

# *This Week at St. John's*

*January 27, 2008*

## **About the Readings**

### **Isaiah 9:1-4**

The prophet wrote this poem about the Messiah who was to come. It is impossible to read it without seeing in it a full-blown description of our Lord and his mission.

### **Psalms 27:1, 5-13**

Here are two psalms which have been put together. The first (vss. 1-8) expresses an unshakable trust in God. The second (vss. 9-17) is the lament of one who is in need of help in great distress.

### **I Corinthians 1:10-18**

The oneness of God's people is, in every age, threatened by the bickering littleness of individuals. This was in part the reason why Paul wrote the epistle. Our oneness is in Christ, not people. Later he elaborates on this theme by explaining that the Church is one body, not many, and by giving content to the meaning of love.

### **Matthew 4:12-23**

After the arrest of John the Baptist, Jesus begins his public ministry. Almost immediately he began to gather about him a group of disciples, intimate and constant followers, who became after the crucifixion-resurrection the nucleus of the new body of called-out people, the Christian Church.

(Commentary from *Sunday's Scriptures: An Interpretation* by William Sydnor)

## *Announcements*

**Visitors:** We are glad you have chosen to worship with us at St. John's this morning, and invite you to enjoy coffee and fellowship in the parish hall after the service.

**Altar Flowers:** Altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in memory of Charles and Natalie Petterson, Sr., and Charles Petterson, Jr. by St. Mary's Altar Guild.

**Child care** is provided from 9:15 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. An usher will assist you.

**The Outreach Ministry Group** is collecting "Emergency Food" donations to help Mid-town families during the winter months. Please think of this need as you go shopping this winter.

**Please pick up** your 2008 offering envelopes in the parish hall and your 2008 calendars in the front hall.

**Superbowl:** The Super Bowl Party in the parish hall on Sunday, February 3, beginning at 5:00 p.m., promises to be a great time with a planned "Texas Hold'Em Poker Tournament," hot dogs with all the trimmings, chili, soft drinks, other goodies and, of course, "the game!" Please bring a snack to share and BYOB.

## **About the Episcopal Church**

**High Altar:** In a church building with several altars, the altar that is most centrally and prominently located, usually at the east end of the building. It is often literally "high up," mounted on a platform of several steps.

# Intercessions This Week

**In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer**, we pray for the Church of Bangladesh, and for the Rt. Rev. Paul Sishir Sarkar.

**In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer**, we pray for St. Mary's Church, Fayette (a partner congregation of NERM), and for the Postulants and Candidates for the Diaconate: Jeff Bell, Sharron Heathman, Leslie Hoover, Nancy Nevins, Sherrill Russell, and Helen Whitsitt.

## Birthdays

Jan. 27 Gary Benskin  
 Jan. 28 Lyle Gladfelter  
 Jan. 28 Shirley Hubbell  
 Jan. 29 Debora Bond  
 Alice Richardson  
 Jan. 30 Della Hosutt  
 Janie Lassley  
 Stacey Nelson  
 Jan. 31 James S. Anderson  
 Enid Harris

## Anniversary

Jan. 28 John & Gwen Walstrand

## Faithful Departed

Jan. 28 Hazel Dugan  
 May Fendlason  
 Lenora Wells  
 Mabel Bowman Whitlock  
 Jan. 29 Josephine Lea  
 Jan. 31 Garold E. Baker  
 Lona Goss  
 William H. Schaller  
 Nicholas Weigel  
 Feb. 2 Edward Baker

