

Around St. James
For the Glory of God
2007

March

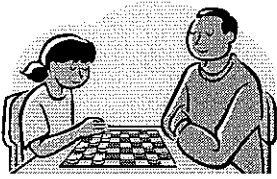
April

Thoughts from the Rector

Every year like many of you I approach Lent wondering what my Lenten discipline should be. I always try to look for things to take on or give up that by doing so will lead me closer to God. One year I gave up TV and instead read during the time I would otherwise sit in front of the TV. One year I purchased a Lent devotional book with wonderful readings and meditations and added that to my prayer life. This year I have settled on two disciplines. One is to work on holy living, which means taking care of oneself, physically, mentally and spiritually. For me right now the part that needs most attention is the physical. I need to get back to my healthy eating habits and my exercise routine in order to be as healthy as I can. I need to take care of the temple that God gave me. This includes good diet, exercise and rest. The second discipline is working on my relationship with Jesus. This came from a conversation in the Women's Group about how most of us focus our prayers, conversations and relationship on God the Father and as Episcopalians we are not as focused on Jesus as other denominations might be. I realized that if I want to shift my focus a bit and deepen my relationship with Christ, I need to work at it as I do with all relationships. And so I am spending time in the Gospels and in conversation with Jesus as a way of getting to know him better, one on one.

Lent should be a time of spiritual examination and growth as we move toward the time we remember and celebrate the sacrifice Jesus made for us and our salvation in and through him. Lent should be a time that helps us get our mind and hearts ready for Easter. We are a resurrection people, but the resurrection was God's response to the Cross and we have to remember that.

I invite you, if you haven't already started a Lenten discipline, it is not too late to do so, find something that will help you prepare for not only Easter Sunday, but for Good Friday as well. I pray that God's Spirit will guide you and walk with you during this 40 day journey we are on and that your hearts and minds will be ready to experience the darkness of Holy Week as well as the light of Easter Morning.



Opportunities for Fun



The fellowship committee is planning to have monthly activities and events at St. James and here is the schedule so far:

April 21st – 7:00 - 9:00 p.m., Game night, bring your favorite board game and a snack to share and come play games. You don't have to bring a game to come as there will be plenty of them to play.

May 4th – Trip to the National Cathedral Flower Mart.



June 3rd – Church picnic

July – Bay Socks Baseball Game

August 18th – 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. Wine tasting

September 22nd & 23rd – Home Coming weekend and Gospel Choir Concert

October – Pot Luck dinner and a Movie – Mexican night

November – Dance Lessons

December – Sight and Sound Theater trip



FLOWER MART TRIP

Sign up for this year's Flower Mart Trip at the National Cathedral is on the board out side the parish hall.

Women's Study Group

The Women's Study Group meets on Mondays from 10:30 to Noon.
Please see the schedule of topics in the bulletin and on the board and join us for any that strike your interest.

112th Convention of the Diocese of Washington

The 112th Convention was held January 26-27, 2007. The Theme of the Convention was "That We All May Be One: Monday through Saturday"

On Friday, January 26th was an afternoon of registration, orientation and introduction of members (lay and clergy) who were to be voted on to serve on the functioning committees of the Diocese. Two clergy and one lay person from region 6 were elected to serve, plus Rev. Denise was personally asked by the Bishop to serve on the Diocesan Council. This is the most representation from region six (which is us) since I have been delegate.

The highlight on Friday was of course the evening Eucharist. It was a real thrill to see our St. James, Indian Head banner come down the isle (carried by Karen Burroughs) as a part of the procession. Also our choir was a part of

the impressive convention choir (the music was fantastic) – so we were well represented.

Bishop Chanes' address made clear that we, as a diocese, are striving to become a "Missionary Diocese" for all of our 94 parishes and for as far as we can reach in the world. Our responsibility at St. James is to follow their example and be missionaries to members of our own parish and to as far as we can reach in our surrounding area—especially within our "parish bounds". Help and suggestions are always available from Church House, if needed. We are already making a good start on fulfilling this obligation.

As always, it was a pleasure to serve as your delegate to the 112th convention.

Respectfully
Ann Morgan

Update

This is a new section for our church newsletter. This section will be for updating the congregation on the people we have been praying for on the sick and military list. So if you have information on someone on the list and they don't mind you updating the congregation on their condition please email Shelley Prasser at ShelleyP65@comcast.net.

