

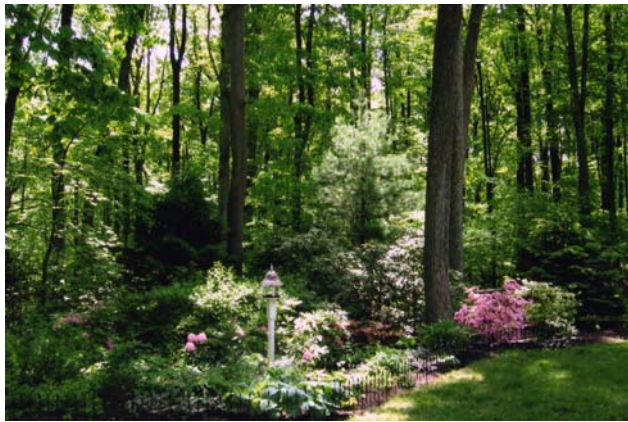


## JUNE 2008 St. James Newsletter

### Ordinary Time...

*by The Rev. Charlie Barton, Rector*

Parts of the liturgical year that are not included in the major seasons of the church calendar are called "ordinary time" in the Roman church. While the term "ordinary time" is not used in the Prayer Book, the season after the Day of Pentecost fits the classical definition. The fact that this period after the Day of Pentecost has green as its liturgical color, spans the time of planting and harvest, and contains a particularly long stretch of Sundays causes some to refer to it as the "long green growing season."



*Photo by Alexandra Secor*

The season after Pentecost varies in length depending on the date of Easter (see BCP, pp. 884-885). But, liturgically, we are in ordinary time as the days lengthen, the corn stretches upwards and the temperature rises. We will still be in ordinary time when we pack away our swimsuits and bring our sweaters down from the attic. Leaves will turn orange and yellow and red, then fall to the ground and fade to brown crunchy

bits underfoot. Giant orange pumpkins will come in from the fields and sprout faces as children transform into all manner of things - but we will still be in that "long green growing season."

We will be in ordinary time even when turkeys are being placed on tables, riders start gathering in the pony ring seeking a blessing and the altar is fancy-dressed with an abundance of the fruits of the earth. Perhaps we will be dusted with snow before we leave it, perhaps not, but until we reach the 30<sup>th</sup> of November - the first Sunday of Advent - we will be dwelling in ordinary time.

Ordinary time is a liturgical term but it can also be understood in terms of living out Christian faith and the meaning of Christ's resurrection in every-day life. Yes, there are the liturgical mountaintop experiences like the Easter Vigil or the Midnight Mass at Christmas but mostly we live in more muted tones. So too there are pivotal moments in our lives - the birth of a child, the death of a parent, the loss of a job or the very beginning of a new marriage - but more of life is lived in circling the same few daily markers over and over again.

But here is the great secret: the sacred is ever to be found in the ordinary. The same light that exploded from a star in the



heavens to announce the birth of Christ glints from the eyes of "ordinary" children all around us. The same bread that sits on our dining room table is a close relative to the loaf that Jesus held in his hands as he said that mysterious upper room grace in Jerusalem so long ago.

The water with which we wash our dishes is chemically identical, and sacramental joined, the water through which a nation passed to find freedom as Moses moved to the commandment of God.

Take time to hallow the ordinary this summer. Look with new eyes at the same old things. Look with a new heart at the same old people. Let God reach down into the depths of the familiar and show you the new creation that is always forming...in ordinary time.

Blessings,



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## NEWCOMERS' DINNER

A tremendous and heart-felt "Thank You" to Allison Doriss, Bonnie Byrd

Demyan and all those who helped organize and pull-off the recent Newcomer's Dinner. It was a wonderful evening that showcased the best of Saint James hospitality.



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## A GIFT TO HONOR LORI SPENCER

Lori Spencer was a member of the Women's Bible Study that meets each Wednesday at 9:30 am. During the school year Lori also regularly participated in the Healing Eucharist in our meditation Chapel on Wednesday mornings. The chapel was a place for her to come for healing, encouragement, and companionship during the long days of her disease.

