



## SECOND SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

January 5, 2025 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:** Join us for coffee and refreshments today in the Parish Hall after the service. All are welcome!



**Thee Kings  
Diaper Drive**

Please help us to provide diapers for some of the many little ones in the Hartford area whose parents are struggling with food and rent

**Please bring diapers size 0-6  
to St. James's  
by Three Kings Day Jan 6**

ORGAN VOLUNTARY      *Prelude on Greensleeves*      Richard Purvis (1913-1994)  
                                  *Interlude on Coventry Carol*      W. S. Lloyd Webber (1914-1982)

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 115                      *What child is this?*                      Greensleeves

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

### OPENING ACCLAMATION

*Celebrant* Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

*People*      **Glory to God for ever and ever.**

*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. **Amen.**

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS, HYMN 96 (*verse 1 only*)                      Gloria

### THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Celebrant* God be with you.

*People*      **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Let us pray. O God, who wonderfully created, and yet more wonderfully restored, the dignity of human nature: Grant that we may share the divine life of him who humbled himself to share our humanity, your Son Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

*People* **Amen.**

### THE LESSON

*Ephesians 1:3-6, 15-19a*

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the

Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

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

PSALM 84:1-8 (*sung by the choir*)

*Quam dilecta!*

How dear to me is your dwelling, O Lord of hosts! \*  
My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the Lord;  
my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.

The sparrow has found her a house  
and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young; \*  
by the side of your altars, O Lord of hosts,  
my King and my God.

Happy are they who dwell in your house! \*  
they will always be praising you.

Happy are the people whose strength is in you! \*  
whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.

Those who go through the desolate valley will find it a place of springs, \*  
for the early rains have covered it with pools of water.

They will climb from height to height, \*  
and the God of gods will reveal himself in Zion.

Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer; \*  
hearken, O God of Jacob.

Behold our defender, O God; \*  
and look upon the face of your Anointed.



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, especially Mary S. Meyer on the anniversary of her death.

And for all who are celebrating birthdays, especially Cora Giuffrida and Lucy Adams.  
 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 Joseph and Zechariah, 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

## THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

AT THE OFFERTORY      *A Babe is Born in Bethlehem*      Philip Stopford (b. 1977)

*A child is born in Bethlehem, Alleluia. And joy is in Jerusalem, Alleluia.*

*Rejoice, rejoice, sing high, sing low, Alleluia. Benedicamus Domino, Alleluia.*

*To thee, O Lord, be glory paid, Alleluia. Thou son of Mary, Mother maid, Alleluia.*

*To Holy Trinity give praise, Alleluia. With Deo Gracias always, Alleluia. Alleluia!*

*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 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 pow - er and  
 might, hea - ven 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: *The Holy Eucharist II, Holy, holy, holy Lord: Sanctus*

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*Celebrant continues:*

Holy and gracious God: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world. On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith,

*Celebrant and People*

**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O God, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for 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.*

COMMUNION MUSIC      *Infant Holy, Infant Lowly*      arr. Chuck Marohnic  
                                 *Angels from the Realms of Glory*      arr. Chuck Marohnic

### POSTCOMMUNION 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 87      *Hark! the herald angels sing*      Mendelssohn

### THE DISMISSAL

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

*People*    **Thanks be to God.**

ORGAN VOLUNTARY      *Flourish on "Crüger"*      David Blackwell (b.1961)

## PARTICIPANTS IN THE LITURGY

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

**DEACON** – The Rev. Robert M. Lofberg

**ORGANIST** – Michelle Horsley

**CHALICE BEARERS** – Sue Powers, Priscilla Thomas

**LECTOR** – Rob Duncan

**INTERCESSOR** – Kim Hart-Kindelberger

**ACOLYTES** – Ryder Morton, James O’Sullivan, Emilie O’Sullivan

**USHERS** – Judy Hock, Ted Newton, Doug and Ann Cooke

**ALTAR GUILD** – Elizabeth Gallegos, Chris Pearson

## 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.

**THOSE WHO HAVE DIED** Remembering especially Mary S. Meyer on the anniversary of her death. *May the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace; let light perpetual shine upon them.*

**THE ANGLICAN CYCLE OF PRAYER** Pray for the Church in Wales.

**IN OUR DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER** St. Peter's, Cheshire; Holy Advent, Clinton; Trinity Church, Collinsville. For all immigrants, refugees and the ministries that serve them.

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

**THOSE CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS** Cora Giuffrida and Lucy Adams.

## 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, January 12**. 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, January 6** 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).

