



THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST

HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II with BAPTISM

January 12, 2025 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!

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

YOUTH GROUP: Calling all middle and high schoolers! We'll meet for dinner and Commando Church today beginning at 5pm. Invite your friends!

ORGAN VOLUNTARY *Wie Schön Leuchtet* David Bednall (b. 1979)
(How Bright Appears the MorningStar)

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 497 *How bright appears the* *Wie schön leuchtet*
morning star

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

Isaiah 43:1-7

Thus says the Lord, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior. I give Egypt as your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you. Because you are precious in my sight, and honored, and I love you, I give

people in return for you, nations in exchange for your life. Do not fear, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you; I will say to the north, "Give them up," and to the south, "Do not withhold; bring my sons from far away and my daughters from the end of the earth—everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made."

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

Wade in the wa - ter, wade in the wa - ter, chil - dren,

Wade in the wa - ter, God's a-gon-na trou-ble the wa - ter. Fine

1. See that host all dressed in white,
2. See that band all dressed in red,
3. Look o - ver yon - der, what do I see? God's a - gon - na trou - ble the
4. If you don't be - lieve I've been re - deemed,

1. The lead - er looks like the Is - ra - elite,
2. Looks like the band that Mo - ses led,
3. The Ho - ly Ghost a - com - ing on me,
4. Just fol - low me down to Jor - dan's stream,

D.C.

God's a - gon - na trou - ble the wa - ter.

Title: *Wade in the water* Text: *Traditional*

Music: *Negro Spiritual; arr. Carl Haywood (b. 1949), from The Haywood Collection of Negro Spirituals*

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THE GOSPEL

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

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

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

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire." Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The people sit

THE SERMON

The Rev. Dr. Molly F. James

THE BAPTISMAL HYMN 297

Descend, O Spirit

Erhalt uns, Herr

PRESENTATION & EXAMINATION OF THE CANDIDATES

Mia Elizabeth Skurja and Gino Joseph Teodoro

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 CANDIDATES

Celebrant Let us now pray for these people who are to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

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

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Open their hearts to your grace and truth.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

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

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

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

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

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

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

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

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Bring them 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

N., 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,

N., 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 these your servants the forgiveness of sin, and have raised them to the new life of grace. Sustain them, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give them 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

The Baptism of Jesus

Peter Hallock (1924-2014)

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:

 Musical notation for the offertory hymn, consisting of two staves. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat. The melody is written on a five-line staff. The lyrics are: "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and". The second staff continues the melody with triplets indicated by a bracket and the number '3'. The lyrics are: "might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -".

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and

might, hea - ven 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: The Holy Eucharist II, Holy, holy, holy Lord: Sanctus

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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,
 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.

COMMUNION MUSIC

My Lord Has Come

Will Todd (b. 1970)

Wade in the Water

Calvin Taylor

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

RECESSIONAL HYMN 119

As with gladness men of old

Dix

THE DISMISSAL

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

People **Thanks be to God.**

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Declaration on "Dix"

Craig Philips (b. 1961)

PARTICIPANTS IN THE LITURGY

OFFICIANT – The Rev. Robert C. Hooper, III

CELEBRANT – The Rev. Robert M. Lofberg

PREACHER – The Rev. Dr. Molly F. James

ORGANIST – Michelle Horsley

SOLOISTS – Claire Burnett, alto; Lindsay Fawber, soprano

Dale Smith, bass; John Waterman, tenor

CHALICE BEARERS – John Wadsworth, Matt Schott

LECTOR – Jonathan Lewis

INTERCESSOR – Kate Jackson

ACOLYTES – Quinn Ciccone, Camden Jacobs, Mack Raissian

USHERS – Chuck Kinney, Rob Duncan, Jonathan Lewis, Kate Jackson

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, Nancy Jo.

THOSE IN OUR EXTENDED PARISH FAMILY Jeff, Christina, David, Quinn, Joanie, Teresa, Audra, Ann, Patricia, Carrie, John & Rita, Tavern, Mohan, Barbara, Hudson, Guy, Stephen, Clark, Sydney, Clare, Leo, Denise, Javier, Janet, Sue & Claudia, Larry, Gretchen, Denise, Jocelyn, Forrest, Laticia, Suzanne, Karen.

