

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



ST. JAMES EPISCOPAL
CHURCH

ALPHA ONLINE

Starting Wednesday, March 10th, @ 6:30 pm

ALPHA is an opportunity to grapple with the bigger questions of life and faith - in a fun, nonthreatening, nonjudgmental online environment. It is an opportunity to share virtual fellowship with other people who are traveling on the same path. It is a great way to explore Christianity. It is for anyone who wants to feel more connected in this challenging time.

Some things to know about our Alpha Online program:

There will be 12 weekly meetings **starting Wednesday, March 10.** Each session **starts at 6:30 pm** and lasts no more than 75 minutes.

After a brief welcome, there will be a **30-minute video** that explores the basics of Christianity. This will be followed by wonderful small-group discussion where you get to participate in your own way - to share or just listen. A virtual retreat will be held in mid-April (more info to come!)

Are you interested in joining? Want to give the first session a try to see if you like it? Each session includes a short video and then some discussion time all via ZOOM. If you haven't done a ZOOM meeting, we will be giving a short training session beforehand to get you started. You can do it on a tablet, a computer, or your phone.

Sign up by sending an email to Dorry (tinkrvl@gmail.com) and Delcie (delciedr@hotmail.com). Please include your first and last names, address, and a telephone number so we can call or text you if we need to. If you want more information, please contact either Dorry or Delcie with questions.

Dorry at 949-633-8471 or tinkrvl@gmail.com
Delcie at 813-830-8312 or delciedr@hotmail.com

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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
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Housekeeping: Diane Smith
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COFFEE AND PHILOSOPHY

Over the years I've been blessed to meet and talk with a number of you on matters of faith. If you want a regular time and place where you can do that, you can join me every **Wednesday at 1:00 p.m. at The Coffee Snob in Leesburg (1101-1 North Blvd) for an hour of "Coffee and Philosophy"**. You can come by and raise any question on the Bible, theology, or philosophy you want. — Fr. Tom



IN MEMORIAM

We mourn the passing of our lifelong member, **Sue Geiger**, on February 17th. Sue and her husband Dow were mainstays at our church, with Sue heading the Altar Guild for many years. We offer our condolences to her surviving son Brian, and to her friends and loved ones.

We also offer our condolences to Janet Galbreath, along with her son Dylan, on the passing of **Don Galbreath**, her husband of 43 years, on February 15th.



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

PALM SUNDAY MARCH 28TH



Holy Week begins this year on Palm Sunday, March 28th. We will have the Procession of the Palms and readings of the Passion at both our 8:00 and 10:15 services.

DON'T FORGET

Daylight Savings Time begins **Sunday, March 14th at 2:00am**. Remember to set your clock ahead one hour!



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
Margaret Anderson
Jeffrey Coward
Susan Peak
Nancy Austin
Judy Cable
Bob Cyrus
Debbie Slappey

Larry Coolbroth
Roxie Rowell
Clay Stevens
Lyle Haddenham
Darwin Klug
Jaden Cantrell
Ron Davis
Larry Covert
TJ Hagist
Susan Streidl
Jacqueline Summers
Deanne McVey
Kathy E
Eric B.
Pat Strehl

SHORT TERM

(3 weeks).

Bob Fiebke
Deanne McVey
Kathy E
Eric B.
Pat Strehl
Betty Morris
Marion Mooney
Cody Linker & Family

LONG TERM (cont'd)

Lauren Benedict
Velma Harbison
Joan Kirby
Claire Bisiere
Florence Deeley
Jacqueline Summers



*And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord,
to comfort and succor all those who in this
transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness,
or any other adversity.*



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Most Relevant ▾

-  **Connie Heroy**
I really enjoyed today's service 🙏❤️.
Our church has some BEAUTIFUL stained glass windows.
1d Love Reply Message 1
-  **Valerie Bruce**
Watched the service this morning. Happy memories of my winter church in Leesburg. Miss it. No more Florida winters for me. Watching from Lindsay, Ontario. Nice to see you Father Tom. Missed saying goodbye last March. Hope you and family are well. Stay safe. 🙏🙏
2d Love Reply Message 1



In addition to YouTube, our Sunday services are now streamed through "Facebook Live". If you "Like" our St. James Facebook page, you'll receive a notification when the service goes live. You can follow along and add your own comments as you watch!

