



The Shell



JUNE 2026

*Whoever you are, Wherever you are on your Spiritual Journey,
you are Welcome in this Place.*

Sacred Places ... God is Everywhere !



Well, it's summer again—always a special time of year around here. Some seasons are fit to some places (Vermont in Winter; the Blue Ridge mountains in Autumn); while I wouldn't wish our Augusts on an enemy, this place just feels to me more *itself* in the summers. Swimming, boats, crab feasts, sweet corn—this is what we were *made* for. Places can, I think, have vocations from God in the same way people can; I think that's a helpful lens through which to view the goods of *our* home.

Summer is also the time when people tend to travel—and that's got me thinking about pilgrimage. The practice goes back into the earliest years of Christianity, as far back as we know: people living in more rural areas would travel into the city to celebrate the feast day of the local saint; people would travel across countries—across continents!—to visit the Holy Land, even as far back as the fourth century. And the geography and culture of our world as we know it has been shaped by practices of pilgrimage: pilgrimages to the relics of St. James in Compostela, Spain created a whole economy of routes and businesses serving travelers that still exist today; the shrine containing the relics of St. Thomas Becket—murdered in Canterbury Cathedral by noblemen acting on behalf of King Henry II—became the most important pilgrimage site of medieval England, as telling stories on the pilgrim road became the setting for Chaucer's *Canterbury Tales*, arguably the first masterpiece of English literature; still today, modern pilgrimage sites like the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Mexico City or Lourdes in France are cultural and economic centers today.

There's something *different* about going on pilgrimage than regular travel, but it's hard to put your finger on what exactly it is. Often, you're traveling with groups that already have something in common—shared interests, at least; likely shared faith; maybe even a shared community, whether that's a shared parish or diocese or region. Perhaps that makes it easier for conversations to open onto larger, deeper, more profound conversations. The trip has a clear focus, in a way that not all trips do: you're not just going to a country or city to tootle around, you're going to a *place*, and even if you only spend an hour or an afternoon there, it brings an intensity to the experience that isn't always there as you're traveling to cultural sites and museums, one after another. The fact that you're traveling to a holy site is important, of course: in contrast to grand palaces or other historical sites, our faith gives us a *connection* to this place that's woven into our daily lives, the things we care about, the experiences of God that have brought us there (I think this is why you sometimes hear trips to a place like the beaches of Normandy described in ways that approximate pilgrimage). But it also seems really important to me that going on pilgrimage changes the *whole experience* of travel. When you're on pilgrimage, the difficulties and annoyances that always crop up when traveling take on new significance: they're no longer just problems, they're challenges that can help focus our attention and our love on God, in the same way that a discipline like fasting can. Our struggles are offered up to God, and through sharing these experiences together, we're drawn closer to others in a shared love of God.

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St. James' Church

St. James' Parish

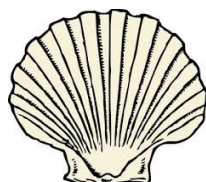
St. Mark's Chapel

5757 Solomons Island Road, Lothian, MD 20711-9707
Parish Office 410-867-2838

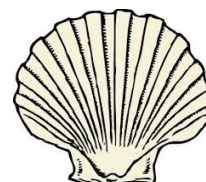


The Rev. Dr. Joseph E. Walker-Lenow, Rector
The Rev. David Showers, Priest Associate
The Rev. Chip Tucker, Deacon
Keith Ulrich, Senior Warden
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Major Feast Days
Trinity Sunday
The Feast Honoring the Christian doctrine of the Holy Trinity
God as the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit
Thursday, May 31st



Our Mission Statement: Who We Are.

Our Mission at St. James' Parish is to share the good news of Christ by meeting the diverse and changing needs of our parishioners and community through worship, music, Christian formation, pastoral care, fellowship, and outreach.

Our Vision Statement: Who We Strive To Be.

Our vision at St. James' Parish is to be the Christians God wants us to be; to build a lasting community that follows God, honors our Episcopal heritage, enhances the spiritual lives of our members through parish ministries, nurtures Christian fellowship among youth and adults, and puts faith into action, serving the whole community through our Christian outreach.

St. James' Parish Communication & Transparency Policy

It is the objective of the Vestry of St. James' Parish to continue and encourage transparency and communication regarding all parish governing and financial decisions, as well as the many projects and programs coordinated by the Parish committees and ministries. In support of and commitment to this objective, information about the Vestry meetings are published in the weekly Sunday Bulletin, the monthly parish newsletter, *The Shell*, and on the parish website at www.stjameslothian.com. The website also contains an archive of past Vestry action, newsletters, Sunday Bulletins and other articles, documents and information for review by interested parishioners and others. All Vestry and Parish Committee meetings are open to any interested member of the Parish, and everyone is welcomed and encouraged to attend and participate. All Parish financial information is available for review and is audited using standard practices. Members of the Vestry, Officers and Clergy are available to provide information or discuss concerns. Your participation and feedback is always valued and appreciated.

