



# the OPEN DOOR

news from St. James's

## From the Rector's Desk

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

As we finalize St. James's budget for 2023, we definitely find ourselves in a good news-bad news situation. First, the good news: pledges are at an all-time high. (Thank you!) We have received 28 new pledges this year, which is both a sign of health and growth. The average pledge has increased to nearly \$4,000. More significantly, we have a great team in place with the addition of the Revs. Murchie and Rose. Sunday attendance is increasing (if a little slowly) and the Holy Spirit is alive and well at St. James's.

Now, the bad news (or should we say the opportunity): staffing costs are up; the costs of utilities and insurance have skyrocketed; and we are working to return to the pre-pandemic draw on our endowment. At the same time, our assessment to the Diocese and, by extension, the National Church has increased (this is formulaic). All of this leaves us with a \$115,000 shortfall.

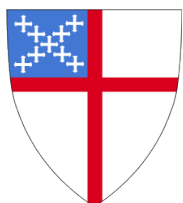
We have looked into every line of the budget and have made adjustments wherever possible. The bottom line is that if we are going to continue doing all the things that we do together to be faithful to God's call and our St. James's family – faithful and high-quality mission and outreach, worship and music, opportunities for our youth and children, strong and meaningful pastoral care and fellowship, and myriad other things – we need to close this gap.

That's some of the good news and the bad news. But the best news is that I know together, with God's help, we can do it.

So, this is where we are: \$115,000 short of fully funding this year's budget. I am quite certain that with the prayerful and generous help of the good people of St. James's, we can close this gap. Every contribution helps: big gifts or small. **If you have not yet pledged for 2023, please do so.** If you have already pledged, thank you, and please consider an additional one-time gift or an increase in your pledge. So that we can get this budget finalized and move into the future together, you can email me at [rchooper3@gmail.com](mailto:rchooper3@gmail.com) and let me know what you want to contribute. You can also use this code to electronically submit your contribution to the healthy and faithful future of St. James's.



With much gratitude,

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

## March/April 2023

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### Highlights in March/April

- **Wednesday, Mar 1** Healing Prayer Service, 6:30pm
- **Sundays, Mar 5-19** Lenten Coffee Hour Series on C.S. Lewis' 'Four Loves', 11am
- **Sunday, Mar 5** Choral Evensong, 5pm
- **Sunday, Mar 12** Doug Williams & Alan Murchie in Concert, 4pm
- **Sunday, Mar 19** Lenten Hymn Sing & Potluck Supper, 5pm
- **Sunday, Apr 2** Easter Bags Mission Project, 11:30am
- **Sunday, Apr 2-Sunday, Apr 9** Holy Week (schedule inside)
- **Wednesday, Apr 5** Healing Prayer Service, 6:30pm
- **Saturday, Apr 22** Annual Choir Dinner, 6pm

Services are livestreamed every Sunday. Sign up for weekly emails to receive links and more information. Go to: [www.stjameswh.org/resources/newsletter-subscribe](http://www.stjameswh.org/resources/newsletter-subscribe).

# From the Assistant Rector

DEAR St. James's Family,

It's hard to believe that I have been with you as assistant rector for six months – 50 percent of a calendar year, two seasons of creation, half of a full orbit around the sun. Serving you and getting to know you has been one of the great joys of my life. I love that our relationship in community has matured enough that we are having real conversations together about everything from theology, prayer practice, and ministry to my love of mountain biking and why I still listen to music on vinyl. Often, these conversations start with questions that you bring to me at gatherings such as coffee hour and Trivia Night. With that in mind, I thought I would offer up the first in an occasional series of Q&A's. The following are actual questions (or amalgamations of the same question asked several times) that I have heard in recent weeks.

**Q: What did it feel like to be ordained a priest?**

**A:** It's hard to put it into words. So I'll offer three (priests, after all, like things in three): Wondrous. Humbling. Joyful. This is a new thing. During my first five months at St. James's, I was a deacon, meaning I was ordained to proclaim the Gospel, to teach, and to be a pastor but could not sanctify or perform sacramental duties such as baptisms and celebrating the Eucharist. But on the night of January 31, Bishop Jeffrey Mello, with your support, ordained me at St. James's to be a priest in the church.

One of the most powerful moments came during the singing of the hymn "Veni Creator Spiritus," the prayer of consecration, and the laying on of hands. In those few minutes, a rush of memories from times when I have encountered the Holy Spirit in my life washed over me – the comforting glow of my grandfather's "Jesus light," running through the forest in the rain as a boy, my conversion at 18, my baptism, and a misty mountaintop experience in Ireland, among others. Any restlessness, worry or fear from the journey suddenly gave way to clarity, relief, and excitement.

