



From the Rector's Desk

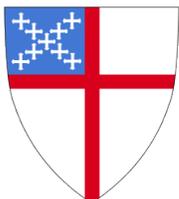
ON Sunday May 15, we said "goodbye" to Nathan Bourne our seminarian/intern from Yale Divinity School. Nathan served with us during the academic year 2015-2016. He contributed to our parish life and ministries in many ways. We got to watch him grow as both an educator and a preacher. Nathan has one more year of seminary before being eligible for ordination. Anyone who knows him knows that he will make a great priest.

Beginning in September we will have the pleasure of having another seminarian/intern from Yale serve with us; his name is Greg Stark. Greg is a gifted and energetic young man with a deep theological mind and strong youth ministry experience. I am looking forward to working closely with Greg and know that you will enjoy his presence among us.

Some of you may be asking, what is the role of the parish when hosting a seminarian? And why would we want to? The first and most obvious answer is cheap labor (just kidding). It always amazes me what a person deeply involved in their own theological and priestly formation can bring to the conversation and the life of a parish. So often we take much of what we do for granted. While serving the parish, a seminarian brings fresh and discerning eyes and ears to our ministries. St. James's is a great parish to be a seminarian. We understand the power and importance of ordained leadership in the church, as well as the importance of youthful leadership. If the Episcopal Church is to participate fully in God's mission, it is very important that we have well-trained, caring, and energetic leadership well into the future. As the host parish for seminarians, we have an opportunity to play an important role in this preparation for the church's future.

Thank you for the warm welcome and enthusiastic involvement that so many of you had in Nathan's time with us, and I know that you will continue this with Greg beginning this fall.

Faithfully,



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

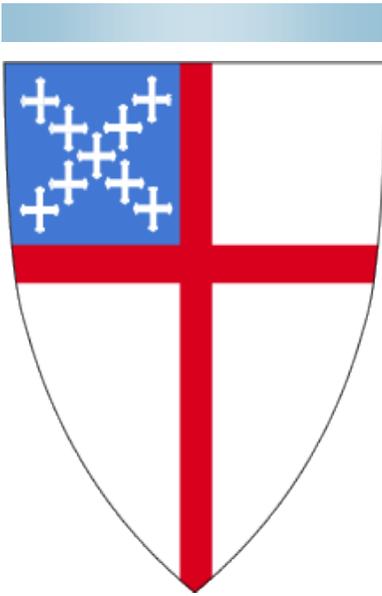
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Highlights in June/July

- Sunday, June 5, Parish Picnic & Eucharist at Fernridge Park in West Hartford, 10am
- Mission Trip Car Washes every Saturday in June from 10am to 2pm (except June 25)
- NOLA! Youth Mission Trip to New Orleans, June 16-26
- Choir Trip to England, July 7-18



Vestry Corner

Treasurer’s Report—April 2016

Current Position: April saw the Church’s finances improve from a negative to a positive position vis a vis the budget. Although total income remained below plan by \$3,229, this represented a \$3,801 improvement over March when income was \$7,030 below budget. Expenses also improved

in April, moving from an over budget amount of \$4,913 at March 31 to below budget by \$5,884 at the end of April. The net result was a \$2,655 positive variance to budget.

“I once was young and now I am old, but not once have I been witness to God’s failure to supply my need when first I had given for the furtherance of His work. He has never failed in His promise, so I cannot fail in my service to Him.” William Carey (1761-1834), Baptist missionary to India.

Income & Expense Summary:

Category	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	YTD Variance	Total Annual Budget
Income (+)	322,093	325,322	3,229 Below Plan	770,500
Expense (-)	263,101	268,985	5884 Below plan	770,500
<i>Net</i>	58,992	56,337	2655 Positive variance to budget	0

Income: The improvement in Year To Date income during April was due primarily to Current Year Pledge Income going from \$7,981 below plan in March to \$3,539 below plan at April 30. Although Facilities Income was \$2,120 below plan, this was offset by Special Contributions which were \$2,658 over budget.

Expense: Major contributors to the improvement in Expenses during April were the following: Property: This expense category was below plan thanks to Utilities charges, General Maintenance, Insurance, and Snow Removal.

