



November 8, 2023

## From Fr. John

Friday the nation will commemorate Veterans Day, that day on which we celebrate all those who have given of themselves in defense of this country. Last year at this time, Donna and I were talking about Veterans Day. I told her that sometimes I get a bit embarrassed when people find out that I am a veteran and say, "Thank you for your service." You see, when Donna and I were in the service, it was peace-time. We were never asked to make the kind of sacrifices that recent veterans and active duty troops have known.

While we no longer have a "hot war," in Iraq or Afghanistan, as we have for so long; there are still over 45,000 troops stationed in the Middle East. And headlines will tell you that there is not much safety to be found in that region of the world. In other words, even though we are not technically at war right now, the women and men of the military – as well as those whose service has ended – need and deserve our continued prayers. From our Book of Common Prayer, page 823, let us pray:

*Almighty God, we commend to your gracious care and keeping all the men and women of our armed forces at home and abroad, as well as those who have served in the past. Defend them day by day with your heavenly grace; strengthen them in their trials and temptations; give them courage to face the perils which beset them; and grant them a sense of your abiding presence wherever they may be; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

May God bless you all. And may God rain down grace and peace on all those who faithfully served our nation and now struggle as a result. May we never forget them.

God's peace,  
Fr. John+

## Faith & Fellowship Tonight!

An Evening Prayer Service at 5:15 in the chapel  
Dinner at 6:00 in Parish Hall  
\$5.00 each and free for kids 13 and under  
Dinner - Stroganoff, salad, dessert

Adult Offerings:

· The Chosen - starting with the first episode and going through all three seasons until the fourth season premieres early next year. Led by Fr. John in the Parlor.



## **Celebration of Life Patricia Jean Keith Carter**

Patricia Jean (Pat) Keith Carter, passed away at home as she wished, on August 23, 2023.

She was born in Paducah, KY, on February 10, 1930. Pat was preceded in death by her parents, Randolph & Wilma Keith; her husband William (Bill) Carter, and later husband, Frank Murphy.

Pat is survived by (2) children, Cindy Carter, and Tony Carter (Liz); (4) grandchildren, Wendy Baron Arnold (Blake), Ashley Carter Bhramayana (Tom), Craig Carter (Rachel) & Nicole Bearden Carter; (5) great-grandchildren, Ashton, Desmond, Phoenix Riley & Ryder. She also has (2) sisters, Karolyn Wagner of Lakeland, FL & Jackie Bell of Paducah, KY.

Pat & Bill moved to Alexandria in 1959 when Bill became the Sports' Editor for the Alexandria Daily Town Talk. A long-time parishioner of St. James Episcopal Church in Alexandria, Pat served as a lecturer and volunteer on several committees, including a ministerial trip to Mexico. Pat was a member of the League of Women Voters and later the Rapides Parish Republican Women, where she served several terms as President. She was an active supporter of the Republican Party. Pat Carter was a golfer and danced a mean jitter bug! Mama Pat was a kind and loving wife, sister, mother, grandmother & great grandmother, dearly loved by all who knew her.

A Celebration of Life memorial service is schedule at St James Episcopal Church on November 11, 2023, at 11:00 a.m. Visitation is in the Parish Hall from 10:00 a.m. till time of service. In lieu of flowers the family ask for donations to St James Episcopal Church in Alexandria.

## **Slipknots**

**Saturday, November 11**

**10:00 a.m. - noon in the Youth building**



If you enjoy Knitting or crocheting, this is the ministry for you! The participants take up their knitting needles and crochet hooks to create scarves, hats, and other warm fuzzies to donate to the Homeless Coalition around the corner to distribute to our neighbors in need in the wintertime. Come enjoy fellowship with coffee and homemade goodies to snack while you work.



## **Adult Christian Formation**

Come and join us in the parlor at 9:15 on Sunday mornings as we continue our study of the story of Moses from the Book of Exodus. Bring a cup of coffee, or your favorite beverage, and sit in. There is no preparation needed to join in the discussion.

# Coffee Hour



Coffee hour provides a great opportunity for fellowship on Sunday mornings following the 10:30 a.m. service in the Parish Hall. A wonderful time 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, sign up in Parish Hall or call Susan Frey at 318-449-8501.



