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## SPRING FORWARD ONE HOUR THIS SUNDAY!

### PARISH KALENDAR THIS WEEK

#### Monday through Friday

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

*Morning or Evening Prayer  
with Holy Communion*

#### In addition, on Wednesday

9:45 a.m. *Litany*, 10 a.m. *Holy Communion*

#### Saturday

10:30 a.m. *Holy Communion*

### ORGAN RECITAL Friday 13th 6:30 p.m.

Austrian concert organist **Stefan Donner**, playing Bach's Toccata, Adagio, and Fugue in C Major, as well as other music by Buxtehude, Schumann, Alain, Mendelssohn, and Mozart. **Admission is free**, but donations to the Ralston-Trosten Recital Fund will be gratefully received. Wine and Cheese to follow in Green Meldrim House.

### BELONGING TO CHRIST (5)

According to the Catechism, the Creed teaches me a threefold faith. First, this is to *believe in God the Father*, as the one has *made me and all the world*: this "is a short way of saying that I believe that there is no existence ... which has any other origin than the will of God. It is to say that all things are embraced by a paternal providence which sustains, and guides, and governs; that nothing, whether visible or invisible, can fall outside that providence" (R. D. Crouse). As an old hymn puts it, "This is my Father's world/Oh let me ne'er forget/That though the wrong seem oft so

strong/God is the ruler yet". The world is not a lottery or a struggle of blind forces; I am neither pawn nor victim of arbitrary powers; the power that rules everything - both good and evil, both great and small - is the power of fatherly love. Entrusting myself to him, I am free to live without fear. Acknowledging my entire dependence upon him for any good I have, I owe him my thanks, praise, and obedience.

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty,  
the King of Creation;

O my soul, praise him,  
for he is thy health and salvation:

Join the great throng,  
Psalter, organ, and song,  
Sounding in glad adoration.

Creaturely existence is only the first aspect of what I am. The Creed also teaches *me to believe in God the Son, who redeemed me and all mankind*. Here the word "redeem" is being used in its proper sense - 'to liberate persons or things from bondage or alienation, by the payment of a price'. It is used as such in 1 Peter 1:18, 19: "ye were redeemed not with corruptible things, as silver and gold ... but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot". The Creed has the entirety of Christ's work in view - from his advent in the flesh to his coming again in judgment - but it all turns on what he accomplished so

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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

Parish Paper essays and recordings of Services and Sermons are to be found on our web site:

www.stjohnssav.org

VESTRY OFFERING CHAIRMEN

8:00 Mr. Arthur D. Weed
10:30 Mr. J. Alex Jarman

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The flowers at the altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Jettie L. Mooney by Dr. and Mrs. Thomas S. Johnston and family.

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ACOLYTES

8:00 need volunteer
10:30 Charles Perrie, Patrick Perrie
Turner Stevens, Edwin Shepherd
Philip Inglesby, Henry Osborne

COFFEE HOUR CHAIRMAN

Mrs. Thomas S. Johnston

9:30 A.M. SUNDAY YOUTH & ADULT EDUCATION

Men's Discussion Group. Led by Rick Wright, Walter Strong, and Charles Ezelle,

Women's Discussion Group Reading Room,

Cranmer Hall. Led by Carol Hewson, Susan Donahue, Linda Sheahan, and Laura Wimbish.

Biblical Covenant - 3rd Floor East. Jack Wray.

Mallory's Mort D'Arthur:-3rd Floor East. Led by David Noble.

Middle and High School Youth. Third Floor Resource Room. (Mrs. Jennings and Fr. Bergstrom).

St. John's Gospel Chapel. Led by Fr. Dunbar.

MEN'S WEEKDAY STUDY & DISCUSSION

Tuesday 6:45 a.m. Breakfast & Discussion in Green Meldrim House, led by Fr. O' Brien.

Thursday 7 a.m., 1 Kings, Reading Room, led by Fr. Dunbar.

WOMEN'S WEEKDAY STUDY & DISCUSSION

Monday Noon, Hebrews, led by Fr. Bergstrom - Parish House Library on March 9th (enter by kitchen)

NEXT Men's Forum - March 19th .

EASTER LILIES AND EASTER BRASS

To give a lily for the Church at Easter, send a check for \$35 payable to St. John's Chancel Society marked "Easter Lily".

To contribute to the cost of the brass players on Easter, please send a check payable to St. John's Church marked "Easter brass".

Please indicate the specific intention of the gift (memorial, thanksgiving, etc.). The list will be published the Sunday after Easter.

PLEASE REMEMBER YOUR CHURCH IN YOUR WILL

decisively at the cross.

If Christ has *redeemed me and all mankind* there is no man who does not need redemption (from sin, death, and the devil); and no man that Christ cannot redeem. Because of the price that Christ has paid - "a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world" - neither sin, nor death, nor the hell, can prevent my return to God. To believe in him is to experience the redemption that he wrought. I am free to live without fear; and to worship and serve him as my Lord.

