



Saint John's SENTINEL

September 2007

A Time For Renewal



I am completing this article on a glorious Labor Day Weekend. In the next few days, our city will come alive again. Work hours will get longer, demands on our time and energy will increase, silence will dissipate: our city will turn itself back on at full throttle!

As demands on our time multiply, it is important to focus on the most vital aspects of our lives. It is strongly hoped that Saint John's can provide a spiritual center for all of us, that it can help to keep the rest of our lives in perspective.

Commitment to daily prayer and weekly worship as a community reminds us of the presence of God in our lives. When we hear the stories of our faith in Scripture and reconnect with old friends at church, even as we make new ones, we will be able to recall that perhaps God's greatest gift to us is to be discovered in each other: in church, school, home, and workplace.

Our program year begins **Sunday, 9 September with Renewal Sunday**, when we will commission our vestry, the elected lay leadership of the parish, as its members renew their efforts to keep Saint John's vibrant, welcoming, and a beacon of God's presence in Georgetown. We hope everyone will participate in this new beginning.

There will be sign-up sheets in Blake Hall for **Parish Action Committees** – Archives, Christian Youth Formation, Adult Spiritual Formation, Outreach, Property, Stewardship and Planned Giving, Parish Life, and Welcoming and Newcomers. Please commit yourself to one.

Our first **Parish Action Committee Night (PAC Night)** will be held **Tuesday, 18 September** at 6:30 p.m. I urge everyone to try to attend. *(Please turn to Page 4 for complete information on PAC Night. – Ed.)*



We have scheduled two **Adult Inquirers Classes** this fall – **Saturday 29 September and Saturday, 27 October from 10:00 a.m. until 2: p.m.** – to prepare those who wish to be confirmed, received or reaffirmed in their commitment to ministry at a service at National Cathedral on 3 November at 10:00 a.m.

– **Confirmation** is for those who have never received the laying on of hands by a bishop in Apostolic Succession (something that will be discussed in these Saturday classes).

– **Reception** is for those who have been confirmed by a bishop in Apostolic Succession in another tradition but wish to become official members of the Episcopal Church.

– **Reaffirmation** is meant for any Episcopalians who wish to renew their commitment to Christ and to Christian discipleship.

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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

Sept 2	Mike Applin	John Wise
Sept 9	Hannah Bristol	Mary Bird
Sept 16	Lalage Thornber	Sarah Michels
Sept 23	John Duffy	Jenny Corbin
Sept 30	Rob Johnston	Jane DeWeerd
Oct 7	George Stutteville	Mildred Henninger

Acolytes/Crucifers

Sept 2	Emma Sutherland	John Wise
Sept 9	Daniel Bristol	Sam Sussman
Sept 16	C Goodhand	Joan Maxwell
Sept 23	Caroline & Andrew Duffy	John van Wagoner
Sept 30	Antonia Kristinus	John Wise
Oct 7	Christine Osborne	Georgina Warren

Greeters & Ushers

Sept 2	M & C Applin	Carol Cameron
Sept 9	Mike & Cathy Applin	Carol Cameron & Martha Lewis
Sept 16	Suzon Cameron & Kate Tabor	John Dussault & Susan Sanders
Sept 23	Dawn Martin & Sam Sussman	Ron & Laura Ivey
Sept 30	Tom Morgan & Ken Youngert	Mildred Henninger & Sarah Michels
Oct 7	Sarah Michels & Kate Tabor	James & Stephanie Warren

Centering Prayer

Centering Prayer continues this fall on Wednesdays at 5:30pm, following a summer of regular weekly services. Parishioners gather in the Chapel of the Carpenter for quiet contemplation and prayer, with worship led by Albert. The service concludes with Holy Eucharist.

We lost our longest serving parishioner in August when **Constance Travaglini** died. She had been a member of St. John's since 1942 and was a faithful and generous member for 65 years. Her funeral



Connie Travaglini

August 23 in The Chapel of the Carpenter was standing room only, and included mourners in their teens, middle age, and their 90s – as she was. Her deep spirituality and humility will be remembered with love by all of us.

