



*Saint John's*

# SENTINEL

December 2007 / January 2008

## Where do Sunday Readings Come From?

Each Sunday we hear two lessons from Scripture at the 9:00 service and three lessons plus a psalm at the 11:00 service. I am often asked “Who chooses these readings?” The answer is they are assigned in the lectionary in the back of The Book of Common Prayer (BCP).

When the Prayer Book was revised in 1979, The Episcopal Church adopted a three year lectionary – a listing of required readings from the Bible for each Sunday of the church year. Each year was designated by a letter: “A,” “B,” or “C.” Most of the Gospel readings in year “A” are from Matthew, while those in year “B” and “C” are mostly from Mark and Luke, respectively. The Gospel of John is read sporadically throughout each of the three years, but most especially during Easter.

The first lesson – which is from the Old Testament (commonly referred to as the Hebrew Bible or First Testament) – was chosen because of connections it had to the Gospel reading.

The second lesson, most often an epistle, is a component of serial readings read on consecutive Sundays and usually has no direct relation to the lessons. The music and sermons are meant to be based in part on the lessons assigned for each Sunday.

We start a new liturgical year Sunday, 2<sup>nd</sup> December, the First Sunday of Advent. On that day, in compliance with directives from The General Convention and our own diocese, we will begin to use a different lectionary – The Revised Common Lectionary (RCL), which has been in use since 1992.

While there is little difference between the two lectionaries on most Sundays, the RCL innovatively provides for two choices from the Hebrew Bible during the season after Pentecost and before the first Sunday of Advent – generally from May until late November.

The first choice is very similar to what exists in the BCP – the Hebrew Bible lesson is illustrative of situations found in the Gospel reading. The second choice, however, calls for reading the lessons from the Hebrew Bible in a particular sequential order to follow the path of salvation history in the Old or First Testament.

This is exceptionally helpful and is in line with what Archbishop Thomas Cranmer, the author of the first Book of Common Prayer, had in mind in 1549 when he said that the Anglican liturgy “should be edifying of the people.” The RCL also includes more readings that recall the role women played in the shaping of the communities of Israel and the Church.

Also on Sunday, 2<sup>nd</sup> December, Saint John's returns to the custom of ending readings with “The Word of the Lord.” While experimenting with “Hear what the Spirit is saying to the churches,” there were inconsistencies in its use causing some



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# Worship and Church Family



## Lay Servers

### Ministers of the Word

Should you need to reschedule, please call **Dustin Cole** at 202-338-2360 to give the name of your replacement.

	<u>9:00</u>	<u>11:00</u>
Dec 2	Al LaPorta	Mary Meyer
Dec 9	Ted Bristol	Ron Ivey
Dec 16	ONE SERVICE 10am John Sandoz, Jocelyn Dyer, Suzon Cameron, Ted Bristol	
Dec 23	John Duffy	Jenny Corbin
Dec 24	4pm PAGEANT Christian Osborne, Mairead Deeley-Wood, Daniel Bristol 11pm Service – James Warren	
Dec 25	ONE SERVICE 10am George Stutteville	
Dec 30	Sam Sussman	Susan Sanders
Jan 6	Jocelyn Dyer	Mary Meyer
Jan 13	Al LaPorta	Joan Maxwell
Jan 20	Charlie Moore	Laura Ivey
Jan 27	John Sandoz	Henry Meyer

### Acolytes/Crucifers

Dec 2	Emma Sutherland	Joan Maxwell
Dec 9	Hannah Bristol	Allison Nichols
Dec 16	ONE SERVICE 10am Christopher Goodhand	
Dec 23	C and A Duffy	John van Wagoner
Dec 24	4pm PAGEANT A Kristinus, E & M Deeley-Wood, H Bristol, W & E Powell, C Duffy, Merle Thorpe 11pm Service – John van Wagoner	
Dec 25	ONE SERVICE 10am John Dussault	
Dec 30	Aves Mocek	John Dussault
Jan 6	Qwan Smith	John van Wagoner
Jan 13	C Cameron	Sam Sussman
Jan 20	L Weindruch	Joan Maxwell
Jan 27	C Thornber	G Warren

