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news from St. James's

## From the Rector's Desk

### "Gospel Math"

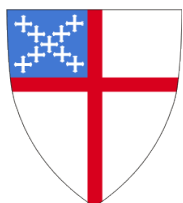
*But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift...The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ...But speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and knitted together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love. Ephesians 4:7, 11-12, 15-16*

I like the idea that The Bible and Baptismal Covenant can be seen as user manuals to a life lived in community and God's vision, or what Verna Dozier (contemporary theologian and writer) used to call "God's Dream". The fourth chapter of Paul's letter to the Ephesians encapsulates this idea beautifully. This letter is primarily a celebration of the life of the Church as a unique community established by God through the work of Jesus. It teaches us that the Kingdom of God—and by extension, the Church—is greater than the sum of its parts. In other words, we can do far more together in the name of Christ than we could ever do individually. This is what I like to call "Gospel Math." While we learn in school that  $1+1=2$ , and popular culture and politics seem to prefer to use the math of scarcity, "Gospel Math" is about abundance.

The letter to the Ephesians tells us in no uncertain terms that we have been given all that we need to do the work of the faithful, to build up the Church in love and, through this, each other and the world we live in. We are all equipped with different skills and gifts, and joined together by the reality that we are the beloved children of God empowered to hear and heed the Gospel call, to share the love of Christ and to live into that love. The grace of God and the love of Christ are perfect examples of this "Gospel Math." In sharing, in the very act of giving them to others, they grow and multiply in us.

We build up the Church by building up others. To do this, however, we must be spiritually grounded through a life and practice of prayer and study. What are you doing to take care of yourself, of your heart and your soul? What are you teaching your children? How can we as a community of folks struggling to be faithful lift you up and journey with you along the way? As the conversation here at St. James's continues about how we are called to go deeper in faith together and as individuals, I hope that you will be a part of this. Share your thoughts, your dreams and your prayers. This year, be a part of the liturgy, the wonderful formation opportunities for young and adults alike, and the wider life of the parish; and let us, like Paul, celebrate this grace filled and divine gift that we call the Church, the Body of Christ.

Faithfully,

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

March/April 2020

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## Highlights in March/April

- **Sundays, March 1—March 29**  
Service of Compline, 7:30pm
- **Sundays, March 1 & April 5** Celtic  
Worship at St. John's, 4:30pm
- **Saturday, March 14** "The English  
Anthem" presented by the St.  
James's choir and organist  
Benjamin Straley, under the  
direction of Vaughn Mauren, 7pm
- **Sunday, March 15** Rhythms of  
Grace Service, 4pm
- **Sunday, March 22** Bach's B minor  
Mass, 4pm
- **Sunday, April 5** Palm Sunday  
Easter Basket Event, 11:30am
- **Sunday, April 5-12 Holy Week**  
(see page ??)

# From the Organist & Choirmaster

**D**ear Parishioners,  
I hope you will join us on Saturday, March 14th at 7pm for "The English Anthem," featuring our choir and organist Benjamin Straley in a concert of popular Anglican choral works.

Our Anglican musical heritage is traced back to the monastic tradition of the 11th century. Monasteries were home to communities of monks who participated in a daily routine of eight services, called "the Liturgy of the Hours." These services were:

- Matins (during the night, at midnight with some); also called Vigils or Nocturns or, in monastic usage, the Night Office.
- Lauds or Dawn Prayer (at Dawn, or 3 a.m.)
- Prime or Early Morning Prayer (First Hour = approximately 6 a.m.)
- Terce or Mid-Morning Prayer (Third Hour = approximately 9 a.m.)
- Sext or Midday Prayer (Sixth Hour = approximately 12 noon)
- None or Mid-Afternoon Prayer (Ninth Hour = approximately 3 p.m.)
- Vespers or Evening Prayer (at the lighting of the lamps, generally at 6 p.m.)
- Compline or Night Prayer (before retiring, generally at 9 p.m.)

Not surprisingly, this rigorous daily regimen of chanting eventually encouraged some variation. Since older monks sang with novice boys, as recorded in the 11th-century Winchester Troper (a trope was an additional section or line of music), it allowed for the harmonic combination of upper voices and lower voices. Within this remarkable document is some of the earliest notated harmony – one part chanting plainsong (likely adult monks), while a second part, perhaps originally improvised, sings in harmony (probably the boys' voices).

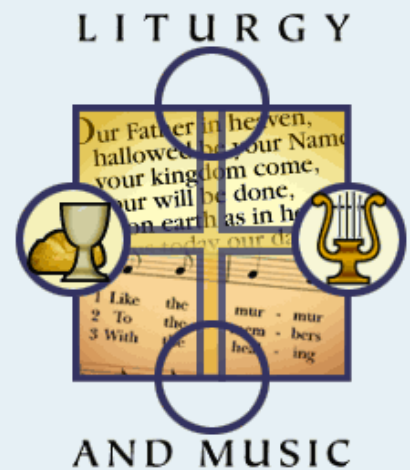
Following the English tradition, two-part choral harmony was also composed at Notre Dame Cathedral, Paris, from 1160-1250. This tradition is called Organum.

