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**OPEN DOOR**  
news from St. James's

**From the Rector's Desk**

Dear Siblings in Christ,

As we step into this New Year, we are reminded of the prologue of the Gospel of John: "The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it" (John 1:5). As followers of Jesus and members of St. James's, we are called to be bearers of this light, illuminating our communities and beyond with joy, compassion, and hope.

The new year is a time of renewal for so many—a time to reflect on all that we have received and to look forward to how we can share God's love with others. St. James's is and can be a beacon where the light of Christ radiates through worship, fellowship, and acts of kindness. Your presence and involvement are what make this light shine even brighter.

The New Year is a wonderful time to renew our commitment to the work of God through the ministries of St. James's and explore new ways to grow in faith together. Whether you've been a member for decades or have recently joined us, there is a place for you here—a place to belong, to serve, and to make a difference.

We invite you to join us in the life of our parish this year. Whether it's offering a warm smile as a greeter, extending compassion through outreach ministries, lifting your voice in song, or simply sharing in the joy of community gatherings, there is a place for everyone at St. James's. Together, let us carry the light of Christ into every corner of our lives, spreading joy and compassion to those around us. Let us create moments of laughter, lend a helping hand, and share in the sacred joy of growing in faith as one family.

As we journey through this year, may we be inspired by the words of Jesus: "You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden" (Matthew 5:14). Let us embrace this calling and shine brightly for all to see.

Thank you for being a vital part of the St. James's family. Your presence is a gift, and your involvement brings warmth and vitality to our community. Please reach out to learn more about the many ways you can join us in living out our mission of faith and love this year.

May this New Year be filled with light, joy, and abundant blessings for you and your loved ones.

Peace,




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

Jan/Feb 2025

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**Highlights in Jan/Feb**

- **Sunday, Jan 12** Youth Group, 5pm
- **Sunday, Jan 19** Coffee Hour Forum on the Life of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., 11am
- **Monday, Jan 20** Martin Luther King Day of Service (see inside for details)
- **Saturday, Jan 25** Annual Chili Cookoff, 5:30pm
- **Sunday, Jan 26** Annual Meeting, 11am
- **Thursday, February 6** The Yale Whiffenpoofs, Concert, 7pm

# From the Assistant Rector

**D**EAR St. James's,

I am excited to share an incredible opportunity for our church community to engage in a transformative experience for the young students within our community. Our mission trip to Ecuador will run from June 27th to July 5th and we will be in partnership with Partners for Andean Community Health (PACH). This trip is designed for students entering 9th-12th grades, though we welcome students in the summer before their first year of college as well. We have designed the experience to offer a unique blend of volunteer work, cultural immersion, and adventure.

PACH is an organization that St. James's has worked with in the past. They have done truly excellent work supporting long-term sustainable health care initiatives for the Andean community. Our students will support their mobile medical caravans working alongside local healthcare professionals to provide essential medical services such as visual acuity exams and patient intake. We will also support the various community projects that address local needs, providing educational support and aiding local construction efforts. We will also have the opportunity to interact with local families and students fostering friendship, community, and cross-cultural understanding.

In addition to this work, we will have the opportunity to explore the Ecuadorian countryside and culture. This includes a guided tour of historic Quito and the "Mitad del Mundo" museum. We will explore the famous waterfalls of Ecuador and zipline above the jungle rivers. Students will also have the opportunity to horseback ride on the slopes of Volcano Cotopaxi.

Now that we are in the new year, we will be forming our team and engaging the wider St. James's community with fun and engaging fundraising opportunities to cover the cost of the trip. We are currently working with PACH and the airlines to get the best price available for our travel. The cost will include airfare, private ground transportation, lodging, all meals, and the bi-lingual guide for our group. There is limited space on our team, but you can help us by getting the word out as we invite our young friends and their parents to consider making a commitment to join us. Once our team is formed we will work together to offer useful fundraising projects to help us achieve our goals. Please help us engage this team of students with useful fundraising projects that can help get us across the finish line!

