

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



BISHOP'S VISIT AND CONFIRMATION

We are blessed to have **Bishop Greg Brewer** visit St. James again on **Sunday, March 6th**, at both the 8:00 and 10:15 AM services. (*Note: this is a change from the prior date of February 27th*).

For those who want to be confirmed or received into the Episcopal Church by Bishop Brewer, we are teaching an **Inquirer's Class on Sundays** in February at 9:00 AM in the Chapel. Deacon Art Hollows is the instructor. This class is also an option for those interested in the Renewal of Baptismal Vows, or for those who want to learn about Anglican and Episcopal theology and history.

In advance of the Bishop's visit we are also having a **First Communion Class** for young children on Sunday mornings in February. Bishop Brewer will say a blessing over them at the 10:15 service on March 6th. If you would like to sign your child up, please contact the church office.

At our annual Diocesan Convention on January 29th, Bishop Brewer announced that he will reach mandatory retirement age on his 72nd birthday on July 6th, 2023. He has called for the **Election of a Bishop Co-Adjutor**, which will take place on January 14th, 2023. The Diocese has appointed a Search Committee to oversee the selection of 3-5 candidates, who will be announced next September. The candidate who is elected next January will assume official duties upon Bishop Brewer's retirement.

Our delegation from St. James at this year's Convention will be authorized to vote for our new Bishop. Along with Fr. Trees as our clergy delegate, Kathy Billington and Sebastiana Springmann are our lay delegates.

Almighty God, giver of every good gift: Look graciously on your Church, and so guide the minds of those who shall choose a bishop for this Diocese, that we may receive a faithful pastor, who will care for your people and equip us for our ministries; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

FEBRUARY 2022

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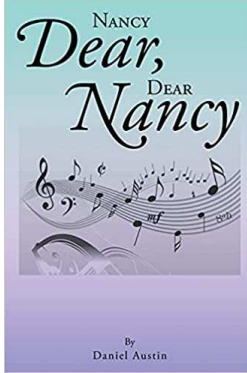


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Go to our Facebook page!

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

A NEW BOOK FROM DAN AUSTIN



Dan Austin, a member of St. James, has just published a book by Covenant Press called *Nancy Dear, Dear Nancy*. It is a collection of stories about his beloved Nancy who passed away on May 21 after a lengthy illness. The book may be ordered through Barnes and Noble, Amazon, and Apple iTunes.

Dan will also be available after church on Sundays for anyone who would like to purchase a copy to support the Lymphoma Research Foundation, and the Rotary Club of Leesburg.

EUCHARIST VISITATION

We are in the process of gathering names for Eucharistic Visitation as we prepare to re-launch this ministry as part of our Sunday service in the near future. If you are homebound and would like someone to bring you Holy Communion on a scheduled basis, please let us know!

BUTTERFLY GARDEN

There will be a workday in the butterfly garden, **Thursday, February 24th beginning at 8:30am**. All willing hands are appreciated.
-Jan Tindall



NEW PICTURE DIRECTORY



It is a brand new year, and time for a new picture directory for St. James in 2022! Someone will be available to take photos after each church service in the upcoming weeks. Please be sure to keep us up to date on your current address and contact information!

St. James Prayer List

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

LONG TERM

Judy Cable
Court Hintze
Dorothy Martin
Sandy Ostrowski
Dottie Elliott
Joyce Huey

Kathy Nowrocki
Gloria Griffin
Bill
Art Leveroni
Helen Robertshaw
Tammi Sue
Wayne Hedrick
Kay Palmer
Helen Williams
Sarah Sisson
Hildeliza
Maria
Beryl Stokes
Shirley Fiebke
The Payne Family

SHORT TERM (3 weeks).

Tom Manual
David Manual
Ginger Allison
James Curran
Jackie & Jaylon King
Allen Phillips
Kelley Bolender
Jerrie Jacobus
Jamie Cook



IN MEMORIAM

We offer our condolences to the family and loved ones of **Marilyn Dubrul**, and **Ruth Mitchell**, who both passed away on January 24th, 2022.