As the Renaissance bloomed across Europe, sacred choral music continued to develop as unique traditions and compositional techniques grew out of each country and region. Renaissance composers from the Roman church in English include John Taverner, Thomas Tallis, William Byrd, and Orlando Gibbons. At the beginning of the 16th century, over 50 choirs existed at monasteries and English cathedrals. These were disbanded by Henry VIII in the 1530s when he divorced Catherine of Aragon and separated the English church from Rome. Following the separation, the Book of Common Prayer was written by Thomas Cranmer in 1549, and new liturgies for the nascent Anglican church were codified. Of these, Choral Evensong became a defining liturgy.

Charles II restoration to the throne in 1660 marked a revival of Anglican choral music. John Blow, choirmaster of St. Paul's Cathedral, London, and his student Henry Purcell, now fully ensconced in the newly formed Church of England, composed a uniquely Anglican style of music.

After a lull in the 18th century, Samuel Sebastian Wesley revived Anglican choral music by the early 19th century, and composers of the Edwardian and Victorian eras wrote grand works that celebrated the power and glory of the British Empire.

Today, English cathedral choirs are in many ways stronger than ever, but many parish choirs have been disbanded in favor of modern musical styles or a lack of volunteer singers. This has been mirrored in America, where divergent styles of music in the Episcopal Church continue to reduce the number of traditional Anglican music programs. Here at St. James's, our choir still draws much of our repertoire and style of singing from the Anglican canon. We are a contemporary link to a tradition over one thousand years old!



## Sundays in Lent

**March 1—March 29**

Service of Compline, 7:30pm

## Concerts at St. James's

**Saturday, March 14**

**"The English Anthem"**

The St. James's Choir and organist Benjamin Straley, under the direction of Vaughn Mauren  
Free admission, 7pm

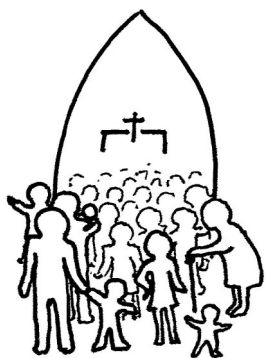
## *Jubilate Deo!*

**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*

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# St. James's Center for Family Ministries



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

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

*Young children age 3  
through elementary school  
are welcome to gather in the  
narthex (main foyer) for  
Sunday School. They return  
during the Peace.*

## **Rhythms of Grace**

*A different kind of worship  
for children and families  
set in the Anglican  
Tradition! Our next  
service will be held on  
**Sunday, March 15** at 4pm  
with Priscilla Hooper.*



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**I** ALWAYS begin writing my newsletter by reading the last couple of years of newsletters. In the March/April 2018 newsletter, I wrote about a blogger, Anna Fitch Courie. Anna is a nurse, military spouse, military child and layperson. In her blog, *Christ Walk*, she wrote that she didn't think she was a very good military spouse, comparing herself to all the other spouses she sees that seem to have everything under complete control. We all know those families that seem to have it all together. The ones who have the perfect present for the child's homeroom teacher, and a little something special for the music teacher as well. Oh! And the children always have the perfectly balanced lunches in those cute bento box things that are so popular right now. She suggested that she thought she might even have a "Mom Crush" on some of those wives, and that when she sees their posts on Facebook she just feels like she doesn't measure up.

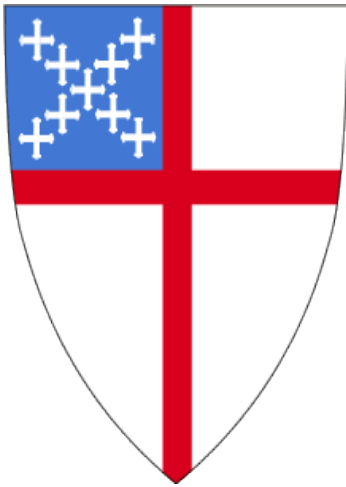
Rereading this newsletter, got me thinking. Facebook has created a space for each of us to present ourselves as we would like everyone to see us; not necessarily as we truly are. We create this alternate reality where our children are always at the top of the class, our make-up is always perfectly applied, and we never have spinach stuck in our teeth. I think so often, as I am reading friends' Facebook posts—when they are bragging about their children's latest achievements or posting when they go for a run—are you going to tell us when your daughter is seeking counseling for anxiety? Are you going to share when your son flunks out of his Freshman year in college, or how about when you sit on the couch and eat Reese's Peanut Butter cups instead of exercising? Most likely, I think the answer is no. Instead, we create these alternate realities where everything is peachy keen, but we have to remember that it is not reality. This perfect family or perfect marriage or perfect job doesn't exist. No one has it all together. No one.

When my son Robby and Katy got married a few years ago, I got them this little sign for their kitchen. It says, "We may not have it all together, but together we have it all." I love this sentiment for starting out a marriage, but also for living in a church community. We at St. James's are a wonderful bunch of people. We have amazing gifts and talents amongst us. God has blessed us here in more ways than we can count. But, we are still all human. We make mistakes. A few weeks ago, I got frustrated with a parishioner and I was not my most rational self. Guess what? I asked for forgiveness. She gave it. We moved on. We live in this community of faith and we support each other, warts and all. We do dumb stuff, but it is ok. It is better than ok. It is fantastic. Together we definitely have it all at St. James's.