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL



Our Adult Sunday School with Fr. Tom continues with the course, "The Faith We Confess: A Look at the Thirty-Nine Articles. We meet each week in the Parish Hall at 9:15am.

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL and FAMILY SUNDAY

Beth Williams continues to meet with our kids on Sundays at 9:15 am. For Lent, they are looking at what sin is, where it began, and how we are part of that story still. They are covering the 10 Commandments, Romans 3:23 ("All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God"), and 1 John 1:9 ("If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins"). They'll be off on March 14th for Spring Break, then back on the 21st to prepare for Holy Week the following Sunday.

Our next "Family Service" will be on **March 7th, AT 10:15.** We will have a Children's Sermon, and our Jubilate kids will sing!

ECW NEWS

ECW meetings will be held on March 2 in the Parish Hall following Covid protocols. Board meets at 9:00, and General Meeting follows at 10:00.

JODY'S GIFT SHOP

During the following months, a new project will be highlighted in ECW Jody's Gift Shop: BASKET OF THE MONTH! Each month a different basket will be available when you visit the shop and offered through \$1.00 chances. Buy as many as you would like to enter the drawing to be held at the end of the month. We have had several baskets donated and welcome even more!

MARCH BASKET -\$104.00 VALUE

Red bird print	Red songbird bell feeder
Cardinal mug	Hummingbird book
Hummingbird feeder	Hummingbird nectar
Thistle sock and feed	Hanging bird bath with dish
Thermometer	Tree hanger

VISIT THE SHOP! BUY YOUR CHANCES! THE BIRDS WILL LOVE YOU OR YOUR FRIEND THAT YOU ARE GIFTING!

FOOD DROP PROJECT

St. James beautiful courtyard was full of Love evidenced with the February FOOD DROP, the ECW JODY'S GIFT SHOP AND ASH WEDNESDAY all occurring with the heralding of Lent and Spring. Once again the FOOD DROP was visited with our wonderful parishioners and community bringing in food and monetary contributions for an INCREDIBLE FOOD DROP.

FEBRUARY FOOD DROP

COLLECTED:	1401 pounds of food \$3000.00
NINE MONTH TOTAL:	12,710 pounds of food \$17,209.00

We are looking forward to our next FOOD DROP on the third Wednesday of the month, March 17 for a HAPPY ST. PATRICKS DAY! Thank you, thank you for your wonderful continued support. Blessings to you all and Stay Safe!



MUSIC MUSINGS March 2021

“Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me...” from Psalm 51

Though it is difficult for me to omit alleluias throughout the many weeks of Lent, I must admit that there is something about the introspection of the season that allows me to focus on areas in my spiritual life that need attention, that need pruning. Even healthy plants need pruning now and again, but we often avoid the pain that might be incurred in going through the process of “spiritual pruning.”

It is encouraging to me, however, that we are not on this spiritual journey alone, but that God is walking with us every step of the way. We are not fully capable of accomplishing the needed renewal by ourselves, but our God is the one Who can reach into the depths of our hearts and renew us for the weeks, months, even years to come. He alone can create clean hearts and renewed spirits. Let us then use this time to seek God's heart in the quiet spaces where the “alleluias” normally resound. And be blessed in your journey to the cross, and the Easter celebration to follow!

As we worship during this season, I hope you will find encouragement in our times of worship, and words and melodies that will lift you up as you seek God's renewal in your life. Here are some of our musical offerings for the month of March:

March 7	Grace Hear Our Prayer	Worship Ensemble Jubilate
March 14	Just as I Am	Worship Ensemble
March 21	Create in Me	Worship Ensemble, with Flute (Jan Tindall)
March 28 (Palm Sunday)	On Eagle's Wings Lift High the Cross	Jan Tindall, Flute Nancy Moran, Piano; Deb Carraway, Organ
	Lift Up Your Heads, Jerusalem Near the Cross	Worship Ensemble Worship Ensemble

Looking ahead to the joyful alleluias of Easter!