Yes, committing myself to Holy Orders was the culmination of years of discernment, study, and prayer. But it was also a wondrous, humbling and joyful thing because it happened here with you and among you, in your loving and holy embrace. I feel so privileged that I would be able to walk through my first Lent and Easter (and every other church season) as a priest with you at St. James's. The Spirit was also moving in how you all welcomed so many of my friends, family, and visiting clergy, many of whom had traveled cross-country to be at the service. Thank you to everyone who demonstrated how, for generations, St. James's has been a spiritual home of thoughtful, prayerful, and generous people. Looking around, soaking it in, many of my friends remarked that God had called me to a remarkable place. Yes, I replied, I thank God every day that I am here. Of course, ordination is just the beginning. "Becoming" a priest happens as we walk together to do God's transformative and liberating work together on the road ahead.

**Q: What is this I'm hearing about a Good News Garden and greenhouse at St. James's?**

**A:** The Good News Garden is just the new name for the community garden that has been planted and harvested as part of our feeding ministry for 12 years. It is, after all, a prophetic and holy thing to make things new. This is an exciting new chapter for our agrarian ministry on the east side of the church building. We are now officially part of the Episcopal Church's national Good News Gardens network, giving us access to an abundance of resources to cultivate this ministry. This spring, we plan to build a 10-by-18-foot greenhouse, which will allow us to provide more fresh vegetables through our feeding partnership with the Hartford Catholic Worker. It will also provide a gathering place for prayer services and education at the intersection of Creation Care and food justice. It will be powered by a solar panel and will feature a rain-barrel drip-tube system. We also plan a pollinator garden, planted by the children of St. James's, which will benefit the ecosystem of plants and trees in the surrounding neighborhood. If you would like to volunteer your time in the garden this year, let me know.

**Q: Can you recommend a good book to read as part of my spiritual journey during Lent?**

**A:** Yes. Here are some suggestions for the pilgrimage through this season of prayer, repentance and renewal:

- "Daily Prayer with the Corrymeela Community" by Pádraig Ó Tuama
- "The Night is Long But Light Comes in the Morning" by Catherine Meeks
- "Beating Guns: Hope for People Who Are Weary of Violence" by Shane Claiborne and Michael Martin
- "Seven Last Words: Cross and Creation" by Andrew McGowan
- "Never Said a Mumbalin Word" by Mark Bozzuti-Jones
- "Unapologetic: Why, Despite Everything, Christianity Can Still Make Surprising Emotional Sense" by Francis Spufford
- "Dust Bunnies in the Basket" by Tim Schenk, with illustrations from Jay Sidebotham

I also like to put together music playlists on Spotify or Apple Music to provide soundtracks for the different church seasons. (Often, they inspire sermon writing.) To help you get started with your own Lenten playlist, here are five suggestions:

- "Adagietto" from Gustav Mahler's "Symphony No. 5"
- "40" by U2
- "Mary" by Patty Griffin
- John Tavener's "The Veil of the Temple"
- "Seven Psalms" by Nick Cave.

Keep those questions coming. I'm looking forward to continuing the conversation as we journey into hope in the months ahead.

Faithfully in Christ,



# From the Associate for Education & Music

**Doug Williams, baritone and Alan Murchie, piano**  
**The Four Loves—Sunday, March 12 at 4 PM**

**I**N tandem with a four-week adult forum on C. S. Lewis's "The Four Loves," bass-baritone Doug Williams will join me for a concert on Sunday, March 12 exploring and celebrating the theme of love — both divine and human — through the prism of music.

What are the four loves? C. S. Lewis believed that we can find four distinct loves in scripture: *eros* or romantic love, *philia* or love between friends, *storge* or instinctual affection (such as the bond between parent and child), and *agape* or gracious, "gift" love, also known as *caritas* or charity. In this concert we will explore all four.

## **Felix Mendelssohn: Trois Fantaisies, Opus 16**

Mendelssohn's three exquisite fantasies, for piano solo, are each palpable and vivid examples of *philia*, or the love between friends. The pieces reflect his friendship with each of three women he came to know while on an extended visit to Great Britain. C. S. Lewis describes *philia* as the most unlikely of our human loves: our friendships derive not from need but from shared fascinations or from the ease, naturalness and delight we feel in another's presence. Mendelssohn wrote about his friendships in his travel diary and explained how each piece captured a particular friendship, one made in walks alongside a river, one made in conversation, and one grounded in a shared optimism and lightness of spirit.

## **Ralph Vaughan Williams: "Love Bade Me Welcome," from Five Mystical Songs**

This song sets a poem simply called "Love" by the great 17th-Century mystic George Herbert. In the poem, God (known in the poem as "Love") engages in extended dialogue with the poet, who feels unworthy of such unmerited, gracious attention from God. At one point, the poet tells God that his eyes have strayed and are thus unworthy of looking back upon the divine. God replies, memorably and poignantly, "Who made those eyes but I?" The song is an extended and gorgeous meditation on *agape* love: the unmerited, gracious love of God for us; the love we are, through the power of the Spirit, invited to extend to the world.

## **Robert and Clara Schumann: Romances for Piano**

These beautiful brief pieces for piano say what can't ever fully be said: that mix of passion, ardor, commitment, longing, completion and more that characterize the coming together of two souls. We use the term *eros* but it doesn't seem to capture all of what this love really is, as two become one, both mystically and quite palpably. Clara and Robert loved each other as husband and wife and as fellow creative artists, overcoming obstacles from the very beginning as Clara's musician father wanted something more for Clara than he believed Robert could provide. Clara loved her father, but she wound up marrying Robert over his objection and writing a deeply poignant letter that included these words: "To never know this love would be, I believe, to be only half alive."