Unlike the alternate reality of Facebook, the church is a true community where you can be the real you. You can come to church and worship with other flawed people. You are welcome here. You and your flaws. It's ok. We all have them and God loves us anyway. When we are at our best as a church community, we are Jesus's hands and heart in the world. Loving each other as Jesus taught us, unconditionally.

Your Sister in Christ,

## Vestry Corner



The Vestry Nominating Committee and St. James's welcomes the following new and existing members of our Vestry and Officers for 2020:

Claire Burnett **Senior Warden**  
David Dynowski **Junior Warden**  
Kerri Raissian **Clerk**  
Harry Meyer **Treasurer**

**Term Ending 2021**  
Bruce Adams  
Amy Messinger  
Thomas Rouse  
Judith Stahl

**Term Ending 2022**  
Jane Good  
Greg Jacobs  
Chris Keesling

**Term Ending 2023**  
Jerrod Bowman  
Ruth Mitman  
Tyler Smith  
Loretta Waldman

## Stewardship Thank You 2020

*The following parishioners have pledged for 2020. New pledgers are in italics.*

Eric & Charlotte LaForest, Borden & Ann Painter, Bob & Priscilla Hooper, *Allison Ahearn*, Kenneth & Susan Gutierrez, Nathalie Mascolo, Jonathan Lewis & Kate Jackson, Geraldine Smalley, Eddie Jacovino & Elizabeth Porter, Cynthia Clifford, *Mari Merwin*, Ray Payne, John & Brenda Barrows, Ron Ward, Robert & Lynne Holloway, Susan Cooley, Ron Coons, Doug Compton, Jane Good, Judy Lawes, Doug & Ann Cooke, Bob & Nancy Jo Hoffman, Bette Kelly, Gale & Donna Mattison, Joyce Runge, Joey Meyer & Eleanor Michael, Joseph & Jennifer Long, Ben & Martha Parish, Carol Hunt, Hunter & Debra Morton, Bob & Claire Burnett, Bob & Renée McCue, Stephen & Lois Schneeberger, Edie Booth, Laura Ahrens, Fran Cobb, Carol McDermott, Dean & Ann Uphoff, Daphne Wilcox, Jan Bonner, *Kristopher & Kaitlyn Ware*, Betsy Curtler & Robert Sedivy, Sandra DeCelles, Tom & Rachael Desmond, Betsy Tonkin, Daniel & Ellen Dollar, Rob Duncan & Chuck Kinney, Mark & Cheri Evans, David & Samantha Dynowski, Adam Fisher & Abby Williamson, Kimberly Goodrich, Matt & Liz Schott, Greg & Judy Hock, Ken & Eileen Jackson, Norman & Joan Kayser, David & Virginia Kramer, Travis & Kimberly Lytle, Diane Mack & Robin Gilmartin, Harry Meyer, *John & Ruth Mitman*, Judy Nellen, Jonathan & Cheryl Pease, Curtis Roessler, Bill & Judith Stahl, Thomas Rouse & Susan Powers, Michael & Hilary Sherrill, Mike Shuey, David & Priscilla Thomas, Barbara Ulrich, John & Cheryl Wadsworth, Loretta Waldman, Richard M. Wenner, Bernie Wilbur, Rob Vietzke & Kate Robinson, Nick & Lauren Forcello, Louise Strillacci, Jocelyn Ehn, *David & Christine Pearson*, Tim Chambers & Molly Bennett, Liz Cloud, David & Barbara Teed, Eunice Heinlein, Jeff & Janet Lankin, Bob Bausmith & Jill Peters-Gee, Bud Bedingfield & Dayan Lutz, Dean & Kathy Bolt, Karen Ericson, Michael & Linda Fournier, Rob & Jessica Healy, Greg & Jennifer Jacobs, Paul & Jo Mangiafico, Hope Lennartz & Solange Rossignol, Sam & Michele Paul, Chuck Russo, Bob Skenderian, Bill & Judith Thompson, Mayrita Trojanowski, Chuck & Meredith Willson, Bryan & Terry Wyson, the Women of St. James's, Bob & Betsy Smith, Bill & Nora Harris, John & Frances Bergquist, Patrick Coll & Bonny Slim, John & Jessica Tagliarini, Laura DeLaCruz, Sarah Bedell, Liz & Brad Normand, Nicholas Busse & Barbara Rua, Donna Kluciewicz, Ted & Ronnie Newton, Jeffrey & Kimberly Moore, Paul & Diane Duva, Stephan & Lesley Toutain, Deirdre Penland, Richard & Margaret Brown, Norma Hattings, David & Jennifer Lemanski, Mary Ann Haar, Colin & Heather Swales, Essie Womble, Peter & Melissa Bowman, Leon Fraser & Marilyn Tomlinson, Eleanor Brazell, *Nancy Brown*, Alex Smith & Christine Pina, Peter & Anna Ciccone, Robert Freeburger, Rafael & Elizabeth Gallegos, Hugh & Jan Whelan, *Mike McMahon & Ann Wood*, Ian & Janet Duncan, James & Noreen Pfadenhauer, Peter & Trudy Thompson, Tom & Rita Neal, Andrew & Pam Ponichtera, Bruce Adams, *Jim & Margaret Falcetta*, Chris & Christine Wilson, Barry & Nancy Miller, Mark Moyle, John & Elizabeth Waterman, Gretchen Hall, Mark & Cindy Welch, Tim Galante & Tammi Flowers, Jon Harden & Lynne Lumsden, Chan & Barbara Schiller, Sue Nelson, David & Jeanne DiGiacomo, Bob Fawber, Matthew & Liisa Pinckney, Derrick & Kristen Kirsch, Jerrod & Maureen Bowman, James & Carolyn O'Sullivan, Peter & Chris Peterson, Kevin & Lisa Swan, David & Amy Messinger, Andrew & Michele Clapsaddle, David & Michelle Colburn, *Jeffrey & Melissa Lovin*, Nell Walker, Geraldine Van Schaack, Chris & Louise Keesling, *Tyler & Courtney Smith*, Merriol Almond, Sue Nelson, Kevin & Kaelea Tewksbury, Hugh MacGillis & Susan Ritz, Peter & Trudy Thompson.