Several years ago, Charlie+ began to collect funds to build beautiful doors for our chapel, which now has plain steel doors at its entrance. To honor Lori, we are again collecting funds for these doors, which will be put up as a memorial to her. The Bible study group is making a donation toward these memorial doors. If you too would like to make a contribution, please make checks payable to St. James, and note: Lori Spencer Memorial/chapel doors fund.

## NEWSLETTER DEADLINES:



Articles for the St James **July/August newsletter** are due **Sunday, June 15.**

**Collating and Folding Day will be Thursday, June 19**

You may call me at 410-440-0473 or e-mail me at [avila@pbworld.com](mailto:avila@pbworld.com).

Articles for the **September "Welcome Back" newsletter** are due **Friday, August 15** and should be sent to Susan since I will be away. **Collating and folding day will be Thursday, August 21.** Call or email Susan in the Office at 410-771-4466, [church@saintjames.org](mailto:church@saintjames.org) if you have time to help with collating.

*The Newsletter editing room wishes you a relaxing summer. Marco Avila*

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## Reading and Knitting for Teens and Adults

You CAN do both at once!



**Tuesday, June 17 from 5:00 to 7:00pm**

**Hereford Library.** Arrive and leave as your schedule requires. After the June gathering, the schedule will be first Tuesdays - July 1, August 5, September 2. Bring your knitting or crocheting for a read-aloud, chat & share session. Call the Hereford Library, 410-887-1919 or ask Loree+ or Susan.

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## SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Wednesdays, 8:30 am, Holy Eucharist and Healing, Meditation Chapel. All are welcome.



Sundays, 8:00am and 10:15am, Church, Coffee Hour follows in Macdonald Hall. Please join us!

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TIFF (LZW) decompressor  
are needed to see this picture.

God willing and the People  
consenting  
The Right Reverend John L. Rabb  
Bishop-in-Charge  
of the Diocese of Maryland  
will ordain

**Laura Berger Brecht**  
**Julia Anne Fritts**  
**Marta Dove-Vila Johnson**

to the Sacred Order of Deacons  
in Christ's One, Holy, Catholic,  
and Apostolic Church  
**on Saturday, the fourteenth of  
June**

Two thousand eight  
**at eleven o'clock in the morning.**  
The Cathedral of the Incarnation,  
4 East University Parkway  
Baltimore, Maryland

Your prayers and presence are  
requested.

The festal color is red.  
A reception in the Peabody Room  
follows the service.

As is the custom, the home parishes provide funds  
for the reception. If you would like to contribute,  
please make your check payable to St. James, note  
Rector's Discretionary Fund in the memo.

**Laura will preach at St. James at both services  
on Sunday, June 15<sup>th</sup>.**

Dear Members of St. James,

Your Vestry is considering a  
**NEW church directory**, some  
time this fall. It will be as  
simple a process as possible



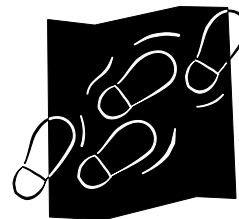
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for you. We know from others who've used *Olan Mills* that the sales pitch is *low-pressure*. Everyone who participates will receive a free directory and a free 8 x 10 color photo. This directory can be a good ministry tool for St. James.

We need your input to let us know if this is what the congregation wants to do, so when you see a Vestry or staff member, including Charlie+, Loree+, or Art+, tell us your thoughts on the new directory. If you do not know who the Vestry members are, look to the bulletin board to the left of the steps to the church office, our photos and names are there.

