



NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II with BAPTISM

September 29, 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

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

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 today at 11am. Grab some refreshments and join in the discussion. Childcare will be provided and meeting room will be announced.

SYRIAN CUISINE FOR SALE: Delicious Syrian takeout food prepared by Arabia Ghosen will be available for sale during Coffee Hour today in the Parish Hall. Arabia is the mother of the Kattoub family that St. James's sponsored to resettle in 2016. Come to the Parish Hall after the service to see Arabia and purchase some tasty takeout for your dining pleasure at home.

ORGAN VOLUNTARY *Toccata & Villancico* Alberto Ginastera (1916-1983)

Born and raised in Buenos Aires, Argentina, Ginastera studied at the Williams Conservatory and later at Tanglewood with Aaron Copland. The toccata in this set is inspired by the Baroque model and is very rhapsodic and virtuosic in nature. The middle section, "Villancico," is a traditional South American folksong, with origins from 15th century Spain, sung by farmers and rural workers. The last movement (today's postlude) is a tribute to J. S. Bach, using the sequence of B-flat, A, C, and B in the German alphabet to spell out the name "B-A-C-H."

The people stand

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 477 *All praise to thee, for thou, O King divine* Engelberg

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 forever. Amen.**

Celebrant There is one Body and one Spirit

People **There is one hope in God's call to us;**

Celebrant One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism

People **One God and Father of all.**

People **Amen.**

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray. O God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; 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 5:13-20

Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. Elijah was a human being like us, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. Then he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain and the earth yielded its harvest. My brothers and sisters, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and is brought back by another, you should know that whoever brings back a sinner from wandering will save the sinner's soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 124 (*sung by the choir*)

Nisi quia Dominus

If the Lord had not been on our side, *
let Israel now say;

If the Lord had not been on our side, *
when enemies rose up against us;

Then would they have swallowed us up alive *
in their fierce anger toward us;

Then would the waters have overwhelmed us *
and the torrent gone over us;

Then would the raging waters *
have gone right over us.

Blessed be the Lord! *
he has not given us over to be a prey for their teeth.

We have escaped like a bird from the snare of the fowler; *
the snare is broken, and we have escaped.

Our help is in the Name of the Lord, *
the maker of heaven and earth.

SEQUENCE HYMN 675

Take up your cross, the Savior said

Bourbon

THE GOSPEL

Mark 9:38-50

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ, according to Mark.

People **Glory to you, O Lord.**

John said to Jesus, "Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us." But Jesus said, "Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. Whoever is not against us is for us. For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward. "If any of you put a stumbling block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell. And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched. "For everyone will be salted with fire. Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another."

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, O Christ.**

The people sit

THE SERMON

The Rev. Robert C. Hooper, III

THE BAPTISMAL HYMN 297

Descend, O Spirit

Erhalt uns, Herr

PRESENTATION & EXAMINATION OF THE CANDIDATES

*Andrew Joseph Lawrence, Luna Grace Maguire, Samuel Bennett Novak**The Celebrant addresses the Congregation saying*

Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support their life in Christ?

People **We will.***Celebrant* Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Father?*People* **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.***Celebrant* Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?*People* **I believe in Jesus Christ, the only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.***Celebrant* Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?*People* **I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.***Celebrant* Will you continue in the apostles teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?*People* **I will, with God's help.***Celebrant* Will you persevere in resisting evil, and whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?*People* **I will, with God's help.***Celebrant* Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?*People* **I will, with God's help.***Celebrant* Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?*People* **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you cherish the wondrous works of God, and protect the beauty and integrity of all creation?

People **I will, with God's help.**

PRAYERS FOR THE CANDIDATE

Celebrant Let us now pray for these people who are to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

Leader Deliver them, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Open their hearts to your grace and truth.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Fill them with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Keep them in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Teach them to love others in the power of the Spirit.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Send them into the world in witness to your love.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Bring them to the fullness of your peace and glory.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Celebrant Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and for ever. **Amen.**

THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

The Celebrant continues

We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life. We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE BAPTISM

The Celebrant says

N., I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Then the Priest places a hand on the person's head, marking on the forehead the sign of the cross and saying,

N., you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever. **Amen.**

Let us pray. Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon these your servants the forgiveness of sin, and have raised them to the new life of grace. Sustain them, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give them an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. **Amen.**

Celebrant Let us welcome the newly baptized.