## **Johannes Brahms: Lullaby**

Finally, our recital explores the fourth of the four loves C. S. Lewis identifies: known as *storge*, it's the natural, instinctual love that was the first love we felt as humans. One might call it attachment or affection. It's the fierce love a parent feels for a child, for example; the love that begins in need ultimately can become among the deepest and truest loves. Lewis will see it poignantly in our love for God: at heart, in many ways, this is among the most elemental "need loves" we will feel as humans. Brahms celebrates it in his justly famous lullaby as a parent sings to a child: "Watched over by angels, good evening, good night! Sleep sweetly and behold paradise in your dreams."

In addition to these works, the concert will include Brahms' Four Serious Songs, which he wrote in response to the loss of his dear friend Clara Schumann. We'll conclude with classic love songs by Irving Berlin, Jerome Kern and Cole

Porter.

Alan

## EDUCATION



## AND MUSIC

### Important Dates

#### **Sundays in Lent**

Coffee Hour Forums at 11am  
C.S. Lewis' 'Four Loves'

#### **Sunday, March 5**

Choral Evensong, 5pm

#### **Sunday, March 12**

Doug Williams, baritone  
and Alan Murchie, piano  
4pm

#### **Sunday, March 19**

Lenten Hymn Sing & Potluck  
5pm in the parish hall

#### **Sunday, March 26**

Five-Choir Evensong at  
Trinity College, 5pm

#### **Saturday, April 22**

Annual Choir Dinner, 6pm

## **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**

# St. James's Center for Family Ministries



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

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

*KFC (Kids for Christ) meets in  
the parish hall on Sundays.  
If you have questions, please  
email Priscilla at:  
[education@stjameswh.org](mailto:education@stjameswh.org).*

## **Mondays Music & More**

*A fun program for children  
ages 3 to third grade every  
Monday from 4 to 5:15pm  
during the program year.  
Music with the Rev. Alan  
Murchie and art with  
Priscilla Hooper.*



**A**s we head into the months of March and April, Lent is here! When you are reading this, we will have had the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper and the Ash Wednesday service. The newness of Lent will probably be worn off, and I for one, will most likely be looking for a way to regroup and tackle Lent head on. I hope that you and yours are in the same place.

When my now grown kids were little, March was always the time of feeling a little antsy. There was the beginning of spring soccer or lacrosse or both, a strong desire for warmer weather, and of course those pesky March teacher conferences. Sometimes, I must say, Lent was put on the back burner, if it was on the stove at all. Bob and I did, however, try to make it a topic of prayer and conversation at our house. We brought our kids to church on Sunday and choir, and youth group and tried to model a faith-filled life. So, my lack of tremendous success at Lenten practices for my own family, makes me somewhat hesitant to list a bunch of ideas for your family to follow. It feels a little like, "Do as I say, not as I do," but I hope and pray, that some of these ideas will be helpful for some of you who are reading this article.

I found a list of 40 Lenten Ideas for Families by Christie Thomas, an author and Children's Ministry expert. I didn't like all of them. Here are the ones that I think might work for you and your family.

Lenten Activities for Families by Christie Thomas, edited by me.

1. Do someone else's chore
2. give someone a hug
3. help someone
4. make a card for someone
5. make a craft for someone
6. do something nice for Mom/Dad
7. do something kind for the earth
8. read a book to a sibling
9. say something kind to a family member

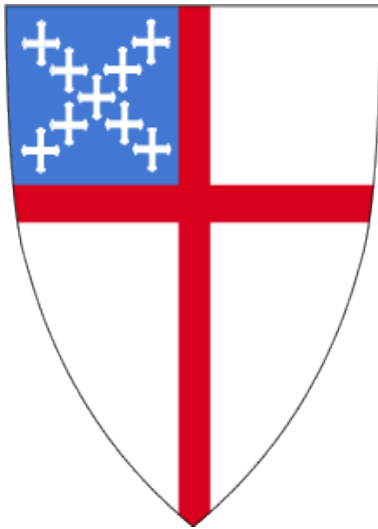
10. say something kind to a friend
11. play with someone different at recess
12. tell your teacher one thing you like about her
13. smile at as many people as you can
14. write a letter/draw a picture for an older parishioner
15. bring some baking to a neighbor
16. give something of yours to a family member
17. give something of yours to a friend
18. do someone else's laundry
19. clean a bathroom (I particularly like this one!)
21. make someone else's bed
22. set aside some of your own money for giving to church
23. use your own money to buy food for those who need it.
24. fast from TV
- 25 fast from dessert
- 26 fast from candy
27. fast from a bad habit
28. fast from sweet drink.

These are just some ideas. If all of that seems like too much, maybe just come to church as a family and be a part of this wonderful community of faithful people. Stay and make sandwiches after church as you can. Say a prayer before dinner. These are great ideas as well.

