

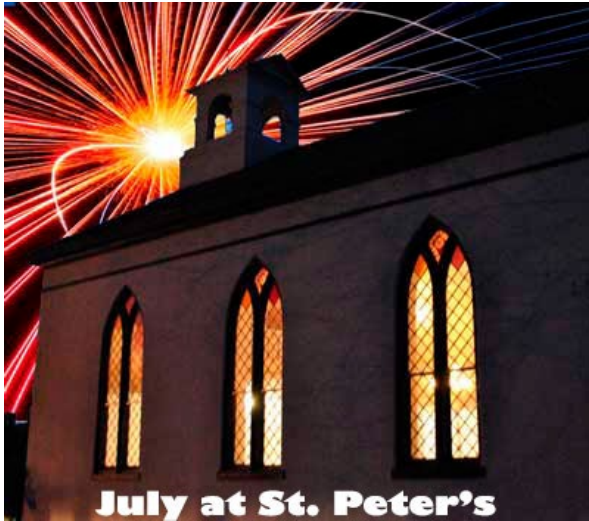
THE ST PETER'S POST

July, 2023

St Peter's Episcopal Church, Port Royal, VA

The Rev. Catherine D. Hicks, Rector

July at St Peter's



- **Every Sunday, in person worship at St Peter's 11AM and online, same link.**
<https://www.youtube.com/@st.petersepisopalchurchpo677/streams>
- **Sun, July 2 – Coffee Hour after Church at the pavilion**
- **Every Wednesday, 10AM until Noon Bible Study in the Parish House—Study the upcoming Sunday's lectionary.**
- **Wednesday, July 12, 2PM ECW Gathering at Cookie's house, all are welcome.**
- **Sun, July 16 – Donations of notebook paper for Caroline's Promise due.**
- **Wed., July 19– Village Harvest, 3:00pm-5pm.** If you'd like to help, please contact Andrea Pogue, 540-847-9002.

Server Schedule, July, 2023

Sunday, July 2, 2023, The Fifth Sunday after Pentecost, 11AM, Holy Eucharist

Lector: Johnny Davis

Chalice Bearer: Elizabeth Heimbach

Altar Cleanup: Andrea Pogue

Sunday, July 9, 2023 The Sixth Sunday after Pentecost, 11AM, Holy Eucharist

Lector: Elizabeth Heimbach

Chalice Bearer: Johnny Davis

Altar Cleanup: Jan Saylor

Sunday, July 16, 2023, The Seventh Sunday after Pentecost, 11AM, Holy Eucharist

Lector: Ben Hicks

Chalice Bearer: Andrea Pogue

Altar Cleanup: BJ Anderson

Sunday, July 23, 2023, The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost, 11AM, Holy Eucharist

Lector: Linda Kramer

Chalice Bearer: Johnny Davis

Altar Cleanup: Linda Kramer

Sunday, July 30, 2023, The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost, 11AM, Morning Prayer

Lector: Andrea Pogue

Altar Cleanup: Elizabeth Heimbach

One Bread, One Body, One Cup of Blessing that we Bless—Back to the Chalice

The pandemic brought many changes to our life together as a congregation. Thanks to COVID, we now provide online worship for those who can't get to church in person to worship on Sundays. We have meetings and some worship on Zoom. We experienced the beauty of worshipping outside together before we were able to return to our indoor worship space. These changes and experiences were positive.

Our current worship still reflects some COVID impacts. Our in-person congregation on Sundays has shrunk. We haven't had acolytes serving at the altar. We have also missed

processions in and out of the church, and passing the offering plate.

The biggest change to our worship has been the use of individual cups for receiving communion wine. I, your priest, decided that we should use these individual cups rather than to forgo the receiving of wine altogether when we first came back to church on Palm Sunday in 2021. We have been using these cups ever since.



A month or two ago, after our new Bishop, The Rt Rev Mark Stevenson asked that we return to using the common cup, we began to use the chalice on the altar again, with the invitation for all to receive wine from the chalice itself rather than from the individual cups. Everyone chose to

continue using the individual cups.