# Liturgies & Holy Week

MORNING PRAYER IN CHAPEL | 7:00AM  
WEDNESDAY EUCHARIST IN CHAPEL | 7:00AM  
*FOLLOWED BY BREAKFAST IN THE PARISH ROOM*

SERVICE OF COMPLINE  
SUNDAYS | MARCH 1 - MARCH 29 | 7:30PM

PALM SUNDAY | APRIL 5 | 10AM  
EUCHARIST & SUNG PASSION (NO 8AM SERVICE)

HOLY WEDNESDAY | APRIL 8 | 7AM  
EUCHARIST IN CHAPEL FOLLOWED BY BREAKFAST

MAUNDY THURSDAY | APRIL 9 | 7PM  
HOLY EUCHARIST & STRIPPING OF ALTAR IN CHURCH

GOOD FRIDAY | APRIL 10  
GF LITURGY AT ST JAMES'S W/ ST JOHN'S | 12PM  
NEW TESTAMENT READING & VIGIL IN CHAPEL | 1PM  
GF LITURGY AT ST JOHN'S W/ ST JAMES'S | 7PM

HOLY SATURDAY | APRIL 11  
EASTER PREPARATIONS AT ST JAMES'S | 9AM  
EASTER VIGIL AT CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL | 7:30:PM

EASTER SUNDAY | APRIL 12  
FESTAL EUCHARIST | 10AM  
*FOLLOWED BY EASTER EGG HUNT & MIMOSAS*

## Spotlight

### Fall Auction's Great Success Due to the Hard Work of Volunteers

**T**HE 2019 Auction in November was a huge success. With a theme of "A Night in Venice," it raised over \$19,000, far exceeding the budgeted goal of \$15,000. I sat down with the Auction chairs, Kerri Raissian, Judith Stahl, and Meredith Willson to find out more.

"I got involved at a vestry meeting," said Willson. "It was silent when Bob asked if anyone wanted to chair the event. I can't handle silence." Raissian said, "I volunteered at a vestry meeting, but I said I don't really know how to do it."



Stahl said, "They were so organized so early. I just went to the first meeting." At the first meeting after Easter, the committee got volunteers to head all the committees, and people started brainstorming about auction items. "Joey committed at that meeting as well," said Raissian, referring to the fact that Joey Meyer agreed to be the gondolier auctioneer.

From the first auction meeting, the work was spread among a lot of volunteers. "The generosity of our big items and the willingness of those donors to double their offers contributed to our success," said Raissian.

"I think the fact that you could buy a whole table contributed as well," said Willson. This year, at the auction, friends could buy a whole table so that they could sit together. "Judith's, donation sheets were really beautiful as well," said Raissian, pointing out that the attention to details attributed to the auction's success.

About a week before the auction, there was one challenge that no one could have anticipated. Raissian's youngest son, Rory, came down with a bad case of chicken pox. "Rory getting chicken pox the week before was a big challenge," said Raissian. She called Meredith Willson to tell her about Rory. "I was like, you should just stay home," said Willson. "It was really just fine," said Stahl. Raissian added that the community pitched in and everyone helped in the end.

In addition to raising over \$19,000, the committee had a lot of fun together. "I enjoyed the people involved so much. It made it fun," said Willson. "Meredith's texts were fun," said Raissian.

If the auction is something you think you would like to be involved with at St. James's, then the committee advises that you just come to the meeting which will most likely happen after Easter 2021, as the auction happens every other year.

"There are a ton of ways to get involved," said Raissian. "There is something for everybody." Stahl added that if you miss the first meeting that is ok as well. "It is never too late to get involved," she said.



