

# FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

December 1, 2024 at 9:30 a.m.

# WELCOME



## TO ST. JAMES'S

**Nursery care** is available during the service on the first floor of the parish building. Ask an usher for directions, but know that your children are welcome in church during the service.

**KFC: Kids for Christ!** Young Children age 3 through elementary school are welcome to gather in the narthex (main foyer) for Sunday School. They return during the Peace.

**Parking** is available in our parking lot and across Walden at Santander Bank.

**Hearing devices** are available at both entrances to the church.

St. James's is a vibrant, inclusive, fun-loving, child-friendly community of faith. No matter where you are in your journey, we welcome you to join us on ours.

In this service of Holy Eucharist we give thanks to God and hear the Good News of Jesus Christ proclaimed. Educational programs afford parishioners of all ages the opportunity to engage their own beliefs and practices as well as those of others.

Empowered by God we go forth into the wider world to serve others in our lives, schools, and workplaces.

### HAPPENING TODAY

**SERVE:** Join us after the service in the parish hall to help stuff the Christmas Bags for our annual Christmas Mission Project to benefit men in area shelters. Coffee and refreshments will be served. Thank you to all who helped contribute to this important ministry. All are encouraged to lend a hand.

**CHRISTMAS TREE SALE:** Today from 12pm to 6pm. Get your Christmas tree today! Sale hours this week: Monday-Friday 4-7pm; Saturday, 9am-6pm.

**CHRISTMAS FLOWER ENVELOPES:** The Christmas flower envelopes can be found in the front and back of the church, in the cloister, and outside the chapel entrance. Please use these envelopes to make your donations and name requests in memory or in honor of loved ones and place them in the collection basket or bring them to the parish office. **Deadline: Monday, December 16.**

ORGAN VOLUNTARY *Wachet auf* Emma Lou Diemer (1927-2024)

*Diemer, who passed away earlier this year, was a prolific composer, educator, and organist who began working in churches at the age of 13. She went on to study at Yale and Eastman before moving to Belgium on a Fulbright Scholarship. After teaching for many years in the Kansas City area and later at the University of Maryland, she eventually moved to the Bay Area, where she was actively composing and concertizing on piano, organ, and synthesizer at places such as Grace Cathedral, Washington National Cathedral, and Our Lady of Angels until her death.*

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 61 *Wake, awake for night is flying* *Wachet auf*

**THE LITURGY OF THE WORD**

OPENING ACCLAMATION & LIGHTING OF ADVENT WREATH

Celebrant Our Lord and Savior draws near:

People **Come, let us adore him.**

Celebrant Lord, grant us your light, that being rid of the darkness of our hearts,  
we may come to the true light which is Christ.

People **Amen.**

KYRIE

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord,

Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

Lord, have mer - cy, have mer - cy.

Lord, have mer - cy, have mer - cy.

Title: Kyrie, Lord, have mercy, from Deutsche Messe

Music: Franz Peter Schubert (1797-1828); arr. Richard Proulx (1937-2010)

Copyright: © 2003, ABC Music Co., All right reserved. Reprinted with permission under ONE LICENSE #A-737832. All rights reserved.

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Celebrant* God be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Let us pray. Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

*People* **Amen.**

*The people sit*

## THE LESSON

*Jeremiah 33:14-16*

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause

a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The Lord is our righteousness."

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 25:1-9 (*sung by the choir*)

*Ad te, Domine, levavi*

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul;  
my God, I put my trust in you; \*  
let me not be humiliated,  
nor let my enemies triumph over me.

Let none who look to you be put to shame; \*  
let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.

Show me your ways, O Lord, \*  
and teach me your paths.

Lead me in your truth and teach me, \*  
for you are the God of my salvation;  
in you have I trusted all the day long.

Remember, O Lord, your compassion and love, \*  
for they are from everlasting.

Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; \*  
remember me according to your love  
and for the sake of your goodness, O Lord.

Gracious and upright is the Lord; \*  
therefore he teaches sinners in his way.

He guides the humble in doing right \*  
and teaches his way to the lowly.

All the paths of the Lord are love and faithfulness \*  
to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

SEQUENCE HYMN 60

*Creator of the stars of night*

Conditor alme siderum

THE GOSPEL

*Luke 21:25-36**Priest* The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ, according to Luke.*People* **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus said, "There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in a cloud' with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near." Then he told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. "Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man."