From the Associate Rector

DEAR Ones,

Summer is fast approaching, which means our schedules will be changed to accommodate hikes through the Connecticut wilderness, vacations to the Cape, and lazy days sunbathing in the backyard. I myself plan on spending a few days in Provincetown with friends and as many weekends (Friday and Saturday, for me) hiking.

With these glorious summer days ahead, I'm reminded that the long, easy days offer abundant moments for even the briefest time of spiritual reflection. There are several great resources available to guide you through your own daily devotional time, and one I encourage you to try is a new publication by Ian Markham called *Faith Rules: An Episcopal Manual*.

Many of you know Ian Markham, current dean and president of Virginia Theological Seminary and former dean of Hartford Seminary. Ian has preached as St. James's on numerous occasions, and has published more books than I can count on my two hands. After discovering Michael Pollan's *Food Rules*, Ian spent time developing a list of sixty-seven rules (or, helpful tips) for being an Episcopalian. "Rules" like:

1. Disconnect from the tech.
29. Start every day giving thanks for everything that is good.
50. You don't have to believe everyone else is going to hell.

For each "rule" there is an accompanying illustration by a friend and classmate of mine, Benjamin Hart, and a paragraph or two of explanation. The book closes on a rule regarding perspective:

67. Remember it is all about God.

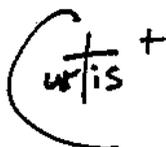
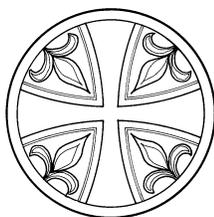
Once you are in the middle of this journey of faith it is very easy to lose sight of the big picture. There will be moments when all you can see are the challenges in your life or the chaos in your church or the immediate muddle right in front of you.

Perspective—this is the key. Remember we believe in a God who shaped a universe that is 13.7 billion years old. Remember that living on planet earth right now are 7.3 billion people. Remember it is likely that sentient creatures are on other planets. Perhaps there are other universes and the number of lives being sustained by God is phenomenal. And remember at the core of all creation, whether it is one universe or a hundred universes, is the Love Project.

Perspective helps. It locates our immediate worries. It also helps us to learn that most basic faith skill—the skill of trust. God has been around an awfully long time; God will take us through this season surrounding us with love and peace. Just trust.

With that I commend to you *Faith Rules* as a summer devotional. If you read one "rule" every morning or evening, you will have food for thought every day. Try it out, and let me know how it goes.

Your Brother in Christ,



Youth Update

Youth Group will be on summer hiatus from June -August. Thank you to Kim Hart-Kindleberger, Eddie Jacovino, and Ben and Martha Parish for your tremendous help and exuberance as youth leaders.

Wishing you all a very happy, healthy, and restful summer. Youth Group resumes in September.

Youth Mission Car Washes

Saturdays, June 4 and 11

Come to the St. James's Parking Lot anytime from 10am to 2pm on Saturday, June 4 and 11 to get your car washed in support of this summer's Mission Trip to New Orleans. Thank you for supporting the Youth Mission Trip!



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St. James's Center for Family Ministries



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

Rhythms of Grace

Sunday, September 11

Rhythms of Grace will be on summer hiatus until September 2016. 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. Mark your calendar and invite someone to join you on Sunday, September 11.



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SPEND a fair amount of time in my school job helping kids write essays. Usually, it is a pretty awful experience. If Mrs. Hooper gets called to help you with an essay, most likely you are struggling and pretty much hate writing. Most kids also hate the tasks that are hard for them so it is pretty rare for me to get to work with a gifted writer. In fact, I must say, that I think this was a first for me.

