

THE FISHERMAN

WE ARE A CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY OF LOVING, CARING MEMBERS, WHO REACH OUT TO WELCOME OTHERS THROUGH SOCIAL ACTION, MINISTRY, AND INSPIRATIONAL, SACRAMENTAL WORSHIP.

Ordinary Time Can Be Extraordinary!

Ordinary Time is a season of the Christian liturgical calendar. The English name is intended to translate the Latin term *Tempus per annum* (literally, “time through the year”). Ordinary Time comprises the two periods — one following Epiphany, the other following Pentecost — which do not fall under the “strong seasons” of Advent, Christmas, Lent, or Easter. Ordinary Time, therefore, signals that the great observances of the birth of Jesus, and of his passion, death, and resurrection are completed. Whenever the liturgical hangings in a church are green, the Church is observing Ordinary Time. A theme of both periods of Ordinary Time is growth.

During Epiphany, the Church and her members contemplate the ways the Gospel is spread throughout the world. The magi were the first Gentiles to pay homage to the Christ child. During the Season of Epiphany, the scripture lessons focus on the ways Christ was manifested as light of the entire world.

During the Season of Pentecost, we are to consider the ways in which each of us grows in the Spirit. The lectionary readings are full of instructive words of how a follower of Christ may grow into his likeness. The lazy days of summer can provide a wonderful opportunity for the people of God to seek God’s direction about how each person can mature in Christ and be more like our Lord, following his great examples of humility, obedience, and service.

I encourage you to take time — to make time — this summer to explore the possibilities of growing in grace and in the Spirit! You will discover that the period between Easter and Advent/Christmas, which are usually a slower time in the Church due to a decrease in holy days, can be Extraordinary Time for the people of God who seek to learn more of God’s will for their lives and who desire to grow in faith. Let the green, vibrant foliage of the summer season remind us all to grow in the Spirit!

*Faithfully yours,
Fr. Frank*



A Voice from the Deacon's Bench

Dear Friends in Christ,

*The Second Step of Humility in the Rule of St. Benedict –
Know that God's Will is Best for You.*

"God is closer to us, the mystics say, than our breath. Closer than we are to ourselves. St. John of the Cross says, "We are in God like a stone is in the earth . . . already in the Center." There is no way to get any closer to God than we already are. The spiritual life, then, is not about coming closer to God but rather the realization of the communion and union that already exists, and always has, and always will, forever." –Gerald May



At Pentecost we are reminded of and celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit, the Advocate that was given to the disciples and to us. Jesus tells us *"Go then and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, and teach them all that I have commanded of you and remember, I am always with you."* He is with us through the power of the Holy Spirit that is given to all who believe. On this day, the Power of God descended on those in the upper room like the sound of a rushing wind: much like the breath of God that created the earth and all humanity, the disciple's life became intentional and so must ours. We are the body of Christ, now commissioned to go and do and act as he has taught us through his words, life, death and resurrection. How do we do his will and not let our own self-centered demands lead us? It is a life time journey, climbing out of our small ego to let God's will become our guide into a meaningful Christian life.

In Joan Chittister's book, *Radical Spirit*, she says, *"The second step of humility is that we love not our own will nor take pleasure in the satisfaction of our desires...that we shall imitate by our actions that saying of Christ's: John 16 – 'I have come not do my own will, but the will of God.'"* Doing God's will is a life time journey for us and an immense challenge. Recognizing that God is God, internalizing the presence of God and knowing that he is always with us is the **first step of Humility**. **The second step of Humility** is knowing God's will for us is the best. The brother Abba Poeman, who lived in the 3rd century, said we discover the will of God by collecting all the wisdom we can – past and present – and then making good judgments ourselves. Joan Chittister adds that contemplation of the will of God is life's purpose. We must then ask ourselves which point of view comes closest to God's loving will for the world now and here.

