



# the OPEN DOOR

news from St. James's

## From the Rector's Desk

Dear Members of the St. James's Community,

As hopefully you all know St. James's new(ish) assistant rector, The Rev. Joe Rose, will be ordained to the priesthood 6:30pm on Tuesday, January 31 by our new bishop, The Rt. Rev. Jeff Mello. Everyone is invited to attend, and we hope that you will and bring the kids. There will be a reception afterwards. Helping Joe plan his ordination and to be a part of his journey these past few months has made me somewhat reflective of not only my own ordination but the path that God has led me on ever since.

Many of you know my journey before ordination: lifelong Episcopalian turned stockbroker turned priest. With my family being at the core of my life as well as a deeply held understanding of the power of the incarnation and God's Grace.

When I first started thinking about reflecting with you all on my ordination, I first thought I would write about the day itself. Nothing went as planned. It was January 1995 and Northern Virginia, where we lived, received 30 inches of snow in 24 hours. Washington D.C. shut down, as were all the airports and train stations. A friend of mine remarked that she knew hell would freeze over before I got ordained – and it did. The service was postponed for two days and several good friends who had planned to attend were never able to make it.

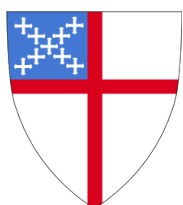
While a funny story (now) not at all that important in my life and ministry over the years.

What is important is the work that I have been a part of and the wonderful people I have done it with along the way. Priscilla and I have made lifelong friends we now consider family. You/They have walked with us in some of the darkest moments (such as the loss of our mothers) and during the most joyous (such as the birth of our children and our granddaughter). We have grieved together as we have walked with you in your dark moments and celebrated at the peaks. During it all, God's presence has been fully known.

I try to remind the newly ordained that this life is full of surprises and God's Grace will lead you through. It's not just the people but the experiences. I have had the opportunity to travel to distant lands experiencing God at work: from medical missions in Haiti; to the Caribbean and South America with high schoolers doing God's work and exploring how they can make a difference; to walking days on end across Spain meeting and seeing the diversity of God's creation. And many more life-changing experiences and opportunities here at home.

God, my family, and you have formed me into the priest that I am becoming as well as the father, the husband, the friend and the man that I am. My priesthood and my ability to know God in the work that I get to do and the people who do it with me is a privilege that I hope to never take for granted.

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To Learn, Live, and Teach the Values  
of the Gospel of Jesus Christ

Jan/Feb 2023

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## Highlights in Jan/Feb

- **Sunday, Jan 15** MLK Hymn Sing & Potluck Supper, 5pm
- **Monday, Jan 16** Martin Luther King Day of Service
- **Saturday, Jan 21** Annual Chili Cookoff, 5:30pm
- **Sunday, Jan 22** Annual Meeting, 11am
- **Friday, Jan 27** Silent Movie with Jason Roberts, 7pm
- **Saturday, Feb 11** Trivia Night, 6pm
- **Sunday, Feb 12** Doug Williams & Alan Murchie in Concert, 4pm
- **Monday, Feb 20** An evening with the US Singing Sergeants, 7pm
- **Shrove Tuesday, Feb 21** Pancake Supper, 5:30pm
- **Ash Wednesday, Feb 22** Services at 7am, 12 & 7pm
- **Sunday, Feb 26** Lenten Series Begins, 11am

Services are livestreamed every Sunday. Sign up for weekly emails to receive links and more information. Go to: [www.stjameswh.org/resources/newsletter-subscribe](http://www.stjameswh.org/resources/newsletter-subscribe).

But it did not all start on that snowy day so many years ago. It started at the very beginning with parents who loved me and my sisters enough to make sure that the church was always present in our lives – and the knowledge that we were loved by them and our God. I am reminded of this when I look up from my computer and see, hanging beside my ordination certificates, my baptismal certificate. It is proof that we all have a ministry, and I hope that you will embrace yours.

It has been a long, strange, and joyous trip and I look forward to many more years of sharing it with you.



## From the Assistant Rector

DEAR St. James's Family,

As we journey together from the Christmas season into Epiphanytide and Lent in the coming weeks, I wanted to share a daily prayer practice that keeps me grounded in gratitude.

Every morning, when I wake up, I say these words before my feet hit the floor next to my bed: "I love you, God." When I recently shared this little tradition with Jeffrey Mello, Connecticut's new bishop diocesan, he asked me if I ever heard God respond. Frankly, it caught me off-guard. I held and pondered the bishop's question through Advent. Have I heard God respond to my daily proclamation of love? Well, yes. Yes, in so many ways.