This mission trip will enrich the lives of those we serve, but it will also cultivate leadership skills and cultural competence among our youth. Most importantly, there is no better way to be formed in our faith than through acts of love and service. Please join us, in whatever way you can, on this important mission of love and service in the name of Christ.

With gratitude,

**By the grace of God,  
and with the consent of the people**

**Dane Andrew Collins  
Robert Lofberg  
Phoebe Kaelin Oler  
Marta S. Rivera Monclova**

**will be ordained priests in Christ's  
Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church  
at  
11:00 a.m., Saturday, January 11, 2025  
at  
Christ Church Cathedral, Hartford  
45 Church Street**

# 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 Michelle Horsley and art with Priscilla Hooper.*

## **Youth Group**

*We'll gather on Sunday, January 12 at 5pm for food, fun, and Commando Church!*



**H**APPY New Year! I can't believe that we are in January 2025. 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 6 after a Christmas break. 3Ms has grown and now has 19 children between three and third grade most Monday evenings. I love this program and love that the children are learning Bible stories and beautiful music every Monday, plus we get the joy of hearing them sing in church, which is amazing! I truly love working with Michelle Horsley and Lou Strillacci in this incredible ministry! 3Ms will not meet on Martin Luther King Day, January 20 or President's Day, February 17.

Youth Group will start with the always popular Commando Church on Sunday, January 5 from 5:00 to 6:30. This is a great game that the kids always enjoy playing and it is finally dark enough. Join us for dinner and the game. Wear black or dark clothes and bring your friends. I am happy to report that our youth group is growing each month. In November, we invited the fifth graders to join the group and they are adding a lot of energy to the evening. Thank you to all the parents who encourage their children to join us at youth group. Making those friendships is key to a successful confirmation program and mission trip in the future. Most of us are much more likely to get involved in something if we have friends involved.

As we head into 2025, I am excited by all the energy at St. James's. I hope and pray that most of you will take advantage of the incredible opportunities for you and your children. During Kids for Christ (KFC) we will be studying a mixture of Old and New Testament lessons because Lent starts late this year with Ash Wednesday not until March 5.

As I have said before, I see my job as the Director of Family Ministries as twofold: First, I see my job as helping the children of this parish develop their spiritual lives. This involves helping them to have some useful tools in their spiritual toolbox. Included in these toolboxes are things like the Lord's Prayer, knowing how to say a prayer of thanksgiving and forgiveness.

The second part of my job is the education part. I try to teach the children the basic stories of the Bible, so that when they see these themes in literature, they will recognize them. That is where you parents and grandparents come in. One of my favorites is *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe*, by C.S Lewis. When Bob and I read this to our son, Robby, when he was in kindergarten, he proudly proclaimed, "Aslan is Jesus!" These types of connections with the Bible can help them to see the relevance of the Bible in their lives and help them to be better students.

So, in these weeks of thinking about New Year's resolutions, I would like to suggest one to consider: As parents, let's try to help our children to build up those "Spiritual Toolboxes." Let's work with them to grow to be spiritually mature young people who have a basic knowledge of Bible stories. How can that be done? One way is to come to church and Sunday school with your children. Then, to go home and talk with them about what you learned. Make church a priority for you and your children. You will be glad you did.

Your sister in Christ,

# From the Organist & Director of Music

## Why We Sing

*"It is not you that sings, it is the church that is singing, and you, as a member ... may share in its song. Thus all singing together that is right must serve to widen our spiritual horizon, make us see our little company as a member of the great Christian church on earth, and help us willingly and gladly join our singing, be it feeble or good, to the song of the church."*

(Dietrich Bonhoeffer, Life Together)

As the year wraps up and another begins, I find myself reflecting again on why we do what we do. What is it about these tunes that have made them the chosen soundtracks of our faith and why is the simple, communal singing of them so absolutely integral? Certainly, for as long as people have worshipped in churches, they have sung. In our psalmody and hymns, we find the faithful, throughout generations, singing their prayers. In the best of times and the worst of times, with a voice however strong or timid, in our singing we connect to our faith stories and to those who wrote the songs. Perhaps you are already familiar with some of them.