*Priest* The Gospel of the Lord.*People* **Praise to you, O Christ.***The people sit*

THE SERMON

*The Rev. Robert M. Lofberg**The people stand*

THE NICENE CREED

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,**

God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven:  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary  
and was made man.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead  
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

#### THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*Leader* Today, we pray for our parish, our extended parish family, our needs, and those of others.

We pray for all who have died.

And for all who are celebrating birthdays, especially Wrenly Ernest-Jones, Lewis Baier, and Laurel Raissian.

In peace, let us pray to God, saying *God hear us and help us!*

God of the prophets, give your church courage to speak truth, and to tell of your love.

***God of the prophets, hear us and help us!***

God of the angels, give your church voice to sing your presence into the world. Give the world a freedom song, and help us to speak peace throughout the earth.

***God of the angels, hear us and help us!***

God of Mary and Elizabeth, give your church grace to be pregnant with hope and to bring forth new life for a barren world.

***God of our mothers, hear us and help us!***

God of Zechariah and Joseph, give your church dreams and visions, and the courage to follow them.

***God of our fathers, hear us and help us!***

God of the shepherds, give your church humility, and to all who sit in darkness, alone and afraid, a light from heaven proclaiming peace.

***God of the shepherds, hear us and help us!***

God of the magi, give your church gifts, and the will to leave home to find you among the poor.

***God of the magi, hear us and help us!***

God of the Holy Innocents, give your church power to stand against violence and to protect the powerless.

***God of the victim, hear us and help us!***

God our Sovereign, you are always coming into the world. Come to us now, soon, and forever, and let us receive you as the Child of holiness and the Wind of change, through whom, this day, we pray. ***Amen.***

## CONFESSION OF SIN

*Celebrant* Let us confess our sins to God.

*People* **God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us**



**through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.**

*Celebrant* Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

## THE PEACE

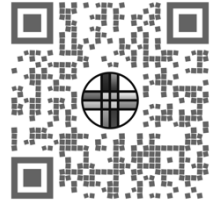
*Celebrant* The peace of Christ be always with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*We greet one another in the name of Christ.*

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

If you would like to make an online offering to the Mission and Ministry of God's through the work of the people of St. James's, please use this QR code. *Thank you! Your generosity is greatly appreciated.*



## THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

AT THE OFFERTORY

*Keep Your Lamps*

André J. Thomas (b. 1952)

*Keep your lamps trimmed and burning, The time is drawing nigh.*

*Children, don't get weary, 'Til your work is done.*

*Christian, journey soon be over, The time is drawing nigh.*

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

*People* **We lift them to the Lord.**

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People* **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*Celebrant* It is truly right to glorify you, Holy One, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever. Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your

radiance. Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we sing:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and

might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,

might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,

full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na

in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes

in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na

in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Title: Holy, holy, holy, from Deutsche Messe

Music: Franz Peter Schubert (1797-1828); arr. Richard Proulx (1937-2010)

Copyright: © 2003, ABC Music Co., All right reserved. Reprinted with permission under ONE LICENSE #A-737832. All rights reserved.

### *Celebrant continues:*

We acclaim you, holy God, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

Holy God, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose he gave

himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new.

And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for Christ who died and rose for us, you sent the Holy Spirit, your own first gift for those who believe, to complete your work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

When the hour had come for Jesus to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Almighty God, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and descent among the dead, proclaiming Christ's resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting Christ's coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

*Celebrant and People*

**We praise you, we bless you, we give thanks to you,  
and we pray to you, Lord our God.**

*The Celebrant continues*

God our Creator, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name.

Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace.

And grant that we may find our inheritance with the Blessed Virgin Mary, with matriarchs, patriarchs, prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all the saints who

have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through Jesus Christ our Savior.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray:

**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done, on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power  
and the glory are yours now and for ever. Amen.**

### THE FRACTION

*Celebrant* Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

*People* **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

### THE INVITATION

*Celebrant* The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

*All are welcome to receive Holy Communion.*

**MUSIC AT COMMUNION** *Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme* J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

*BWV 645*

### POST COMMUNION PRAYER

*Celebrant and People*

**Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the**

Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

## THE BLESSING

RECESSIONAL HYMN 68

*Rejoice! rejoice, believers*

Llangloffan

## THE DISMISSAL

*Priest* Let us go forth into the world rejoicing in the power of the Spirit!

