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CONSECRATION SUNDAY IS COMING: OCTOBER 30TH

FROM THE SENIOR WARDEN

Giving to one's church is a personal matter, but one grounded in biblical teaching. Congregations that approach financial stewardship from a biblical perspective do not view the money Christians give to their church merely as a way to pay its bills. Rather, such congregations see financial contributions as a way to help people grow spiritually in their relationship with God by supporting their church's mission and ministry with a percentage of their incomes.

This October the Vestry's Stewardship Committee will follow the *New Consecration Sunday Stewardship Program* (slightly adjusted to conform to the customs of our parish) as a way to teach the biblical and spiritual principles of generous giving in our stewardship education.

Consecration Sunday is based on the biblical teaching of the need of the giver to give for his own spiritual development, rather than on the need of the church to receive. Instead of treating our Parishioners as members of a social club who should pay dues, we ask them to be followers of Jesus Christ who want to give unselfishly as an act of discipleship. *Consecration Sunday* encourages people towards proportionate and systematic giving in response to the question, "What percentage of my income is God calling me to give?" During Holy Communion or Morning Prayer on Consecration Sunday, we are asking our parishioners to make their financial commitments to our church's mission and

ministry.

Every parishioner who completes an *Estimate of Giving Card* does so voluntarily while attending services at 8 a. m. or 10:30 a. m. on Consecration Sunday, October 30. (There will be no service at Noon.) If you are strongly opposed to completing a card we urge you to attend one of the services and the Brunch (after the 8 a.m. service) or the Luncheon (after the 10:30 a.m. service). The process is done in such a way that no one should feel uncomfortable if he chooses not to fill out an Estimate of Giving card during the service. There will be no home solicitation to ask people to complete Estimate of Giving cards. This year's "guest preacher", Fr Dunbar, will conduct a brief period of instruction and exhortation, culminating in members' making their commitments as a confidential act of worship.

We will encourage participation in Consecration Sunday events through the Stewardship Committee and our Vestry members. Since we will make no follow-up visits to ask people to complete their cards, we will make every effort to inform and encourage everyone to attend a service on Consecration Sunday, October 30.

With thanks in advance for your participation in Consecration Sunday,

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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 recordings of Services and Sermons are to be found on our web site:
www.stjohnssav.org

VESTRY OFFERING CHAIRMEN

8:00 Mr. Arthur D. Weed
10:30 Mr. Charles B. Compton, Jr.

USHER CHAIRMAN

Mr. Austin O. Kennedy

The flowers at the altar are given to the glory of God and in memory and honor of loved ones by the John Helmken family.

And in honor of Ann Altman on her 80th Birthday by Mr. and Mrs. John G. Bradshaw and Mr. and Mrs. G. Scott Stephens.

The flowers at the altar in the Chapel on Wednesday, Oct 12th, are given to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for St. Teresa of Avila and her witness to the life of prayer by Mr. and Mrs. T. Herbert Guerry III.

CHANCEL SOCIETY

Mrs. Carter C. Hubbard, Mrs. T. Herbert Guerry III
Mrs. Thomas Johnson, Ms. Anne H. Mingleдорff,
Mrs. Nicholas Farley, Ms. Jeanne H. McMillan,
Mrs. William H. Dearing, Mrs. Michael E. Donahue

ACOLYTES

8:00 John DeBacker
10:30 Cord Helmken
Clayton Compton
Chris Dixon, John Osborne
Hunt Wasden, Mikel Kelly

COFFEE HOUR

Coffee hour this Sunday is offered by the family of Mrs. Jack E. Altman in honor of her 80th birthday

**TUESDAY AND THURSDAY MORNING
MEN'S BIBLE STUDY & DISCUSSION
GROUPS**

Tuesday 6:45 a.m. Breakfast & Study (Mike Chastain), Parish House.

Thursday Rector's Bible Study 7:00 a.m. *Reading Room, Cranmer Hall.*

Thursday Men's Forum—12:00 -1 p.m.

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VESTRY NOMINATIONS

Nominations for four five-year terms should be submitted in writing to the Nominating Committee or in a sealed envelope to the Church Office. Nominations will close Wednesday, November 9, 2011.

