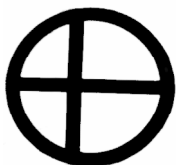


Special points of interest:

- Mark your calendar for Confirmation
- Yard Sale (Woo Hoo!)
- Save the Dates



Top Ten Things you always wanted to know about the 2010 St. George's Spring Yard Sale (but were afraid to ask):

10: It takes place on Saturday, May 8, 2010 from 8:00AM to 2:00PM

9: It's held Rain for Shine (in Miller Hall and the Narthex so we don't get drenched or sunburned)

8: It's a great way to clean out rooms, basements or garages!

7: The items you donate are tax deductible!

6: You can drop off your donated items to St. George's Church between 7:00-9:00 PM on May 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, or 7th! (That's right. 3 days more than last year). Are those bad times for you? You can call the church office (301-262-3285) to make an appointment to drop off your items.

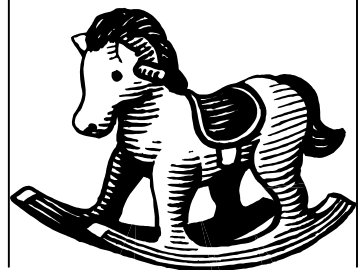
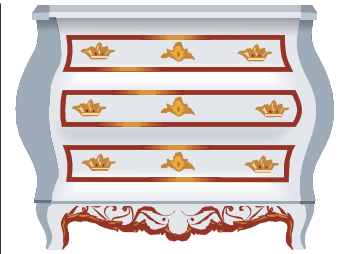
5: We can use volunteers to help set up and price items on any of the above dates—sign up sheets are in the narthex!

4: We can use volunteers to help out in many ways at the Yard Sale on May 8th—once again, sign up sheets are in the narthex!

3: We sell lunch at the Yard Sale too (hotdogs, hamburgers and veggies options too). We welcome donations of money or food. Donations of food accepted!

2: We sell baked good at the Yard Sale! Donations of baked goods are greatly appreciated.

1: Mary Koster is the coordinator! so if you are interested in helping out, please contact Mary at maryflairdc@yahoo.com or 202-251-8894



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From the Rector

Dear Friends,

This May we are firmly in the season of Easter. It is not hard to see signs of spring all around us right now, and perhaps we can see signs of resurrection as well. The new life Jesus offers us in the resurrection is meant to be something tangible, and something we can hold on to. This is meant to be true throughout the year, but is perhaps especially true during the Easter season.

Here at St. George's, May is going to be a full and no doubt wonderful month. Starting it off we have the Confirmation Service on May 1 at the National Cathedral, where twelve members of St. George's will make a special commitment to their faith. The confirmands have worked very hard over the past sev-

eral months and I hope you will celebrate with them.

I also want to make a special invitation to everyone to come and bring a dish to share at the International Potluck meal on Sunday, May 23 – the Day of Pentecost. The idea is to bring some food to share that connects with your country or origin or your cultural tradition, as we gather in Miller Hall and share food and fellowship following the 10:00 service. I hope you will participate.

I also want to mention that St. George's has been through a significant leadership transition in the past few months. As you may remember, we elected seven vestry members (out of nine) at the end of February; six of those seven were new to vestry. Also, we have a new bookkeeper, Pat Hulme, in place, and a new treasurer on board, Richard Koster. This is a lot of transition, and

I want you to know that things are going well. The vestry is working hard, as are the bookkeeper and treasurer, all to make sure that things go smoothly here at church as we work to be faithful stewards of this wonderful place God has entrusted to us. A special thanks goes to Marion DePriest, who continued the duties as treasurer while we worked out some logistical issues. Please thank Marion the next time you see her.

St. George's has much to be grateful for as we celebrate the number of gifts that God has given us, the gift of our community of faith and all of the people who lead it and make it the special place that it is. With all of us who have found a home here, I hope you will join me in giving thanks for all of our shared blessings.

In Christ,
Connie+

Confirmation and Reaffirmation – Saturday May 1

St. George's has a big celebration coming up - on Saturday May 1 at 10:00 am at the National Cathedral, twelve members of St. George's will participate in the Service of Confirmation. Eight St. Georgians are to be confirmed; they are Gene Ferrick, Chris Nickas, Stephen Haselton, David Hoke, David Warn, Billy McNeel, Mike Burger, and James Hsu. In addition, Mary Koster, Rich Koster, Roy

Peterson, and Becky Sunday will re-affirm their baptismal vows. As a bonus, St. George's was asked to provide a reader for the service, and James Hsu is going to read a lesson. Altogether, this should be a wonderful service and a fitting end to the work they have done learning about God, the church, and each other over these past months. You can support this group in several ways. First, you are invited

and encouraged to come to the service on May 1 at the National Cathedral and cheer them on. If you can't make it to the service, you can pray for the twelve of them as they prepare for their Confirmation/Reaffirmation. Also, we are having a congregational celebration on Sunday, May 2nd after the 10:00 service, and you can plan to be present for that.



