
The Weekly Parish Light 2023

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**From the Rector – The Rev. Sarah Nelson
August 25, 2023**



August is almost over. I do believe that the old adage about time is correct. The older we get, the faster that time goes by. All that may be true but it is still the end of August and the Fall season is rapidly approaching.

In the church, this transition of seasons is marked by the Season of Creation: five Sundays celebrating our stewardship over God's creation. The Season of Creation culminates with the Feast of Saint Francis and at Saint James (and in many parishes), the Blessing of the Animals.

You cannot turn on the television or read the news without hearing about Climate Change and how our very lifestyle has and is adversely effecting, as the Eucharistic prayer frames it, "this fragile earth, our island home." This liturgical year we will reflect upon our stewardship of the sky, the earth, humanity, and the mountains. Truly, there is much to behold and be amazed by in creation. Throughout time, humans have written poetry and songs about the mystery and beauty of the world around us: to stand at the base of a large tree, to climb to the apex of a mountain, to listen to the crushing of the waves at the shore. Each, and a multitude of the entirety of creation, are blessings, gifts bestowed upon us. Our liturgy changes and we draw our attention to creation. Often it is these Sundays that strike people at another level, which they remember.

Because we are well aware that everything is connected, that each part touches the other, we know that as we focus on the sky, the mountains are in that same vantage. The Season of Creation is not merely about Sunday mornings – it is about a life. Jewelweed is typically found near stinging nettle. Why? Because jewelweed is the natural antidote to the burning and itching of stinging nettle. This beautiful earth is a delicate balance and wonderfully made for us. As we prepare for this season, you may want to ask yourself what you can do to be a good steward of creation. Perhaps it is reading sideline like Bill Bryson and learning more about the earth. Perhaps it is to don a pair of gloves and tidy up space that has been neglected or littered with bottles and trash. Perhaps it is to include in your daily prayers the earth. Perhaps it is remembering to turn off the spigot while you are brushing your teeth, or using a reusable water bottle. The list is endless. The challenge is to become increasingly mindful of our earth and become better stewards of what has been entrusted to our care.

Faithfully,
Sarah



Music Ministry Notes

Dr. Michael Larkin, Director of Music Ministry

Dr. Larkin has been recuperating for several weeks since his surgery. We welcome him back on Sunday, September 10th! We thank John Grim for “filling in at the organ”! Great job, John!

The Parish Choir’s first rehearsal will begin at 9:00 am on September 10th as well. We look forward to their first anthem the following week.

Do you like to sing? You’re encouraged to join us and come to the choir’s first rehearsal on the tenth! Not a singer but play an instrument? Please contact Dr. Larkin at mlarksing@aol.com.

THE 13th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST THIS SUNDAY, AUGUST 27, 2023

SUNDAY SCHOOL – Sunday School is available for all children during the 10:00 am worship service. Sunday School Lessons are planned to match the Lectionary reading for the week. A discussion about the lesson and a craft or activity will follow. The children join their families in church for the Eucharist, or if Miss Tina is singing in the choir, the children will come in during the peace. All children are welcome to attend our class, even if they are not here every week or are just visiting. Please ask a Greeter to direct you to the classroom.

SUNDAY’S LITURGIES –

Old Testament Reading: Exodus 1:8-2:10; Psalm: 124; Gospel: Matthew 16:13-20.

LAY MINISTERS –

Worship Leader: Marti LaRue; **Reader**: Tom Hutt; **Acolyte**: Tom Reilly; **Greeter**: Sandy Grim; **Usher**: Carol Hall; **Altar Guild**: Carol Hall; **Counters**: Tom Reilly & Tom Hall.



PARISH PRAYER LIST – Please see the last page of this newsletter and pray for those in need of our prayers for strength, guidance, or healing especially Dave & Patti Edwards, Penny Edwards, Carmen Scott, the Purdy Family. Pray for those who have died, especially Pat, Ray Michener, Carla, Joanne, Grandma Dawson.

ANGLICAN CYCLE OF PRAYER – Pray for Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui.

DIOCESE OF DELAWARE – Pray for St. James’ Church-Mill Creek, Wilmington, The Rev. Reuben Rockwell III, Rector.

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THOSE CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK – Marti LaRue, Danika Duffield Dillman.

FAMILY – We will be praying this week for the Shahan Family. Please remember to pray for Meranda and Kyle during the service on Sunday and keep them in your thoughts during the week.