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

*Toccata on "Conditor alme Siderum"*

Pietro Yon

*(Creator of the Stars of Night)*

*Known for his tune "Gesu Bambino," Yon was an organist and composer who served at the Vatican before making his career in the United States as an organist for Francis Xavier Church and, later, St. Patrick's Cathedral in NYC. Notable composition students include Cole Porter and his godson, Norman Dello Joio.*

## PARTICIPANTS IN THE LITURGY

CELEBRANT – The Rev. Robert C. Hooper, III

PREACHER – The Rev. Robert M. Lofberg

ORGANIST & DIRECTOR OF MUSIC – Michelle Horsley

THE ST. JAMES'S CHOIR

THE ST. JAMES'S CHORISTERS & CHILDREN'S CHOIR

CHALICE BEARERS – Audrey Lamy, Priscilla Thomas

LECTOR – Eddie Jacovino

INTERCESSOR – Bob Smith

ACOLYTES – Ryder Morton, Odin Bergsbaken, Walter Bowman

USHERS – Mark and Cheri Evans, Doug and Ann Cooke

LIVESTREAM DIRECTOR – Jerrod Bowman

ALTAR GUILD – Kim Hart-Kindelberger, Chris Pearson

ON THE COVER – Tree of Jesse, Unknown Miniaturist, English (active 1140s)

## PRAYER LIST

The entire Prayer List is read during the course of the week. If you would like someone to be added, contact the office: [info@stjameswh.org](mailto:info@stjameswh.org) or 860-521-9620.

**THOSE IN OUR PARISH FAMILY** Jeffrey, Greg, Michael, Elly, Chuck, Sue, Will, Tom, Chris, Gerry, Rachael, Eileen, Nancy Jo.

**THOSE IN OUR EXTENDED PARISH FAMILY** Jeff, Christina, David, Quinn, Joanie, Teresa, Audra, Ann, Patricia, Carrie, John & Rita, Tavern, Mohan, Barbara, Hudson, Guy, Stephen, Clark, Sydney, Clare, Leo, Denise, Javier, Janet, Sue & Claudia, Larry, Gretchen, Denise, Jocelyn, Forrest, Laticia, Suzanne, Karen.

**THE ANGLICAN CYCLE OF PRAYER** Pray for the Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan.

**IN OUR DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER** Christ Church, Ansonia; St. Paul's, Bantam, Christ Church, Bethany. Postulants and candidates for Holy Orders; the Commission on Ministry and its members.

**THOSE SERVING IN THE MILITARY** Andrew Clark.

**THOSE CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS** Wrenly Ernest-Jones, Lewis Baier, and Laurel Raissian.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### HEALING PRAYERS AT COMMUNION

St. James's Healing Ministry will offer healing prayers the second and fourth Sundays of the month at the 9:30 service. Healing prayers will be offered on **Sunday, December 8**. If you would like healing ministers to pray with you and for you during a time of challenge or discernment, come to one of the two stations at the back of the church after receiving the Eucharist. If you would like to participate or have questions about becoming a healing prayer minister, please email Cheri Evans: [cheriev98@gmail.com](mailto:cheriev98@gmail.com).

### NURSERY CARE

Nursery Care will be available **today** during the 9:30 service. We will continue with KFC (Kids of Christ) during the 9:30 service as well. Please feel free to contact Priscilla at [education@stjameswh.org](mailto:education@stjameswh.org) with any questions.

## MONDAY MUSIC & MORE

3Ms will meet on **Monday, December 2** at 4pm with Priscilla Hooper and Michelle Horsley. For more information or to register your child, contact Priscilla Hooper, [education@stjameswh.org](mailto:education@stjameswh.org). **No 3Ms on Monday, November 25.**

## BIBLE STUDY

Please join us on **Monday, December 2** from 12:15-1pm in the Parish Room for an extended exploration of various portions of scripture led by the Rev. Robert Lofberg. Bring a bag lunch and come ready for a compelling conversation.

## WOMEN OF ST. JAMES'S

The Women of St. James's invite you to a luncheon on **Tuesday, December 3** at 12:00 in the dining room. The program will be *Holiday Cards for the Elderly*. Bring a bag lunch. All are welcome!