*Rest eternal grant to them, O Lord,
and let light perpetual shine upon them.
May their souls, and the souls of all the departed,
through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.*



WELCOME TO OUR NEW VESTRY!

The 135th Annual Parish Meeting at St. James was held **on Thursday, January 27th, at 6:00pm in the Church.** At that time, the following new Vestry members were nominated and accepted: **David Knowles, Drew Logan, George "Mackie" McCabe, and Linda Weekley.** We would like to thank our outgoing vestry members, Bonnie Binneveld, Kristen Daley, Steve Merrill, and Steve Treiber for their service and dedication to St. James.

Also at our meeting, **Danny Delgado** was once again selected to be our Senior Warden, and **Drew Logan** was selected as our Junior Warden. Congratulations, Danny and Drew!

BIBLE STUDY AND SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ADULTS

The Letter to the Romans

(Thursdays @ 6:30 in the Parish Hall)

The Letter to the Hebrews

(Sundays @ 9:00 in the Parish Hall)

Jeff Brooke-Stewart is continuing his adult Bible Study on Thursdays at 6:30, with an in-depth look at Paul's Letter to the Romans. **The class starts on February 10th.** Our adult **Sunday School with Fr. Tom** continues with the Letter to the Hebrews. As of the first Sunday in February, we are up to Chapter 8. Join us at either study to learn how to read and apply God's Word!

ECW NEWS

The next ECW meeting will be held on **Tuesday, February 1st at 10:00AM**. It will be hosted by St. Francis Chapter. The program is "Lenten Reflections," led by Linda Ames, our ECW Chaplain. **ALL women are welcome.**

ECW CHAPTER MEETINGS Tuesday, February 16th

10:00 AM St. Francis (Hosted by Dorry Curran at her home)
10:00 AM St. Mary's (Hosted by Kay Oestreich at her home)
10:00 AM St. Ann's (Hosted by Debi McIntyre in the Parish Hall)
4:00 PM St. Cecilia's (Hosted by Bonnie Binneveld and Sandy Oberholtzer in the Parish Hall)



JODY'S GIFT SHOP HOURS

Sunday	Between Services
Wednesday	10:00-2:00
Thursday	10:00-2:00
Friday	10:00-2:00

JANUARY FOOD DROP

Happy New Year was celebrated for the January 21, 2022 **FOOD DROP** as 23 cars paraded across the "street parking" bringing food that included containers of home grown cherry tomatoes as well as cash. The temperature was climbing as Terri and Van Galyon, Jan Tindall, Tanina Singletary and Rita Clements were finding it necessary to remove the heavy jackets that had been worn in the early morning.

Collected:	780 pounds of food \$710.00
Total to Date:	22,899 pounds of food \$29,602.00

Cheers for the New Year! Many blessings to you and to your generous giving. Our community recognizes our generosity and our caring. Our next **FOOD DROP** will take place on **FEBRUARY 16, the THIRD WEDNESDAY** of the month. Be safe.

With prayers and thankfulness,
Rita



Music Musings

February 2022

Forty. That's how many blooms were on our hibiscus plant a couple of weeks ago. I only found out because Paul came in the door one afternoon and asked, "Have you seen how many hibiscus blooms we have right now?" Of course I had no idea, but he had actually taken the time to stop and count them! One of the reasons this is so significant is that (because I wanted something with color to look at occasionally from inside the house) we had had another hibiscus plant on the other side of the house, in a pot, on the screened in lanai. Not a great plan. The plant never thrived (even though well tended) and it only bloomed occasionally and sparsely. Now I have always been a fan of the "bloom where you're planted" philosophy, but the lesson I learned from the hibiscus debacle was the importance of being planted in the right soil and right conditions in order to bloom effectively.

So, where are you planted? And are you getting fed and watered and "sunned" enough to thrive? As we seek God's leading we find where we bloom best, and in turn how we can be most effective for the Kingdom. Find your spot, friends, and bloom away!

And, if you enjoy making music, here are some "blooming" spots for you to consider:

Jubilate (Students age 4 – 8th grade) Wednesdays 4:30-6:30 p.m. in St. Nicholas House (Contact Beth Williams: 352.702.2062)

St. James Choir Wednesdays, 7 p.m. in the Chapel (Contact Deb Carraway: 352.978.3186)

Instrumental Ensemble Will be scheduled based upon interest and availability (Contact Deb Carraway)

Happy New Year, everyone; let's find ways to bloom together!