Now the Bishop has asked again that all churches in the Diocese remove the individual cups and return to receiving wine from the chalice only. This request is based on our theology that we share one bread, and one cup as the one body of Christ. "We, who are many, are one body, for we share in one bread, and one cup."

Beginning on Sunday, July 2, at Bishop Stevenson's request, we will return to using only the chalice for receiving the wine at communion, returning to our Episcopal tradition of sharing one cup. When you come to the altar rail, please use the hand sanitizer that you will find on the small table that held the communion cups. The most sanitary way to receive the wine is to simply drink from the cup. If you want to dip your bread into the wine, (intinct) then you must give your bread to the chalice bearer, who will dip your bread in the wine and return it to you. The reason for this is to avoid having people inadvertently getting

their fingers into the wine, which studies show is a greater source of germs than simply drinking directly from the cup. **When you leave the altar rail, you can use the hand sanitizer on the small table where we have been placing the individual cups after use. You may choose to receive only bread. According to our tradition, receiving communion in "one kind" only is considered full communion.**

If you have any questions or would like more information about why this decision is being made, please call Catherine at (540) 809-7489.

Prayer Corner

As we give thanks that Nathaniel Schnakenberg has received a kidney, please pray that his recovery will continue to go well.

Fred Pannell continues to have health issues and has spent more time in the rehab center in Colonial Beach. Please pray for him as he works to regain health and strength and to return home.

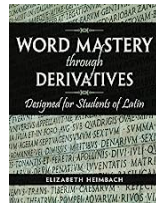
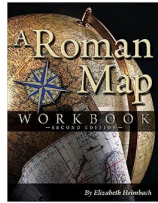
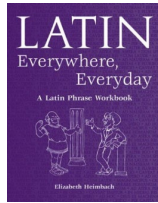
Please continue to pray for Susan and Helmut Linne von Berg, for Tom Segar, and for the Faibisys as they deal with long term health issues.

Please pray for those in our congregation who are dealing with chronic pain.

Authors in our Midst

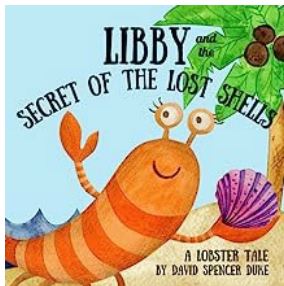
Elizabeth Heimbach and Dave Duke share the distinction in our congregation of being published authors.

Elizabeth's interests naturally include Latin as well as the archaeology of Italy and England as they pertain to Rome. Her main focus has been Pompeii. Elizabeth, Jim and the rest of the Heimbach family paid a visit to Pompeii this past June.



From Elizabeth's Publisher. "Her research interests include the Vesuvian cities of Pompeii and Herculaneum and the archeological sites of Arbeia and Bignor in England. Heimbach is the author of *Latin Everywhere, Everyday* (Bolchazy-Carducci Publishers, 2004), *A Roman Map Workbook, 2nd Edition* (Bolchazy-Carducci Publishers, 2013) and *Word Mastery through Derivatives: Designed for Students of Latin* (2017)

David Spencer Duke is the proud author of a children's book, [Libby and the Secret of the Lost Shells](#). Libby the Lobster lives in a lighthouse. She and her friend Skipper the Seagull find a bottle that has washed up on the beach and they are off on an adventure. Those of us who know Dave will not be surprised that these two are heading off on a treasure hunt. The book is brand new and is available on Amazon.



UTO Ingathering

Thank you to all who contributed a total of \$330.50 to the Spring UTO ingathering on June 4. Over the next 3 years, The United Thank Offering, in the spirit of Matthew 25:36, will focus on areas of ministry that serve those who society has left out and left behind. Therefore, the UTO grant focus for 2023 will be on innovative mission and ministry projects addressing all aspects of the worldwide incarceration crisis, specifically:

- preventative programs and intervention;
- prisoner support outreach;
- prison reform work;
- or post-prison re-entry

Congratulations!

