



## ST. JAMES' THE APOSTLE

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*From the  
Rector*



*Dear People of God,*

We are now solidly into Lent. How are you progressing? Are you taking part in the Lent / Easter study of Luke / Acts? Those who are have been getting quite a bit out of it.

One of those things we were invited into back on Ash Wednesday, in order to experience a holy Lent, was to be reading and meditating on God's holy Word. It is not too late to join us as your means to do that. If you would still rather not participate in this study, then I ask that you find a method or a discipline for yourself to enter into God's holy Word.

One of the things I spoke about in a sermon back then was that in order to truly know God we really do **need** to know his holy Word. Not so we can quote from Scripture to impress someone or even to try to evangelize them, but so that God would reveal himself to **us**. If we hold within us the revelation of God's self, then we have a much better chance of fulfilling his purpose and his will for our lives.

A major benefit of fulfilling God's purpose and will for us is that we become that candle on a lampstand. Just like any candle that draws a moth with its light, so we too will draw others to us because of God's holy Word manifesting itself within us.

So I ask again, how are you progressing with your Lenten discipline? God is always there; where are you right now?

Of course, another Lenten discipline is that of fasting. Do you understand fasting? It is not like going on a diet. It is refraining from daily sustenance for the purpose of getting closer to God. It also does not mean having nothing. Fasting from morning till evening, for instance, is to skip lunch (maybe breakfast too) and instead spending that time with God and being nurtured through his holy Word. By the way, you should always have water, even when fasting. For a lot of us at St. James a real fast might be on the difficult side, and I understand that, but no matter who we are, we can accomplish something as a fast. Try it, you just might like it. Speak to your physician beforehand, there may be something he/she can recommend that would suit you without complicating any health issues.

And, of course, there is prayer. Quiet, secret, time with the Father. Where is your 'closet' that you go to in order to commune with your God? Spend extra time there with him during Lent. You will find yourself being blessed.

God bless you and keep you,  
and hold you always  
in the palm of his hand,  
Fr. Tommy

# St. James' Lay Ministries - March, 2018

## SERVING DURING WORSHIP THIS MONTH

### USHERS

Al Minzner  
June Pinson

### LECTORS/CHALICERS

04 Benjy Gibson  
11 Jo Munn  
18 Margaret MacKinnon  
25 Jo Munn  
29 Jo Munn on Maundy Thursday  
30 Melina on Good Friday  
31 Jo Munn on Holy Saturday

### ALTAR

Diana Burkett  
Diana Epple  
Midge Askew

### ACOLYTES

Diana Burkett

**\* As always, we still need MORE servers; many hands make light work.**

## HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE

*Our Ministry of Caring  
March and April  
Bonnie Quay*



## God bless all the Saints celebrating Birthdays and Anniversaries this month

### *Birthdays*

Nancy Shaver	03/08	Charles Geers	03/20	Kathy Sellers	03/24
Rick Kraus	03/28	David Ekholm	03/30		

### *Anniversaries*

Jim & Sybel Russ 3/22

**(If we missed any please let the office know)**

## Parish Prayer List - March, 2018

### Our Family and Friends:



Blake Quay, Peggy Stevens, Roger Beasley, Jack Gaffney, Susan Gannon, Bert Munn, Sandra Burgamy, Roberta Cozine. For Family and Friends: Nicole Windolf, Michell, Steven & Edward Fruge, Richard Quackenbush, Casey Sanke, Victoria Elum-Zink, The Rev. Cass Daly, Julia Colton, Katie Gannon, Mike McKinney, Carol McKenzie, Eric Campbell, Leslie Griggs Rhodes, Sylvia Costin, Nicki Brimer, Marjean Gabelhausen, Bobby Costin, Mary Wilkerson, Ann Roberts, Eileen Schriener, Brison Davis, Ellen Allemore, Pauline Pendarvis; and the Calhoun, Century, Gulf Correctional Institutes and Graceville Correctional Facility.

### Our Military and Civil Servants:



Brian Thomas Rogers, Trey Munn, Jesse Burkett, Bryan Tune, Jamie Squire, Lakin Chaffer, Brogan & Jamil Arroyo and Zachary Minzner Pipcorn, Richard Lhotan.



## In the News this Month

HEAR YE! HEAR YE!

We bring you all the *news* that is the *news*, and fit to print, right here for your reading pleasure. Peruse and enjoy!

### ACKNOWLEDGEMENT!!!

#### Gumbo Dinner

Wow! What a great evening we had at the fourth annual Shrove Tuesday, Mardi Gras, Gumbo Dinner. There are pictures on the facebook page and the web page.



## Education News

### Lenten Study

The Lenten Study & Lunches began on Wednesday, February 21<sup>st</sup> at 12:00 Noon. There is a sign up sheet on the glass case in the Parish Hall for those who plan to attend and to sign up to bring the soup and/or bread for one of the five Lenten sessions. We are joined with the Diocese in its partnership with Forward Day by Day as a Lenten / Easter study of Luke / Acts. Following Lent, the study will continue Wednesday evenings at our usual Adult Study time.

## Episcopal Church Women

Our next scheduled meeting is Monday March 5<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 PM. We will meet at Sunset Coastal Grill. Please note the date change, we will meet the first Monday of March to plan the Bishop's visitation. This is a meeting open to all the ECW of our Convocation. Please come out to help us prepare for this special event. Our Gumbo Dinner in February was a huge success. Check out our webpage for pictures of both the Gumbo Dinner and Diocesan Convention.

## Episcopal Church Men

Unfortunately, the Episcopal Church Men meetings are hereby suspended for lack of participation.



