

the st. james



RECTOR'S MESSAGE

APRIL 2022
Volume 22 Number 4

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**Sunday Schedule**

8:00 AM Holy Eucharist Rite I  
10:00 AM Holy Eucharist Rite II

**Saturday, April 2**  
Lenten Healing Service  
4 p.m.

**Sunday, April 10 through**  
**Sunday, April 17 Services**  
Schedule included

**Sunday, April 24**  
Easter Egg Hunt  
11:15 a.m.

**Sunday, May 1**  
Visitation of The Bishop with  
Confirmations  
8 a.m. and 10 a.m.

The 10:00 a.m. Worship Service  
is live streamed weekly and  
recorded for later viewing  
through the St. James YouTube  
Channel. The link is in the  
weekly e-Announcements sent  
to your email.

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Dear Saints of James,

Once upon a time, an ancient story goes, the master had a visitor who came to inquire about Zen. But instead of listening, the visitor kept talking about his own concerns and giving his own thoughts. After a while, the master served tea. He poured tea into the visitor's cup until it was full and then he kept on pouring. Finally the visitor could not bear it any longer. "Don't you see that my cup is full?" he said. "It's not possible to get any more in." "Just so," the master said, stopping at last. "And like this cup, you are filled with your own ideas. How can you expect me to give you Zen unless you first empty your cup?"

The season of Lent gives us the opportunity to empty our cups so that we can fill ourselves with the things that really matter in life. The traditional practices of Lent, of prayer, fasting and alms giving, are ways that we can empty ourselves, so that there will be room to be filled with new understandings of our God, ourselves, our neighbors, and our world. Elizabeth Barrett Browning wrote:

Earth's crammed with heaven,  
And every common bush afire with God  
But only those who see, take off their shoes.  
The rest sit around and pluck blackberries.

A fruitful Lent allow us to see beyond the everydayness of life, to see possibilities everywhere. This takes intentionality and an openness to discovering the barriers that keep us from being still, silent, in solitude, empty vessels. People all too often, fear emptiness. We want to be busy so we feel

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**St. James Episcopal Church**

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The Rev. Susan E. Bentley, Rector  
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Gina Wellford  
Phil Wheeler  
Dottie Wrabel  
Lynn Wright  
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**Standing Committees & Chairs**

**Finance:** TBA  
**Property:** Tim Buchholtz  
**Hospitality:** Kim Laxton  
**Stewardship:** TBA

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**Episcopal Church Women:**

Dorothy Herndon

**Daughters of the King:**

Carla Spencer

**Rector's Message continued. .**

productive, avoid silence so that unwanted thoughts don't haunt us, do all the talking when praying to God, fill ourselves with creature comforts to feel good, hold on tightly to material things and our money to feel secure in who we are. Fear of being empty of our things, behaviors, habits and patterns that we have constructed as containers of our lives, often finds us attached to trivial and superficial lives. In our emptiness we can come to see the things of life that have deep meaning and nourish us: family, friends, prayer, interesting ideas, beauty, nature, concerns for the earth, care for the issues of our society, and most significantly, an authentic relationship with the Divine, the Sacred, the Holy One, our Creator God. If we can empty ourselves of our concerns, preoccupations, assumptions, fears and anxieties, then there is room to behold the unexpected, the unbelievable, and be filled with the Spirit of God throughout our bodies, minds and spirits.

Mary the Mother of Jesus, Mary Magdalene and the other women came to the tomb early in the morning of the third day. They were about as empty and raw as they could possibly imagine, having witnessed the crucifixion and death of their beloved Jesus. They were shrouded in the grief of knowing that their world, as they knew it, had ended. What they found was an empty tomb, which in itself was shocking, but then in the shadows of the rocks and the stillness of the dawn, a voice whispered, "Mary". There stood the risen Christ, and Mary was filled with joy, relief,

gratitude and love; thoughts and feelings beyond words filled her heart and soul, which only minutes before had been so empty. The disciples ran off and locked themselves in the upper room, unable to absorb this news; maybe they were too full of their preconceived notions of what it meant for Jesus to be crucified. They had forgotten he ever said, "And on the third day I will rise." At a critical time for humanity, being full and being empty, made all the difference.