**Eternal Father, Strong to Save** was written by William Whiting in 1860, after nearly dying during a fateful storm at sea. He had no idea that his tune would later be adapted as the Royal Navy Hymn and sung by countless military personnel. Nearly 100 years later, after the assassination of John F. Kennedy, this was the funeral hymn chosen to be sung by a nation in mourning.

Robert Pattinson, a young boy in the mid 1700's who struggled with alcoholism and gambling after his father died, stumbled into a church one day and was so inspired by a sermon that he wrote the hymn, **Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing**, later dedicating the rest of his life to ministry. **Amazing Grace** was composed by John Newton after a storm nearly sank the slave-trading ship on which he worked. He experienced a spiritual conversion and turned from slave-trader to early abolitionist and pastor. The tune **Abide With Me** came to Henry Francis Lyte, an Anglican minister of the early 1800's, on his deathbed as tuberculosis was claiming his life.

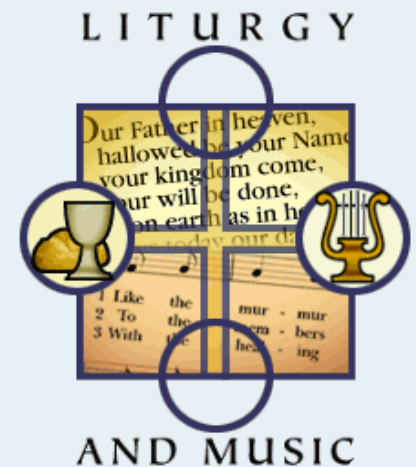
Our African-American siblings kept their fortitude despite unimaginable horrors by singing spirituals together, at times bloodied and barefoot. ("**My Lord, What a Mourning when the stars begin to fall.**") Joan Baez led a crowd of 300,000 in a massive chorus of **We Shall Overcome** during a 1963 civil rights march in Washington. And of course, in his last sermon, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. recited the words from this same hymn. ("**Deep in my heart, I do believe. We shall overcome someday.**") As women fought for their voting rights, suffragettes adapted the hymn **Onward Christian Soldiers** to the text "**Forward, sister women! ... Bondage is behind you; freedom is before!**" In 1912, as the Titanic was sinking and thousands of people were looking into the vast ocean, awaiting their deaths, what did they do? They sang a hymn. ("**Nearer, My God, to Thee ... Still all my song shall be nearer, my God, to Thee.**")

Our songs of faith also express our most ecstatic joy! The Christmas season is particularly filled with exclamations of "Hark!," tuneful melismas of "Gloria," and calls to repeat the "sounding joy." We often sing these songs loudly, raising whatever voice we have to join the chorus of the faithful. Consider the tune *Engelberg*, which is often set to the following lyrics:

*"When in our music God is glorified;  
and adoration leaves no room for pride,  
it is as though the whole creation cried, Alleluia!"*

The whole creation. That means *all of us*. God challenges us to speak up and to sing out. In times of joy and in times of trouble, we sing on. ("My heart is steadfast, O God; my heart is steadfast. I will sing and make melody. Awake, my soul! Awake, O harp and lyre! I will awake the dawn" Psalm 57:7-8 NRSV).

Psalm 100 opens with, "**Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all ye lands!**" While it's certainly my job to be concerned with the quality of music, my friends also like to remind me of this specific wording in the Bible. It does not say, "make a *pretty* noise to the Lord," nor does it instruct us to make a *trained* noise to the Lord. We are simply tasked, invited, and challenged to show up and sing out - together.



## Important Dates

**Saturday, January 4**  
Farmington Valley Chorale  
Concert at 4pm  
(rescheduled from Nov 24)

**Thursday, February 6**  
The Yale Whiffenpoofs  
Concert at 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. Psalm 100:1**

As we enter this new year with infinite unknowns about our country, state, and our personal lives, I believe God challenges us again to respond in song. Regardless of where you are on this journey or what your relationship is like with the music that lives inside of you, perhaps we can answer like Mary with openness of spirit and shouts of exaltation - with souls that *magnify* God.

