

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II December 24, 2023 at 9:30 a.m.

WELC 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

CHRISTMAS SERVICES: See the schedule for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day on page 19.

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT: This year's pageant is interactive! All children who come to the 5pm service today are welcome to participate.

ORGAN VOLUNTARY Ave Maria Charles Gounod, after J. S. Bach PROCESSIONAL HYMN 616 (vv 1.4) Hail to the Lord's Anointed Es flog ein leins Waldvögelein

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

OPENING ACCLAMATION & LIGHTING OF ADVENT WREATH

CelebrantOur Lord and Savior draws near:PeopleCome, let us adore him.CelebrantLord, grant us your light, that being rid of the darkness of our hearts,
we may come to the true light which is Christ.Det theAu

People Amen.

KYRIE

Celebrant Lord, have mercy. People Christ, have mercy. Celebrant Lord, have mercy.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant God be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray. Purify our conscience, Almighty God, by your daily visitation, that your Son Jesus Christ, at his coming, may find in us a mansion prepared for himself; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

People Amen.

THE LESSON

Romans 16:25-27

Now to God who is able to strengthen you according to my gospel and the proclamation of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery that was kept secret for long ages but is now disclosed, and through the prophetic writings is made known to all the Gentiles, according to the command of the eternal God, to bring about the obedience of faith~ to the only wise God, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory forever! Amen.

Reader The Word of the Lord. People Thanks be to God.

PSALM 89:1-4, 19-26 (said) Misericordias Domini

Your love, O Lord, for ever will I sing; * from age to age my mouth will proclaim your faithfulness.

For I am persuaded that your love is established for ever; * you have set your faithfulness firmly in the heavens.

"I have made a covenant with my chosen one; * I have sworn an oath to David my servant:

'I will establish your line for ever, * and preserve your throne for all generations.'"

You spoke once in a vision and said to your faithful people: * "I have set the crown upon a warrior and have exalted one chosen out of the people.

I have found David my servant; * with my holy oil have I anointed him.

My hand will hold him fast * and my arm will make him strong.

No enemy shall deceive him, * nor any wicked man bring him down.

I will crush his foes before him * and strike down those who hate him.

My faithfulness and love shall be with him, * and he shall be victorious through my Name.

I shall make his dominion extend * from the Great Sea to the River.

He will say to me, 'You are my Father, * my God, and the rock of my salvation.'''

SEQUENCE HYMN 265 The angel Gabriel from heaven came Gabriel's Message

THE GOSPEL

Luke 1:26-38

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ, according to Luke. *People* Glory to you, O Lord.

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" The angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. For nothing will be impossible with God." Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.

PriestThe Gospel of the Lord.PeoplePraise to you, O Christ.

The people sit THE SERMON

The Rev. Robert C. Hooper, III

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 Gerry Newton and Sara Barroll on the anniversaries of their deaths.

And for all who are celebrating birthdays, especially Emily Lemanski and Ethan McCue.

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

CelebrantThe peace of Christ be always with you.PeopleAnd also with you.

We greet one another in the name of Christ. WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

AT THE OFFERTORYIntermezzo in E-flat, Opus 117 #1Johannes BrahmsCelebrantThe Lord be with you.PeopleAnd also with you.CelebrantLift up your hearts.PeopleWe lift them to the Lord.CelebrantLet us give thanks to the Lord our God.PeopleIt is right to give our thanks and praise.

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

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.

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, 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

CelebrantAlleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;PeopleTherefore 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 Fantasia on "Greensleeves" Ralph Vaughan Williams

POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant and People

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

THE BLESSING

RECESS	sional Hymn 100	Joy to the world!	Antioch
THE D	ISMISSAL		
Priest	Let us go forth into the w the Spirit!	vorld rejoicing in the power c	f
People	Thanks be to God.		
Organ	n Voluntary	Festival Voluntary	Domenico Zipoli

PARTICIPANTS IN THE LITURGY

CELEBRANT & PREACHER – The Rev. Robert C. Hooper, III ORGANIST – The Rev. Alan C. Murchie CHALICE BEARER – Marta Rivera Monclova LECTOR & INTERCESSOR – Marta Rivera Monclova ACOLYTES – Mack Raissian USHERS – Mike Shuey, Ted Newton LIVESTREAM DIRECTOR – Jerrod Bowman ALTAR GUILD – Elizabeth Gallegos, Kim Hart-Kindelberger ON THE COVER – Annunciation to Mary by Conrad von Soest, (fl. 1370-1420)



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: <u>info@stjameswh.org</u> or 860-521-9620.

