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INVITES YOU TO EXPLORE OUR LIFE AND MINISTRIES AT ST. JAMES EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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We Look Forward to Seeing You Sunday!

Sunday, October 18, 2009

- 7:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite I
- 8:45 a.m. Contemporary Worship in the Chapel*
- 9:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II*
- 10:00 a.m. Coffee Hour*
Christian Education Classes*
- 11:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II*
- 5:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II in the Chapel
- 5:00 p.m. EYC
*Nursery available

Sunday Lectionary: Year B
Revised Common Lectionary
Daily Office: Year ONE

The Lectionary — October 18 - 20 Pentecost: *First Lesson:* Job 38:1-7; *The Psalm* 104:1-9, 25, 37c; *Second Lesson:* Hebrews 5:1-10; *The Gospel:* Mark 10:35-45.

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Writings of Henri Nouwen and Scripture on Prayer from your Center for Spiritual Formation

The Holy Spirit

Prayer is not what is done by us, but rather what is done by the Holy Spirit in us.
— *Compassion*

When we speak about the Holy Spirit, we speak about the breath of God breathing in us.
— *Bread for the Journey*

“The Spirit comes to us to help us as weak as we are for we do not know how we ought to pray; the Spirit himself pleads with God for us in groans that words cannot express, and God, who sees in our hearts, knows what the thought of the Spirit is; because the Spirit pleads with God on behalf of his people and in accordance with his will.”
— *Romans 8:26b-27*

We invite you to meditate on asking the Holy Spirit to come into your heart in a deeper way today.

Introducing Alina Williams

Alina Williams has joined the St. James staff to head the Youth & Young Adult Ministries. She is a life long Episcopalian and native Texan who recently moved to Baton Rouge.

Alina received an undergraduate degree in Psychology from Texas Christian University. After completing two internships in churches in Boston and Dallas, Alina entered seminary at SMU’s Perkins School of Theology.



Alina Williams

She is a candidate for Holy Orders in the Episcopal Diocese of Dallas. At this time she is discerning a call to ordained ministry.

While at Southern Methodist University, she met her husband, Jared. They were married in June and moved to Baton Rouge where he is associate pastor at University United Methodist Church.

Please give a warm welcome to Alina and encourage the youth to participate in the fall programs.

Stephen Ministry Info Dinner Next Week

Is God calling you to take a more active role in Christian caregiving? Stephen Ministers are now putting their skills and compassion to work, caring for people in our congregation and community. Perhaps you should give some thought to becoming a Stephen Minister in the near future.



Want to Learn More about Becoming a Stephen Minister?

St. James, in collaboration with Trinity and St. Luke’s, will begin training a new class of Stephen Ministers in January 2010. For those who might be interested in being part of this class, there will be a Stephen Ministry informational dinner on

Wednesday, October 21 at 6:30 p.m. in Pope Hall at St. Luke’s, 8833 Goodwood Blvd. near Airline Highway. Please register for the dinner by phoning St. Luke’s office at 225-926-5343.

There will be a short video, an overview about Stephen Ministry, and time for you to ask questions. This is a great opportunity to learn more about Stephen Ministry as you prayerfully decide whether this is the right ministry for you.

If you are interested in becoming a Stephen Minister or have any questions about Stephen Ministry, please feel free to talk with one of our Stephen Ministry Leaders, Deacon Mark Hudson or Mildred Taylor. Mark’s cell phone is 225-270-3421; Mildred may be reached at 225-769-2049.

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*The Diocese of Louisiana is one church, faithful
to Jesus Christ, united in mission,
reaching out to seekers.
We live in joyous witness to the power of grace
and divine compassion in our lives.*

Christian Education Notes

Nursery Care for children three months to four years old is available 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. on the first floor of the Parish Hall. Pagers are also available for your comfort and convenience.

Children's Programs

The **Catechesis of the Good Shepherd**, a Montessori-based approach to Christian formation meets on the second floor of the Parish Hall in a 3-6 year old group, and a group for grades 1-3. **Faith Builders**, a more familiar approach to Christian formation, meets with the younger children (pre-K- 3rd grade) on the first floor of the Parish Hall in two different classrooms; older children (4th, 5th, and 6th grade) meet on the second floor of the Parish Hall.

Adult Class

The Place of Stars in Christian Belief – the Myths, the Facts, and Misconceptions will be led by **Phillip Wright on October 18**. Part three of the Creation series is held in the CSF Atrium on the third floor of the Ministries Center beginning at 10:00 a.m. The account of Creation in the book of Genesis is used as the starting point to explore various aspects of the Bible and religious beliefs in this series.

The Rev. John Moloney's Memphis Work Recognized with Award

The St. Martin de Porres Shrine & Institute, located in Memphis, Tennessee, promotes St. Martin's (1579-1639) legacy of social justice and healing in a city which is host to the National Civil Rights Museum, and the world renowned St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

The Institute recognizes annually, on the feast day of St. Martin, an individual or organization who has served the Memphis community in the same spirit with the St. Martin de Porres Award.

