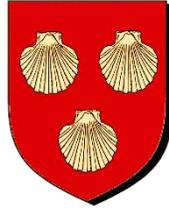


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Smiths Station, Alabama
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Newsletter #40 Pentecost 2019

Traditional, orthodox Anglicanism – Catholic and Evangelical – for modern people.

Open House at Saint James

Sunday June 30, the Second Sunday after Trinity,

Marking our Third Anniversary.

Please come and see all that we have accomplished in restoring the historic Pittman Home in Smith's Station.

The tentative schedule is:

- The Holy Eucharist at 11:00 AM (EDT - all times Eastern). We will begin with "Stand up, stand up for Jesus" the very first hymn that we sang as a new mission.
- Noon or slightly thereafter, Luncheon provided by the cooks of Saint James.
- After lunch some of our parishioners, acting as docents, will give tours of our beautiful building. There will be a slide show showing the work as it progressed.
- Later in the afternoon, about 4:00 PM, we will have an English Tea in the parish hall, or if you prefer Spanish wine and tapas in the kitchen.
- Then at 5:00 PM Evensong.

All are invited and please bring a friend. We are proud of our church and very much want to share it with you. And, yes, this is the exact liturgical Sunday that we began three years ago. Fr. Klein is always glad to tell the story of the Camino to Santiago de Compostela that he and Serene Ruth Lai did to raise funds for the mission three years ago. Various members of the congregation will also have badges like; "Ask me about the Marian Devotion Society," or "Ask me about music at St. James," or "Ask me about the structural

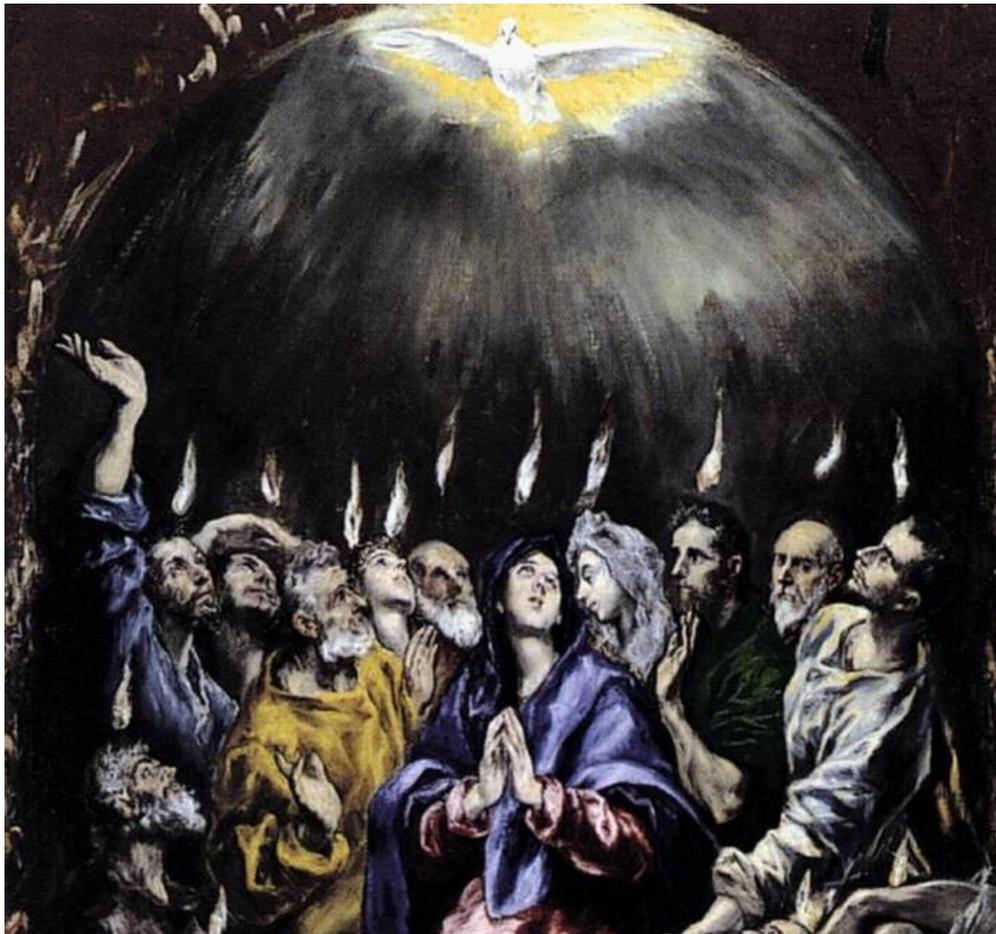
strengthening of the building," and other topics as well. And in the near future, we will be building our Church Bell Tower; be sure to ask about and contribute to that as well.

