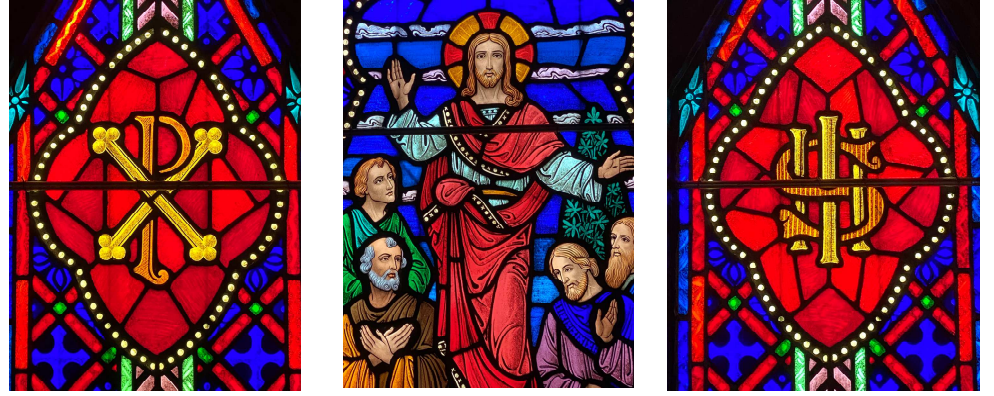


St. James seeks to be a community that grows more Christlike, expressing the love of Jesus Christ in our worship, our outreach, and our commitment to discipleship.

ST. JAMES MESSENGER



HOLY WEEK & EASTER 2022

APRIL 10TH PALM SUNDAY

PROCESSION OF PALMS/READING OF THE PASSION
8:00AM & 10:15AM

APRIL 14TH MAUNDY THURSDAY

10:00AM EUCHARIST & ANOINTING
7:00 PM. EUCHARIST & STRIPPING
THE ALTAR,

APRIL 15TH GOOD FRIDAY

12:00 P.M. LITURGY
W/ RESERVED COMMUNION
5:30 P.M. WALKING THE WAY OF THE CROSS

APRIL 17TH EASTER SUNDAY

7:00 AM, SUNRISE SERVICE IN THE COURTYARD
8:15 AM HOLY EUCHARIST RITE I
9:00 AM EASTER EGG HUNT
10:15 HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II W/JUBILATE AND CHOIR

THE 10:15 SERVICES ON PALM SUNDAY AND EASTER WILL BE
LIVESTREAMED, ALONG WITH THE 7:00 PM MAUNDY
THURSDAY AND 12:00 PM GOOD FRIDAY SERVICES

APRIL 2022

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CHURCH VESTRY & STAFF

- Rector: Rev'd Thomas Trees**
- Assisting Priests: Rev'ds Charles Hay, William J. Boyer**
- Assisting Deacons: Rev'd Art Hollows**
- Parish Organist/Choir Director: Deb Carraway**
- Nursery Coordinator: Carmen Rebusmen**
- Director of Youth and Families: Elizabeth Williams**
- Treasurer: Tom Grizzard**
- Parish / Finance Secretary: Pat Schaefer**
- Sexton: Doug Ames**
- Housekeeping: Diane Smith**
- Vestry Members: Bill Cauthen, Marc Crouch, Kathy Davidson, Danny Delgado (Senior Warden), Harry Hackney, David Knowles, Chris Leware, Drew Logan (Junior Warden), Mackie McCabe, Bob Tindall, Linda Weekley, Patti Wolf**

UKRAINE—HOW CAN WE HELP

By Janet D. Davis

Bombs falling on hospitals,
Cities in flames;
Refugees fleeing,
Our hearts are in pain.

TV newscasts make us cry,
Little children running
From death in the sky.

How can we help?
Can't go there and fight;
Ukraine's doing their best
Countering Russian might.

