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news from St. James's

From the Rector's Desk

Dear Friends,

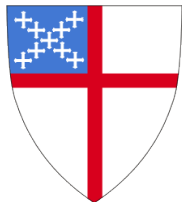
AS I sit at my desk and stare out the window, the view is very deceiving. The sun is bright the wind is calm but the temperature is barely in the teens. This is the time of year that I look forward to the coming of spring, knowing it could be a ways away. This year, spring holds a special place in my imagination – the coming of warmer weather, longer days, some much needed vacation, but most importantly, the much hoped for ending of this pandemic, and the celebratory and worshipful gathering of parishioners, family, and friends. Spring and Easter are the seasons of rebirth, resurrection, and new life. They have an inherent sense of joy and hope that accompanies them that is much needed fuel for our minds and our souls.

Jesus's ministry among us has always been one of hope. A hope not founded in false ideas and delusional thinking, but in the possible. The idea that when we are together working and playing for a better world, better lives, and a better tomorrow, anything is possible with God in the mix.

This spring, we at St. James's will have several opportunities to live fully and joyfully into our baptismal covenant. Some will take the form of youth gatherings, some for adults, and as is always the case at St. James's, most will be intergenerational. It has been a long time since we have all been together in person, and I hope that you will find these opportunities enriching, important and life-giving.

But spring is not here just yet. However, that doesn't mean that we can't gather together before the warmth comes, knowing that there is more than one way to warm our hearts. Please join me in the many opportunities that you will find in this newsletter as we celebrate who we are and whose we are in the name of Jesus.

Your brother in Christ,



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

March/April 2022

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Highlights in March/April

- **Tuesday, March 1** Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper, 5:30pm
- **Ash Wednesday, March 2** Services at 7am, 12:10 & 7pm
- **Sunday, March 13** Middle School Youth Pizza & Movie Night, 5:00pm
- **Sunday, April 3** Bishop's Visit w/ Confirmation & Reception into Episcopal Church followed by a Coffee Hour Reception, 10am
- **Holy Week Schedule** See inside!
- **Easter Sunday, April 17** 10am Festal Eucharist followed by Mimosas & Egg Hunt

If you are still unable to join us for in-person worship, we continue to offer livestream worship on our YouTube channel every Sunday at 9:30am. Sign up for weekly emails to receive links and more information on services and upcoming events. Just go to: www.stjameswh.org/resources/newsletter-subscribe.

From the Associate of Education & Music

GREETINGS!

My name is Alan Murchie and I'm excited to join the St. James's family in March as Associate for Education and Music. My enormous gratitude to Bob for creating this new position! On Monday (Valentine's Day), I moved into a small house in the Elmwood neighborhood; today I walked into Elmwood Center and had my first haircut at Bristle and Blade, a first glimpse of the Trout Brook Trail, and what will undoubtedly be the first of many visits to Doro Marketplace. It already feels like home, as does St. James's, where I've enjoyed immensely playing both the organ and piano over the past several years for a number of services and concerts.

I'm in my twelfth year at Fairfield University as Lecturer in Religious Studies and Music History. This semester, I'm offering courses in early music (we're currently studying the music that filled newly-built cathedrals in the 12th and 13th centuries) and the writings of Paul (we're about to start Galatians). I'm excited to collaborate with Jonathan Smith in an offering here at St. James's built around Paul's unique, transformative, personal, and deeply inspiring theology of the cross. I'll begin at St. James's on Tuesday, March 1, on the threshold of Lent, our church's season of renewal and reflection and an ideal time for a deep dive into Paul.

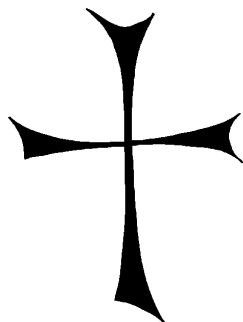
Lent also brings us the chance to savor some of our tradition's most beautiful music! I look forward over the next few weeks to a close look at the St. James's choral library and some time at the beautiful Austin organ to immerse myself once again in the music of Bach, Byrd, Victoria, Palestrina, Mozart, Howells and more. I'll head over to the piano as well for some of the great spirituals of our shared tradition and the revival hymns that capture so beautifully the sense of discipleship and devotion that lie at Lent's heart.

When I first came to meet with Bob and discuss this possibility, we had a great conversation in his office. It was a Sunday afternoon and the building was very quiet as we began. Yet after awhile I began to pick up on some musical activity in the building. Though a floor and a few rooms away, it wasn't long before I began to recognize the music as the Mendelssohn Violin Concerto, a personal favorite. The playing was so good that I had to ask Bob if he knew where the sound was coming from and who was playing. It turns out the violinist is a member of our community and that her brother is also a musician. I've been back a few times since and run into a pianist and two excellent organists. How thrilling that this community is so alive with music and so filled with music-makers!

I look forward greatly to beginning our time of shared ministry together.

Peace and blessings,

Alan



EDUCATION



AND MUSIC

Important Dates

ASH WEDNESDAY, MARCH 2

7PM Holy Eucharist w/
Imposition of Ashes in the
church with
the St. James's Choir

Jubilate Deo!

