

St. James Louisa Weekly Update February 14-21, 2021

Our Commitment: Walk in love with God



Ash Wednesday

Join us tomorrow for one of two Ash Wednesday services.

We approach Lent once again with a determination to observe this season as a time for self-examination, repentance, and the renewal of our relationships with one another and with God.

Ash Wednesday will look different this year - we will hold two services via Zoom- please join us as you are able.

Topic: Ash Wednesday Noon Service
Time: Feb 17, 2021 12:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88511715234?pwd=aXJsdSs5TFNFQmlORTQyRmdsTi9WZz09

Topic: Ash Wednesday 7:00 p.m. Service Time: Feb 17, 2021 07:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

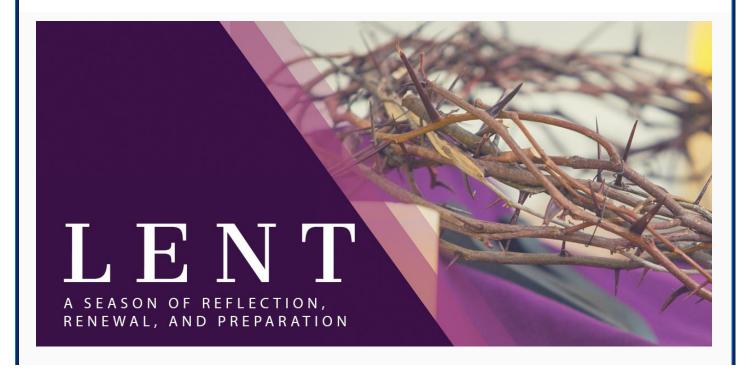
Join Zoom Meeting

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While devoutly cherished, the imposition of ashes is an optional portion of the Ash Wednesday liturgy, which includes in its richness the exposition of the Gospel; the powerful Lenten exhortation; and the penitential outpouring of Psalm 51 and the Litany.

The Bishop has provided provisions for you to impose ashes on yourself, or someone in your household can do it for you if you should desire. You may use your own ashes (olive oil mixed in may help the ashes to "stick"), or we have prepared bags of ashes for you should you desire to pick up a small bag from the church. They are outside the office on the bench.

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This year for our Lenten Study we will be using selections from "How Lovely the Ruins- Inspirational Poems and Words for Difficult Times", by Anne Chagnot

Selections will be sent out prior for you to use should you desire to purchase the book you can.

The study will be offered via Zoom each Wednesday of Lent beginning at 7:00 p.m.

Join Zoom Meeting

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83893067771?pwd=eUhpRIN0WXA2eGNhQIRhejhXL1BUdz09

The first study will be Wednesday February 24th, 2021 and will run for every Wednesday during Lent.

The poems for this coming week are:

Lines for Winter, by Mark Strand

https://www.poetryfoundation.org/poems/50977/lines-for-winter

The Thing Is, by Ellen Bass https://www.poetryfoundation.org/poems/151844/the-thing-is

The links above should take you to the poems. Please read and print them out before study so you have them with you.



Stations of the Cross

From ancient times, Christians have made pilgrimages to holy places. In the medieval period, when pilgrimage to Jerusalem was popular, people there began to walk the traditional path

Jesus took from his arrest to his passion and death. Because not everyone could travel to Jerusalem, the church began to offer local pilgrimage liturgies—the Way of the Cross.

Moving from station to station, following the events in the words of scripture and letting the prayers draw us into the narrative, we are given the opportunity to understand something of Christ's passion and our involvement in it. The movement and the events are the heart of the Way (or Stations) of the Cross.

Virginia Theological Seminary has made the Stations of the Cross available to us this season of Lent. I encourage you to consider clicking on the link below on Fridays during Lent and observing the Stations as part of your spiritual practice.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=d7N6dqNV3Wk&feature=youtu.be

https://buildfaith.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/02/The-Way-of-the-Cross-Discussion-Guide.pdf

Lent is a time to reflect upon ourselves and our lives. The above guide and video you may find helpful for your journey.

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https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89840906834?pwd=ZndjTkxQcHEwM21UYmpnUDUyNGEyQT09

Confirmation & Reception

Confirmation is a sacramental rite in the Episcopal Church in which a person "expresses a mature commitment to Christ" - it is an affirmation of your commitment and belief.

