



Saint John's **SENTINEL**

October 2007

Commitment of Time and Treasure



In many, many ways, the people of Saint John's demonstrate their commitment to ministry in the name of Jesus Christ every day. On Monday, Wednesday, and Friday of each week, volunteers give generously of their time to provide companionship and excellent programs for the Georgetown Seniors Center. Right now, parishioners are putting together a benefit concert to help rebuild the Georgetown Library. At the end of September, many of our parishioners attended a benefit for The Georgetown Ministry Center, which does such an outstanding job of helping our homeless neighbors. A parishioner has spearheaded the effort to have a mini-walk after the Blessing of the Animals on Sunday, 7 October, to help the Georgetown Ministry Center in its efforts.

A parishioner held a conference here that attracted people from all over the DC metropolitan area to discuss new and innovative ways to bring peace to Jerusalem. Our Parish Action Committees enable parishioners to commit themselves to enhancing what Saint John's can be in many and diverse ways.

People commit themselves to the worship of our Lord by attendance at worship services on Sundays and weekdays. The Flower Guild, the Altar Guild, the Choir, readers, ushers and greeters, acolytes of all ages, and many others donate their time and energy to see that our liturgies reflect the grandeur of God and our awe of that grandeur.

Our community is committed to the well-being of fellow parishioners. When someone is sick, lonely, in need of a ride or groceries, or – you name it – our parishioners respond quickly, generously, and with compassion. The people of Saint John's commit themselves to sharing a wealth of activities together. On Sunday, Sept.

23, almost 80 parishioners attended the last Nationals game at RFK Stadium together. This month, on 20 October at 12:30pm, another group of parishioners will meet at the National Gallery to attend the Edward Hopper Exhibit.

Beginning 14 October and continuing through 25 November, the people at Saint John's will be asked for another commitment to this community – a financial one. In the first three weeks of October, a proposed 2008 budget will be developed and presented to the Vestry. To be able to plan carefully and accurately for the coming fiscal year, the Vestry needs to know what our projected revenue will be.

We are now in a respectable financial position: we are taking 4½% from the endowment for the general operating budget, down from 6%. Our fund raising events have exceeded all expectations. This coming year we will rely on 4% or less of the endowment for general operating revenues.

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<h1>October</h1>						
	<i>1</i> 11:30–Senior Lunch	<i>2</i> 9:30am – Preschool Information Coffee for Parish Families	<i>3</i> 11:30–Senior Lunch 5:30 – Centering Prayer with Holy Eucharist, Chapel	<i>4</i>	<i>5</i> 11:30–Senior Lunch 5:00 – Wedding Rehearsal	<i>6</i> 4:30 – Wedding
<i>7</i> 9 & 11 – Worship 2:00pm - BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS 2:45pm– Mini-Walk for the Homeless	<i>8</i> Columbus Day Office Closed 11:30–Senior Lunch 6:30–Grate Patrol	<i>9</i>	<i>10</i> 11:30–Senior Lunch 5:30 – Centering Prayer with Holy Eucharist, Chapel	<i>11</i>	<i>12</i> 11:30–Senior Lunch	<i>13</i>
<i>14</i> 9 & 11 – Worship 10 – Adult Forum 10 – Sunday School	<i>15</i> 11:30–Senior Lunch	<i>16</i> 6:30pm – Issues Dinner, Blake Hall	<i>17</i> 11:30–Senior Lunch 5:30 – Centering Prayer with Holy Eucharist, Chapel	<i>18</i>	<i>19</i> 11:30–Senior Lunch	<i>20</i> 12:30pm – October Outing: N’tl Gallery of Art show of Edward Hopper’s art; lunch
<i>21</i> 9 & 11 – Worship 10 – Adult Forum 10 – Sunday School	<i>22</i> 11:30–Senior Lunch	<i>23</i>	<i>24</i> 11:30–Senior Lunch 5:30 – Centering Prayer with Holy Eucharist, Chapel	<i>25</i> 7:00pm – Benefit Concert for DC & G’town Library, in Blake Hall	<i>26</i> 11:30–Senior Lunch	<i>27</i> 10:00am-2:00 pm Adult Inquirers Class, in Chapel 6:30 – Grate Patrol
<i>28</i> 9 – Worship 10 – Sunday School 10 – Adult Forum 11 – Morning Prayer	<i>29</i> 11:30–Senior Lunch	<i>30</i>	<i>31</i> 11:30–Senior Lunch 5:30 – Centering Prayer with Holy Eucharist, Chapel	<i>1</i> NOVEMBER	<i>2</i>	<i>3</i> 10:00am- National Cathedral, Service of Commitment.