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

THE ALTAR FLOWERS Have been given to the glory of God in thanksgiving for the life of Mary S. Meyer.

THE ANGLICAN CYCLE OF PRAYER Pray for the Church of the Province of West Africa.

IN OUR DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER St. James', Danbury; Saint Luke's, Darien; St. Paul's, Darien; Immanuel St. James, Derby. For those who have been affected by and who have died from COVID-19/Coronavirus, their families, friends, healthcare workers, and frontline workers.

THOSE SERVING IN THE MILITARY Andrew Clark.

THOSE CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS Caroline Bowman, Lyla Maguire, and Leonardo Serpi.

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. 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.

MONDAY MUSIC & MORE

3Ms will meet on **Monday, January 13** at 4pm with Priscilla Hooper and Michelle Horsley. For more information or to register your child, contact Priscilla Hooper, education@stjameswh.org.

BIBLE STUDY

Please join us on **Monday, January 13** from 12:15-1pm in the Parish Room for an extended exploration of various portions of scripture led by the Rev. Robert Lofberg. Bring a bag lunch and come ready for a compelling conversation.

WOMEN OF ST. JAMES'S

The Women of St. James's invite you to a pizza party luncheon and social on **Tuesday, January 21** at 12pm in the dining room. All are welcome!

NEW YEAR, NEW ORGANIZERS, AND OPPORTUNITIES TO HOST

Please join us for coffee hour on Sunday to welcome our new coffee hour hosts, Liz Normand and Mary Goeldner. Better yet, show them some love right now by signing up for one or more coffee hour shifts, www.stjwh.org/coffee, either as a host or to contribute baked goods and other goodies. It's not as hard as you might think and comes with instructions and lots of support. Many thanks to all who have signed up for past and future shifts in support



of our weekly fellowship. If you have questions, please contact Mary Goeldner at marykirkg@gmail.com.

DAY OF SERVICE & COFFEE HOUR FORUM

Each year on Martin Luther King Jr. Day, we coordinate a number of volunteer opportunities for all ages. Please join us on Monday, January 20, as we work to honor Dr. King's legacy by building a more just and equitable society. We will engage our community in three projects with local organizations: Foodshare, Journey Home, and Hartford Catholic Worker. Go to www.stjwh.org/MLKDay for more information about each opportunity. Please sign up, join us, and bring a friend! Before the service day, the Rev. Rob Lofberg will lead a Coffee Hour Forum on the life of Dr. King at 11am in the Parish Hall on **Sunday, January 19**. All are welcome and encouraged to attend!

ANNUAL MEETING 2025

The Annual Meeting will be held on **Sunday, January 26** immediately following the 9:30 service in the church. Coffee will be available. All committee reports are due on Monday, January 6. The annual reports will be available on Sunday, January 19, one week prior to the meeting. Please take one per family. All parishioners are asked and encouraged to attend the meeting.

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, January 11**. Daniel Dollar chairs the group. Interested? Contact him at danielmdollar@gmail.com for further info.