One warm Thursday in May, I was asked to help a third grade boy with his essay. I begrudgingly began reading his essay, helping him with his punctuation, being annoyed with fact that he didn't have an eraser--all the regular annoyances of my school job. Then, it happened. I actually started reading what this wonderful young man had written, and it rocked my world. He was writing an essay about which he is an expert. He chose to write about himself. Here is chapter 2 of his essay:

"Chapter Two – Why I am Happy

I am usually happy because I have a great family, great friends and they all look out for me. If I am hurt, they help me and they never make me do something I don't want to do. Like if I don't want to go on a roller coaster, I don't have to go on it. My family does not stop helping me. They keep going. Like when I threw up for three days. After the fifth time I threw up, my mom still helped me. When I threw up for the tenth time, my mom did not stop helping me. Even when I threw up for the sixteenth time, she did not stop. She did not stop until I stopped."

I was blown away when I read this. It is rare for a child or for that matter, anyone to be able to put in words what it means to be in a loving family. This child gets it in a way that is rare among us. He knows

that his mom will be there for him no matter what.

After rereading this essay, all I could think of is the blessing that we sometimes do at the end of the church service. You know the one, the one that says, live without fear, God has made you holy and he loves you like a mother loves her children. God is with us, all the time, when we are at our worst, when we are at our best. God doesn't stop until we stop. Just like this kid's mom. Wow. Then, I realized something a little scary. I almost missed really reading this child's essay. I was tired and hungry and hot and ready for the weekend. But by the grace of God I did not miss it. I was able to get out of my own way, and really see this child and how blessed he is. I didn't miss it. Thank God for that.

So, as we head into the summer, make the time to really see those you love. Be present with them. Go for a walk together. Eat lunch with the television off. Go to the beach. Don't miss it!

Your Sister in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Priscilla".

REMINDER:

Sunday School Registration will take place on Sunday, September 11. Christian Education for children resumes on Sunday, September 18. Wishing you all a wonderful and peaceful summer!

From the Organist & Choirmaster

As many of you know, St. James's is sending 11 high school seniors to college this year. Five of these young adults sing in the choir, and we will greatly miss their presence and voice.

With this in mind, it is especially important this year that we continue our recruitment efforts in order to sustain the strength and longevity of the music program. A choir is a constantly evolving ensemble. The most constant forces in a choir are the adult members who have made St. James's/West Hartford their long-term home. This core group, which includes three professional singers, provide a bedrock foundation for our choir. Above that bedrock runs a river of constantly evolving and growing children's voices. Picture the Hudson River: merely a stream at its Adirondack beginnings, but a mass of water one mile wide between Westchester and Rockland Counties. Just as the water in the Hudson River grows bigger with each mile and is at its most grand status alongside Manhattan before entering the Atlantic Ocean, a child's voice slowly grows in size and strength, reaching its most robust and valuable status right before the chorister graduates high school. If nature doesn't provide the river with tributaries, and if we don't provide the choir with new choristers, these critical cycles are broken.

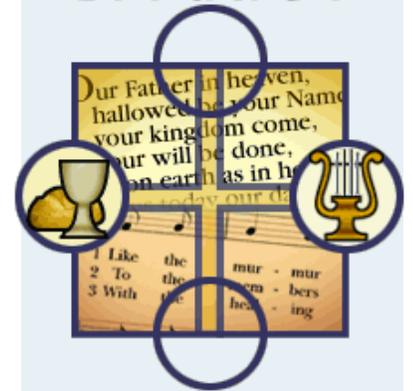
The best time for a child to join the choir is in the second or third grades. Trying out the choir at this early age allows them the opportunity to work with me one-on-one and in a small group setting on Mondays from 3.45 to 4.30. By the end of the year, junior choristers learn the basic skills necessary to survive a choral rehearsal: finding your part within a score and following along; understanding basic rhythm; singing basic vowels correctly; learning to sing throughout your natural vocal range; understanding concepts of pitch and musical notation; and basic rehearsal terminology.

Once a junior chorister has gone through this training, he or she is ready to participate in regular rehearsals held Mondays and Wednesdays from 5-6.15PM. As a chorister grows up in the choir, he or she benefits from the challenge of a choral training in many ways. Choristers experience spiritual growth, build reliable musical habits, and learn the discipline needed to function well in a group. Choristers also gain confidence, self-esteem, stamina, courage, responsibility, and learn about cooperation, dependability, self-discipline, and self-reliance.

