



# St. James' Notes



March 2018



*Empowered by the Holy Spirit to be faithful disciples of Jesus, St. James' serves as a beacon of God's love and as a caring Christian family for the community, the nation and the world by seeking to restore all to unity with God and one another and by proclaiming the Good News through worship, witness, education, fellowship and service.*

**St. James' Episcopal Church at Mount Vernon**  
A parish church in the Episcopal Diocese of Virginia and member of the worldwide Anglican Communion.



Dear People of St. James',

This year Lent began on Valentine's Day, and it will end on April Fool's Day. The last time that Ash Wednesday was on February 14 AND Easter was on April 1 was in 1945.

This unusual conjunction of dates has shaped how I've approached my Lent this year.

February 14 is the day we ask others to be our Valentine, and we let them know how we love them. Ash Wednesday is the day when we remember how we have fallen short of loving God, and we recommit ourselves to our love of him.

April 1 is a day of unexpected pranks and laughter. What better day to celebrate Easter, another day when we rejoice in what was unexpected—Jesus' resurrection!

Each day during this Lent, I have been asking God to be my Valentine. I am remembering to tell him that I love him, and I have been trying to show him that I love him by doing things that please him.

And on Easter, I look forward to sharing a day of surprised joy!

In Christ,  
Charles+



## Yard Sale April 28 ~ Collecting Now!



Clean out your closets, rummage in your attics, find out what's stored under the bed and donate your items for the Annual St. James' Yard Sale. Sale date is April 28 (rain date is May 5). Collection bins are in the Gallery and Braxton Hall. Large items are accepted, but please wait until the week before to bring. (No adult clothing.) Items that sell well: baby items, toys, house wares, house décor, kitchen items, jewelry, accessories, tools, wood furniture and collectibles. We need volunteers to help price, set up, work the sale and clean up. Questions? Contact Marghe Bowker, Cheryl Viani or Laurie doCarmo. Thank you!

## New Windows Have Been Installed!

We have new windows in Braxton Hall, the kitchen, the bathroom, and the baby room for the preschool and storage area. Thanks to our 60th Anniversary Campaign for the funding, and Ben Justesen for his organizing. These are energy-efficient double-paned windows and match the windows in the rest of the building. They are bright and shiny!



# St. James' Episcopal Church at Mount Vernon

## The Diocese of Virginia

The Rt. Rev. Shannon S. Johnston  
Diocesan Bishop

The Rt. Rev. Susan E. Goff  
Bishop Suffragan

The Rt. Rev. Edwin F. "Ted" Gulick Jr.  
Assistant Bishop

The Rev. Charles F. Brock  
Rector

## Staff

Jenny Kennedy  
Parish Administrator

Alan Moser  
Director of Music

## Vestry

Ray Smith (2019)  
Senior Warden, Admin/Finance  
Plant & Property

Mary Bramley (2019)  
Jr. Warden

Diana Courtney (2021)  
Youth Christian Education/Activities

Ben Justesen (2020)  
Adult Christian Education

Rosemarie Richard (2020)  
Parish Events

Peggy Rudesheim (2019)  
Publicity, Growth & Evangelism

John Thompson (2021)  
Mission & Outreach

Mary Jane Van den Berg (2021)  
Parish Family

Mike Morgan  
Treasurer

Marge Smith  
Register

## Trustees

Peg Iber  
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Ray Smith

## Thank you for Assisting in Worship During Holy Week

|                | March 28, 7:30pm        | March 29, 7:30pm       |
|----------------|-------------------------|------------------------|
|                | Maundy Thursday         | Good Friday            |
| Celebrant      | The Rev. Charles Brock  | The Rev. Charles Brock |
| Vestry Person  | Ray Smith               | Ray Smith              |
| Welcoming Team | Ray Smith               | Marge Smith            |
| Ushers         | Ray & Marge Smith       | Bob & Mary Blair       |
| Chalice        | Bill Iber               |                        |
| Lesson 1       | Bob Fitz                | David Batcheller       |
| Lesson 2       | Peg Iber                | Janet Fallin           |
| Prayers        | John Thompson           |                        |
| Sacraments     | Barbara Riley, Peg Iber |                        |
| Acolyte        | TBA                     |                        |
| Organist       | Alan Moser              | Alan Moser             |
| Counter        | Ray Smith               | Marge Smith            |
| Altar Guild    | Viani Team              | Viani Team             |

## Bulletin Board



### St. James' Next

St. James' Next will have its monthly meeting on Sunday, March 25, after the 10:15am Worship service in the back classrooms. St. James' Next is a group for young adults and families with young children. Contact Mary Bramley (703) 629-9158 if you have questions.

