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## UPCOMING AT ST. JOHN'S

### ◆ WEEKDAY WORSHIP ◆

#### Monday to Thursday

*Morning and Evening Prayer*

*With Holy Communion*

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

#### In addition, on Wednesday

9:45 a.m. *Litany*

10:00 a.m. *Holy Eucharist*

**Friday, March 17<sup>th</sup>** See below.

#### Saturday

10:30 a.m. *Holy Communion*

### ◆ SAINT PATRICK'S DAY ◆

#### Friday, March 17<sup>th</sup>

9:00 a.m. *Sung Eucharist* (Church)  
& Snake Hunt (Parade attire acceptable)

*No other services Friday*

Parking: To reserve a space, bring a \$20 donation to the Church Office with name, email, and cell phone number. Parishioners and staff only. Limit one per household. Lot opens at 8:00 a.m. and spaces are held until 11:00 a.m. Enter from Charlton St. *Parking is available free of charge for those attending the service only.*

### ◆ ADULT CATECHISM ◆

Mondays, 6:15 p.m. - 7:15 p.m.

Reading Room, Cranmer Hall

*Adults preparing for Baptism or*

*Confirmation/Reception (May 7<sup>th</sup>)*

*Newcomers and Old-timers welcome!*

### ◆ FRESH AIR WORK DAY ◆

Save the date: **Saturday April 1<sup>st</sup>** for church-wide hands-on workday at the Tybee Fresh Air Home.

### ◆ EASTER LILIES & BRASS ◆

To give a lily for the decoration of the Church at Easter, please send a \$35 check made payable to St. John's Chancel Society marked *Easter Lilies*.

To contribute to the expense of the brass players at Easter, please send a check made payable to St. John's Church marked *Easter Brass*.

*Please include a note of how the memorial/honorarium should read and by whom it is given.* The list will be published the Sunday after Easter.

### ◆ YOUTH MISSION TRIP ◆

Adell Sheahan is leading a group of youth from St. John's, Benedictine, and St. Vincent's to Cumberland House, an indigenous community in the subarctic north of Saskatchewan, to lead a Vacation Bible School under oversight of (Anglican) Bp Michael Hawkins of Prince Albert. Dates: July 15-22. Cost: \$1200-1500 (pending airfare). Firm commitment and payment required by March 14<sup>th</sup>. Contact Adell Sheahan at 657-3417 for more information.

### WHAT'S WRONG WITH THE WORLD?

*Second of two parts*

One of our cherished notions is that our virtues make us acceptable to God – which is a bit like thinking a few hundred dollars are going to make a difference, when your credit cards are maxed out. Moreover, the virtues of the Pharisees were to them occasions

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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. Christian M. Arden-Joly

**USHER CHAIRMAN**

Mr. George Fawcett

**ACOLYTES**

8:00 a.m. Henry Osborne  
10:30 a.m. Jamie McClellan Jackson McClellan  
Hawkins Pindar Daniel Sills  
William Sills Turner Stevens

**ALTAR FLOWERS**

The flowers at the altar this Sunday are given to the glory of God and in honor of our beloved Nellie Schmidt on her 101<sup>st</sup> birthday by Peter and Rencie Schmidt.

**CHANCEL SOCIETY**

Mrs. John G. Bradshaw, Jr., Mrs. Edward J. Derst III,  
Mrs. Jayne G. Holland, Mrs. Carter C. Hubbard,  
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**COFFEE HOUR CHAIRMAN**

Mrs. Frank S. DeRienzo

**SUNDAY 9:30 A.M.**

**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

**FOR YOUTH:**

CRANMER HALL-3<sup>RD</sup> 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: *II 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*  
Wednesday- March 15 (Due to reschedule)  
C. S. Lewis Reading Group  
11:00 a.m., Reading Room, CH3  
*The Four Loves*  
This group will NOT meet 3/22  
Wednesday- March 15 (Due to reschedule)  
Daughters of the King  
CH1 after Evening Prayer

PLEASE REMEMBER YOUR CHURCH IN YOUR WILL

for self-righteous pride, envy, and anger. Still, it is very hard for us to accept that we are deeply flawed. Yet watching criminals being led to execution, John Bradford said, "There, but for the grace of God, go I". The best among us have the same instincts, the same impulses, as the worst criminal – we simply have the benefits of better socialization, to restrain our worst instincts, and to channel them in socially-acceptable ways. But is this grounds for self-congratulation and self-exoneration? When a murderer goes before a judge, who cares if he wipes his nose? God does not grade on a curve. We are not as bad as we could be - but that does not mean we are *good*.