All **We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.**

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

Pilgrim's Hymn

Stephen Paulus (1949-2014)

*Even before we call on Your name to ask You, O God,
When we seek for the words to glorify You, You hear our prayer;
Unceasing love, O unceasing love, Surpassing all we know.*

Glory to the father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

*Even with darkness sealing us in, we breathe Your name,
And through all the days that follow so fast, we trust in You;
Endless Your grace, O endless Your grace, beyond all mortal dream.*

Both now and forever, and unto ages and ages, Amen.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

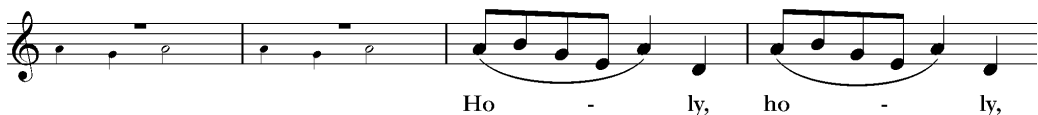
Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

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 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
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high-est.

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,	as we forgive those who sin against us.
hallowed be your name,	Save us from the time of trial
your kingdom come,	and deliver us from evil.
your will be done, on earth as in heaven.	For the kingdom, the power
Give us today our daily bread.	and the glory are yours now and for
Forgive us our sins	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 *Teach Me, O Lord* Thomas Attwood (1765-1838)
 The Open Table Mark A. Miller

Come, oh come, come to the table; gather round, come without fear.

Known by name, here at the table, the table. Welcome here, to the table of love.

Circle round, let's join together. Share your joys, and bring your tears.

Strength and hope, here at the table, the table. Welcome here, to the table of love.

God is love, love is creating something new, right here right now.

We're children of God, here at the table, the table. Welcome here, to the table of love.

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 541

Come, labor on

Ora Labora

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

Fuga

Alberto Ginastera (1916-1983)

PARTICIPANTS IN THE LITURGY

CELEBRANT & PREACHER – The Rev. Robert C. Hooper, III

DEACON – The Rev. Robert M. Lofberg

ORGANIST & DIRECTOR OF MUSIC – Michelle Horsley

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

SOLOISTS – Porsche Iloeje and Camden Jacobs

CHALICE BEARERS – Tom Rouse, Susan Powers

LECTOR – Bob Smith

INTERCESSOR – Kim Hart-Kindelberger

USHERS – Mark and Cheri Evans, Daniel and Ellen Dollar

ACOLYTES – Harper Leichsenring, George Keating, Odin Bergsbaken

LIVESTREAM DIRECTOR – Jonathan Lewis

ALTAR GUILD – Elizabeth Gallegos

AMERICAN GUILD OF
ORGANISTS
GREATER
HARTFORD
presents the 33rd annual

PIPESCREAMS

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!

Youth GROUP

Join us for Food, Fun & Fellowship

SUNDAY OCTOBER 6TH
4 TO 6

St. James's is hosting 12-17 year olds
from around the Diocese!

RSVP to Priscilla
text @ 860-836-5928

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.

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.

THE ANGLICAN CYCLE OF PRAYER Pray for the Church of Pakistan (United).

IN OUR DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER Christ Church, Stratford; Trinity, Tariffville; St. Peter's/Trinity, Thomaston. Youth and youth ministries, J2A, Confirm Not Conform, and all other confirmation classes and other programs that challenge youth to grow in their faith & discipleship.

THOSE SERVING IN THE MILITARY Andrew Clark.

THOSE CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS Raveyn Garrow-Cooke, Emory Regan, Katherine Pfadenhauer, Louisa Smith, Charlotte Racine, and Roman Tagliarini.

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 **Sunday, October 13**. 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 **Monday, September 30** from 12:15-1pm in the Parish Room for the conclusion of our three-week exploration of the Gospel according to Mark. Led by the Rev. Robert Lofberg, we will continue to 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.

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.



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, October 12**. 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

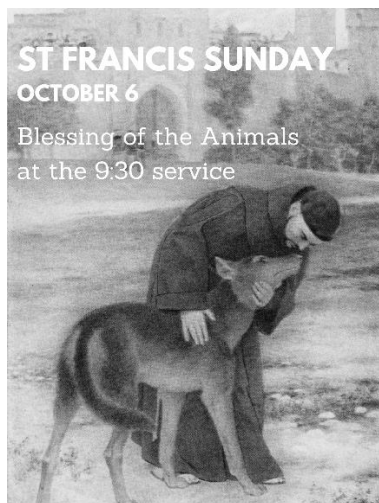
St. James's is currently asking for bi-weekly donations for the following items for the Hartford Catholic Worker: **tuna fish, mayo, peanut butter, jelly, pasta sauce, bags or boxes of pasta, and canned hearty stews.** Donations can be left in the cloister Monday through Friday 9a-4p. If you are dropping 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.



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



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!

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7 a.m. in the chapel

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