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UPCOMING AT ST. JOHN'S

◆ WORSHIP THIS SUNDAY ◆

10:10 A.M. MUSIC FOR BRASS

Before 10:30 a.m. Service

5:30 P.M. CHORAL EVENSONG

Prelude at 5:05 p.m. Reception follows

◆ WEEKDAY WORSHIP ◆

Monday to Friday

Morning and Evening Prayer

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

In addition, Wednesday

9:45 a.m. *Litany*

10:00 a.m. *Holy Eucharist*

In addition, on Thursday

5:30 p.m. *Holy Eucharist*

Next Sunday, October 7th

TRINITY 19 - 10:30 a.m. Morning Prayer

◆ WOMEN OF ST. JOHN'S ◆

BOARD MEETING

Monday, October 1st at 10:00 a.m.

Green-Meldrim House – Dining Room

GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday, October 3rd

Following 10:00a.m. Chapel Service

Green-Meldrim House All Women Are Invited.

SEEKING GOD'S KINGDOM (4)

For the individual, as David Svihel argued last week, the Kingdom Jesus proclaims in the gospel means discipleship. It has three aspects: the renewal of the mind in the doctrine gospel; the training of the will in specific practices ("disciplines"), like prayer and giving; and fellowship within community engaged in the mission of Christ. The seeking of the kingdom is a holistic enterprise, integrating mind and will, soul and body, individual and community.

In an individualistic and consumerist culture like our own, it is easy for us to think of the church in terms of its ability to meet our needs and gratify our tastes and wants. Of course we should be fed spiritually by the church - but the anxiety some Christians have about whether or not they are "being fed" can veer into religious consumerism. Where the Word of God is faithfully proclaimed, and the Sacraments duly administered according to Christ's ordinance, we *are* being fed. Everything else is fussing about our food - whether or not a particular chef or recipe tickles our palate. And if Christ in the gospel is feeding us, it is to sustain us as we seek God's kingdom and righteousness in the fellowship of the church. One of the surest signs that we have received the gospel and understood its implications, is that we stop focusing on whether or not our needs and wants are being met, but have started thinking about how to meet the needs of others. That's what seeking God's kingdom means for the church. That's its mission.

Translating the general imperative of mission into the particulars of persons, times and places, is a work of discernment. To see what needs doing requires we open our eyes and look, not with our own desires and tastes in mind, but with the mind of Christ. That's why the disciplines of teaching and prayer are essential to Christian mission. As God feeds us with the gospel, so he empowers us to see the world around us with the eyes of Christ - to see what needs doing, and to be moved to do it. Such spiritual formation, the renewal of the mind, cannot happen without serious engagement with the teaching of Scripture, preached, taught, heard, read, studied,

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

VESTRY OFFERING CHAIRMEN

8:00 a.m. Mr. Arthur D. Weed
10:30 a.m. Mrs. Austin O. Kennedy

USHER CHAIRMAN

Mr. E. Brian Culver & Mr. Edwin H. Culver

ACOLYTES

8:00 a.m. Henry Osborne
10:30 a.m. Philip Inglesby Jack McClellan
Jake Perkins Finn Repella Edwin Shepherd
Daniel Sills William Sills William Taylor
Haddon Watson Whit Watson

ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers at the altar this Sunday are given to the glory of God and in memory of The Reverend Jack E. Altman, The Reverend William H. Ralston, Jr. and The Right Reverend G. Paul Reeves by the Altman family

And in memory of Father Ralston by Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Reed Welch and Ralston Kennedy Welch.

And in loving memory of Dr. and Mrs. Jules Victor, Jr. by Mr. and Mrs. Neil H. Victor.

And the flowers at the chapel altar this Thursday are given in honor of St. Francis of Assisi by Mr. and Mrs. T. Herbert Guerry III.

MICHAELMAS BRASS

Donations for the musicians this Sunday are given to the glory of God by:

Mr. and Mrs. Sean F. Finnegan
Dr. and Mrs. Christopher L. Osteen
Mr. and Mrs. Gary M. Schubert
Mr. and Mrs. John C. Wylly, Jr.

And in thanksgiving for our family by Mr. and Mrs. H. Bruce Montgomery

And in honor of Father Dunbar, Father O'Brien, and Father Hunt by Mr. and Mrs. John G. Bradshaw, Jr.

And in appreciation for the clergy and lay leadership of St. John's by Mr. and Mrs.

Thomas C. McCay

And in memory of Mr. Eric N. Bright by the Rector

CHANCEL SOCIETY

Mr. John G. Bradshaw, Jr., Mrs. Jayne G. Holland, Mrs. Carter C. Hubbard, Sr., Mrs. Edward J. Derst III, Mrs. James C. Pedrick, Mrs. T. Herbert Guerry, Miss Amara DeRienzo, Mrs. William E. Dillard III, Mrs. Jeanne H. McMillian, Mrs. R. Bartley Turner

COFFEE HOUR CHAIRMAN

Mrs. Jack C. Wray

ROAMING GREETER

Mrs. Nicholas K. Farley

SUNDAY 9:30 A.M.

SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR YOUTH:

Cranmer Hall – 3rd Floor

Children Sunday offering supports a little girl in Africa through Compassion International.

