



EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

September 22, 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

HEALING PRAYER: Will be offered today during communion. 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.

COFFEE HOUR: Please join us for coffee and refreshments today after the 9:30 service in the Parish Hall. All are welcome.

SERVE: Help make sandwiches today following the 9:30 service. Just come to the kitchen and join us!

ORGAN VOLUNTARY *Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether* Gerre Hancock (1934-2012)

The people stand

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 410 *Praise my soul, the King of heaven* Lauda Anima

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

Celebrant Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord.

People **Amen.**

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS S-278

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray. Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

People **Amen.**

The people sit

THE LESSON

James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a

Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind.

But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace. Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures. Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 1 (*sung by the choir*)

Beatus vir qui non abiit

Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, *
nor lingered in the way of sinners,
nor sat in the seats of the scornful!

Their delight is in the law of the Lord, *
and they meditate on his law day and night.

They are like trees planted by streams of water,
bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither; *
everything they do shall prosper.

It is not so with the wicked; *
they are like chaff which the wind blows away.

Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes, *
nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.

For the Lord knows the way of the righteous, *
but the way of the wicked is doomed.

SEQUENCE HYMN

I want Jesus to walk with me

Negro Spiritual

I want Jesus to walk with me; I want Jesus to walk with me;
All along my pilgrim journey, Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.
In my trials, Lord, walk with me; In my trials, Lord, walk with me.
When the shades of life are falling, Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.
In my sorrows, Lord, walk with me; In my sorrows, Lord, walk with me.
When my heart within is aching, Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.

THE GOSPEL

*Mark 9:30-37**Priest* The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ, according to Mark.*People* **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus and his disciples passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, "The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again." But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him. Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, "What were you arguing about on the way?" But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, "Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all." Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, "Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me."

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

THE SERMON

*The Rev. Dr. Molly F. James**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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Leader Gracious God, we pray for your holy catholic Church;

People **That we all may be one.**

Almighty God, whose loving hand has given us all that we possess, grant us the grace to honor you with our substance. Grant us the courage and commitment to be faithful in our giving. Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

That your Name may be glorified by all people.

May we, as the Body of Christ in our life together, do things only for the glory of God. We pray for Michael our presiding bishop, Sean our presiding bishop-elect, Jeff and Laura our bishops, our parish clergy; and all bishops, priests, and deacons;

That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

May we be people of word and action as we support relief for the world's poor and homeless; for the unemployed and the under-employed. We pray for all who govern and hold authority in all the nations of the world. Remembering especially Joe, the president of the United States.

That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

That our works may find favor in your sight.

We pray for the end of violence everywhere; remembering especially victims of gun violence and those who love them. We pray for all whose lives have been devastated by natural disaster and political strife. We pray for the people of Palestine, Israel and Ukraine, and the protection of innocent life everywhere. We pray for safety in our daily lives. Guide us to be reconcilers for peace and justice at home and in the world. Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble.

That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest;

Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We pray for all who have died, especially David Jackson on the anniversary of his death, and Norman Charles Kayser in whose name the altar flowers have been given.

May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

We pray for those celebrating birthdays, especially Natalie Forcello and Hadley Jacobs.

We pray for our parish, our extended parish family, our needs, and those of others.

We invite you to offer your own prayers silently or aloud.

The Celebrant adds a concluding collect.

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

THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

AT THE OFFERTORY

Love Bade Me Welcome

David Hurd (b. 1950)

Lyrics: George Herbert (1593-1633)

*Love bade me welcome: yet my soul drew back, guiltie of dust and sinne.
But quicke'y'd Love observing me grow slack from my first entrance in,
drew nearer to me, sweetly questioning, if I lacked anything.*

*A guest, I answer'd, worthy to be here: Love said, You shall be he.
I, the unkinde, ungrateful? Ah, my deare, I cannot look on thee.
Love took my hand and smiling did reply, Who made the eyes but I?*

*Truth, Lord but I have marr'd them: let my shame go where it doth deserve.
And know you not, sayes Love, who bore the blame? My deare, then I will serve.
You must sit down, sayes Love, and taste my meat: so I did sit and eat.*

David Hurd is one of the most prolific and revered African-American organists and composers, with 100+ choral and organ works (including some in the Hymnal 1982). He has taught at Yale, Duke, Westminster Choir College, and was on faculty for many years at The General Theological Seminary of the Episcopal Church (NYC). He currently is the Music Director at Church of St. Mary the Virgin in Times Square and is one of the judges for the Albert Schweitzer Organ Festival this weekend in Hartford.

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.**

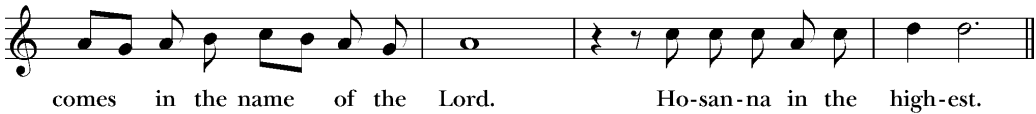
It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, God Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth... Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Ho - ly, ho - ly,

ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,

heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho-san-na in the

high - est. Bless - ed is he who



Title: *Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might* Music: *William Mathias (1934-1992)*

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Celebrant continues:

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life. On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ 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 he 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." Therefore, according to his command,

Celebrant and People

**We remember his death, We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and forever. **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.

