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PARISH KALENDAR THIS WEEK

MONDAY – TUESDAY: 8:15AM - *Morning Prayer* & 5:30PM - *Evening Prayer*

SHROVE TUESDAY

5:15 – 7:15PM - ***PANCAKE SUPPER & MARDI GRAS CELEBRATION***

Tickets \$10/adult; \$6/child. Proceeds to Boys and Girls Choirs.

ASH WEDNESDAY - FIRST DAY OF LENT (FAST)

Imposition of Ashes and Holy Communion: In the Chapel: 7:15am;

In the Church: (9:45 a.m. Litany) 10am; 12:15pm; & 5:30pm.

Sitter available at 10:00 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. NO Supper or Class today.

THURSDAY-FRIDAY: 8:15AM -5:30PM *Daily Prayer & Holy Communion*

SATURDAY: 10:30 AM *Holy Communion*

AS IN ADAM ALL DIE

The ceremony that gives the first day of Lent its traditional name, Ash Wednesday, speaks to the heart of the gospel. Ashes are imposed on the foreheads of the faithful by the priest, who says, “Remember O man, that dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return” – a form of words derived from God’s judgment on Adam’s disobedience, Genesis 3:19. With those words we acknowledge our solidarity with sinful Adam, and the death both spiritual and physical that is the wages justly paid for our disobedience to God, the source of all life. Yet, precisely in acknowledging the justice of God’s judgment against us, we appeal for his mercy to save us from ourselves: “Turn thou us, O good Lord, and so shall we be turned”. This dust can only live again if God himself convert us to himself and reform us by his Word. And so our repentance is a plea for spiritual resurrection, through the perfect

obedience of Christ. “As in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall be made alive” (1 Corinthians 15:22).

LENTEN DISCIPLINES

Ash Wednesday’s repentance is meaningless without amendment of life, and so the season of Lent is devoted to the “works worthy of repentance” (Luke 3:8), dying to sin and rising against to new life of righteousness. These are the disciplines commended by our Lord – fasting, prayer, and almsgiving (Matthew 6:1-18). By these disciplines we train our souls in the habits appropriate to Christian faith, hope, and charity, that we may keep the feast of Easter in sincerity and truth.

Fasting and abstinence: Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fasting for all able-bodied persons (exempting the very young, the elderly, the sick and infirm, and those engaged in

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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.

HOSPITAL VISITATIONS

Please call the Church Office to inform the clergy if you or a loved one is in the hospital.

ST. JOHN'S WEB SITE
site: www.stjohnssav.org

VESTRY OFFERING CHAIRMEN

8:00 Mr. Arthur D. Weed
10:30 Mr. Roland B. Williams

USHER CHAIRMAN
Mr. Robert F. Brannen

The flowers at the altar are given to the glory of God and in memory of Mr. and Mrs. James Thompson Walker, Sr. and Mr. and Mrs. John Anderson Myers by Mr. and Mrs. James T. Walker Jr. and Mr. and Mrs. Edward D. Hill.

And in loving memory of Jettie L. Mooney by Dr. and Mrs. Thomas S. Johnston and family.

The flowers in the Chapel on Wednesday are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Betty Shepherd by Laura Wimbish, Mary Burnett, Teeny Fulenwider and Jesse Fawcett.

CHANCEL SOCIETY

Mrs. McDonald Fawcett, Mrs. William E. Osborne
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DAILY LENTEN SERVICES
Mrs. David A. Young, Mrs. William B. McNeal II
Mrs. Philip L. Perrie, Mrs. Wm. Howard Helmken, Jr.

ACOLYTES

8:00 Kelley Compton
10:30 Oliver Maloney
Kameron Sallee, Lawson Turner
Peter Stein, Chris Dixon
Charles Perrie, Mikel Kelly

COFFEE HOUR CHAIRMAN

Mrs. Philip L. Perrie

SUNDAY MORNING ADULT CLASSES

- Clergy – **Old Testament** (Chapel)
- Jack Wray (3rd Floor Classroom)—*David, Hezekiah, Josiah: Israel's Three Good Kings.*
- David Noble –The Canterbury Tales—Reading Room, 3rd Floor.
- Mike Chastain—**Married Life Forum**—2nd floor (Sr. High Room), Cramer Hall.

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY & DISCUSSION GROUPS

Tuesday 6:45 a.m. Men's Breakfast & Study—
(Parish House Dining Room, enter by Kitchen)
Thursday 7 a.m. Bible Study (Reading Rm)

WOMEN'S STUDY & DISCUSSION GROUPS

Reading Room, Cramer Hall.
Wednesday: 10:45 a.m.–Noon Bible Study
Thursday: 9:15 a.m.—10:30 a.m. *Spiritual Writings*
by Flannery O'Conner. (with Fr O' Brien)

TUESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY

On *Ephesians*: Beginning 7:00 p.m.
March 8th for six weeks, at the home of
Scott and Betsy Howard, 216 Grimbball
Point Road, Isle of Hope. Call 352-
3396 if you are coming!

