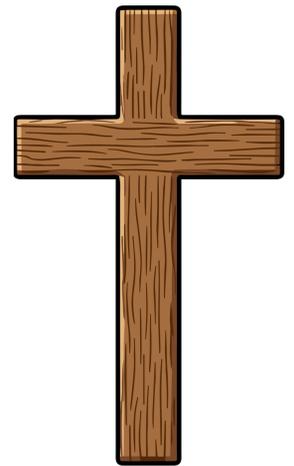
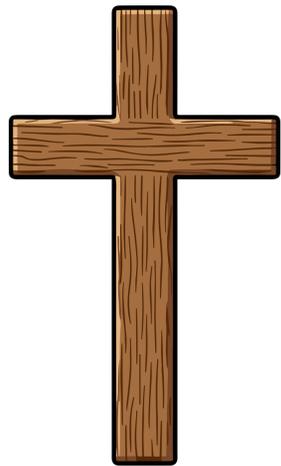


St. James Episcopal Church

204 N. Lee Street

Leesburg, FL 34748

Phone (352) 787-1981



Pray . Fast . Give

LENTEN SUNDAY SCHOOL

THE WAY OF LOVE IN LENT

In this holy season of Lent, you are warmly invited to take part in a special Lenten Sunday School series continuing in March held between our two morning services at 9:00 a.m. in the Parish Hall. Each of the seven sessions will be led by a different member of our parish community: *Ted Kermode, Sherry Lash, Dorry Curran, Bob Tindall, Rev. Beth Hall and Rev. Sebastiana Springmann.*

If you have any questions, contact:

Rev. Sebastiana, revsebastiana@stjames-leesburg.org

MARCH 2026 MESSENGER

ECW GRAND AUCTION

SATURDAY, MARCH 7, 2026

Tickets ONLY \$5.00

(Tickets will be on sale between the Sunday Services & flyers describing the items for sale will be on display at that time.)

SILENT AUCTION

6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.



LIVE AUCTION

7:00 p.m.

Complimentary hors d'oeuvres will be available

Be sure to purchase a raffle ticket for the original

Watercolor by Jan Tindall !!!

(You do not need to be present to win)

Check out the tri-fold displays in the Parish Hall, featuring the current Auction items.

We look forward to your support for this ECW Fund-Raiser.

For more information, please contact: Bob Tindall (717) 575-3092 /walruselect@gmail.com
or call the church office at 352-787-1981.



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, no later than **Wednesday, April 1st**. The names of all donors and honorees will be included in the Easter bulletin.

Name: _____ Phone: _____

In Thanksgiving For:

In Memory Of:

 **DAUGHTERS OF THE KING** 

The Daughters of the King meet on the **2nd Wednesday** of each month at **2:00 p.m.** in the **Parish Hall**. Our next meeting, scheduled on **Wednesday, March 11, 2026**.

If you are interested in joining the Daughters of the King, please contact: **Catherine Holt**.

All are welcome!

ST. JAMES MEN'S MINISTRY

Please join us in our Men's Morning Prayer service and enjoy breakfast and fellowship. Our program is "Understanding Angels" by Jason Turner, it is a 4 part video. **We meet on the third Wednesday of the month in the Parish Hall at 8:00 a.m.** Our next meeting is scheduled on **Wednesday, March 18th**.

For more information, please contact the church office at **352-787-1981**.

Ted Kermode

All are welcome!



PALM CROSSES



We will be making our Palm Crosses on **Friday, March 27th beginning at 9:00 a.m. in the Parish Hall**. (Please save the date & mark your calendars) Hoping to see many familiar faces and many new faces. We will need help measuring, cutting and counting (in stacks of 5) as well as forming the crosses. If you can, please bring a ruler and/or scissors.

This is a wonderful opportunity to have fun, enjoy bonding all the while providing a service as we prepare for Palm Sunday. So please come and help however you're able. Look forward to seeing many helping hands. Thank you ahead of time.

