

the st. james



RECTOR'S MESSAGE

MAY 2022
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Sunday Schedule

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

Sunday, May 1

Visitation of The Bishop
8 a.m. and 10 a.m.

Festive Reception following the
10 a.m. service

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,



Last week I was going through papers on my desk, and I discovered this image, saved from days gone by. I have always been fascinated by this picture - what do you initially see?

Do you see two faces, or a vase? Or both? Do you have to stare at it a while to shift your perspective to see two different images?

Often in life, we see things as either or; for many people, both and, is not in their mind set. The Easter Resurrection speaks to the possibility of holding two distinct understandings in one reality - Christ is both dead and alive: Christ has died and Christ is risen. What does this mean for us?

In the Gospel of Mark, Jesus instructs the disciples to go and meet him in Galilee. He does not deny that Jerusalem is the source of great pain, suffering and death, but Jesus directs the disciples not to stay in that place; they are to travel to Galilee to join Jesus in his ministry of giving life. Jesus is inviting his resurrected followers to participate in creating a world of life rather than death, leaving behind the despair of

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St. James Episcopal Church**Clergy:**

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 The Rev. William R. Eanes, Retired Deacon

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Standing Committees & Chairs

Finance: TBA

Property: Tim Buchholtz

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Stewardship: TBA

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Episcopal Church Women:

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Daughters of the King:

Carla Spencer

Rector's Message continued. .

the cross for the hope of new life in the resurrection. A community that had given up on the possibilities for life, that had lost faith in the gospel that Jesus preached, was called back into life-giving ministry. This is what the invitation to Galilee was all about.

We are Easter people, and we live in that same tension of knowing that Christ has broken all bonds of evil through his death and resurrection, but also seeing evidence of violence, hatred and evil in the world. As followers of the Risen Christ, our mission is to meet Jesus in the "Galilee's" of our lives and join him in the ministry of spreading the Good News of the redeeming Love of God, in word and deed. The appearances of Jesus during the 50 days after his Resurrection, recorded in the Gospels, set a stage of expectation and desire that God's presence can be seen in the ordinary and the material, and we do not have to wait for supernatural visitations. This is called sacramental theology, where the visible and tactile are the primary gateway to the Invisible One. Begin with a concrete moment of encounter, based in this physical world that then reveals the image of God; the purest form of spirituality is to find God in what is right in front of you—the ability to accept what the French Jesuit and mystic Jean Pierre de Caussade (1675–1751) called the sacrament of the present moment.

During this Eastertide of 50 days, may you look at your ordinary life, and be able to see God's presence there; it is not either or, but rather two realities coexisting. The Good News of Easter is

that life always triumphs over death,
good over evil,

Alleluia! Alleluia!
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St. James Cycle of Prayers

In the May St. James Cycle of Prayer, we give thanks for the services of those participating in the Little Church Social Club, the Audiovisual Ministry and the Outreach Committee. We pray that the power of the Holy Spirit will continue to work through those who readily serve the needs of others.

OUTREACH NEWS...

MAY BENEVOLENCE

Our May Benevolence offering goes to Boys' Home of Virginia (May 15) and The Presbyterian Community Center (May 29)

The mission of **Boys Home of Virginia** is to help each student strive toward becoming a productive member of society, by developing his spiritual, mental, physical, and social potentials. Boys Home provides a supportive environment, including education, shelter, and care needed for thousands of young men to develop the skills

needed for a successful life for himself and his community.

The Presbyterian Community Center (PCC) addresses homelessness and poverty of underserved families in southeast Roanoke by providing emergency financial aid, food access, after-school education, and spiritual development through direct services and community partnerships.

Established in 1967, the PCC also provides services to at-risk residents of northeast Roanoke and eastern Roanoke County, including the Town of Vinton.

YOUTH NEWS....

Diocesan Youth Summer Mission Trips at Grace House

Join with other Diocesan youth this summer for a week of service and fellowship at Grace House on the Mountain. Grace House is a non-profit organization owned and operated by The Episcopal Diocese of Southwest Virginia perched on Sandy Ridge near Norton and St. Paul in Wise County, Virginia. Grace House seeks to be a place of social justice and advocacy for the welfare of the Appalachian people.

Grace House on the Mountain endeavors to extend the love of Christ by reaching out into communities showing mercy and compassion, through responsiveness by "working with, not for" the families in the surrounding area. Our work projects center on helping families in need to have safe, warm, and dry homes. In addition to the work projects, Grace

House on the Mountain extends outreach services to the surrounding community by offering financial assistance with essential services such as electricity, water, and medicine.

The mission of Grace House is to provide our visiting groups with the experience of a lifetime, learning about the culture and ways of life here in the Appalachian Mountains.

The Diocesan youth mission trips this summer offering a separate trip 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 more information and to register, go to: <https://youth.dioswva.org>.

SUMMER CAMPS

Summer Camps for children and youth, and families. Register today:

- 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 BOYS HOME OF VIRGINIA . . .

Submitted by Linda Bryant

It's official--Spring has sprung at Boys Home!