This is a topic that I will explore on a deeper level with Alan Murchie during our upcoming Lenten coffee-hour series on C.S. Lewis' book "The Four Loves." But I would also like to take this opportunity to let you know that I have found God's answer in community with all of you since Heidi and I arrived in September.

I hear God's answer in the work, prayer, fellowship, imagination, and faithful commitment to discipleship at St. James's. I hear it in the glorious unison of the choir. I heard it in the life-giving cacophony of children dressed as shepherds and stable animals during the outdoor nativity walk in December. I have heard it in the rustling of bread bags while we make sandwiches for Loaves and Fishes after church. I think I've even heard it in the rumble and sigh of our disobedient furnace. It's hard to put God's answer to me into words. It's ineffable. It is part of the peace that Paul writes about in Philippians 4 -- a peace that "surpasses all understanding."

As I prepare for my ordination to the priesthood on January 31 and continue to serve as your assistant rector, I am reminded of how God's love for me -- and for all of us -- is abundant. I am seriously in a place of great joy.

In divine love, I hear God reply: Follow Jesus in joy. Serve in joy. Be stubborn and steadfast with that joy. Bottle it up! In fact, Bishop Mello's question to me inspired the scripture readings that I chose for my ordination service. Philippians 4:49 will be part of the night. This passage points us, as followers of Christ and keepers of the light, to be mindful that the sorrows and troubles of this broken world aren't the final word. It urges us to interpret both happy times and dark times by the light of God's kingdom. In fact, we are called to practice joy as an act of defiance.

In Paul's prison epistle to the Philippians, his joyful words, inked amidst brutal hardship, are an invitation to see not only our triumphs and celebrations but our struggles and sacrifices as participating in the bigger story of Jesus.

It's helpful to know Paul's story. Much of the apostle's ministry was a lesson in affliction. Paul was shipwrecked, beaten, snake-bitten, hunted by assassins and frequently jailed for long periods. The church in Philippi was the first Jesus community that Paul started in Eastern Europe. Filled with retired soldiers, Philippi was a Roman colony where patriotic nationalism was rampant, making life hard for people trying to be faithful to the way of Jesus. Being in a Roman prison was no picnic, but Paul thanks his supporters in Philippi for their support. All things considered, he seems to be in a pretty good mood about his situation and calls on the Philippians to rejoice with him in his adversity. The words "joy," "rejoice," and "be glad" appear a combined sixteen times in the short letter. Paul isn't encouraging Christians to throw a party in response to suffering and hardship. Rather, he is imploring us not to surrender our joy to fear and cynicism.

Paul's letter invites us to focus on what is true and life-giving -- to keep a faith that gives us, as individuals and as a community, the ability to see beauty and hope in any circumstance.

Looking around, walking with you, I see beauty and hope in so many places at St. James's. You may not realize it, but I see and hear a church family constantly saying, "I love you, God."

Over the next two months, I encourage you to open your ears and your heart to hear God's response. I pray that it brings you a joy that is hard to put into words.

Faithfully yours in Christ,





## By the Grace of God

The Rt. Rev. Jeffrey W. Mello  
Bishop Diocesan of the Episcopal Church in Connecticut  
will ordain

## Joseph John Rose

to the Sacred Order of Priests  
in Christ's one holy catholic and apostolic  
Church

Tuesday, the thirty-first day of January  
in the year of our Lord 2023  
6:30 in the evening

St. James's Episcopal Church  
1018 Farmington Avenue  
West Hartford, CT 06107  
[Stjameswh.org](http://Stjameswh.org)

Your prayers and presence are requested  
Clergy Red Stoles ~ Reception to Follow

# From the Associate for Education & Music

## The Extraordinary Spiritual Riches of “Year A”

ITS name is rather ordinary and prosaic — Lectionary Year A, we’ve deemed it — yet the riches it holds are anything but. Named “Year A” because it is the first in a sequence of three year-long cycles of scripture readings for Sunday mornings, the year we’ve just entered will offer us lots of Matthew and just a bit of Luke alongside many of John’s most poignant vignettes. It’s a year that will bring us the visit of the Magi; the Sermon on the Mount; Jesus’s poignant encounters with Nicodemus, the man born blind, and the unnamed Samaritan Woman; the raising of Lazarus; a mystical encounter between Jesus and two disciples along the road to Emmaus; and more. Here’s what we can look forward to in the coming months:

### †It’s a Matthew year.

Years A, B & C follow a simple pattern: We read Matthew in Year A, Mark in B and Luke in C. All have a bit of John sprinkled in. Until next December, therefore, we’ll be hearing a lot from Matthew. What shall we expect from this vivid, passionate and eloquent evangelist whose gospel was known for centuries as the church’s most prized?