Now for Saint James parishioners, this is a wonderful time to invite your friends and family. Please, encourage others to see what you have done and welcome them to visit our church.

This is such an important milestone for us for many reasons: 1. It shows God's grace working in our new mission. 2. It gives us a sense of belonging in space and time; we are Saint James the Great's church community. 3. We have an opportunity to share our mission with the other churches and the community. 4. It will be a joy if we can have forty people at church that day. And finally, this is a superb opportunity for evangelism. Much work has gone into the past three years, don't miss this opportunity for the future.

And, on Pentecost the new Marian Shrine beside the altar will be blessed with the Madonna and Holy Child fashioned by Linda Wilkins Klein. You don't want to miss this dedication and prelude to the Open House.

JWK+



Pentecost by El Greco

Catherine Lindsey Thornburg

has helped Saint James painting spindles for the gallery, sanding and painting the baseboards in church, soon she will be working to paint walls in the gallery and cleaning and painting the front steps. Thank you Catherine.



Many of you will know that she just recently graduated from Smiths Station High School with distinction, a member of the National Honor Society, and super popular and responsible. She combines brains and beauty, but even more a genuine strength and perseverance that will, we are sure, show great rewards in this next chapter of her life at college. God bless you Catherine, we are all proud of you. Go for it girl! Fr. John+

Electronic Evangelism

First, please [share this newsletter with a friend by forwarding the email](#) that comes to you. Add a personal note like: "Dear Jane, I am so excited about what we are doing at church. Thought you might enjoy seeing some of the pictures from St. James. Hope to see you soon. Nancy"

If you are hoping to [add the Daily Office to your Rule of Life](#), the easiest way is by using your computer.

Morning and Evening Prayer from the 1928 Prayer Book

Can be easily read daily on your computer at:

http://www.commonprayer.org/offices/morn_n.cfm

http://www.commonprayer.org/offices/even_n.cfm

Much of the *koinonia* (the Fellowship) at St. James gets shared on Facebook.

We even have a Saint James Parishioners Facebook Group. This is another tool for sharing your church with others who may well be looking for a church to call home. And, Like us on [Facebook at: https://www.facebook.com/saintjamesanglicanchurchsmithsstation/](https://www.facebook.com/saintjamesanglicanchurchsmithsstation/)

Our Website is: www.stjamesalabama.org

There is much on our fledgling website. We have placed [all the newsletters #1 through #40](#) (one is actually as yet unfinished but will be soon) on the website. Churchwarden Sandra Thornburg and hope soon to start posting sermons as well. All of this takes time but we live in an electronic world. This is just one more helper in our mission to bring all people within our orbit to Christ. JWK+

The Sunday Coffee Hour-Class after Mass

We are going to study [Bonnell Spencer's *Ye Are The Body*](#) in just a few weeks, beginning the first Sunday in August. For those who truly want an Anglicanism 101 class this is it. Until then, we will be looking at excerpts from Leah Libresco's *Building the Benedict Option: A guide to Gathering Two or Three Together in His Name*.

Bonnell Spencer was a monk of the Order of the Holy Cross within the Episcopal Church. His famous book was the result of teaching eleventh grade boys at St. Andrew's School in Tennessee. It was not the result of great scholarly research, rather lecture by lecture "mimeographed" as handouts over the year, then over three more annual iterations of the class. All of this was in 1950 and by the time I was in seminary [1968-71] seminarians were using it a crib notes. One suspects that today it might prove interesting reading even for graduate students.

I currently have three copies of the revised [1990] edition and for \$15.00 each I will be willing to sell them only to one who promises to attend the Sunday morning Adult Class.

If you can find the 1950 or 1952 edition they are treasures and priced accordingly. I have one for our comparison in class.

