

St. James's

EPISCOPAL CHURCH
West Hartford Center

February 2014

From the Rector's Study

2013 proved to be a very interesting and exciting year in the life of this parish. At the end of the spring, Curtis Farr joined the staff and clergy as our new assistant rector. Along with Priscilla, Curtis has breathed new life into our youth program. He has also exponentially increased our social media presence with Facebook, Twitter, and weekly blog posts; this is work that could not have been done without the efforts and talents of Ellen Dollar. Curtis has also stepped boldly in to the tradition of dynamic preaching that has been the hallmark of St. James's for many years. As someone who is so heavily reliant on the gifts of my own spouse in my ministry, I would be remiss if I didn't say that Antonio, Curtis' partner, is also a great addition to the St. James's family.

One of the other exciting things that has happened here at St. James's is the continued focus on helping meet the nutritional needs of those who struggle. For many years, St. James's has participated in these efforts by making casseroles for local area feeding ministries as well as over 12,000 sandwiches a year. A couple of years ago, we increased our efforts in this area by adding four, large vegetable beds to the property with the produce being distributed by the Hartford Catholic Worker in Hartford's North End. This year, we revamped our outreach committee by creating a subgroup that we call "The Feeding Ministry." One of the new additions that has happened through this is an increased effort in providing non-perishable goods to a number of local food banks -- with tremendous results. It is hard to feed people's souls when their stomachs are empty.

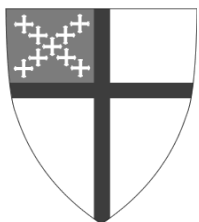
2013 has also been marked by tremendous music and significant growth in our choir, particularly among the boys and girls. Jason continues to be one of the finest choir directors and organists in the Episcopal Church. He is a real blessing to this community.

In the areas of Christian education for adults and for children, we have seen both great growth and excitement around many new offerings. This past summer Priscilla led a week-long program for children entitled, "*And It Was Good - God.*" A program designed by her to educate our children around the theological, biblical and spiritual necessities of stewardship of all of God's creation. Mark Evans continued to develop new and engaging topics for adult discussion.

There are so many groups doing good work within the parish that I could go on for pages. So let me just say, that without the hard work of so many people involved in the social life of this parish to its liturgical life, we would not be who we are or doing what we do without them. The lay leadership of St. James's continues to be a tremendous support and resource to my ministry and to that of this parish, and I for one could not do my work without them. The generosity of the parishioners of St. James's has provided me with one of the finest staffs a rector could ever want. The patience, dedication, and faithfulness of Cheryl Batter is the catalyst that gets so much of what we do around here done. Our sexton, Randy, continues to keep the building in great working order, providing us with the space to do all that we do here.

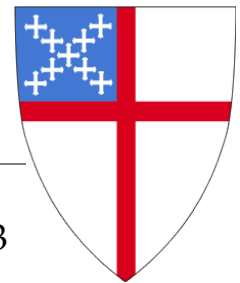
So let me finish with two of the most important words in the English language to all of you, "Thank you."

Faithfully,



To Learn, Live and Teach the Values of
the Gospel of Jesus Christ

Treasurer's Report



St. James's Treasury Report Reported Results Year to Date through December, 2013

Current Position: A strong December resulted in an overall surplus relative to budget of \$5,933 for the year, a significant improvement from the \$3,600 deficit as of the end of November. Throughout much of the year, these monthly reports showed deficits that were due in part by pledge payments that were coming at a slower rate than projected in the budget. The primary reason for the change is that pledge payments caught up to their budgeted figure, eliminating the shortfall in the income category and leading to a surplus for the church for the year. At the end of November, income was \$9,160 below budget. This category finished the year \$4,153 above budget. Expenses finished the year \$1,780 below budget.

Income & Expense Summary:

Category	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	YTD Variance	Total Annual Budget
Income (+)	\$733,753	729,600	4,153 Above plan	729,600
Expense (-)	723,820	725,600	1,780 Below plan	725,600
<i>Net</i>	9,933	4,000	5,933 Positive variance to budget	4,000

Income: Income finished the year \$4,153 ahead of budget (or 0.6% ahead of budget), a significant improvement from the \$9,164 below budget (or 1.4% worse than budget).