The Rev. John Moloney will be the first to posthumously receive the St. Martin de Porres Award for his work in the Memphis area. Fr. John was rector of Grace-St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Memphis before coming to Baton Rouge.

The presentation will be made at a St. Martin Feast Day celebration on Tuesday, November 3, at 6:30 p.m. at the Shrine's home, St. Peter Church, 190 Adams Avenue at Third Street, in downtown Memphis.



The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God.
The arrangement in the Parish Hall foyer is by Charlotte Provenza.
The Coffee Hour arrangement is by Nancy Jo Poirrier.

In Our Thoughts and Prayers ...

Prayers are asked for: Debbie Terrell, Peggy Brandes, Mary, Katherine Melius, Danie Singleton, Ida Cooper, Jackson Huff, Michael Kennedy, Jean Fielden, Alicia Hoover, Hayes Taylor, Terry Irby, Raymie Edmonds, Hank Harper, Kim Orr, Arnola Z. and family, Ruth MacMurdo, Jennifer Hollenbeck, Fred Cale, Todd Coffin, Jim Fritze, Sarah, Betty Hertzog, Christopher Leavins, Glenn, Karen, Jesse, Patsy King

Our continuing prayers are offered for: O.B. Romero, Estelle Copes, Michael Matassarin, Marguerite Matassarin, Nicholas Yiannopoulos, Bill, Thomas, John and Kathy Gummersell, Sue Tweedy, Donoghue, Nancy, Mary Sunny McCoy, Sallie, Katherine Gant, Cameron Mott, Linda, Angie Denny, Gordon Loudon, Kathryn Daggett, Carole,

Anne and Wayne Williams, Prentiss McClendon, Ava Jet Blencke, Pennye, Caleb Hutchins, Margaret Blades, Fred Frey Jr., Rubye Harris, Carolyn Glusman, Tom Raggio, Estelle Schilling, Vic Roy, Anne Howe, Betty Romero, Lillian Shipes, Donie Schmidt, Tommy Kirkpatrick, Mary Ann Ford, Peyton Meyer, Ken Shuler, Russell Fish, Marion Hart LeBlanc, Walter Martinez, Clyde Harrelson, Donald Killilea, Kip Gremillion, Mary C. Elliott

For those in the Armed Forces: Rob Hutchins, PFC Hal Town, Captain John Lyford V, Captain Allison Laine Lyford, Cpl William Martin, PFC Don Ellen, Lt. Col Michael Benson, Pvt Stephen Arnold USMC, Captain Charlie Hines, Sgt Clayton Edmonds, Sgt Toni Edmonds

Birthdays October 16-22

- 16 Michael Moss, Robert Cox, Weldon Furr
- 17 Ruby Campbell, Martha Yancey, Charlotte Provenza, Sari Turner, Barbara Outland, Jennifer Popov, Prentice Ferachi
- 18 Marilyn Kahao, Pat Lyle, Don Smithburg, Mark Elliott, Mark Ashworth, Ashley Frey, Ryan Wilcombe, Ashtyn Yoches, Hayden Wilson
- 19 Elinor Sloss, Bill Hines, Torie Preis, Richard Massony, Henry Woolf, Henry Brewster
- 20 Jane Woods, John Miller, Blake Middleton
- 21 Emile Rolfs, Herndon Spillman, Robin DiNapoli, Fred Frey, Lydia Fenet
- 22 Joe Dozier, Merrel Caire, Roger West, John Cadwallader, Cam Rust

The Diocese of Louisiana ECW

Great No-Bake Sale

to benefit the

Youth Conference Center

November 8, 2009

You can *easily* participate! Send your check to represent what you *won't* bake, or *won't* buy, payable to "St. James ECW" and on the memo line reference the "No Bake Sale." We will then forward the proceeds from the ECW treasury for the Youth Conference Center fund.

Animals are Blessed in the Rain

Despite inclement weather, Father John Miller blessed 12 dogs and one cat on the Feast of St. Francis, Sunday, October 4.



Photos by Alina Williams

18 Acolytes Analyze their Duties

On October 4, acolytes gathered after church for a lunch that they themselves served and blessed.

Mother Laurie helped draw their attention to the similarities between acolyte duties and every-day tasks such as turning on the lights and planning ahead, creating beautiful environments for others and cleaning up afterwards, all the while reminding ourselves of the presence of God in each and every moment of both our church and our non-church experiences.

Alison Nikitopoulos led a brief "exploration of the church" activity in which children were given cards with instructions about things to look for and find in our church: children and animals in the stained glass windows, number of crosses (Elise Weinfurter counted 472 in the altar area alone!), flowers on the needlepoint kneelers, etc.

Everyone agreed that there were lots of things in the church that they had never noticed before.

Then, for two hours, acolytes practiced their duties. They had to visit ten different stations, including the obvious: entrance procession; Gospel procession; offering plates; and, the less noticeable: hand washing (ablutions); setting the altar; transporting of the communion cushion.

Everyone was re-measured for the proper size acolyte robe. The adults were impressed by the children's enthusiasm and diligence.

