

# NEVERTHELESS

Newsletter of the Church of St. James the Less, a parish of the Episcopal Diocese of Virginia  
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*The People of God  
of  
St. James the Less Episcopal Church  
Invite you to a  
Service of Induction  
of  
The Rev. Edward J. Tracy  
As rector of  
St. James the Less Episcopal Church  
On January 20, 2008 at 5 o'clock in the afternoon*

*The Right Reverend Shannon Sherwood Johnston, Celebrant*

*The Church of St. James the Less  
125 Beverly Road  
Ashland, Virginia*

*Clergy – White or Festal Stoles*

November and December has been an incredible time at SJTL!

Our Annual Meeting saw a wonderful turn out with more people than chairs at one point. And horror of horrors we also ran out of coffee! There were good questions asked at the meeting and there was an excitement that SJTL is beginning a new chapter in God's journey with us. Four new vestry members were elected, Bryan Cline, Lou Flanagan, Kendra Shifflett and Sylvia Spagna.

The SJTL Stewardship Campaign has been a blessing this year. Many members have increased their offering of their time, talent and treasure for the support of God's church. Thank you to all for your generosity in supporting ministry at SJTL!

Beginning Dec. 9<sup>th</sup> we were able to hire a full time nursery person, Amy Rocchiccioli, (*see article in Dec. NTL*) to be present each Sunday with our children in the nursery from 9:30 until noon. We are grateful to you for your pledges, which have enabled Amy to be hired. We are also very, very grateful to those who continue to give of their time and energy in helping volunteer each week in the nursery. You have all be a tremendous blessing to our children and church. Thank you!

Our Adult Education forums have been a delightful mixture of topics covering such areas as, mental health, Millennium Development Goals, social justice issues, spiritual personality types in prayer as well as the seasons of the church year including the themes of Advent. The response from the congregation has led to doubling attendance at the forums, as well as running out of coffee again! We might need to explore having an *Emergency Coffee Response Team!* :>) More exciting topics will continue in January.

Speaking of exciting!!! On January 20<sup>th</sup> at 5:00pm **Bishop Shannon S. Johnston will be coming to SJTL to preside at a Service of Induction.** On that evening we will give thanks for the all ministry at SJTL and I will also be "officially" inducted as rector at SJTL. The service is found in the Book of Common Prayer beginning on page 559. This will be the main service on that Sunday. **There will be no 10:00 service on Jan 20<sup>th</sup>, but there will be an 8:00am service as usual.**

I hope you will clear your calendar to join with our new bishop coadjutor in this celebration.

As I wrote in the annual report (*see article in Dec. NTL*) the story of SJTL is nothing short of the gospel in action. Every week both day and night there is a sea of activity and ministry taking place.

On December 9<sup>th</sup> a beautiful display was placed on the bulletin board in the hallway of SJTL by our senior high youth. It was a listing of the need for gifts for five families at Christmas. There were over one hundred gifts listed. Within one hour after the announcement was made at the service members of the parish had already signed up for nearly all the gifts. During the week I continued to see members of the parish look over the gift list looking for an empty space to sign their name so they might give to another they do not even know. Just one more example of the incredible out pouring of ministry God has blessed your hearts with at SJTL.

As we wait and watch and then celebrate the coming of Christ's birth in this holy season, I give thanks for you and all God continues to do through you in our parish and in our community. I look forward to the coming months where God will no doubt have other surprises in store for us. (I hope one of them is not running out of coffee!)

May God, the incarnate Word, who became flesh as one of us so that we might become one with him; fill your heart with all joy and peace and bless you with every good gift which comes from heaven, most of all the gift of His Son our Savior, Jesus Christ the Lord.

A Most Holy and Blessed Christmas,  
*Ed*

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**Arise, Shine, for Thy Light Has Come!**

The Feast of the Epiphany  
January 6, 2008

On this day we remember the arrival of the Magi who traveled to honor Jesus with their gifts. Our special celebration at 10 o'clock is planned for all ages and will include Cherubs singing and a presentation of the Epiphany Gospel. It will be followed by an Epiphany Party for everyone!

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*The following is a quick introduction that Amy was kind enough to write for us:*

“My name is Amy Rocchiccioli, I am looking forward to the opportunity to meet everyone soon and I can't wait to begin my position as the new nursery attendant. I am a mother of two wonderful children. My daughter is attending Lynchburg College and is majoring in Psychology. My son is wrapping up his last year of home schooling and will work on developing a trade of his choice. My husband, myself and children have resided in Montpelier for the last 12 years. I am the Children's Programmer at the Ashland Library which entails conducting and organizing story time and the summer reading program. It is my goal to open up new worlds to children by encouraging them to read! Thank you for honoring me by allowing me to spend Sunday mornings with your children.”