### •beautiful and challenging teachings

Matthew appears to have structured his gospel in five “books” of teaching, perhaps suggesting a new Torah to stand alongside (though not replace — Matthew is clear about that) the older one. It’s in Matthew that we are exhorted by Jesus, for example, to offer the other cheek in response to being struck, to give up our possessions, and to love our enemies. Expect to hear Jesus reinterpret the law for a new age, the Kingdom age that has arrived with and in him: a long-promised realm of true justice, mercy, and peace. Jesus calls us into this kingdom reality.

### •a profound meditation on power

At its heart, Matthew is about power: from the very beginning, we watch as, for example, Herod’s self-serving human power is vividly juxtaposed with the divine power that inspires Joseph to put aside his own needs and anxieties in service of God’s loving and love-giving vision for the world.

### •a new family

It’s not the expected elite, but a band of Zoroastrian stargazers who make it to Jesus’s bedside as Matthew’s gospel open. That’s a lovely story, but, much more profoundly, the “three kings” point to the new family we see built in Matthew — a family with no limits, into which we are all known as God’s beloved.

### •lots of symbolism

Matthew will puzzle us at times. Why, for example, does he present his genealogy of Jesus in three sets of fourteen generations? Well, as it turns out, fourteen is a potent symbol of David in Jewish thought ( $D+V+D = 14$ ). And why are twelve prophecies fulfilled? For Matthew, that’s one for each tribe of Israel, or perhaps for each disciple. What’s critical for us here is to see the heart of Matthew’s project: He is connecting our past to our present and future. God’s eternal promises live on; the promised Messiah has come! A new reign of peace, justice, truth and love has begun.

### †And it’s also peppered with glorious moments from John.

•The designers of Year A knew we’d need a break from the ever-intense Matthew from time to time. And so we anticipate several glorious weeks with John: Lent this year will be filled with his deeply-moving quest stories, vignettes in which Jesus brings interlocutors to enlightenment, to life in the Spirit, and to, as he puts it, the “eternity” of knowing and abiding Jesus.

I look forward to sharing this adventure with you!

Alan

## EDUCATION



## AND MUSIC

### Important Dates

#### Sunday, January 15

MLK Hymn Sing & Potluck  
Supper, 5pm

#### Monday, January 16

Martin Luther King Day  
of Service

#### Friday, January 27

Silent Movie with  
Jason Roberts, 7pm

#### Sunday, February 12

Doug Williams, baritone, and  
Alan Murchie, piano, at 4pm

#### Monday, February 20

The United States Air Force  
Singing Sergeants, 7pm

## Jubilate Deo!

O be joyful in the  
Lord all ye lands;  
serve the Lord with  
gladness and come  
before his presence  
with a song. *Psalms 100:1*

## Midwinter Music at St. James's

**W**E are excited to anticipate an unusually rich and varied two months of music-making on a near horizon in 2023 here at St. James's. Events include a return visit by baritone Douglas Williams, a rare concert appearance by the celebrated Singing Sergeants of the United States Air Force, and an Evening at the Movies featuring the unique gifts of our former choirmaster and organist Jason Roberts.

### Hymn Sing

We are excited to offer the first in a series of old-fashioned all-parish hymn sings on the evening of Sunday, January 15, both for fun and to celebrate the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday. We will sing around the Mason and Hamlin piano in our parish hall while enjoying a potluck dinner; the evening will conclude with a few grand hymns from the sanctuary organ and a brief service of compline. Which favorites will you choose? Blessed Assurance? Lift High The Cross? Go, Tell It On The Mountain? We look forward to gathering with parishioners of all ages for this evening of fellowship, food, fun, and music.

**Hymn Sing and Potluck | Sunday, January 15 at 6 PM**

### Evening at the Movies with Jason Roberts

Jason Roberts, who is among the world's best improvisers at the organ, served here at St. James's as our Organist and Choirmaster for seven years. In 2014 he moved to New York City to work at St. Bartholomew's on Park Avenue; he is now at Blessed Sacrament on the Upper West Side. We are delighted that he will be back with us to improvise a soundtrack to the silent Buster Keaton comedy "The Navigator" on Friday evening, January 27 at 7:00. Please watch this brief clip of Jason's work — you will see that his humor, brilliance and artistry are not to be missed. [https://youtu.be/\\_mI-gLZw1oA](https://youtu.be/_mI-gLZw1oA)

**Jason Roberts | Friday, January 27 at 7 PM**

### Douglas Williams, bass-baritone

I'm excited to collaborate again with my friend Doug Williams, the splendid bass-baritone who lives in Berlin, Germany but who grew up here in Connecticut (in Farmington, where his parents still live) and enjoys performing when he comes home to visit. This winter, he and I are designing a program for Sunday, February 12 that, given its proximity to St. Valentine's Day, reflects on the theme of love, both human and divine. We are still developing the program; composers are expected to include Robert and Clara Schumann in addition to Mendelssohn, Liszt, and more.