And so it is for us, critical times are here, and Lent gives us the opportunity to empty ourselves, so that we can arrive at Easter Sunday, empty and open; then we can be filled with Christ's redeeming, life giving love, - so filled, that it spills over in all parts of our lives and touches others with this New Life. Filling up and spilling over like an endless waterfall .... that is what Easter brings in our Risen Christ, endless love, filling us up 'til we spill over, like an endless waterfall of love. May your Lenten journey prepare you to be filled with God's endless love. SEB+

### **Lent as a Time of Self Examination**

Lent is one of the times of the Church year when it is particularly appropriate to make a private confession. Anyone who would like to make their confession, using the form for the Reconciliation of a Penitent in our Book of Common Prayer, page 447, may contact the Rector, to schedule an appointment.



### **Feed Gertie the Goat**

Gertie the Goat is glad to make her appearance in the Parish Hall this Lent, and she is hungry and eager to see the Saints of James. For decades we have used Lenten alms giving to purchase goats from Gifts for Life programs through Heifer International, and Episcopal Relief and Development, organizations that provide livestock and training to empower individuals and families around the globe, so they can become self-reliant with food and income. Goats provide milk, cheese & butter; income through sale of milk; and encourage better crop yields by creating fertilizer & clearing land. One goat can produce 4 gallons of milk a day, which is easy for people to digest. Goats need little land as they are considered "zero grazers", and their natural curiosity and intelligence make them great pets for families.

Remember Gertie when you are adding to your Hope Chest Mite Box, available in the Parish Hall, and at the end of Lent, we will buy goats to be sent to our neighbors in South Sudan. In

2021, during our Covid isolation, we were able to buy **36 goats at \$80.00 each**. Our challenge number of goats this year is at least 36, and hopefully more. Mite boxes will be collected beginning Easter II, April 24th. Checks can be sent to St. James with a notation for "Gertie the Goat" or donations can be made on-line through our St. James website (<https://stjames.dioswva.org>); in the "note field" designate your contribution.

### **St. James Cycle of Prayers**

***In April, we give thanks for the services of the Property Committee members and the Gardeners. We pray that their ministry to maintain, enhance, and beautify the parish property and grounds continue to be rendered to the Glory of God.***

### **VESTRY CORNER . . .**

At the March 21st Vestry meeting, the members reviewed the St. James Covid19 policies, as they have done monthly since the pandemic began in March 2020. In light of the low level of community covid transmission, the continuing decrease in our local community cases of the coronavirus, our highly vaccinated St. James community and following the CDC guide lines, as of April 1st, mask wearing will be optional within the St. James building. The Rector and Vestry will continue to monitor the level of community transmission of Covid19, be alert to variant spikes, and they are prepared to

implement changes in our policy at any time, in order to protect the health of our most vulnerable members. Per the CDC guidelines, those who are at risk of illness due to age, health conditions, or have suppressed immune systems are encouraged to wear masks while inside with groups. The Vestry will revisit our Covid19 safety protocols each month at their meeting. If you have questions or concerns, please contact Vestry members or the Rector.

### **TREASURERS' CORNER**

By Kevin Shepherd

#### **Financials: February 2022**

(These are ACTUAL amounts not budgeted amounts)

Operating Income: \$21,251.92  
 Operating Expenses: \$48,974.31  
 Net (Loss) Operating Income:  
 (\$27,722.39)

### **OUTREACH NEWS...**

#### **APRIL BENEVOLENCE**

Our April Benevolence offering goes to United Thank Offering (UTO). For over 125 years, the United Thank Offering has supported mission and ministry in The Episcopal Church over and above the General Convention budget. UTO is now overseen by a Board and supported by the work of Parish Coordinators and Providence Representatives. Through UTO, individuals are invited to embrace and deepen a personal daily spiritual discipline of gratitude. 100% of the money given to UTO is granted back out into The Episcopal Church through

grants. Information on applications for the fall grant cycle will be available this summer and will be announced on the DIOSWVA website: [dioswva.org](http://dioswva.org). The possibilities are nearly endless for what a UTO grant can help you do. Contact our Diocese Coordinator, Maile Armstrong, for more information or visit the UTO website at: [unitedthankoffering.com](http://unitedthankoffering.com) Donations may be made by sending a check to St. James, or by donating on the St. James website with the gift designation included in the "note field."