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

Psalm 100:1

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Walking the Way in Song and Word: A Lenten Playlist

What is Lent? Two answers are commonly offered: (1) It comes from an old word for “spring” and (2) it’s short for “lengthen.” Both work. It’s a time of rebirth as the days once again lengthen. What is it that might come back to life over these forty days as we walk this luminous, life-giving way together? Sometimes music helps us find an answer. Feeling somewhat adrift? Lent can be a time of coming back, of starting anew, fresh and open — a time of recharging. Great music can strike something deep within us. As time permits, I invite you to browse through the following Lenten Playlist. The music comes from a wide range of styles, from American shape-note to the Spanish Renaissance to contemporary praise. May God’s sustaining grace and peace be with you through the season. ~Alan

Anthems and Motets

† Grant Us Your Peace (Mendelssohn) <https://youtu.be/kEQSCeporv0>

Mendelssohn was a young man exploring his own faith when he wrote this small masterpiece. The men begin, accompanied by a beguiling duet for two cellos; the women follow. The peak comes when all sing together. In this way, Mendelssohn subtly offers us Luther’s words as a prayer for each of us and for the world: *Grant us your peace, in mercy, Lord. In our time, send us peace. For there is none other than you who brings peace.*

† Ave verum corpus (Mozart) https://youtu.be/AEVG_Hlr-zl

Written months before he died, there’s a hush in Mozart’s setting of these words (from the High Middle Ages) of adoration and wonder, of the great mystery that the divine one would come to be with us, emptied of power, to offer himself to and for us.

† O vos omnes (Tomás Luis de Victoria) <https://youtu.be/O0XbjhvK4yE>

This brief, devotional motet is arresting in its simple, raw power. With silence, with a descending scale (the notes moving down in each voice) and with poignant harmonies, the composer brings Jeremiah’s words of pain fully to life: *Pay attention, all people, and look at my sorrow, if there be any sorrow like my sorrow.*

Congregational Hymns

† When I Survey the Wondrous Cross https://youtu.be/Z9eCUqz_x5A

This is a cornerstone Lenten hymn. Though the music was composed 70 years after the words, they are perfectly matched. The music is strong and prayerful. And the poem ends with the call that lies at the heart of the journey: *Love so amazing, so divine demands my soul, my life, my all.*

† What Wondrous Love Is This <https://youtu.be/DsVnvN3EVxY>

This stark, rustic and gorgeous hymn asks a poignant question: *What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss to lay aside his crown for my soul?* The melody speaks across time with its modality that echoes ancient chant, while the words and harmonies take us to the camp meetings and revivals of the 19th Century.

† Jesus, Only Jesus <https://youtu.be/8QjbugX8hY0>

This praise song shares evangelical roots with When I Survey the Wondrous Cross and, like the earlier hymn, has achieved wide popularity, crossing over into other traditions including ours. It is a heartfelt prayer for the focus we seek for this season of self-examination and renewal: *Holy, King almighty Lord, Saints and angels all adore; I join with them and bow before Jesus, only Jesus.*

From the Lay-Curate

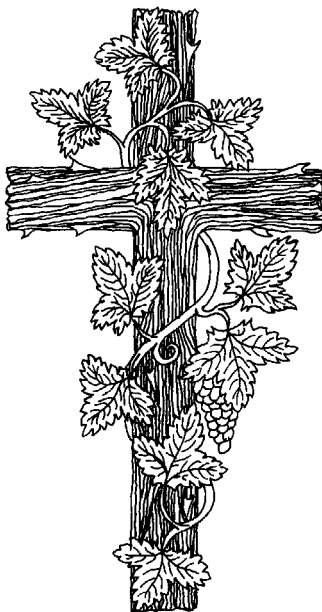
Throw That Hair Shirt Away!

ANYTHING standing in the sun casts a shadow; the brighter the light, the longer the shadow. This is one of those truisms we prefer to avoid because it runs counter to our expectations about spiritual health. On some level, I think everyone desires the kind of transcendence associated with spiritual enlightenment. I certainly notice that in my own life. My attraction to Eastern Christianity, with all of its otherworldly mysticism, definitely has something to do with a longing for encountering God where I imagine God is: Somewhere else. And that is why I am an Episcopalian and not a formal practitioner of Eastern mysticism. Our devotional practices — including the rhythm of the liturgical calendar — provide the ideal structure and paradigm for reminding me to look for God where God is, rather than where I imagine he should be. This is especially true in the late-winter penitential season of Holy Lent.

In my experience, we too often associate Lent with a certain self-denying asceticism. Penitentiaries are for penitence. Lent is for hair shirts and self-flagellation. Where does this idea come from? This idea that God hates the body and the world that God created? I think such notions say more about the limitations of the human mind than they do about the nature of God, particularly a God who chose to reveal himself by becoming incarnate in flesh just like ours.