Do your best to follow and help your family follow Christ during Lent and other times, too. Please know that you and your family are always in my prayers. I am truly thankful for all of you in my life.

Your sister in Christ,





## The Vestry Nominating Committee and St. James's welcomes the following new and existing members of our Vestry and Officers for 2023:

Ted Newton	<b>Senior Warden</b>	<b>Term Ending 2024</b>
Tyler Smith	<b>Junior Warden</b>	Adam Fisher
Kerri Raissian	<b>Clerk</b>	Jessica Henning
Michael Sherrill	<b>Treasurer</b>	Jonathan Lewis
		Debra Morton
<b>Term Ending 2025</b>		
Bob Bausmith		<b>Term Ending 2026</b>
Ellen Dollar		Chuck Kinney
Kim Hart-Kindelberger		Ruth Mitman
Judith Stahl		Barbara Rua
		Bill Thompson

## Stewardship Thank You 2023!

*The following parishioners have pledged for 2023. New pledgers are in italics.*

Travis & Kim Lytle, Judy Lawes, *Joe & Heidi Rose*, Bob & Priscilla Hooper, Jessica Vinall, Bernie Wilbur, Bill & Judith Thompson, Douglass Compton, Bernie Wilbur, Mark & Cindy Welch, Loretta Waldman, Susan Cooley, Mayrita Trojanowski, Tyler & Courtney Smith, Jocelyn Ehn, Carol Hunt, Diane Mack & Robin Gilmartin, John & Brenda Barrows, Jerrod & Maureen Bowman, Bob & Renée McCue, Borden Painter, Bob & Lynne Holloway, Bette Kelly, Priscilla Thomas, John & Elizabeth Waterman, Sandra DeCelles, Jonathan Lewis & Kate Jackson, Geraldine Smalley, Ron Coons, Bob & Nancy Jo Hoffman, Kenneth & Susan Gutierrez, Rachael Desmond, Susan Ritz, Ben & Martha Parish, Tom & Sue Sweeney, Andrew & Pam Ponichtera, Bill & Nora Harris, Richard M. Wenner, Bob & Claire Burnett, Joan Kayser, Linda Vastano, Doug & Ann Cooke, Mari Merwin, Chuck & Meredith Willson, Hunter & Debra Morton, Dean & Kathy Bolt, Barry Miller, Brad & Liz Normand, Fran Cobb, Mary Ann Haar, Steve & Lois Schneeberger, Curtis Roessler, Gregory & Judith Hock, Ron Ward, John & Cheryl Wadsworth, John & Ruth Mitman, Mark Moyle, David & Virginia Kramer, Bob & Betsy Smith, Ryan & Anne Leichsenring, Dean & Ann Uphoff, David & Samantha Dynowski, Carol McDermott, Bob Bausmith & Jill Peters-Gee, Liz Cloud, Robert Sedivy & Betsy Curtler, Ken & Eileen Jackson, Jon Harden & Lynne Lumsden, Sue Nelson, Mike & Hilary Sherrill, Rafael & Elizabeth Gallegos, Norma Hattings, Franklin & Angie Dempsey, Bill & Judith Stahl, Joey Meyer & Eleanor Michael, *Charles & Caley Fagan*, Chuck Russo, Mike Shuey, Ted & Ronnie Newton, Adam Fisher & Abby Williamson, Peter & Melissa Bowman, Harry Meyer, Rob Duncan & Chuck Kinney, Kimberly Goodrich, Mark & Cheri Evans, Deirdre Cobb Penland, Dave & Chris Pearson, Leon Fraser & Marilyn Tomlinson, Judy Nellen, *Nora Dynowski*, *Lyla Fisher*, Richard & Laura Marzi, Matthew Pinckney & Liisa Kuhn, Daniel & Ellen Dollar, Louise Strillacci, Ian & Janet Duncan, Alex Smith & Christine Pina, Michael McMahon & Ann Wood, Connie Duva, Tom Rouse & Susan Powers, Jack & Francie Bergquist, Christopher & Christine Wilson, *Alan Murchie*, Patrick Coll & Bonny Slim, Nicholas Busse & Barbara Rua, Greg & Jennifer Jacobs, Eleanor Brazell, Matt & Elizabeth Schott, *Tim & Kara Isselee*, David & Jennifer Lemanski, Kristopher & Kaitlyn Ware, Rob Healy & Jessica Henning, *Jeffrey Giuffrida & Lydia Damon*, Chris Keesling, Tony & Kerri Raissian, Kevin & Kim Hart-Kindelberger, Hugh & Jan Whelan, Donna Kluczewicz, Joseph & Jennifer Long, *Jerome Baier & Mary Kirk Goeldner*, *John & Vera Racine*, Geraldine Van Schaack, David & Joanna Tweedie, Tim Chambers & Molly Bennett, Derrick & Kristen Kirsch, Bob Fawber, *Scott & Alyse Serencha*, Nick & Lauren Forcello, John & Machele Rosenlieb, Barbara Schiller, Bruce & Donna Tompkins, Paul & Diane Duva, *Neil & Carrie Brzozowski*, *Molly James*, *Hillary Lewis*, Steve & Diane Hunter, Mike & Linda Fournier, Peter & Chris Peterson, James & Carolyn O'Sullivan, Doug Howard, William & Patricia Tomlinson, David & Jeanne DiGiacomo, Audrey Lamy, *Giovanni Serpi*, *Marc & Natalie Keating*, *Nate & Laurie Ernest-Jones*, *Bob & Carolee Ziegenhagen*, Eddie Jacovino & Elizabeth Porter, Mark & Michelle Stafford, Kevin & Kaelea Tewksbury, *Bob & Carolyn McGaughey*, Kevin & Lisa Swan, *Jim Conway & Peggy McManus*, *Joan Phelps*.