THOSE IN OUR PARISH FAMILY (A): Jeffrey, Greg, Michael, Elly, Chuck, Sue, Will, Tom, & Chris.

THOSE IN OUR EXTENDED PARISH FAMILY (B): Jenifer, Nancy, Jeff, Carol, Christina (C): Jean, Jeff, Karen, David, Quinn, Joanie, Teresa (D): Audra, Ann, Patricia, Carrie, John & Rita, Tavern, Mohan (E): Larry, Barbara, Hudson, Guy, Stephen, Clark, Sydney (F): Clare, Leo, Denise, Javier, Susan & Gordon, Kristine & Noel (G): Janet, Annelise, Sue & Claudia, Larry, Gretchen, Denise, Jocelyn, Forrest.

THOSE WHO HAVE DIED Remembering especially Gerry Newton and Sara Barroll on the anniversaries of their deaths. *May the faithful departed rest in peace; let light perpetual shine upon them.* AMEN.

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

IN OUR DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER St. Luke/St. Paul, Bridgeport; St. John's, Bridgeport; St. Mark's, Bridgeport. For the children of the world, the Bishops' Fund for Children, and all ECCT ministries for children at risk.

THOSE SERVING IN THE MILITARY Andrew Clark.

THOSE CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS Emily Lemanski and Ethan McCue.

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. All are welcome. If you would like to participate or have questions about becoming a healing prayer minister, please email Cheri Evans: <u>cheriev98@gmail.com</u>.

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. Questions? Contact Priscilla at <u>education@stjameswh.org</u> or Bob Hooper at <u>rector@stjameswh.org</u>.

BABY SHOWER FOR JESUS DIAPER DRIVE

During Advent, St. James's will host a Baby Shower for Jesus diaper collection for families in need in the Hartford area. Public Assistance in Connecticut does not cover the purchase of the "basic human need" of diapers and baby wipes for poor and low-income families. To celebrate the birth of Jesus, you are invited to leave diapers (sizes 3-6) and baby wipes in the St. James's Cloister to be distributed by the Hartford Catholic Worker to families in need. We will be accepting items through Christmas Eve. If you have any questions, reach out to the Rev. Joe Rose at assistant@stjameswh.org.

RESOLVE TO HOST COFFEE HOUR IN 2024

Great job, St. James's! With your help, every coffee hour hosting slot in 2023 has been filled. Thank you to everyone who signed up to either host or contribute home-



baked or store-bought goodies. If you have not yet volunteered, please consider doing so in 2024. Better yet, invite a friend or family member(s) to join you and make it a team effort. There are lots of openings to choose from and two ways to participate, so pick the date and role that work for you and go to <u>www.stjwh.org/coffee</u> to sign up. Hosts will receive instructions ahead of their assigned shift. Any questions, contact Loretta Waldman at <u>lwaldmanster@gmail.com</u>.

MONDAY MUSIC & MORE

The 3Ms will meet next on **Monday, January 8** with Alan and Priscilla for music, art, and activity. Contact Alan: <u>acmurchie@gmail.com</u> or Priscilla:

<u>education@stjameswh.org</u> if you have questions. 3M's will not meet on December 25 and January 1.

IONA HEALING PRAYER

On Wednesday, January 3 at 7:00 p.m., join us for the monthly Healing Prayer service in the Parish Room. The service for those who are sick or in need of healing will be based on the contemplative and poetic "Iona Healing" liturgy from the Iona community in Scotland. We will offer prayers for healing of body, mind, spirit, relationships, grief, and all parts of creation. All are welcome! If you are unable to attend, send the names of people you would like mentioned in prayer to the Rev. Joe Rose at <u>assistant@stjameswh.org</u>.