With the addition of our new nursery attendant, Amy Rocchiccioli, we have even more possibilities available for volunteers! If you are interested in volunteering in the nursery, please contact Danah Massey at [nursery@stjamestheless.com](mailto:nursery@stjamestheless.com) or 550-7420.

Danah Massey

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## Adult Education Schedule

**January 6th, there will be no Adult Education** as we will be having an intergenerational Epiphany service followed by a reception (see above).

**January 13th,** George Spagna returns to the forum with Faith and Science. George is always a crowd pleaser.

**January 20th there will again be no classes** as we celebrate the formal induction of Ed as our Rector with a reception along with Bishop Shannon.

**January 27th,** we will have a report by our delegates just back from the 213th Annual Council of the Episcopal Diocese of Virginia.

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## YOUTH NEWS

December was busy for all of the teens. Chandler Hubbard spearheaded the Christmas gift program for the church, and the youth group made and stuffed stockings for each child. We wrote cards to 50 veterans at McGuire Veterans Hospital and also went caroling in Ashland. With the promise of cold weather, the group will spend three days skiing in Seven Springs, Pa. Special thanks to Aleta Meyer, PK Kinser, Richard Grosse, Nancy Fines, Meg Moberg and the Fields for being chaperones. We look forward to 2008.

**Katrina Mission Trip:** For the third year, Tri-Cities Workcamp is sponsoring a mission trip to Ocean Springs, Ms. on February 17-23, 2008. Teens wishing to participate must have attended a summer workcamp in Petersburg, but any adults may attend. For further information contact Jane Jones at 798-6919.

**St. James the Less Sweatshirts On Sale!** If you've been waiting for an opportunity to sport the St. James the Less logo, now's your chance. Sweatshirts in cardinal red and Carolina blue are on sale. Sizes are Adult S-M-L-XL-2XL-3XL and Youth S-M-L. Samples for sizing are hanging in the hall next to the church office. Adult sweatshirts are \$30; youth are \$25. Order forms are in the church office, or you may email Jane Jones at [janejhones@comcast.net](mailto:janejhones@comcast.net) with your order. Profits will go to the senior high youth group.

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### **Parish Life**

All members of the Parish Life Committee please plan to meet for a brief meeting at 9:00 am on Sunday, January 6 in Brydon Hall. This is a very important meeting. We will be discussing the plans for the Induction Service reception and some items about 2008. If you cannot make this meeting, please contact Doris Hassell, 798-0529 or [hlhassell@verizon.net](mailto:hlhassell@verizon.net). Thank you.

**FINGER FOODS NEEDED**

You are invited to bring a finger food or hors d'oeuvres for the Induction Service Reception on Sunday, January 20. You can bring the item before church services in the morning or before the Induction Service itself. Please bring them to the kitchen and label whether or not they need to be heated or refrigerated. We are requesting that NO dessert or sweet items be included in this request because the Parish Life Committee will be providing some special sweet treats for the reception. Thank you.

Doris

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**Pledges to date:** So far we have received a total of 96 pledges amounting to \$263,566! Thank you for your generosity.

**UTO Ingathering:** We have received contributions of \$637, more than double last year's total! Thank you.

**Usher Alert:** We are now in need of ushers for 2008 at the 10 AM service. This is a wonderful way to meet and greet your fellow parishioners. This rewarding experience makes the service run smoothly and you will be appreciated by all. A monthly sign-up sheet is in the hallway on the bulletin board for January-June. Please take your turn and I will be glad to assist or if you have questions give me a call at 368-0609. For those who have ushered in 2007, your service is greatly appreciated. Let's see some new faces in 2008.  
Thank you  
Rich Holt

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**Advanced Adventurers**

**We will meet** in Brydon Hall in January on 1/17 for "SJTL Digital Update". 4 pm – bring your digital camera, laptop pc, cellphones and or iPhones. We'll have own entertainment hookups and display so bring any CDs or photo chips you want to display or have questions about. All electronics displays and MS Power Point.  
Katherine Tinker/Madge Carter/Ron Petitt

**Chinese Wednesdays for 2008:** The first Wednesday of each month has been designated as SJTL "Chinese Wednesday". We meet at Little Hunan (corner of US 1 and Ashcake Rd., around the corner from Pete's) at 1:15 pm. Two or more from SJTL will be gathered there to enjoy "Church catch-up" and Chinese food.  
Ron Petitt

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**Attention St. Hilda's Altar Guild!** You are invited to attend a dessert meeting in Brydon Hall at 7:00 pm on Friday, January 4, 2008. If you are not a member and think you may be interested in learning about the Altar Guild, please come and share and share in the fellowship and few sweets with us.