*From left, Martha Parish, Kerri Raissian, Judith Stahl and Jen Jacobs*

**Spotlight** is a bi-monthly interview in the Open Door highlighting the ministries of St. James's and the people who make them successful. If you would like to nominate someone(s) for the next installment, please email our Sr. Warden Claire Burnett at [claireburnett@comcast.net](mailto:claireburnett@comcast.net).



# Mission

## Easter Basket Event

*Palm Sunday, April 5*

**D**URING the month of March we'll begin our toiletry collection for our annual Easter Basket event to be held on **Palm Sunday, April 5**. Each year we fill close to 200 baskets and bags for women, men, and families in local shelters. Please donate full-sized, or even family-sized: shampoo, conditioner, moisturizer, body wash, toothpaste, deodorant, and soap, as well as smaller personal care items such as razors, toothbrushes, combs, and nail kits. Join in the fun of sorting and packing these items into beautiful basket arrangements on **Palm Sunday, April 5** after the 10:00 service. Please involve your children as this is an all-ages event! There will be no Christian Formation that day. Coffee and other refreshments will be served.

## Spring Flower Sale

*Palm Sunday, April 5*

**T**HE spring flower sale will be held again this year on **Palm Sunday, April 5** after the 10:00 service. Doug Compton will have beautiful Easter lilies for sale to brighten your home and garden. All proceeds will benefit the St. James's Feeding Programs.

## Food Pantry Ongoing Needs

**T**he WH Food Pantry is in most need of the following items: Canned fruit/applesauce, canned tuna, baked beans, peanut butter, rice, pasta and sauce. Please bring your donations to the church and place them at any of the entrances to the building. Remember to check expiration dates!

## A Place of Grace

*To the Parishioners of St. James's: Thank You!*

**O**NCE again I want to express how grateful we are at A Place of Grace, the food pantry at Grace Episcopal Church in Hartford, for your wonderful donations. The \$800 [monetary gift] for us at Foodshare really helped make Foodshare purchases, as we must pay for some of the food items there. The paper products you donated helped our clients immensely, as food stamps don't always cover these items. And the school supplies you donated were a big hit!

We serve an average of 140 clients per week in the Parkville, Frog Hollow and West End of Hartford. Your generous contributions certainly help us run our community mission. Thank you again!

Kathy Rovetti, *Director*

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# Around the Parish

## CONCORA Friend's of Bach

*Presents: "Zuzana: Music is Life"*

**C**OME to St. James's on **Saturday, March 6** at 7:30pm for a viewing of "Zuzana: Music is Life." The film is sponsored by CONCORA Friend's of Bach and will be shown in the parish hall. A beautiful film about an Auschwitz survivor who later recorded all the keyboard works of Bach. It is a deeply spiritual story of faith through the power of music to sustain us in the most horrible of times. \$20 suggested donation. Open to all. Snow date – March 7.



## New Testament Reading

**J**OIN in as a reader or listener to the Gospels of Luke and John and the post Resurrection life of the church as told by Luke in the Acts of the Apostles. The reading begins at 1pm in the Kennedy Chapel on **Good Friday, April 10**. Reading is done in 20-minute segments. A signup sheet will be posted outside the parish office during Lent. If you have questions, contact Ron Ward: 860-463-8057 or email: [rtwtmr@comcast.net](mailto:rtwtmr@comcast.net).

## Easter Preparations

**M**ARY ANN HAAR could use your help with preparing the sanctuary for Easter on **Holy Saturday, April 11 at 9am**. Duties include arranging flowers and other altar preparations. Any amount of time you can give is greatly appreciated.

## Men's Discussion Group

*Second and Fourth Saturdays*

**A**LL men of the parish and guests are invited to a discussion group on **Saturdays, March 14 and 28; April 11 and 25** beginning at 8:00am in the parish room. Various religious topics are presented and refreshments are provided.

## Daylight Saving Time

**D**AYLIGHT Saving Time begins on **March 8!** Remember to turn your clocks ahead one hour Saturday evening, March 7.

# The English Anthem

Choral music of Parry, Bairstow, Stanford, Gibbons, Weir, and others

The St James's Choir  
Benjamin Straley, organist  
Vaughn Mauren, director



SATURDAY, MARCH 14, 2020 7:00 PM | FREE ADMISSION

ST JAMES'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH | 1018 FARMINGTON AVENUE | WEST HARTFORD, CT

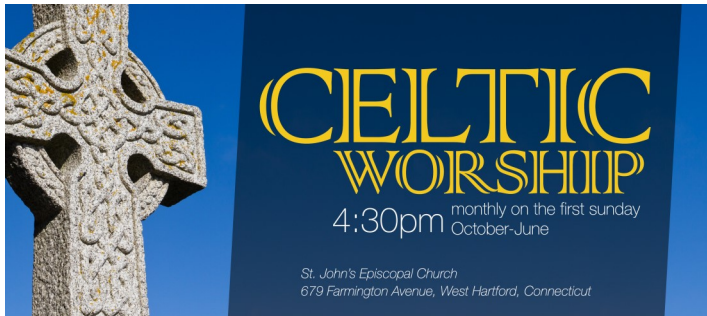
## Fourth Friday Family Night

March 27 and April 24  
at 5:30pm

**F**AMILY Nights continue every fourth Friday of the month, **March 22 and April 26!** We'll enjoy a pizza dinner and show a child-friendly movie for the kids afterwards. Adults can BYOB, and feel free to bring a side dish of your choice. It's a great opportunity to get together with church friends and let the kids get to know each other better, too. We ask for a donation of approximately \$5-10 per family to cover the pizza costs. If you'd like to attend, please email Abby.Williamson@gmail.com or Kerriraissian@gmail.com and we can put you on our Evite list to RSVP.