**Douglas Williams and Alan Murchie | Sunday, February 12 at 4 PM**

### The United States Air Force "Singing Sergeants"

The Singing Sergeants are a virtuoso vocal group comprised of conservatory graduates who, in addition to being fine singers, are members of the United States Air Force. They tour nationally every year, and we are fortunate that they asked St. James's to be one of their venues in 2023. Their tour also includes appearances at Carnegie Hall and the Kennedy Center. Formed 75 years ago, they will appear at St. James's on, of all days, Presidents Day, Monday, February 20. Tickets will be free of charge and undoubtedly go quickly; they will be available through Eventbrite and we will share the link and additional information once it is available. For now, here is a brief clip of their recent performance of Leonard Cohen's Hallelujah. [https://youtu.be/oU\\_Ru13cY\\_g](https://youtu.be/oU_Ru13cY_g)

**USAF Singing Sergeants | Monday, February 20 at 7 PM**

Alan



# St. James's Center for Family Ministries



*Nurturing your children's  
spiritual life from birth  
through high school*

## **KFC (Kids for Christ) Sundays at 9:30am**

*KFC (Kids for Christ) meets in  
the parish hall on Sundays.  
If you have questions, please  
email Priscilla at:  
[education@stjameswh.org](mailto:education@stjameswh.org).*

## **Mondays Music & More**

*A fun program for children  
ages 3 to third grade every  
Monday from 4 to 5:15pm  
during the program year.  
Music with the Rev. Alan  
Murchie and art with  
Priscilla Hooper.*



**H**APPY New Year! I can't believe that we are in January 2023. That just sounds crazy. As we look to the New Year, we have so many wonderful events coming up.

Mondays Music & More (3Ms) will return on January 9 after a Christmas break. We are shortening the time to 4 to 5:15 as we have learned the kids get a little worn out by 5:30. This also reduces the parking lot crowding with Music Together. There will be no 3Ms on Martin Luther King Day, January 16.

Youth Group will start with the always popular Commando Church on Sunday, January 8 from 5:30 to 7. This is a great game that the kids always enjoy and it is finally dark enough for us to play. Join us for dinner and the game. Wear black or dark clothes!

Next up is the Martin Luther King hymn sing and potluck dinner on Sunday, January 15. This is a new event that Alan came up with that is sure to be fun. I hope all of you can join us for it.

Later in January, we have the Chili Cook-off on January 21. Bring your best chili or just come for the fun. Returning for an encore performance is Jason Roberts performing the soundtrack for a silent movie on Friday, January 27. If you haven't been to this event, believe me it is not something you want to miss! It is fun for all ages.

In February, there is a Trivia Night, an Air Force Singing Sergeants Concert and of course, a Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper.

So, there is a lot going on. Don't miss it.

On another note, there is always Sunday morning Eucharist at St. James's. I recently found this short write up which completely explains how we feel about kids at St. James's.

"Bring them to church. Saturate their lives with the Word of God. Even if they lay on the floor. Even if they need 437 goldfish and a sucker to be quiet. Even if you stand in the back swaying back and forth holding them. Even when it is hard. Even when your row looks like a small hurricane just came through. Bring them to church. Let them see you worship. Let them see you pray. Let them see you running toward the Savior...because if they don't see and learn these things from you, who are they going to learn them from?"

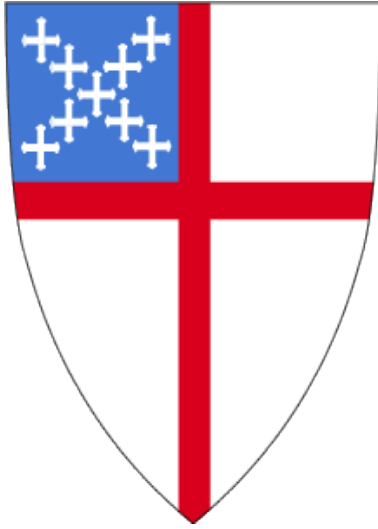
The world will teach them it's not a priority. The world will teach them it's okay to lay out, not to pick up their Bibles. The world will direct them so far off course, confuse them, and misinform them that just being "good" is enough. The world won't teach them about Jesus. That is our job."

Bring them to church.

