



The MESSENGER

INVITES YOU TO EXPLORE OUR LIFE AND MINISTRIES AT ST. JAMES EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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February 27, 2009

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. Heifer Kick-off; Adult Class
- 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 First Sunday in Lent: *First Lesson:* Genesis 9:8-17; *The Psalm* 25:1-9; *Second Lesson:* 1 Peter 3:18-22; *The Gospel:* Mark 1:9-15.

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GUMBO 2009 begins this Friday

St. James will be serving yummy Gumbo each Friday beginning this week, February 27 through April 3! Lunches, dine-in or takeout, of chicken and sausage or shrimp gumbo, salad, bread and dessert are \$9.00.

Volunteers for set-up on Thursday, February 26 at 9:00 a.m. are needed! Extra volunteers are also needed for the initial Friday as the Day School is in recess for Mardi Gras holidays. Everyone is invited to help.

Lots of plastic grocery bags are needed for take-out orders. Please 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.

Plan to volunteer as you can, and bring your friends and coworkers to Gumbo 2009!

Making a purposeful Lent

A 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.

Worship each Sunday

Prepare for Easter by making the effort to be in church for the six Sundays of Lent. Hear and sing the hymns, feed your soul, perhaps create a new

worship pattern that will carry over into Easter and beyond. Fr. Mark Holland tells us, "On Easter morning you will not feel like a stranger in God's house, because somewhere deep inside you will know God's house is also your house."

Heifer Event in Bishops Hall this Sunday

We will have a Heifer kick-off event this Sunday, March 1 at 10:00 a.m. in Bishops Hall. There will

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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.*

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*The Diocese of Louisiana is one church, faithful
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

Children are invited to a special Lenten program and Heifer kick-off event in Bishops Hall at 10:00 a.m. Adults are included in this program which will include information about Heifer International. Join us for art, games and lively interaction as we begin a special Lenten discipline together!

Sunday Morning for Adults

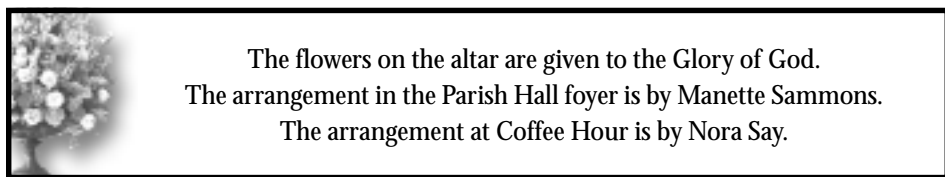
Mother Laurie Brock continues the class series, *Anglicanism and Orthodox Traditions*, on March 1 with discussion of Constantinople: Art, Music, and Liturgy, including the Hagia Sophia. This series will continue until March 22, each Sunday being a distinct presentation and presenter. The series will 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 **card-board 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 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 Manette Sammons.
The arrangement at Coffee Hour is by Nora Say.

In Our Thoughts and Prayers ...

For the dear departed: Dr. H. Guy Riché, Jr., father of Guy Riché, III

Prayers are asked for: Anne Howe, Louibelle Grantham, Betty Romero, Steve Cummings, Lillian Shipes, Prior John, Carolyn Bishop, Elizabeth Geheber, Kim Hatton, Dixie Brock, Jared Shank, Jeanne & David James, Warren Green, Dorothy Brupbacher, Hunt Odom, 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, Charles Robertson

Our continuing prayers are offered for: O.B. Romero, Estelle Copes, Michael Matassarin, Marguerite Matassarin, 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, Pennye, 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, Captain K. Joshua Calmes, Captain Charlie Hines

With thanksgiving for the safe return of Ben Agnew from Afghanistan to Fort Campbell, Kentucky

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.

Birthdays February 27 - March 5

- 27 Mattie Ray, Gary Richards, Mary Boutwell, Heather Bogan, Brooke Smith, Olivia Van Hook
28 Billy Heroman, Alan Miller
29 Jackson Just
1 Emily White
2 Austin Speier
3 Jay Aronstein, William Worsley, Chris Williams, Elizabeth Bogan, Hays Kahao
4 Pat Culbertson, Jennie Price
5 Evalyn Lank, Margaret Springer, Brandon Richardson, Steve Broyles, Chandler Rice, Jake McMains

ECW Chapter Meeting

St. Joan of Arc ECW Chapter will be meeting on Wednesday, March 4 at the home of Ferrill Ann Coates.

Diocesan Retreats at the Conference Center

Men's Retreat — March 20-22

The retreat topic will be "Living the Challenge of the Parables" with leader Deacon Reese Wiggins. Retreats sponsored by the Diocese of Louisiana follow the traditional model of silent, meditative retreats. During the weekend there will be several meditations.

In addition, private spiritual direction sessions may be scheduled. Retreatants are free and encouraged to take full advantage of the scenic grounds of the Solomon Center for walking, meditating, meditative (quiet) fishing, reading, and relaxing.

The retreat begins on Friday, March 20 with supper at 6:30 and will go through lunch on Sunday, March 22. Join us for reflection and intriguing discussion as we retreat together.

Women's Retreat — March 27-29

Topic and leader to be announced. The format will be in the mode of silent, meditative retreat with several guided meditations given over the weekend.

Check online at www.solepisc.org for additional information on the Women's Retreat as available and registration information for retreats. Individual and family overnight stays are also available.

