



the OPEN DOOR

news from St. James's

From the Rector's Desk

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

In my sermon on Sunday, February 14, I suggested that “when people ask you what your church did during the COVID-19 pandemic, instead of telling them all the many ways we tried to do liturgy or even socialize safely, you can tell them that we fed people.” Yes, you fed the poor, the forgotten, the struggling and the elderly. All of this in direct response to the ever-growing need and Jesus’ command that if we love him, we will feed his people.

He (Jesus) said to him the third time, “Simon son of John, do you love me?” Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, “Do you love me?” And he said to him, “Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Feed my sheep. John 21:17

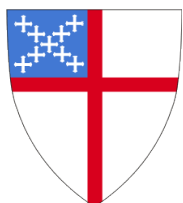
One of my favorite lines when people ask me about St. James’s is to tell them that if we are not feeding ourselves, we are feeding others. At times the feeding takes the form of feeding spirits, hearts and minds, and at other times it takes the form of fellowship or helping others meet their nutritional needs.

Because I am who I am, I now feel a need to give you some numbers. These numbers are all pre-COVID, and the reality today is quite a bit worse. In Connecticut, one in six children struggle with hunger and frequently go to bed hungry. In West Hartford, the food insecurity rate is 10 percent, and the poverty rate is 7.7 percent (I bet that is higher than you thought.) In Hartford, the food insecurity rate is 26 percent, and the poverty rate is 31.9 percent.

Now that you see the facts on the ground, let me tell you what you have been doing to address this urgent need.

- For years now, we have provided over 200 sandwiches to Loaves and Fishes nearly every week of the year, totaling well over 10,000 per year.
- You have prepared casseroles for the soup kitchen at Loaves and Fishes in the amount of nearly 100 a year.
- You have donated literally tons of food this past year to the West Hartford Food Bank.
- We are now providing 30 bags of staples every other week to families in the North End of Hartford.
- Monthly, nearly 80 boxes full of non-perishables are delivered to West Hartford Senior Citizens in need.
- Since August 30, we have prepared and delivered through our partnership with the Hartford Catholic Worker, 756 family dinners totaling 3,024 individual meals.

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

March/April 2021

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Highlights in March/April

- **Sundays in Mar/Apr** Livestream Service @9:30am.
- **Confirmation Classes** continue. See schedule on page 2.
- **Lenten Series** every Thursday in Lent through March 25, 7-8pm.
- **Lenten Toiletry Mission** details on page 8.
- **Celtic Worship First Sunday of the Month** March 7 and April 4 via Zoom @ 4:30pm.
- **Compline Livestream** Sunday, March 14 at 9pm.
- **Holy Week & Easter** See Page 6.

We continue to offer livestream worship on our YouTube channel every Sunday at 9:30am. Morning Prayer via Zoom is also held at 8 o'clock every Wednesday. A link will be provided in the weekly email, newsletter, and bulletin. KFC for children at 10:30am also continues every Sunday. Just sign up for weekly emails by going to the St. James's

The need continues to grow, but I have total faith in the good people of St. James's that we will continue to work to address hunger in our neighborhood and beyond. Jesus said, "Feed my sheep," and we at St. James's are certainly trying.

On another note, many of you have asked me what the plans for in person worship are at St. James's as we move forward. As a starter, I have got to tell you that I am starting to avoid the word plan. Over the past year we have had many "plans" that have been thwarted by the realities of this pandemic. So, let me share with you some thoughts or maybe we can call it a vision for the future. For now, we will continue to live stream Spiritual Eucharist on Sunday mornings and will try to come up with some ways to virtually engage during Holy Week. When the weather allows, we will add an additional service outdoors on Sunday mornings, after the 9:30 live stream service, probably around 11:00. When the time comes, it would be great to have a group of folks that could set up the outdoor service, while Tim, Vaughn and I are in the church live streaming and Priscilla is teaching Sunday school. Depending on vaccination rates and the recommendations of our bishops, by the beginning of summer, I hope to be able to welcome smallish groups to live indoor worship. My prayer for all of us is that by September/October we will be able to gather in the sanctuary with precautions for worship.

As I am sure you understand, none of this is written in stone. We need to continue to be flexible, patient and safe. So far, I have to say, you all have been just that, and I thank you.

I ask that you pray for me as I will continue to pray for you, as we navigate this difficult time together.