HARTFORD CATHOLIC WORKER FOOD PANTRY

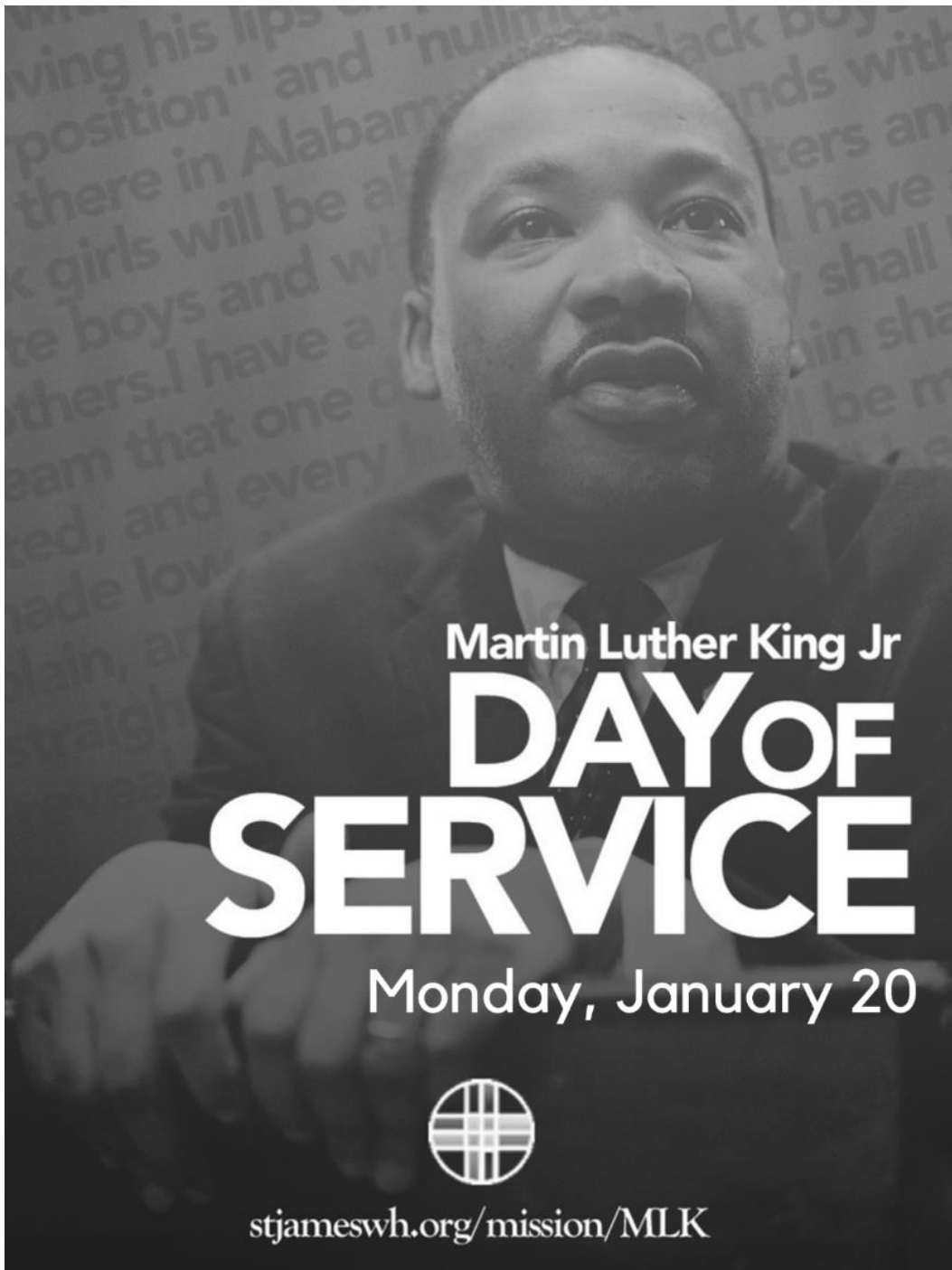
St. James's is currently asking for bi-weekly donations for the following items for the Hartford Catholic Worker: **tuna fish, mayo, peanut butter, jelly, pasta sauce, bags or boxes of pasta, and canned hearty stews**. Donations can be left in the cloister Monday through Friday 9a-4p. If you are dropping off after hours, please place donations in the rubber bin in front of the cloister door! Monetary donations are also accepted to help purchase these items. Just note "HCW Food Pantry" in memo.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

AA meetings convene in the dining room Mondays and Thursdays at 10am, Monday through Friday at 7am, and Saturdays at 7pm.

CLERGY VISITATION


If you or a loved one would like a member of the clergy to visit you at home or in the hospital, please contact the clergy at rector@stjameswh.org or assistant@stjameswh.org.



Martin Luther King Jr

DAY OF SERVICE

Monday, January 20



stjameswh.org/mission/MLK

STEWARDSHIP 2025 THANK YOU!

The following parishioners have pledged for 2025 as of January 9.

Names in italics are New Pledgers!

