

# Around St. James For the Glory of God

2004

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## Senior Warden's Message

The most difficult aspect of doing something like this is getting started. What should I say? Am I supposed to be inspirational? Am I supposed to be witty and cute? Or should I just be a source of information? Or how about this – Hi there everybody! I certainly hope that you are having a lovely day.

I woke up on Monday morning last February 9<sup>th</sup> and had to pinch myself. Good gracious, I thought, was I really elected Senior Warden yesterday? Was it really Jim May's last service at St. James? I was assured by Brenda that it was all true. My Sister told me I was a nut for taking on one more thing, but then she always did think I was a little strange. One morning while visiting her a couple of years ago, she flat out told me "Thomas! I'm not in the mood for you today!"

I remember the first big challenge I had in life. I was 5 years old and we were at my Cousin's wedding rehearsal. The priest explained my duties and that during the actual wedding my Cousin would be all dressed up in her gown and that it also had a train. I was told to imagine this train being there on the floor behind her and above all I was not to step on it! When asked if I could do this, I replied, "It's a big job, but I can do it!" My Grandmother never let me forget this challenge and what I had said. I have tried to carry this attitude throughout my life.

That said, I promise you that I will try my very best to love and serve this parish to the best of my abilities. Along the way I'll probably make mistakes (don't tell Brenda I said that) and for those that I do make, I apologize. Just be assured that my heart is filled with good intentions and that I willingly accept the trust that you have placed in me.

In closing, I would like to thank all of those people that are giving their time and energy towards making this Parish a wonderful place to worship. Were I to list names, I might miss somebody. You know who you are. Thanks for all you do!!

Tom Peterson





## Search Committee

We have met three times, once with our Diocesan Deployment Officer, Canon Nan Peete, and have made good progress with writing the Parish Profile. Our next step is to meet with as many of you, the parishioners, as would care to meet with the Search Committee. We would like you to tell us what your thoughts are concerning St. James' Church, its future and the new rector-to-be. Beginning on July 11<sup>th</sup> and for three weeks (July 11, 18 and 25) the Search Committee will be available to meet with you in the Parish Hall just after the 8 and 10 am services. Please feel free to join in the discussions, let your views be known and your voices heard. We hope to see and hear from every one of you and we encourage you to be involved in this process.

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*For weeks, eight -year-old Susie had been looking forward to a particular Saturday fishing trip with her dad. But when the day finally arrived, it was raining heavily.*

*Susie wandered around the house all morning, grumbling as she peered out the windows, "seems like the Lord would know it would have been better to have the rain yesterday than today." Her father tried to explain how important the rain was to the farmers and gardeners. But Susie only replied, "It just isn't fair."*

*Around three o'clock , the rain stopped. There was still time for fishing, so father and daughter quickly loaded their gear and headed for the lake. Because of the rainstorm, the fish were really biting. Within a couple of hours, they returned with a full stringer of fish.*

*At the family's "fish dinner" that night, Susie was asked to say grace. She concluded her prayer by saying, "And, Lord, if I sounded grumpy earlier today, it was because I couldn't see far enough ahead."*

*When we seek Gods Advice in our lives, it is important to realize He alone can see what's coming!*

### Around St. James

Do you have an up lifting story ,article or favorite recipe, you would like to share with the Church family if so contact Michelle Prasser (301) 743-7515.



## Lawn Maintenance



In the past there has been a sign up sheet asking families to take turns keeping the grass mowed. Apparently this method didn't work so well. So this year we are trying a different approach. We are asking for donations towards a lawn fund. The cost per mowing is \$50. If you would like to make a donation towards keeping the Church property looking its best, please drop a check in the plate indicating that the funds are for the lawn maintenance. Thanks in advance for your cooperation!!

## Youth Group

*The Youth Group is taking a short break to get re-energized for the upcoming year. Our next meeting will be August 27, 2004, 7:00 p.m. at The Prasser's House for a pool party. I will be in contact with you before this date, if you have any questions please call Michelle at (301) 743-7515.*

## GOING TO THE MOVIES?????



Want to take your child to the movies, but your not sure if you can trust the PG or PG-13 rating, worry no more, go to [www.pluggedinonline.com](http://www.pluggedinonline.com), it will give you a complete run down on the movie such as the positive elements, sexual content, violent content, crude or profane language, drug & alcohol content, other negative elements and they give a conclusion. This site can also be used to rate videos & DVD's, Music CD's and television shows.

Most People wish to serve God-- but only in an advisory capacity..

*"Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God that he may exalt you in due time."*

*1 Peter 5:6*

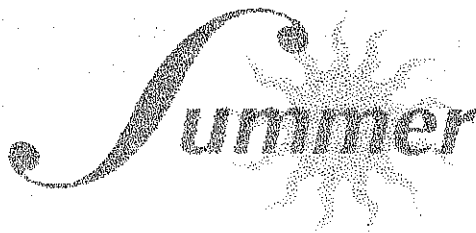
# ST. JAMES CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## July

- 4 Services 8:00 & 10:00 a.m.
- 5 Craft Club 6:30 p.m.
- 11 Services 8:00 & 10:00 a.m.
- 12 Craft Club 6:30 p.m.
- 18 Services 8:00 & 10:00 a.m.
- 19 Craft Club 6:30 p.m.
- 25 Services 8:00 & 10:00 a.m.
- 26 Craft Club 6:30 p.m.

## August

- 1 Craft Club 6:30 p.m.
- 8 Services 8:00 & 10:00 a.m.
- 9 Craft Club 6:30 p.m.
- 15 Services 8:00 & 10:00 a.m.
- 16 Craft Club 6:30 p.m.
- 18 Vestry Meeting 6:30 p.m.
- 22 Services 8:00 & 10:00 a.m.
- 23 Craft Club 6:30 p.m.
- 27 Youth Group 7:00 p.m.
- 29 Services 8:00 & 10:00 a.m.
- 30 Craft Club 6:30 p.m.



## From ECW

As summer approaches and we begin to prepare for all of our upcoming fall activities and fundraisers, I'd like to thank everyone who has volunteered and participated in all of the ECW events. You have helped make all of our events extremely successful.

As always, we hope that you will find time to continue to support the ECW and St. James', when you can. Your help and support is always appreciated and never goes unnoticed.

We will keep you posted on the upcoming events! Have a fun summer!

God Bless,  
Cathy – ECW President

## ***Building and Grounds - Roofing Update***

The good news is that the new roof is ninety percent complete. The bad news is that the roofing contractor has been tied up with other work and has been unable to finish the job. Hopefully, in the next couple of weeks we can get back on target and complete this very important project that you have funded with your generous donations. We're almost done and thanks for your support!