
The Weekly Parish Light 2023

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**From the Rector – The Rev. Sarah Nelson
November 5, 2023**



Do you remember that wonderful passage from Paul's letter to the people in Corinth? The one about the body having many parts and each part having a function that betters the whole? I could not help thinking of that biblical scripture as Saint James prepares to celebrate one of the great Feast days of the church, the feast of All of the Saints. Traditionally, All Saints' Day, November 1st, is a day set apart dedicated to all the saints and those martyred for their faith. The following day, November 2nd, is known as All Souls' Day and is set apart to recognize all those who have died in the faith. These days of remembrance are important not only in the church but in many, many cultures throughout the world.

At Saint James this year, on Sunday, we will remember, pause, and give thanks for those in our lives whom we have loved and now entrusted to God's safe keeping. It is always a full and heavy moment when we hear the name of our beloved. A bell is rung, a candle is lit, and there is a moment of silence. It is striking that at the conclusion of the reading of the names, the front of the church is aglow with light caused by the lights of each of these souls. Truly we walk in the light that they have caused. This year we will continue the tradition of the Ofrenda. For those of you who were able to view the film *Coco* last Sunday or on your own, you will note the importance of remembering.

Shakespeare gives us another hint of remembering. Ophelia says:

*"There's rosemary, that's for remembrance;
Pray you, love, remember.
And there is pansies, that's for thoughts. ..."*

*"There's fennel for you, and columbines.
There's rue for you, and here's some for me;
we may call it herb of grace o'Sundays. ..."*

Remembering is important. In our community we have taken the task and joy of remembering very seriously. And it has taken all of us to do this job well. That, I believe, is why that passage from Corinthians comes to mind. Last week with the luncheon and viewing of *Coco*, many pitched in to make the day so special, whether it was bringing in a dessert or setting or clearing tables. There were many tasks and when they were spread among many, the results were so good. This coming Sunday is the celebration of All Saints, and the Ofrenda, the treats for coffee hour, the telling of stories and remembering those whom we have loved – it takes us all!

So, two take-aways. The first is the importance of remembering in the Feasts of All Saints and All Souls – remembering, like rosemary, we can take in our entire being. The second take-away is about the joy and camaraderie of working together: a common goal with many hands moving towards that goal.

I look forward to worshipping with you on Sunday as we remember and celebrate the saints of our church who, working alongside of them, have enriched our very lives.

Faithfully,

Sarah



MUSIC MINISTRY WEEKLY NOTES
from Dr. Michael Larkin, Director of Music Ministry

My St. James Friends,

It is somewhat hard to believe, but Advent is just around the corner. I wanted to give all of you a heads-up on a special Advent event that will be a collaborative effort between the two area St. James Episcopal Churches: of course, *our* St. James and St. James Millcreek.

On Sunday, December 10 at 3:00 p.m. at St. James Millcreek, our combined choirs and clergy will present a beautiful Advent Lessons and Carols service. ***Mark your calendars now*** so you will not miss all the beautiful music and meaningful scriptures and prayers that comprise a Lessons and Carols experience. This promises to be the first of many possible collaborative events between our two churches utilizing both church facilities.

I hope you have enjoyed the beautiful sounds of our new piano as this past Sunday, it was used to accompany both our parish choir and our guest soloist, Michael Alexander. After it is tuned in a couple weeks, it will sound even better!

This coming Sunday as we observe All Saints, we will sing several of the best-known and majestic hymns, including Ralph Vaughan Williams' great hymn "For All the Saints." I invite you to sing boldly! The parish choir will sing Natalie Sleeth's energetic "Headin' for the Promised Land."

See you Sunday!

Blessings,

Dr. Michael Larkin



**ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY
THIS SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2023**

SUNDAY'S LITURGIES – *Old Testament:* Revelation 7:9-17; *Psalm:* 107:11-7, 33-37;
Epistle: 1 John 3:1-3; *Gospel:* Matthew 5:1-12.



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 –

Director of Music Ministry:	Dr. Michael Larkin
Worship Leader:	Marti LaRue
Old Testament Reader:	Tom Hutt
New Testament Reader:	Denise Jarrell
Acolyte:	Denise Jarrell
Greeter:	Marsali Hansen
Usher:	Mary Hammond
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 Patti, Penny, & David Edwards, Carmen Scott, Diane Geist, Lindsey, Kira, Preston, Cindy, Dave. Pray for those who have died.

THOSE CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK –

FAMILY – We will be praying this week for the Warrington family. Please remember to pray for James, Chase, Emma, and Ryan 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 for La Iglesia Anglicana de Mexico.

DIOCESE OF DELAWARE – Pray for the Racial Justice and Reconciliation Commission.

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 minutes 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 (cancelled)~~

~~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!

EVENTS and OBSERVANCES

ALL SAINTS/ALL SOULS – We will be celebrating All Saints and All Souls during our worship service this **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 between 10-11am.** (*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 (Updated November 3, 2023)

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 and is now--as a freshman--on the Varsity team!</p>	 <p>Go, Nazeef and Nazir! Your Saint James' family 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>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> <p>Your St. James family is so proud of you, Penny!</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

<p><u>CHURCH EXPENSES</u></p> <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><u>ALTAR FLOWERS</u></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><u>CORAL SPRINGS NURSING HOME</u></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>
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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 – NOVEMBER

BY Tomorrow – Sat., November 4th

Deadline - Turn in your pictures between 10-11am to Dawn for Sunday's Ofrenda! Pictures of your loved ones are to be no larger than 4"x6". (Copies preferred but if originals are turned in, they will be returned to you.)

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5

ALL SAINTS/ALL SOULS SERVICE

SET YOUR CLOCKS BACK AT 2:00am!!

Choir Rehearsal 9:00 am
Worship Service (w/ choir) 10:00 am

Ofrenda memorial displayed to commemorate all our faithfully departed loved ones (saints)

Healing Service in Chapel – after worship
Coffee & Refreshments Hour will be held after that services. Please join us in the Parish Hall for Fellowship!


SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12

Choir Rehearsal 9:00 am
Worship Service (w/choir) 10:00 am
Folding of the American Flag as part of our service for Veterans Day

LOOKING AHEAD IN NOVEMBER....

Keep an eye out for more details about:

- We'll be introducing a *Circle of Blessings!*
- We'll also have a *Pluck A Turkey!*

<u>NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS</u>				
	1	– Owen Geist	24	– Kristi Pham
	13	– Becky Purdy	26	– Ike Hammond
	15	– Jim Bender	26	– Jennifer Erdman
	17	– Amber Luckey	27	– Christopher Luckey
	17	– Anna Sheesley	27	– Jen Wills McClellan
	18	– Brad Pastore, Jr.		
	18	– Cavin Luckey		
	19	– Art Scotten		
	19	– Jim Biggs		
	22	– Lisa Bowe		

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK :

“And if today, all you did was hold yourself together, I am proud of you.”

– A quote from tinybuddha.com

ST. JAMES 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.*

Rev. 10/20/23