



# SENTINEL

## 2010 Georgetown House Tour, Tea & Patrons Party

*From Our  
Rector*

### **It's Almost Summertime**

I remember when I was in elementary school that one of the first assignments that teachers required was to write an essay on "How I spent my summer." I also remember thinking that it would have been more helpful if we had been asked to write an essay as the previous school year was ending entitled "How I plan to spend my summer."

Summers tend to sneak by us. On Memorial Day (just a few weeks from now) it will seem like we have a vast expanse of time to rest, regroup, relax, and undertake projects or trips that we have put off for a while.





# Church Mouse Chit-Chat...

## May Birthdays

Cindy Anderson, Michael Avon, Mary Jane Bennett, Peggy Breckinridge, Grace Brennan, Christy Cameron, Suzon Cameron, Madison Elgin, Ellie Hill, Andrea Kramer, John Morello, Evelyn Oertel, Fern Peva, Alexander Rodman, Laura Scanlon, Patrick Scanlon, Natalie Thorpe, Harlan Strader, Julie Van Steenwyk, Julie Watson, George Wilson.



*Ellie Hill is turning 4 on May 27th*



*Natalie Thorpe will celebrate her birthday on May 28th!*



*Julie Watson turns 2 on May 18th!*

## Parish Office Summer Hours begin

*Tuesday, June 1*

Monday-Thursday 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. and  
Fridays 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

## Important dates to note

- Liam J. Maysak turned 4 years old on April 26
- Leslie & Paul Maysak celebrated their 15th wedding anniversary on April 22nd
- Evelyn Oertel's birthday is 13 May.
- Julie Van Steenwyk and Andrea Kramer share May 17th as their birthday.
- Mary Jane Bennett's birthday is May 8th. Mary Jane and Tim celebrate their 15th wedding anniversary on April 29th

## A "Who Dunit"

Parishioner Anne Stone Crow will continue appearing as Mrs. Shubert in *Shear Madness* at the Kennedy Center's Theatre Lab through May 23rd. Performances are Tuesday - Friday at 8:00pm, Saturday at 6:00 & 9:00pm, and Sunday at 3:00 & 7:00pm. Come participate in the "who dunit" and vote on who you think the prime suspect is!

# Info @ Saint John's

## Newcomers Reception

Friday, May 7, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.,  
Blake Hall

This event will also include a tour of our historic church. If you are new to the Parish or know someone who is, please supply contact information to the Parish Office 202-338-1796. Parking will be available. Beverages and cheese will be served.

## Annual Youth Service and Parish Picnic

Sunday, June 6

One Service only at 10 a.m. This will begin our summer service schedule.



## Update on Outreach: Hands-on and Grants

At the recent spring retreat the new vestry divided our "Outreach" between two vestry members. Kevin Eckstrom will be supervising or serving as liaison with the parish service areas of outreach such as Grate Patrol, Georgetown Homeless Shelter, the senior center and other opportunities for direct "hands-on" service by parishioners. Landis Jones will coordinate the presentation for proposals of financial grants to a variety of service groups in Georgetown, the city, in the broader national community and internationally.

It should be noted that our participation in Grate Patrol has been suspended until it becomes clear that the food we provide is being well utilized. The number of homeless on the street has diminished, and we need to take this time to discern how we can best assist in a feeding ministry or elsewhere.

Landis encourages all of the sponsors who wish us to renew a grant or start a new grant to get their updated materials to him as soon as possible.

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## Parish Action Committee (PAC) Night

May 19, 6:30 pm  
beginning in Blake Hall

This will be the first PAC Night with our newly-elected vestry, so please make every attempt to attend.

The night starts with a Parish Dinner in Blake Hall after which there is an "open microphone" for people to voice opinions, concerns, or suggestions to the parish leader-

ship. Each PAC then meets in a different area of the church to discuss issues that need attention in the coming months. At the end of the evening, everyone gathers in the church for a service of Compline with music.