I feel exceptionally lucky for these past few months at St. James's and I feel deeply excited about the future of our music ministry, from our children's choir and choristers to the adult choir and the myriad of special programming throughout the year in addition to our weekly offerings. It is a tremendous honor to be part of this community that is so welcoming, generous, and mission-focused. And each Sunday I am amazed by the sound I hear - our collective joyful noise - when the first verse of the first hymn begins and the swell of our voices unite for the first time each week. When I'm alone in the sanctuary, I can still hear remnants of that sound. Perhaps it's the wind. Perhaps it's the voices in my head. (There are many.) Or perhaps it's God, gently encouraging. *I hear your joyful noise, my children. Sing out.* I'll be upstairs at the organ console, hoping you do.

Soli Deo Gloria,

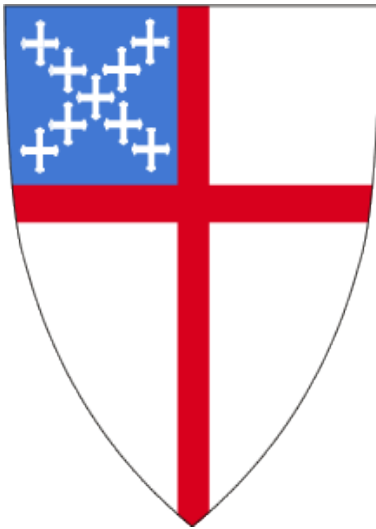
# THE YALE WHIFFENPOOFS



**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



## Treasurer's Report: January—November

### Summary of Current Position:

Through November, the church is short of its budget by \$33,505, an improvement from the \$70,300 shortfall through the end of October. Income and expenses both contributed to the shortfall as income is \$31,946 below budget, due to lower than projected pledge payments. Expenses are \$1,559 above budget due to higher than projected property and personnel expenses.

### Income & Expense Summary:

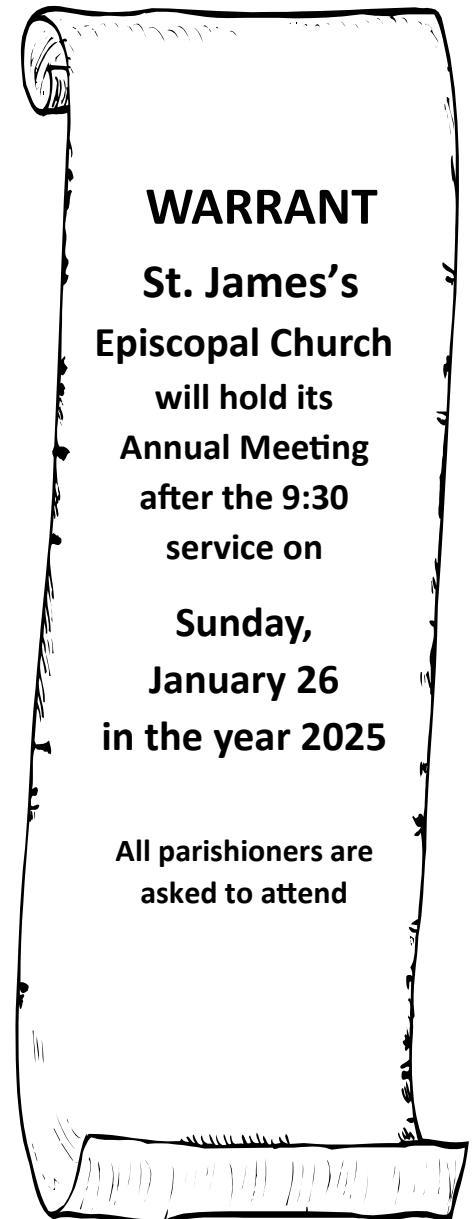
Category	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	YTD Variance
Income (+)	\$825,460	857,406	31,946 Below plan
Expense (-)	892,450	890,891	1,559 Above plan
<i>Net</i>	<b>(66,990)</b>	<b>(33,485)</b>	<b>33,505</b> <b>Negative</b> <b>variance to budget</b>

