



THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD
HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II with BAPTISM
January 11, 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

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

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

YOUTH GROUP: All middle and high schoolers are invited to youth today from 5 to 6:30pm with Priscilla Hooper. We'll enjoy dinner and an activity afterwards. Do your homework early and invite a friend!

PRELUDE *La Nativité, II. Les Bergers (The Shepherds)* Olivier Messiaen (1908-1992)
Whether or not it was the composer's intent, many listeners claim to hear elements of a twinkling star in a wandering "pipe call"; the musical portrayal of searching shepherds who traverse foreign lands as a tuneful although rhythmically disjointed repeated passage; and even - perhaps comically - the crunch of snow under footsteps in the opening section which features slow, separated, "crunchy" chords. Although arguably one of Messiaen's most tonally accessible works, this second movement in his Nativity Suite is unmistakably his singular musical language, combining elements of non-retrogradable rhythms, hints at numerology and birdsong, as well as its tonal center which is neither major or minor, specifically, but rather one of his "modes of limited transposition."

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 135

Songs of thankfulness and praise

Salzburg

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant Blessed be God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

Celebrant There is one Body and one Spirit

People **There is one hope in God's call to us;**

Celebrant One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism

People **One God and Father of all.**

People **Amen.**

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray. Father in heaven, who at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit: Grant that all who are baptized into his Name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting.

People **Amen.**

THE LESSON

Acts 10:34-43

Peter began to speak to them: “I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 29 (*sung by the choir*)

Afferte Domino

Ascribe to the Lord, you gods, *
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his Name; *
worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.

The voice of the Lord is upon the waters;
the God of glory thunders; *
the Lord is upon the mighty waters.

The voice of the Lord is a powerful voice; *
the voice of the Lord is a voice of splendor.

The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees; *
the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon;

He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, *
and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.

The voice of the Lord splits the flames of fire;
the voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness; *
the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees writhe *
and strips the forests bare.

And in the temple of the Lord *
all are crying, "Glory!"

The Lord sits enthroned above the flood; *
the Lord sits enthroned as King for evermore.

The Lord shall give strength to his people; *
the Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace.

SEQUENCE HYMN 116 *"I come," the great Redeemer cries* This Endris Nyght

THE GOSPEL

Matthew 3:13-17

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

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

Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented. And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased."

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The people sit

THE SERMON

The Rev. Robert C. Hooper, III

THE BAPTISMAL HYMN 297

Descend, O Spirit

Erhalt uns, Herr

PRESENTATION & EXAMINATION OF THE CANDIDATE
Angus Blain Ensley

The Celebrant addresses the Congregation saying

Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support their life in Christ?

People **We will.**

Celebrant Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Father?

People **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Celebrant Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People **I believe in Jesus Christ, the only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People **I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**

Celebrant Will you continue in the apostles teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you persevere in resisting evil, and whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you cherish the wondrous works of God, and protect the beauty and integrity of all creation?

People **I will, with God's help.**

PRAYERS FOR THE CANDIDATE

Celebrant Let us now pray for this person who is to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

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

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Open his heart to your grace and truth.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

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

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

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

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

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

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

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

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Bring him to the fullness of your peace and glory.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Celebrant Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and for ever. **Amen.**

THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

The Celebrant continues

We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life. We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE BAPTISM

The Celebrant says

Angus Blain, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Then the Priest places a hand on the person's head, marking on the forehead the sign of the cross and saying,

Angus Blain, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever. **Amen.**

Let us pray. Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon this your servant the forgiveness of sin, and have raised him to the new life of grace. Sustain him, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give him an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. **Amen.**

Celebrant Let us welcome the newly baptized.

All We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.

THE PEACE

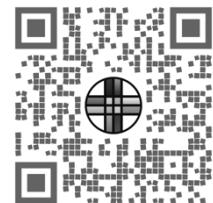
Celebrant The peace of Christ be always with you.

People And also with you.