This month we are updating you on the following people had been or still are on our prayer list for the sick. Norman Cabana had his knee surgery on January 23rd and is doing great. He and Rev. Denise's mom will be visiting later this month. Diane Domina is a friend of Rev. Denise's sister who is 43 years old and has breast cancer. She just finished her chemo and now is doing 5 months of radiation. Dale Scott is Doug's brother who had an accident at work and may loose 3 of his fingers on his right hand. Let's continue to keep these people and their families in our thoughts and prayers.

Our military update this month will be on Jared and Kara Grote. Jared has served in Iraq and is now stationed locally. His wife, Kara is not in "active duty" any longer. The couple is expecting their first child this month. Let's keep this family in our prayers.

Remember if you have an update on someone and they won't mind you sharing with the Congregation please email me or give me a call at (301) 743-7515.

Lent Series

The Lenten Series is a time of prayer, looking at Scripture, and having conversation about what our mission is in the world. We are a unique community, created by God for worship and mission and God has something in mind for us to do. Our job is to figure out what that is. We do this by collectively looking at our gifts, what are our strengths, what do we do well, what do we have to offer. Then what is mission, what do we want to experience in our mission work. And then examining the needs in our area, in the county, state,

country, world, and see where in all these possibilities is God leading us and to whom. It is exciting work but it takes all of us working together to discern where God is calling us. Please join us **Sunday afternoons starting March 4 from 3:00-5:30 p.m. for conversation, food and fellowship.** Child care is provided as well as the Children's Choir rehearsal is going on so there are two options for our youngsters while we work through this process. The first

Holy Week Schedule

Wednesday, April 4th 7:00 p.m. – Tenebrae (a service of readings and prayer)

Thursday, April 5th 7:00 p.m. – Agape Meal and Eucharist

Friday, April 6th Noon – Stations of the Cross

7:00 p.m. - Good Friday Service

Saturday, April 7th 7:00 p.m. – Easter Vigil Service

Someone Cares Prison Ministry

Someone Cares is a non-profit faith ministry that reaches out to inmates in major and minor prisons through a RISK FREE letter correspondence. The program is called "The Pen Friend Program. It is a RISK FREE way of letter writing to inmates using a PO Box

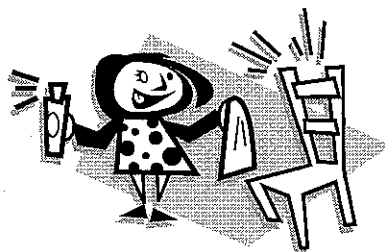
to clear mail. We also read all inmate mail

For additional information about this and other programs covered by this ministry go to **www.someonecares.org**



March 31, 2007
Indoor Clean-up Day
8:00 – 12:00 (work)
12:00 - ??? (Lunch & Bingo)

Come to help with sprucing up
the church and have some fun
and fellowship



WEBSITES TO CHECK OUT

Have you visited St. James' website? (www.stjamesindianhead.org) If you haven't you should take a peek, the site has lots of information on it such as the History of St. James Parish, the Church calendar, the committees at St. James the lay reader/acolyte schedule, the 07 counter schedule, newsletter and even a church recipe section. We can't mention St. James' website without mentioning the Episcopal Diocese of Washington Website (www.edow.org), it has information on the Diocese, find a Church (**which none of you need to go to**), news & calendar, ministries, parish management, spirituality and Christian formation. It also has a section called the highlights that has current information; there is also a link to daily mediations for Lent.

Another informative website is www.pluggedinonline.com. Have you ever wondered if you daughter/son or even you should see a movie or TV show or listen to certain music? Well this is a website for you to find out just what the movie, TV show or what certain music artists music maybe like. This site will break it down you. For movies they give an overview of the

movie, the positive elements, spiritual, sexual, violent, drug and alcohol content. It also tells you if crude or profane language was used, which ones and how many times it was used. They also tell you the other negative elements about the movie and their conclusion about the movie.

For TV Shows, if you are looking for a certain show just click on the Alphabet the title would begin with. They tell you what episodes it reviewed and if your children should be watching or not and why they should or should not be watching it.

For music they tell you about what kind of music it is, who reviewed the music and they also talk about the pro-social, objectionable content and a Summary advisory.