**Income:** Year-to-Date (YTD) actual income is \$31,946 below budget (or 3.7% below budget). As of the end of October, income was \$60,000 or 7.6%, 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) ended the month \$47,981 below their \$579,852 budget, or 8.3% below budget. At the end of October, Regular Contributions were \$65,100 (or 12.1%) below budget. Most of the shortfall in Regular Contributions is due to Current Year Pledges which are \$38,863 below budget (or 7.0% below budget), an improvement from last month's \$56,000 shortfall (10.9% below budget). Contribution statements were sent on December 8 and that will hopefully close the gap between pledges and contributions made. Facilities Income: Finished the month \$2,803 above budget, about \$700 higher than last month's variance. The variances each month are due in part to the timing of payments received. Special Contributions, General Purposes: The primary component in this category is the Rector's Appeal contributions. At the end of November, actual receipts were \$5,025 higher than projected, a reduction from October's overage of \$6,800. This variance has decreased each month and is expected to decline during December.

**Expense:** YTD expenses are \$1,559, or 0.2%, above budget. As of end of October, expenses were \$10,600, or 1.3%, higher than budgeted. A few key expense categories in terms of their contribution to the overall variance through the end of November are: Property: \$4,375 over budget, an deterioration from last month's overage of \$2,840. with Gas and Electric continuing to be more than \$11,700 above budget. At the end of October, Gas and Electric were \$10,000 over budget. Personnel: \$10,500 over budget. At the end of October, Personnel was \$9,030 above budget. Components of the personnel expenses are being reviewed.

### Annual Reports

A reminder that the individual Annual Reports from committee heads are due on **Monday, January 6**. The full annual report will be available on Sunday, January 19, one week before the annual meeting on January 26. Thank you!



## Mission & Outreach

### Christmas Gifts Update...

*For Parkville Children*

**M**ANY thanks to those who participated in the Christmas gifts for the Parkville children and families served by the Grace Church Food Pantry. Your response was overwhelming again this year. There were over 70 St. James's families/individuals who purchased approximately 700 gifts for 148 children. Your continued generosity makes Christmas morning very special for these children and their families. Thank you!

### 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 135 Christmas bags to The Open Hearth, and 65 were delivered to the Walter McKinney Men's Shelter in Hartford for a total of 200 Christmas Bags. Thank you for your generosity!

## 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, and canned hearty stews.** Donations can be left at the cloister door Monday through Friday 9:00a-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

## St. James's "Embrace" Ministry

**T**HE 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

**C**HEF 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

## 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 beginning at 8:00 a.m. 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 meetings will be held **Saturdays, January 11, 25; February 8 and 22.** Light refreshments are served. Daniel Dollar chairs the group. Interested? Contact him at

[danielmdollar@gmail.com](mailto:danielmdollar@gmail.com).



**Winter**  
*Coat Drive*

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Doug Compton is once again collecting winter coats throughout the winter season. Bring your gently used or new coats to the church during office hours or on Sundays. Drop them off in the parish office or place them in the Cloister.  
Thank you!

## Coffee Hour Forum

Sunday, January 19

January 19

“Martin Luther King, Jr.”

Join the Rev. Rob Lofberg as he leads a forum on the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. We will reflect on the life of Dr. King in preparation for our MLK Day of Service on Monday, January 20.

*Forums are held in the parish hall (unless otherwise stated) at 11am with coffee and refreshments provided.*

## Resolve to Host Coffee Hour in 2025

Sundays at 11am

CONSIDER hosting coffee hour in 2025 if you have not yet volunteered in the past. Better yet, invite a friend or family member(s) to join you and make it a team effort. There are lots of openings to choose from and two ways to participate, so pick the date and role that work for you and go to [www.stjwh.org/coffee](http://www.stjwh.org/coffee) to sign up. Hosts will receive instructions ahead of their assigned shift. Any questions, contact Loretta Waldman at [lwaldmanster@gmail.com](mailto:lwaldmanster@gmail.com).

## Martin Luther King Forum followed by a Day of Service

Sunday, January 19 / Monday, January 20

EACH 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’. This year’s day of service will be held **Monday, January 20, 2024**. Sites being planned include Journey Home, Hartford Catholic Worker, and Foodshare. More information will be forthcoming.

