

NeverTheLess – October 8, 2017

TODAY AND THIS WEEK

WELCOME TO ALL, especially if you are visiting us today. We are delighted to have you here. Nametags are an outward symbol of radical hospitality. If you don't have one, please see an usher or a greeter for assistance. If you are visiting, we also invite you to fill out a pew card and put it in the plate.

ST. FRANCIS' BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS please bring your slinky, scaly, furry, finned, and/or feathered family members to a blessing of animals **TODAY** at 5:30 pm. If your pet is timid, please consider a cage or even a picture, for the comfort of all. Everyone is welcome.

PARISH WORKDAY many thanks to everyone who came out yesterday to help clean up and clean out the building and grounds. Your generous gift of time and talent are much appreciated!

FORMATION

INQUIRERS' CLASS SUNDAYS AT 6:00 STARTING OCT. 22 Have you ever thought of becoming a member of St. James the Less, or have you wanted to be confirmed? Starting Sunday, October 22 at 6 to 7:30 pm in the Library Father Rock will be leading an Inquirers' Class for those who wish to officially be a part of St. James the Less and the Episcopal Church. It will run 4 weeks (Oct 22, 29, Nov 5 and 12). This will be in preparation for the Bishop's visit on Christmas Eve morning. Teens in High School through adults of any age can participate. Please contact Father Rock to reserve a space or if you have any questions.

BIBLE STUDY/ADULT FORMATION meets Sundays at 8:45 am in the Rectory. The current discussion is about Noah, and rainbows. All are welcome!

OUTREACH

SOAP FOR THE DEACONS OF THE DIOCESE OF VIRGINIA PRISON MINISTRY We are collecting full-size bars of soap for the deacons of the Diocese to distribute in their work at the prisons around Virginia. Something we take for granted is a much appreciated blessing to those who use soap for bathing and washing their clothes. A bag is outside Father Rock's office. These will be delivered Nov. 4.

Volunteer Opportunities We in the office are going to resume holding staff meetings on Wednesdays at 9:30 am. If you are available to answer phones and receive deliveries for about an hour on Wednesday mornings, we'd appreciate your help in the office. Please contact Margaret in the office, 798.6336. if interested.

We also can use volunteers for Sunday morning - we especially need ushers for November. Sign up at Information Central or contact Margaret in the office.

STEWARDSHIP and FUNDRAISING

GRATITUDES FROM THE STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE: Each week we give thanks to parishioners who exemplify the spirit of giving back to God in thankfulness for His generosity. Our heartfelt thanks to: **SANDI AND DICK SHIREY**, for their many years of handling our trash and recycling needs. Thanks, Sandi and Dick!

Your Stewardship Committee

BRUNSWICK STEW KICKING OFF SOON. Friday & Saturday, November 17 and 18

Thanks to all the SJTL parishioners who took the time from their busy schedules to help with the many functions necessary to achieve our very successful Brunswick Stew Sale last year. We grossed in excess of \$2,800 in 2016. We need new energy again this year as we will be making additional batches. Saturday afternoon was a pure delight last year listening to James Taylor, The Temptations and other classic artists with a beer or two as about 20 volunteers were ladling, packaging and selling the product. In case you haven't heard, the pick-up is now called "The Stew Thru". You don't even need to leave your car, just drive up to the table. Not only is this a great fundraiser for SJTL it is great fun for the volunteers. The kitchen crew on Friday is very important to our success and is a vital function. Times are now listed and volunteer opportunities for our preparation day, Friday November 17 followed by stirring the pot, then filling containers and sales of this liquid gold delicacy on Saturday November 18. Some sales are pushed over to Sunday.

Now is the time to sign up to volunteer for Friday, Saturday or both days. Details are on the bulletin board at Information Central. Please sign up at your earliest convenience for working one of those days and for the PRE-ORDER sheets. Price is \$9 per quart this year and \$8 per quart for orders of 10 or more. Tell your friends and neighbors and tell them to tell their friends and neighbors. Keith, our stew master will once again lead our efforts. Thanks. Questions? Rich Holt- rich.holt8@gmail.com or 368-0609 or cell 304-1180

VESTRY MEMBERS: Yancey Jones (Senior Warden); Rebecca Cline (Junior Warden); Dawn Davis; Richard Grosse; Beth Markwood; Ricki Carson; John Hoar; George Spagna; Janet Taylor

PRAYER LIST – October 8, 2017

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: Pray for the congregations and clergy of Farnham Parish, Farnham; St. John's, Warsaw; St. James', Louisa; St. Peter's, New Kent

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: St Albans - (Canterbury, England) The Rt Revd Alan Smith; St Albans - Bedford - (Canterbury, England) The Rt Revd Richard Atkinson; St Albans - Hertford - (Canterbury, England) The Rt Revd Michael Beasley

Metro Richmond Cycle of Prayer: This month, we pray for the Public, Non-profit, and Religious Social Service Work and Ministries in Metropolitan Richmond. This week we pray for public, non-profit, and religious social service work and ministries in Metropolitan Richmond: For all in need of mental health services, all mental health workers, counselors, and treatment facilities.