—The Vestry, Officers & Clergy



Parish Events



Heart Healthy Forum ▫ June 14

On Sunday, June 14th following the 10:00 a.m. worship service, The Parish Health Ministry will be sponsoring a Heart Healthy Forum in The Ticknor Parish Hall during the coffee hour. The program will include a presentation on healthy nutrition followed by a Q&A. Members of the committee will be available to take your blood pressure.

We hope you will join us!

PRAYER LABYRINTH - A Sacred Place!

St. James' Parish is blessed to have an outdoor prayer labyrinth, an ancient Christian practice of prayer and meditation. If you go to the large, paved area outside the Columbarium, you'll find a path in different-colored bricks laid into the ground. This winding pathway will lead you to the very center of the paved area. There is a small box near the labyrinth where you'll find a guide that explains the history of this devotional practice. Consider spending some time outside in prayer and reflection this summer!



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But do we need to go on pilgrimage? Of course not—God is everywhere, and there is no closer encounter that we can have with God than receiving Christ’s Body and Blood in the Eucharist each week. But remember what I said above: I think *places* can have vocations, too—and I think that some places are “set aside” (that’s what being “sacred” really means) as places of special encounter with God, places where God promises to work especially powerfully. I know people who have gone on pilgrimage in the midst of profound sickness, and still attribute the healing they received to the experiences they had there; I know people (I am a person) who has felt transformed through the prayers I’ve offered in holy places, and the process of getting there. The spiritual world of God isn’t like the grid of a map, where every place is equally divided into coordinates that allow you to locate things precisely—it’s a topography of peaks and valleys, with some places that are charged with God’s presence *not* because God “lives there” in a way He doesn’t live in other places, but because the Holy Spirit has chosen to *work* there. Holy places are gifts that God has given us, knowing that some of us are people who like travel, new places, adventure (and don’t worry: for those who don’t like travel, God has *also* given special graces based on stability and being rooted in one place!).

Have you ever been on a pilgrimage? If so, I’d love to hear about it! And whether or not you have before, maybe it’s worth thinking about. Not all pilgrimages have to be across the world, or even more than an hour away; here are some options for you to explore:

One of the great traditional pilgrimage sites: the Holy Land (though I’m not sure I would recommend going right now...), Santiago de Compostela (with a great connection to our own St. James!), Canterbury Cathedral (deep ties to our own Anglican tradition)

One of our North American holy sites: the shrine to St. Constance and her companions, Episcopal nuns who died caring for the sick during a yellow fever outbreak in Memphis, TN (their shrine is at St. Mary’s Episcopal Cathedral in Memphis), the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Mexico City, or staying for a few days in an Episcopal monastery (check out Holy Cross Monastery in New York, St. Gregory’s Abbey in Michigan, or Incarnation Monastery at the Benedictine Way in Omaha.

Or even somewhere closer to home: the shrine to Our Lady of Walsingham at St. Paul’s, K Street Episcopal Church, or the Basilica of the Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington D.C.

I’ll see you on the road!

— Fr. Joe Walker-Lenow

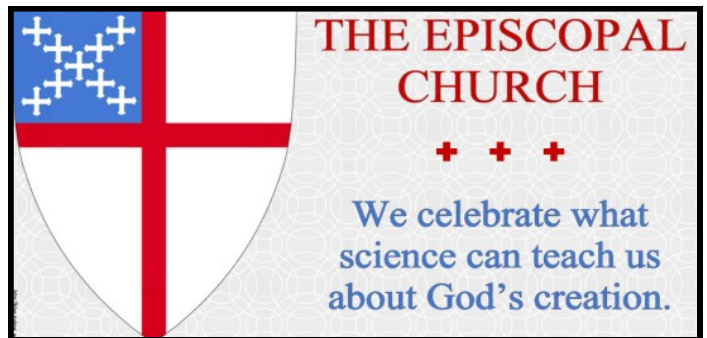


From the Vestry

Finances Year Ending March 31, 2026

<u>Revenues</u>		<u>Variances</u>
Actual YTD	\$ 143,390	
Budget YTD	\$ <u>123,825</u>	
Over / (Under) YTD	\$ 19,565	Favorable
<u>Expenses</u>		
Actual YTD	\$ 110,762	
Budget YTD	\$ <u>125,950</u>	
Over / (Under) YTD	\$ (15,188)	Favorable
<u>Net Income</u>		
Total Revenues	\$ 143,390	
Total Expenses	\$ <u>110,762</u>	
Over / (Under) YTD	\$ 32,628	Favorable
<u>Pledges</u>		
Actual YTD	\$ 70,053	
Budget YTD	\$ <u>56,500</u>	
Over / (Under) YTD	\$ 13,553	Favorable

The St. James' Parish Vestry
meets on the 3rd Monday of every month
(except July) at 7 p.m.
All parishioners are welcome to attend.
For additional information, please contact
the Rev. Dr. Joseph E. Walker-Lenow
at 410-867-2838.