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!

## 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!

A poster featuring a portrait of Martin Luther King Jr. in a suit and tie, looking upwards. The background is a dark blue with faint, repeating text of his famous "I Have a Dream" speech. Overlaid on the bottom right is the text "Martin Luther King Jr DAY OF SERVICE Monday, January 20" in white. Below the text is a circular logo with a cross and four colored quadrants (red, green, blue, yellow). At the bottom, the website "stjameswh.org/mission/MLK" is listed.

Martin Luther King Jr  
**DAY OF SERVICE**  
Monday, January 20



[stjameswh.org/mission/MLK](http://stjameswh.org/mission/MLK)

## Wednesday Morning Eucharist

HOLY Eucharist is celebrated every Wednesday morning in the chapel at 7:00. We hope to see you there!



**Thee Kings  
Diaper Drive**

Please help us to provide diapers for some of the many little ones in the Hartford area whose parents are struggling with food and rent

**Please bring diapers size 0-6 to St. James's by Three Kings Day Jan 6**

## Registry and Readings

### Weddings

**Olivia Jean Ferdon & Alexander Angel Burgos**  
November 9, 2024

### Parish Birthdays

#### Children and Youth

#### JANUARY

Laila Chacra, 1  
Wilder Dempsey, 4  
Cora Giuffrida, 6  
Lucy Adams, 9  
Caroline Bowman, 13  
Lyla Maguire, 14  
Leonardo Serpi, 18  
Magnolia Corrigan, 22  
Amelia Chenault, 24  
Harry Keating, 26



#### FEBRUARY

Declan Hart, 2  
Jack Bowman, 3  
Margaret Busse, 3  
Lauren Howland, 4  
James O'Sullivan, 4  
Bryson Tagliavini, 4  
Carol Conca, 5  
Virginia Collin, 7  
Henry Chenault, 7  
Benjamin Lawrence, 13  
Harriet Busse, 19  
Makenzie Gallagher, 20  
Nate Meyer, 21  
Elizabeth O'Sullivan, 22  
Gwendolyn Wills, 23  
Lillian Tagliavini, 25

### Parish Prayer List

#### 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 Serving in the Military

Andrew Clark

## Sunday Lectionary

#### Second Sunday after Christmas, January 5

Jeremiah 31:7-14; Ephesians 1:3-6,15-19a  
Matthew 2:13-15,19-23; Psalm 84

#### First Sunday after the Epiphany, January 12

Isaiah 43:1-7; Acts 8:14-17  
Luke 3:15-17, 21-22; Psalm 29

#### Second Sunday after the Epiphany, January 19

Isaiah 62:1-5; 1 Corinthians 12:1-11  
John 2:1-11; Psalm 36:5-10

#### Third Sunday after the Epiphany, January 26

Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10; 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a  
Luke 4:14-21; Psalm 19

#### The Presentation of Jesus, February 2

Malachi 3:1-4; Hebrews 2:14-18  
Luke 2:22-40; Psalm 84

#### Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany, February 9

Isaiah 6:1-8, [9-13]; 1 Corinthians 15:1-11  
Luke 5:1-11; Psalm 138

#### Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany, February 16

Jeremiah 17:5-10; 1 Corinthians 15:12-20  
Luke 6:17-26; Psalm 1

#### Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany, February 23

Genesis 45:3-11, 15; 1 Corinthians 15:35-38,42-50  
Luke 6:27-38; Psalm 37:1-12, 41-42

## Women Of St. James's



### January/February

#### Tuesday, January 7

Dr. Ruth Mitman  
"Ageism"  
Winter Picnic Luncheon

#### Tuesday, January 21

"Fellowship & Social Hour"  
Pizza Party Luncheon

#### Tuesday, February 4

Program to be Announced Later  
Valentine Buffet—please bring a dish to share

#### Tuesday, February 18

Mark & Cindy Welch  
"British Isles and Scandinavian Travels  
Aboard an Ocean Liner"  
Bring a bag lunch