By John Ayers

As I always say, I consider it an honor and a great joy to spend time with your children. Thank you for sharing them with me.

Your sister in Christ,



## Treasurer's Report: January—November 2022

**Summary of Current Position:** The church ended November with a deficit relative to budget of more than \$8,400, a significant improvement from the \$32,000 deficit position as of the end of October. An increase in pledge payments during the month as well as a successful (and fun!) fundraising auction improved the income component. Expenses continue to be a challenge, especially for property related items.

### Income & Expense Summary:

Category	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	YTD Variance
Income (+)	\$801,778	778,111	23,667 Above plan
Expense (-)	809,673	777,588	32,085 Above plan
<i>Net</i>	<b>(7,895)</b>	<b>523</b>	<b>8,418</b> Negative variance to budget

**Income:** Year-to-date (YTD) actual income is \$23,667 above budget (or 3.0% above budget). At the end of October, income was 1.1% below budget. The following components impacted the income position through the end of November: Regular Contributions (Current-Year Pledges, Prior-Year Pledges, Seasonal Offerings and Unspecified Offerings) are \$7,064 above their \$524,869 budget (or 1.3% above budget, an improvement from last month when contributions were 2.9% below budget). Current-Year Pledges, the largest item in this category are \$10,400 above budget. At the end of October, Current Year Pledges were \$10,500 below budget.

**Special Contributions:** The Special Contributions, General Purposes category primarily contains contributions from the rector's annual appeal. This category exceeds its budget by \$3,800.

**Expense:** YTD expenses are currently \$32,085, or 4.1%, above budget. As of the end of October, expenses were 3.4% above budget. The Property expense category continues to be the greatest challenge: Property: Currently \$24,660 above its \$111,463 budget. At the end of October, Property exceeded its budget by \$19,170. Gas expenses are more than \$9,000 higher than budgeted and Electricity is \$2,500 higher than budgeted. General Maintenance is \$6,000 higher than budgeted and is being reviewed. Administration: \$4,400 above its budget due to office supplies, telephones, and the annual audit.

**WARRANT**  
**St. James's**  
**Episcopal Church**  
will hold its  
Annual Meeting  
after the 9:30  
service on  
  
**Sunday,**  
**January 22**  
**in the year 2023**

**All parishioners are  
asked to attend**

# Mission

## Hartford Catholic Worker Food Pantry

**S**T. 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, canned soup, and canned beans (black, red, pinto, etc.). Donations can be left at the cloister door Monday through Friday 9:30a-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 line.

## Christmas Gifts for Parkville Children

**M**ANY thanks to those who participated in the Christmas gifts for the children of the Grace Church Food Pantry families. Your response was overwhelming. Thirty-two family units at St. James's donated over 500 gifts to 102 children. Your generosity will make Christmas morning very special for these children.

## Christmas Bags

*Collection of men's socks and toiletries*

**T**HANK you to all who donated men's boot socks and toiletries to the annual Christmas Bag collection. We delivered 125 Christmas bags to The Open Hearth, and 75 were delivered to the McKinney Men's Shelter in Hartford. Thank you for your generosity!

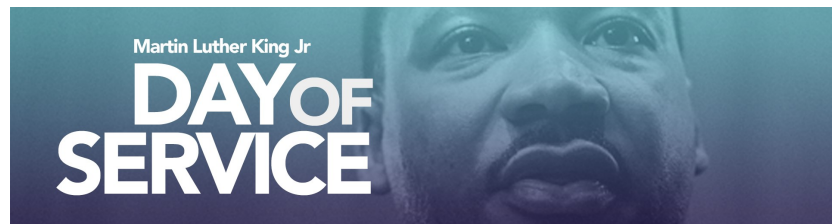
## Around the Parish

### Men's Discussion Group

*Second and Fourth Saturdays*

**A** group of men from Saint James's Church 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. Past discussions have focused on thoughts from Marcus Borg's "The Heart of Christianity: Rediscovering a Life of Faith. The next meetings will be held **Saturdays, January 14 and 28; February 11 and 25**. Light refreshments are served.

Daniel Dollar chairs the group. If you are interested, contact him at [danielmdollar@gmail.com](mailto:danielmdollar@gmail.com) for further information.



## Martin Luther King Hymn Sing & Potluck followed by a Day of Service

*Sunday, January 15 / Monday, January 16*

**E**ACH year on Martin Luther King Jr. Day, we coordinate a number of volunteer opportunities for all ages. This is a great way to make this a 'day on' instead of just a 'day off'. Use the sign-up sheets on Sunday mornings to indicate where you would like to serve. Because of Covid-19 we had to take a hiatus in 2021 and 2022, but are happy to be planning a service day for **January 16, 2023**. Foodshare service day will take place on Thursday, January 19. Sites are currently being planned and more information will be forthcoming in Sunday bulletins and weekly emails. Some of the past sites include: Hartford Catholic Worker, Journey Home, Church Street Eats, and Foodshare. A great way to serve the community and make some new friends.

