

## We Look Forward to Seeing You Sunday!

- 7:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite I  
 8:45 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service in the Chapel\*  
 9:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II\*  
 10:00 a.m. Christian Education for all ages\*  
 11:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II\*  
 5:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II in the Chapel  
 \*Nursery available

Sunday Lectionary: Year B  
 Revised Common Lectionary  
 Daily Office: Year ONE

**The Lectionary — The Last Sunday after the Epiphany:**  
*First Lesson:* 2 Kings 2:1-12;  
*The Psalm* 50:1-6; *Second Lesson:* 2 Corinthians 4:3-6; *The Gospel:* Mark 9:2-9.

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## Lenten Gumbo Begins February 27

Emily Kay, Gumbo Chair, announces the first Friday Gumbo will be served February 27 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. At least 50 volunteers are needed to make Gumbo run smoothly. Prior experience is not needed. Volunteers from St. James Place have asked to participate.



Emily L. Kay, Gumbo 2009 Chair

“Equally important,” Emily reminds us, “is for parishioners to come eat with us, and bring their friends/co-workers for a fantastic meal.”

This year dine-in and take-out meals will be \$9.00 for shrimp or chicken/sausage gumbo, salad, bread, and dessert. “Our take-out is very important,” Emily says. It grows from year to year and can account for over 50% of sales. Bulk take-out orders are also available.

Extra volunteers are needed for the initial Friday as the Day School is in recess for Mardi Gras holidays. The fifth grade students are usually active volunteers in clearing tables and serving drinks.

Set-up volunteers are needed at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, February 26. Everyone is welcome to help.

Lots of plastic grocery bags are needed for take-out orders. Leave them at the desk in the Ministries Center foyer.

Delightful music will again be provided by “John Dupaquier and Friends.” Financial support is needed to fully fund the six weeks. Contact Helen Campbell if you can help with this.

Lay Committee Chairs include: Jennie Price, take-out; Doug Garland, clean-up; Carole Wright, treasurer; Sandy Sadler & Katherine Creech, Day School coordinators; Mary Boutwell, hospitality; Monica Peele, decorations; and Otey White, publicity.

Gumbo St. James is an annual tradition no one should miss. Come, pass a good time together.

## Overnight host homes needed for visiting choir

The Lycoming College choir, Williamsport, Pennsylvania, will perform at St. James Episcopal Church on Monday, March 2 at 7:00 p.m. The choir has been widely acclaimed as one of the finest college musical groups in the East.

The choir has performed at the National Cathedral, New York City’s St. John the Divine and the ensemble has sung with the Gregg Smith Singers, the Chieftains and Barry Manilow. This spring,

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## Lent is coming

We hear a lot about “giving up something” for Lent. Some people give up chocolate or vodka for Lent. This is because Lent was and still is a traditional time of penitence and fasting as Christians prepare for baptism. In the Episcopal church, “Lenten discipline” includes more than just fasting and repentance: there’s prayer, self-examination, reading and meditating on God’s word, preparing “with joy” for the feast that is Easter, and performing works of mercy and renewal.

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The Food Bank is always in need. If every family in our parish would bring just *one* can of food every week, our cup (or pantry) would surely runneth over. Just *ONE* item, *EVERY* week. *Volunteers needed first and third Wednesdays at 8:00 a.m. for distribution assistance.*

## St. James Staff

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Email addresses available on the church web site:

[www.stjamesbr.org](http://www.stjamesbr.org)

## St. James Vestry

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to Jesus Christ, united in mission,  
reaching out to seekers.  
We live in joyous witness to the power of grace  
and divine compassion in our lives.*

## Christian Education Notes

**Nursery Care** for children three months to four years old is available 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. on the first floor of the Parish Hall. Pagers are also available for your comfort and convenience.

