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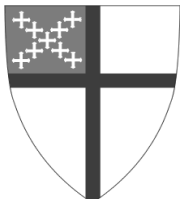
## From the Rector's Desk

THE other week, Priscilla and I had the great joy and pleasure of spending some time in Alexandria, Virginia. The reason for our visit was twofold, it was the 20th reunion of my graduating class from Virginia Theological Seminary (VTS), and it was also the consecration of the seminary's new chapel—the old one was destroyed by fire. Both events were joy-filled, celebratory, and up-lifting. The reunion was a great time to reconnect with friends who have been very important in my life and much loved. Some of us have stayed closely connected over the years, but we don't see each other very much as we all work on weekends (clergy problem). The consecration and all of the events surrounding it were also a wonderful opportunity to reunite or meet folks from all over the Episcopal Church. In typical VTS fashion the chapel, food, music, flowers and preaching were all perfect. The weather was even beautiful the whole time. The highlight of the service itself was the sermon preached by the Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby. He was deeply heartfelt, uplifting, faithful, and humorous all at the same time. The four hallmarks of what I believe are needed for a good sermon.

The one overwhelming theme for me the whole week was a renewed and reenergized hope for the future of our beloved Church. After the service I saw a picture being taken of Frank Griswold, the most recently retired Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church; Katherine Jefferts Schori, the current Presiding Bishop; Michael Curry, the soon to be Presiding Bishop; and my dear friend Ian Markham, the dean of VTS (the largest Episcopal/Anglican seminary in the world and both Curtis's and my alma mater, so by extension and association the best). My first thought at seeing this gathering was, "If this is the leadership of the Church, we are in great shape." The only thing is, no matter how smart, faithful, and dedicated these people are or the hundreds of other bishops, priests and lay folks who were on "The Holy Hill" that week, the life, faith, and work of the Church is the responsibility and call of all of us. We all have a part to play in the mission of God. For each of us this work will be something different, but passive participation is not one of the choices. A life of faith and following Jesus is not a spectator sport. It will cost us time, much energy, and even our money to be faithful to God and this community.

Like Peter, James, and John at the transfiguration, sometimes it is hard to come down from the mountaintop, but it is necessary. This work that we are all called to do is important, it is a privilege, and it can be a real joy.

Your Brother in Christ,



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

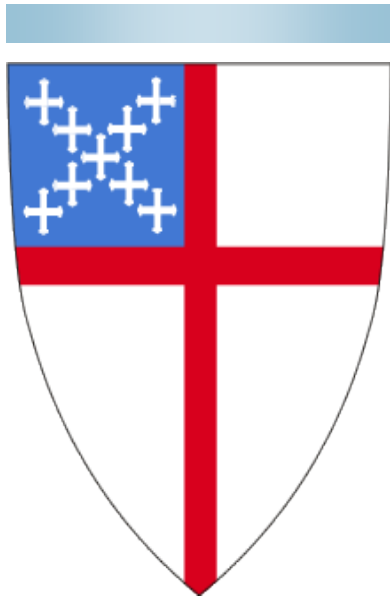
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## Highlights in November

- All Saints' Sunday HE at 10am then Stewardship Brunch, Nov 1
- Taste of St. James's at 7pm in the parish hall on Friday, Nov 6
- Second Sundays: Rhythms of Grace, 4pm / Youth Group, 5:30 pm, Nov 8
- Greater Hartford Multi-Faith Prayer Breakfast at 7:15, Thursday, Nov 12
- Parish Grounds Fall Cleanup, 9am to 1pm on Saturday, Nov 21
- UTO Sunday Ingathering, Nov 22
- Thanksgiving Day Eucharist at 10am in the chapel on Thursday, Nov 26
- Church by the Pond, Nov 28 at 2pm
- All ages Stocking Stuffing Event, 10:45am on Sunday, Nov 29



## Vestry Corner

### Treasurer's Report—September 2015

**Current Position:** As we enter the final quarter of the year, the overall financial position of the church isn't quite as strong as it has been during most of the year. In the box below, the overall surplus relative to the budget is \$1,737. While a surplus is better than a deficit, the surplus last month was close to \$12,500. The reason for the drop is that income moved from \$10,500 above budget as of the end of August to \$1,200 below plan at the end of September. As reported in this year's monthly reports, pledge payments were received sooner than anticipated

in the budget. Those earlier than expected payments were the primary reason for the surplus positions reported so far this year. We expected the amount by which pledges exceed budget to decrease as we moved closer to the end of the year. The surprise is that we didn't expect it to close in one month. Year to date expenses remain below budget. Expenses are now \$2,940 below budget as compared to \$1,987 below budget as of the end of August. Expenses will continue to be monitored.