Confirmation Classes continue on the following dates:

Sunday, February 21 3:00 p.m.- 4:00 p.m. Sunday, February 28 3:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m. Sunday, March 7 3:00 p.m. -4:00 p.m.

You are encouraged to attend all of the classes.

Please let Rev. Jennifer know if you are interested in attending. Jenniferlazzuri@aol.com



Sunday Services February 21 & 28

Services will be pre-recorded.

A link will be emailed on Sunday mornings @ 9:00 am.

You may also go to our website for links to the YouTube and service bulletin.

Important Change to Worship Schedule

Due to rapid increase in the number of Covid-19 cases, the Diocese of Virginia has required us to temporarily suspend all in person worship, including outdoor services. Sunday worship will continue as a weekly virtual worship service on YouTube.

Thank you for your care and understanding in keeping our community safe.



Morning Prayer via Zoom

Join us each Wednesday for Morning Prayer

February 17th at 8 a.m. via Zoom

This is a great way to connect and begin your day!

Join Zoom Meeting

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88108812275



Join us for Adult Bible Study each Sunday beginning at 4:00 pm. It is not mandatory to attend each week, we ask that you join us when you can. On Feb. 21st our discussion will be on *Genesis 17: 1-7, 15-16; Romans 4:13-25; Mark 8:31-38*

Join Zoom Meeting

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81969779916

Meeting ID: 819 6977 9916



Sanctuary Renovation

Sanctuary renewal has begun. The pews and organ have been removed and work on the floors will begin. We are asking that the Parish Hall be off limits from everyone to insure the safety of the organ and pipes, as this is where they are being stored during the renovation. Thank you!

If you would like to make a contribution specifically for this endeavor, simply note "Sanctuary Renovation" in the memo line of your check. All of our gifts are deeply appreciated.



Mark your calendar for Sunday, **March 21st, at 2:00 pm**. This is the tentative date we have chosen to hold our Annual Parish Meeting outside on the church lawn. Please make plans to attend. We will provide more information and confirm the date as it draws near.



Tuesday, February 16

9:00 am - 4:00 pm - Office Hours

4:00 pm - Clergy Online Meeting

Wednesday, February 17

8:00 am - Morning Prayer via ZOOM

9:00 am - 4:00 pm - Office Hours

12:00 pm & 7:00 pm - Ash Wednesday Services via ZOOM

Thursday, February 18

9:00 am - 4:00 pm - Office Hours

1:00 pm - Clergy Class with Bishop Porter

Sunday, February 21

First Sunday in Lent

9:00 am - Link to pre-recorded service available

3:00 pm - Confirmation Class via ZOOM

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4:00 pm - Adult Bible Study via ZOOM

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Please Keep In Your Prayers

We know the list is long, but please hold our friends and family in your prayers.

"O Father of mercies and God of all comfort, our only help in time of need: We humbly ask thee to behold, visit and relieve they sick servants, for whom our prayers are desired..."

Alex Dockum, Holly Kane, Marie Farrell, Howard Scheurenbrand, Carol Coleman, Christine Southard, Susan Zamski, Nancy Miller, Raymond Bull, Joan Brennan, Mary Schumacher, Randy Vasold, Debbie Jones, Linda Parker, Johnny Lynch, Chuck Reeder, Scott Harris, Tim Courtney, Beblon Parks, Mary Holly Bigelow

For those affected by COVID-19:

Thomas Newton, Mary Ellis

For those who serve in the armed forces, including:

Zachary Lynch, Kelsey Brewer, Katie Morgan, Teri Boivin, Holly-Ann Hess, Nicholas Boivin, and Jon Geiser

For the Deceased:

Paul Kern

For Those Celebrating Birthdays & Anniversaries This Month:

14-Errol Flynn, Jim Brickey; 22-Tom Farrell; 23-Jon & Stephanie Koren; 26-Jill Schumacher

And In Thanksgiving for the birth of Kinley Frith to Jonathan & Kristin Frith. Kinley's grandparents are Greg & Patty Madison and the very proud Great Grandmother is Carol Coleman!! Congratulations and we look forward to meeting Kinley!!

Have something to add to the weekly update?

The deadline to submit information for the update and bulletin is Mondays by noon for the following week. Please send the who, what, when, and why of your news by email to stjameslouisa@outlook.com

Current Vestry Members:

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