



the OPEN DOOR

news from St. James's

From the Rector's Desk

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

How can we participate in God's reconciling love?

On Sunday, June 11, I preached on how God shows Mercy and, by extension, we are called to as well. Mercy is one of those words when used in theological terms can be hard to get our heads around. To paraphrase Supreme Court Justice Potter Stewart from a very different context, "I can't necessarily define it, but I know it when I see it."

The theological concepts of Mercy and Grace are frequently used interchangeably. While this may be rhetorically helpful, it is not completely linguistically or theologically correct. In the simplest of terms, Grace is the spontaneous and unmerited gift of divine favor given to us through salvation. Grace comes from the Latin words meaning goodness and generosity.

While intrinsically connected, Mercy is something different. Mercy is related to our forgiveness and God's generosity in spite of our brokenness and shortcomings. So, as Christians, we are to, for all intents and purposes, pay it forward. We are to extend both Grace and Mercy to all of God's children without "fear or favor." While this may sound both unrealistic and daunting, and possibly maybe even unreasonable, it is what Jesus asks of us. Throughout our day, each and everyone of us has a multitude of opportunities to extend Grace and Mercy to others and to ourselves.

"He has shown you, O mortal, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love Mercy and to walk humbly with your God." - Micah 6:8

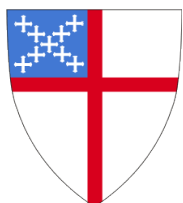
"Go and learn what this means, 'I desire Mercy, not sacrifice.'" - Matthew 9:13a

Whether it is to offer a kind word or a helping hand or even just silence and our presence to someone in need of it, or to feed and clothe those in need, or not feel the need to correct others at every turn - opportunities are ever present. You can make your own list of how this is possible in your life.

One of the more difficult aspects of this might just be allowing others to do the same for yourself as well as doing for yourself. To accept Mercy and Grace from others and from ourselves may feel like a sign of weakness, but in reality is a sign of our understanding of our common humanity and our identity as the beloved of God.

As believers of the incarnation, we are to be practitioners of it as well. We are truly called to be the heart and hands of Jesus in this world that has so much need.





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

July/August 2023

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Highlights in July/August

- **Wednesdays, July 5/August 2**
Healing Prayer Service, 6:30pm
- **Mondays in July and August 7 and 14** Music Summer Series, 7pm
- **Sunday, August 20** Annual School Supply Sort & Pack Day, 11am

Services are livestreamed every Sunday. Sign up for weekly emails to receive links and more information. Go to: www.stjameswh.org/

From the Assistant Rector

DEAR St. James's Family,

As I settle into my first summer with you, after witnessing so many beautiful and hopeful moments during the spring, I'm thinking about Terrence W. Tilley's book *Story Theology*. Poet and theologian Pádraig Ó Tuama shared the book with me a couple of years ago. Pádraig recommended the book after we spent a night talking around the campfire about how storytelling is a crucial part of any transformative and life-giving ministry. In fact, I have long thought that the modern Jesus Movement could do a far better job of telling our story. (And this is probably a good time to mention that St. James's is now on TikTok.) Tilley's book reminds us that our narrative – not only the ancient stories contained within scripture but our ability to share stories about how we are living into our baptismal covenant with God's help – are at the beating heart of our incarnational journey on the Way of Love. Through our ability to tell our shared stories and connect them to Jesus' story, meaning, unity and renewed vitality can emerge in unexpected ways in our time.


My recent sermon on the Trinity got me thinking about *Story Theology*. To be more precise, your reactions to the sermon made me think about the book and that conversation under the stars with Pádraig. In the sermon, I preached that trying to wrap our heads around our living God's triune nature and any uncertainty about church doctrine shouldn't stop us from Jesus' clear command to "go" and do the Gospel work. It was an invitation to surrender to the mystery of our shared faith. Still, many of you reached out to me after the sermon to say that the Trinity makes clear and perfect sense to you. What was astounding was that everyone who contacted me had developed different ways of relating to the three-in-one nature of Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Not one was the same. All were very personal.

What struck me was that every explanation – from those that incorporated elements of nature to profound moments of revelation – involved a story. A lived experience. None were pulled from a creed or an academic book on church doctrine. A mom told me that her young son boiled the Trinity down this way: "God just has a lot of ways of loving us." It's in our lived experiences that we develop our own understanding of our relationship with God. And I think God loves it when we share those stories. It is part of the call from Jesus when he commands us to "go." Call it storytelling. Or call it evangelism. Whatever we call it, let's make sure it comes from a place of love, hospitality and truth.