## Greeters & Ushers

Dec 2	Tom Morgan & Ken Youngert	Sarah Michels & Martha Lewis
Dec 9	Sarah Michels & Kate Tabor	Mildred Henninger & Carol Cameron
Dec 16	ONE SERVICE 10am Mary Jane & Tim Bennett	
Dec 23	Dawn Martin & Sam Sussman	Ron & Laura Ivey
Dec 24	4pm PAGEANT – M & C Applin 11pm Service – Ron & Laura Ivey	
Dec 25	ONE SERVICE 10 am Sarah Michels & Kate Tabor	
Dec 30	W Wright & Laura Scanlon	John Wise & Carol Cameron
Jan 6	M & C Applin	T & MJ Bennett
Jan 13	Landis & Arnita Jones	Carol Cameron & Martha Lewis
Jan 20	Tom Morgan & Ken Youngert	John Dussault & Susan Sanders
Jan 27	Suzon Cameron & Kate Tabor	Ron & Laura Ivey

## Sunday Adult Forum 10am

Dec 2	– Advent Wreath Making
Dec 9	– Intergenerational Program – Christmas Story Telling
Dec 16, 23, 30	– Christmas Schedule No Adult Education
Jan 6	– <i>Epiphaneia - Foundation Wordview</i> The Rev. Dr. Ronald P. Conner
Jan 13	– <i>Atheism and Faith</i> The Rev. Dr. Ronald P. Conner
Jan 20	– <i>The Buddhist Tradition</i> Prof. Susan Bond, MATS
Jan 27	– <i>Historical Road of Orthodoxy</i> The Rev. Dr. Ronald P. Conner



# Worship and Education



## Pageant and Sunday School

Shepherds and Angels and Kings – all will be a part of St. John's Christmas Pageant during the 4pm Service on Christmas Eve.

The children will be practicing after the 10 o'clock service on December 16 and after the 9 o'clock service on December 23.

**Susie King** is working with **Christine Deeley-Wood** on the program. Contact Susie at 202-333-1170 or [susanna.e.king@gmail.com](mailto:susanna.e.king@gmail.com).

Sunday School begins again for children of all ages on Sunday, January 6 with the Festival of the 3 Kings.



Sir Francis Drake's Prayer formed the basis of Father Albert's Sermon on November 17.

*Disturb us, Lord, when  
We are too well pleased with ourselves,  
When our dreams have come true  
Because we have dreamed too little,  
When we arrived safely  
Because we sailed too close to the shore.*

*Disturb us, Lord, when  
With the abundance of things we possess  
We have lost our thirst  
For the waters of life;  
Having fallen in love with life,  
We have ceased to dream of eternity  
And in our efforts to build a new earth,  
We have allowed our vision  
Of the new Heaven to dim.*

*Disturb us, Lord, to dare more boldly,  
To venture on wider seas  
Where storms will show your mastery;  
Where losing sight of land,  
We shall find the stars.*

*We ask You to push back  
The horizons of our hopes;  
And to push into the future  
In strength, courage, hope, and love.  
Sir Francis Drake -1577*

## Advent, Christmas at St. John's

**S**aturday, December 1, Advent Quiet Day  
9am to Noon – Meditation at 9am, 10am and 11. Holy Eucharist at Noon

**December 2, 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Advent**  
9 and 11am – Worship and Holy Eucharist  
10am – Making Advent Wreaths

**December 9, 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Advent**  
9 and 11am – Worship and Holy Eucharist  
10am – Christmas stories for all ages  
3pm to 6pm – Parish Christmas Party at  
Father Albert's and Steve's house

**December 16, 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Advent**  
10am – ONE SERVICE -- Lessons and Carols  
After service: Practice for Christmas Pageant

**December 23<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Advent**  
9 and 11am – Worship and Holy Eucharist  
10am – Practice for Christmas Pageant