### BIBLE STUDY

Please join us on **Monday, January 6** 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. **Bible study will not meet on December 30.**

### WOMEN OF ST. JAMES'S

The Women of St. James's will be on Christmas and New Year's hiatus for the holidays. They invite you to a winter picnic luncheon on **Tuesday, January 7** at 12pm in the dining room. Dr. Ruth Mitman will be the guest speaker. Her topic: *Ageism*. All are welcome!

### NEW YEAR, NEW ORGANIZERS, AND OPPORTUNITIES TO HOST

A new year is upon us, bringing with it new opportunities. If you haven't already signed up to host or contribute baked goods and other goodies to our weekly fellowship, please take the plunge in 2025 and sign up for a shift today. It's not as hard as you might think and comes with instructions and lots of



support. Heartfelt thanks to all who hosted or contributed baked goods on one or more Sundays in 2024 and will, no doubt, do so again this year. Special thanks to Liz Normand and Mary Goeldner who have stepped up to take over as coffee hour organizers this year. Liz is a member of the vestry and Mary is the baking wizard behind those tins of amazing Christmas cookies we sell each year. Please say hello to them at coffee hour. Better yet, show them some love by signing up TODAY at [www.stjwh.org/coffee](http://www.stjwh.org/coffee). If you have questions, please contact Mary Goeldner at [marykirk@gmail.com](mailto:marykirk@gmail.com).

### **WINTER COAT DRIVE UPDATE**

Thank you to all parishioners who provided winter coats during our recent coat drive. We collected 43 coats. Bob and I delivered half to The Hartford Catholic Worker and the balance to The McKinney men's shelter in Hartford. Both received our donations with a great deal of appreciation. This is one more example of how St. James's provides hope within the local community. Matthew 25:35-40, where Jesus states, "For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me."

### **DAY OF SERVICE & COFFEE HOUR FORUM**

Each year on Martin Luther King Jr. Day, we coordinate a number of volunteer opportunities for all ages. This is a great way to make this a 'day on' instead of just a 'day off'. This year's day of service will be held **Monday, January 20, 2025**. Sites being planned include Journey Home, Hartford Catholic Worker, and Foodshare. More information will be forthcoming. Before the service day, the Rev. Rob Lofberg will lead a Coffee Hour Forum on the life of Dr. King at 11am in the Parish Hall on **Sunday, January 19**. All are welcome and encouraged to attend!

### **ANNUAL MEETING 2025**

The Annual Meeting will be held on **Sunday, January 26** immediately following the 9:30 service in the church. Coffee will be available. All committee reports are due on Monday, January 6. The annual reports will be available on Sunday, January 19, one week prior to the meeting. Please take one per family. All parishioners are asked and encouraged to attend the meeting.

### **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, January 11**. Daniel Dollar chairs the group. Interested? Contact him at [danielmdollar@gmail.com](mailto:danielmdollar@gmail.com) for further info.

### 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 January 3.*

*Names in italics are New Pledgers!*

Franklin & Angie Dempsey, Bob & Priscilla Hooper, Mark Moyle, Robert Sedivy,  
 Diane Mack & Robin Gilmartin, Bill & Judith Thompson, Louise Strillacci, Mari Merwin,  
 Robert Hoyle & Heidi Sweeney, 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, Joan Kayser,  
 Bob Bausmith & Jill Peter-Gee, Leon Fraser & Marilyn Tomlinson, Fran Cobb,  
 Bob & Carolee Ziegenhagen, Bruce & Donna Tompkins, Andrew & Pam Ponichtera,  
 Bob & Claire Burnett, Doug & Ann Cooke, Sandra DeCelles, Mark & Cheri Evans,  
 Rob Duncan & Chuck Kinney, Adam Fisher & Abby Williamson, Kimberly Goodrich,  
 Michael & Linda Fournier, Kenneth & Susan Gutierrez, *William Hoar*, Chris Keesling,  
 Stephen & Diane Hunter, 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, Carol McDermott,  
 Tyler & Courtney Smith, Mark & Cindy Welch, Joey Meyer & Eleanor Michael,  
 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, Susan Lattanzio,  
*Rob Lofberg & Nicole Nigh*, *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, Barbara Schiller,  
 Ken & Eileen Jackson, Jonathan Lewis & Kate Jackson, Jim Conway & Peggy McManus,  
 Kevin & Kim Kindelberger, Scott & Alysse Serencha, Susan Ritz, Loretta Waldman,  
 David Dynowski, Mark & Michelle Stafford, David & Jennifer Lemanski,  
 Tim Chambers & Molly Bennett, John & Frances Bergquist, Will & Trish Tomlinson,  
 Jon Harden & Lynne Lumsden, John & Vera Racine, Nick & Lauren Forcello,  
 Rob Healy & Jessica Henning, Mary Ann Haar, Harry Meyer, Tony & Kerri Raissian,  
 David Marshall, Chuck & Meredith Willson, Bob Fawber.