*"Generosity is not merely a trait that pleases God; it is a practice which releases us from bondage to the ego, and also to things." - Albert E. Day (1884-1973)*

### Income & Expense Summary:

| Category    | YTD Actual   | YTD Budget     | YTD Variance  | Total Annual Budget |
|-------------|--------------|----------------|---|---------------------|
| Income (+)  | \$509,433    | 498,919        | 10,514<br>Above plan                                | 752,400             |
| Expense (-) | 501,782      | 503,769        | 1,987<br>Below plan                                 | 756,900             |
| <i>Net</i>  | <b>7,651</b> | <b>(4,850)</b> | <b>12,501</b><br><b>Positive variance to budget</b> | <b>(4,500)</b>      |

**Income:** Year-to-date (YTD) actual income is \$1,203 below budget (or 0.2% below budget). As of the end of August, YTD income was \$10,500 above budget (2.1%).

**Expense:** YTD expenses are currently \$2,940, or 0.5%, below budget. As of the end of August, expenses were \$2,000 (0.4%) below budget. Most of the expense categories are slightly under or over budget.





# ST. JAMES'S 2020 ENVISION OUR FUTURE

**T**HE lay and ordained leadership of St. James's has been in conversation for some time about our future and what part we are being called to play in God's Mission. It has become increasingly clear that if our faithful community is to move forward actively and effectively in God's Mission, we need to take a moment and look inwardly at ourselves and assess our facilities. We believe that the best way to do this is to broaden our conversation to include the wider parish.

Our conversation, starting with Vision Group Meetings, will be a vital part of what we are calling **St. James's 2020: Envision Our Future**. We are very excited about this opportunity and pray that everyone in the St. James's community will be personally involved as we move forward into the future while respecting our past. Over the next 6 months to a year, the St. James's 2020 Committee and the entire congregation will take the following steps together:

**October – November:** Between October 11 and November 8 (excluding November 1), Vision Group Meetings will take place on Sundays after both services. Rather than one large meeting after the 9:30 service, there will be two or three small group meetings, of no more than 12 people each, taking place at the same time to facilitate discussion while retaining the diversity of the overall congregation. (Spouses are asked to not attend the same meeting to encourage multiple points of view.)

Please attend at least one of these meetings. Even if you might be uncomfortable speaking in a group setting, please attend a meeting to listen to the discussion, and then contact a member of the St James's 2020 Committee either in person or by email with your feedback.

As these sessions unfold, the Committee will keep track of proposed ideas, and whether our current facilities would support them. The congregation will be continuously updated with the ideas coming out of the meetings so that conversations can build upon previous Vision Group discussions. This way we all can share in the excitement about the possibilities of improving our great parish and ministries!

**December – February:** The St. James's 2020 Committee will report all findings that might impact our current facilities to the Episcopal Church Foundation. ECF will analyze the results and prepare a feasibility study for funding these projects through a capital campaign.

**March:** With the help of the feasibility study, and the benefit of hearing the congregation's voice through the Vision Group Meetings, the Vestry will prioritize the project list and make a recommendation about whether to pursue a capital campaign.

**Remainder 2016:** If parish leadership decides to proceed with a capital campaign, we will transition into the next phase of our journey:

**St. James's 2020: Transform Our Future.**

## St. James's 2020 Updates

We are off to a good start with the small groups! On Sunday, October 11 over 30 people attended three sessions to discuss their ideas for what they would like to see happening at St. James's in 2020, with quite a lot of positive feedback.

On Sunday, October 18, we held another round of *Vision Group Meetings*. Nearly 45 attended split between four small groups—one after the 8:00 service and three after the 9:30. These groups were a good representation of the adult community within the parish. The age of participants ranged from 19 to 90. Engagement was high, and many creative and thoughtful ideas were discussed.

The common themes continue to be somewhat the same as in previous meetings, with an emphasis on mission engagement/community outreach, hospitality, and music, although there were some creative new thoughts on how to approach these important ministries.

On Sunday, October 25, three more small groups of adults assembled to continue the conversation, along with a group of teenagers led by Associate Rector Curtis Farr.

