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ACOLYTE TRAINING

This Sunday 9:30 a.m. in the Chancel for all confirmed males in Middle or High School (new and returning). Mr. Carter Hubbard: chubb44850@aol.com

PARISH KALENDAR

Monday – No Services (Labour Day)
Church Office Closed.

Tuesday- Friday (Chapel)
8:15am & 5:30pm
Morning or Evening Prayer

Wednesday (Chapel) 9:45 a.m. *Litany*
10:00 a.m. *Sung Eucharist*

Thursday
Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Holy Communion at 8:15 and 5:30.

NOON **MEN'S FORUM**
"Brother, Neighbour, Friend" (Fr Dunbar)
Lunch and Talk: Guests welcome.

Church School begins NEXT Sunday

September 11th at 9:30 a.m. All Classes

THE PARISH CHOIR - REHEARSALS

We welcome new members to ALL ensembles. ALL choirs resume rehearsals this week. For more info check our web site (listed in the Parish Paper) or call the Choirmaster at the Church Office.

SERVICES & SERMONS ON-LINE

Sunday services (including sermons) or the Sermon alone may be heard on line. Go to: www.stjohnssav.org, click on Services and Sunday Service Recordings. Don't forget to adjust the volume settings on your computer. The congregational hymnody sounds great!

WOMEN OF ST. JOHN'S GENERAL MEETING

THIS WEDNESDAY 10 A.M.

The ministry of the Women to the Lord in this parish takes diverse forms; but pre-eminent among them is that of the Women of St. John's ('E. C. W.'). This Wednesday after the 10 a.m. chapel service they hold their first general meeting of the fall, in the Green Meldrim House and all women of the church are invited to take part. It will be followed by the usual elegant refreshments in the Dining Room. A new Board of Officers will be installed at the 10 a.m. service in the Chapel. After two years as President, Mrs William (Jessica) Osborne will hand the baton to Mrs. Henry (Tracey) Inglesby. The other officers of the Board are: Mrs. Michael (Amy) Wilson, Vice-President and Bazaar Chairman; Mrs. Scott (Betsy) Howard, Treasurer; Mrs. Harry DuBignon (Louise) Howard, Secretary. GGD

FATHERING (PART 2)

Last week I wrote about the critical importance of fathering to the moral formation of individuals. Absent, abusive, or uninvolved fathering engenders morally and socially dysfunctional children; but where men take responsible, gracious leadership ("fathering") in the family, women and children both benefit. This is true not just of the family, but also of other institutions in society, the church, schools, healthcare, business, and politics. Yet such fathering is not innate: it is a learned behaviour, the product of culture. And since culture is religion externalized (culture comes from *cultus*, worship), it is

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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 and Services may be heard on our web site: www.stjohnssav.org

VESTRY OFFERING CHAIRMEN

8:00 Mr. Arthur D. Weed
10:30 Mr. J. Pride Sheahan

USHER CHAIRMAN

Mr. Henry D. Stevens, Jr.

The flowers at the altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Radford by Mr. and Mrs. John E. Roller.

And in memory of loved ones by Mrs. Hayden H. Banks, Jr.

And in loving memory of Mr. Andrew Gay Labrot by Mrs. Andrew Gay Labrot and his children.

And in loving memory of Capt. Harry E. Jennings by Mr. and Mrs. Richard C. E. Jennings, Nolan and Alex.

CHANCEL SOCIETY

Mrs. Philip F. Kirk, Mrs. Richard C.E. Jennings
Mrs. Thomas Johnson, Ms. Anne H. Mingleddorf,
Mrs. George Fawcett, Mrs. John Reiter
Mrs. Sanford G. Simmons, Mrs. D. Brian DuFour

ACOLYTES

8:00 Clayton Compton
10:30 Lindsay Pindar, Lawson Turner
Charles Perrie, Chris Dixon,
Mikel Kelly

COFFEE HOUR

Mrs. Frederic C. Beil

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

- CHRISTIAN POETRY OF GEORGE HERBERT (The Rector, Chapel)
- BIBLE BASICS - taught by Mike Chastain (South Classroom, 3rd Floor, Cranmer Hall) - **10:30 A.M. CHILDREN'S IN SUMMER**
- 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).

Thursday Bible Study 7:00 a.m.—*Class with Fr. Dunbar.*

Thursday Men's Forum—12:00 -1pm — Led by Fr. Dunbar. Lunch.

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. Instructions for use of the storage facility are available in the church office.

PLEASE REMEMBER YOUR CHURCH IN YOUR WILL

to religious belief that we look for the inculturation of a fatherly mind in men.