### Book Club Meets Next on March 8

The Book Club meets the 2nd Thursday of every month at 1:00pm in the church library. Our book is **The Guernsey Literary & Potato Peel Society** by M. A. Shaffer. Next month we read **The Delight of Being Ordinary: A Road Trip with the Pope and the Dalai Lama** by Roland Merullo and we meet April 12. Hope to see you there!

### Save the Date!

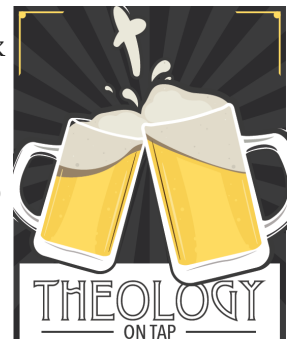
Our Shrine Mont Weekend Away is July 6 to July 8. This is a wonderful time



### Theology on Tap

Join us for Theology on Tap on Wednesday, March 14, at 6pm. We will be meeting at Del Ray Pizzeria, Belle Haven, at 1401 Belle Haven

Road where we will grab a drink and some food and explore issues and topics related to faith. At our first meeting, we took a deeper dive into the season of Epiphany and shared stories and experiences as related to us. For more information, contact Andrew Brown at [brownad3@gmail.com](mailto:brownad3@gmail.com) Hope to see you there and bring a friend!



## Sunday Suppers in Lent

Join us on Sunday evenings during Lent for a simple supper of soup and salad, followed by a short program, and concluding with Compline. Supper will be served at 5pm, and the program will begin at 5:30. We aim to finish each evening by 6:30pm. Childcare offered.

### Sunday, March 4 "The Jesus Movement"

Michael Curry is focused on our enthusiastic participation in the Jesus movement. What does this mean for us?

### Sunday, March 11 "Becoming the Beloved Community"

The Beloved Community is Michael Curry's response to the growth of racial and ethnic divisiveness in our country. What is the Beloved Community, and how are we part of it?

### Sunday, March 18 "Hallelujah! The Easter Story in Handel's Messiah"

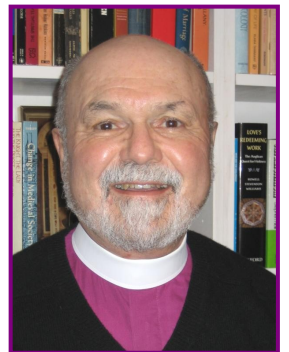
Alan Moser returns to open our ears to hear and appreciate the less familiar parts of Handel's famous oratorio.

## News From the Diocese

### The Rt. Rev. Robert Ihloff Called as Bishop Associate for the Diocese of Virginia

The Rt. Rev. Shannon S. Johnston is pleased to announce his appointment of the Rt. Rev. Robert Ihloff as Bishop Associate in the Diocese of Virginia. Bishop Ihloff served as the Bishop of Maryland from 1995 until his retirement in 2007. He will provide key support to the Diocese during the transition between Bishop Ted Gulick's retirement at the end of 2017 and the election of a second Bishop Suffragan later this year.

"I have long admired Bishop Ihloff's work in the Diocese of Maryland and in the broader Church," said Bishop Johnston, "and I know how valuable his skills and gifts will be to our Diocese during this time of transition. Bob is both a strong leader and a model of humility. Also, he is a compelling combination of optimism and straight-talk, in which each of those qualities is strengthened by the other one. He is eager to get started, and I am eager to welcome him."



Like Bishop Gulick, Bishop Ihloff (pronounced Ee-loff) will work out of the diocesan office in Northern Virginia. He will make Sunday visitations and provide support to clergy and congregations across the Diocese.

"Because my favorite ministries are preaching, teaching, and working with parishes on issues of mission and congregational development, and because I find it humbling and exciting to work with clergy on discerning their roles in ministry, I am excited about assisting as a Bishop in Virginia," said Bishop Ihloff. "Virginia is a very healthy diocese with fine leadership. Over my years in neighboring Maryland, I have come to appreciate the ways in which the Diocese of Virginia models mission and ministry, and I feel privileged to share a small role in that ministry as your Bishop Associate."

Bishop Ihloff's first day on the job is March 11. Please join Bishop Shannon in welcoming him to the Diocese of Virginia!



