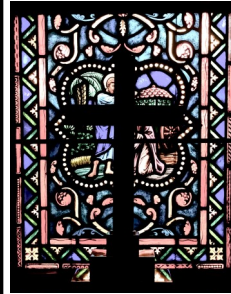


St. James seeks to be a community that grows more Christlike, expressing the love of Jesus Christ in our worship, our outreach, and our commitment to discipleship.

ST. JAMES MESSENGER



An Invitation to a Holy Lent

Starting on
**ASH WEDNESDAY,
MARCH 5TH,**
with the Imposition of Ashes at
8:00 a.m., 12:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.

The 6:00 PM service will include Holy Eucharist, with music and hymns

On the First Sunday in Lent, March 9th, we will read The Great Litany. This rite of penitence goes back to the first Book of Common Prayer in 1549. Our Sunday Eucharists in Lent will be Rite I at both 8:00 and 10:15 AM. Rite I utilizes classical Anglican language, and focuses on Christ's atonement.

We encourage each of you to make a Lenten commitment to attend church, if possible, every Sunday, and take part in at least one opportunity for learning, fellowship and discipleship. Options include:

- The **Spiritual Formation Course**, Tuesdays and Thursdays in Lent
- Intergenerational Sunday School**, Sundays at 9:00.
- The **Connect Series**, March 2nd and 9th at 9:00 AM.
- The **Men's Prayer Breakfast**, the 3rd Wednesday at 8:00 AM.
- The **ECW General Meeting**, the 1st Tuesday at 10:00 AM
- ECW Chapter Meetings**, the 3rd Tuesday at 10:00 AM and 3:30 PM
- The **Daughters of the King**, the 2nd Wednesday at 2:00 PM
- Coffee & Philosophy**, each Wednesday at 12:00 PM at The Coffee Snob.

Before we begin Lent, join us for our
SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER
on March 4th at 6:00 pm in the Parish Hall.

Regular or Gluten Free options are available!



This year, our Pancake Supper will feature a **"TALENT-ISH SHOW"** to raise funds for our Youth Ministry (see further details in this Messenger).

March

2025

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SUNDAY SERVICES **8:00 a.m. & 10:15 a.m.**
HEALING SERVICE: **Every Thursday at 10:00 a.m. in the Chapel**
FR. TREES' CELL & EMAIL: **(352)-643-118 EMAIL: frtrees@stjames-leesburg.org**
OFFICE PHONE: **(352) 787-1981 FAX: (352)787-1021**
OFFICE EMAIL: **office@stjames-leesburg.org**

Please visit our website at: www.stjames-leesburg.org



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

CLERGY AND STAFF

Rector	Rev'd Thomas Trees
Deacon	Rev'd Art Hollows
Parish Secretary	Victoria Mymudes
Finance Secretary	Patricia Schaefer
Parish Organist/Choir Director	John Wilson
Youth Ministry and Choir Director	Elizabeth Williams
Sexton	Wylie Hill

VESTRY MEMBERS

(Senior Warden) Terri Galyon, (Junior Warden) Bert Sofield, (Treasurer) Mary Burnett
Members: Bill Binneveld, Claire Brooks, Rita Clements, Tony Cobb, Susan Cyrus, Linda Grizzard, Stuart Mowatt, Marvin Naylor, Dan Robuck, Dick Singeltary.



St. James Prayer List

**Call the Church Office (352)787-1981 with
additions/deletions**



SHORT TERM
(3 Weeks)

Ted Bedell
Janet Davis
Caroline Morrison
Gail Ostrander
Judy Rigby
Joseph Sahab
Peggy Steeves

SHORT TERM
(3 Months)

Michael Baker
Ted Bedell
Nina Bonney
Margaret Branham
Carole Brook Stewart
Leon Burke
Randy Denk
Paul Rizzo
Danny Thompson

LONG TERM

Baby Autumn
Michael Baker
Patricia Bailey
Nathan Battle
Peggy Berutich
Bill Boyer
Joe Branham
Susan Burden
Mabel Burns
Judy Cable
Beverly Caswell
Cregg Carreins Jr.
Jasmine Cleeton
Birdy Connelley
Larry Coolboth
Kristin Conner
Beth Crossley
Paul Dallaire
Berni Dodeci

David Dudley
Dottie Elliott
Keneta Gaillardet
Fr. Charles Hay
Kami Hecker
Brook James
Ben Johnson
James Kevin Kaley
Susan Leonard
Katie Leware
Linda Long
Bill Mann
Jeff Millett
Becky Mitchell
Jim Mitchell
Brandon Morrison,
Belinda Morton
-Rusk
Jared Mymudes
Curt Oestreich

Cindy Raczkowski
Bubba Robinson
Holly Rouse
Robert Sanchez
Charlie Schaefer
Steve Scharber
Donna Sharnosk
Jameson Small
Shelly Thomas
Dot Vedder
Julitta Velton
Kevin Watkins
Helen Williams
Rob Yeager



MORNING PRAYER & QUIET REFLECTION



The **Daughters of the King**, of the Martha and Mary Chapter, would like to invite all members of the St James Parish family, and visitors, to join us Saturday, March 29th, from 9AM - 12/NOON, for Morning Prayer and Quiet Reflection for this Lenten Season. The service will be led by Art Hollows, Deacon and Sebastiana Springman, Postulate. Readings on Martha and Mary of Bethany along with "Comments on Prayer" by Deacon Art will be an integral part of the service. After the service there will be a break followed by reflection and quiet time for personal and contemplative prayer.

