



We Look Forward to Seeing You Sunday!

- 7:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite I
 - 10:00 a.m. Combined Service, Rite II*
 - 11:00 a.m. Annual Meeting in Bishops Hall*
 - 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 Second Sunday after the Epiphany: *First Lesson:* 1 Samuel 3:1-10; *The Psalm* 139:1-5, 12-17; *Second Lesson:* 1 Corinthians 6:12-20; *The Gospel:* John 1:43-51.

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Annual Meeting is this Sunday, January 18

Included in this issue are bios of this year's Associate Vestry slate. To be nominated is a distinct honor. To accept this nomination infers that the nominee is willing to serve for three years in a leadership position at St. James.

The Annual Meeting Day is *this Sunday, January 18*, with an adjusted morning schedule:

- 7:30 a.m. service with ballots distributed for voting
- Parish Breakfast in the Day School cafeteria, sponsored by the Associate Vestry

- 10:00 a.m. combined service with ballots distributed for voting

After the service, (approximately 11:00 a.m.) the congregation will process to Bishops Hall to continue the Annual Meeting. Results of the elections will be announced, then.

Please make an effort to attend this extremely important Annual Meeting. Your vote is important. The information to be presented at the Annual Meeting assists parishioners in being informed about the business of the church.



Chet Carter is a native of Baton Rouge and has been an active member of St. James since his confirmation in 2007. He is a graduate of Southern University with a B.S. in economics. After working for eight years in the insurance industry, Chet recently became an educator and is employed at Prescott Middle School in Baton Rouge. Chet serves as a lector at St. James and is enrolled in EFM. He is married to the former Sivitra Pleasant and has two daughters, Destiny (10) and Micaiah (8). Chet says, "I am honored by the nomination to serve on the Associate Vestry. St. James is a place that nurtures our call to discipleship and the love of our neighbors."

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Doug Garland is a lifetime member of St. James and is married to Karen McCaskill Garland, also a lifetime member. They have two children, Alexis (12) and Hatcher (9) who both attend LSU Lab School. All four family members have been baptized at St. James. Doug is a commercial Realtor® and is also involved in real estate investments. Doug has been active with the

St James Food Bank, Garden Guild, Young Adults Group, served on the Property Committee for three years and has been an active Gumbo volunteer for 15 years. "I would like to see a continual growth in the parish as well as continued service and outreach to the downtown Baton Rouge community, while meeting the needs of a large and diverse church membership as well," says Doug.



Elizabeth "Beth" Barrett Griffin has been a member of St. James Episcopal Church since birth. She has three children. Allison is a junior at LSU, Anna Katherine is a freshman at UHS, and Griffin is in the 7th grade at Episcopal. Her two youngest

have served as acolytes. Beth is a Realtor® with Judy Burkett Realtors and looks forward to a long career in real estate. In the past, she has been involved as co-chair of Gumbo, volunteering for Gumbo, a participant in the Angel Tree Project. She has also volunteered at St. James Episcopal School, served on the Associate Vestry years ago, helped with the Food Bank, and volunteered at Vacation Bible School. She is currently a volunteer with the Baton Rouge Area Foundation. Beth

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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

The Rt. Rev. Charles E. Jenkins -
Bishop of Louisiana
The Very Rev. J. Mark Holland-
XXIII Rector of St. James
The Rev. John Sloan Miller -
Associate Rector
The Rev. Laurie M. Brock -
Associate Rector
The Rev. John Moloney-
Prior, St. James Center for Spiritual Formation
Deacon Pat Lyle -
Spiritual Director in Residence
Deacon Mark Hudson
The Rev. Charles A. Wood -
Chaplain, St. James Place
The Rt. Rev. Robert C. Witcher -
Bishop-in-Residence
XIX Rector of St. James
The Rt. Rev. James M. Coleman -
Bishop-in-Residence
XX Rector of St. James

David H. Culbert	Organist-Choirmaster
Alison Nikitopoulos	Children's Ministries
Helen Campbell	Director of Lay Ministry
Sylvia Rabalais	Admin. Secretary
Debbie Stiltner	Comptroller
Cheryl Speights Olinde	Bookkeeper
Tyler Ellison	Maintenance
Gail St. Pierre	Dietician
Linda Chauviere	Head of School

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www.stjamesbr.org

St. James Vestry

Nancy Jo Poirrier	Senior Warden
Gordon "Skeet" LeBlanc	Junior Warden
Phillip Wright	Clerk
D.J. Richard	Treasurer
Tommy Bell	Sue Larisey
Claudia Black	Phil Martin
John S. Campbell III	Alan Miller
Jane Christensen	Jay Noland
Daryl Ellis	Chrissie Clark Olsson
Lynnette B. Frazer	Manette Sammons
Barbin Graham	Scott Westbrook
Charles Frey IV	



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.

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 from a wonderful team of professional caregivers. Paggers are also available for your comfort and convenience.