So much is still fresh and new to me at St. James's. I'm looking forward to seeing how we travel in faith through the longest days of the year. Summer is largely considered a time of hiatus in the church – an "ordinary time" in the wake of Pentecost to slow our pace and catch our breath with a single Sunday Eucharist and Lemonade on the Lawn. But among other things, I will also be spending time discerning and praying about how we tell our story as we are born into a new creation with new realities and possibilities as a community.

By storytelling, I'm not just talking about our growing internet and social media presence (again, our new TikTok account can be found at @stjameswh). It is about how we share the stories from our corner of the vineyard with each other, newcomers on Sunday, our neighbors, and anyone in need of hope and healing. Our stories help the Kingdom of God break in. I'm constantly amazed and thankful for the staggering amount of work you do together. At the same time, I think storytelling in community needs to be authentic, requiring us to be honest about what might not be working or where we need more commitment.

As a pastor, part of my job is to help you articulate and celebrate your beliefs, your needs, and your experiences. Please keep sharing your stories with me, with each other, and in our community. And please don't hesitate to let me know if you think there are new ways that you think St. James's should be telling our story as we walk with courage and love and a sense of God's profound grace through the seasons of life together.

Faithfully,


A Sermon by the Rev. Molly F. James

May God's Word be spoken. May God's Word be heard. May that point us to the living Word who is Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A NUMBER of years ago, I attended a conference in with [many] young clergy from across The Episcopal Church. The refrain at our conference was "What we need is here." It was, quite literally, our refrain, as we sang it together again and again when we gathered as a large group. That line is the title and refrain of a [Wendell Berry poem](#). It is a line I have also come to associate with the stories of Jesus sending out the disciples.

"What we need is here." I think this is what Jesus was trying to tell his disciples when he sent them out two by two. Although in his case it might have been better worded in the future tense, "What you need will be there." It's important to note that just after Jesus tells them not to expect any payment, he goes on to say that they are to go out empty-handed - no bag, no purse, no money, no extra clothes. None of the things we usually take with us on a journey.

Given that so many of us experience relative richness, at least in terms of material goods, it is easy to be incredulous at Jesus' instructions. Come on, can't I just take a little bag? I promise, I can fit it underneath the seat in front of me. Just a few things. What if there isn't enough to eat? Or we have a delay? What if I spill something, and I need a change of clothes? Can I at least bring my smartphone?

No, Jesus says. You will have what you need. You don't have to carry it with you. For those of us who like to bring our own pillows and our own shampoo when we stay in a hotel room, this seems like asking a lot. In fact, Jesus is asking for three things: trust in God, to trust in those alongside for the journey, and give up the desire to control the outcome.

Hmm. Those principles of trust and letting go might just apply to us, as well as it did to the disciples.

What we need is here. Indeed it is. It is here in this community of St. James's, in this building, in the marvelous, beloved Church we serve in so many different ways. It will be with us as we go about our work, here and wherever God may send us. What we need is here because of who we are and who God is. Our gifts are abundant. Think of all that you have done; think of all that this community has done. If you need some tangible reminders, go look at what is growing in our garden or how many sandwiches were made recently or think of all those toiletries we assembled on Palm Sunday. Think of the difference this community makes in your own life of faith. Even more importantly, remember that God's grace is abundant. And you know what is so wonderfully freeing in all of this? It is actually not about us. We can let go of the outcome, because it is not in our hands. It never was. God is in charge. We merely have to allow ourselves to be a symbol of God, of the Church and a conduit for God's reconciling and redeeming love in the world.

In the midst of news headlines that seem to be ever full of violence and division, in the midst of all the challenges we face in our own communities and lives, we are reminded that the world is even more in need of leaders who dare to share the love of God with purpose and intention, and who dare to stand courageously with those on the margins.

And there's no perfect way that any of us accomplishes this.

Being a leader, being a disciple who goes out into the community carrying nothing except the love of God with us, being a disciple in times like these is indeed challenging. There will be a day when things seem to be crumbling around us. Remember that we all have those days. No matter what ministry God calls us to in life - a new grade in, a new school, a new job, a new relationship, parenthood, a new role in our family system - we have those days. Those days when we sound like the Israelites in the wilderness. "Egypt was so much nicer. Can't we just go back to the way things used to be!"