## Easter Flower Memorials

**E**NVELOPES for Easter flower memorials will be available beginning **Sunday, March 8**, and can be found in the pews of the church and chapel. Please use these envelopes to make your donations and requests in honor or in memory of loved ones, and place them in the collection plate. Names will be listed in the Easter bulletin.



## Celtic Worship

Sundays, March 1 and April 5

**E**XPERIENCE worship in the Celtic tradition on **Sundays, March 1 and April 5 at 4:30pm** at St. John's Church in West Hartford. Chant, silence, prayer, and music from around the world are incorporated into the service. Celtic Worship is offered every first Sunday of the month from October through June. We hope that you will join us!

## Registry and Readings

### Baptisms

**Vera Maeve Milliun, January 19**  
Daughter of Jesse and Andrea Milliun

**Wesley Edward Regan, February 9**  
Son of James and Carly Regan

### Deaths

**Raymond J. Payne**  
December 31, 2019

**Meg Smith**  
February 7, 2020

## Parish Birthdays

Children and Youth

### MARCH

George Keating, 1  
Charlie Lewis, 4  
Margaret Adams, 6  
Jillian Moore, 7  
McAllister Raissian, 15  
John DeLibero, 26  
Helen Lapointe, 27  
Darcy Leichsenring, 27  
Calvin Meyer, 30  
Madeleine Schott, 30  
Abigail Tapley, 31



### APRIL

Andrew Lemanski, 1  
Greta Leichsenring, 5  
Maisie Accetta, 6  
Cole Ware, 6  
Natalie DeLaCruz, 9  
Maeve Healy, 11  
Patrick Keough, 12  
Carter Morton, 13  
Cate DiGiacomo, 15  
Nora Willson, 15  
Ryder Morton, 26  
Max Ware, 26  
Emerson Ahearn, 27  
Kate Colburn, 27  
Kari Flowers, 30  
Arthur Smith, 30

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## Parish Prayer List

### Those in our parish family

Jeffrey, Greg, Elsa, Michael, Margaret & Richard, Ruth, Walter, Frank, Elly, Tom, Chuck, David, Sue, Will, Meg, Ed, Tom, David, Nancy, Chris & Louise.

### Those in our extended parish family

Maria, Kevin, Mary Ann, Jenifer, Nancy, Jeff, Carol, Christina, Jean, Jeff, Karen, David, Patricia, Quinn, Joanie, Teresa, Alvin, Karen, Audra, Parker & Cynthia, Ann, Kara, Patricia, Carrie, John & Rita, Barbara & Family, Tavern, Mohan, Larry, Barbara, Hudson, Dave, Charlene, Pierre, Guy, Stephen, Clark, Sydney, Clare, Leo, Ann, Kayleigh, Cathleen, Denise, Javier, Susan & Gordon, Kristine & Noel.

### Those Serving in the Military:

Andrew Clark, Andrew Huntsman, Ed Vera, and Justin Hagemann.

## Sunday Lectionary

### First Sunday of Lent, March 1

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

### Second Sunday of Lent, March 8

Genesis 12:1-4a; Romans 4:1-5, 13-17  
John 3:1-17; Psalm 121

### Third Sunday of Lent, March 15

Exodus 17:1-7; Romans 5:1-11  
John 4:5-42; Psalm 95

### Fourth Sunday of Lent, March 22

1 Samuel 16:1-13; Ephesians 5:8-14  
John 9:1-41; Psalm 23

### Fifth Sunday of Lent, March 29

Ezekiel 37:1-14; Romans 8:6-11  
John 11:1-45; Psalm 130

### Palm Sunday, April 5

Isaiah 50:4-9a; Philippians 2:5-11  
Matthew 26:14-27:66 or Matthew 27:11-54  
Psalm 31:9-16

### Easter Sunday, April 12

Acts 10:34-43; Colossians 3:1-4  
John 20:1-18 or Matthew 28:1-10  
Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

### Second Sunday of Easter, April 19

Acts 2:14a, 22-32; 1 Peter 1:3-9; John 20:19-31; Psalm 16

### Third Sunday of Easter, April 26

Acts 2:14a, 36-41; 1 Peter 1:17-23; Luke 24:13-35  
Psalm 116:1-3, 10-17

Bring a Friend to Church 9

## Women Of St. James's March and April Programs



### Tuesday, March 3

The Rt. Reverend Laura J. Ahrens, Suffragan Bishop  
Episcopal Church of Connecticut  
*Pilgrimage to the Holy Land*