Yours in Christ, Bruce H. Roush, Jr., *Liaison to the Communications Ministry.*

*An updated printed directory will be produced to use until we have a pictorial directory.*



## MINISTRY COMMUNITY SHUFFLE

No, it's not the latest dance craze. It's just a few changes (some minor, some major) to make our ministry more efficient and to take advantage of some of the God-given talents that our clergy possess. As of June 1<sup>st</sup>, some of our ministry communities will be changing names and some others will be changing clergy leadership. Notable changes include:

- 1) Jr. and Sr. High Youth Group will now be known as "Youth Ministries." Erica Callahan will be the ministry community head and Art+ will give clergy oversight. Youth ministries will include all programming for 5<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders except confirmation. This change will hopefully foster a unified vision for all level of youth work in our church.
- 2) Confirmation will now be a part of the Christian Formation ministry. Doing so will allow the confirmation program to work more closely with the Inquirer's class and reinforce the notion that confirmation is an important decision made by adults in our tradition. Confirmation classes will still be offered for students who have

completed the 8<sup>th</sup> grade and will be overseen by Loree+

- 3) Both Children's Eucharist and Children's Choirs will begin a new, closer relationship with the Children's Ministries group. Drawing on her expertise as a trained church musician, Loree+ will be given oversight of these various ministries.

Look to the Church's web site for more information on these changes and whom you might contact to have your questions answered.



The Archbishop of Canterbury today (**April 23, 2008 4:00pm**) set out his hopes

for this year's Lambeth Conference in a video message addressed to Bishops and Dioceses across the worldwide communion.

"Every ten years the Bishops of the Anglican Communion worldwide meet for the Lambeth Conference."

"The Archbishop who began the Lambeth Conference, Charles Longley, was somebody who had a vision of the Anglican identity, the Anglican way of being Christian, as something that was no longer just confined to the British Isles or to North America but that was in principle becoming a universal reality and he wanted Bishops speaking for those new communities, those different Anglican communities across the world, to be able to share with one another what their priorities were, their concerns and their hopes, and that has always been at the very heart of the Lambeth Conference."

"What I would really most like to see in this years Lambeth Conference is the sense that this is essentially a spiritual encounter. A time when people are encountering God as they encounter one another, a time when people will feel that their life of prayer and witness is being deepened and their resources are being stretched. Not a time when we are being besieged by problems that need to be solved and statements that need to be finalised, but a time when people feel that they are growing in their ministry. And for that to happen

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once again, we are going to need the prayers and the support of so many people around the world."

"And that is why I have encouraged people across the Communion to prepare for the Lambeth Conference not only by praying for Bishops as they gather but also by sharing some of the material that has been provided for Bible study at the



Conference- sharing in reflection on St John's Gospel - so that Bishops and their people and their clergy will in the months ahead be going through the same kinds of processes of thinking and praying around St John's Gospel that will lay the foundations for what we hope to achieve at the Lambeth Conference. So please pray for the Conference and please share in that process of preparation, that reflection of God's word in the Gospel of John that will open up to us the horizons that we need in order to be better Bishops for the sake of a better Church."

**Youtube link:**

[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vCJ1G\\_3WPjw](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vCJ1G_3WPjw)

*Lambeth Conference prayer bookmarks are in the bulletin and in the Narthex. In June, the bulletin will include an ENS insert about the Lambeth conference and the Anglican communion. The Conference's small groups will be looking together at the "I AM" statements made by Jesus in John's gospel. One of the books recommended for pre-Conference reading is the new People's Bible Commentary on St John's Gospel by Richard Burridge.*



## **Children's Ministries**

Many thanks to our many teachers and helpers who made Sunday School possible this year.

❖ for Kelly Francis, our Sunday School

Coordinator

- ❖ for the many people who helped out with special projects throughout the year
- ❖ for our parents who provided snacks and helped in the classroom
- ❖ for our cribbery workers
- ❖ for our youth classroom helpers
- ❖ and for our dedicated teachers teaching 3-4's, K-Prefirst, First-Second, Third-Fourth, and Fifth – Seventh grades.

