

St James Episcopal Church

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MAY 2025



MESSENGER

It's Time For The St. James Parish Picnic!

**Sunday, May 04, 2025
LEESBURG BOAT CLUB**

31 Dozier Circle

Leesburg, FL 34748

12:00 P.M. - 2:00 P.M.

BBQ, Sides & Drinks Provided.



**Please bring a dessert
to share with your
fellow parishioners.**



MAY BIRTHDAYS



Robert Bryan	2nd	Shirley Dunne	16th
Sean Lahey	2nd	Rebecca Hill	16th
Haden Kelly	3rd	Roger Reitter	17th
Luke Wilson	3rd	Ted Bedell	18th
Delores Griffin	6th	Marie Crouch	19th
Butch O'Kelley	7th	Sarah Araque	20th
Chris Meade	7th	Sadie Rae James	21st
Clair Lahey	8th	John Crane	22nd
Connor Rebusmen	8th	Dot Hay	25th
Cynthia Kennedy	9th	Karen English	26th
Jim Gustafson	10th	Charles Johnson	28th
Ivey Young	10th	Linda Hopkins	30th
Gretchen Gray	13th	Murray Tucker	30th
Paul Motto	15th		

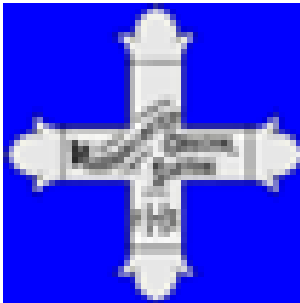


MAY ANNIVERSARIES



Eric & Lynsie Anselmo	1st
Butch & Dianna O'Kelly	1st
Paul & Charlene Smigel	10th
John & Debbie MacIntyre	12th
Ted & Patti Wolf	16th
Ted & Sharon Bowersox	19th
Steve & Babs Treiber	23rd
George & Robin Rebusmen	23rd
Durham & Kimmey Young	27th
Mackie & Sharon McCabe	31st

DAUGHTERS S OF THE KING MORNING PRAYER



On **Saturday morning, March 29th**, the Daughters of the King, Martha and Mary Chapter shared with members of St James a wonderful Lenten program designed and led by **Deacon Art Hollows and Candidate Sebastiana Springmann.**

The program began with Morning Prayer and the Great Litany and comments by Deacon Art on the different types of prayer. Primary focus would be on “Contemplative” prayer around reflection on the seven(7) statements of Christ on the Cross. Ten minutes followed each statement accompanied by music and discussion. Everyone who attended were blessed by the program.

I would like to extend my thanks and appreciation to my Chapter VP Nadine Millett who worked to coordinate this Quiet Day and, grateful heart to Deacon Art and Candidate Sebastiana who designed the program leading us through a Lenten observance like no other.

We walk in love and prayer, Keneta Gaillardet Chapter President.





We rejoice at the baptism of
KELLY ROLAN

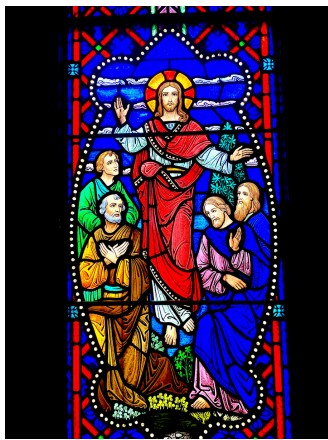


8:15 a.m. Easter Sunday service.

Congratulations, Kelly!

**“We receive you into the household of God.
Confess the faith of Christ crucified;
proclaim his resurrection, and share with us
in his eternal priesthood.” (BCP 308)**





JOINT ASCENSION DAY SERVICE

**Thursday, May 29th
@ 6:30 p.m.**

For the past few years, St. James has teamed up with St. Thomas in Eustis, and St. Edwards in Mt. Dora, for joint services on special Holy Days.

Our next joint service will be on Ascension Day, May 29th, at 6:30 PM at St. James. Clergy and Parishioners from the other churches will participate with us.



**From Our Organist
John Wilson,**

Thank you for supporting our music ministry at St. James. Our choir has worked really hard this year to bring everyone some great choral selections. It's our prayer that the Holy Spirit continues to bless St. James with so many talented people.

We always love to have new choristers join us so please come see me and we will get you robed up!

Have a blessed summer.