Where did the years go? **Congratulations to Edgar Harper, grandson of Cookie and Johnny Davis, who graduated from Westmoreland High School in May.** We wish him many blessings as he rides off into the future.



Village Harvest, 2nd Qtr., 2023



Quarter 2, 2023, served more people compared to the same quarter 2020-2022. 262 were served compared to 247 and 240 in Quarter 2, 2022 and 2021 (2020 was the

Pandemic). However, due to lower turnout in quarter 1, year to date figures through 6 months 2022 were lower than in the previous 2 years.

We provided a handout to all our clients with additional food locations for the summer.

1. Grab and Go Meals, Fredericksburg Food Bank

Free meals for Youth under age 18

Location	Address	Time	Days
Third Mt. Zion Baptist	9132 Fredericksburg Turnpike, Woodford, VA	Wed, 10am-12pm	June 7 - Aug 9, 2023
New Liberty Baptist	33030 Sparta Road, Milford, VA	Wed 11:30am-1:30pm	June 7 - Aug 9, 2023
Lotus Academy	7278 Ladysmith Road, Ruther Glen, v	Thur 10am-12pm	June 8 - Aug 10, 2023
Oxford Mt. Zion Baptist	25215 Zion Road, Ruther Glen, VA	Thur 10:45am-12:45pm	June 8 - Aug 10, 2023
Second Mt. Zion Baptist	31220 Old Dawn Road, Hanover, VA	Thur 11:30am-1:30pm	June 8 - Aug 10, 2023
Walmart Supercenter	2533 Germanna Hwy, Locust Grove	Tues 1-3pm	June 6 - Aug 8, 2023

2. Finding Summer meals

Text "Food" or "Comida" to 304-304 and then your zip code

Update on Jamaica

Donations -collected \$2,355 as of June 28. \$1,499 is earmarked for the school principal to purchase notebooks, computers (keyboards, mouse and monitors), shipping, customs, checking suitcases on the plane for supplies).

The rest of the funds were available for supplies which Andrea purchased on June 30.

Pencil cases, 280.
Rulers, 350
Pens, 100
Toothbrushes, 50
Sharpener, 156
Erasers, 200
Drawstring backpacks, 220

Notebook Paper Collection for Caroline's Promise School Supply Distribution-Due July 16th

Sunday, July 16th is the deadline for St Peter's to collect 8.5" looseleaf, 3 hole punched notebook paper for Caroline County school children, to be distributed by Caroline's Promise on Saturday, July 29th. **Our goal is 200 packs of 8.5x11 looseleaf notebook paper, 3 hole punched. Any size pack is fine. As of June 25, we had received 8.**



Bring your donation to church and place it in the back pew. If you'd like to make a monetary donation toward this project, write a check to St Peter's and put Notebook

paper/Outreach on the memo line.

We have frequently partnered with Caroline's Promise in collecting school supplies for Caroline County students. Last year we donated markers. Caroline's Promise works to help young people in Caroline County to succeed by providing a healthy start and future, one of their five promises. You can read more about Caroline's promise at

this link. <https://www.carolinespromise.org/>

The distribution will be July 29, 10am-12pm at

Caroline Middle School
13325 Devils Three Jump Road
Milford VA 22514

The St Peter's Book of Remembrance

Did you know that St Peter's has a Book of Remembrance? Lucile Brokenbrough Holloway Booker gave the book in memory of her mother, Fannie Brokenbrough Powers Holloway, who was born in 1870 and lived to be 90 years old. She lived in the big white house on Water Street that is now being restored.

Emily Holloway recorded past and current gifts in the special book. She was assisted by Jim Patton, one of the great St Peter's historians.

The people who gave these gifts loved St Peter's and their presence continues with us each Sunday in both obvious and not so obvious ways in the gifts that they gave to support St Peter's and the people that they knew would come after them.