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.

9:00

11:00

Oct 7	George Stutteville	Mildred Henninger
Oct 14	Sam Sussman	Ron Ivey
Oct 21	Jocelyn Dyer	Mary Meyer
Oct 28	Al LaPorta	Joan Maxwell
Nov 4	Charlie Moore	Laura Ivey

Acolytes/Crucifers

Oct 7	Christine Osborne	Georgina Warren
Oct 14	Aves Mocek	John Dussault
Oct 21	Qwan Smith	John Wise
Oct 28	Charlie Cameron	Sam Sussman
Nov 4	Louisa Weindruch	Joan Maxwell

Greeters & Ushers

Oct 7	Sarah Michels & Kate Tabor	James & Stephanie Warren
Oct 14	Wilbur Wright & Laura Scanlon	John Wise & Carol Cameron
Oct 21	Mike & Cathy Applin	Tim & Mary Jane Bennett
Oct 28	Landis & Arnita Jones	Carol Cameron & Martha Lewis
Nov 4	Tom Morgan & Ken Youngert	Ron & Laura Ivey

Daylight Saving Ends

Remember to turn your clock back before going to bed the night of Saturday, November 3rd. This gives us an extra hour of sleep before heading to St. John's to celebrate **All Saints' Sunday on November 4th**.

Sunday Adult Forum 10am

- Oct 7 – *Islam and Geopolitics*
Ambassador Al LaPorta &
Dr. Angel Rabasa
- Oct 14 – *Islam and Geopolitics II*
Ambassador Al LaPorta
- Oct 21 – *Image and Likeness of God: Creation, Sin, Cure.* Rev. Dr. Ronald P. Conner
- Oct 28 – *The Hindu Tradition*
Prof Susan Bond, MATS
- Nov 4 – All Saints' Sunday, Chapel Service:
In Memory of Faithful Departed
- Nov 11 – *Cosmic Liturgical Vision*
The Rev. Dr. Ronald P. Conner

Church Family Events

We rejoice in the marriages of:
Jocelyn Barone & James Partridge
Alyson Ryder & Justin Burks
Joanna Konschak &
Stephen Barbour
Kathleen Lane & Brian Callaghan
Courtney Rodgers & Todd Fletcher
Nicole Bradick &
Michael Tadema-Wielandt
Susan Hand & William Burch

We mourn the death of:
Pamela Armstrong

Worship and Education



Hymnody: Choose Favorites

One of the most delicate tasks is that of choosing hymns for a service. For weddings and funerals, where many attendees may not be frequent churchgoers, people are advised to choose hymns that are well known.

For Sunday liturgies, there are competing voices. These all need to be heard for a very important reason – for many people, much of their theology is learned from an early age from the hymns they have sung.

For some, the more familiar the hymn, the better. Others wish to learn the wide spectrum of hymns that are offered in our basic hymnal, *The Hymnal 1982*, and its supplements.

Still others have favorite hymns that may not often be heard. Our former Rector, Edward Lee, was working his way through the Hymnal when he was at St. John's.

Please, if anyone has strong feelings in any of these areas, do not hesitate to mention, call or send an e-mail with a specific request.

All suggestions are welcome and need to be heard so that together we can lift every voice and sing with joy to God during our worship services.

Contact me at 202-338-3294 or fatheralbert@hotmail.com.

Goal Close on Window

As with the hymns we sing, the stories told in stained glass windows are a major source of information about the Biblical tales that form so much of our religious history. The restoration of our windows is well underway, with fund raising for the third window standing at \$4,600 as of Sunday, Sept. 23 – just \$2,400 short of the \$7,000 matching funds needed. The cut-off date for contributions is October 12. Please get in touch with **Martha Wilson** or **Al LaPorta** for more information.