For more information please call Eileen Pens 315-725-9898.

ST. JAMES NEEDS YOUR HELP!!!

For Landscaping, Weeding, & Trimming of our Church Grounds & the Butterfly Garden. We need our **WONDERFUL** church family to help us recover from the **BIG FREEZE** and **HELP US** make our church grounds beautiful again, especially for the **EASTER** Holiday.

SATURDAY, MARCH 28TH

SATURDAY, APRIL 11TH

CHURCH GROUNDS ~ 8:00 A.M.

BUTTERFLY GARDEN ~ 8:00 A.M.



Bring your gardening tools, gloves, sunscreen and water bottles.
(We will have extra water)
For more information, please call Chris Meade at 352-406-1472



ECW MARCH NEWS

Welcome Ladies! ECW would like to remind the women of St. James, our new parishioners and guests, that all women are invited to visit and potentially join the Saint James Episcopal Women's organization, known as ECW. This group is a sisterhood of the church women who enhance their Christian experience through service, study and sisterhood. We are also the main charitable arm of the church helping to provide for our local community using monies that are raised throughout the year. We always manage to combine service with fellowship.

Please consider visiting one of our meetings. General meetings are held on the first Tuesday of each month in the Parish Hall. This is a coming together of all ECW members. We also meet in smaller individual chapter groups to support each other in Christian enrichment/study and fellowship. There are three main chapters who meet on the third Tuesday of the month. Most members visit each of the chapters before deciding which chapter they are most drawn to. Members are also always open to visiting the other chapters as well. Below please find the meeting details for our March meetings.

ECW MEETINGS

Board & General Meetings ~Tuesday, March 3rd

Board Meeting ~ 9:00 a.m. (St. Nicholas House)

General Meeting ~ 10:00 a.m. (Parish Hall)

Chapter Meetings ~ Tuesday, March 17th

10:00 a.m. ~ St. Anne's (Parish Hall)

Study: Walk In Love Episcopal Beliefs

10:00 a.m. ~ St. Francis' (St. Nicholas House)

Study: Walk In Love Episcopal Beliefs

3:00 p.m. ~ St. Cecilia's (St. Nicholas House)

Study: The Parables (Parish Hall)

St. Martha's Chapter ~ Meets once a month

(Date To be Determined)

This group focuses on Christian Fellowship and is especially popular with busy working women and mothers of younger children.

If you are interested in joining this group, please contact: **Lara Lahey** at the following: **(407) 461-7014** or **lara.lahey@yahoo.com**

****Current and future opportunities to support ECW Fundraising **Jody's Gift Shop (Sun, Wed, Thur & Fri)**
****Blessing Bracelets (Jody's Gift Shop) **March 7th The Grand Auction**

If you have any questions, please contact: **Barnelia Woodward, President, barneliawoodward@gmail.com**

FEBRUARY FOOD DROP

Once again the FOOD DROP was visited with our wonderful St. James community and other community members bringing in food and monetary contributions for an INCREDIBLE FOOD DROP.

COLLECTED: 833 Pounds \$500.00

TOTAL TO DATE: 50,075 Pounds \$59,942.00

Be Thankful for the Past, Have Courage for the Present, And CHRISTIAN FAITH for the Future.

Thank you to our volunteers, **Barbara Logan, Jan Tindall, Tanina and Dick Singletary with Bob and Rita Clements and dog, Kobie.** We are looking forward to our next FOOD DROP on the third Wednesday of the month, March 18 with a ST. PATRICKS "LINGERING" HOLIDAY.

Thank you, for your wonderful continued support .
BLESSINGS to you all and HAPPY YARD WORKING!