A New Way to Participate in the Prayers: the Prayer Basket

In order to enhance our sense of mutual engagement in prayer, we will be experimenting with an addition to the prayers of the people during Sunday morning worship. Here's how it will work: If you have a prayer request, you can write it on a slip of paper at the prayer table in the nar-

thex (under the prayer white-board) and drop it in the prayer basket any time before



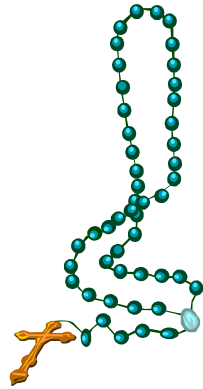
the service begins. If you would like to read one of these prayers during the service, take a slip out of the basket before going into the sanctuary. Then, at the appropriate time during the prayers of the people, read the prayer request you have taken. Make sure you read in a loud voice

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Save the Dates

Prayer Bead Ministry at St. George's - Help Out on May 2 and May 16

This spring St. George's became a partner with the diocesan prayer ministry On Beads of Prayer. What this means is that members of St. George's who are interested make sets of prayer beads, which go to soldiers serving in Iraq and Afghanistan. Rosa Soliz has taken the lead on this ministry, and we are in need of two things. One is a co-leader with Rosa, and the other is your partici-



ation. In May, following the 10:00 service on May 2 and May 16, everyone is invited to make a set of prayer beads or two. The materials and any needed instruction are provided by members of the St. George's prayer bead ministry. Please plan to help if you can! If you are interested in working with Rosa on this ministry, please contact her or speak to Connie+.

Special Liturgy on Tuesday, May 4

On Tuesday May 4 at 7 p.m. St. George's will be offering the fourth of four services which have been focused on the cycles of the earth. This service, celebrating the fullness of spring, will include drumming as a central component. All are welcome and invited to attend.

Upcoming Sunday School Dates

May 9 and
May 23
June 6

Funeral for Parker Brown

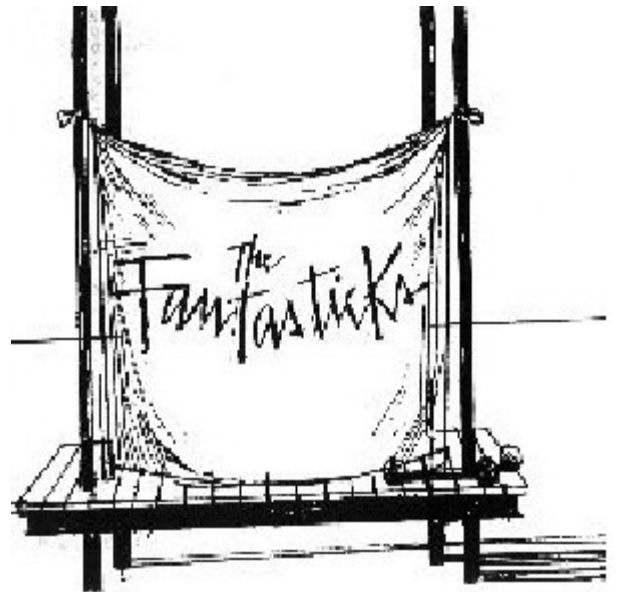
Parker Brown, a former St. Georgian, passed away this winter. There will be a memorial service for Parker on Sunday, May 16 at 2 pm at St. George's.



St. George's Players is pleased to announce their spring production

The Fantasticks a 1960 musical with music by Harvey Schmidt and lyrics by Tom Jones. It tells an allegorical story, loosely based on the play "The Romanesques" ("Les Romanesques") by Edmond Rostand, concerning two fathers who put up a wall between their houses to ensure that their children fall in love, because they know that children always do what their parents forbid. After the children do

fall in love, they discover their fathers' plot and they each go off and experience things in the world. They return to each other and the love they had, having learned from the world and made an informed decision. Elements of the play are ultimately drawn from the story of Pyramus and Thisbe, winding through Shakespeare's Romeo and Juliet and A Midsummer Night's Dream as well as Donizetti's L'Elisir d'Amore and Rostand's play.



Anyone able to help underwrite the cost of royalties for this show can submit their check made payable to St. George's Church with "Players" written in the memo section of the check. Thank you for your support.

St. George's Players

Spring show

May

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28, 29 & 30

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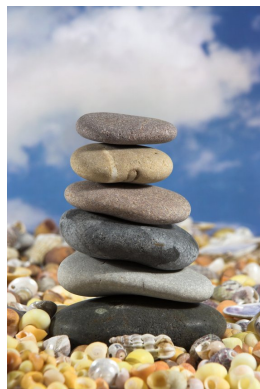
The mission of St. George's is to build a Christian community of love and support that actively seeks and includes all people.

We commit ourselves to spiritual growth through worship and education that empowers us to follow Christ's example in the

Looking for Volunteers for a Healing Ministry

In 2009, as we worshiped together with St. James, one of the gifts of our time together was the healing prayers that were offered during the 10:00 service. At the time, that was possible because there were two clergy leading the service. However, one does not need to be ordained in order to lead healing prayers. We would like to see if there is interest from members of the congregation in learning about healing prayer and offering it again at the 10:00 service; this would be a lay-led initiative. The rector

interested and see if we could get this ministry going. If you would like to participate, please call or email Connie+ - 301-262-3285 or rectorstgeo@verizon.net. We will plan to have a meeting of anyone interested sometime in May.



Adult Education in May

Starting on April 25 and continuing through the month of May, the Adult Education group will be engaging in a six part study on the Parables of Jesus. The study will take us to gain a better understanding of how Jesus used parables and why they remain a relevant and insightful part of our faith and daily life. Please join in this sharing of thoughts and insights as we look deeper at our holy scriptures and Jesus' teachings. Adult Education meets at 9:00 on Sunday mornings in Miller Hall; all are invited and welcome to participate.

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that can be heard by all. The prayer leader will take any unclaimed prayers from the basket and read them. We hope this form of prayer will draw us closer together. We will fine-tune as needed. Please consider participating!