



**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

### NEW COVID GUIDELINES FROM OUR DIOCESE



The Diocese of Central Florida has now put out **New Covid Guidelines for Worship** that will substantially alter the protocol for Sundays and other activities at St. James. These are some of the most significant changes:

- Unmasked indoor worship without social distancing is allowed for those fully vaccinated. Those not fully vaccinated will have a couple pews on either side in the front available for masking and 6 feet distancing. Outdoor activities do not require masks or distancing for anyone.  
*Note: There is no enforcement policy for this; it based on the honor system.*
- Attendance no longer requires pre-registration or contact tracing. You can just show up!
- Food and beverage may be served.
- Sanitizing of surfaces is no longer necessary.

Some protocols will still remain in place:

- Only bread will still be served at Communion. However, it is now permitted to kneel at the altar rail.
- The priest must still be masked while distributing Communion.

Our vestry decided to put the new guidelines in place starting  
**Sunday, June 6th.**

A complete list of the new Guidelines can be found on the website of the Episcopal Diocese of Central Florida ([www.cfdiocese.org](http://www.cfdiocese.org)). We will also send them out as a parish wide email.

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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 Deacon:** Rev'd Jerry Steidl  
**Parish Organist/Choir Director:** Deb Carraway  
**Nursery Coordinator:** Carmen Rebusmen  
**Director of Youth and Families:** Elizabeth Williams  
**Minister to Teens:** Susie Brewer  
**Treasurer:** Tom Grizzard  
**Parish / Finance Secretary:** Pat Schaefer  
**Sexton:** Doug Ames  
**Housekeeping:** Diane Smith  
**Vestry Members:** Bonnie Binneveld, Bill Cauthen, Marc Crouch, Kristen Daley, Kathy Davidson, Danny Delgado (Senior Warden), Harry Hackney, Chris Leware, Steve Merrill, Bob Tindall, Steve Treiber (Junior Warden), Patti Wolf

**MEET OUR NEW PARISHIONER!**

We have some new faces at St. James that we would like to introduce to you! This month we asked our new members, **Wayne and Dolores Griffin**, regulars at our 8:00 service, to answer a few questions for us. Be sure to greet them when you see them at church!



How long have you lived in Leesburg?

*One year*

What brought you to St. James?

*We had visited various churches and just liked St. James the best. We felt very comfortable, and the people are warm and welcoming*

What do you especially enjoy about our church?

*Fr. Trees' sermons, and the music at 8:00am*

**IN MEMORIAM**

We are saddened to have lost some wonderful members of St. James over the past month. We offer our condolences to the family and loved ones of **Florence Deeley**, who passed away on May 4th, **Jay Rutschow**, who passed away on May 9th, and **Nancy Austin**, who passed away on May 21st.

*Rest eternal grant to them, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon them.*



# St. James Prayer List

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

## LONG TERM

Maggie Brooke-Stewart  
Kenny Edwards  
Erin Byrns  
Dottie Elliott  
Susan Peak  
Judy Cable  
Debbie Slappey  
Jaden Cantrell  
TJ Hagist  
Kathy E  
Eric B.  
Cody Linker & Family  
Sue Greenwood  
Paul & Charlene Smigel  
Fred Neidhart  
Isabel Campbell

## SHORT TERM

(3 weeks).

Dorothy Martin  
Fr. Rick Cross  
Jim Mitchell  
Kathleen Magurean  
Bob Fiebke  
James, Chelsea, and their baby  
Bob Cyrus



Please keep Deb Carraway in your prayers, as she will be having back surgery in June that will require extensive rehab over the summer. We are thankful to have Nancy Moran to serve as our organist while Deb recovers.

*And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succor these your servants, and all those who, in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

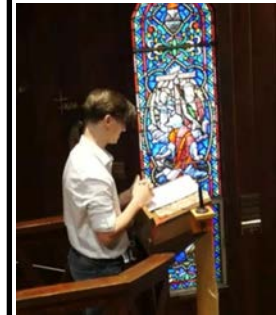
## SUMMER SABBATICAL

This summer, I will be away for a two-month sabbatical, from the latter part of June to the latter part of August. Fr. Bill Boyer will cover most of those Sundays while I'm gone, and we'll have a couple other guests as well. My last Sunday before my sabbatical will be June 20<sup>th</sup>. I'll return on August 22<sup>nd</sup>.

