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## UPCOMING AT ST. JOHN'S

### ◆ GUEST PREACHER ◆

This Sunday at 10:30 a.m., we welcome as guest preacher Father Frank Logue, Canon to the Ordinary in the Diocese of Georgia.

### ◆ WEEKDAY WORSHIP ◆

#### Monday to Friday

*Morning and Evening Prayer  
With Holy Communion*  
8:15 a.m. & 5:30 p.m.

#### In addition, on Wednesday

9:45 a.m. *Litany*  
10:00 a.m. *Holy Eucharist*

#### Saturday

#### ANNUNCIATION OF THE B. V. M.

10:30 a.m. *Holy Communion*

### ◆ NEXT SUNDAY ◆

9:30 a.m. Parish Forum – *The Vestry statement of St. John's Mission*  
5:30 p.m. Choral Evensong for Lent

### ◆ ADULT CATECHISM ◆

Mondays, 6:15 p.m. - 7:15 p.m.  
Reading Room, Cranmer Hall  
*Adults preparing for Baptism or Confirmation/Reception (May 7<sup>th</sup>)*  
*Newcomers and Old-timers welcome!*

### ◆ LENTEN QUIET DAY ◆

Wednesday, March 29, 9:30 a.m.–2:00 p.m.  
Father O'Brien on **Faith, Hope & Charity**. Lenten lunch. RSVP 232-1251.

### ◆ FRESH AIR WORK DAY ◆

Save the date: **Saturday, April 1** for church-wide, hands-on workday at the Tybee Fresh Air Home.

### ◆ EASTER LILIES & BRASS ◆

To give a lily for the decoration of the Church at Easter, please send a \$35 check made payable to St. John's Chancel Society marked *Easter Lilies*.

To contribute to the expense of the brass players at Easter, please send a check made payable to St. John's Church marked *Easter Brass*.

*Please include a note of how the memorial/honorarium should read and by whom it is given. The list will be published the Sunday after Easter.*

### MORAL RENEWAL

In a season of repentance and moral renewal, we are engaged with the claim on us of God's holy will and commandments. We cannot evade the demand of his law, however close it cuts: *For this is the will of God, even your sanctification, that ye should abstain from fornication: that every one of you should know how to possess his vessel in sanctification and honour; not in the lust of concupiscence, even as the Gentiles which know not God.... For God hath not called us unto uncleanness, but unto holiness.*

Yet Jesus had sharp criticism for the *Pharisees and scribes* who sit in *Moses' seat* as interpreters of the Law, who *bind heavy burdens and grievous to be borne, and lay them on men's shoulders; but they themselves will not move them with one of their fingers* (Matthew 23:2,4).

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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.

**VESTRY OFFERING CHAIRMEN**

8:00 Mr. Arthur D. Weed  
10:30 Mrs. Austin O. Kennedy

**USHER CHAIRMAN**

Mr. Robert A. Vinyard

**ACOLYTES**

8:00 a.m. Jamie McClellan  
10:30 a.m. Phillip Inglesby Jackson McClellan  
Patrick Perrie Daniel Sills  
William Sills William Taylor

**ALTAR FLOWERS**

The flowers at the altar this Sunday are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. Harrell Charles Murray and Miss Ernestine Murray by Dr. and Mrs. Morgan W. Murray;

And in loving memory of Andrew Gay Labrot by his family;

And in loving memory of Mrs. Eugenia Burroughs and Miss Cecil Burroughs by the Chancel Society.

**CHANCEL SOCIETY**

Mrs. John G. Bradshaw, Jr., Mrs. Edward J. Derst III,  
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Mrs. William T. Moore, Jr.

**COFFEE HOUR CHAIRMAN**

Mrs. David A. Reid

**SUNDAY 9:30 A.M.  
CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

**FOR YOUTH:**

CRANMER HALL-3<sup>RD</sup> FLOOR  
CONFIRMATION CLASS-GRADE 6- *Catechism*  
JR. HIGH -GRADES 7,8,9- *25 Lights of the World*  
SR. HIGH -GRADES 10,11,12- *Reasons to Believe*

**FOR ADULTS:**

READING ROOM: *II Samuel*- Father Dunbar  
CH3: *Joshua*- Jack Wray  
CH2: Women's Small Group Faith Fellowship

**MEN'S WEEKDAY STUDY & DISCUSSION**

Tuesday- Men's Breakfast  
6:45 a.m., Parish House  
Thursday- *St. Luke* with Father Dunbar  
7:00 a.m., Reading Room, CH3  
Thursday- Men's Small Group with lunch  
Noon- Fellowship Hall, CH1

**WOMEN'S WEEKDAY STUDY & DISCUSSION**

Thursday- Book Study will NOT meet 3/23.  
Wednesday- 11:00 a.m., CH3- DATE TBA  
C. S. Lewis Group- *The Four Loves*  
Wednesday- April 12 after Evening Prayer, CH1  
Daughters of the King

PLEASE REMEMBER YOUR CHURCH IN YOUR WILL

It is not enough for teachers of the Law to say what God requires of us, if they do not show us where to find the power to do it. What's the use of telling a lame man to walk, if you do not first heal his infirmity? What's the use of telling a debtor he must pay his debts, if he has nothing in the bank with which to pay? We are crushed by the burden of compliance, and crushed even more by our failure to comply, and telling us to "try harder" is not adequate. It may even goad us to rebellious indifference to God's law.

