

THIS SUNDAY AT ST. JOHN'S

The nursery (newborns to four-year-olds) is available from 10:15 a.m. to noon on the 2nd 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 18:1-20, BCP pp. 359-361; The Collects, BCP pp. 244, 191
 The Epistle and Gospel, BCP pp. 244-246

9:30 A.M. NO SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

Please Note: Fr. Dunbar's Sunday School Class will not meet this Sunday, June 29. It will resume Sunday, July 6.

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

Ave Maria, Franz Schubert

#127 How Bright These Glorious Spirits Shine, BALLERMA

#549 The Son of God Goes Forth to War, ALL SAINTS NEW

O sing unto the Lord a new song, Giuseppe Pitoni

O taste and see, Ralph Vaughan Williams

#124 For Thy Dear Saints O Lord, ST. GEORGE

#396 The Church's One Foundation, AURELIA

Fugue in D Major, Op. 25, No. 3, Alexandre Guilmant

A Note about This Sunday's Music

The Prelude this Sunday will be sung by Claire Fraizer and given by Frank Somoskey in memory of his late wife, Denny Somoskey, for her birthday on June 28, 1941.

Choir of Adults

The Choir of Adults is currently welcoming auditions for new members. The Choirs of St. John's are an excellent avenue to engage in the ministry of the parish. Some previous musical experience and ability to match pitch is desired. Anyone interested in singing in the choir is encouraged to reach out to Mr. Douglas via email at wdouglas@stjohnssav.org to set up a meeting and discuss the possibility of joining the choir.

The Parish Paper

OF
ST. JOHN'S CHURCH
SAVANNAH, GEORGIA

HONORING ST. PETER

The church commemorates the martyrdom of St. Peter (and also St. Paul) on June 29th, a feast especially important to the church of Rome, which cherished its apostolic roots, and the tombs of the apostles, housed in magnificent basilicas built by the Christian emperors of late antiquity. The basilica built over the tomb of Peter on the Vatican hill was rebuilt in the Renaissance, and is one of the most famous buildings in the world; the basilica of St. Paul "outside the walls", to the south of the city, is not so well known. The present immense basilica erected over the tomb of Paul in the southern suburbs of Rome is a 19th century reconstruction of the ancient building, destroyed in a fire in 1823. The observation of this feast day throughout the western church expressed its deep and ancient ties to the apostolic see. English Christians in particular remembered the missionaries sent by the Bishop of Rome, Gregory the Great, for the conversion of their pagan ancestors.

The pre-eminence of the church of Rome was reflected, of course, in the pre-eminence of its bishop; and from late antiquity onwards these claims made for this office expanded and were made explicit as a claim of the pope's full, supreme, and universal jurisdiction over the entire church, by divine institution. In this context, Peter's confession of Christ, and Jesus' declaration concerning Peter

(St. Matthew 16:13-19, the gospel lesson for St. Peter's Day) was read as a scriptural confirmation of papal supremacy. For after Simon confessed Jesus to be the Christ, the Son of the living God, Jesus told him, "thou art Peter" – a nickname meaning 'a rock' – "and upon this rock I will build my

**UPCOMING WORSHIP:
WEEK OF TRINITY II**

Online Morning Prayer:
No online Morning Prayer this week

Monday, June 30:
No services today

Tuesday, July 1:
*Noon Holy Communion, Chapel
 5 p.m. Evening Prayer, Chapel*

Wednesday, July 2:
Visitation of the Blessed Virgin
*Noon Holy Communion, Chapel
 (Noon meets in the Chapel this week)
 5 p.m. Evening Prayer, Chapel
 No Sung Compline today*

Thursday, July 3:
*Noon Holy Communion, Chapel
 No Evening Prayer today*

Friday, July 4:
Independence Day
No services today. Church office close.