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>1 2nd Sunday in Lent 9-12 <i>Jody's Gift Shop Open</i></p> <p>8:00 Eucharist (RITE I)</p> <p>9:00 Lenten Sunday School (Parish Hall)</p> <p>10:15 Eucharist (RITE I)</p> <p>11:30 Cantate</p> <p>6:00 Young Adult Bible Study (St. Nicholas House)</p>	<p>2 6:00 Beginner Ukulele</p>	<p>3 ECW MEETINGS</p> <p>9:00 ECW Board Meeting (St. Nicholas House)</p> <p>10:00 ECW General Meeting (Parish Hall)</p>	<p>4 10:30 Caregivers' Support Group (Parish Hall) 10-2 <i>Jody's Gift Shop Open</i></p> <p>12:00 Coffee & Philosophy (Coffee Snob)</p> <p>4:00 Youth Singers 5:45 Bell Choir</p> <p>6:45 Adult Choir</p>	<p>5 8:30-12 Library Open 10-2 <i>Jody's Gift Shop Open</i></p> <p>10:00 Healing & Anointing (Chapel)</p> <p>3:00 Grief Support (Chapel)</p> <p>6:30 Bible Study Revelation (Parish Hall)</p>	<p>6 10-2 <i>Jody's Gift Shop Open</i></p>	<p>7 6:00-8:00 Silent Auction 7:00 AUCTION</p>  
<p>8 3rd Sunday in Lent 9-12 <i>Jody's Gift Shop Open</i></p> <p>8:00 Eucharist (RITE I)</p> <p>9:00 Lenten Sunday School (Parish Hall)</p> <p>10:15 Eucharist (RITE I)</p> <p>11:30 Cantate</p> <p>6:00 Young Adult Bible Study (St. Nicholas House)</p>	<p>9 3:00 Stephen Ministry</p> <p>6:00 Beginner Ukulele</p> <p>7:00 Advanced Ukulele</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11 10-2 <i>Jody's Gift Shop Open</i></p> <p>12:00 Coffee & Philosophy (Coffee Snob)</p> <p>2:00 Daughters of the King (Parish Hall)</p> <p>4:00 Youth Singers 5:45 Bell Choir</p> <p>6:45 Adult Choir</p>	<p>12 8:30-12 Library Open 10-2 <i>Jody's Gift Shop Open</i></p> <p>10:00 Healing & Anointing (Chapel)</p> <p>6:30 Bible Study Revelation (Parish Hall)</p>	<p>13 10-2 <i>Jody's Gift Shop Open</i></p>	<p>14</p>
<p>15 4th Sunday in Lent 9-12 <i>Jody's Gift Shop Open</i></p> <p>8:00 Eucharist (RITE I)</p> <p>9:00 Lenten Sunday School (Parish Hall)</p> <p>10:15 Eucharist (RITE I)</p> <p>11:30 Cantate</p> <p>6:00 Young Adult Bible Study (St. Nicholas House)</p> <p style="text-align: right;">UTO SUNDAY</p>	<p>16 6:00 Beginner Ukulele</p>	<p>17 CHAPTER MEETINGS</p> <p>10:00 St. Anne's (Parish Hall)</p> <p>10:00 St. Francis' (St. Nicholas House)</p> <p>3:00 St. Cecilia's (Parish Hall)</p>	<p>18 8:00 Men's Prayer Breakfast</p> <p>9:00 - 12:00 Food Drop</p> <p>10-2 <i>Jody's Gift Shop Open</i></p> <p>12:00 Coffee & Philosophy (Coffee Snob)</p> <p>4:00 Youth Singers 5:00 Finance Committee</p> <p>5:45 Bell Choir 6:45 Adult Choir</p>	<p>19 8:00 Weeding Day Butterfly Garden</p> <p>8:30-12 Library Open 10-2 <i>Jody's Gift Shop Open</i></p> <p>10:00 Healing & Anointing (Chapel)</p> <p>6:30 Bible Study Revelation (Paris Hall)</p> <p>6:30 Vestry (St. Nicholas House)</p> 	<p>20 10-2 <i>Jody's Gift Shop Open</i></p>	<p>21</p> 
<p>22 5th Sunday in Lent 9-12 <i>Jody's Gift Shop Open</i></p> <p>8:00 Eucharist (RITE I)</p> <p>9:00 Lenten Sunday School (Parish Hall)</p> <p>10:15 Eucharist (RITE I)</p> <p>11:30 Cantate</p> <p>6:00 Young Adult Bible Study (St. Nicholas House)</p> <p style="text-align: right;">UTO SUNDAY</p>	<p>23 6:00 Beginner Ukulele</p> <p>7:00 Advanced Ukulele</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25 12:00 Coffee & Philosophy (Coffee Snob)</p> <p>10-2 <i>Jody's Gift Shop Open</i></p> <p>4:00 Youth Singers 5:45 Bell Choir</p> <p>6:45 Adult Choir</p>	<p>26 8:30-12 Library Open 10-2 <i>Jody's Gift Shop Open</i></p> <p>10:00 Healing & Anointing</p> <p>6:30 Bible Study (Chapel) Revelation (Parish Hall)</p>	<p>27 10-2 <i>Jody's Gift Shop Open</i></p>	<p>28 8:00 PLEASE HELP!!! CLEAN-UP THE CHURCH GROUNDS</p>
<p>29 Palm Sunday</p> <p>8:00 Eucharist (RITE I) w/Passion Reading</p> <p>9:00 Lenten Sunday School (Parish Hall)</p> <p>10:15 Eucharist (RITE I) w/Passion Reading</p> <p>11:30 Cantate 9-12 <i>Jody's Gift Shop Open</i></p> <p>6:00 Young Adult Bible Study</p>	<p>30 6:00 Beginner Ukulele</p>	<p>31</p>				



