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UPCOMING AT ST. JOHN'S

◆ WEEKDAY WORSHIP ◆

Monday to Friday

Morning and Evening Prayer

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

In addition, on Wednesday

ST. IGNATIUS OF ANTIOCH

9:45 a.m. *Litany* 10:00 a.m. *Eucharist*

5:30 p.m. *Holy Communion*
with Evening Prayer

In addition, on Thursday

**THE PRESENTATION OF CHRIST
(CANDLEMAS)**

8:15 a.m. *Holy Communion*
with Morning Prayer

◆ CANDLEMAS EVENSONG ◆

5:30 p.m. **CHORAL EVENSONG**

& PROCESSION WITH LIGHTS

5:05 p.m. **Musical Prelude**

*The Holy Communion will be said in the
Chapel after Evensong (about 6:30 p.m.)*

◆ OYSTER ROAST ◆

Saturday, February 4

12:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Camp Villa Marie

(Follow LaRoche Avenue to Isle of Hope, turn
left onto Hopecrest Avenue, to 6 Dolan Drive.)

Tickets (All Inclusive)

Advance Reservations: \$30 each

Day of Event: \$35 each

Under 21 years of age: NO CHARGE

Reservations available at Coffee Hour each
Sunday and in Church Office on weekdays.

For More Information, Call:
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REVISITING THE REFORMATION

Five hundred years ago next October, it is said, an Augustinian monk named Martin Luther nailed Ninety-Five Theses for disputation on the church door at Wittenberg, in Saxony: an event not unusual at the time, but which ignited the religious, cultural, social and political earthquake we know as the Reformation. There had been many movements for reform in the church throughout the Middle Ages, and Luther had no more intention of founding a new church than the various reformers who had preceded him, but his campaign to cast out a "false gospel" from the Catholic church had the unforeseen consequence of an enduring (and for a long time, bitter) division of western Christianity, which in North America has produced the buffet of denominational fragments, at which religious consumers may something for every taste.

Lamentable as this division is, the unity for which Christ prayed was not unity as an end in itself, merely institutional unity, but rather unity in the truth of the gospel. So while we may regret the divisions, we cannot ignore the theological issues that the Reformation put on the table with such stunning clarity. To generalize what these were: faith in the gospel does not exist in a vacuum – it must be expressed in the common life of a well-ordered church, in a ministry of word

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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. Henry F. Inglesby, Jr.

USHER CHAIRMAN

Mr. E. Brian Culver

ACOLYTES

8:00 a.m. Henry Osborne

10:30 a.m. Phillip Inglesby Jamie McClellan

Finn Repella Turner Stevens

William Sills William Taylor

ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers at the altar this Sunday are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Leonora "Teeny" Fulenwider.

CHANCEL SOCIETY

Mrs. John G. Bradshaw, Jr., Mrs. Edward J. Derst III,
Mrs. Jayne G. Holland, Mrs. Carter C. Hubbard,
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Mrs. Michael F. P. Maloney, Mrs. F. Debele Maner,
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COFFEE HOUR CHAIRMAN

Mrs. Brian D. Harlander

FOR SALE AT COFFEE HOUR:

Oyster Roast Tickets (Men's Club) on February 4 - \$30 in advance (\$35 at the door)

Orange Marmalade (*Freshly-made* by Jane's Canners) - \$5 a jar

SUNDAY 9:30 A.M.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

FOR YOUTH:

CRANMER HALL-3RD FLOOR

CONFIRMATION CLASS-*GRADE 6- Catechism*
JR. HIGH -*GRADES 7,8,9- 25 Lights of the World*
SR. HIGH -*GRADES 10,11,12- Reasons to Believe*

FOR ADULTS:

READING ROOM: *1 Samuel*- Father Dunbar

CH3: *Joshua*- Jack Wray

CH2: Women's Small Group Faith Fellowship

MEN'S WEEKDAY STUDY & DISCUSSION

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

Thursday- *St. Luke* with Father Dunbar
7:00 a.m., Reading Room, CH3

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

WOMEN'S WEEKDAY STUDY & DISCUSSION

Thursday- Book Study with Father O'Brien
9:15 a.m., Reading Room, CH3
Iris Murdoch's Under the Net
Available at E. Shaver's Bookstore
2nd & 4th Wednesday- Next meeting February 8
C. S. Lewis Reading Group
11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. (Noon)
The Four Loves
Call Anne Murray at 912-655-5684.