2026 Committees & Vestry Liaisons

COMMITTEE	CHAIR / LEAD	VESTRY LIAISON	MEETING DAY / TIME
Worship	Paula Davis	Paula Davis	2 nd Monday @ 7:00 p.m.
Outreach	Cindy Carrier	Allison Rowsome	Occasional Sunday @ 11:15 a.m.
Community Assistance	Contact Liz Sutherland	al.liz.suther@gmail.com	
Communications	Pamela Blyth	Angela Hunt-Hysan	As needed
A/V Ministry	Earl Buffaloe; Curtis Miller	Angela Hunt-Hysan	As needed
Social Media	Angela Hunt-Hysan	Angela Hunt-Hysan	As needed
Parish Life	Angela Hunt-Hysan	Allison Rowsome	As needed
Christian Formation	Kelly Rosenberry	Rob Morrow	2 nd Tuesday @ 7:00 p.m.
Finance	Rick Downs, Treasurer	Keith Ulrich	2 nd Tuesday @ 10:30 a.m.
Library	Lillie Barrett	Paula Davis	2 nd Tuesday
Women of St James'	Lillie Barrett	Cliff Habig	Occasional Sunday @ 11:15 a.m.
Scholarship	Fr. David Showers	Rob Morrow	As needed
Fabric			
Buildings & Grounds	Jim Cheston	Susan Dowling	As needed
Cemetery	Jim Brown	Steve Landefeld	As needed
Endowment	Rick Downs	Steve Landefeld	January, July
Preservation	Fr. Joe Walker-Lenow	Thomas Deeter	As needed
Stewardship	Shari Thorne-Sulima	Cliff Habig	As needed



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**ENCOUNTER CHRIST
ENGAGE THE WORLD**



- ◇ *The 82nd General Convention of the Episcopal Church*
July 3-8, 2027, Phoenix, Arizona
- ◇ *242nd Convention of the Diocese of Maryland*
November 20-21, 2026, The Claggett Center, Adamstown, MD

Do you know?

... how to become a member of St. James' Parish?

Whether you are attending St. James' Church or St. Mark's Chapel, you may join through Holy Baptism, Confirmation, Reception, Letter of Transfer, or simple "Declaration."

Each depends on your personal preference as well as where you are presently in your faith journey and religious affiliation. Speak with the clergy, call the parish office 410-867-2838, or fill out the newcomer information form in the pews or on the St. James' Parish website at www.stjameslothian.com/newcomer_info.php

Welcome to St. James' Parish!

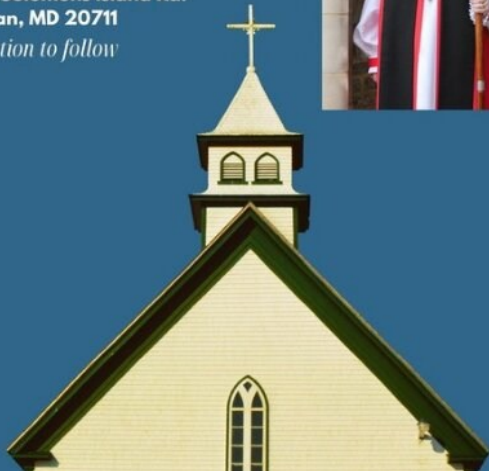


Chesapeake Deanery

LEADERSHIP MEETING

A time for the Laity and Clergy of our region to meet with Bishop Carrie and one another

June 7
St. James, Lothian
3pm
5757 Solomons Island Rd.
Lothian, MD 20711
Reception to follow



Bishop Carrie is Coming To St. James' Parish!

Bishop Carrie will be joining us on **Sunday, June 7 at 3:00 p.m.** for our Chesapeake Deanery Leadership Meeting.

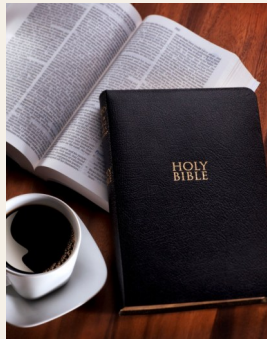
This is an opportunity for lay and clergy leaders throughout the Chesapeake Deanery (roughly, Glen Burnie down to Solomons) to gather together, spend some time with our bishop, and ask her the questions that are on our hearts and minds.

Anyone interested is welcome to attend! There will be a reception following the session.

We hope to see you there!