Plugged in online is a Focus on the family publication designed to help equip parents, youth leaders, ministers and teens with the essential tools that will enable them to understand, navigate and impact the culture in which they live.



You are cordially invited

To

**“A Sweet Sentiments”
Spring Tea**

**May 12, 2007
12:00 noon to 2:30pm**

**Bring your favorite tea cup
Tickets \$10.00 per person**

Hosted by “The Ways and Means Committee” of St. James

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Because Jesus is God, He conquered death and rose from the grave. Through Adam everyone inherits death. But now, through Jesus, we are all offered eternal life.

Corner

Jesus Goes to Jerusalem

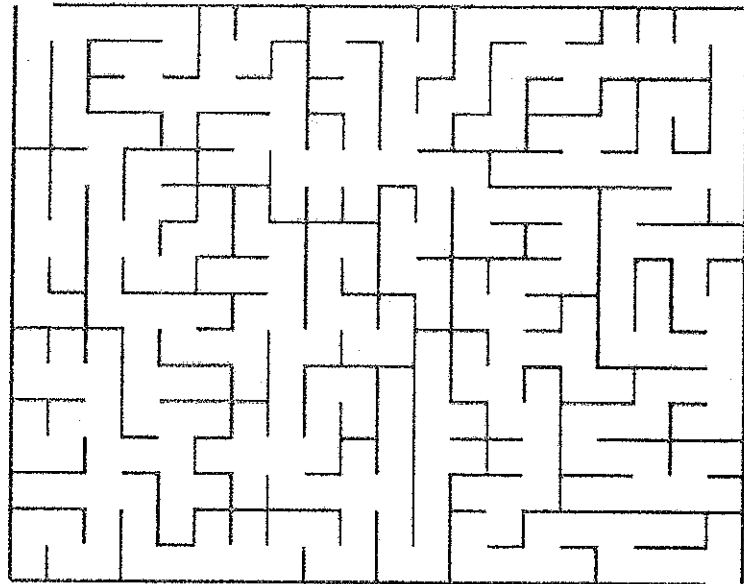
Matthew 21:1-11 (NIV)

Jesus had been ministering to the people for 3 1/2 years now. During that time he preached to the people that they should seek God and His Kingdom, performed many miracles and healed many people. Now he realized the time had come to lay down his life for the world as their Savior. He wished to go to Jerusalem for the Passover and he knew that if he did he put himself in danger. You can read in Matthew 18:17-19 what he prophesied would happen to him.

The people loved Jesus, and as he approached Jerusalem on the back of a donkey colt, they rejoiced to see him. Read Matthew 21:6-9 (NIV) to see what they did and said and fill in the blanks below.

"Hosanna to the _____ of _____!"
 _____ is he who comes in the _____ of the _____!
 " _____ in the highest!"

When Jesus arrived at Jerusalem he went to the Temple. Lead him there through the maze.



Children say the funniest things

*After the christening of his baby brother in church,
 Jason sobbed all the way home in the back seat of the car.
 His father asked him three times what was wrong.*

*Finally, the boy replied,
 "That preacher said he wanted us brought up in a Christian home,
 and I want to stay with you guys."*

SIGHT AND SOUND THEATRE DAY TRIP

"MIRACLE OF CHRISTMAS"

On December 1st we will be hosting a day trip to Lancaster, PA to the Sight and Sound Millennium Theatre to see "Miracle of Christmas". A bus will take us from Indian Head to Lancaster and home again.

The moment we catch sight of the state of the art majestic Millennium Theatre rising on the horizon, we'll enjoy and experience of unprecedented excellence – exquisitely detailed inside and out.

The miraculous day when God became man, we'll experience the "Miracle of Christmas," and rediscover the true meaning of the season. If we arrive early (and we plan to) we'll be able to visit a first century stable with live animals and shepherds. Then, we can treat ourselves to specially made seasonal goodies, and delight in elaborate Christmas lights and decorations centered around a glittering 30-foot high "angel" tree.

When the show begins, we'll follow the extraordinary journey of Mary and Joseph as they travel the lonely road to Bethlehem, and in a lowly stable, give birth to the Savior of the world. With majestic flying angels, live and animatronics animals, spectacular sets on a 300 foot wrap around stage, stunning special effects and a soaring musical score we will witness a scene sure to touch our hearts.