When the church opened, Robert Hord gave a silver chalice and paten. This chalice, while not in use right now, is on display in the dining room in the parish room on a shelf above the door into the room.

We hear one of the gifts each Sunday! The bell that we still use today was given by Silas Wood in 1850 to replace the bell destroyed by the fire that took place in 1849.



On Sunday, when you sit in your pew and look at the altar wall, you'll see the credence shelf, on the wall to the right of the altar. Sigismund S. Ware, who was an early rector at St Peter's (1888-1918)

<https://www.waregenealogy.com/SigsDiary.html> and who also traveled each Sunday to Grace Church to preach there, gave that credence shelf, where we keep the offering plates. The brass candle lighter and snuffer that rests there and that we still use each Sunday was given by Mrs. Carl Brown in 1955. She and her husband also gave a silver wafer box and the brass candle lighter and snuffer.

Also to the right of the altar is a hymn board that was given by Dr John J. Gravatt. The St Peter's banner was given in 1996 by all of his children in memory of E. Conway Davis. John B. Lightfoot gave the hymn board to the left. We still use that hymn board to post each Sunday's hymn numbers.

The two Gothic chairs that are on either side of the altar were given by Mrs. William Carter Pratt of Camden. Their matches are in the central hall at Camden. The needlepoint cushions for these chairs were given by Helen G. Pratt in memory of R. T. Pratt.

Our current altar was given by Rosalie Thornton Conness in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Champe Brockenbrough Thornton III. In the 1950's the ECW gave several gifts to make our worship easier and also more beautiful, by giving the brass missal stand that we use each Sunday to hold the altar book, the brass altar vases, and the brass altar cross which we use

on the altar on Morning Prayer Sundays. Lucile Holloway Booker gave the brass processional cross in 1970 in memory of her father, Cleveland Amiss Holloway. Sets of altar hangings were given by Mrs. Byrd Holloway in memory of her mother, by Mrs. Harry Stalcup in memory of her mother, and by Mr. and Mrs. Richard T. Pratt, Sr. The brass candlesticks were given by Mrs. Courtenay Tayloe Crump Pratt in 1963. A lectern Bible was given by Mr. and Mrs. Conway Davis in memory of their son, James, Conway Davis in 1973. The ECW provided the pew cushions, and gifts in memory of Richard Turner Pratt include the carpet and the kneelers at the altar rail.

Jim Patton took sympathy on the organist at St Peter's in 1978 and gave the console mirror and light that is still in use.

The gift that takes up the most space is the sacristy addition that was added to the back of the church in 1964 and given by Marshall Allen, Robert Hicks, Conway Davis, L.S. Brigham, and Harry T. Banks.

If you've ever wondered what to do with all of those diamonds you have stored away in your jewelry boxes, follow the example of Nannie Tiffey Johnson, who in 1940 gave St Peter's a bequest of \$5612.50 from "the sale of all her diamonds." When Frances Upton Paton died in 1981, her jewelry was also sold and \$1989 was given to St Peter's.

Other gifts have been noted in the Book of Remembrance. This partial list reminds us that we continue to be surrounded by all these generous people, whose legacy to us lives on as we continue to worship in our beautiful little church. If you and your family know of any recent gifts that should be listed in The Book of Remembrance, please email Elizabeth Heimbach, eheimbach@aol.com with your information.

Thank you to Cookie Davis for providing the information about the Book of Remembrance and its contents.

Thank you to St Peter's from the Office of the Sheriff

In May the Vestry voted to support the Sheriff's office and make a donation for its drug and child safety education program. Here's the Sheriff's note in response.

Dear Friend and Sponsor:

The Caroline County Sheriff's Office would like to express our sincere appreciation for your financial support of our drug and child safety education programs. Providing safety and security to the citizens of Caroline County is our number one objective. Our planned child safety program is one of the ways in which we can achieve that objective. You recognize that we desperately need to reach our children with accurate and vital facts that will educate and help them grow as safe, happy and useful citizens.