## YOUTH NEWS....

**Spring Youth Event, April 1-3, 2022: Black in Appalachia**, with lodging at Grace House on the Mountain, St. Paul, Virginia. Middle and High schoolers are invited to participate in this memorable weekend where we will trace the roots of black history in the Appalachian Mountain. Many of you may recall that the diocese hosted two pilgrimages in 2019: one in Gainsboro in January and one across all convocations that summer. We would like our youth to have their own pilgrimage experience! For more information and to register, go to: <https://myemail.constantcontact.com/SYE-2022--Black-in-Appalachia.html?soid=1101622110977&aid=ueRADCiEVwM>. Questions - contact the Rector or Jenni Faires, Canon for Evangelism & Youth Ministries [jfares@dioswva.org](mailto:jfares@dioswva.org). Scholarships are available.

Summer Camps are open for registration for children and youth, and families.

- Phoebe Needles, Day Camps & Residential Camps: <https://phoebeneedles.org/camps/residential-camp/>
- Diocesan Summer Mission Trips at Grace House. Join us this summer for a week of service and fellowship at Grace House on the Mountain. We are offering separate trips for middle and high schoolers to make the experience even more close-knit and meaningful for our youth participants. Save the dates of **June 19-25 for middle schoolers** and **June 26-July 1 for high schoolers**. For information and to register, go to: <https://dioswva.wufoo.com/forms/ks07ztn13dr1b1/>
- Kanuga: <https://www.kanuga.org/our-programs/youth-conferences/youth-week/>

## NEWS FROM BOY'S HOME OF VIRGINIA . . .

Submitted by Linda Bryant

**EQUINE CORNER:** Many positive skills are gained by joining the equine program at Boys Home. In addition to basic horsemanship skills, participants learn leadership, patience, persistence, perseverance, respect and mindfulness. In order to connect to the horse, students must remain calm and patient

during the learning process. Horses can detect fear, therefore, leadership and confidence must be displayed at all times. For some students, this may be challenging with such a large and powerful animal. The students learn they have to be mindful of themselves and how their actions affect not only them but the people and the horses around them. Lastly, it is an opportunity for students to spend quality time outdoors on Boys Home's beautiful property.

Meet Mr. Bones, the newest addition to the Boys Home campus! Thank you to the special family for the generous donation.



## ANNOUNCEMENTS ...

### Flowers for Easter Day

If you can find any flowers blooming in your yard on Easter morning, please bring some to contribute for the children's flowering of the Cross.

### Easter Egg Hunt

The Sunday School Easter Egg hunt will be Sunday, April 24th, Easter II,

following the 10:00 am service. The children are asked to bring an Easter basket and to gather downstairs with Ann Bird after the service. If the weather is bad, the hunt will be the following week.



## The Phoebe Needles Mountain Band

Presented by Alan Messenger & Friends



**Tuesday, April 12, 2022**

**10:00 AM–12:00 PM**

Alan and friends will present bluegrass and old-time songs to help you shake off the remainder of your pandemic blues! Their tunes are sure to get your feet tapping and bring a smile to your face!  
*Make your reservations early, as seating is limited.*



**Phoebe Needles Center, Inc.**  
**Center for Lifelong Learning**

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*Pre-registration  
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*Fee to attend  
includes LUNCH!*

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## Shower the Wilsons with Freezer Meals

In celebration of the birth of Owen Wilson, on February 10, 2022, we are showing Lauren and Ali with Freezer Meals to put in their chest freezer. They will appreciate your favorite casserole, soup, stew or dinner that freezes well. The only dietary restriction is heavy cream. Please have your food in a disposable container, labeled with what the meal is, any cooking instructions, and who it is from. Items will be put in the freezer of the kitchen refrigerator and freezer meals are welcomed as soon as they are cooked. A covid safe shower is scheduled for April 10 after church in the Parish Hall. If you do not cook, board books for Owen are

welcomed, or baby wipes; they are fine on diapers. If you have questions about food items, contact Lauren Wilson, who is in the St. James directory.