We greet one another in the name of Christ.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Down to the River to Pray

Traditional

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 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:

Hol - ly, hol - ly, ho - ly, Lord God of

Hosts: Hea - ven and earth are full____ of thy glo - ry. Glo - -

ry be to thee, O Lord Most High. Bless - ed is he that com - eth
— in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Title: *Holy, holy, holy*

Music: *From Missa de Sancta Maria Magdalena*, Healey Willan (1880-1968)

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Celebrant continues:

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life. On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, “Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.” After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, “Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.” Therefore, according to his command,

Celebrant and People

**We remember his death, We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by

the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and forever. **AMEN.**

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

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

THE FRACTION ANTHEM



Come to my ta - ble and eat with me there; par - take of the bread and the wine.

Think of me of - ten and do not des - pair; par - take of the bread and the wine.

"A song came to me in a dream and was brought to life by Sue Hunt, the organist/choir director of the First Congregational Church in Windsor Locks, where it made its premiere. Now, over thirty years later, with some modifications from our own Michelle Horsley, is being resurrected as a Fraction Anthem for our beloved St. James's Church of West Hartford. I am grateful for this opportunity." – Kim Goodrich

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.

COMMUNION MUSIC *Send Forth, O God, Thy Light and Truth* Vincent Persichetti
(1915-1987)

This unusual Epiphany-themed chorale is taken from Persichetti's "Hymns and Responses for the Church Year" - a collection of original chorales that pair his unique, modern harmonic vocabulary with the functional demands of Anglican liturgy. The hymns use text by unusual sources including Emily Dickinson, e.e. cummings, Shakespeare, and - in this case - John Quincy Adams, the sixth president of the United States (who was also a poet!).

Variations 1-3 on "In Dulci Jubilo" Denis Bedard (b. 1950)

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

RECESSATIONAL HYMN 124 *What star is this* Puer nobis

THE DISMISSAL

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

People Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE *Variations 4-5 on In Dulci Jubilo* Denis Bédard (b. 1950)

PARTICIPANTS IN THE LITURGY

CELEBRANT & PREACHER – The Rev. Robert C. Hooper, III

ASSISTING CLERGY – The Rev. Chris Leung

ORGANIST & DIRECTOR OF MUSIC – Michelle Horsley

LECTOR – Harry Meyer / **INTERCESSOR** – Eddie Jacovino

ACOLYTES – Odin Bergsbaken, Mack Raissian, Camden Jacobs, Walter Bowman

USHERS – Kate Jackson, Jonathan Lewis, Judy Hock, Loretta Waldman

LIVESTREAM DIRECTOR – Jerrod Bowman

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, Chuck, Sue, Tom, Chris, Rachael, Eileen, Nancy Jo, Fran.

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 & Claudia, Larry, Gretchen, Denise, Jocelyn, Forrest, Laticia, Suzanne, Karen J., Charlie & Jean, Linda.

THOSE WHO HAVE DIED Remembering especially Chan Schiller on the anniversary of his death. *May the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace; let light perpetual shine upon them. AMEN.*

THE ALTAR FLOWERS Have been given to the glory of God in thanksgiving for the 30-year anniversary of the Rev. Bob Hooper's ordination.

THE ANGLICAN CYCLE OF PRAYER Pray for the Iglesia Anglicana de la Region Central de America.

IN OUR DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER Trinity, Collinsville; St. James', Danbury; St. Luke's, Darien. The Journey of Discovery with Indigenous Peoples Ministry Network. For Prayer & Healing Ministry Networks.

THOSE SERVING IN THE MILITARY Andrew Clark and Chad Trottier.

CHILDREN & YOUTH BIRTHDAYS Caroline Bowman and Lyla Maguire.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HEALING PRAYERS AT COMMUNION

St. James's Healing Ministry will offer healing prayers at the 9:30 service **today** and every second and fourth Sunday of the month. 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.

BIBLE STUDY

Join us for Bible study each Monday from 10:30 to 11:30am in the parish room. Our next meeting is **January 12**. Please contact Cheri Evans: cheriev98@gmail.com or Bob.Roggeveen.rhrogg@gmail.com for additional information.

WOMEN OF ST. JAMES'S LUNCHEON

The WOSJ invite you to their next luncheon on **Tuesday, January 20** at 12:00 in the Dining Room. Animal Control Officer Supervisor of West Hartford, Kimberly Gulino, will be the guest speaker. Her topic: *Working with Animals and Safety*. If you cannot come for lunch, please just come for the program at 1:00!

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.

ANNUAL MEETING

This year's Annual Meeting will be held on **Sunday, January 25** immediately

following the 9:30 service in the church. Annual reports will be available either Sunday, January 18 or on the day of the meeting. There will be no regular coffee hour but refreshments will be available during the meeting. All parishioners are asked to attend.

