSION

Tuesday- *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.
Cranmer Hall, Reading Room,
Thursday- Men's Small Group Faith Fellowship
Noon Thursdays, Cranmer Hall, 1st floor

WOMEN'S WEEKDAY STUDY & DISCUSSION

Wednesday- C. S. Lewis Women's Fellowship
Thursday, March 10, 11:00 a.m.,
Cranmer Hall, Reading Room
Thursday- Michael D. O'Brien's novel, *Sophia House*
9:15 a.m., Cranmer Hall, Reading Room
Discussion led by Father O'Brien.

PLEASE REMEMBER YOUR CHURCH IN YOUR WILL.

commandments to love God and one's neighbor. It is the New Testament which threatens those who refuse the love of God with hell-fire.

In human terms, it is true, wrath and jealousy usually do much more harm than good. When we speak of God's wrath, however, we don't mean that he has "anger issues", fits of uncontrollable rage, or emotional melt-downs. Likewise, when we speak of God's jealousy, we don't mean that he is controlling, insecure, or paranoid – the 'bad boyfriend' of the agony columns. As heirs of 19th century romanticism, we may exalt the passionate spirit; but the first Article of Religion affirms that God is "without body, parts, or passions". In his sovereign freedom, he is not under the control of any feeling. His wrath and jealousy are sober, dispassionate dispositions of his will: aspects of his steadfast love.

Oliver O'Donovan is helpful: "We are now rediscovering ... that love which has no wrath on its underside is not love at all; that mankind cries out to see the sharp edge of justice and truth as surely as he cries out for love and compassion." And: "We will speak of [God's] wrath only in relation to the primacy of his love, the great Yes, pronounced on creation from the beginning, of which the No is merely the reverse side, the hostility of the Creator to all that would un-create." Wrath is but the love of God as experienced by those who reject it; and jealousy his refusal to allow any false god to supplant himself in his people's hearts. There is *nothing* that in his love God will not do to secure the eternal well-being of his beloved. GGD

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

The Men of St. John's Annual Golf Tournament will be Friday, May 13.

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*

ST. PATRICK'S DAY

Thursday, March 17

NEW TIME: 9:00 a.m.-*Family Eucharist*

After service, in the Mall:

Children's Snake Hunt

PARKING ON SAINT PATRICK'S DAY

The first 50 spaces are being reserved on a first-come, first-served basis; bring a \$20 donation to the Church Office with Name, Email and Cell Phone #. One reservation per household, parishioners and staff only. Enter from Charlton Street only. Parking lot opens at 8:00 a.m.; spaces will be held until 11:00 a.m.

LENT COLLECTION –

FOR THE FRESH AIR HOME

Donations requested: *bleach, liquid laundry detergent, Pine-Sol cleaner, paper towels, and 55-gallon trash bags.* Collection bins are in Cranmer Hall through Easter Sunday, March 27.

EASTER LILIES AND EASTER BRASS

Lilies for the Church are \$35 each. Make checks payable to St. John's Chancel Society.

To help with Easter brass expense, make checks payable to St. John's Church with Brass in the memo line.

Please include a note of how the memorial/honorarium should read and

8:00 A.M. – HOLY COMMUNION

COLLECTS, EPISTLE, and GOSPEL (*No Gloria in Excelsis until Easter*)..... Prayer Book, page 124, 130
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 #385 <i>Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken</i>	Austria
Sentences, Confession, Absolution and Lord’s Prayer.....	Prayer Book, pages 3-7
Versicles and Responses.....	7-8
VENITE EXULTEMUS DOMINO (#608).....	9
Psalm #122, 124, 125.....	503, 504
First Lesson: Exodus 3 <i>The Call of Moses</i>	Insert
BENEDICITE.....	Insert
Second Lesson: Galatians 4:21, St. John 6:1.....	130, 131
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, 130
Other Collects and Prayers, the Grace.....	17-20
HYMN #390 <i>O ’twas a Joyful Sound to Hear</i>	Mount Sion
Sermon.....	Father O’Brien

OFFERING

Sentences

Anthem: *Exultate justi*..... Lodovico Grossi da Viadana

Presentation of Alms: *All Things Are Thine* #732

Prayer and Blessing

HYMN #589 *O What Their Joy and Their Glory Must Be*..... O Quanta Qualia

VOLUNTARY: *Solemn Recessional*..... Colin Mawby

*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.