### **The Episcopal Community Sponsorship**

The Episcopal Churches in the Roanoke Convocation are partnering with Commonwealth Catholic Charities to help with resettlement of Afghan refugees that have arrived in the Valley. In November-December we helped with winter coats. Now, the family our Episcopal churches are collectively helping is a Mother and Father, an 80 year old Grandmother, and two boys ages 11 and 6. Their most immediate need is housing; our partnership is looking for a one story house for rent, with 3 bedrooms, and near public transportation. If anyone knows of a rental house that fits this description, please contact the Rector as soon as possible. Other needs for the family will be forthcoming. Prayers for their resettlement and welfare are appreciated.

### **Yarn To Go.....**

St. James knitters and crocheters are welcome to use the donated yarn in the Parish Hall to make hats and scarves for our winter clothes line. The winter season has come to an end, and the clothes line put away for this season, but contributing are collected year-round so we are prepared when cold weather comes next fall. Drop you knitting projects off in the office and they will be

stored until the clothes line goes up again.

### **The Bishop's Dollar Appeal**

Donations are welcomed to the Bishop's Discretionary Fund, which supports a variety of initiatives and needs throughout the diocese, that are not covered in the annual program budget. Donations may be sent to the Diocesan office, made payable to "The Episcopal Diocese of Southwestern Virginia" with "Bishop's Dollar" in the memo line. Mail to Bishop's Dollar Fund, PO Box 2279, Roanoke, VA 24009, or donate on line at [www.dioswva.org](http://www.dioswva.org).

### **Little Free Pantry**

Our Little Free Pantry continues to be well used and appreciated. Please continue to stock our pantry with non-perishable foods, personal care items and paper goods. Items that may not be on your list but are welcomed are: bread, crackers, flour, sugar, salt, pepper, oil, powdered milk, tea bags, can openers, and women's hygiene products.

### **Monthly Tea & Coffee with the Rector**

Each first Thursday of the month, from 4 pm to 5 pm, the Rector invites you to join her and others from the congregation for conversation, support, encouragement and sharing prayer requests. The zoom link is included in the weekly e-announcements. The next gathering will be April 7, 2022.

## Altar Flowers

It is time to sign up to give altar flowers for 2022. The Altar Flower chart is on the bulletin board by the kitchen, and you are invited to sign up for the Sundays that you wish to give flowers in 2022. Flowers each week are \$25.00, and checks can be made out to St. James Episcopal Church, with a memo of "flower fund" and left in the office, or put in the offering plate. If you know what dedication you would like for the flowers, you can turn that in with your money. If you are not sure at this time, then you will need to leave the dedication information at the Church office, or email it to [stjames@rev.net](mailto:stjames@rev.net), prior to the Sunday you will be giving flowers.

### Two ways to help fundraise for St. James:

(1) Kroger. In order for your Kroger grocery purchases to be credited towards St. James fundraising efforts, you will need to register online with Kroger ([www.kroger.com/communityrewards](http://www.kroger.com/communityrewards)). St. James' exclusive community rewards organization number is VM990. If you need assistance with signing up, please contact Avis Aheron ([avisaheron@hotmail.com](mailto:avisaheron@hotmail.com) or 540-580-9203). It will take just a few minutes to sign you up, and St. James will receive a check based on the percentage of sales, split among participating organizations.

(2) AmazonSmile. If you do any online shopping through Amazon, St. James could be receiving a percentage of your purchases. Simply log on at [www.smile.amazon.com](http://www.smile.amazon.com), designate St. James as your charity of choice and let the shopping begin. If you have any questions about setting this up, please contact: Avis Aheron (540-580-9203).

## Bishop Mark's Visitation

Bishop Mark will be making his regular visitation on Sunday, May 1<sup>st</sup> and this is an opportunity for Confirmations. Due to the Covid19 pandemic, Bishop Mark has not been with us since March 2019, so this will be a celebration for our community. Any youth or adult who wishes to be Confirmed, contact the Rector as soon as possible so Confirmation preparation can be scheduled. Mark your calendars now and plan to be part of worship that day.