Your brother in Christ,



Easter Memorial / Thanksgiving Gifts

FOR as long as anyone can remember, at Easter along with the annual celebration of the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ, there has been an opportunity to remember loved ones who have gone before us and to celebrate the blessings in our lives. This has been done through donations made to help pay for the flowers that adorn the altar on Easter Sunday. Since there will not be the need for the large number of flowers in the Church this year, a group of vestry members have suggested that individuals and families might like to make memorial/thanksgiving gifts for another purpose. This year you can make a gift to remember or give thanks by making a donation to the St. James's Memorial Fund. The Memorial Fund is used primarily for unbudgeted and special purchases of liturgical supplies and goods, such as the new aisle candles, special altar linens and other things used during services. Who knows, with a little creativity we could use this money for something really special. One idea that has come up is the purchase of a set of timpani for the choir loft, adding some real pizzazz to our musical offerings.

The names of the people being remembered will be listed in the electronic bulletin on Easter Day and in the weekly newsletter (The Open Door) Holy Week and the week after Easter Sunday.

If this is something you would like to do, please make your donation by sending a check and a note listing names to be remembered to the parish office or use the church's PayPal link provided below and follow up with an email to Cheryl in the church office (info@stjamewh.org) with your list of names, whether memorials or thanksgivings. St. James's PayPal link:

<https://www.paypal.com/donate/?to=ken=5npmWbQe1LPyCt3diCynhL9dIGysq64zxH3f9xB21PSLYgRT0yd6mAZ2tUpnFm5rHE0-X40ZfnfZsxkl&locale.x=US>

From the Assistant Rector

LENTEN greetings to all!

I hope this season of Lent offers you something new and something good. I believe it can and will, with God's grace and the Holy Spirit.

Weekly morning prayer at 8am every Wednesday continues. Please join us. The Zoom link can be found on the website under the category "Discipleship" – click the header "Morning Prayer Via Zoom." We will be reciting the Litany of Penitence during Lententide.

In addition to Morning Prayer, we are also offering a Lenten Bible Study! This will take place every Thursday evening during Lent from 7-8pm. The Zoom link can be found in the email announcement about the class. We are exploring themes from Paul's Letter to the Romans and how they change the way we see the world, ourselves, our neighbors and God. Please join us.

Confirmation Class is nearing the end of its course! We are exploring options for the service of confirmation and will keep you apprised of these. The students recently memorized and recited a psalm of their choosing. They were eloquent and inspiring. If you're interested in seeing some of their work, please take a look at Christine Waterman's beautiful rendition of Psalm 6. The link can be found in this newsletter.

As always, reach out to me if you have any interest in Morning Prayer or our Lenten Bible series, or if you'd just like to talk.

In Christ,



From the Organist & Choirmaster

DEAR Parishioners,

It seems like the winter of 2020/21 and the Covid-19 pandemic are on parallel paths. As the days grow longer, the infection rate declines. As glimpses of temperate weather pocket the weeks of late February and March, hospitalizations wane. Soon we will hear morning birdsong and watch green blades spring up from softened ground. Sun-filled days will accompany outdoor dining, at which friends and family reunite.

This all begs the ubiquitous question, the theme of our times: when does church get back to normal? The answer is that we have already begun a process.

A few weeks back we began welcoming readers to the live service. In Lent we begin welcoming a quartet of masked singers to join me in leading hymns. These are steps we can take with the declining infection rate and ample space for physical distancing.

We do not yet know what will come next, but we are as anxious as you to welcome our parish family back into the building. Thank you for your continued patience and support. I really appreciate it.

Sincerely yours,



Confirmation 2021

Classes held indoors in the Parish Hall or via Zoom from 3:00-4:30pm.

Class Schedule

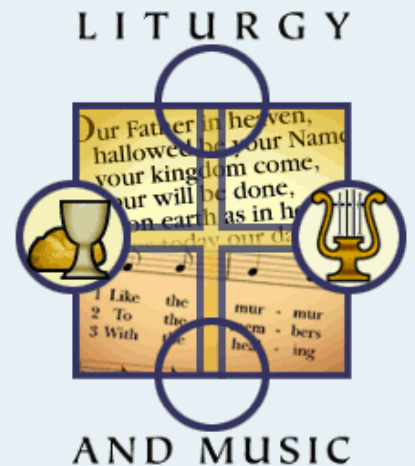
Schedule is subject to change.