The good news is, those days are rare. And "What we need is here." Even on those days. Even when our own fear or sadness or anxiety are temporarily preventing us from seeing it. What we need is here. It is here because the God who calls us to step out in faith and to trust, is with us. The God who has placed a claim on our hearts and our lives; the God who sustains us and holds us is our companion and our guide along the way. What we need is also here in the gifts each of us possess, in the companions we choose and in those who have and will choose us. It is here, because we are a people of hope who stand firm in our conviction that God is up to something in our hearts and lives and in all our communities.

Just like the disciples, we are being sent forth into an uncertain future. May we travel lightly wherever God sends us. May we have ears and hearts to listen for the voice of God wherever we go. May we have the courage to share the all important truths of our faith, and may we always remember that what we need is here.

AMEN.

From the Associate for Education & Music

AN EXPLORATION OF MUSICAL ROMANTICISM

Classes: Mondays July 17, 24, 31 and August 7 in the Parish Hall, 7pm

Concert: Monday, August 14 in the Sanctuary, 7pm

THE magic of Mendelssohn, the poetry of Chopin, the passion of Tchaikovsky; trips to new lands in the music of Dvorák, Mussorgsky and Debussy; endless melody, the fantastical, the bewitched, the epic and the poetic, and so much more: Join us this summer for a five-part exploration of all things Romantic! Monday evening classes led by Alan from 7-8 PM in the Parish Hall culminate in a concert of Romantic masterworks for cello and piano in the sanctuary on Monday, August 14, also at 7. Our guest artist this summer is celebrated Boston Symphony Orchestra cellist Owen Young, whose broad career ranges from traditional chamber, orchestral and solo appearances to his work with singer-songwriter James Taylor. The concert will include music by Felix Mendelssohn, Johannes Brahms and Camille Saint-Saëns. Classes are free of charge; general admission tickets to the concert are \$25 and can be reserved at the Parish Office or purchased at the door. Please mark your calendars and please be sure to bring a friend to share this experience with us! Read on for more details.

Session One

We begin on Monday, July 17 by asking a simple question: What is Romanticism? Is it a reaction against Classicism's balance, simplicity and rationality? Is it limited to a time period? What are its roots in thought, in art, literature, in political and social developments? We'll make ample use of St. James's audio-visual resources as we reflect on this first question through images and through music.

Sessions Two—Four

In sessions two through four we walk through Musical Romanticism in three dimensions:

- Early Romanticism, which focused on the dark and mysterious, the enchanted and spirit-filled. This is the era of Schubert and Berlioz, of the Schumanns and Mendelssohns, of music that both grew larger (think of Berlioz's epic five-movement *Symphonie Fantastique*) and much smaller (in such miniature masterpieces as Schubert's signature *Erlkönig*). It's the era of the virtuoso, the artist as hero, and the concert hall as cathedral.
- Musical Nationalism, which broke open concert-hall music beyond its Austro-Germanic "center lane," addressing the question of the enormous shadow cast over the era by the music and legacy of Beethoven. Nationalist traditions emerged in France (Saint-Saëns), Russia (Glinka, Mussorgsky and Tchaikovsky), Czechoslovakia (Smetana and Dvorák), Italy (Verdi) and more. We will dip into each of these fascinating and evocative traditions, identifying the unique qualities of each.
- Late Romanticism, which both looked backward (Brahms) and very much forward (Wagner, Puccini, Debussy). While some composers embraced the exotic, others carried the torch for the old tradition; while Wagner and his circle begin to question and even to break down harmonic and melodic conventions, Rachmaninoff and others emerged who wrote lush, lovable tunes and textures well into the 20th Century.

Concert

Finally, all leads to a concert that features one or more works from each of these three eras!

- We begin with music by early Romantic Felix Mendelssohn, a work called "Fantasia." In many ways, the title says it all: the 19th Century is marked by a "breaking free" from form and structure and an embrace of the free, the spontaneous and the natural. Mendelssohn's work is also a landscape, taking the listener to Scotland and conjuring images of what would have been, for the listener in 1830, a distant and intriguing foreign land.

