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**SUNDAY SCHOOL STARTS
NEXT SUNDAY,
September 24th, at the 10:30 service.**

PARISH KALENDAR

◆ WEEKDAY WORSHIP ◆

Monday - Tuesday

Morning and Evening Prayer

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

Ember Wednesday

Morning and Evening Prayer

with Holy Communion

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

9:45 a.m. *Litany*

10:00 a.m. *Holy Eucharist*

Thursday, September 21st

ST. MATTHEW, APOSTLE & MARTYR

Morning and Evening Prayer

With Holy Communion

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

Ember Friday

Morning and Evening Prayer

with Holy Communion

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

Ember Saturday

10:30 a.m. *Holy Eucharist*

◆ NEXT SATURDAY, SEPT 23 ◆

STAND '17 – A STUDENT HAPPENING

2 pm at the Civic Center. See p. 3

◆ NEXT SUNDAY, SEPT 24 ◆

9:30 A.M. UPPER SCHOOL STUDENT

MEETING – Ralston Room

All upper School Students (and interested parents) are strongly urged to take part.

NEW CHRISTIAN EDUCATION DIRECTOR

We are delighted to announce that Mrs. Robert (Susanne) Evangelista has accepted the position of Christian Education director. With background in music, business, and serving in churches, Susanne brings many gifts to her new position, and we are looking forward to her ideas and energy. Please introduce yourselves (and more than once, please, she has many names to learn)! We are grateful to Caroline Hayes, who will be working with Susanne during the transition.

LORD OF THE STORM

By and large, we got off lightly, especially when compared to Florida or even Charleston. Now perhaps we can stop obsessively checking the “cone of uncertainty”, and get on with unpacking, cleaning-up, repairing, and helping those who have been hit hard by the storm, not to mention the projects this storm disrupted and delayed. But first, perhaps, a reflection on God’s place in all this, which is something that even Christians today don’t often do. Having privatized our faith, we are not even looking for him in the storm: we think the meteorologists tell us all we need to know.

Yet it’s not accidental that the Bible applies the imagery of the storm to the Lord – imagery of unmastered power,

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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 or hospice.

VESTRY OFFERING CHAIRMEN
8:00 Mr. Arthur D. Weed
10:30 Joseph R. Ross, Esq.

USHER CHAIRMAN
Mr. Frank Somoskey

ACOLYTES
8:00 a.m. William Taylor
10:30 a.m. Hawkins Pindar
Jackson McClellan
Henry Osborne
Jamie McClellan
Finn Repella
Jacob Perkins

ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers at the altar this Sunday are given to the glory of God 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 in loving memory of Jo Francis Deal and Edward John Derst, Jr., by Mr. and Mrs. Edward J. Derst III and family;
And in 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. Edward J. Derst III,
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COFFEE HOUR CHAIRMAN

Mrs. William W. Strickland

SUNDAY 9:30 A.M.

ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION
New Class! Reading 1 Kings, with Fr Dunbar
- in the Reading Room, CH 3

MEN'S WEEKDAY STUDY & DISCUSSION

Tuesday- *Men's Breakfast* with Father O'Brien
6:45 a.m., Parish House
Thursday- *St. Luke* with Father Dunbar
7:00 a.m., Reading Room, CH3
Thursday- *Men's Small Group* with lunch
Noon- Fellowship Hall, CH1

JANE'S CANNERS

Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. in Cranmer Hall.
Needed: Hard pears picked straight from the trees and shelled or unshelled pecans.

MICHAELMAS BRASS APPEAL

If you would like to contribute to the brass ensemble for Michaelmas (Oct 1st), please send contributions to the Church office marked "brass" in the memo line, and a note of the intention of the gift (memorial, thanksgiving, or anonymous).

C. S. LEWIS WOMEN'S SMALL GROUP

First Fall meeting (rescheduled from September 13): Wednesday, September 27th, at 11 a.m. in the Reading Room, with Lewis' *Screwtape Letters*. All welcome!

PLEASE REMEMBER YOUR CHURCH IN YOUR WILL

before which man is humbled. For God is the Almighty Lord; he is infinite power, sovereign freedom, and “he hath done whatsoever pleased him”. We may no more control him than we can bridle a hurricane.

Yet this storm-imagery must be used with care. Pagans might think that Zeus *was* the storm; but in the Scriptural account, God is infinitely greater than any storm, and is not to be confused with it. He is not (as pagans and atheists assume) something within the world of space and time, like a storm, only bigger; something that both acts and is acted upon by other things in the world - but a supreme power *over* the world, utterly free to act as he wills *in* the world. And though he be as untamable as a storm, unlike a storm what he wills is *good*. “We know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose” (Romans 8:28) – “all things”, even, or perhaps especially, those least promising to our eyes. That’s why we can trust him even as the sea rages.

Do you see what a difference this makes to those who believe? Pagans think of the storm as a god, and atheists think of it as meteorology, yet both can only regard the storm with fatalism. You can try to appease the gods, you can try to predict the storm track, but if neither tactic works, all you can hope for is to escape being crushed by its wrath. But Christians, at least those who understand their religion, will regard the storm in a very different light – one that takes fuller account of reality. Unlike the pagans, they will not think the storm is a god, but as the result of natural forces because they know the world and

everything in it to be the creation of divine reason, operating by laws which human reason can discover. Unlike the atheists, however, they will recognize that meteorology alone does not explain the meaning of history. Though the created order has a certain autonomy granted it by the Creator, yet even so it is governed by a providence that is infinite in power, wisdom, and goodness, and acts within the finite to fulfill its own great design. When the storm strikes, therefore, we will not respond with fatalism. We will perceive the visitation of God’s judgment, that humbles our pride; when we escape its fury, we shall perceive his mercy, and give thanks “not only with our lips but with our lives”; if and when we suffer calamity, we will not lose hope: a God that is infinite in wisdom and goodness as well as in power sees a much bigger picture than finite human minds possibly see, and “is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think” (Eph. 3:20). We may not see his reasons for this storm, but that does not mean he does not have them. So today, before the memory recedes, behold the Lord of the storm in the storm; give thanks for his visitation, and declare his loving-kindness, by whose mighty protection you have been preserved. GGD

**MEN OF SAINT JOHN’S –
ANNUAL DINNER**

Thursday Sept 28 at 6pm

Green Meldrim House. Tickets \$20.

Speaker – parishioner Jake Ross will speak about his time in the United States Navy, including working with President George H. W. Bush and the first Commander of the USS John McCain. Cigars on the porch to follow. For info, call Martin Sullivan (912) 547-4608

8:00 A.M.—HOLY COMMUNION

COLLECT, EPISTLE & GOSPEL..... Prayer Book, page 209
A continental breakfast is available in Cranmer Hall following this service.

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

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

10:30 A.M.— SUNG EUCHARIST & ADDRESS

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*Everyone is invited to attend the 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 (Chapel - as at 8:00 a.m.)