**December 24<sup>th</sup>, Christmas Eve**  
4pm – Christmas Pageant, Holy Eucharist  
10:30pm – Christmas Chorale Prelude  
11pm – Festival Holy Eucharist, followed  
by Reception in Blake Hall

**December 25<sup>th</sup>, Christmas Day**  
10am – ONE SERVICE – Worship and Holy  
Eucharist with Christmas Carols

**December 30<sup>th</sup>, First Sunday after Christmas**  
9 and 11am – Worship and Holy Eucharist

**January 6, Epiphany**  
9 and 11am – Worship and Holy Eucharist  
10am – Sunday School and Adult Education

All Members of St. John's  
Are Cordially Invited  
To a Christmas Reception at  
The Rev. Dr. Albert Scariato's  
and Steve Ziobro's home at  
3909 Albemarle St. NW  
Sunday, December 9 from 3 to 6pm  
RSVP 202-338-2360

# ST. JOHN'S GREENS SALE

Saturday, Dec. 8<sup>th</sup> - 10am to 2 pm

Holiday Roping, Loose Greens

Candy Wreaths – Chocolate & Hard Candy

Baked Goods

Dog Bones `n Bells Swags

Hand Made Items

Raffle – Needlepoint Pillow

Preschool Activity Table

Centerpieces for the Holidays

Live Music

St. John's Traditional Wreaths



LUNCH 11:30 to 1:30

Chilli, salad, wine, cider

BOOK TABLE

with Authors' Book Signings:

Jim Lehrer, veteran newsman of PBS' The Lehrer Report, will autograph his 17<sup>th</sup> novel, "Eureka"

Maryle Secrest autographs "Shoot the Widow," her book about biographies

Andrew Cockburn will sign his acclaimed biography, "Rumsfeld"

Matthew Gillmore & Andrew Smith – "Historic Photos of Washington DC"

Jonathan Chait will be on hand to autograph "The Big Con"

Judith Heimann will sign her WW II book "The Airmen & the Headhunters"

Susan Stockdale will autograph "Carry Me: Animal Babies on the Move"

Mary Quattlebaum will autograph her latest children's book

COOKING AND FOOD

Gillian Clark will be at the Greens Sale to sign "Out of the Frying Pan"

Phoebe Damrosch will autograph "Service Included"

Kay Nelson signs "Scottish American Cook Book"

Joan Nathan puts pen to her "New American Cooking"



# ST. JOHN'S UP-AND-COMERS

## PRESCHOOL NEWS

Children's interest in the natural world inspired beautiful decorations for the annual Thanksgiving Feast on Tuesday, November 20.

Following Thanksgiving Chapel, co-chairs **Mike Flanagan** and **Marla Moroscak** organized 140 children and family members for a delicious meal of vegetable soup and muffins in Blake Hall. Our chef, **Brigitte Davis**, combined the gallons



Laney Tarr lights the candles for Thanksgiving Chapel

of vegetables chopped in the classrooms into a tasty meal with plenty to share with Georgetown Senior Ministries Center. Thanks to one and all for your efforts!  
- Amy Hitchcock



## Merry Christmas from the Sunday School

Sunday School children have been talking about what Christmas means to them. The youngest class comments: "Christmas is when Mommy and Daddy sing, 'Jingle Bells'"; "Jesus has a birthday at Christmas time and Santa brings presents"; "Santa comes with Comet too." Finally, "Christmas is all about snowing."

The older class discussed the difficult question of whether God and Jesus are magic. We decided that God and Jesus are all-powerful but not magic. "I know who is magic though - Santa Claus is magic."

Another wise youngster said "Christmas is when we celebrate Jesus' birthday by giving each other presents."

"The best thing about Christmas at St. John's is the Pageant." The pageant is special and so are all the Sunday School children, who wish the Parish a Very Merry Christmas.