Yours in Christ,

Deb Carraway
Music Director and Organist



Birthdays

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|--------------------|------------------------|
| 1 Linda Gray | 12 Tess Neumann |
| 2 James Breeden | Charmaine Tenwinkel |
| Edward Ostrowski | Lisa James |
| 4 Linda Hintze | Ross Hackney |
| Elaine Samson | 13 Carolyn Hoth |
| 5 Charles Stephens | Joel Trees |
| 6 Seth Peter Trees | 19 Jim Parker |
| Meghan Young | Linley Van Beek |
| 7 Jan Tindall | 20 Margaret Green-Witt |
| Katie Van Beek | Lolita Sergio |
| 8 Mark Palmer | 22 Dot Gustafson |
| 9 Ronald Luth | Doug Pens |
| Beth Williams | 23 Susan Cyrus |
| Ferrell Young | 25 Fran Deems |
| 10 Cori Padgett | Ron Parsons |
| 11 Margaret Bolton | 26 Nancy Moran |
| 12 Trey Waddell | 27 Avery Brooks |
| Elwood Baxter | 28 Sue Roeglin |
| Bill Tweedle | |



Anniversaries

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|----------------------------|--------------------------|
| 6 William & Lisa James | 27 Ron & Bev Parsons |
| 14 Wayne & Delores Griffin | 28 Robert & Amy Bowersox |
| 15 Jim & Susan Soltysiak | |

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!



As Daughters of the King, we are all sisters, correct? If you want or need some sisterly love come join us at our meeting, February 9th at 2:00 PM, in the Parish Hall. We are reviewing our Study Guide which is used in preparing Daughters for admission to the Order. All women are welcome to attend.

The Library Corner

Looking Ahead to The Season of Lent: From Jan. 6th (Epiphany, 12 days after the birth of Jesus) until Fat Tuesday (Mardi Gras), a moveable Christian Feast day celebrated this year of 2022 on Mar, 1st, 47 days before Easter, it is safe and traditional to enjoy eating King Cake. This is a tasty iced pastry, decorated with sugar in bright purple, signifying justice, kelly green for faith and gold representing power. This is to honor the 3 kings who followed the eastern star to Bethlehem and the baby Jesus in the Manger. The cake, sometimes fashioned as a wreath, reminds us of a crown. Inside the cake, may be found a replica miniature Christ Child. If you should find it, you are responsible for providing the King Cake for the next year.

Lack of space here does not allow the printing of a recipe for King Cake. However, if you will visit your parish library, we will provide you with a recipe (and sample) for King Cake Cup Cakes. This offer ends on the last day of February. Thank you for your patronage.

The Librarians in Room 6, open Thursday mornings (8:30-12:00)and on call 352-787-5893.

P.S. Lent begins on Wednesday, Mar. 2nd. No King Cake during Lent.

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 9:00 ECW Board Mtg. 10:00 ECW Gen'l. Mtg.	2 12:00 Coffee & Philosophy 4:30 St. James Youth 7:00 Choir Rehearsal	3 10:00 Healing & Anointing Service	4	5
6 5th Sunday after Epiphany 8:00 Eucharist 9:00 Sunday School(s) 9:00 Inquirer's Class 10:15 Eucharist	7 2:00 DOK Board Mtg.	8	9 12:00 Coffee & Philosophy 2:00 DOK Meeting 4:30 St. James Youth 7:00 Choir Rehearsal	10 10:00 Healing & Anointing Service	11	12
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20 7th Sunday after Epiphany 8:00 Eucharist 9:00 Sunday School(s) 10:15 Eucharist	21	22	23 12:00 Coffee & Philosophy 2:00 DOK Meeting 4:30 St. James Youth	24 8:30 Butterfly Garden Maintenance 10:00 Healing & Anointing Service	25	26
27 Last Sunday after Epiphany 8:00 Eucharist 9:00 Sunday School(s) 10:15 Eucharist	28					