Why is this important? Because we are training Christian apologists to make the case for Anglican Christianity, and because we want you to be missionaries and evangelists telling people about Jesus Christ in our church. Bishop Wantland of Eau Claire used to say, "We have no easy job. First we must make Christians, then train them to be Anglicans." It is no easy job. Unless you are willing to learn - and that means you don't know it all already - it is extraordinarily difficult to advance in discipleship and for our church to grow. So, I hope to see you at the Sunday Morning Coffee-Hour Adult Class following Mass. JWK+

Quiet Days Upcoming

August 24 and December 7 at Blessed Trinity Shrine Retreat Center
Sponsored by St. James the Great, Smiths Station & St. Matthias, Dothan

The recent Eastertide Quiet Day at Blessed Trinity was such a great success that we now plan to have three annually. The next one will be Saturday, August 24 and will have the theme of Christian Discipleship: "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me (Matthew 16:24). The schedule will be similar to our last one. The Saturday, December 7 Quiet Day will be on the Eve of the Feast of the Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary and will have a Marian theme with Sister Gail giving one of the meditations. Wear comfortable clothing and walking shoes.

This is a simple traditional Anglican Quiet Day with the intent to both spiritually inspire and physically refresh the participants.

Cost: Free of charge by the gift of a generous benefactor.

RSVP: Fr. John Klein at (334) 663-2985 or kleinjw@auburn.edu

Schedule:

9:30 AM (EDT) Coffee, pastry and greeting from Sisters Gail and Pat.

10:00 AM - The First Meditation by Fr. Klein "On denying oneself" in the modern chapel (silence until Lunch).

10:45 AM - A Brief Break

11:00 AM - Holy Eucharist in the original chapel used by Fr. Thomas Judge.

12:00 - Lunch preceded by Grace and Noonday Collects. (Silence is ended)

12:45 PM - Another brief break until ...

1:30 PM - The Second Meditation by Fr. Klein "Take up the cross." Again in the modern chapel.

2:30 PM - Assemble in the atrium for one of three options:

1. Hike to the Grotto - .6 mile each way - for the Rosary.
2. The Stations of the Cross outdoors - a much shorter walk.
3. Time to yourself: explore the Holy Trinity Retreat Center, read a book, talk to a friend, nap, or what is most re-creative for you.

4:00 - Evening Prayer - with the meditation "Follow Me," also in the modern chapel.

4:30 - Farewells and journey home.

Some words from the Vicar:

We at Saint James are now at our second crucial milestone. The first marked by our beginning with nothing but faith, has now been past successfully thanks to God's grace shown through generous patrons and faithful parishioners. Now we come to our next challenge and I don't mean building the church bell tower, which we will do. I mean the challenge of becoming more effective missionaries, ambassadors for Christ. How do we share our faith in Jesus and our commitment to Continuing Anglicanism's orthodox and catholic order with those who are overwhelming into Moralistic Therapeutic Deism (MTD), as Rod Dreher called it in *The Benedict Option*. This is not easy. I suggest a three-fold approach:

1. Pray. If we could get everyone in our fellowship praying three times daily we could win others over to Christ. Better yet, if we could get our people praying Morning and/or Evening Prayer using the computer as I suggested above it would strengthen our efforts beyond measure. If we could just get everyone to write a Rule of Life then we all would have a plan and the rules added together would be the Rule of Life of our church.

2. Just come to Mass every Sunday. When a small mission with few people misses just one family on Sunday it is obvious. Conversely, when just one new person comes on Sunday it is obvious. "My bounden duty is ... to worship God every Sunday in his Church."

3. One of the most powerful ways forward is to find one's place in the church and get good at doing it. We so need an acolyte. What a loss it was when our last highly competent server moved on. Also, our choir has gotten rave reviews, but how much better we could be if all four of our singers came to practice every Sunday. There are many different members and gifts in The Body of Christ, part of the secret to faithful obedience and missionary success is being good stewards of the talents given us by God. That means practicing skills and perseverance in doing so.