Church Family Events

We celebrate the baptisms of:

Caroline Claire Allen

Marra Elizabeth Irons

(grandchild of Arnita & Landis Jones)

Chloe Addison Baird

William Joseph Jones

Lawrence Wiley "Quinn" Secrest V

Charles A. King Sutherland

Benjamin J. Bruce Sutherland

Emma K. Anne Sutherland

Brooke Harrington Hawken

Wilham Hudson Bucha

We rejoice in the marriages of:

Danielle Weaver & Robert Leahy

Maria-Paz Rodriguez

and Drew Stavros

Kimberly Peake & Charles Blakely

We mourn the death of:

Constance Travaglini

Angus Duncan

son of parishioner Nancy Duncan

Worship and Education



Adult Education Overview

Last spring, parishioners were asked for ideas for the Adult Education programs which take place on Sundays at 10 o'clock between the 9 and 11 o'clock services. Two themes prevailed:

- 1 – an interest in different faith traditions and
- 2 – Christian moral decision-making in the 21st Century.

Father Ron Connor will explore avoiding evil and doing good (Sunday, Sept. 23) and the human person (Sunday, Sept. 30).

October will bring two Sunday forums on "Islam and Geopolitics" – Oct. 7 and 14 – and the "Hindu Tradition" (Sunday, October 28).

Throughout the year, we will have programs on Buddhism, Eastern Orthodoxy, Atheism, Roman Catholicism, Anglicanism, and religions of the Near East interspersed with such moral decision making topics as "Resurrection Ethics" and the "Body, Spirituality and Grace".

Join us in the Chapel of the Carpenter at 10 o'clock with your cup of coffee for an exciting year of Adult Education.

Three Services on Game Day

Eighty members of St. John's with family and friends will be going to the final Washington Nationals baseball game in RFK Stadium on **Sunday, September 23, at 12:05pm**, thanks to St. John's having secured seats to what will be not only the last game of the season for the Nats, but the last game the team will play at RFK. Next year, it's the new arena.

There will be special commemorations during the game and free T-shirts will be distributed. We have the first six rows in the MVP section on the first base line.

Game attendees are invited to the 9:00 service. An additional short "said" service will be held at 10:00 in the church.

The 11:00 service will proceed as usual. The 10:00 meetings of Sunday School and Adult Forum ("Avoiding Evil, Doing Good," by The

Acolytes Trained, More Needed

Five young people were trained over the summer as acolytes for the 9 o'clock service. "They all have new robes and beautiful crosses," reports **Jane Volkema**, Liturgical Associate.



More acolytes are needed to serve at the 11 o'clock service. Contact **Jane** at 202-965-6114, j.kay@mac.com or **Father Albert Scariato** at 202-338-3294. fatheralbert@hotmail.com if you are interested in serving our Lord and St. John's as an acolyte

Welcome Seminarians

On Sunday, September 9, Renewal Sunday, we will welcome two seminarians who will begin their field work at St. John's. **Sarah Duggin** comes to us from our own diocese and attends Wesley Seminary. **Brian Palmer**, a student in Virginia Theological Seminary, is from the Diocese of Los Angeles.

The seminarians will have committees to support them through their time with us. Brian's committee has been formed. Sarah will have a Covenant Discipleship committee of four to five people who will meet once each week for one hour. If you are interested in serving on this committee contact **Father Albert Scariato** at 202-338-3294 or fatheralbert@hotmail.com.

Whether or not you serve on their committees, welcome them home to St. John's during the coffee hour on September 9.

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Rev. Dr. Ronald Conner, in the Chapel) will also be held as usual.

For those who would like to go to the game but have not signed up, you may be able to get a ticket (all available have been taken) provided you give Albert plenty of advance notice. They are \$16 each. Anyone needing help to purchase the tickets, please talk to Albert and confidential arrangements will be made to cover the cost.