Before our service day, we will hold a MLK Hymn Sing and Potluck Supper on **Sunday, January 15** at 5pm at St. James's. Please bring a dish to share with the group, if you are able. All are welcome so invite someone to join you!

## St. James's Chili Cookoff

*Saturday, January 21 at 5:30pm*



**T**HIS year's chili cookoff will be held on **Saturday, January 21 at 5:30pm** in the parish hall. Even if you are not a chili maker, please come and enjoy a variety of chilis prepared by our very own St. James's chefs. This is a contest, so you be the judge on which chili is the best! If you are planning on entering a batch of chili, please prepare enough for 8-10 people. Cornbread, beverage, and other items will also be served. All are welcome!

## Celtic Worship

*January 1 and February 5*

**E**XPERIENCE worship in the Celtic tradition every first Sunday of the month from October through June at 4:30pm. Chant, silence, prayer, and music from around the world are incorporated into the service. Our next meetings will be held on **Sundays, January 1 (tentative) and February 5**. All are welcome! Locations will be forthcoming. Look for more information in the Sunday bulletins.



## Silent Movie with Jason Roberts

Friday, January 27 at 7pm

**J**OIN us for a screening of Buster Keaton's hilarious comedy "The Navigator," with a live and entirely improvised accompaniment. Jason Roberts, Director of Music at Blessed Sacrament in New York City and a former Organist and Choirmaster at St. James's, will be at the organ. Find out what going to the movies was like in the 1920s: it's half concert and half movie!



ST JAMES'S  
CONCERT SERIES  
PRESENTS... **THE US  
SINGING  
SERGEANTS**

PRESIDENT'S DAY  
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 20  
AT 7PM

ST JAMES'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
1018 FARMINGTON AVENUE  
WEST HARTFORD CENTER



## Lenten Coffee Hour Forums

Sundays February 26—March 19

### "The Four Loves" by C.S. Lewis

Join the Rev. Alan Murchie, associate for music and education, and the Rev. Joseph Rose, assistant rector, for a series of coffee hour forums on C.S. Lewis' wise and warmly personal book exploring the nature of human and Christian love, which draws in sources from Jane Austen and St. Augustine. Each Sunday, Alan and Joe will explore one of Lewis' four loves – storge, philia, eros and agape – and discuss ways for people to open themselves to all forms of love to bring us closer to God during Lent.

*Forums are held in the parish hall (unless otherwise stated) with coffee and refreshments provided. All are encouraged to attend.*

**SAVE THE DATE!**

**ST. JAMES'S  
SECOND ANNUAL...**

**Saturday, February 11  
at 6pm**

**Serving beer, wine, soda,  
and munchies:  
Wings, sliders, nacho bar  
and more...**

**St. James's Episcopal Church  
West Hartford Center / In the parish hall**

**PUB**   
**TRIVIA  
NIGHT**

## Shrove Tuesday & Ash Wednesday

February 21 and 22

**J**OIN us for a pancake supper on **Shrove Tuesday, February 21** at 5:30pm in the dining room. All are welcome!

**A**SH Wednesday Holy Eucharist with Imposition of Ashes will be held on February 22 at 7am in the chapel followed by breakfast in the parish room; 12:10 and 7pm in the church.

## Registry and Readings

### Deaths

**Paul Mangiafico**  
November 20, 2022

### Transfers Out

**Rob, Katy, and Millie Hooper**  
December 12, 2022  
To St. James Parish, Wilmington, NC

### Transfers In

**The Rev. Molly James and family**  
December 14, 2022  
From Grace Church, Hartford

## Parish Birthdays

Children and Youth



### JANUARY

Laila Chacra, 1  
Wilder Dempsey, 4  
Cora Giuffrida, 6  
Charlotte Willson, 6  
Lucy Adams, 9  
Ollie Tewksbury, 10  
Caroline Bowman, 13  
Leonardo Serpi, 18  
Magnolia Corrigan, 22  
Amelia Chenault, 24  
Kate Healy, 25  
Harry Keating, 26  
Ben Dollar, 27

### FEBRUARY

Francesca Galante, 1  
Declan Hart, 2  
Jack Bowman, 3  
Margaret Busse, 3  
Ali Colburn, 3  
Lauren Howland, 4  
James O'Sullivan, 4  
Bryson Tagliavini, 4  
Carol Conca, 5  
Virginia Collin, 7  
Henry Racine, 7  
Benjamin Lawrence, 13  
Danielle DiGiacomo, 16

Harriet Busse, 19  
Makenzie Gallagher, 20  
Nate Meyer, 21  
Elizabeth O'Sullivan, 22  
Jessalyn Kirsch, 23  
Gwendolyn Wills, 23  
Aida Messinger, 25  
Lillian Tagliavini, 25  
Olivia Shuey, 26

## Parish Prayer List

### Those in our parish family

Jeffrey, Greg, Elsa, Michael, Frank, Elly, Chuck, Sue, Will, Tom, Chris.

