



the OPEN DOOR

news from St. James's

From the Rector's Desk

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

On Sunday, February 18, our Associate Rector, Joe Rose, while preaching on the Gospel story of Jesus in the wilderness, explored some of the spiritual and psychological realities and ramifications of loneliness. I would like to take a few minutes of your time to explore this a little further, and to maybe make a couple of observations and suggestions as to how we as individuals and as a faith community can address this ever-growing problem in our lives and in the lives of so many we love.

The facts are simple: Loneliness and isolation are more endemic than ever before. This is true of all demographics in our culture but particularly acute and devastating among teens and young adults and the more senior members among us. This can lead to a whole host of psychological, spiritual, physical, and sociological problems. If you would like more information about causes and effects of loneliness, let me suggest these two articles: The CDC's report on the "Health Risks of Social Isolation and Loneliness" and the Atlantic Magazine's opinion page article "Why Americans Suddenly Stopped Hanging Out" by Derek Thompson.

It will be no surprise to any of you that so many have isolated themselves behind technology while separating themselves from communal activities. As one study tells us, Americans of all ages just don't hang out with their peers like they used to. They also don't volunteer or gather in communities for the betterment of others.

For teens and young adults, the realities of isolation and loneliness are particularly devastating. Between the ages 12 and 28 most people struggle with questions of identity and self worth. The difficulties of this are compounded by a culture that places value on many things that are not very affirming or nurturing, and measures success in many divisive and unhealthy ways. Kids are told that they are valued based on so many things completely out of their control. The pressures to succeed in earthly terms can be so intense that it brings many to the breaking point. But hopefully this is not the message of the Church, and very much not God's message. Everyone, but especially young people, need to be told that they are valued simply because they are; and loved, period, no disclaimers or conditions. "God loves you and your church community loves and values you" needs to be the message that they and everyone hears – constantly.

To my way of thinking, the easiest and best anecdote to this profound sense of loneliness is community. Communities that are focused on something bigger than the individual. I truly believe that when the church does it right, the church does community better than anyone else. We encourage members of all ages to both look within themselves and beyond, to feed their needs and the needs of those who struggle. To put it bluntly, we are not doing our kids any favors by allowing them to isolate themselves, intentionally or unintentionally.

As I mentioned at the beginning, the other group of folks who are so isolated are those for whom age has made it difficult to be a part of the communities they once loved. Reach out to these people and just let them know that they are still a part of our lives.

The last group I would like to talk about is those of us who, because of work and family responsibilities, have found themselves alone in the crowd. You know who you are, take care of yourselves, help take care of others, and know that you, too, are loved.

Let's Talk,



March/April 2024

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Highlights in March/April

- **Sunday, March 3** Lenten Forum, 11am
- **Sunday, March 10** Choral Evensong, 5pm
- **Sunday, March 17** Lenten Hymn Sing & Potluck, 5pm
- **Holy Week, March 24-31** See page 7 for schedule
- **Sunday, March 24** Palm Sunday Sung Passion at 9:30 followed by annual Easter "Basket" Mission, 11am
- **Sunday, March 24** Youth Group Event, 5pm
- **Sunday, April 14** Coffee Hour Forum, 11am
- **Saturday, April 20** Annual Choir Dinner, 6pm
- **Sunday, April 21** Youth Group Event, 5pm



From the Assistant Rector

DEAR St. James's Family,

I have been getting a lot of questions about my upcoming coffee hour forum called "Multimedia History of St. James's: Then and Now." So many questions: What is it? Why are we doing it? What years of the church's history will we be covering? Will it be in 3-D? (OK, I made up that last question).

In a nutshell, this is how the idea for the April 14 forum came together: Bob, as I understand it, was looking for something in one of St. James's shadowy nooks and came across a treasure trove of old 16mm movie film and slides from St. James's in the 1960s. We had all of the materials converted to digital formats so that we could travel back in time to see how our church home used to be – and to reflect on what we are becoming in God's time. Wait until you see the footage of the nave 60 years ago. I've had a lot of fun seeing what has changed and what's the same. In my opinion, many parts of the church building have changed for the better. History buffs and fashionistas among us will also get a kick out of the footage. Let's just say the dress code has become a little more relaxed over the years.