Christian ————— Formation

Parish Action Committee Night

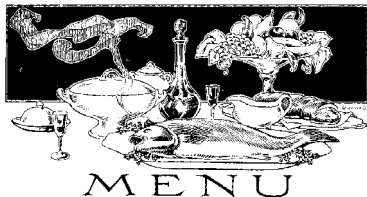
On Tuesday evening, 18 September at 6:30, Saint John's will have its first Parish Action Committee Night (PAC Night) of the 2007-2008 program year. This is a very important time for us to get together as a parish. Many people have been away for vacation and this will be a time to "catch up" with friends in the parish. Also, this PAC Night will serve to initiate several endeavors vital to our continued growth in all areas of ministry. Some initiatives we will examine are:

1. Enhancing welcoming initiatives
2. Exploring different Parish Life events
3. Beginning our 2008 Stewardship Campaign
4. Emphasizing Planned Giving
5. Property Issues: rectory, stained glass windows, organ, roof, boiler, HVAC
6. Increasing attendance in Sunday School
7. Young Adults Group
8. Saint John's Book Club
9. Outreach Programs

There will be a spaghetti dinner (marinara sauce with meatballs for the carnivores), plus an open microphone for questions, concerns, or announcements. We will then break up into the following committee meetings:

Outreach, Welcoming and Newcomers, Property, Parish Life, Stewardship and Planned Giving, Christian Youth Formation, and Adult Education.

The evening will conclude with the service of Compline in the church. Parking will be available across the street at Hyde School. Childcare will be provided. Every parishioner is urged to attend at least part of the evening's activities. The four PAC



Nights – one each in September, November, January and May – are designed to bring the parish together as friends and fellow ministers to fulfill our call in the Great Commission to go out into the world and proclaim the Good News to all people. I urge everyone to make an effort to attend this important event in our community life.

Albert +

Stained Glass Windows

After completion of the Third Century Campaign in 1996, the Property Committee under the direction of **Martha Wilson**, Vestry Property Chair, undertook an evaluation of the stained glass windows of Saint John's.

It was soon discovered that the three windows on the east side of the church which had been exposed to the elements before their incorporation into the enclosed atrium were in serious need of immediate repair and restoration. These windows depict (in order from the pulpit to the back of the church): the Ascension, the Resurrection and the Visitation. The first two windows have already been restored at a cost of about \$90,000.

On at least two different occasions, the Vestry has committed itself to insuring there will be a complete restoration of all the windows.

The next to be addressed is the Visitation window. The Visitation is a depiction of the occasion when Mary, pregnant with Jesus, visits her cousin Elizabeth and her cousin's husband, Zechariah. On that occasion Mary is greeted with these words from Elizabeth which are depicted in that window: "Blessed art thou amongst women." The Feast of the Visitation, 31 May, is a major church holy day.

The cost of repairing this window will be about \$14,000. At its August 27th meeting, the Vestry voted unanimously to provide a matching grant from our operating budget to an amount not to exceed \$7,500 to restore this jewel in Saint John's stained glass crown. It is the hope and prayer of the Vestry that the rest of the funds will come from parishioner contributions. A targeted mailing will soon go to those who have supported the stained glass window project in the past.

Should you have any questions, please contact **Martha Wilson** (703-524-3125, marthawilson@towervillas.com), **Al La Porta** (202-248-4246, a_laporta@yahoo.com), the clergy, or any of your elected Vestry representatives.

ST. JOHN'S UP-AND-COMERS

Sunday School's New Year

The following letter to parents and parishioners is from Christine Deeley-Wood, Sunday School coordinator for St. John's.

Hello everyone,

Those of you whose children were in this summer's Vacation Bible School know that a wonderful time was had by all. We hope to keep the excitement going this fall with our Sunday School program.

All ages will be using the "Living the Good News" program this year, which follows along with each Sunday's readings. For the youngest children, we will use some of the more understandable "Godly Play" stories.

I plan **four age groups** this year: 3-5 years, 6-9 years, 10-13 years and teens. I think we can better meet children's needs and make classes more interesting with these groupings.