The Annual Congregational Meeting is on Sunday, November 20, 2011.

Nominees must be:

1. Members of St. John's for at least 5 years;
2. Support St. John's financially;
- 3 Attend worship regularly at St. John's.

PLEASE REMEMBER YOUR CHURCH IN YOUR WILL

PARISH KALENDAR

Monday, October 10th
(Columbus Day). *The Church Office will be closed, and there will be no services in the chapel.*

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

Wednesday (Chapel)
9:45 a.m. *Litany*

10:00 a.m. *Sung Eucharist*

Wednesday (Church)

EVENSONG, SUPPER, & CLASS

5:30 p.m. *Evensong* (Girls' Choir)

6 p.m. *Supper* (in Cranmer Hall)

6:35-7:20 *Adult Class*

(a reprise of the Clergy Sunday class on Paul's Epistle to the Galatians)

Cost of Supper: \$9/person; \$15/family...
Nursery available.

Thursday

NOON **MEN'S FORUM**

To be announced.

Lunch and Talk: Guests welcome.

OFFERING AND COMMUNION

When James, Peter and John extended the "right hand of fellowship" to Paul and Barnabas, and agreed that they go to preach the Gospel of Israel's Messiah among the godless Gentiles they made one condition only: "that we should remember the poor" (Galatians 2:10), by which they meant the poor in the churches of Judea, who had been reduced to misery by a severe famine (cf. Acts 11:29, 30); "the same which I also was forward to do", Paul adds. The apostolic church understood that almsgiving was the practical counterpart of the gospel they preached and believed, and the sharing of goods by prosperous Christians with poor Christians - not just locally, but globally - was an important expression of the communion and fellowship into which Christ had received them all, Jews and Gentiles, rich and poor, near and far. I give thanks therefore that this past Sunday the congregation offered \$1654.15 to our Anglican partners in the Global South through the *Anglican Relief and Development Fund*. By happy coincidence our own Fund "*For the Least of These My Brethren*" received a gift of \$2000 designated for the sisters of St. Mary in Malawi (one of the poorest countries in Africa), with whom we have had a partnership since Fr Ralston's time. By such gifts do we testify to our gratitude for the grace we have received through Christ, and which we share with all Christians throughout the world. If you would like to contribute to either fund please indicate in the memo line of a cheque made out to St. John's Church.

(The fourth part of the Rector's essay on the Judgement of God will be published next week.)

ST. JOHN'S YOUTHGO TO THE MOVIES!

After 10:30 a.m. Church service this Sunday, October 9th, all Confirmed St. John's youth in Grades 7-12 are invited to meet for lunch and go to the movies. Contact Jessica Osborne 898-0202.

WOMEN'S STUDY & DISCUSSION GROUPS
(Reading Room, Cranmer Hall)

Wednesdays – after 10 a.m. Chapel
Jerry Bridges' "Respectable Sins"

Thursdays – 9:15 a.m.
Romano Guardini's "The Spirit of the Liturgy"

STATEMENTS

Quarterly statements have been mailed. Please call the Church Office if yours does not arrive in a timely manner.

8:00a.m. –HOLY COMMUNION

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

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

9:30-10:15 A.M.—ALL AGES CHRISTIAN EDUCATION
(Cranmer Hall and Chapel)

9:30-10:15 a.m.—Pre-School & Kindergarten activities(Cranmer Hall)

10:30 a.m.— Pre-School & Kindergarten Sunday School (Cranmer Hall)

Jr. Choir—grades 1—4 (exit church at hymn before sermon)

10:30 A.M. —MORNING PRAYER AND SERMON

CARILLON

HYMN #518 *Judge Eternal, Throned in Splendor*..... St. Leonard

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THE SERMON..... Fr. O’Brien

OFFERING

Sentences

Anthem: *O Saviour of the World* John Goss

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

Prayer and Blessing

HYMN #282 *Praise My Soul the King of Heaven*Lauda Anima

ORGAN: *Paeon Oxoniensis*..... Paul Spicer

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