Why are we doing it? Well, storytelling is a crucial part of any transformative and life-giving community. Terrence W. Tilley's book, *Story Theology*, reminds us that our narrative – not only the ancient stories contained within scripture but our ability to share stories about how we are living into our baptismal covenant with God's help – are at the beating heart of our incarnational journey on the Way of Love. Through our ability to tell our shared stories and connect them to Jesus' story, meaning, unity and renewed vitality can emerge in unexpected ways in our time. But we also need to remember where we come from.

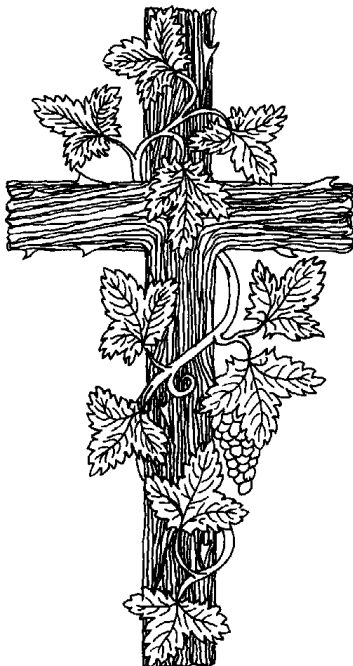
In fact, our time in worship is both ancient and modern, acknowledging our past, reflecting on our journey, and pointing toward hope in the future. Everything we do involves a story. A lived experience. It's in our lived experiences that we develop our own understanding of our relationship with God. And I think God loves it when we share those stories. It is part of the call from Jesus when he commands us so many times in the gospels to "go."

This will be a time for us to not only look at old home movies from our spiritual home, but spend time sharing our stories as we are born into a new creation with new realities and possibilities as a community. It is about how we share the stories from our corner of the vineyard with each other, newcomers on Sunday, our neighbors, and anyone in need of hope and healing. I've said it before: Our stories help the Kingdom of God break in.

I hope to see you at the forum with open hearts and stories to tell.

Faithfully,

Joe†



St. James's Center for Family Ministries



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

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

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

Mondays Music & More

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

Youth Group

*Youth Group will meet on
Sundays, March 24 and April
21 at 5pm. Invite a friend!*



As we head into the months of March and April, Lent is here! This year, we are already two weeks into Lent by the beginning of March. Yikes! By this point, the newness of Lent will probably be worn off, and maybe you are looking for a way to regroup and tackle Lent so that Easter doesn't get here and you feel like you missed it.

I know that when my now grown kids were growing up, March was my least favorite month of the year. There was the beginning of spring sports, soccer, lacrosse or both, the laundry that was a given with spring sports, and then there was the never ending MUD! Oh, and let's not forget those pesky March teacher conferences. Sometimes, I must say, Lent was put on the back burner, if it was on the stove at all. That being said, Bob and I did try to make it a topic of prayer and conversation at our house.

Many times our discussions around Lent were wrestling with the idea of giving something up, or taking something on. Many of my children's friends gave up candy, or soda for Lent. I think my kids did that on occasion as well, but I am not 100% sure about that. As a parent, I really like the idea of taking on a Lenten discipline by adding something to your daily life. So, although I am hesitant to list a bunch of ideas for your family to add to an already busy life, I think that some of these things could be added without much difficulty.

Here is a list of Lenten ideas written by author and Children's Ministry expert, Christie Thomas. I didn't like all of them, but here are the ones that I thought might work for you and your family. Maybe at dinnertime or breakfast time or sometime when you have a minute together, you could share the things you are going to try and do with the rest of your family.

1. Do someone else's chore.
2. Give someone a hug.
3. Make a card for someone.
4. Do something nice for Mom or Dad.
5. Do something nice for the earth.
6. Say something nice to a family member.
7. Say something kind to a friend.
8. Play with someone different at recess.
9. Tell your teacher something you like about her or him.
10. Write a letter or draw a picture for an older parishioner.
11. Set aside some of your own money to give to the church.
12. Use your own money to buy food for the food pantry.

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 if you can. Say a prayer before dinner. These are great ideas as well.

