

The BELLS of St. JAMES



news, inspiration,
and opportunities
for ministry

Message from Mother Pat **The week after**

This is the *week after* the Resurrection, the *week after* the filming, the *week after* my last day at St. James, the *week after*....

St. Augustine once described the difference between our experience of time and God's experience as the feeling of being stretched among past, present, and future. For us, time is like singing a song and being caught among recalling what we just sang, singing the words in the moment, and anticipating the words to come.

It's difficult to navigate time while being held in God's eternal timelessness. On the one hand, we try to hold onto what was and we attempt to re-create the moment for ourselves, for others, or for our church or the nation. But on the other, we give up because we are confronted by complex issues, or we find that to re-create something from our memories just does not work. Change is inevitable.

Perhaps instead of trying to re-capture a moment, we might think about life, as one writer says,

... as a great river of being within God's life. While what was, what is, and what will be might feel segmented; in truth they are tethered and braided together, flowing like drops moving and twisting in a river. In a way, I don't need to know the specifics. I need to embrace the movement. I simply need to listen, to feel, to swim, to let the current move me and discover the subtle ways I can conform my life to move with it

(Excerpted from "Stretched between life's verses" by Brian Bantum, professor of theology, in Christian Century, Dec. 2024, p. 33.)

I don't know what the future holds, but I know that God holds all time past, present, and future in one. Everything and everyone and every moment of time are eternally present to God. God is eternally holding every

Thursday

April 24, 2025

UPCOMING EVENTS



April 27 Sunday
Services of Morning Prayer
with choir
8a+ 10:30a

April 28 Monday
evening prayer service
Feast of St. Mark
6:30p

April 30 Wednesday
evening prayer service
6:30p

May 1 Thursday
evening prayer service for
the Feast of Saints Philip
and James
6:30p

May 3 Tuesday
St. Anne's Chapter
Hope for the Gentiles in
Mark, part II
10a

May 4 Sunday
Rite I
8a
+
Rite II with choir
10:30a

Mother Mariclaire's first
Sunday with us
+
May Retta Daze event

moment, every day, and every week. *Kairos* time, God's time, is beyond and outside of our chronological time. That is why we can rest assured that those we loved, those we see now in this life, and those yet to be born are all known to God. The Psalmist reminds us that God knows us before we were born and Jesus shows us that we are the beloved of God.

Thank you for the wonderful, funny, and perfect party and send-off event last Sunday. I will miss you all. My parrot umbrella will travel with me as a reminder of our time together. Stay safe and continue to do God's work.

Blessings, Mother Pat+

parking for St. James is free if you park before 11a
+

The Bishop comes to celebrate this year's graduates throughout the Diocese of Atlanta

4p

May 11 Sunday Mother's Day

Rite I

8a

+

Rite II with choir

10:30a

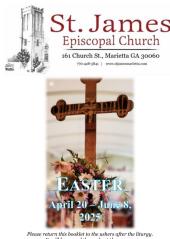
with recognition of our graduates

Livestream HQ - Links & Booklets for Worship at Home

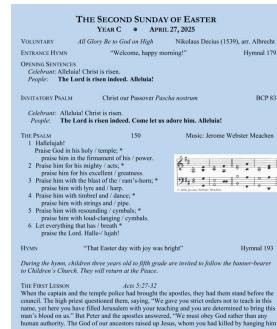


10:30 Service On Line
Click on "live" to see a service live or archived.

[Link
to livestream
on YouTube](#)



Easter Season Worship Booklet
contains prayers, service music, and responses that we will use from Easter Sunday to June 8.
[Download
Worship Booklet](#)



The Service Bulletin, updated weekly, contains lessons, hymn numbers, and announcements: items that change each Sunday.
[Download the Service Bulletin](#)

With Grateful Hearts: Thank You for a Glorious Easter at St. James *a message from the Senior Warden*

Alleluia! What a beautiful and spirit-filled celebration we shared this Easter weekend! From the solemn joy of Holy Saturday to the radiant light of Easter Sunday, our services were filled with meaning, beauty, and the joyful presence of the risen Christ.

We thank all of you who came to worship. Without the worshipers, the work we do to prepare would be incomplete. Everyone is essential to praise God.



(Left) Worshipers took turns bearing the cross through Marietta for the solemn Stations on Good Friday. Photo by John Malsby. (Right) Worshipers at the Vigil, bearing candles lit from the Paschal flame, came to the font to mark the renewal of their baptismal vows.

We give abundant thanks to all who helped make our worship so extraordinary. We thank **Mother Pat** for leading us with deep faith and grace through the mysteries of Holy Week into the joy of resurrection. We thank **Mother Clare Nesmith** for assisting Mother Pat on Easter Sunday.