If you know of a child going into the second or third grades who likes to sing or is interested in music, please have them contact me at music@stjameswh.org. They need not be a member of our parish. Together we can keep the river flowing!



LITURGY



AND MUSIC

Important Dates

July 7-18

The St. James's Choir travels to England to sing at the Hereford and Bristol Cathedrals

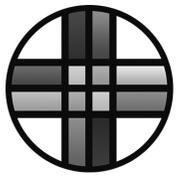


Help Send Choir to England!

We continue to raise funds for our England Trip by selling Stop & Shop cards! You can purchase these at face value, and we earn money because Stop & Shop donates 5% of your purchase to help fund our choir trip. You can also donate cards back to St. James's feeding ministries. Use your cards for gift giving as well! Ellen Dollar and Deb Ross will be available at coffee hour each week with cards. Or contact them at 5dollars@comcast.net or dross2631@gmail.com.

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Mission



ST. JAMES'S
**MISSION
COMMISSION**

Volunteer Board:

The Volunteer Board is on one of the Cloister bulletin Boards. It will have a rotating offering of a wide range of volunteer opportunities happening in and around the parish. Look for signups to help with the Parish Picnic!

Coming Soon:

The paper products drive will be starting in June. Please consider making a contribution of toilet tissue, paper towels and/or feminine supplies. Donations may be left in the Cloister.

Hartford Catholic Worker:

The food pantry at the HCW is bare and they are in need of non-perishable food items! (NO Cereals or Pasta please) Bring your donations to the church and place them in the cloister wagon or in the narthex of the main sanctuary when you come to church. Your help is greatly appreciated. We will take your food donations to the Catholic Hartford Worker.

Ongoing needs:

Food Collection/West Hartford Food Bank: Please continue to bring your food donations, which are distributed to the SJ feeding programs and West Hartford Food Bank. **Remember to check expiration dates! We cannot accept expired items. See our website for specific needs.**



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES ABOUND

We have many wonderful volunteer opportunities for everyone in the parish. Possibilities will be listed in weekly emails, Sunday bulletins, on the website, and in monthly newsletters.

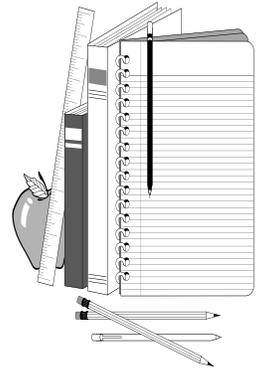
Volunteers are currently needed to help with the upcoming Parish Picnic on June 5. Signup sheets are posted.

**Contact me with your questions at
860-521.5955 or dougann@comcast.net**

**ANN COOKE
VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR**

18th Annual School Supply Drive

DURING the months of **July and August**, St. James's is collecting new school supplies to give to the children who are at the Hartford shelters and food pantries which St. James's supports throughout the year: South Park Inn, Loaves and Fishes, My Sisters' Place, and others.



Many children in the Hartford area suffer from an achievement gap in education, partly due to a lack of the essential tools needed to get an education. Help some of these students start school on the right foot with a few new school supplies. Children with new school supplies get excited about going back to school. It is as simple as having a new backpack filled with pencils, notebooks and things they need to help them learn. The children in these programs need our help to ensure they are prepared to learn.

Join us in the 18th annual school supply drive. Spread the word and ask others you know to help send a child off to school with a smile and some self-esteem. Beginning in July, place your donations in the boxes labeled "school supplies" at each of the church entrances.

Note: Coordinator(s) and volunteers are needed for the school supplies collection. Very little time and effort are required to make this project a success. If you are interested in helping or want more details, please contact Barbara Schiller at 860-651-7332. Join us on **Sunday, August 21** after the 9:00 service when we sort and pack the school supplies for the children. Many hands are needed and welcome!

June Paper Products Drive

RESPONDING to requests from those in need and the agencies that serve them, the outreach focus again this year for June will be the ever-popular toilet paper and paper towel collection. We have also added a need for feminine supplies as well. With a lack of money for food affecting many of the people in need, donations of other necessities -- such as toilet paper -- have become increasingly valued. Also, the shelters for the homeless must provide toilet paper and paper towels for their clients, thereby spending funds which could be channeled to other services.