Class #12

Sunday, March 7

Class #13

Sunday, March 21



Important Dates

Wednesdays in January and February

Handbell Choir rehearsals
from 5:15 to 9pm

St. James's Center for Family Ministries



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

KFC (Kids for Christ) Sundays at 10:30am

KFC (Kids for Christ) is meeting on the Zoom platform at 10:30 in the morning on Sundays during this time of physical separation. A few days before, a KFC Announcement goes out with a link to the Zoom format and more information. If you are not receiving this announcement, please email me and I will get you added to the list. My email: education@stjameswh.org.



Bring a Friend to Church 4

*"Come to me all who are weary or burdened and I will give you rest."
Gospel of Matthew*

RIGHT now, this particular message from the Gospel of Matthew stood out to me. As I near the one-year anniversary of quarantine, I for sure am weary. I am tired of being afraid and missing seeing people I love. I actually ache for my church family to gather together, to commune, pray, and celebrate. I also really miss getting hugs from our youngest members.

That said, I know that for now, we must maintain our vigilance. As a community we must continue to practice social distancing, wear masks, and not get together inside. We are called to take care of each other, and we must continue to do so, not putting our own health or the health of our community members at risk. I know this. I find myself thinking about something my mother said to me so many times, "This too, shall pass." I have faith that it will pass, and so, I give it over to God. In the Gospel of Matthew, it says, for me to come to God when I am weary or burdened and so, I do. I pray to God about decisions I must make about my school job, and my church job. I pray when I worry about my children. I come to God when Bob and I are frustrated with the way we have to do church right now. I have to say, Matthew is right. Coming to God when you are weary or burdened is a really good idea. It helps. God is strong; and will persevere—through the pandemic and beyond. This has become abundantly clear to me.

So, I come to God when I am burdened or weary; but I also come to God when I am joyful and grateful. I am grateful that I have work that helps to pay the bills and I find rewarding. I am joyful when

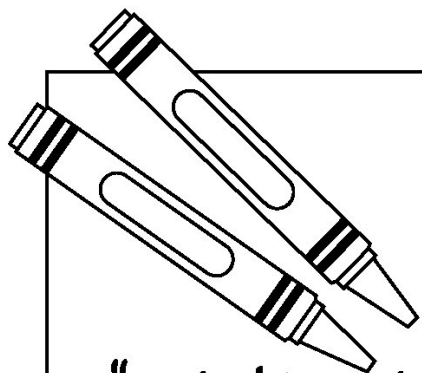
someone I love celebrates a success. I am thankful when it is a sun-shiny day. There is much to celebrate, and I must remember to come to God when I am joyful and grateful as well as burdened or weary. I pray that you might find comfort in prayer as we continue on facing our daily challenges. Please know that you and your families are all in my prayers, as we all continue on.

Looking on the bright side, as we head into March and April, there is much going on for children at St. James's. We continue to offer KFC-to-Go on Sunday mornings at 10:30 on the Zoom platform. We have also put together a Lenten Resource for families with an at-home curriculum. In addition to the curriculum, I am also recording an art meditation each week of Lent, and Priscilla Reads continues with books to support the weekly Lenten theme. Both the meditation and the read aloud links come out each week on our Constant Contact. I hope you and your family join us!

We have come so far. We must keep working to make sure that we are all safe and healthy. As the weather warms up and we greet the spring, we are reminded that God makes all things new, and with the warmer weather, longer days of sunlight, and more vaccines, we can all look forward to a brighter day.

Your sister in Christ,

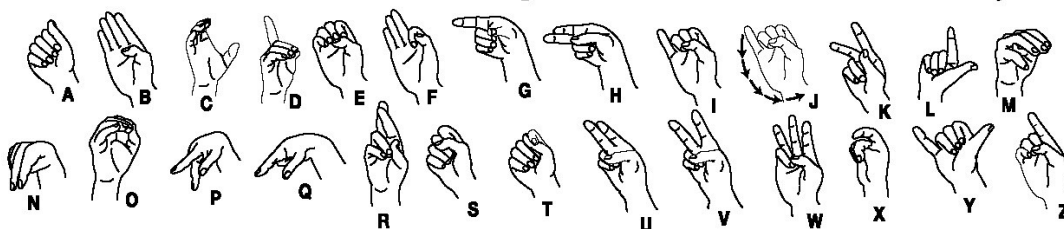
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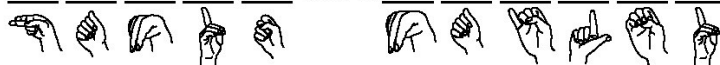
Just for KIDS

"Behold my hands and my feet ..." Luke 24:39 (KJV)

Hands play an important role in the story of Jesus' death and Resurrection. Use this hand alphabet to retell the Easter story.