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LIBRARY CORNER

The BIG EVENT FOR MARCH IS LENT

After enjoying those pancakes with trimmings on Shrove Tuesday, (Mardi Gras), the sun will rise on **ASH WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5th**. This is the beginning of the Lenten season. This is when we Christians give up detrimental and foolish habits while we meditate and prepare for EASTERTIDE, 40 days thru the calendar to mid April.

Your Parish Library, Room 6, with the added source on the Parish Hall Book truck, can offer many books of prayers and meditation to lead and support you through this most wonderful season.

Though I, the parish librarian, am “missing in action”, your access to the library is still assured for Thursday mornings from 8:30 a.m. to noon; the book truck collection is always available on Sundays. So check out all the inspirational books we are saving for your Lenten preparation. Reading is a great joy and often you discover ideas and comforts you might have missed.

Wishing happiness, health and comfort, Margaret Branham, P.L.

Our next GRIEF SUPPORT GATHERING is Thursday, March 6th at *The Coffee Snob* after closing. The Meet and Greet will start at 3:00pm with the meeting starting around 3:15pm. Remember if you want to order a drink or something to eat, come earlier.

Our topic for March is “*Finding Joy in the Midst of Grief*”. Dr. Alan Wolfelt says that each of us find meaning in our lives differently, but the best way to find joy in the midst of our grief is living life fully. What has given you joy and meaning through your grief journey?

God's Blessings to you all, Susan Cyrus



Mark Your Calendars for Maundy Thursday!

Once again, “The Last Supper” will be presented by our St. James gentlemen on Thursday, April 17th during the Maundy Thursday service at 7:00 p.m. This is a series of soliloquies by the apostles, based on scripture, and using the setting of the painting by DaVinci.

The New Playground is Open !



Drew Logan dedicated significant time and effort to building the playground for the parish. Moving and reinstalling the playground equipment was no small task.

Thanks to his hard work, along with the support of his family, his company, and numerous volunteers, this playground will provide joy to the children of St. James for many years to come.

YOUTH FUNDRAISER FOR STAGE RISERS

The youth program of St. James continues to grow, and we would love your support as we raise funds for **new convertible stage risers!** Our current stage pieces have been used many times, but it is time for them to be replaced for safety reasons. We are looking to invest in 4 sections of Wenger flipFORMS in black. The cost will be approximately \$6,300.00, and our goal is to have them in time for this year's Christmas program in December. Once purchased, these can be used not only by the youth for music programs and VBS, but any and all church events/programs that could use a bit of a stage or platform. They are incredibly easy to move, set up, clean, and store, which makes them a versatile, smart investment that will benefit many parish groups.



Our first fundraiser will take place this coming **Tuesday, March 4th during the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper!** Join us for an evening of entertainment at the first annual **St. James Talent-ish Show** as we enjoy a variety of spectacles presented by both adults and young people. We encourage you to show support for your favorite acts by making donations as you are able, so please bring cash or checkbook! Food will be served from 6-7:30 pm, and the entertainment will begin at 6:20 pm with winners being announced at 8 pm. This is sure to be fun evening you won't want to miss! Thank you for your support, and we'll see you on Shrove Tuesday!

-Beth Williams, Youth Ministry and Music Director

ECW UPDATE

March 4th General Meeting:

- ECW Board Meeting takes place at 9:00am.
 - ECW General Meeting meets in the Parish Hall at 10:00am.
- The program will feature Dee Collier’s Impersonation of Sabine Bonhoeffer Liebholz, sister of Dietrich Bonhoeffer, who plotted to assassinate Hitler. Hostesses: St. Cecilians.

March 18th Chapter Meetings:

St. Annes Chapter meets in the Parish Hall at 10:00 p.m. Each meeting includes re-freshments, time for fellowship, prayer requests and study. The current study is “A Walk in Love: Episcopal Beliefs and Practices” by Scott Gunn and Melody Wilson Shobe.

St. Cecilians Chapter meets in the Parish Hall at 3.30 p.m. The meetings include refreshments, fellowship and book study. Their choice for discussion is “The Parables” by Gary Inrig.

St. Francis’ Chapter meets in St. Nicholas House at 10:00 a.m. The Chapter is currently discussing the television series “The Chosen”, a dramatized version of Jesus selecting his apostles and fulfilling his mission. St. Francis’ Chapter offers a Zoom participation for members unable to attend in person.

TABLE
SCAPES,
MARCH 22ND



The event will start at 5:00 p.m. Advance Tickets go on sale March 1st, \$30.00 for each place setting. The hostesses of each table will serve their guests a delicious meal accompanied by an appropriate wine. One additional table is still available. Get your tickets early since this event has limited seating. For more information, please contact:
Karen Sofield at 908-421-5718 or Dee Saylor at 610-212-2180.

