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YOUTH MINISTRY AT ST. JOHN'S

Parishioners – especially, but not only, parents of Middle, and Upper School youth – are invited to be part of the discussion and planning (both short-term and long-term) for Youth Ministry at St. John's. We will meet in the Fellowship Hall on the first floor of Cranmer Hall on **Sunday, June 19 from 11:45 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. or Monday, June 20 from 5:30 p.m.- 6:15 p.m.** If you are interested in knowing more but cannot attend, please contact the Rector at 232-1251 or gdunbar@stjohnssav.org.

“NOT ONLY WITH OUR LIPS BUT IN OUR LIVES”

What supplies the motive, power and direction of the Christian life? In the Augustinian and reformed tradition of classical Anglicanism, it is not guilt or slavish fear that drives a believing Christian, but rather gratitude for the free and unmerited gift of grace, and love for the God who gives it. When we grasp aright the gravity of our estrangement from God (guilt), and know the costliness of the love by which we are freely redeemed from guilt (grace), a deep awareness of grace is born (gratitude), and it is powerful to transform our lives. The triad of “guilt, grace, and gratitude” (or repentance, faith, and love) shapes the Prayer Book service of Holy Communion, as devised by Thomas Cranmer in the mid-16th century. But it is also the perspective in which to

understand a text that first appeared over a century later in the Prayer Book of 1662, the well-loved “General Thanksgiving”, composed by Edward Reynolds (1599-1676), an English divine whose life spanned the tumults of the mid-17th century. (He had the unusual distinction of taking part in the Presbyterian Westminster Assembly in 1642 and being made Bishop of Norwich at the restoration in 1661.)

In this prayer, the faithful offer thanks for the entire scope of God's “goodness and loving kindness ... to all men- for our creation, preservation and all the blessings of this life; but above all, for thine inestimable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ, for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory”. Its most striking aspect is the way it locates the power and pattern of the Christian life in the gratitude for this “goodness and loving-kindness”. For it teaches us to ask for “that due sense of all thy mercies, that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful; and we may show forth thy praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives; by giving up ourselves to thy service, and by walking before thee in holiness and righteousness all our days”. Our transformation proceeds from the inside out, from the “heart” through our “lips” to our “lives”.

Dean Comber is eloquent in his commentary on this text. “There is a blessed harmony between the heart, the lips, and the life of a holy man... for when the offices of the church are over, he returns home with a heart full of divine

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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. E. Brian Culver

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Joseph R. Ross, Esq.

ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers at the altar this Sunday are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. John Groover Kennedy, Jr. and Mr. E. Runyon Tyler, Jr. by Mr. and Mrs. John Groover Kennedy III;

And on the occasion of the marriage of Mollie Wilson Murray and John Louis Messick on June 12, 2016 at the Church of the Holy Assumption of the Virgin Mary in Kenai, Alaska.

CHANCEL SOCIETY

Mrs. Jayne G. Holland, Mrs. Carter C. Hubbard, Mrs. T. Herbert Guerry III, Mrs. B. Ray Summerell, Mrs. Rhett N. Willis, Mrs. Warren L. Traver, Mrs. Shack B. Wimbish, Jr., Mrs. R. Gilbert Wells

ACOLYTES

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

COFFEE HOUR CHAIRMAN

Mrs. David A. Reid
Please see Mrs. James S. McClellan (912-201-3895 or MimiJoyce@aol.com) this Sunday to volunteer to host an upcoming Coffee Hour.

9:30 A.M. SUNDAY ADULT EDUCATION

Fr. Dunbar- *Psalms 1, 2 & 3 – the Psalmist's Introduction to the Psalms*
Cranmer Hall Reading Room

MEN'S WEEKDAY STUDY & DISCUSSION

Tuesday- Breakfast with Father O'Brien
Is Faith Reasonable?
6:45 a.m., Parish House
Thursday- *Romans* with Father Dunbar
7:00 a.m., CH Reading Room

WOMEN'S WEEKDAY STUDY & DISCUSSION

Wednesday- C. S. Lewis Women's Fellowship
June 22, 11:00 a.m. CH Library
Thursday- Michael O'Brien's novel,
Island of the World with Fr. O'Brien
9:15 a.m., CH Reading Room

NEXT SUNDAY 9:30 A.M.

BOOK DISCUSSION

Mrs. James (Lachlan) Ivy will lead a discussion of Tim Keller's *Prayer* in the Reading Room at 9:30 a.m. on June 19, 26, and July 3. All welcome.