### Vestry/Officers & Assignments

Trisha Parson, Senior Warden  
Merle Thorpe, Junior Warden;  
Property  
Laura Rodman, Treasurer  
Kevin Eckstrom,  
Register; Outreach/Mission

Jaimie Hoops,  
Parish Life & Newcomers  
Jim Johnson, Stewardship &  
Planned Giving, chair  
Landis Jones, Archives;  
Outreach Grants, chair  
Liza Lowe,  
Christian Youth Formation  
Peter Morici, Stewardship  
& Planned Giving, vice-chair  
Joyce Schneider,  
Outreach Grants, vice-chair  
Julie VanSteenwyk,  
Parish Life & Newcomers  
David Wolf,  
Adult Christian Education

# Music at Saint John's

*Samuel Carabetta, Organist and Choirmaster*

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## Music for Rogation Sunday

The fragrant cherry blossoms, tulip magnolias, daffodils and all the flowering plants and trees are so gorgeous and abundant - with its many natural splendors, Spring in Washington is one of the most beautiful times of the year! Throughout history, Spring has been a time of renewal. In the Christian Church the Sixth Sunday of Easter, is traditionally known as "Rogation Sunday" (this year on May 9th). The word "rogation" comes from the Latin word for "asking." These rogation or asking days, which include the three following weekdays, are during this time of year because their traditional purpose was to ask God's blessings upon the seeds sown in springtime that anticipated the harvest ahead.

The custom originated in England, where a parish included not only the church membership but also a set geographical area surrounding the church. So on Rogation Sunday in previous centuries, as well as praying for the newly sown seed, church members would process around the parish boundaries

to remind themselves of the extent of the lands in which their parish crops had been sown. They also carried large sticks with them to "beat the bounds", using them to check what repairs were needed to the walls and hedges that made up their boundaries.

The tradition of rogation days may seem antiquated to say the least, but as new life emerges during springtime here at St. John's we give special thanks for all God's good gifts. It affords an opportunity to contemplate the relationships between humanity, the earth, and the blessings of a bountiful God.

On Sunday, May 9th, the congregation joined the Saint John's Choir in hymns and praise, as we sang our songs about the gift of creation, the land, the gift of labor, and the sustaining needs of our entire community. As stated most eloquently in one of our hymns, Hymn 292...

*"O Jesus crowned with all renown...that we may feed the poor aright, and gathering round thy throne, here, in the holy angel's sight, repay thee of thine own..."*

# Thank You!

Thank you to all who participated in  
this year's Georgetown House Tour.

Your help made this event a big success.



## From Our Rector

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Before we realize it, Independence Day is here signaling mid-summer and reminding us to take advantage of a time that (for some) is a bit less chaotic than others.

This summer we will once again have a combined service on Sunday at 10:00. The style will alternate between the 9:00 and 11:00 traditions. While the office staff has slightly abbreviated hours in the summer to compensate for the many of hours of overtime that they work in busier time, much work needs to be accomplished at church during the summer months. This summer we will undertake the creation of a customary or manual on how each of our liturgies, regular Sundays and Feast Days, are constructed from planning through completion. This will enable anyone to become familiar with expectations well in advance of a particular service. It will also be an important addition our archives.

Summer is a time when we prepare for the beginning of the program year that begins in September. To that end all of our literature and publications are updated, the Adult Forum series is put in place, and a calendar of planned events is prepared. To determine how to proceed in the next program year, the preceding year is reviewed with the many pieces of input that have been provided from

parishioners during the course of the year.

Topics for issues dinners, Bible studies, and other programs will be identified and refined based on recommendations from the parish.

Hopefully summertime can also be a way in which we can adjust our lives into a Sabbath cycle of being. All too often, we highly motivated and driven folks in the D.C. metropolitan area are more like “human doings” than “human beings.” One of the beauties of the first creation narrative in Genesis 1 is the recollection that even God took one day off after six intense “days” of creation. Surely we can do that as well. Summer might allow us the time for spiritual training where we can get into the healthy habit of resting one day in seven. It can be a time when we become more intentional about our daily prayer life. Perhaps it can be a time to engage in the rich tradition of reading *The Daily Office*, a rhythm of prayer that has sustained the God’s people for generations. Summertime also offers an opportunity for us to educate ourselves more about the history of the church, challenges that the church of the twenty-first century faces, and what great thinkers have written about God and God’s people. A suggested reading will be published in the next issue of *The Sentinel*.

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Dear Friends,

As the academic year at Virginia Theological Seminary comes to a close, so too does my first year of field education at Saint John’s. Sunday May 16th will be my last day. Of course, I will be back for another full year starting in the fall, and I look forward to continued relationships and new challenges. I would like to thank everyone who welcomed me and my wife Danielle – we felt like part of the family from the very beginning. I also owe special thanks to the Saint John’s clergy and staff, and also to my wonderful lay committee.

This summer I will be working at several camps, in addition to making a few trips to New England to visit family. Danielle and I do plan to attend the 10am service at Saint John’s when we are in town, so we look forward to joining you all for worship.