# Prayers



## March Birthdays

- 1 Andrew Richard
- 2 Suzanne King
- 2 Douglas Smith
- 3 Mike Nostrand
- 6 Barbara Riley
- 8 Penny Norman
- 13 McKayla Braden
- 15 Anne Stinson
- 23 Amber Tyler
- 24 Sara Thompson
- 27 Zachary Thompson



## Happy Anniversary

- March 6, 1965 Ray & Marge Smith  
March 14, 1952 George & Mary Ann Holthaus  
March 17, 1961 Elliot & Barbara Tucker

We pray for strength, guidance and healing for:  
Esther, Muriel Sue, Kathey, Bob, Paula, Arlene,  
Melissa, Bryan, Phil, Sara, and John.

## We Want to Include You

If you don't see your birthday or anniversary listed here, please let us know so that we can include you. You may email to [office@stjamesmv.org](mailto:office@stjamesmv.org) or call (703) 780-3081. Thanks!



# Mission & Outreach

## First Quarter Mission 2018

Please join us in giving to the Episcopal Relief and Development "Gifts for Life" fund. Your donations will help needy families across the world alleviate hunger and be able to grow their own food. Make your checks payable to St. James' Episcopal Church, noting what gift you would like to give in the memo line, and place your check in the offering plate on Sunday. Or drop it in the mail to the church office. We'll tabulate all, combine partial gifts, and announce the results of our campaign in April.



\$15 will provide nourishment for one child supporting tomorrow's minds today.

\$35 will provide a family with life's most basic necessity - clean water.

\$35 will provide care for a vulnerable mom and her baby.

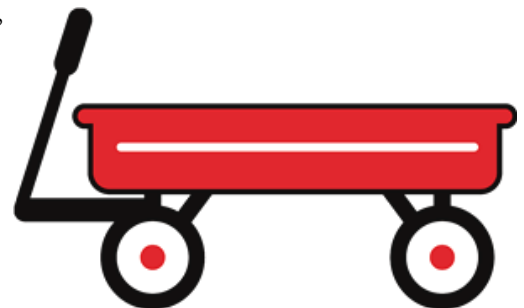
\$80 will provide a family in need with a goat. A goat can provide a family with a stable source of food and earnings.

## Rising Hope Food Pantry

Thank you for your continued support of Rising Hope Food Pantry! As always, your contributions to the Red Wagon are always greatly appreciated and greatly needed.

**Food Pantry Needs:** Canned meats, pasta, soup, rice, dry beans, canned tomato products, Canned vegetables, fruits, beans, cereal, powdered drink mix, coffee, tea, peanut butter, jelly, salad dressing, and dish soap

**Emergency Family Needs:** Men, women and children's clothing for Clothing Closet, toothpaste, deodorant, walking shoes/boots, sneakers, gift cards for food





# Choir Notes

Dear St. James' Friends,

In the Ash Wednesday liturgy, we are reminded of the tradition of the Church is to prepare for the joyous days of Eastertide by observing a season of penitence and fasting that we call Lent. It is the time of preparation for those about to be baptized and of reconciliation and renewal for those of us who have strayed from our own baptismal vows. In the invitation of that service, we are called to observe "a holy Lent, by self-examination and repentance; by prayer, fasting, and self-denial; and by reading and meditating on God's holy Word."



More than just being a repository of useful hymns, the *Hymnal 1982* ("H82") is intended as a companion to the *Book of Common Prayer* ("BCP") to support and enhance our worship. H82 includes eleven hymns in thirteen settings in its Lent section. They are not the only hymns that might be sung during Lent, but are especially pertinent to the season. It is interesting to me to note some parallels between these hymns and the BCP's Lenten invitation:

- ◇ they are ancient – 6 of 11 are 400+ years old, 2 more are from the 19<sup>th</sup> Century.
- ◇ they call us to self-examination, or penitence, or preparation for a more Godly life
- ◇ they include meditation on God's word in the recall of Jesus' trials and the Psalms.

I invite you to pick up H82 and leaf through hymns 140-152 as part of your own Lenten devotions. Perhaps the very inspiration you are seeking is at your fingertips, or on the tip of your singing tongue. May you be mindful of the hope and healing that is promised. I wish you a confident, solemn, hopeful Lent.