KEEP FLIPPING THOSE TOPS



Once again the menu has been set and we will be off to prepare dinner for 30-35 guests staying at the Arnold Palmer House in Orlando. The guests are parents of children who are ill and in the hospital there on campus.

The Arnold Palmer House is one of three such Homes for whom you have been saving the “flip-tops” for and which they say, many thanks.

I now have another request for your support. As you know being a guest at a Ronald McDonald House is a “true guest”. There are no charges for their stay. They have a private room, private bath & a washing machine! So, I’m asking for your help, donations of paper products, paper plates, paper napkins, toilet paper, paper towels, coffee (K-cup individual size), and snacks, use your imagination...what would be a treat? Everyone likes a chocolate bar.

We will have a box in the Parish Hall. *Thanking you in advance.....*

RMD DINNER 2026

The ECW is quickly filling up and many of you will be involved, so to make a date that is still open, let’s choose an usual month of March, if in agreement. I will call and get the day, for serving dinner.

Will you please be a cook! I know this a long way off, it’s called advance planning!

Terri Gaylon, Becky Binneveld, Barbara Morgon, Barbara Logan, Nancy Russell, Sharon McCabe, Sarah Araque, Sherry Lash, Marie Crouch, Karen Sofield, Judy Baxter, Eileen Pens, Berni Dodeci.



LIBRARY CORNER

As I mentioned in my February Library Corner, we are as Christians, tasked with praying, fasting and giving alms during **LENT**, which as I write **BEGINS TODAY, FEBRUARY 18TH**. In full support of this mandate, I have placed books full of prayers on our Parish Hall book truck. You will also find, as I “push” the season, books about **EASTER, ARRIVING APRIL 5TH** in all its glory. Also #2, you will find **LENTEN BOOKS FOR YOUNG PEOPLE**, and of course, **THE VELVETEEN RABBIT** and books about **DECORATING EASTER EGGS**.