The arrival of spring brings a sense of revival, hope and the promise of warmer weather ahead.

The students ushered in Minimester, an exciting time for all. For some, the day began with focusing on academic improvement, specifically with math and reading. Other students participated in enrichment classes which included leadership, drivers' education, art, books in film and home economics. The day started in the classroom but then transitioned into activities such as the equine program, martial arts, basketball, golf, tennis, art, paintball and unique field trips!

Fun was had by all, including the staff!

ANNOUNCEMENTS ...

Forward Day By Day

Copies of the May/June/July Forward Day By Day, a daily devotional for disciples, are available for you to

pick up in the Parish Hall or downstairs on the counter outside the Parish office. In this devotional, each day of the month, has a scripture passage, a short reflection on the scripture, a reflection question to ponder, and a prayer intention. The devotionals are \$1.00, and collection jars are adjacent to the Forward Day by Day booklets. Feel free to share Forward Day By Day with family, friends and neighbors.

The Episcopal Community Sponsorship: Afghan Resettlement Ministry

In community the Presence of the Holy Spirit is known. Surely this is demonstrated within what is now formally titled the Episcopal Community Sponsorship. Working with Commonwealth Catholic Charities, eight of our Roanoke Convocation Churches are sponsoring an Afghan family in refugee status. The family consists of a father, aged 36, his wife, 31, their two sons ages 11 and 6 and the father's mother, age 80.

Thanks to our church communities, our family's house is a completely furnished home -- A completely stocked kitchen, living room furniture with dining table, rugs, bedding for all family, all essential bathroom supplies, an iron, sewing machine (the women make their own clothing), vacuum, gas grill and outdoor furniture, laptops, bikes for the boys (helmets included), even a chess set and checker board.

The children are enrolled in school. The father is employed.

Primary medical care begins early May. Grocery shopping with the family occurs every two weeks. Our coordinators meet weekly with the family and our Core Team meets monthly with CCC, and weekly on a team zoom.

English as a second language is being taught to the boys and also the adults by mentors from St. Johns and Christ Episcopal four days a week. To hear the wife reply to my question, "where do you live?" in English brought tears of joy to both of us.

All this has happened by such a powerful, growing force called community forming and working together. It has required so much gracious giving, moving furniture, collaborating to get a job done, and leaving with a sense that something very Holy is happening with this family and within us. There are relationships building here which will ever remain. We are truly helping to grow Beloved Community.

And, it is possible because of all of you, our partners in this ministry: Christ Episcopal, Roanoke; St. John's; Christ, Martinsville; St. Elizabeth's, Roanoke; St. Mark's, Fincastle; St. James, Roanoke; Trinity, Rocky Mount; Trinity Ecumenical, Smith Mountain Lake. We offer grateful thanks and appreciation for all you have given, materially and in yourselves.

In Peace,
Jan Therien, Chaplain and
Ministry Coordinator
Joe Mott, Co-coordinator

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.

Neighborhood Food Ministry

Two apple trees have been planted as part of our neighborhood food ministry. They are across from the Little Free Pantry and, in due season, there will be apples for the picking. The trees may have apples as soon as this fall. They will be available for our neighbors to pick and eat, and as the supply increases, parish members may want to make apple sauce or apple butter to put in the Pantry. The trees will be blessed and dedicated to the Saints of James who died during the Covid19 pandemic, in 2020 and 2021: Jerry Schaefer, Nan Burnett, Mary Ann Tuggle, Nancy Slaughter, Lonnie Bower, Margaret Bosworth, Bob Wright, Mimi Copenhaver. Blessing date to be scheduled.

In addition, a fruit and vegetable produce stand has been built by Jim McGlothlin so we can share garden produce as part of our pantry ministry. As you have surplus fruit and vegetables from your garden, or if you buy a bit of extra produce at the store, share it with our neighbors by stocking

the produce stand. Produce won't last long in the summer heat, but most of our food contributions are collected in a timely manner.

Thank you to all who continue to stock our Pantry, Saints of James, as well as neighbors who want to support this unconditional, free neighborhood food ministry.

Virtual 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 May 5, 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, 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). St. James' exclusive community rewards organization number is VM990. If you need assistance with signing up, please contact Avis Aheron (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, 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).

MAY BIRTHDAYS. . .

May 2	Cael Goldberg
May 2	Remington Goldberg
May 4	Tricia Champion
May 6	Deidre Mattox Franey
May 8	Tim Buchholtz
May 10	Yuri Malick
May 13	Cole Mattox
May 16	Bruce Plunkett
May 16	Laura Anderson
May 17	Zenon Malick
May 19	Ryan Kasey
May 19	Jamie LaPrade
May 23	Danny Price
May 26	Will Burks
May 26	Joan Gurniak

MAY ANNIVERSARIES. . .