If you have not yet participated in a *Vision Group Meeting*, please do so. Your voice is important, and the larger percentage of parishioner participation, the better. These conversations are not just about the future of St. James's but *your* future here and in God's mission.

# From the Associate Rector

**D**EAR Sisters and Brothers,

Last year, Antonio and I were home to experience Halloween in our neighborhood. For those of you who don't know, we live in a carriage house a few blocks away from Elizabeth Park. Throughout the year, we hardly see our neighbors unless they are pulling in or out of their driveways. Front lawns are perfectly manicured because they are never used.

Due to our proximity to the governor, we get tremendous foot traffic on Halloween. Kids show up—seemingly out of nowhere. My understanding is that many Hartford residents bring their kids to our neighborhood because it is somewhat well-lit and is dependable for candy.

I recently read an advice column entry, in which the writer complained of a similar Halloween situation, asking why she should have to buy extra candy to provide a “social service” when she already pays enough taxes, etc.

Yes, it was pretty disgusting.

Was the column satire? Even if it was, satire is based in reality. We are all familiar with such perspectives—that compulsory giving such as taxes is all that there is. Compulsory giving is not giving at all. The bare minimum hardly screams “generosity.” And while I hesitate to place values on a holiday like Halloween, it really ought to be one of abundance, celebration, and generosity of spirit (and candy).

Times of economic strain, with which we are not unfamiliar, condition us to think about maximizing our income while minimizing our expenditures. So when we think about giving, we often come at it from the angle of “how much can I give without sacrificing too much (or anything)?”

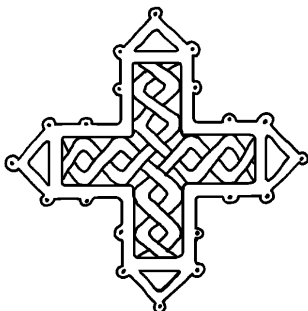
In Luke and Matthew, Jesus says that one cannot serve two masters—specifically, God and money. You can serve one or the other. That's it. From Jesus's perspective, generosity without personal sacrifice is weak sauce.

While I doubt any one of us intentionally desires to serve money as if it were our God, sacrifice is an incredibly uncomfortable subject, and if you're like me, you want to give only until the guilt goes away. After that, you forget about it until the next stewardship season.

I'm thrilled that St. James's is having intentional conversation around envisioning our future. In these conversations we are reflecting on what is going well at St. James's, but we're also thinking about the next five years. What kinds of ministries would we like to see developed further? How can we make our dreams a reality in order to serve in God's mission?

Our conversations are crucial communally and individually—we need to deeply consider how our inward faith in God is expressed outwardly in our words and actions of generosity.

This season, consider how you express God's abundance in your words and actions. Ask God for a generous spirit, and put your faith into practice by giving boldly of your time, treasure, and (of course) your candy.



Your brother in Christ,

## Youth Update

**Youth: Thank you to all who came out for a great time at Hartford's Night Fall on October 10!**

**Mark your calendars for November 28th, when we'll make and serve lunches in Bushnell Park, and every second Sunday of the month for youth group!**

**If you haven't filled out a survey for youth events, please do so!**

## Youth Group Second Sundays

**November 8**

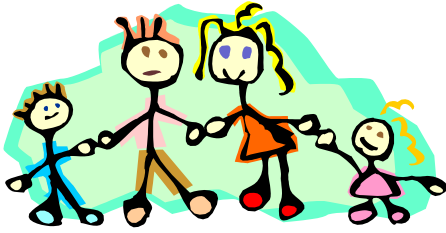
**Dinner at 5:30pm  
Game Night at 6:30pm  
Prayer at 7:20pm  
Depart at 7:30pm**

**Do your homework early and invite a friend!**



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# St. James's Center for Children



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

## Rhythms of Grace

**Sunday, November 8**

*A worship and faith formation experience for children and families is held at St. James's Episcopal Church in West Hartford on the second Sunday of each month at 4pm.*

*The service, which is between an hour and an hour and half, involves storytelling, therapeutic play and Holy Communion. The roots of Rhythm of Grace are in the Episcopal tradition, but all are welcome.*



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In October, I had two really great experiences that were very different on the surface but actually had a lot of similarities. One Saturday evening, Bob, Curtis, Nathan, and I took a bunch of our kids down to experience Nightfall in Hartford. Nightfall is an amazing experience. It takes place in Keney Park, and over 2000 people showed up for the event. In the early evening, in the middle of a field, are all of these people sitting on blankets having picnics and waiting for the evening's entertainment that consists of a dramatization of the coming of winter through dance, music, and very large beautiful puppets.



