
The Weekly Parish Light

April 19, 2024

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

From the Rector – The Rev. Sarah Nelson



Jesus had much to teach us about our daily lives. Of course, you answer: love God and love your neighbor. But Jesus also instructs about our daily lives. When you sit to read scripture you will. Price a pattern in the life of Jesus. He travels encountering people and situations that are desperate for grace and healing. Jesus instructs as to what he has now done. Then typically Jesus withdraws to a quiet place alone.

Now I am a long long way from Jesus but the concept of Sabbath is important for all of us. You know the day after a big holiday or after a long-anticipated vacation, that next day you wake up and are exhausted. The human body and soul needs tending.

Next Tuesday, April 23rd I will be leaving for a bit of respite in St. Simons Georgia. One of the Golden Isles, St. Simons is a beautiful part of God's creation. There are ancient oak trees covered in Spanish moss that sit on the shoreline. The sea turtles and birds seem happy just to be there. It is typically warm and sunny. It is a restorative place for me.

I will be soaking all this up from Tuesday until the following Tuesday morning. I am grateful for this time away.

Tina in the parish office can be contacted with any emergencies. Our Senior Warden George McDowell is available as well.

I will think of you, pray for you and anticipate coming home with tales of new adventures, always seeking God's presence in the creation around us.

Faithfully,

Sarah

April 21, 2024, The 4th Sunday of Easter

Good Shepherd Sunday

SUNDAY'S LITURGIES – *Old Testament: Acts 4:5-12; Psalm: 23;*
Epistle: 1 John 3: 16-24; Gospel: John 10:11-18

LAY MINISTERS –

Director of Music Ministry:	Dr. Michael Larkin	Greeter:	Penny Geist
Worship Leader:	Skip Bentley	Usher:	Carol Hall
Old Testament Reader:	Andi Bender	Altar Guild:	Andi Bender
New Testament Reader:	Lisa Bowe	Counters:	Tom Reilly
Acolyte:	Tom Reilly		



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.



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 *Linda White, Jessica Absher, Butch & Betty VanHekle, Penny Wilhelme, Marti LaRue, Sandy Grim, George Fischbach, Jim Bender, Patti, Penny, & David Edwards, Ann, Carmen Scott, Diane Geist, Lindsey, Kira, Preston, Cindy, Dave, Nazim Washington, Joyce Beattie, Bob LaRue, Dean, Dutch, Chris, Emily Zirkle.*
- Pray for those who have died.

Anyone wishing to have someone **placed on or taken off the prayer list** may email Marti LaRue (martilarue828@gmail.com) or call the church office at 302-994-2029.

THOSE CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK – Nazim Washington

FAMILY – We will be praying this week for the Foglia family. Please remember to pray for Lisa & Thomas 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 The Church of Australia.

DIOCESE OF DELAWARE – Pray for St. Martha's Church Bethany Beach The Rev Victoria Pretti, Rector



The outpouring of prayers and love since I've been in the hospital have caused my heart to overflow with heart-felt love. It's true what they say that one can actually feel the power of prayer and the presence of Jesus. Thank you for your love and support! Love you all!

Marti LaRue

MEETINGS



WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY – You are invited to join in a study of scripture with others seeking to know God. Each Wednesday we will gather at 10:00 a.m. 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

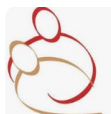
There will be NO Bible Study April 24th.



VESTRY MEETINGS: Vestry meetings are scheduled on the following dates: April 21;
May 19; June 16.



WORSHIP MEETING: The Worship meetings are usually scheduled on the fourth Sunday of the month.



HEALING SERVICES are generally held on the first Sunday of each month in the Chapel immediately following the 10am worship service. They have been scheduled on the following dates: May 5; and June 2; July 7.

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>

BIRTHDAYS CALENDAR

<p><u>APRIL BIRTHDAYS</u></p>	3	– Sheila Brase	16	– Bethany Rose Hall
	3	– Jim Bender, Jr.	17	– Jackie Van Derryt
	4	– Michael Reilly	26	– Nazim Washington
	4	– Nazyiah Garden	30	– Kayla Gunter
	7	– Doug Gunter		
	10	– Dr. Michael Larkin		
	10	– John Wallace		
	13	– Brian Reilly		
	13	– Andre Michaels		
	15	– Patricia Wallace		

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: “As we work to create light for others, we naturally light our own way.” - Mary Anne Radmacher

2024 STEWARDSHIP

OFFERING ENVELOPES are available if you would like to use them.

PLEDGE CARDS received will be linked to your envelope, if you desire to use the envelopes.

OUR YOUNG PEOPLE

To submit exciting details about achievements 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

Altar Flowers: After Easter, 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: St. James Church. 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.

Announcements for the Ladies! Are there any St. James women who would be interested in starting or joining a new Group or Ministry? (Bring your friends & family, too!) There have been two activities that have been recently mentioned and want some feedback, please! Look for sheets in the foyer to sign up if you’re interested in either or both! Questions? Contact Marti LaRue (martilarue828@gmail.com) or Carol Hall (302-530-8520).

- **Knitting, Crocheting, Quilting Group** – The idea has been mentioned of getting together (perhaps weekly) at church to make hand-made shawls and, upon completion, deliver them to parishioners in the hospital, rehab, or home; other ideas, to make: hats, scarves, etc. Perhaps knit some hats for Margy’s Tree that we fill up at Christmas time!
- **Ladies Luncheons** – Anyone interested in meeting for lunch once a month? We could pick different restaurants and alternate, or just choose one. Look for sheets in the foyer after Easter. If you’re interested in either or both, please sign up!

CONTACT INFORMATION

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OUR MISSION STATEMENT

Know – God Love – People
Nurture – One Another Serve – The Community

Rector: The Rev. Sarah Nelson
Services: Sunday – 10:00 a.m.
E-mail: stjamesnew@verizon.net

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.⁹

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). **(Recently added are BOLDED)**

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

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 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. 03/28/24