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January 23, 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. 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 Third Sunday after the Epiphany:
First Lesson: Jonah 3:1-5, 10;
The Psalm 62:6-14; *Second Lesson:* 1 Corinthians 7:29-31;
The Gospel: Mark 1:14-20.

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VESTRY AND ASSOCIATE VESTRY ELECTION RESULTS

The following were elected at Sunday's Annual Parish Meeting to serve a three-year term on the St. James Vestry: Pat Culbertson, Bob Frazier, Emily Wray Lamont, Emile Rolfs, Tom Wade, and Otey White.

The Associate Vestry slate was approved. The slate presented included Chet Carter, Doug Garland, Beth Griffin, Annie Jung, Chris Kiesel, Chuck Munro, Elizabeth Noland, and John Ray.

We give thanks for their service to retiring Vestry members Nancy Jo Poirrier (Senior Warden), Skeet LeBlanc (Junior Warden), Phillip Wright (Clerk), Tommy Bell, Barbin Graham, and Alan Miller; and, retiring Associate Vestry members

Hays Alexander, Jill Bambury, George Clark (Treasurer), Bob Frazier (Vice President), Kyle Landrem (President), Katherine Martin, Stewart Tharp, and Tracie Way; as well as retiring treasurer, D.J. Richard.

The St. James Vestry is listed on page two every week for your reference and information. The 2009 Associate Vestry consists of the slate approved, above, and Rachel Dansky, Scott Garver, Laurence Lambert, Charlotte Murrell, Caroline Ross, Liz Treppendahl, Catherine Van Hook, Melissa Anderson, Ashley Frey, Linda Gibson, Amelia Johnson, Norm Martinusen, Jennifer Oliver, Herndon Spillman and Elizabeth Whitley.

CSF SELECTS NEW LOGO — Next *Fifth Sunday* Plans Announced



The Center for Spiritual Formation's new logo incorporates the St. James church logo of chalice and cross by reversing the colors and adding a shell in the center. It will be used for stationary, the web site, and event brochures.

A scallop shell, generally used in Christian art to signify a pilgrimage, reminds us of the Center's mission. The Center's programming helps our personal pilgrimage to put the "spirit" of God into action through outreach. The shell is also a symbol of St. James, patron saint of our parish.

First *Fifth Sunday* Event of 2009 Planned

Capturing the goal of spiritual enrichment and outreach are the CSF-sponsored Fifth Sunday Celebrations. On March 29, the guest preacher will be Phyllis Tickle, a nationally known speaker and a personal friend of Prior John Moloney.

Tickle is currently a Senior Fellow of Cathedral College of the Washington National Cathedral. A founding member of The Canterbury Roundtable, she serves now, as she has in the past, on a number of advisory and corporate boards. A lay eucharistic minister and lector in the Episcopal Church, she is the mother of seven children and, with her physician-husband, makes her home on a small farm in Lucy, Tennessee. She was founding editor of the Religious Department of *Publishers Weekly*. She also blogs on the first Sunday of the month at explorefaith.org/resources/blog/phyllis_tickles_first_sundays/index.php.

The Center for Spiritual Formation will sponsor a noon meal of burgers for the homeless and parishioners after the eleven o'clock service, with fellowship in Bishops Hall.

Ms. Tickle will meet with the youth in the afternoon, and there will be an evening lecture for adults following a devotional service.

Please mark your calendar for this March 29, Fifth Sunday special event with food, fellowship and enlightening discussion.

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

Email addresses available on the church web site:

www.stjamesbr.org

St. James Vestry

Claudia Black	Sue Larisey
John S. Campbell III	Phil Martin
Jane Christensen	Jay Noland
Pat Culbertson	Chrissie Clark Olsson
Daryl Ellis	Emile Rolfs
Lynnette B. Frazer	Manette Sammons
Bob Frazier	Tom Wade
Charles Frey IV	Scott Westbrook
Emily Wray Lamont	Otey White



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.

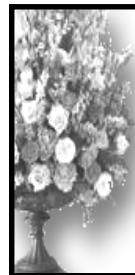
Christian Education Notes

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



Sunday Morning Classes for Children Resume January 25

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.



The flowers on the altar are given to the Glory of God and in thanksgiving for 50 years of marriage by *Hillary C. and Nancy Jo Poirrier*; in loving memory of *H.P. Francis, Sr.* by *Mary Linda Francis*; and, by *Betty and O. B. Romero* in thanksgiving for sixty-eight years of a loving and wonderful marriage.

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

The arrangement at Coffee Hour is by *Susan Rolfs*.

In Our Thoughts and Prayers ...

For the dear departed: Johnette Mann

Prayers are asked for: Anne Howe, Louibelle Grantham, Henry Werth, Betty Romero, Dan Hudson, Steve Cummings, Chip Middleton, Lillian Shipes, Rita Mockler, Prior John, Carolyn Bishop, Elizabeth Geheber, Kim Hatton, Kevin Lyle, Stephen Perniciaro, Dixie Brock, Jared Shank; Jeanne & David James, Warren Green, Dorothy Brupbacher, Hunt Odum, Bella

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,

GUMBO

Fridays During Lent

Mark Your Calendars

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, 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 23-29

- 23 Rebeca Oropesa, Catherine Van Hook, Shaun LeBlanc, George Popov, Kelly Ray, Carden Healey, Hays Alexander, Rebecca Lowe
- 24 Yolanda Loret, Susan White, Tamara Santiago
- 25 Virginia Noland, Scott Westbrook, Justin Martin, Scott Bogan, Declan Egan
- 26 Virginia Walters, Camy Stirling, Katherine Wade, Dusty Allen, Charles McKowen, Caroline Ainsworth
- 27 Ann Frazier, Rory Green
- 28 William Senn, Michael DeFelice, BB Stirling, Joelle Craft, Will Stirling, Chase Roy
- 29 Annette Broderick, Ted Collins, Allen Paterson

Welcome
to our church family

Kent, Stacey, and Addison Shepherd who transferred from The Church of St. John the Divine, Houston, Texas

ECW Chapter Meeting

St. Joan of Arc Chapter meeting will take place on Wednesday, February 4 at the home of Susan Rolfs.