## Prayer Requests

|          |          |
|----------|----------|
| Terri    | Maxine   |
| Gladys   | Dee      |
| Ruth     | Susan    |
| Ken      | Lauretta |
| Rachel   | Jerry    |
| Pamela   | Dixie    |
| Buddy    | Mirth    |
| Carmon   | Mary     |
| Darryl   | Tony     |
| Carolyn  | Karol    |
| Harry    | David    |
| Joe      | Sandra   |
| Emelia   | Louis    |
| Kathleen | Laura    |
| Betty    | Kevin    |
| Debbie   | Brenda   |
| Angie    | Barbara  |
| Hayden   | Nate     |
| Peggy    | Bill     |
| Ron      | Mona     |
| Kathy    | Douglas  |
| Eddie    | Becky    |
| Ron      | Tanya    |
| Alberta  | Don      |
| Larry    | Gene     |
| Margi    | Kathi    |
| Louis    | Josh     |

## Calendar

|                   |            |                             |
|-------------------|------------|-----------------------------|
| <b>Sunday</b>     | 8:00 a.m.  | <b>Mass— Rite I</b>         |
| <b>January 27</b> | 9:30 a.m.  | Rector's Forum              |
| (3 Epiphany)      |            | Youth Class                 |
|                   | 10:15 a.m. | Church School               |
|                   | 10:30 a.m. | <b>Mass— Rite II</b> (sung) |
| <b>Monday</b>     | 9:00 a.m.  | Morning Prayer              |
| <b>January 28</b> | 5:30 p.m.  | Evening Prayer              |
| (Thomas Aquinas)  | 6:00 p.m.  | <b>Mass</b>                 |
| <b>Tuesday</b>    | 9:00 a.m.  | Morning Prayer              |
| <b>January 29</b> | 5:30 p.m.  | Evening Prayer              |
| (Feria)           | 6:00 p.m.  | <b>Mass</b>                 |
| <b>Wednesday</b>  | 9:00 a.m.  | Morning Prayer              |
| <b>January 30</b> | 5:30 p.m.  | Evening Prayer              |
| (Charles Stuart)  | 6:00 p.m.  | <b>Mass</b>                 |
|                   | 6:30 p.m.  | Dinner                      |
|                   | 7:00 p.m.  | Choir                       |
|                   |            | Adult Bible Study           |
| <b>Thursday</b>   | 9:00 a.m.  | Morning Prayer              |
| <b>January 31</b> | 10:00 a.m. | St. Clare's Crafters        |
| (Feria)           | 12:00 a.m. | <b>Mass</b> and anointing   |
|                   | 5:30 p.m.  | Evening Prayer              |
| <b>Friday</b>     |            |                             |
| <b>February 1</b> |            |                             |
| (Brigid Abbess    |            |                             |
| of Kildare)       |            |                             |
| <b>Saturday</b>   | 8:00 a.m.  | <b>Mass</b>                 |
| <b>February 2</b> | 8:30 a.m.  | Brotherhood of St. Andrew   |
| (The Presentation |            |                             |
| of Our Lord Jesus |            |                             |
| Christ)           |            |                             |
| <b>Sunday</b>     | 8:00 a.m.  | <b>Mass— Rite I</b>         |
| <b>February 3</b> |            | <i>Brotherhood Brunches</i> |
| (Last Sunday      | 9:30 a.m.  | Rector's Forum              |
| after Epiphany)   |            | Youth Class                 |
|                   | 10:15 a.m. | Church School               |
|                   | 10:30 a.m. | <b>Mass— Rite II</b> (sung) |
|                   | 5:00 p.m.  | Superbowl Party             |

“What do you have that you did not receive?” asks the Apostle Paul (1 Corinthians 4:7). The world admires the “self-made person,” one who has started with little or nothing and has turned it into millions. While we should respect those who work hard and use their gifts wisely, we need to remember that it is God who is the giver of those gifts and that God gives those gifts for a reason: “You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God through us . . .” (2 Corinthians 9:11).

Names submitted by parishioners will remain on the parish intercession list for 30 days. After 30 days, the names will be removed, unless they are resubmitted. There is no limit on how many times a prayer request can be renewed. This new policy will allow the clergy to better manage the official prayer list of the parish. If you have

**What is  
your legacy to God's Church?**