EDUCATION



AND MUSIC

Important Dates

Mondays, July 17—August 14

Music Summer Series, "An Exploration of Musical Romanticism" in the parish hall at 7pm with a final concert on August 17 featuring Boston Symphony Cellist Owen Young & Pianist Alan Murchie

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*

▪We continue with music of Saint-Saëns, who in many ways helped to define a “French sound” and a French Nationalist tradition. Saint-Saëns revered Beethoven, yet he believed fervently that concerts in cities such as Paris ought also to feature the music of local, indigenous composers. His French sound is characteristically light, and light-filled, with sheer textures and a focus on color. ▪We conclude with the great E Minor Sonata of Johannes Brahms, a late Romantic. Brahms did something interesting and quite bold: he took the baton, as it were, from Beethoven, writing a first symphony that was immediately nicknamed “Beethoven’s Tenth.” Brahms shared with his mentor Clara Schumann a resistance to the trendy or the showy: his music (and hers) focuses on development, organicism and musical integrity. It may entertain, but that’s not its primary purpose; it seeks, in the spirit of its century, to edify, to make whole, to take the listener to places otherwise unknown and unknowable.

And this, perhaps, is the century’s unifying impulse. It was a spiritual time, a time of longing, a time of asking rather than answering, of seeking rather than finding; a time of looking out in wonder at the world and trying to figure out just who we might be in that world. Join us as we take this adventure together, listen to these great works and ask questions that in many ways fit and reflect our own time, another era of questioning, of looking out and beyond the limits of what we see and know — of barrier-crossing as walls come down and we celebrate many musics as one glorious, shared impulse.

Alan

Boston Symphony Cellist Owen Young



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.*

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.*



WHEN I prepare to write my newsletter articles, I often revisit old newsletters. Five years ago, when I wrote my July/August newsletter, Bob and I had just returned from what I fondly called our "Southern Sojourn." On our trip we visited long-time friends in St. Francisville, LA, New Orleans, Memphis and Selma, Alabama. We had a great trip. We listened to wonderful music, ate delicious food and reconnected with dear friends. We also visited some historically significant sites in the Civil Rights Movement in this country.

The first stop of historic significance was the Edmund Pettus Bridge in Selma, Alabama. The Edmund Pettus Bridge was the site of "Bloody Sunday". On March 7, 1965, John Lewis and Hosea Williams led a march from Selma to Montgomery to protest the Alabama State Troopers killing of Jimmie Lee Jackson in Marion on February 17 of the same year. On that bridge, state troopers attacked the marchers and 50 were hospitalized. The bridge became a symbol of the changes taking place in Alabama and America. Later that year, President Johnson signed the Voting Rights Act of 1965.

After a long day of driving, Bob and I arrived in Selma. Selma is a lovely small city of about 22,000. It sits on the banks of the Alabama River, and on the day we arrived in early June of 2018, it was warm, sunny and all the people we met were friendly. As we drove up to the bridge, it looked like many other bridges in small southern towns I remembered from my youth. It looked ordinary. Nothing special.

As Bob and I got out of the car and started to walk across the bridge, my feelings about the bridge changed entirely. This was no ordinary place. This was a sacred place where many people who were so deeply committed to change that they risked dying for it. Death was a distinct possibility for them. The Alabama State Public Safety Director Al Lingo had ordered state troopers to attack these peaceful marchers with Billy clubs and tear gas.

That is what the state troopers did, sending 50 people to the hospital with injuries. This attack by the state troopers, which was caught by television news cameras, caused many people all over the world to say, enough is enough. As Bob and I walked across the bridge holding hands, we were both moved to tears. Would we have been on the right side of this fight if we had been old enough to do so? I don't know the answer to that question.

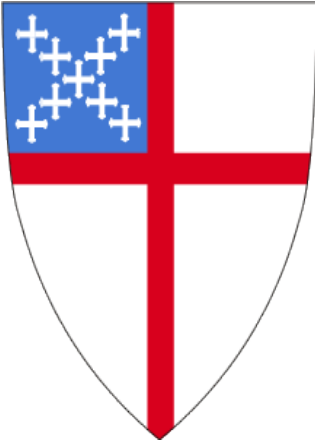
As we got into our car and headed off, I started to think. Amazing miraculous things happen in every day, normal places--the Edmund Pettus Bridge, lunch counters in Greensboro, SC, William Franz Elementary school in Louisiana. All of these are just regular every day places where very brave people made a decision to take a stand. What side of history do we want to be on? That is a good question to ask ourselves.

