

June 22, 2022

From Fr. John

This morning I attended a Zoom meeting of the transition ministers (most of whom are Canons to the Ordinary in their dioceses) within Province IV of The Episcopal Church. This is a group that I joined when I became Bishop Jake's Canon. The dioceses represented in this group go from Louisiana across Mississippi, Alabama, and Florida, up the Eastern Seaboard to North Carolina. It also takes in the dioceses in Kentucky and Tennessee.

The topic of discussion in this meeting was church campus safety, in the wake of the shootings at St. Stephens in Vestavia Hills, Alabama. The Episcopal Church is now struggling with the issue of how to respond to gun violence in its churches.

Your Wardens, Vestry, and I are considering what steps might be best for St. James to take as we move forward in these uncertain times. The difficulty for The Church in this time is to find the right balance between the radical welcome of the stranger that Jesus clearly called for and the need for safety and security for worshipers and clergy.

These are indeed difficult times in which we find ourselves. Please do not hesitate to email or call me if you have concerns. But rest assured that your Wardens, Vestry, and I are doing our best to strike the appropriate balance of interests.

God's blessings,

Fr. John+

Community Breakfast

Come meet some of our neighbors this Sunday as we enjoy our delicious and free Community Breakfast from 8:30 - 10:00 a.m.!

If you wish to volunteer with meal prep and/or serving, plan to arrive at 7:30 a.m. No coffee hour this Sunday.



Home Communion

During the course of the summer months, we at St. James gather as a faith community in the homes of parishioners for "table fellowship" – by breaking Bread during Holy Communion and then by breaking bread together for our dinner meal. Host families provide the entrée while guests provide salads, sides, desserts, and drinks. Plan to join us for our **June 30th (Thursday)** gathering at **6:00 p.m.** at the home of **Steve and Abbie DuBois [6701 Taylor Oaks in Alexandria]**. Bring a friend and enjoy the fellowship!

Summer Office Hours

9:00 AM - 4:00 PM > Monday - Thursday
9:00 AM - Noon > Friday

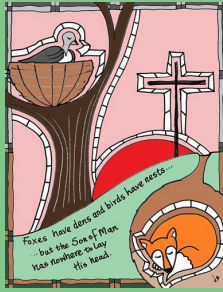




Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training (ASIST)

A two-day interactive workshop in suicide first aid, ASIST teaches participants to recognize when someone may have thoughts of suicide and work with them to create a plan that will support their immediate safety. Although ASIST is widely used by healthcare providers, participants don't need any formal training to attend the workshop—anyone 16 or older can learn and use the ASIST model. To learn more about the training [click here](#). A free two-day workshop will be offered in Rapides Parish July 14-15, 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. For more information and to register [click here](#).

Worship



June 26th

Third Sunday after Pentecost

In-person Worship at 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM
Childcare is available for the 10:30 AM service.

[Click here for the readings.](#)

June 26th
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:

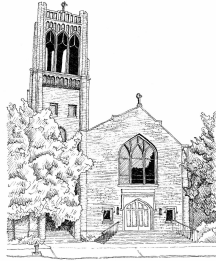
Eileen DeBoer, Michael Sterne, Jim Leggett, Cakie, Rita and Bill Clancey, Rachel and Ben, Kristie Fresh, Janet & Carl Ahrens, Walter McLellan, Polly Quillin Ussery, Andrea, Jeff and Anne, Lillian DeVille, Shannon Norman, Bill Jarvis, Wilma Filipi, Stephen, Natosha and Family, Jack Bender, Fran Barbato, Kevin Delaney, Gail, Charlotte Sterling, Tim and Alexis Heflin, Matthew Fontanille, Andrew, Shirley Christian, Susan Webster, Stacy, Mattie Dean McNaughton, Johnnie Hart, Taylor Thompson, Jane Y. Harris, Chase Barnfield, Kip Hogue, Kyle, James Jay Watts, Beth Virden, Glenn Guillory, Elda Schoolcraft, Jimmy Hurt, Mesta Bain, Allie Bunyog, Dean M. Tyree, Ron Kingston, Annie, Jackie Jeanne, Dietrich DeBoer, Beverly Butler, Murel Trimble, Emily Warren, Bill Leibke, Sarah, Jackie Moody, Wayne Moorehead, Pat Carter, Richard Norem, Kevin Hooter, Jane Tyson, Gerard, and Mehre Hajighassem.

For those in the military:

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

For those celebrating birthdays in May (day):

Theresa Louvierre Levy (1), Angela Hayes (7), Tiger Higginbotham (7), Donna Bedingfield (9), Susan Provosty (10), Rob Ratcliff (10), Gay Hester (11), Jane Searcy (11), Katie Chapman (13), Charlene Gates (15), Alice Gill (15), Elizabeth Milliner (16), Sara Marshall (20), Carstens McConville (21), Sally Monk (21), Tom Yeager (21), Babs Leggett (22), Travis McCartney (22), David Shepherd (22), Graves Theus (22), John Brewer (23), Bennett Fresh (23), Susannah Theus (23), Henry Clancey (26), Richard Norem (28), Lindsey Torbett (28), Amy Norton (29), Lincoln Holton (30).



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