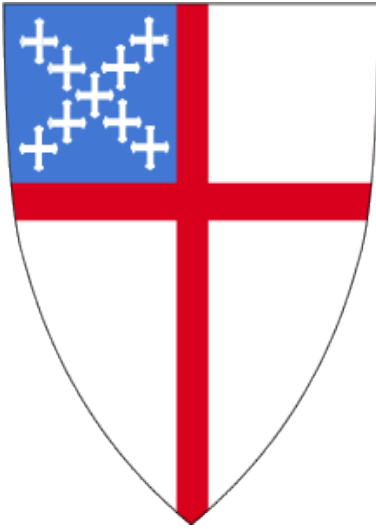
Mysteries are tricky things. Every season in the church year reveals its own mysteries and ways of knowing God better, which always involves some amount of paradox and confounding of expectations. When I was younger, I never would have imagined that the traditions and theology of Eastern Orthodox Christianity would nourish my Anglican practice to the degree they do today. Rather than groveling and donning hair shirts, Eastern Christianity has helped me to see the penitential season of Advent as preparation for celebrating “God with us” and that of Lent as preparation for celebrating “God for us.” To enter into Easter’s season of restoration to wholeness, we need to clean out the clutter that distracts us and keeps us from God. Tossing the hair shirts out of our closets is an excellent place to start!

Following Christ’s example means recognizing our shadow sides and bringing them into the light. God loves us and accepts our whole selves — shadows and all. If God can do that, so can we.



God’s peace,

Jonathan



The Vestry Nominating Committee and St. James's welcomes the following new and existing members of our Vestry and Officers for 2022:

Ted Newton	Senior Warden	Term Ending 2023
Tyler Smith	Junior Warden	Jerrold Bowman
Kerri Raissian	Clerk	Doug Compton
Michael Sherrill	Treasurer	Ruth Mitman
		Loretta Waldman
Term Ending 2024		
Adam Fisher		Term Ending 2025
Jessica Henning		Bob Bausmith
Jonathan Lewis		Ellen Dollar
Debra Morton		Kim Hart-Kindelberger
		Judith Stahl

Stewardship Thank You 2022!

The following parishioners have pledged for 2022. New pledgers are in italics.

Fran Cobb, Bob & Priscilla Hooper, Ron Coons, John & Brenda Barrows, Jocelyn Ehn, Doug Compton, Mark & Cindy Welch, Rachael Desmond, Bob & Lynne Holloway, Judith Lawes, David & Jennifer Lemanski, Leon Fraser & Marilyn Tomlinson, Bob & Nancy Jo Hoffman, Paul & Diane Duva, Kimberly Goodrich, Bob & Claire Burnett, Daniel & Ellen Dollar, Chuck Russo, Bob Bausmith & Jill Peters-Gee, John & Elizabeth Waterman, Bill & Judith Thompson, Diane Mack & Robin Gilmartin, Bob & Betsy Smith, Ron Ward, Hunter & Debra Morton, Carol Hunt, Norman & Joan Kayser, Laura Delacruz, Tyler & Courtney Smith, Bette Kelly, Borden & Ann Painter, John Harden & Lynne Lumsden, Ben & Martha Parish, Mari S. Merwin, Bill & Nora Harris, Bernie Wilbur, Jr., Audrey Lamy, Ken & Eileen Jackson, David & Virginia Kramer, John & Cheryl Wadsworth, Michael & Linda Fournier, Mike Shuey, Tom & Sue Sweeney, Mark Moyle, Donna Kluczewicz, Joey Meyer & Eleanor Michael, Eleanor Brazell, Sue Nelson, David & Christine Pearson, Gregory & Judy Hock, Elizabeth Cloud, Dean & Kathleen Bolt, Steve & Diane Hunter, Joseph & Jennifer Long, Doug & Ann Cooke, Chuck & Meredith Willson, Adam Fisher & Abby Williamson, Thomas Rouse & Susan Powers, Travis & Kimberly Lytle, Ken & Eileen Jackson, Loretta Waldman, Rob Duncan & Chuck Kinney, Mayrita Trojanowski, Matthew Pinckney & Liisa Kuhn, Betsy Curtler & Robert Sedivy, Priscilla H. Thomas, Judith Nellen, Bob Skenderian, Brad & Liz Normand, Richard M. Wenner, *Linda Vastano*, Sandra DeCelles, Steve & Lois Schneeberger, Dean & Ann Uphoff, Harry Meyer, Ian & Janet Duncan, Susan Ritz, Geraldine Smalley, Michael McMahon & Ann Wood, Mark & Cheri Evans, John & Ruth Mitman, Christopher & Christina Wilson, Alex Smith & Christine Pina, Nicholas Busse & Barbara Rua, Patrick Coll & Bonny Slim, David & Jeanne DiGiacomo, Jerrold & Maureen Bowman, Michael & Hilary Sherrill, Greg & Jennifer Jacobs, John & Machele Rosenlieb, Bill & Judith Stahl, Jonathan Lewis & Kate Jackson, David Marshall, Franklin & Angelique Dempsey, Jim & Kaitlyn Ware, Ted & Ronnie Newton, Barry Miller, Tom & Linda Archambault, Louise Strillacci, Bob Fawber, Rafael & Elizabeth Gallegos, Hugh & Jan Whelan, David & Samantha Dynowski, Mary Ann Haar, Rob Healy & Jessica Henning, Kenneth & Susan Gutierrez, Chan & Barbara Schiller, Gretchen Hall, Peter & Chris Peterson, Mark & Michelle Stafford, Tony & Kerri Raissian, Sam & Michele Paul, Tim Chambers & Molly Bennett, William & Patricia Tomlinson, Stephan & Lesley Toutain, Nick & Lauren Forcello, *David & Joanna Tweedie*, Colin & Heather Swales, Jeffrey & Kimberly Moore, Bob & Renée McCue, *Jonathan R. Smith*, Chris & Louise Keesling, Kevin & Kim Hart-Kindelberger, Ryan Leichsenring & Ann Trevethick, Tom & Rita Neal, Peter & Melissa Bowman, Carol McDermott, Rick & Laura Marzi, Kevin & Kaelea Tewksbury, James & Noreen Pfadenhauer, Andrew & Pam Ponichtera, James & Carolyn O'Sullivan, Matt & Elizabeth Schott, Steve & Lois Schneeberger, Bud Bedingfield & Dayan Lutz, Joan Laskowski, David & Barbara Teed, and Connie Duva.