## !! HAPPY BIRTHDAY !!

On December 27<sup>th</sup>, we joyfully celebrate **Will's** Sixth h Birthday!! Our happiest holiday wishes to all of St John's! - **Laura and Rick Rodman**



Will Rodman

The Powell children, **Victoria, William and Edward**, will turn nine on January 5, 2008! - **Elizabeth Powell**

Other parishioners celebrating in **DECEMBER** are **Judy Ryan, Jonathan Allen, Mildred Henninger, Allison Blakely, Peg Schrader, Charls Markham, Margaret Cooper, Jasper Flanagan, and Craig Talbot.**

**James Bankoff, Eliza Dewey, W. Kent Cooper, Robin Moriarty, Blanton Jones, Eliza Lowe Hetherington, and Alexandra Adams** also have birthdays in December.

Those celebrating in **JANUARY** include **Sandra Adams-Choate, Stephanie Bothwell, Caroline Duffy, Luke Hillman, John Johansen, Kirsten Johansen, Bernard Li, Ford Moriarty, Marla Moroscak, Deborah Osborne, Olivia Beach, Elizabeth Raymond, Eva Supanc, Jane Volkema, Caroline Warren, and Brigitte Wilson.** ....And **Frances Stevenson** emailed that her father, **Charles Summers Stevenson**, turned 100 on November 12<sup>th</sup>!

!! A Happy Birthday to All !!



**Wilson** dressed for the occasion when he graduated from Puppy Obedience School on Reformation Day (Halloween). His proud mama, **Jane Volkema**, our liturgical Associate, was careful to point out that Wilson had been born on an appropriate day for her and St. John's: Easter Sunday, April 8, 2007.

# Christian ————— Formation

## Next PAC Night: Jan. 30

The third of four PAC Nights scheduled for the 2007-2008 church year will take place on **Wednesday, January 30 at 6:30pm** in Blake Hall. Please mark your calendars.

The second PAC Night, on November 14, was unlike earlier meetings in that it was devoted almost entirely to a single presentation by the Organ Committee, which outlined its plans for discovering the best way to replace our current, wounded instrument.

The Committee, chaired by **James Warren**, outlined possible placements for the organ in the church other than in the position it currently occupies in the chancel, having abandoned an earlier suggestion that the organ be located in the balcony.

A second possibility, as described by **Ron Ivey**, vestry member and leader of the Nov. 14 presentation, would be to place the organ in the center front of the church behind the altar, which would be moved forward into the chancel to accommodate the instrument. Such a plan would also necessitate removal of the Oertel paintings and of the Victorian reredos. For further

information, please see Vestry Notes on page 8 of this issue.

## Volunteers Needed for Homeless

The GMC Homeless Shelter will come to St. John's for two weeks starting Sunday, December 30 at noon and running until noon on Sunday, January 13.

Volunteers are needed to cook and serve an evening meal for our guests on each of the 14 nights they will be in Blake Hall.

If you can help, please go to the sign-up sheets in Blake Hall and pick your own assignment

## Ceremony at Cathedral

The following 18 parishioners were confirmed, received, or reaffirmed on Saturday, November 3 by the Rt. Rev. John Chane, Bishop of Washington, and the Rt. Rev. Jane Holmes Dixon, former Bishop of Washington, in a diocesan-wide ceremony at the National Cathedral.

**Confirmed: Margaret Huckaby, Jenny Corbin, Cyd Miller Everett, Robin Phillips, Gabriela Enache, Katherine Cole, Edward Pennington.**

**Received: Elizabeth deFilippis, Dan Corbin, Laura Pennington.**

**Reaffirmed: Dr. W. Dudley Oakes, John Wise, Christine Deeley-Wood, Margaret Devenney, Jamie Hoopes, Carol Cameron, Julie van Steenwyk, Eugene Shiro.**

## Church Family Events

We rejoice in the baptism of:

Chase Tobin

Thomas Belamy Flatko

Audrey-Anna Copeland-Spivey

We rejoice in the marriages of:

Jane Sloat & Jack Ritchie

Kim Thompson &

Richard Ellis, Jr.

## Where do Sunday Readings...?

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confusion. We continued to use "The Word of the Lord" at weddings and funerals, as that was more familiar to everyone.