WOMEN OF ST. JAMES'S

The Women of St. James's will be on Christmas and New Year hiatus and will not meet on December 26 and January 2. The next meeting will be held on **Tuesday**, **January 9.** The Rev. Alan Murchie is the guest speaker. His topic: "Home by Another Road: An Epiphany Reflection." All are welcome.

MEN'S DISCUSSION GROUP

A group of men from Saint James's and a few from other churches meet twice monthly on the second and fourth Saturdays for an hour and a bit more beginning at 8:00 am in the parish room for discussion of religious subjects. Typically, the discussion is led by one of the group members about a book selected by the group. The next meeting will be held on Saturday, January 13. Daniel Dollar chairs the group. Interested? Contact him at <u>danielmdollar@gmail.com</u> for further info.

HARTFORD CATHOLIC WORKER FOOD PANTRY

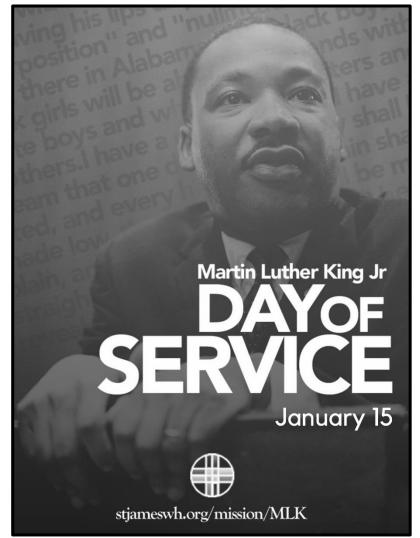
St. James's is currently asking for bi-weekly donations for the following items for the Hartford Catholic Worker: **tuna fish, mayo, peanut butter, jelly, pasta sauce, bags or boxes of pasta, and canned hearty stews.** Donations can be left in the cloister Monday through Friday 9a-4p. If you are dropping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

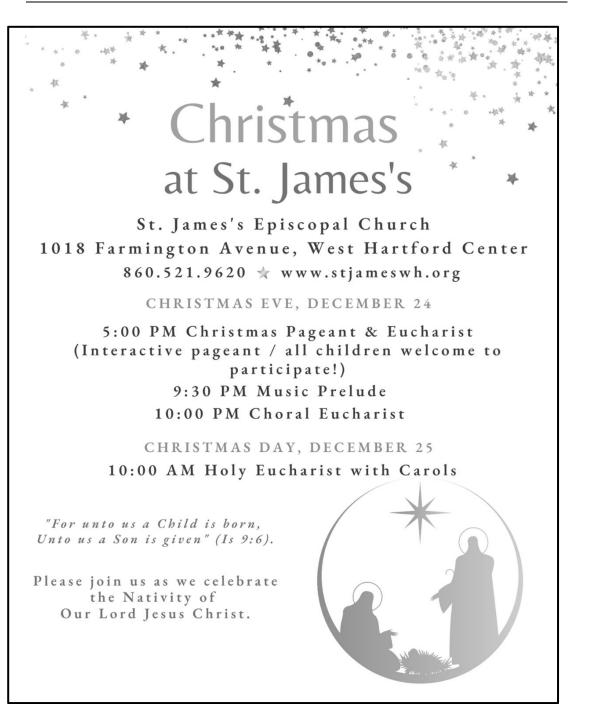
CLERGY VISITATION

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 <u>rector@stjameswh.org</u> or <u>assistant@stjameswh.org</u>.



STEWARDSHIP 2024 THANK YOU!