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, January 24**. 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 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.

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS (please notice additions)

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, bags or boxes of pasta, 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

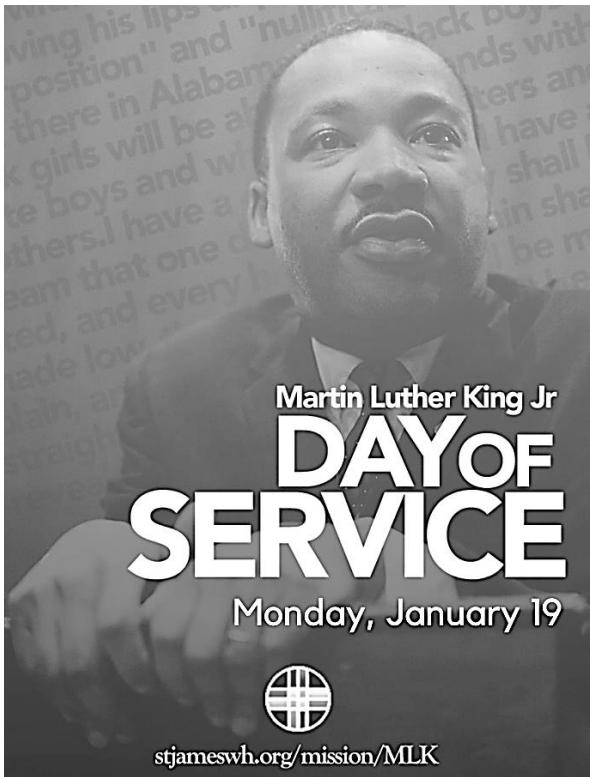
9a-4p. After hours: please place donations in the blue rubber bin. Monetary donations are accepted to help purchase items. Just note "Food Pantry" in memo.

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.



Martin Luther King Jr

DAY OF SERVICE

Monday, January 19

stjameswh.org/mission/MLK

MLK Jr. Day of Service

St. James's & Journey Home

Monday Jan. 19, 2026
from 10-1:00

This year for Martin Luther King Day of Service we will be joining Journey Home to move a number of formerly unhoused people into apartments of their own.

If you are able to help with this very important ministry please use this link to sign up:

<https://signup.com/go/PLYbwWS>

*If you have any questions
please contact Bob Hooper*



2026 Vestry Nominations

Senior Warden	Greg Jacobs	Treasurer	Michael Sherrill
Junior Warden	Tyler Smith	Delegate	Greg Jacobs
Clerk	Chuck Kinney	Delegate	Tyler Smith