Send money through churches,
Red Cross, too,
Most especially, prayers
Are needed from you.

If you would like to help, you may write a check to St. James, with a note, "Help for Ukraine" on the memo line. We will send it to the United Society Partners in the Gospel, which is an Anglican Christian aid organization recommended by Bishop Brewer. You can also donate directly by going to the link <https://ukraine-emergency-appeal.raisely.com>.

The link can also be found at our web site: www.stjames-leesburg.org

***A WORD OF THANKS
to the St. James Church Community***

Linda and I would like to thank you for your thoughts, prayers, and heartfelt condolences on the passing of my beloved Dad, Langdon "Lanny" Ames. Some of you had the pleasure of meeting him, while many have sympathized on our behalf. Thank You.

Rejoicing in the hope of Resurrection
Doug and Linda Ames

St. James Prayer List

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

LONG TERM

Judy Cable
Court Hintze
Sandy Ostrowski
Dottie Elliott
Joyce Huey
Kathryn Knight
Hildeliza
Maria
Beryl Stokes
Shirley Fiebke
The Payne Family
Tom Manual
David Manual
Ginger Allison
James Curran
Jackie & Jaylon King
Allen Phillips
Kelley Bolender
Jamie Cook
Roxie Rowell
Frankie Dulac
John Ellis
Sarai Welch
Gail and Gary Olsen

SHORT TERM (3 weeks).

Susan Deeley Wells
Rev. Charles Hay
Harry Hackney
Jim & Becky Mitchell
Margaret Branham
Tom Grizzard



DEMENTIA SUPPORT GROUP

Some of us at St. James have been talking about forming a support group for those who are dealing with, or have dealt with family members suffering from dementia. It has been decided that this group will meet the third Wednesday of each month at 10:30AM in the Parish Hall. The next meeting will take place on Wednesday, April 20th. If you, or anyone you know are dealing with these challenges and are interested in participating please call Dot Hay (352-552-8986) or the Parish Office at (352-787-1981).



BISHOP'S VISIT AND CONFIRMATION

We had a wonderful visit from Bishop Brewer on March 6th, who confirmed and received eight members of St. James at the 10:15 service. Pictured above, from left to right are: Sandy Bonofiglio, Sherry Lash, Tony Cobb, Fr. Trees, Cheryl Sutherland, Bishop Brewer, Grady Logan, Luke Logan, Anna Valdez, and Nancy Moran.

Lenten Opportunities for Discipleship

Don't forget: This Lent, there are a number opportunities for discipleship and learning for everyone to take part in:

-Jeff Brook-Stewart's Bible Study on Romans meets on Thursdays at 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall.

-Fr. Tom's class on Hebrews meets Sunday mornings at 9:00.

-Kathleen Trees's Mom's Group meets Sundays at 9:30, where they are discussing the book *Lineage of Grace* by Francine Rivers.

-Deacon Art is teaching a Communion Class for kids on Sundays at 9:30.

-Our Men's Prayer Breakfast meets Wednesdays at 8:00, where we discuss the video series, "What is Mere Christianity?"

-Also on Wednesdays, at 6:30 pm, Seth Peter Trees hosts a young adult group, which is also going through "What is Mere Christianity?" Copies of C.S. Lewis book *Mere Christianity* are available for purchase.

ECW NEWS

The next ECW meeting will be held on **Tuesday, April 5th at 10:00AM**. It will be hosted by St. Anne's Chapter. The program is "Prison Life for Women" led by Pastor Kris Schoenwolf..

We are preparing for a Butterfly Release between church services on Mother's Day, May 8th. Please consider sponsoring a butterfly by paying \$10.00 each to have the names of your loved ones announced during the special event. Forms are available in the Jody's Gift Shop. Any proceeds support our ministries at home and in our world.

