

The BELLS of St. JAMES

news, inspiration,
and opportunities
for ministry

Message from the Rector Can we top that?

Dear Ones,

What glorious celebrations we had last weekend as we marked our observances of the Feasts of All Saints and of All Souls! The long tables outside the crowded parish hall laden with Low Country Boil delicacies, the booming "We will!" that resonated from the congregation during the baptisms at our 10:30 service, the packed pews in our Lawrence Chapel as the bagpiper droned outside along with the rain for our 4PM All Souls Vigil service- these are the memories that I will treasure from this first big fall weekend at St. James. A big thank you to all who made our festivities and observations possible!

In case you thought we couldn't top the busy-ness of the first weekend of November around here, this Friday and Saturday sees our parish delegates heading with me to the annual Diocese of Atlanta Council, where we will take our share in the councils of the Church and participating in the legislation and administration of our diocese.

The following Sunday, Nov 16th, will be our own Annual Meeting, where we will do the business of our parish like electing vestry members and reviewing our 2026 budget, and hear updates on all of the ministries of the church.

On Nov 23rd we will say farewell to Riley Dugan at coffee hour after the 10:30 service, and he will lead his final Turkey Bowl event with the youth of our EYC.

Then Advent begins on Sunday, Nov 30th, which we will mark with an intergenerational wreath making event in the parish hall between services. Bring your own wreath form from home if you have it, as well as some greens from your yard to share. We will have candles and wreath forms available for those who need them.

Thursday

November 6, 2025

UPCOMING EVENTS

November 9, Sunday

regular schedule

[link to the schedule](#)

+

choir retreat 2.0

12:30p

+

Concert of new music by
choral scholar

Nathaniel Davila

at KSU Bailey Performing
Arts Center

7:30pm

RSVP [at this link](#).



Groceries for neighbors in need

Thanks for Giving
Collections Sundays Nov. 2, 9 & 16



Sundays Nov 9 & 16, we're
collecting groceries
for the needy. [Open flier](#)
[with list of needs](#)

November 10, Monday
Funeral for Gary Bain

Keep an eye on the parish calendar in the sidebar here for a complete picture of upcoming events!

In Christ,
Mo. Mariclair +

10a
Reception follows

**November 12,
Wednesday**
Dinner and programs for
all ages begin
5:30
[RSVP for dinner here](#)

November 16, Sunday
Parish Meeting
between services
9:15a
see details
in "Announcements" below
+
Sterling Estates
Holy Eucharist
3p

November 17, Monday
Reach Out Mental Health
lunch and entertainment
for adults with special
needs

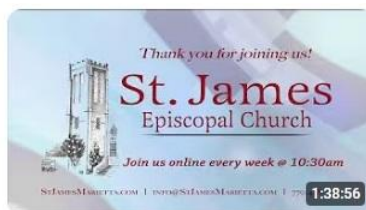
11a
*Volunteers welcome 1-2
hours early*

+
Flower Guild
2-4p
*details below in
Announcements*

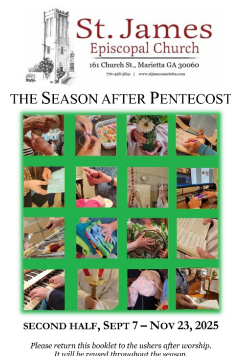
**November 19,
Wednesday**
Bishop Wright joins us to
celebrate Mother
Mariclair's new ministry at
St. James
6p

*This supersedes the usual
dinner and programs for
Wednesday the 19th.*

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](#)

Worship Booklet for the Season

contains prayers, service
music, and responses that we
will use until Advent.

[Download
Worship Booklet](#)

THE TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
YEAR C • NOVEMBER 9, 2025

VOLUNTARY *Improvisation sur «Salve Regina»* Denis Bédard

ENTRANCE HYMN "Come, O come, our voices raise" Hymnal 430

TRADITIONAL COLLECT, PROPER 27 BCP 184
O God, whose blessed Son was manifested that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves even as he is pure; that, when he shall appear again with power and great glory, we may be made like unto him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where with thee, O Father, and thee, O Holy Ghost, he liveth and reigneth ever, one God, world without end. Amen.