WE HAVE BEEN BLESSED!

The Yard sale, on January 25th, was on record as the coldest Saturday for decades, our ladies braved the elements and showed a profit of \$327.50.

On February 1st the Grand Auction was a great success providing us with delicious food (Courtesy of Patti Wolf and her gourmet crew) and great entertainment. We owe a debt of gratitude to Bob and Jan Tindall for their hard work which resulted in \$ 12,510 profit.

ST. JAMES POLO & T-SHIRTS

Men’s Polo Shirts Sizes		Women’s Polo Shirts Sizes	
Sm, Med, Large, XL	\$25 each	Sm, Med, Large, XL	\$25 (short sleeve)
2XL, 3 XL, 4XL, 5XL	\$30 each.		\$30 (¾ sleeve)
		2XL, XL, 4XL	\$30 (short or ¾ sleeve)

Children’s Polo Shirts Sizes	Screen Printed Tee Shirts
Sm, Med, Large, XL \$25 each	Adult : S, M, L, XL \$15
	2XL, 3 XL, 4XL \$20
	Children’s: S, M, L, XL \$15

MEN’S PRAYER BREAKFAST	DAUGHTERS OF THE KING
The men of St. James are invited to join us on the third Wednesday of every month at 8:00 a.m. in the Parish Hall. Our next meeting is scheduled for March 19th.	Please join us on the second Wednesday of every month at 2:00 p.m. in the Paris Hall . Our next meeting is scheduled for March 11th.
	

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, if received **no later than Friday, April 11th**. The names of all donors and honorees will be included in the Easter bulletin.

Name: _____ Phone No: _____

In Thanksgiving for: _____

In Memory of: _____

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Bill Mann	1st	Lucy Trees	19th
James Walworth	3rd	Nathan Battle	20th
Lee Curry	4th	Gordon Oldham III	21st
Anna Delgado	7th	Mark Steeves	23rd
Tony Cobb	8th	Barbara Morgan	23rd
George Rebusmen	9th	Gideon Williams	23rd
Ted Wolf	9th	Janet Davis	24th
Barbara Demaline	10th	Maggie Graham	24th
Charles Tucker	12th	John Meier	25th
Lisa Clay	15th	Jessica Graham	25th
Rita Clements	16th	Terri Gaylon	26th
Lindsey Weber	17th	Meg Bremer	27th
Raymond Ozanne	17th	Linda Grizzard	28th
Audrey Logan	17th	Jim Logan	28th

ANNIVERSARIES

Alberto & Marie Gan	6th
Courtland & Linda Hintze	16th
Collin & JeanMarie York	19th
David & Alexis Dunmire	21st
Tom & Kathleen Trees	23rd
Simon & Katie Van Beek	25th
Keith & Mary Burnett	30th



RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE

On February 4th, eleven women from ECW packed up for their second journey to Arnold Palmer House in Orlando. The event was to serve dinner to 30-35 guests staying at the Arnold Palmer House because they had a critically ill child in the hospital on campus. When dinner was almost cooked, many of the ECW chefs were invited to tour the private rooms. It was impressive to see the cozy accommodations. We unloaded not only food from our cars but, in addition, the generous gift of paper goods that you donated. We also delivered many pounds of Pop-Tops. Thank you for your support and Keep Pulling Pop Tops.

Visit the ECW webpage for additional details: stjames-leesburg.org/ECW.html. You can also go to the St. James Home Page, Ministries, then find ECW on the drop-down menu.

ST. JAMES SPIRITUAL FORMATION COURSE

Our parish Spiritual Foundation Committee is offering a new St. James Spiritual Formation Course this Lent. The course is intended for anyone at any stage of their spiritual journey. The course will explore issues like getting to know God better, listening and talking to God, how the Bible was transmitted over time, collaborating with God in stewardship and ministry, following God together as a community, and sharing our faith with others. The course will involve some lecture material, class discussions, small group conversations, and interactive experiences. This course will be offered on the following days:

March 11th-April 8th on Tuesdays at 6:00 p.m. and on Thursdays at 11:00 a.m., after the Healing Service, with a Workshop Day on Saturday, March 29th.

CONNECT ORIENTATION SERIES

The Connect Orientation Series runs 3 times per year, and presents information about several aspects of worshiping at St. James. It is open to everyone. Classes run from 9:15 to 9:45. No registration is necessary -- just show up. In March, we will have 2 sessions:

March 2: Missions & Ministries at St. James (in the St. Nicholas House)

March 9: The History of St. James (*Encore presentation in the Parish Hall*)

SIMPLE SUPPERS FOR SIX

Once again, the Fellowship Committee invites you to sign up for a series of dinner gatherings with your fellow parishioners over a three month period. This fellowship activity focuses on building spiritual community within our congregation by opening the doors of our homes to each other. Our "Simple Suppers for Six" will give you opportunities to learn more about each other and your spiritual journeys. Members of the Fellowship Committee will be available for Sign-Ups after each Sunday service on **March 2nd and 9th**. Those who sign up are invited to the **Orientation Meeting on Sunday, March 16th, at 5:00 PM in the Parish Hall**.



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