The group from St. James's met up with an even larger group from the Hartford Catholic Worker. We shared pizza, cider, popcorn, and candy before the performance began; by all accounts a good time was had by all. The performance was amazing and the night was absolutely breathtakingly beautiful.

A few days later, Bob and I headed down to Alexandria, Virginia for the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his graduation from Virginia Seminary and the consecration on the newly built "Chapel of the Ages" at the Seminary. As some of you may know, the chapel at VTS burned down in 2010 and was rebuilt with magnificent attention to detail.


At the convocation, there were old friends and some new friends along with, the Presiding Bishop, the Presiding Bishop-elect, and the Archbishop of Canterbury. It was a glorious gathering of faithful Anglicans with all that that entails.

At first glance, these two events might seem like they have little in common. That would be wrong. They are both gatherings of people in an intentional community celebrating all the blessings that this life has to offer. They were both events that I will cherish in my memory for many years to come.

So, I ask that you all take the time in your busy lives enjoy the intentional community of St. James's. There are so many things to look forward to in the coming weeks whether it be Sunday services, the Taste of St. James's, Evensong, or Rhythms of Grace. They are all worth the effort.

Your Sister in Christ,

*Priscilla*



### King David's Prayer of Thanksgiving

Thanksgiving is a special time to thank God for all He has given us.

*Use the code to fill in the missing words from a portion of King David's prayer from 1 Chronicles 29:10-13 (NIV).*

|             |                 |             |             |
|-------------|-----------------|-------------|-------------|
| <b>CODE</b> | 1 = everlasting | 6 = honor   | 11 = ruler  |
|             | 2 = exalted     | 7 = kingdom | 12 = thanks |
|             | 3 = glorious    | 8 = LORD    | 13 = things |
|             | 4 = God         | 9 = O       | 14 = wealth |
|             | 5 = head        | 10 = praise | 15 = you    |

" \_\_\_\_\_ be to \_\_\_\_\_, ...  
(10) (15) (9) (8)

from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ ...  
(1) (1)

Yours, \_\_\_\_\_, is the \_\_\_\_\_;  
(9) (8) (7)

\_\_\_\_\_ are \_\_\_\_\_ as \_\_\_\_\_ over all.  
(15) (2) (5)

\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ come from \_\_\_\_\_;  
(14) (6) (15)

\_\_\_\_\_ are the \_\_\_\_\_ of all \_\_\_\_\_.  
(15) (11) (13)

Now, our \_\_\_\_\_, we give \_\_\_\_\_  
(4) (15) (12)

and \_\_\_\_\_ your \_\_\_\_\_ name."  
(10) (3)

"Praise be to you, O LORD, ... from everlasting to everlasting. ... Yours, O LORD, is the kingdom; you are exalted as head over all. Wealth and honor come from you; you are the ruler of all things. Now, our God, we give you thanks, and praise your glorious name."

# From the Organist & Choirmaster

**W**HO picks the hymns?" This is a question I get at least once per month, whether it is from someone in the choir or in the congregation. Most of the time, it is clear that behind the question is a common frustration: the person is unfamiliar with some of the hymns that particular Sunday or in general. Sometimes they feel that they were too difficult to sing.

To answer the question, I create a shortlist of hymns for each Sunday based on the particular season, readings, anthems, motets, frequency, and relationship to other music in the service. Within that list, I pick the hymns that are most likely to be successful based on past experience and the likelihood of them being familiar.

Bear in mind that there are well over 700 hymns in the hymnal. Not even I know all of them, but I have in fact played or sung a large percentage of them by my associations with many other Episcopal congregations, each with its own set of favorite hymns and traditions.

Many members of St. James's come from other denominations or faith traditions. This is unusual from the other parishes with which I have been associated. We have former Baptists, Roman Catholics, Congregationalists, and many more. Each of those denominations has their own tradition of hymnody, and the differences between them and the Episcopal Church are sometimes quite large.

Beyond top 20 hymns like "O Come, All Ye Faithful" or "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling," it is simply not possible for me to pick a hymn that everyone knows. The only way for everyone to know the same hymn is for that hymn to have been introduced to them in their former places of worship, or here at St. James's if they have been attending for long enough to hear it many times.