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.
Social distancing protocols
will be followed. If you have
questions, please email
Priscilla at:
education@stjameswh.org.*

Special Events

Sunday, March 13

Middle School Youth Group
Pizza & Movie Night from
5-7:30pm.



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THE last few weeks have been what I hope is the beginning of a transition back to safer and more normal activities here in Greater Hartford. In a letter to the West Hartford School staff, students, and parents in mid-February, our superintendent Tom Moore pointed out that our vaccination rates in West Hartford are among the five highest in the state. There are 94% of children 12-17 fully vaccinated, and 64% of children 5-11 fully vaccinated. My guess is that at St. James's our vaccination rates are even higher.

As the days get longer and the weather gets warmer, there is so much happening here at St. James's, and we are trying our best to get things rolling for our smallest parishioners. Back in mid-February, we began offering nursery care again. This is a great service which makes attending church a possibility for people with toddlers. Thank you so much to our many nursery care workers who make this possible. Our plan is to offer nursery care every Sunday until the summer months when attendance of young families tends to be leaner. This is one more step back toward normality! Alleluia! As has been the case every Sunday, we will continue with KFC (Kids for Christ) during the 9:30 service. This is appropriate for children three through elementary school.

At KFC this Lent, we will explore Gospel passages that remind us that God is still with us through a curriculum from Illustrated Ministries. This is a curriculum I have purchased in the past, and I love the lessons and the coloring pages! In this curriculum we will explore the Good News of the gospel—that Jesus experienced in the fullness of humanity—comfort and pain, celebration and heartache, and joy and suffering, and when he had the choice to escape ridicule or rejection, Jesus stuck with the outsiders, the oppressed, and the hurting. We will

talk about how the life of Jesus demonstrates that God knows what it is to be human and to be with us in all our experiences, especially in our suffering. Starting with the First Sunday in Lent and going through Easter, each weekly session will have a scripture, reflection, and coloring pages which we will use during KFC. The kids will bring home discussion questions and prayers to share with their families during the week. I think it will be great.

Coming in March, we will have a middle school movie and pizza night on Sunday, March 13. The evening will begin at 5:00 with a pizza dinner. We will let you know what time it will end when I know the movie we will be watching. Please encourage your middle schoolers to come and bring friends. RSVP to me at education@stjameswh.org so that I know how much pizza to order. Our middle schoolers are a great group, and many friendships have been fostered by attending youth events together. When kids are friends with other kids at church, it makes it much easier to get them out of bed on Sunday mornings! It is easier to foster these friendships in middle school than it is when they enter high school, so please encourage your middle schoolers to come!

Something to look forward to again this year is the Easter Egg Hunt after the service on Easter morning, April 17. This is a highlight of the church year and a wonderful time to celebrate as a congregation!

So, that is it. There is a lot coming up in the next two months. Make the most of it all, you and your family will be glad you did.

Your sister in Christ,

BRING OUT THE POPCORN!

Middle School Movie Night!

Sunday, March 13, 5 to 7:30

Join us to watch Queen of Katwe - PG
and enjoy a pizza dinner!

Friends are welcome. \$5 per person

RSVP education@stjameswh.org by March 12.



Mission

Hartford Catholic Worker Food Bags

ST. JAMES'S continues to partner with Hartford Catholic Worker to provide 30 bags of food twice a month for families facing food insecurity in the Hartford area.

Each bag contains: 2 cans of tuna, 1 jar of mayo, 1 can of soup, 1 box/bag of pasta, 1 jar of pasta sauce, 1 can of beans, 1 jar of peanut butter, 1 jar of jelly.

This is an on-going mission, please continue to give the items listed above. Bring them to the church during office hours or place them in the blue bin outside the cloister doors. If donating money is more convenient, please send checks to St. James's, add "Hartford Catholic Worker" in the memo line and we will shop for you. Thank you!



Annual Toiletry Collection!