We are going to **need more teachers and aides**. There will be clear lesson plans for each Sunday class and you will need very little preparation time. So I would like all of you to prayerfully think what you can do to help. I know all our lives are already packed and I appreciate how much of a sacrifice this would be. Aides to the teachers could sign up for the Sundays they think they could help out.

I'm wondering if, to make it possible for more people to share the teaching duties, we could not have **teaching teams for each age group**? That way the burden would be shared and each person would only have a portion of the time teaching.

I've taught Sunday School several different times at St John's and I like the team approach the best. It means you don't need to be there every Sunday and it's easy to get a substitute in an emergency. Please think about it. **Ann LaPorta** has graciously agreed to work with us again this year. We need more

volunteers. Please let me know your thoughts. I know we all want this to be a success for our children.

– **Christine Deeley-Wood**
cmdeeley1@verizon.net



PRESCHOOL COFFEE ON OCTOBER 2ND

Attention: Parish families who are interested in applying for admission to Preschool.

The Preschool will host an Information Coffee on **Tuesday, October 2, at 9:30 a.m.** for parents of children who are eligible to apply for admission to the 2008-2009 school year. Please read the Enrollment Philosophy and definition of a "participating member" to determine if you are entitled to receive priority status.

Enrollment Philosophy

The St. John's Episcopal Preschool Admissions Committee gives thoughtful consideration to the application of each child. Our objective is to create a school community where children and families will harmoniously work together.

We strive to balance class composition in terms of age, gender, temperament, cultural background, and other important factors that maintain the integrity of our educational program. Special consideration is given to siblings of current students and participating members of the Parish.

However, we do not guarantee admission to a child in any given admission season. Children must be 2½ years old by September 30, 2008.

St. John's Membership

In order for a family to be considered a "priority" family, one of the parents must be a "participating member" of the Parish. A "participating member" is defined as one who regularly participates in and financially contributes to the life of St. John's Church. Parents must meet with Albert Scariato prior to the Coffee.

RSVP

Please call **Alexis Rinfret** at 202-338-2574, if you plan to attend the Coffee.

Saint John's Notes & Reports



Vestry Notes

This is an excerpt of minutes from the Vestry meeting of August 27. The full minutes can be found in the Vestry notebook in the conference room.

Saint John's Vestry met on Monday, 27 August. The Financial Statements were reviewed. Revenues and expenses appear to be in line with expectations. Cash flow is good. The Vestry took the following actions:

- Accepted the resignation of **Sgt. Maj. Brown**, Facilities Manager, who will retire September 14. The Vestry expressed unanimous gratitude to Sgt. Maj. Brown for all that he has done for the people of Saint John's.
- Approved a search for a Parish Secretary to work 30 hours a week to assist **Dustin Cole** with clerical work and office organization as Dustin takes on some of Sgt. Maj. Brown's functions.
- Will undertake, under the direction of **Al La Porta**, fund raising for the restoration of the **Visitation stained glass window** (northeast part of nave). (See page 4 for full description of stained glass window restoration at Saint John's.)
- Unanimously approved a donation of \$7,500 to the **Fourth Annual Bishop's Appeal**. The Bishop is seeking \$175,000 to balance the diocesan budget and support special outreach programs inside the Diocese of Washington and beyond.
- The Vestry will be commissioned at both services on **Renewal Sunday, 9 September**.
- **Property**: Painting on the interior of the rectory and interior and exterior of church was undertaken during the summer. Asbestos has been removed from the rectory. Termite extermination in the rectory has been accomplished. Termite damage was extensive. Many joists have been destroyed and there are three significant holes in the living room floor. The first estimate for repair was in the vicinity of \$16,000. To make certain that we have an accurate assessment of the condition of the