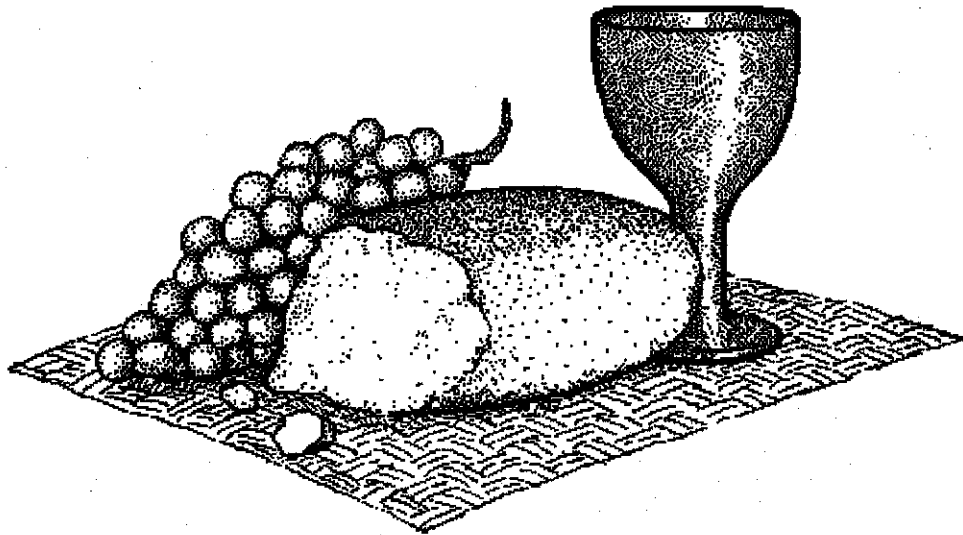
The bus will leave Indian Head approximately 9:00 a.m., we will travel to Lancaster and eat our bag lunches, see the show and then stop on the way home for a bite to eat.

We are trying to keep the cost as low as possible to enable as many people as wish to go, to do so. If possible, the cost may be lower if we can discount the bus.

Cost per person for the show and bus is: \$70.00 per adult
\$48.00 teens (13-18)
\$36.00 children (12-3)

Sign-up with a deposit of half your cost is due by April 1st to allow us to purchase enough seats, and good ones. The remainder will be due Oct. 1st. Sign-up sheet is on the board in the hallway, checks should be made to St. James with PA trip in the memo. Checks can be given to Barbara Prasser, Mittie Buchanan or Sharyn Gantt.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS
GOOD NEWS JAIL & PRISON MINISTRY
Prayer Breakfast



Where: Hughesville Baptist Church
8505 Leonardtown Rd.
Hughesville, Maryland 20637

When: Saturday, March 24, 2007

Time: 8:00 to 9:30 A.M.

Tickets: \$10 per person

Inspirational Testimony by Former Inmate

A tax deductible free will offering will be taken

Contact John Lewis at 301.645.2208 for tickets/reservations.


Corned Beef, Ham, and Cabbage Dinner



Saturday March 17th
3 - 6 PM

St. Patrick's Day is here, you see.
We'll pick some shamrocks, one, two, three.
We'll count the leaves and look them over,
And maybe find a four-leafed clover.
I'll sew green buttons on my vest,
Green for St. Patrick is the best.
I'll wear a green hat, very high,
And dance a jig--at least I'll try!

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
25 11:30 AM Admin/Communication Committee 5:00 PM Children's Choir Practice	26 10:30 AM Women's Group	27 7:00 PM Vestry Meeting	28 8:00 PM AA Meeting	1 7:30 PM Choir Practice 8:00 PM NA Meeting	2	3
4 11:30 AM ECW Meeting 5:00 PM Children's Choir Practice	5 10:30 AM Women's Group	6 7:00 PM Buildings and Grounds Committee	7 8:00 PM AA Meeting	8 6:00 PM Newcomers/Welcoming Committee 7:30 PM Choir Practice 8:00 PM NA Meeting	9 4:00 PM Vestry Retreat	10 Spring Retreat 8:00 AM Vestry Retreat
11 5:00 PM Children's Choir Practice	12 10:30 AM Women's Group	13 7:00 PM Vestry Officer's Meeting	14 6:30 PM Finance Committee 8:00 PM AA Meeting	15 7:30 PM Choir Practice 8:00 PM NA Meeting	16	17  3:00 PM Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner
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