Sunday Morning Classes for Children

**Christian Education choices** for children three through fifth grade include the **Catechesis of the Good Shepherd** meeting in three atria that are located on the second floor of the Parish Hall above the chapel and parlor; and, **Faith Builders** meet in the Day School's first grade and extended care classrooms, which are just through the parlor door leading to the cafeteria.

Sunday Morning for Adults

Mother Laurie Brock continues the class series, *Anglicanism and Orthodox Traditions*, on February 22 with discussion of the Eastern Orthodox, Spiritual Formation, and Contemplative Traditions. This series will continue until March 22, each Sunday being a distinct presentation and presenter.

The series will be held on the third floor of the Ministries Center in the Center for Spiritual Formation atrium, at 10:00 a.m.

**On March 20 and 21**, the youth of St. James and Trinity, Baton Rouge, will be building a **cardboard city at St.**



**James.** Youth, grades 6-12, will spend the night in a safe, secure environment where they will live in a cardboard city and experience an evening as a homeless person. The event begins at 4 p.m. on Friday, March 20, and ends by 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, March 21. For this evening, no iPods, cell phones, or computers.

**Email [lbrock@stjamesbr.org](mailto:lbrock@stjamesbr.org)** or give Mother Laurie a note with your name, school and grade to register. **Adults:** chaperones, group leaders, cooks and general help needed! Please contact Mother Laurie if you can assist with this important event.



The flowers on the altar are given to the Glory of God.  
The arrangement in the Parish Hall foyer is by Betty Berry.  
The arrangement at Coffee Hour is by Barbara Bearden.

## In Our Thoughts and Prayers ...

*For the dear departed:* Victor L. Roy, Jr.; Dottie McCormack

*Prayers are asked for:* Anne Howe, Louibelle Grantham, Betty Romero, Dan Hudson, Steve Cummings, Chip Middleton, Lillian Shipes, Rita Mockler, Prior John, Carolyn Bishop, Elizabeth Geheber, Kim Hatton, Stephen Perniciaro, Dixie Brock, Jared Shank; Jeanne & David James, Warren Green, Dorothy Brupbacher, Hunt Odom, Bella, Lawrence Terry, Benson Row, Marion Hart LeBlanc, Karen Lee, R.J. Lee, Russ Wray, Connie Spann, Helene Jung, Emery Smith, Iris Gueringer, Carlton Gilkes; Margaret

*Our continuing prayers are offered for:* O.B. Romero, Estelle Copes, Michael Matassarini, Marguerite Matassarini, Nicholas Yiannopoulos, Bessie Stockton, Bill, Thomas, John and Kathy Gummersell, Brooke Hardin, Sue Tweedy, Laura and Trent Griggs, Donoghue, Perry Gaither, Nancy, Mary

Sunny McCoy, Sallie, Katherine Gant, Cameron Mott, Linda Lee, Luci Cobb, Glen Stockton, Angie Denny, Kevin Stockton, Marina Pinell, Gordon Loudon, Kathryn Daggett, Kelsey Favrot, Mary Betts, Kenlie Jackson, John & Fritz Dehlbert, Blair, Colleen Colquette, Carole, Anne and Wayne Williams, Prentiss McClendon, Berta Mayer, Jim Bogan, Laura Haywood, Sammie Jackson, Ava Jet Blencke, Penny, Caleb Hutchins, Margaret Blades, Fred Frey Jr., Rubye Harris, Carolyn Glusman, Tom Raggio, Camille Raggio, Rachel Williams, Estelle Schilling

*For those in the Armed Forces:* Rob Hutchins, PFC Hal Town, Captain John Lyford V, Captain Allison Laine Lyford, LCpl William Martin, Capt. Kyle Randall, PFC Don Ellen, Lt. Col Michael Benson, Pvt Stephen Arnold USMC, SPC Benjamin Agnew, Captain K. Joshua Calmes

The *Our Family* ministry provides house or child-sitting during funerals, or prepares food in times of family need. Contact Mimi Riché at [mimi.riche@cancerservices.org](mailto:mimi.riche@cancerservices.org).