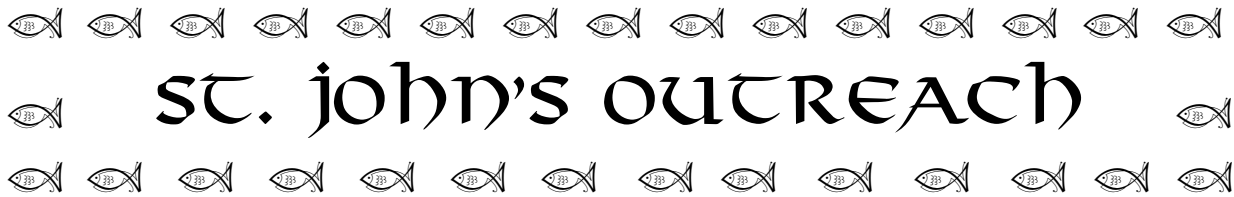
rectory before any repairs are done, it was proposed that we have a structural engineer examine the building. A company which has worked with Saint John's in the past and which is recommended by two professionals associated with Saint John's was identified. Its evaluation will cost no more than \$2,500. Unanimously approved by the Vestry.

- **Adult Inquirers Classes** for those wishing to be confirmed, received or reaffirmed in the Episcopal Church at the Cathedral on Saturday, 3 November, will be given from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. on **Saturday 29 September and Saturday, 27 October**.
- A vote on the undertaking to recycle all materials will be taken at the next Vestry meeting, 24 September.

As always, please direct any concerns to your elected Vestry representatives.



Tom Cooke, Georgina Warren, my father **John van Steenwyk**, and myself were on a **Mission trip to Honduras** from July 29 to August 5. We helped paint a church, plant trees, and held classes for the young in drawing and English. Here is Tom with some school children in El Cerron. – **Julie van Steenwyk**



New Parish Directory

St. John's is producing a photo directory for the parish. We request that you send in a photo of yourself and your family to the parish office. Please either e-mail a digital photo or mail a hard copy of your picture. If you would like us to take your photo, let **Dustin Cole**, Parish Administrator, know when you would be available. Deadline is September 15th.

Also please let Dustin know if there are any changes in your contact information. Call him at 202-338-2360 or email at office@stjohnsgeorgetown.org.

Senior Lunches Return

The Georgetown Senior Center lunches at St. John's will begin again on **Wednesday, September 5** after a holiday during the month of August. Seniors meet at St. John's in Blake Hall on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays for lunch, exercise and programs.

Mary Meyer seeks volunteers to cook and serve the lunches. Meeting and serving these lively seniors is a privilege and not a chore. Call Mary at 202-965-3952 if you would like to help, or email marymeyer@earthlink.net.

The Greens Sale is Coming

Mark your calendars and begin your preparations. The Annual Greens Sale this year will be **Saturday, December 8**.

There will be the usual hand-made wreaths, greens and roping. The bake table will be filled with home made cakes, cookies and preserves.

Most especially, we need hand-crafted items, knitted goods, tree skirts, the ever-popular dog bone wreaths and candy wreaths. If you would like to get out your needles and glue guns for a good cause, call **Mary Meyer at 202-965-3952** or marymeyer@earthlink.net.

Outreach Snapshots

Do you wonder where your Outreach grants are going? Here are snapshots of four of the projects that St. John's supports with your dollars.

Manna (DC affordable housing). Manna has been providing affordable homes for low income families in the District for a quarter century. Parishioner **Tom Cooke** is Campaign Manager for Manna's 25th Anniversary and during September, he will work with the rest of the crew to raise a house. Outreach has contributed \$8,000 this year to Manna.

Jubilee Jobs (DC job placement for the non-working poor). St. John's has supported Jubilee Jobs for two years. Parishioner **Pat Panero** has provided employment preparation and counseling skills. There will be four opportunities to serve at one of the monthly "Job Friends" dinners. **Mike Applin** said that serving at the Thanksgiving Dinner was "one of the most moving Outreach events I have ever participated in." Call **Pat at 202-337-2235 ppanero@aol.com**, or **Mike at 703-276-1129 mapplin@raytheonvtc.com** to volunteer for dinners on Sept 19, Oct 19, Nov 21 or Dec 19.

Columbia Road Health Services (DC health, dental, social services). For several years, St. John's has provided grants to CRHS which aids poor and sick residents in DC. We are eligible for a "Friends Day" during which members of the parish can visit the clinic, meet the staff and learn about the lives we touch. Contact **Mary Meyer or Mike Applin** to arrange a Friends Day for a small group.