Back in the 19<sup>th</sup> century and the first half of the 20<sup>th</sup>, it was reasonable to assume that a congregation would be fully comfortable with their hymns—many of which were even memorized—because the families were multi-generational and rooted in that particular town. The last part of the 20<sup>th</sup> century and certainly the beginning of our current era ushered in unprecedented geographic and economic fluidity. In other words, people move around and settle into new towns, states, even countries, at a rate never before seen in history. People at St. James's often joke that we are not a very diverse congregation. From a racial perspective, I would not argue the point, but we are absolutely diverse in our musical and liturgical tastes because we mirror a highly mobile society. Regional tastes and traditions are rarely a way of life anymore. Now they are valued mostly as tourist attractions.

All of this is to say that the next time you sing a hymn in church and think to yourself, "We never sang this when I was growing up," or "I have never heard this before—Vaughn is crazy," it would be worth wagering a large sum on the assumption that there is someone, even many others, in the room, who have fond and sentimental memories of that hymn from another time and place in their lives. Think of going to church as attending a huge dinner party. You might not like mushrooms, but the truffle gnocci just sent the person seated next to you to a very happy place.



**LITURGY**

**AND MUSIC**

## Important Dates

**November 1**  
All Saints' Sunday  
One service at 10am  
with special music by the  
St. James's Choir

**December 6**  
Advent Lessons & Carols  
at 5pm followed by a  
potluck supper

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**Help Send Choir to England!**  
To raise funds to send the choir to England next summer, we are selling Stop and Shop gift cards. You can purchase these at face value, and we earn money because Stop & Shop donates a portion of every purchase back to us. So, if you buy a \$100 card, you pay us \$100 for it and then use it to buy \$100 worth of groceries, gas, or gift cards to other retailers at Stop & Shop. Stop & Shop will donate 5% of your purchase to our choir trip. You can also donate cards back to St. James's feeding ministries. Ellen Dollar and Deb Ross will be available at coffee hour each week with cards. Or contact them at [5dollars@comcast.net](mailto:5dollars@comcast.net) or [dross2631@gmail.com](mailto:dross2631@gmail.com).

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# From the Seminarian

## Ministry of Believers and Dreamers

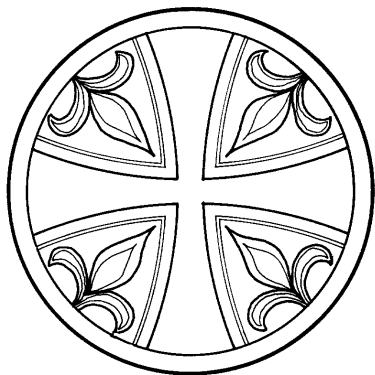
**O**VER the course of my internship, I have been able to see and experience a variety of aspects of ministry. It has been a rich and rewarding opportunity to learn from the clergy and to think forward to my own ministry as a priest. However, I have not just been learning from them. One feature of St. James's that appealed to me from before I began here and has continued to impress me is the level of involvement and commitment of the congregation in nurturing and growing ministries not only for the church and on Sunday morning, but that also extend out into the community and the world.

In seminary I feel like I am constantly being asked to reflect on "my ministry" or what sort of ministry I want to go into. And understandably so. Going through this process of formation, it is good to think I about where I have been and to look towards where I am going to. I need those reminders of why I'm doing what I am doing to guide how I am able to make the most of the opportunities that I have. While important for a seminarian, I get frustrated by the connotation of the question that "ministry" means predominantly what an ordained person does or that it is limited to a small subset of roles that laypeople can take on (lector, eucharistic minister, altar guild, vestry member, soup kitchen volunteer). It's not that these are not valuable (in fact, invaluable) ministries, but that the list is not exhaustive. Ministry can and should be broader and more inclusive than a set of narrow categories. As Christians, we are part of a ministry of all believers. That is, we are all tasked with spreading God's love in our communities and the world.

In my time here, I have been blessed with the opportunity to participate in a couple of sessions of the Envision 2020 process. For someone new to the community who would like to get to know more about its past and the people who compose it, these groups have been a great opportunity. I have been able to hear about what brought people to St. James's and what they feel it is doing well. And I have heard the dreams people have for the future of the community and the space. It is rare to find a place where a group can come together and just dream, imagine, and envision, but it can be so telling. Those stories of the past and aspirations for the future can help form a picture of what is meaningful, unique, and special to a community.

Questions of what St. James's is doing well, what it could be doing, and what would enable that, are all questions of ministry. If the mission of the Church is connected with living out God's love, then I think it's not a far jump to consider the questions in terms of what the meaningful ministries of the church have been, what we hope they will be, and what will enable the continued ministry of all who pass through this place.

