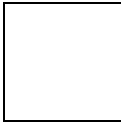


The St. James' Messenger
204 Lee Street
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St. James seeks to be a community that grows more Christlike, expressing the love of Jesus Christ in our worship, our outreach, and our commitment to discipleship.

ST. JAMES MESSENGER

HOLY WEEK & EASTER
2024



MARCH 24TH PALM SUNDAY
PROCESSION OF PALMS/
LITURGY OF THE PASSION
8:00AM & 10:15AM

MARCH 28TH MAUNDY THURSDAY
10:00AM EUCHARIST & ANOINTING
7:00 PM. EUCHARIST &
STRIPPING THE ALTAR

Join us on Thursday, March 28th, at 6:00 PM in the Parish Hall for a special presentation by Court Hintze entitled, “**The Miracle That Jesus Left Behind.**” He will discuss the history of the Shroud of Turin. We will conclude in time to begin the Maundy Thursday service.



MARCH 29TH GOOD FRIDAY
12:00 P.M. NOON SERVICE
W/ RESERVED COMMUNION
5:30 P.M. WALKING THE WAY OF THE CROSS

MARCH 31ST EASTER SUNDAY
7:00 AM, SUNRISE EUCHARIST
IN THE COURTYARD
8:15 AM EUCHARIST RITE I
9:00 AM EASTER EGG HUNT
10:15 EUCHARIST RITE II W/YOUTH AND
ADULT CHOIRS



MARCH 2024

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Sunday services are livestreamed at 10:15 AM:
Go to YouTube and type “**Leesburg Stjames**” or
visit our **Facebook** page.



CHURCH VESTRY & STAFF

Rector: Rev’d Thomas Trees
Assisting Deacon: Rev’d Art Hollows
Parish Organist/Choir Director: John Wilson
Youth Ministry and Choir Director: Elizabeth Williams
Treasurer: Linda Weekley
Parish Secretary: Denise Cornett
Finance Secretary: Pat Schaefer
Sexton: Wylie Hill
Housekeeping: Diane Smith
Vestry Members: Bill Binneveld, Rita Clements, Terri Galyon (Senior Warden), Linda Grizzard, David Knowles, Drew Logan (Junior Warden), Mackie McCabe, Stuart Mowatt, Marvin Naylor, Dan Robuck, Dick Singeltary, Linda Weekley

St. James Prayer List
Call the Church Office (352)787-1981 with additions/deletions

LONG TERM

Judy Cable
Dottie Elliott & Family
Charles Hay
Charles Stephens
Jim Mitchell
Doug Springmann
Paul Smigel
Dot Vedder
Fr. Bill Boyer
Larry Bonofiglio
Mabel Burns
Kathryn Knight
Pratt Carter

Shirley Long
Hailey Williams
Brian Tuttle
Kurt Cessna
Tom Robertshaw
Rhonda Jones
George and Honey
Gfroerer
Mondeson Mondesir
Janet Davis
Olive
Nick Martin
Brandon Morrison

SHORT TERM

Carol Davis
Brian Hollows
Dee Kermode
Lisa Allen
Harold Jackson
Ron Vedder



PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

A prayer shawl ministry is a ministry of compassion and the love of knitting or crocheting. The shawls are a source of God’s unconditional love, wrapped around a person for comfort and solace, for people going through difficult times as well as times of celebration and joy.
If you are interested in this Ministry you may contact.
Joyce Walworth 727-517-5078 or joywalw2@gmail.com

GRIEF SUPPORT

The Grief Support Gathering meets on the
First Thursday of every month at 3:00 PM at the Coffee Snob.
Our next meeting is March 7th
“Recalling Memories that Make us Smile”
Coffee Snob - 1101 North Blvd. W, Ste. #1 Leesburg
Want to find out more? Contact Susan Cyrus at (352) 636-8969



Easter Flowers

If you would like to make a donation of \$17.00 to our Easter Flower Fund in honor of a loved one, please complete this form, and return it, along with your donation, by **Friday, March 22nd**. The names of all donors and honorees will be included in the Easter bulletin if received **no later than Friday, March 22nd**.

Name: _____

In Thanksgiving for: _____

In Memory of: _____

Phone No: _____

MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST

Join us for our **Men's Prayer Breakfast** on **Wednesday, March 20, 2024, at 8:00am** in the Parish Hall. We will have a Bible study on the upcoming Sunday's Lectionary readings. Join us!

THURSDAY BIBLE STUDY

Jeff Brooke-Stewart's Bible study on Thursdays at 6:30 PM in the Parish Hall. They have begun their series on The Book of Acts. There is plenty of time to join! They are currently in the second chapter, covering the Day of Pentecost.

FROM JOHN, OUR ORGANIST...

