
The Weekly Parish Light

August 1, 2024

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

From the Rector – The Rev. Sarah Nelson



I admit it. I am an Olympics junkie. I could watch 24 hours a day, watching sports which I have little idea about how they are played, the rules or really anything else. But I love watching these elite athletes performing at their very best. I think that every two years, once in the winter, once in the summer that the world should stop so that everyone could watch these amazing Olympic games.

So of course I watched as the women's gymnastics team competed. When the famed Simone Biles took the floor for her final rotation there was great anticipation, a sort of electricity that emanated even through the television. The crowd gathered in Paris began chanting USA USA USA. Even across the wide ocean you could just feel the excitement, the sense of belonging, the pride. USA USA USA. I wanted to stand up and chant with you them.

It is good to live in this country and there is so much to be both thankful for and proud of. It also occurred to me that beyond my National pride I am first and foremost a citizen of another kingdom, the Kingdom of God. The God who created me created all of creation. My work on this earth is to have my eyes and heart set on that kingdom and living in that kingdom.

All of which leads me to wonder what it will be like when Christians here and everywhere join together and chant "Thy Kingdom Come, thy will be done" over and over with the same pride, the same hope, the same gusto as those gathered to support our American athletes.

All of which leaves me asking, how do I live my faith boldly, proudly, with electricity? How do I love God first and my neighbor as myself? How do I respect the dignity of every human being? How do I forgive others as I have been forgiven? How do I put aside my own will and instead seek God's will?

I am proud of our American athletes, really all of the athletes. What dedication, what commitment, what lifelong training! Their lives are certainly examples from which I can learn about living my faith with boldness, pride, tenacity and gratitude.?

And the other good news is that we still have one more week of the summer Olympics!

Faithfully,

Sarah

August 4, 2024, The Philadelphia Eleven

SUNDAY'S LITURGIES – Old Testament: *Exodus 1:15-21* **Psalm:** *Sirach 1:4-15* **New Testament:** *Galatians 3:23-29* **Gospel:** *Luke 24:1-11*

LAY MINISTERS –

Director of Music Ministry:	Dr. Michael Larkin	Greeter:	Penny Geist & Rory Geist
Worship Leader:	Dawn Martinez	Usher:	Penny Geist & Carol Hall
Old Testament Reader:	Lisa Bowe	Altar Guild:	Andi Bender
New Testament Reader:	John Grim	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, Ann, Carmen Scott, Diane Geist, Lindsey, Kira, Preston, Cindy, Dave, Joyce Beattie, Bob LaRue, Dean, Dutch, Chris.*
- Pray for those who have died.

Anyone wishing to have someone **placed on or taken off the prayer list** may email Stjamesnew@verizon.net or call the church office at 302-994-2029.

FAMILY – We will be praying this week for the Luckey family. Please remember to pray for Jason, Amber, Eric, Aidan, Veronica, Cavin, Charlie and Nalani 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 Episcopal Church in Jerusalem & the Middle East

DIOCESE OF DELAWARE – Pray for Trinity Parish, Wilmington The Rev. Patricia Downing, Rector & The Rev. Dr. Marta Illueca, Associate Rector.

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 for the summer!



Next Bible Study Wednesday September 11th.

VESTRY MEETINGS: Vestry meetings are scheduled on the following dates:



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: July 7, August 4, September 1.

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>



1	Jack Reilly	16	Jenny Azwol
1	Daytona Purdy	16	Joshua Luckey
6	Quinn Luckey	19	Christopher Fischbach
9	Jason Luckey	24	Tom Reilly
11	Danielle Grahe	24	Caroline Luckey
11	Crystal Bush	24	Adrienne Bush
12	Lisa Bush	24	Rosie Sanchez
14	Nalani Luckey	26	Sarah Brase-Davis
15	George Fischbach	28	Marti LaRue
		30	Danika Duffield Dillman

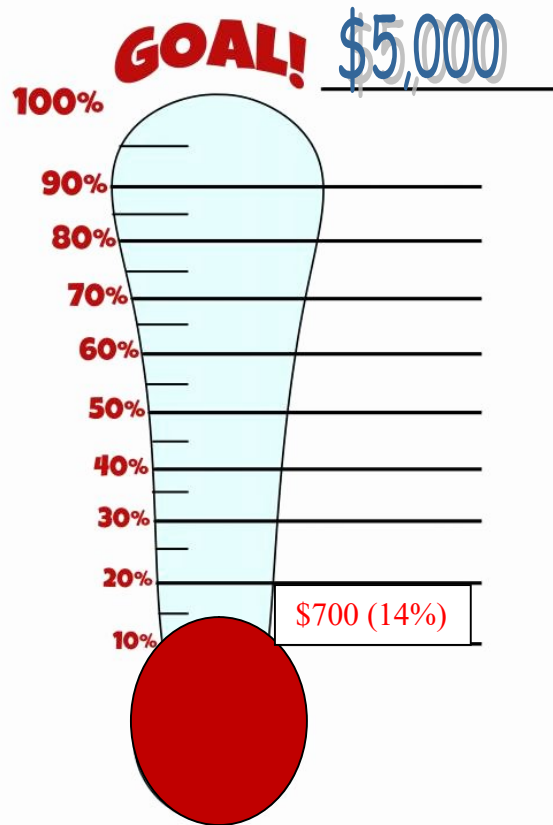
2024 STEWARDSHIP

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.

A & D CHALLENGE GRANT

The Work has been completed on our new roof, however our work has just begun, as part of our A&D Loan terms we have requested a Challenge Grant in the amount of \$5,000. This mean if we raise \$5,000 The A&D Committee will Match it! If you would like to contribute, please make sure you put a note on your check or offertory envelope that lets us know that it should go towards the Challenge Grant. Also, be on the look out for other Fundraising activities! If you have any fundraiser ideas please contact Tina!



DINING FOR DOLLARS!!!!!!

We have Dining for Dollars events scheduled for the next 3 Months!!! Mark your Calendars and start spreading the word! Flyers are available in the hall; Flyers must be presented to server in order for us to get the credit. If you would like to dine together, please email the office so we can make the appropriate reservations. The “dinner group” will meet at 6pm on the day of the event. Please see Tina if you have any questions. Remember the more people we have attend ALL DAY The greater the benefit to St James!!!

Tuesday August 20th - Bertucci's

Wednesday September 18th - Green Turtle

Wednesday October 16th - Café Napoli

Boscov's Friends Helping Friends Event.

Date: Tuesday, October 22, 2024

Place: All Boscov's stores and online

Store hours that day: 8AM to 11PM

We have been given the opportunity to make money for our Roof Challenge Grant. Boscov's has provided 25% Off Discount Shopping Passes. Customers donating \$5.00 to our roof fund will receive this Shopping Pass.

Stay tuned for more details during the announcements on Sunday.

OUR YOUNG PEOPLE

To submit exciting details about achievements about your Young Person, please email information (and if you desire, a picture) to: stjamesnew@verizon.net 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.



- loose leaf note book paper x22
 - Blue and black pens x24
 - Spiral notebooks x25
 - Pencils x24
 - 24 pack crayons x22
 - 2 pocket folders x24
 - pink erasers x50
 - Washable markersx25
 - Pencil boxes x21
 - Index cards x25
 - Composition books x12
 - Breakfast bars
 - Fruit Snacks

On August 11th we will put the backpacks together and on August 18 we will distribute backpacks to the Children

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



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