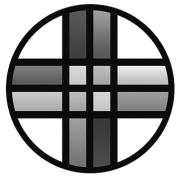
All this is to say, I have been grateful to get to see this process. It has helped me come to a deeper understanding of the ministry of the community, and also of the ministries of the individuals that are a part of it. Experiencing the energy, life, and love shared by and within St. James's has helped me reflect on my own ministry and my own questions of where I have been, where I am going, and what is most important on the way.



Your Brother in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Nathaniel Bourne". The script is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

# Mission



ST. JAMES'S  
**MISSION  
COMMISSION**

## Ongoing needs:

Food Collection/West Hartford Food Bank: Please continue to bring your food donations to the wagon in the cloister or the black bins located around the church. Donations are distributed to the SJ feeding programs and West Hartford Food Bank. Remember to check expiration dates! St. James's and The WH Food Bank will not accept items that have expired dates. Please see our website for specific needs.

## Mission of the Month:

**Sample Sized Toiletries:** Please collect and donate sample-sized toiletries and thick, warm men's socks. We need: pocket combs, toothpaste, tooth brushes, deodorant, shaving cream, skin cream, nail files, nail clippers, non-alcoholic mouthwash, shampoo, conditioner, disposable razors and sample size soaps. Candy canes always add an additional holiday touch to the socks. You may leave your donations in the cloister donation baskets. Thank you!

## In November:

**Christmas Stocking Event:** Join us for this all-age event happening the Sunday after Thanksgiving, November 29 when we will stuff the warm socks with sample-sized toiletries. The finished "stockings" are given to men in local homeless shelters at Christmas time.

## In September:

Thank you to everyone who purchased mums, apples, cider and pies at our first St. James's Harvest Fair. Final figures are in and we raised \$400 to support our Feeding Programs.



## Christmas Toy Collection

**B**EFORE we know it the Christmas season will be upon us and with that comes the annual toy collection for children in the Hartford area. Toys, games, and fun gifts are needed for children of all ages from toddlers to early teens. These gifts will then be delivered to various churches who will then deliver them to the families in need. Begin bringing your **unwrapped** gifts in anytime and place them at any of the three Church entrances by **Sunday, December 6**. Thank you for making Christmas a happier time for these families!

## Annual Stocking Stuffing Event!

*Sunday, November 29 after the 9:30 service*

**H**ELP MAKE a difference at Christmas for the men at two area shelters – the Open Hearth and Salvation Army. St. James's Outreach has been collecting warm socks and toiletries for the men at the Open Hearth and the Salvation Army shelters in Hartford since 1989. During the month of November, we will continue the collection of thick men's socks and toiletries which we will assemble on the **First Sunday of Advent, November 29**, after the 9:30 service. These stuffed socks are often the only holiday gift these men receive. See the Mission box to the left for requested stuffer items.

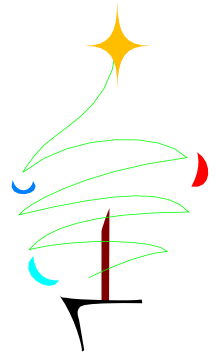


## Angel Tree 2015

**T**HIS Advent Season we will continue to support the Angel Tree Project which helps so many families with loved ones who are incarcerated. This program offers a wonderful opportunity to bring the love of Jesus Christ to the children of prisoners during this special season of caring.

The Angel Tree tags with the names of the children and their gift wishes will be available in the Cloister after Sunday services beginning **Sunday, November 22**.

Suggested cost of the gifts is \$25. Please bring your wrapped and tagged gifts to the church office by **Sunday, December 13**. If you have questions or would like to volunteer, please call Barbara Schiller, at 860-651-7332.



## Church by the Pond

*Saturday, November 28 at 2pm*

**J**OIN the youth of St. James's in making lunches for those in need on **Saturday, November 28** beginning at 12 noon in the downstairs kitchen. We'll then head down to Bushnell Park for a service at 2pm and to give out the lunches to our friends in need. All are welcome to help! Please contact Curtis Farr at [father.farr@gmail.com](mailto:father.farr@gmail.com) or phone the parish office to let him know you will be joining the group.