Jesus' _____ were _____ to the tree.



Two criminals were also crucified, one on the _____



_____ and the other on the _____ of Jesus.



Jesus cried out with a loud voice, " _____ ,



into your _____, I commit my spirit."



The _____ of Jesus' friends _____



Him from the cross to the tomb.

Jesus showed _____ His _____



to prove He was Christ.

Bring your _____ together in _____



and thank God for His Son Jesus.

Answer: HANDS, NAILED, RIGHT, HAND, LEFT, FATHER, HANDS, CARRIED, THOMAS, HANDS, HANDS, PRAYER.

LENT / HOLY WEEK / EASTER 2021

ALL SERVICES AVAILABLE ON OUR YOUTUBE CHANNEL

Compline

Sunday, March 14 at 9pm
Broadcast

Palm Sunday

March 28 at 9:30am
Broadcast

Passion Reading with 3 Chanters / Palms

Tenebrae

Wednesday, March 31 at 7pm
Broadcast w/ music and readings

Maundy Thursday

April 1 at 7pm
Broadcast / BCP Service with Eucharist
Homily by the Rev. Tim O'Leary

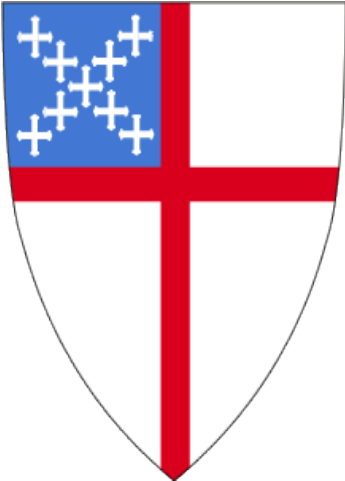
Good Friday

April 2 at 12 noon
Broadcast / BCP Service
Meditation by the Rev. Bob Hooper

EASTER SUNDAY

April 4 at 9:30am
Broadcast indoor service
11:00 am Outdoor Service
Sermon by the Rev. Bob Hooper
12:00 noon Easter Egg Hunt

Vestry Corner



The Vestry Nominating Committee and St. James's welcomes the following new and existing members of our Vestry and Officers for 2021:

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

Term Ending 2022
Doug Compton
Greg Jacobs
Chris Keesling

Term Ending 2023
Jerrod Bowman
Ruth Mitman
Tyler Smith
Loretta Waldman

Term Ending 2024
Adam Fisher
Jessica Henning
Jonathan Lewis
Debra Morton

Stewardship Thank You 2021

The following parishioners have pledged for 2021. New pledgers are in italics.

