



TWENTY FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II with BAPTISM
October 13, 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: Join us in the parish room for coffee and refreshments after the service. All are welcome!

ORGAN VOLUNTARY *Choralvorspiel on "Ein Feste Burg"* Georg Philipp Telemann
(1681-1767)

The people stand

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 427 *When morning gilds the skies* Laudes Domini

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. Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, that we may continually be given to good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

People **Amen.**

The people sit

THE LESSON

Hebrews 4:12-16

The word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. And before him no creature is hidden, but all are naked and laid bare to the eyes of the one to whom we must render an account. Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 22:1-15 (*sung by the choir*)

Setting: M. Horsley (b. 1990)

Deus, Deus meus

My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? *
and are so far from my cry
and from the words of my distress?

O my God, I cry in the daytime, but you do not answer; *
by night as well, but I find no rest.

Yet you are the Holy One, *
enthroned upon the praises of Israel.

Our forefathers put their trust in you; *
they trusted, and you delivered them.

They cried out to you and were delivered; *
they trusted in you and were not put to shame.

But as for me, I am a worm and no man, *
scorned by all and despised by the people.

All who see me laugh me to scorn; *
they curl their lips and wag their heads, saying,

"He trusted in the Lord; let him deliver him; *
let him rescue him, if he delights in him."

Yet you are he who took me out of the womb, *
and kept me safe upon my mother's breast.

I have been entrusted to you ever since I was born; *
you were my God when I was still in my mother's womb.

Be not far from me, for trouble is near, *
and there is none to help.

Many young bulls encircle me; *
strong bulls of Bashan surround me.

They open wide their jaws at me, *
like a ravening and a roaring lion.

I am poured out like water;
 all my bones are out of joint; *
 my heart within my breast is melting wax.

My mouth is dried out like a pot-sherd;
 my tongue sticks to the roof of my mouth; *
 and you have laid me in the dust of the grave.

SEQUENCE HYMN 550

Jesus calls us; o'er the tumult

Restoration

THE GOSPEL

Mark 10:17-31

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

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

As Jesus was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, "Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: 'You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honor your father and mother.'" He said to him, "Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth." Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, "You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me." When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions. Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!" And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, "Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God." They were greatly astounded and said to one another, "Then who can be saved?" Jesus looked at them and said, "For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible." Peter began to say to him, "Look, we have left everything and followed you." Jesus said, "Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age—houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first."

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 CANDIDATE

Bruce Phillip Szymanski

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 this person who is to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

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

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Open his heart to your grace and truth.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

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

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

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

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

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

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

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

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Bring him 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

Bruce Phillip, 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,

Bruce Phillip, 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 this your servant the forgiveness of sin, and have raised him to the new life of grace. Sustain him, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give him 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

Zion's Walls

Aaron Copland (1900-1990)

arr. Glenn Koponen

This tune was written in the 1850's by a farmer from Georgia named John McCurry, who compiled it in a collection of other Southern Revivalist hymns called "The Social Harp." This book was part of the "shape note" tradition, which is a simplified form of music notation intended to be easily singable by all people. This uniquely American folk tradition, which also gave us tunes like What Wondrous Love Is This, Come Thou Fount, Simple Gifts, and Amazing Grace (today's final hymn) is one from which Aaron Copland drew much inspiration, with Simple Gifts as a prominent melody in Appalachian Springs and another setting of Zion's Walls in his opera, "The Tender Land."

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

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

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

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

Ho - ly, ho - ly,
 ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,
 heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho-san-na in the
 high - est. Bless - ed is he who
 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 *O How Amiable* Ralph Vaughn Williams (1872-1958)

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 671 *Amazing grace! how sweet the sound* New Britain

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 *Toccata on "Amazing Grace"* J. Christopher Pardini (b. 1973)

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 CHORISTERS

CHALICE BEARERS – Audrey Lamy, John Wadsworth

LECTOR – Jonathan Lewis

INTERCESSOR – Kate Jackson

USHERS – Doug and Ann Cooke, Chuck Kinney, Rob Duncan

ACOLYTES – George Keating, Harry Keating, Walter Bowman

LIVESTREAM DIRECTOR – Daniel Dollar

ALTAR GUILD – Chris Keesling, Elizabeth Waterman

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.

THOSE WHO HAVE DIED Remembering especially Robert Freeburger, Jan Bonner, and Tom Desmond on the anniversaries of their deaths. *May the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace; let light perpetual shine upon them. AMEN.*

THE ALTAR FLOWERS Have been given to the glory of God in thanksgiving for the life of Jan Bonner.