## 2025 Vestry Nominations

<b>Senior Warden</b>	Greg Jacobs	<b>Treasurer</b>	Michael Sherrill
<b>Junior Warden</b>	Tyler Smith	<b>Delegate</b>	Greg Jacobs
<b>Clerk</b>	Barbara Rua	<b>Delegate</b>	Tyler Smith

## New Vestry Member Profiles

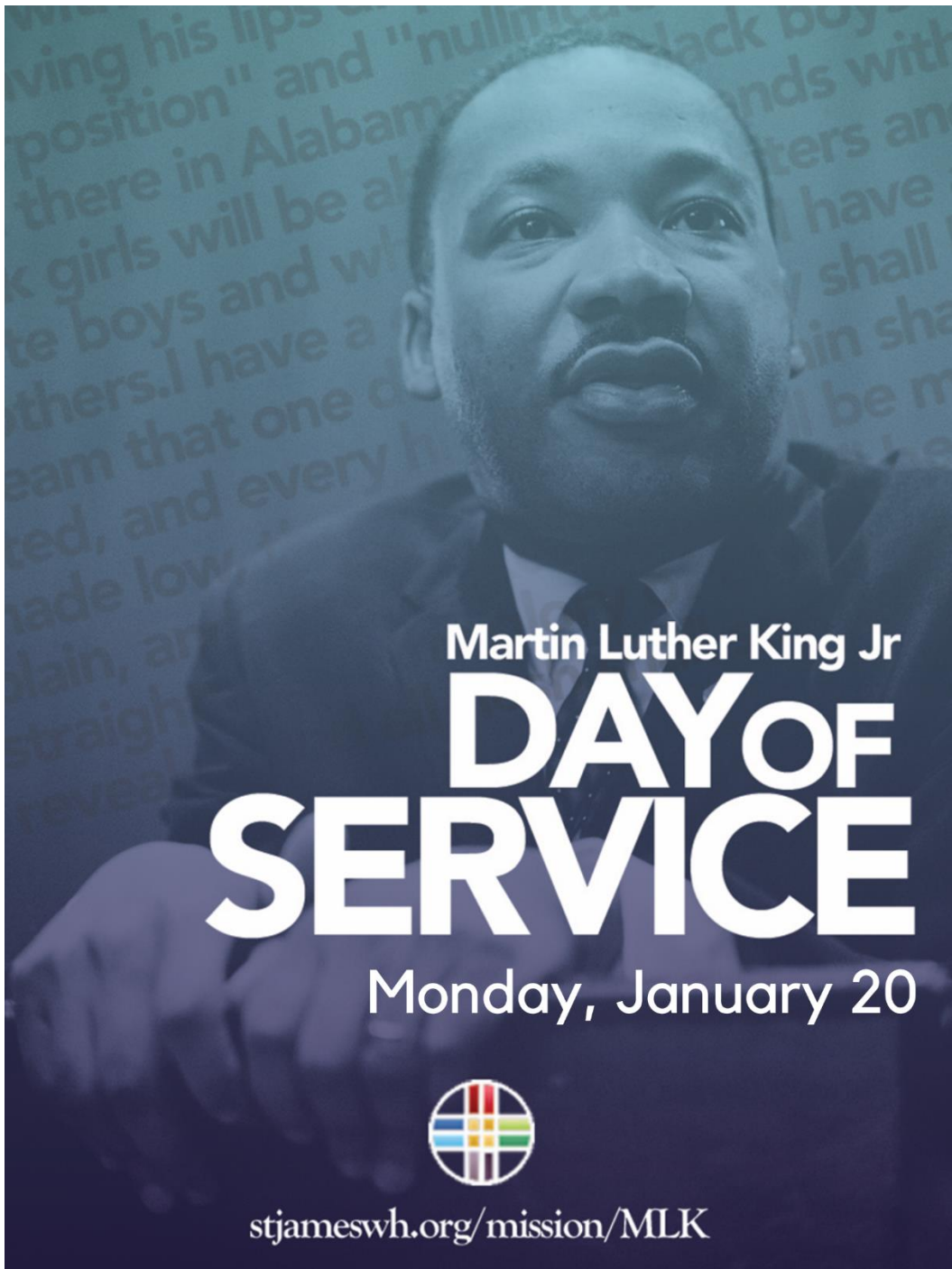
**Susan Gutierrez** was raised in the Episcopal church on Long Island, N.Y. She lived in Baltimore and then D.C. before moving to Connecticut where, along with her two sons, regularly attended St. Alban's Episcopal Church in Simsbury for about 8 years. At St. Alban's, Susan was on the vestry and helped in a variety of other ways. She has been part of the St. James's community for about 15 years. Her two sons, now 26 and 27, were confirmed at St. James's when they were in high school. Throughout her years at St. James's, Susan has helped with a variety of outreach missions, and over the past year has become one of the devoted crew on Altar Guild. She helps weekly with the food panty at Grace Church in Hartford and recently started to help monthly at Loaves and Fishes in Hartford as well. In her free time Susan enjoys reading, playing the piano, and walking her dog, Nala. She and her husband, Ken, live in Canton where Nala allows them to share her home.