## APRIL BIRTHDAYS...

|          |                    |
|----------|--------------------|
| April 1  | Ryan Kovac         |
| April 6  | Krystal Ohl Miller |
| April 10 | Joanna Baker Capps |
| April 11 | Ivica Trupcevic    |
| April 11 | Pat Ball           |
| April 18 | Grace Gawor        |

## APRIL ANNIVERSARIES...

April 10 Mother Sue's 31<sup>st</sup> ordination to the Priesthood  
 April 29 Deidre and Billy Franey

| Sun                                                | Mon                                                                  | Tue                                                           | Wed                                                                         | Thu                                                                           | Fri                                                                                                                                                                        | Sat                                                                       |
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|                                                    |                                                                      |                                                               |                                                                             |                                                                               | 1<br><u>10:00 AM</u><br>Service Dogs<br><u>1:00 PM</u><br>Service Dogs<br><u>6:00 PM</u><br>Service Dogs                                                                   | 2<br><u>10:00 AM</u><br>AA                                                |
| 3<br><u>2:30 PM</u><br>AA                          | 4<br><u>6:00 PM</u><br>Sacred Ground                                 | 5<br><u>6:30 PM</u><br>AA                                     | 6<br><u>7:00 PM</u><br>Bible Study                                          | 7<br><u>6:30 PM</u><br>AA                                                     | 8<br><u>10:00 AM</u><br>Service Dogs<br><u>1:00 PM</u><br>Service Dogs<br><u>6:00 PM</u><br>Service Dogs                                                                   | 9<br><u>10:00 AM</u><br>AA                                                |
| 10<br><i>Palm Sunday</i><br><u>2:30 PM</u><br>AA   | 11<br><u>12:15 PM</u><br>Holy Monday<br><u>5:30 PM</u><br>Women's NA | 12<br><u>12:15 PM</u><br>Holy Tuesday<br><u>6:30 PM</u><br>AA | 13<br><u>12:15 PM</u><br>Holy<br>Wednesday<br><u>7:00 PM</u><br>Bible Study | 14<br><u>7:30 PM</u><br>Maundy<br>Thursday<br>Service<br><u>6:30 PM</u><br>AA | 15<br><u>10:00 AM</u><br>Service Dogs<br><u>1:00 PM</u><br>Service Dogs<br><u>5:30 PM</u><br>Down<br>Syndrome<br>Support Group<br><u>7:30 PM</u><br>Good Friday<br>Service | 16<br><u>9:00 AM</u><br>Holy Saturday<br>Service<br><u>10:00 AM</u><br>AA |
| 17<br><i>Easter Sunday</i><br><u>2:30 PM</u><br>AA | 18                                                                   | 19<br><u>6:30 PM</u><br>AA                                    | 20<br><u>7:00 PM</u><br>Bible Study                                         | 21<br><u>6:30 PM</u><br>AA                                                    | 22<br><u>10:00 AM</u><br>Service Dogs<br><u>1:00 PM</u><br>Service Dogs<br><u>6:00 PM</u><br>Service Dogs                                                                  | 23<br><u>10:00 AM</u><br>AA                                               |
| 24<br><u>2:30 PM</u><br>AA                         | 25<br>7:00 PM<br>Vestry                                              | 26<br><u>6:30 PM</u><br>AA                                    | 27<br><u>7:00 PM</u><br>Bible Study                                         | 28<br><u>6:30 PM</u><br>AA                                                    | 29<br><u>10:00 AM</u><br>Service Dogs<br><u>1:00 PM</u><br>Service Dogs<br><u>6:00 PM</u><br>Service Dogs                                                                  | 30<br><u>10:00 AM</u><br>AA                                               |