Grate Patrol (feeding the homeless in DC). Grate Patrol Teams serve thousands of homeless each year with soup, sandwiches and cookies supported by transportation services from the Salvation Army. **Peggy Breckenridge** and **Sarah Revis** lead the team of sandwich makers. St. John's serves every other Monday and Saturday nights. Contact **Mike Applin** to join the Grate Patrol team.



Concert for Library

St. John's will host the kick-off benefit concert to support restoration of the **Georgetown Neighborhood Library in Blake Hall on Thursday, October 25 at 7:00pm.**

The concert and reception that follows will be the first of a series of events to support restoration of the library and its historic Peabody Room archives, as well as to help build a constituency for public libraries throughout the city. The event is being co-chaired by **Frida Burling** and **Steve Meeter**, along with a host committee of St. John's members and other Georgetowners.

The one-hour concert will include works by Saint-Saens, Liszt, and Puccini, focusing upon themes related to children and animals. The musicians are donating their performances through Hanzone Productions.

The event will be free of charge, but donations are urgently requested, all of which go directly to the **DC Public Library Foundation (DCPLF).**

Donors will have the option of contributing to DCPLF's Georgetown Library Recovery and Restoration Fund (**specifically** for the Peabody Room or upgrades to the Children's Room), or to help neighborhood libraries throughout the city where help is needed.

A capacity crowd is expected and due to seating limitations, **advance reservations are necessary.** Reservations can be made by sending your name and street address information to **Anna Velazco** at avelazco@dcplfoundation.org.

The Georgetown Neighborhood Library suffered extensive fire, smoke, and water damage on April 30. The city quickly pledged to repair the building and funded development of conservation plans and cost estimates for paintings, maps, books, photos, and other antiquities from its famed Peabody Room collection – represent-

ing over three centuries of some of the most significant local D.C. history in the nation.

A priority for the restoration will be to outfit the new Peabody Room with proper environmental controls for the archival collection.

St. John's has particularly close ties to the **Peabody Room**, since for decades it has been an invaluable resource in compiling historical summaries for our **annual Georgetown House Tour.** While the original archives currently are in a freeze-dried state in Fort Worth, copies of many of **our house tour histories** already have been sent to the Washingtonian Division of the D.C. Public Libraries.

In addition, parishioner **Sara Revis** of St. John's Archives Committee has consolidated records pertaining to Georgetown houses accumulated in the course of nearly 80 years of House Tours. And this new permanent archive, along with other House Tour records, will help safeguard information that was possibly lost in the fire in the Peabody Room at the Georgetown Public Library. This archive will serve as a further source of information on the history of Georgetown should the Peabody records not be capable of restoration.

A Time for Renewal

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In October, the 2007-2008 Stewardship Drive will begin to raise money to allow our parish programs, staff, and ministries to continue in Georgetown and well beyond. During the week of 2 September, parishioners will receive information detailing our programs for the coming year.

All sorts of demands will be made on us during this busy time of the year. Let these words of Scripture from the Book of Joshua (24:15) guide us each and every day, "Choose this day whom you will serve...but as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord." May Saint John's continue to be such a household.



Church Mouse Chit Chat I....

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

Out to the Ball Game

All 80 seats have been “sold out” for the last Washington Nationals game at RFK on **Sunday, September 23.**

Since the game begins at 12:05 some changes have been made in the Sunday services for St. John’s baseball fans.

- The 9 o’clock service will be the same as always.
- There will be Sunday School and an Adult Education program at 10 o’clock.
- In addition, there will be a “Said Service” at 10 o’clock in the church. There will also be a regular though somewhat shorter 11 o’clock service for those not hurrying to the game.
(Please see page 3 for further information.)

Summer Social Trips

While the social outing for September will be the baseball game, Saturday trips continued during July and August.

St. Matthew’s in July

Fifteen parishioners and friends visited St. Matthew’s Roman Catholic Cathedral on July 21. They found the interior with its restored mosaics spectacular.