*Blessings,
Deacon Jean*

Upcoming Events

Long Range Calendar:

Bishop's Visit, Sunday, June 3rd with reception following 10 a.m. service. *Single Service Weekend*

Services of Reception on June 9/10 as needed at each Service that weekend

St. James Day celebration on Sunday, July 29th - *Single Service Weekend*, Sunday at 10am, followed by Parish Picnic



Bishop Skirving's Visit

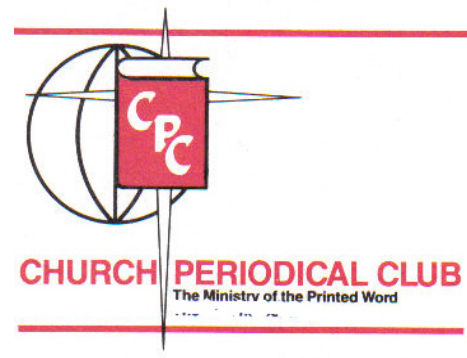
Please remember that our Bishop, Rob Skirving, will visit us on Sunday, June 3rd. In order to celebrate this event as a parish family, we will have a single Eucharist service that weekend on Sunday at 10AM; followed by a Reception in our Parish Hall being coordinated by our ECW.

Peace – Fr. Frank

June
3rd

CPC Spring Ingathering

The Church Periodical Club's (CPC) Spring Ingathering was held the weekend of May 5 and 6, 2018. On behalf of the ECW, I would like to thank you for your participation in the CPC Spring Ingathering. We were able to send a total of \$275 (\$75 from Ingathering Weekend and \$200 from the ECW) to the Church Periodical Club to help them provide educational, spiritual, and liturgical resources to many communities in our nation and around the world. Part of the money collected locally will also be used for textbook grants to our diocesan seminarians. Thank you again for your support of this outreach ministry.



Ruth Ann Grothe, Parish Representative



Statements covering the period from January 1 through March 31 were placed in your parish mailboxes. If you have a question concerning them, please contact Jack McElroy at milfordjac@aol.com. Please ensure you note the check number and date of any contribution you may be wondering about. Note, however, that a check sent to the church near the closeout date may not have arrived to be posted by the March 31st cutoff and should, therefore, appear on the next statement

*. Many Thanks,
Jack McElroy, Parish Treasurer*

Altar Flowers

Each week the flowers on the altar add a beautiful touch to our Worship Services. Those dedicating them in honor, memory or thanksgiving of someone provide these flowers solely through donations to our Flower Fund. **Unfortunately we have a large number of weekends where either one or both of the altar vases have not been donated, which is depleting our backup Flower funds.** The cost is \$35 per vase and the signup chart is located in Bliss Hall.



Coffee Hour Reminder

I want to thank everyone who has signed up for coffee hour over the next few weeks. Remember, it does not need to be a lot. You can keep it simple. Cookies or doughnuts, along with juice or ice tea, are fine. Coffee hour is a tradition at St. James where we all gather after 10:00 church service to greet and share conversation with one another. Please keep this wonderful tradition going and sign up for one Sunday over the summer.

Deacon Jean



When We Come Up Empty, God Will Provide

Okay, I admit it. I forgot that I was supposed to write the DOK article for this month's "The Fisherman", and when I was gently reminded by Lisa, our amazing editor (and don't you dare edit that out), I went totally brain dead and couldn't come up with anything. Then this morning I received a message on Facebook from a beautiful young woman that Jim and I had the pleasure of meeting recently on a cruise, and with her permission, I would like to share it with you. Her name is Kendra Morrell, and she wrote:

Father, thank you for the love in a puppy dog's eyes.
Thanks for the comfort of shoes on my feet.
Thanks for the job that puts food on our table,
And thanks for providing far more than we need.

Thanks for the kiss of a husband who loves me.
Thanks for the words that encourage a friend.
Thanks for surprises, and the smile of a stranger,
And thank you for loving me through to day's end.

Thanks for your word that brings light to the darkness.
Thank you for all of our family and friends.
Thanks for your wisdom you grant with the asking,
And thanks for forgiving me time and again.

Thanks for the butterflies, flowers and sunshine.
Thanks for the time when the hurting won't heal.
Thanks for my weakness and the strength you have given
Because that's when I see your great glory revealed.

And now I lay me down to sleep.
I pray, Dear Lord, my soul to keep.
And if I should die before I awake
I thank you for Jesus, for heaven's sake.

Amen.

Mary and Martha Chapter



*For His Sake,
Annette Parsch*

ECW

The final meeting of the St. James the Fisherman ECW was held on May 9th at the home of Toni and Tom Deluca in River Sea Plantation. It was a beautiful spring day and perfect for a lovely celebratory luncheon.

The Delucas are such gracious hosts — opening up their gorgeous home to all of us “church ladies” for tours throughout their home.

The business meeting was kept to a minimum, covering the last of our outreach donations, and many, many thanks were offered for all the work that our members do. It was noted that we were able to give away over \$3,000 to our various charities -- all monies produced by the Yard Sale, Bake Sale and Craft Sale held in the fall of each year.