Expense: YTD expenses were \$1,780, or 0.2%, below budget at the end of the year. As of the end of November, expenses were \$5,600 (or 0.9%) below budget. As reported in recent months, most expense categories are close to their budgeted amounts.

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Important Dates to Remember!

Friday, Feb 7 - First Friday Family Night from 5:30 to 7pm in the dining room!

Saturday, Feb 8 - Silent Film "The Kid" with organ accompaniment by Dr. Jason Roberts, 7pm with a potluck supper before at 6pm!

Sunday, Feb 9 - Youth Group Second Sundays beginning at 5:30pm!

Wednesday, Feb 12 - A talk on Marriage with Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist, Bonny Slim from 7-8:30pm!

Office Closings

The parish office will be closed for President's Day on Monday, February 17

Stewardship - Thank You!

Parishioners who have pledged for 2014 as of January end. Names in italics are first time St. James's Pledgers!

Edwina Bosco, Judy Lawes, Ollie & Norita Bunch, Robert Doughty, Taffy Wilcox, Ron Coons, Eric & Deborah Ross, Bernard Wilbur, Douglass Compton, Chuck Russo & Jeanne Bennett-Russo, Bill & Judith Stahl, Borden & Ann Painter, David & Samantha Dynowski, Kimberly Goodrich, Robert & Nancy Jo Hoffman, Margaret Mair, Connie Duva, Gale & Donna Mattison, Sandra DeCelles, Mark & Cheri Evans, Stephen & Fran Cobb, Chuck & Laura Coyne, Stephen & Lois Schneeberger, Cynthia B. Clifford, Derrick & Kristen Kirsch, Carol McDermott, Hope Lennartz & Solange Rossignol, Jonathan & Cheryl Pease, Robert & Lynne Holloway, Bill & Judith Thompson, Michael Shuey, Mary Ann Coppage, Donald & Joan Jacobs, Joyce Runge, Nicholas Busse & Barbara Rua, Audrey Lamy, Allen & Terri Thomalla, Michael Goupil, Carol Hunt, John & Frances Bergquist, Robert Skenderian, Robert & Betsy Smith, Bidwell Fuller, Kenneth & Susan Gutierrez, Susan Cooley, William & Betty Knorr, Richard & Margaret Brown, Doug & Ann Cooke, David & Deborah Downes, John & Rachel Granquist, John & Elizabeth Waterman, Hugh & Jan Whelan, Mark Moyle, Patrick Coll & Bonny Slim, Nancy C. Barker, Dean & Ann Uphoff, Jane Borden, Louise Strillacci, David & Priscilla Thomas, Raymond & Elizabeth Payne, Elizabeth Cloud, Ted & Ronnie Newton, Thomas & Rachael Desmond, John & Cheryl Wadsworth, Susan Beeghly, Ben & Martha Parish, Elsa Walberg & Joan Melvin, Robert & Bette Kelly, Gail Gardner, Harry Meyer, Paul & Jo Mangiafico, Bryan & Terry Wysong, Michael & Hilary Sherrill, Chuck & Meredith Willson, Janet Tanner, Michael & Beverly Fitzsosa, Alex Smith & Christine Pina, Leon Fraser & Marilyn Tomlinson, Stephan & Lesley Toutain, Richard M. & Maureen Wenner, Robert & Claire Burnett, Edie Booth, Jonathan & Catherine Oakleaf, Matthew Pinckney & Liisa Kuhn, *Paul & Jessica Fletcher*, Ann Higinbotham, *Adam Fisher & Abby Williamson*, *Curtis Farr & Antonio Rocha*, Dean & Kathy Bolt, John & Anne Walsh, *David & Virginia Kramer*, Bob & Priscilla Hooper, Diane Mack & Robin Gilmartin, Norman & Joan Kayser, DJ & Jeanne DiGiacomo, G. Paolo Villa, John & Mabelle Rosenlieb, Michael & Linda Fournier, Marilyn Jones, Bruce & Molly Loudon, *Peter & Deanna Huntsman*, Hugh MacGillis & Susan Ritz, Daniel & Ellen Dollar, Mark & Cindy Welch, Jon & Geraldine Smalley, Peter & Anna Ciccone, Julia Nelson, *Rob Vietzke & Kate Robinson*, Sally Mullane, Karen Ericson, Christopher & Louise Keesling, David & Joyce Jackson, Mayrita Trojanowski, Gertrude Carver, Chan & Barbara Schiller, Carol Keen, Paul & Diane Duva, Kevin & Lisa Swan, Sam & Michele Paul, Christopher & Tracy Mazingo, Charlie & Lee Klippel, Sue Nelson, Robert & Renée McCue, Larry & Peg Howard, Ruth Abramson, Betsy Curtler, Peter & Trudy Thompson, Amelia Ramsey, Travis & Kimberly Lytle, Beth Richards, Tom & Rita Neal, Christopher & Christina Wilson, Kenneth & Kelly Keough, *Jane Good*, Jonathan Lewis, Gregory & Judith Hock, Nancy McIntyre, Jeff & Janet Kendall-Lankin, Hunter & Deborah Morton, *Donna Kluczewicz*, *Natalie Mascolo*, Donna Burke, David & Michelle Colburn, Bill & Nora Harris, Joan Laskowski, Madelyn Wood, Roberta Cosby, Kenneth & Eileen Jackson, Cedric & Laura DeLaCruz, Colin & Heather Swales, Ann Kazarian, Mark LaPointe & Nell Walker, Peter & Chris Peterson, Matthew & Liz Schott, Emily McMurray, Ron Ward, Sara Barroll, *Douglas & Kristin Montgomery*, Joey Meyer & Eleanor Michael, Irene Wiggins, Nancy Goodwin, Russell & Jennifer Butts, Peter & Judith Krzyzek, David & Jennifer Lemanski, Lynne Lumsden & Jon Harden, Eunice Heinlein, Rafael & Elizabeth Gallegos, *Bob Healy & Jessica Henning*, Bruce & Lee Adams, Larry & Eleanor Brazell, Mary Ann Haar, Alan Davis, Robert Fawber, Judy McCue, Mark & Michelle Stafford, Donna Burke, *Kevin & Kaelea Tewksbury*, Robert & Jennifer King, David Marshall, *Karen Licht*, *Grace Crooks*, Helen Fenn, Tim Galante & Tammi Flowers, *Donald & Margaret Romanik*, John & Brenda Barrows.