# Mission

## Hartford Catholic Worker Food Pantry

**S**T. JAMES'S is currently asking for bi-weekly donations for the following items for the Hartford Catholic Worker: tuna fish, mayo, peanut butter, jelly, pasta sauce, bags or boxes of pasta, and canned soup. Donations can be left at the cloister door Monday through Friday 9:00a-4p. If you are dropping off after hours, please place donations in the rubber bin in front of the cloister door! Monetary donations are also accepted to help purchase these items. Just note "HCW Food Pantry" in memo line.

## Easter "Baskets"

### Toiletry collection for Easter Mission

**E**ACH 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 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.

**Items needed:** shampoo & conditioner; 2-in1 or 3-in-1 shampoo/condition/body wash; moisturizer or hand cream; body wash; deodorant for men, women or uni-sex; bar soap (Dove and Ivory have fragrance-free options); toothpaste; disposable razors for men, women or uni-sex; shaving cream, dental floss, combs, lip balm, and mini Kleenex packs. Drop your donations off in the Cloister, or make a monetary donation and we will shop for you. Simply put "Easter Baskets" in the memo line.

Join us as we gather to fill the bags on **Palm Sunday, April 2** after the 10am service in the parish hall. Thank you for your generosity!



# Around the Parish

## Lenten Coffee Hour Forums

*Sundays February 26—March 19*

### "The Four Loves" by C.S. Lewis

Join the Rev. Alan Murchie, associate for music and education, and the Rev. Joseph Rose, assistant rector, for a series of coffee hour forums on C.S. Lewis' wise and warmly personal book exploring the nature of human and Christian love, which draws in sources from Jane Austen and St. Augustine. Each Sunday, Alan and Joe will explore one of Lewis' four loves – storge, philia, eros and agape – and discuss ways for people to open themselves to all forms of love to bring us closer to God during Lent.

*Forums are held in the parish hall (unless otherwise stated) with coffee and refreshments provided. All are encouraged to attend.*

## Healing Prayer

*First Wednesday Evening of the Month*



**O**N **Wednesdays, March 1 and April 5**, at 6:30 p.m., join us for the monthly Healing Prayer service in the St. James's Chapel. The April service for those who are sick or in need of healing will be based on the contemplative and poetic "Night Prayer" liturgy from A New Zealand Prayer Book. We will offer prayers for healing of body, mind, spirit, relationships, grief, and all parts of creation. All are welcome! If you are unable to attend, send the names of people you would like mentioned in prayer to the Rev. Joe Rose at [assistant@stjameswh.org](mailto:assistant@stjameswh.org).

## Healing Prayer Ministry

*An Opportunity to Serve*

**S**T. James's is re-starting its Healing Prayer Ministry. If you would like to participate or have questions about becoming a healing prayer minister, please email Cheri Evans at [cheriev98@gmail.com](mailto:cheriev98@gmail.com). We are looking for people who would like to minister to those in need at healing prayer stations after Sunday services, through community prayer circles, and at monthly prayer services.



# *Liturgies & Holy Week*

WEDNESDAY EUCHARIST IN CHAPEL | 7:00AM

PALM SUNDAY | APRIL 2 | 10AM  
EUCHARIST & SUNG PASSION (NO 8AM SERVICE)

HOLY WEDNESDAY | APRIL 5 | 7AM  
EUCHARIST IN CHAPEL FOLLOWED BY BREAKFAST  
HEALING PRAYER SERVICE IN CHAPEL | 6:30PM

MAUNDY THURSDAY | APRIL 6 | 7PM  
HOLY EUCHARIST & STRIPPING OF ALTAR IN CHURCH

GOOD FRIDAY | APRIL 7  
GOOD FRIDAY LITURGY | 12PM  
NEW TESTAMENT READING & VIGIL IN CHAPEL | 1PM  
GOOD FRIDAY LITURGY W/CHOIR | 7PM

HOLY SATURDAY | APRIL 8  
EASTER PREPARATIONS AT ST JAMES'S | 9AM  
EASTER VIGIL AT CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL | 7:30PM

EASTER SUNDAY | APRIL 9  
FESTAL EUCHARIST | 10AM (NO 8AM SERVICE)  
FOLLOWED BY EASTER EGG HUNT & MIMOSAS

## Choral Evensong

*Sunday, March 5 at 5pm*

**P**LEASE join us for a service of Choral Evensong on the **Second Sunday of Lent, March 5**, featuring the upper voices of our choirs. The service will begin at 5:00pm. Our Boys and Girls Choir will be joined by the sopranos and altos of the St. James's Choir in music by Sarah MacDonald, Katherine Burke, Malcolm Archer, and George Dyson.