We share
because
WE CARE

We Care is a wonderful ministry addressing those in need on our streets, and we need your help filling the We Care bags, both hands-on help, and continued donations.

You are invited to spend a little while anytime at the church filling bags, contributing to the fund for bulk purchases (send your check labeled "We Care") or pick up any of the usual items (vienna sausage, 8 oz. water, canned fruit or pudding cups, breakfast bars) and bring them by.

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.

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!

Grandmother's Fruitcake Family

Mother Laurie Brock has written a thoughtfully revealing piece about family which was published in the Advent/Christmas issue of *Ecumininet Online*.

Many may recall, as Laurie does, the family and close friends — young and old — gathering together in annual ritual for making fruitcake.

Like Advent, it was a time of preparation for the coming of Christmas, and a time when distant family would "come home" for the holidays. And like fruitcake, family is a mixture of many ingredients.

Laurie writes, "Too often, the holiday season invites an illusion that we must see our lives as perfect creations with no mistakes, no messes, and no regrets. My grandmother, in one of her greatest Christmas gifts, allowed us to see and love our fruitcake family."

"We are, as are all families of God, imperfect mixtures of ingredients. Essentially we are all fruitcakes. Fruitcakes beloved by God."

To enjoy the full story, click on www.ecumininet.com/pages/priorities-3.htm.

Coming up at the Conference Center

Father-Son Weekend — Jan. 30-Feb. 1

Christ Episcopal Church in Covington, with the support of the Episcopal Diocese will be hosting this event which begins at 5:00 p.m. on Friday, January 30 and concludes at 11:00 a.m. on Sunday, February 1. It is designed for boys in grades two through eight, accompanied by a male adult. Activities for the weekend will center on our theme of discovering "God in Nature."

You may register on-line at www.thesolomoncenter.org or by requesting a registration form from Christ Church Covington at 985-892-3177.

Men's Retreat — March 20-22

Deacon Reese Wiggins will lead this retreat on *Living the Challenge of the Parables*. Deacon Wiggins is employed full time at St Luke's in Baton Rouge where he splits his time between Facilities Manager and Pastoral Care responsibilities. He also directs St Luke's Outreach Ministries both in the

Sign Up for "E" MESSENGER

The MESSENGER weekly newsletter and *From the Parish*, a weekly update on parish life, are now available via e-mail delivery early each week. To sign up for e-mail delivery, go to the web site, www.stjamesbr.org, click on the sign-up button and enter the email address where you'd like to receive *The Messenger*.

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Baton Rouge area and Honduras. Deacon Reese was formerly employed in the petrochemical Industry where he worked for 34 years in electrical and instrumentation engineering.

For information on these and other events scheduled at the Conference Center, please visit www.solepisc.org, call 985-748-6634, or write info@solepisc.org.



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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 23, 2009

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

Saturday, January 24, 2009

Sunday, January 25, 2009 - 3 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*
11:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II*
5:00 p.m. EYC Eucharist and Dinner
5:00 p.m. Mastersingers Rehearsal
5:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II in Chapel

Monday, January 26, 2009

11:30 a.m. Yoga Class
Noon O'Brien House Board Meeting
5:30 p.m. Day School Board Meeting

Tuesday, January 27, 2009

Noon Holy Eucharist (Chapel)

Wednesday, January 28, 2009

7:00 a.m. Bible Study Group
7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, January 29, 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 25, 2009

7:30 a.m. Philip T. Martin, Ken Kahao Jr., John Bilisoly

8:45 a.m. Mimi Riché

Ushers 9:00 a.m. Bob Israel, Chad Phillips, Pat Culbertson, Daryl Ellis, Kyle Landrem

11:00 a.m. Phillip Wright, D.J. Richard, Jim Bogan, Norman Martinusen, Brian Sheely

Acolytes 9:00 a.m. Elizabeth Prutz, Katherine Prutz, Andrew LeBlanc
11:00 a.m. Tori Schenk, Carlie Schenk, Lily Catherine Anderson

Lay Eucharistic Ministers 7:30 a.m. Mickey Christensen
8:45 a.m. Gordon Ellis, Honey East
9:00 a.m. Ed Henderson
11:00 a.m. Scott Garver
5:00 p.m. TBD

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

Lectors 7:30 a.m. Barbara Sims
8:45 a.m. Mimi Riché, Kent Caldwell (P), Claudia Black
9:00 a.m. David Walker, Melissa Anderson
11:00 a.m. Jared Bradley, Ann Holmes

Intercessor 7:30 a.m. Mickey Christensen
8:45 a.m. BB Stirling
9:00 a.m. Beverly Walker
11:00 a.m. Wendell Holmes

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

Altar Guild 7:30 a.m. Jane Christensen, Sharon Hoffeld
8:45 a.m. Liz Treppendahl, Charlotte Paterson
9:00 a.m. Maretta Creveling, Rieta Reiser
11:00 a.m. Sally Fenet, Elizabeth Libbers, Carole Wright
5:00 p.m. Sheila Feigley