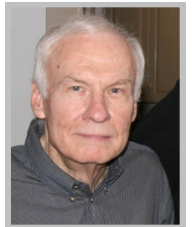
Soli Deo gloria,

*Alan Moser*

## From the Senior Warden

Things are off to a good start this year at St. James'. The members of the Vestry have been given their areas of responsibility and are enthusiastic about their opportunity to serve St. James' and our Lord.

Since Lent and Easter are early this year, does that mean we can expect early spring weather? Probably not, this is just wishful thinking on my part. On Shrove Tuesday, we had our own little "Mardi Gras." As in the past, the pancakes were delicious and the talent show was lots of fun. It was an enjoyable evening where our talented folks and folks like me who are just good sports had an opportunity to entertain.



I am writing this article before the Lenten Series of Sunday evening suppers and programs have started. When I read the list of programs, my first thought was how interesting all the programs sounded. I do hope you will be able to attend our Lenten programs.

Our participation and willingness to serve are what make St. James' the vital church we love.

Thanks be to God.

*Ray Smith*



*The Brotherhood Sang!*



*Music was played!*



*Pancakes were served! Yum!*

# Schedule of Ministry ~ March 4 to April 1

|                       | March 4                       | March 11                      | March 18                            | March 25                      | April 1                |
|-----------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------|
|                       | Lent 3                        | Lent 4                        | Lent 5                              | Palm Sunday                   | Easter                 |
| <b>Celebrant</b>      | The Rev. Charles Brock        | The Rev. Charles Brock        | The Rev. Dr. Richard Jones          | The Rev. Charles Brock        | The Rev. Charles Brock |
| <b>Vestry Person</b>  | Diana Courtney                | Mary Bramley                  | Ben Justesen                        | Rosemarie Richard             | Peggy Rudesheim        |
| <b>Welcoming Team</b> | Liz Mueller                   | Peggy Rudesheim               | Ellen Cleary                        | Laurie doCarmo                | All                    |
| <b>Ushers</b>         | Mike Morgan                   | Peg Iber                      | Wayne Johnson                       | Mike Morgan                   | Ray Smith              |
|                       | Fred Rudesheim                | Ellen Cleary                  | Chad Duffield                       | Barbara Riley                 | Marge Smith            |
|                       | 8:00am                        | 8:00am                        | 8:00am                              | 8:00am                        | 8:00am                 |
| <b>Chalice</b>        | Morning Prayer                | Morning Prayer                | Morning Prayer                      | Stan Dawson                   | Paul Vivian            |
| <b>Lector</b>         | David Batcheller              | Agnes Chapman                 | Janet Fallin                        | Vicky Vivian                  | David Batcheller       |
| <b>Psalm</b>          | Stan Dawson                   | Paul Vivian                   | Stan Dawson                         | Stan Dawson                   | Paul Vivian            |
| <b>Prayers</b>        | Diana Courtney                | Mary Bramley                  | Ben Justesen                        | Rosemarie Richard             | Peggy Rudesheim        |
|                       | 10:00am                       | 10:00am                       | 10:00am                             | 10:00am                       | 10:00am                |
| <b>Sunday School</b>  | Mark Braden<br>McKayla Braden | Andrew Brown<br>Ally Brown    | Andrew Richard<br>Rosemarie Richard | Heidi Brock<br>Diana Courtney | No Sunday School       |
|                       | 10:15am                       | 10:15am                       | 10:15am                             | 10:15am                       | 10:15am                |
| <b>Chalice</b>        | Peg Iber                      | Mary Blair                    | Mary Bramley                        | Bob Fitz                      | Peg Iber               |
| <b>Lesson 1</b>       | Mary Lowe                     | John Thompson                 | Mary Lowe                           | Suzanne Synnestvedt           | Cheryl Nostrand        |
| <b>Psalm</b>          | Sung                          | Sung                          | Sung                                | Sung                          | Bob Fitz               |
| <b>Lesson 2</b>       | Peg Iber                      | Ryan Duffield                 | Bill Iber                           | Aiden Kohler                  | Ben Justesen           |
| <b>Prayers</b>        | Suzanne Synnestvedt           | Bob Blair                     | James Eustis                        | Mike Morgan                   | Suzanne Synnestvedt    |
| <b>Sacraments</b>     | Taylor Family                 | Mark Braden<br>McKayla Braden | Lowe Family                         | Heidi Brock<br>Diana Courtney | Taylor Family          |
| <b>Acolyte</b>        | Amber Tussing                 | Elizabeth Lowman              | Ryan Duffield                       | Chris Marbaker                | Aiden Kohler           |
| <b>Organist</b>       | Alan Moser                    | Alan Moser                    | Alan Moser                          | Alan Moser                    | Alan Moser             |
| <b>Counter</b>        | Nancy Sherick                 | Jane Wosoogh                  | Wayne Johnson                       | Marge Smith                   | Nancy Sherick          |
| <b>Altar Guild</b>    | Viani Team                    | Viani Team                    | Viani Team                          | Viani Team                    | Iber Team              |
| <b>Snack</b>          | Brown Family                  | Brock Family                  |                                     |                               |                        |

