



FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

May 3, 2026 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: Stick around after the service and introduce yourself to a friendly-looking stranger.

SERVE: Help make sandwiches for Loaves and Fishes after the service today. Just come to the kitchen and join us!

COFFEE HOUR: Please join us today after the service in the parish hall for coffee and refreshments. All are welcome!

PRELUDE

Gaelic Air

Keith Chapman (b. 1958)

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 408

Sing praise to God

Mit Freuden zart

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant Alleluia! Jesus Christ is risen!

People **Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

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 (THE SEWANEE SERVICE)

Malcolm Archer (b. 1952)

Glo - ry to God in the high - est and peace to His peo - ple on earth.

Lord God, heav'n - ly King, al - migh - ty God and Fath - er, we wor - ship you, we

give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly

Son of the Fath - er, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on

us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. For

you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High,

Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father, Amen, A -

men!

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray. Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

People **Amen.**

The people sit

THE LESSON

1 Peter 2:2-10

Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation— if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good. Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God’s sight, and like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in scripture: “See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and

precious; and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.” To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe, “The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner”, and “A stone that makes them stumble, and a rock that makes them fall.” They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do. But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God’s people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 31:1-5, 15-16 (*sung by the choir*)

In te, Domine, speravi

In you, O Lord, have I taken refuge;
let me never be put to shame; *
deliver me in your righteousness.

Incline your ear to me; *
make haste to deliver me.

Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe,
for you are my crag and my stronghold; *
for the sake of your Name, lead me and guide me.

Take me out of the net that they have secretly set for me, *
for you are my tower of strength.

Into your hands I commend my spirit, *
for you have redeemed me,
O Lord, O God of truth.

My times are in your hand; *
rescue me from the hand of my enemies,
and from those who persecute me.

Make your face to shine upon your servant, *
and in your loving-kindness save me.

SEQUENCE HYMN 636

How firm a foundation

Foundation

THE GOSPEL

John 14:1-14

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

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

Jesus said, "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going." Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him." Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied." Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it."

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The people sit

THE SERMON

The Rev. Dr. Molly F. James

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

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles and bring them the joy of your salvation.

Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

For Sean, our presiding bishop, for Jeff and Laura, our own bishops, and for all the People of God, let us pray.

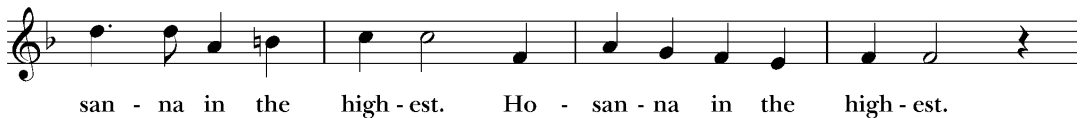
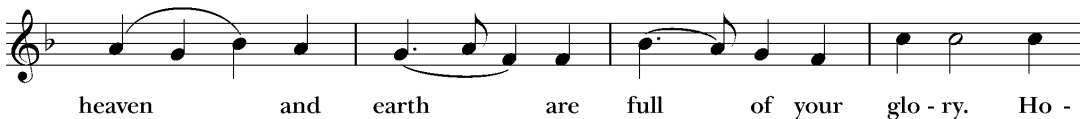
Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

For the poor and oppressed, the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, for refugees and victims of violence, let us pray.

Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

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:



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Celebrant continues:

Holy and gracious God: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world. On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith,

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

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

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

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

Our Father in heaven,
 hallowed be your name,
 your kingdom come,
 your will be done, on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins
 as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial
 and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power
 and the glory are yours now and for ever. Amen.

THE FRACTION



COMMUNION MUSIC *In My Father's House* Philip Stopford (b.1977)

Philip Stopford began his musical career as a Chorister (aged 8) at Westminster Abbey, London, singing under the direction of Simon Preston and Dr Martin Neary. He later studied at Bedford School and Oxford University before taking positions as the Organ Scholar of Canterbury Cathedral, and later at Chester Cathedral, Belfast Cathedral, and Christ Church (Bronxville, NY). In 2021 he returned to England to continue his compositional work.

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 470 *There's a wideness in God's mercy* Beecher

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 *Mit Freuden Zart (Sing Praise to God)* Paul Laubengayer (b. 1946)

PARTICIPANTS IN THE LITURGY

CELEBRANT – The Rev. Robert C. Hooper, III

PREACHER – The Rev. Dr. Molly F. James

ASSISTING CLERGY – The Rev. Chris Leung

THE ST. JAMES'S ADULT CHOIR

ORGANIST & DIRECTOR OF MUSIC – Michelle Horsley

CHALICE BEARERS – Sue Powers, Jennifer Otto

LECTOR – Mark Moyle / INTERCESSOR – Eddie Jacovino

ACOLYTES – Walter Bowman, Wesley Otto

USHERS – Mark and Cheri Evans, Chuck Kinney, Rob Duncan

LIVESTREAM DIRECTOR – Daniel Dollar

ALTAR GUILD – Elizabeth Gallegos, Chris Pearson

PRAYER LIST

The entire Prayer List is read during the course of the week. If you would like someone to be added, contact the office: info@stjameswh.org or 860-521-9620.