A Prayer for Families: Heavenly Father, in whom we live and move and have our being, we humbly pray to you to guide and govern us by the Holy Spirit, that in all the cares and occupations of our daily life, we may never forget you, but remember that we are ever walking in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

EVENTS



Cancelled Until Further Notice: We'll notify you once we are able to resume.



COFFEE HOUR HOSTS WANTED ONCE A MONTH!! If you enjoy sharing coffee and conversation with friends (old and new) after the 10:00 am service, we hope you will consider being a Host for one Sunday a month. If you're interested, please add your name on the sign-up sheet on the Board in the foyer! Pick a month you (and a friend) would like to be Hosts for Coffee Hour! **Note:** This summer, we can move outside for "Lemonade in the Garden"! Won't you consider being a Host?

FUNDRAISER EVENT



WILLIAMS SYNDROME ASSOCIATION: Check out the ***Bender Twins' Team fundraising page!*** Click on the link below for more information and to donate to this wonderful Association on behalf of Samantha and Autumn! (If you are unable to open the link below, copy and paste into your URL.)
<https://events.williams-syndrome.org/team/500609>

OUTREACH



All backpacks were delivered and gratefully received. Thank you to everyone who helped in this effort and to George McDowell who assisted with delivery to Richey Elementary School!

SUMMER AT ST. JAMES

“I LOVE TO TELL THE STORY” THEME – Last summer we created a booklet entitled “Just A Closer Walk with Thee.” This summer, our theme is “I Love to Tell the Story.” There are “cards” in the foyer for you to pick up and write a short sentence about how you tell “your story” or how the “story” has been told to you. The goal at the end of the summer is to have all these “stories” compiled and shared! **See next section below for some ideas/suggestions on how we can “tell our story.”**

I LOVE TO TELL THE STORY ...

After reading through the following, you will no doubt be motivated to take a card and recall ways in which YOU tell the story or that you have received the story of Jesus from others. Marti LaRue will compile our shared Stories into a booklet for distribution.

We’re collecting MORE THAN plastic bottle caps now!

St. James is still collecting plastic bottle caps and are nearing our first goal. The good news is that in addition to the bottle caps, we are also asking for #2, #4, and #5 plastic CONTAINERS! You can find those numbers on the bottom of the containers that are in the small recycling triangle, which are typically detergent bottles, milk jugs, and other household items that are in those kinds of containers. Note that all plastics need to be clean and label-free. This is a way that we **tell the story** by caring for the environment. Put the caps in a plastic zip bag and the containers in a larger bag and place on the table, in the foyer, or give to the Greeter. Thank you.

“Still Life”

If you missed it, you missed an evening of amazing discussion and great, tasty Bistro snacks. The Inspector imparts four sayings necessary for wisdom, not only in Three Pines but in Wilmington, Delaware! The four statements are: “I was wrong,” “I am sorry,” “I don’t know,” and “I need help.” You might imagine these four points in your own life – but definitely plan on coming to Three Pines discussion #2. The second of Louise Penny’s books is entitled “**A Fatal Grace.**” We will plan a Fall date to discuss this next-in-the-series book. If you did not read the first one, don’t worry. Each book stands on its own. Start reading! You won’t want to miss the evening! And yes – we **tell the story** by sharing our own stories and listening and reading those of others!

Memorial Garden Bricks.

Simply seeing the name of another evokes all sorts of memories, experiences, even emotions. Our Memorial Garden and the brick walkway lovingly planned and laid out by Tom Reilly and Kenny Stafford is a pleasant, peaceful place. It is a place for reflection, gratitude, and celebration. If you would like to honor someone or some occasion, or if you would like to pay tribute to someone who has finished this earthly race, you can purchase a brick, which will be laid in the Garden. There is a card on the table in the Narthex (foyer). If you’d like to purchase a brick, simply fill out the necessary information and give the card to the Greeter or place it in the offering plate. The cost is One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) per brick. We continue to **tell the story** by remembering those who light our way.

UPCOMING KIDS' EVENTS AT ST. JAMES

Oh, my! The summer has almost come to a close, but we still have a few long, lazy days left in the sun. Now we can look forward to the sports camps, dance camps, and pre-season workouts next year! But now what? *Saint James to the rescue!*

We have one last event planned just for you in the fall!