*See page 2 for those Assisting for Maundy Thursday and Good Friday Services.*

# March 2018

## EVERY WEEK at St. James' Episcopal Church

| SUNDAY   | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY   | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY     |
|--|--------|---------|---|----------|--------|--------------|
| 8:00a Holy Eucharist Rite I<br>9:00 Adult Forum<br>10:00 Sunday School<br>10:15a Holy Eucharist Rite II<br>11:30a Coffee |        |         | 11a Bible Study<br>12p Holy Eucharist with Healing<br>12:30p Lunch<br>6:30p Choir<br>8:30p AA Mtg |          |        | 8:30p AA Mtg |

## THIS MONTH at St. James' Episcopal Church

| SUNDAY   | MONDAY | TUESDAY          | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY  | FRIDAY   | SATURDAY                        |
|--|--------|------------------|-----------|---|--|---------------------------------|
| 25 February<br>Lent 2<br><br>5pm Sunday Supper<br>(see page 3)   | 26     | 27               | 28        | 1 March<br>10:30a Rising Hope Lunch Ministry  | 2  | 3                               |
| 4 March<br>Lent 3<br><br>5pm Sunday Supper<br>(see page 3)   | 5      | 6                | 7         | 8<br>10:30a Rising Hope Lunch Ministry<br><br>1pm Book Club                             | 9  | 10<br>8am Brotherhood Breakfast |
| 11 March<br>Lent 4<br><br>5pm Sunday Supper<br>(see page 3) | 12     | 13<br><br>Vestry | 14        | 15  | 16   | 17                              |
| 18 March<br>Lent 5<br><br>5pm Sunday Supper<br>(see page 3)  | 19     | 20               | 21        | 22  | 23   | 24                              |
| 25 March<br>Palm Sunday  | 26     | 27               | 28        | 29<br>Maundy Thursday<br>7:30pm Holy Eucharist, Foot Washing and Stripping of the Altar | 30<br>Good Friday<br>12pm Stations of the Cross<br>7:30pm Proper Liturgy for Good Friday | 31                              |
| 1 April<br>Easter Sunday   | 2      | 3                | 4         | 5<br>10:30a Rising Hope Lunch Ministry  | 6  | 7                               |

Please always check the online calendar for the most up-to-date event information. Go to our website at [www.stjamesmv.org](http://www.stjamesmv.org) and click on Online Calendar. If you would like to add an event to the calendar, please contact the Parish Office.



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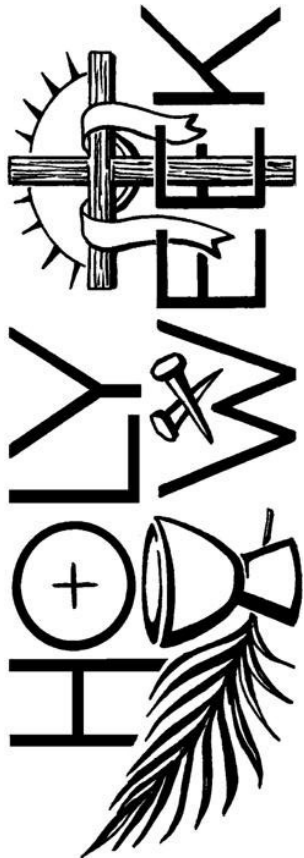


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**Palm Sunday**

March 25 8:00am and 10:15am  
Holy Eucharist with Liturgy of the Palms

**Maundy Thursday**

March 29 7:30pm  
Holy Eucharist, Foot Washing and Striping of the Altar

**Good Friday**

March 30  
12:00pm Stations of the Cross (outside, weather permitting)  
7:30pm Proper Liturgy for Good Friday

**Easter Sunday**

April 1 8:00am and 10:15am  
Celebration of the Resurrection  
Easter Egg Hunt and Reception following 10:15am service