For my time away, our family is planning a cross country trek by train, which will include a stop at Nashotah House in Wisconsin (an Episcopal seminary founded in the 1800s). There I am signed up for a summer course on the Letter to the Hebrews. Court and Linda Hintze, our seasonal members from Wisconsin, have graciously offered to let us stay with them. If the course goes well, perhaps it will become a fall Sunday School class!

-Fr. Tom

## CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR GRADUATES!



On Sunday, May 16th, we celebrated our Youth Sunday with our four graduating seniors: **Ella Kate Daley, Ansley Gray, John Hill, and Joel Trees.**



Joel and John did great on their Senior Sermons, and Ansley and Ella Kate were excellent at reading the Scriptures and Prayers of the People. (Our Jubilate choir also sang, and sounded wonderful!)



As a gift, each of our graduates received a copy of the updated version of *Evidence That Demands a Verdict* by Josh and Sean McDowell.

Congratulations to a great group!





## ECW

The ECW held it's last meeting on May 4th. They will be on hiatus from now until September when they begin their new year. As in the past, we are hoping that we can begin again, as we've done in the past, with our "Fall Coffee." More information will follow as we get closer to that time.

### MEMORIAL FLOWERS

Those desiring to offer flowers for any service – either in Memory of Loved Ones or in Thanksgiving, please contact Bonnie Binneveld @255-1658. On behalf of ECW, Bonnie will handle the monthly calendar for Altar and Madonna flowers. Then it is up to the donor to contact a local florist and make arrangements. They should bill you directly, not St. James. You can also reserve the Altar candle for \$5.00.

### FOOD DROP PROJECT

Following through with our MAY FOOD DROP, we witnessed :”there is nothing that cannot happen today” It became obvious from John 3:18, Let us not love only in words or in talk, but let us put our love in action and make it real. Our real love became evident:

COLLECTED: **1093 pounds of food**  
**\$915.00**

TWELVE MONTH TOTAL: **15,812 pounds of food**  
**\$20,368.00**

A reminder for the JUNE FOOD DROP that SCHOOL IS OUT and the need for many families becomes greater. We will see you on Wednesday, June 16, for our 13<sup>th</sup> month of generous giving. BLESS YOU AND THANK YOU!

### JODY'S GIFT SHOP

The Gift Shop will be closed for the summer months beginning June 2nd, and will reopen on Wednesday, Sept. 1st. The shop can be open during the summer by appointment. Chances for the painting "St. James by Moonlight" by Jan Tindall, will be available through the summer at a cost of \$10 per chance.



## *MUSIC MUSINGS* *June 2021*

Alice Connor and Fielding Hossley. I'm pretty sure you've never heard their names, but they had an incredible impact on my musical life growing up. Paul and I were blessed to grow up in a church that valued good music and musicians, and these two were wonderful examples of that. Alice was the Adult Choir Director and served faithfully for many years. Her "day job" was as a guidance counselor at the high school, but her musical training had somewhere along the way been stellar, so she brought that musicianship to the very talented adult musicians at the church. Fielding was the Organist, and a great one. I remember that he too worked in the school system (though I don't think he was a music teacher), and he also served for many years in our church. His facility at the keyboard allowed Alice to program some very difficult works for the choir to learn and perform. They were quite a team!

Hindsight has taught me what a great gift it was to have them showing me over and over again the power that beautiful music can have in worship. Because they were in the school system, they took summers off, utilizing subs at church while they were recuperating for another school year. The unforeseen blessing for Paul and me was that once we were in college we became the built-in subs for this team. One summer I would play the organ and Paul would direct the choir. The following summer we would swap. It was glorious internship opportunity that we couldn't have envisioned, but one we are grateful for to this day. Alice is long gone, but we think Fielding may live in the Orlando area. I hope they will always be remembered fondly, not only for their musicianship, but for their faithfulness to God's call on their lives.

I love seeing how God goes before us, preparing the way for us to "live and serve Him in newness of life." In light of that I am grateful that God brought Nancy Moran to St. James and into my life. God knew what I would be facing this summer so He made a way. I will be having extensive back surgery in June, with a fairly long recovery period. Because Nancy is willing and more than able she will be subbing for me through this time. I am hoping to be back on the organ bench by September, just in time to reconvene choir rehearsals for the fall. Please pray for us all!

Here are some of the musical plans for worship this month:

June 6	Give Me Jesus with Steal Away to Jesus	Dan and Charmaine Tenwinkel
June 20	I Want Jesus to Walk With Me	Dan Tenwinkel
June 27	Lord, I Stretch My Hands to You	Stephanie Engel

Answer God's call, friends, and be blessed by your willingness to respond!

