

**THIS SUNDAY AT ST. JOHN'S**

*The nursery (newborns to four-year-olds) is available from 10:15 a.m. to noon on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of Cranmer Hall.*

**8 A.M. HOLY COMMUNION, Church**

*A light breakfast is available in Cranmer Hall following 8 a.m. service.*

Introit: Psalm 27, BCP pp.371-372; The Collect, BCP p. 179, 177  
The Epistle and Gospel, BCP pp. 179-180

**9:30 A.M. FR. DUNBAR'S CLASS, Cranmer Hall**

*During the summer, Fr. Dunbar's Sunday School class will meet in the Ralston Room, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, Cranmer Hall.*

**10:30 A.M. SUNG EUCHARIST & SERMON, Church & Online****Music for This Sunday:**

Nicht zu schnell, Op. 56, No. 1, Robert Schumann  
#102 *Hail Thee, Festival Day*, SALVE FESTA DIES  
#104 *Hail the Day that Sees Him Rise*, LLANFAIR  
O Lord Most High, Richard Shephard  
King of Glory, King of Peace, Gerald Near  
#198 *O God, Unseen Yet Ever Near*, ST FLAVIAN  
#357 *Hail Thou Once Despised Jesus*, IN BABILONE  
Nun danket alle Gott, Op. 65, No. 13, Sigfrid Karg-Elert

**ORDINATION OF MATTHEW SPARKS**  
*Thursday, June 5, at 6 p.m.*  
*St. John's Church*

Please keep Matthew Sparks in your prayers as he is ordained a priest by The Rt. Rev. Paul Lambert, on behalf of The Rt. Rev. Justin Holcomb, Bishop of the Diocese of Central Florida. The ordination is 6 p.m. on Thursday, June 5, the Feast of St. Boniface, in the Octave of the Ascension. All parishioners are invited to attend or watch the livestream. We also ask your prayers for the Sparks family and for the parish to which Matthew will be called to serve.

**INAUGURAL MEN OF ST JOHN'S**  
**BURGERS, BREWS & BOURBON**  
*Wednesday, June 4, at 5:30 p.m.*

All the men of the parish are invited to this end-of-year event in the mall. \$15 for parishioners and free for their male guests by June 1. After June 1, the price is \$20. Purchase online at [StJohnsSav.org/men](http://StJohnsSav.org/men).

**BRASS FOR TRINITY SUNDAY**  
*Sunday, June 15, at 10:30 a.m.*  
*Choral Matins with Brass*

Celebrate with a morning of sacred choral music sung by the Choirs of St. John's with brass. We welcome contributions toward the cost of the brass. Visit [StJohnsSav.org/brass](http://StJohnsSav.org/brass) for a form or contact the office to arrange memorial/honorary intentions for the Parish Paper and bulletin.

**WE NEED YOUR HELP!**

St. John's is hiring a full-time sexton to support various duties across our campus. We're looking for someone physically capable of lifting 50 lbs. or more and comfortable working indoor and outdoors. The ideal candidate should be skilled with general tools and light equipment, and able to follow instructions carefully. Reliability, flexibility, and interpersonal skills are essential. If you know someone for this role, please contact St. John's Business Manager, Janice Woods, at 912-232-1251.

# The Parish Paper

OF

**ST. JOHN'S CHURCH**  
 SAVANNAH, GEORGIA
**PROMISES OF PRIESTHOOD**

Somewhat like weddings and funerals, ordinations have been taken over by the contemporary culture of the autonomous self and turned into "celebrations" of the persons who are entering a holy estate, rather than of the holy estate to which they are being admitted. This Thursday it will be entirely for us to offer most hearty and affectionate congratulations to the newly-ordained priest, but our chief business is to support him with our prayers, that he may have grace to serve faithfully in the office of priesthood, on the terms set forth in the questions put to him by the bishop (Prayer Book pp 539-543), in an act of covenant-making.

These questions follow an order whose logic is worthy of reflection. They begin as they must, with the declaration, that the candidates think themselves "truly called" to the priesthood in accord with "the will of our Lord Jesus Christ". This sense of calling is the irreducible basis of ministry in Christ's name. For those called to be priests are not primarily representatives of the institutional church, or its governing structures and officers, or of the worshipping community, but of Christ. "Let a man so account of us, as of the ministers of Christ, and stewards of the mysteries of God"; moreover, "it is required of stewards, that a man be found faithful" – and "he that judgeth me is the Lord" (1 Cor. 4:1-4). If they are not called in accord "with the will of our Lord Jesus Christ", then we and they have no business foisting them on his priesthood.