May 11	Kristen & Butch Johnstone
May 12	Rose Marie & Michael Townsend
May 15	Kate & Darryl Perry
May 20	Kim & Kevin Laxton

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite I 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II 2:30 PM AA	2	3 6:30 PM AA	4 7:00 PM Bible Study	5 6:30 PM AA	6 10:00 AM Service Dogs 1:00 PM Service Dogs 6:00 PM Service Dogs	7 10:00 AM AA 12 Noon South Sudanese Women's Sewing
8 8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite I 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II 2:30 PM AA	9	10 6:30 PM AA	11 7:00 PM Bible Study	12 6:30 PM AA	13 10:00 AM Service Dogs 1:00 PM Service Dogs 6:00 PM Service Dogs	14 10:00 AM AA 12 Noon South Sudanese Women's Sewing
15 8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite I 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II 2:30 PM AA	16 7:00 p.m. Vestry	17 6:30 PM AA	18 7:00 PM Bible Study	19 6:30 PM AA	20 10:00 AM Service Dogs 1:00 PM Service Dogs 5:30 PM Down Syndrome Support Group	21 10:00 AM AA
22 8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite I 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II 2:30 PM AA	23	24 6:30 PM AA	25 7:00 PM Bible Study	26 6:30 PM AA	27 10:00 AM Service Dogs 1:00 PM Service Dogs 6:00 PM Service Dogs	28 10:00 AM AA
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SERVER SCHEDULE FOR MAY 2022

May 1**8 AM** *Lector – Bill Barksdale, Chaliceist – Tim Buchholtz*

10 AM	Crucifer	Thomas Rucker	Ushers	Chris & JoAnn Criscione
	Acolyte	Grant Rucker	Coffee	Art Tatman, Karen Martin, Gail Fields
	T Bearer	Zenon Malick	Nursery	-----
		Yuri Malick	Tellers	Gerald Gordon, Michael Kennedy
	Chaliceist	Arby Frost	Altar Guild	Danny Fainter, Gail Fields
	Lector 1	Donna Frost		
	Lector 2	JoAnn Criscione		
	Prayers	The Rev. Robert T. Copenhaver		

May 8**8 AM** *Lector – Bill Barksdale, Chaliceist – Tim Buchholtz*

10 AM	Crucifer	Jordyn Price	Ushers	Michael Bentley, Maddie Linkous
	Acolyte	Madde Shepherd	Coffee	Danny Fainter, Gerald Gordon, Odell James
	T Bearer	-----	Nursery	-----
		-----	Tellers	Arby Frost, Katie Rucker
	Chaliceist	Katie Rucker	Altar Guild	Linda Bryant, Dorothy Herndon, Sharon Miller
	Lector 1	Art Tatman		
	Lector 2	Maile Armstrong		
	Prayers	Phil Hobria		

May 15**8 AM** *Lector – Tim Buchholtz, Chaliceist – Tim Buchholtz*

10 AM	Crucifer	Jen Fitzpatrick	Ushers	Ray Kasey, Larry Mattox
	Acolyte	Maddie Linkous	Coffee	Daughters of the King
	T Bearer	-----	Nursery	-----
		-----	Tellers	Larry Mattox, Jim McGlothlin
	Chaliceist	Kevin Shepherd	Altar Guild	Betsy Briggs, Lawton Kasey, Katie Rucker
	Lector 1	Carla Spencer		
	Lector 2	JoAnn Criscione		
	Prayers	Donna Frost		

May 22**8 AM** *Lector – Phil Wheeler, Chaliceist – Bill Barksdale*

10 AM	Crucifer	Xenon Malick	Ushers	Kevin & Madde Shepherd
	Acolyte	Yuri Malick	Coffee	Carl & Pat Ball
	T Bearer	-----	Nursery	-----
		-----	Tellers	Maile Armstrong, Donna Frost
	Chaliceist	Arby Frost	Altar Guild	Boots Ingram, Odell James, Karen Martin, Debbie Williams
	Lector 1	Maile Armstrong		
	Lector 2	Donna Frost		
	Prayers	Chris Criscione		

May 29**8 AM** *Lector and Chaliceist – Tim Buchholtz*

10 AM	Crucifer	Grant Rucker	Ushers	Jim & Mary McGlothlin
	Acolyte	Thomas Rucker	Coffee	Larry & Doris Mattox, Joyce Brown
	T Bearer	-----	Nursery	-----
		-----	Tellers	Wardens
	Chaliceist	Lawton Kasey	Altar Guild	Danny Fainter, Gail Fields
	Lector 1	Michael Bentley		
	Lector 2	Betsy Briggs		
	Prayers	Lynn Wright		

Jun 5**8 AM** *Lector and Chaliceist – Tim Buchholtz*

10 AM	Crucifer	Madde Shepherd	Ushers	Chris & JoAnn Criscione
	Acolyte	Jen Fitzpatrick	Coffee	Kim & Kevin Laxton
	T Bearer	-----	Nursery	-----
		-----	Tellers	Gerald Gordon, Michael Kennedy
	Chaliceist	Katie Rucker	Altar Guild	Linda Bryant, Dorothy Herndon, Sharon Miller
	Lector 1	Lynn Wright		
	Lector 2	Jessica Price		
	Prayers	Maile Armstrong		

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