The synergistic power of these three things will enable us to be good and faithful missionaries bring people to Christ out of this bankrupt MTD - culture. JWK+

Holy Land Pilgrimage February 11-20, 2020



<https://www.explority.com/groups/nli/5cae54390300f4000481dd3b>

Save the date for the next APA Holy Land Pilgrimage. It promises to be everything the last one was and more. If you want to touch the Sea of Galilee, ascent the Mount of Transfiguration, celebrate the Eucharist everywhere and pray Morning and Evening Prayer daily, carry a cross along the Via Dolorosa to Calvary, and simply walk in the footsteps of our Savior, then this pilgrimage is for you. See the URL above, register now, and tell your friends. You will be so richly blessed. JWK+

Ongoing Calendar:

- Sunday, Eucharist at 11:00 A.M. (ET) followed by Coffee Hour-Class. Please join us for Coffee Hour following Mass and our ongoing study of Frank Wilson's *Faith and Practice*.
- Wednesday 6:00 PM Mass with Supper followed by Bible Study and the study of Dr. Charles Allen's book *God's Psychiatry* - "The Lord's Prayer."
- First Saturdays: Society of Mary at 10:00 AM (ET) - Coffee, Angelus, and Rosary.

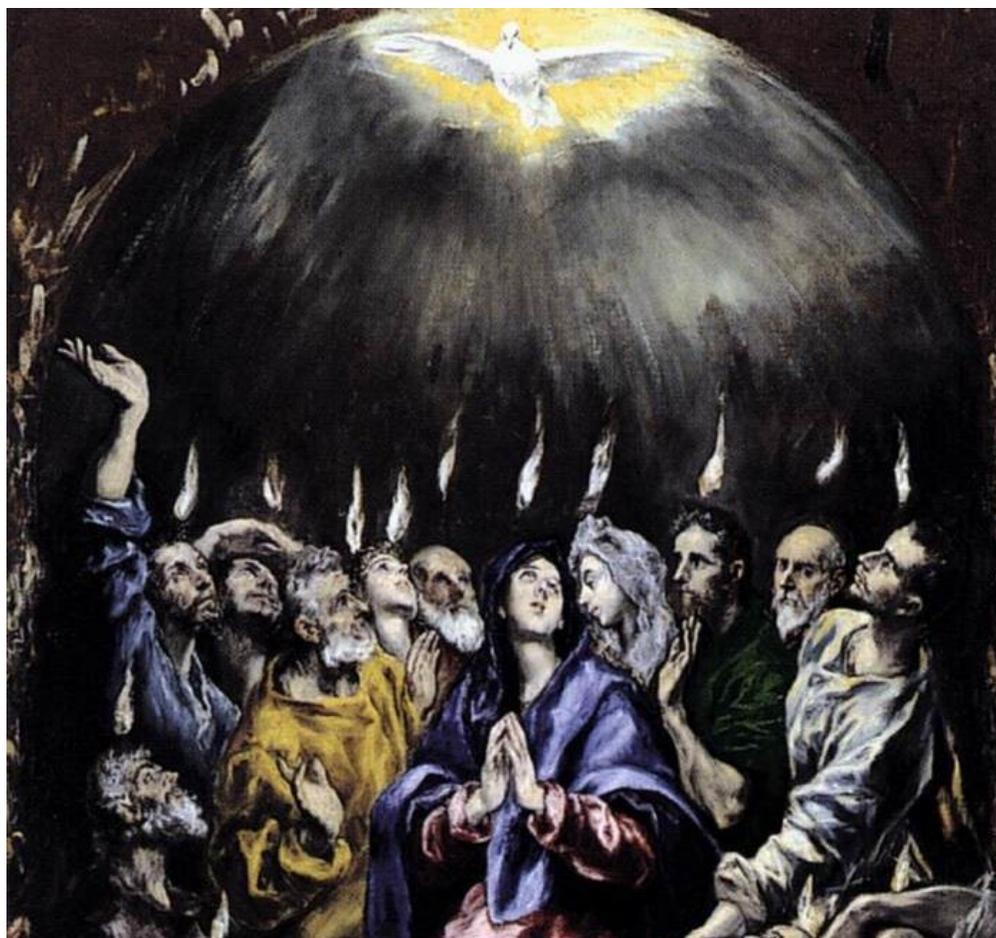
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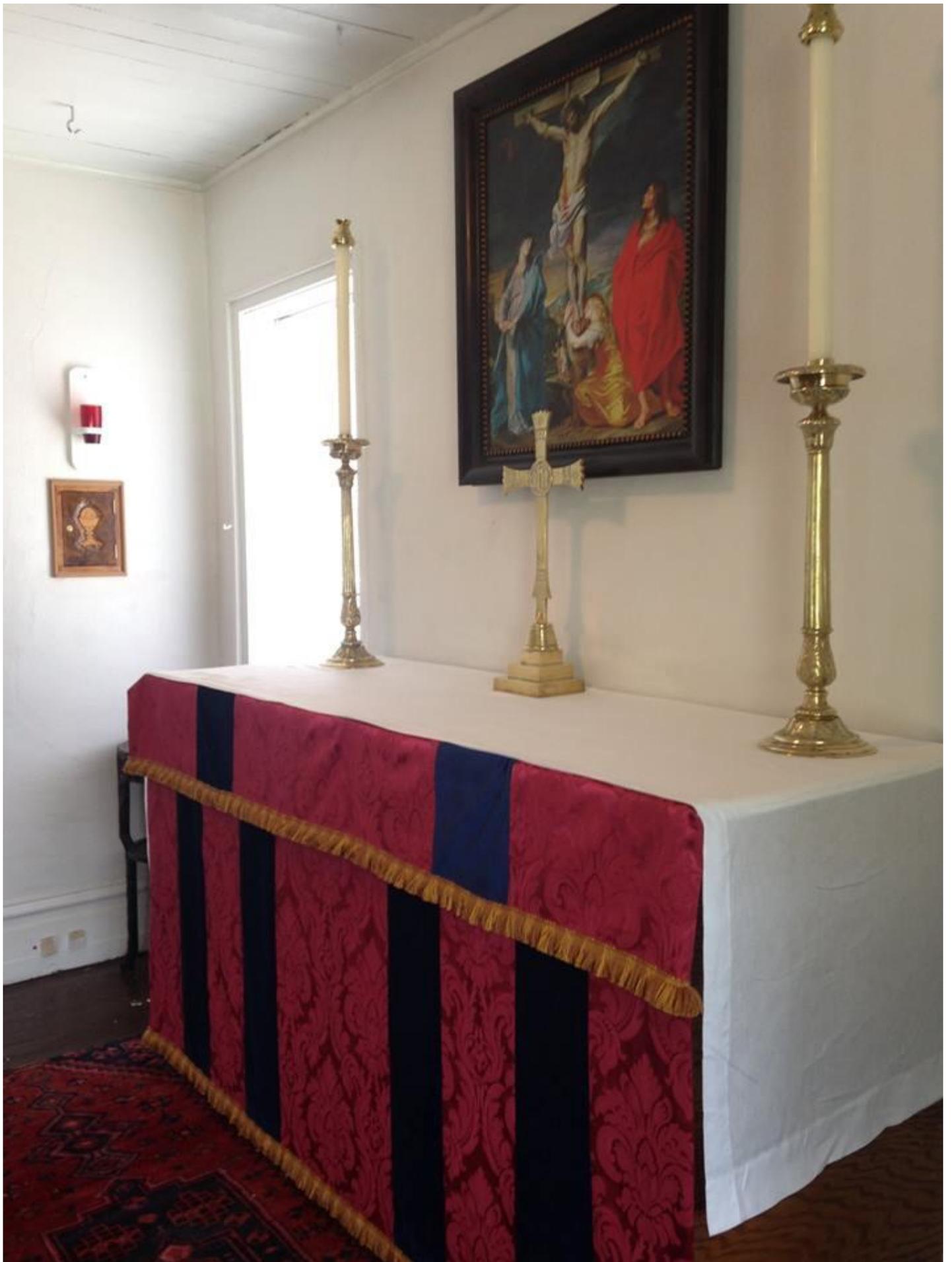
Jessica Hughes Hill - June 15

Carmen Mosley - June 19

Bill Lockwood - July 20

Rhonda Kale - August 17





Ÿ: Pray for us Saint James.

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Apparition of the Virgin of the Pillar to Saint James and his Saragossan disciples — Aparición de la Virgen del Pilar a Santiago y a sus discípulos zaragozanos — is a 1768-69 painting by Francisco de Goya. It shows the Virgin of the Pillar apparition. Our Lady of the Pillar (Spanish: *Nuestra Señora del Pilar*) is the name given to the Blessed Virgin Mary, who while living in Jerusalem, supernaturally appeared to the Apostle St. James the Greater in AD 40 while he was preaching in Spain.