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PARISH KALENDAR

◆ THIS SUNDAY ◆

SPECIAL COLLECTION – ANGLICAN RELIEF & DEVELOPMENT

*ARDF strengthens communities in the developing
world by empowering the local church.*

10:10 A.M. MUSIC FOR BRASS

before the 10:30 service

5:30 P.M. CHORAL EVENSONG FOR MICHAELMAS

*Music Prelude starts at 5:05 p.m. Reception
follows in Green Meldrim House.*

◆ WEEKDAY WORSHIP ◆

Monday - Friday

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*

In addition, on Thursday

Evening Prayer & Holy Communion

5:30 p.m.

HURRICANE IRMA RELIEF

St. John's is partnering with an Episcopal parish in Naples, Florida, in outreach to the students, staff, and families of Parkside Elementary School, in a neighborhood of working poor that was hit hard by the hurricane. For the need is and how you can help, see www.stjohnssav.org. Over \$6,000 has been donated and we have a challenge grant for \$5,000 more. Can you help us top \$10,000?

GIFTED

The foundation of our faith is the knowledge that we do not make ourselves. "Be sure that the Lord he is God; *it is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves*; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture" (Psalm 100). God has made each one of us, not only our bodies, minds, and souls, but also the circumstances in which we live our lives, setting us in families, communities, and countries where affection, education, health-care, safety, personal freedom, and much else are widely enjoyed.

In a word, each one of us is *gifted*, and any success we have we owe to God. If we have worked hard, it is God that gives us power to work. If we have learned things true and useful, it is God who gave power to learn. If we have made smart decisions, it is God that gives us good judgment. If we have spoken persuasively, it is God that gave us eloquence. If we have exercised creativity, it is God who gave us the creativity. And he has not only given us the gifts, he has also given us the motivation to use them well.

Giftedness is the truth of our lives in the world. It is also the truth of our lives with God. Even our relationship with God is the gift of God: "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that

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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 Mrs. Gary M. Schubert

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ACOLYTES

8:00 a.m. Turner Stevens
10:30 a.m. Jackson McClellan, William Taylor, William Sills
Daniel Sills, Haddon Watson, Whitfield Watson
Finn Repella, Jamie McClellan, Hawkins Pindar
Philip Inglesby
5:30 p.m. Turner Stevens Henry Osborne

ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers at the altar this Sunday are given to the glory of God and in memory of The Reverend Jack E. Altman, The Reverend William H. Ralston, Jr. and The Right Reverend G. Paul Reeves by the Altman family

And in memory of Father Ralston by Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Reed Welch and Ralston Kennedy Welch.

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

And in honor of St. Francis of Assisi and his life of service to the poor by Mr. and Mrs. T. Herbert Guerry III.

MICHAELMAS BRASS

Donations for the musicians this Sunday are given to the glory of God by:

Dr. and Mrs. Christopher L. Osteen

Mr. and Mrs. Roland B. Williams

Mr. and Mrs. John C. Wylly, Jr.

Mr. and Mrs. Gary M. Schubert

Mr. and Mrs. H. Bruce Montgomery

And in memory of Dolores C. Jardine by

Miss Margaret O. Hardy

And in honor of Father Dunbar, Father O'Brien, and Father Hunt by Mr. and Mrs. John G. Bradshaw, Jr.

And in Thanksgiving for the Michaelmas Brass by

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond D. Smoot, Jr.

And in appreciation for the clergy and lay leadership of St. John's by Mr. and Mrs. Thomas C. McCay

CHANCEL SOCIETY

Mrs. John G. Bradshaw, Jr., Mrs. Edward J. Derst III,

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COFFEE HOUR CHAIRMAN

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ADULT & YOUTH CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Classes for Middle school, Upper School, Parents and other Adults on the 3rd Floor CH

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 pears.

THE WOMEN OF ST. JOHN'S CHURCH

Board Meeting: Monday, October 2nd, at 10 a.m.

General Meeting: Wednesday, October 4th, after the 10 a.m Chapel Service, ALL women are invited.

PLEASE REMEMBER YOUR CHURCH IN YOUR WILL

whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life” (John 3:16). The forgiveness and favor of God, the Holy Spirit at work in our hearts and minds to make us holy – all these are his gift to those who trust in him and in his Son Jesus Christ. Even our faith in him is “the gift of God” (Ephes. 2:8) - a response that he awakened in us by the Spirit and through the Gospel. And it is also his gift, that he has called us together into the fellowship of his Church, the communion of saints, to unite our gifts in the common mission he has given us.

Here at St. John’s, I believe that God has called us as individuals into the fellowship of this church, to unite our gifts in a threefold mission he has given us. We are gifted to fulfill together the mission he has given us.

Gifted for Worship. God has gifted us at St. John’s with the means to glorify, honor, and worship him. We come together in *common* prayer, setting forth “the Truth of the Bible in the Beauty of the Anglican tradition”, that in reverence and awe we may proclaim the glory of his Name and the wonders of his grace in all the world.

Gifted for Service. God has gifted us at St. John’s with the means of serving him in the service of our neighbors. We are gifted to reach out together to the people around us, investing money, time, skill, and hands-on labor to enhance the community we share and meet the needs of neighbors near and far. We are gifted to invite, welcome and connect newcomers into fellowship with us, the congregation, and Christ. We are gifted to equip Christians

with a reasoned response to the toxic skepticism of our culture. We are gifted to provide young families with the formation of their children in the faith. We are gifted to build a community in Christ in which the life-transforming truth of the Gospel can be shared.

Gifted for Hope. In gifting us so richly in the past and present, God has gifted us with confidence and hope for the future. It’s not without challenge! In the St. John’s 2030 Plan we have been discerning a path for St. John’s to grow and flourish for years to come, fulfilling the Great Commission to make disciples, in obedience to the Great Commandment to love our neighbours. How can we share more effectively the tradition of truth and beauty, faith and worship, that God has given us, with rising generations and those around us? How can we transmit this tradition unimpaired to our posterity? These plans call for investments in digital communications, and in specialized ministry with youth and their families, fine-tuning our capacities to defend and commend the faith in a deeply secular world.

Each year the Vestry asks parishioners to tell us what they plan to give in the year to come, so that a responsible budget can be made. We ask parishioners to return an estimate of giving (or pledge) for 2018’s giving, on or before Sunday, October 29th, when we keep our parish’s Feast of Dedication. It’s a day for us to rejoice in his gifts to us, and to give them back to him, for his purposes at St. John’s, for worship, for service, and for hope. GGD

8:00 A.M.—HOLY COMMUNION

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A continental breakfast is available in Cranmer Hall following this service.

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

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

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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.)