SERVER SCHEDULE FOR APRIL 2022

**Apr 3**

**8 AM** Lector and Chalicist – Tim Buchholtz

|              |           |               |             |                                 |
|--------------|-----------|---------------|-------------|---------------------------------|
| <b>10 AM</b> | Crucifer  | Yuri Malick   | Ushers      | Michael Bentley, Maddie Linkous |
|              | Acolyte   | Zenon Malick  | Coffee      | -----                           |
|              | T Bearer  | -----         | Nursery     | -----                           |
|              |           | -----         | Tellers     | Gerald Gordon, Michael Kennedy  |
|              | Chalicist | Lawton Kasey  | Altar Guild | Danny Fainter, Gail Fields      |
|              | Lector 1  | Lynn Wright   |             |                                 |
|              | Lector 2  | Donna Frost   |             |                                 |
|              | Prayers   | Carla Spencer |             |                                 |

**Apr 10 Palm Sunday**

**8 AM** Lector – Bill Barksdale, Chalicist – Tim Buchholtz

|              |           |                 |             |                                              |
|--------------|-----------|-----------------|-------------|----------------------------------------------|
| <b>10 AM</b> | Crucifer  | Jen Fitzpatrick | Ushers      | Kevin & Madde Shepherd                       |
|              | Acolyte   | Maddie Linkous  | Coffee      | -----                                        |
|              | T Bearer  | -----           | Nursery     | -----                                        |
|              |           | -----           | Tellers     | Arby Frost, Katie Rucker                     |
|              | Chalicist | Katie Rucker    | Altar Guild | Linda Bryant, Dorothy Herndon, Sharon Miller |
|              | Lector 1  | Michael Bentley |             |                                              |
|              | Lector 2  | Betsy Briggs    |             |                                              |
|              | Prayers   | Art Tatman      |             |                                              |

**Holy Week Schedule:** Weekday. Noon Services (12:15 PM)

**Monday, Apr 11,** Lector – Betsy Briggs

**Tuesday, Apr 12,** Lector– Jackie Leonard

**Wednesday, Apr 13,** Lector – Donna Frost Altar Guild: Setup for Maundy Thursday: Linda Bryant, Dorothy Herndon, Sharon Miller, Odell James

**Maundy Thursday, April 14**

|           |                 |             |                         |
|-----------|-----------------|-------------|-------------------------|
| Crucifer  | Thomas Rucker   | Ushers      | Chris & JoAnn Criscione |
| Acolyte   | Grant Rucker    | Coffee      | -----                   |
| T Bearer  | -----           | Nursery     | -----                   |
| Chalicist | Katie Rucker    | Tellers     | -----                   |
| Lector    | Maile Armstrong | Altar Guild | All Altar Guild Members |
| Prayers   | Michael Bentley |             |                         |

**Good Friday, April 15**

Chalicist -Tim Buchholtz  
 Acolyte/Torch Bearer –Yuri Malick, Zenon Malick  
 Lector –Lynn Wright  
 Usher–Michael Bentley  
 Altar Guild- Sue Bentley cleanup

**Apr 17 Easter**

**8 AM** Lector Tim Buchholtz, Chalicist – Tim Buchholtz

|              |           |                 |             |                                          |
|--------------|-----------|-----------------|-------------|------------------------------------------|
| <b>10 AM</b> | Crucifer  | Madde Shepherd  | Ushers      | Ray Kasey, Larry Mattox                  |
|              | Acolyte   | Madde Linkous   | Coffee      | Hospitality Committee                    |
|              | T Bearer  | Jen Fitzpatrick | Nursery     | -----                                    |
|              |           | Jordyn Price    | Tellers     | Larry Mattox, Jim McGlothlin             |
|              | Chalicist | Kevin Shepherd  | Altar Guild | Betsy Briggs, Lawton Kasey, Katie Rucker |
|              | Lector 1  | Jessica Price   |             |                                          |
|              | Lector 2  | Phil Hobrla     |             |                                          |
|              | Prayers   | Betsy Briggs    |             |                                          |