## Birthdays February 20-26

- 20 Dotty Selby, Wendell Holmes, Lyle Peak, Alison Nikitopoulos, Ryan McNeil  
21 Janet Heroman, Bill Campbell, John Pine, Tammy Oropesa  
22 John Sykes, Allison Ohmstede, Julia Green  
23 Betty Romero, Margaret Culbertson, Brady Stewart, Tracie Way, Scott LeBlanc, Melissa Keane, Tammy Pennison, Kristopher Kahao, Andrew Kurts, Katie Fisher  
24 Donald Everson, John Hill, Sue Sims, Hilary Fenet, Jenna Wray, Anthony Nikitopoulos  
25 Barbara Bearden, Harry Smith, Kathy Kimble, Tori Schenk  
26 Kathy Hoyt, Robert Witcher, Chelsi Schulz, Taylor Collins

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## Choir

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the choir is releasing its eighth CD, "O Gracious Light." The choir's repertoire consists of both religious and secular music, ranging from contemporary to traditional.

**Twenty homes are needed to house the 40 students.** There are 20 girls and 20 boys in this touring choir. If anyone can house more than one pair of students this would also be helpful. Please contact Helen Campbell at 225-387-5141 if you can host a pair or more of these college students for one night.

Dinner will be provided by St. James Church. Host families will need to pick up the students after the concert, furnish breakfast and deliver the students back to St. James by 9 a.m. Tuesday morning. Your hospitality will be most gratefully appreciated.

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## St. James Senior Luncheon

The 2009 season of activities and adventures for St. James Senior Adults will begin with a Lundi Gras Luncheon, Monday February 23, 2009 in the Church Parlor beginning at 11:15 a.m.

Your reservation is your check for \$12 made out to St. James Church to the attention of Helen Campbell. Yes, there is room for guests and you are invited to bring your friends. Parking is not a problem as the Day School is closed for Mardi Gras vacation. **Checks must be received by February 20, 2009.**

## Lenten Disciplines

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Let's Feed the Hungry during Lent

Another traditional Lenten discipline is to collect money for the poor. Perhaps the money we save as we fast could go toward helping feed someone who is going hungry. The St. James Center for Spiritual Formation is planning a meal on March 29 in which we will feed our church family as well as the homeless in the neighborhood.

Children both at the Day School and at church will receive "mite boxes"

A "mite" can mean a tiny animal or coin that is worth less than a penny. In the Parable of the Widow's Mite (Mark 12: 41-44 or Luke 21:1-4), Jesus tells of the poor widow at the temple offering all she has to live on (two copper coins or "mites"). It has become a tradition in the Episcopal church to provide children with a small box for collecting coins during Lent which will then go towards funding an outreach project. St. James children will receive mite boxes the first week of Lent, beginning on Sunday, March 1.

We will collect money for Heifer International

Since 1944, Heifer International has been working with communities in the United States and around the world to end hunger and poverty and to care for the earth by providing families with animals suited to their part of the world. These families are given training in animal care and in sustainability so that they become faithful stewards of our planet. Furthermore, when their animals have offspring, these families are required to "pass on the gift" by giving an animal to a neighbor. See [www.heifer.org](http://www.heifer.org) for more information.

St. James Children and Families are invited to Bishops Hall on Sunday, March 1

We will have a Heifer kick-off event at 10:00 a.m. There will be art, map, and bingo activities for the children. We will have literature and information about Heifer International. Everyone will receive a Heifer mite box.

Each week during Lent, children will be given information about a different animal and why Heifer has it in the program.

We will continue to learn about our planet and the needs of her people through the different uses made of the animals provided by Heifer to different parts of the world. Some families receive goats or cows, others llamas or yaks, still others ducks or chickens. Each animal information card will have an activity and a suggestion for collecting coins.