Left: At the start of the Easter vigil, Mo Pat lit the new Paschal candle with help from Bill Brumby, Tom Jagusch, and the congregation. Right: Photos of the choir at the Vigil, taken by Sue Hannan.

Our heartfelt gratitude to **Dr. Black, Paul Kelly**, our **guest musicians**, and our amazing **choir**—your creativity and musical gifts lifted our worship to new heights. The **Bell Tower ringers** proclaimed the good news to Marietta with a joyous peal at the end of the Vigil. Thank you for offering such a powerful and moving score to our Easter celebrations.



(Left) Dorsie and Jimmy Kuni show their daughters the Alleluia Butterflies on Easter morning. The girls came prepared with bells to ring "alleluia" during the service, flowers for the cross, and baskets for the Easter Egg hunt. (right) Excited children hurried to children's church ahead of Riley with the banner.

We are deeply grateful to **Riley, Natalie, and Melissa** for coordinating our Nursery, Children's Church, the joyous Alleluia Butterflies, and our Easter Egg Hunt. Your care, organization, and love made Easter come alive for our youngest parishioners.

Special thanks to **Erik and Rosemary** for all the behind-the-scenes work that made our campus shine and ensured that we were ready to welcome hundreds of parishioners and guests.

To **Scott**, for your dedication in preparing our many worship materials with such detail and care –thank you for helping us fully enter into the spirit of this most sacred time.

A heartfelt thank-you to the **Altar Guild** for your reverent preparation of our worship spaces and to the **St. James Flower Guild** for the stunning floral arrangements that brought resurrection beauty to every corner of our sanctuary.

We also want to thank our **Gardening and Landscaping Team** for your early April projects that refreshed and beautified our grounds—what a welcome sight for all who visited!



To our faithful **Coffee Hour Team**, thank you for keeping us fed, refreshed, and gathered in joyful fellowship.

And finally, deep thanks to every **Acolyte, Usher, Verger, Reader, Server**, and the

Broadcasting Team—your ministry of presence and service is essential, and your efforts helped everything run smoothly and beautifully.

Truly, Easter at St. James is a community effort, and we are so blessed to be part of such a vibrant, faithful, and generous parish family. Thank you for making this celebration one we will carry in our hearts for seasons to come.

With love and gratitude,

Bill Eubanks, Senior Warden
St. James Episcopal Church

Art for Altar Guild



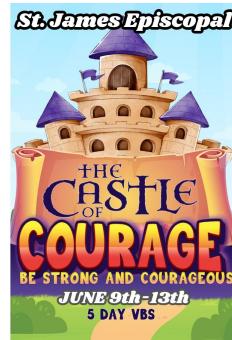
Parishioner Nancy Mitchell has painted a landscape for the renovated Sacristy. Jane Sanders of the Altar Guild sent me this photo of Nancy holding her work, with friends (L-R) Jane Sanders, Jane McGuigan, Ginny Osborne, and Lanie Baxter. Jane McGuigan offered a prayer of thanks and dedication. Nancy has missed coming to church these past few years, but she has watched us online nearly every Sunday.

Children and Youth News

Vacation Bible School June 9-13 The Castle of Courage

To register, scroll down the screen at
<https://www.stjamesmarietta.com/vbs-2025>

To volunteer, go to [VBS Volunteer](#)



Calling out to 2025 Graduates from both College & High School: We want to recognize your achievement and send you off with warm memories of St. James. Please email us a **photo** and short **statement about yourself** -- including your educational career, your plans, and what you will take away from St. James. Email to Riley: youth@stjamesmarietta.com

Graduates from other parishes will be coming here for the **Class of 2025 Celebration** hosted by the Diocese of Atlanta right here at St. James on May 4 at 4p. The service will feature student preacher Max Smith (*St. David's, Roswell*) with Bishop Wright celebrating. Reception to follow in parish hall. No r.s.v.p. necessary for St. James members.

Details are out for the **summer programs at Camp Mikell** in 2025!

Mini Camp **May 23 - 25**, rising 1st and 2nd Graders with parent or guardian
Youth Camp **June 1 - 7**, rising 10th Graders-Just Graduated
Performing Arts Camp **June 8 - 14**, rising 4th-9th Graders
Intermediate Camp **June 21 - 27**, rising 8th and 9th Graders
Junior Camp **June 29 - July 5**, rising 6th and 7th Graders
Kid Camp **July 13 - 19**, rising 3rd-5th Graders
Work Camp **July 21 - 27**, rising 10th Graders-Just Graduated

For information, [click here](#).

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Keep up with the Diocesan Youth Council at <http://eycdioatl.org/>

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Flowers on the altar this Sunday are given to the glory of God by **Sue Hannan**. To dedicate flowers for the altar, sign the registry in the narthex. Ushers can assist you.