While the readings are prescribed in our lectionary – now the Revised Common Lectionary – more needs to be said in response to the question "Where do Sunday readings come from?" These readings, these holy words, come from above this world to this world as a precious gift from

God. Indeed, they constitute “The Word of the Lord.” Thanks be to God!

# *Honor Roll of 2008 Pledgers*

Saint John's Church of Georgetown gratefully recognizes parishioners who have pledged to its mission and ministries for 2008. This list includes the 112 pledges received in Phase I of the general fund drive, which was completed Monday, November 26. Phase II will begin at Lent. To obtain forms for making a pledge, please contact Kimberly Bates, Parish Secretary, at 202-338-2360, office@stjohnsgeorgetown.org.

Adams, Alexandra	Fleming, Anna	Oertel, Evelyn A.
Adams-Choate, Sandra Sue	Flowerree, Ann D.	Ostad, Sarah G.
Austin, Virginia & R.F. Schubert	Grisky, Vincent & Cameron Knight	Parson, Patricia
Avon, Michael & Catherine	Hart, Pembroke J.	Peacock, Mary Eyre
Babington, Wally	Henninger, Mildred	Pennington, Edward & Laura
Barker, Dorothy	Hood, H.C.	Perry Jr., Carroll & Anne
Bennett, Tim & Mary Jane	Hoops, Jamie	Phillips, Robin K.
Bird, Mary	Huckaby, Margaret	Pryor, Daniel & Shannon
Birney, Alison & Arthur		Rainey, Jean O.
Boyle, Nicholas & MaryLouise Kelly	Isles, Adam & Hannah	Raymond, Allen & E. Sherman
Breckinridge, Margaret L.	Ivey, Laura & Ron	Revis, Sara
Brennan, Emma	Johansen, Kirsten Peterson	Rodman, Richard & Laura
Bristol, Joan	Johnston III, W. Robert & Susan	Ross, Stuart F.
Bristol, Ted & Nelly	Jones, Landis & Arnita	Ryan, John & Judy
Burling, Frida	King, Susanna & Bruce Sutherland	
Cameron, Carol & John	Klose, Lauren & Chris Short	Sanders, Susan & John Dussault
Cameron, Christiana & Richard	Kostorowski, Steve & Susan	Sandler, Rebecca
Cameron, Nora Leake	Kramer, Andrea & Kenneth Wong	Scanlon, Patrick & Laura
Cannon, James & Cherie	Kristinus, Andreas & Kirstin	Scariato, Albert & Ziobro, Stephen
Cartwright, James & Kristina	LaPorta, Mr. & Mrs. A. F.	Sherr, Patricia P.
Charbonnet, Grace R.	Lewis, Martha Strecher	Shiro, Eugene L.
Cooper, Mr. & Mrs. W. Kent	Lide, Frances	Skrynski, Alex
Corbin, Dan & Jenny Imm	Lowe, Eliza Hetherington	Smith, Jean
Crow, Ed & Ann		Staich, Laura & Philip Ruedi
Dawson, Carol & William	Mak, Mr. & Mrs. Dayton	Stevenson, Frances K.
Deeley-Wood, Christine	Markham, Colleen and Charles	Tabor, Kate
Defilippis, Elizabeth M.	Martin, Dawn & Sandra Sussman	Tobin, Timothy & Sara Sharpe
Devenney, Margaret	Maxwell, Joan & David	van Steenwyk, Julie
DeVogue, Ariane & David Wilson	McIlvaine, Alice	van Wagoner, John & Dariel
DeWeerd, Mary Jane	Meginley, Phyllis & Dan	Volkema, Jane Kay
Doty, Joy Billington	Merrill, Sally	
Duggin, Sarah & Kirk Renaud	Meyer, Mary & Henry	Wagner, Libby
Duncan, Nancy	Michels, Sarah Ann	Wagner, John & Marilyn
Dyer, Jocelyn /Flanagan, Michael	Miller, Avery & Gregory Mocek	Warren, James & Stephanie Bothwell
	Moore, Charles & Susan	Webb, Martha
Elgin, Virginia & Stephen	Morgan, Tom & Ken Youngert	Wilson, Martha
Everett, Cyd Miller	Morici, Peter & Angela	Wise, John
Falatko, Thomas & Anne deRosset	Moroscak, Richard & Marla	Wright Sr., Wilbur I.
Fanning, Flora	Oakes, Dr. Dudley & Tom Mitts	Zia, Karim /Bremer, Leila