Thank You

Thanks to all of the volunteers who helped in decorating the church for Christmas. Also, thank you to those that helped to remove these decorations especially the helpers from O'Brien House who made our task much easier.

ECW Chapter Meeting

St. Monica/St. Agnes Chapter meeting will take place on Tuesday, January 20 at 10:00 a.m. at the home of Evelyn Gautreau.



The flowers on the altar are given to the Glory of God.

The arrangement in the Parish Hall foyer is by Charlotte Provenza.

The arrangement at Coffee Hour is by Sharon Poirrier.

In Our Thoughts and Prayers ...

Prayers are asked for: Anne Howe, Louibelle Grantham, Henry Werth, Michael Chittom, Louise Chittom, Bill, Susan, Betty Romero, Scottie Thomas, Gabrielle, Dan Hudson, Steve Cummings, Jane, Chip Middleton, Lillian Shipes, Sela Marie Basso, Pat Lyle, Rita Mockler, Prior John, Lawrence Terry, Carolyn Bishop, Jeff Whittington, Marion Hart LeBlanc, Elizabeth Geheber, Kim Hatton, Kevin Lyle, Stephen Perniciaro, Dixie Brock, Jared Shank; Jeanne & David James

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,

GUMBO Fridays During Lent

**Mark Your Calendars:
Gumbo Is Coming!**

St. James will be serving yummy Gumbo on Fridays from February 27 through April 3! Please look for volunteer sign-up sheets in the parlor on Sundays between the 9 & 11 a.m. services. Or, you can call Emily L. Kay at 225-907-4492 to volunteer.

We are also in need of parishioners to sponsor the musical entertainment provided for those choosing to dine with us on Fridays. Please call Emily at 225-907-4492 if you can contribute to cover the cost of the musicians (\$150.00/wk). The weeks can be shared by multiple parishioners — every bit helps!

Kevin Stockton, Dottie McCornack, Marina Pinell, Gordon Loudon, Kathryn Daggett, Kelsey Favrot, Mary Betts, Kenlie Jackson, Ila Cooper, David Bertrand, John & Fritz Dehlbert, Blair, Colleen Colquette, Carole, Anne and Wayne Williams, Prentiss McClendon, Berta Mayer, Virginia Kroenke Sweet, 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, Johnette Mann, Estelle Schilling, John Kilpatrick

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

Our Family provides house or child-sitting during funerals, or prepares food in times of family need. Contact Mimi Riché at mimi.riche@cancerservices.org.

Birthdays January 16-22

- 16 Julie Goff, Mark Johnson, Tyler Guelfo
- 17 David Warrington, Ernie Feierabend, Logan Williamson
- 18 Kay Elliott, George Murrell, Stephanie Campbell, Mary Evelyn White, Melissa White, Austen Turner, Katie Thompson, Florence Buete
- 19 Myrtis Thornton, Clark Boyce, Evan Cooper, Lynn Austin, Gregory Pogue, Claire Kiesel
- 20 Adelaide Russo, Ann Major, Robert Hansen, David Lowe
- 21 Lily Anderson
- 22 Joyce Lyford, John Rice, Elizabeth White

Assoc. Vestry Candidates

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also taught Sunday School for a couple of years when her children were younger. During the Katrina aftermath, Beth helped organize clothes and other supplies to be distributed to those in need. Beth shares, "My vision for St. James is to see growth in the young population of St. James Church, growth in the outreach programs, and a continuous Sunday School class for adults through a well organized Sunday School program. I know St. James will strive to continue to implement additional programs and services for our church community. My experience with St. James Church has increased my faith and desire to serve others."



Annie Knazs Jung was raised in Baton Rouge, and is married to Stephen. They have two children, Bella (7) and Helene (1) and are expecting a third child. She works at Episcopal High

School as the Cornerstones Coordinator with PK-12th graders, 7th grade Religion teacher, and 9th grade Advisor. Annie is also part of a private mental health counseling practice, specializing in family, teen, and children's counseling. Annie is a graduate of LSU's Mass Communication, Public Relations (B.A.) and Community Counseling (M.A.) programs. Annie has over 15 years experience working in children and youth ministries at a variety of churches, and has been a Diocesan Youth Coordinator as well as a Parish Youth Director and Independent Consultant for local and state youth ministries. Annie has been active in St. James Gumbo, Vacation Bible School, Advent Ac-

EYC Updates from Mother Laurie

NO EYC meeting this Sunday, due to Diocesan Youth Event at the Conference Center, but other **Sundays, join us from 5:00-6:30 p.m.**

Sunday, February 1: Senior EYCers (9-12th grades) begin meeting *every other week* at CC's on Jefferson near Bocage from 5-6 p.m. for conversation and coffee.

tivities, Mexico Mission Trip, Young Adult Movie Nights, Food Bank, and her favorite is helping her seven-year-old daughter stuff "We Care" bags. "I would love to help develop more family-oriented outreach/mission activities, and continue to strengthen the bond of young families finding a place to grow roots in St. James parish," says Annie.