Afterwards the group enjoyed the nearby exhibits at the National Geographic Museum

(especially the interactive weather exhibit and the gift shop). The trip ended with lunch together at Pizza Kitchen.

Phillips Gallery in August

Ten parishioners stayed in town on August 18th to enjoy an exhibit of American paintings reflecting the influence of the French Impressionists at the lovely Phillips Gallery.

The café and shop have been newly renovated, where all had a tasty lunch.

Encompassing the Globe

While it is not on any St. John’s “tour”, your associate editor recommends the exhibit at Smithsonian’s Sackler Gallery. “Encompassing the Globe” charts the explorations of the Portuguese in the 16th and 17th centuries. Their naval empire stretched from Brazil eastward to Japan. This fabulous exhibit ends September 16.

Manna Fund Raiser

On **Saturday, September 8** at 7:30pm, Manna Inc. – which builds homes for low income DC residents and which St. John’s has supported for many years – will hold a Honky Tonk Confidential fund raiser at Mackey’s Public House at 1823 L St., \$25 entry charge. For information, call 202-832-1845, or www.mannadc.org

“Top” to Retire

Sgt. Major Ludwell Brown

(Top) will retire Sept 14 after six years of dedicated and unwavering service to the people of St John’s. Hired by our late Rector, The Rev. Margaret Graham, Sgt. Major Brown has been our Facilities Manager and caterer-in-residence. We will miss his “can do” attitude and warm welcome to all who enter our doors.

“Top” says that being at St. John’s “has been an inspiration to me and to my ministry with so many people here doing so much for others.” He especially cites Rector **Meg Graham**, who shared her teachings, and **Mike Applin** with his Outreach program. “Top” has been pastor at Mt. Zion Baptist Church in Culpepper, VA, for four years and at Mt. Calvary Baptist Church in Madison County, VA, for 13 years.

He has watched both grow in facilities, land and people under his leadership. Without the commute from Culpepper to DC, he will be able to devote more time to outreach efforts in his own churches.

Belenky-Smiths to Austria

Jane Belenky-Smith, husband **Tim Smith**, son **Aiden** and daughter **Maggie** have relocated to Vienna, Austria, for three years. Tim, a Foreign Service Officer, will be with one of the UN agencies there.



Church Mouse Chit Chat II....

Special Issues Dinner

Save the date – **Thursday, October 11.** It will be a very special dinner, talk and discussion featuring **Adrian Cronauer**, who was the radio DJ portrayed by Robin Williams in the movie “**Good Morning, Vietnam!**”.

Mr. Cronauer has been through various careers since his DJ days in Vietnam – he has owned an advertising agency, managed a radio station, been a TV news anchorman, taught broadcasting at a university level and was Senior Attorney and Corporate Vice President of the law firm of Burch & Cronauer specializing in communications law.

These days he is the Special Assistant to the Director, Defense Prisoner of War/Missing Personnel Office at the Pentagon. He will speak to us on Oct. 11 about the MIAs, describing how his department prevents Americans from being taken prisoner; how it follows up on reports of Americans being held prisoner; how it goes about finding, retrieving, identifying and returning the missing to their families.

Recovering and identifying the missing is an enormous undertaking, for almost 18,000 Americans are still unaccounted for from World War II until the present day in Iraq.

Mr. Cronauer’s presentation should be fascinating, and there may be another movie in there somewhere.

Martha Wilson is organizing this event. Contact her at marthawilson@towervillas.com or 703-524-3125 to reserve your seat in Blake Hall. There will be a modest donation to cover the cost of the meal.