Adult Inquirers Class

In the Canons of the Episcopal Church, it is stated [Canon I. 17(c)], "It is expected that all adult members of this church, after appropriate instruction, will have made a mature public



affirmation of their faith and commitment to the responsibilities of their Baptism and will have been confirmed or received by the laying on of hands by a Bishop of this Church or by a Bishop who is in communion with this Church..."

To ensure that all parishioners at Saint John's have the opportunity for such a "mature public affirmation" of their faith, an **Adult Inquirers' Class** is being offered this fall at Saint John's for those desiring to be confirmed, received or to receive reaffirmation into the Episcopal Church.

Reaffirmation is for those who have already been confirmed or received in this Church, but who want to recommit to God's service.

The service for confirmation, reception, and reaffirmation will occur at **The National Cathedral Church of Saint Peter and Saint Paul on Saturday, 3 November at 10:00 a.m.**

In order to prepare members of this parish, various means of instruction are being offered. I will be leading two different four-hour discussions. The first has already been held, on Saturday, 29 September.

The second is scheduled for **Saturday, 27 October from 10am until 2pm**. Interested parishioners who missed the September class are invited to attend the one to be held October.

If the date and time are not convenient, please call me so that we may arrange for private or small group discussions at other times.

Please prayerfully consider participating in this very meaningful act of public commitment to The Episcopal Church. Invariably stories are heard from people who have been confirmed, received, or reaffirmed, heralding how very much this meant to them spiritually and personally.

Saint John's Vestry Notes



Saint John's Vestry met Monday, 24 September. The meeting opened and ended in prayer. The August Financial Statements were reviewed. Revenues and expenses were in line, and cash flow has been quite good throughout the year.

Laura Scanlon informed the Vestry that the **Preschool has reconstituted the Parish/Preschool Committee**, which serves to facilitate communication between the Preschool and the Parish and to foster a healthy relationship between the two.

The chairpersons of each of the **Parish Action Committees reported** on their meetings on PAC Night (18 September).

□ **Parish Life PAC** suggested a number of events, including: pumpkin picking, ice skating on the Mall, hearing Al La Porta speak about Islam and Indonesia, bulb planting, movie night in Blake Hall, and attendance at baseball games in the new Washington stadium in the spring.

□ **Property PAC** reported that a **roofing consultant** came in on the day of the Vestry meeting and will supply an additional assessment concerning roof repairs. We still await one more roofing expert before a decision is made as to which company would be awarded the contract.

The structural engineer sent in a report concerning the **rectory**. Several relatively simple matters need to be addressed before we can proceed with repairing the living room floor which had suffered extensive termite damage. We also need to obtain one or two more estimates on that **floor repair project**. Our consultant, Michael Lo Presti, will return next week to continue his **assessment of the HVAC system**. The boiler needs to be addressed soon.

□ **Stewardship and Planned Giving PAC** proposed a goal of raising \$375,000 in the Phase One component of our Pledge Drive, which begins 14 October and will end 25 November.

□ **Welcoming and Newcomers PAC** indicated more help is needed in welcoming the **many newcomers** who come to Saint John's. They also noted that better follow up is needed, and they plan to do Ushers/Greeters training in the near future to equip people with the skills necessary to fulfill this important ministry.

□ **Outreach PAC** did not have a report, but

their meeting was quite successful with a presentation on educational programs for women in the prison system.

James Warren, chairperson of the **Organ Committee**, reported on the recent meeting of that committee. There was consensus among the members of the committee that it would be of great value to ask **Terry Eason**, a liturgical architect (www.terrybyrdeasondesign.com), to evaluate our liturgical space in regard to accommodating a new pipe organ physically and acoustically.

This consultation would cost approximately \$20,000 and would be paid for by funds that the organ committee has collected. Most of those funds have come from members of the organ committee. The Vestry noted it would like to review the contract before offering its consent. It was also the overwhelming desire of the Vestry that the consultant seek great input from all parish constituencies.

