



## ST. FRANCIS SUNDAY

HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II with  
BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

October 6, 2024 at 9:30 a.m.

# WELCOME



## TO ST. JAMES'S

**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

**BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS:** The clergy will bless your beloved pets during today's service. Refreshment will be served afterwards.

**DIOCESAN YOUTH GROUP ON THE MOVE:** Youth from around the diocese will gather today at St. James's from 4-6pm for a meal, activity and games, story sharing, and a chance to make new friends. If you are between the ages of 12 and 17 and are interested in participating, please see the Rev. Rob Lofberg or Priscilla Hooper.

PRELUDE    *Variations on "Ash Grove" (Let All Things Now Living)*    Welsh folksong  
arr. Joseph Martin (b. 1959)

*The people stand*

OPENING HYMN                      *All things bright and beautiful*                      Royal Oak

*All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small,  
all things wise and wonderful, the Lord God made them all.*

Each little flower that opens, each little bird that sings,  
he made their glowing colors, he made their tiny wings. *Refrain*

The purple-headed mountain, the river running by,  
the sunset, and the morning that brightens up the sky. *Refrain*

The cold wind in the winter, the pleasant summer sun,  
the ripe fruits in the garden, he made them every one. *Refrain*

He gave us eyes to see them, and lips that we might tell  
how great is God Almighty, who has made all things well. *Refrain*

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

*Celebrant*    Bless the Lord, all you creatures.

*People*        **Bless the Lord, in heaven and on earth.**

*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

*Celebrant*    Glory to God in the highest!

*People*        **And peace to God's creatures on earth.**

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Celebrant* God be with you.

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

*Celebrant* Let us pray. Most high, omnipotent, good Lord, grant your people grace to renounce gladly the vanities of this world; that, following the way of blessed Francis, we may, for love of you, delight in your whole creation with perfectness of joy; 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

*Job 39:1-18*

"Do you know when the mountain goats give birth? Do you observe the calving of the deer? Can you number the months that they fulfil, and do you know the time when they give birth, when they crouch to give birth to their offspring, and are delivered of their young? Their young ones become strong, they grow up in the open; they go forth, and do not return to them. Who has let the wild ass go free? Who has loosed the bonds of the swift ass, to which I have given the steppe for its home, the salt land for its dwelling-place? It scorns the tumult of the city; it does not hear the shouts of the driver. It ranges the mountains as its pasture, and it searches after every green thing. Is the wild ox willing to serve you? Will it spend the night at your crib? Can you tie it in the furrow with ropes, or will it harrow the valleys after you? Will you depend on it because its strength is great, and will you hand over your labour to it? Do you have faith in it that it will return, and bring your grain to your threshing-floor? The ostrich's wings flap wildly, though its pinions lack plumage. For it leaves its eggs to the earth, and lets them be warmed on the ground, forgetting that a foot may crush them, and that a wild animal may trample them. It deals cruelly with its young, as if they were not its own; though its labour should be in vain, yet it has no fear; because God has made it forget wisdom, and given it no share in understanding. When it spreads its plumes aloft, it laughs at the horse and its rider."

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

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

PSALM 121 (*said*)

*Levavi oculos*

I lift up my eyes to the hills; \*  
**from where is my help to come?**

My help comes from the Lord, \*  
**the maker of heaven and earth.**

He will not let your foot be moved \*  
**and he who watches over you will not fall asleep.**

Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel \*  
**shall neither slumber nor sleep;**

The Lord himself watches over you; \*  
**the Lord is your shade at your right hand,**

So that the sun shall not strike you by day, \*  
**nor the moon by night.**

The Lord shall preserve you from all evil; \*  
**it is he who shall keep you safe.**

The Lord shall watch over your going out and your coming in, \*  
**from this time forth for evermore.**

THE GOSPEL

*Luke 12:13-21*

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

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

Someone in the crowd said to Jesus, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me." But he said to him, "Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?" And he said to them, "Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions." Then he told them a parable: "The land of a rich man produced abundantly. And he thought to himself, 'What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?' Then he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I

will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, 'Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.' But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God."

*Priest* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* Praise to you, O Christ.

*The people sit*

THE SERMON

*The Rev. Robert M. Lofberg*

THE NICENE CREED

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

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

begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven:  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary  
and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead  
and his kingdom will have no end.

