



ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY

HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

November 3, 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

STEWARDSHIP BRUNCH: Join us in the Parish Hall after the service today for the Annual Stewardship Brunch. There will be plenty of food and all are welcome!

STEWARDSHIP 2025 THANK YOU!

The following parishioners have pledged for 2025 as of October 31.

Names in italics are New Pledgers!

Franklin & Angie Dempsey, Bob & Priscilla Hooper, Mark Moyle,
 Diane Mack & Robin Gilmartin, Bill & Judith Thompson,
 Robert Sedivy, Robert Hoyle & Heidi Sweeney, Mari Merwin,
 Louise Strillacci, Eddie Jacovino & Elizabeth Porter,
 Rachael Desmond, Dean & Kathy Bolt, Ron Coons, Judy Lawes,
 Thomas Rouse & Susan Powers, John & Ruth Mitman,
 Paul & Diane Duva, Doug Compton, Jerrod & Maureen Bowman,
 Ben & Martha Parish, Bob & Renée McCue, Jocelyn Ehn,
 David & Jeanne DiGiacomo, Marion Beausoleil, Gil Lowerre,
 Michael McMahan & Ann Wood, Dean & Ann Uphoff,
 Molly James, Kathryn & Halsted James.

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

In Paradisum

Alfred Fedak (b. 1953)

The people stand

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 287 (vs. 1, 4-8)

For all the saints

Sine Nomine

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 for ever. Amen.**

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 IN EXCELSIS S-278

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray. Almighty God, you have knit together your elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord: Give us grace so to follow your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living, that we may come to those ineffable joys that you have prepared for those who truly love you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting.

People **Amen.**

The people sit

THE LESSON

Revelation 21:1-6a

I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "See, the home of God is

among mortals. He will dwell with them as their God; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away." And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 24 (*sung by the choir*)

Domini est terra

The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it, *
the world and all who dwell therein.

For it is he who founded it upon the seas *
and made it firm upon the rivers of the deep.

"Who can ascend the hill of the Lord? *
and who can stand in his holy place?"

"Those who have clean hands and a pure heart, *
who have not pledged themselves to falsehood,
nor sworn by what is a fraud.

They shall receive a blessing from the Lord *
and a just reward from the God of their salvation."

Such is the generation of those who seek him, *
of those who seek your face, O God of Jacob.

Lift up your heads, O gates;
lift them high, O everlasting doors; *
and the King of glory shall come in.

"Who is this King of glory?" *
"The Lord, strong and mighty,
the Lord, mighty in battle."

Lift up your heads, O gates;
lift them high, O everlasting doors; *
and the King of glory shall come in.

"Who is he, this King of glory?" *
"The Lord of hosts,
he is the King of glory."

SEQUENCE HYMN 526

Let saints on earth in concert sing

Dundee

THE GOSPEL

John 11:32-44

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

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

When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." Jesus began to weep. So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?" Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days." Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?" So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me." When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go."

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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Leader Gracious God, we pray for your holy catholic Church;

People That we all may be one.

Almighty God, whose loving hand has given us all that we possess, grant us the grace to honor you with our substance. Grant us the courage and commitment to be faithful in our giving. Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

That your Name may be glorified by all people.

May we, as the Body of Christ in our life together, do things only for the glory of God. We pray for Sean our presiding bishop, Jeff and Laura our bishops, our parish clergy; and all bishops, priests, and deacons;

That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

May we be people of word and action as we support relief for the world's poor and homeless; for the unemployed and the under-employed. We pray for all who govern and hold authority in all the nations of the world. Remembering especially Joe, the president of the United States.

That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

That our works may find favor in your sight.

We pray for the end of violence everywhere; remembering especially victims of gun violence and those who love them. We pray for all whose lives have been devastated by natural disaster and political strife. We pray for the people of Palestine, Israel and Ukraine, and the protection of innocent life everywhere. We pray for safety in our daily lives. Guide us to be reconcilers for peace and justice at home and in the world. Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble.

That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest;

Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We pray for all who have died.

May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

We pray for those celebrating birthdays, especially Quinn Ciccone, Emily Jacovino, and Evelyn Normand.

We pray for our parish, our extended parish family, our needs, and those of others. *We invite you to offer your own prayers silently or aloud.*

The Celebrant adds a concluding collect.

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

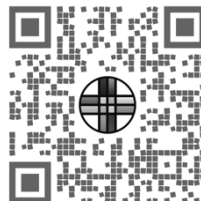
Celebrant The peace of Christ be always with you.

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 O *Quam Gloriosum* Tomás Luis de Victoria (1548-1611)

Translation: O how glorious is the kingdom, wherein all the Saints rejoice with Christ! Clothed in white robes, they follow the Lamb wherever he goes.

This selection is possibly the most well-known of this influential Spanish composer of the Late Renaissance. Published in 1572, this motet contains the kind of mystical nobility and masterful counterpoint associated with his music, employing text-painting throughout - from celebratory, repeated chords which then move outward in expansive motion for the opening, "O how glorious" and then a sequential, "following," motif for the lyrics, "they follow the Lamb," at its conclusion.