EACH Lent we prepare Easter "baskets" for approximately 200 of our neighbors living in Hartford area shelters and transitional housing. The bulk go to women and families, although there are also men in the group. Please help these most at risk members of our community. The items listed below are the most needed. These do not need to be "family size" items; 14-20 ounce containers are great and allow us to fit more items into the bags. The dollar stores are a good source for these sizes. Please consider buying fragrance-free or non-allergenic items. Children living in shelters often have asthma which is triggered by highly fragranced products.

- 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, Dental Floss, Combs, and Mini Kleenex packs, Lip Balm, etc.

Please drop your donations in the Cloister, or feel free to donate money and we will do the shopping for you. Simply put "Easter Baskets" in the memo line of your check. With a bit of luck we will be in a safer place by Spring and able to gather to fill the bags on Palm Sunday, April 10. Stay tuned for more information. Thank you for your generosity!

Around the Parish

Children's Lenten Program

Every Sunday Beginning March 6

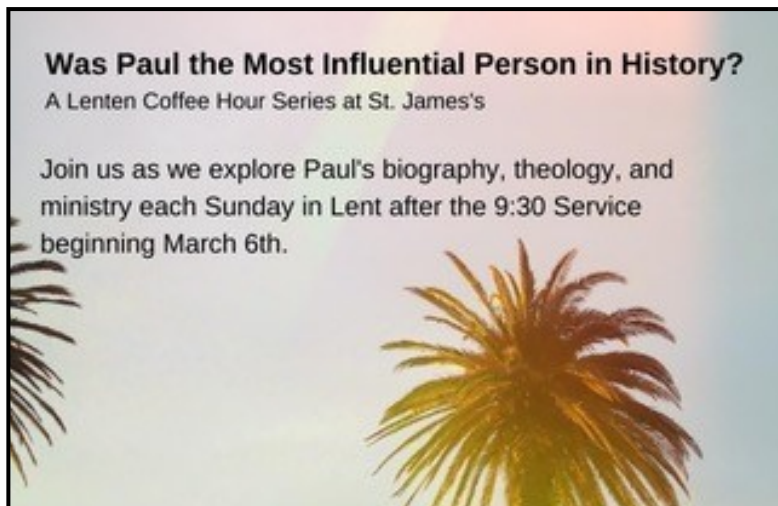
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A Lenten Coffee Hour Series

Was Paul the Most Influential Person in History?

MUCH of the story of Christianity is the story of St. Paul. Join us after church in Lent on **Sundays, March 6 through 27** as we explore Paul's biography, theology, and ministry. We will consider the latest scholarship to better understand the world of the early church and Paul's signature influence. Topics include: Pauline letters and the formation of the biblical canon; rivalry between Paul and James; and the differences between Paul's legacy in Western and Eastern Christianity. The series will be held in the Parish Hall during Coffee Hour. In addition to being fun and interesting, this will be a wonderful opportunity to meet the Rev. Alan Murchie, St. James's new Associate for Education and Music! We hope to see you there.



Men's Discussion Group

Second and Fourth Saturdays

A group of men from Saint James's Church and a few from other churches meet twice monthly on the second and fourth Saturdays for an hour and a bit more beginning at 8:00 AM in the parish room for discussion of religious subjects. Typically, the discussion is led by one of the group members about a book selected by the group. Past discussions have focused on thoughts from Marcus Borg's "The Heart of Christianity: Rediscovering a Life of Faith. The next meetings will be held **Saturdays, March 12 and 26; April 9 and 23.** Light refreshments are served.

Bob Hoffman chairs the group. If you are interested, contact him at 860.614.3861 for further information.

Liturgies & Holy Week

WEDNESDAY EUCHARIST IN CHAPEL | 7:00AM

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

HOLY WEDNESDAY | APRIL 13 | 7AM
EUCHARIST IN CHAPEL

MAUNDY THURSDAY | APRIL 14 | 7PM
HOLY EUCHARIST & STRIPPING OF ALTAR IN CHURCH

GOOD FRIDAY | APRIL 15
GF LITURGY AT ST JOHN'S W/ ST JAMES'S | 12PM
NEW TESTAMENT READING & VIGIL IN CHAPEL | 1PM
GF LITURGY AT ST JAMES'S W/ ST JOHN'S | 7PM

HOLY SATURDAY | APRIL 16
EASTER PREPARATIONS AT ST JAMES'S | 9AM
EASTER VIGIL AT CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL | 7:30:PM

EASTER SUNDAY | APRIL 17
FESTAL EUCHARIST | 10AM
FOLLOWED BY EASTER EGG HUNT & MIMOSAS

A Visit From the Rt. Rev. Ian Douglas

Sunday, April 3 at the 10:00 Service



EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN CONNECTICUT
PARTICIPATING IN GOD'S MISSION

ON **Sunday, April 3**, Bishop Ian Douglas, Diocesan Bishop of the Episcopal Church in Connecticut, will be visiting St. James's. This will be our last visit from Bishop Ian prior to his retirement in October of this year. We will have one service that Sunday at 10:00 in the hopes that we can all gather together in worship. During the service, Bishop Ian will be confirming and receiving many teens and adult members of our parish. After the service we will have a reception/coffee hour in the parish hall. We hope that you will join us!