Take a stand for what is right. God is calling us to act. Sometimes extraordinary things happen in ordinary places. Be a voice for what is righteous—whether it is on a bridge, in a classroom or a boardroom let your voice be heard.

In 2023, there are more battles facing those of us who care about civil rights. LGBTQIA+ rights are at risk in many states. In some states, people are fighting to ban drag shows. We are still fighting for Black Lives Matter and for the rights of women to have access to healthcare. These fights are not even close to being over. We must stay strong and continue to fight for what is good, and right and just. I pray for strength.

Before we can do this hard work, however. Most of us need a chance to rest, recharge and relax. We have so much work to be done but as someone famous once said, "You cannot serve from an empty vessel." This summer, I pray that you and those you love have some much needed time to replenish your spirit.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Priscilla'.



Treasurer's Report / January—April 2023

Summary of Current Position:

Through April, we are trailing where we had planned to be by \$7,443. This deficit position is driven by a combination of income being \$3,300 less than projected and expenses

exceeding their budgeted amount by roughly \$4,200.

"Dearest lord, teach me to be generous; teach me to serve you as you deserve; to give and not to count the cost." St. Ignatius of Loyola (1491-1556)

Income & Expense Summary:

Category	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	YTD Variance
Income (+)	\$404,173	407,456	3,283 Below plan
Expense (-)	323,563	319,403	4,160 Above plan
Net	80,610	88,053	7,443 Negative variance to budget

Income: Year-to-date (YTD) actual income is \$3,283 below budget (or 0.8% below budget). The following components impacted the income position through the end of April: Regular Contributions (Current-Year Pledges, Prior-Year Pledges, Seasonal Offerings and Unspecified Offerings) ended the month \$8417 below the \$265,633 budget, or 3% below budget. Current-Year Pledges, the largest item in this category, are \$18,500 below budget but that is partially offset by higher than projected Prior Year Pledges and Unspecified Plates collections.

Expenses: YTD expenses are \$4,160, or 1.3%, above budget. A few key expense categories in terms of their contribution to the overall variance through the end of April are: Property: Currently \$6,500 above its \$52,400 budget, with Gas and Property Insurance contributing the most to the difference. Administration: \$2,100 above its budget due to printing and paper, office supplies, and postage. Music: \$4,125 higher than its YTD budget due to choir pay and instrument maintenance.

Mission

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 soup. 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 these items. Just note "HCW Food Pantry" in memo line.

Annual School Supply Drive

July and August 2023

THE 25th Annual School Supply Drive is underway! During the months of July and August, we are collecting school supplies and backpacks for children in the Greater Hartford area who are helped by the local shelters and pantries we serve. The items most needed: **backpacks, pencils, pens, notebooks, erasers, crayons, markers, and rulers.** Please bring your supplies to the church and place them at any of the entrances to the building no later than **Sunday, August 20.** You may also purchase these items through Amazon and have them delivered to the church. Stick around after the service on **Sunday, August 20** and help sort and pack the supplies. All are encouraged to lend a hand!



Senior Supplemental Food Program

Volunteers Needed!

ST. James's, working with the Town of West Hartford and FoodShare, distributes boxes of food to needy seniors around West Hartford on the third Thursday of each month. We are looking for more volunteers who can help with deliveries for a couple of hours each month. Please contact Bill Thompson at (860) 463-9486 for more information or to volunteer.

Around the Parish

Healing Prayer

First Wednesday Evening of the Month



ON **Wednesdays, July 5 and August 2**, at 6:30 p.m., join us for the monthly Healing Prayer service in the main church. The service for those who are sick or in need of healing will be based on the contemplative and poetic "Night Prayer" liturgy from A New Zealand Prayer Book. We will offer prayers for healing of body, mind, spirit, relationships, grief, and all parts of creation. All are welcome! If you are unable to attend, send the names of people you would like mentioned in prayer to the Rev. Joe Rose at assistant@stjameswh.org.

Wednesday Morning Eucharist

Every Week at 7:00am in the Chapel

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

EfM Graduation 2023

Congratulations Tom and Sue!