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 God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

People **Glory to you for ever and ever.**

Celebrant At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

People **By your will they were created and have their being.**

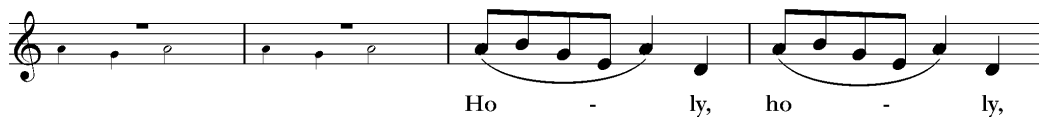
Celebrant From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the stewards of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

People **Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.**

Celebrant Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

People **By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.**

Celebrant And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:



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:

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord. On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, 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, gave thanks, 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." Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

People **We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.**

Celebrant Lord God of our Fathers; and Mothers; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

People **Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.**

Celebrant Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **AMEN.**

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

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done, on earth as in
heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power
and the glory are yours now and
for ever. Amen.**

THE FRACTION

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

THE INVITATION

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

All are welcome to receive Holy Communion.

AT THE COMMUNION *Set Me as a Seal Upon Your Heart* René Clausen (b. 1953)

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 618 *Ye watchers and ye holy ones* Lasst uns Erfreuen

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

Sine Nomine

Arthur Hutchings (1906-1989)

PARTICIPANTS IN THE LITURGY

CELEBRANT – The Rev. Robert C. Hooper, III

PREACHER – The Rev. Robert M. Lofberg

ORGANIST & DIRECTOR OF MUSIC – Michelle Horsley

CHALICE BEARERS – Priscilla Thomas, John Wadsworth

LECTOR & INTERCESSOR – Mark Moyle

USHERS – Mark and Cheri Evans, Mike Shuey, Ted Newton

ACOLYTES – Harper Leichsenring, Camden Jacobs, Mack Raissian

LIVESTREAM DIRECTOR – Adam Fisher

ALTAR GUILD – Elizabeth Gallegos, Linda Fournier

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, 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.

THE ANGLICAN CYCLE OF PRAYER Pray for the Church of the Province of South East Asia.

IN OUR DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER Emmanuel, Weston; Christ & Holy Trinity, Westport; The health and well-being of persons employed by The Episcopal Church; the Presiding Bishop and the President of the House of Deputies of The Episcopal Church.

THOSE SERVING IN THE MILITARY Andrew Clark.

THOSE CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS Quinn Ciccone, Emily Jacovino, and Evelyn Normand.

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, November 10**. 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.

BUY YOUR TICKETS NOW FOR THE AUCTION!

1950s nostalgia will abound (along with delicious food and tantalizing auction items to bid on) at our "Grease"-themed auction, coming up on Saturday evening, November 16. This spirited adults-only evening of food, fun, and fundraising is open to all – bring a friend, or several! Tickets are \$40 per person, or reserve an entire table for 8 people for \$350. Tables come with VIP perks including early entry and premier seating. And in the spirit of the Pink Ladies and the T-Birds, you get to give your table an original name! Just let us know your group name when you purchase your table and we will create a special sign for your "club house." Purchase your tickets after church on Sundays – look for one of the Pink Ladies in their snazzy satin jackets. You may also reserve tickets by calling or emailing the parish office.

MONDAY MUSIC & MORE

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

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MARK

Please join us on **Monday, November 4** 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 their next luncheon on **Tuesday, November 5** at 12:00 in the dining room. The Rev. Rob Lofberg will be the guest speaker. His topic: *Stumbling Upon Faith, Hope, and Love*. Bring a bag lunch. All are welcome!

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS NEEDED

Thank you to everyone who helped get Coffee Hour up and running this fall by signing up to host or contribute baked goods and treats. If you have not yet volunteered, please consider doing so. Only two people have signed up so far to host or help in November, December, and January. 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 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. Sign up at www.stjwh.org/coffee.



CHRISTMAS GIFTS FOR PARKVILLE CHILDREN

Once again, St. James's will be assisting Grace Episcopal Church, Hartford, by purchasing Christmas gifts for the children of the Parkville section of Hartford. At the end of October, we will receive the names of families who use the Food Pantry at Grace. Each family will list the names and ages of their children plus a 'Wish List' of gifts from each child. Members of St. James's purchase a couple of gifts for each child and return them unwrapped to the church. More details will follow. Please contact Ruth Mitman if you are willing to help. Phone: 860-561-1594; Email: mitmangroup@comcast.net.

CHRISTMAS BAG MISSION PROJECT

As we have for over 35 years, 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

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, 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, November 9**. 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.

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.

Free admission

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

Storytime

Nov. 10th at 5:00pm

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

teddy bears and blankets are encouraged



St. James's Episcopal Church
West Hartford

Michelle Horsley, Director of Music
Priscilla Hooper, Director of Children's Ministry

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!



Movie Screening & Potluck Supper

at St. John's Episcopal Church
679 Farmington Avenue, West Hartford

Sunday, November 17
5 to 8 p.m.



Gather in Hubbard Hall to watch The Philadelphia Eleven, the story of the first women ordained as priests in the Episcopal Church. If you're able, bring a main dish, side, or dessert to share! This event is open to all. Bring a friend!

St. James's Episcopal Church - West Hartford



AVE MARIA

Dec. 15 at 5:00pm

Christmas music by female composers

with works by Lapwood, Powell, Betinis, McDowell, Wallen, Bingen

presented by the choirs of St. James's Michelle Horsley, Director of Music

freewill offering



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
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