Study & Reflection



Men's Monthly Breakfast and Bible Study ▫ June 20

The Men's Monthly Breakfast & Bible Study normally meets on the third Saturday of every month at 8 a.m. at the South County Café in Deale. For additional information, please contact the Parish Office at 410-867-2838. ***Please join us!***



EPISCOPAL 101 ▫ Sundays Following the 10 a.m. Service

As you may have noticed, we've got a lot of new faces around St. James' Parish! Perhaps you're new to St. James' Parish, and would like to get to know some people in the parish a little better. Perhaps you're new to the Episcopal Church, and would like to learn a bit more about what makes our Anglican tradition different. Maybe you're just beginning a new chapter in your Christian faith, and would love to explore some of the central mysteries of our faith a bit more deeply.



If any of those ring a bell, *this group is for you!* Please join us for our Episcopal 101 class in the Library each Sunday after our 10 a.m. service. All are welcome here, no matter how long you've been around St. James' Parish.

This class will also serve as preparation for anyone who wishes to be confirmed, received into the Episcopal Church, or who wishes to reaffirm their faith during our August 23rd 10 a.m. worship service during which Bishop Carrie will be making her formal visitation to St. James' Parish. Fr. Joe will be happy to answer any questions you have about any of those options!

Pub Theology ▫ Tuesday, June 23

Looking for an opportunity to get to know some folks around St. James' Parish in a slightly more casual setting? Welcome to Pub Theology! Join us and folks from All Hallows' Parish on the fourth Tuesday of each month at Killarney House in Davidsonville for. There will be plenty of time to enjoy dinner, drinks, and casual conversation as well as opportunities to explore spiritual questions with fellow parishioners and the clergy of St. James' and All Hallows' Parishes.



Tuesday Morning Bible Study ▫ Resumes August 11th

Join us on Tuesday mornings at 9 a.m. for study and discussion with Fr. Joe.

Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88202713799?pwd=aVdJTGlhSzMZ4VmU4R3c1UzhwNk9udz09>

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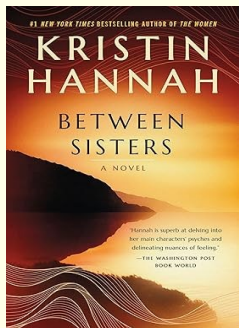
Parish Events

Amazing Grays ▫ Helping to Stay Connected!

The Amazing Grays (our seniors!) gather periodically to enjoy fellowship, entertainment, and lunch. Our supporting volunteers serve as a resource for those seniors who are at home and need a little extra help or encouragement. We make phone calls, send birthday cards and deliver goodie bags to the most senior members of the Parish. If you (or a senior you know) is in need of a little help, please contact us. And, we can always use more volunteers! For more information, please contact the Parish Office.



Save these dates for future gatherings of the Amazing Grays: September 15 and December 8, 2026.



St. James' Parish Women's Book Club ▫ June 16

The St. James' Parish Book Club normally meets on the third Tuesday of every month to enjoy fellowship and discuss a contemporary book.

This month, the group will meet in the home of Dorothy Whitman to discuss the book *Between Sisters*, by Kristin Hannah. For additional information, please contact Adrienne Day at adeday13@gmail.com

New members are always welcome!

Prayer Shawl Ministry

The St. James' Parish Prayer Shawl Ministry will meet on June 8th and July 13th at 6:00 p.m. in the Counting Room for lots of fun and fellowship as we knit and crochet prayer shawls. Both experienced and beginners are welcome. Instruction is available, too!

For those who cannot make the meeting but would like to participate, please find additional information about the Prayer Shawl Ministry and even some patterns in this [google doc](#).

For more information, please contact Lora Harris at harris.lora@gmail.com



Community Assistance Fund ▫ Assisting Those in Need

The Community Assistance team continues to assist families with eviction prevention (rental assistance) and to prevent electricity turn-offs. We try very hard to make sure the money you generously contribute does the most good for the most people. We meet with clients on Thursday mornings, since many of our clients have transportation problems, and meeting on Thursdays allows them to also visit the SCAN Food Pantry and the St. James' Parish Clothes Closet while they are here on campus. We do require that clients go first to the Community Action Agency to see about available government funds. Your generous contributions have been deeply appreciated. Questions may be directed to the Parish Office.

Please remember that the plate offering and designated checks on the 1st Sunday of every month are earmarked for the Community Assistance Fund. Thank you for your generous support!



YOUTH Activities



Youth Group ▫ Grades 6 - 12

Join us for fun and fellowship!

For more Information, contact Kelly Rosenberry
krosenberry@alanmaloufmd.com

Resumes in the Fall

Information about Youth Diocesan Events

<http://episcopalmarylandyouth.weebly.com/events.html>

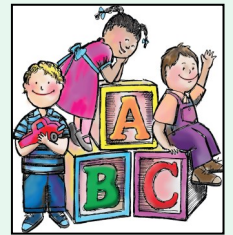


Summer Camp 2026: Registration OPEN

The Camper Application Portal for summer 2026 is now open.
Reserve your camper's spot(s) today!

