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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

9:45 a.m. *The Litany*

10:00 a.m. *Holy Eucharist*

SERMON FOR SS. PETER & PAUL

*Part III of a three-part sermon preached
by Father Ralston in 1990*

At the very end of his life, in the story surrounding his own death, the same thing [*i.e. faith combined with human frailty - editor*] appears. St. Peter is on his way, fleeing Rome in the time of persecution. It would not be easy for flesh and blood to confront Nero. But as Peter walks down the Appian Way he sees the Lord going toward the city – "Quo vadis, Domine?" "Where are you going, Lord?" And the Lord replies, "I am going to Rome, to be crucified again." And then, no matter what flesh and blood and human nature may want, *nevertheless* Peter turns around and goes back to the city, where he is seized and martyred, crucified "upside down." This is the final irony and the final glory of a life lived *nevertheless* in the Lord.

And therefore I think St. Peter is a great comfort to all of us. We go along – misunderstanding, being jealous, denying; having faith and

then not even knowing what we have. We don't ever quite "get it," or the flesh and blood rebel. We are not like St. John or St. Paul. We are most like St. Peter, who can truly say: "I am a man as other men are."

Think once more about that fishing. Peter and the others had been fishing all night. The fish were not biting and they had caught nothing. Jesus appears on the bank and tells them to let down the net. Peter grumbles about it. He's tired and irritated. Flesh and blood say to ignore what Jesus says: "Nevertheless, at Thy word, I will let down the net."

In that "*nevertheless*," Peter's whole faithful self is visible. Faith like his is precisely the *nevertheless* we all say when we go on to obey the Lord's word. Faith *means* trusting *God*. Maybe Jesus' word looks impractical or silly. Maybe we are tired and bored and distracted. Maybe we just don't care or are really ignorant. Maybe we have become cynical and disgusted with God, and with the whole business of being a Christian – or even being human. Maybe we are spiritual and moral cowards.

Right that minute remember Peter's *nevertheless*. No matter what, in spite of whatever it is, at thy word I will cast my net. St. Peter is a man as

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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. John C. Helmken II

USHER CHAIRMAN

Mr. John D. Riley

ALTAR FLOWERS

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

And in loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas D. Miller, Sr. and Mrs. Louise Duskin Dillard by Mr. and Mrs. William E. Dillard III;

And in loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. Howard John Hoffman by Mr. and Mrs. E. Brian Culver and Mr. and Mrs. Randolph Bryan Jones, Jr.

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ACOLYTES

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

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Mrs. Christopher E. Klein

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 July 10. All 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- *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.

other men are; as are we. Yet on this kind of fallible human rock Jesus is willing to build his Church.

For those of us who have been added to the building from time to time, perhaps feeling more like sand or pebbles than as having a rock-like faith – something more like gravel than a living stone – for us St. Peter is a marvelous comfort. He does not have St. Paul's mind and he does not have St. John's heart. But he has his Lord's confidence and trust, in spite of himself.

And, quite amazingly, so do we – in spite of ourselves. What makes a person a rock of faith in God's building of His Kingdom? What is it that makes St. Peter wise? What gives him holiness and power? What is the secret of his authority?

It is that "nevertheless." It is faith. We are told that the fool is the one who says in his heart, "There is no God." Simon Peter was never such a fool. I pray none of us ever will be either. WHR.

JANE'S CANNERS

The Canning Ladies will be cooking in the kitchen at 9:30 a.m. each Wednesday throughout the summer. All are welcome to join them! Donations needed: half-pint jars, sugar, GOLDEN raisins, figs, pears, apples, and peaches. Please call Jane Pressly at 912-233-6551 for details.

THE CHILDREN'S SCHOOL

The Children's School Summer Session is underway! Weekly/Monthly sessions are available through August 19.

We also have a few openings left for the 2016-17 school year!

To register, contact Cathy King (childrensschool@stjohnssav.org).

ANTHEMS THIS SUNDAY

Hear My Prayer

By Jacob Arcadelt

Hear my prayer O God,
turn not from me;
Hearken unto the voice
of my supplication.
I will call on God,
He alone will be my salvation.
He endureth for all generations.
O Lord almighty,
turn not Thyself from me,
I pray Thee, O Lord God.
O hear my prayer, Lord,
Amen.

O Lord, Help Us Know

By Carlton Young

O Lord help us know
in the breaking of this bread
and the drinking of this wine
the presence of Christ,
who gave His body and His blood
for all mankind,
Amen.

8:00 A.M.—HOLY COMMUNION

COLLECT, EPISTLE, and GOSPEL..... Prayer Book, page 198
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

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*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.)