-John Wilson



INTERGENERATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL

Our **Red Letter Edition Sunday School has been meeting at **9:00 a.m.** in the **Parish Hall** this past year. For each lesson we seek to apply the words and actions of Jesus in a lively and interactive setting, focusing on the Sunday's Gospel reading. Breakfast is included!**

We will have our final lesson for the season on May 24th. We will cover the words of Jesus in John 14:23-29: "But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything; and remind you of all that I have said to you."

SPRING LUNCHEON

May 6th

10:00 a.m. ECW Board Meeting

11:00 a.m. ECW General Meeting

**Hostesses: ECW Board, Hospitality Committee and
ECW Members.**

Please join us to celebrate the women of St. James in our final meeting until the Fall. Our resident storyteller, Dorry Curran, will present a narrative, "Next to Niveaux".

Sherry Lash would like to thank all of the members who donated towels for the homeless in Leesburg. We will be collecting towels and toiletries at the luncheon. Keep in mind that travel size items are the most practical choice. Shampoo, body wash, bar soap, deodorant, alcohol wipes, Q-Tips, insect repellent, and antibiotic cream, are all needed. Detergent sheets would also be appreciated since hand washing laundry is frequently a necessity. Please give generously to those living unsheltered lives in our 8 community.

ECW CHAPTER MEETINGS

MAY 20TH

ST. ANNE'S

10 a.m. in the Parish Hall

ST. FRANCIS'

10 a.m. in the St. Nicholas House

ST. CECILIA'S

3:45 p.m. in the Parish Hall



The First Ronald McDonald House



You are right, there was a huge error in last months Messenger! The first Ronald McDonald House was opened in **Philadelphia in 1974**. Jim Murray, general manager of the Eagles was raising funds for one of his players' daughters, Kim who had Leukemia. Then he met Children's Hospital of Philadelphia oncologist, Audrey Evans.

Together they worked with Elkman Ad Agency, which handled the McDonald account, and took the name of their mascot, Ronald McDonald, to name this new enterprise.

More of this wonderful saga next month. Who was Audrey Evans? How many Ronald McDonald houses are there? And where? Enjoy your cold drinks, we need your Pull Tabs!

Meg Bremer



MOTHER'S DAY



BUTTERFLY RELEASE

Scheduled for Sunday, May 11th between the services at 9:15 a.m. If you purchased a Butterfly to be released you will receive an envelope on this day containing your butterfly. You will then be able to release them into the butterfly garden (In memory of) or (Thankful for).

It is an amazing experience.



MEN'S



**Please join us for our annual
Men's Fish Fry scheduled for
Wednesday, May 13th at 5:30 p.m.**

**This year it will be hosted by Jim
Logan, 35329 S.O.**

**Gray's Airport Rd.,
Fruitland Park, FL 34731-0729**

**COST: \$25 per person, boys under
18 are FREE**

**Tickets can be purchased at the
Church Office. For more information,
please contact:**

**Ted Kermode, 941-807-3176
or email, fkermode@verizon.net**

APRIL FOOD DROP

St. James beautiful courtyard was full of different shades of green and brilliant flowers blooming as volunteers, Tanina and Dick Singeltary, Jan Tindall, Terri and Van Galyon, Barbara Logan, Judy Baxter and Rita Clements met and visited with our faithful parishioners and community members bringing in food and monetary contributions for the April Food Drop.



TOTAL COLLECTED: 560 pounds of food

\$725.00

TOTAL TO DATE: 51,581 pounds of food

\$59,550.00



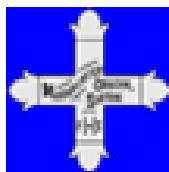
**Be Thankful for the Past, Have Courage for the Present, And
CHRISTIAN FAITH for the Future.**

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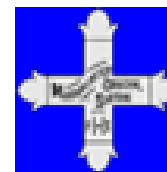


We are looking forward to our next FOOD DROP on the third Wednesday of the month, May 21st from 9:00 to 12:00. There are also FOOD BINS in the parish hall for earlier drops. The Leesburg Food Bank continues to appreciate the much needed food and monetary contributions for those in our community. Blessings to you all and Stay Safe!