Bill & Judith Stahl, Ron Coons, Bob & Betsy Smith, David & Barbara Teed, Elizabeth Cloud, Chuck & Meredith Willson, Jim & Margaret Falcetta, David & Jeanne DiGiacomo, Mike Shuey, Diane Mack & Robin Gilmartin, Judy Lawes, Bill & Judy Thompson, Robert & Lynne Holloway, Robert & Renée McCue, Franklin & Angie Dempsey, Sarah Bedell, Bob & Nancy Jo Hoffman, Hunter & Debra Morton, Connie Duva, Jonathan & Cheryl Pease, Barbara Ulrich, Judy Nellen, Kenneth & Susan Gutierrez, Fran Cobb, Geraldine Smalley, Ken & Eileen Jackson, Jocelyn Ehn, Dean & Ann Uphoff, Thomas Rouse & Susan Powers, Joyce Runge, Colin & Heather Swales, Dave & Chris Pearson, Kimberly Goodrich, Carol Hunt, Tony & Kerri Raissian, Doug Compton, Ian & Janet Duncan, Andrew Reynolds & Karin Zadzilko, Borden & Ann Painter, Daphne Wilcox, Peter & Melissa Bowman, John & Ruth Mitman, Nicholas Busse & Barbara Rua, Ron Ward, Gale & Donna Mattison, Bill & Nora Harris, Bob & Claire Burnett, Mari S. Merwin, Betsy Tonkin, Tim O'Leary & Phoenix Gonzalez, Nick & Lauren Forcello, Richard M. Wenner, Eunice Heinlein, Loretta Waldman, Barry & Nancy Miller, Bob Bausmith & Jill Peters-Gee, Chan & Barbara Schiller, Harry Meyer, Betsy Curtler, Laura DeLaCruz, Alex Smith & Christine Pina, Merriol Almond, John & Frances Bergquist, Curtis Roessler, Christopher & Christine Wilson, Bette Kelly, John & Machelie Rosenlieb, Mark Moyle, Doug & Ann Cooke, John & Cheryl Wadsworth, Bob & Priscilla Hooper, Carol McDermott, Tom & Linda Archambault, Dean & Kathleen Bolt, Joey Meyer & Eleanor Michael, Stephen & Lois Schneeberger, Paul & Jo Mangiafico, Chuck Russo, John Harden & Lynne Lumsden, Edward & Melissa Brown, Tim Chambers & Molly Bennett, David & Virginia Kramer, Hope Lennartz & Solange Rossignol, Rob Duncan & Chuck Kinney, Hugh & Jan Whelan, Ted & Ronnie Newton, Mark & Cheri Evans, David & Sam Dynowski, Patrick Coll & Bonny Slim, Michael McMahon & Ann Wood, Jennifer Ferrang, Karen Ericson, Greg & Jennifer Jacobs, Daniel & Ellen Dollar, Bob Skenderian, Susan Ritz, Paul & Diane Duva, Adam Fisher & Abby Williamson, Andrew & Pam Ponichtera, Bob Fawber, Mike & Linda Fournier, Jonathan Lewis & Kate Jackson, Ben & Martha Parish, Norma Hattings, Greg & Judy Hock, David & Jennifer Lemanski, Tyler & Courtney Smith, James & Noreen Pfadenhauer, Connie Duva, Rachael Desmond, David & Priscilla Thomas, Joseph & Jennifer Long, Donna Klucwicz, Sam & Michele Paul, Jerrod & Maureen Bowman, Mike & Hilary Sherrill, Travis & Kim Lytle, Stephen & Diane Hunter, Tim Galante & Tammi Flowers, Eleanor Brazell, Jeff & Kimberly Moore, Sandra DeCelles, Deirdre Penland, Jeff & Janet Lankin, Mary Ann Haar, Mayrita Trojanowski, Bruce & Donna Tompkins, Matthew Pinckney & Liisa Kuhn, Sue Nelson, David Marshall, Matt & Liz Schott, Raphael & Elizabeth Gallegos, Peter & Chris Peterson, Penney Odell, Kevin & Lisa Swan, Bud Bedingfield & Dayan Lutz, Mark & Cindy Welch, Brad & Liz Normand, David & Amy Messinger, Rob Healy & Jessica Henning, Leon Fraser & Marilyn Tomlinson, John & Jessica Tagliarini, John & Elizabeth Waterman, James & Carolyn O'Sullivan, Audrey Lamy, Bernie Wilbur, Andrew & Michele Clapsaddle, Kristopher & Kaitlyn Ware, Kevin & Kaelea Tewksbury, Gretchen Hall, Tom & Sue Sweeney, Peter & Judith Krzyzek, Stephan & Lesley Toutain, Nell Walker, Mark & Michelle Stafford, Ryan Leichsenring & Ann Trevethick, Rob Vietzke & Catherine Robinson.

Mission

St. James's Cares

Jesus said to him the third time, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, "Do you love me?" And he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep" - John 21:17.



WITH 1 in every 6 households currently suffering from food insecurity – for children the statistics are far worse – we at St. James's feel called to do our part to address this suffering. It is impossible to feed folks spiritually without considering their physical hunger as well.



"St. James's Cares" feeding program has now expanded to provide 28 full dinners (protein, starch, vegetables, salad, and dessert) for 4 each week to families struggling in the North End of Hartford through our partnership with our friends at The Hartford Catholic Worker. That means with your financial support we are providing dinners to 112 people (primarily children) every Monday. We will keep this going as long as we can – with no end in sight.

If It's Lent It Must Be Toiletry Time!

EACH Lent we prepare Easter "baskets" for our neighbors living in Hartford area shelters. The bulk go to women and families, although there are also men in the group. You can donate in several ways: deliver full size toiletries to the church, have them shipped from Target or Amazon (watch your email for wish lists), or simply donate money and we will do the shopping. If Covid means you should stay home – PLEASE DO! We are happy to do the shopping for you.

