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SUPPORTING YOUR CHURCH

We hope parishioners will be able to get away this summer - but our bills don't go on vacation. Please continue to support your parish financially during the summer.

BELONGING TO CHRIST (16)

No Christian thinking clearly doubts that Christ is present in the Eucharist. Mere words and symbols cannot save us, but only communion with Christ himself. As Flannery O'Connor said to someone who was gushing about the "rich symbolism" of the Mass, "if it's only a symbol, then I say to hell with it!" But the Scripture affirms a real partaking in his Body and Blood by means of the Sacrament: "The cup of blessing which we bless, is it not the communion of the blood of Christ? The bread which we break, is it not the communion of the body of Christ?" (1 Cor. 10:16).

The question that has divided Christians, is *how* he is present. The official Roman answer to this question, the doctrine of transubstantiation, says that the *substance* of bread and wine is changed by the power of God into the *substance* of Christ's body and blood. After the consecration, all that remains of the

bread and wine are their outward characteristics (the 'accidents').

If the word "substance" is taken to mean, "matter", the stuff something is made of (as it often is by all but the most rarefied interpreters), then one adopts a materialistic understanding of Christ's presence. This the 16th century English Reformers vigorously repudiated, affirming instead a "true and spiritual" presence of Christ in the Eucharist. "Characteristic of [their teaching] is the insistence that the natural element, the outward and visible sign, retains always its natural integrity, while it becomes the instrument of a supernatural presence; thus exemplifying the basic Augustinian and Thomistic theological principle, that grace does not destroy nature, but perfects it" (R. Crouse). The outward sign is, as the Catechism says, "Bread and Wine, which the Lord hath commanded to be received". To abolish their substance abolishes the outward sign, so that there is no Sacrament. The inward grace is "the Body and Blood of Christ, which are *spiritually* taken and received by the faithful in the Lord's Supper".

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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 may be read on our web site: www.stjohnssav.org

VESTRY OFFERING CHAIRMEN

8:00 Mr. Arthur D. Weed
10:30 Mr. E. Brian Culver

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The flowers at the altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Dr. Robert A. Burnett by Mrs. Robert A. Burnett, Wendy and Decie;
and in loving memory of William Finn Summerell by Mrs. Timothy Coy;
and in loving memory of Jennifer Liscomb Ross by Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Russell Ross and Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Russell Ross, Jr.;
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8:00 *volunteer requested*
10:30 Mikell Kelly, Jamie McClellan
Hunt Wasden, Hawkins Pindar
Finn Repella, Jackson McClellan

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SUNDAY MORNING ADULT CLASS

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

St. John's Gospel Reading Room. Led by Fr. Dunbar.

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY & DISCUSSION GROUPS

Tuesday Men's Breakfast - *Will resume at later date.*
Thursday 7 a.m. 1 Kings, led by Fr Dunbar, in Reading Room.

WOMEN'S STUDY & DISCUSSION GROUP

Classes will resume in the fall.

JANE'S CANNERS - in the Cranmer Hall

kitchen on Wednesdays at 10:15 a.m. Donations of sugar, figs, pears, apples, onions, 8 oz. jars, green peppers, etc. gratefully received. Please call Jane Pressly 233-6551.

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

Monday through Thursday

9:00a.m. to 4:30p.m.

Friday 9:00a.m. to 12:00 (noon)

PLEASE REMEMBER YOUR CHURCH IN YOUR WILL

If Christ were materially present in the Sacrament, then he must suffer still at the hands of wicked men; but the ascended Lord gives himself by the Spirit to faith alone, not to unbelief.

This teaching about the presence of Christ in the Eucharist is based on an analogy with the doctrine of the Incarnation. As Christ is truly both God and Man, in unity of person and distinction of nature, so the true presence of the body and blood of Christ does not abolish the true presence of bread and wine. In the sacrament the *substance* of Christ's body and blood is mystically conjoined to the *substance* of bread and wine. A *sacramental* conversion does take place, as by the Word and Spirit the natural elements acquire a supernatural efficacy: by them the faithful are made partakers of the body and blood of Christ and receive with them "remission of sin and all other benefits of his passion". But, as Richard Hooker says, the true transubstantiation is the one that the Sacrament effects not in the elements but "*in us*", "a true change both of soul and body, an alteration from death to life"; "a real transmutation of our souls and bodies from sin to righteousness, from death and corruption to immortality and life". GGD

PARISH KALENDAR THIS WEEK

Monday to Friday

Morning and Evening Prayer
8:15 a.m. & 5:30 p.m.

In addition, on Wednesday June 24th

NATIVITY OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST
9:45 a.m. *Litany* 10 a.m. *Eucharist*
Holy Communion after Morning and Evening Prayer

REGISTER NOW!

For this year's VBS to take place, we must reach minimum enrollment by the end of June.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

(RISING KG TO GR 5) :

July 27th - July 31st 9:30am - noon

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL CAMP

(12 MOS – 5 YEARS OLD)

July 27th - July 31st

9:00am until 1:00pm

Offered by The Children's School

For more information: contact Caroline

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SUMMER CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Nursery: 10:15 to end of 10:30 Service

At 9:30 a.m. No Sunday School classes for children or youth. Adult classes continue.

At 10:30 a.m. Preschool/Kindergarten. **Psalm-Psingers** (Gr 1-5) are invited to meet at 10:15 a.m. to vest, process, and sing with choir for first part of 10:30 service, then exit for music and fun.

Parents and Grandparents are asked to give ONE Sunday to lead the 10:30 a.m. Pre-School/Kindergarten. Sign up in Cranmer Hall or call Caroline Hayes 233-8887 or 429-2195

PERSECUTION OF CHRISTIANS

To encourage prayer and witness for persecuted Christians and their persecutors, prayer cards and orange ribbons have been provided by a concerned parishioner and are available at the door.

8:00 A.M. – HOLY COMMUNION

Collect, Epistle, and Gospel 192
Coffee is available in Cranmer Hall following this service.

9:30 A.M. —ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION (Cranmer Hall)

10:15 a.m. — 12 Noon NURSERY (Cranmer Hall)
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Everyone is invited to attend Coffee Hour in the Green Meldrim 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) same as 8 a.m.