Again, I offer you my deepest thanks for a rewarding first year, and I wish you a safe and healthy summer.

Matthew Kozlowski, Seminarian

# Lay Participants' Schedule

If there is a conflict, you are asked to find a replacement and notify Liturgical Associate, Jane Volkema at 202-338-1796.

## Ushers/Greeters ~ 9am

- May 2 Mike & Cathy Applin
- May 9 Landis & Arnita Jones
- May 16 Kate Tabor & Wilbur Wright
- May 23 Landis & Arnita Jones
- May 30 Kate Tabor & Wilbur Wright

## Acolytes ~ 9 am

- Apr 18 Max Panker, Aves Mocek, Bunny Cameron
- Apr 25 Charlie Cameron, Hadley Flanagan, Jasper Flanagan
- May 2 Christian Osborne, Antonia Kristinus, Leopold Kristinus
- May 9 Stephanie Hood, Emma Sutherland, Jasper Flanagan
- May 16 Charlie Cameron, Max Panker, Aves Mocek
- May 23 Hadley Flanagan, Aves Mocek, Bunny Cameron
- May 30 Christian Osborne, Antonia and Leopold Kristinus

## Minister of the Word ~ 9am

- May 2 George Stutteville
- May 9 Jocelyn Dyer
- May 16 Avery Miller
- May 23 Al Laporta
- May 30 Landis Jones

## Ushers/Greeters ~ 11am

- May 2 John Dussault & Susan Sanders
- May 9 Phyllis Meginley & Laura Ivey
- May 16 Tim & Mary Jane Bennett
- May 23 Sandra & Harry Wilbur
- May 30 Carol Cameron & John Wise

## Crucifer ~ 11 am

- May 2 John Wise
- May 9 John Van Wagoner
- May 16 Kevin Eckstrom
- May 23 Allison Nichols
- May 30 John Dussault

## Minister of the Word ~ 11 am

- May 2 Joan Maxwell
- May 9 Carol Cameron
- May 16 Grant Montgomery
- May 23 Mary Bird
- May 30 Susan Sanders

## Intercessor ~ 11 am

- May 2 James Warren
- May 9 Joan Maxwell
- May 16 Tim Mesarch
- May 23 John Wise
- May 30 Joan Maxwell

## Saint John's Parish Staff

Lorenzo Aliaga, *Sexton/Special Events*  
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### Parish Clergy - 202-338-3294

The Rev. Dr. Albert Scariato, *Rector*  
FatherAlbert@stjohnsgeorgetown.org  
The Rev. Sarah Duggin, *Adjunct Clergy*  
Matthew Kozlowski, *Seminarian*  
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## Saint John's Vestry

### Officers & Assignment

Trisha Parson, *Senior Warden*  
Merle Thorpe, *Junior Warden; Property*  
Laura Rodman, *Treasurer*  
Kevin Eckstrom, *Register, Outreach/Mission*  
Jaimie Hoops, *Parish Life & Newcomers*  
Jim Johnson, *Stewardship & Planned Giving, chair*  
Landis Jones, *Outreach Grants, chair; Archives*  
Liza Lowe, *Christian Youth Formation*  
Peter Morici, *Stewardship & Planned Giving, vice-chair*  
Joyce Schneider, *Outreach Grants, vice-chair*  
Julie VanSteenwyk, *Parish Life & Newcomers*  
David Wolf, *Adult Christian Education*

### Next Vestry meeting:

Monday, May 17th at 6:30 p.m.

## Worship Services

### Sundays

9:00 am ~

Holy Eucharist Rite II

10:00 am ~

Christian Education for all ages

11:00 am ~

Holy Eucharist

*Nursery is available 8:50 a.m. to Noon. On the last Sunday of each month, the 11 a.m. service is Morning Prayer Rite I with Holy Communion from the Reserved Sacrament*

### Wednesdays

5:30 pm ~

Holy Eucharist & Centering Prayer

# ~ Easter at Saint John's ~



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**The *Sentinel* Online**

In an effort to save over \$5,000 in office expenses annually — and to be kind to our environment — beginning with the September 2010 issue, the *Sentinel* will be mailed to only those who request it. Otherwise you can read the *Sentinel* online through the parish website.

An all-parish email will be sent to let you know when a new issue of the *Sentinel* has been posted to the website.

If you would like to continue to receive the *Sentinel* by US mail, please make your request to Kimm no later than August 15. You can contact Kimm at 202-338-1796 or email her at [Kimm@stjohnsgeorgetown.org](mailto:Kimm@stjohnsgeorgetown.org).

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