**Thank you John and Pam Bowers for the 52" HDTV.** We've already begun plans for its use. It can broadcast DVDs, VHS tapes, receive a cable signal from Comcast and can be used with a PC for Power Point presentations. More later on this great addition.

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**Resolution: Give to A.C.E.S.**

Please include in your 2008 New Year's Resolutions a reminder to bring non-perishable food and clothing to the church to donate to Ashland Christian Emergency Services (A.C.E.S.). Please place your donations in the basket in the Narthex or in the A.C.E.S. boxes in the hallway. Thus, we can help assure that our neighbors have enough to eat and they and their children have adequate clothing to wear. If you have questions, please contact Lee & Susan Chambers (798-6647) or Sarah Sanders (798-7435).

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**January Birthdays**

- 1 Abraham Deng
- 2 Chris Starrett
- 3 Kathryn Roberts
- 4 Charles Nauman, Lee Chambers, Hunter Fines
- 5 Cabell Luck, Jane Wallingford
- 6 Jim Sanders
- 8 Aleta Meyer, Buddy Kelly
- 9 Hardy Meade, Virginia Meade
- 12 Mary Field, George Field, Allan Bach, Mark Reece
- 17 John Dull
- 18 Jennifer Cauthorne, Yancey Jones
- 19 Dale Hill, Oriana Dale Hargrove Alderman, Danah Massey, Ben Schubert
- 21 Mark FitzHugh
- 22 Jim Cobb
- 24 Rob Stiles
- 25 Emily Kay, Tyler FitzHugh, Angela Pirko

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**Our Prayers Are Invited...**

**In this parish, we offer prayer for healing; RON Petitt, SEAN Sutherland, MALLORY Rison, DORIS and HARRY Hassell, MAUD Brumback, SARA Reece, PAM Gillette, DOLO Kerr, For the homebound: JOYCE Jeffers, JOYCE Baublitz & NANCY Bugge, for those serving in the military: PAUL Gilman, PATRICK Raney, ROBERT May Jr., TRENT Chelette, BRAYDEN Pleasants, CHRIS Abaire, WILL Howe, COLE & RICHARD.**

**Relatives & Friends: JANE Marmion Daly (friend of Mary Lou & Bob Brown), FRANK Blakemore (brother of Bill), RICH Laird & (friend of the parish), ANN & BOB McDade (parents of Elizabeth), TRUE Luck (cousin of Bebe and Cabell), AVA Chung (niece of Masseys), the family of MANDY Hullander Horne, JENNIFER Fry (friend of Ragan Phillips and Phyllis Theroux), the SUTHERLAND family, the EARLY family, the JAN Meacham-Byers family, JACK Sanford (uncle of Woodi Sprinkel), SANDIE Litsinger (former parishioner), SUZY Amburn (friend of Alice & Jim Cobb), CAREN Petersen (cousin of the Purmasirs), LINDA Oropello (sister) & FRANK Oropello (father, of Tony), ROBIN Smith, ALBERT C. Moeser (friend of the Waltons), LOUISE Rison (mother of Townes), BARBARA Batten (aunt of the Hassells), ADA Lewis (mother of Steve), ILANA Berger (cousin of Aleta Meyer), BILL Krebs (father of Margee), the UZLE family (friends of Beth Renswick), VANCE Hopkins (brother of Ron), PAUL Lorenz (cousin of Dick Harman), MILTON Kay (father of Jack), MARLA Creasy (sister of Bettilee Kay), JENNIFER & DEREK BURTON, GEORGE Waters (Lee Ann & Ed's family), JAN Abrams (friend of Melissa Roberts), STUART Ling (father of Kris Holt), ELIZA & REINA Longaker (daughter & daughter-in-law of Lyde), NED Dillon (friend) & BOYD Brumback (son, of Maud Brumback), Baby MADELINE (daughter of Kim Ties), ELAINE Wingo (mother) & BRAD Miederhoff (son, of Jenny Bruce), ERNESTINE Nix (Nix family member), RON Bolick (uncle of Anita Tarbox), KENNETH Niblock (brother of Sarah Sanders), IVY Wolfe & RACHEL Utley (friends of the Flanagans), CATHY McKay, BRUCE Unger & RUSSELL Shea (friends of the Spagnas).**

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**We are trying something new! For the sake of consistency, the deadline for submitting Nevertheless articles will be the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month. Hopefully, this will be easy for everyone to remember!**