Yours in Christ,  
Deb Carraway



- 2 Patricia Parker  
Samantha Palmer  
Lee Rowell
- 4 John Drawdy
- 5 Chris Hermann
- 8 Janet Galbreath  
Katie Mann
- 9 Eric Kubicsek
- 10 Ted Bowersox  
Robert Sanchez
- 12 Catherine Bryan  
Leah Delgado
- 13 Eileen Pens  
Denise Meier
- 14 Marion Belson  
Cobe Smalley
- 16 Lonnie Johnson

- 17 Peg Hopper  
Carol Young
- 18 Peggy Steeves  
Annabelle Wright  
Ed Johns  
Rebekah Shuniak
- 21 Gem Vance
- 23 Beverly Booth
- 25 Luke Logan
- 26 Nora Cameron
- 28 John Russell
- 29 Danny Delgado  
Liz Tucker
- 30 Bev Parsons  
Maggie Brooke-Stewart  
Patricia Jackson



- 1 Don & Verna Lindskoog
- 5 Bill & Nancy Boyer  
Michael & Linda Gray  
Bob & Chris Meade
- 6 Charles & Dot Hay
- 8 Scott & Kristen Daley
- 14 Nathan & Susan Battle  
Gary & Tess Neumann
- 16 Fred & Carolyn Orme
- 17 Brian & Claire Brooks

- 18 Bob & Jan Tindall
- 20 Robert & Terri Brock
- 21 Jeff & Denise Carpenter
- 22 Steve & Nadine Millett
- 24 Curt & Kay Oestreich
- 25 Danny & Leah Delgado
- 27 Andrew & Laura Braun
- 28 Ted & Gail Ostrander  
Dick & Tanina Singeltary



The Daughters will be meeting during June, July and August to continue updating our prayer list. Our prayer list is made up of your loved ones upon your request. Just contact a Daughter.

We will not hold business meetings during the summer. However, we will continue reading and discussing *Meeting the Spirit*, meeting in the Parish Hall at 10 AM, June 9<sup>th</sup>, July 14<sup>th</sup>, and August 11<sup>th</sup>.

The Daughters will begin a new year September 8<sup>th</sup>. As it is our custom we invite all interested women in the congregation to join us, to learn about our Martha and Mary Chapter. Have a wonderful, carefree and safe summer.

### THE LIBRARY CORNER

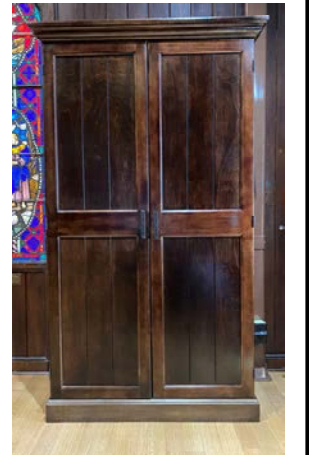
Good news, your Parish Library will be open, as usual, during the summer months on Thursday mornings from 8:30 a.m. 'til Noon. During the season of Pentecost, we are planning a display of books written by members of our St. James congregation ( Boyer, Brooke-Stewart, Curran, Lindskoog, Meador, Morris, Pulley, Rast, Davis, Deeley and Weekley.) Later in the season we will promote books by well known religious authors, Max Lucado, Henri Nouwen, Elaine Pagels, and N.T. Wright. Have a blessed summer, stay cool and read a few good books. -

Your Librarians, Margaret and Linda

### NEW CHOIR CABINET



Many thanks, once again, to Ross Belson for offering his master skills as a craftsman to build a new wooden cabinet for storage in the organ area of the church! The cabinet matches the color and look of our new renovations from last summer.





# 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3 10:00 Eucharist	4	5
6 8:00 Eucharist 10:15 Eucharist	7	8	9 10:00 DOK Meeting	10 10:00 Eucharist	11	12
13 8:00 Eucharist 10:15 Eucharist	14	15	16 5:00 Vestry Meeting	17 10:00 Eucharist 6:00 Vestry Meeting	18	19
20 8:00 Eucharist 10:15 Eucharist	21 Fr. Tom's sabbatical begins	22	23	24 10:00 Eucharist	25	26
27 8:00 Eucharist 10:15 Eucharist	28	29	30			