From the Assistant Rector

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

The following appeared on the St. James's blog recently. It is a reflection on Baptism, utilizing my experience in the Holy Land visiting the location on the Jordan River where Jesus may have been baptized by John.

When we do baptisms at St. James's, the candidate is usually less than one year old. The altar and clergy are decked out in white. Next to the centered font is a brass pitcher of tap water. During one of the longest "lines" of the liturgy, the celebrant pours water into the font while doing his or her best to read the prayer smoothly. This skill takes years of practice, and it's why we get paid the big bucks.

Water is loaded with symbolic significance—we recall God cleansing the earth in the story of Noah, parting the Red Sea during the Exodus, and then parting the Jordan River as Joshua leads the people into the Promised Land. The Jordan River is where we find Jesus and John in Matthew's account of Jesus' Baptism.

John has not printed a bulletin for Jesus' service, nor has he appointed a committee to create a keepsake banner with the candidate's name on it, as we do at St. James's. John is not expecting to Baptize Jesus, he is expecting the opposite. "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?"

You're picturing this in your head, aren't you? Maybe you're imagining the scene as depicted in film. Maybe you're imagining Art Garfunkel being washed by Sgt. Pepper in a city fountain (a la *Godspell*). My image of this scene was significantly altered when I visited the Holy Land in the summer of 2012. We traveled to the Jordan River, to the approximate/observed location of Jesus' Baptism. On the site, numerous Christian denominations built churches, more so on the Israel side than the Jordan side. Also on either side of the river were armed guards with AK-47s. The whole thing sounds like a big production and marvelous site, until you realize that the river is maybe twenty feet from one side to another, and it's not more than a few feet deep.

We called that a "crick" or "creek" where I grew up. The scene reminded me of Mel Brooks' *Robin Hood: Men in Tights* when Little John guards the four-foot-long bridge over a tiny stream. And not only is the Jordan River small at this stretch, but it is dirty—a lighter shade of brown that looks as if *nothing* could be cleansed in its waters.

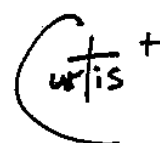
Our sagacious guide, Kamal, took this opportunity to talk about water. Water is politics in Israel. Our day had begun at the source of the Jordan's water in Baniyas. The waters were so pure that our group bent down and refilled our water bottles. But in order to provide the Jewish settlements in the West Bank with a water supply, the Jordan has been dammed, thus the waters further down are murky and pathetic. Meanwhile the Palestinian camps must ration their water in order to survive.