PLEASE REMEMBER YOUR CHURCH IN YOUR WILL

heavy labour). All other week days of Lent are days of abstinence, traditionally from flesh meat. Sundays are never observed as fast days. Naturally, Lent is not a time for elaborate festivity and entertainment. We deny ourselves, that we may feed upon the word of God in prayer, and have more to share with those in need. Thus Fasting and Abstinence is appropriately conjoined with *Prayer* and *Almsgiving*.

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Like any other good thing, the works of repentance can be corrupted (as the Bible knows – see Isaiah 58). Here is a protest against the empty formalism of the outward act without amendment of life and conversion of heart:

*Is this a Fast, to keep
The Larder clean?*

And clean

From fat of veals and sheep?

Is it to quit the dish

Of flesh, yet still

To fill

The platter high with fish?

Is it to fast an hour,

Or ragg'd to go

Or show

A downcast look and sour?

No: 'tis a Fast to dole

Thy sheaf of wheat

And meat

Unto the hungry soul,

It is to fast from strife

And old debate,

And hate;

To circumcise thy life.

To show a heart grief-rent;

To starve thy sin,

Not bin;

And that's to keep thy Lent.

- Robert Herrick (1591-1674)

AN EVENING IN VERONA

Candlelight Dinner for 12

IN THE HISTORIC GREEN-MELDRIM HOUSE

Winner chosen: April 24, 2011

Dinner held: May 29th, 2011

Donation: \$5.00

Proceeds to benefit St. John's Choir's
July 2011 residence at Wells Cathedral.

*Tickets for sale in Cranmer Hall after 8:00a.m.
service, in the Parish House during coffee hour,
and daily in the Church Office.*

CHOIR TRIP TO DOUGLAS, GEORGIA

Fr Curtis Mears has invited St. John's Boys and Girls Choir to sing Evensong at St. Andrew's Church, Douglas on Sunday April 10 at 4 p.m. Convoy leaves St. John's at Noon. If you are interested in joining us, please speak to Dr. Taylor or email him at btaylor@stjohnssav.org

ADULT CONFIRMATION CLASS

Adults seeking Confirmation or formal Reception from another church are asked to speak to Fr. Dunbar this week at 232-1251 or 234-2209.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH IN SAVANNAH

...now has a page on **Facebook**: a place to share ideas, information, events, comments, photos, and conversation about our congregation's Faith, Worship, and Witness. Link: <http://www.facebook.com/pages/St-Johns-Church-in-Savannah/106160859438751?v=wall>

(Note: site name is St. John's Church in Savannah, not St. John's Church, Savannah – "in" not comma.)

And of course you will find lots of other stuff on our rebuilt **website**: www.stjohnssav.org

8:00—HOLY COMMUNION

Collect, Epistle, and Gospel (*The Gloria in Excelsis is omitted until Easter*)..... 122
A continental breakfast is available in Cranmer Hall following this service.

9:30 — 12 Noon NURSERY

9:30 —ADULT, YOUTH and CHILDREN’S CLASSES (*Chapel & Cranmer Hall*)

10:30 –Pre-school—3 year olds through Kindergarten (*Cranmer Hall*)

Jr. Choir—1st through 4th Grade (*Cranmer Hall*)

10:30 — MORNING PRAYER and SERMON

CARILLON

HYMN #155 *New Ev’ry Morning* Melcombe

Opening Sentences, Confession, Absolution and Lord’s Prayer 3-7

Versicles and Responses 7-8

VENITE EXULTEMUS DOMINO #608.....9

Psalm #31375

First Lesson: Genesis 12:1-9 *God calls Abram with a promise of blessing.*

BENEDICITE, OMNIA OPERA DOMINI.....*see insert*

Second Lesson: I Corinthians 13:1, St. Luke 18:31 123

BENEDICTUS #634 14

Apostles’ Creed 15

Versicles and Responses 16

Collect for the Day 122

Other Collects and Prayers and the Grace 17-20

HYMN #376 *Come Down, O Love Divine* Down Ampney

1st through 4th grade Children enrolled in Jr. Choir will exit following the Cross.

THE SERMON Fr. Dunbar

OFFERING

Sentences

Anthem: *The Call*.....Harold W. Friedell

Presentation of Alms: Doxology #139, and Hymn #141 (verse 4)

Prayer and Blessing

HYMN #479 *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* Hyfrydol

ORGAN: Prelude on *Down Ampney*.....Herbert Sumsion

Everyone is invited to attend the Coffee Hour in the Parish House immediately after the 10:30 service.

If you are a guest and visiting our Parish, please make yourself known.

12 Noon—HOLY COMMUNION (in the Chapel: Collect, Epistle, Gospel as at 8 a.m.)