

May 3, 2023

From Fr. John

Were you able to be here for the concert last night? I hope so. It was a much bigger crowd than I have seen at one of these events, since I arrived here. Chanticleer was amazing.

I would like to thank the McCormick-Smith Foundation, Inc., the generous funder of our concert series. Their funding allows us to bring in groups who have won Grammys, as have Chanticleer, and to offer these concerts and receptions to the community at no charge. Larry McCormick and his foundation have been, and continue to be a blessing to St. James and the Alexandria community.

I would also like to thank Roy Rosenthal, who is in charge of the concert series. Roy not only handles the “booking” of the acts, he also takes care of all of the logistics for the actual performances, including coordination of the after-concert receptions. And thank you to our congregation members who handle all of the food and beverage work that makes the receptions as special as the concerts.

Chanticleer and the reception committee gave us wonderful gifts last night. I was again reminded of how lucky, and how blessed we at St. James are. To paraphrase the Psalmist, God anoints our heads with oil and our cups run over. Thanks be to God.

Alleluia, Christ is risen! Thanks be to God, Alleluia!

Fr. John+

Tonight

Holy Eucharist & Healing Service: 5:15 p.m. in Chapel
Dinner: 6:00 - 6:30 p.m. in Parish Hall
[Chicken and wild rice casserole, 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
Season 3 of *The Chosen*



First Sunday Ministry Fund

During April, St. James was able to assist 9 families with \$1936.84 towards utilities and rent. This was all due to your generosity. The need is always great as you are aware. Please remember that the first Sunday "loose plate" collection (cash) is designated for the Ministry Fund, and we welcome donations by check as well - please make checks payable to St. James with Ministry Fund written in the check's Memo section. Thank you!

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.



NO Coffee Hour in May

Due to many activities in May (see below regarding first 2 Sundays), there will be no coffee hour following the 10:30 a.m. service. **However, please join us for the events listed below!**

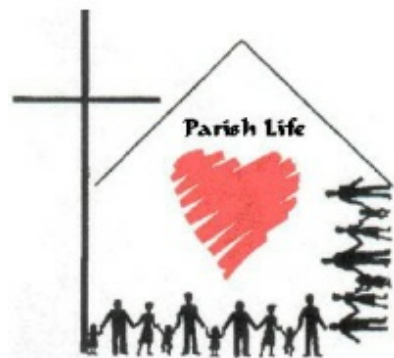
May Happenings!

THIS SUNDAY - May 7 - FOOD TRUCK SUNDAY!

- Immediately following 10:30 service.
- Location 16th Street.
- Dutch Treat.
- In case of rain will eat in Parish Hall.
- Ideal event to invite friends to!

NEXT SUNDAY - May 14 - Mother's Day Luncheon!

- Catered lunch following 10:30 service.
- Men of St. James will serve lunch and wait tables.
- Parishioners need only bring themselves....not "covered dish."
- Parish Hall.



Credit on Alexandria Utilities Bill

We received news yesterday that the City of Alexandria Electric Utility is now giving a 10% discount to customers who are over 65 years old. The word is, all you have to do is go to the Utility Department and fill out a form. I have no doubt that you will need at least a photo ID, if not a copy of a recent bill. We will let you know as we have personal experience to share.

You Are Needed

This past Fall, St. James began to livestream our weekly Sunday 10:30 Eucharist and other special services. This is a great way for St. James to reach people both near and far in the digital age. Today, we have two folks who operate the camera system on alternating weeks. We are looking for two (or more!) volunteers to add to the rotation, making it a monthly commitment for all involved. No prior experience needed! Training will be provided.



Camp Hardtner has enriched the lives of many people over the years. Making lifelong friends, learning about your faith, and unconditional love are all part of the camp experience. Now you can sign your children up for the 2023 Season.

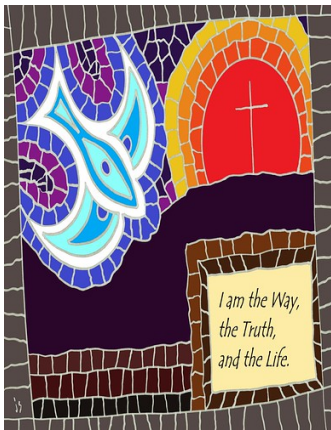
Camp Hardtner provides summer camp sessions for different age ranges. Plus they are bringing back Camp Able this year, which is for adults 18 years or older with special needs. This is a great way for your children to spend their summer.

You can register by [clicking here](#).

Camp Hardtner is also seeking health care professionals to help them throughout the summer. You can join for a single session or the whole summer.

You can learn more about the position by [clicking here](#).

WORSHIP



May 7th Fifth Sunday of Easter

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.](#)

May 7, 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:

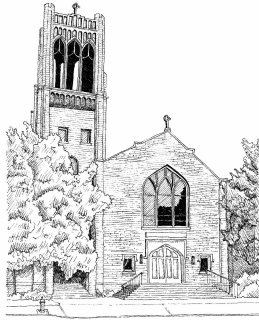
Ann Vanderslice, Charles Robinson, Ella Goldich, Belle Chatelain, Larry, Eleanor, Carli McGinty, Fr. John, Lacy Shaw, Sam Bejach, Gary and Becky Maxwell, Lawrence, Liz McSween, Beth Courtney, Holly Craig, Kip Hogue, Charles, Jim Bristol, Ellen Moore, Mother Meredith Ward, Pat Carter, Beth Hebert, Rita 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, Minnie Mikell, Massi Jordan, Richard Norem, Pepe Rizzo, Bonnie McLellan, Michael Sterne, Jim Leggett, Cackie, Bernard Parker, Kristie Fresh, Andrea, Janet & Carl Ahrens, Jeff and Anne, Lillian DeVille, Shannon Norman, Wilma Filipi, Stephen, Natosha and Family, Fran Barbato, Kevin Delaney, Gail, Charlotte Sterling, Matthew Fontanille, Andrew, Shirley Christian, Susan Webster, Chase Barnfield, Taylor Thompson, Johnnie Hart, Jane Y. Harris, Kyle, James Jay Watts, Beth Virden, Glenn Guillory, Elda Schoolcraft, Mesta Bain, Dean M. Tyree, Dietrich DeBoer, Beverly Butler, Murel Trimble, Emily Warren, Bill Leibke, Wayne Moorehead, Donna House, Dayna Hill, Jane Tyson, Gerard, and Mehre Hajighassem.

For those in the military:

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

For those celebrating birthdays in May (day):

Minnie Mikell (4), Billie Hicks (6), Fr. Jim Theus (7), Lynton Hester (9), Anna Maynard (10), Caroline Drell (12), Gin Taylor McLure (13), Betsy Trammell (13), Sharon Kramer (15), Will Shepherd (19), Leslie Mikel (21), Will Harp (22), Samuel Adams (23), Bill Clancey (23), Drew Texada (24), Brannon Andrus (25), Daniel Chapman (27), Butch Knoepp (27), Karen Cabrera (29), Catherine Drell (31).



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