### Tuesday, March 10

Brenda Coogan O'Leary, Director, Coogan School of Irish Dance  
*Irish Steppers*

### Tuesday, March 17

Eric LaForest, Keller Family Director  
Norton Family Center for the Common Good  
*What is the Center for the Common Good?*

### Tuesday, March 24

Sally Whipple, Executive Director, Old State House  
*Stories from the Old State House*

### Tuesday, March 31

The Rev'd Charlotte LaForest, Rector  
St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, Longmeadow, Massachusetts

### Tuesday, April 7

The Reverend Dr. Borden W. Painter, Priest Associate, St. James's  
*Erasmus and Luther: Reformation or Revolution*

### Tuesday, April 14

Mark and Cindy Welch  
*Adventures of Piper Cherokee N705FL*

### Tuesday, April 21

Gayle Nogas, Master Herbalist, Gayle's Thyme Herbal Apothecary  
*Kitchen Spice Cabinet Medicine*

### Tuesday, April 28

Kimberly Palmucci, Author and Animal Advocate  
*Be Proud to be Purr-fectly You*

## Spring Is Right Around the Corner...Hopefully!

*Followed by the Rummage Sale on  
Friday & Saturday, May 15 & 16, 2020*



# SPRING RUMMAGE SALE

Friday, May 15 and Saturday, May 16, 2020

*Spring Cleaning Time*

Spring is around the corner and we will soon begin planning for the rummage sale in May. As always, here are some guidelines as you begin gathering items for the sale:

- ♦ ***Items may be brought to the church basement beginning SATURDAY, MAY 9.*** Please do not bring anything in before that date.
- ♦ Shoes need to be new or nearly brand new.
- ♦ TV's (**made after 2004**), computers and any other electronic equipment ***must be in working condition.***
- ♦ Separate your rummage by category and label your boxes/bags accordingly; i. e. women's, men's, boys, girls, infants, books, shoes, etc. Many of you did this for the sales last year and it really made a difference.
- ♦ Bring hanging clothes (dresses, suits, blouses, shirts, coats) on hangers to be hung on available racks.
- ♦ Please be selective when sorting your rummage. We ask that everything be clean and in good repair. ***Please, no stuffed toys.***
- ♦ Usable, good condition, small furniture. ***We cannot sell cribs. Because of limited space, we cannot take large exercise or ski equipment.***
- ♦ Finer items will be sold in the "Boutique".



We also need your help before, during and after the sale. Volunteers are needed for:

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| <b>Sorting: Friday, May 15</b>  | 9 AM to 5PM Come for as long as you are able.   |
| <b>Pre-Sale: Friday, May 15</b> | 6:30 to 8:30 PM <b><u>\$5 Admission.</u></b> Public and parish are welcome.   |
| <b>Sale: Saturday, May 16</b>   | 9 AM to 12 Noon <b><u>Free Admission - optional \$5 and \$10 bags.</u></b><br>Public and parish are welcomed.<br><b>12-12:30 PM</b> - Cleanup immediately following the sale. |

Please call Rachael Desmond at 860-232-1930 to volunteer or if you have questions. Sign-up sheets will be available in the weeks preceding the sale.

***The Women of St. James's would like to thank all of you in advance for helping with the sale. So many of you contribute items and volunteer your time to make this sale a success every year. Without all of you, this would not be possible. Thank you very much!***