### Those in our extended parish family

Jenifer, Nancy, Jeff, Carol, Christina, Jean, Jeff, Karen, David, Quinn, Joanie, Teresa, Audra, Ann, Patricia, Carrie, John & Rita, Tavern, Mohan, Larry, Barbara, Hudson, Guy, Stephen, Clark, Sydney, Clare, Leo, Denise, Javier, Susan & Gordon, Kristine & Noel, Janet, Annelise, Sue & Claudia, Larry, Nicki, Denise, Trevor.

### Those Serving in the Military:

Andrew Clark, Ed Vera, and Justin Hagemann.

## Sunday Lectionary

### Holy Name, January 1

Numbers 6:22-27; Galatians 4:4-7  
or Philippians 2:5-11; Luke 2:15-21; Psalm 8

### The Baptism of Our Lord, January 8

Isaiah 42:1-9; Acts 10:34-43; Matthew 3:13-17; Psalm 29

### Second Sunday after Epiphany, January 15

Isaiah 49:1-7; 1 Corinthians 1:1-9  
John 1:29-42; Psalm 40:1-12

### Third Sunday after Epiphany, January 22

Isaiah 9:1-4; 1 Corinthians 1:10-18  
Matthew 4:12-23; Psalm 27:1, 5-13

### Fourth Sunday after Epiphany, January 29

Micah 6:1-8; 1 Corinthians 1:18-31;  
Matthew 5:1-12; Psalm 15

### Fifth Sunday after Epiphany, February 5

Isaiah 58:1-9a, [9b-12]; 1 Corinthians 2:1-12, [13-16]  
Matthew 5:13-20; Psalm 112:1-9, (10)

### Sixth Sunday after Epiphany, February 12

Deuteronomy 30:15-20; or Sirach 15:15-20  
1 Corinthians 3:1-9; Matthew 5:21-37; Psalm 119:1-8

### Last Sunday after Epiphany, February 19

Exodus 24:12-18; 2 Peter 1:16-21  
Matthew 17:1-9; Psalm 2 or Psalm 99

### Ash Wednesday, February 22

Joel 2:1-2, 12-17; or Isaiah 58:1-12; 2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10  
Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21; Psalm 103 or 103:8-14

### First Sunday in Lent, February 26

Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7; Romans 5:12-19  
Matthew 4:1-11; Psalm 32