## Hymn Sing & Potluck

*Sunday, March 19 at 5pm in the Parish Hall*

**B**ring a dish to share, a friend, and your list of favorite hymns! Our first hymn sing in January was a great evening: pulled pork and chicken pie were followed by warm double-chocolate brownies straight from the oven. What will this one bring? Our hymn sings are designed for all ages- please bring the whole family to sing spirituals, old favorites, new discoveries, the great classics, and more. We begin at 5:00 in the parish hall on Sunday evening, March 19.

## Five-Choir Evensong at Trinity College Chapel

*Sunday, March 26 at 5pm*

**O**UR growing Boys and Girls Choir is honored to be joining four other treble choirs for a Five-Choir Festival Evensong at Trinity College on Sunday afternoon, **March 26 at 5pm**. St. James's will join forces with four other fine treble choirs from around the diocese in music by Michelle Horsley, George Dyson and more. Christopher Houlihan will serve as organist for the service. The service begins in the Trinity College Chapel at 5pm.

## 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 11 and 25; April 8 and 22**. Light refreshments are served.

Daniel Dollar chairs the group. If you are interested, contact him at [danielmdollar@gmail.com](mailto:danielmdollar@gmail.com) for further information.

## Annual Choir Dinner

*Saturday, April 22 at 6pm*

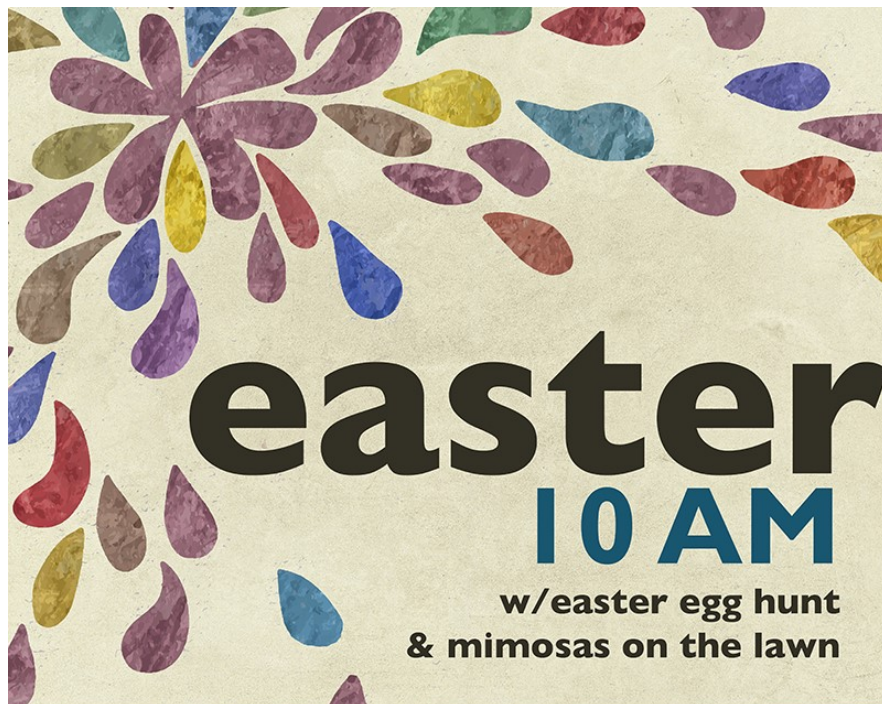
**A** WONDERFUL tradition is revived as the choir prepares to offer a set of music by songwriter William Martin Joel (much better known, of course, as Billy Joel) to cap a festive evening that includes dinner. Billy Joel was inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in 1999 with these words, "As an artist, he has exhibited stylistic daring and impeccable musicianship while assembling one of the great catalogs of popular songs in this century." That says it all. Please plan to join us for a wonderful evening of fellowship, food, and music on **Saturday, April 22** at 6pm in the parish hall.



**L**OOKING for an open and supportive place to delve more deeply into scripture, learn about church history, and ponder the difficult questions surrounding your faith? Consider [Education for Ministry](https://theology.sewanee.edu/education-for-ministry/program/) (EfM), (<https://theology.sewanee.edu/education-for-ministry/program/>) a program of lay theological education that combines worship, group and individual study, and spiritual reflection. The EfM group at St. James's meets once a week from September to May and is open to interested individuals from congregations throughout the Greater Hartford region. Our weekly meetings include lively discussions around reading, and snacks. We even take occasional field trips, like a recent retreat to an Anglican monastery in the beautiful Hudson Valley of New York. Interested? Come to our **Open House on Monday, April 17, at 6:30 p.m.**

To learn more, watch [this video](https://stjameswh.org/discipleship/education/efm) (<https://stjameswh.org/discipleship/education/efm>) featuring St. James's EfM alumni. If you have questions, contact Ron Ward at 860-463-8057 or [rtwtmr@comcast.net](mailto:rtwtmr@comcast.net). Hope to see you there!