ECW CHAPTER MEETINGS

Tuesday, April 19th

10:00 AM	St. Francis	(Hosted by Dorry Curran at her home)
10:00 AM	St. Mary's	(Hosted by Linda Merrill at her home)
10:00 AM	St. Ann's	(Hosted by Fran Bollenbach in P.H.)
4:00 PM	St. Cecilia's	(Hosted by Babs Treiber in P.H.)

ECW JODY'S GIFT SHOP

Jody's Gift Shop will be closed during Holy Week .

The shop is being closed starting June 1st and organized toward a SEASONS END SALE to occur on a Saturday in May. Date will be announced. For summer hours until reopening on September 7th. If there is a need to purchase from the shop, please call the office for an appointment.

Based on requests for the Baptismal Stained Glass Ornament, an order is being placed and ornaments will be available in the gift shop as soon as they arrive.

Thank you for your support as our community has been the recipient of the proceeds from our ECW SHOP through your donations, purchases and volunteering.. We are blessed and thankful.

From 2 Corinthians 9:15, "Thanks be to God for gifts beyond words" appropriately describes our March **FOOD DROP**. Volunteers, Terri and Van Galyon, Tanina Singletary and Rita Clements were ready to receive the food and monetary donations when the 25 cars with their drivers and passengers drove "through."

COLLECTED:	790 pounds of food
	\$1185.00

TOTAL TO DATE:	24,338 pounds of food
	\$31,347.00

As in the scripture, the gifts are beyond words. We happily look forward to the APRIL FOOD DROP, THIRD WEDNESDAY ON APRIL 20th. Thank you for your generosity. God is good. Rita



Music Musings

April 2022

"Dance, then, wherever you may be. I am the Lord of the dance, said he. And I'll lead you on, wherever you may be. And I'll lead you all in the dance, said he."

Sydney Carter, hymn writer

The imagery of this hymn, Jesus being the Lord of our dance, has always been quite meaningful to me. It is inspiring and passionate and evokes much joy, describing the life of Christ as a beautiful, though sometimes heartbreaking, dance. The conclusion, of course, is the joyous dance of Resurrection, which affirms the promise of new and everlasting life.

As we turn the corner in Lent and head gratefully into the Easter season, recounting the life of Christ in its entirety helps us value the "long view" that God's perspective provides. Wherever we are, whatever we are dealing with, Jesus is leading us in the "dance" to which we have been called.

Dancing toward Easter, there will be many musical offerings in worship. They will range from Jubilate (children's choir) to Flute to Piano/Organ to Handbells to St. James Choir. All music has been selected to highlight God's story in a variety of ways, and what a story it is! Please gather as often as you are able to worship with us, lifting your voices in praise as together we remember the story that reminds us of God's faithfulness in and out of every season.

So with apologies to Mr. Carter...*"Dance, friends, wherever you may be. He is the Lord of the dance, said He. And he'll lead you on, wherever you may be. And He'll lead you all in the dance, said He."*

Dance away!

Yours in Christ,
Deb Carraway



- 2 Keith Burnett
- 4 Jerry Steidl
- 5 Anne Disch
Kathleen Trees
- 6 Mary Jane Crane
- 7 Charles Doty
- 8 Gary Neumann
- 9 James Soltysiak
- 10 Alfonso Luongo
- 15 Carol Hilbish
- 16 Russell Vance
Sebastiana Springmann
- 17 Steve Millett
- 19 Linda Weekley

- 20 Court Hintze
Meg Johnson
- 21 Darryl Seamans
Jeff Binneveld
- 22 Wendy Breeden
Tanina Singeltary
Christopher Battle
- 23 Douglas Springmann
- 24 Maggie Delgado
- 25 Carmen Rebusmen
- 26 Tom Danielson
Dick Singeltary
- 27 Sharon Bowersox
- 28 Jack Sergio
John Knowles

Anniversaries

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| 5 Jim & Wendy Breeden | 18 Tom & Linda Grizzard |
| Jack & Patricia Jones | 21 David & Cherie Knowles |
| 17 John & Nancy Russell | 23 Marc & Marie Crouch |
| 18 Van & Terri Galyon | Drew & Sherry Logan |

If your Birthday or Anniversary does not appear in the Messenger, please call Pat in the office at 352-787-1981 so that your profile can be updated. We don't want anyone left out!