# Saint John's Notes & Reports



## Vestry Notes

*The following are excerpts from the Vestry Meeting of November 26. Full notes can be found in the Vestry folder in the Conference Room.*

The meeting began with a presentation by **Canon Mary Sulerud** on the process for the search for Saint John's next rector. More information on this process will be forthcoming.

There was then a discussion on a proposed contract with **Terry Eason**, a liturgical architect, concerning possible alterations to the worship space to accommodate a new organ. The vestry decided to have Mr. Eason come to Saint John's, observe a 9:00 and 11:00 Holy Eucharist, speak to the parish after each service, and produce a report for the vestry to consider.

Our Parish Administrator, **Dustin Cole**, will be leaving Saint John's to pursue other ventures on 4 January 2008. **Jane Volkema**, currently Parish Administrator at Saint Alban's, has agreed to assume the position of Assistant to the Priest-in-Charge. She will begin 7 January 2008.

The Stewardship 2008 campaign is doing well. There are still many pledges expected.

The **2008 budget** was approved unanimously. There is a projected \$23,316 deficit, due largely to very conservative estimates used in predicting revenues from fund raisers. There is every reason to hope that those revenues will be higher than projected and will erase the deficit.

The status of **property issues** was addressed. The Visitation stained-glass window has been removed and will be restored in time for Christmas. By 14 December, we should have bids from our consultant for replacing the boiler system.

Repair work on the HVAC system is expected to commence in January. A contract has been signed for roofing repair. That work should begin very soon. The replacement of the joists in the rectory basement will be completed and the flooring in the living room will be installed by the middle of December.

A Nominating Committee was appointed to seek qualified parishioners to run for **vestry slots** which will be filled at the Annual Meeting in spring of 2008. The committee will include outgoing vestry members **Jean Smith, Al La Porta, and Ron Ivey**. **Elizabeth Powell** has also agreed to serve on the committee.

We are in the final stages of obtaining a second bid on the **Meg Graham Memorial Plaque**. That bid is approximately \$7,000, plus installation. The résumé of the individual making this proposal is impressive. She has done work at the Capitol and other national landmarks. The next vestry meeting will be 28 January 2008.

## Rectory Repairs

*Cathy Applin has been acting as construction supervisor for the Rectory. She writes:*

"Many have been wondering why the Rectory has not been available for church events. Extensive termite damage was found in the floor and joists of the living room. Father Albert, Jean Smith and I spent the summer arranging for contract bids, asbestos removal and a report from our structural engineer.

Once the asbestos was gone, a structural engineer inspected the room and suggested that the floor and ceiling in the boiler room below the living room be removed completely.

Here is the partial timeline of our work to date:  
**August** – Gromley Environmental Corp removes visible asbestos and tests basement ceiling for asbestos.

**September** – search for contractors qualified to complete the contract.

**October** – Living room floor and basement ceiling removed from rectory.

Structural Engineer recommendations: Replace all joists; remove and replace headers supporting the radiators, firebox and floor; attach another beam to the existing beam to rest on brick piers; replace and finish floor.

**November/December** – Completion of contract."



## Church Mouse Chit Chat.....

*(This is a regular feature in The Sentinel, highlighting happenings we shared the previous month and noting ones yet to come.)*

### Seminarian on Safari

**Brian Palmer** will be in South Africa the month of January doing an independent study on effective mission work. He will be based in Grahamstown, a village just inland from Port Elizabeth and visiting missions in the surrounding area.

His thesis is that successful missions in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century will be based on relationships among everyone in the parish – children, young adults, young mothers, men’s and women’s groups, elders, clergy, dioceses and corporations. He hopes to identify successful missions that can be used as models.