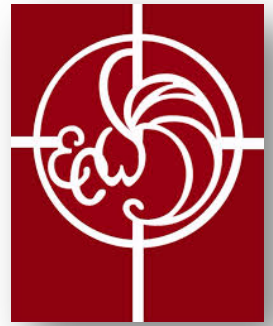
The meeting was finished with a flourish as Fr. Frank swore in the new officers for the 2018-19 year: President Barbara Freeman, Vice President Dawn Kellerman, Treasurer Ruth Ann Campbell-Grothe, Recording Secretaries Bonnie Dolph and Susan Dickerson, and Corresponding Secretary Susan Sprouse.

Each of the attendees brought a covered dish to share, so the day was wonderfully completed with a delightful luncheon.

The meetings and programs for next year are already chosen, so get out your calendars and make Sept 12 a date to remember for the first meeting. Meet new St. James members, make new friends, and learn all the ways we can work to help out our community.

All women of St. James are automatically members of this fun group, and you are always welcome. Look for details in the August bulletins for details of next year's plans.

Susan Dickerson
2017-2018 President





Neighbor to Neighbor Outreach Ministry

Thank you folks for all the donations you have dropped off at the church. The Coat Closet and the Orthopedic Equipment Lending Program appreciate your thoughtfulness. We have been going through the donations regularly. Just a small note on the subject of the Coat Closet -

-we take warm gently used coats of all sizes. We do not have room for sweaters, sweat shirts, vests and light weight jackets. Anything we receive that cannot be used in The Coat Closet is distributed to other charitable programs that serve the need of the poor in Brunswick County and St. James migrant workers program. We are glad to do this as it is part of doing God's work in the here and now.

Deacon Jean

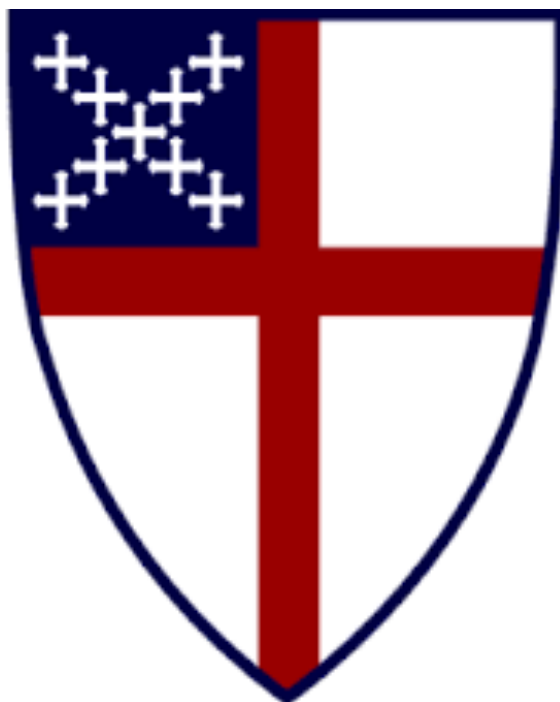
Annual Lobster Sale Coordinator Position Is (Still) Open

Bill Chase has volunteered and worked long and hard for many years as the coordinator for our Annual Lobster Sale, which is held on the same day as our Annual Yard Sale/Bake Sale/Craft Sale.

He's handing the reins over. Will you consider taking the reins of this volunteer job? You would be working with our Administrative Assistant, who will assist you with all the paperwork. *It's only a once a year job.*

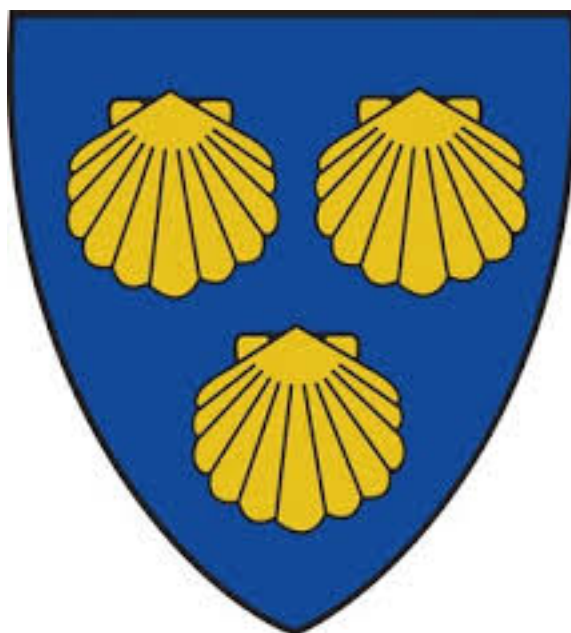
If you would like to volunteer or would like further information, please call Fr. Frank at 843-817-0486.





