



## THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

December 15, 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

**VISIT:** Join us after the service in the Parish Hall for coffee and refreshments. All are welcome!

**LISTEN:** Come back to St. James's later this afternoon for the Ave Maria Christmas Concert at 5:00. Enjoy the music of various female composers in honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Freewill donation.

**SANDWICHES:** Help make sandwiches for Loaves and Fishes after the service. Just come to the kitchen and join us.

**CHRISTMAS FLOWER ENVELOPES:** Please use them to make your donations and name requests in memory or in honor of loved ones and place them in the collection basket or bring them to the parish office. **Deadline: Monday, December 16.**

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Noel Huron

Denis Bédard (b. 1950)

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 57

*Lo! he comes, with clouds descending*

Helmsley

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

### OPENING ACCLAMATION & LIGHTING OF ADVENT WREATH

*Celebrant* Our Lord and Savior draws near:

*People* **Come, let us adore him.**

*Celebrant* Lord, grant us your light, that being rid of the darkness of our hearts,  
we may come to the true light which is Christ.

*People* **Amen.**

### KYRIE

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

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Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord,.

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Lord, have mer - cy, have mer - cy.

Title: Kyrie, Lord, have mercy, from Deutsche Messe

Music: Franz Peter Schubert (1797-1828); arr. Richard Proulx (1937-2010)

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## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Celebrant* God be with you.

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

*Celebrant* Let us pray. Stir up your power, O Lord, and with great might come among us; and, because we are sorely hindered by our sins, let your bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever.

*People* **Amen.**

*The people sit*

## THE LESSON

Zephaniah 3:14-20

Sing aloud, O daughter Zion; shout, O Israel! Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter Jerusalem! The Lord has taken away the judgments against you, he has turned away your enemies. The king of Israel, the Lord, is in your midst; you shall fear disaster no more. On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem: Do not fear, O Zion;

do not let your hands grow weak. The Lord, your God, is in your midst, a warrior who gives victory; he will rejoice over you with gladness, he will renew you in his love; he will exult over you with loud singing as on a day of festival. I will remove disaster from you, so that you will not bear reproach for it. I will deal with all your oppressors at that time. And I will save the lame and gather the outcast, and I will change their shame into praise and renown in all the earth. At that time I will bring you home, at the time when I gather you; for I will make you renowned and praised among all the peoples of the earth, when I restore your fortunes before your eyes, says the Lord.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

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

CANTICLE 9 (*sung by the choir*)

*The Hymnal 1982*

*Ecce Deus*

Surely, it is God who saves me; \*  
I will trust in him and not be afraid.

For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense, \*  
and he will be my Savior.

Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing \*  
from the springs of salvation.

And on that day you shall say, \*  
Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name;

Make his deeds known among the peoples; \*  
see that they remember that his Name is exalted.

Sing the praises of the Lord, for he has done great things, \*  
and this is known in all the world.

Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion, ring out your joy, \*  
for the great one in the midst of you is the Holy One of Israel.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

## SEQUENCE HYMN

1. Spir - it of God, de - scend up - on my heart;  
 2. I ask no dream, no proph - et ec - sta - sies,  
 3. Teach me to feel that thou art al - ways nigh;  
 4. Teach me to love thee as thine an - gels love.

1. Draw it from earth; through all its puls - es move;  
 2. No sud - den rend - ing of the veil of clay,  
 3. Teach me the strug - gles of the soul to bear,  
 4. One ho - ly pas - sion fill - ing all my frame;

1. Stoop to my weak - ness, might - y as thou art,  
 2. No an - gel vis - i - tant, no o - p'ning skies;  
 3. To check the ris - ing doubt, the reb - el sigh;  
 4. The kin - dling of the heav'n - de - scend - ed dove,

1. And make me love thee as I ought to love.  
 2. But take the dim - ness of my soul a - way.  
 3. Teach me the pa - tience of un - an - swered prayer.  
 4. My heart an al - tar, and thy love the flame.