THE ANGLICAN CYCLE OF PRAYER Pray for the Episcopal Church in the Philippines.

IN OUR DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER St. John's, Vernon; St. Paul's, Wallingford; St. John's, Washington. Young adults, young adult ministries and networks. The Episcopal Service Corps and the Young Adult Service Corps of The Episcopal Church.

THOSE SERVING IN THE MILITARY Andrew Clark.

THOSE CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS Ivan Garrow-Cooke, Katherine James, Henry Stevens, and Camden Jacobs.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HEALING PRAYERS AT COMMUNION

St. James's Healing Ministry will offer healing prayers the second and fourth Sundays of the month at the 9:30 service. Healing prayers will be offered **today**. If you would like healing ministers to pray with you and for you during a time of challenge or discernment, come to one of the two stations at the back of the church after

receiving the Eucharist. If you would like to participate or have questions about becoming a healing prayer minister, please email Cheri Evans: cheriev98@gmail.com.

NURSERY CARE

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

MONDAY MUSIC & MORE

Will **not meet on Monday, October 14** because of the holiday. 3Ms will resume on **Monday, October 21** at 4pm with Priscilla Hooper and Michelle Horsley.

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MARK

Please join us on **Monday, October 21** 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 fellowship and social hour on **Tuesday, October 22** at 12:00 in the Dining Room. Please bring a bag lunch with you. All are welcome!

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.



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!

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.

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 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

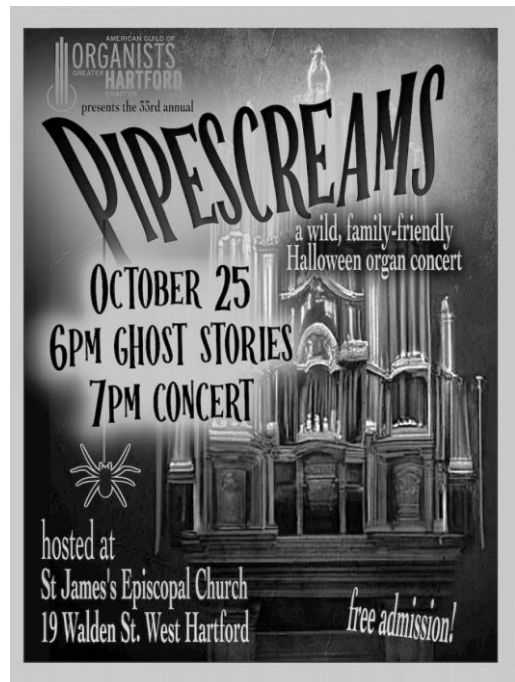
A group of men from Saint James's and a few from other churches meet twice monthly on the second and fourth Saturdays for an hour and a bit more beginning at 8:00 am in the parish room for discussion of religious subjects. Typically, the discussion is led by one of the group members about a book selected by the group. The next meeting will be held on **Saturday, October 26**. Daniel Dollar chairs the group. Interested? Contact him at danielmdollar@gmail.com for further info.

GOOD NEWS GARDEN

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

CONCORA AT ST. JAMES'S – SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20 AT 4PM

CONCORA's now fifty-year history has always included masterworks from revered Baroque composer Johann Sebastian Bach. Bach Cantatas: Town Council Elections



marks the official start of CONCORA's partnership with THE COMPLETE BACH, an ambitious project that will present all of the music Bach ever wrote live in America for the first time. Bach Cantatas: Town Council Elections features three of Bach's cantatas, BWV71, 119, and 120, which were all written in celebration of local elections during Bach's lifetime. Admission is \$30-\$40 for adults, children and students with a valid ID are FREE. All St. James's members can also access a discount of \$5 off all adult price tickets using the promo code STJAMES at checkout. For tickets and more information, please visit www.concora.org.

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.

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

Free admission

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
teddy bears and blankets are encouraged

St. James's Episcopal Church - West Hartford

AUCTION 2024!

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

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

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

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

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

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


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

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

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

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

Grease **is the word** at the 2024 St. James's Auction!



Saturday, November 16
6pm
in the parish hall

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

TICKETS: \$40/person or \$350 for a VIP table of 8
Tickets on sale starting October 5.

WE NEED AUCTION ITEMS!

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

AUCTION DONATIONS DUE NOVEMBER 3

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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)



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