Saint James Day Celebration

The parish will celebrate our patron Saint's feast day on Sunday, July 29th. In order that we might gather as a parish family, we will have only one service that weekend at 10 am. Mark your calendars and come join this parish family celebration.



Vestry Notes



The Vestry met on Tuesday, May 8, 2018, in Bliss Hall at 5:30 p.m., and the following topics were discussed:

Father Frank stated that church attendance is growing, and that several new families have been repeat visitors and expressed interest in possibly joining St. James. This is great news. Father Frank also commented on the upcoming Bishop's visit in June.

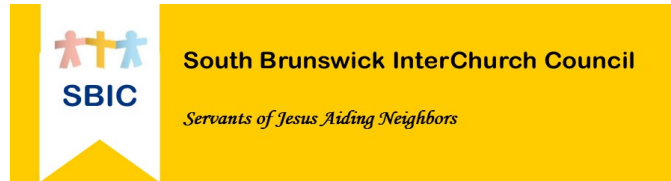
The profile for our new priest was submitted to the Diocese for review and recommendation. It looks like our search committee is progressing very well.

Discussion then turned to our aging HVAC systems, which are in need of replacement. A survey from our HVAC contractor will be forthcoming in the near future.

Dawn Kellerman said to mark your calendars for June 9th for another great gathering. Due to limited occupancy by the fire marshal, however, tickets will again be required. More to come in the bulletins.

The next Vestry meeting is Tuesday, June 5th, at 5:30 p.m. in Bliss Hall. This is a new date.

*Very Respectfully,
Bill Grothe, Sr. Warden*



SBIC CORNER

Ruth Ann Campbell-Grothe, the St. James Representative on the South Brunswick Interchurch Council (SBIC), attended the monthly meeting held on Monday, May 7, 2018, at Shallotte Presbyterian Church at 8:45 a.m.

The first order of business today was the Spring Concert. Gloria Wimmer, Event Coordinator, reported that the "Sing Into Spring" Concert was a huge success. Over 300 people attended the concert and the Love Offering brought in a record \$2,817, which will buy over 10,000 pounds of food for the SBIC Food Pantry clients. She thanked everyone who helped in any way.

Mary Pritchard discussed the BB&T Lighthouse Program whereby the bank gives a donation and then also provides sweat equity. BB&T has donated \$3,500 to the SBIC Food Pantry and will be physically helping at the pantry in the near future.

Ruth Ann Campbell-Grothe, Nominating Committee Chairperson, presented the 2018-2019 slate for approval. President and Secretary terms are voted on in even years. Jeanne Parietti has volunteered to continue serving as Secretary. The President position remains open. While the search for a new President continues, the Vice President and Secretary will share leadership duties in the absence of the immediate past President.

Paul Carmen, Treasurer, presented the 2018-2019 Budget Proposal. This will be voted on at the June meeting.

The following board positions also remain open. If one of these positions is calling your name, please let me know. You do not have to be a current delegate on the SBIC, just have a passion to help the needy in Brunswick County.

1. CROP Walk/Praise in the Park – Serve as the lead coordinator of this event.
2. Fundraising – Assist Event Chairs and Grant Coordinators, as appropriate.

Mary Pritchard, Pantry Coordinator, reported that the SBIC Food Pantry has served 1,122 children, 2,084 adults, and 1,498 seniors for a total of 4,704 January-April 2018. Mary also advised that the SBIC had received grants from the Catherine Kennedy Foundation for \$7,000 and BEMC for \$1,000. It was also noted that \$5,234 was received from the GSMA for the Lenten lunches. The SBIC will also be the recipient of the Post Office Food Drive scheduled for May 12th. Mary also reported that the SBIC has been selected as one of four food pantries in the South Brunswick area to receive the collection monies from the Ocean Isle Beach Summer Concerts. Several volunteers will be collecting on August 17, August 24, August 31, and September 7.

Mitch Hewett, Technology Coordinator, encouraged everyone to check out the SBIC website. Gloria Wimmer, Membership Chair, is developing a program to approach churches who are not participating in the SBIC.