DAUGHTERS OF THE KING



MAY 14TH









**Please join us on the second
Wednesday of every month at
2:00 p.m. in the Paris Hall.**



MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST MAY 21ST

**The men of St. James are invited to
join us on the third Wednesday of
every month at 8:00 a.m. in the
Parish Hall.**

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				10:00 Healing & Anointing Service 1 10-2 Jody' Gift Shop Open 3:00 Grief Support	2 10-2 Jody' s Gift Shop Open	3 11:00 Father Charles Hay's Memorial
4 8:00 Eucharist 9:00 Sunday School 9-12 Gift Shop Open 10:15 Eucharis 12:00 PARISHWIDE PICNIC 	5 6:00 Beginner Ukulele	6 10:00 ECW Board Meeting 11:00 General Meeting ECW Spring Luncheon	7 12:00 Coffee & Philosophy 4:00 Jubilate 6:00 Bell Choir 6:45 Adult Choir	8 10:00 Healing & Anointing Service 10-2 Jody' Gift Shop Open	9 10-2 Jody' s Gift Shop Open	10 11:00 Carole Warner Brooke Stewart's Memorial
11 8:00 Eucharist 9:15 BUTTERFLY RELEASE  9-12 Gift Shop Open 10:15 Eucharist	12 3:00 Stephen Ministry 6:00 Beginner Ukulele 7:00 Advanced Ukulele	13 5:30 p.m. MEN'S FISH FRY (Jim Logan's House)	14 12:00 Coffee & Philosophy 2:00 Daughter's of the King 4:00 Jubilate 5:00 Financial Committee 6:00 Bell Choir 6:45 Adult Choir	15 10:00 Healing & Anointing Service 10-2 Jody' Gift Shop Open 6:30 Vestry Meeting	16 9-12 Gift Shop Open 6:00 English Dance	17
18 8:00 Eucharist 9:00 Sunday School 9-12 Gift Shop Open 10:15 Eucharis	19 6:00 Beginner Ukulele	20 CHAPTER MEETINGS 10:00 St. Annes (Parish Hall) 10:00 St. Francis (St. Nicholas House) 3:30 St Cecillas (Parish Hall)	21 8:00 Men's Prayer Breakfast 9-12 Food Drop 12:00 Coffee & Philosophy 6:00 Youth Spring Concert	22 10:00 Healing & Anointing Service 10-2 Jody' Gift Shop Open	23 9-12 Gift Shop Open	24
25 8:00 Eucharist 9:00 Sunday School 9-12 Gift Shop Open (Closed For Summer After Today) 10:15 Eucharist 5:00 Youth Camp-in	26 MEMORIAL DAY 9:00 Camp-In  6:00 Beginner Ukulele 7:00 Advanced Ukulele	27	28 12:00 Coffee & Philosophy 4:00 Jubilate 6:00 Bell Choir 6:45 Adult Choir	29 10:00 Healing & Anointing Service 6:00 Ascension Service	30	

Our youth are wrapping up another school year which means there are two upcoming events that you won't want to miss!

YOUTH SUNDAY,



SUNDAY, MAY 18TH



This is a very special morning where our young people lead worship as greeters, ushers, readers, choristers and instrumentalists during the
10:15 a.m. service.

This year's Senior sermon will be given by the wonderful Grady Logan! Following worship, you are invited to celebrate with cake in the Parish Hall as we thank our acolytes for their service during the year, as well.

YOUTH SPRING CHORAL **PROGRAM, WEDNESDAY,** **MAY 21ST**

"With God's Help" will be presented by our Jubilate and Cantate Youth Singers! Doors to the Parish Hall will open at 6:00 pm for our 6:30-7:30 program and awards ceremony. Please join us as we discuss and reaffirm what baptism is all about!

I cannot fully express the gratitude I feel for this parish and the overwhelming support shown to its young people. God continues to do wonderful things in and through these kids, and I hope you can be with us as we conclude another blessed season!

Sincerely, Beth Williams



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Sunday Services: 8:00 a.m. & 10:15 a.m.

Healing & Anointing Service: Every Thursday at 10:00 a.m. in the Chapel

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Victoria Mymudes, Parish Secretary

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John Wilson, Parish Organist/Choir Director

Elizabeth Williams, Youth Ministry & Choir Director

Wylie Hill, Sexton

VESTRY MEMBERS

**(Senior Warden) Terri Galyon, (Junior Warden) Bert Sofield,
(Treasurer) Mary Burnett**

**Members: Bill Binneveld, Claire Brooks, Rita Clements,
Tony Cobb, Susan Cyrus, Linda Grizzard, Stuart Mowatt,
Marvin Naylor, Dan Robuck, Dick Singeltary**