The list below are the most needed items. These do not need to be huge sizes, 14-20 ounce containers are great. The dollar stores are also good sources. Please consider buying fragrance-free or non-allergenic items. Children living in shelters often have asthma which is triggered by highly fragranced items.

- Shampoo & conditioner
- 2-in-1 or 3-in-1 shampoo/conditioner/body wash
- Moisturizer or hand cream
- Body wash
- Deodorant – for men, women or uni-sex
- Bar soap (Dove and Ivory have great fragrance-free options)
- Toothbrushes & toothpaste
- Disposable razors – for men, women or uni-sex
- Shaving cream, Combs, and Mini Kleenex packs

Thank you for your generosity!

Food Pantry Ongoing Needs

The WH Food Pantry is currently in need of many items. For more information on how you can help support the members of our community who have been most affected by the pandemic, visit their website at: https://www.westhartfordct.gov/gov/departments/social_services/food_pantry.asp. You may also continue to drop off food items at the **cloister entrance** to the church.

Around the Parish

Moving Forward Update

We continue to make plans for indoor worship together when it is safe to do so. This reminder update is meant to give you an idea of what is happening now, and what might happen next.



WORK continues to bring the St. James's community together in whatever ways are possible both now and into the future. Our driving goal is to provide for the spiritual life of all parishioners. We continue to livestream worship services every Sunday at 9:30am, and Priscilla Hooper is leading a children's virtual service via Zoom at 10:30am. Morning Prayer is also available each Wednesday at 8am with the Rev. Tim O'Leary. Links are made available in weekly emails or by going to the website. Click the Discipleship tab then Morning Prayer via Zoom. We will also be able to resume outdoor worship in the near future as the weather improves. This schedule will continue until we have the ability to resume CDC-regulated in-person services when that becomes safe. Once we do resume in-person services, we will continue to live stream services. **This means anyone who cannot physically attend church for any reason will always be able to participate.**

Daylight Saving Time

DAYLIGHT Saving Time begins on **March 14!** Remember to turn your clocks ahead one hour Saturday evening, March 13.

Bring a Friend to Church 8

Wednesday Morning Prayer

Every Week at 8:00

JOIN us for Morning Prayer at 8 o'clock every Wednesday morning on Zoom! Here is the link:

Join Zoom Meeting

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84540556178?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84540556178?pwd=VERYN29XWjVjYTh0UDNOZ3RpdIkVUT09)

[pwd=VERYN29XWjVjYTh0UDNOZ3RpdIkVUT09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84540556178?pwd=VERYN29XWjVjYTh0UDNOZ3RpdIkVUT09)

Meeting ID: 845 4055 6178

Passcode: 693330

You will find the page for Morning Prayer on the website by clicking the Discipleship tab then Morning Prayer via Zoom. It will also be included in the weekly emails. Please let Tim know ahead of time if you would like to be a reader for any service. (tim.st.james.assistant@gmail.com).

Priscilla's Read-Alouds!

HERE is a continuation of the children's book Read-Alouds we have been doing since the spring. Enjoy! A complete listing can be found on the website.

Zero by Kathryn Otoshi

<https://youtu.be/6bmBfJhd2LY>

The Three Wise Kings by Tomie DePaola

<https://youtu.be/w5-lyrbWh-w>

The Snowy Day by Ezra Jack Keats

<https://youtu.be/IYCoCm6oeEw>

My Brother Martin: A Sister Remembers by Christine King Farris

<https://youtu.be/-MUUfTMWtRY>

I Promise by LeBron James

<https://youtu.be/bcFTp9qAMSI>

Purple, Green and Yellow by Robert Munsch

<https://youtu.be/I14P7PNretE>

Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day by Judith Viorst

<https://youtu.be/FMsTIIJJQug>

The Velveteen Rabbit by Margery Williams Bianco

Part I: https://youtu.be/HJl_pj_u7c

Part II: <https://youtu.be/cMqT32hFg7U>

It's Mine! by Leo Lionni

<https://youtu.be/yvrO6qrropE>

Is There Really A Human Race by Jamie Lee Curtis

<https://youtu.be/oGw1V89vcu0>

Confirmation Class Update

A Reflection on Psalm 6

In the most recent Confirmation Class, each student memorized and recited a psalm on Zoom. Every student delivered a beautiful rendition of a psalm that spoke to them. There was much creativity and thoughtfulness! We would like to share the work of one particular student - Christine Waterman. Christine made a moving video: she paired her psalm with a series of rich and powerful images. Please go to the YouTube link below to view her incredible work!

