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## THIS SUNDAY'S COFFEE HOUR

The **Harvard Glee Club** (over 50-strong) will be singing on the steps of the Parish House at the beginning of Coffee Hour. Please assemble in the mall to hear them before entering the house, where there will be a cake in honour of **the first anniversary of Fr. Bergstrom's priesting**. Children's table will be in the mall – parents, ***please*** keep an eye on them!

## PARKING ON SAINT PATRICK'S DAY

The Men of St. John's are accepting reservations for parking spaces on March 17th. The first 50 spaces are being reserved on a first-come, first-served basis. To reserve a space, **bring** a suggested donation of \$20 to the Church Office with name, email address and cell phone number. One reservation per household, for parishioners and staff only. You will receive your pass by email as soon as your check is received. Entrance from Charlton Street only. Parking lot opens 8 a.m. and reservations will be held till 11 a.m.

## PARISH KALENDAR THIS WEEK

### Monday, Wednesday through Friday

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

*Morning or Evening Prayer  
with Holy Communion*

### Tuesday, March 17th.

#### ST. PATRICK'S DAY

9:30 a.m. *Family Eucharist*

#### ST. PATRICK'S SNAKE HUNT

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

Office closed Tuesday

No services at 8:15 a.m. or 5:30 p.m.

### In addition, on Wednesday

#### ST. CYRIL OF JERUSALEM

(1st Anniversary of Fr. Bergstrom's Ordination)

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

### Saturday

10:30 a.m. *Holy Communion*

### Thursday, March 19th.

#### MEN'S FORUM

*Good food for body and soul.*

Liar, Lunatic, Legend, or Lord?  
Reasons for the Hope that is in us  
(Fr Dunbar).

*Guests welcome. Donation suggested.*

## BELONGING TO CHRIST (6)

The Catechism is designed to inculcate a strong sense of the benefits that I receive from the Lord in the Covenant of Baptism – a sense of security and purpose in life - and also obligations which I must render him in return. In the Creed, I learn the great benefits of creation, redemption, and sanctification which I receive from the Triune God. Now turning to the third promise, *to keep God's holy will and commandments, and to walk in the same all the days of my life*, the Catechism looks at my obligations as set forth in the Ten Commandments.

In the history of the Church, there have been two approaches to moral questions. One approach (common in the ancient and medieval teachers) develops its moral teaching in terms of man's *true happiness* and the *virtues*

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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 Dr. James S. McClellan, Jr.

USHER CHAIRMAN

Mr. R. Scott Howard

The flowers at the altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. Harrell Charles Murray and Miss Ernestine Murray by Dr. and Mrs. Morgan W. Murray.

And in memory of Mary Cromley Jeffords by Mr. and Mrs. Edwin H. Culver and Dr. and Mrs. Roland S. Summers.

And in honor of, and thanksgiving for, our beloved Nellie Schmidt on her 99th birthday by Peter and Rencie Schmidt.

and in honour of Fr. Bergstrom's 1st Anniversary Ordination as a Priest.

The music for today's anthem is given by Stuart and Susan Clifford in memory of Ethel Skeans Clifford.

CHANCEL SOCIETY

Mrs. Carter C. Hubbard, Ms. Jayne G. Holland
Ms. Anne H. Mingleдорff, Mrs. John G. Bradshaw, Jr.
Mrs. Richard C. E. Jennings, Mrs. T. Herbert Guery III
Mrs. Mark Allgaier, Mrs. I. David Futrell, Jr.

Mrs. David C. Barrow III

Daily Lenten Services

Mrs. Wm. Howard Helmken, Jr., Mrs. Neil H. Victor
Mrs. David A. Young, Mrs. Timothy E. Coy
Mrs. Jonathan D. Sprague, Ms. Anne H. Mingleдорff
Mrs. John G. Bradshaw, Jr.

ACOLYTES

8:00 volunteer welcome
10:30 John Osborne, Mikel Kelly
Turner Stevens, Hawkins Pindar
Finn Repella, volunteer requested.

COFFEE HOUR CHAIRMAN

Mrs. George Grady

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. No Meeting March 17th.
Thursday 7 a.m., 1 Kings, Reading Room, led by Fr. Dunbar.

WOMEN'S WEEKDAY STUDY & DISCUSSION

Monday Noon, Hebrews, led by Fr. Bergstrom -
No Class on Monday March 16th.

PLEASE REMEMBER YOUR CHURCH IN YOUR WILL

(especially faith, hope, and love) by which we attain it. The other approach, favoured by early modern theologians, both Protestant and Catholic, develops moral teaching in terms of God's *will*, God's *law*, and - with an emphasis on interiority, reflecting the growing importance of the idea of conscience - man's *duty*. In Scripture, as in theologians like Thomas Aquinas, both approaches are found, sometimes in striking juxtaposition.

One of these is 1 John 4:21, "And this commandment have we from him, that he who loveth God love his brother also". Father Crouse comments:

St. John speaks of love in terms of commandment; and that, perhaps, seems a strange way of putting it. How can love be commanded? We're used to thinking of love as something spontaneous, something that somehow just happens: one "falls in love." What sense does it make to command it? But St. John's approach is more realistic than conventional modern notions about the spontaneity of love. Our loves do not "just happen." They belong to a character formed by a long process of training and habit-making. And that process always begins with commandment and obedience. Just as our natural life begins with obedience to parents and teachers, so our life in Christ begins with our obedience to God's word. There is, certainly, a spiritual maturity, when our loves are spontaneously right. That is the condition we call "sanctity" of holiness. But our beginning and our growth are in obedience to commandment. [Sermon for Trinity I]

It is through obedience to God's holy will and commandments that virtues

are formed. Our end is the spontaneity of holiness articulated by Augustine in his celebrated saying, "love, and do what you will": but this comes only after a long purification of the heart, a reordering of loves - and that begins with the curbing of our anarchic self-will and animal passion, through obedience to the commandments. GGD

#### 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.

#### 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.

#### 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

#### WEDNESDAYS AT 10:45 A.M.-NOON.

**Adult Catechism - Day Class**, led by Fr. Bergstrom, in Reading Room. after 10 a.m. chapel.

#### 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 Easter brass players, 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.*

#### PALM CROSS MAKING

**Saturday, March 28<sup>th</sup> 9 a.m. - Noon**

Cranmer Hall. Adults and Youth welcome.

Bring scissors!

*Youth will go out for pizza afterwards pick up at 1 p.m.*

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

Collects, Epistle, and Gospel..... Prayer Book 130, 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.—SUNG LITANY, SUNG EUCHARIST & ADDRESS**

Litany (*all kneel at the beginning, then stand with clergy*) .....insert or p 54  
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**ANTE-COMMUNION**

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 ADDRESS..... Fr. O'Brien

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Sentences & Anthem: *The King of Love My Shepherd Is*..... Harry Rowe Shelley  
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**THE HOLY COMMUNION**

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 HYMN #589 *O What Their Joy and Their Glory Must Be*..... O Quanta Qualia  
 VOLUNTARY: *Postlude*..... Andrew Fletcher

*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.*