AT THE COMMUNION *Agnus Dei (from Requiem)* Gabriel Fauré (1845-1924)

THE POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant Let us pray.

People **Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood.**

Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

THE BLESSING

RECESSIONAL HYMN 660

O Master let me walk with thee

Maryton

THE DISMISSAL

Priest Alleluia! Alleluia! Let us go forth into the world rejoicing in the power of the spirit.

People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

ORGAN VOLUNTARY *Improvisation VII (from Sept Improvisations, Op. 150)*
Camille Saint-Saëns (1835-1924)

PARTICIPANTS IN THE LITURGY

CELEBRANT – The Rev. Robert C. Hooper, III

PREACHER – The Rev. Dr. Molly F. James

DEACON – The Rev. Robert M. Lofberg

ORGANIST & DIRECTOR OF MUSIC – Michelle Horsley

SOLOIST – Brian Joy / BASS – Anya Fisher

CHALICE BEARERS – Priscilla Thomas, Matt Schott

LECTOR – Carolee Ziegenhagen

INTERCESSOR – Ted Newton

USHERS – Chuck Kinney, Rob Duncan, Mike Shuey, Ted Newton

ACOLYTES – Ryder Morton, Quinn Ciccone, Wyatt Chenault

LIVESTREAM DIRECTOR – Daniel Dollar

ALTAR GUILD – Elizabeth Gallegos



FALLFEST

Saturday
October 5
5-8PM

Everyone is Invited

Pig Roast, Live Music,
Local Craft Beverages,
Food & Games for all Ages

ST. JAMES'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
1018 FARMINGTON AVE
WEST HARTFORD CT
www.stjameswh.org

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 or 860-521-9620.

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

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

THOSE WHO HAVE DIED Remembering especially David Jackson on the anniversary of his death. *May the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace; let light perpetual shine upon them. AMEN.*

THE ALTAR FLOWERS Have been given to the glory of God in thanksgiving for the life of Norman Charles Kayser.

THE ANGLICAN CYCLE OF PRAYER Pray for the Church of North India.

IN OUR DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER St. John's, Stamford; Calvary, Stonington; St. Mark's, Storrs Children and Children's ministries; and ministries for children with special needs.

THOSE SERVING IN THE MILITARY Andrew Clark.

THOSE CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS Natalie Forcello and Hadley Jacobs.

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 **today**. 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.

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 with any questions.

FALLFEST SIGNUP – WE NEED VOLUNTEERS!

This year's Fallfest is fast approaching, and we need volunteers to make it a success. Please go to www.stjwh.org/fallfest2024 and sign up to help. It takes many hands to pull off such a fun and exciting event. We need all hands on deck!

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MARK

Please join us on **Mondays, September 23 and 30** from 12:15-1pm in the Parish Room for the continuation of our three-week exploration of the Gospel according to Mark. Led by the Rev. Robert Lofberg, we will explore, among other things, what a 'Gospel' really is, Mark's unique perspective on the person of Jesus, and the themes of suffering and glory that come through this unique and challenging piece of holy scripture. Bring a bag lunch and come ready for a compelling conversation.

SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION

The Rev. Bob Hooper will lead a small group discussion, "*The Spirituality and Struggles of Being Busy*," for parents of small children on **Sunday, September 29** at 11am in the Parish Room. Grab some refreshments and join in the discussion. Childcare will be provided.

COFFEE HOUR IS BACK!

Coffee hour is back, and we need volunteers to keep this weekly fellowship going. This is a family-friendly ministry in which parishioners of all ages can participate. As a host, you and a partner make the coffee, bake or buy snacks, set up before, and clean up afterward. Can't host? Please consider signing up to bring one or more homemade or store-bought baked goods, fruit, bagels, or other food items. Please indicate what you are bringing in the "My Comment" section of the sign-up so the host(s) can plan accordingly. And if you're new to coffee hour, don't fret. The job comes with instructions and an extra hand if needed. Thanks in advance to everyone for your faithful support of a parish tradition we all enjoy. Questions? Contact Loretta Waldman at lwaldmanster@gmail.com. Sign up at www.stjwh.org/coffee.



MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR SYD TANSI

There will be a memorial service in celebration of the life of Syd Tansi on **Saturday, September 28 at 11am** in the church with a reception to follow in the Parish Hall. Syd was a longtime parishioner of St. James's and a very active member of the community. She passed away peacefully at her home on December 18, 2023 at the age of 91. All are welcome to attend.

SAVE THE DATE!