Name Tags

Rebecca, Nancy, Kathleen, Kathy, Lloyd & Nancy, Richard & Vicki, and six Mirandas: Look for your name tags in the basket on the communications table by the parish hall.

Need a name tag? Sign up in the same spot. We make them in batches of eight, so please allow some time for your order.

CONFIDENTIAL TO THE SOPRANO WHOSE NAME TAG WENT THROUGH THE LAUNDRY: Yours is in the basket, too.



REMINDERS

Your **pledge** helps the Vestry plan for the year . [Pledge here](#).

The Pantry on Church (a food outreach program at First Presbyterian Church next door) packs and distributes food in our community every Tuesday in partnership with Sweetwater Mission in Austell. Some of us help. Find out how from Lucia Bird luciabird@gmail.com

Prayer list. To receive the prayer list every week, email Cari Edwards elvine@hotmail.com Leave prayer requests in the offering plate or at the desk by the parish office. You can phone in prayer requests 770-428-5841 Mondays through Thursdays, 9-12:30.

Contact Us

*Program staff available via email Sunday - Thursday;
office staff, Monday - Thursday, 9am-3pm*

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Two with Sue: Sue Hannan posed with Wesley, left, and again with Emily & Daniel following the second Easter morning service.

Pulse of the Parish

from Scott Smoot, Communications Director

The Parish Hall crowded with actors and extras getting makeup and costumes, the parking lots full of trucks and cranes, and crew carrying and wheeling things up and down the halls some days from 5:30a to 11p: For parishes less accustomed to the film industry, all this activity might be very exciting. For the people of St. James, it's just another movie week.

But it was the movie people who were excited when a bird flew in the double doors by the parish hall. He took a tour of the halls before resting in the parlor, which had been set up for a scene. This was a major emergency. The little guy bumped his head and left a little smudge of blood on the ceiling tile. He was dizzy awhile, but recovered and flew off to the nave. Someone played bird calls on their phone to entice him out the double red doors. Work suspended until he left of his own volition.

Do you remember when a bird came into the nave on Pentecost? We wondered if it was a sign from the Holy Spirit. But there's also precedent in Psalms 84:3-7, "The sparrow has found a home where she can raise her young, even by your altar, O Lord."

In the parish hall during the hospitality hour on Easter Sunday, someone asked if I knew how to get in touch with Nancy East. I said, "Just go down this hall and you'll find her by the elevator."

It was good to see her back here, with family.



Know any good news items about goings-on in the parish? Share them with me at the [communications](#) desk.

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Thursday
April 17, 2025

UPCOMING EVENTS

TODAY
April 17 Thursday
 Bells greens for Flower
 Guild (Lilacs, Roses,
 Solomon Seal, Yew)
 2-4p
 +
 Maundy Thursday service
 with choir, foot washing,
 final communion before
 Easter, and stripping of the
 altar
 6:30p

April 18 Friday
 Help the Flower Guild to
 fill the church with flowers.
 No experience necessary!
 9a-noon
 +
Stations of the Cross
 noon
 +
**Good Friday service
 and Passion Narrative**
 6:30p

April 19 Saturday
 Flower Guild
 9am-noon
 +
 Holy Saturday
 service 10:30a
 +
 Easter Vigil
 8p

Message from Mother Pat
What now???

By the time you receive this newsletter you may have already heard that I am concluding my time with you at St. James. I have shared mission and ministry with most of you for over two years through good times and through the more trying times of rotten doors, failing furnaces and leaky roofs.

I have loved every moment of my ministry with you and now it is time for us to move on to the new things that God is calling us to do. God is calling me to a new ministry in a new place and God is calling you to a renewed ministry in this place.

Together over this time, we have shared the grief from many deaths in the parish and together we have celebrated baptisms, renewal of marriage vows, and a chance to renew and restart many ministries and worship opportunities.

So what now?
 Well, the Vestry will determine coverage for Sunday, April 27th and Mo. Mariclaire will be with you beginning May 1st. I hope you are excited to start this new phase of work with your new Rector. I am absolutely confident that you are the right people at the right time to move forward in ministry, supporting each other and encouraging each other for the work God gives you. You have done the work to prepare and to call a new Rector; and you have great lay leadership, experienced expert staff, well established ministries, and individuals who are compassionate and willing to take on pastoral roles. Mo. Mariclaire seems like the perfect fit for St. James.

Live into the model of God's abundance and don't be afraid of what is yet to unfold in the future. I leave you with two of my favorite scriptures.

First, "God has given each of you some special abilities; be sure to use them to help each other; passing on to others God's many kinds of blessings." 1 Peter 4:10

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