Read the “Sentinel” On-Line

If your latest edition of *The Sentinel* is suddenly re-cycled and you have forgotten to mark the date of the **Issues Dinner**, you can read the details on St. John’s revitalized website, www.stjohnsgeorgetown.org. Besides *The Sentinel*, you will find:

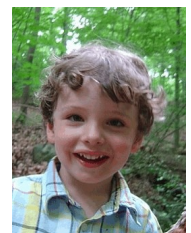
- ❖ Information for lay service participants on your schedule and readings.
- ❖ Forms and packets you can print out for weddings and baptisms.
- ❖ Contact information for clergy, staff, vestry and committee chairs.
- ❖ Information about the many organizations our Outreach program supports.
- ❖ Discover our exciting Young Persons and Adult Christian Education programs.
- ❖ Be able to read or print a short history of St. John’s.
- ❖ Links to the Preschool and other websites.

An active website allows St. John’s to continue reaching out to newcomers and those who seek a parish home in the Episcopal church.

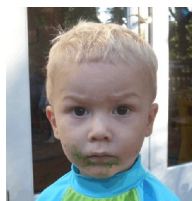
Contact **Dustin Cole, Parish Administrator**, at dustincole.stjohns@verizon.net or 202-338-2360 with suggestions about the site or a planned parish event you would like to have included in the calendar.

!! Happy Birthdays !!

Nick Boyle writes that his son, **James Boyle**, turned “a big four years old on August 5th.”..... **Maggie Hill** will turn five on September 30.....**Timothy Allen**,



Nick Boyle



Timothy Allen

son of Joan and Jonathan, turned two in July. He celebrated by covering his face with green icing!.....

..... **Tom Morgan** and **Ken Youngert** became grandparents for the first time when Tom’s daughter gave birth to a boy, Casey Lanagan..... Others celebrating birthdays this month

include: **Frida Burling, Virginia Schubert, Liza Hodskins, Antonia Kristinus, Ben Sutherland, Hadley Flanagan, Katy Rosaaen, and Vincent Griski.**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<h1>September</h1>						
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						4:00 – Wedding Rehearsal
2 9 & 11 – Worship 10 – Sunday School 10 – Adult Forum 4:00–Wedding	3 LABOR DAY Office Closed	4	5 11:30–Senior Lunch 5:30 – Centering Prayer with Holy Eucharist, Chapel	6	7 11:30–Senior Lunch 3:00 – Wedding Rehearsal 4:00 – Wedding Rehearsal	8 3:00 – Wedding 4:00 – Wedding
9 RENEWAL SUNDAY 9 & 11 – Worship 10 – Sunday School 10 – Adult Forum	10 11:30–Senior Lunch 6:30 – Grate Patrol	11	12 <i>(First of Ramadan)</i> 11:30–Senior Lunch 5:30 – Centering Prayer with Holy Eucharist, Chapel	13 <i>(Rash Hashanah)</i>	14 11:30–Senior Lunch 3:00 – Wedding Rehearsal 5:00 – Wedding Rehearsal	15 <i>Last day for information, photos for Parish Directory</i> 11:00 – Wedding 6:00 – Wedding
16 9 & 11 – Worship 10 – Sunday School 10 – Adult Forum	17 11:30–Senior Lunch	18 6:30 – PAC Night, Blake Hall: dinner, gatherings, compline	19 11:30–Senior Lunch 5:30 – Centering Prayer with Holy Eucharist, Chapel	20	21 11:30–Senior Lunch 6:00 – Wedding Rehearsal	22 <i>(Yum Kippur)</i> 5:30 – Wedding 6:30 – Grate Patrol
23 9 & 11–Worship 10 – “Said” service 10 – Adult Forum 10 – Sunday School 12:05 – Washington National’s Game	24 11:30–Senior Lunch	25	26 11:30–Senior Lunch 5:30 – Centering Prayer with Holy Eucharist, Chapel	27	28 11:30–Senior Lunch 4:00 – Wedding Rehearsal 5:00 – Wedding Rehearsal	29 10 to 2 – First Inquirers Class, led by clergy, in Chapel 4:00 – Wedding 6:00 – Wedding
30 9 – Worship 10 – Adult Forum 10 – Sunday School 11– Morning Prayer	1 OCTOBER 11:30–Senior Lunch	2	3 11:30–Senior Lunch 5:30 – Centering Prayer with Holy Eucharist, Chapel	4	5 11:30–Senior Lunch	6

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