THOSE IN OUR PARISH FAMILY Jeffrey, Greg, Michael, Elly, Chris, Rachael, Eileen, Nancy Jo, Fran, John.

THOSE IN OUR EXTENDED PARISH FAMILY Jeff, Joanie, Audra, Ann, Patricia, Carrie, John & Rita, Tavern, Mohan, Barbara, Hudson, Guy, Stephen, Clark, Sydney, Clare, Leo, Denise, Javier, Janet, Sue, Larry, Gretchen, Denise, Jocelyn, Forrest, Laticia, Suzanne, Karen J., Linda, Tom, Peg, Sharon, and Margaret.

THOSE WHO HAVE DIED Remembering especially Karl A. Kebinger who recently died. *May the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace; let light perpetual shine upon them. AMEN.*

THE ANGLICAN CYCLE OF PRAYER Pray for the Church of North India.

IN OUR DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER St. Peter's Grace, Monroe; St. Mark's, Mystic; St. Michael's, Naugatuck. Retirement communities, especially Armsmead & Seabury Retirement community; chaplains at retirement communities, Retired Clergy Chaplains. For Elder Ministry Network.

THOSE SERVING IN THE MILITARY Andrew Clark.

CHILDREN & YOUTH BIRTHDAYS Addison Leonard, Cole Gallagher, Wesley Regan, Jane Waterman, and Owen Wills.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HEALING PRAYERS AT COMMUNION

St. James's Healing Ministry will offer healing prayers on **Sunday, May 10** and every second and fourth Sunday of the month at the 9:30 service. 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 service. We will continue with KFC (Kids of Christ) during the service as well. Please feel free to contact Priscilla at education@stjameswh.org.

MONDAY MUSIC & MORE

3Ms will meet on **Monday, May 4** at 4pm with Priscilla Hooper and Michelle Horsley. For more information or to register your child, contact Priscilla Hooper, education@stjameswh.org.

BIBLE STUDY

Join us this Eastertide for Bible study each Monday from 10:30 to 11:30am in the parish room. We will be dwelling in the Acts of the Apostles. Our next meeting is **May 4**. Please contact Cheri Evans: cheriev98@gmail.com or Bob Roggeveen rhrogg@gmail.com for additional information.

EFM OPEN HOUSE ON MONDAY, MAY 4

Education. Community. Reflection. Discovery. It's some of what happens in Education for Ministry. Come to our Open House on **Monday, May 4 at 6:30pm** in the parish room and see what the program is all about from the people in the group. Scripture study, review of church history, spiritual reflection, an enriching community life, discovering how we can serve. As one of our alums said, "EfM changed my life and deepened my faith in ways I never imagined." Two programs are offered, "Classic" the four-year study of Old & New Testaments, Church History, Theology and Ethics, and "Wide Angle," a one-year survey of a range of texts. Group worship, study and reflection, listening to others, exploring new perspectives, participating in an enriching journey. Take the first step and join us. For more information: Contact Ron Ward, EfM Mentor, rtwtmr@comcast.net, 860 463 8057.

Check out our video at <https://stjameswh.org/discipleship/education/efm>

FARMINGTON VALLEY CHORAL

The FVC will give their spring concert on **Saturday, May 9** at 4pm at St. James's Church, West Hartford. Bach's Easter & Ascension Oratorios will be performed in collaboration with CONCORA Soloists & Orchestra. Tickets are \$25, students free, and can be purchased at the door.

SPRING CLEANUP

We could use volunteers for the annual spring cleanup at St. James's on **Saturday, May 16** at 10am. Please bring rakes and blowers and your gloves. Thank you!

WOMEN OF ST. JAMES'S LUNCHEON

The WOSJ will embark on a Mystery Tour on **Tuesday, May 12**. Please contact the parish office if interested. This is the final program for the season.

GRACE FOOD PANTRY NEEDS YOUR HELP!

The food pantry at Grace Episcopal Church on New Park Avenue in Hartford is looking for volunteers to help hand out food on Thursdays (8:30a-11:30a). Please email Kathie Rovetti at krovetti@gmail.com for more information.

