

January 25, 2023

From Fr. John

Last year, at about this same time, I wrote to you regarding when one should call the Rector. It is a good reminder for folks who might not know when they can/should “bother” the Rector. Here is what I wrote last year:

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.

In the last couple of weeks we have had several folks who needed what used to be called, Last Rites and is now referred to as Ministration at the Time of Death. Please call me if someone close to you needs that sort of pastoral care. I thank Fr. Jim Theus for being available recently when I was not. But no matter where I am or what is going on, rest assured that I will make certain that you have clergy presence when you tell me you need it.

God's blessings be with you all.
Fr. John+



Tonight

Dinner: 6:00 - 6:30 p.m. in Parish Hall
[Chicken Broccoli casserole with angel hair pasta, salad, dessert]
[\$5 for adults; FREE ages 18 & under]

JEYC/EYC: 6:30 p.m. in Youth Building
Adult Class: 6:30 p.m. in Parlor
Viewing & Discussion of Season 2 of The Chosen.

Funeral Services for Two Long-Time Members

The Rite of Burial of the Dead with Holy Eucharist will be celebrated for Caroline "Toddy" Hartt this Friday, January 27, at St. James. Visitation begins at 10:00 a.m. in the Parish Hall with the service at noon in the church.



The Rite of Burial of the Dead with Holy Eucharist will be celebrated for Julia Ann Twilley on Saturday, February 11, at St. James. Visitation will be at noon in the Parish Hall with the service at 2:00 p.m. in the church.

*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord; and let perpetual light shine upon them.
May they rest in peace. Amen.*

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**



Sunday Adult Christian Formation

Join us Sunday at 9:15 a.m. in the Parlor as we continue our study of the Gospel of Matthew, using a video that is the word-for-word Gospel, but with actors bringing the action to life. There is discussion of what we see and hear each week. No preparation needed.

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.



Worship



January 29th

Fourth 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 29, 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:

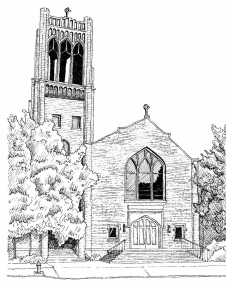
Gary Maxwell, Liz McSween, Beth Courtney, Holly Craig, Susan Frey, Kip Hogue, Jim Bristol, Ellen Moore, Bill Owens, Mother Meredith Ward, Pat Carter, Betty Gaiennie, Jack Dewitt, Sr., Beth Hebert, Rita & Bill Clancey, Jimmy Hurt, Carol Rowe, Barbara Baldwin, Louise Carter, Donnie Hayes, John Brewer, 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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