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SPECIAL COLLECTION THIS SUNDAY – E. Y. C. S.

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PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING

O Lord God Almighty, the Creator and Father of all, who crownest the year with thy goodness, we yield thee hearty thanks that thou hast ordained for man both seed-time and harvest, and dost now bestow upon us thy children the fruits of the earth in their season. For these and all other thy mercies we laud and magnify thy glorious name, through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord. *Amen.*

O MERCIFUL God, at whose bidding the earth withholdeth her increase, or rendereth her fruits in their season: Give us grace that we may learn, both from thy mercies and thy judgments, our entire dependence upon thee for the supply of our daily bread; and grant that we, remembering that thy blessings are for our trial as well as for our comfort, may with thankful hearts give unto thee of thine own, ministering gladly to the maintenance of thy Church, and the relief of the poor and the afflicted, the widow and the orphan, to the glory of thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O LORD, we pray thee, sow the seed of thy word in our hearts, and send down upon us the showers of thy grace, that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit, and at the great day of harvest may be gathered by the holy angels into the

heavenly garner; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O ALMIGHTY God, whose dearly beloved Son, after his resurrection, sent his Apostles into all the world, and, on the day of Pentecost, endued them with special gifts of the Holy Spirit, that they might gather in the spiritual harvest: We beseech thee to look down from heaven upon the fields, now white unto the harvest, and to send forth more labourers to gather fruit unto eternal life. And grant us grace so to help them with our prayers and offerings, that when the harvest of the earth is ripe, and the time for reaping is come, we, together with them, may rejoice before thee, according to the joy in harvest; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

WE magnify thee, O Lord, we bless the excellency of thy name in the great works of thy hands, the manifold vestures of earth and sky and sea, the courses of the stars and light, the songs of birds, the hues of flowers, the frame and attributes of everything that hath breath, and upholding them all, thy wisdom, marvelous worthy to be praised; but most, that by thy sure promise we now do only taste the glory that shall be revealed, when thou, O God, wilt take the power and reign, world without end. *Amen.*

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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 Mrs. Mark D. Stevens

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8:00 a.m. Jamie McClellan

10:30 a.m. Hawkins Pindar Turner Stevens

Jackson McClellan Henry Osborne

William Taylor Edwin Shepherd

ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers at the altar this Sunday are given to the glory of God and in honor of the wedding anniversary of Amanda and Tom Heath, who were married at St. John's Church on November 2, 2002 by Dorothy and Susan Kingery;

And in loving memory of Dr. and Mrs. Jules Victor, Jr. by Mr. and Mrs. Neil H. Victor;

And in loving honor and grace for the birthday of our dear wife, sweet mother and grandmother, JoAnn Clark Troxler by Lt. Col. Paul Drewry Troxler and family.

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SUNDAY 9:30 A.M.

ADULT & YOUTH CLASSES

Cranmer Hall – Third Floor

CONFIRMATION CLASS–GRADE 6- *Catechism*

MIDDLE SCHOOL–GRADES 7,8-

Twenty-Five Bible Saints

UPPER SCHOOL–GRADES 9, 10,11,12

Apologetics for Teenagers

FOR ADULTS:

READING ROOM: *I Samuel* with Fr. Dunbar

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

MEN'S WEEKDAY STUDY & DISCUSSION

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

Thursday- *St. Luke's Gospel* with Fr. Dunbar
7:00 a.m., Reading Room CH1

Thursday- Men's Small Group with lunch
Noon- Fellowship Hall CH1

WOMEN'S WEEKDAY STUDY & DISCUSSION

Wednesday- C. S. Lewis Women's Fellowship
Will meet again in January 2017

Thursday- Book Study with Fr. O'Brien
9:15 a.m., Reading Room CH1
Shusaku Endo's Silence

PLEASE REMEMBER YOUR CHURCH IN YOUR WILL.

PARISH KALENDAR THIS WEEK

Monday to Wednesday

Morning and Evening Prayer

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

In addition, on Wednesday

9:45 a.m. *Litany*

10:00 a.m. *Holy Eucharist*

Thursday, November 24th

THANKSGIVING DAY

10:30 a.m. *Sung Eucharist*

*No other Services Thursday or Friday
And Church Office Closed*

STEWARDSHIP 2017

Thanks to all those who have made pledges of financial support for 2017. We are asking every parishioner household to do so. If you need a pledge card ('Estimate of Giving'), please notify the Church Office, or you can notify the Business Manager, Mrs. Janice Woods, or the Rector. Timely return of pledges enables the Vestry to budget responsibly.

ST. JOHN'S CALENDARS

Only a few 2017 Calendars remain! Please stop by the Church Office to purchase one (\$20 each). The seasonal altar flower photos are truly beautiful!

CHRISTMAS TOY COLLECTION

The Women and Sunday School of St. John's are collecting NEW toys for children (ages 5-17) to be distributed by the Salvation Army. Bins will be on the Porch of the Church and in the lobby of Cranmer Hall. Collections end Sunday, December 11. All donations are appreciated!

PRAYER BOOK AND HYMNAL DEDICATIONS

Looking for a special gift for the holidays? Honor or remember a loved one with a Prayer Book or Hymnal dedication. Each book is \$50 and will replace worn books in the Church or Chapel. Contact the Church Office.

WREATHS, GARLANDS AND POINSETTIAS

If you would like to give a poinsettia, wreath or garland for the decoration of the Church at Christmas, send a check to the Church Office made payable to **St. John's Chancel Society**. Please include a note of how the memorial or honorarium should read. Poinsettias are \$30 each. Wreaths and Garlands are \$80 each.

GREEN-MELDRIM GUIDES NEEDED

St. John's Parish House is open for tours on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays from 10:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. and on Saturdays from 10:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. unless a church event conflicts. Tour guides are needed for three-hour shifts each of these days. This is a fun way to meet people from all over the world and to help raise funds for restoration projects for the house. Please consider becoming a guide for 2017! Contact Jane Pressly at 23306551 or Martie Thomas at 598-4299 to sign up for training. No experience needed!

NEW VESTRYMEN

These Vestry members were elected at the Annual Congregational Meeting, Sunday, November 13, 2016:
Mrs. Christian M. Arden-Joly (Susan)
Dr. J. Davidson Carson (David)
Mr. Edwin H. Culver (Eddie)
Mrs. Gary M. Schubert (Elizabeth)

8:00 A.M.–HOLY COMMUNION

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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. – MORNING PRAYER, SERMON & SUNDAY SCHOOL

HYMN: #137 *Come, Ye Thankful People Come*.....St. George’s Windsor

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HYMN: #285 *The God of Abraham Praise* Leoni

THE SERMON Father Dunbar

OFFERING

Sentences

Anthem: *The Lord Will Come and Not Be Slow* (Text in Hymnal #312)Henry G. Ley

Presentation of Alms: Doxology #139 and Hymn #141, Stanza 4

General Thanksgiving (*said by all*) and Aaronic Blessing 19

HYMN: #357 *Hail, Thou Once Despised Jesus*.....In Babilone

VOLUNTARY: *Now Thank We All Our God*..... Piet Post

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.)