
The Weekly Parish Light 2023

St. James Episcopal Church · 2 S Augustine St. · Wilmington DE 19804 · 302-994-2029

**From the Rector – The Rev. Sarah Nelson
October 20, 2023**



My Tuesday began as an enjoyable morning. I had a nice day planned with a friend. We drove up to Bryn Mawr to visit with another friend who is living in a rehab center. After our time with our friend, we had a nice lunch and continued our time together. As a bit of background, Sunday I had placed my purse under the sink in the sacristy. Unbeknownst to me, there is a leak in the pipe and my purse was soaked. So on Tuesday, when I needed a Kleenex, none was to be found, as I had removed all the wet, soaking mess out of my bag. Luckily, the restaurant had paper napkins so I picked one up and used that to wipe my nose. Well, I soon needed another Kleenex and then another. By the time I arrived home, the flood gates had opened and now we were not measuring in a tissue but in a box! Things went downhill from there. As I write this, I am sipping tea with yet another box of Kleenex near by – very near by! Others of you have been accosted by this affliction and so I have hope that it too will pass.

I wonder where this invisible powerful force could have originated? I was perfectly fine and then this unseeable, untouchable, powerful thing overtook me. Perhaps it is the fever or perhaps the flu medication, but I began pondering. The most powerful entity that I know is unseeable, untouchable, physically unknowable. That force, however, is capable of and does change and impact every ounce of my being.


I often return to those words scrawled on the wall in Auschwitz: “I believe in the sun even when it is not shining. I believe in love even when there is no one there. I believe in God even when God is silent. I believe through any trial there is always a way.” Indeed, our God is ever present, ever strong, every knowing. Though I may not be able to see or touch God, I know that God is there.

This present trial, an upper respiratory virus, will pass, but the source of all healing, all strength, all wisdom, all love, though not visible to the naked eye, is a power like no other. For that I can only say, “Thanks be to God!”

Faithfully,
Sarah

THE 21st SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST THIS SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2023

Sunday's Liturgies – *Old Testament*: Exodus 33:12-23; *Psalm*: 99;
Epistle: 1 Thessolinians 1:1-10; *Gospel*: Matthew 22:15-22.

 **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.

LAY MINISTERS –

Organist	Michael Larkin
Worship Leader	Mary Hammond
Readers	George McDowell; Skip Bentley
Acolyte	Denise Jarrell
Greeter	Marseli Hansen
Usher	Carol Hall
Altar Guild	Mary Hammond
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 Patti, Penny, & David Edwards, Carmen Scott, Diane Geist, Lindsey, Kira, Preston, Cindy, Dave. Pray for those who have died, especially The Rev. Ruben Rodriguez.

PASTORAL ANNOUNCEMENT – The Rev. Ruben Rodriguez died peacefully this past Tuesday, October 17, 2023. Funeral arrangements to be announced at a later date. Rest eternal grant to him, O Lord; and let light perpetual shine upon him. May his soul, and the souls of all the departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

THOSE CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK – Ken Davis, Annalyssia Castro-Cruz, Fred Geist, Allen Luckey, Amber Price.

FAMILY – We will be praying this week for the VanHekle family. Please remember to pray for Butch, Betty, and Preston 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.

ANGLICAN CYCLE OF PRAYER – Pray The Anglican Church of Korea.

DIOCESE OF DELAWARE – Pray for St. Barnabas’ Church, Wilmington, DE. The Rev. Kenneth Katona, Rector.

MEETINGS, EVENTS, & OPPORTUNITIES



BIBLE STUDY – Join us every Wednesday at 10:00am in the Lounge. See the Schedule on page 4 under “Meeting.”



COFFEE HOUR HOSTS NEEDED ONCE A MONTH!! If you enjoy sharing coffee, a snack, 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. Come early – it takes about 15 minutes to set up and 15-20 to clean up. If you’re interested, please contact Carol Hall or Marti LaRue or see them on Sunday! Pick a month that you (and a friend) would like to be Hosts for Coffee Hour!

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>

MEETING

BIBLE STUDY

September 13th – December 27th, 2023

As Christian people we set ourselves on a lifelong course of increasingly learning about our God and God's purpose for our lives. We know many of the stories and we know about God's plan of salvation. Truly, this is a life-long task.

As we "read, mark and inwardly digest" the words of scripture, we know that God continues to speak to us each and every day. Because God continues to reveal God's self, we turn our hearts to be open and respectful to what God is saying. Throughout history, Christians have engaged in the practice of reading and studying scripture. Beginning on Wednesday, September 13th, you are invited to join in a study of scripture with others seeking to know God. Each Wednesday we will gather at 10:00am in the Lounge to consider the words of the Gospel for the coming Sunday. While we will be meeting in person, if you would like to join us by Zoom, please let the office know.

I hope that you will join us.