- **Friday, October 6th and Saturday, October 7th** – National Cathedral Acolyte Festival. Leaving on Friday after school for a mini-lock-in at Immanuel Church on the Hill in Alexandria, Virginia. Saturday traveling to the National Cathedral to participate in the Acolyte Festival with acolytes from across the Nation. This is an awesome experience! \$10.00 cover charge for participation fee.

See?!? We are always thinking of you! If you haven't signed up with Tina (302-419-4655) or Sarah yet, please do so right away. We can't wait to see you and have these adventures with you!

MISCELLANEOUS

<u>CHURCH EXPENSES</u>	<u>ALTAR FLOWERS</u>	<u>CORAL SPRINGS NURSING HOME</u>
<p>Remember that even when you are away, the church expenses are not. Our pledges are what keeps the church going and the air conditioning running. Your pledge to the ministry of the parish is much appreciated! Thank you!</p>	<p>If you would like to place flowers on the altar in thanksgiving or in memory of a loved one, flower forms are available on the table in the church foyer, or you may contact the church office. The cost for flowers is \$30.00. Checks should be made payable to: <u>St. James Church</u>. Please write "Altar Flowers" on the memo line of your check. The check can be placed in the Offering plate or dropped off at the office.</p>	<p>On the First Sunday of the month during our worship service, Rev. Sarah will consecrate the Host that will be distributed to the residents of Coral Springs Nursing Home on every other Monday each month.</p>

CALENDAR – AUGUST & SEPTEMBER

SUNDAY, AUGUST 27
 Worship Service 10:00 am

SEPTEMBER

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 3 – Labor Day
 Worship Service 10:00 am
 Healing Service after 10 am service

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10
CREATION 1
 Choir’s 1st Rehearsal 9:00 am
 Worship Service 10:00 am

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17
CREATION 2
 Choir Rehearsal 9:00 am
 Worship Service (w/ Choir) 10:00 am
 Vestry Meeting – in Lounge after service

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24
CREATION 3
 Choir Rehearsal 9:00 am
 Worship Service 10:00 am

	<u>AUGUST BIRTHDAYS</u>	<u>AUG. BIRTHDAYS</u> (cont'd)
	1 – Jack Reilly 1 – Daytona Grace Purdy 6 – Quinn Luckey 9 – Jason Luckey 11 – Danielle Yeatman (Grahe) 11 – Crystal Bush 12 – Lisa Bush 14 – Nalani Luckey 15 – George Fischbach 16 – Jenny Azwol 16 – Joshua Luckey 19 – Christopher Fischbach	21 – Penny Edwards 24 – Tom Reilly 24 – Caroline Luckey 24 – Adrienne Bush 24 – Rosie Sanchez 26 – Sarah Brase-Davis 28 – Marti LaRue 30 – Danika Duffield Dillman

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Simple Formula for Living (Part 2 of 4):

- ✓ *Listen more; talk less.*
- ✓ *Every day, take a 30-minute walk.*
- ✓ *Be on time. Don't make excuses.*
- ✓ *Get organized.*
- ✓ *Be kind to unkind people.*
- ✓ *Let someone cut ahead of you in line.*



A Prayer for Ukraine

God of peace and justice,
we pray for the people of Ukraine today.
We pray for peace and the laying down of weapons.
We pray for all those who fear for tomorrow,
that your Spirit of comfort would draw near to them.
We pray for those with power over war or peace,
for wisdom, discernment and compassion to guide their decisions.
Above all, we pray for all your precious children, at risk and in fear,
that you would hold and protect them.
We pray in the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace.
Amen.

*Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby
Archbishop of York, Stephen Cottrell*

Prayer in the Midst of Violence

Lord, in our shock and confusion, we come before you
in our grief and despair in the midst of hate,
in our sense of helplessness in the face of violence,
We lean on you.

For the families of those who have been killed, we pray.
For the shooters – *help* us to pray, Lord.
For the communities that have lost members, their anger, grief, fear,
We pray.

For the churches striving to be your light in darkness
beyond comprehension,
We pray.

Lord of all, gather us up – your creatures, your world –
and bring an end to the violence.
Come, Lord Jesus.
Amen.

*Taken from “**Prayer for mass violence**” by Grace Claus
written for faithward*

Prayer for Refugees

O Lord God, you led your people through the wilderness
and brought them to the promised land.
Guide us now so that, following your Son, we may
walk alongside vulnerable refugee families as
they build a new life in the county of your love and mercy. Amen.