Adult Confirmation and Reception into the Episcopal Church

Classes Begin in March

ST. JAMES'S OLY confirmed to be confirmed or for those who have been confirmed in other denominations to be received into the Episcopal Church when Bishop Ian Douglas visits us on April 3. Bishop Douglas will lead a sacramental service for those ready to, "express a mature commitment to Christ, and receive strength from the Holy Spirit through prayer and the laying on of hands by a bishop" (BCP, p. 860). In preparation, adult candidates for Confirmation and Reception will participate in a class lasting about an hour-and-a-half, most likely in March (date TBD). If you are not able to attend at the scheduled time, other arrangements will be made. This is a fantastic way to learn about the traditions and practices Episcopal Church, particularly our Book of Common Prayer.

Please let Jonathan or Bob know **by March 13** if you would like to participate. They are of course happy to answer any questions. They can be emailed at jonathan.r.smith@gmail.com or rchooper3@gmail.com.

Companions of the Holy Cross

A Quiet Day on Saturday, March 12

THE Companions of the Holy Cross would like you to join them in attending a virtual Quiet Day on **Saturday, March 12, 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM ET**. The Quiet Day will be led by the Reverend Betsy Fisher of the Diocese of Western MA. The Quiet Day will consist of an introduction to Centering Prayer, two separate meditations, as well as quiet time for your own reflection, concluded by a final gathering at which you can share your own experience. If you or someone you know are interested in attending, please email Cheri Evans at cheriev98@gmail.com for information on how to attend.

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!

ASH WEDNESDAY

MARCH 2

Eucharist w/Imposition of Ashes

7am in the chapel

12:10 & 7pm in the Church

St. James's Church,
1018 Farmington Avenue
West Hartford Center

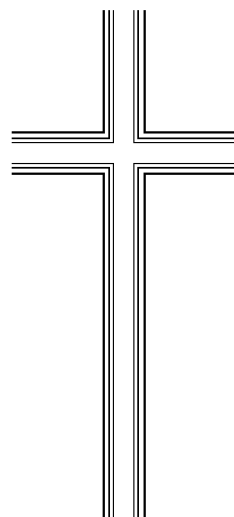
Celtic Worship

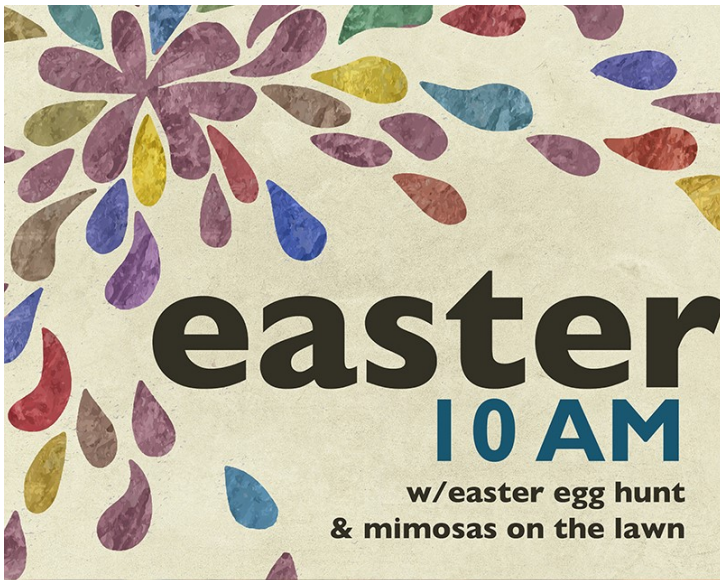
Sunday, March 6 at 4:30pm via Zoom

CELTIC Worship will be held on **Sunday, March 6** at 4:30pm using Zoom, an interactive video and telephone conferencing tool. This month we will celebrate "The Sounds of Silence" with a reflection by Tom Neal, prayers, poetry, music, and community sharing afterwards! Join Zoom Meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87187146656>

Dial +1 646 558 8656

Meeting ID: 871 8714 6656





New Testament Reading

Good Friday, April 15

JOIN 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 15**. 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.

Easter Flower Memorials

ENVELOPES for Easter flower memorials can be found in the narthex and front of the church, the cloister, and outside the chapel entrance during Lent. 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 or deliver them to the parish office. Names will be listed in the Easter bulletin.

Easter Preparations

MARY ANN HAAR could use your help with preparing the sanctuary for Easter on **Holy Saturday, April 16 at 9am**. Duties include arranging flowers and other altar preparations. Any amount of time you can give is greatly appreciated.

Parish Office Closings

Good Friday and Easter Monday

THE parish office will be closed on **Good Friday, April 15** and on **Easter Monday, April 18**. The parish office will resume office hours on Tuesday, April 19.

Daylight Saving Time

DAYLIGHT Saving Time begins on **March 13!** Remember to turn your clocks ahead one hour Saturday evening, March 12.



Women Of St. James's



LUNCHEONS continue on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month at noon in the dining room at St. James's. We hope to get back to our regular schedule soon. The turn outs have been encouraging! We invite you to join us at any or all of the scheduled Tuesday meetings below:

March 8—Bring a bag lunch and 2 non-perishable food items for the West Hartford Food Bank.