To someone in Palestine, the land where Jesus lived, clean tap water in a brass pitcher sitting next to a baptismal font may as well be an overflowing treasure chest. To be baptized at the site where the Bible places Jesus' Baptism by John is not to be purified, but humbled and washed in dirty water. Jesus replies to John's confusion about who should baptize whom saying, "it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness." The theme of righteousness is recurring in Matthew—it's about following the will of God, though maybe not in the way that one might imagine God wills every particular event to happen. Maybe it's God's will that those of higher praise should humble themselves.

Gordon Lathrop, a liturgics professor at Lutheran Theological Seminary in Philadelphia says that Baptism is the bath that makes you dirty. By washing yourself in the waters of Jesus, you make yourself as dirty as those with whom he identified. By this Lathrop does not mean that *those people* are dirty from God's point of view, just dirty from society's perspective. God cares for all, and wants for us to raise each other up without putting others down.

Baptism is the bath that makes you dirty. How true this is, even and especially at the very site of Jesus' Baptism, and the effects of Baptism can never be washed away.

Your brother in Christ,



From the Organist/Choirmaster

THE KID, is a first on several counts. It was Charlie Chaplin's first full-length motion picture. By our standards it's not long-about seventy minutes- but that's about three times the length of anything he had produced before. It features the first child movie star: Jackie Coogan. Coogan is really excellent in this film. Some say it's because he was too young to have acquired all the bad habits of other silent movie stars, and this may be true: he seems so much more natural than most. I don't want to ruin the film for you, but Coogan grew up to play uncle Fester on "The Addams Family" in the 1960's. Another star of the film, Lita Grey, became one of Chaplin's many wives; apparently part of the reason for the rather curious "dreamland" sequence was to give Chaplin a chance to flirt with this attractive young actress.

Many aspects of the film are autobiographical: Chaplin grew up in a very poor family in London. He spent time in an orphanage, just as the "kid" does. He knew hunger and abandonment, and fear of the authorities; all are prominently featured in the film. About ten days before the filming started, Chaplin lost a son. Of course this couldn't have influenced the script, but it must have had an effect on his attitude towards the story.

In the film, a child born out of wedlock is abandoned by the mother.



She leaves it in the back seat of a car in a posh neighborhood. Tragic, but then Chaplin has some fun with the plot. Immediately, two thieves steal the car and leave the child in the trash. Here, the tramp comes along and finds it, and through a series of funny events finds that he is stuck with it. He raises the child, unaware that the mother has become rich and famous. Of course, I won't tell you how it ends- but be assured it's appropriate for young children!

As in the past, I will be improvising an accompaniment just as the theatre organists did in the 1920's. Chaplin did compose a score for this film many years later, but at the time of its release and even after the publication of the score, this film was most often seen with improvised accompaniment on an organ or piano. It's easiest to make sound effects and appropriate mood music if one is improvising rather than reading a composed piece of music. I hope you'll join me on Saturday, February 8 at 7:00 for this year's silent film night!



Important Dates to Remember

**Saturday, February 8
"The Kid"**

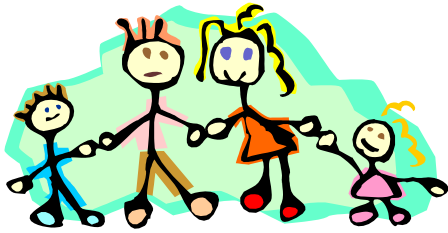
**A 1921 Classic Silent Film
by Charlie Chaplin
AT 7PM IN THE CHURCH
ORGAN ACCOMPANIMENT BY
DR. JASON ROBERTS
(A POTLUCK SUPPER WILL BEGIN
THE EVENING AT 6PM IN THE
DINING ROOM)**

Jubilate Deo!