But there is another way, which is illustrated by a curious story in 1 Kings 17. In a time of famine, God provides for his servant Elijah by sending him to a widow woman whom he has commanded... to sustain thee. When he arrives, the prophet therefore asks for a morsel of bread. But what he asks for is all she has: *I have not a cake, but an handful of meal in a barrel, and a little oil in a cruse: and, behold, I am gathering two sticks, that I may go in and dress it for me and my son, that we may eat it, and die.* She cannot do what God commands.

Elijah does not withdraw the demand, but he adds to it a word of encouragement, and backs it up with a promise of God's help: *Fear not; go and do as thou hast said: but make me thereof a little cake first, and bring it unto me, and after make for thee and for thy son. For thus saith the LORD God of Israel, The barrel of meal shall not waste, neither shall the cruse of oil fail, until the day that the LORD sendeth rain upon the earth.*

She obeyed, and God indeed provided: *And the barrel of meal wasted not, neither did the cruse of oil fail, according to the word of the LORD, which he spake by Elijah.*

God does not demand what the frailty of our sinful nature cannot supply, without also supplying the grace to do so. That is the teaching Augustine summed up in a famous prayer: 'Give what you command, and command what you will' [Confessions X, 29]. The yoke God imposes is 'easy', the burden is 'light', as Jesus says, because in claiming our obedience, he both takes away the burden of our sin, and empowers us by his Spirit for amendment of life.

But to obey his command and to receive the gift he promises, something else must come first: she must first trust God's promise. And that act of trust is risky: it means surrendering what she can see, the last morsel of bread she has, the last scrap of earthly security she possesses, for what she cannot yet see, the promised provision of God. To cling to what she has over the promise of what God will give, to the visible and tangible over the invisible and intangible, is the way of death – and yet how often do we cling to that morsel! And how often that morsel to which we cling is our sin. Deep down there is a choice to be made in every moral decision - to trust in the promises of Christ, or to sin. GGD

#### FRESH AIR HOME COLLECTION

*Liquid laundry detergent, bleach, Bona Hardwood Floor Cleaner, paper towels, and 55-gallon trash bags.* Collection bins in Cranmer Hall and on porch through Easter.

#### DOCENTS NEEDED

St. John's is building a team of docents to provide church tours for 2-hour shifts on 2-3 days per week. If you have a couple of days per month available and are interested in participating, please contact Jack Wray at 596-2950 or [jcwrays12@gmail.com](mailto:jcwrays12@gmail.com).

**8:00 A.M.—HOLY COMMUNION**

COLLECTS, EPISTLE & GOSPEL (*no Gloria until Easter*) ..... Prayer Book, pages 128, 124  
*A continental breakfast is available in Cranmer Hall following this service.*

9:15 a.m.-12:00 p.m. (Noon) - **Nursery** (*Cranmer Hall*)

**9:30 A.M. – ADULT & YOUTH CHRISTIAN EDUCATION** (*Cranmer Hall*)

*Supervised Fellowship and Fun is available for children from Preschool to Grade Five  
 whose parents are attending class.*

**10:30 A.M. - MORNING PRAYER, SERMON & SUNDAY SCHOOL**

HYMN #61 <i>The Glory of these Forty Days</i> .....	Spire
Sentences, Confession, Absolution and Lord's Prayer .....	Prayer Book, pages 3-7
Versicles and Responses.....	7-8
VENITE EXULTEMUS DOMINO #608.....	9
Psalms #143, 144.....	518
First Lesson: Genesis 37:2-end <i>Joseph and his brothers</i> .....	Insert
BENEDICITE .....	Insert
Second Lesson: Ephesians 5:1 and St. Luke 11:14.....	128
BENEDICTUS #638.....	14
<i>Children may exit following the cross for SUNDAY SCHOOL (Kindergarten – Grade 5).</i>	
Apostles' Creed.....	15
Versicles and Responses.....	16
Collects of the Day .....	128, 124
Other Collects, Prayers and the Grace .....	17-20
HYMN #416 <i>O For a Closer Walk with God</i> .....	Caithness
Sermon .....	Father Frank Logue

**OFFERING**

Sentences	
Anthem: <i>The Road to the Lamb</i> (#416).....	T. Frederick H. Candlyn
Presentation of Alms: <i>All Things are Thine</i> #732.....	Gardiner
General Thanksgiving ( <i>said by all</i> ) and Aaronic Blessing .....	19
HYMN #551 <i>A Mighty Fortress is our God</i> .....	Ein' Feste Burg
VOLUNTARY: <i>Prelude and Fugue in E minor</i> (BWV 555).....	J. S. Bach

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

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**12:00 P.M. (Noon)—HOLY COMMUNION** (*Chapel - as at 8:00 a.m.*)