We could not carry on our ministry to children without you. A quote from Phil Vischer, creator of *Vege-Tales*: "You can't compete (in Sunday School) with Disney or Nickelodeon; but you as teachers can do something they can't do: you can love a child. **Thank you for Loving our children through the ministry of teaching.**

Look for Children's Ministries news in the Summer Newsletter – exciting happenings for next year! Loree+

### **Paul 's Place Camp will be back: July 14 – 18**

The camp will once again be a collaboration between the Church and the Academy. Forty campers will be coming from Paul's Place and this year youth counselors from St. James will be rising 8th graders or Academy graduates. If there are graduates who are interested they should contact Mrs. Jill Rowan at the Academy. This year the camp will be focusing on sports and games and using the spaces at St. James. We would love to have counselors that like to teach, referee, and/or play sports and games with groups of young campers.



If you'd like to help prepare lunches and snacks, please call Mrs. Diana Bullard.

**Like a box of chocolates...**



*Katelyn Newman – graduating Eight Grader at*

<http://www.saintjames.org>

*St. James Academy*

"Life is like a roll of toilet paper: the closer it gets to the end, the faster it goes." (*Anonymous*)

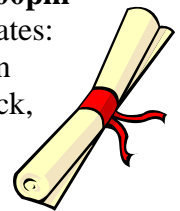
I know this is a random quote, but I felt it was right for the time being. Yes, I'm probably not close to the end of my life, but I am only days away from the end of my "career" as an SJA student. For all of the people who say, "I can't wait to graduate from SJA," I wonder to myself if they mean it. Of course, even I am ready to move on to a new school; being at Saint James for 10 years and even before that for my siblings, I feel that I'm ready to move on and graduate.

However, I could never forget all the memories I have had at SJA and all the friendships I have made. Sure, there have been the bad times, but they don't even measure up to all the great jokes and fun times I've had with my class and other classes throughout Saint James. I think that the pre-first class still thinks that I'm actually Miss Hannigan. Anyway, I feel that Saint James has allowed my class and me to grow into a group of free-thinking teenagers who have different personalities but will always be connected by their roots and friendships at SJA.

I think that Saint James is similar to one of my favorite quotes of Forrest Gump's, "Life is like a box of chocolates. You never know what you're gonna get." We are different people with different personalities, but still grouped together in our own class.

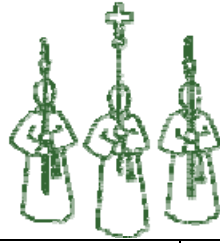
### **June 6 – Academy Graduation, 7:00pm**

We recognize these Academy graduates: Riley Babcock, Warren Chew, Kevin Corbusier, Emily Davis, Sam Emerick, Katelyn Newman, and Caroline Townsend.



**Altar Guild**

Marge Bowen  
Debbie Erickson  
Holly Gilmore

**Ushers**

Chuck Parker  
Frank Priesler  
Robert Miller

8:00am	Welcome	Reader	L.E.M.	Offering	Prayers	Server
First	Sandy Gallup	Henry Baker	Anne Bricker Sandy Gallup	Henry Baker Sandy Gallup	Henry Baker	Cindy Eaton
Second	Sandy Gallup	Anne Bricker	Debra Barton John Beever	Henry Baker Sandy Gallup	Pam Balcerak	Martha Reeve
Third	John Beever	John Beever	Joe Chadwick John Beever	Henry Baker John Beever	Joe Chadwick	Bonny Wright
Fourth	Rick Florence	Margaret Bryant	Rick Florence Jody Florence	Henry Baker Rick Florence	Margaret Bryant	Erica Callaham
Fifth	John Beever	Pam Balcerak	Anne Bricker John Beever	Henry Baker John Beever	Joe Chadwick	Cindy Eaton

10:15 am Eucharist	Acolytes	Chalicians	Old Testament	New Testament	Prayers
June 1	K. Rogers B. Heidelberg L. Heidelberg	Laura Green Chris Wooten	Alan LeRoy	Doreen Passaniti	Miles Baxter
June 8	R. Sakamoto D. Donnelly E. Callaham	Guy Hook Lyndy Eddy	Bill Bowen	Yvonne Hook	Fred Smalkin
June 15	M. Curley E. Curley A. Fries	Michael Curley Chris Wooten	Miles Baxter	Alan Leroy	Bayly Buck
June 22	E. Dewlin M. Robbins K. Bullard	Guy Hook Pat Newman	Yvonne Hook	Debbie Kissinger	Doreen Passaniti
June 29	G. Fries P. Elmore P. Elmore	Marge Bowen Matt Rogers	Doreen Passaniti	Philip Norman	Andrew Norman
July 6	T. Zantop A. Miller B. Robbins	Betty Wilson Laura Green	Laura Green	Miles Baxter	Suzanne Zantop