The materials and services we have carefully selected are developed exclusively by the National Child Safety Council, a nonprofit, tax exempt organization. Because of your generous support, we are able to provide a well-rounded drug and child safety education program for our children and the community. Without your help, this could not have been possible.

Thanks again, not only from the Caroline County Sheriff's Office, but also from all the young people who have been and will be touched by your helping hand. C. Scott Moser, Sheriff

Local Church News

St Asaph's, Bowling Green, has a new Priest-in-Charge. The Rev. Denise Bennett began at St Asaph's on Sunday, June 11th. Denise and her husband live in Richmond, and Denise will be commuting to Bowling Green to serve St Asaph's in a part time capacity.

Shiloh Baptist in Port Royal celebrated the 25th anniversary of Rev. Gregory Nick as their pastor during the last weekend in June.



Cookie and Johnny Davis represented St Peter's at the celebratory banquet attended by over 150 people. Congratulations to Pastor Nick for the time he has so generously given to the people of Shiloh Baptist Church.

Tues, July 4, Port Royal Independence Day Celebration

Historic Port Royal event at St Peter's 10am to 2pm.

- Special guests President James Madison and Martha Washington.
- Puppet shows and children's games.
- Horse-drawn carriage rides.
- Reenactors from earlier centuries.
- Craftsman and artisans at work.
- Port Royal Museums and Old School open to the public from 2pm to 4pm

Gospel in July

Get the lectionary readings here
<http://lectionarypage.net/#july>



Van Gogh, The Sower (July 16)

**July 2, 2023 – 5th Sunday after Pentecost,
Proper 8 - Matthew 10:40-42**

In the closing reading from Chapter 10 in Matthew, Jesus tells the disciples that whoever welcomes them as they go out to spread the gospel welcomes Jesus himself and the One who sent him.

**July 9, 2023 – 6th Sunday after Pentecost,
Proper 9 - Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30**

The main theme this section is opposition to Jesus and the struggle between faith and doubt.

Compared to the Scribes and Pharisees, the followers of Jesus lacked social standing and religious expertise, but they were open to understanding. The "wise" were prevented from hearing Jesus' message because they were arrogant about their position and knowledge.

Jesus asserts two messianic claims. First, only the Son can reveal the Father – verse 27 – He is the yoke -the way, the path, or the avenue to the Father. Second, Jesus' yoke is easy – verse 30. He invites downtrodden people to accept his "rest" (v. 28) when they are overburdened.

**July 16, 2023 – 7th Sunday after Pentecost,
Proper 10- Matthew 13:1-9,18-23**

The parable of the sower explores the mystery of the mixed responses to Jesus and his ministry. The "sower" (v. 3) and the seed are constant; where the seed lands varies: in three unfruitful places ("on the path", v. 4, among rocks, v. 5, "among thorns", v. 7) and in one fruitful place (v. 8). V. 9 tells us (and the crowd) that this is a story with a deeper meaning.

Growth represents receptivity. In the last sentence of the gospel, the yield of some of the seed is a hundredfold, or sixtyfold, or at least thirtyfold. These were astonishing figures for in those days a yield of sevenfold was considered a bumper crop. The believer who "hears the word and understands it" enjoys and shares a yield of incomprehensibly rich grace.

**July 23, 2023 – 8th Sunday after Pentecost,
Proper 11- Matthew 13:24-30,36-43**

The Gospel this week contains the parable of the weeds (tares). In this parable, weeds, which are difficult to separate, are allowed to grow amidst the harvest. Jesus emphasized that the pure and impure, righteous and unrighteous exist together and there is no way to separate them. The mission should be to spread the Gospel and not to worry about the weeds. Only at the harvest (the end time) does God separate the good from the evil just as the farmer will separate the wheat from the weeds in Jesus' parable. Only God will decide on who the weeds are—we don't have to take on that responsibility! Our task is to care for all.