New Vestry Member Profiles

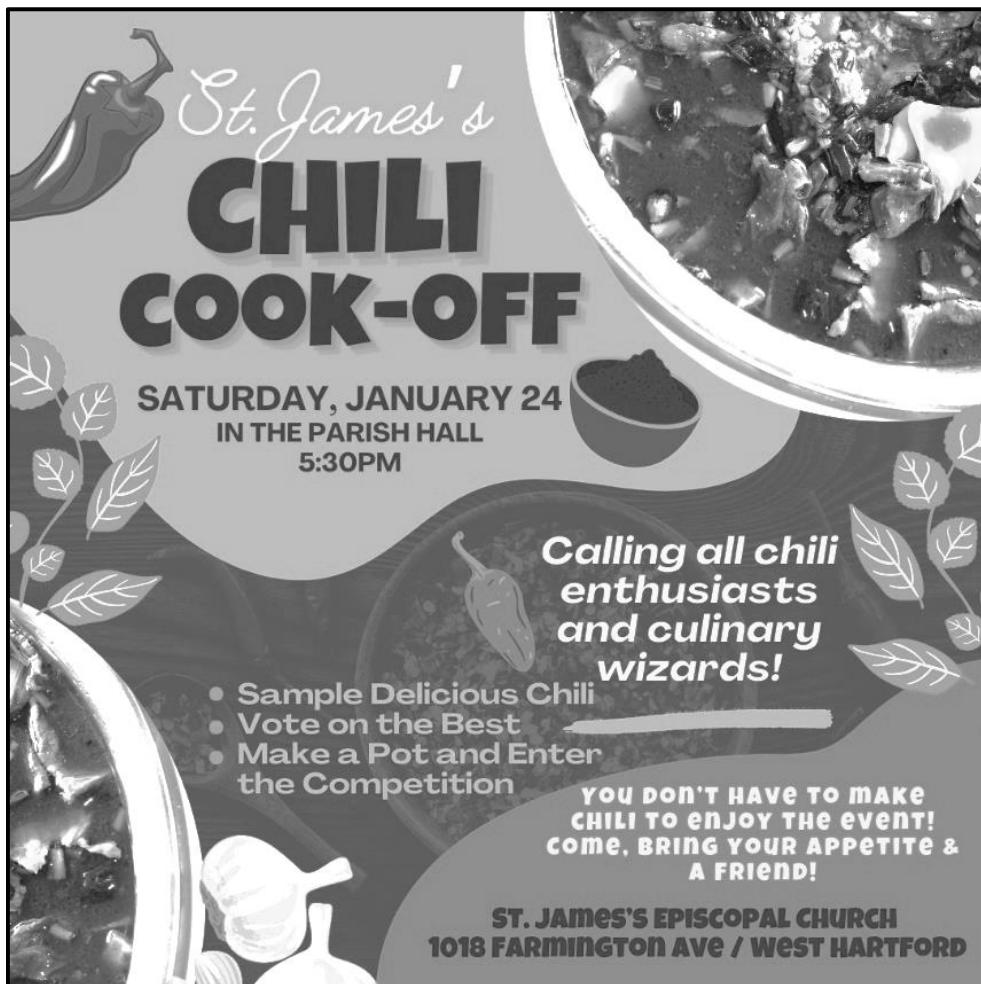
Mary Baier grew up mostly in the Carolinas and went to college at UNC-Chapel Hill. After college, she moved to New York to join the restaurant world after living in Paris for a year. In New York, Mary met her husband Jerome, and they were married in 2016. Mary and Jerome relocated to Philly when their first son, Lewis, was about two months old and then settled in West Hartford just in time for the birth of Thomas, their second son. Mary currently works in fresh seafood for a distribution company and still enjoys cooking for her family. She especially loves watching her boys play sports, reading to Thomas, working in the yard, any kind of creative project, and family trips. She is grateful for the chance to serve the St. James's congregation and help support its wonderful community of light and love.

Maureen Bowman grew up in Ozark, Alabama and graduated from the University of Georgia with a BBA in Risk Management & Insurance in 2005. Maureen, along with her husband, Jerrod, moved to the Greater Hartford area in 2009. They have two sons, Jack (11) and Walter (9). Maureen works at Travelers Insurance. She serves as a chalice bearer on Sunday mornings, often alongside her son Walter when he acolytes. Maureen, Jerrod and the boys have been deeply rooted in the life and ministry of St. James's since their arrival.

Jim Conway and his wife Peggy McManus joined St. James's in 2022. They are very happy at St. James's, finding it a vibrant, engaged, generous, and welcoming community. Jim has been involved in Foodshare food delivery and making sandwiches on Sundays and helped organize a recent "emergency" Christmas toy drive. He has a history of involvement in social ministry, including 20+ years in afterschool and Saturday programs at the Hartford Catholic Worker (HCW); he is also currently on HCW board. For 27+ years Jim has been a Psychology professor at Central Connecticut State, teaching a lot of students and researching interventions

to support children with incarcerated parents. Jim and Peggy have two adult daughters, Erin in Boston and Bridget in New York.

Rob King recently retired after more than 30 years in print, broadcast and digital media. He first arrived in Connecticut as a Wesleyan University freshman in 1980, and after stops in Illinois, New Jersey and Kentucky, returned to the state in 2004, settling in West Hartford, where he and his wife Jen have three “children”: Eli, 21, Amani, 18, and Amanda, 17. Besides volunteer work, he spends his time playing golf, cartooning, reading and, of course, obeying.



STEWARSHIP 2026 THANK YOU!

The following parishioners have pledged for 2026 as of January 8.

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SERVICE SCHEDULE

SUNDAY EUCHARIST

8 a.m. in the chapel

9:30 a.m. in the church

WEDNESDAY EUCHARIST

7 a.m. in the chapel

*(Breakfast served in the parish room
following the service)*



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