Sunday, July 6: Trinity III
SUMMER SCHEDULE
 8 a.m. Holy Communion, Church
 9:30 a.m. Fr. Dunbar's Class (resumes)
 Ralston Room, Cranmer Hall
 10:30 a.m. Sung Eucharist & Sermon,
 Church/Online

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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
10:30 a.m. Mrs. James F. Holtzclaw
(Sherry)

USHERS

Mr. John G. Bradshaw
Mr. Frank Somoskey

CHOIR

Choir of Adults

CHANCEL SOCIETY

Mrs. John G. Bradshaw (Sally)
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Mrs. Timothy E. Coy (Dorothea)
Mrs. Jayne G. Holland
Mrs. Carter C. Hubbard, Sr. (Barbara)
Mrs. Laura L. Wimbish
Mrs. James S. McClellan (Holly)

FLOWERS

The flowers in church this Sunday are given to the glory of God, and in loving memory of Dorothy Mather Thompson by Mr. and Mrs. William Thompson.

To offer flowers for the altar, please call the Church office. After Sunday, the flowers are delivered to the sick, sorrowing, and shut-in. To volunteer for this ministry, call Margaret Wally at 912-656-6235.

FEAST OF THE VISITATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

We will observe the Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary with Holy Communion on **Wednesday, July 2**, at noon in the Chapel. This holy day commemorates Mary, who was pregnant with Jesus, going to visit her cousin Elizabeth, who was pregnant with John the Baptist, as told in the Gospel (Luke 1:39-56). Please plan to join us on Wednesday, July 2.

church". Moreover, Jesus then told him "I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven. And whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven".

There is no question that Jesus is declaring Peter's pre-eminent role in the foundation of the early church, as recorded in Acts 2-5 and 10-11. Peter played a unique and critical role in proclaiming the gospel in Jerusalem, confirming the believers in Samaria, and accepting the Gentile believers into fellowship with Jewish Christians. But there is no indication in this text (or any other) of *successors* to Peter, or of a permanent Petrine *office* with universal jurisdiction, much less of the other claims made for the bishop of Rome. Moreover, the New Testament shows us that Peter's leading role was very far from any kind of supremacy: it is James, the Lord's brother, not Simon Peter, who presides at the council in Jerusalem and sums up its decisions in favor of the Gentiles (Acts 15); and it is Paul who reproves Simon Peter for his failure to stand by this principle (Gal 2:11). The power to bind and loose is not confined to Peter – it is extended to all the apostles in Matthew 18:18, and also in John 20:23 (words echoed in the ordination of a priest): "whosoever sins ye remit, they are remitted unto them; whosoever sins ye retain, they are retained". Peter may be 'a rock', but he is not the only one: in John's vision of the heavenly Jerusalem (the church), "the wall of the city had twelve foundations, and in them the names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb" (Rev. 21:14). Moreover, when Paul revisits this image, he relates the authority of the apostles to that of Christ, saying that the church is "built upon the foundation

of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief cornerstone" (Ephesians 2).

The authority of the keys, of binding and loosing, bestowed on those called to the ministry of word and sacrament, has its center in the proclamation of the gospel. "Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who desireth not the death of a sinner, but rather that he may turn from his wickedness and live, hath given power, and commandment, to his Ministers, to declare and pronounce to his people, being penitent, the Absolution and Remission of their sins. He pardoneth and absolveth all those who truly repent, and unfeignedly believe his holy Gospel". In hearing and receiving the gospel in faith, are we loosed from the bands of sin: "Though we be tied and bound with the chains of our sins, yet let the pitifulness of thy great mercy loose us" (Prayer Book, p. 63).

Whatever we may think of the papacy, its claims to a divinely instituted authority over the whole church are unsupported in scripture. Perhaps in the providence of God, there is a place for such an institution for the well-being of the church – but it is not essential, and the claim that it is essential, is itself theologically problematic. It is not submission to a Petrine office, but the confession of Peter's faith, that defines the Church of Jesus Christ. "Thou art the Christ", he says to Jesus, the mediator of God's kingdom, "the son of the living God", standing in unique personal relation to God, as Son to the Father. And as those who share in Peter's faith can we claim Christ's promise to his church, that "the gates of hell shall not prevail against it".

– GGD

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