Sarah

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY – 2023 SCHEDULE

~~September 13 – Earth Sunday – John 1: 1-14~~
~~September 20 – Sky Sunday – Mark 15:33-39~~
~~September 27 – Mountain Sunday – Mark 16: 14-18~~

~~October 4 – Humanity Sunday – Mark 10: 41-45~~
~~October 11 – Saint Francis – Matthew 11:25-30~~
~~October 18 – Matthew 22:15-22 (cancelled)~~
October 25 – Matthew 22:34-46

November 1 – All Saints – Matthew 5: 1-12
November 8 – Matthew 25: 1-13
November 15 – Matthew 25: 14-30
November 22 – **No class**
November 29 – Mark:13:24-37

December 6 – Mark 1:1-8
December 13 – John 1: 6-8, 19-28
December 20 – **No class**
December 27 – **No class**

Then on to 2024!

UPCOMING EVENTS and OBSERVANCES

The **Hospitality Team** would like to extend an invitation to everyone to join us for a screening of the movie *Coco* immediately following worship on **Sunday, October 29th**. We will also be providing Soup and other refreshments!

Coco provides us with a strong reminder that despite death, family history can transcend the years and continue to shape our families for generations to come.

Join us on the 29th to have a bowl of hot soup/crackers/beverages as we watch *Coco*! Bring a Friend, too! It'll be a fun afternoon!

ALL SAINTS/ALL SOULS – We will be celebrating All Saints and All Souls this year on **SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5th**. Last year, Dawn Martinez set up an Ofrenda – a memorial for us to commemorate all our faithfully departed saints (see picture below).

We will be doing this again this year. If you would like to include a picture of your loved ones on the display, **please bring in copies* of your loved ones' pictures (no larger than 4"x6") and give them to Dawn Martinez no later than Saturday morning, November 4th**. (*If you submit an original picture, a copy will be made and your original will be returned to you.)



OUR YOUNG PEOPLE

October 6, 2023 – Issue 1

There are so many invisible ties that bind us one to the other. As we all know, sharing burdens makes them lighter and it is no fun having a party all by yourself. In that light, beginning in the October 6th issue of the **Parish Light**, we began a new section entitled *Our Young People*. In this section, we will highlight some of what our young people are doing.

<p>Nazeef Bush, a freshman at William Penn High School, is trying a new thing. Nazeef is running Cross Country for his school.</p>	<p>Go, Nazeef and Nazir! Saint James is very proud of both of you!</p>	<p>Nazir Washington, also a freshman at William Penn, is playing on the school football team.</p>
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 <p>We are so proud of you, Penny!</p>	<p>Our own Penny Geist, a naturalist in the making, was recently interviewed by <u>Delaware Wild Lands</u> for their Fall newsletter. Penny has a keen interest in the natural world and often works with her father on various projects.</p>
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I hope that you will share things about young people you know. This will also give each of us something to talk about when we encounter these members of our church.

To submit details about your Young Person, please email information (and if you desire, a picture) to: martilarue828@gmail.com. Please know that by sending us a picture, you will be authorizing and agreeing to having your youth's picture appear in our newsletter.

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>

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.

CALENDAR – OCTOBER 22 – NOVEMBER 5

<p style="text-align: center;"><u>SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22</u> <u>21st SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST</u> Choir Rehearsal 9:00 am Worship Service (w/ choir) 10:00 am</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 25</u> Bible Study (Lounge) 10:00 am</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>BEFORE SATURDAY, OCT. 28</u> Deadline to turn in your information to Tina if you want to <u>Light A Candle</u> for a loved one on All Saints Day (Nov. 5)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29</u> Choir Rehearsal 9:00 am Worship Service (w/ choir) 10:00 am <u>Screening of the Movie Coco</u> – after worship service; soup, crackers and refreshments provided</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 1</u> Bible Study (Lounge) 10:00 am</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>BY SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4</u> Deadline to bring in pictures of your loved ones (copies preferred) no larger than 4”x6” and give them to Dawn.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5</u> <u>ALL SAINTS/ALL SOULS SERVICE</u> Choir Rehearsal 9:00 am Worship Service (w/ choir) 10:00 am <i>Ofrenda memorial displayed to commemorate all our faithfully departed loved ones (saints)</i> Healing Service in Chapel – after worship</p>
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THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK



Don't Worry! Be Happy!

ST. JAMES VESTRY

Meet Your Vestry!

Sr. Warden: George McDowell

Jr. Warden: Tina Geist

Christian Education Chair: Tina Geist

Finance: George McDowell/Tina Geist

Outreach Chairs: Dawn Martinez and Janice Fischbach

Pastoral Care Chairs: Dawn Martinez and Marti LaRue

Property Chairs: Tom Reilly and Andi Bender

Hospitality/Fellowship Chairs: Marti LaRue and Carol Hall

Worship Chairs: John Grim and Dawn Martinez

Recording Secretary: Marti LaRue

Clerk of the Vestry: Janice Fischbach



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

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.*