Were the whole realm of nature mine,  
That were an off'ring far too small;  
Love so amazing, so divine,  
Demands my soul, my life, my all.

Nothing hinders my return to God, yet it is still possible that I may be so bound by fear and suspicion, by pride or cynicism, that I may not realize the freedom Christ has purchased for me. (Those of you who have read *The Last Battle* may recall the fate of the dwarves, who are so afraid of being taken in that they are unwilling to accept that they are no longer imprisoned.) No longer the slaves of blind or hostile powers, we are free to live for God, set apart and consecrated to serve him in new lives of righteousness and holiness, which is the beginning of eternal life in us; but for the realization of this freedom which Christ has won for us, we are entirely dependent upon God the Holy Ghost, who *sanctifies* - makes holy - *me and all the elect people of God*. It is the sanctifying work of the Holy Spirit to call and gather those whom God has chosen, the *elect people of God*, into the *Holy Catholic Church*, to knit them together in the *Communion of Saints*,

wherein they may receive the *Forgiveness of Sins, the Resurrection of the Body, and Life Everlasting*. The mission of the Holy Ghost is thus to apply to the elect all that Christ has accomplished in his redemption of mankind. What Christ has done *for* us, the Holy Ghost accomplishes *in* us. And therefore, once again, I enjoy the assurance and security of knowing all that God has done to rescue me from ruin and bring me to himself; and on this basis know all that I owe him. To this question of obligation the Catechism turns next, in its treatment of the Ten Commandments. GGD

#### LENTEN COLLECTION

Supplies for the Fresh Air Home: *liquid laundry detergent, bleach, pine sol cleaner, paper towels, and 55 gallon trash bags*. Collection bins are in Cranmer Hall.

#### GREEN-MELDRIM HOUSE

##### GUIDES AND DOORKEEPERS MEETING

*Wednesday, March 11 at 3:00 p.m.*

Tea, sherry, and insight into the life of the servants in the house in the 19th century. RSVP Jane Pressly [janelessly@aol.com](mailto:janelessly@aol.com) or call Martie Campbell 598-4299.

#### THE WOMEN OF ST. JOHN'S

**Women's Quiet Day**, Wednesday, March 25th 9:30am until 2:00 pm. Father O'Brien will speak on *The Life of Francis as an Exemplar of the Cross*. Light Lenten lunch. Please call to reserve a place 232-1251.

#### THURSDAY EVENINGS IN LENT

**6:15 P.M. - 7:30 P.M.**

**Adult Catechism**, led by Fr. Dunbar, in the Fellowship Room

**W. H. Auden's Christian Poetry**, led by Fr. O'Brien, in the Reading Room

#### ST. PATRICK'S DAY

**Tuesday, March 17th.**

9:30 a.m. *Family Eucharist*

#### ST. PATRICK'S SNAKE HUNT

*For Children, in the Mall, after service.*

Reserve your parking space now!

**8:00 A.M.—HOLY COMMUNION**—(No Gloria in excelsis during Lent)

Collects, Epistle, and Gospel ..... Prayer Book 128, 124  
*A continental breakfast is available in Cranmer Hall following this service.*

9:30a.m.-12:00 (Noon)—Nursery (*Cranmer Hall*)

**9:30-10:15 A.M.: ALL AGES CHRISTIAN EDUCATION** (*Cranmer Hall*)

**10:30 A.M: JOYFUL NOISE, JOYFUL HEARTS**

*Music, Teaching, and Active Fun for Pre-School through Kindergarten*

**10:30 A.M.—MORNING PRAYER AND SERMON**

CARILLON

HYMN #61 *The Glory of These Forty Days* .....Spives

Sentences, Confession, Absolution, Lord’s Prayer..... Prayer Book, pages 6, 7

Versicles and Responses ..... 7-8

VENITE EXULTEMUS DOMINO #606 ..... 9

Psalm #10 .....353

First Lesson: Genesis 37:2-end ..... *insert*

*Out of envy, his brothers sell Joseph into slavery and his father Jacob mourns his death.*

BENEDICITE ..... *Insert*

Second Lesson: Ephesians 5:1, St. Luke 11:14 .....129

BENEDICTUS #638 .....14

*Children may exit following the cross for PSALM PSINGERS (Gr 1-5)*

Apostles’ Creed .....15

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Other Prayers, Prayer of St. Chrysostom and the Grace..... 17- 20

HYMN #416 *O For A Closer Walk*..... Caithness

THE SERMON .....Fr. Dunbar

**OFFERING**

Sentences

Anthem: *Hide Not Thou Thy Face From Us, O Lord*..... Richard Farrant

Presentation of Alms: #732 *All Things are Thine*..... Gardiner

Prayer and Blessing

HYMN #551 *A Mighty Fortress* ..... Ein' Feste Burg

VOLUNTARY: *Erhalt uns, Herr, bei deinem Wort*.....Johann Gottfried Walther

Angela Fisher, Organist

*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 (Chapel)** *collect, epistle, and gospel same as 8:00 a.m.*