

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE JUNIOR WARDEN - 2021

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Three major improvement projects were undertaken in 2021 by St. James.

The first was asphalt sealing and restriping of the main parking lot that was completed in early 2021. St. James spent just shy of \$15,000 on that project.

Major renovations of St. James Episcopal School were undertaken, mainly on the second floor of Green Hall, where, thanks to God's blessings, the school has expanded to include this area outside of the Wilson Hall school building. This renovation created new classrooms and restrooms, and enhanced existing spaces to accommodate the school's continued growth. If you have not already done so, please ask Shelley Miller or Anne McEniry for a tour of Wilson Hall. You will be very proud of our school! St. James Parishioner David Martin (SEC Group) constructed these improvements. The Vestry invested \$121,462, well under the budget that it had initially approved.

The third improvement came in the form of long overdue painting and flooring of the stairwell between the church office and the Choir Room and adjacent hallways. St. James' own Steve Carey, President of Certa Pro of Daphne, delivered the painting project at a cost of \$4,280. Bay Flooring, owned by congregants Maclin & Jeannie Smith, installed the flooring for just under \$14,000.

Fellow parishioner Joe Strange (The Iron Shop, LLC) has begun fabrication of beautiful new metal railings that will replace the wooden railings outside the west-facing doors to the Sanctuary where the children gather to sing "Little Gray Donkey" every Palm Sunday. You may have noticed that many of the existing wooden rails have rotted or broken away; Joe's new metal rails will provide a lovely and long-lasting improvement to the aesthetic of that entrance. Approximately \$2,200 has been budgeted for this project which is to be completed sometime in 2022.

It has been an honor and a privilege to serve as Jr. Warden. We truly enjoy one of the most beautiful and contemplative campuses in our area and beyond. In many ways, St. James is the unofficial welcome mat at Fairhope's front door. Our church buildings and the grounds are gorgeous, but they will require vigilant upkeep as they continue to age. I cannot submit this report without acknowledging the constant efforts – most of which go unheralded – by Meghan Fancher and Mike Costigan; they make the job of the Jr. Warden easy. They truly deserve all the credit. I would also like to express my gratitude to those parishioners noted above whose businesses served St. James in its capital projects this year. The love they have for St. James is evident in their work.

I wish my successor the best of luck and offer any help that I may be able to provide.

God's Peace to you all+

Respectfully submitted,

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