**O be joyful in the
Lord all ye lands;
serve the Lord with
gladness and come
before his presence
with a song.**

Psalm 100:1

St. James's Center for Children



*nurturing your children's spiritual life
from birth through high school*

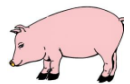
IT is February! Winter is well underway, the days are noticeably longer than they were in January, the chili-cook off has come and gone, as well as the annual meeting. It always seems like I just finished telling you all what is going on when I write my February newsletter. Because of the way the annual meeting falls, it is only two weeks ago that our annual meeting reports were due. So, that being fresh on my mind, I thought I would tell you a little more about something I mentioned in my annual report.

I made a decision last summer to come up with some new curriculum for our elementary school children. The Leader Resources curriculum was great; it just didn't have enough units to keep our children interested. So, I now gather curriculum from a practically free website called, rotation.org. For a small annual fee, I am a member of the website group. I can read the curriculum that different members have posted, post my own if I want, giving me many more options. The difference is that the curriculum is not all neatly put together by a publishing company. I have to read through the options, come up with objectives for each lesson, the memory verse and the purpose. This is all great, and I think in the long run will be well worth the extra effort. As of February 2, the elementary school children will have completed a unit on the Prodigal Son which can be approached from many different directions. Here is the direction that I decided on: we did three lessons on the Prodigal Son. The first week, we watched a claymation short film set to Gospel-style music, telling the story of the Prodigal Son. Interestingly enough this particular rendition, didn't have any reference to the older brother in the story, so I had to make sure we got that part of the story somewhere else.

I also found online, a computer game on the Prodigal Son. This has been a great game and the children love it. Thankfully, the game and story that goes with it include the older brother. To round out the unit and give us a more active lesson, we have a relay game for the children. In this lesson, the children line up in two lines for a relay. The first time they race, the children run to a piece of paper at the end of the room and write down their names on the paper. The second time they run the race, they spin around with their foreheads on a tennis racket, get dizzy, then run down and try and write their names on the same piece of paper. The third time, after the dizziness has passed, they run down again and write their names again on the paper. I particularly liked this unit for the Prodigal Son, It uses this dizzying experience to explain the relationship with the father and son in the story, or the relationship between God and us. In the beginning, the relationship between the father and son is good. Then he went away and lived his own way (which made him like he was dizzy) then, he realized that the first way was better and he came back. Then, in the game, the signature was restored, just like the relationship between the father and the son or our relationship with God. In the curriculum we say to the children:

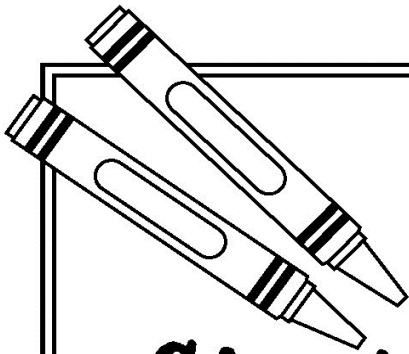
Jesus tells us this story so that we can remember that when we get dizzy and make some silly decisions, we can come to God and confess the mistakes we made, ask for help and then experience God welcoming us back with joy and love.

In addition, the teacher, Kelly Keough, gives the children each a little pink pig to take home. The pig is to help them remember they don't have to continue slopping the pigs. That God, like the father in the story, loves them and welcomes them home, always.



Your Sister in Christ,

Priscilla



Just for **KIDS**

Give to those in need

John the Baptist spoke to a crowd, telling them they should be fruitful. When the crowd asked how they could be fruitful, John the Baptist responded with some specific ideas.

Unscramble John the Baptist's reply from Luke 3:11 (NIV), and write the words in the blanks below.

★ WORD BANK ★

with food him who should with man share do the should
two tunics has the who none and one the same has



Answer: "The man with two tunics should share with him who has none, and the one who has food should do the same." (Luke 3:11, NIV)

Operation Fuel

JANUARY and February are traditionally the coldest months of the year and also the time where many struggle to stay warm. Imagine living without heat or electricity year-round because you couldn't afford this basic necessity. For families living close to the margin of self-sufficiency, a medical bill, a cold spell or other unexpected expense can mean the difference between paying a heating or utility bill and meeting other basic needs such as groceries and rent.

Operation Fuel is a private, nonprofit organization that provides emergency energy assistance to state residents who cannot pay their utility bills and do not qualify for government assistance, or have exhausted their benefits and have nowhere else to turn.

One in five Connecticut households cannot afford energy, but the other four can change that! You can be part of the change; give the gift of heat and light. Please make your check payable to St. James's Church, with the notation "Operation Fuel" on the memo line. Thank you for your warm-hearted response to this outreach mission.

