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**THIS SUNDAY WE WELCOME BACK
FR. DUNBAR!!!**

The conclusion of the sermon for the Feast of Pentecost given by Fr. Ralston in 1999

THE COMFORTER IS COME

(IV) And so the Holy Spirit is also the life-giver. For what is life without love? – dead; inert; material; meaningless; circumstantial; merely sequential. The message is in truth very simple: “Love, or die.” Without love, life is death.

Why cannot the sin against the Holy Ghost, the giver of life and love, be forgiven? Because a person who forswears love or refuses to receive it is already dead, in his mind, in his spirit, in his person. There is nothing living left upon which forgiveness can rest.

Such persons have become literally “the hollow men”. Nothing of substance remains. Without love life is death, and our apparent vitality is the parade of the living dead. With love, death itself is overcome, for love is stronger than death. Shakespeare is the master of masters of this truth. One dare not venture too far upon the holy ground of Cordelia dead in her father’s arms, but in his mind Lear thinks her alive. And in his love for her, so she is.

(V) Finally, the only ground of hope we have that we shall ever see God, and abide with Him, to enjoy Him and live forever in His presence, is if we are pure in heart. Only the pure in heart are promised that they shall see God. This is the final terror and the final comfort. Should we not despair? For who is

pure in heart? Who has *ever* been pure in heart?

Apart from the Lord himself, there is only one person of whom we can think in the entire history of the world. But in thinking of her, we remember that this is not of her doing or making, just as it can never be *of us* that such purity comes. “The Holy Ghost shall overshadow these.”

It is never *of us*. It is the Holy Spirit descending upon us and living within us. It is his fire of love, slowly and implacably burning away all that pride, envy, malice, hatred, and all uncharitableness have done to our imperfect hearts.

Such love may seem to our evil selves “an intolerable sheet of flame”. But it is in truth the refining, life-giving fire. It is the Holy Ghost making room for himself within us. In making room for himself he is making a way for us to God. Not a way for God to enter into your heart so much as a way for you to go to Him, a way to be bound within the heart of God. It is as Dante says, “bound as the leaves of a book into one volume.” The charity of the Holy Spirit is the only likeness to God that we His creatures can ever have. But this charity is the golden chain which binds us ‘round His feet.

Since love is the substance of God’s

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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. R. Gilbert Wells

USHER CHAIRMAN

Mr. John Riley

The flowers at the altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. Francis E. Williams, Jr. and Mr. Mike Lowrance and Mr. Dean Lowrance by Mr. and Mrs. Roland B. Williams.

CHANCEL SOCIETY

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ACOLYTES

8:00 John DeBacker
10:30 Austin Nichols
Kameron Sallee, Lawson Turner

COFFEE HOUR

Mrs. Sam P. Inglesby

ALL-AGES CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

... CONTINUES ALL SUMMER!

9:30 AM--NOON Nursery
9:30 A.M.-- Child Care for ages 3—5.

9:30 A.M. ADULT CLASSES

➤ THE CANTERBURY TALES—taught by David Noble will resume September 11th
➤ BIBLE BASICS (Commandments, Creed, the Lord's Prayer and More) - taught by Mike Chastain (South Classroom, 3rd Floor, Cranmer Hall) - all welcome

10:30 A.M. CHILDREN'S SUMMER PROGRAM

➤ For Preschool--Kindergarten ages 3 to 5. (Teen Helpers and Adult volunteers needed)

TUESDAY AND THURSDAY MORNING

Men's Bible Study & Discussion Groups
Tuesday 6:45 a.m. Breakfast & Study (Mike Chastain), Parish House).

NO Thursday Bible Study 7:00 a.m.—
Class will resume August 4th

BAZAAR CANNING

The canners need fresh veggies and fruits (figs, peppers, pears, peaches, apples, mangos, etc) sugar, mint, pecans and half-pint jars. Jane Pressly 233-6551.

CHURCH OFFICE SUMMER HOURS

Office closes at Noon on Fridays.
Monday through Thursday 9—4:30 p.m.

PLEASE REMEMBER YOUR CHURCH IN YOUR WILL

Holy life, and the bond of His own Being, so it is the only way we will have, and the only mode of access *we* will ever know, to the utterly Holy, unutterable Being God is in His very Person. So the last word is this: “God is love, and whoso dwelleth in love dwelleth in God, and God in him.” And that really is all there is to it.

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SUMMER CHOIR

Volunteers to sing in the Summer Choir would be most appreciated. If interested, please make contact with Assistant Organist Mr. Rich Mays. richmays@comcast.net or 484-8451.

Rehearsal Sundays 9:30 and Wednesdays 7:30-8:30 (with liquid refreshment to follow).

PICTORIAL PARISH DIRECTORY APPOINTMENTS

New photographs are indeed needed for this Directory.

You may sign up for photographs taken in two ways:

1. Sundays in Cranmer Hall or the Green Meldrim House—sign-up tables will be set up in their foyers.
2. Sign up on-line and choose a sitting time. The web link is:

<https://signup.olanmills.com/familyinfo.aspx?chcontract=60979>

The shooting dates that are scheduled are:

- 📅 Tuesday, July 26th through Saturday, July 30th;
- 📅 Monday, August 1st through Wednesday, August 3rd;
- 📅 Wednesday, September 14th through Saturday, September 17th;
- 📅 Thursday, September 22nd through September 24th.

Please do not call the church office to sign up.

NEW HYMN OF THE MONTH

“All my hope on God is founded” is one of the most popular hymns in the Church of England. Based on a hymn by Joachim Neander (1650-80), it was written by the poet Robert Bridges (1844-1930) and provided with a tune written by Herbert Howells in 1930.

DAILY SERVICES

Monday- Friday (Chapel)

8:15am & 5:30pm

Morning or Evening Prayer

**Wednesday 10:00 a.m. Holy Communion
in the Chapel**

BAZAAR NOTICE

As you are cleaning your closets this summer, please remember the Holly Days Bazaar—White Elephant, Treasure Room, Books, etc... Storage is available. You may contact Amy Wilson (Bazaar Chairman) at 308-6471 or email her at amyw3@comcast.net. Written instructions for use of the storage facility are available in the church office

MILITARY SECTION OF DIRECTORY

This is our opportunity to honor and cherish those who serve or served our great Nation. Please send in your favorite picture, in uniform, (no larger than 5x7. On the back of the picture list your name; Component of Armed Forces; Rank; Dates of Service; Specialty; and main Location of service Europe, Pacific, Conus, etc. Pictures must be in before Sept. 10th to Leroy Suddath or the Church Office.

8:00—HOLY COMMUNION

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A continental breakfast is available in Cranmer Hall following this service.

9:30-12:00 (Noon)—Nursery (Cranmer Hall)

9:30-10:15—ADULTS & YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL (Chapel)

Pre-School through 6th Grade Summer Program (Cranmer Hall)

10:30—11:30 Activities for Pre-School & Kindergarten (Cranmer Hall)

Jr. Choir—1st through 4th Grade (Cranmer Hall)

10:30 — MORNING PRAYER and SERMON

CARILLON

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HYMN OF THE MONTH *All my Hope on God is founded*.....*See Insert*

1st through 4th Grade Children enrolled in Jr. Choir will exit following the Cross.

THE SERMON..... Fr Dunbar

OFFERING

Sentences

Anthem: *Draw us In the Spirits Tethered* Harold Friedell

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

PRAYER and BLESSING

HYMN #570 *O Jesus, I have promised*Llanfyllin

ORGAN: *Carillon*Louis Vierne

Everyone is invited to attend 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 8 a.m.)