Locating the book truck is easy, it is on the south side of the Parish Hall, next to our courtyard garden. Need help, **ASK YOUR PARISH LIBRARIAN, MARGARET BRANHAM. WISHING ALL A PRAYERFUL LENT and A GLORIOUS EASTERTIDE.**

Margaret Brenham, St. James Librarian



COSTUME JEWELRY REQUEST



Leesburg Elementary School is seeking donations of costume jewelry for students to use for Mother’s Day Gifts. It may be used and will be cleaned.

Please put the jewelry in marked box on back table in the Parish Hall.



CRESCENDO CHORAL FESTIVAL

Last month was very cold, but our youth kept going strong with several activities, both on property and in the community! Our Jubilate Singers had the opportunity to participate in the Crescendo Choral Festival on Feb. 1st, and they did an **INCREDIBLE** job representing St James, as well as shining God's light through their music. Way to go, young singers!



TALENT-ISH SHOW

On Shrove Tuesday, we held our 2nd Annual Talent-ish Show, and it was **GREAT FUN!** Parishioners enjoyed a wide variety of entertainment, all the way from a pink gorilla to the U.S.A. 4-man bobsled team! Thank you to all who participated and helped make the evening so unforgettable!



\$300.00 was raised for our upcoming summer worship and arts week (in place of VBS.) Keep your eyes and ears open for more info about this new approach to our summer youth program! We are currently looking to build a team to help in planning/prep over the next 3 months, and also leaders/helpers during the event week. If you feel led to support in these areas, please let us know!

ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT

During this season of Lent, we are looking ahead to Holy Week and asking for donations of small items to go into Easter eggs for our annual egg hunt! These can be stickers, small toys, quarters, hair clips, etc. We ask that candy be individually wrapped, and please no chocolate (it melts and gets quite messy.) At this time, we have **PLENTY** of plastic eggs (about 1000) from previous years and do not need any more. Donations can be dropped off in the church office during the week, or on Sunday mornings at our drop-off station on the veranda. On Palm Sunday, March 29th after 2nd service, we'll have an egg-stuffing party in the St. Nicholas House for anyone willing to stay and help make light work.

Thank you for supporting our youth as we prepare to celebrate the Risen King!



MARCH BIRTHDAYS

1st Bill Mann

2nd Beverly Cox

3rd James Walworth

4th Lee Curry

7th Anna Delgado

8th Tony Cobb

Richard Lafrate

9th George Rebusmen

Ted Wolf

10th Barbara Demaline

Linda Flanagan

12th Charles Tucker

15th Lisa Clay

16th Rita Clements

Phillip Rondello

17th Audrey Logan

Ray Ozanne

Linda Tomasello

Lindsey Weber

19th Lucy Trees

20th Nathan Battle

21st Gordon Oldham III

Carol O'Kelly

23rd Barbara Morgan

Gideon Williams

24th Janet Davis

Maggie Graham

25th Jessica Graham

John Meier

Dana Oldham

26th Terri Gaylon

27th Meg Bremer

28th Linda Grizzard

Jim Logan

John Taylor

HAPPY
BIRTHDAY

MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

6th Alberto & Marie Gan

7th Steve & Catherine Holt

16th Courtland & Linda Hintze

19th Collin & JeanMarie York

21st David & Alexis Dunmire

23rd Rev'd Tom & Kathleen Trees

25th Simon & Katie Van Beek





ST. JAMES PRAYER LIST



Short Term ~ 3 Weeks

Deacon Art Hollows February 24th
Jim Christian February 24th
Asher Drew February 10th
Richard Waters February 10th

Nigel Bailey February 10th
Patricia Bailey February 10th
Casey Little February 4th