Middle School – David Svihel & Kalista Svihel
High School – Rick Wright & Martin Sullivan

SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ADULTS:

Collects Study with Father O'Brien, Will & Mary Helen Burdell – CH3-Reading Room
Father Dunbar's Class on 2 Kings – Chapel
The Gospel According to John with Jack Wray – CH3-Room 309

meditated, prayed and applied to life and practice. When Christians skimp on learning doctrine mission suffers.

What else in particular does our mission require? What ministries does our stewardship support? In the **Saint John's 2030 plan** we identified some specific areas for development, in three of which we have already made significant progress. One was **ministry with youth**, because (especially in today's culture) teenagers do not automatically develop a sound faith of their own. The good news is that in the past year we have made a serious financial commitment in hiring David Svihel for ministry with youth. To judge from the buzz I hear, parishioners are starting to recognize the importance of what he is doing, and the remarkable gifts and perspective he brings to it. As you are thinking about your pledge, please remember ongoing funding for this ministry does not fall out of the sky.

Another area that needed attention for mission was **parish communications**. Thanks to a task force comprised of Ray Summerell, Stacy Jennings, Martin Sullivan, Jack Wilson, Mick McCay, Adger Ross, Frank DeRienzo, Abbey Terry, Janice Woods, and me, we have moved into a new era at St. John's. Critical to this overhaul has been a part-time staff position in communications, very ably filled this past year by Lisa Sharpley. The website has been rebuilt, a newcomer-friendly Sunday Service Booklet has been well received by newcomers; a St. John's style-guide is giving our publicity a distinctive look; a high rate of people who receive the Friday morning Church email are opening it; podcasting of sermons has started; more parishioners are getting connected with our on-line Church Directory; and our social media presence is growing. As you are thinking about your stewardship pledge, please remember that communications skills cost money too.

A third area of mission that was identified was the area called **apologetics** - which is not the activity of "apologizing"

for the faith, but defending and commending it by rational argument, a necessary aspect of our mission in a deeply skeptical culture. Our first big initiative in this area was the "Science and Truth" series of talks by Jon Sprague that began last Thursday with a packed house. If this proves fruitful, what will be our next step? Could the "Faith and Reason" lecture series be a recurring event at St. John's? Your stewardship will help us determine that answer. GGD

MEN'S WEEKDAY STUDY & DISCUSSION

Tuesday Breakfast with Father O'Brien, 6:45 a.m.
Parish House

Thursday *Jeremiah* with Father Dunbar, 7:00 a.m.
Cranmer Hall – Reading Room

WOMEN'S WEEKDAY STUDY & DISCUSSION

Thursday Book Study with Father O'Brien
9:15 a.m., CH3-Reading Room

UPCOMING EVENTS

SCIENCE & TRUTH: Is there room for God in our understanding of reality?

Five Talks by Jon Sprague

Three More Sessions on Thursdays
Oct. 4, 11, 18 at 6:15 p.m. – 7:15 p.m.

- **Come to all, or come to one.** The first four talks can stand alone. The fifth is where the themes are pulled together.
- **Free Admission**

MICHAELMAS BRASS

If you would like to contribute to the Brass ensemble at 10:30 a.m. service, please send a cheque marked "brass" in the memo line, and include a note of your intention (memorial, thank-offering, anonymous, etc.).

NEW SECURITY ON CAMPUS

This Sunday you will see two off-duty police officers and a police cruiser at St. John's - one outside Cranmer Hall and the other outside the Church. This is not in response to any recent event, but our security task force recommended hiring off-duty police officers to be a visible presence and deterrent on Sunday mornings. The cost of security in this time period is being met by donations. Contributions to defray this cost are gratefully received.

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8:00 A.M. – HOLY COMMUNION

COLLECT, EPISTLE & GOSPEL Prayer Book, page 251
A continental breakfast is available in Cranmer Hall following this service.

NURSERY for birth - age 3 (Cranmer Hall, 1st floor) from 9:15 a.m. till 12:15 p.m.

9:30 A.M. – ADULT & YOUTH CHRISTIAN EDUCATION (Cranmer Hall)

10:10 A.M. – VOLUNTARIES FOR BRASS QUINTET

10:30 A.M. – SUNG EUCHARIST, SERMON & CHILDREN’S CHURCH

PROCESSIONAL HYMN: #121 *Stars of the Morning* Trisagion
Prayer at Chancel Step
HYMN: [Insert] *Come Let us Join Our Cheerful Songs* Nativity

ANTE-COMMUNION

Collect for Purity Prayer Book, page 67
The Summary of the Law 69
KYRIE ELEISON: #710 Healey Willan
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HYMN: #123 *Christ the Fair Glory* [Stanzas 4-6] Coelites Plaudant
Children up to Grade 5 may exit following the cross for CHILDREN’S CHURCH
Sermon Father Dunbar

OFFERTORY

Sentence
ANTHEM: *Quam Dilecta Tabernacula Tua* Charles Marie Widor
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Prayer for the State of the Church 74

THE HOLY COMMUNION

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VOLUNTARY: *Lobe den Herren, meine Seele* (Psalm 103) Heinrich Schütz

*Everyone is invited to attend the Coffee Hour in the Parish House immediately after the 10:30 a.m. service.
If you are a guest and visiting our Parish, please make yourself known.*

12:00 P.M. (Noon)—HOLY COMMUNION (Chapel - as at 8:00 a.m.)