Do your best to follow Christ, and help your family follow Christ during Lent and at other times, too. Sometimes that is enough. 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,

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

From the Associate for Education & Music

The Way of the Cross ✝

A Two Part Coffee Hour Forum for Lent

Sundays, February 25 & March 3, after the 9:30 service

HERE at St. James's, our Monday afternoons build toward a wonderful crescendo as our youngest singers join us for art, storytelling and music. While programming changes throughout the year, we've found over our two years together that there is one inevitability: we **will** sing Christmas songs! We Three Kings and Go, Tell It On The Mountain are musts no matter where we are in the liturgical year. For me as a child, interestingly, it wasn't Christmas hymns that transcended all seasons but hymns about the cross. From The Old Rugged Cross to Rock Of Ages and How Great Thou Art, there was no time of year when we didn't sing about clinging to the cross, adoring and cherishing it. I must admit that as a child I would have preferred Go, Tell It or at least uptempo songs like He's Got The Whole World In His Hands. But in our old, unadorned, white, classic New England church, we were formed in imagery of Christ's loving work on our behalf, of the glory that awaited the faithful, of the victory won at Calvary.

In this two-part series, we'll talk about the cross and what it means for us as followers of Jesus, the one who, yes, willingly gave himself over to a brutal and humiliating death at the hands of civic and religious authorities. What is the "glory" he saw in this death? What is the work of the cross? What was achieved in Jesus's death and self-offering? Many have struggled with these multivalent, nuanced, and deeply poignant questions over the past two thousand years, from the very first who called themselves People of the Way right up to our own time. We'll take a look at the inspiring, deeply faithful and, at times, controversial answers proposed by thinkers from Paul, James and John through the mystics of the Middle Ages, the Reformers, and even a Postmodernist or two. Was a "ransom" achieved in the cross? The evangelist Mark seemed to think so, as did many of the early church mothers and fathers. Was a victory achieved in the cross? This was Paul's view; it has also been the heartbeat of the Orthodox tradition with its profound observance not only of Good Friday but of Holy Saturday along the way to a three-hour Easter service that begins in the middle of the night. We'll also take a close look at the Satisfaction and Substitution theories (the belief that "Jesus died for our sins") that inform so much of the theology that underlies those beautiful, much-loved old Protestant hymns.

I'm particularly excited to discuss a number of currently-ascendant theories of the cross, some of which have been around for centuries and others which grow out of 20th-Century fascinations. These include one model known as the "Scapegoat Theory" that links Jesus to those over place and time who have essentially "taken the blame" for what we have done collectively. The theory known as the "Healing Servant" model first appeared in the 18th Century and is associated with the Wesleys. Its appeal and strength lie in its tying Jesus' life to his death and focusing on the gift of healing that was, in this view, the ultimate gift Jesus offered in both his life and death.

Finally, we will consider what all of this might mean for us as we walk together through this rich season of reflection and prayer. Jesus's first followers called themselves not Christians but People of the Way! What then is this Way? Please plan to join us after the service for these conversations on Sunday, February 25 and Sunday, March 3 in the Parish Hall.

Alan

EDUCATION



AND MUSIC

Important Dates

Sundays, February 25 & March 3

Lenten Forum

"The Way of the Cross" at 11am

Sunday, March 17

Lenten Hymn Sing & Potluck
at 5pm

Saturday, April 20

"The British Invasion"

Annual Choir Dinner at 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. *Psalms 100:1*

Upcoming Music Events

Choral Evensong

Sunday, March 10 at 5:00 PM

Please plan to join us on Sunday afternoon, March 10 at 5:00 for a service of traditional Choral Evensong. The choir will sing beloved works by Cathedral composers including Herbert Sumsion (his classic Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis in G) and Maurice Greene (the haunting anthem *Lord, Let Me Know Mine End.*) Sung psalms and responses round out the choral offerings; congregational hymns will include "Abide With Me."