Lenten Disciplines

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be art, map, and bingo activities for the children. We will have literature and information about 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 for more information. 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.

Organ Recital and Class

On Sunday, March 22, Pamela Decker, Professor of Organ/Music Theory at the University of Arizona in Tucson will present an organ recital at St. James Episcopal Church, Baton Rouge.

The recital is scheduled for 3:00 p.m. in the afternoon and is jointly sponsored by the Louisiana State University School of Music and St. James Episcopal church.

Dr. Decker will be giving a master class the next day, Monday, March 23, where organ students from the studio of Herndon Spillman, Mattax Professor of Organ at Louisiana State University, will perform for her.

This class will be held at the First United Methodist Church at 4:00 p.m. Both events are free and open to the public.



*Pamela Decker,
Professor of
Organ/Music
Theory at the
University of
Arizona in
Tucson and
Organist at
Grace St. Paul's
Episcopal Church
(also in Tucson).*

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



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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.

First Sunday in Lent also third annual ER&D Sunday

The first Sunday of Lent, March 1, is an opportunity for Episcopal congregations to engage with the Episcopal Church's ongoing commitment to fighting extreme poverty and disease worldwide.

To guide parishioners through this season, and help them to explore their spiritual connections to people living in poverty, Episcopal Relief & Development developed a Lenten Devotional, adapted from the Rev. Barbara C. Crafton's Almost-Daily Emos. Supporters can sign up for daily, electronic Meditations at www.er-d.org/Lentenresources.

"Lent is a time for reflection, meditation and prayer. I hope that on the first Sunday in Lent, Episcopalians will put their faith into action by joining Episcopal Relief & Development's work in support of the Millennium Development Goals," said Rob Radtke, President of Episcopal Relief & Development.

The Millennium Development Goals Inspiration Fund implements programs to fight malaria and other preventable diseases in Africa and Asia, and provides basic health care, health education, and sanitation systems in Latin America and the Caribbean.



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

Ministries and Worship

Friday, February 27, 2009
 9:00 a.m. Volunteers begin arriving for **GUMBO 2009 #1**
 6:30 p.m. Vestry/Assoc. Vestry/CSF Board retreat at SECC

Saturday, February 28, 2009
 Vestry/Assoc. Vestry/CSF Board retreat at SECC

Sunday, March 1, 2009 - First Sunday in Lent
 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. Lenten Heifer Kick-off in Bishops Hall*
 Adult CE Class
 11:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II*
 5:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II in Chapel
 5:00 p.m. EYC
 5:00 p.m. Sr. EYCers meet at CC's
 5:00 p.m. Mastersingers Rehearsal

Monday, March 2, 2009
 8:15 a.m. Day School Chapel
 6:00 p.m. Scout Pack Meeting
 7:00 p.m. Lycoming College Choir Concert

Tuesday, March 3, 2009
 Noon Holy Eucharist (Chapel)

Wednesday, March 4, 2009
 7:00 a.m. Bible Study Group
 8:00 a.m. Food Bank Distribution
 3:15 p.m. Daisy Troop Meeting
 3:30 p.m. MeTime with Father John Miller
 5:30 p.m. CSF Board Meeting
 5:30 p.m. Property Committee
 7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, March 5, 2009
 8:00 a.m. Executive Committee
 9:00 a.m. Day School Fab Friday
 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist/Healing Service (Chapel)
 Noon EFM
 6:00 p.m. EFM

* Indicates Child Care Provided

Lay Ministry - Sunday, March 1, 2009

7:30 a.m. John Bilisoly, Stiles Kennedy
 8:45 a.m. Brent & Kent Caldwell

Ushers 9:00 a.m. Pat Harrop, Tommy Bell, Stan Prutz, David Lowe, Chris Williams
 11:00 a.m. Phillip Wright, D.J. Richard, Jim Bogan, Norman Martinusen, Brian Sheely

Acolytes 9:00 a.m. Sarabrent McCoy, Robby Outland, Jack Hearin
 11:00 a.m. Luke Peever, Mallory Holland, Destiny Carter

Eucharistic Ministers 7:30 a.m. Tony Carter
 8:45 a.m. Ed Henderson, Gordon Ellis
 9:00 a.m. Claudia Black
 11:00 a.m. Joy Werth
 5:00 p.m. Hays Town III

Verger 9:00 a.m. David Warrington
 11:00 a.m. Joan McCaskill

Lectors 7:30 a.m. Barbara Sims
 8:45 a.m. BB Stirling, Honey East (P), Susie Furr
 9:00 a.m. Pat Culbertson, Bill Hines
 11:00 a.m. Warren Green, John Noland

Intercessor 7:30 a.m. Tony Carter
 8:45 a.m. Ed Henderson
 9:00 a.m. Margaret Culbertson
 11:00 a.m. Virginia Noland

Welcome Committee 8:45 a.m. Brent & Kent Caldwell
 9:00 a.m. Linda & Bob Bowsher, Helen West
 11:00 a.m. Herndon Spillman, Sara Lyle

Altar Guild 7:30 a.m. Dodie Edmonds, Mildred Taylor
 8:45 a.m. BB Stirling
 9:00 a.m. Linda Bowsher, Margaret Culbertson
 11:00 a.m. Pauline Barrow, Laura Collet, Gay Middleton, Nancy Penn
 5:00 p.m. Sheila Feigley, Jeannie Frey Rhodes