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

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

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

### THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*Intercessor* The God who yearns for us calls us to come as a people. Let us not turn away but go toward God with our needs, saying, Forget us not, O holy one: **Hear our prayer.**

For Presiding Bishop Michael, bishop-elect Sean, our bishops Jeff and Laura, and all lay and ordained church leaders, that we may be faithful ministers of your love, forget us not, O holy one: **Hear our prayer.**

For those in the grip of addiction, and for those needing release from what enslaves us, forget us not, O holy one: **Hear our prayer.**

For patience with those who incite war, and wisdom to move into God's reign of peace, forget us not, O holy one: **Hear our prayer.**

For fearless ones who uphold human rights in every land, and for all whose liberty is diminished by unjust uses of power, forget us not, O holy one: **Hear our prayer.**

For this assembly, as we serve those among us and as we work outside church doors, forget us not, O holy one: **Hear our prayer.**

For those celebrating birthdays, especially, Katherine Morriss, Charlotte Burns, Theodore Serpi, and Wyatt Chenault.

For your wild creatures which delight us by their variety and beauty. Be with them, and shelter them from the dangers surrounding them. Forget us not, O holy one: **Hear our prayer.**

For companion animals who share our homes and lives and show us a love and loyalty few surpass. Bless them for the pleasure and companionship they give, and protect all those who suffer neglect and cruelty. Forget them not, O holy one: **Hear our prayer.**

For those who have died, especially Denton and Ruth Gallup in whose memory the altar flowers have been given, and Frances Haar Nixon whose celebration of life ceremony was held September 20, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

For our parish, our extended parish family, our needs, and those of others.

We pray either silently or aloud for those who are in our hearts and minds.

*[Please offer your own intercessions here.]*

*People* **God of light and life, strip us of selfishness and the loneliness it brings. Help us to accept the gift of mutual love, with its shared pleasures and pain. Tear down all our fences, that we can run to you as one family, one people, through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

## THE BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

### 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.*

*The people sit*

### ANNOUNCEMENTS



## THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

AT THE OFFERTORY      *He's Got the Whole World in His Hands*      Spiritual  
*Original lyrics were written earlier this morning by the children in attendance.*

### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

*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.**

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth winds and waters; and every living thing. You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love. And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we say:

*Celebrant and People*  
**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
 Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
 Hosanna in the highest,  
 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
 Hosanna in the highest.**

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God.

Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to

himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at supper with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice.

Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.

In the fullness of time bring us, with Francis and all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

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

**Our Father in heaven,**

**hallowed be your name,**

**your kingdom come,**

**your will be done, on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins**

**as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial**

**and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power**

**and the glory are yours now and for ever. Amen.**

## THE FRACTION

*Celebrant* Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
*People* **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

## THE INVITATION

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

## THE COMMUNION

*All are welcome to receive Holy Communion.*

COMMUNION MUSIC *For the Beauty of the Earth / This is My Father's World*  
arr. Bill Wolaver

## POST COMMUNION PRAYER

*Celebrant and People*

**Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN *All creatures of our God and King (verses 1-4, 7)* Lasst uns erfreuen

All creatures of our God and King, lift up your voices, let us sing: Alleluia, alleluia!  
Bright burning sun with golden beams Pale silver moon that gently gleams,  
O praise him, O praise him, Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Great rushing winds and breezes soft, you clouds that ride the heavens aloft,  
O praise him, Alleluia!

Fair rising morn, with praise rejoice, stars nightly shining, find a voice,  
O praise him, O praise him, Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Swift flowing water, pure and clear, make music for your Lord to hear, Alleluia, alleluia!

Fire, so intense and fiercely bright, you give to us both warmth and light,  
O praise him, O praise him, Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Dear mother earth, you day by day unfold your blessings on our way,  
O praise him, Alleluia!

All flowers and fruits that in you grow, let them his glory also show:  
O praise him, O praise him, Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Let all things their creator bless, and worship him in humbleness,  
O praise him, Alleluia!

