



THE SHELL

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Save the Date

06/02/2019

Sunday Service – 8:30am

06/05/2019

Parish House: Women of St. James Meeting

06/09/2019

Sunday Service – 8:30am

Pentecost Sunday

06/16/2019

Sunday Service – 8:30am

Happy Father's Day

06/23/2019

Sunday Service – 8:30am

06/26/19

S.O.M.E. Dinner - 6:00pm to 7:00pm

(Volunteers Needed)

Pentecost



The term Pentecost is used to describe the coming of the Holy Spirit among the apostles and followers of Jesus. Celebrated 50 days after Easter (including the day of Easter itself), the name of the holiday comes from the Greek Pentēkostē, which literally means “the 50th day.”

The events of the day are foretold by Jesus in the first chapter of the Acts of the Apostles, just before his Ascension. While his followers were with the risen Christ, he tells them, “John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now” (Acts 1:5, NRSV). He goes on to say to them, “You will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth” (Acts 1:8).

The followers would not wait long for the promised Spirit. The author of Acts, traditionally believed to be Luke, recounts:

“When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each” (Acts 2:1-6).

We celebrate Pentecost as the inauguration of the Church’s mission in the world. Empowered by the gift of the Holy Spirit, we are to go out into our neighborhoods and the wider world—to Jerusalem, to Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth—witnessing to the risen Christ.

The Day of Pentecost is identified by the Book of Common Prayer as one of the feast days “especially appropriate” for baptism (Book of Common Prayer, p. 312). Because of this, Pentecost is also known as “Whitsun” or “Whitsunday” (“White Sunday”), a term used to describe the white baptismal garments worn by those who were baptized at the Vigil of Pentecost and then worn to church on the Day of Pentecost. (Source www.episcopalchurch.org)

Now You Know — Did you know that the Latin name for June is *Junius*. The ancient poet Ovid offers multiple etymologies for the name in the *Fasti*, a poem about the Roman calendar. The first is that the month is named after the Roman goddess Juno, the goddess of marriage and the wife of the supreme deity Jupiter; the second is that the name comes from the Latin word *iuniores*, meaning “younger ones”, as opposed to *maiores* (“elders”) for which the preceding month May (*Maius*) may be named.^[4] Another source claims June is named after Lucius Junius Brutus, founder of the roman Republic and ancestor of the Roman gens Junia. Now you know!

RECTOR'S CORNER

I just wanted to give a BIG thank you to all who came out and supported our annual Memorial Day prayer service. We had beautiful weather and the VFW did a great job honoring the 100 veterans that are buried in our cemetery. Please keep all of those who serve our country at home or abroad in your prayers, that the Lord may keep them safe while they protect us.



- 06/02 Lauren Ann Capriotti
- 06/10 Ron Fleetwood
- 06/10 Linda Jones
- 06/14 Celeste Oliver
- 06/17 Bob Amenta
- 06/21 Amy Ewing
- 06/29 Liam McGorty



- 06/12 Bob and Sandy Amenta

- 06/21 Jackie and Bill Keller

Church Financial News

St James Financials: General Fund			
April, 2019		Year to date: January 1 – April 30, 2019	
Trust Income:	\$ 8,808.49	Trust Income:	\$ 20,105.42
All other Income:	\$ 8,181.50	All other Income:	\$ 23,287.86
Total Income:	\$16,989.99	Total Income:	\$ 43,130.77
Expenses:	\$ 9,008.16	Expenses:	\$ 45,130.77
April Net Income:	\$ 6,721.39	Year to date Net Income:	\$ - 1,737.49

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Senior Warden



June's Announcements

Thank You!! We would like to say thank you to Bill Keller, Gene Porter and Chris Porter for volunteering to be on the Property Committee, your dedication to St. James is greatly appreciated.

Summer Lunch Program United Way is looking for locations for a free lunch distribution for kids during the summer. When they are out of school and not being served school lunch, they are often food insecure (i.e. they go hungry). It does require some training and about 2 or 3 volunteers per day. We are looking to see if anyone is interested in volunteering for this worthwhile endeavor. St. James would decide how often we do this, so that it need not be onerous.

Dinner for Neighbors in Need – June's S.O.M.E. dinner for our hungry neighbors drew 60 guests and 11 volunteers. Dinner for that evening consisted of salad, hamburgers, corn, a bag of chips and desserts. A BIG thank you to all who contribute their time, talents and treasure to this important ministry. Remember our Lord said "what so ever you do for the least of my brothers and sisters, you have done for me."

Property Committee We are looking for additional members for our Property Committee. Responsibilities include overseeing our beautiful buildings and grounds. If interested in this important ministry, please see Denise or Joe Ciambrello.

Mite Box Collection Our Lenten mite box collection of loose change netted \$237.33 to help Episcopal Relief and Development in its anti-malaria campaign in sub-Saharan Africa. This campaign started in 2006 and since then malaria deaths have dropped by almost 50 percent. We would like to say a BIG thank you to all of those who donated!

Happy Father's Day On behalf of the entire family at St. James Church, we would like to wish all fathers a very happy and blessed Father's Day. Without your love and care we would not be the people that we are today!!



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