By overwhelming consensus, the Vestry would like the **Organ Committee to work on this project under the umbrella of the Facilities Assessment and Development Committee**, which will be examining long-term space-use needs of the parish.

Albert strongly urged the Facilities Assessment Committee to begin by evaluating a long-term financial strategy to determine how we can proceed with enhancement of space use and start the parish on its way to being self-supporting, i.e., not relying on money from the endowment or income from fund raisers to support the general operating budget.

Christian Formation

PAC Night A Hit

On Tuesday evening, 18 September, 60 parishioners gathered in Blake Hall for the first Parish Action Committee Night (PAC-Night) of our 2007-2008 program year. A truly delicious spaghetti dinner was served, along with garlic bread, salad, meat balls, and, finally, ice cream cones. At the committee meetings that followed:

- Plans were formulated for this year's Stewardship Drive, along with consideration for more long-term financial planning and management.

- A tweaking of the **Sunday School** structure was undertaken.

- Pages of suggestions for activities by the **Parish Life** Committee were submitted.

- An **Outreach** presentation on mission to women in the criminal justice system was given and Outreach grants were reviewed.

- A group of dedicated **Property Committee** members discussed the roof, the boiler, and HVAC system.

Many new ideas were put forward to help us in our ministries at Saint John's and many commented at the conclusion of the evening that there was a great deal of "positive energy."

The next PAC Night will be 6:30pm on Wednesday, 14 November. Please mark your calendars and support our Parish Action Committee Program, so that all members may become increasingly more involved in the vision, mission, and ministry of Saint John's Church.

Albert +

Our New Seminarians

Thank you for welcoming me to St. John's. The presence of the Holy Spirit is palpable in this parish community, and I am honored to serve as a seminarian here. I am a postulant in the Episcopal Diocese of Washington.

Seminary is both a calling and a second career for me. Prior to beginning my studies, I spent many years practicing law, principally in the areas of criminal defense. I have served as both a law firm partner and as a corporate general counsel. For the past several years, I have been a law professor, and I continue to teach law while attending seminary on a half-time basis at Wesley Theological Seminary.

My husband, Kirk Renaud, and I live in Chevy Chase, Maryland, and have two sons in college. We have been members of St. Columba's Episcopal Church in Tenleytown for more than 18 years, where I served as a chalice bearer and Sunday school teacher, plus being involved with a number of outreach ministries. Kirk served as a longtime volunteer for Rebuilding Together (formerly Christmas in April) and other ministries to the homeless. Perhaps nearest and dearest to our hearts is the time we have spent traveling together with St. Columba's Honduras Mission Group.

I am delighted to be here at St. John's, and I look forward especially to getting to know the members of this vibrant community of God's people over the next two years.

- Sarah Duggin



I am a second year M.Div. student at Virginia Theological Seminary. My home diocese is Los Angeles. Before my call to the priesthood, I managed my family business of property investments and had a career on Wall Street as a financial writer.

I have a passion for pastoral care and a great interest in mission work. In January, I plan to do an independent study program in South Africa on how parishes can work together effectively for spiritual and community growth.

I love to travel and have seen most of the world. I also love to read and paint, but seminary doesn't allow much time for recreation, so I multi-task. For example, when I listen to the opera on Saturday afternoons, I also paint or read and I like to work out while listening to the news. I feel blessed to be part of Saint John's Parish and look forward to my two year internship with you.

- Brian Palmer



Flowers for All Saints'

For All Saints' Sunday on November 4, all of St. John's will be decorated. Flowers will fill the altar, the narthex, the Chapel of the Carpenter and the columbarium.

This Sunday is an especially appropriate time to memorialize loved ones with a gift of flowers. Call in your dedication to the Parish Office at 202-338-2360. There is no minimum charge for flower dedications, though it is good to keep in mind that, like most things, the cost of flowers has gone up exponentially.

The flower arrangements in church under the guidance of **Laura Scanlon** and her committee have been lovely. The Flower Guild welcomes new members, who work on a monthly rotation, giving everyone a chance to do the lovely floral arrangements. To join this joyful ministry, call or e-mail Laura at: 703-812-4585 or lrscanlon@msn.com.



!!! DATE CORRECTION !!!