While Lazette and B Phillips' dog was overly intrigued by the Van Hook family's cat, the Westbrooks' dog was busy singing a sequence hymn during a reading done by Alina Williams, our new Director of Youth & Young Adult Ministries.

In attendance were Maggie and Anna Claire Westbrook (who brought a friend Ellie), Elise Weinfurter, Vaki Nikitopoulos, Tori and Carlie Schenk, Robby Outland, Jack Hearin, Marjie and Judie Williams, Mary Caroline and Madeline Dansky, Maile Braden, Mary Brandon Harrell, Micaiah and Destiny Carter, Isabella Jung, and William Casey.

Special thanks to all of our adult mentors: Chet Carter, Vickie Schenk, Mtr. Laurie, Mtr. Mary Ann, Alina Williams, Fr. John, Scott Westbrook, Elizabeth Cawns, Alison Nikitopoulos.

Cursillo #144 Scheduled at Conference Center

Cursillo offers the people who are called to attend an opportunity to deepen their faith and strengthen their relationship with the Holy Spirit.

Cursillo No. 144 will be held November 5-8, 2009 at the Solomon Episcopal Conference Center. The cost for candidates is \$150, lodging, meals and materials included.

If you feel that a closer relationship with the Holy Spirit is what you need now in your life, you can register for the weekend at the Conference web site, www.solepisc.org, email the Cursillo lay rector Mike Strausser at strasserm@bellsouth.net, or speak with St. James Cursillista Carole Wright at 225-218-8696 or carolecw@cox.net.

Advice to the uninitiated: beware of Father Miller when he's got holy water! Dogs licked, humans blinked, John blessed. Saint Francis was smiling.



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We proclaim Christ crucified and risen, and invite you to join with us in ministry together in his name.

Ministries and Worship October 9-15

Friday, October 16, 2009
 11:30 a.m. Seniors Luncheon with Tim Barfield
 Saturday, October 17, 2009
 Sunday, October 18, 2009 - 20 Pentecost
 7:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite I
 8:45 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service*
 9:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II*
 10:00 a.m. Christian Ed Classes & Coffee Hour*
 11:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II*
 5:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II in Chapel
 5:00 p.m. EYC
 Monday, October 19, 2009
 8:20 a.m. Day School Chapel
 5:00 p.m. Investment Committee
 6:30 p.m. Stephen Ministers Meeting
 Tuesday, October 20, 2009
 Noon Day School Executive/Finance Committee
 5:30 p.m. Associate Vestry
 5:30 p.m. Vestry Nominating Committee
 Wednesday, October 21, 2009
 7:00 a.m. Bible Study Group
 8:00 a.m. Food Bank Distribution
 11:30 a.m. *We Care* Bag Making
 Noon Holy Eucharist & Healing Service
 Noon O'Brien House Meeting
 3:30 p.m. Mastersingers Rehearsal
 7:30 p.m. Senior Choir Rehearsal
 Thursday, October 22, 2009
 11:30 a.m. Day School Meeting
 Noon EFM
 6:00 p.m. EFM
 6:00 p.m. Bad Girls Book Club

* Indicates Child Care Provided for Children Three Months to Four Years of Age

Lay Ministry - Sunday, October 18, 2009

7:30 a.m. John Bilisoly, Stiles Kennedy
 8:45 a.m. Brent & Kent Caldwell
Ushers 9:00 a.m. Hillary Poirrier, Trey Roberts, Alan Miller, Brian Murphy, J. Cooper Harrell
 11:00 a.m. Charles Kahao, Mike McDonald, Vernon Middleton, Jesse Coates, Tommy Bell
Acolytes 9:00 a.m. Jacob Shapiro, Samuel Shapiro, Joseph Shapiro
 11:00 a.m. Madline Dansky, Mary Caroline Dansky, Mary Brandon Harrell
Eucharistic Ministers 7:30 a.m. John Ozier
 8:45 a.m. Brent Caldwell, Hays Town III
 9:00 a.m. Claudia Black, Ben Larisey
 11:00 a.m. Carole Wright, David Warrington
 5:00 p.m. Hays Town III
Lectors 7:30 a.m. Mary Thomas
 8:45 a.m. Kent Caldwell, Claudia Black (P), Susie Furr
 9:00 a.m. Pat Culbertson, Margaret Culbertson
 11:00 a.m. Chuck Munro, Marcia Campbell
Intercessor 7:30 a.m. John Ozier
 8:45 a.m. BB Stirling
 9:00 a.m. Allen Black
 11:00 a.m. Eleanor Shirley
Welcome Committee 8:45 a.m. Brent & Kent Caldwell
 9:00 a.m. Margaret & Pat Culbertson, Manette Sammons, Susie & Buzzy Heroman
 11:00 a.m. Memrie & Mike McDonald
Altar Guild 7:30 a.m. Karen Kennedy
 8:45 a.m. BB Stirling
 9:00 a.m. Larry Mitchum, Nora Say
 11:00 a.m. Mary Boutwell, Bahin Leonard, Susan Ozier, Martha Grant Adams
 5:00 p.m. Sheila Feigley