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PARISH KALENDAR THIS WEEK

Monday to Friday

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

Morning and Evening Prayer

In addition, on Wednesday

June 29th

SS PETER & PAUL THE APOSTLES

9:45 a.m. *The Litany*

10:00 a.m. *Holy Eucharist*

In addition, on Saturday July 2nd

VISITATION

OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

10:30 a.m. *Holy Eucharist*

SERMON FOR SS. PETER & PAUL

Part I of a sermon of Father Ralston in 1990

[Father Ralston began by noting the observance in some calendars of a feast of the Confession of Peter on January 18, of the Conversion of Paul on January 25, and a joint commemoration of them as fellow-martyrs on June 29, the Feast of Peter and Paul.]

First the confession of St. Peter – "Thou art the Christ": this faith is the rock on which the Church is built. Then the conversion of St. Paul, the signal that the Gospel is for all human beings and is intended to spread its light through all the world; and finally the two apostles together, united in their martyrs' blood—but really a day to celebrate the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace, and to acknowledge our common life in the Body of Christ. They are at one in the Lord, and together are the two pillars of apostolic Christianity.

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St. Luke's version of Jesus' decisive call of Peter from his fishing to "catch men" gives us, as do all the stories about him in the New Testament, the full flavor of the man. John loves Jesus too much to let us see his own personality except indirectly. But Peter is another matter. At every place we see his full, individual self, his human nature, faults and all; and we see these unforgettably.

One trait runs through all the stories. It is the quality of character that gave Simon Bar-jonah the nickname by which he is still known – Peter, the rock. That trait of character is faith. In St. Luke's story, Peter doubts Jesus' word about the fishing. After all, Peter had been a fisherman all his life, and now here comes this strange neighbor from Nazareth – and a carpenter at that – to tell him how to fish. Jesus is already someone whom Peter calls "Master," but the essence of the story is elsewhere. "We have toiled all the night and have taken nothing" – *Nevertheless*: this is one of the great conjunctions in the world's spiritual history; no matter what the appearances may be and in spite of my own feelings, "*Nevertheless*, at Thy word, I will let down the net."

This is the essence of faith, which does, *nevertheless*, what God's word gives you to do. The essence of faith is to trust in the Lord. It is precisely what the Lord's Mother tells the servants at the wedding at Cana: "Whatever *he* says unto you, do it." When this is done the water of faith

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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 a.m. Mr. Arthur D. Weed
10:30 a.m. Mr. J. Alex Jarman

USHER CHAIRMAN

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ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers at the altar this Sunday are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. Earle Moody Culver by Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Brian Culver and Mr. and Mrs. Randolph Bryan Jones, Jr.;

And in honor of Sylvia Summers by the Chancel Society.

CHANCEL SOCIETY

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ACOLYTES

8:00 a.m. Turner Stevens
10:30 a.m. Patrick Perrie Finn Repella
Mikel Kelly Jackson McClellan

COFFEE HOUR CHAIRMAN

Mrs. Mark D. Stevens

SUNDAY 9:30 A.M. BOOK DISCUSSION

Lachlan Ivy will lead a discussion of Tim Keller's *Prayer* in the Reading Room at 9:30 a.m. on June 26, July 3 & 10. All are welcome. Handouts provided.

MEN'S WEEKDAY STUDY & DISCUSSION

Tuesday- Breakfast with Father O'Brien
Why Read the Bible?
6:45 a.m., Parish House

Thursday- NO MEETING THIS WEEK
NEXT MEETING ON JULY 14
Romans with Father Dunbar
7:00 a.m., CH Reading Room

WOMEN'S WEEKDAY STUDY & DISCUSSION

Wednesday- C. S. Lewis Women's Fellowship
2nd & 4th Wednesdays (July 13)
11:00 a.m., CH Reading Room

Thursday- Michael D. O'Brien's novel,
Island of the World with Fr. O'Brien
9:15 a.m., CH Reading Room

PLEASE REMEMBER YOUR CHURCH IN YOUR WILL.

8:00 A.M.–HOLY COMMUNION

COLLECT, EPISTLE, and GOSPEL..... Prayer Book, page 195
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.—SUNG EUCHARIST & ADDRESS

HYMN: #564 *How Firm a Foundation*.....Lyons

ANTE-COMMUNION

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HYMN: #570 *O Jesus, I Have Promised*..... Llanfyllin

Children may exit following the cross for PSALM PSINGERS (Grades 1-5).

SERMON..... Father O’Brien

OFFERTORY

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HYMN: #566 *Jesus Calls Us*..... Galilee

VOLUNTARY: *Trumpet Tune in D*..... William Boyce

*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.)