Also, if you would like to order a **nametag**, please call the office, Let us know if you would like a magnetic (\$8.00) tag or a pin (\$5.50) and it will be ordered for you..

IN MEMORIAM



We offer our condolences to Fr. Jim Martin and all his family at the passing of his wife Dorothy Martin on March 12th. A memorial service for Dorothy is planned for Saturday, April 2nd at 11:00 AM. *Rest eternal grant to her O Lord, And let light perpetual shine upon her.*



Daughters of the King continue to meet the second Wednesday of the month at 2:00 P.M. in the Parish Hall. Our next meeting is on April 13th. All women of the church are invited. We will share ideas and topics for future meetings. Please join us.

The Library Corner

ON April 1st EASTER BOOKS will be placed on the library book truck in the Parish Hall. We have some charming books explaining Easter symbols, and how other cultures and times have enjoyed and celebrated Eastertide. And from our youth collection, we have wonderful stories such as "The Velveteen Rabbit" Tasha Tudor's "Tale for Easter" and "The Runaway Bunny". In this most wonderful Christian season, cherish these books, explaining ways we celebrate new life in Christ. April 17th, read and believe. P.S. We are searching for pictures and information about the signature, distinguished OAK that graces our parish courtyard garden, the centerpiece for memories of our loved ones. Can you help us unravel this landmark Oak's history? If so, please contact Van Galyon, Rita Clements or Margaret Branham, and we thank you. Phone the parish office at 787-1981, message us at mabranham@aol.com, or stop by the parish library on Thursday mornings to share what you know.

NEED TO MEET WITH FR. TOM?

If you would like to know when you can 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 fitrees@stjames-leesburg.org.



2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 11:00 Memorial Service Dorothy Martin
3 Fifth Sunday in Lent 8:00 Holy Eucharist I 9:00 Sunday School 10:15 Holy Eucharist II	4	5 10:00 ECW General Meeting	6 8:00 Men's Breakfast 12:00 Coffee & Philos. 4:00 St. James Youth 6:30 Young Adults 7:00 Choir Rehearsal	7 10:00 Healing Eucharist 6:30 PM Bible Study	8	9
10 Palm Sunday 8:00 & 10:15 AM Procession of Palms/ Reading of the Passion 9:00 Sunday School	11	12	13 8:00 Men's Breakfast 12:00 Coffee & Philos. 2:00 DOK 4:00 St. James Youth 6:30 Young Adults 7:00 Choir Rehearsal	14 Maundy Thursday 10:00 AM Eucharist 7:00 PM Eucharist/ Stripping the Altar	15 Good Friday 12:00 Service 5:30 Walking the Way of the Cross (Courtyard)	16
17 Easter Sunday 7:00 AM Sunrise Service 8:15 Holy Eucharist I 9:00 Easter Egg Hunt 10:15 Holy Eucharist II	18	19 ECW Chapter Meetings 10:00 AM St. Francis 10:00 AM St. Mary's 10:00 AM St. Ann's (PH) 4:00 PM St. Cecilia's (PH)	20 12:00 Coffee & Philos. 4:00 St. James Youth 7:00 Choir Rehearsal	21 10:00 Healing Eucharist 6:00 PM Vestry 6:30 PM Bible Study	22	23 Bikefest
24 2nd Sunday of Easter 8:00 Holy Eucharist I 10:15 Holy Eucharist II	25	26	27 12:00 Coffee & Philos. 4:00 St. James Youth 7:00 Choir Rehearsal	28 8:30 Butterfly Garden Maintenance 10:00 Healing & Anointing Service 6:30 Bible Study	29	30