<https://youtu.be/HFknUsBkw6w>

Men's Discussion Group

Second and Fourth Saturdays

ALL men of the parish and guests are invited to a discussion group on **Saturdays, March 13 and 27; April 10 and 24** beginning at 8:00am. Various religious topics are presented for discussion. The group is currently meeting in an online format. If you would like to join the group in a virtual discussion, contact Bob Hoffman at nanbob57@comcast.net.

Lenten Series

Thursday's in Lent with the Rev. Tim O'Leary

What Does Paul's Letter to the Romans Mean For Us?

PAUL'S Letter to the Romans is one of the most influential texts in Christianity. Christian theologians in every period of the church's history have wrestled with it—from Augustine in the early church, to Martin Luther in the medieval church, to Karl Barth in the twentieth century. The letter has played a significant role in key turning-points throughout the history of the church and the world. But what does it mean for us today? What does it mean for you? How can this influential text speak to your life, here and now? And what does it have to do with Lent?

Come join Tim and explore Paul's Letter to the Romans and what it means for us today and in the Lenten season. We will look at a particular theme in each of the six sessions, as we read through the letter together. We will talk about 2-3 chapters per session and you are encouraged to read those chapters throughout the week (but no requirements of course!). This is a great way to read and meditate on God's holy Word during the Lenten season—as the liturgy for Ash Wednesday invites us to do (page 265 in the BCP!). Take a little time each day to read Paul's Letter to the Romans, meditate on God's holy Word, and then join us on Zoom at 7pm on Thursdays!

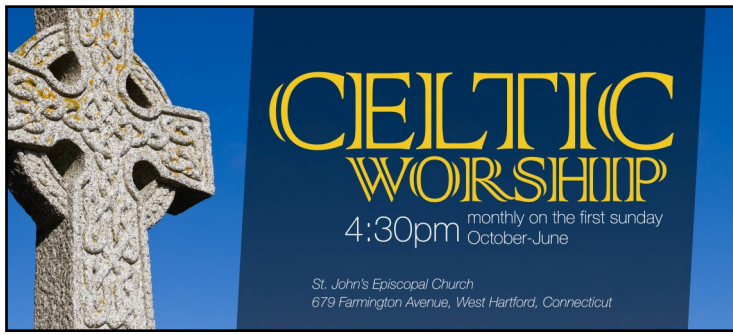
6 sessions—1 hour long each

Thursdays 7-8pm / Feb 18 through Mar 25

Zoom Link: [https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89572504074?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89572504074?pwd=N0dyTitvN3ZwQkcxNkhURThZeVIXZz09)
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CELTIC worship will be held on **Sundays, March 7 and April 4** at 4:30 pm using Zoom, an interactive video and telephone conferencing tool.

You can use a desktop computer, a laptop computer, or a mobile device to join the video and audio of our service at this link:

Join the Zoom **March Meeting:**

By web: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86980746424>

Phone: 1 646 558 8656

Meeting ID: 869 8074 6424

The link for April's meeting will be posted in the bulletin and weekly email.

Registry and Readings

Deaths

The Rev. Nancy Miller <i>February 1, 2021</i>	Cynthia B. Clifford <i>February 19, 2021</i>	G. Margaret Brown <i>February 25, 2021</i>
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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
Abigail Tapley, 31



APRIL

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

Parish Prayer List

Those in our parish family

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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, Cathleen, Denise, Javier, Susan & Gordon, Kristine & Noel, Janet.

Those Serving in the Military:

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

Sunday Lectionary

Third Sunday of Lent, March 7

Exodus 20:1-17; 1 Corinthians 1:18-25;
John 2:13-22; Psalm 19

Fourth Sunday of Lent, March 14

Numbers 21:4-9; Ephesians 2:1-10
John 3:14-21; Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22

Fifth Sunday of Lent, March 21

Jeremiah 31:31-34; Hebrews 5:5-10;
John 12:20-33; Psalm 51:1-13

Sunday of the Passion, March 28

Isaiah 50:4-9a; Philippians 2:5-11
Mark 14:1-15:47; or Mark 15:1-39, [40-47]; Psalm 31:9-16