Chris Kiesel is married to Corrie and they have two girls, Celia (6) and Claire (3), who both love to sing in the Children's Choir at church. Chris is a native of Baton Rouge who graduated from St. James and Episcopal. He is a director in the law firm of Roy, Kiesel, Keegan & DeNicola. After being raised Catholic, Chris and Corrie were received into the Episcopal church at St. James in 2003. He is currently serving as the Chairman of the Young Lawyers Section of the local federal bar chapter. He looks forward to honoring the great tradition of St. James while welcoming new families into the St. James community.



Chuck Munro grew up in Alexandria, graduated from Holy Savior Menard High School, and has lived in Baton Rouge since 1988 when he started LSU. He is married to Danielle Munro, who is from Baton Rouge and had attended and was confirmed at St. James prior to moving away from Baton Rouge in high school. They joined St. James as adults in 1994 after looking for the 'right' place to base their marriage. Chuck was formally received into the Episcopal church last spring at St. James and has been active as a lector for the past year, also participating in Gumbo and Young Adults Group. He owns an industrial sales company, is an avid runner, and is a member of the Delta Kappa Epsilon alumni association. They have two

Confirm not Conform begins a new session Wednesday, February 4 at 5:30 p.m. Eighth graders and older are invited to participate in these weekly gatherings culminating in the iConfirm service and confirmation.

Dinner planners/cooks needed for some meetings; contact Mother Laurie!

children, James, a 7th grader, and Susannah, a 3rd grader, attending Episcopal High School. Chuck says, "I'm looking forward to serving in the Associate Vestry and giving back to this wonderful church community that has always been so friendly and inviting."



Elizabeth Noland is a Baton Rouge native and cradle Episcopalian. She attended St. James Day School and Episcopal High School. Elizabeth is married to Jay Noland and they have 20-month-

old twins, Fairfax and Jack. Elizabeth has a degree in Elementary Education from LSU and taught special education pre-school for six and a half years. She is a member of the Junior League of Baton Rouge, a Kappa Kappa Gamma alumnae advisor, and has helped with Vacation Church School. "Jay and I are so happy to be a part of the St. James family and it is wonderful to know that our church has an active ministry with young families."



John Ray and his wife, Shanna, have been married for almost nine years and joined St. James shortly after moving back to Baton Rouge from Lafayette in 2005. He has served at St. James as a

Lay Eucharistic Minister and has been a volunteer for St. James' Christmas Dinner for the Homeless. John is a graduate of Northwestern State University and Southern University Law Center. He has been a member of the Baton Rouge Bench Bar Committee and is a vice-chair of the Workers' Compensation & Employment Liability Law General Committee of the American Bar Association. John is also a Certified Civil Mediator. He currently serves as an Assistant Attorney General with the Louisiana Department of Justice.



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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, January 16, 2009 - *Diocesan Youth Event*

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

Saturday, January 17, 2009 - *Diocesan Youth Event*

Sunday, January 18, 2009 - 2 Epiphany: The Baptism of Our Lord

7:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite I
Voting for Vestry and Associate Vestry
10:00 a.m. Combined mid-morning Eucharist, Rite II*
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11:00 a.m. Annual Meeting Resumes in Bishops Hall
5:00 p.m. Mastersingers Rehearsal
5:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II in Chapel

Monday, January 19, 2009 - *Martin Luther King Day, Office Closed*

Tuesday, January 20, 2009 - *Inauguration Day*

Noon Holy Eucharist (Chapel)

Wednesday, January 21, 2009

7:00 a.m. Bible Study Group
8:00 a.m. Food Bank Distribution
3:30 p.m. MeTime with Father John Miller
7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, January 22, 2009

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

* Indicates Child Care Provided

Lay Ministry - Sunday, January 18, 2009

Ushers 7:30 a.m. Mary Jarnagin, John Bilisoly
10:00 a.m. Pat Broderick, Bob Frazier, Dan West, Gerry Sulzer

Acolytes 10:00 a.m. Christina Arey, Ramsey Bell, Wren Bell

Lay Eucharistic Ministers 7:30 a.m. Tony Carter
10:00 a.m. John Ozier
5:00 p.m. Hays Town III

Verger 10:00 a.m. David Warrington

Lectors 7:30 a.m. Karen Kennedy
10:00 a.m. Megan Bridgeman, Scott Westbrook

Intercessor 7:30 a.m. Tony Carter
10:00 a.m. Amy Westbrook

Welcome Committee 10:00 a.m. Margaret & Pat Culbertson, Manette Sammons, Rieta Reiser, Susie & Buzzy Heroman

Altar Guild 7:30 a.m. Cathy McHugh
10:00 a.m. Linda Bowsher, Margaret Culbertson
5:00 p.m. Sheila Feigley, Jeannie Frey Rhodes