Please keep Brian in your prayers during January.

### Christmas at GW

Parishioner **Joan Maxwell** will lead an ecumenical service of carols and lessons at GW University Hospital at noon on Christmas Day.

Joan, who serves as the palliative care chaplain at GWUH, will be assisted by Katie Brady, a young Christian folk singer.

“Hospital services have to be wide open to the Spirit,” says

Joan. “You never know who is going to come or what their needs will be. The only thing to do is turn it all over to the Holy One and see what happens.”

### Issues Dinner on Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup>

A special Issues Dinner will take place Monday, Dec 3 at 7 o’clock in Blake Hall. Speaking will be Daoud Nassar, a Palestinian who lives on the Left Bank. He is fighting through the Israeli courts to prevent his farm from being taken over by Jewish settlers.

A donation for the dinner and program is \$10. Call **Kim Bates**, Parish Secretary at 202-338-2360 or [office@stjohnsgeorgetown.org](mailto:office@stjohnsgeorgetown.org) to reserve place.

### Collection Returns

On November 16, 9,000 pounds of material from the Peabody Room of Georgetown Library were returned from Texas and will be stored at the Martin Luther King, Jr. Library until the restored library reopens. Volunteers are needed to organize the collection.

St. John’s received a note from the DC Public Library Foundation thanking us for helping raise \$45,000 for the library. Blake Hall was donated by St. John’s to the Library’s benefit concert on October 23, when the funds were raised.

**January Outing: LOC**  
St. John’s intrepid Saturday explorers will venture to the Library of Congress on a Saturday in January yet to be determined. This will follow the November Outing to the National Gallery of Art, where 18 parishioners and friends enjoyed the J W Turner exhibit and lunch at the “Cascades” Café at the gallery. The exhibit closes January 6, 2008.

### Shoe Boxes for SOME

So Others Might Eat (SOME) will distribute thousands of decorated Shoebox Gifts to the homeless and poor who visit its dining room during December. Would you like to make a shoe box gift or contribute some of the items needed to fill a box?

Each box should include some or all of the following:

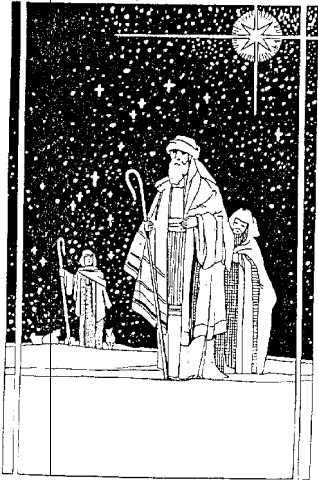
**Men or Women:** a hat, scarf and gloves. A pair of socks and underwear, deodorant, razors, trial size soap, shampoo, lotion, a toothbrush.

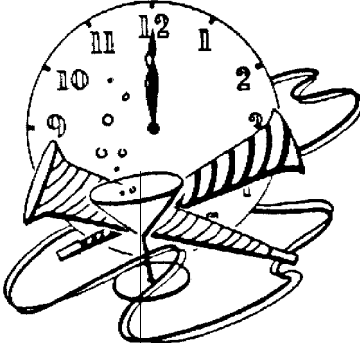
**Children:** A toy or a game in addition to things listed above.

All items should be new and unopened. The boxes will be collected at Blake Hall. Deadline for filled boxes is Saturday, Dec 15.

Contact **Mary Jane Bennett** at 703-631-7594 (work) or 703-538-6041 with questions.