## THE GOSPEL

*Luke 3:7-18*

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

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

John said to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruits worthy of repentance. Do not begin to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our ancestor'; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire." And the crowds asked him, "What then should we do?" In reply he said to them, "Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise." Even tax collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him, "Teacher, what should we do?" He said to them, "Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you." Soldiers also asked him, "And we, what should we do?" He said to them, "Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages." As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire." So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people.

*Priest* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

*The people sit*

## THE SERMON

*The Rev. Robert M. Lofberg*

*The people stand*

## THE NICENE CREED

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

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,**

the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven:  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary  
and was made man.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead  
and his kingdom will have no end.

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

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

#### 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 Syd Tansi on the anniversary of her death.

And for all who are celebrating birthdays, especially Jacob Ciccone, James DeLibero, and Rowan Guerraz.

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

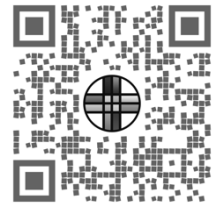
*Celebrant* The peace of Christ be always with you.

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

*We greet one another in the name of Christ.*

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

If you would like to make an online offering to the Mission and Ministry of God's through the work of the people of St. James's, please use this QR code. *Thank you! Your generosity is greatly appreciated.*



## THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

**AT THE OFFERTORY**      *Drop Down, Ye Heavens*      Anna Lapwood (b. 1995)  
*Claire Burnett, conductor*

*The Director of Music at Pembroke College (Cambridge) and Associate for Arts at the Royal Albert Hall, Lapwood has collaborated with Bonobo, Aurora, Benedict Cumberbatch, Christopher Tin, among others. While in high school, Lapwood became the first woman in Magdalen College's 560-year history to earn an organ scholarship and later organized an annual 24-hour "Bachathon" to raise money for musicians in Zambia. With nearly 1 million subscribers on TikTok, she is responsible for bringing the pipe organ to countless young audiences. She often uses the hashtag #PlayLikeAGirl. This selection will be featured in today's Ave Maria program at 5:00pm.*

*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 truly right to glorify you, Holy One, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever. Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance. Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we sing:

The musical score is written for a two-part setting (Soprano and Bass) in a 3/4 time signature with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The melody is primarily homophonic, with chords in the bass line and single notes in the soprano line. The lyrics are: "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -".

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and  
 might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,  
 God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are  
 full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. 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. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Title: *Holy, holy, holy, from Deutsche Messe*

Music: *Franz Peter Schubert (1797-1828); arr. Richard Proulx (1937-2010)*

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*Celebrant continues:*

We acclaim you, holy God, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we

might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

Holy God, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose he gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new.

And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for Christ who died and rose for us, you sent the Holy Spirit, your own first gift for those who believe, to complete your work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

When the hour had come for Jesus to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them Jesus 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 Jesus 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."

Almighty God, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and descent among the dead, proclaiming Christ's resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting Christ's coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

*Celebrant and People*

**We praise you, we bless you, we give thanks to you,  
and we pray to you, Lord our God.**

*The Celebrant continues*

God our Creator, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that all who share this bread and cup

may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name.

Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace.

And grant that we may find our inheritance with the Blessed Virgin Mary, with matriarchs, patriarchs, prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through Jesus Christ our Savior.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

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

<b>Our Father in heaven,</b>	<b>as we forgive those who sin against us.</b>
<b>hallowed be your name,</b>	<b>Save us from the time of trial</b>
<b>your kingdom come,</b>	<b>and deliver us from evil.</b>
<b>your will be done, on earth as in heaven.</b>	<b>For the kingdom, the power</b>
<b>Give us today our daily bread.</b>	<b>and the glory are yours now and</b>
<b>Forgive us our sins</b>	<b>for ever. Amen.</b>