March 22—Luncheon: Bring a bag lunch.
Program: Dr. Ruth Mitman will speak on aging.

April 5—Easter Buffet, Potluck. A sign up sheet will be circulated at the March 22 meeting.

April 19—Bring a bag lunch; program to be determined.

Registry and Readings

Deaths

Dr. Chan Schiller
January 14, 2022

Barbara Ulrich
February 12, 2022

Baptisms

Claire Jeannette Darisse—February 13, 2022
Daughter of Ian and Andrea Darisse

Ezra Bennett Puzarne—February 13, 2022
Son of Aaron and Claire Puzarne

Parish Birthdays

Children and Youth

MARCH

Theodore Jacovino, 3
Charlie Lewis, 4
Jillian Moore, 7
McAllister Raissian, 15
John DeLibero, 26
Helen Lapointe, 27
Darcy Leichenring, 27
Calvin Meyer, 30
Abigail Tapley, 31



APRIL

Greta Leichenring, 5
Maisie Accetta, 6
Cole Ware, 6
Natalie DeLaCruz, 9
Liam Jacovino, 12
Patrick Keough, 12
Carter Morton, 13
Savannah Corrigan, 15
Delilah Tweedie, 23
Ryder Morton, 26
Max Ware, 26
Kate Colburn, 27
Kari Flowers, 30
Arthur Smith, 30

Parish Prayer List

Those in our parish family

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

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, Pierre, Guy, Stephen, Clark, Sydney, Clare, Leo, Larry, Cathleen, Denise, Javier, Susan & Gordon, Kristine & Noel, Janet, Annelise, Sue & Claudia, Gretchen, Nicki.

Those Serving in the Military:

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

Sunday Lectionary

Ash Wednesday, March 2

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

First Sunday of Lent, March 6

Deuteronomy 26:1-11; Romans 10:8b-13
Luke 4:1-13; Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16

Second Sunday of Lent, March 13

Genesis 15:1-12,17-18; Philippians 3:17-4:1
Luke 13:31-35; Psalm 27

Third Sunday of Lent, March 20

Exodus 3:1-15; 1 Corinthians 10:1-13
Luke 13:1-9; Psalm 63:1-8

Fourth Sunday of Lent, March 27

Joshua 5:9-12; 2 Corinthians 5:16-21
Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32; Psalm 32

Fifth Sunday of Lent, April 3 (Bishop's Visit)

Isaiah 43:16-21; Philippians 3:4b-14
John 12:1-8; Psalm 126

Palm Sunday, April 10

Liturgy of the Palms:
Luke 19:28-40; Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

Isaiah 50:4-9a; Philippians 2:5-11

Luke 22:14-23:56 or Luke 23:1-49; Psalm 31:9-16

Maundy Thursday, April 14

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 15

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

Easter Sunday, April 17

Acts 10:34-43 or Isaiah 65:17-25
1 Corinthians 15:19-26 or Acts 10:34-43
John 20:1-18 or Luke 24:1-12
Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

March 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 7:00 AM AA Group - DR	2 7:00 AM AA Group - DR 7:00 AM Holy Eucharist—Chapel	3 7:00 AM AA Group - DR 10:00 AM AA Group—DR	4 7:00 AM AA Group - DR	5 7:00 PM AA Group—DR
6 LENT I 8:30 AM 200 Identical Sandwiches 9:30 AM Holy Eucharist, Rite II w/Livestream—Church 9:30 AM Kids for Christ (KFC) - Parish Hall 10:45 AM Lenten Coffee Hour Series —PH 4:30 PM Celtic Worship via Zoom	7 7:00 AM AA Group - DR 10:00 AM AA Group - DR 6:30 PM EfM—PR	8 7:00 AM AA Group - DR 12:00 PM WOSJ Luncheon—DR 7:00 PM Samaritans Group—PR	9 7:00 AM AA Group - DR 7:00 AM Holy Eucharist—Chapel 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal—CR	10 7:00 AM AA Group - DR 10:00 AM AA Group—DR	11 7:00 AM AA Group - DR	12 8:00 AM Men's Discussion Group - PR 7:00 PM AA Group—DR
13 LENT II (Daylight Saving Time Begins) 8:00 AM Holy Eucharist, Rite II—Chapel 9:30 AM Holy Eucharist, Rite II w/Livestream—Church 9:30 AM Kids for Christ (KFC) - Parish Hall 10:45 AM 200 Identical Sandwiches 10:45 AM Lenten Coffee Hour Series—PH 5:00 PM Middle School Youth Pizza & Movie Night—PH	14 7:00 AM AA Group - DR 10:00 AM AA Group - DR 11:30 AM Serve for Loaves and Fishes 6:30 PM EfM—PR	15 7:00 AM AA Group - DR 7:00 PM Vestry—PH	16 7:00 AM AA Group - DR 7:00 AM Holy Eucharist—Chapel 10:30 AM Holy Eucharist—McAuley 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal—CR	17 7:00 AM AA Group - DR 10:00 AM AA Group -DR 10:00 AM FOODSHARE	18 7:00 AM AA Group - DR	19 7:00 PM AA Group—DR
20 LENT III 8:00 AM Holy Eucharist, Rite II—Chapel 9:30 AM Holy Eucharist, Rite II w/Livestream—Church 9:30 AM Kids for Christ (KFC) - Parish Hall 10:45 AM 200 Identical Sandwiches 10:45 AM Lenten Coffee Hour Series—PH	21 7:00 AM AA Group - DR 10:00 AM AA Group - DR 6:30 PM EfM—PR	22 7:00 AM AA Group - DR 12:00 PM WOSJ Luncheon—DR 7:00 PM Vestry—PH	23 7:00 AM AA Group - DR 7:00 AM Holy Eucharist—Chapel 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal—CR	24 7:00 AM AA Group - DR 10:00 AM AA Group—DR	25 7:00 AM AA Group - DR	26 8:00 AM Men's Discussion Group - PR 7:00 PM AA Group—DR
27 LENT IV 8:00 AM Holy Eucharist, Rite II—Chapel 9:30 AM Holy Eucharist, Rite II w/ Livestream—Church 9:30 AM KFC (Kids for Christ) - PH 10:45 AM Lenten Coffee Hour Series—PH	28 7:00 AM AA Group - DR 10:00 AM AA Group - DR 6:30 PM EfM—PR	29 7:00 AM AA Group - DR	30 7:00 AM AA Group - DR 7:00 AM Holy Eucharist—Chapel 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal—CR	31 7:00 AM AA Group - DR 10:00 AM AA Group—DR		