SJ Feeding Ministry

What does "food insecure" mean?

Food insecurity is the most broadly-used measure of food deprivation in the United States. The USDA defines food insecurity as meaning "consistent access to adequate food is limited by a lack of money and other resources at times during the year."

Acceptable shorthand terms for food insecurity are "hungry, or at risk of hunger," and "hungry, or faced the threat of hunger." Food insecurity can also accurately be described as "a financial juggling act, where sometimes the food ball gets dropped." Source: (Texas Food Bank Network)

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How you can help.

We at St. James's take great pride in our food ministries. As part of our outreach, we are asking that you please bring in a food item every week to benefit the West Hartford Food Pantry, The Hartford Catholic Worker, and our own outreach efforts. Beginning in February 2014 we will accept non-perishable food products during our offertory collection on Sundays. For your convenience we will continue to have the wagons placed at the front and rear of the sanctuary and in the vestibule for everyday collection.

How we use the food.

The majority of our food collections are delivered to the West Hartford Food Pantry and The Hartford Catholic Worker. The Pantries in turn allow struggling families to "shop" for food at the pantry free of charge. Because of the large and growing need, families are limited in the amount of food they can bring home each month. Your support can mean the difference between hunger, and having enough food to manage until one's next pay check.

We also make sure that we have food reserves at our church for members of our St. James's community that might need a little extra help filling their cupboards, or for neighbors that walk in off the street in need of assistance.

Thank you for your continued support of our food outreach programs.

Around the Parish

Adult Education Highlights

FEBRUARY 2, 9, 23, & MARCH 2 A NEW NEW TESTAMENT?

With Mark Evans
Adult Education Room

RECENTLY, a group of scholars have advocated adding ten 'Lost Books' to the New Testament. What are these books? Who wrote them? What do they contain? Why has this been controversial?

And who first picked what books would be in the Bible anyway? Come and join us for a look at this interesting development. No prior knowledge necessary, come and learn with us. Come to one session or come to all.

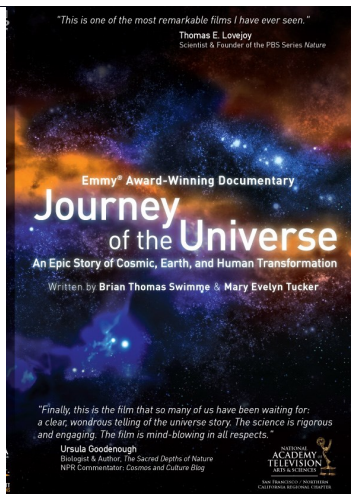


FEBRUARY 2 & 9 "THE JOURNEY OF THE UNIVERSE" & "OUR GOD LANGUAGE"

With The Rev'd Dr. Molly Loudon
Parish Room

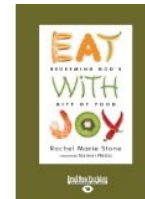
ON February 2, we will watch the Emmy Award Winner, "The Journey of the Universe," an Epic Story of Cosmic, Earth, and Human Transformation. This film is the most beautiful science lesson I have seen in the last few years. It changed my thinking about God, Jesus and Spirit.

On February 9 we will have a conversation reflecting on the DVD. What is God? Who is Jesus? What are the implications for us as followers of Jesus? Please join to explore and learn together.



FEBRUARY 23 & MARCH 2 EAT WITH JOY: REDEEMING GOD'S GIFT OF FOOD A SHORT BOOK STUDY With Ellen Painter Dollar in the Parish Room

WE care about food a lot here at St. James's. We regularly enjoy fellowship by sharing delicious food, and have made feeding ministries an outreach focus. In our wider culture, rising obesity rates occur alongside terrible hunger. People struggle with eating disorders. Celebrity doctors, and our friends and family members, are continually praising the latest diet, supplement, or "superfood" that will ensure weight loss and optimal health. We are confounded by ethical concerns around sustainability and justice.



In Eat with Joy, author Rachel Stone reminds us that food is a gift from a loving God, meant for our sustenance, pleasure, and the building of community. If possible, please purchase the book and read the introduction and first two chapters before our first meeting on February 23. Email Ellen Dollar at 5dollars@comcast.net if you would like to buy a book from her (\$15), or you can order it online in print or e-reader format.