COFFEE HOUR VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers are still needed to prepare coffee, bake and/or buy snacks, set up before, and clean up afterward. A second person makes hosting twice as much fun, so invite someone to join you! Hosts will receive instructions ahead of their assigned shift. If you can't host, please consider contributing a homemade or store-bought baked good, fruit, or other food item. Please indicate what you are bringing in the "My Comment" section of the sign-up so the host(s) can plan accordingly. Thanks in advance to everyone for your faithful support of our Sunday fellowship. Questions, contact Mary Goeldner at marykirkg@gmail.com. Sign up at www.stjwh.org/coffee.

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 Tomlinson (860-372-1193).

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 about an hour beginning at 8:00 am in the parish room for discussion of topics related to religion or ethics. Typically, the discussion is led by one of the group members. The discussion group meets next on **Saturday, May 9**. Bob Burnett chairs the group. Interested? Contact him at robert.burnett@comcast.net for further info. Coffee and other refreshments are provided at each meeting.

CHEF MINISTRY

CHEF Ministry for

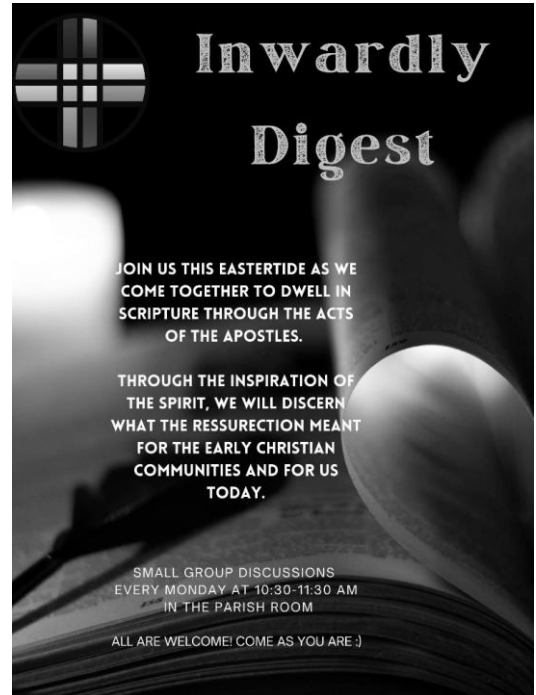
expanding/changing/evolving families! This is chance for the St. James's family to help "feed their sheep". Thank you to all the wonderful volunteer chefs who cook on demand. If you know of any family that is welcoming a new family member (not just a birth!) or having a life event where they might need 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.

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS (no pasta, canned beans, or mac & cheese, please)

As we are expanding our feeding ministry to include new communities, St. James's is asking for donations for the following items for local food pantries: tuna fish, mayo, peanut butter, jelly, pasta sauce, canned hearty stews, oil, masa harina (instant corn flour), rice, dried beans, cereal, shelf stable milk (like Parmalat) and sugar. Donations can be left in the cloister Monday through Friday 9a-4p. After hours: please place donations in the blue rubber bin. Monetary donations are accepted to help purchase items. Just note "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.



PENTECOST
SUNDAY
MAY 24
2026

Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love.

JAZZ
EUCCHARIST | 10:00

free admission

Collaborative Chorister

Evening

featuring choristers from

Church of Christ, UCC (Newington)

Chorus Angelicus (Farmington)

The Choir School of Hartford

St. James's (West Hartford)

St. John's (West Hartford)

St. Paul's (Norwalk)

5:00pm

May 31st



Trinity College
300 Summit St.
Hartford, CT



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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CLERGY

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 The Rev'd Chris Leung *Assistant Rector*
 The Rev'd Canon Douglas T. Cooke *Priest Associate*
 The Rev'd Doctor Molly F. James *Priest Associate*
 The Rev'd John L.C. Mitman *Priest Associate*
 The Rev'd Doctor Borden W. Painter Jr. *Priest Associate*
 The Rev'd Joan P. Phelps. *Priest Associate*
 The Rev'd Jean R. Smith..... *Priest Associate*

STAFF

Mrs. Cheryl C. Batter *Parish Administrator*
 Mr. Leon Fraser..... *Sexton*
 Mrs. Priscilla Hooper *Director of Family Ministries*
 Ms. Michelle Horsley..... *Organist & Director of Music*
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 Mr. Tyler Smith..... *Junior Warden*
 Mr. Chuck Kinney..... *Clerk*
 Mr. Michael Sherrill..... *Treasurer*

2027

Doug Compton
 Joey Meyer
 Liz Normand
 Marilyn Tomlinson

2028

Susan Gutierrez
 David Kramer
 Jonathan Lewis
 Susan Ritz

2029

Mary Baier
 Maureen Bowman
 Jim Conway
 Rob King