CONTEMPORARY COLLECT, PROPER 27 BCP 236
O God, whose blessed Son came into the world that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves as he is pure; that, when he comes again with power and great glory, we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

THE FIRST LESSON *Job 19:23-27a*
O that my words were written down! O that they were inscribed in a book! O that with an iron pen and with lead they were engraved on a rock forever! For I know that my Redeemer lives, and that at the last he will stand upon the earth; and after my skin has been thus destroyed, then in my flesh I shall see God, whom I shall see on my side, and my eyes shall behold, and not another.

THE PSALM 171-9 Music: George A. MacFarren
1 Hear my plea of innocence, O Lord;
give I heed to • my | cry; *
listen to my prayer, which does not | come from | lying | lips.
2 Let my vindication come forth from • your | presence; *
let your | eyes be | fixed on | justice.
3 Weigh my heart, | summon me • by | right; *
melt me down; you will find | no in- | purity | in me.
4 I give no offense with my mouth as | others do; *
I have | headed • the | words of • your | lips.
5 My footsteps hold fast to the | ways of • your | law; *
in your | paths my | feet shall • not | stumble.
6 I call upon you, O God, for | you will | answer me; *
incline your ear to | me and | hear my | words.

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



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Let us welcome the newly baptized!



L-R: Eriko Yamato Moore, Bayliss brothers (back row) Miller, Brooks, Webb & Reeves (front); Patrick White and son Rivers. Photos by Kristin Picken.

Children & Youth News

Acolyte schedule for Nov 9 : Crucifer is **Stella**; torch bearers are **Brooks** and **Matilda**.



*Saints paraded ahead of the choir at the procession into the church on All Saints Sunday.
Photo by Mother Mariclaire.*



Both the Cherub choir (front row) and the children and youth known together as the Choristers will share a song about prayer during the evening prayer service Wednesday at 6:30p. Flanking the singers are directors Heather Blalock and Dr. Bryan Black. Thanks to Amy Black for the photo!

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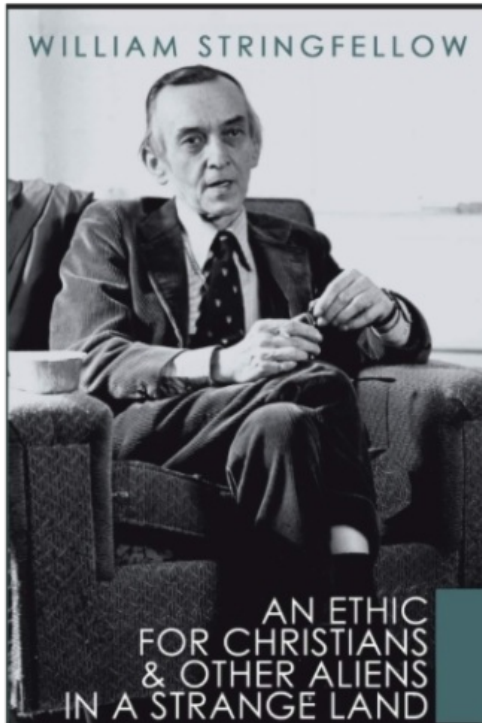
Riley Dugan, Director of Youth Ministries youth@stjamesmarietta.com

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

Christian Formation for Adults - New Offering

Tom Cook writes: Dear St. James Friends, we want you to know that our Lectionary Bible Study Group that meets every Sunday morning from 9:30-10:15 have decided to take a short break from discussing the lessons in the Gospel of Luke to do a book study and discussion beginning the 2nd Sunday of Advent, December 7. The book we have chosen is *An Ethic for Christians and Other Aliens in a Strange Land*, by William Stringfellow.

