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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,

September 21

ST. MATTHEW APOSTLE

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

Morning and Evening Prayer

With Holy Communion

9:45 a.m. *Litany*

10:00 a.m. *Holy Eucharist*

EMBER FRIDAY, September 23

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

Morning and Evening Prayer

& Holy Communion

EMBER SATURDAY, September 24

10:30 a.m.

Holy Communion

MEN'S ANNUAL DINNER

Thursday, September 22

Green-Meldrim after 5:30 p.m. EP

All men of the church are invited!

Social 6-6:30, Dinner 6:30,

very brief business meeting 7:00, and

guest speaker, 7-8:30. Cost \$20.

Call office for reservations- 232-1251.

CATECHISM (I)

Is it possible to demonstrate the relevance of the Catechism to the youngsters who are learning it? I wonder. Do the youngsters have the frame of reference in which this demonstration might make sense? The young are drawn to what is immediately appealing or exciting, whereas matters whose value appears only in the long term may not

appeal at all. The relevance of brushing teeth may not be apparent to a child, because its benefits are long-term. So why do they brush their teeth? Because their parents make it a priority. The world is ready to fill their minds with trash and trivia – should we not be making room for the elements of our religious tradition?

Indeed, parenting is one of the keys to understanding the Catechism, beginning with its first four questions, about the benefits and promises of baptism. Parenting provides children with security of being loved and cared for, a security which even their rebellions cannot overthrow. (Remember Frost's line, *Home is the place where, when you go there, they have to take you in.*) This security empowers them to engage with the world around them, to take their place in it, and to be able in turn to provide that security for others. It is in the experience of steadfast love – love which embraces us even in our faults and failings – that we learn what love is, that we learn what love requires of us, that we are able to love others. A mature adult is someone who carries within himself the security of being loved, and in that security is able to take the risks involved in working, loving, and caring for others.

And yet how can there be this security? Even children know that their parents are flawed, and it is not just in fairy tales that children encounter monsters and giants. If our own insecurities overwhelm us, we have no energy to bestow on anything else. If we are desperate to meet our own needs,

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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. Peter A. Pollak, Jr.

Usher Chairman

Mr. J. Earl Gilbreath, Jr.

ACOLYTES

8:00 a.m. Jamie McClellan
10:30 a.m. Turner Stevens Edwin Shepherd
Jackson McClellan Henry Osborne
Finn Repella Patrick Perrie William Taylor

ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers at the altar this Sunday are given to the glory of God on the occasion of the marriage of Anne Sheldon Carson and Kevin Moore Crouch on September 17, 2016;

And in memory of loved ones by Mr. and Mrs. Warren L. Traver;

And in loving memory of Peter Meldrim Coy and Sally McAdoo Coy by Mr. and Mrs. Timothy E. Coy;

And loving memory of Jo Francis Deal and Edward John Derst, Jr. by Mr. and Mrs. Edward J. Derst III and family;

And in loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. William H. Helmken and loved ones, and in thanksgiving for St. John's Church by Mr. and Mrs. W. Howard Helmken, Jr. and Mr. and Mrs. Gary M. Schubert.

CHANCEL SOCIETY

Mrs. John G. Bradshaw, Jr., Mrs. Jayne G. Holland,
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Mrs. Joseph R. Ross, Mrs. B. Ray Summerell,
Mrs. Rhett N. Willis, Mrs. Thomas C. McCay

COFFEE HOUR CHAIRMAN

Mrs. Graham P. Sadler

SUNDAY 9:30 A.M.

ADULT & YOUTH CLASSES

Cranmer Hall – Third Floor

CONFIRMATION CLASS-GRADE 6- *Catechism*

MIDDLE SCHOOL-GRADES 7,8,9-

Twenty-Five Bible Saints

UPPER SCHOOL-GRADES 10,11,12-

Apologetics for Teenagers

FOR ADULTS:

READING ROOM: *I Samuel*- Fr. Dunbar

CH3: *Joshua: Man of Faith, Man of Courage,*
Man of War- Jack Wray

CH3: *Intro to St. John's*- Fr. O'Brien

MEN'S WEEKDAY STUDY & DISCUSSION

Tuesday- Men's Breakfast with Fr. O'Brien
6:45 a.m., Parish House
Why the Church?

Thursday- *Romans* with Fr. Dunbar
7:00 a.m., CH Reading Room

WOMEN'S WEEKDAY STUDY & DISCUSSION

Wednesday- C. S. Lewis Women's Fellowship
11:00 a.m. Reading Room

The next meeting is September 28.