ST. JAMES PRAYER LIST – Please use this Prayer List and include the following people in your daily prayers. Names will remain on the prayer list for one month. If you want to keep someone on the list, add, or remove anyone, please email (stjamesnew@verizon.net) or call the church office (302-994-2029).

Abigail	Frank Dean	Carolyn Karney & Family	The Pat Purdy Family
Alan	Diana and Pevan	Juanita Kavanaugh	Reese
Alethia	Rose DelliGatti	Kathy	Neil Reilly
Alex	Henry Diaz	Melvin Kessler	The Rev. Reuben
Allysa	John DiOrio	Kiara	Rodriguez
Amy	Ross Donovan	Ritchie Kinlaw	Aaron Richers
Andrienne	Deborah Earley	Kira	The Roche Family
Anna	Vern Earley	Sara Kirk	Roy
Christina Azwol	Dave & Patti Edwards	Susan Kriznuski	Emily Ruggieri
Tony Andres	Penny Edwards	Marti & Ron LaRue	Henry Saffer
Sage Andrews	Carol Edwards & Family	Laura	Sally
Barbara	Ellie Rose	John Lewis	Daniel Sanchez
Scott Battaglia	Eli	Liam	Gabriela Santiago
Seth Bayless	Eric	Lilly	Mike Scarpetti
Jim Bender	Janice Fischbach	Lois	Scott
Trish Bender Bayless	George Fischbach	Allen Luckey	Carmen Scott
Jeff Biscoe	Mary Ellen	Cindy & Dave Mahoney	Richard Scott
Bobbie Blevins	Kira Fix	Mallory	The Francis Scott Family
Eileen Borders	John & Harriet Flynn	Marie Marcinkowski	Maria Perdikis
Barry Boulden	John	The Martinez Family	Mike PierceSeth
Paula Boulden	Joan Frati	Mary Helen	Linda Sheesley
Myrle Bowe	Ginny	Jude Matejkovic	Earlene Smith
Ronald Boyce	Fred Geist	Melvin	Dan Sommers
Doris Brown	Owen Geist	Missy	Kenny Stafford
Charles Brown	Gerike Family: Adam,	Carmen Moore	Dorothy Stephens
Eleanor Buchanan	Lindsey, & Oliver	Shirley Moore	Steve
Crystal Bush	Glenn	Ann Moses	Gavin Stiteler
Douglas Bush	Brittney Griffin	Jay Muckle	Paula Szczuka
David Butters	Scott Gunn	Randy Murray	The Szotkiewicz Family:
Fran Pearlman-Butters	Carolyn Halfen	Sara Musselman	Joanna, Michael,
Cameryn	Ike Hammond	Natalie	Hannah, Charles
Caroleen	Lindsay Hammond	The Rev. Sarah Nelson	Thomas
Carolyn	Amy & Rick Harra	Sue Nelson	Lorayne Titter
Cathy	Major Scott M. Harra	Nicholas	Jack Tucker
Wayne Chapman, Jr.	Nancy Hoffman	Noah	Shon Tucker
KayMaire Castro	Travis Hoffman	Cassandra Norsworthy	Tyler
Chris	Holly	Paula Orty	Jack
Cindy	Eileen Hughes	Mark Parton	Betty Ann VanHekle
Linda Clark	Peter Huiner and Family	Terri Parton	Preston VanHekle III
Clint	Kaylee Jackson	Debbie Papa	Mary Wade
Bill Cole	Jennifer	Madeline Pepe and	Nancy Walls
Brittany Collins	Jenna & John	Children	Valerie Warrington
Christina Conaway	Jeremy	Pat	Missy Wieland
Presiding Bishop	Jim	The Pease Family	Andy & Linda Wolf
Michael Curry	Joan	Maria Perdikis	
Daisy	Joe	Mike Pierce	
Cullen Kate Deal	Joshua John	John Pumphrey and	
	Sister Julian	Family	

For those serving our country: National Guard: Terron Barnes, Brad Pastore, Christina Pastore;
U.S. Army: Maj. Scott M. Harra. *Give grace, O Lord, to our brothers and sisters in Christ who suffer physically and emotionally, that they may be healed. Grant them trust and love that their prayers may be answered and that they may be relieved from their suffering. Amen.*