ADULT FORMATION INFORMATION TRANSFORMATION



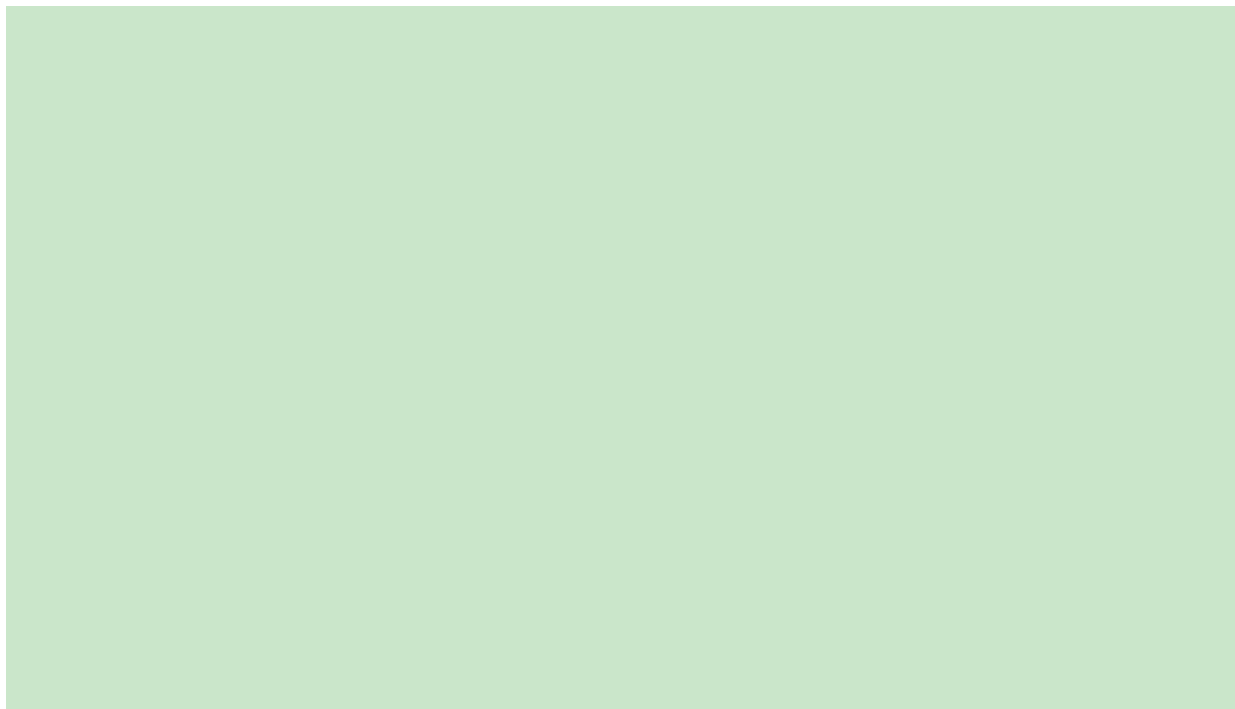
*Book study
begins Dec. 7*

9:30-10:15

*See Tom Cook or
Mo. Mariclaire*

First published in 1973, *An Ethic for Christians* has become a classic for thoughtful Christians as they have sought to navigate their way through trying and insidious times. We have all asked the question: 'How then should I/we live in these times.' William Stringfellow grappled with this in his time and perhaps like no other has defined how we should discern the principalities of evil and how to live counter to its forces. It is like Stringfellow's commentary on the Book of Revelation.

If you are interested in joining us for this study and discussion, please let me [Tom Cook](#) or [Mother Mariclaire](#) know. If you would like us to secure you a copy let us know.





In the silence that followed last week's anthem, one voice softly said, "Thank you." During coffee hour, members of the choir heard many other expressions of thanks. The music brought an inexpressible ache to the words, "I'm going to live forever." The pianist and some singers read the last two pages through tears.

For this Sunday: Are you old enough to remember "liner notes?" Here are the liner notes for this week's Rite II service:

Salve Regina – Denis Bédard

Canadian composer and organist Denis Bédard wrote this gentle organ meditation on the ancient Marian chant *Salve Regina* ("Hail, Holy Queen") which is often sung at the office of Compline. His music blends old church modes with rich harmonies, creating a reverent, meditative atmosphere.

Look at the World – John Rutter

British composer John Rutter wrote this anthem in 1996 to celebrate the beauty of creation. The music is bright and lyrical, inviting listeners to "look at the world" and give thanks for what God has made. It's a joyful reminder to notice and care for the earth written in a warm musical style which reminds our Director of Communications of Andrew Lloyd Webber.