Children will bring mite boxes to church or school at Easter

On Easter Sunday, April 12, children can bring their mite boxes with their flowers as they flower the cross at the beginning of the 9:00 a.m. service. They can also bring them to school at chapel on Monday morning, April 13. We will joyfully inform the parish and the school as to how much was collected and how many animals were donated.



## Boy Scout Receives Award

Luke Peever was recognized by Fr. Mark Holland at the 11:00 service on February 8 for receiving the "God and Me" medal. It took Luke about three months to complete the programmed study of faith, forgiveness, Jesus' life and work on Earth, and a study of scripture. He was questioned about why he believes what he believes and why God sent Jesus to us.

The presentation was made during Boy Scout Week, the 99<sup>th</sup> anniversary of scouting in America.

Luke, age 10, the son of Catherine and Lloyd Peever, is a member of Troop 5 that meets at St. James on the first Monday of each month.



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*We proclaim Christ crucified and risen, and invite you to join with us in ministry together in his name.*

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## Ministries and Worship

Friday, February 20, 2009

8:15 a.m. Day School Eucharist  
Noon *We Care* Bags Project

Saturday, February 21, 2009

Noon Spanish Town Parade

Sunday, February 22, 2009 - Last Epiphany

7:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite I  
8:45 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service in Chapel\*  
9:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II\*  
10:00 a.m. Christian Education for all ages\*  
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5:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II in Chapel

Monday, February 23, 2009 - Lundi Gras - *Office closes at noon*

10:00 a.m. Lundi Gras Luncheon for Seniors

Tuesday, February 24, 2009 - Mardi Gras - *Office closed*

Wednesday, February 25, 2009 - Ash Wednesday

7:00 a.m. Bible Study Group  
7:30 a.m. Ash Wednesday Service  
Noon Ash Wednesday Service  
5:30 p.m. Ash Wednesday Service  
7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, February 26, 2009

10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist/Healing Service (Chapel)  
6:00 p.m. EFM

*\* Indicates Child Care Provided*

## Lay Ministry - Sunday, February 22, 2009

7:30 a.m. Philip T. Martin, Ken Kahao Jr., John Bilisoly  
8:45 a.m. Mimi Riché

**Ushers** 9:00 a.m. Hillary Poirrier, Alan Miller, Brian Murphy, J. Cooper Harrell, Trey Roberts  
11:00 a.m. Huntington Odom, Fred Frey, Charles Coates Jr., Tommy Frazer

**Acolytes** 9:00 a.m. Andrew Stewart, John Wesley Stewart, Marshall Stewart  
11:00 a.m. Jack Hearin, Mallory Holland, William Harrell

**Eucharistic Ministers** 7:30 a.m. John Ozier  
8:45 a.m. Lazette Phillips, B Phillips  
9:00 a.m. Honey East  
11:00 a.m. Carole Wright  
5:00 p.m. TBD

**Vergers** 9:00 a.m. Joan McCaskill  
11:00 a.m. David Warrington

**Lectors** 7:30 a.m. Karen Kennedy  
8:45 a.m. BB Stirling, Hays Town III (P), B Phillips  
9:00 a.m. Ashley Casey, Melanie Clark  
11:00 a.m. Nancy Penn, Emile Rolfs

**Intercessor** 7:30 a.m. John Ozier  
8:45 a.m. Claudia Black  
9:00 a.m. Ferrill Ann Coates  
11:00 a.m. Frances Garland

**Welcome Committee** 8:45 a.m. Mimi Riché  
9:00 a.m. Betty & O.B. Romero, Bahin Leonard  
11:00 a.m. Carole & Phillip Wright, Linda & Bill Lee

**Altar Guild** 7:30 a.m. Jane Christensen, Sharon Hoffeld  
8:45 a.m. Honey & Randy East  
9:00 a.m. Agnes Harrop, Thelma Herthum  
11:00 a.m. Linda Lee, Catherine Harrell, Jennie Price  
5:00 p.m. Betty Phillips