### 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.*

MUSIC AT COMMUNION	O <i>Magnum Mysterium</i>	Tomás Luis de Victoria (1548-1611)
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*O great mystery, and wonderful sacrament,  
that animals should see the new-born Lord, lying in a manger  
Blessed is the Virgin whose womb was worthy to bear Christ the Lord. Alleluia!*

## 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.**

## THE BLESSING

RECESSIONAL HYMN 54

*Savior of the nations, come!*

Nun komm, der  
Heiden Heiland

## THE DISMISSAL

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

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

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

*Postlude sur un Noël*

Denis Bédard (b. 1950)

**PARTICIPANTS IN THE LITURGY**

CELEBRANT – The Rev. Robert C. Hooper, III

PREACHER – The Rev. Robert M. Lofberg

ORGANIST &amp; DIRECTOR OF MUSIC – Michelle Horsley

THE ST. JAMES'S CHOIR

CHALICE BEARERS – Tom Rouse, Susan Powers

LECTOR – Ellen Dollar

INTERCESSOR – Mark Moyle

ACOLYTES – Ryder Morton, James O'Sullivan, Emilie O'Sullivan

USHERS – Mike Shuey, Ted Newton, Loretta Waldman, Diane Duva

LIVESTREAM DIRECTOR – Adam Fisher

ALTAR GUILD – Chris Keesling, Elizabeth Waterman

ON THE COVER – The Preaching of St. John the Baptist,  
Domenico Ghirlandaio (1449-1494)

## 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 Syd Tansi 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 Anglican Church of Tanzania.

**IN OUR DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER** St. Stephen's, Bloomfield; St. George's, Bolton; Trinity, Branford; Calvary St. George's, Bridgeport. Those who advocate at the local, state, national, or global level for the poor, the lonely, and the oppressed.

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

**THOSE CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS** Jacob Ciccone, James DeLibero, and Rowan Guerraz.



## 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 on **Sunday, December 22**. 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.

### GREENING OF THE SANCTUARY

Mary Ann Haar is looking for help in the preparation of the sanctuary for the coming of Our Lord Jesus Christ on **Sunday, December 22** after the 9:30 service. Stick around after the service to lend a hand! Light duties include the arranging of poinsettias and other plants and the hanging of greens.

### MONDAY MUSIC & MORE

3Ms will meet on **Monday, December 16** 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). **No 3Ms on December 23 and 30.**

### BIBLE STUDY

Please join us on **Monday, December 16** 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.

### WOMEN OF ST. JAMES'S

The Women of St. James's invite you to a holiday buffet luncheon on **Tuesday, December 17** at 12:00 in the dining room. Michelle Horsley, organist and director of music, is the guest speaker. Her topic: *A Pebble, a Sandwich, and a Feather*. Bring a dish to share with the group. All are welcome!

### COFFEE HOUR HOSTS NEEDED

Thank you to everyone who has helped get Coffee Hour up and running this fall by signing up to host or contribute baked goods and treats. We still have many slots to fill, so if you have not yet signed-up, please consider doing so. As a host, you and a partner make the coffee, bake and/or buy snacks, set up before, and clean up afterward. Helpers support the hosts by bringing one or more homemade or store-bought baked goods, fruit, bagels, or other food item. The job comes with instructions and the satisfaction of knowing you served others and supported 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).



### WINTER COAT COLLECTION

Doug Compton has begun collecting winter coats for our friends in need. Please bring in your gently used or new winter coats and place them in the cloister or bring them to the parish office. The collection runs through winter.

### 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, December 28**. 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 December 11.*

*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,  
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AT ST. JAMES'S

**CHRISTMAS EVE**  
**5PM PAGEANT**  
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**9:30PM MUSIC**  
**PRELUDE**

**10PM CHORAL**  
**EUCCHARIST**

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### SUNDAY EUCHARIST

8:00 a.m. in the chapel  
9:30 a.m. in the church

### WEDNESDAY EUCHARIST

7 a.m. in the chapel  
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