**Apr 24****8 AM** *Lector – Phil Wheeler, Chalicist – Bill Barksdale*

|              |           |                 |             |                                                             |
|--------------|-----------|-----------------|-------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>10 AM</b> | Crucifer  | Maddie Linkous  | Ushers      | Jim & Mary McGlothlin                                       |
|              | Acolyte   | Jen Fitzpatrick | Coffee      | -----                                                       |
|              | T Bearer  | -----           | Nursery     | -----                                                       |
|              |           | -----           | Tellers     | Maile Armstrong, Donna Frost                                |
|              | Chalicist | Art Tatman      | Altar Guild | Boots Ingram, Odell James,<br>Karen Martin, Debbie Williams |
|              | Lector 1  | Carla Spencer   |             |                                                             |
|              | Lector 2  | Jackie Leonard  |             |                                                             |
|              | Prayers   | Jessica Price   |             |                                                             |

**May 1 Bishop's Visit****8 AM** *Lector and Chalicist – Tim Buchholtz*

|              |           |                 |             |                                |
|--------------|-----------|-----------------|-------------|--------------------------------|
| <b>10 AM</b> | Crucifer  | Thomas Rucker   | Ushers      | Chris & JoAnn Criscione        |
|              | Acolyte   | Grant Rucker    | Coffee      | Art Tatman & Others            |
|              | T Bearer  | Zenon Malick    | Nursery     | -----                          |
|              |           | Yuri Malick     | Tellers     | Gerald Gordon, Michael Kennedy |
|              | Chalicist | Lawton Kasey    | Altar Guild | Danny Fainter, Gail Fields     |
|              | Lector 1  | Art Tatman      |             |                                |
|              | Lector 2  | JoAnn Criscione |             |                                |
|              | Prayers   | Phil Hobria     |             |                                |

**Note: If you can't meet your scheduled time, please find a substitute and let the Office know.**

**Easter Flowers Order Form  
2022**

This year our Easter flowers will be \$6 each. We have ordered 20 pots of 6-inch double winged apple blossom begonias. Please indicate if you would like to give a flower or make a donation to one of the funds listed below.

\_\_\_\_\_ **I would like to give a *flower*. Please have the dedication read as follows:**

\_\_\_\_\_ **I wish to make a donation to the *Endowment Fund*. Please have the dedication read as follows:**

\_\_\_\_\_ **I wish to make a donation to the *Building Fund*. Please have the dedication read as follows:**

In Loving Memory of \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

In Thanksgiving for \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Given by:  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_



## **The Holy Week Journey at St. James Episcopal Church April 10 through April 17, 2022**

The services of Holy Week commemorate Jesus' descent into death before the great miracle of Easter. If you allow yourself to descend to the depths of despair in what seems to be Jesus' final hours, you will experience in new ways the incomparable power of the resurrection of Easter. Daily services trace the journey, building through the foot washing service on Maundy Thursday, the veneration of the Cross on Good Friday, the waiting of Holy Saturday, to the triumph of Easter in the Great Easter Virgil service and the joyous Easter Sunday celebrations.

### **Palm Sunday: 8:00 am and 10:00 am**

Palm Sunday comprises two very different themes. Initially we focus on the Messiahship of Christ, which we celebrate with the blessing of palms and a procession into the church. Then, the mood switches to sadness as we remember the events leading up to our Lord's death in the solemn reading of the Passion Gospel.

### **Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday in Holy Week: 12:15 pm**

These are meditative Noon Day Prayer Services in which we reflect on some of the lesser-known themes of Holy Week. These services provide the time and space for quiet reflection on our journey to the Cross. On Tuesday the laying on of hands and anointing for healing will take place in the liturgy for those who wish to participate.

### **Maundy Thursday: 7:30 pm**

Maundy Thursday commemorates the humility of Jesus and the institution of the Holy Eucharist. To follow Jesus' example of servant ministry, we will be washing the feet of those who desire it, and following the celebration of Holy Eucharist, the Holy Sacrament will be taken downstairs to the Altar of Repose in room #16. You are invited to keep vigil and pray as the Disciples were instructed to do, in the presence of the Holy Sacrament. The altar and sanctuary will be stripped at the end of our service, symbolizing the stripping of Jesus' clothes. We will leave silently in the darkness.

### **Good Friday: 7:30 pm**

At 7:30 pm, we will gather at St. James to join Jesus at his crucifixion with our Episcopal Good Friday liturgy.

### **Holy Saturday: 9:00 am**

There is no celebration of the Eucharist at this service as we wait suspended between Jesus crucifixion and his rising from the dead. The Holy Saturday liturgy is a solemn one of lessons and prayers.