Franklin & Angie Dempsey, Bob & Priscilla Hooper, Mark Moyle, Robert Sedivy,
 Diane Mack & Robin Gilmartin, Bill & Judith Thompson, Louise Strillacci, Mari Merwin,
 Robert Hoyle & Heidi Sweeney, Eddie Jacovino & Elizabeth Porter, Rachael Desmond,
 Dean & Kathy Bolt, Ron Coons, Judy Lawes, Thomas Rouse & Susan Powers,
 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, John & Brenda Barrows, Joan Kayser,
 Bob Bausmith & Jill Peter-Gee, Leon Fraser & Marilyn Tomlinson, Fran Cobb,
 Bob & Carolee Ziegenhagen, Bruce & Donna Tompkins, Andrew & Pam Ponichtera,
 Bob & Claire Burnett, Doug & Ann Cooke, Sandra DeCelles, Mark & Cheri Evans,
 Rob Duncan & Chuck Kinney, Adam Fisher & Abby Williamson, Kimberly Goodrich,
 Michael & Linda Fournier, Kenneth & Susan Gutierrez, *William Hoar*, Chris Keesling,
 Stephen & Diane Hunter, Bette Kelly, Carolyn McGaughey, Harry Meyer, Judy Nellen,
 Sue Nelson, Ted & Ronnie Newton, Brad & Liz Normand, Borden Painter, Joan Phelps,
 David & Christine Pearson, Stephen & Lois Schneeberger, Michael & Hilary Sherrill,
Jean Smith, Tom & Sue Sweeney, Priscilla Thomas, John & Cheryl Wadsworth,
 Brendan Gooley & Valerie Ferdon, Bill & Nora Harris, Carol Hunt, Carol McDermott,
 Tyler & Courtney Smith, Mark & Cindy Welch, Joey Meyer & Eleanor Michael,
 Daniel & Ellen Dollar, Andrew Reynolds & Karin Zadzilko, Charles & Lia Collin,
 John & Elizabeth Waterman, Linda Vastano, Matthew Pinckney & Liisa Kuhn,
 Chuck Russo, Ron Ward, Greg & Judy Hock, Jerome & Mary Baier, Susan Lattanzio,
Rob Lofberg & Nicole Nigh, *Joan Ray*, Sam Auyeung, Sarah Bedell, Connie Duva,
 Nicholas Busse & Barbara Rua, Rafael & Elizabeth Gallegos, Greg & Jen Jacobs,
 David & Virginia Kramer, Hillary Lewis, Joseph & Jennifer Long, Peter & Chris Peterson,
 Bob & Betsy Smith, Alex Smith & Christine Pina, Patrick & Sheri Sparks,
 Richard M. Wenner, Christopher & Christina Wilson, Audrey Lamy, Barbara Schiller,
 Ken & Eileen Jackson, Jonathan Lewis & Kate Jackson, Jim Conway & Peggy McManus,
 Kevin & Kim Kindelberger, Scott & Alysse Serencha, Susan Ritz, Loretta Waldman,
 David Dynowski, Mark & Michelle Stafford, David & Jennifer Lemanski, Harry Meyer,
 Tim Chambers & Molly Bennett, John & Frances Bergquist, Will & Trish Tomlinson,
 Jon Harden & Lynne Lumsden, John & Vera Racine, Nick & Lauren Forcello,
 Rob Healy & Jessica Henning, Mary Ann Haar, Tony & Kerri Raissian, David Marshall,
 Chuck & Meredith Willson, Bob Fawber, Deirdre Penland, *Martha Hartle*.

2025 Vestry Nominations

Senior Warden	Greg Jacobs	Treasurer	Michael Sherrill
Junior Warden	Tyler Smith	Delegate	Greg Jacobs
Clerk	Barbara Rua	Delegate	Tyler Smith

New Vestry Member Profiles

Susan Gutierrez was raised in the Episcopal church on Long Island, N.Y. She lived in Baltimore and then D.C. before moving to Connecticut where, along with her two sons, regularly attended St. Alban's Episcopal Church in Simsbury for about 8 years. At St. Alban's, Susan was on the vestry and helped in a variety of other ways. She has been part of the St. James's community for about 15 years. Her two sons, now 26 and 27, were confirmed at St. James's when they were in high school. Throughout her years at St. James's, Susan has helped with a variety of outreach missions, and over the past year has become one of the devoted crew on Altar Guild. She helps weekly with the food pantry at Grace Church in Hartford and recently started to help monthly at Loaves and Fishes in Hartford as well. In her free time Susan enjoys reading, playing the piano, and walking her dog, Nala. She and her husband, Ken, live in Canton where Nala allows them to share her home.