TOM Rouse and Sue Powers joyfully received their diplomas after completing the four-year Education for Ministry program that meets at St. James's on Monday nights. Structured by the University of the South School of Theology, the program covers biblical studies, church history, theology, ethics, and interfaith encounters in a small group setting. Sue comments: "The personal and spiritual development I have experienced going through EfM has had a positive impact on my life. It has brought clarity to so many different areas of my life. It was well worth the time and effort it took these last four years." For more information, please contact Ron Ward, group mentor, rtwtmr@comcast.net or 860.463.8057.



Fourth Friday Family Night

July 28 and August 25 at 5:15pm

Fernridge Park in West Hartford

Family nights continue during the summer! We will meet **Fridays, July 28 and August 25 at 5:15pm** at Fernridge Park in West Hartford (567 Fern St.) for a pizza dinner and outside play for the kids. In the event of bad weather, we will meet in the parish hall. Kerri will bring the pizza, and the cost will be approximately \$10-15 per family to cover the pizza. You should bring your own drinks, and please feel free to bring a side dish/dessert of your choice. If you'd like to attend, please email Kerri, kerriraissian@gmail.com to be added to the Evite list. Friends and family are also welcome, just please indicate them on the Evite RSVP so we can order enough pizza.



Lemonade on the Lawn

Sundays through Labor Day

THE warm weather is here, and hosts are needed to serve ice-cold lemonade and snacks after the 9:30am Sunday service. Find a date or two that works for you and go to: stjwh.org/lemonadeonthelawn to sign up, then invite a friend, partner, spouse, or your kids to join you. Detailed instructions will be emailed to volunteers before each shift. Questions? Contact Loretta Waldman at lwaldmanster@gmail.com or by text at 860-966-9183. Thank you all!



Memorial Garden Upkeep

The garden needs your help!



Attention all gardeners!! The Memorial Garden Crew needs your help! To maintain this beautiful and sacred garden, we need a team of weeders on a bi-weekly basis from June through September to weed and do some light pruning. This usually takes no more than an hour or two of your time. If you are willing to help, please sign up online at:

www.stjwh.org/memorialgarden. If you are unable to access the link, kindly see or email Claire Burnett at claireburnett@comcast.net. Volunteers will receive detailed instructions via email and/or by scheduling a walk through the garden with Claire after a 9:30am service. Thank you for supporting this ministry!

Good News Garden Update

June News

THE St. James's Good News Garden is expanding into a third bed thanks to Joe and Bob, and the watering system is also being expanded. Two compost heaps are now working, and if you're outside near them give the rotating one a couple spins! (Thanks to Chris Keesling for donating it). We are delivering to Hartford Catholic Worker on Wednesday mornings. If you have fresh produce to add, please bring it to the cloister by 9:15AM.





Thank You to the St. James's Good News Garden team!

Cheryl and John Wadsworth, Chuck Russo, Vera Racine,
Sue Nelson, Susan Ritz, Diane Mack, Cheri Evans,
Chuck Kinney, Cindy Welch, Heidi Sweeney, Judith Stahl,
Peggy McManus, Carolyn McGaughey, and
everyone who has helped plant, feed and serve.

If you would like to participate in the Good News
Garden ministry, contact the Rev. Joe Rose at
assistant@stjameswh.org

Parish Prayer List

Those in our parish family

Jeffrey, Greg, Elsa, Michael, 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

Registry and Readings

Baptisms

Cameron Robert Jacovino

June 25, 2023

Son of Michael and Claire Jacovino

Peter Adam Jacovino

June 25, 2023

Son of Edward Jacovino, Jr. and

Elizabeth Porter

Deaths

Elizabeth Crosby Cloud

June 1, 2023

Francis "Frank" Lundborg

June 10, 2023

Parish Birthdays

Children and Youth

JULY

Willa Horowitz, 1
Hunter Swales, 1
Theo Vietzke, 8
Samuel Conca, 9
Vivienne Long, 15
Beatrice Tweedie, 20
Aubrey Keough, 21
Jack Harwood, 22



AUGUST

Allison McDill, 3
Charles Collin, 6
Abigail Collin, 9
Logan Kirsch, 12
Emilie Sullivan, 16
Caitlyn Harwood, 19
Graham Woodward, 20
Natalie Lytle, 21
Harper Leichenring, 27
Zak Lovin, 27
Julia Jane Bowman, 30
Lillian Waterman, 31

Sunday Lectionary

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost, July 2

Genesis 22:1-14; Psalm 13

Romans 6:12-23; Matthew 10:40-42

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost, July 9

Genesis 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67

Psalm 45: 11-18; or Song of Solomon 2:8-13

Romans 7:15-25a; Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost, July 16