## COFFEE HOUR HOSTS NEEDED

Thank you to everyone who has helped get Coffee Hour up and running this fall by signing up to host or contribute baked goods and treats. We still have many slots to fill, so if you have not yet signed-up, please consider doing so. As a host, you and a partner make the coffee, bake and/or buy snacks, set up before, and clean up afterward. Helpers support the hosts by bringing one or more homemade or store-bought baked goods, fruit, bagels, or other food item. The job comes with instructions and the satisfaction of knowing you served others and supported a parish tradition we all enjoy. Questions? Contact Loretta Waldman at [lwaldmanster@gmail.com](mailto:lwaldmanster@gmail.com). Sign up at [www.stjwh.org/coffee](http://www.stjwh.org/coffee).



## ADVENT QUIET DAY

The Hartford Chapter of the Companions of the Holy Cross invites the women of St. James' to join us for an Advent Quiet Day on **Saturday, December 7** at St. Alban's Episcopal Church in Simsbury, CT from 10am to noon, followed by a light lunch. The reflections offered for the Quiet Day will be on "Thresholds". In Celtic spirituality, thresholds are seen as opportunities for growth, self-discovery, and deeper connection with the spiritual world. There is no charge to attend. If you are interested, please contact Cheri Evans ([cheriev98@gmail.com](mailto:cheriev98@gmail.com)) for additional information.



### COFFEE HOUR FORUM

Michelle Horsley and the Rev. Rob Lofberg will lead a coffee hour forum on the upcoming Christmas concert, Ave Maria, on **Sunday, December 8** after the 9:30 service in the Parish Hall. The concert will focus on Mary, the mother of Jesus, with choral and organ repertoire written exclusively by female composers. Works by Abbie Betinis, Anna Lapwood, Hildegard von Bingen, Rosephanye Powell, etc., will be presented by our adult choir, choristers, and children for this musical celebration of the season. Michelle and Rob will give an overview of these composers featured in the concert.

### POINSETTIA PLANT SALE

Doug Compton will have poinsettias this year for purchase on **Sunday, December 8** after both services. There will be 4", 6", and 8" pots. They sell out quickly so plan ahead. Proceeds benefit the St. James's Feeding Ministry.

### GREENING OF THE SANCTUARY

Mary Ann Haar is looking for help in the preparation of the sanctuary for the coming of Our Lord Jesus Christ on **Sunday, December 22** after the 9:30 service. Stick around after the service to lend a hand! Light duties include the arranging of poinsettias and other plants and the hanging of greens.

### WINTER COAT COLLECTION

Doug Compton has begun collecting winter coats for our friends in need. Please bring in your gently used or new winter coats and place them in the cloister or bring them to the parish office. The collection runs through winter.

### INTERESTED IN BECOMING A CHALICE BEARER?

Serving as a chalice bearer, who provides the Cup of Salvation to parishioners during Communion, is a meaningful and different way to participate in and experience our Sunday morning Eucharist. And we need a few more people to fill out our ranks, so our rotation can be about once every six to seven weeks. If you would like more information or are interested, please contact Tom Rouse, [thomasarouse@yahoo.com](mailto:thomasarouse@yahoo.com) or (860) 351-5560 to learn more about the opportunity.

### ST. JAMES'S "EMBRACE" MINISTRY

The Embrace Ministry invites people into God's love through acts big and small. Weekly phone calls, cards/letters, friendly visits to those unable to leave home, or help with light chores or transportation are all ways we may be of help. If you are a

parishioner or know of a parishioner who may benefit from our ministry, please contact Susan Ritz (860-904-8588) or Marilyn Thomlinson (860-372-1193) for further information.

### **CHEF MINISTRY**

CHEF Ministry for expanding/changing/evolving families! This is chance for the St. James's family to help "feed their sheep". Thank you to all of the wonderful volunteer chefs who cook on demand. If you know of any family that is welcoming a new family member (not just a birth!) or having a life event where they might need a bit of support (taking care of a loved one, dealing with a loss, etc.) please let Martha Parish know so that CHEF Ministry can reach out and provide a meal or three. Please email or text so a member of our church family can help out and ease the burden. [mach1goon@gmail.com](mailto:mach1goon@gmail.com), 978-505-1333.