The special issues dinner, talk and discussion featuring **Adrian Cronauer**, who was the radio DJ portrayed by Robin Williams in the movie "Good Morning, Vietnam!," will be held **Tuesday, October 16, at 7:00 in Blake Hall.**

Mr. Cronauer, who has been through various careers since his days as a DJ in Vietnam, works these days at the Pentagon as Special Assistant to the Director, Defense Prisoner of War/Missing Personnel Office.

On **October 16**, he will tell us about those still missing in action (MIA) from World War II to the present conflict in Iraq.

Martha Wilson is organizing this event. Contact her at marthawilson@towervillas.com or 703-524-3125 to reserve your seat. A donation of \$10 is being asked to cover the meal's cost.

Saint John's Book Club

Hello Readers:

I hope everyone had a great summer, and thanks for your patience since our last book. As many of you already know, the next book we'll be reading is 'The God Delusion,' by **Richard Dawkins.**

Albert has mentioned this book in at least two sermons and Ron

Connor talked about the book in a recent Sunday forum on 'Avoiding Evil, Doing Good.'

The Book Club meeting on this book will be **Tuesday, October 30 at 6:30pm**, in the **Addison Conference Room**, at St. John's. Sandwiches and snacks will be provided.

The book is available in both hardcover and paperback. Although I could not find the book in large print, it is available on audio CD and MP3 at www.amazon.com.

Please email or call me if you would like more information, or a list of the books we've read and discussed over the past year. My email is tierney@viteri.net. My phone: 202.364.9697.

- **Tierney Viteri**, Vestry Member



Tierney Viteri (right) with grandmother Evelyn Oertel last May, celebrating Evelyn's 90th birthday in Blake Hall.



Some of the 80 members of St. John's and their families who gathered Sunday, Sept. 23, at RFK Stadium to share the last game played by the Washington Nationals baseball team in the arena before its demolition. The Nats won 5 to 3! Next year, a new stadium.



celebrations and gatherings



Celebrate St. Francis

The Blessing of Animals has come to be an annual event to celebrate the Saturday closest to the Feast Day of St. Francis of Assisi by blessing those non-human members of our families, our pets.

This year on **Sunday, October 7 at 2pm on the front lawn of St. John's** all pets, real and stuffed, will be blessed. Pictures of pets will also be blessed for those with animals too old, too large or too feisty to bring.

This is not only a Parish but also a neighborhood celebration with many of our Georgetown neighbors attending.

Woody Nelson of the Georgetown Pet Gallery. Ltd. on O Street will provide treats and St. Christopher medals for all the blessed pets. To contribute cookies for the humans call **Mary Bird at 202-339-9889, or birdmm@verizon.net.**

Mini-walk for the Homeless

Take your pets for a walk! Immediately following the Blessing there will be a **Mini-Walk for the Homeless on Sunday, Oct 7.**

This "Help the Homeless Mini-Walk Around Georgetown" will raise funds for the Georgetown Ministry Center. St. John's supports the Georgetown Ministry Center in several ways, one of which is by hosting the homeless in Blake Hall twice a year during the cold season.

Parishioners, neighbors, children and pets on leashes are all welcome to join in the family-friendly celebration.

Register either before the walk – forms are at the church – or at the Blessing. Fees are \$25 for adults and \$15 for youth (aged 25 and under).

Please get in touch with **Jocelyn Dyer at jdyer@statecapitallaw.org** for more information.

Hopper Exhibit in October

On **Saturday, October 20th**, interested parishioners will meet in the lobby of the East Building of the National Gallery of Art at 12:30pm to view an incredible exhibition of **Edward Hopper's** work. The gathering point will be just after we have gone through the security check point at the entrance of the newer, **East Building.**

This exhibition is the first comprehensive survey of Hopper's career to be seen in American museums outside New York in more than 25 years. Focusing on the period of the artist's greatest achievements – from about 1925 to mid-century – the exhibition will feature such iconic paintings as *Automat* (1927), *Drug Store* (1927), and *Early Sunday Morning* (1930).

Edward Hopper's classic works captured the realities of urban and rural American life with a poignancy and beauty that have placed them among the most enduring and popular images of the 20th century.