Nursery Program During the 10 a.m. Sunday Service!

St. James' Parish normally offers a Nursery Program for newborns to three-year-olds during the 10 a.m. worship service *during the Sunday Church School year*. The Volunteers, working with the Nursery Coordinator, ensure the nursery is a secure, nurturing environment where each child will see, hear, and feel the love of Jesus Christ and where parents can feel confident their child will receive the highest quality of care and ministry.



This summer, we will also be able to offer the Nursery Program several Sundays each month!

June 14 & 28 ▫ July 12 & 26 ▫ August 9 & 23

For more information or to volunteer, please contact Kelly Rosenberry at
443-205-3985 or StJamesLothianYouth@gmail.com

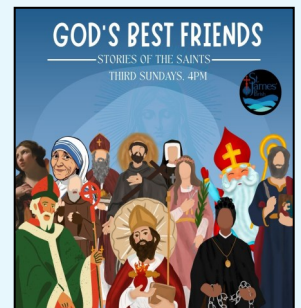
"Messy Church" Children's Worship! June 21

Have you ever felt like it's just too hard to get your little kids up for church on Sunday morning? Have you worried that they might get, uh, "boisterous" at an inopportune moment? *Well, this is the service for you!*

Messy Church is our monthly worship service for kids. We meet in the Ticknor Parish Hall (usually on the 3rd Sunday), at 4 p.m., sing fun songs, learn the stories of our faith, enter more deeply into God's word through music, crafts and activities, and enjoy a fun response to God's word. We pray together and finish with a snack dinner. We have a large contingent of kids who come regularly, and we hope you'll join us and invite your friends!

This year's theme is "God's Best Friends: Stories of the Saints."

We hope to see you there!



YOUTH Activities

Welcome to Church School 2025-2026!

Sunday Church School begins at 9:45 a.m. on Sundays during the program year (September - May).



On behalf of the Church School teachers and the Christian Formation Committee, we want to welcome back all returning children as well as those who are attending for the first time! We look forward to sharing the journey of our faith and building a strong foundation of community and friendship. Please be sure to visit the classrooms, introduce yourselves to the leaders, and fill out the [registration form](#) (either online or a hardcopy) so that we can plan for your children. Once you submit the form, you will receive a confirmation email. For additional information, please contact the Parish Office at 410-867-2838.

All children and youth, ages 3 to 18 are invited to attend Sunday Church School!



*Last day of Church School is June 7th. We will resume after the summer break.
Have a wonderful summer!*



REQUIRED TRAINING Safe Churches, Safe Communities (formerly Protecting God's Children)

The Episcopal Diocese of Maryland requires the following clergy and lay leaders to complete this training course every five years:

- All ordained persons;
- Anyone who works with children or vulnerable adults regularly;
- Lay employees and volunteers;
- Congregation vestry, chapter, or advisory board members and officers; and
- Those in diocesan leadership including members of committees, commissions and task forces.

The course can be completed online by visiting episcopalmaryland.org/required-workshops and following the instructions. When registering, you will be required to enter the assigned code for St. James' Parish which is **reg-episcopalmaryland-682-jameslothian**.

Once the course has been completed, please send a copy of your certification to the Parish Office at parishadmin@stjameslothian.com

Thank you for all you do for our Diocese and Parish!



Reading Camp ▫ Volunteers Needed !!

2026 Reading Camp South County ▫ August 3-7 Volunteers and Donations Needed!

2026 Reading Camp, which will be held August 3-7, is for students going into grades 2-5 who live in South County. We serve students who hate reading or have reading difficulties. Each year we ask the school reading teachers to identify potential students for us and do the recruitment. We serve students from Lothian, Tracey's, Deale, and Shady Side elementary schools. After the families return our registration forms to the schools, we are then able to reach out and finalize the registration process.

At camp, teachers teach instructional groups all morning, i.e., comprehension, vocabulary, visualization, and writing. Students rotate through each subject. We have Book Buddy volunteers who travel with the students as they go through their scheduled activities. Afternoons are for fun activities, such as author visits, guest speakers, field trips, arts/crafts, and music.

On the last day of camp, every student will go home with a bag of books and a backpack of school supplies. School supplies correspond to the public school lists. Finally, we feed each child breakfast, lunch, and two snacks.

To make all this happen, *we need you!* It costs about \$200 per student to provide this program, and we are aiming to host 30 students. Donations of any amount can be given to the Parish office. We appreciate the way the St. James' parishioners have supported us for many years and helped us help our community.

If you have art experience, we would welcome your thoughts and ideas for activities. We would also welcome your help at camp! Book Buddy volunteers are needed to be with the students as they move through the day (no teaching experience needed). Our arts/crafts team can use helpers on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday afternoons. We are always looking for people with teaching experience to help in the mornings.