### **MEN'S DISCUSSION GROUP**

A group of men from Saint James's and a few from other churches meet twice monthly on the second and fourth Saturdays for an hour and a bit more beginning at 8:00 am in the parish room for discussion of religious subjects. Typically, the discussion is led by one of the group members about a book selected by the group. The next meeting will be held on **Saturday, December 14**. Daniel Dollar chairs the group. Interested? Contact him at [danielmdollar@gmail.com](mailto:danielmdollar@gmail.com) for further info.

### **GOOD NEWS GARDEN**

The end of our Good News Garden beds and harvesting is expected at some point this October or early November. We're doing a no-till approach which allows more nutrients and organisms to enrich soil during winter. The greenhouse allows us to extend the season a bit for various crops which will grow under hoop cloths with little water after temperatures drop into 20's. Come have fun cleaning up the beds or tending the greenhouse with us! Contact Cheryl Wadsworth, [cherw173@gmail.com](mailto:cherw173@gmail.com).

### **HARTFORD CATHOLIC WORKER FOOD PANTRY**

St. James's is currently asking for bi-weekly donations for the following items for the Hartford Catholic Worker: **tuna fish, mayo, peanut butter, jelly, pasta sauce, bags or boxes of pasta, and canned hearty stews**. Donations can be left in the cloister Monday through Friday 9a-4p. If you are dropping off after hours, please place donations in the rubber bin in front of the cloister door! Monetary donations are also accepted to help purchase these items. Just note "HCW Food Pantry" in memo.

**ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS**

AA meetings convene in the dining room Mondays and Thursdays at 10am, Monday through Friday at 7am, and Saturdays at 7pm.

**CLERGY VISITATION**

If you or a loved one would like a member of the clergy to visit you at home or in the hospital, please contact the clergy at [rector@stjameswh.org](mailto:rector@stjameswh.org) or [assistant@stjameswh.org](mailto:assistant@stjameswh.org).

## STEWARDSHIP 2025 THANK YOU!

*The following parishioners have pledged for 2025 as of November 26.*

*Names in italics are New Pledgers!*

Franklin & Angie Dempsey, Bob & Priscilla Hooper, Mark Moyle,  
 Diane Mack & Robin Gilmartin, Bill & Judith Thompson, Robert Sedivy,  
 Robert Hoyle & Heidi Sweeney, Mari Merwin, Louise Strillacci,  
 Eddie Jacovino & Elizabeth Porter, Rachael Desmond, Dean & Kathy Bolt, Ron Coons,  
 Judy Lawes, Thomas Rouse & Susan Powers, John & Ruth Mitman,  
 Paul & Diane Duva, Doug Compton, Jerrod & Maureen Bowman, Ben & Martha Parish,  
 Bob & Renée McCue, Jocelyn Ehn, David & Jeanne DiGiacomo, *Marion Beausoleil*,  
 Gil Lowerre, Michael McMahan & Ann Wood, Dean & Ann Uphoff, Molly James,  
 Kathryn & Halsted James, John & Brenda Barrows, Bob Bausmith & Jill Peter-Gee,  
 Leon Fraser & Marilyn Tomlinson, Bob & Carolee Ziegenhagen, Joan Kayser,  
 Bruce & Donna Tompkins, Andrew & Pam Ponichtera, Bob & Claire Burnett,  
 Fran Cobb, Doug & Ann Cooke, Sandra DeCelles, Rob Duncan & Chuck Kinney,  
 Mark & Cheri Evans, Adam Fisher & Abby Williamson, Michael & Linda Fournier,  
 Kimberly Goodrich, Kenneth & Susan Gutierrez, *William Hoar*, Stephen & Diane Hunter,  
 Chris Keesling, Bette Kelly, Carolyn McGaughey, Harry Meyer, Judy Nellen, Sue Nelson,  
 Ted & Ronnie Newton, Brad & Liz Normand, Borden Painter, Joan Phelps,  
 David & Christine Pearson, Stephen & Lois Schneeberger, Michael & Hilary Sherrill,  
*Jean Smith*, Tom & Sue Sweeney, Priscilla Thomas, John & Cheryl Wadsworth,  
 Brendan Gooley & Valerie Ferdon, Bill & Nora Harris, Carol Hunt,  
 Tyler & Courtney Smith, Mark & Cindy Welch, Joey Meyer & Eleanor Michael,  
 Carol McDermott, Daniel & Ellen Dollar, Andrew Reynolds & Karin Zadzilko,  
 Charles & Lia Collin, John & Elizabeth Waterman, Linda Vastano,  
 Matthew Pinckney & Liisa Kuhn, Chuck Russo, Ron Ward, Greg & Judy Hock,  
 Jerome & Mary Baier, *Rob Lofberg & Nicole Nigh*, Susan Lattanzio, *Joan Ray*, Sam Auyeung,  
 Sarah Bedell, Connie Duva, Nicholas Busse & Barbara Rua, Rafael & Elizabeth Gallegos,  
 Greg & Jen Jacobs, David & Virginia Kramer, Hillary Lewis, Joseph & Jennifer Long,  
 Peter & Chris Peterson, Bob & Betsy Smith, Alex Smith & Christine Pina,  
 Patrick & Sheri Sparks, Richard M. Wenner, Christopher & Christina Wilson,  
 Audrey Lamy, Ken & Eileen Jackson, Barbara Schiller, Jonathan Lewis & Kate Jackson,  
 Jim Conway & Peggy McManus, Kevin & Kim Kindelberger, Scott & Alysse Serencha,  
 Susan Ritz, Loretta Waldman.