Thursday- Book Study with Fr. O'Brien

WILL NOT MEET SEPTEMBER 22

PLEASE REMEMBER YOUR CHURCH IN YOUR WILL

we will have no energy for humility, patience, kindness, courage, or sacrifice.

But the Catechism teaches children that by God's action in baptism they belong to God (*a member of Christ*), they are beloved of God (*the child of God*), and God belongs to them (*an inheritor of the kingdom of heaven*). They have *status* before him, and *access* to him, for he has set his love on them. He has *called* them into a *state of salvation* – of ultimate safety and security. Here is the deep security that liberates them from anxious self-concern and its destructive effects.

So that's the first thing the child learns in the Catechism. And then he learns that this relationship with God runs both ways, in a covenant of binding mutual obligation. As one who belongs to God, who is loved by God, to whom God belongs, he owes him an undivided loyalty, in faithfulness to the promises made at his baptism. That means renouncing all rivals to Christ, that is, the lying gods of *the world, the flesh, and the devil* and their deceptive seductions. It means believing and trusting in that which is most trustworthy and true, because it is of the one true God, *all the articles of the Christian faith*. It means walking in *the way* that leads to true happiness, the way of *God's holy will and commandments*. We will have more to say about those promises later: but already the child is learning – if God is faithful, then I can be faithful, too. I can be more than the pawn of impulse and destructive passions, more than a consumer driven by self-gratification, I can be trustworthy and true partner in a relationship of covenanted faithfulness. And so the child learns to acknowledge himself *bound* by solemn obligation to *believe and do* according to these promises, in thankfulness for being *called*

into this state of salvation.

The Catechism may seem arcane or abstract to youngsters: but it is empowering them spiritually, to be what God made them to be. That's not irrelevant. GGD

BRASS FOR MICHAELMAS

If you would like to contribute to the cost of the brass at Michaelmas (October 2), please make checks payable to St. John's Church marked "brass" in the memo line, and, if desired, add a note as to the thanksgiving or memorial.

HOLLY DAYS BAZAAR NOTICES

Books- Clear your shelves and donate the books to the Bazaar! Call Kathryn Tanner- 667-4894 or Karen Wray- 398-8006

Arts and Crafts- If you sew, knit, or craft, please donate your treasures to the Bazaar! Martha Sullivan- 663-6221

Jane's Canners are OFF this week but still need fresh pears! If you have a tree, call Jane Pressly- 233-6551.

White Elephant needs treasures to sell! Please no clothes, shoes, toys, puzzles, electronics, pillows (other than decorative), luggage, or plastic containers. Call Caroline Warner- 657-2755

SECOND HARVEST COLLECTION

Please join the Women and Sunday School of St. John's in collecting items for Second Harvest's Backpack Buddies Program. Needed items include: **fruit cups, small cans of Vienna sausage, small jars of peanut butter, individual packages of crackers and Goldfish, and books (new or gently used) for children grades 1-5.** Collection bins will be inside Cranmer Hall from September 18 - November 6. **If you would like to help pack these items at Second Harvest on Tuesdays at 2:30 p.m., call Martha Sullivan at 663-6221.**

COFFEE HOUR GREETERS NEEDED

Please see Jettie Johnston this Sunday after the 10:30 a.m. service to sign up to greet during a future Coffee Hour.

8:00 A.M.—HOLY COMMUNION

COLLECTS, EPISTLE, and GOSPEL..... Prayer Book, page 213
A continental breakfast is available in Cranmer Hall following this service.

9:15 a.m.-12:00 p.m. (Noon) - **Nursery** (*Cranmer Hall*)

9:30 A.M. – ADULT & YOUTH CHRISTIAN EDUCATION (*Cranmer Hall*)

*Supervised Fellowship and Fun is available for children from Preschool to Grade Five
 whose parents are attending class.*

10:30 A.M.— SUNG EUCHARIST, ADDRESS & SUNDAY SCHOOL

HYMN: #149 *Awake, My Heart, and Render* Selnecker

ANTE-COMMUNION

Collect for Purity Prayer Book, p. 67

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

Children may exit following the cross for SUNDAY SCHOOL (Kindergarten – Grade 5).

SERMON Father Dunbar

OFFERTORY

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HYMN: #396 *The Church's One Foundation* Aurelia

VOLUNTARY: *Toccata* Georgi Mushel

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.)