Postlude on "Old Hundredth" – Fred Bock

Fred Bock, an American church musician, arranged this lively organ postlude on the familiar hymn Old Hundredth ("Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"). It features unexpected dissonances and an irregular meter which invites us to hear a very familiar melody in a fresh way.

O Bread of Life was written in China in the early 1900s by Timothy T'ing-fang Lew (1892-1947) with music by Su Yin-Lan. It reflects deep faith in times of hardship, remembering Christ's body broken for all. The striking melody uses a traditional Chinese scale uncommon to most of our hymnody.

Come With Us, O Blessed Jesus is paired with a melody recognized by many as *Jesu, Joy Of Man's Desiring*. Although Bach did not compose the music, his harmonization has become iconic. The words are by John Henry Hopkins, Jr. (1820–1891), better known for *We Three Kings*.

Special musical invitation: Music composed by Nathaniel Davila, one of our choral scholars, will be performed by his talented colleagues and friends. This is his senior capstone project. We're invited to attend **this Sunday, November 9**, at 7:30. The performance will be at KSU, Bailey Arts Center, Scott Hall.

Each week, The Bells talks with Music Director Dr. Bryan Black about links between music for the 10:30 service and the liturgy. Email [The Bells](#) with your questions and comments.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Flowers on the altar this week were given to the glory of God by **Marie Mulkey** in memory of **James Edward "Ed" Mulkey**.

Photo: flowers on the altar November 2.

The flower guild would like your help to flower and green the church:

- Gathering yard greens and prepping flowers on **Monday Nov 17** 2-4pm



- (anise, camellia sesanqua, and tea olive) in the circle lot
- Flower arranging workdays for Mother Mariclaire's Installation on **Tuesday Nov 18 & Wednesday Nov 19** 9am-12
 - Greening the church in preparation for Advent on **Saturday Nov 29**
- No experience necessary!



Baptisms and Confirmation.

We had six baptisms on All Saints Sunday!

The next date for Confirmation is Sunday, Dec. 7th, at 4PM at the Cathedral of St. Philip. We have adults studying for confirmation now.

Contact Mother Mariclaire for more information about these two sacraments.

Photo: Both Flower Guild and Altar Guild prepared for the Baptisms on All Saints Day.



Thanks for Giving is a drive to help families in our own community to put good food on their tables for Thanksgiving and beyond. St. James has long participated. We're collecting this Sunday and the one after. You can download the flier now, with a shopping list on the backside. [Link here to the flier.](#)

Photo: These groceries look a little lonely. Can you bring more groceries to the parish hall and keep them company?

Jane Austen is Back! It's her 250th anniversary. Seats are filling fast for a talk by our own

Austen expert **Laura Dabundo** at the Cobb County Public Library. It's time to reserve your seat now for the event on December 18, 1:00-2:30p. [Find out more and make your reservation here](#), or email Henny Holbrook at henny.holbrook@cobbcounty.gov

St. James Annual Parish Meeting Sunday, Nov. 16

There will be no Bible Study or Adult Formation this day, and nursery care will be provided from 9:00 onward, so that all may be present for this meeting. We will begin in the parish hall at 9:15.

Leaders of our various ministries are at work now on their reviews of the year for the annual report to the parish. Please email these to communications@stjamesmarietta.com by October 31.

FAQ: Yes, breakfast will be served as usual!

REMINDERS

Wednesdays at St. James. You can count on our serving dinners on Wednesday **except** November 19 when the Bishop's visit to celebrate Mother Mariclaire's new ministry will supersede all other activities. [RSVP for dinner on Wednesday Nov 12](#)

Could Family Promise be YOUR ministry? Homeless shelters separate older boys and adult men from women and children; we, in partnership with a dozen other churches, have, in the past, helped to keep families together. If you are interested in helping to revive our Family Promise ministry, please complete the linked survey.

[Fill the Family Promise survey here](#)

Food Pantry next door! Our next-door neighbors have a thriving program to stock empty pantries year-round. Several of our members help. Read more at the website of First Presbyterian Pantry on Church <https://fpcmarietta.org/pantry/>

Bible Study Tuesdays 12:30pm. Come to the Conference Room, 127.