PLEASE REMEMBER YOUR CHURCH IN YOUR WILL

and sacraments, in good works of repentance and charity. Yet in the view of Luther and other reformers, the gospel and faith had become fatally obscured by the church and its works. The free grace proclaimed in the gospel had been absorbed into the ecclesiastical machinery of sacraments, ceremonies, works and canon law, and had become a commodity sold and bought by Christians, both those in authority and ordinary lay folk. The notorious promotion of the sale of indulgences, driven by the avarice of prelates like the Medici Pope Leo X, was just the most obvious example of this distortion. But in the view of the reformers, the institutional abuses (identified by them with the papacy's claim to universal jurisdiction) were but a symptom of a theological flaw, the obscuring of the gospel itself.

And so, as W. J. Hankey put it some years ago, the "Reformers were very denying people. They denied much, but for the greatest possible good, so as to elevate the saving, justifying work of Jesus Christ for sinners. They denied so as to hold up Christ. Having cleaned away what encumbered and obscured, they aimed to bring the soul of man into direct contact with the saving Word of God, in such a way that the soul might hear the Word as spoken by the very lips of God." To speak of just one aspect in which this logic reshaped the church, but one that we find unattractive today, they purged church buildings and the liturgy of images, costly ornament and vesture, elaborate ceremonial and music, all the sensuously appealing externality of worship that had so flowered the later Middle Ages (and in which we so delight today). They did so, precisely so that the soul might turn inward and

upward, to hear and receive Christ in his Word. The chaste but not unaesthetic simplicity of reformed churches is designed so that we may have no distractions from attending to the Word of God in Scripture, preaching, and the common prayers, and partaking of the inward and spiritual grace of the sacraments. GGD

To be continued

WOMEN OF ST. JOHN'S MEETINGS

Board Meeting - Monday, January 30 at 10:00 a.m. in Parish House Dining Room.

General Meeting - Wednesday, February 1 after 10:00 a.m. Chapel Service (10:45 a.m.) in Parish House. 'Antiques Roadshow' Appraiser Amanda Everard will present a live verbal valuation of an object in the Green-Meldrim collection. This event is a preview of the *Savannah Antiques and Architecture Weekend on March 3rd and 4th*, a fun and fundraising event for the Green Meldrim House. All are welcome.

Bazaar Committee Wrap-Up Meeting- Wednesday, February 1 in the Children's Parlor after the General Meeting. If you need child care, please contact Betsy Howard.

THEOLOGICAL CONFERENCE AT ST. JOHN'S

The Elliott House of Studies and the Prayer Book Society USA are co-sponsoring a theological conference at St. John's from noon to noon, February 16-18. Because 2017 is the 500th anniversary of Luther's 95 Theses, and the beginning of the Reformation, the conference will revisit the Reformation heritage of Anglicanism under the title of "Anglicanism: Catholic and Reformed". For details on speakers and their papers, go to www.pbsusa.org. Conference is open to clergy and laity from any denomination. Registration fees for the entire conference is \$139; auditor's fees are \$25/half-day session.

8:00 A.M.—HOLY COMMUNION

COLLECT Prayer Book, page 114 (EPISTLE & GOSPEL on *insert*)
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 #153 <i>Christ Whose Glory Fills the Skies</i>	Ratisbon
Sentences, Confession, Absolution and Lord's Prayer	Prayer Book, pages 3-7
Versicles and Responses	7-8
VENITE (<i>with Epiphany antiphon Hymnal #606</i>)	9
Psalm #97, 98 <i>Worship him, All ye gods</i>	460
First Lesson: Jonah 1:1-2:10 <i>Jonah's Disobedience and Deliverance from the Storm</i>	insert
JUBILATE DEO (Hymnal #645)	15
Second Lesson: Romans 13:8-10 & St. Matthew 8:23-34	insert
BENEDICTUS #638	14
<i>Children may exit following the cross for SUNDAY SCHOOL (Kindergarten – Grade 5).</i>	
Apostles' Creed	15
Versicles and Responses	16
Collect for the Day	114
Other Collects, Prayers and the Grace	17-20
HYMN #512 <i>Eternal Father, Strong To Save</i>	Melita
Sermon	Father Dunbar

OFFERING

Sentences

Anthem: *A Rose Touched by the Sun's Warm Rays* Jean Berger

A rose touched by the sun's warm rays, all its petals gently does unfold;

So you, when touched by God's great mercy, let joy and gladness win your soul.

[*Ein Blümlein Wenn's die Sonne Spüret* Words: M. Brubacher, 1826, tr. J. Berger]

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

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

HYMN #52 *As with Gladness Men of Old*..... Dix

VOLUNTARY: Epilogue on "Dix" William H. Harris

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.)