**OFFICE CLOSED**  
**Friday - November 10**  
**Veterans' Day Observed**

## St. James Concert Series

Sub-organist of London's famed Westminster Abbey, Peter Holder, makes his Louisiana debut playing a concert of music fit for royalty on St. James' king of instruments. Admission is complimentary with a reception immediately following the concert in the Parish Hall. Mark your calendars and bring a friend.

ST. JAMES EPISCOPAL CHURCH 2023-2024 CONCERT SERIES PRESENTS

# KINGS, QUEENS & THE KING OF INSTRUMENTS

TUESDAY,  
NOVEMBER 14, 2023  
7:00PM  
ST. JAMES EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
1620 MURRAY STREET  
AND BOLTON AVENUE  
ALEXANDRIA, LA

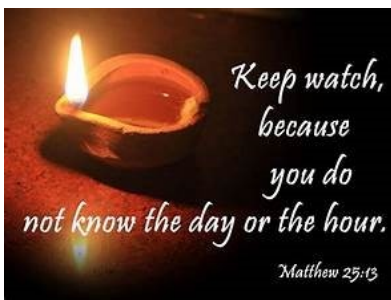
**PETER HOLDER**  
WESTMINSTER ABBEY  
SUB-ORGANIST

Making his Louisiana debut, we are pleased to welcome Westminster Abbey's sub-organist, Peter Holder. Mr. Holder was principal organist for both the funeral of Her Late Majesty Queen Elizabeth II and the coronation of His Majesty, King Charles III and Queen Camilla. In addition to other organ masterworks with royal connections, Peter will play selections he performed at both the funeral and coronation.

With complimentary admission, this evening of beautiful music will be followed by a reception where the Abbey virtuoso may be greeted. For more information, please telephone the Church office at 318-445-9845 or visit the Church website.  
[www.stjamesla.org/st-james-concert-series](http://www.stjamesla.org/st-james-concert-series)

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## November 12th

### The Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Sunday

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.](#)

## November 12, 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:**

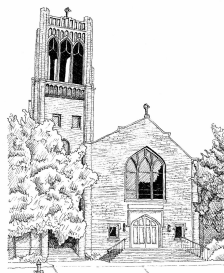
*Lynne Distefano, Nona Yeager, Ogden Middleton, Minnie Mikell, Edward Butler, Marietta, John Upton, Rita Clancey, Jackie LaCour, Linda Ittner, Gwen Jones, Sophia Frey Bradford, Becky Maxwell, Brady Brown, Heather Craig, Dr. Wesley Davis, Steve Caballero, Anna Stapleton, Ann Vanderslice, Charles Robinson, Bobbie Chatelain, Larry, Eleanor, Carli McGinty, Fr. John, Lacy Shaw, Sam Bejach, Lawrence, Beth Courtney, Holly Craig, Jim Bristol, Ellen Moore, Mother Meredith Ward, Beth Hebert, Jimmy Hurt, Barbara Baldwin, Louise Carter, John Brewer, Fred Alexius, Paula Lieberman, Jonathan Rhea, Massi Jordan, Pepe Rizzo, Bonnie McLellan, Michael Sterne, Jim Leggett, Cackie, Kristie Fresh, Andrea, Janet & Carl Ahrens, Jeff and Anne, Lillian DeVille, Wilma Filipi, Stephen, Natosha and Family, Fran Barbato, Kevin Delaney, Gail, Charlotte Sterling, Matthew Fontanille, Andrew, Shirley Christian, Susan Webster, Chase Barnfield, Johnnie Hart, Jane Y. Harris, Kyle, James Jay Watts, Beth Virden, Glenn Guillory, Elda Schoolcraft, Mesta Bain, Dean M. Tyree, Beverly Butler, Murel Trimble, Emily Warren, Bill Leibke, Wayne Moorehead, Donna House, Dayna Hill, Jane Tyson, and Mehre Hajighassem.*

**For those in the military:**

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

**For those celebrating birthdays in November (day):**

*Frank Ingrish (3), Dee Drell (4), Ronnie Johnson (4), Massi Jordan (4), Michelle McCall (7), Harry Randow (8), Liz Ratcliff (10), Ogden Middleton (13), Chuck Fowler (14), Marti Hair (14), Kelly Texada (14), Susie Drell (15), Mark Weinzettle (16), Susan Menache (20), Amy Searcy (21), Margaret Deshotel (23), Brian Adams (25), Paige Quillin (25).*



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