# March/April 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b> 8:00 AM Holy Eucharist Rite II—Chapel 8:35 AM 200 Identical Sandwiches 9:30 AM Kids for Christ (KFC) - PH 9:30 AM HE & Sacrament of Healing—Church 11:00 AM Coffee Hour—PH 11:00 AM Pastoral Care Meeting—PR 7:30 PM Compline—Church	<b>2</b> 7:00 AM Morning Prayer 10:00 AM AA Group - DR 6:30 PM EFM—PR	<b>3</b> 7:00 AM AA Group - DR 7:00 AM Morning Prayer 12:15 PM WOSJ Luncheon—DR	<b>4/1</b> 7:00 AM Holy Eucharist/Breakfast 5:00 PM Junior Choristers 5:15 PM Treble Choristers 6:30 PM Choir Dinner—DR 7:00 PM Adult Choir	<b>5/2</b> 7:00 AM AA Group - DR 7:00 AM Morning Prayer 10:00 AM AA Group - DR	<b>6/3</b> 7:00 AM Morning Prayer 7:30 PM CONCORRA Friend's of Bach Film—PH	<b>7/4</b> 8:00 PM AA Group—DR
<b>8/5 Palm Sunday (no 8am service)</b> 8:00 AM Holy Eucharist Rite II—Chapel 8:35 AM Prepare for Loaves and Fishes 8:35 AM 200 Identical Sandwiches 9:30 AM Kids for Christ (KFC) - PH 9:30 AM HE & Sacrament of Healing—Church 11:00 AM Coffee Hour—PH 11:00 AM 200 Identical Sandwiches 10:00 AM Kids for Christ (KFC) - PH 10:00 AM HE w/Sung Passion & Sacrament of Healing—Church 11:30 AM Easter Baskets—PH 7:30 PM Compline—Church	<b>9/6</b> 7:00 AM Morning Prayer 10:00 AM AA Group - DR 11:30 AM Serve for Loaves and Fishes 6:30 PM EFM—PR	<b>10/7</b> 7:00 AM AA Group - DR 7:00 AM Morning Prayer 12:15 PM WOSJ Luncheon—DR	<b>11/8</b> 7:00 AM Holy Eucharist/Breakfast 5:00 PM Junior Choristers 5:15 PM Treble Choristers 6:30 PM Choir Dinner—DR 7:00 PM Adult Choir	<b>12/9 Maundy Thursday</b> 7:00 AM AA Group - DR 7:00 AM Morning Prayer 10:00 AM AA Group - DR 7:00 PM HE & Stripping of Altar—Church	<b>13/10 Good Friday</b> 7:00 AM Morning Prayer 12:00 PM GFL at St. James's 1:00 PM NT Reading—Chapel 7:00 PM GFL at St. John's	<b>14/11 Holy Saturday</b> 8:00 AM Men's Discussion Group - PR 8:00 PM AA Group—DR 7:00 PM Annual Choir Concert 7:30 PM Easter Vigil at CC Cathedral
<b>15/12 Easter Sunday (no 8am service)</b> 8:00 AM Holy Eucharist Rite II—Chapel 8:30 AM Prepare for Loaves and Fishes 8:30 AM Prepare for South Park Inn 9:30/10:00AM Kids for Christ (KFC) - PH 9:30 AM HE & Sacrament of Healing—Church 11:00/11:30 AM 200 Identical Sandwiches 11:00 AM Coffee Hour —PH 10:00 AM Festal Eucharist—Church 11:30 AM Egg Hunt & Mimosas 4:00 PM Rhythms of Grace 7:30 PM Compline—Church	<b>16/13 (Parish Office Closed)</b> 7:00 AM Morning Prayer 10:00 AM AA Group - DR 11:30 AM Serve for Loaves and Fishes 6:30 PM EFM—PR	<b>17/14</b> 7:00 AM AA Group - DR 7:00 AM Morning Prayer 12:15 PM WOSJ Luncheon—DR 7:00 PM Samaritans Group—PR 7:00 PM Audubon Society—PH 7:00 PM Vestry—PR	<b>18/15</b> 7:00 AM Holy Eucharist/Breakfast 5:00 PM Junior Choristers 5:15 PM Treble Choristers 6:30 PM Choir Dinner—DR 7:00 PM Adult Choir	<b>19/16</b> 7:00 AM AA Group - DR 7:00 AM Morning Prayer 10:00 AM AA Group - DR <b>10:00 AM FOODSHARE</b>	<b>20/17</b> 7:00 AM Morning Prayer	<b>21/18</b> 8:00 PM AA Group - DR
<b>22/19</b> 8:00 AM Holy Eucharist Rite II—Chapel 8:30 AM Prepare for South Park Inn 9:30 AM Kids for Christ (KFC) - PH 9:30 AM HE w/Sacrament of Healing—Church 11:00 AM Coffee Hour—PH 11:00 AM 200 Identical Sandwiches 4:00 PM Bach Mass in B minor—Church 7:30 PM Compline—Church	<b>23/20</b> 7:00 AM Morning Prayer 10:00 AM AA Group - DR 6:30 PM EFM—PR	<b>24/21</b> 7:00 AM AA Group - DR 7:00 AM Morning Prayer 12:15 PM WOSJ Luncheon—DR 7:00 PM Vestry —PR	<b>25/22</b> 7:00 AM Holy Eucharist/Breakfast 5:00 PM Junior Choristers 5:15 PM Treble Choristers 6:30 PM Choir Dinner—DR 7:00 PM Adult Choir	<b>26/23</b> 7:00 AM AA Group - DR 7:00 AM Morning Prayer 10:00 AM AA Group - DR 11:15 AM Holy Eucharist—McAuley	<b>27/24</b> 7:00 AM Morning Prayer 5:30 PM Fourth Friday Family Night—PH	<b>28/25</b> 8:00 AM Men's Discussion Group - PR
<b>29/26</b> 8:00 AM Holy Eucharist Rite II—Chapel 9:30 AM Kids for Christ (KFC) - PH 9:30 AM HE w/Sacrament of Healing—Church 11:00 AM Coffee Hour—PH 7:30 PM Compline—Church	<b>30/27</b> 7:00 AM Morning Prayer 10:00 AM AA Group - DR 6:30 PM EFM—PR	<b>31/28</b> 7:00 AM AA Group - DR 7:00 AM Morning Prayer 12:15 PM WOSJ Luncheon—DR	<b>29</b> 7:00 AM Holy Eucharist/Breakfast 5:00 PM Junior Choristers 5:15 PM Treble Choristers 6:30 PM Choir Dinner—DR 7:00 PM Adult Choir	<b>30</b> 7:00 AM AA Group - DR 7:00 AM Morning Prayer 10:00 AM AA Group - DR		



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<b>The Reverend Canon John L.C. Mitman</b>	<b>Priest Associate</b>
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