### **Easter Day: 8:00 am and 10:00 am; 5:30 pm South Sudanese Worship**

Come and celebrate the Risen Lord. If you have garden flowers in bloom, please bring them for the children to flower the cross at the 10 am service. A gourmet Easter Coffee Hour will follow the 10 a.m. service.

The Way of the Cross

This is a spiritual meditation to do during Holy Week. Just read it and reflect. Copied from Spirituality for Today, March 2004.

- I. **Pilate Condems Jesus to Die, Mark 15:15-17**  
*Meditation:* Lord Jesus, often I judge others and fail to be understanding or loving. Help me to see the people in my life through your eyes, not the eyes of a Pontius Pilate.
- II. **Jesus Accepts His Cross, John 19:16b-17**  
*Meditation:* Lord Jesus, you embraced your cross to redeem the world. Help me to embrace the crosses in my life—the hardships, struggles, disappointments, pain. Only by recognizing my own weakness, can I discover your strength.
- III. **Jesus Falls the First Time, Isaiah 53:4**  
*Meditation:* Lord Jesus, you know how often I fall trying to follow you. Yet you are always there to lift me up. Help me always to trust in your loving care for me.
- IV. **Jesus Meets His Mother, Luke 2:34b-35**  
*Meditation:* Lord Jesus, your mother Mary's grief was surpassed by her love for you. So often you come to me in others and their love gives me new life. Help me to see how often you love me through the people in my life.
- V. **Simon Helps Carry the Cross, Luke 23:26**  
*Meditation:* Lord Jesus, sometimes I am indifferent to the needs of others in my life. I even neglect those whom I love. Help me to see that loving others is the surest way to find you in my life.
- VI. **Veronica Wipes the Face of Jesus, Isaiah 53:2-3**  
*Meditation:* Lord Jesus, at times I am afraid to reach out to others. I do nothing when I should act; I say nothing when I should speak out. Give me a deeper and more courageous faith. Help me to trust that you are with me.
- VII. **Jesus Falls the Second time, 2 Peter 2:24**  
*Meditation:* Lord Jesus, failure and disappointment sometimes lead me to despair. I hide behind my pride and self-pity, withdrawing from you and others. Give me the hope I need and help me never to be afraid to begin again.
- VIII. **Jesus Speaks to the Women, Luke 23:27-31**  
*Meditation:* Lord Jesus, your great compassion for others overwhelms me. I feel pretty and selfish when I think of you and the way you love. Help me to pour out my love, that you might fill me with your love.
- IX. **Jesus Falls the Third Time, Hebrews 4:15-16**  
*Meditation:* Lord Jesus, your failing strength makes me see how helpless I am. Without you, I can do nothing. Help me to rely on your strength, to see how much I need you.
- X. **Jesus is Stripped of His Garments, John 19:23-24**  
*Meditation:* Lord Jesus, seeing you so cruelly humiliated makes me realize how I cling to my accomplishments, my possessions, my way. Help me to let go of those things in my life that prevent me from growing closer to you and others.
- XI. **Jesus is nailed to the Cross, Matthew 27:39-40**  
*Meditation:* Lord Jesus, I can never doubt your great love for me when I see you crucified. Help me to see your cross as the great sign of your love for me.
- XII. **Jesus Dies on the Cross, Mark 15:37-39**  
*Meditation:* Lord Jesus, your broken and lifeless body calls me to deeper faith. You chose death, even death on the cross. Help me to see my crosses as ways of loving you.
- XIII. **Jesus is Taken From the Cross, John 19:38-42**  
*Meditation:* Lord Jesus, seeing your body taken from the cross reminds me how fearful I am of letting go of my own life. I am frightened when I think of being unimportant, useless, helpless. Help me to place my life in your hands.
- XIV. **Jesus is Laid in the Tomb, Matthew 27:59-61**  
*Meditation:* Lord Jesus, when I see the great stone sealing your tomb, I feel alone and abandoned. Even though you sometimes seem distant or absent in my life, help me always to believe in your closeness and loving presence.