Your contribution of rolls of toilet paper, paper towels, and feminine supplies will be distributed to individuals who come to the soup kitchens and food pantries and to Hartford area shelters. Please place your donations at the entrances to the church. The emphasis is on quantity, not quality. Thank you!

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Around the Parish

Annual Parish Picnic & Eucharist

Sunday, June 5 at 10am—Fernridge Park

DON'T miss this St. James's annual tradition! We will hold the parish picnic and Eucharist at Fernridge Park in West Hartford on **Sunday, June 5 at 10am**. We will be recognizing our many graduating seniors. Please bring a salad or dessert to share with the group. Grill foods and beverage will be provided. In the event of rain, the service will be held in the church and the picnic in the dining room. There will be an 8am service in the chapel, but no regular 9:30 service.

As always, volunteers are needed to help with this event. There are signup sheets located on the Volunteer board in the cloister. Please sign up to help if you are able. Contact Ann Cooke, volunteer coordinator, for more information at dougann@comcast.net.



Monthly Group Meetings

Women's Evening & Men's Discussion Groups

JOIN the women of the parish and guests for a potluck supper on **Thursdays, June 9 and July 14** beginning at 6pm in the parish room. The evening begins with a half-hour social followed by a potluck meal. Bring and appetizer, main dish or salad, or a dessert to share with the group. Great food, wine, and fellowship for all. For more information, contact Sue Nelson at 860-232-8157.

JOIN the men of the parish and guests for a discussion group on **Saturdays, June 11 and 25 and Saturdays, July 9 and 23** beginning at 7:45am in the parish room. Various religious topics are discussed and refreshments are provided.

Summer Services and Office Hours

Beginning on **Sunday, June 12** we will have one service in the church at 9am followed by cool refreshment with Lemonade on the Lawn. There is no 8am service in the chapel during the summer. The parish office will be closed on Fridays during the summer beginning on June 17. Office summer hours will be Monday—Thursday from 9am to 4pm.

We resume regular office hours beginning Tuesday, September 6 and go back to two services on Sunday, September 11.

Lemonade on the Lawn



THIS summer tradition continues at St. James's! From **Sunday, June 12 through Sunday, September 4** we will have cool

lemonade and other refreshments outdoors after the 9am service (no 8am service during the summer months.) A sign up sheet will be available after services for those who would like to host a Sunday. Lemonade on the Lawn takes little effort, but we do need volunteers. If you are able, please consider hosting at least one Sunday. Thank you!

NOLA—Youth Mission Trip

Car Washes on Saturdays June 4 and 11

GET your car (or bike) washed on Saturdays, June 4 and 11 in the parking lot at St. James's Church. The youth will be washing cars and bikes from 10am to 2pm in support of this summer's mission trip to New Orleans. Your patronage is greatly appreciated!



Readings and Registry

Sunday Lectionary

3rd Sunday after Pentecost, Jun 5

1 Kings 17:8-24; Psalm 146
Galatians 1:11-24; Luke 7:11-17

4th Sunday after Pentecost, Jun 12

1 Kings 21:1-21a; Psalm 5:1-8
Galatians 2:15-21; Luke 7:36-8:3

5th Sunday after Pentecost, Jun 19

1 Kings 19:1-15a; Psalm 42 and 43
Galatians 3:23-29; Luke 8:26-39

6th Sunday after Pentecost, Jun 26

2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14;
Psalm 77:1-2, 11-20
Galatians 5:1,13-25; Luke 9:51-26