St. Patrick's Day Hymn Sing & Potluck

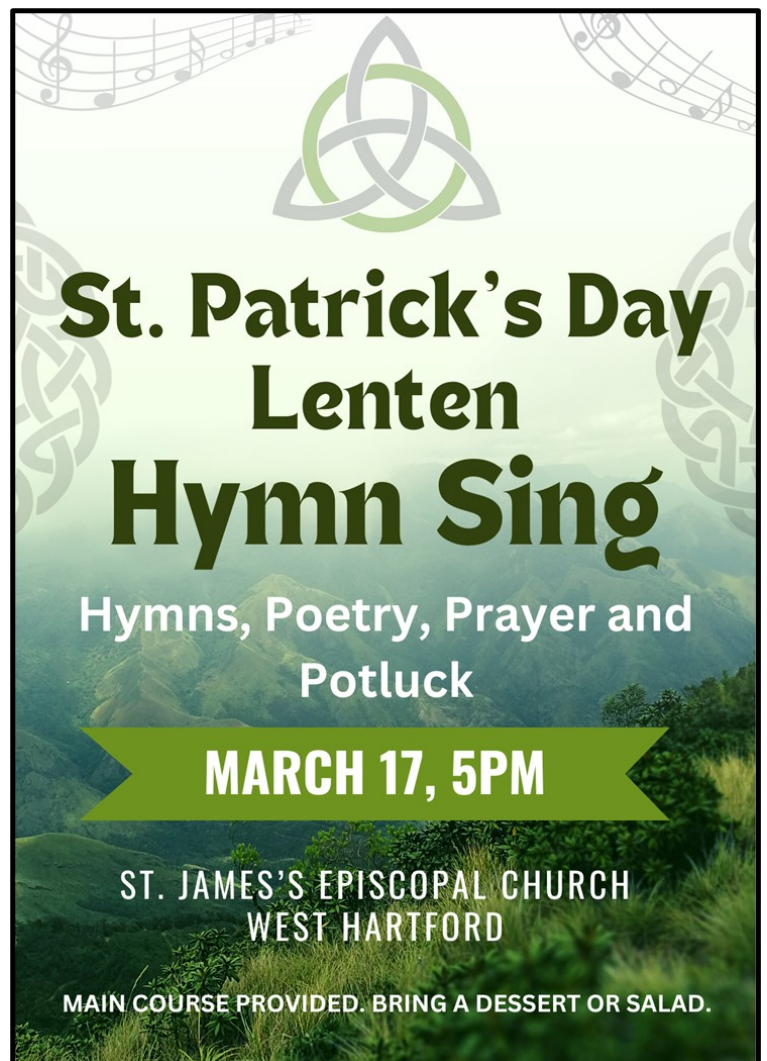
Sunday, March 17 at 5:00 PM

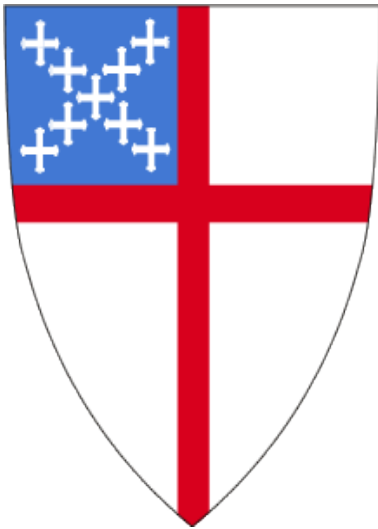
Last year we launched a new series of old-fashioned hymn sings around the piano on the Martin Luther King, Jr holiday weekend. Highlights of the evening included hymns that were among King's own favorites. This year, our one-and-only hymn sing falls on St. Patrick's Day; once again a natural music focus is baked right in. Joe will lead us in prayer from Celtic tradition as we gather for traditional dishes (including corned beef) and the great hymns of Patrick's homeland including Be Thou My Vision and The King Of Love My Shepherd Is. We'll leave ample time for a round of "Stump the Pianist" and a favorite or two from our youngest singers. The main course of the potluck meal will be provided. Please bring a salad or dessert for the meal, if you wish. All are welcome!

Choir Dinner: "The British Invasion"

Saturday, April 20 at 6:00 PM

This is a date change! Originally scheduled for April 27th, we will hold our annual Choir Dinner on Saturday evening, April 20. The theme this year is The British Invasion. Get ready for hits such as Manfred Mann's "Doo Wah Diddy," Petula Clark's "Downtown" and, of course, at least one or two from the Fab Four's enormous catalogue. Menu items will include British classics and the choir's justly-celebrated dessert table. More information to follow!





The Vestry Nominating Committee and St. James's welcomes the following new and existing members of our Vestry and Officers for 2024:

Ted Newton **Senior Warden**
 Tyler Smith **Junior Warden**
 Kerri Raissian **Clerk**
 Michael Sherrill **Treasurer**

Term Ending 2025
 Bob Bausmith
 Ellen Dollar
 Kim Hart-Kindelberger
 Judith Stahl

Term Ending 2026
 Chuck Kinney
 Ruth Mitman
 Barbara Rua
 Bill Thompson

Term Ending 2027
 Doug Compton
 Joey Meyer
 Liz Normand
 Marilyn Tomlinson

Stewardship Thank You 2024!

