

January 18, 2023

From Fr. John

Well, as Robert Burns famously observed, “The best laid plans of mice and men often go awry.” We cancelled last night’s Wednesday evening meal and program because of a weather forecast that turned out to be, shall we say, not quite right. As much as everyone is enjoying our Wednesday evenings together and thus missed last night’s gathering, we will always err on the side of caution in our congregational event scheduling.

I’d like to highlight a couple of events coming up that you’ll see announced below. First is Sunday’s Annual Meeting. The Annual Meeting of the congregation is our opportunity to learn about all that has gone on during the previous year. As a part of the meeting, the congregation will be asked to ratify a budget that your Vestry has passed for the coming year. And at this meeting you will also elect 2023’s new group of Vestry members as well as our Delegates to Diocesan Convention. If you are interested in being a delegate to Diocesan Convention (in February, in Pineville), let me know. Please attend the meeting if you can. It is an important part of being a member of a congregation.

Immediately following the Annual Meeting, there will be a special called meeting of the congregation. Your Vestry has passed some amendments and updates to the St. James Articles of Incorporation, that need congregational ratification. Among the amendments is a change in the number of Vestry members, as well as an update to the way Sr. and Jr. Wardens are chosen, to reflect the current situation of the congregation. This meeting will not take long, but is an important part of the future of St. James.

And one week from tonight, January 26th, Fr. Ron and Friends will be here for a concert benefitting hurricane relief in Florida. Some of you may have heard Fr. Ron Clingenpeel+ (formerly the Interim Rector at St. James) on the radio this morning. He spoke about how the people of Florida came to the aid of the Southeast region of Louisiana after the destruction caused by the active hurricane season of a few years ago. The money raised by this concert will be part of Louisiana’s return of that aid. Tickets are available in the church office or can be purchased at the door. There will be a reception following the concert. It should be a good time for all and is a worthy cause to support. Bring your friends. Come and listen to some music from the great American songbook, along with offerings from a local musician.

God’s blessings be with you all.

Fr. John+

Annual Parish Meeting

Sunday, January 22
In the nave of the church
Following the 10:30 a.m. service



Written reports from the leadership of St. James, various committees, and ministries will be offered at this time. In addition, the election of Vestry members and convention delegates will occur. A slate of nominees recommended by the Nominating Committee currently include Gary Delahoussaye, Paige Quillin, and Sonny Trammell.

Florida Hurricane Relief Concert

January 26, 7 p.m.

St. James Episcopal Church

1620 Murray Street

Father Ron and Friends

The Great American Folksong Singalong
With Special Guest

Alexandria's own John Jordon

Tickets: \$10 in advance, \$15 at the door

Available from:

St. James Episcopal Church
318-445-9845

St. Timothy's Episcopal Church
318-487-0875

Ticket sales and other donations benefit hurricane
victims in southeast Florida

Worship



January 22nd

Third Sunday after Epiphany

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

[Click on this link to join the 10:30 AM service.](#)

[Click here for the service bulletin.](#)

January 22, 2023
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 & reading.](#)



Prayer

Parish Prayer List

Please keep these members of our community in your prayers:

Julia Ann Twilley, Liz McSween, Beth Courtney, Holly Craig, Susan Frey, Kip Hogue, Jim Bristol, Ellen Moore, Bill Owens, Mother Meredith Ward, Pat Carter, Betty Gaiennie, Jack Dewitt, Sr., Beth Hebert, Rita & Bill Clancey, Jimmy Hurt, Carol Rowe, Barbara Baldwin, Louise Carter, Donnie Hayes, John Brewer, Fred Alexius, Paula Lieberman, Bill and Beverly Jarvis, Robbie G., Jonathan Rhea, Peggy Humbles, Laura Murchison, Darriel & Charles, Minnie Mikell, Massi Jordan, Richard Norem, Pepe Rizzo, Bonnie

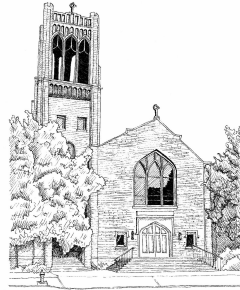
McLellan, Michael Sterne, Jim Leggett, Cackie, Bernard Parker, Rachel and Ben, Kristie Fresh, Andrea, Janet & Carl Ahrens, Jeff and Anne, Lillian DeVille, Shannon Norman, Bill Jarvis, Wilma Filipi, Stephen, Natosha and Family, Fran Barbato, Kevin Delaney, Gail, Charlotte Sterling, Matthew Fontanille, Andrew, Shirley Christian, Susan Webster, Stacy and Richard, Chase Barnfield, Taylor Thompson, Johnnie Hart, Jane Y. Harris, Kyle, James Jay Watts, Beth Virden, Glenn Guillory, Elda Schoolcraft, Mesta Bain, Dean M. Tyree, Jackie Jeanne, Dietrich DeBoer, Beverly Butler, Murel Trimble, Emily Warren, Bill Leibke, Wayne Moorehead, Donna House, Dayna Hill, Kevin Hooter, Jane Tyson, Gerard, and Mehre Hajighassem.

For those in the military:

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

For those celebrating birthdays in January (day):

Dana Brunson (3), Joy Owensby (3), Patrick Owensby (4), Ruthlyn Jarvis (5), Charlotte Sterling (9), Nona Yeager (13), Clementine Devine (14), Mary Belle Marshall (14), Ryan McCartney (17), Taylor Bedingfield (23), Eva Andrus (24), Bailey Adams (27), Lacey Brown (27), John Brewer (28), Kristina McBride (28), Courtney Smith (28), Lindsay Holton (30), Ann Robichaux (30).



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