This is an exhibition of about 48 oil paintings, 34 watercolors, and 12 prints and reveal Hopper (1882-1967) to be a creator of compelling images.

The group will decide whether to see the paintings first, or grab a bite to eat at the end of the tour of the exhibit. Either way, it will be lunch at the Cascades Restaurant in the museum, a favorite spot of our parishioners.





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.)

Greens Sale Update

Calling all Book Lovers! The **Authors' Table** at our **Greens Sale** – this year on **Dec 8 from 10 until 2pm** – distinguishes St. John's Greens Sale from other Christmas events.

The Authors' Table brings together both local writers and those who have written about Washington to sell and sign their books for us.

The authors have a great time chatting with customers and with each other. **Art Buchwald** made one of his last public appearances at our table last December.

Jim Lehrer was charming two years ago and will be charming again this year with *his* new book. This year, we will only have books that are available through Barnes and Noble.

If you have an idea for a book that should be in our sale, please contact **Laura Ivey** at 202-333-5836, lively18750@aol.com, or **Jean Rainey** at 202-337-4581, jorainey@aol.com.

More helpers are needed to serve lunch to the Seniors on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. To volunteer, call **Mary Meyer** at 202-965-3952.

Quilt to be Featured

The quilters of St. John's are working on a colorful, nine patch, full size quilt to be raffled off at the Greens Sale.

The quilters are all lined up, but anyone interested in making handmade items for the Dec 8 event should contact Mary Meyer at 202-965-3952, marygmeyer@earthlink.net.

Welcome Kim Bates

Kimberly Bates has been hired to be our new Parish Administrator. She will be in the office five days a week, from 9am until 3pm beginning October 1.

She will continue working as a Parish Administrator at Cleveland Park Congregational Church. She has a son at St. Alban's and a daughter at the National Cathedral School.

Welcome her into our Parish family when she answers the phone or when you come into the office!

Dustin Cole becomes Facilities and Communications Manager.

Welcome Back Lorenzo

There was a standing ovation at PAC night Sept. 18 to welcome back **Lorenzo Aliaga**, St. John's Sexton. Lorenzo has been recovering from a long illness and absent for most of the summer.

We are happy to have his smiling face back with us keeping our facilities neat and clean.

Photo Directory

The new photo directory is nearly 50% complete. **Dustin Cole** was busily taking pictures at PAC night.

You may send photos by mail to the church office, attention Photo Directory, or by e-mail to Dustin at dustincole.stjohns@verizon.net. He will also be available to take your picture at the church if you call and make an appointment.

Manna Turns 25

Manna, the leading developer of affordable homes in Washington, started 25 years ago with founder the Rev. Jim Dickerson taking money from his own bank account to buy an abandoned house.

St. John's has been a supporter of Manna for the past decade, providing volunteers and grants.

Today, parishioners can support Manna by buying an anniversary raffle ticket; 2900 will be sold at \$100 each. First prize will be a 2007 Mini Cooper, followed by a Vespa and a Segway.

The drawing will take place at the Gala Silent Auction and Reception Thursday October 25, 7pm at the Carnegie Institute, 1530 P St. NW. Call Tom Cooke at 202-686-0261 with questions.

ST. JOHN'S UP-AND-COMERS

Preschool Parent Tours

St. John's Episcopal Preschool is holding tours and information sessions for prospective parents.

The Tour and Information Sessions will be held on Tuesday, October 23, and Wednesday, October 24.

If you wish to attend, please call **Alexis Rinfret, Office Administrator**, at 202-338-2574, for further information.

Preschool's Book Fair

The St. John's Preschool will hold its fall Book Fair from November 3 to 5 in Blake Hall. A grilled lunch will be served on Saturday, so plan to bring the whole family.

The Book Fair will also be open on Sunday, right after both church services. Parishioners **Susie King**



and **Patrick Supanc** are co-chairs, along with **Sophie Sir-taine**.

An Author's Talk with readings plus other children's activities are being planned.

Time Change Nov. 3-4

Clocks get turned back an hour in the wee hours of Saturday, November 3rd, giving all an extra hour of sleep before Sunday services.