For more information, to volunteer, or to make a financial donation of support, please contact Paula Davis, Reading Camp Coordinator, at southcounty.md.readingcamp@gmail.com

— Paula Davis
Reading Camp Coordinator

**Join us at our PLANNING MEETING on
June 23rd from 4-5 p.m. in the Ticknor Parish Hall**

Reading Camp South County is part of [The Reading Camp Network](#), an educational, non-religious literacy program for low-income, struggling readers in Grades 2-4 who are at least one grade level behind in reading. This highly successful program was developed in the Episcopal Diocese of Lexington, Kentucky (where the first Reading Camp was held in 2002) and eight states and two international sites have since joined the Network.

The Network's vision and mission is to promote personal and academic growth and success for struggling, at-risk students through summertime non-formal educational opportunities, and its goal is to empower and encourage at-risk children to be strong readers, engaged students, and responsible members of their communities.

READING camp
imagine ● discover ● empower



Come Sing With Us!



Maybe you're a member of the choir of long standing, or maybe you've never sung with the choir before and want to give it a try. The St. James' Parish Choir is open to everyone, and we invite you to come and sing with us! We practice on Thursdays at 7:30 p.m. in the Music Room and at 9 a.m. on Sunday mornings prior to the 10 a.m. service at St. James' Church. Please email Pat Tyndall at patriciatyndall42@gmail.com for more information about choir activities.

Please join us - Everyone is Welcome!

"O Come, let us sing unto the LORD: let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation. Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving, and make a joyful noise unto him with psalms."

- Psalm 95:1-2



House Blessings

Fr. Joe is always – *always* – happy to come bless your home. Our homes are important places where we can meet God, and it can be really powerful to have your home blessed in a short liturgy.

Reach out to Fr. Joe at to schedule a time!
joe.lenow@stjameslothian.com

The Women of St. James' Parish

The *Women of St. James' Parish (WSJP)* meet periodically to plan various events - such as the Spring and Fall Dinners.

All women of the parish are invited to attend and participate in the WSJP activities!

For additional information, please contact Lillie Barrett at 301-855-7829.



Christmas was God *with us.*

Easter was God *for us.*

Pentecost is God *in us.*

Prayer for the Gift of the Holy Spirit

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of Your faithful and kindle in us the fire of Your Love. Send forth Your Spirit and we shall be created, and You shall renew the face of the earth.

O God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit did instruct the hearts of the faithful, Grant that by that same Holy Spirit, we may be truly wise and ever enjoy Your consolations;

Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen



Get Involved ▫ We need YOU!

Parish Life Committee - Join Us!

The Parish Life Committee helps build community at St. James' Parish by creating opportunities for fellowship, hospitality, and celebration. From parish gatherings and shared meals to welcoming newcomers, this committee helps make our parish a place where everyone feels welcome.

Parish Life also supports members who feel called to start or lead small groups – whether it's the Women's Book Club, Men's Breakfast & Bible Study, Losses & New Beginnings, Amazing Grays or any of our other shared interest groups.

If you enjoy connecting with people and strengthening our parish community, we invite you to join us! For more information, please email Angela Hysan at angelahunthysan@gmail.com.

St. James' Parish Social Media Team

Do you enjoy connecting with others online, sharing stories, or helping spread the word about all the wonderful things happening here at St. James? We are forming a Social Media Ministry Team and would love you to be part of it! This [group](#) will work together to highlight parish life, promote upcoming events, and share the Good News of God's work in our community through platforms like Facebook and Instagram. Whether you're comfortable creating posts, taking photos, or simply brainstorming ideas, there's a place for you. If you're interested in learning more or getting involved, please reach out to Angela Hysan angelahunthysan@gmail.com Together we can help shine a light on St. James' Parish in new and creative ways!



Sunday Coffee Hour

Please join us for Coffee Hour at St. James Parish each Sunday following the 10 a.m. service for a time of fellowship, connection, and community. Whether you're new or have been part of our parish family for years, all are welcome at the table. We invite you to take part in our coffee hours by:

- Attending – enjoy time together with fellow parishioners.
- Volunteering – to help set-up, make the coffee and clean up.
- Bringing a simple item to share – baked goods, fruit, or a favorite treat.

If you'd like to sign up to host or contribute, please [click here](#) or visit the sign-up sheet in Ticknor Hall.

For more information, please contact Angela Hunt-Hysan at angelahunthysan@gmail.com

Come, share in fellowship – we look forward to seeing you!



Get Involved ▫ We need YOU!

Volunteer Opportunities Abound at St. James' Parish!

Youth Program Volunteers We are always looking for help with youth fellowship and events! For additional information on how you can participate with our children and youth, please contact the Parish Office at 410-867-2838.