PLEASE REMEMBER YOUR CHURCH IN YOUR WILL

love, and his whole conversation [i.e. conduct, or way of life] publisheth afterwards that he is conquered and made captive by the force of God's stupendous and amazing goodness, so that he can no longer resist the mighty power thereof; for it hath caused him *to give up himself* wholly to serve his glorious Benefactor, and obliged him to *walk before God in holiness and righteousness* so long as he breathes upon the earth. And oh! How visible is his thankfulness, when it produceth such noble effects as to make a man resolved to despise all the pleasure of sin rather than offend God, and to choose the most difficult parts of virtue and piety to obtain and secure his love; when it causeth us to delight in his service, and desire his favour above all things; when we love what he loveth, and hate what he hateth, wishing nothing so much as to please him, and dreading nothing more than to offend this Father of mercies and Fountain of all goodness!"

Reynolds' prayer lends the non-sacramental services of Morning and Evening Prayer a pronounced eucharistic note of thankfulness and self-offering. As Massey Shepherd, a 20th century liturgist, notes (more prosaically than Comber), "like the concluding thanksgiving of the Holy Communion (p.83), it serves to direct our worship in the sanctuary to the tasks of service in the world, and so relates our daily prayers to our daily lives by linking the due service of our lips to the dutiful service of our deeds". That's why it makes sense to reserve it (as we have been doing of late) for the close of Sunday Morning Prayer - immediately after the offering and the dismissal of the congregation with the blessing - where its expression of thankful self-offering in sacrifice and for service provides a logical and satisfying finale to the morning's

worship. It is the confession that we have been "conquered and made captive by the force of God's stupendous and amazing goodness".
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WORSHIP SURVEY

Parishioners are requested to fill out the Parish Worship Survey online: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/StJohnsLRPC>. This link is also included on the church website and the weekly email, "**This Week at St. John's**". To receive this, please send your email address to: wcorbin@stjohnssav.org.

PARISH KALENDAR THIS WEEK

Monday to Friday

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

Morning and Evening Prayer

In addition, on Wednesday

9:45 a.m. *The Litany*

10:00 a.m. *Holy Eucharist*

JANE'S CANNERS

The Canning Ladies are in the Cranmer Hall kitchen at 9:30 a.m. each Wednesday throughout the summer. All are welcome to join them! Donations are needed: half-pint jars, sugar, raisins, figs, pears, apples, squash, onions. Call Jane Pressly at 912-233-6551.

YOGA CLASSES

The Gentle Yoga Class will continue throughout the summer months on Tuesday mornings at 9:30 a.m. on the 3rd floor of Cranmer Hall. Cost: \$15 per class. Call Cathy Baxter (912-704-5111) if you are interested!

8:00 A.M.—HOLY COMMUNION

COLLECT, EPISTLE, and GOSPEL..... Prayer Book, page 192
A continental breakfast is available in Cranmer Hall following this service.

9:30 A.M.-10:15 A.M. - CHRISTIAN EDUCATION FOR ADULTS (Cranmer Hall)

10:15 a.m.-12:00 p.m. (Noon) - **Nursery (Cranmer Hall)**

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

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

10:30 A.M. - MORNING PRAYER & SERMON

HYMN: #300 <i>Before the Lord Jehovah's throne</i>	Winchester New
Sentences, Confession, Absolution and Lord's Prayer	Prayer Book, pages 3-7
Versicles and Responses	7-8
VENITE EXULTEMUS DOMINO: #609	9
Psalm #55	406
First Lesson: Proverbs 3:21-35 <i>The wisdom of the humble</i>	<i>Insert</i>
BENEDICTUS ES, DOMINE #626.....	11
Second Lesson: 1 Peter 5:5-11 & Luke 15:1-10	192, 193
BENEDICTUS #634	14
<i>Children may exit following the cross for PSALM PSINGERS (Grades 1-5).</i>	
Apostles' Creed	15
Versicles and Responses	16
Collect for the Day.....	192
Other Collects, Prayers and the Grace	17-20
HYMN: #573 <i>Go, Labor On!</i>	Angel's Song (Song 34)
THE SERMON	Father O'Brien

OFFERING

Sentences	
Anthem: <i>Day by Day</i>	Sumner, arr. Branyon
Presentation of Alms: Doxology #139	
General Thanksgiving and Aaronic Blessing	19
HYMN: #589 <i>O What Their Joy and Their Glory Must Be</i>	O Quanta Qualia
VOLUNTARY: Trumpet Tune in E-Flat	Mark Thewes

*Everyone is invited to attend 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 in the Chapel (Collect, Epistle, Gospel as at 8:00 a.m.)