At the core, sin is not just the bad things we do, or the good things we have not done. Sin is rejection of God, it is ignoring God in the world he made – it's rebelling against him by living without reference to him – it's even trying to live a good life in our own strength: that too is sin, the deadly sin of spiritual pride. Moreover, sin is not something we choose or don't choose; we are by nature inclined to sin; indeed, apart from God's grace, it is not possible for us *not* to sin. We are damaged goods. We don't start out where Adam started, in the harmony of the garden, able to make good choices. No, we start where he left off, with the consequences of his bad choice; expelled from paradise and barred from returning by the angel with the flaming sword of God's just wrath against sin. We are damaged goods.

That is why we begin as we do on Ash Wednesday, acknowledging our solidarity with Adam, hearing the same words that God said to Adam,

now said to us – *Dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return*. In the ashes imposed on Ash Wednesday, this knowledge is literally rubbed into our faces, because in this knowledge our deliverance from sin begins.

For Christ has taken into himself the sword of God's wrath against our sin - he has fully satisfied the demands of God's justice on our behalf - and the way to God is now open, for those who trust in him, and his righteousness, and not their own, for their salvation. As long as we cling to the idea that we are not so bad, not so unhealthy, not so sick, we will never go to the doctor; we will never take the treatment; we will never get well. But as long as we cling to our own righteousness, we will never make the righteousness of Christ our own. Christ is ready to clothe us with his own perfect righteousness; the Holy Spirit is ready to renew us from the inside out - but first we have to take off the filthy rags that we call righteousness. Let us go as we began, in humility, honesty, and hope. GGD

#### FRESH AIR HOME COLLECTION

*Liquid laundry detergent, bleach, Bona Hardwood Floor Cleaner, paper towels, and 55-gallon trash bags.* Collection bins are in Cranmer Hall and the church porch through Easter Sunday.

#### THE ANGLICAN DIGEST (TAD)

St. John's is a parish partner of *The Anglican Digest*. Our entire mailing list should receive this independent church magazine, regardless of ability to pay (at no cost to St. John's). If only 30% of parishioners paid \$25/year, the entire mailing would pay for itself. Currently only 4% pay. Send contributions to *The Anglican Digest*, 805 County Road 102, Eureka Springs, AR 72632-9705

**8:00 A.M.—HOLY COMMUNION**

COLLECTS, EPISTLE & GOSPEL (*no Gloria until Easter*) .....Prayer Book, page 124, 127  
*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 #59 <i>Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days</i> .....	St. Flavian
Sentences, Confession, Absolution and Lord's Prayer .....	Prayer Book, pages 3-7
Versicles and Responses.....	7-8
VENITE EXULTEMUS DOMINO #608.....	9
Psalm #25 .....	369
First Lesson: Genesis 27:1-28:22 <i>Jacob obtains a blessing of the Lord</i> .....	Insert
BENEDICITE .....	Insert
Second Lesson: 1 Thessalonians 4:1 and St. Matthew 15:21 .....	127
BENEDICTUS #638.....	14
<i>Children may exit following the cross for SUNDAY SCHOOL (Kindergarten – Grade 5).</i>	
Apostles' Creed.....	15
Versicles and Responses.....	16
Collects for the Day.....	124, 127
Other Collects, Prayers and the Grace .....	17-20
HYMN #497 <i>O God of Bethel</i> .....	Dundee
Sermon .....	Father Dunbar

**OFFERING**

Sentences	
Anthem: <i>King of Glory</i> .....	Elmer Iseler
Presentation of Alms: <i>All Things are Thine</i> #732.....	Gardiner
General Thanksgiving ( <i>said by all</i> ) and Aaronic Blessing .....	19
HYMN #562 <i>Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus</i> .....	Webb
VOLUNTARY: <i>Prelude and Fugue in d minor (BWV 554)</i> .....	J. S. Bach

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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.*

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**12:00 P.M. (Noon)—HOLY COMMUNION** (*Chapel - as at 8:00 a.m.*)