MARCH 2 10 REASONS TO READ WILLIAM STRINGFELLOW

With the Rev'd Curtis Farr in the Library

ALTHOUGH he has yet to be "sainted" by the Episcopal Church, William Stringfellow is a worthy candidate for March 2nd, the day he died in 1985. He was an exemplary lawyer who used his skill and expertise to defend people in Harlem who had been evicted and had no one else to represent them. He was an advocate for the poor, and lived among them for years before moving with his partner to Block Island. He was also an avid writer, and although he would not describe himself as a theologian, famous theologians insist that Stringfellow is someone to listen to on theological matters. Join Curtis as we go through the top ten reasons to be familiar with (and even read) William Stringfellow.

Youth Pilgrimage/Mission Trip to the Dominican Republic

FROM June 28-July 5, a group of youth led by Curtis Farr, Bob Hooper, and another adult leader will spend several days working and worshipping with the people of Santissima Trinidad, an Episcopal congregation near Santo Domingo in the Dominican Republic.

Between now and then, you will hear about different opportunities to support the youth in this pilgrimage/mission trip including car washes and a Mission Trip Dinner on March 22. Thank you for supporting the youth in this way, and keep your eyes open for other events.

Please direct any questions to Curtis Farr.

Marriage...That Thing that Comes after the Wedding

DO you ever notice how much we talk about the wedding and how little we talk about the marriage that comes after it? Maybe it is more interesting or at least more comfortable, but while weddings only last a day, marriages are meant to last a lifetime. How do happy couples stay close, argue well and create a shared vision for their marriage? If you are single and think you might get married some day, a newlywed, celebrating your 50th anniversary, happy or unhappy in your marriage, please join us for a talk about creating the best relationship possible.

Wednesday, Feb 12 from 7-8:30pm (Parish Room)
Babysitting Offered
Bonny E. Slim, Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist

Sunday Lectionary

The Presentation of the Lord, Feb 2
Malachi 3:1-4; Psalm 84
Hebrews 2:14-18; Luke 2:22-40

Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany, Feb 9
Isaiah 58:1-12; Psalm 112:1-10
1 Corinthians 2:1-16; Matthew 5:13-20

Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany, Feb 16
Ecclesiasticus 15:15-20; Psalm 119:1-8
1 Corinthians 3:1-9; Matthew 5:21-37

Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany, Feb 23
Leviticus 19:1-2,9-18; Psalm 119:33-40
1 Corinthians 3:10-11,16-23; Matthew 5:38-48

Parish Prayer List

Those in our parish family

Jeffrey, Greg, Justin, Joan, Elly, Ann, Carrie, Michael, Charles & Family, Michelle, Audrey, Claire, Nicole, Margaret, Ruth, Mae, Ruth, Anne, Taffy, Mayrita, and John.

Those in our extended parish family

Maria, Mike, Pam, Kevin, Mary Ann, Jenifer, Nancy, Jeff, Ashley, Carol, John, Margaret, Katherine, Christina, Edwin, Sue, Eileen, Sally, Jean, Jeff, Roger, Jean, Mario, Jennifer, Leslie, John, Justin, Karen, Bea & David, Heather, Liz, Bryan, Robert, Sarah, Corey, Claudia, David, Carol, Christine, Patricia, Fran, Bob, Jessie, Ryan, Lizzy & Taylor, Richard, Dick, Alice & Vito, Mark, Linda, Ron, John, Quinn, Arroll, Susan & Don & Eliza, Chris, Joanie, Rob, Joyce, Lenore, Teresa, Dave, Alvin, Pat, Betsy, Karen, Jillian, Bob, Audra, Joelle, Michael, Parker & Cynthia, Mary, Jackie, and Tom.

Those Serving in the Military

Andrew Clark, Michael P. Clarke,
Eric James Burgess, Mark Ulrich,
Julian C. Barker, and Andrew Huntsman.