This inward and spiritual call by Christ, tested and confirmed outward by the church, entails specific commitments spelled out in the questions that follow. Overall, these are commitments first to the authority of Scripture, and second to the authority of the Church;

**UPCOMING WORSHIP:**  
**WEEK OF ASCENSION SUNDAY**
**Online Morning Prayer:**  
 8:15 a.m. Monday-Friday

**Monday, June 2:**  
**In the Octave of Ascension**
**Tuesday, June 3:**  
**In the Octave of Ascension**  
 Noon *Holy Communion*, Chapel  
 5 p.m. *Evening Prayer*, Chapel

**Wednesday, June 4:**  
**In the Octave of Ascension**  
 Noon *Holy Communion*, Church  
 5 p.m. *Evening Prayer*, Chapel  
 9 p.m. *Sung Compline*, Church

**Thursday, June 5:**  
**In the Octave of Ascension**  
 Noon *Holy Communion*, Chapel  
 6 p.m. *The Ordination of Matthew Sparks*, Church/Online  
*followed by a reception in the Green-Meldrim House*
**Friday, June 6:**  
 Noon *Holy Communion*, Chapel

**Sunday, June 8: Whitsunday**  
**SUMMER SCHEDULE**  
 8 a.m. *Holy Communion*, Church  
 9:30 a.m. *Fr. Dunbar's Class*,  
 Ralston Room, Cranmer Hall  
 10:30 a.m. *Sung Eucharist & Sermon*,  
 Church/Online  
 11:45 a.m. *Coffee Hour*, Green-Meldrim

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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 CHAIR**

8 a.m. Mr. Arthur D. Weed  
11 a.m. Mrs. L. Allan Reynolds, Jr.  
(Beverley)

**USHERS**

Mr. Robert L. Sparks

**CHOIR**

Schola Choir

**CHANCEL SOCIETY**

Mrs. John G. Bradshaw (Sally)  
Mrs. Nohl A. Braun, Jr. (Alyce)  
Mrs. Timothy E. Coy (Dorothea)  
Mrs. B. Ray Summerell (Melanie)  
Mrs. David A. Young (Pam)  
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Mrs. Clarkson C. Logan (Meta)  
Mrs. Jeanne Howell McMillan  
Ms. Linda H. Pounds  
Mrs. Laura L. Wimbish  
Mrs. Mark D. Stevens (Chambliss)

**FLOWERS**

The flowers in church this Sunday are given to the glory of God, and in loving memory of Coke S. and Helen S. Blume; C. Redmond and Lorraine B. Gill; and the Reverend Jeffrey Gill by their family.

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

And in loving memory of  
Peter Meldrim Coy  
by Mr. and Mrs. Timothy E. Coy.  
And in honor of the 44<sup>th</sup> anniversary  
of the ordination of  
Father John Patrick Hunt.

*To offer flowers for the altar, please call the Church office. After Sunday, the flowers are delivered to the sick, sorrowing, and shut-ins.*

**MUSIC IN THE MALL**

**Wednesday, June 25, at 7 p.m.**  
**Green-Meldrim House Mall**

Plan to join us for a live performance on the steps of the Green-Meldrim House by Elli Perry with Andrew Sovine opening. Bring your lawn chairs and pack a picnic to enjoy while listening to family-friendly music in a beautiful outdoor setting.  
**(Free & open to the public)**

first to truth, and then to charity. Both are necessary, but in their own order: the root before the fruit.

“Are you persuaded that the Holy Scriptures contain all Doctrine required as necessary for eternal salvation through faith in Jesus Christ?”, and “are you determined out of the said Scriptures to instruct the people committed to your charge; and to teach nothing, as necessary to eternal salvation, but that which you shall be persuaded may be concluded and proved by the Scripture?”. Commitment to the truth set forth in Scripture, comes first, and only then to the truth of Scripture as *received* by the Church (above all in the Prayer Book and Articles): “will you give your faithful diligence always so to minister the Doctrine and Sacraments, and the Discipline of Christ, as the Lord hath commanded, and as this Church hath received the same, according to the Commandments of God...?”. In line with these commitments, to teach the truth of Scripture as received by the Church, is the promise “to banish and drive away from the Church all erroneous and strange doctrines contrary to God's Word”. In accord with these commitments, they promise to be “diligent in Prayers, and in reading the Holy Scriptures, and in such studies as help to the knowledge of the same”; and also “to frame and fashion your own selves, and your families, according to the Doctrine of Christ; and to make both yourselves and them, as much as in you lieth, wholesome examples and patterns to the flock of Christ”.

It is a comprehensive commitment to be the teacher, student, and example of Scriptural truth as received by the Church. Because truth without charity is a recipe for division and conflict, then follows a commitment to “maintain and set forwards ... quiet-

ness, peace, and love, among all Christian people, and especially among them that are or shall be committed to your charge”; and also to “reverently obey your Bishop...; following with a glad mind and will their godly admonitions, and submitting yourselves to their godly judgments”. It is notable that these commitments to institutional peace and order come last on the list, and in subordination to those that come before it. This does not mean that they are optional! But it does mean that the “godly admonitions” to which we owe reverent obedience cannot entail teaching or action contrary to the plain teaching of Scripture. The priest is not primarily a representative of the institutional Church (a company man), or its officers; but of Christ to his Church, and it is in faithfulness to Christ that he serves the Church in all charity and humility.

There are indeed many other aspects to a priest's work, which these questions only hint at – liturgical and pastoral leadership, chairing meetings, organizing events, oversight of staff, finances, buildings, and so on. In order to accomplish all these tasks, a priest needs to cultivate relationships of trust and respect with parishioners. It is often a job that pulls a priest in many directions, and the commitments made in ordination may seem remote. But however important these other tasks may be, they are in vain, if they do not proceed from a mind filled with the truth of God's word, and a life framed in accord with its teaching. — GGD

**FAITH + FICTION**

**Wednesday, June 11, at 5:30 p.m.**  
**Green-Meldrim House**

A discussion on *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn*, by Mark Twain. Refreshments will be served. Email Fr. Jameson if you plan to attend.  
**(Free & open to the public)**