## Women Of St. James's January/February



### Tuesday, January 10

Winter Picnic Luncheon

Program: The Rev. Alan Murchie, Assoc. for Education & Music

### Tuesday, January 24

Silent Auction

Please bring a bag lunch

### Tuesday, February 7

Valentine Buffet Luncheon

Program: Cindy & Mark Welch—Building a Plane/EAA Airventure

### Tuesday, February 21

Shrove Tuesday Feast

Program: The Rev. Bob Hooper, Rector

# January/February

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1 New Year's Day</b> No 8:00 service 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist, Rite II & Livestream—Church 11:30 AM 200 Identical Sandwiches	<b>2 Parish office closed</b> 7:00 AM AA Group - DR 10:00 AM AA Group - DR	<b>3</b> 7:00 AM AA Group - DR	<b>4/1</b> 7:00 AM AA Group - DR 7:00 AM Holy Eucharist—Chapel	<b>5/2</b> 7:00 AM AA Group - DR 10:00 AM AA Group—DR	<b>6/3</b> 7:00 AM AA Group - DR	<b>7/4</b> 7:00 PM AA Group—DR
<b>8/5</b> 8:00 AM Holy Eucharist, Rite II—Chapel 9:30 AM Holy Eucharist, Rite II w/ Livestream—Church 9:30 AM Holy Eucharist, Rite II w/Baptism & Livestream—Church 9:30 AM KFC (Kids for Christ) - PH 11:00 AM 200 Identical Sandwiches 11:00 AM Prepare for Loaves and Fishes 11:00 AM Coffee Hour —PH 5:00 PM Youth Group	<b>9/6</b> 7:00 AM AA Group - DR 10:00 AM AA Group - DR 11:30 AM Serve for Loaves and Fishes 4:00 PM Monday Music & More	<b>10/7</b> 7:00 AM AA Group - DR 12:00 PM WOSJ Luncheon—DR	<b>11/8</b> 7:00 AM AA Group - DR 7:00 AM Holy Eucharist—Chapel 5:30 PM B&G Choir 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal—CR	<b>12/9</b> 7:00 AM AA Group - DR 10:00 AM AA Group—DR	<b>13/10</b> 7:00 AM AA Group - DR	<b>14/11</b> <b>NO AA</b> 8:00 AM Men's Discussion Group - PR 6:00 PM Trivia Night—PH 7:00 PM AA Group—DR
<b>15/12</b> 8:00 AM Holy Eucharist, Rite II—Chapel 9:30 AM Holy Eucharist, Rite II w/ Livestream—Church 9:30 AM KFC (Kids for Christ) - PH 11:00 AM 200 Identical Sandwiches 11:00 AM Prepare for Loaves and Fishes 11:00 AM Coffee Hour —PH 4:00 PM Doug Williams & Alan Murchie Concert — Church 5:00 PM MLK Hymn Sing & Potluck	<b>16/13 MLK DAY</b> <b>Parish office closed</b> <b>Martin Luther King Day of Service</b> 7:00 AM AA Group - DR 10:00 AM AA Group - DR 11:30 AM Serve for Loaves and Fishes 4:00 PM Monday Music & More—CR 6:30 PM EfM—PR	<b>17/14</b> 7:00 AM AA Group - DR 7:00 PM Vestry—PR	<b>18/15</b> 7:00 AM AA Group - DR 7:00 AM Holy Eucharist—Chapel 10:30 AM Holy Eucharist—McAuley 5:30 PM B&G Choir 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal—CR	<b>19/16</b> 7:00 AM AA Group - DR 10:00 AM AA Group -DR <b>10:00 AM FOODSHARE</b>	<b>20/17</b> 7:00 AM AA Group - DR	<b>21/18</b> <b>NO AA</b> 5:30 PM Chili Cookoff—PH 7:00 PM AA Group—DR
<b>22/19</b> 8:00 AM Holy Eucharist, Rite II—Chapel 9:30 AM Holy Eucharist, Rite II & Livestream—Church 9:30 AM KFC (Kids for Christ) - PH 11:00 AM 200 Identical Sandwiches 11:00 AM Coffee Hour —PH 11:00 AM Annual Meeting—Church	<b>23/20</b> <b>President's Day</b> <b>Parish office closed</b> 7:00 AM AA Group - DR 10:00 AM AA Group - DR 6:30 PM EfM—PR 7:00 PM US Singing Sergeants—Church	<b>24/21</b> 7:00 AM AA Group - DR 12:00 PM WOSJ Luncheon—DR 5:30 PM Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper—DR 7:00 PM Vestry Meeting	<b>25/22</b> <b>Ash Wednesday</b> 7:00 AM AA Group - DR 7:00 AM Holy Eucharist—Chapel 7:00 AM Holy Eucharist w/ Imposition of Ashes—Chapel 12:10 & 7PM Holy Eucharist w/ Imposition of Ashes — Church 5:30 PM B&G Choir 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal—CR	<b>26/23</b> 7:00 AM AA Group - DR 10:00 AM AA Group—DR	<b>27/24</b> 7:00 AM AA Group - DR 7:00 PM Silent Movie with Jason Roberts	<b>28/25</b> 8:00 AM Men's Discussion Group—PR 7:00 PM AA Group—DR
<b>29/26</b> <b>LENT I</b> 8:00 AM Holy Eucharist, Rite II—Chapel 9:30 AM Holy Eucharist, Rite II & Livestream—Church 9:30 AM KFC (Kids for Christ) - PH 11:00 AM Lenten Coffee Hour Forum —PH 11:00 AM Coffee Hour—PH	<b>30/27</b> 7:00 AM AA Group - DR 10:00 AM AA Group - DR	<b>31/28</b> 7:00 AM AA Group - DR				

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<b>The Reverend Barry W. Miller</b>	<b>Priest Associate</b>
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### **The Staff**

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<b>Priscilla Hooper</b>	<b>Director of Family Ministries</b>

### **Volunteer Staff**

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### **The Vestry**

<b>Ted Newton</b>	<b>Senior Warden</b>
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### **Term Ending 2023**

**Jerrod Bowman, Doug Compton  
Ruth Mitman, Loretta Waldman**

### **Term Ending 2024**

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### **Term Ending 2025**

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