Bonita LeGoullon will head up the Celebration of Volunteers from the participating churches with an ice cream social. Bonita will collect names by the end of May, send out electronic invitations, and set a date for the celebration in June.

The next SBIC General Meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 4, 2018, at Shallotte Presbyterian Church at 8:45 a.m. Anyone is welcome to attend the monthly SBIC Meetings.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Ruth Ann or Bill Grothe, your St. James Representatives, at 910-575-1247 or at bolnannie@atmc.net. Until next month...

Birthdays and Anniversaries:

Jun 2	Tom & Marg Smicklas
Jun 3	Aram Noorigian
Jun 4	Ed Clark, Georgia Dalzell
Jun 5	Michael & Jo Ann Grasso
Jun 6	Peggy Haughey, Ronald Reopel, Susan & Dan Kubley
Jun 7	Ed Strapp, Vicki Kay
Jun 8	Clint & Carolyn Felton
Jun 10	Janice Spessard
Jun 12	T.K. Moore
Jun 13	Thomas & Ruth Fernandez
Jun 14	Ginny Coltharp
Jun 15	John & Janice Spessard
Jun 17	Cai & Barbara Raber, Ruth & Thomas MacDonald
Jun 18	Kathleen McDonald, Ken & Georgia Dalzell
Jun 19	Rowena Sewell, Elizabeth Ledford, Janet Thompson
Jun 22	T.K. & Kathie Moore, James & Peggy Haughey
Jun 23	Deacon Jean Miller, Jonathan Freeman, Matt & Kathy Sanchez
Jun 24	Larry & Diana Eldridge
Jun 25	Rick Coltharp
Jun 26	James Horn
Jun 28	John & Patricia Nunnenkamp
Jun 30	Jill Horn

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The Rt. Rev. Robert Skirving - Bishop
 Rev. Frank Russ, Interim Rector
 The Rev. Jean Miller, Deacon
 The Rev. Michael Ligon, Deacon
 Rev. Dr. Richard Warner, Jr., Rector Emeritus
 Paul Bertelsen, Verger

Worship Services

Sunday:

Holy Eucharist:	8:00 a.m.
Choral Eucharist:	10:00 a.m.

Saturday:

Holy Eucharist:	5:30 p.m.
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Vestry

Bill Grothe	Senior Warden
Jim Parsch	Junior Warden
Jack McElroy	Treasurer
Jackie Wright	Clerk of the Vestry
Pat Neff	Nancy Dougherty
Sam Farag	Bob Lynott
Dawn Kellerman	Joyce Winnie
Anne Neely	

Directory of Ministries

WORSHIP - Vestry Liaison - J. Winnie

Coordinators -
 Acolytes - P. Bertelsen
 Altar Guild - Individual Team Leaders
 Daughters of the King - L. Hickey
 Eucharistic Ministers - R. Fernandez
 Eucharistic Visitors - Deacon J. Miller
 Music - M. Smicklas
 Newcomers/Greeters - *Volunteer Needed*
 Nursery - V. Redin
 Ushers - B. Chase

PROGRAMS - Vestry Liaison - D. Kellerman

Christian Education - Father Frank Russ
 ECW - S. Dickerson
 Coffee Hour - Weekly Hosts

Foyer Groups: R. Fernandez
 Quarterly Parish Dinners - Dawn
 Kellerman, B. & G. Freeman
 Special Projects - P. Bertelsen
 Holy Stitchers - D. Kellerman
 Bridge Group - B. Bartell

OUTREACH - Vestry Liaison - Anne Neely

Angel Tree - Daughters of the King
 BFA Food Pantry - Second Helpings Volunteers
 Communities In Schools - Daughters of the King
 ERD - *Volunteer Needed*
 Inter-church Council - B. & R. Grothe
 Lobster Sale - *Volunteer Needed*
 Neighbor to Neighbor - Deacon J. Miller
 Second Helpings- J. Bryant

UTO/CPC - ECW Coordinators

ADMINISTRATION - Vestry Liaisons - S. Farag, P. Neff

Endowments - Dan Dickerson, Ernie Sewell,
 and *One Volunteer Needed*
 Liaison: S. Farag
 Stewardship - P. Neff

COMMUNICATIONS/DEANERY - Vestry Liaison - N. Dougherty

BUILDING & GROUNDS - B. Lynott, J. Parsch

Fisherman Newsletter - L. Jennings

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God. Ephesians 5:2

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