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## Around the Parish

### Education and Formation

*Classes and forums for adults and high school teenagers  
Sundays in November at 11am*

November 8, 15, 22

#### **BEING MORTAL, MEDICINE, AND WHAT MATTERS IN THE END**

Taffy Wilcox, Parish Room

Join us for a lively conversation about Atul Gawande's, Being Mortal, Medicine and What Matters in the End. Dr. Gawande's book, according to the Boston Globe, is a "masterful exploration of aging, death and the medical profession's mishandling of both."

November 8, 15, 22

#### **PRAYING AS JESUS TAUGHT US: THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Cheri Evans and Kim Goodrich, Adult Education Room

In our secular and pluralistic society, we may hear and recite many prayers. In Matthew 6:7-9, Jesus gave his disciples (and us) a prayer that teaches us how to pray in a way that is uniquely Christian. Come and explore the Lord's Prayer, from "Our Father" to "Amen."

## Fall Leaf Clean-Up

**W**E could use your help! We will gather at St. James's for our annual leaf and grounds clean up on **Saturday, November 21 from 9am to 1pm**. Bring your rakes, blowers (if you have one), and wear your gloves. Many hands will get the job done quicker. Refreshments will be provided.



## Greater Hartford Multi-Faith Prayer Breakfast

*Thursday, November 12, 7:15 to 8:45*

**J**OIN us for a time of multi-faith prayer, music, education and reflection. Joining this year will be Rosanne Haggerty, President and CEO of Community solutions; Jackie Gorsky Mandyck, Managing Director of the iQuilt Partnership; and David Fink, Policy Director for the Partnership for Strong Communities who will discuss this year's theme, "There is Abundance in Hartford." Please register by going to <http://ghpb.weebly.com>.

## Thanksgiving Day Eucharist

*Thursday, November 26 at 10am*

**W**E will celebrate Thanksgiving Day with Holy Eucharist at 10am in the chapel. Let us gather on this day in celebration and thanksgiving for all of God's many blessings. Invite someone to join you!

## Monthly Group Meetings

*Women's Evening & Men's Discussion Groups*

**J**OIN the women of the parish and guests for a potluck supper on **Thursday, November 8** beginning at 6pm in the parish room. Bring something to share with the group if you decide to attend. Great food, wine, and fellowship for all.

JOIN the men of the parish and guests for a discussion group on **Saturdays, November 14 and 28** beginning at 7:45am in the parish room. Various religious topics are discussed and refreshments are provided.

## Breakfast after the 8am Service

**T**HE Sunday morning 8 o'clock group invite you to join them for breakfast after the 8am service on **Sunday, November 15** in the parish room. Come early for the 9:30 service and enjoy breakfast with the 8 o'clock group. All are welcome.

## Parish Office Closings

**T**HE parish office will be closed **Thursday and Friday, November 26 and 27** for the Thanksgiving Holiday.

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A promotional graphic for the 'Taste of St. James's' event. It features a dark background with images of various dishes like a burger, fries, and a drink. The text is overlaid in white and light blue.

Bring a Friend to Church 9

# Readings and Registry

## Sunday Lectionary

### All Saints' Sunday, Nov 1

Wisdom of Solomon 3:1-9; Psalm 24  
Revelation 21:1-6a; John 11:32-44

### 24th Sunday after Pentecost, Nov 8

Ruth 3:1-5; 4:13-17; Psalm 127  
Hebrews 9:24-28; Mark 12:38-44

### 25th Sunday after Pentecost, Nov 15

1 Samuel 1:4-20; 1 Samuel 2:1-10 or Psalm 16  
Hebrews 10:11-14 (15-18) 19-25; Mark 13:1-8

### Christ the King Sunday, Nov 22

2 Samuel 23:1-7; Psalm 132:1-13, (14-19)  
Revelation 1:4b-8; John 18:33-37

### First Sunday of Advent, Nov 29

Jeremiah 33:14-16; Psalm 25:1-9  
1 Thessalonians 3:9-13; Luke 21:25-36

## Parish Prayer List

### Those in our parish family

Jeffrey, Greg, Justin, Joan & Elsa, Ann, Michael, Michelle, Audrey, Claire, Nicole, Margaret & Richard, Ruth, Anne, Brian, Natalie & Harry, Stuart, Olivia, Walter, Frank, David, Liz, Jon, Elly, Justin, Tom.