Maudy Thursday, April 1

Exodus 12:1-4, (5-10), 11-14; 1 Corinthians 11:23-26
John 13:1-17, 31b-35; Psalm 116:1, 10-17

Good Friday, April 2

Isaiah 52:13-53:12; Hebrews 10:16-25
John 18:1-19:42; Psalm 22

Easter Sunday, April 4

Acts 10:34-43; 1 Corinthians 15:1-11
John 20:1-18 or Mark 16:1-8; Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

Second Sunday after Easter, April 11

Acts 4:32-35; 1 John 1:1-2:2; John 20:19-31; Psalm 133

Third Sunday after Easter, April 18

Acts 3:12-19; 1 John 3:1-7; Luke 24:36b-48; Psalm 4

Fourth Sunday after Easter, April 25

Acts 4:5-12; 1 John 3:16-24; John 10:11-18; Psalm 23

March/April 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 7:00 AM AA Group - DR 6:30 PM EFM—PR	2 7:00 AM AA Group - DR	3 7:00 AM AA Group - DR 8:00 AM Morning Prayer via Zoom 5:15 PM Handbell Choir Rehearsal/ Trebles—PH 7:00 PM Adult HB Choir Rehearsal—PH	1/4 Maundy Thursday 7:00 AM AA Group - DR 7:00 PM Lenten Series—Zoom 7:00 PM Livestream Maundy Thursday Service	2/5 Good Friday 7:00 AM AA Group - DR 12:00 PM GF Liturgy—Livestream	3/6 Holy Saturday
4/7 LENT III EASTER SUNDAY 9:30 AM Livestream Easter Service 9:30 AM Livestream Service 10:30 AM KFC (Kids for Christ)—Via Zoom 11:00 AM Easter Outdoor Service 12:00 PM Easter Egg Hunt	5/8 Parish Office Closed 7:00 AM AA Group - DR 11:30 AM Serve for Loaves and Fishes 6:30 PM EFM—PR	6/9 7:00 AM AA Group - DR	7/10 7:00 AM AA Group - DR 8:00 AM Morning Prayer via Zoom 5:15 PM Handbell Choir Rehearsal/ Trebles—PH 7:00 PM Adult HB Choir Rehearsal—PH	8/11 7:00 AM AA Group - DR 7:00 PM Lenten Series—Zoom	9/12 7:00 AM AA Group - DR	10/13 8:00 AM Men's Discussion Group - Virtual Meeting
11/14 LENT IV 9:30 AM Livestream Service 10:30 AM KFC (Kids for Christ)—Via Zoom 9:00 PM Compline—Livestream	12/15 7:00 AM AA Group - DR 11:30 AM Serve for Loaves and Fishes 6:30 PM EFM—PR	13/16 7:00 AM AA Group - DR 7:00 PM Samaritans Group—PR 7:00 PM Vestry Meeting	14/17 7:00 AM AA Group - DR 8:00 AM Morning Prayer via Zoom 5:15 PM Handbell Choir Rehearsal/ Trebles—PH 7:00 PM Adult HB Choir Rehearsal—PH	15/18 7:00 AM AA Group - DR 10:00 AM FOODSHARE 7:00 PM Lenten Series—Zoom	16/19 7:00 AM AA Group - DR	17/20
18/21 LENT V 9:30 AM Livestream Service 10:30 AM KFC (Kids for Christ)—Via Zoom	19/22 7:00 AM AA Group - DR 6:30 PM EFM—PR	20/23 7:00 AM AA Group - DR 7:00 PM Vestry Meeting	21/24 7:00 AM AA Group - DR 8:00 AM Morning Prayer via Zoom 5:15 PM Handbell Choir Rehearsal/ Trebles—PH 7:00 PM Adult HB Choir Rehearsal—PH	22/25 7:00 AM AA Group - DR 7:00 PM Lenten Series—Zoom	23/26 7:00 AM AA Group - DR	24/27 8:00 AM Men's Discussion Group - Virtual Meeting
25/28 PALM SUNDAY 9:30 AM Livestream Service / Palms 9:30 AM Livestream Service 10:30 AM KFC (Kids for Christ)—Via Zoom	26/29 Holy Monday 7:00 AM AA Group - DR 6:30 PM EFM—PR	27/30 Holy Tuesday 7:00 AM AA Group - DR	28/31 Holy Wednesday 7:00 AM AA Group - DR 8:00 AM Morning Prayer via Zoom 7:00 PM Tenebrae—Livestream			

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