7th Sunday after Pentecost, Jul 3

2 Kings 5:1-14; Psalm 30
Galatians 6:1-16;
Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

8th Sunday after Pentecost, Jul 10

Amos 7:7-17; Psalm 82
Colossians 1:1-14; Luke 10:25-37

9th Sunday after Pentecost, Jul 17

Amos 8:1-12; Psalm 52
Colossians 1:15-28; Luke 10:38-42

10th Sunday after Pentecost, Jul 24

Hosea 1:2-10; Psalm 85
Colossians 2:6-19; Luke 11:1-13

11th Sunday after Pentecost, Jul 31

Hosea 11:1-11; Psalm 107:1-9, 43
Colossians 3:1-11; Luke 12:13-21

Baptisms

May 15, 2016

Trey Coronado Keating
Son of Marc and Natalie Keating

Olivia Blake Potosky
Daughter of Brian Potosky and Katherine Pagan

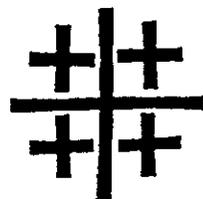
May 22, 2016

Laurel Madison-Katherine Raissian
Daughter of Tony and Kerri Raissian

Deaths

April 19, 2016

Mary Ann Coppage



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, Betsy, Jenine, Gertrude, Melina & Family, and Lucy.

Those in our extended parish family

Maria, Kevin, Mary Ann, Jennifer, Nancy, Jeff, Ashley, Carol, Christina, Jean, Jeff, Roger, Jennifer, Leslie, John, Justin, Karen, Bea & David, Robert, Sarah, David, Patricia, Bob, Ryan, John, Quinn, Arroll, Chris, Joanie, Teresa, Alvin, Karen, Audra, Parker & Cynthia, Ted, Olivia, Ann, Kara, Patricia, Jonathan, Kate, Carrie, Dan, Derrick, Family of Nancy, Grace, Kyle, John & Rita, Betsy, Judy, John, and Bret & Ginny, Barbara, Tavern, Danielle & Cynthia, and Robert.

Those Serving in the Military:

Andrew Clark, Wensley Barker IV, Mark Ulrich, Julian C. Barker, Andrew Huntsman, and Ed Vera.

June/July Parish Birthdays

Children and Youth



JUNE

Ben Carrier, 1
Nolan Leonard, 1
Joseph Shuey, 1
Abigail Waterman, 4
Olivia LaPointe, 5
Ceili Brown, 6
Sophia Sadler, 6
Ingrid Dynowski, 9
Sophia Lankin, 13
Jennifer Brown, 16
Bowden Swales, 17
Ada Rusconi, 18
Nicholas Tagliarini, 20
Colby Lytle, 22
Claire O'Donnell, 24
David Dynowski, 28

JULY

Hunter Swales, 1
Mary Capone, 2
Jackie Keen, 2
Theo Vietzke, 8
Emma Pinckney, 20
Aubrey Keough, 21
Jack Harwood, 22
Julia McCue, 23
Hannah Sieklucki, 23
Chelsea O'Donnell, 28
Emily McDill, 30

Women Of St. James's

WOSJ Slate of Officers

May 3, 2016



President	Cindy Welch
Honorary Vice President	Priscilla Hooper
First Vice President	Judy Lawes
Second Vice President	Priscilla Thomas
Secretary	Martha Clarke
Treasurer	Lynn Lumsden
Assistant Treaurer	Gerry Van Schaack
Past Presidents	Edwina Bosco, Rachael Desmond
Nominating Committee	Cindy Welch, Chairperson Rachael Desmond, Marion Hansen, Member at Large

Spring Rummage Sale Success!

THANK you one and all who contributed, sorted, sold and cleaned up at the Spring Rummage Sale! Your dedication and energy supported the Women of St. James's programs and financial contributions within St. James's and outreach beyond our parish. It was a great time of parish fellowship and community mission. Well done!

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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

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

Volunteer Staff

Ann Cooke	Volunteer Coordinator
David Thomas	Facilities Manager
Richard M. Wenner	Assistant Treasurer

The Vestry

Michael Sherrill	Senior Warden
David Dynowski	Junior Warden
Kimberly Lytle	Clerk
Harry Meyer	Treasurer

Term Ending 2017

Kathy Bolt, Ben Parish
Michael Shuey, Judith Stahl

Term Ending 2018

Diane Duva, Barbara Rua
Carolyn O'Sullivan, Robert Smith

Term Ending 2019

Sam Paul, Lesley Toutain
John Walsh, Abby Fisher Williamson