The following parishioners have pledged for 2024

Joe & Heidi Rose, Bob & Priscilla Hooper, Doug Compton, Chuck Russo, Ben & Martha Parish, Hunter & Deb Morton, Jerrod & Maureen Bowman, Bill & Nora Harris, Bill & Judy Thompson, Ron Coons, Tom & Sue Sweeney, Judy Lawes, Mark Moyle, Jonathan Lewis & Kate Jackson, Rachael Desmond, Kimberly Goodrich, Molly James, Connie Duva, Mark & Cindy Welch, Joan Phelps, Alan Murchie, Dean & Ann Uphoff, Bob & Nancy Jo Hoffman, David & Elizabeth Katsoris-Meehan, Borden Painter, Franklin & Angie Dempsey, Jocelyn Ehn, Kenneth & Susan Gutierrez, David & Jeanne DiGiacomo, Bob & Renée McCue, Joseph & Jennifer Long, Dave & Chris Pearson, Priscilla Thomas, Sue Nelson, Judy Nellen, Doug & Ann Cooke, Bernie Wilbur, Linda Vastano, John & Elizabeth Waterman, David Dynowski, Daniel & Ellen Dollar, Bob Bausmith & Jill Peters-Gee, Mari Merwin, Joan Kayser, Bob & Heidi Sweeney-Hoyle, Richard M. Wenner, Jerome & Mary Baier, Geraldine Smalley, Mark & Cheri Evans, John & Cheryl Wadsworth, Harry Meyer, Mary Ann Haar, Ken & Eileen Jackson, Diane Mack & Robin Gilmartin, Louise Strillacci, Greg & Jen Jacobs, Carol Hunt, Bob & Betsy Smith, Robert Sedivy & Betsy Curtler, Bob & Claire Burnett, Bob & Carolee Ziegenhagen, Rob Duncan & Chuck Kinney, Tom Rouse & Susan Powers, David & Jennifer Lemanski, Ron Ward, Dean & Kathy Bolt, Stephen & Lois Schneeberger, Carolyn McGaughey, Deirdre Cobb Penland, Sandra DeCelles, Stephen & Diane Hunter, Fran Cobb, Anya Fisher, Lyla Fisher, Adam Fisher & Abby Williamson, David & Virginia Kramer, Chris Keesling, Gil Lowerre, Ted & Ronni Newton, John & Vera Racine, Matt & Liz Schott, Bill & Judith Stahl, Christopher & Christina Wilson, Eleanor Brazell, John & Ruth Mitman, Bob Fawber, Michael & Linda Fournier, Bette Kelly, Hillary Lewis, Tyler & Courtney Smith, John & Francie Bergquist, Greg & Judy Hock, Curtis Roessler, Matthew & Liisa Pinckney, Nick & Lauren Forcello, Scott & Alyse Serencha, Susan Ritz, Nick Busse & Barbara Rua, Loretta Waldman, Carol McDermott, Mike & Hilary Sherrill, Joey Meyer & Eleanor Michael, Jim Conway & Peggy McManus, Tony & Kerri Raissian, Jon Harden & Lynne Lumsden, Paul & Diane Duva, Rafael & Elizabeth Gallegos, Donna Kluczewicz, Brad & Liz Normand, Barbara Schiller, Mayrita Trojanowski, Neil & Cassie Brzozowski, Karen Ericson, Leon Fraser & Marilyn Tomlinson, Ian & Janet Duncan, Michael McMahon & Ann Wood, John & Brenda Barrows, Rob Healy & Jessica Henning, Patrick Coll & Bonny Slim, Peter & Melissa Bowman, Eddie Jacovino & Elizabeth Porter, Tim Chambers & Molly Bennett, Ryan Leichsenring & Ann Trevethick, David Marshall, John & Mabelle Rosenlieb, Kristopher & Kaitlyn Ware, Rob King, Karin Zadzilko, Peter & Chris Peterson, Gerry VanSchaack, Michael Christ, Mike Shuey, Patrick & Sheri Sparks.