Free books! Browse the Library's table in the Parish Hall from which you may choose as many books as you'd like to take home.

Prayer list. To receive the weekly prayer list, email Cari Edwards selvine@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.



Parking passes for St. James. During scheduled church events, Cornerstone doesn't charge for vehicles in our Polk Street Lot. Other times, we do need a parking tag to hang in our autos.

Send your name, your vehicle's make, model, **COLOR** and license plate number to Lucia Bird luciabird@gmail.com or 770.402.0024.

If your vehicle has changed since you got your hang tag, you will need a replacement, so give Lucia the information on the old hang tag, too.

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

Contact Us

*Program staff available via email Sunday - Thursday;
office staff, Monday - Thursday, 9am-1pm*

Mother Mariclaire is rector@stjamesmarietta.com

• Emergency phone or text: 678.369.1775

- To make an appointment with the rector, sign up for a 15m check-in, a 30m chat, or a coffee hour at <https://calendly.com/rector-stjamesmarietta>

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Pulse of the Parish

from Scott Smoot, Communications Director

"Lord, give us a sign!" That's what I thought when I met a visitor between services. He didn't know our schedule. Too late for the 8:00, too early for the 10:30, he was shy about joining small-group discussions or a table at breakfast, and so he left. He told me he'd be back, but I didn't see him again.



Now we've got signs for 8:00, 10:30, and worship and music and special events at 3, 4, 5, and 6:30. The ushers will love mixing and matching the units and hauling the heavy A-frames out to the sidewalks on Polk and Church. *O, what usher rapture!*



An *ad hoc* sign at the cemetery and a photo of our **Lawrence Chapel** packed with worshipers tell the story of how a sunny day turned rainy just before our **All Soul's vigil. Mother Mariclair** called that one six hours earlier, and a good thing, too.

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

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Message from the Rector
Transitions Temporal and Eternal

Dear Ones,

Fall is a season of change, and that is true in our parish life as well. Late last week Riley Dugan, youth director at St. James, let me know he had accepted a new position as Associate Director for Middle School Ministries at the Cathedral of St. Philip. His last Sunday at St. James will be November 23rd. In Riley's own words, "I am excited for this new chapter in my faith and ministry, yet leaving this beloved community is far from easy."

Riley has spent five years in his role here, and the transition is a bittersweet one. "It has truly been an honor and a privilege to serve at St. James. I will always carry a piece of St. James in my heart," Riley says. "I leave knowing this parish is in wonderful hands, and it fills me with joy to see the life and love that continue to burst from this community." This is a great opportunity for Riley, and we all wish him well in this new endeavor. You can read [Riley's full resignation letter here](#), and we will celebrate him with a festive coffee hour on Nov 23rd, before his final Turkey Bowl with the youth.

The Wardens and I met with Riley, the youth, and their parents and guardians Sunday during their usual PYC time to share the news. Parents and I also took some time together to discuss what the next couple of months will look like, and to dream about the next season in ministry with our older youth (6th grade-12th grade).

In the immediate term, parents and other volunteers will be taking on essential roles like leading youth Sunday School, coordinating EVC gatherings on Wednesdays and Sundays, and helping maintain a schedule of youth events, like our new Wonder Church service and Guardians Night Out.

I am working with Holle Tubbs, Missioner for Youth for the Diocese, to identify interim candidates to help lead us through the rest of this program year. In the new year

Thursday
October 30, 2025
UPCOMING EVENTS

November 1, Saturday
Low Country Boil
6p - 9:30
*for all who RSVP'd by
yesterday night*
*Questions? Email Chase at
chase@bellsouth.net*

November 2, Sunday
All Saints Sunday
regular schedule
[link to the schedule](#)

parade of saints
and
six baptisms
10:30

All Souls' Vigil
Rite I Holy Eucharist
outdoors in St. James
Cemetery on Polk Street
4p
*Many will walk from our
Polk St. parking lot;
parking on Winn St. is
available; please leave the
five parking spaces in the
cemetery to those with
mobility issues.*



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