**July 30, 2023 – 9th Sunday after Pentecost,
Proper 12--Matthew 13:31-33,44-52**

Jesus compares the Kingdom to a valuable treasure. The kingdom is like buried treasure. The kingdom is like a rare and priceless pearl. The Kingdom of God is more valuable than any treasure. Finding the Kingdom of God will be like finding the greatest treasure we can imagine.

**Summer Film Suggestions
Creation Care--Video on Climate
Change**



Interfaith Power and Light is partnering with the Laudato Si' movement to bring the documentary film about climate change, "The Letter," to congregations this summer.

The Letter tells story of the Laudato Si' encyclical letter by Pope Francis issued in 2015, through the eyes from frontline leaders battling the ecological crisis across continents. Laudato Si means "Praise be to you" which is the first line of a canticle by St. Francis that praises God with all of his creation.

Featured in the film are a variety of speakers on the topic: Arouna Kandé, a climate refugee in Senegal; Cacique Dadá, an environmental

defender and leader of the Maró Indigenous territory in the Brazilian Amazon; Ridhima Pandey, a youth climate activist from India; and Greg Asner and Robin Martin, biologists studying coral reefs in Hawaii.

The film features exclusive footage from their encounter with Pope Francis, alongside the personal stories and scientific findings throughout the documentary.

The film is available on YouTube:

Watch it here:

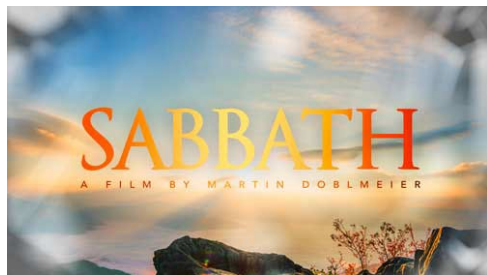
1. Trailer -

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=l3EBHebH17Y&t=28s>

2. Full movie directed by Nicholas Brown

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FmLJnQ8bt4>

SABBATH



SABBATH is a feature length film showing how the practice of observing the Sabbath or Shabbat, a time of "rest and "keeping the Lord's day, has been part of our lives and culture over several centuries.

Observing the Sabbath is the 10th commandment though people do not practice it uniformly. For some, certain activities are strictly forbidden on that day. Some families take time to participate in religious life of the community on the Sabbath. For others the Sabbath has nothing to do with religion and is part of a search for a more sustainable life, such as a time to put down electronic devices. For others, the Sabbath doesn't play a part in life at all.

From those earliest Biblical accounts up to our present day we have struggled to understand what it actually means to "rest."

And now, in our 24/7, nonstop culture, rest seems more important and elusive than ever. The file profiles a wide array of stories and congregations, and includes leading writers in the field.

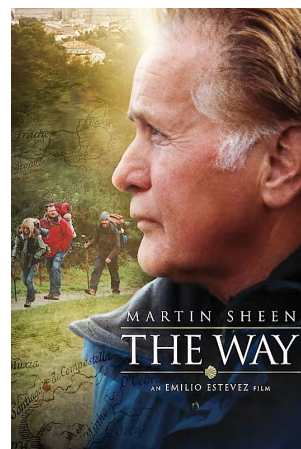
You can view the film online

<https://youtu.be/WTfzePC5lt0>

Re-packaging of "The Way"

Santiago, where St. James is buried was depicted in the film, **The Way**. The title refers to the Camino de Santiago, a pilgrim's path starting in France and leading to the Catholic church in Santiago in Northwestern Spain. The film features Martin Sheen as an agnostic eye doctor, Tom who has lost his son Daniel, in France along the Camino., Tom, decides to walk the same path that took his son's life when he goes to retrieve his son's remains. Previously, Tom had disconnected himself from Daniel. which he only realizes when he decides to walk the Camino. It changed his life.