After the 9:30 am service on **Sunday, September 29**, delicious Syrian takeout food prepared by Arabia Ghosen will be available for sale during Coffee Hour. Arabia is the mother of the Kattoub family that St. James's sponsored to resettle in 2016. Plan to attend coffee hour on that day to see Arabia and purchase some tasty takeout for your dining pleasure at home.

ST. FRANCIS SUNDAY & BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

We will celebrate St. Francis **Sunday on October 6** at the 9:30 service outdoors with the blessing of the animals. Bring your beloved pets with you to church that day for a blessing from the clergy. Refreshments will be served following the service. Invite someone to join you!

DIOCESAN YOUTH GROUP ON THE MOVE!

Please join us for youth group on **Sunday, October 6** from 4-6pm (note the time change). We will be hosting youth from 6th-12th grade from churches around the diocese of Connecticut - a time of fun, reflection, and an opportunity to connect with other kids around the diocese. All are welcome. Please bring a friend!

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 being a chalice bearer is something you think you might like to experience yourself, or you have questions about what it entails, please contact Tom Rouse at thomasarouse@yahoo.com or (860) 351-5560 to learn more about the opportunity.

ST. JAMES'S "EMBRACE" MINISTRY

We are starting a new ministry and looking for volunteers to provide pastoral support to members of our church family. Please consider joining the Embrace

Ministry to invite 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. 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, 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, September 28**. Daniel Dollar chairs the group. Interested? Contact him at danielmdollar@gmail.com for further info.

THE GOOD NEWS GARDEN

All are welcome in the Good News Garden and greenhouse and to help harvest either Sundays after church or Wednesdays 8:30-9:30am. We could use more helpers! If Wednesday doesn't work, meet up with us to weed after the service on Sunday. Donations from your gardens are most welcome and should be dropped off in the cloister, Wednesdays by 9am. Questions or to join the team, please contact Cheryl Wadsworth, 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 or assistant@stjameswh.org.

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presents the 33rd annual

PIESCREAMS

a wild, family-friendly
Halloween organ concert

OCTOBER 25
6PM GHOST STORIES
7PM CONCERT

hosted at
St James's Episcopal Church
19 Walden St. West Hartford

free admission!

AUCTION 2024!

Make our fundraising auction another huge success by DONATING auction items!

Another not-to-be-missed St. James's Auction is coming up on **Saturday, November 16** at 6pm. As always, there will be a fun theme, amazing food, good conversation, and silent and live auctions. Tickets are \$40/person or \$350 for a VIP table of 8 (which comes with some special perks...details coming soon!). Tickets will be on sale beginning on October 5.

But right now, the best way you can support the auction is to donate auction items that are sure to inspire spirited bidding. Here are some ideas of items that have done well in the past, but we welcome your creativity if you have other ideas.

Getaways! Time in a vacation home, gift certificates for a destination hotel, plane tickets, a bed and breakfast weekend – higher value items like these help ensure that we bring in plenty of financial support for St. James's many ministries in the parish and community.

Curated family or cultural experiences: Do you have a favorite local attraction or sports team? Gift certificates or tickets to destinations and events are always a hit. Do you have a passion for a particular type of art or period in history? Offer a personalized guided tour at a local museum or historic site. Are you a party planner extraordinaire? Plan, shop, and provide food for a themed dinner party or children's birthday celebration.

Gift certificates to your favorite places: Ask your favorite local restaurant or business to donate a gift card (we can provide a donation letter). Even better, bundle a gift certificate with personal services – a restaurant gift card plus babysitting, a garden center gift card plus your help with spring planting.

Teach others about your favorite hobby: Offer up cooking or baking lessons, a fly-fishing excursion, knitting lessons, a guided hike, a boat trip, or a book discussion with themed snacks or a guest speaker.


Share your talents: Make a dinner featuring food you love to make, bake a special-occasion dessert, share your handcrafted creations, wrap gifts, provide mending or sewing services, do yard clean-up or house painting.

Gift baskets: Pick a theme and ask a group of your friends to help you fill it: Movie night, wine & cheese, garden starter, coffee & tea, baking, spa/relaxation, firepit snacks, arts & crafts, etc. etc. etc. Need inspiration? You'll find lots of ideas online at Pinterest and elsewhere.

Please email Kerri Raissian (kerriraissian@gmail.com) with details of your auction donation or any questions!

Grease **is the word**

at the 2024 St. James's Auction!



Saturday, November 16

6pm

in the parish hall

Join us for a retro 1950s-themed celebration with dinner and the biannual fundraising auction.

TICKETS: \$40/person or \$350 for a VIP table of 8

Tickets on sale starting October 5.

WE NEED AUCTION ITEMS!

Tickets, gift baskets, gift certificates, handcrafted items, homemade treats, curated experiences, visits to local attractions, professional services, getaways....and any other fun ideas you have!

AUCTION DONATIONS DUE NOVEMBER 3

CONTACT KERRI RAISSIAN AT [KERRIRAISSIAN@GMAIL.COM](mailto:kerriraiissian@gmail.com)



SERVICE SCHEDULE

SUNDAY EUCHARIST

8 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



ST. JAMES'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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