Sunday School is Sorted

St. John's children put on the "Sorting Hat" to be sorted into their various classes on September 16. They were divided into three classes and each given the names of the various houses at the Hogwarts School for magicians of Harry Potter fame.

The **little ones** are the Hufflepuffs, who are universally accepting. Their patron saint is St. Francis.

Ravenclaws is the name of the middle group, those generally **aged 6 to 8**. At Hogwarts, they are the brainy ones so their saint is St. Ignatius of Loyola, founder of the Jesuits.

The **older elementary** students are the Griffondaws, known for their extreme courage and bravery. Of course, their saint is St. Michael, the Archangel.

No **teens** have yet appeared, but if they do they will be the Slitherins, the best magicians.

There are many teaching volunteers gathered by Youth Education Director **Christine Deeley-Wood**. They are both parents and those generally interested in Sunday School education.

Teachers and aides are: **Margie Devenney, Georgina Warren, Christine Deeley-Wood, Avery Miller, Elizabeth Powell, Jill Thorpe, Rebecca Sandler, Dan and Jenny Corbin, Carter Hood, Colleen Markham, Suzanne Cameron, Ken Wong, Ann La Porta and Deborah Osborne**.

Some have volunteered to teach once a month, some for special events like Advent and the Christmas pageant, some will be aides in the classrooms.

There is room for all grown-ups who are interested in Sunday School to participate. Bring your child to sit under the Sorting Hat and join in a most exciting Sunday School year.

Sunday School begins with all the children together, singing a short hymn which they will present at a 9am Worship Service soon. Look for more music from them in the future under the direction of **Kurt Hoffman**, choir member and elementary school teacher.

Contact **Christine Deeley-Wood** at 301-681-4082 or orsmdeeley1@verizon.net.



Saint Francis

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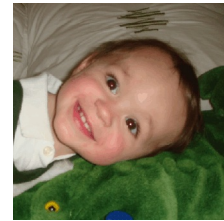
Our ultimate goal, however, is to move to “self-sustaining giving.” This means that we will set our sights on raising enough in pledge income so that ultimately the endowment would be used not for everyday expenses, but for extraordinary purposes.

It would also mean that we could use fund raising income to provide generous support to programs and ministries inside our parish and, beyond that, demonstrate our commitment to care for the most vulnerable in society.

Please, when you receive your Stewardship mailing in October, take the time to consider prayerfully how your financial commitment can help lead Saint John’s down the path toward “self-sustaining” pledge revenue. Please remember that all we do, as the Jesuits would say, is “*Ad Majorem Dei Gloriam*” – All for the greater glory of God.

!! HAPPY BIRTHDAY !!

Shannon Pryor emails that son **Thomas Handley Pryor** will become 2 on Oct. 25.....**George Payne**, one of St. John’s long-term members, turned 88 on September 30.....**Ann Tener** will celebrate her 90th birthday in the middle of this month.....”**Hadley**



Thomas H. Pryor

Flanagan’s 4th birthday is (was) on September 22,” writes mother Jocelyn Dyer Flanagan: “See photo attached!”.



Hadley Flanagan

. Others celebrating a birthday this month include **Dariel van Wagoner, Georgia Gray, James Warren, Anna Talbot, Joan O’Kane, Aidan Smith, Robert Gray, Flannery**

Cameron, Sandy Osborne, Martha Lewis on, and Christina Schrader.

Pledge Envelopes, Stock Transfers

Having pledged for the coming year, many parishioners like to use traditional pledge envelopes for their offerings.

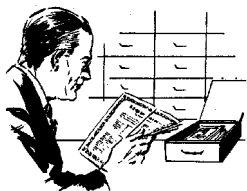
These are available from the Parish Office. Please call **Dustin Cole** at 202-338-2360, or email him at dustincole.stjohns@verizon.net to let him know whether you will pick up a set of envelopes at the office, or would prefer he send the set to your home.

For those planning to give stock to the church this year, please note that there have been changes in the method for doing this because the church has a new firm handling its investments.

To get information on stock transfer, please call the church’s accountant, **Don Rubis**, at 202-338-1797, or email him at accountant.stjohns@verizon.net.

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