The following parishioners have pledged for 2024 as of December 18. Names in italics are New Pledgers! Joe & Heidi Rose, Bob & Priscilla Hooper, Doug Compton, Chuck Russo, Ben & Martha Parish, Hunter & Deb Morton, Jerrod & Maureen Bowman, Bill & Nora Harris, Bill & Judy Thompson, Ron Coons, Tom & Sue Sweeney, Judy Lawes, Mark Moyle, Jonathan Lewis & Kate Jackson, Rachael Desmond, Kimberly Goodrich, Molly James, Connie Duva, Mark & Cindy Welch, Joan Phelps, Alan Murchie, Dean & Ann Uphoff, Bob & Nancy Jo Hoffman, David & Elizabeth Katsoris-Meehan, Borden Painter, Franklin & Angie Dempsey, Jocelyn Ehn, Kenneth & Susan Gutierrez, David & Jeanne DiGiacomo, Bob & Renée McCue, Joseph & Jennifer Long, Dave & Chris Pearson, Priscilla Thomas, Sue Nelson, Judy Nellen, Doug & Ann Cooke, Bernie Wilbur, Linda Vastano, John & Elizabeth Waterman, David Dynowski, Daniel & Ellen Dollar, Bob Bausmith & Jill Peters-Gee, Mari Merwin, Joan Kayser, Bob & Heidi Sweeney-Hoyle, Richard M. Wenner, Jerome & Mary Baier, Geraldine Smalley, Mark & Cheri Evans, John & Cheryl Wadsworth, Harry Mever, Mary Ann Haar, Ken & Eileen Jackson, Diane Mack & Robin Gilmartin, Louise Strillacci, Greg & Jen Jacobs, Carol Hunt, Bob & Betsy Smith, Robert Sedivy & Betsy Curtler, Bob & Claire Burnett, Bob & Carolee Ziegenhagen, Rob Duncan & Chuck Kinney, Tom Rouse & Susan Powers, David & Jennifer Lemanski, Ron Ward, Stephen & Lois Schneeberger, Carolyn McGaughey, Deirdre Cobb Penland, Dean & Kathy Bolt, Stephen & Diane Hunter, Fran Cobb, Sandra DeCelles, Anya Fisher, Lyla Fisher, Adam Fisher & Abby Williamson, David & Virginia Kramer, Chris Keesling, Gil Lowerre, Ted & Ronni Newton, John & Vera Racine, Matt & Liz Schott, Bill & Judith Stahl, Christopher & Christina Wilson, Eleanor Brazell, John & Ruth Mitman, Bob Fawber, Michael & Linda Fournier, Bette Kelly, Tyler & Courtney Smith, John & Francie Bergquist, Greg & Judy Hock, Matthew & Liisa Pinckney, Hillary Lewis, Nick & Lauren Forcello, Curtis Roessler, Scott & Alysse Serencha, Susan Ritz, Nick Busse & Barbara Rua, Loretta Waldman, Carol McDermott, Mike & Hilary Sherrill, Joey Meyer & Eleanor Michael, Jim Conway & Peggy McManus, Tony & Kerri Raissian, Jon Harden & Lynne Lumsden, Paul & Diane Duva, Rafael & Elizabeth Gallegos, Donna Klucewicz, Brad & Liz Normand, Barbara Schiller, Mayrita Trojanowski, Neil & Cassie Brzozowski, Karen Ericson, Leon Fraser & Marilyn Tomlinson, Michael McMahon & Ann Wood, John & Brenda Barrows, Ian & Janet Duncan, Rob Healy & Jessica Henning, Patrick Coll & Bonny Slim, Rob King, Peter & Melissa Bowman, Eddie Jacovino & Elizabeth Porter, Tim Chambers & Molly Bennett, Ryan Leichsenring & Ann Trevethick, David Marshall, John & Machelle Rosenlieb, Karin Zadzilko, Kristopher & Kaitlyn Ware, Peter & Chris Peterson, Marc & Natalie Keating, Audrey Lamy, Chuck & Meredith Willson.





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)

HEALING PRAYER SERVICE 7:00 p.m. First Wednesday of each month in the parish room



Make a pledge to St. James's

CLERGY

The Rev'd Robert C. Hooper III	Rector			
The Rev'd Joseph J. Rose	Assistant Rector			
The Rev'd Alan C. Murchie Assoc. for Education & Music				
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			
The Rev'd Doctor Borden W. Painter Jr	Priest Associate			
The Rev'd Joan P. Phelps.	Priest Associate			

STAFF

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Mr. Leon Fraser	Sexton
Mrs. Priscilla Hooper	. Director of Family Ministries

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Mr. Tyler Smith	Junior Warden
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2024	2025	2026
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Debra Morton	Kindelberger	Bill Thompson
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