In Memorandum: Michael Cyrus



3 Months

Desmond Williams	January 29th	Paul Smigel	December 30th
Linda Williams	January 29th	Tammy von Lehm	December 30th
Michael Baker	January 27th	Charlie Smigel	December 30th
Judy Leavers	January 26th	Janet Davis	December 30th
Joshua Felkins	January 15th	Dott Vedder	December 30th
Sarita Millette	January 15th	Kurt Cessna	December 18th
Donna Shanosk	January 15th	Karen Sofield	December 18th
Kathy Shanosk	January 15th	Kathy Geyer	December 15th
Laura Hoffman	January 15th	Margaret Saxton	December 15th
Don St. Cyr	January 13th	Eileen Tooker	December 8th
Debbie Kendall	January 9th	Martha Biby	December 8th
Rory Zack	January 8th	Mick Hall	December 8th
Ava Grace Golder	December 30th	Charlie Davidson	December 8th
Charlie Davidson	December 30th	Phillip Pearson	December 4th
Charlie Smigel	December 30th	Dot Vedder	December 1st

Long Term

Carlos Alvarado, Baby Autumn, Michael Baker, Patricia Bailey, Nathan Battle, Marion Belson, Peggy Berutich, Nina Bonney, George Borke, Beverly Borke, Beverly Bounds, Todd Boyd & Family, Joe Branham, Margaret Branham, Dorri Brooke, Susan Burden, Mabel Burns, Judy Cable, Luke Cain, Jasmine Cleeton, Karen Cleeton, Birdy Connelly, Corinne, Lisa Craig, Beth Crossley, Beverly Cox, Kurt Cessna, Paul Dallaire, Janet Davis, Angel Deacon, Randy Denk, Berni Dodeci, Jimmy Draime, David Dudley, Daniel Durst, Hank Fisher, Barbara & Don Fodor, Gabriella, Andrew Granchalek, Richard Herbert, Art Hollows, Fred Heald, Kami Hecker, Isabel, Kevin Kaley, Cynthia Kennedy, Dee Kermode, David Knowles, Ann Kupferberg, Sally Lawrence, Katie Leware, Elizabeth Linberger, Margaret Peggy Link, Linda Long, David Lossing, Jase Martin, Bill Mann, Leroy McClurg, Amy McCombs, Jose Mestre, Becky Mitchell, Jim Mitchell, Brandon Morrison, Caroline Morrison, Cricket Morrison, Belinda Morton-Rusk, Jared Mymudes, Justin Mymudes, Shaun Mymudes, Curt Oestreich, Gail Ostrander, Frank Peter, Craig Pierson, Cindy Raczkowski, Diana Reis, Nancy Ann Rishe, Paul Rizzo, Bubba Robinson, Holly Rouse, Robert Sanchez, Steve Scharber, Donna & Kathy Shanosk, Jameson Small, Doug Springmann, Ann Seagraves, George Sullivan, Pat Thomas, Shelly Thomas, Danny Thompson, Tim Thomson, Dot Vedder, Julitta Velton, Kevin Watkins, Annabelle Wright, Rob Yeager, Sue Roeglin & Jan West.

ST. JAMES EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Sunday Services:

8:00 a.m. (Rite 1) & 10:15 a.m. (Rite I)

Healing & Anointing Service:

Every Thursday at 10:00 a.m. in the Chapel

Church Office Phone: (352) 787-1981 / Email: office@stjames-leesburg.org

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

CLERGY & STAFF

Rev'd Thomas Trees, Rector
Cell & Email - (352)-643-1182 / frtrees@stjames-leesburg.org

Rev'd Art Hollows, Deacon
Rev'd Sebastiana Springmann, Deacon
Victoria Mymudes, Parish Secretary
John Wilson, Parish Organist/Choir Director
Elizabeth Williams, Youth Ministry & Choir Director
Wylie Hill, Sexton

VESTRY

(Senior Warden) Cherie Knowles, (Junior Warden) Bert Sofield,
(Treasurer) Tom Grizzard

Members: Nigel Bailey (Assistant Treasurer), Bill Binneveld,
Claire Meade, Rita Clements, Tony Cobb, Susan Cyrus, Sean Lahey,
Nancy Moran, Stuart Mowatt, & Dee Saylor.

Our Mission

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