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## **NEXT SUNDAY, APRIL 26TH, PARISH PICNIC AND STREET SOCIAL**

Directly After 10:30 Morning Prayer  
Cranmer Hall & Charlton Street  
Bring your favorite covered dish  
*Sidewalk Chalk, Cornhole,  
Hula Hopes, Ping Pong  
Live Music ♦ Ice Cream Bar*

### **BELONGING TO CHRIST (8)**

With its treatment of God's Holy Will and Commandments, the Catechism appears to have completed its explanation of the three promises of Baptism, but this is not the case. Knowledge of what the Commandments require is not enough. As the Catechist explains, *My good Child, know this; that thou art not able to do these things of thyself nor to walk in the Commandments of God, and to serve him, without his special grace...* Knowing what the Law requires, and being able to fulfill it, are two different things. Our own natural powers of mind and will are not sufficient for the doing of the Law. The very first use of the Law, as a mirror of God's righteousness, is not to bolster self-righteousness but to undermine it; to expose our own insufficiency, and awaken in us an awareness of our need for God's help, that help which the Catechism calls "special grace".

First a note on terminology. *Grace* is the biblical term for the unmerited gift of God's favour and goodness. In the theological traditions which distinguish common from special grace,

common grace is the grace given to all creatures or all mankind: God's creating and preserving all things; his providential restraint of sin, through the structures of human society (as a result of which we are not as bad as we possibly could be); the preservation of conscience (the innate sense of moral obligation); and also advances in the arts, sciences, crafts, and technology. Common grace, however, is not saving grace: only special grace sanctifies the elect. It regenerates and renews man's nature, it empowers him morally, making him capable of fulfilling God's holy will. Special grace is what the Prayer Book has in mind when it rehearses the Ten Commandments at the outset of the Lord's Supper: for in response the People "ask God mercy for their transgressions for the time past, and grace to keep the law for the time to come": "Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law".

Because the help of special grace is a gift of God, it is a benefit *which thou must learn at all times to call for by diligent prayer*. That is to say, the practicality of the Christian life is the practicality of prayer: otherwise it is mere abstraction. Those who in their pride do not admit they need God's help, do not pray; those who despair of God's help do not pray; and those who presume on his help do not pray; but those who know their need of his grace, and trust in him to give it, they will pray, as the Scripture often urges them, "instantly" (insistently, earnestly) and

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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** [www.stjohnssav.org](http://www.stjohnssav.org)  
**ON FACEBOOK:** St. John's Church in Savannah

**VESTRY OFFERING CHAIRMEN**

8:00 Mr. Arthur D. Weed  
10:30 Mrs. Mark D. Stevens (Chambliss)

**USHER CHAIRMAN**

Mr. Mark D. Stevens

The flowers at the altar are given to the glory of God and in memory of family and loved ones by Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Cunningham;  
and in memory of Joyce P. Howard by Dr. Albert R. Howard;  
and in thanksgiving for and on the occasion of the birthday of Vincent Graham Cooper by Patti Cooper.  
*continued from the Easter Lily Memorials*  
Mrs. Helen Gignilliat Connerat, by Dr. and Mrs. J. Robert Logan, Jr.  
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Dr. Linda Ann McCall

**ACOLYTES**

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

**COFFEE HOUR CHAIRMAN**

Mrs. Michael E. Donahue

**SUNDAY MORNING ADULT CLASS**

**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 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 Room

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**WOMEN'S STUDY & DISCUSSION GROUPS**

*Reading Room, Cranmer Hall.*

**Monday:** Noon Bible Study—with Fr. Bergstrom,  
**Thursday: 6:00 p.m.** Poetry of W. H. Auden—  
with Fr. O'Brien

**ADULT CATECHISM**

**Thursday** at 6:00 p.m (Fr. Dunbar) or **Wednesday** at 10:45 a.m. (Fr. Bergstrom)

PLEASE REMEMBER YOUR CHURCH IN YOUR WILL

“without ceasing”. And to encourage us to pray, and faint not, we have the promises of Christ: "ask, and ye shall receive, that your joy may be full". We also have his teaching on prayer, itself a prayer, the Lord's Prayer, the "Our Father".

In its treatment of the Lord's Prayer, the Catechist begins by asking, *What desirest thou of God in this Prayer?* and the answer begins with the same verb, *I desire ....* To this point the Catechism has spoken chiefly of *duty*, of things that ought to be done: now it begins to speak of *desire*, of things to be longed for. Desire takes countless forms - the quest for knowledge, for happiness, for freedom, for beauty – but all these longings and aspiration, expressed in countless different ways, are ultimately (whether we know it or not) a quest for God, who as infinite wisdom, infinite goodness, infinite power and beauty alone quenches our desire. Desire for God is innate in every human being: “Thou hast made us for thyself, O Lord, and our hearts are restless until they find their rest in thee”. But human desire is wayward, foolishly misguided and disastrously perverse, “looking for love in all the wrong places”. But it is only in the word of God, only in prayer, does this desire know itself as desire for God: "Like as the hart desireth the water brooks, so longeth my soul after thee, O God. My soul is athirst for God, yea, even for the living God: when shall I come to appear before the presence of God?" (Psalm 42) (Psalm 84). Christian prayer therefore is the *redemption* of desire from folly and futility, it is the purification of the will, the conversion of our loves, "that our hearts may surely there be fixed, where true joys are to be found". In prayer our duty to God is transmuted into desire for

God and, finally, delight in God: the natural human desire and longing for true and lasting happiness is directed by the Word and Spirit to its true end, to God, who alone bestows *beatitude*, blessedness. GGD

### PARISH KALENDAR THIS WEEK

**Monday to Friday**

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

*Morning or Evening Prayer*

**In addition, on Wednesday**

9:45 a.m. *Litany*

10 a.m. *Holy Eucharist*

**Saturday 25th April,**

**SAINT MARK THE EVANGELIST**

10:30 a.m. *Holy Eucharist*

### FRIDAY, APRIL 24TH, 2015

THE CHILDREN'S SCHOOL AT ST. JOHN'S

#### ANNUAL ART AUCTION

6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

in the Green Meldrim House

Cocktails, Hors D'Oeuvres, Live Music

Purchase tickets online at

[www.stjohnspreschool.org](http://www.stjohnspreschool.org)

### ANNUAL MEN'S GOLF TOURNAMENT

Friday May 15th at The Harbor Course on  
Hutchinson Island

Tee Time: 1:21 p.m.

Contact: Jules (Jason)Victor

[victor.jules@gmail.com](mailto:victor.jules@gmail.com)

### ST. JOHN'S CHURCH VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

(RISING KG TO GR 5) :

**July 27th - July 31<sup>st</sup>** 9:30am until noon

THE CHILDREN'S SCHOOL AT ST. JOHN'S  
**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL CAMP**  
(12 MOS – 5 YEARS OLD)

**July 27th - July 31<sup>st</sup>** 9:00am until 1:00pm

*Offered by the Children's School at St.*

*John's Church*

For more information: contact Caroline

Hayes: [chayes@stjohnssav.org](mailto:chayes@stjohnssav.org)

**8:00 A.M.—HOLY COMMUNION**

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*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, Chapel*)

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

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

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

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THE SERMON ..... Fr. Bergstrom

**OFFERING**

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

Prayer and Blessing

HYMN #396 *The Church's One Foundation* ..... Aurelia

ORGAN: Chorale Prelude on *Gelobt sei Gott*..... Healey Willan

*Everyone is invited to attend 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.).