The religious traditions encountered by ancient Jews and Christians in Mesopotamia, Syria, Egypt, and Greece, were rich in “father gods” – all too often dysfunctional in one way or another, inept and weak or abusive tyrants – a critique which the Greek philosophers also made. In the God who spoke by the prophets of Israel, and supremely by his Son, they encountered a new kind of fatherhood. Though the Old Testament rarely refers to the God of Israel in explicitly fatherly terms (cf. Dt. 32:7; Is. 63:16, 64:8), Jesus’ understanding of the Scriptures is never more accurate than in his constant identification of the God of Israel as “the Father”, in relation to whom he was “the Son” and sole mediator of God and men. It is in the Father we know in his Son, Jesus Christ, that we know fatherhood.

He is emphatically the one Father, not one among many. There is no chaos of warring principles, but a consistent, unified principle by which all things are ruled and governed. He is both just and compassionate: ready and able to save and deliver his people from their enemies, and to bring them into a land of milk and honey; giving them a law to unify their souls and society in relation to the good; holding them to account for their rebellions, chastising them when they go wrong, yet also ready to forgive: “merciful and gracious, long-suffering, and abundant in goodness and truth” (Exodus 34:6).

It is in their relation to this God, moreover, that the importance and dignity of human fathers is revealed; for, says the Second Commandment, he is a “jealous God ... visiting the sins of the fathers upon the children, unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me; and showing mercy unto thousands [of generations] in them that love me and keep my commandments”. This needs to be read through the teaching of Ezekiel 18:20 (“the soul that sinneth, it shall die”), but what it says can be verified by experience. Fathers

transmit their own relation to God – to the law and to the gospel - to their children, and though children may break with that inheritance (for good or ill), it is in the decisions of fathers – of loyalty to the divine fatherhood or in rejection of it – that the spiritual and moral outlook of their children is forged. Human fatherhood is not inconsequential, and the full measure of its consequentiality is seen in its relation to the divine fatherhood. GGD

TUESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY

On the *Epistle of James*, led by Mike Chastain, at the home of Scott and Betsy Howard, 216 Grimball Point Rd, Isle of Hope, at 7:30 p.m. Please call Betsy 353-3396. *Sitter available with notice.*

WEDNESDAY WOMEN’S BIBLE STUDY

Begins September 14, after 10a.m. Holy Communion Service. “Respectable Sins—Confronting the sins we tolerate” by Jerry Bridges books are available in the office for \$15.00.

PICTORIAL PARISH DIRECTORY APPOINTMENTS

New photographs are needed.

sign up for photographs taken in two ways:

1. Sundays in the Green Meldrim House
2. Sign up on-line and choose a sitting time. The web link is:

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

Sign-up participation has been slow. In order to make this a useful and successful directory we need EVERYONE to be in it, so please sign-up.

The shooting dates are:

✚ Wednesday, September 14th through Saturday, September 17th;

✚ Thursday, September 22nd through September 24th.

MILITARY SECTION OF DIRECTORY

Pictures must be in before Sept. 10th to Leroy Suddath or the Church Office.

8:00 A.M.—HOLY COMMUNION

COLLECT, EPISTLE, and GOSPEL204
A continental breakfast is available in Cranmer Hall following this service.

9:30 — 12 Noon NURSERY (*Cranmer Hall*)

9:30 — Adult and Confirmed Youth Class (*Chapel and Cranmer Hall*)

10:30—2 yr. olds through Kindergarten (*Cranmer Hall*)

Jr. Choir—1st through 4th grades

10:30 A.M. – MORNING PRAYER & SERMON

CARILLON

HYMN #157 *Father, We Praise Thee* Christe Sanctorum
 Opening Sentences Prayer Book, page 3
 Confession, Absolution, Lord’s Prayer 6-7
 Versicles and Responses 7-8
 VENITE #609 9
 Psalm #62, 63413
 First Lesson: I Corinthians 15:1204
 BENEDICTUS ES DOMINE #62611
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 HYMN #411 *O Thou to Whose All-Searching Sight* Grace Church
 Children enrolled in Jr. Choir exit following the Cross.
 THE SERMON Fr. Dunbar

OFFERING

Sentences
 Anthem: *Non nobis Domine* William Byrd
 Presentation of Alms: Doxology #139, and Hymn #141 (verse 4)
 Prayer and Blessing
 HYMN #415 *Jesus, Lover of my Soul* Aberystwyth
 ORGAN: Prelude and Fugue in A minor (BWV 558)..... attr. Johann Sebastian Bach

*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 (Chapel) Collect, Epistle, Gospel p. 204