April 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 7:00 AM AA Group - DR	2 7:00 PM AA Group—DR
3 LENT V—BISHOP'S VISIT 8:30 AM 200 Identical Sandwiches 10:00 AM HE w/Confirmation & Reception into EC w/Livestream—Church 10:00 AM Kids for Christ (KFC) - Parish Hall 11:30 AM Coffee Hour Reception—PH	4 7:00 AM AA Group - DR 10:00 AM AA Group - DR 6:30 PM EfM—PR	5 7:00 AM AA Group - DR 12:00 PM WOSJ Luncheon—DR 7:00 PM Samaritans Group—PR	6 7:00 AM AA Group - DR 7:00 AM Holy Eucharist—Chapel 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal—CR	7 7:00 AM AA Group - DR 10:00 AM AA Group—DR	8 7:00 AM AA Group - DR	9 8:00 AM Men's Discussion Group - PR 7:00 PM AA Group—DR
10 PALM SUNDAY 10:00 AM HE & Sung Passion w/Livestream— Church 10:00 AM Kids for Christ (KFC) - Parish Hall 10:45 AM 200 Identical Sandwiches 10:45 AM Coffee Hour—PH	11 Holy Monday 7:00 AM AA Group - DR 10:00 AM AA Group - DR 11:30 AM Serve for Loaves and Fishes 6:30 PM EfM—PR	12 Holy Tuesday 7:00 AM AA Group - DR 7:00 PM Samaritans Group—PR	13 Holy Wednesday 7:00 AM AA Group - DR 7:00 AM Holy Eucharist—Chapel 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal—CR	14 Maundy Thursday 7:00 AM AA Group - DR 10:00 AM AA Group -DR 7:00 PM HE w/ Stripping of the Altar—Church	15 Good Friday Parish Office Closed 7:00 AM AA Group - DR 12:00 PM GF Liturgy at St. John's 1:00 PM Vigil & Reading of the NT—Chapel 7:00 PM GF Liturgy at St. James's	16 Holy Saturday 7:00 PM AA Group—DR 7:30 PM Easter Vigil at Christ Church Cathedral, Hartford
17 EASTER SUNDAY 10:00 AM Festal Eucharist w/Baptism & Livestream—Church 10:00 AM Kids for Christ (KFC) - Parish Hall 11:30 AM 200 Identical Sandwiches 11:30 AM Easter Egg Hunt and Mimosas— Outdoors (weather permitting)	18 Parish Office Closed 7:00 AM AA Group - DR 10:00 AM AA Group - DR 6:30 PM EfM—PR	19 7:00 AM AA Group - DR 12:00 PM WOSJ Luncheon—DR 7:00 PM Vestry—PH	20 7:00 AM AA Group - DR 7:00 AM Holy Eucharist—Chapel 10:30 AM Holy Eucharist— McAuley 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal—CR	21 7:00 AM AA Group - DR 10:00 AM AA Group—DR 10:00 AM FOODSHARE	22 7:00 AM AA Group - DR	23 8:00 AM Men's Discussion Group - PR 7:00 PM AA Group—DR
24 8:00 AM Holy Eucharist, Rite II—Chapel 9:30 AM Holy Eucharist, Rite II w/ Livestream— Church 9:30 AM KFC (Kids for Christ) - PH 10:45 AM Coffee Hour—Parish Hall	25 7:00 AM AA Group - DR 10:00 AM AA Group - DR 6:30 PM EfM—PR	26 7:00 AM AA Group - DR	27 7:00 AM AA Group - DR 7:00 AM Holy Eucharist—Chapel 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal—CR	28 7:00 AM AA Group - DR 10:00 AM AA Group—DR	29 7:00 AM AA Group - DR	30 7:00 PM AA Group—DR

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