Sunday Coffee Hour Please consider volunteering to help out with this important (and fun!) ministry. The coffee hour sign-up sheet has been added to the bulletin board outside of the parish office. Thank you for your continued support.

Altar Guild Altar Guild sets up the silver, wine, and wafers and fills the candles for the service. You would not need to clean the linens. Training is provided, and you would not be on your own. For additional information, or to volunteer, please speak to the Rector or contact Paula Davis at 301-793-8665.

Ushers & Greeters Anyone interested in serving as an usher or greeter at one of the Sunday Services is invited to contact Scott Stasny at 410-952-9083 or sstasny3914@gmail.com You will be scheduled to work with an experienced volunteer.

Become a Counter Volunteers are needed to help count the offering after the Sunday Services. For additional information, please contact Stephanie Petrosino, at 410-867-2838 or parishadm@stjameslothian.com

Acolytes & Servers If you're interested in serving on the altar at one of the Sunday Services, please sign up! Acolytes, Servers, and Readers, are always needed, and everyone is welcome to participate in this meaningful opportunity for service. For additional information on how you can participate, please contact Jean Davis at jmd27@comcast.net



SCAN Food Pantry needs volunteers with pick-up trucks to transport food from the Anne Arundel County Food Bank in Crownsville to the SCAN Food Pantry at St. James' Parish. Volunteers are also needed to assist with unloading the food items and stocking the pantry. You will be called every three or four months to help for two hours on a weekday. If you can help, please contact Sharon Fowler sharonlee_77@hotmail.com *Volunteers are currently needed for the 4th Thursday of each month.* For other volunteer opportunities (one Saturday a month), please contact Trish Pumphrey, SCAN Food Pantry Volunteer Coordinator, at scan.volcorder@gmail.com Financial support to buy food is always welcome.

Charlotte Hall Veterans Home Socks, slippers, hats, and other summer clothing items, and tennis balls (*for the bottom of walkers*) are needed by residents of the Charlotte Hall Veterans Home. Items may be left in the blue bin outside of the Parish Administrator's Office. For additional information about how you can help, please contact Carole Magee-Turner at 443-203-6177 or magee07@comcast.net

Clothing Donations The St. James' Parish clothing ministry is accepting donations of winter clothing items. If you are able to coordinate or assist with this ministry, please contact the Parish Office.



The Bread Run Ministry is looking for volunteers to pick up bread and baked goods at 8 a.m. and deliver them to the downstairs hall in the Education Building by 9 a.m. on a Thursday or Saturday morning of their choice. Please contact Suzanne Furr at 410-693-6158 or sdfurr@icloud.com for additional information or to reserve a Saturday date. Contact Kim Parker at 410-867-2701 or manydogs@verizon.net to reserve a Thursday date.

Church Calendar & Scheduling



To schedule a meeting, confirm a room, or rent the Ticknor Parish Hall, please first check the parish calendar at stjameslothian.com/calendar to see if the date and room are available. Then email your request to calendar@stjameslothian.com, and it will be added to the calendar on a first-come basis. A printed copy of the current Church Calendar is posted on the door opposite the Parish office.



Let Us Pray



Please pray for all those who in this transitory life are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness or any other adversity, especially: Jane Horst, Vince Jensen, Cindy Tucker, Joyce Weimar, Tara Bready, Donna MacDonald, Andrea Dissanti, Barbara Howard, Charlotte Callens, Michael Reis, Michael Levendusky, Dan Hysan, Kathy McCoy, Kim Parker, Joni Ramsey, Brenda Duvall Addison, Keith Fultz, Grace Fultz, Anna Fultz, Michael Parks, Dorothy Parks, Janna Manifold, Stacey George, Margi Sigler, Evan Zweben, Trisha Dauphinais, Nikita Andrade, Judy Andrade, Valentine Andrade, Stephanie Linkins, Jacquelyn Miller, Dorsey Emmerich, Phyllis Schwallenberg, Craig Ridgeway, Renee Herrity, Pat Riddle, Beverly Fahlstrom, Kathy Doepkens, Caroline Lantz, Jean Braun, Sue Lanham, Caleb Thomas, George Bamba, Taylor Moynagh, Sandy Stone, Neil Brooks, Scarlett Cooper, Don Wilson, Sande Wolf, Marshall Witten, Shirley Stasny, Chip Horn, Clint Fleming

*In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for
All Saints', Sunderland; Christ Church, Port Republic; and Epiphany, Odenton.
We pray for all who have died; that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.
Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them who put their trust in you.*

Your prayer requests are important to us. We are happy to raise prayer concerns for yourself and your loved ones in both private prayer and weekly Prayers of the People. Names can be submitted or removed by emailing secretary@stjameslothian.com or by calling the Parish Office at 410-867-2838 by Tuesday mornings.