### Those in our extended parish family

Maria, Pam, Kevin, Mary Ann, Jenifer, Nancy, Jeff, Ashley, Carol, John, Christina, Jean, Jeff, Roger, Mario, Jennifer, Leslie, John, Justin, Karen, Bea & David, Heather & Bryan, Robert, Sarah, Claudia, David, Patricia, Bob, Jessie, Ryan, Dick, Linda, John, Quinn, Arroll, Chris, Joanie, Rob, Teresa, Dave, Alvin, Karen, Bob, Audra, Parker & Cynthia, Ted, Olivia, Brent, Kaitlyn, Ann, Kara, Henry & Irene, Patricia, Jonathan, Kate, Carrie, Josh & Yvette, Dan, Derrick, Family of Nancy, Grace, Kyle, John & Rita, Betsy.

### Those Serving in the Military:

Andrew Clark, Michael P. Clarke, Wensley Barker IV, Mark Ulrich, Julian C. Barker, Andrew Huntsman.

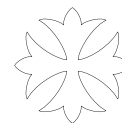
## November Parish Birthdays *Children and Youth*

### NOVEMBER

|                       |                                 |
|-----------------------|---------------------------------|
| Jack Keough, 1        | Violet Long, 11                 |
| Eli King, 1           | Abigail Capone, 12              |
| Sam Sadler, 1         | Gabriela Ciccomascolo-Barry, 13 |
| Christine Waterman, 1 | Bryce Swan, 21                  |
| John Kramer, 2        | Matthew Gutierrez, 26           |
| Milo Vath, 4          | Madeline Ross, 26               |
| Ian Sieklucki, 7      | Sarah Granquist, 29             |
| Quinn Ciccone, 9      | Nicholas Poulakos, 30           |



## Baptism



**Audrey Jean Forcello**

*Daughter of Nicholas and Lauren Forcello  
October 25, 2015*

## Women Of St. James's Programs for November 2015



### Tuesday, November 3

Janet Tanner  
*Real Estate Agents Recycle*

### Thursday, November 5

United Thank Offering Ingathering, 10am  
*Christ and Holy Trinity, Westport, CT*

### Tuesday, November 10

Kate Ebner, Mgr. Interpretation & Programs  
Hill-Stead Museum, *Collections of Hill-Stead*

### Tuesday, November 17

Mary Decker  
*Exploring Human Trafficking*

### Tuesday, November 24

No Meeting—Thanksgiving

## United Thank Offering

**T**HE United Thank Offering is a ministry of the Episcopal Church. Every coin from every Blue Box and Blue Envelope is given away in grants. Every cent you give, representing your thankful prayers today, is the dream for tomorrow's life and gives hope to people all over the world.

This fall we will have our ingathering on **Sunday, November 22 at the 9:30 service**. Look for the blue boxes and envelopes in and around the church and chapel and use these to make your donations. **Please make checks payable to the Women of St. James's with UTO in the memo line.**

## Thank You from the Bosco Family

**T**HE Bosco family is very grateful to the St. James's community for the outpouring of concern and support shown for Cosimo J. Bosco, who passed away on September 4, 2015. We are deeply touched by the comforting words and prayers offered in Cosimo's name, both during his period of illness, and now in his death.

*ELB*

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## Address Service Requested



### The Clergy

|                                     |                  |
|-------------------------------------|------------------|
| The Reverend Robert C. Hooper, III  | Rector           |
| The Reverend Curtis A. Farr         | Associate Rector |
| The Reverend Canon Douglas T. Cooke | Priest Associate |
| The Reverend Dr. Molly O. Loudon    | Priest Associate |
| The Reverend Dr. Borden W. Painter  | Priest Associate |
| The Reverend Elsa P. Walberg        | Priest Associate |
| The Reverend Terry M. Wysong        | Priest Associate |

### The Staff

|                  |                               |
|------------------|-------------------------------|
| Heidi Cotter     | Financial Secretary           |
| Cheryl C. Batter | Administrator                 |
| Nathan Bourne    | Seminarian                    |
| Priscilla Hooper | Director of Family Ministries |
| Randall Martini  | Sexton                        |
| Vaughn Mauren    | Organist & Choirmaster        |

### The Vestry

|                  |               |
|------------------|---------------|
| Ann Cooke        | Senior Warden |
| David Dynowski   | Junior Warden |
| Michael Sherrill | Treasurer     |

### Term Ending 2016

Michael Fitzsosa, Carol McDermott  
Eleanor Michael, Peter Peterson

### Term Ending 2017

Kathy Bolt, Ben Parish  
Michael Shuey, Judith Stahl

### Term Ending 2018

Diane Duva, Kimberly Lytle  
Carolyn O'Sullivan, Robert Smith