# January

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			<b>1 Happy New Year!</b> 7:00 AM AA Group - DR	<b>2</b> 7:00 AM AA Group - DR 10:00 AM AA Group—DR	<b>3</b> 7:00 AM AA Group - DR	<b>4</b> 7:00 PM AA Group—DR <b>4:00 PM Farmington Valley Chorale Concert—Church</b>
<b>5</b> 8:00 AM Holy Eucharist, Rite II—Chapel 9:30 AM Holy Eucharist, Rite II w/Livestream—Church 9:30 KFC (Kids for Christ) - PH 11:00 AM 200 Identical Sandwiches 11:00 AM Coffee Hour—PH	<b>6</b> 7:00 AM AA Group - DR 10:00 AM AA Group - DR 4:00 PM Monday Music & More 5:30 PM Chorister Rehearsal	<b>7</b> 7:00 AM AA Group - DR 12:00 PM Women of St. James's—DR	<b>8</b> 7:00 AM AA Group - DR 7:00 AM Holy Eucharist—Chapel 7:00 PM Adult Choir Rehearsal	<b>9</b> 7:00 AM AA Group - DR 10:00 AM AA Group—DR	<b>10</b> 7:00 AM AA Group - DR	<b>11</b> 8:00 AM Men's Disc Group-PR <b>11:00 AM Rob &amp; Marta's Ordination—Christ Church Cathedral</b> 7:00 PM AA Group—DR
<b>12</b> 8:00 AM Holy Eucharist, Rite II—Chapel 8:35 AM Prepare for Loaves and Fishes 9:30 AM Holy Eucharist, Rite II w/ Livestream—Church 9:30 KFC (Kids for Christ) - PH 11:00 AM 200 Identical Sandwiches 11:00 AM Coffee Hour —PH 5:00 PM Youth Group	<b>13</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 5:30 PM Chorister Rehearsal	<b>14</b> 7:00 AM AA Group - DR	<b>15</b> 7:00 AM AA Group - DR 7:00 AM Holy Eucharist—Chapel 10:30 AM Holy Eucharist—McAuley 7:00 PM Adult Choir Rehearsal	<b>16</b> 7:00 AM AA Group - DR 10:00 AM AA Group -DR <b>10:00 AM FOODSHARE</b>	<b>17</b> 7:00 AM AA Group - DR	<b>18</b> No AA Meeting
<b>19</b> 8:00 AM Holy Eucharist, Rite II—Chapel 8:35 AM Prepare for South Park Inn 9:30 AM Holy Eucharist, Rite II & Livestream—Church 9:30 KFC (Kids for Christ) - PH 11:00 AM 200 Identical Sandwiches 11:00 AM Coffee Hour Forum —PH 5:00 PM Sacred Ground Class	<b>20 MLK Day—POC MLK Day of Service</b> 7:00 AM AA Group - DR 10:00 AM AA Group - DR	<b>21</b> 7:00 AM AA Group - DR 12:00 PM Women of St. James's—DR 7:00 PM Vestry—PR	<b>22</b> 7:00 AM AA Group - DR 7:00 AM Holy Eucharist—Chapel 7:00 PM Adult Choir Rehearsal	<b>23</b> 7:00 AM AA Group - DR 10:00 AM AA Group—DR	<b>24</b> 7:00 AM AA Group - DR	<b>25 No AA</b> 8:00 AM Men's Disc Group-PR <b>5:30 PM Chili Cookoff—PH</b>
<b>26</b> 8:00 AM Holy Eucharist, Rite II—Chapel 9:30 AM Holy Eucharist, Rite II w/ Livestream—Church 9:30 KFC (Kids for Christ) - PH 11:00 AM <b>Annual Meeting—Church</b>	<b>27</b> 7:00 AM AA Group - DR 10:00 AM AA Group - DR 4:00 PM Monday Music & More 5:30 PM Chorister Rehearsal	<b>28</b> 7:00 AM AA Group - DR	<b>29</b> 7:00 AM AA Group - DR 7:00 AM Holy Eucharist—Chapel 7:00 PM Adult Choir Rehearsal	<b>30</b> 7:00 AM AA Group - DR 10:00 AM AA Group—DR	<b>31</b> 7:00 AM AA Group - DR	

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