The 2011 movie "The Way" was re-released for one night only in May, 2023. However, it will be streamed again on various platforms this summer according to the 2011 film's director, Emilio Estevez, the son of -star Martin Sheen. The film highlights the scenery of southern France and Spain and shows how the Camino affected Sheen and his fellow pilgrims.



Estevez recently said to the Catholic News Agency, "I have never created a motion picture that has had more of an impact on so many people around the world," he said. "Coming out of the pandemic, "The Way" is more timely now than when we

originally embarked on this journey 12 years ago."

The movie also sparked an interest in the Camino. In 2011, the year the film was released American Pilgrims on the Camino, the US-based association for people interested in the Camino, issued 1,858 credentials — a kind of “pilgrim’s passport,” Religion News Service reported. In 2012 that number went up to 3,570, and in 2013 it was 5,128. It continued to climb — reaching more than 7,000 credentials — until the pandemic hit in 2020.

July Saints. Mary Magdalene— July 22



Mary of Magdala was one of several women who followed Jesus and ministered to him in Galilee. The Gospels tell us that Mary was healed by Jesus, followed him, and was one of those who stood near his cross at Calvary.

Mary’s ministry of service and steadfast companionship, even as a witness to the crucifixion, has, through the centuries, been an example of the faithful ministry of women to Christ. All four gospels name Mary as one of the women who went to the tomb to mourn and to care for Jesus’ body. Her weeping for the loss of her Lord strikes a common chord with the grief of all others over the death of loved ones. Jesus’ tender response to her grief, meeting her in the garden, revealing himself to her by calling her name—makes her the first witness to the risen Lord. As the first messenger of the resurrection, she tells the disciples, “I have seen the Lord!”

In the tradition of the Eastern Church, Mary is regarded as the equal of an apostle; and she is held in veneration as the patron saint of the

great cluster of monasteries on Mount Athos. (From *Holy Women, Holy Men: Celebrating the Saints*, Church Publishing)

St James the Apostle—July 25



On the church calendar, James the Apostle is commemorated on July 25. James and his brother John were fishermen, the sons of Zebedee, partners with Simon Peter. Jesus called them to follow him as they mended their nets beside the sea of Galilee.

On the church calendar, James is known as James the Great. James the Less is James, the brother of the Lord.

James was the first of the Twelve to suffer martyrdom, and the only one of the Twelve whose death is recorded in the New Testament.

Tradition suggests that James was a missionary to Spain. The relics of St James are housed in a silver casket below the high altar of the cathedral in Santiago de Compostela, a great pilgrimage site. On the feast of St James on July 25, and other high days and holy days, a giant censer, the Botafumeiro, is swung on ropes by red-coated attendants in a great arc from floor to vaults, emitting clouds of incense over delighted crowds.

July, 2023

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2 HBD Ken Pogue Fifth Sunday After Pentecost 11:00AM, Holy Eucharist 12pm Coffee Hour	3	4 HBD - Claudette Okrasinski HPR July 4 Celebration at St. Peter's, 10am-2pm	5 Bible Study 10am	6	7	8
9 Sixth Sunday after Pentecost 11:00AM, Holy Eucharist	10	11	12 Bible Study 10am 2PM ECW at Cookie's	13 HBD Laura Carey	14	15
16 Seventh Sunday after Pentecost 11:00AM, Holy Eucharist Deadline for notebook paper for Caroline's Promise	17	18 Happy Anniv., Alex, Elizabeth Long; Dominic, Kelly Paterino	19 HBD Christopher Feliciano Bible Study 10am Parish Village Harvest 3pm-5pm	20	21 HBD B. J. Anderson	22 Mary Magdalene
23 Eighth Sunday after Pentecost 11:00AM, Holy Eucharist	24	25 Happy Anniv. T. C., Jennifer Collins St. James the Apostle	26 Bible Study 10am	27 HBD Philip Haug, priest 1990-94	28 HBD Eunice Key	29 HBD Jan Saylor
30 Ninth Sunday after Pentecost 11:00AM, Morning Prayer	31 Have you watched "The Letter" on Climate Change?					