**Greg Jacobs** is dad to Camden (9) and Hadley (7), as well as husband to his amazing wife Jen. He grew up going to St. James's and is happy to have recently rejoined the choir after a 20+ year hiatus. He and Jen were married here in 2011, and he served on the vestry from 2019 to 2022. As a family they've enjoyed many parish events, and their kids have loved going to KFC and 3Ms! Greg is a graduate of the University of Maryland and the Yale School of Management. After spending several years as an accountant and at Travelers, he now works for Verisk Analytics as a product manager. When not driving kids around town to activities or at choir, he enjoys hiking, cycling, and skiing. Greg is honored by the opportunity to serve as Senior Warden and excited to engage with such an outstanding group of lay staff, clergy, vestry members, and parishioners!

**David Kramer** and his wife Virginia joined St. James's in 2011, excited to be part of a vibrant and welcoming parish. Both lifelong Episcopalians, they were married at Trinity Episcopal Church in Hartford where their children Samantha and John were also baptized. At St. James's David serves as an usher, helps with coffee hour, makes sandwiches, and contributes to the music programs. David grew up in Mansfield, OH, and is a graduate of the Eastman School of Music. He is a music teacher in the Farmington Public Schools, conducts two youth orchestras at the Hartt School, and performs in the cello section of the Hartford Symphony. He and Virginia love to hike and bike the many beautiful trails of New England.

**Jonathan Lewis** has been a resident of West Hartford since 1994 and a member of St. James's since 1997. He is currently a corporate attorney at Henkel Corporation, where he supervises North American mergers and acquisitions and provides legal support for the industrial adhesives division. He graduated from Bates College and has JD/MBA from the University of Connecticut. He is married to the wonderful and loud Kate Jackson, and has two fantastic sons: Harrison, who recently graduated from Penn State, who he consults on all important Boston and UConn sports matters, and Charlie, a first year at UConn, who he regularly enlists for spirited political debate. At St. James's, Jonathan participates as an usher, a lay reader, and a member of the livestream team, and he is actively involved in Trivia Night, the Chili Cook-Off (2-time champion ...), the Fall Auction, and other events. He is happy to be joining the vestry again after serving two previous "tours."


**Susan Ritz** has been a parishioner at St. James for 25 years. She is a retired clinical psychologist whose career was dedicated to working with children who experienced severe psychological trauma. Dr. Ritz is involved in the Good News Garden and the Embrace Ministry at St. James's and is currently completing the second year of the Education for Ministry (EFM) program. She enjoys traveling and hiking with her husband Greg as well as cooking, gardening, and yoga.



Martin Luther King Jr

# DAY OF SERVICE

Monday, January 20



[stjameswh.org/mission/MLK](http://stjameswh.org/mission/MLK)

**St. James's Annual ...**

# Chili Cookoff

**Saturday  
January 25  
at 5:30pm  
in the  
Parish Hall**

**Make a batch of chili and enter the contest  
or just come, savor, and enjoy!**



# THE YALE WHIFFENPOOFS



**ST. JAMES'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2025 AT 7PM**

*"MORE THAN 100 YEARS AGO, ON A FROSTY JANUARY NIGHT IN NEW HAVEN, CONNECTICUT, FIVE OF THE YALE GLEE CLUB'S BEST SINGERS CONVENED AT MORY'S TEMPLE BAR TO ESCAPE THE COLD. LOUIS LINDER, THE TAVERN'S BARKEEP AND A MUSIC AFICIONADO, WELCOMED THEM IN, BEGINNING AN INSTITUTION THAT SURVIVES TO THIS DAY."*

St. James's Episcopal Church  
1018 Farmington Avenue, West Hartford  
Tickets: Starting at \$25





## 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...*

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 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*

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#### 2026

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#### 2027

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