

January 13, 2022

From Fr. John

In the life of every clergy person, an issue comes up occasionally concerning when and why someone should call their priest. Heartbreakingly, clergy sometimes find out about things *after* a parishioner has suffered some deep hurt and is now estranged from the church because they feel unsupported. So here is a – hopefully helpful – rule of thumb. If you are in a situation in which you think about calling the priest ... call. Do you have someone who has gone into the hospital, or a long-term care facility, or hospice? Call. Have you lost the relationship with someone close to you? Call. Are you in potential trouble in your marriage, or at work, or with your children? Call. I am here to help you, whenever and however I can. I probably will not be able to fix your problem. But I can commiserate with you. I can empathize. Most importantly, I can listen to you. And I can pray with you. Don't ever be ashamed to call. I may not have seen everything that there is to see, but I've come pretty close. It is not likely that you will shock me. I will *not* judge you. And what you say to me, stays with me and only me. So the rule is, if you need me, call me. And if you just want to visit? Call me. [Cell: 318.233.8519; Office: 318.445.9845]

The peace of God be with you.
Canon John+

8:00 AM Service Is Back!

During the worst of the first round of COVID and the restrictions that came with it, the early Sunday service was discontinued. Omicron notwithstanding, we are restarting the 8:00am Eucharist this Sunday, January 16th. If you prefer the small setting of the chapel, or you just prefer earlier church, please come and join us this Sunday. And for those of you who have been early service attendees for years, please be understanding if Canon John does not do things exactly the way you were used to.



Save the Date!
St. James Concert Series Resumes!

Rolston String Quartet
Friday, January 21st @ 7:00 PM

VESTRY and DELEGATES

The Annual Meeting of St. James will be Sunday, January 23, 2022, immediately following the 10:30am service. The Annual Meeting is required under our Diocesan Canons (laws). The purpose of the Annual Meeting is to give the congregation information on the state of the parish; to introduce the annual budget, as set by the Vestry; to elect Vestry members and Wardens; and to elect delegates and alternates to Diocesan Convention.



The requirements for those who stand for election, either for Vestry or for Delegate to Convention are:

- The person must be a confirmed member the Church through the laying on of hands by a Bishop, or having been received into the Episcopal Church by a Bishop.
- The person must be at least sixteen years of age.

- The person must be a “member in good standing,” meaning that for the previous year the person has been faithful in corporate worship, unless for good cause prevented, and has been faithful in working, praying, and giving for the spread of the Kingdom of God.

We need faithful people to serve on the Vestry and as Delegates. If you are interested in either of these ministries, or would just like more information about them, please contact Canon John in the church office (318.445.9845).



Curtain Up for Michael!

Make plans now to attend a benefit concert for our own choir director, Michael Sterne! Sixteen organizations are combining talent and effort to present an Evening of Broadway to help defray unexpected financial expenses associated with a kidney transplant he will have this year.

Saturday - January 29 @ 7:30 p.m.

Sunday - January 30 @ 2:30 p.m.

Martin Performing Arts Center, Louisiana College

Tickets: \$15.00 Youth, \$25.00 Soloist, \$50.00 Virtuoso, \$100 Maestro

Those who are unable to attend can help by making a donation of any amount to St. James Episcopal Church with a note in Memo section: Fundraiser for Michael.

Coffee Hour

Join us for coffee & fellowship this Sunday morning following the 10:30 AM service. This is a great opportunity to visit and catch up on what is happening within our church family.



If you would like to help either with refreshments or as a server for this ministry, call or text Melanie Torbett at 318-792-1953.



Diocesan Delegate Opportunity

Interested in being a Diocesan Delegate?! Find out what really goes on behind the scenes by representing St. James at the Diocesan Convention being held on March 4 - 5, 2022. You must be 15 years or older, confirmed, and a member of St. James in good standing. The diocesan schedule follows:

In-person convention

- Friday night opening Eucharist at St. Timothy's, Alexandria [catered reception follows]
- Saturday business meeting at Pineville Convention Center at Country Inn and Suites

On-site childcare available Friday and Saturday

- For children through 12 years of age
- Clergy/Vendors/Guests indicate need for childcare during online registration

Special Remembrance Opportunities

The opportunity to remember loved ones in a special way is afforded each week through individuals/families providing flowers for our altar. A sign-up poster will be displayed in the Narthex of the church for your convenience. Several Sundays are spoken for already.



If you are not able to sign up in the church, please call or email the church office to find out whether or not a particular date is available . The asking amount for flowers is \$75.00.

The Sanctuary Lamp is another way to honor loved ones on a monthly basis for an asking of \$40.00.



January 16th
The Second Sunday after the Epiphany
In-person Worship @ 10:30 AM
Childcare is available!

[Click here for the readings.](#)

January 16th
Evening Prayer
Online @ 5:00 PM

[Click on this link to join Evening Prayer.](#)

Meeting ID: 863 4898 4077
Passcode: 1620

[Click here for the order of service & readings.](#)



Prayer

Parish Prayer List

Please keep these members of our community in your prayers:

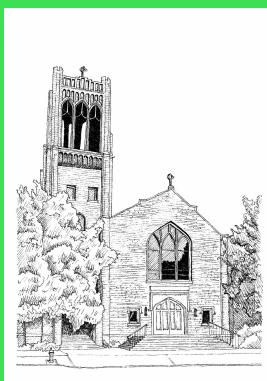
Henry Blake, Ellen Inman, Matthew Fontanille, Jaxsom McElwee, Bonnie McCartney, Andrew, Shirley Christian, Susan Webster, Dixie Leigh Platt, Ty Cedars, Stacy, Kristie Fresh, Mattie Dean McNaughton, Sawyer, John, Bernard Parker, James Sinclair, Johnnie Hart, Emily, Taylor Thompson, Todd Fuller, Jane Y. Harris, Chase Barnfield, Kip Hogue, Kyle, James Jay Watts, Janet & Carl Ahrens, Beth Virden, Glenn Guillory, Edna Schoolcraft, Jimmy Hurt, Charlotte Thrift, Mesta Bain, Margaret Broussard, Allie Bunyog, Dean M. Tyree, Linda & John Bazer, Ron Kingston, Cecile Brunson, Felicia, Rita Clancey, Barry Mercer, Annie, Jackie Jeanne, Jaclyn Cutrone, Dietrich DeBoer, Beverly Butler, Bruce Gremillion, Murel Trimble, Emily Warren, Betty Anne Close, Bill Leibke, Sarah, Jackie Moody, Wayne and Barbara Moorehead, Pat Carter, Richard Norem, Kevin Hooter, Warren Paul, Cindy Smith, Jane Tyson, Gerard, Mehre Hajighassem, and Wanda ad Starlic King.

For those in the military:

Samuel Hayes, Steven Brevelle, Franklin Watson, Kyle Jordan, Gill Tatman-Tyree, Donal McCarthy, Michael Geiger, Erskine Cook, Jr., Steven P. Lemoine, Patrick Downs, and Chris Babcock.

For those celebrating birthdays in January (day):

Dana Brunson (3), Joy Owensby (3), Lauren Vines (3), Patrick Owensby (4), Ruthlyn Jarvis (5), Charlotte Sterling (9), Sydney Hazel (10), Nona Yeager (13), Mary Belle Marshall (14), Ryan McCartney (17), Isabella Allen (20), Eva Andrus (22), Taylor Bedingfield (23), Kendall From (25), Chris Hazel (25), Bailey Adams (27), Lacey Brown (27), Sandra Daigle (27), John Brewer (28), Kristina McBride (28), Lindsay Holton (30), Ann Robicheaux (30).



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