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
<h1>December</h1>						
						<i>1</i> 9 to Noon – Advent Quiet Day; Chapel of the Carpenter
<i>2</i> 9 & 11 – Worship 10 – Advent Wreath Making	<i>3</i> 11:30 –Senior Lunch 7:00pm–Issues Dinner “Meet Daoud Nassar”	<i>4</i>	<i>5</i> 11:30 –Senior Lunch 5:30pm – Centering Prayer with Holy Eucharist, Chapel	<i>6</i>	<i>7</i> 11:30 –Senior Lunch	<i>8</i> 10 to 2 – St. John’s Greens Sale, Blake Hall
<i>9</i> 9 & 11 – Worship 10 – Christmas Story Telling 3 to 6 – Parish Christmas Party	<i>10</i> 11:30 –Senior Lunch 6:30pm–Grate Patrol	<i>11</i>	<i>12</i> 11:30 –Senior Lunch 5:30pm – Centering Prayer with Holy Eucharist, Chapel	<i>13</i>	<i>14</i> 11:30 –Senior Lunch	<i>15</i>
<i>16 ONE SERVICE</i> 10 – Lessons and Carols 11 – Practice for Christmas Pageant, Church	<i>17</i> 11:30 –Senior Lunch	<i>18</i>	<i>19</i> 11:30 –Senior Lunch 5:30pm – Centering Prayer with Holy Eucharist, Chapel	<i>20</i>	<i>21</i> 11:00am – Christmas Chapel, Sanctuary 11:30 –Sing Along and Reception, Blake Hall	<i>22</i> 6:30pm – Grate Patrol
<i>23</i> 9 & 11 – Worship 10 – Practice for Christmas Pageant, Church	<i>24 4 pm – Pageant</i> 10:30pm–Christmas Chorale Prelude 11pm – Festival Holy Eucharist; 12am – Reception	<i>25</i> Office Closed  <b>Christmas Day</b> 10am – Worship, Holy Eucharist, Christmas Carols	<i>26</i> Office Closed  5:30pm – Centering Prayer with Holy Eucharist, Chapel	<i>27</i>	<i>28</i>	
<i>30</i> 9 & 11 – Worship 10 – Adult Forum 10 – Sunday School 12:00–GMC Shelter, St. John’s	<i>31</i> NEW YEAR’S EVE  GMC Shelter In					



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		<h1>January</h1>				
		<p><i>1</i> NEW YEAR'S DAY Office Closed</p> <p><b>GMC Shelter In</b></p>	<p><i>2</i> 11:30 –Senior Lunch 5:30pm – Centering Prayer with Holy Eucharist, Chaptel <b>GMC Shelter In</b></p>	<p><i>3</i></p> <p><b>GMC Shelter In</b></p>	<p><i>4</i> 11:30 –Senior Lunch</p> <p><b>GMC Shelter In</b></p>	<p><i>5</i> <b>GMC Shelter In</b></p>
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<p><i>20</i> 9 &amp; 11 – Worship 10– Adult Forum 10– Sunday School</p>	<p><i>21</i> Office Closed Martin Luther King Jr. Day 11:30 –Senior Lunch</p>	<p><i>22</i></p>	<p><i>23</i> 11:30 –Senior Lunch</p> <p>5:30pm – Centering Prayer with Holy Eucharist, Chaptel</p>	<p><i>24</i></p>	<p><i>25</i> Diocesan Convention 11:30 –Senior Lunch</p>	<p><i>26</i> Diocesan Convention</p>
<p><i>27</i> 9 – Worship 10 – Adult Forum 10– Sunday School 11 – Morning Prayer</p>	<p><i>28</i> 11:30 –Senior Lunch</p>	<p><i>29</i></p>	<p><i>30</i> 11:30– Sr Lunch 5:30pm – Centering Prayer with Holy Eucharist, Chapel <b>6:30pm– PAC Night, Blake Hall</b></p>	<p><i>31</i></p>		

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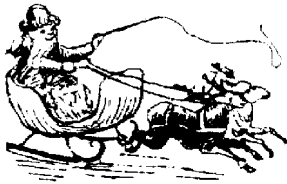
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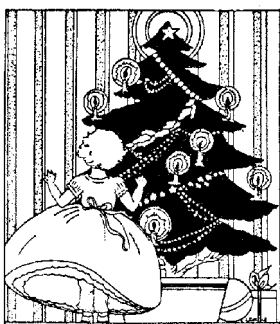


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