Prayer for People Critically Ill or Facing Great Uncertainty
God of the present moment, God who in Jesus stills the storm and soothes the frantic heart; bring hope and courage to all who wait or work in uncertainty. Bring hope that you will make them the equal of whatever lies ahead. Bring them courage to endure what cannot be avoided, for your will is health and wholeness; you are God, and we need you.
Adapted from New Zealand Prayer Book, page 765, Episcopal Church in CT



Lay Eucharistic Visits
Each week, our lay ministers visit and administer Communion to those who are physically unable to attend a worship service.
Please contact Charlie Wolf at cswolf7@comcast.net to have someone included in this important *ministry*.



Wheat-Free Wafers
If you would like a wheat-free communion wafer, please let the clergy know.



Weekly Morning Prayer Service
Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m.



Acolytes, Readers, Servers, Ushers, Greeters, & Altar Guild

POSITION	JUNE 7	JUNE 14	JUNE 21	JUNE 28
8 a.m. LEM	Ann Sparrough	Angela Hunt-Hysan	Sarah McClanahan	Joel Dorr
8 a.m. Ushers	James Cheston Scott Juckett	James Brown James Cheston	Cheryl Dorr Scott Juckett	Bill Beardmore James Cheston
8 a.m. Altar Gld	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA
10 a.m. Chalice 1	Volunteer	Susan Buffaloe	Michelle Perkins	Quentin Ryan
10 a.m. Chalice 2	—	—	—	—
10 a.m. Lector	Andy Aviles	Susan Tabatsko	Michelle Perkins	Quentin Ryan
10 a.m. Litanist	Chelsea McDonald	Susan Buffaloe	Jim Cheston	Italia Gorski
10 a.m. Altar	—	—	Grant Perkins	—
10 a.m. Torch	Gordon Keys	Keira Dowling	—	Theo Keys
10 a.m. Torch	—	—	—	India Keys
10 a.m. Gospel	—	—	—	—
10 a.m. Ushers	Cathy Stasny Scott Stasny	Al Sutherland Liz Sutherland	Carol Vrancik Jim Vrancik	Cathy Stasny Scott Stasny
10 a.m. Altar Gld	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA
COUNTERS	Pollyanne Doyle Connie Ulrich	Rick Downs Jim Vrancik	Carole McGee Turner Charlie Wolf	Sandy Crouse Kay Rutter

Acolytes & Servers ▫ **Please Remember** ... to arrive 15 minutes prior to the service. It is *your* responsibility to ensure that your position will be filled on your scheduled Sunday. Please make every effort to cover your position prior to contacting Jean Davis at 410-935-1932 or jmd27@comcast.net. If you engage a substitute, please call to remind him/her of the commitment and *notify the Parish Office 410-867-2838. Thanks for your service to St. James' Parish!*

"... I needed clothes, and you clothed me ..." Matthew 25:38

Our Clothing Ministry provides an important resource to our community, and is used by our neighbors at South County all the time. It is, however, a significant undertaking to sort and organize incoming donations, and we are in need of a new coordinator. If you're looking for a new way to serve the needy in our community, and need something that is flexible and can fit in with your schedule, this could be it! Fr. Joe would love to talk with you more about it!



Mark Your Calendar

HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE I - ST. MARK'S CHAPEL (8:00 AM)
SUNDAY CHURCH SCHOOL - ST. JAMES' EDUCATION BUILDING (9:45 AM)
HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II - ST. JAMES' CHURCH (10:00 AM)
ADULT FORUM - TICKNOR HALL (11:30 AM)
ST. JAMES' PARISH CHOIR REHEARSAL - ST. JAMES' CHURCH (9:00 AM)
EPISCOPAL 101 (FOLLOWING THE 10:00 AM SERVICE)
TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY (9:00 AM) ZOOM
WEDNESDAY MORNING PRAYER SERVICE - ST. JAMES' CHURCH (9:30 AM)
ST. JAMES' PARISH CHOIR REHEARSAL (7:30 PM)
BREAD RUN MINISTRY (9:00 AM)
SCAN FOOD BANK (9:00 AM - 12:00 NOON)
TRINITY SUNDAY
CHESAPEAKE DEANERY LEADERSHIP MEETING (3 PM)
PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY (6:00 PM)
NURSERY PROGRAM (DURING THE 10 AM SERVICE)
VESTRY MEETING (7:00 PM)
WOMEN'S BOOK CLUB (7:30 PM)
MEN'S BREAKFAST & BIBLE STUDY (8:00 AM)
CHILDREN'S MESSY CHURCH (4:00 PM)
PUB THEOLOGY (6:00 PM)
READING CAMP PLANNING MEETING (4:00 PM)

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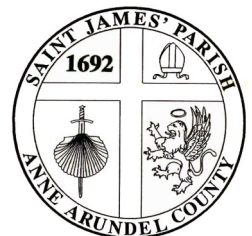
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