Saturday, November 30 -  
Sunday, December 8

ST. JAMES'S ANNUAL  
*Christmas*  
TREE SALE

Mon-Fri 4-7 / Sat 9-6 / Sun 12-6  
Cash, Credit Card, Check accepted



St. James's Episcopal Church - West Hartford



# AVE MARIA

Dec. 15 at 5:00pm

Christmas music by female composers

with works by Lapwood, Powell, Betinis, McDowell, Wallen, Bingen  
presented by the choirs of St. James's Michelle Horsley, Director of Music

*freewill offering*

# Christmas

AT ST. JAMES'S

**CHRISTMAS EVE**  
**5PM PAGEANT**  
**& EUCHARIST**

**9:30PM MUSIC**  
**PRELUDE**

**10PM CHORAL**  
**EUCHARIST**

**CHRISTMAS DAY**  
**10AM HOLY EUCHARIST**  
**WITH CAROLS**



ST. JAMES'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
1018 FARMINGTON AVENUE  
WEST HARTFORD CENTER



## SERVICE SCHEDULE

### SUNDAY EUCHARIST

8:00 a.m. in the chapel  
9:30 a.m. in the church

### WEDNESDAY EUCHARIST

7 a.m. in the chapel  
(Breakfast served in the parish room following the service)



Make a pledge  
to St. James's

We are a vibrant, inclusive, fun-loving, child-friendly community of faith.  
No matter where you are in your journey, we welcome you to join us on ours...

Tel 860.521.9620

Email [info@stjameswh.org](mailto:info@stjameswh.org)



**ST. JAMES'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH**  
19 Walden Street, West Hartford, Connecticut 06107

[www.stjameswh.org](http://www.stjameswh.org)

### CLERGY

The Rev'd Robert C. Hooper III..... *Rector*  
The Rev'd Robert M. Lofberg..... *Assistant Rector*  
The Rev'd Canon Douglas T. Cooke ..... *Priest Associate*  
The Rev'd Doctor Molly F. James..... *Priest Associate*  
The Rev'd Canon John L.C. Mitman..... *Priest Associate*  
The Rev'd Doctor Borden W. Painter Jr. .... *Priest Associate*  
The Rev'd Joan P. Phelps. .... *Priest Associate*

### STAFF

Mrs. Cheryl C. Batter ..... *Parish Administrator*  
Mrs. Heidi Cotter ..... *Financial Secretary*  
Mr. Leon Fraser..... *Sexton*  
Mrs. Priscilla Hooper..... *Director of Family Ministries*  
Ms. Michelle Horsley..... *Organist & Director of Music*

### VOLUNTEER STAFF

Mr. Harry Meyer ..... *Assistant Treasurer*

### VESTRY

Mr. Ted Newton ..... *Senior Warden*  
Mr. Tyler Smith ..... *Junior Warden*  
Mrs. Kerri Raissian ..... *Clerk*  
Mr. Michael Sherrill ..... *Treasurer*

### 2025

Bob Bausmith  
Ellen Dollar  
Kim Hart-  
Kindelberger  
Judith Stahl

### 2026

Chuck Kinney  
Ruth Mitman  
Barbara Rua  
Bill Thompson

### 2027

Doug Compton  
Joey Meyer  
Liz Normand  
Marilyn Tomlinson