## VESTRY

Our next meeting is Sunday, *March 18th* at 9:45am in the Conference Room.

#### Your Vestry

- Bert Munn – Sr. Warden
- Jim Askew – Jr. Warden
- Nina Kaufmann
- Jean Faliski
- Jack Gaffney
- Margaret MacKinnon
- Rosemary Lhotan – Clerk of the Vestry
- Al Minzner – Treasurer

# St. James' Monthly Activities

## Vestry

Sunday, March 18<sup>th</sup> at 9:45 AM.

## Daughters of the King

Every second and fourth Tuesday, Noon.

## Quilters

Every second and fourth Thursday, 7:00 PM.

## Adult Education

Wednesdays at 12:00PM, Soup and Study

## Episcopal Church Women

Monday, March 5<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 PM.

## Episcopal Church Men

Suspended

## Art and Soul

Every Thursday from 10:00 AM to 12:00 Noon

## Mahjong

Every Tuesday from 9:00 AM to Noon

*(All times are Eastern).*

## *Taste and See That the LORD is Good*

### *Deviled Potatoes*

*1 lb. red potatoes*

*1 1/2 tsp. salt*

*1/2 C. sour cream*

*2 tsp. chopped dill*

*1 tsp. lemon zest*

*1 Tbs. olive oil*

*2 Tbs. capers*

*2 tsp. chopped parsley*

*2 tsp. mustard*

*Pre heat oven to 350 degrees. Place potatoes in a small bowl and drizzle with oil. Sprinkle with 1 tsp. salt; toss to coat. Spread potatoes in a single layer on a baking sheet and bake until tender when pierced, about 40 mins. Cut each potato in half, carefully scoop out the pulp into a med. bowl leaving shells intact. Place shells cut side up on a baking sheet and bake until dry, about 10 mins. Cool about 30 mins. Stir together pulp, sour cream, capers, parsley, dill mustard, zest and salt. Spoon mixture into each shell. Garnish with parsley.*

*10 servings*





## EASTER LILIES TRIBUTE GIFT FORM

*This form must be returned to the Parish Office by March 25th  
to ensure that names will be printed In the Easter Bulletin.*

*Be sure to fill in all spaces and check the appropriate boxes before returning this form.*

*YOUR NAME:* \_\_\_\_\_

*ADDRESS:* \_\_\_\_\_

*PHONE:* \_\_\_\_\_

*CITY:* \_\_\_\_\_

*STATE:* \_\_\_\_\_

*ZIP CODE:* \_\_\_\_\_

*Name of person to whom you wish to make tribute:*

\_\_\_\_\_

*Name and Address where you would like the Card sent:*

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

*My Tribute is a:*

Living Tribute

Memorial Tribute

Enclosed is my tribute gift of

\$25

\$50

\$100

Other

*Send this for, with your donation to:*

*St. James' Episcopal Church*

*800 22nd Street, Port St. Joe, Fl.. 32456*

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# Holy Week Schedule

*Palm Sunday, March 25*

*Regularly Scheduled Services*

No Early Eucharist at 8:00 AM – Family Eucharist at 11:00 AM  
(Please gather in the Parish Hall prior to the 11:00 service  
so that we can all process in together)

*No Noonday healing service on Wednesday, March 28*

*Maundy Thursday, March 29, 6:00 PM*

*Holy Eucharist with Stripping of the Altar  
and Foot Washing*

*The Altar Guild members will participate  
in the stripping of the altar  
(All members need to be at this service)*

*Good Friday Service, March 30*

12:00 Noon – Meditation

3:00 PM – Service of Reconciliation

6:00 PM – Eucharist from Reserve Sacrament

*The Great Vigil of Easter*

*Saturday, March 31, 7:00 PM*

*The Sunday of The Resurrection*

*Easter Day, April 1*

*Regularly Scheduled Services*

No Early Eucharist at 8:00 AM – Family Eucharist at 11:00 AM

## **MEDITATUS FROM YOUR SENIOR WARDEN**

How many times have you walked into the church and seen the American Flag on the left and the church flag on the right and wondered what the symbols on the church flag are and how they represent the Episcopal Church. Maybe this will help.

### **EPISCOPAL CHURCH FLAG AND SEAL**

On October 16, 1940, the House of Bishops and the House of Deputies adopted an official flag for the Episcopal Church. This was the 251<sup>st</sup> anniversary of the day that the General Convention ratified the Constitution and Canons and adopted the BCP. It was designed by William M. Baldwin, a member of the Cathedral of the Incarnation, Long Island, New York.

The symbolism of the flag has been explained as follows: The white field represents the purity of the Christian religion. The red cross on a white field is the cross of Saint George, the patron saint of England, indicating our descent from the Church of England. The blue in the upper left-hand corner is the light blue of the sky, often used by artists for the clothing of the Blessed Virgin. It is called Madonna blue and represents the human nature of our Lord, which he received from his mother.

The nine white crosslets on the blue field represents the nine original dioceses of the Episcopal Church in America in 1789: Massachusetts, Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Maryland, Virginia, Delaware, and South Carolina. They are arranged in the form of the cross of St. Andrew to commemorate the fact that Samuel Seabury, the first American bishop was consecrated in Aberdeen, Scotland, on November 14, 1784. The colors red, white and blue represent the United States and stand for the American branch of the Anglican Communion. The same design is incorporated in the Episcopal Church seal, which was also adopted by the 1940 General Convention. The seal and flag serve as emblems of the Episcopal Church. The design is seen on signs, publications, decals, letterheads, pins and many other places. Some congregations display the Episcopal Church flag and the American flag in the church or parish hall.

B. MUNN, S.W.