## New Testament Reading

*Good Friday, April 7*

**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 7**. 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).

For those who are not able to attend, a Zoom link is available to attend virtually. This is for listeners only.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82785290982?pwd=c215MGt0TjIjIDZmt1UU4vNm1DSWhUz09>

Meeting ID: 827 8529 0982

Passcode: 306291

## Easter Flower Memorials

**E**NVELOPES 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

**M**ARY ANN HAAR could use your help with preparing the sanctuary for Easter on **Holy Saturday, April 8 at 9am**. Duties include arranging flowers and other altar preparations. Any amount of time you can give is greatly appreciated.

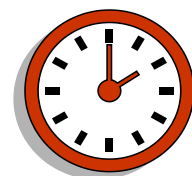
## Parish Office Closings

*Good Friday and Easter Monday*

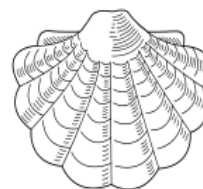
**T**HE parish office will be closed on **Good Friday, April 7** and on **Easter Monday, April 10**. The parish office will resume office hours on Tuesday, April 11.

## Daylight Saving Time

**D**AYLIGHT Saving Time begins on **March 12!** Remember to turn your clocks ahead one hour Saturday evening, March 11.



## Women Of St. James's



## March/April

**L**UNCHEONS continue on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month at noon in the dining room at St. James's. The turnouts have been very encouraging! We invite you to join us at any or all of the scheduled Tuesday meetings below:

**March 7—Lenten Soup Lunch**

**March 21—Lenten Soup Lunch**

**April 4—Lenten Soup Lunch**

**April 18—Spring Buffet Luncheon. Please bring something to share with the group.**

**Thursday, May 4—Episcopal Church Women Diocese of CT Annual Meeting, Aqua Turf, Southington**

# Registry and Readings

## Deaths

**Gerry Newton**

*December 28, 2022*

## Baptisms

**Ruth Saveria Conca—January 8, 2023**

*Daughter of Cornell and Emily Conca*

**Benjamin Siddons Lawrence—January 8, 2023**

*Son of Eric and Margaret Lawrence*

## Parish Birthdays

*Children and Youth*

### MARCH

George Keating, 1  
Theodore Jacovino, 3  
Jillian Moore, 7  
Walter Bowman, 9  
McAllister Raissian, 15  
John DeLibero, 26  
Nicolette Howland, 26  
Darcy Leichsenring, 27  
Calvin Meyer, 30  
Abigail Tapley, 31



### APRIL

Halsted James, 1  
Greta Leichsenring, 5  
Maisie Accetta, 6  
Cole Ware, 6  
Jackson Isselee, 7  
Liam Jacovino, 12  
Patrick Keough, 12  
Carter Morton, 13  
Savannah Corrigan, 15  
Charlotte Meehan, 19  
Delilah Tweedie, 23  
Eve Brzozowski, 26  
Ryder Morton, 26  
Max Ware, 26  
Kate Colburn, 27

## Parish Prayer List

### Those in our parish family

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

### Those in our extended parish family

Jenifer, Nancy, Jeff, Carol, Christina, Jean, Jeff, Karen, David, Quinn, Joanie, Teresa, Audra, Ann, Patricia, Carrie, John & Rita, Tavern, Mohan, Larry, Barbara, Hudson, Guy, Stephen, Clark, Sydney, Clare, Leo, Denise, Javier, Susan & Gordon, Kristine & Noel, Janet, Annelise, Sue & Claudia, Larry, Nicki, Denise, Trevor.

### Those Serving in the Military:

Andrew Clark, Ed Vera, and Justin Hagemann.

## Sunday Lectionary

### Second Sunday of Lent, March 5

Genesis 12:1-4a; Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

John 3:1-17; Psalm 121

### Third Sunday of Lent, March 12

Exodus 17:1-7; Romans 5:1-11

John 4:5-42; Psalm 95

### Fourth Sunday of Lent, March 19

1 Samuel 16:1-13; Ephesians 5:8-14

John 9:1-41; Psalm 23

### Fifth Sunday of Lent, March 26

Ezekiel 37:1-14; Romans 8:6-11

John 11:1-45; Psalm 130

### Palm Sunday, April 2

**Liturgy of the Palms:** Matthew 21:1-11; Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

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

### Maundy Thursday, April 6

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 7

Isaiah 52:13-53:12; Hebrews 10:16-25

or Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9; John 18:1-19:42; Psalm 22

### Easter Sunday, April 9

Acts 10:34-43 or Jeremiah 31:1-6

Colossians 3:1-4 or Acts 10:34-43

John 20:1-18 or Matthew 28:1-10; Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