Yours in Christ,
Deb Carraway



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| 1 Bill Mann | 17 Audrey Logan |
| Margaret Panlilio | 19 Lucienne Trees |
| 2 James Battle | 20 Nathan Battle |
| Deb Carraway | 21 Marilyn DuBrul |
| 4 Bob Fiebke | Gordon Oldham |
| Lee Curry | Gus Grizzard |
| 6 Anna Rees Delgado | 23 Shirley Long |
| 9 George Rebusmen | Barbara Morgan |
| Ted Wolf | 24 Janet Davis |
| 10 Barbara Demaline | Maggie Graham |
| 12 Charles Tucker | 25 Gail Ostrander |
| 13 George Singeltary | John Meier V |
| 15 Kristen Bowersox | Jessica Graham |
| 16 Rita Clements | Mandy Cauthen |
| Jennifer Seamans | 26 Terri Galyon |
| 17 Ray Ozanne | 27 Meg Bremer |
| Linda Tomasello | Dan Tenwinkel |
| Shirley Fiebke | 28 Linda Grizzard |
| Scott Braun | Jim Logan |
| | 30 Kaitlyn Waddell |



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| 6 Alberto & Marie Gan | 23 Tom & Kathleen Trees |
| 16 Court & Linda Hintze | 25 Jeff & Maggie Brooke- Stewart |
| 19 Collin & Jeanmarie York | Simon & Katie Van Beek |
| | 30 Keith & Mary Burnett |

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Volunteers are needed to help prepare the **Messenger** for mailing. The team meets the last Wednesday of each month at 9:30am in the Parish Hall. If you can help, please contact Paul O'Connor at 352-787-6372. Your help will be appreciated.



Many of us were grateful that the Ash Wednesday service was 'streamed', thank you all who made it possible.

I received a wonderful email which included a message from Pope Francis which asked the question: *Do you want to Fast this Lent?* I will list the Pope's suggestions.

Fast from hurting words and say kind words. Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude. Fast from anger and be filled with patience. Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope. Fast from worries and have trust in God. Fast from complaints; contemplate simplicity. Fast from pressures and be prayerful. Fast from bitterness; fill your hearts with joy. Fast from selfishness and be compassionate. Fast from grudges and be reconciled. Fast from words; be silent and listen. Sounds like a wonderful list to practice and follow all year, until it becomes second nature..

It has been several months since the Daughters have been able to gather for a meeting. We have scheduled a March meeting, March 10th at 10:00. Our usual invitation goes out to all women of the parish, please join us, on the veranda, wearing a mask.



THURSDAY HEALING EUCHARIST

Our Thursday Morning Eucharists take place at 10:00 in the Parish Hall. Each service features a brief message on the life of a notable Saint, plus anointing for healing. It is the perfect service for those who want to worship in a small, relaxed, informal environment.

FROM OUR LIBRARIAN

LENTEN and EASTER READING A collection of books from the Parish Library to guide you in your Lenten and Easter studies and meditations is located on the book truck in the Parish Hall. We hope you will be reading and finding inspiration from them during this deeply religious season.

If you are looking for children's books, they are now located in St. Nicholas House, also on a book truck, for use by the youth Sunday School Class. You can still check them out for reading at home. Just leave the book card at the back of the book with your full name and the date you have checked the book out on the book truck in the box provided, so that we will know where the book is paying a visit. Thank you. Wishing you a sacred Lent and Happy Easter, The Librarians, Margaret & Linda

The Library is open on Thursdays from 8:00am~12:00pm. Please stop by!



2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 9:00 ECW Board Mtg 10:00 ECW Gen'l Mtg	3 1:00 Coffee & Philosophy	4 10:00 Eucharist	5	6
7 3rd LENT 8:00 Eucharist 9:15 Sunday School 10:15 Eucharist	8 10:00 DOK Board Mtg	9	10 10:00 DOK Mthly Mtg. 1:00 Coffee & Philosophy	11 10:00 Eucharist	12	13
14 4th LENT 8:00 Eucharist 9:15 Sunday School 10:15 Eucharist	15	16 ECW Chapter Mtgs (10:00am St. Ann's In Parish Hall) (10:00 St. Francis' In the Chapel)	17 9-12 FOOD DROP 1:00 Coffee & Philosophy 5:00 Finance Meeting	18 10:00 Eucharist 6:00 Vestry Mtg.	19	20
21 5th LENT 8:00 Eucharist 9:15 Sunday School 10:15 Eucharist	22	23	24 1:00 Coffee & Philosophy	25 10:00 Eucharist	26	27
28 SUNDAY OF THE PASSION- PALM SUNDAY 8:00 Eucharist 9:15 Sunday School 10:15 Eucharist						