For our parishioners requesting our prayers: **GUS** Miller, **MAUD** Brumback, **PAT** Funk, **DICK** Harman, **HENRY** Mayer, **ERIN** Yagla, **STEWART** Dishman, **DON** Jones, **CHARLIE** Thompson, **NED** Stiles, **JOANIE** Burgoyne, **GAYELLEN** Wagner, **SALLY** Ellithorpe, **JIM** Cobb

For those serving in the diplomatic corps, the military, and as missionaries: **KEMPER** Jones, **GREG** Ericksen, **ROBERT** Ham, **MATTHEW** Thomas, **PHILIP** Morison, **JAMES** Ashley, **ANDREW** Brunson

Relatives & Friends: *(people added this week are in italics)* **MAC** Pace (father of Steve Pace); **ANNE MARIE** Fisher (friend of the Jones family); **PATRICIA** Reppert (aunt of PK Kinser; friend of the Meyer family); **WILL** Holman (friend of the SJTL Parish); **JOHN** Murphy (father of Erin Murphy); **JANE** Markwood (mother of Tim Markwood); **MARY & JIMMY** (family of Tammie & Bob May); **ORIANA** Hargrove (friend of Bobbie & Tom Street); The Rev. **NANCY** Cox (friend of the Meyer family); **LYNN** Forehand (cousin of Joyce Blunt); **VICKI** Snelgrave (cousin of Joyce Blunt); **HAMILTON** family (friends of the Roberts family); **BETTY FAY** Thomas (sister of Mary Lou Brown); **CAROL** Brown (sister of Bob Brown); **BETH** Vannais (cousin of Bob Brown); **EARL** May (brother of Bob May); **GINNY** Walker (niece of Karl and Ginny Meyer); **JANET** Cobb (sister of Jim Cobb); **KATHERINE** Anderson (friend of Katherine Tinker); **KATHY** Balducci (friend of Jenny Bruce); **BILL** May (brother of Bob May); **WIL** Lawrence (son of Ann & Wilbur Lawrence); **DONNA** Hoffman (friend of Karl and Ginny Meyer); **CONNIE** Barney (friend of the Pace family); **LELIA** Moran (friend of the SJTL parish family); **PAM** Whittaker (friend of Beth Markwood); **AUDREY JO** Weaver (mother of Tammie May); **SUSAN** Adams (sister of Steve Pace); **MARK** Longaker; **SHARON** Hooper (friend of Dawn Davis); **BILL** Russell (friend of Margaret and Chris Belyea); **RUTH** Syman-May (friend of the SJTL parish); **SAM** Hulseley and Family (friends of Lula Hopkins); **DAVID & TRACEY** (family of Ricki & Jim Carson); **ERIN** Carroll Cullather (friend of Aleta Meyer); **SAVANNAH** Wood (friend of Beth Markwood); **SHELBY**; **BETSY** (sister of Jim Carson); **JODY** May (aunt of Bob May); **ANDY** Roberts (friend of Mary Lou & Bob Brown); **TERRY** Shaw (friend of Sandi Shirey); **JOANIE** Watkins (sister-in-law of Bobbie & Tom Street); **STEVE** (family member of Fran McConnell); **JP** Temple (nephew of Alice & Jim Cobb); **MELANIE V.** (friend of Ruth Savino); **DUFF** Green (brother of Melissa Hoar); **AUBREY** Fletcher (friend of Ann and Wilbur Lawrence); **TOM** Slaughter (brother of Ann Lawrence); **SCOTT** (friend of Doris Hassell); **DAN** Brummitt (uncle of Margaret Rush); **SUZANNE** Huff (friend of the SJTL parish); **JUDY** Sledd (friend of the Jones family); **LEROY** and **JOSEPHINE** (friends of Pat Jordan); **KAREN** Fetty (friend of Doris and Harry Hassell); **BILL** Turpin (friend of Teva Rittenhouse); **ANNE** Taylor (friend of the SJTL parish); **DAVID** Willis (friend of the parish and the Ashland community); for all the people and communities affected by Hurricanes Harvey and Irma; **CAMILLE** Loya (friend of Aleta Meyer); **WALLACE+** Adams-Riley (friend of Margaret Rush and Rock Higgins); **DAVID** Jordan (son of Pat Jordan); **DARLENE** Swinson (friend of Ginny Tweel)

The flowers on the altar today are given in loving memory of Charles Sanders, sr., by his family.