We are recruiting singers for Easter and/or Pentecost Sunday. No long term commitments! Come sing with us and be part of a wonderful ministry here at St. James. Beginners are most welcome and encouraged to give choir a try.

ST. JAMES INTERGENERATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL

Our **Red Letter Edition** Sunday School meets at 9:00 AM in the Parish Hall. For each lesson we seek to apply the words and actions of Jesus in a lively and interactive setting, focusing on the Sunday's Gospel reading. Breakfast is included!

Our schedule for March is as follows:

March 3rd– John 2:13–22

Jesus Overturns Tables

March 10th– John 3:14–21

God So Loved the World

March 17th – John 12:20–33

Unless a Grain of Wheat Dies...



March 24th– Palm Sunday

March 31st– Easter

CONNECT ORIENTATION SERIES

March 2024

The next presentation of the Connect Orientation Series will start on February 11th. These sessions are designed to present information about several aspects of worshiping at St. James, and they are open to everyone -- "newcomers" and "old-timers" alike.

All sessions are held in the Meeting Room in the St. Nicholas House. They run from 9:15 to 9:45. No registration is necessary -- just show up.

Series Schedule:

March 10: Ministry and Missions at St. James

March 17: "Why We Do What We Do"-- Understanding the Service at St. James

ECW UPDATE

The March General Meeting will be held on March 5th. The Board meeting will commence at 9.00am and the General Meeting , hosted by St. Cecilia’s Chapter, begins at 10.00am. The program will feature Boggy Hill Camp and will be presented by the Major Gift Officer Wendy Proctor.

Chapter meetings take place on Tuesday, March 19th. Sherry Lash would like to remind members that the ECW Interest Questionnaires are in the back of the church. Please consider completing this survey. Your opinions help ECW better serve its membership.

Shirley Dunne will continue collecting donations of costume jewelry for Leesburg Elementary School until April 1st. This program enables children in the Second Grade to present a gift to their mothers and grandmothers on Mother’s Day.

Ronald McDonald House-Meg Bremmer
At the last general Meeting Meg Bremer announced an exciting development in ECW’s mission to support the Ronald McDonald House in Orlando. Nine of our members are going to provide dinner for 30 to 35 guests in the Arnold Palmer House at the Ronald McDonald House on March 27th. RMH has a Wish List which includes a variety of items. Paper towels, toilet tissue and Keurig cups for coffee are always welcome. If you purchase your donations locally, please place them in the box in the Parish Hall. If you prefer, you can go online to Ronald McDonald Amazon Wish List, <http://www.rmhccf.org> and scroll over to “get involved, then down to wish lists, check items, then on to amazon. These donations will help make the guests at the RMH feel more at home.

Thanks for the huge number of Pop Tops that you donated. Meg will deliver them on March 27th. The Pop Top collection will continue through March, so keep pulling Ladies!

MONTHLY FOOD DROP

Hearts were happy and full of giving to the FEBRUARY FOOD DROP! It was a bit warmer for volunteers, Terri and Van Galyon, Tanina Singeltary, Jan Tindall and Rita Clements who met 22 cars and several “walk-ins” delivering food and money for the LEESBURG FOOD BANK.

COLLECTED:	760 pounds of food	\$525.00
TOTAL TO DATE:	40,954 pounds of food	\$49,202.00

Thank you, thank you for your loyal support as the need is great.
Thanks be to God for gifts beyond words! 2 Corinthians 9:15
Looking forward to the March 20th FOOD DROP from 9:00-12:00. Blessings to you all.

MEET OUR VESTRY!

With our new season underway, we’d like to thank our members of the Vestry who have committed to serve in leadership at St. James. They are:

Class of 2027



Bill Binneveld



Rita Clements



Stuart Mowatt



Marvin Naylor

Class of 2026



Terri Galyon
(Senior Warden)



Linda Grizzard



Dan Robuck



Dick Singeltary

Class of 2025



David Knowles



Drew Logan
(Junior Warden)



Mackie McCabe



Linda Weekley

LIBRARY CORNER

EASTER SUNDAY, OUR MOST SACRED CHRISTIAN EVENT IS CELEBRATED ON MARCH 31st this year. As you know, Easter is a movable feast, which arrives on the first Sunday after the Paschal Moon (full moon) following the Vernal Equinox, the arrival of Spring. All the celebration symbols connected with Easter are connected with the idea of new life and purity: eggs, bunnies, lambs, lilies, hot cross buns...make time to read about this wonderful part of our year, either on-line or in one of the books about Easter on the library book truck located in the parish hall.
Wishing you a HAPPY EASTER,
Margaret, St. James Librarian