Parish Birthdays—Children & Youth

FEBRUARY

Francesca Galante, 1
Daniel MacGillis, 2
Ali Colburn, 3
James O'Sullivan, 4
Andrew Gutierrez, 9
Bianca Ciccomascolo-Barry, 12
Clara Capone, 14
Danielle DiGiacomo, 16
Joseph Duva, 19
Makenzie Gallagher, 20
Nate Meyer, 21
Nicholas Paul, 21
Julia Lankin, 22
Gwendolyn Wills, 23
Eleanor Duva, 26
Olivia Shuey, 26

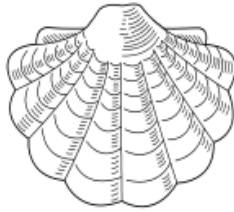


First Friday Family Night

COME to First Friday Family Night on **February 7 beginning at 5:30** in the Dining Room for something different to do on a Friday evening. Enjoy pizza, a movie for the kids, and fellowship with others from the parish. You don't have to be a parishioner to attend, so invite your friends! A \$10 donation is appreciated to help with the pizza, but not required. Beverage and a side will also be provided. Adults may choose to bring their own beverage. Please RSVP to Amy Messinger at ajmick@gmail.com if you plan to attend.

Women of St. James's

February 2014 Programs and Events



Tuesday, February 4
Dr. David Hill, Professor of Medical Sciences
Director of Global Public Health
Global Public Health at the New
Frank H. Netter, MD School of Medicine at
Quinnipiac University

Tuesday, February 11
Taffy Wilcox
Tales of Joy-Therapy Dogs

Tuesday, February 18
Irene Berman, Author
We are Going to Pick Potatoes, Norway and the
Holocaust, The Untold Story

Tuesday, February 25
Rebecca Jones, Jones Apiary
Beekeeping

Seamen's Church Institute

WITH the addition of 14 knitted items that came in just before Christmas and that were sent off right away, our group contributed caps, scarves, mariners scarves, vests, socks and helmets for a total of 174 articles. Many thanks to you all.

We were sorry to lose a very dedicated knitter this year – Audrey Welch. She did many beautiful caps and scarves that are surely being enjoyed by many mariners.

Fran Cobb

World Day of Prayer

THIS year's World Day of Prayer event will be held on Friday, March 7, 2014 at the University of St. Joseph, 1678 Asylum Avenue, West Hartford. The country being prayed with is EGYPT. Watch for further announcements.



Thank You for Changing Lives

THANK you for your generous gifts of thanksgiving at our UTO Fall Ingathering on Sunday, November 24, 2013. Your tangible gifts totaled \$1020.49 and will become part of a worldwide effort to meet compelling human needs and to “change lives”.

Please continue to offer your daily prayers of thanks to God by filling your UTO box.

Women's Evening Group

IF you are looking for an evening to unwind with other women from the parish, come to the Women's Evening Group on **Thursday, February 13** beginning at 6PM in the parish room. Join us for a half-hour social followed by a potluck supper with good wine, food, and fellowship. Dress casual and bring your choice of appetizer, main dish, vegetable, or dessert to share with the group. If you have questions, or to RSVP, please call Sue Nelson at 860-232-8157 or 860-604-2187. All are welcome, so please invite your friends!

The Clergy

The Reverend Robert C. Hooper, III
Thr Reverend Curtis A. Farr
The Reverend Canon Douglas T. Cooke
The Reverend Dr. Molly O. Louden
The Reverend Dr. Borden W. Painter, Jr.
The Reverend Elsa Walberg
The Reverend Terry M. Wysong

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Assistant Rector
Priest Associate
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Heidi Cotter, Financial Secretary
Priscilla Hooper, Director of Religious Education
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Cheryl C. Batter, Administrator
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Ann Cooke, Senior Warden
David Dynowski, Junior Warden
Ollie Bunch, Clerk

Michael Sherrill, Treasurer
Richard M. Wenner, Assistant Treasurer
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Chuck Willson

Term Ending 2016

Michael Fitzsousa
Carol McDermott
Eleanor Michael
Peter Peterson

Term Ending 2017

Kathy Bolt
Ben Parish
Michael Shuey
Judith Stahl

Committees and Organizations

Acolytes:	Ted Newton	Fundraising:	David Dynowski & Sam Paul
Altar Guild:	Cheri Evans, Sue Nelson	Outreach:	Barbara Schiller
Arbor Society/ Planned Giving:	Ted Newton	Parish Life:	
Choir Guild:	Sam Dynowski	Property Committee:	Rachael Desmond David Thomas
Adult Education:	Mark Evans	Readers & Chalice Bearers:	
Education for Ministry:	Ronald Ward	Sound Committee:	Chuck Russo
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