Greg Jacobs is dad to Camden (9) and Hadley (7), as well as husband to his amazing wife Jen. He grew up going to St. James's and is happy to have recently rejoined the choir after a 20+ year hiatus. He and Jen were married here in 2011, and he served on the vestry from 2019 to 2022. As a family they've enjoyed many parish events, and their kids have loved going to KFC and 3Ms! Greg is a graduate of the University of Maryland and the Yale School of Management. After spending several years as an accountant and at Travelers, he now works for Verisk Analytics as a product manager. When not driving kids around town to activities or at choir, he enjoys hiking, cycling, and skiing. Greg is honored by the opportunity to serve as Senior Warden and excited to engage with such an outstanding group of lay staff, clergy, vestry members, and parishioners!

David Kramer and his wife Virginia joined St. James's in 2011, excited to be part of a vibrant and welcoming parish. Both lifelong Episcopalians, they were married at Trinity Episcopal Church in Hartford where their children Samantha and John were also baptized. At St. James's David serves as an usher, helps with coffee hour, makes sandwiches, and contributes to the music programs. David grew up in Mansfield, OH, and is a graduate of the Eastman School of Music. He is a music teacher in the Farmington Public Schools, conducts two youth orchestras at the Hartt School, and performs in the cello section of the Hartford Symphony. He and Virginia love to hike and bike the many beautiful trails of New England.

Jonathan Lewis has been a resident of West Hartford since 1994 and a member of St. James's since 1997. He is currently a corporate attorney at Henkel Corporation, where he supervises North American mergers and acquisitions and provides legal support for the industrial adhesives division. He graduated from Bates College and has JD/MBA from the University of Connecticut. He is married to the wonderful and loud Kate Jackson, and has two fantastic sons: Harrison, who recently graduated from Penn State, who he consults on all important Boston and UConn sports matters, and Charlie, a first year at UConn, who he regularly enlists for spirited political debate. At St. James's, Jonathan participates as an usher, a lay reader, and a member of the livestream team, and he is actively involved in Trivia Night, the Chili Cook-Off (2-time champion ...), the Fall Auction, and other events. He is happy to be joining the vestry again after serving two previous "tours."

Susan Ritz has been a parishioner at St. James for 25 years. She is a retired clinical psychologist whose career was dedicated to working with children who experienced severe psychological trauma. Dr. Ritz is involved in the Good News Garden and the Embrace Ministry at St. James's and is currently completing the second year of the Education for Ministry (EFM) program. She enjoys traveling and hiking with her husband Greg as well as cooking, gardening, and yoga.

St. James's Annual ...

Chili Cookoff

**Saturday
January 25
at 5:30pm
in the
Parish Hall**

**Make a batch of chili and enter the contest
or just come, savor, and enjoy!**



THE YALE WHIFFENPOOFS



**ST. JAMES'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2025 AT 7PM**

"MORE THAN 100 YEARS AGO, ON A FROSTY JANUARY NIGHT IN NEW HAVEN, CONNECTICUT, FIVE OF THE YALE GLEE CLUB'S BEST SINGERS CONVENED AT MORY'S TEMPLE BAR TO ESCAPE THE COLD. LOUIS LINDER, THE TAVERN'S BARKEEP AND A MUSIC AFICIONADO, WELCOMED THEM IN, BEGINNING AN INSTITUTION THAT SURVIVES TO THIS DAY."

St. James's Episcopal Church
1018 Farmington Avenue, West Hartford
Tickets: Starting at \$25



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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The Rev'd Robert C. Hooper III *Rector*
 The Rev'd Robert M. Lofberg *Assistant Rector*
 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*

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