Genesis 25:19-34; Psalm 119:105-112

Romans 8:1-11; Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost, July 23

Genesis 28:10-19a; Psalm 139: 1-11, 22-23

or Wisdom of Solomon 12:13, 16-19

Romans 8:12-25; Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost, July 30

Genesis 29:15-28; Psalm 105:1-11, 45b

Romans 8:26-39; Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

The Transfiguration, August 6

Exodus 34:29-35; 2 Peter 1:13-21;

Luke 9:28-36; Psalm 99 or 99:5-9

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost, August 13

Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28; Psalm 105:1-6, 16-22, 45b

Romans 10:5-15; Matthew 14:22-33

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost, August 20

Genesis 45:1-15; Psalm 133

Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32

Matthew 15: (10-20), 21-28

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost, August 27

Exodus 1:8-2:10; Psalm 124

Romans 12:1-8; Matthew 16:13-20

July/August

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30 9:30 AM Holy Eucharist, Rite II w/ Livestream—Church 9:30 KFC (Kids for Christ) - PH 11:00 AM Lemonade on the Lawn	31 7:00 AM AA Group - DR 10:00 AM AA Group - DR 7:00 PM Music Series—PH		2 7:00 AM AA Group - DR 7:00 AM Holy Eucharist—Chapel 6:30 PM Healing Service—Chapel	3 7:00 AM AA Group - DR 10:00 AM AA Group—DR	4 Parish Office Closoed 7:00 AM AA Group - DR	1/5 7:00 PM AA Group—DR 2:00 PM Norman Kayser Funeral—Church 3:00 PM Reception—PH
2/6 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 Lemonade on the Lawn	3/7 7:00 AM AA Group - DR 10:00 AM AA Group - DR 7:00 PM Music Series—PH	4/8 7:00 AM AA Group - DR	5/9 7:00 AM AA Group - DR 7:00 AM Holy Eucharist—Chapel	6/10 7:00 AM AA Group - DR 10:00 AM AA Group—DR	7/11 Parish Office Closed 7:00 AM AA Group - DR	8/12 7:00 PM AA Group—DR
9/13 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 Prepare for Loaves and Fishes 11:00 AM Lemonade on the Lawn	10/14 7:00 AM AA Group - DR 10:00 AM AA Group - DR 11:30 AM Serve for Loaves and Fishes 7:00 PM Concert—Church	11/15 7:00 AM AA Group - DR	12/16 7:00 AM AA Group - DR 7:00 AM Holy Eucharist—Chapel 10:30 AM Holy Eucharist—McAuley	13/17 7:00 AM AA Group - DR 10:00 AM AA Group -DR 10:00 AM FOODSHARE	14/18 Parish Office Closed 7:00 AM AA Group - DR	15/19 7:00 PM AA Group—DR
16/20 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 Prepare for South Park Inn 11:00 AM Lemonade on the Lawn 11:00 AM Annual School Supply Sort & Pack Day—PH	17/21 7:00 AM AA Group - DR 10:00 AM AA Group - DR 7:00 PM Music Series—PH	18/22 7:00 AM AA Group - DR	19/23 7:00 AM AA Group - DR 7:00 AM Holy Eucharist—Chapel	20/24 7:00 AM AA Group - DR 10:00 AM AA Group—DR	21/25 Parish Office Closed 7:00 AM AA Group - DR 5:15 PM Fourth Friday Family Night—Fernridge Park	22/26 7:00 PM AA—DR 2:00 PM Liz Cloud Funeral—Church 3:00 PM Reception—PH
23/27 9:30 AM Holy Eucharist, Rite II w/ Livestream—Church 9:30 KFC (Kids for Christ) - PH 11:00 AM Lemonade on the Lawn	24/28 7:00 AM AA Group - DR 10:00 AM AA Group - DR 7:00 PM Music Series—PH	25/29 7:00 AM AA Group - DR	26/30 7:00 AM AA Group - DR 7:00 AM Holy Eucharist—Chapel	27/31 7:00 AM AA Group - DR 10:00 AM AA Group—DR	28 Parish Office Closed 7:00 AM AA Group - DR 5:15 PM Fourth Friday Family Night—Fernridge Park	29 7:00 PM AA—DR

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