Praise God the Father, praise the Son, and praise the Spirit, Three in One:  
O praise him, O praise him, Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

## THE BLESSING

## 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!**

## POSTLUDE

*Postlude on "All Creatures"*

Mark Hayes (b. 1953)

## PARTICIPANTS IN THE LITURGY

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

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

**PIANIST** – Michelle Horsley

**CHALICE BEARERS** – Matt Schott, Ted Newton

**LECTOR** – Ted Newton

**INTERCESSOR** – Rob Duncan

**USHERS** – Mark and Cheri Evans, Mike Shuey, Rob Healy

**ACOLYTES** – James O'Sullivan, Emilie O'Sullivan, Odin Bergsbaken

**ALTAR GUILD** – Elizabeth Gallegos, Susan Gutierrez

**ON THE COVER** – St. Francis, by Brian Kavanagh

## 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.

**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 Frances Haar Nixon whose celebration of life ceremony was held September 20. She is buried at St. Francis Springs Retreat Center in Stoneville, North Carolina. *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 lives of Denton and Ruth Gallup.

**THE ANGLICAN CYCLE OF PRAYER** Pray for the Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea.

**IN OUR DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER** Trinity, Torrington; Christ Church, Trumbull; Trinity, Trumbull. For all companions and service animals, all livestock & wild animals, great and small.

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

**THOSE CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS** Katherine Morriss, Charlotte Burns, Theodore Serpi, and Wyatt Chenault.

## 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](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.

### THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MARK

Please join us on **Monday, October 7** from 12:15-1pm in the Parish Room for an extended exploration of the Gospel according to Mark and led by the Rev. Robert Lofberg. Bring a bag lunch and come ready for a compelling conversation.

### WOMEN OF ST. JAMES'S

The Women of St. James's invite you to a salad buffet luncheon on **Tuesday, October 8** at 12:00 in the Dining Room. The Rev. Bob Hooper will speak on his recent sabbatical and journey along The Camino de Santiago. Please bring something to share with the group. All are welcome! The 2024-2025 program booklets are available in the church, the cloister, and outside the chapel entrance.

### 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](mailto:lwaldmanster@gmail.com).

Sign up at [www.stjwh.org/coffee](http://www.stjwh.org/coffee).



### COFFEE HOUR FORUM – STORYTIME

Join Michelle Horsley, Director of Music, and Rev. Rob Lofberg, Assistant Rector, in two discussions, **Sundays, October 20 and 27**, about the meaning we find in children's books, drawing connections to sacred choral works and theological

reflections as we consider these themes at different chapters in our adulthood and individual faith journeys. Then come to the **Storytime Concert on Sunday, November 10 at 5pm** to experience the meaning of children's books through music. Children are encouraged to bring their favorite blanket and teddy bear!

### **ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY & STEWARDSHIP BRUNCH**

We are gearing up for the St. James's 2025 Stewardship Campaign and Annual Stewardship Brunch. We will celebrate All Saints' Sunday on **November 3** at 9:30 (no 8:00 service this day) followed by brunch in the Parish Hall. All are welcome! Stewardship information will be mailed to the parish shortly.

### **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](mailto: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](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, October 12**. Daniel Dollar chairs the group. Interested? Contact him at [danielmdollar@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:cherw173@gmail.com).

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

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

### **ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS**

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

### **CLERGY VISITATION**

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




AMERICAN GUILD OF  
**ORGANISTS**  
 GREATER  
**HARTFORD**  
 CHAPTER  
 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!*

*Free admission*


featuring the St. James's Adult Choir,  
 Choristers, and Children's Choir,  
 with special guests

an intergenerational music event pairing the wisdom of children's books  
 with choral repertoire & spiritual reflections

# Storytime

Priscilla Hooper  
 Director of Children's Ministry

Michelle Horsley  
 Director of Music



**Nov. 10th at 5:00pm**  
*toddy bears and blankets are encouraged*

St. James's Episcopal Church - West Hartford

## CHRISTMAS BAG MISSION PROJECT

Once again we will be collecting warm men's boot socks (no dress socks) and travel-size toiletries for the men at area shelters. Our collection begins in October and will run through Sunday, December 1. **Items needed:** Men's heavy boot socks, travel-size shaving cream (3 oz), travel-size shampoo (3 oz), travel-size deodorant, small combs, chapstick, travel-size toothpaste, toothbrushes, disposable razors, and bars of soap. Drop items off at the church during office hours or on Sundays. Join us on **Sunday, December 1** after the 9:30 service in the Parish Hall to help sort and fill the bags. This is a much appreciated mission outreach project as most often the Christmas Bags are the only gifts these men will receive. Candy canes are also welcome!

### 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](mailto: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**

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

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

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2025	2026	2027
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