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| 1 Bill Mann | 20 Nathan Battle |
| 2 James Battle | 21 Gordon Oldham |
| 3 James Walworth | 21 Gus Grizzard |
| 4 Lee Curry | 23 Mark Steeves |
| 6 Anna Delgado | 23 Barbara Morgan |
| 8 Tony Cobb | 23 Gideon Williams |
| 9 George Rebusmen | 24 Janet Davis |
| 9 Ted Wolf | 24 Maggie Graham |
| 10 Barbara Demaline | 25 Gail Ostrander |
| 12 Charles Tucker | 25 John Meier |
| 12 Caroline Walling | 25 Jessica Graham |
| 13 George Singeltary | 25 Mandy Cauthen |
| 15 Kristen Bowersox | 26 Terri Galyon |
| 16 Rita Clements | 27 Meg Bremer |
| 16 Jennifer Seamans | 27 Dan Tenwinkel |
| 17 Shirley Fiebke | 28 Linda Grizzard |
| 17 Scott Braun | 28 James Logan |
| 17 Audrey Logan | 30 Robert Hooker |
| 19 Lucy Trees | 30 Kaitlyn Waddell |



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| 6 Alberto and Marie Gan |
| 16 Courtland and Linda Hintze |
| 19 Collin and Jeanmarie York |
| 23 Thomas and Kathleen Trees |
| 25 Simon and Katie Van Beek |
| 30 Keith and Mary Burnett |

JODY'S GIFT SHOP

The shop has taken on some updates of physical arrangements through the help from Bert Sofield who built some great display shelves. Many new items will have a home for display to include HOMEMADE JAMS, JELLIES PRESERVES . PLEASE JOIN US FOR A TASTE DOLLOP ON MARCH 13th! YUM!

Thank you, Sharon McCabe for organizing the Valentine Bake Sale as \$617.00 will be given to St. James ECW Charitable Gifts. Thanks to all of you who donated and purchased delicious sweets for this successful event. Continuing with the Valentine Celebration, Patti Wolf and Sharon McCabe filled beautiful vases from the shop with flowers that were sold at the Pancake Supper to those who were reminded it was Valentines "time". Fun for all as all the arrangements were sold.

Spring continues to arrive in the shop with the addition of items for self, children and gifts for others. COME VISIT. WE as ECW Volunteers look forward to visiting with you while supporting our CHARITABLE GIFTS PROJECTS. YOU ARE APPRECIATED.



The Daughters of the King meet the second Wednesday of each month at 2:00PM in the Parish Hall. Our next meeting will be on **March 13, 2024 at 2 pm.** Fr. Tom will lead a study on the language of Atonement in the Eucharist. All women are invited and welcome to attend.

A GRAND THANK YOU!



Many thanks to all of you who participated in the ECW Grand Auction on February 9th, whether by donating, or attending and bidding! Altogether we collected over \$14,000 to support the ECW Outreach Budget, which supports several ministries, local and beyond. Well done!

Need to Meet with Fr. Tom?

If you would like to come by the church to meet with Fr. Tom, he will be available on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 10:00 am to noon, and Thursdays from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm.. If you would like to arrange for other times to meet, you can contact him by phone or text at (352) 643-1182, or by email at frtrees@stjames-leesburg.org.



2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 3rd Sunday in Lent 8:00 Eucharist 9:00 Sunday School 10:15 Eucharist	4 6:30 Stephen Ministry	5 9:00 ECW Board Mtg 10:00 ECW General Mtg	6 12:00 Coffee & Philos. 4:00 Jubilate 7:00 Adult Choir	7 10:00 Healing & Anointing Service 3:00 Grief Support 6:30 Bible Study	8	9
10 4th Sunday in Lent 8:00 Eucharist 9:00 Sunday School 10:15 Eucharist 	11 7:00 Ukulele Lessons	12	13 12:00 Coffee & Philos. 2:00 DOK 4:00 Jubilate 7:00 Adult Choir	14 10:00 Healing & Anointing Service 6:30 Bible Study	15	16
17 5th Sunday in Lent 8:00 Eucharist 9:00 Sunday School 10:15 Eucharist 	18	19 ECW Chapter Meetings	20 8:00 Men's Prayer 12:00 Coffee & Philos. 4:00 Jubilate 5:00 Finance 7:00 Adult Choir	21 10:00 Healing & Anointing Service 6:00 Vestry 6:30 Bible Study	22	23
24 Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday 8:00 Eucharist 10:15 Eucharist	25 7:00 Ukulele Lessons	26	27 12:00 Coffee & Philos. 4:00 Jubilate 7:00 Adult Choir	28 Maundy Thursday 10:00 Healing Service 6:00 The Miracle Jesus Left Behind 7:00 Eucharist/ Stripping the Altar	29 Good Friday 12:00 Eucharist 5:30 Walking the Way of the Cross	30
31 Sunday of the Resurrection: Easter Sunday 7:00 Eucharist 8:15 Eucharist 9:00 Easter Egg Hunt 10:15 Eucharist 