ST JAMES CHURCH  
YEAR TO DATE FINANCES THROUGH APRIL 30, 2008

INCOME	ACTUAL	BUDGET	ANNUAL BUDGET
PLATE AND PLEDGES	\$191,867	\$181,030	\$526,117
INVESTMENT	5,814	7,677	21,900
CHAPLAINCY/DIOCESE REIMB	14,852	15,412	40,366
TRANSFER FROM REPAIR FUND	0	0	53,000
SPECIAL CURRENT OPERATIONS	0	0	105,100
ENDOWMENT & OTHER	9,308	12,046	42,224
TOTAL	<u>221,841</u>	<u>216,165</u>	<u>788,707</u>
EXPENSES			
COMPENSATION AND BENEFITS	144,671	142,677	405,645
FACILITIES MANAGEMENT	54,098	49,040	194,913
OFFICE	13,829	12,445	45,124
OUTREACH & COMM SERVICE	29,233	27,332	86,998
PASTORAL CONCERNS	408	932	1,200
WORSHIP	10,416	13,663	34,777
EDUCATION AND YOUTH	1,359	4,373	15,650
EVANGELISM & MEMBERSHIP	133	932	4,400
TOTAL	<u>254,147</u>	<u>251,394</u>	<u>788,707</u>
OPERATING REVENUE (EXPENSE)	(32,306)	(35,229)	
NON-BUDGETED INCOME (EXP)	(1,642)	0	
NET REVENUE (EXPENSE)	<u>(\$33,948)</u>	<u>(\$35,229)</u>	
ASSETS			
CASH	\$98,874		
RECEIVABLES	253,883		
HOUSE, TENNIS CT & BLDG.IMPR.	564,181		
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$916,938</u>		
LIABILITIES AND FUNDS			
LIABILITIES			
DUE TO OTHER FUNDS	\$13,075		
WITHHELD EMPLOYEE PENSION	(462)		
TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>12,613</u>		
FUNDS			
REPAIR	90,180		
RESTRICTED	302,307		
UNRESTRICTED	545,786		
CURRENT NET REVENUE (EXP)	(33,948)		
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>904,325</u>		
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUNDS	<u>\$916,938</u>		

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Photo by Charlie+, used in multi-media prelude at Diocesan Convention.



Photo by Susan Robinson  
 Art+ shows the 8<sup>th</sup> grade Cooking Club how to make gnocchi.

Youth Ministry Leadership Structure

Group	Elementary (5-7)	2nd-4th	High School (10-12)		Confirmation
When	Sundays 10:15am + Big Events	TuM 10:15 + Big Events	Bible Study Sundays 9am	Not Bible Study (?)	(Under Adult Formation) Sunday Afternoon 2nd-4th Youth Ministry
Coordinator	Erica Callaham	1-Adults	Anja Fries	1-Youth	Loree+
Facilitator		Debra Barton			Bill Bowen Sara Bowen Alan Wright (?)
	Need 2-3 Adults	Need 2-3 Adults	Need 1-2 Adults	Need 2-3 Adults	
Support	Elizabeth Kinser Karen Heid ebach	Need 1-2 Adults	Need 2-3 Adults		
Other Potential Helpers:	Robert Miller Beth Flunket		Frank O'Toole Diana Ballard		Lisa Fitzhugh Alison Kohler

**Youth Ministry** is looking for 10-15 willing adults to help work with the 5th-12th graders of the parish. The pay is lousy but the hours are flexible and the benefits are BEYOND MEASURE! Interested? Talk to Art+.