### Second Sunday of Easter, April 16

Acts 2:14a,22-32; 1 Peter 1:3-9

John 20:19-31; Psalm 16

### Third Sunday of Easter, April 23

Acts 2:14a,36-41; 1 Peter 1:17-23

Luke 24:13-35; Psalm 116:1-3, 10-17

### Fourth Sunday of Easter, April 30

Acts 2:42-47; 1 Peter 2:19-25

John 10:1-10; Psalm 23

# March/April

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			<b>1</b> 7:00 AM AA Group - DR 7:00 AM Holy Eucharist—Chapel 10:30 AM HE—Hughes Conv. 5:30 PM B&G Choir 6:30 PM Healing Service—Chapel 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal	<b>2</b> 7:00 AM AA Group - DR 10:00 AM AA Group—DR	<b>3</b> 7:00 AM AA Group - DR	<b>4/1</b> 7:00 PM AA Group—DR
<b>5/2 Palm Sunday</b> 8:00 AM Holy Eucharist, Rite II—Chapel 9:30 AM Holy Eucharist, Rite II w/ Livestream—Church 10:00 AM Sung Passion & Eucharist w/ Livestream—Church (10am KFC) 9:30 KFC (Kids for Christ) - PH 11:00 AM 200 Identical Sandwiches 11:30 AM 200 Identical Sandwiches 11:00 AM Coffee Hour —PH 11:30 AM Easter Baskets—PH	<b>6/3</b> 7:00 AM AA Group - DR 10:00 AM AA Group - DR 4:00 PM Monday Music & More	<b>7/4</b> 7:00 AM AA Group - DR 12:00 PM WOSJ Luncheon—DR	<b>8/5</b> 7:00 AM AA Group - DR 7:00 AM Holy Eucharist—Chapel 5:30 PM B&G Choir 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal—CR	<b>9/6 Maundy Thursday</b> 7:00 AM AA Group - DR 10:00 AM AA Group—DR 7:00 PM HE w/ Stripping of Altar	<b>10/7</b> 7:00 AM AA Group - DR 12:00 PM GF Liturgy—Church 1:00 PM New Testament Reading—Chapel 7:00 PM GF Liturgy—Church	<b>11/8</b> 8:00 AM Men's Discussion Group - PR 7:00 PM AA Group—DR 7:30 PM Easter Vigil—Christ Church Cathedral
<b>12/9 Easter Sunday</b> 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 11:00/11:30 AM 200 Identical Sandwiches 11:00/11:30 AM Prepare for Loaves and Fishes 11:00 AM Coffee Hour —PH 11:30 AM Egg Hunt & Mimosas—Outdoors 4:00 PM Doug Williams & Alan Murchie Concert —Church	<b>13/10 Parish Office Closed</b> 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	<b>14/11</b> 7:00 AM AA Group - DR	<b>15/12</b> 7:00 AM AA Group - DR 7:00 AM Holy Eucharist—Chapel 10:30 AM Holy Eucharist—McAuley 5:30 PM B&G Choir 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal—CR	<b>16/13</b> 7:00 AM AA Group - DR 10:00 AM AA Group -DR <b>10:00 AM FOODSHARE</b>	<b>17/14</b> 7:00 AM AA Group - DR	<b>18/15</b> 7:00 PM AA Group—DR
<b>19/16</b> 8:00 AM Holy Eucharist, Rite II—Chapel 9:30 AM Holy Eucharist, Rite II & Livestream—Church 9:30 AM KFC (Kids for Christ) - PH 11:00 AM 200 Identical Sandwiches 11:00 AM Coffee Hour —PH	<b>20/17</b> 7:00 AM AA Group - DR 10:00 AM AA Group - DR 4:00 PM Monday, Music & More 6:30 PM EfM—PR	<b>21/18</b> 7:00 AM AA Group - DR 12:00 PM WOSJ Luncheon—DR 7:00 PM Vestry Meeting—PR	<b>22/19</b> 7:00 AM AA Group - DR 7:00 AM Holy Eucharist—Chapel 5:30 PM B&G Choir 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal—CR	<b>23/20</b> 7:00 AM AA Group - DR 10:00 AM AA Group—DR	<b>24/21</b> 7:00 AM AA Group - DR	<b>25/22 NO AA</b> 8:00 AM Men's Discussion Group—PR 6:00 PM Annual Choir Dinner—PH 7:00 PM AA—DR
<b>26/23 LENT I</b> 8:00 AM Holy Eucharist, Rite II—Chapel 9:30 AM Holy Eucharist, Rite II & Livestream—Church 9:30 AM KFC (Kids for Christ) - PH 11:00 AM Coffee Hour—PH	<b>27/24</b> 7:00 AM AA Group - DR 10:00 AM AA Group - DR 4:00 PM Monday, Music & More	<b>28/25</b> 7:00 AM AA Group - DR	<b>29/26</b> 7:00 AM AA Group - DR 7:00 AM Holy Eucharist—Chapel 5:30 PM B&G Choir 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal—CR	<b>30/27</b> 7:00 AM AA Group - DR 10:00 AM AA Group—DR	<b>31/28</b> 7:00 AM AA Group - DR	<b>29</b> 7:00 PM AA Group—DR
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