Liturgies & Holy Week

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

FIRST WEDNESDAY | MARCH 6 | 7:00 PM
HEALING PRAYER SERVICE IN THE PARISH ROOM

PALM SUNDAY | MARCH 24 | 9:30AM
EUCHARIST & SUNG PASSION (NO 8AM SERVICE)

HOLY WEDNESDAY | MARCH 27 | 7AM
EUCHARIST IN CHAPEL FOLLOWED BY BREAKFAST

MAUNDY THURSDAY | MARCH 28 | 6PM
LIGHT SUPPER & HOLY EUCHARIST IN THE PARISH
HALL FOLLOWED BY STRIPPING OF THE ALTARS

GOOD FRIDAY | MARCH 29
GOOD FRIDAY LITURGY | 12PM
NEW TESTAMENT READING & VIGIL IN CHAPEL | 1PM
GOOD FRIDAY LITURGY W/CHOIR | 7PM

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

EASTER SUNDAY | MARCH 31
FESTAL EUCHARIST | 10AM (NO 8AM SERVICE)
FOLLOWED BY EASTER EGG HUNT FOR KIDS &
RECEPTION FOR OUR NEWLY CONFIRMED TEENS

Mission

Easter “Baskets”

Toiletry collection for Easter Mission

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 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, March 24** after the 9:30am service in the parish hall. Thank you for your generosity!

Hartford Catholic Worker Food Pantry

ST. JAMES’S is currently asking for bi-weekly donations for the following items for the Hartford Catholic Worker: **tuna fish, mayo, peanut butter, jelly, pasta sauce, bags or boxes of pasta, and canned hearty stews.** 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.



Around the Parish

Coffee Hour Forums

Sundays at 11am

February 25 & March 3

“The Way of the Cross”

Join the Rev. Alan Murchie for a Lenten forum on “The Way of the Cross.” Discussion will focus on the cross and what it means for us as followers of Jesus, the one who, yes, willingly gave himself over to a brutal and humiliating death at the hands of civic and religious authorities. See page 4 for more information.

April 14

“Multimedia History of St. James’s: Then and Now”

Join the Rev. Joe Rose in a presentation of the history of St. James’s. There are certainly to be some historical facts you were unaware of.

Forums are held in the Parish Hall (unless otherwise stated) with coffee and refreshments provided.

Hosts & Helpers Needed

Sundays at 11am

HEY there, St. James's! These hosting slots aren't going to fill themselves! We still have openings in March and beyond for hosts and helpers who want to contribute homemade or store-bought baked goods and other food items. Please consider pitching in if you have not done so already. This is a rewarding ministry made more fun when you team up with friends and family to do it. Find a date that works for you and go to www.stjwh.org/coffee to sign up. Hosts will receive instructions ahead of their assigned shift. As always, many thanks to those who have already volunteered, especially those of you who have signed up for more than one date. If you have questions, contact Loretta Waldman at lwaldmanster@gmail.com.

Iona Healing Prayer

First Wednesday Evening of the Month



ON Wednesdays, March 6 and April 3, at 7 p.m., join us for the monthly Healing Prayer service in the Parish Room. The service for those who are sick or in need of healing will be based on the contemplative and poetic “Iona Healing” liturgy from the Iona community in Scotland. 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 associate@stjameswh.org.



New Testament Reading

Good Friday, March 29

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, March 29**. 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, March 30 at 9am**. Duties include arranging flowers and other altar preparations. Any amount of time you can give is greatly appreciated.

Fourth Friday Family Night

March 22 and April 26 at 5:15pm

Family night will meet on **Fridays, March 22 and April 26** at 5:15pm at St. James's in the parish hall. We will enjoy a pizza dinner and activity for the kids. Kerri will bring the pizza, and the cost will be approximately \$10-15 per family to cover the pizza. You should bring your own drinks, and please feel free to bring a side dish/dessert of your choice. If you'd like to attend, please email Kerri, kerriraisian@gmail.com to be added to the Evite list. Friends and family are also welcome, just please indicate them on the Evite RSVP so we can order enough pizza.

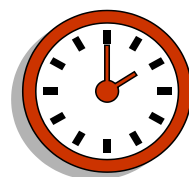
Parish Office Closings

Good Friday and Easter Monday

THE parish office will be closed on **Good Friday, March 29** and on **Easter Monday, April 1**. The parish office will resume office hours on Tuesday, April 2.

Daylight Saving Time

DAYLIGHT Saving Time begins on **March 10!** Remember to turn your clocks ahead one hour Saturday evening, March 9.



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 beginning at 8:00 a.m. 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. The next meetings will be held **Saturdays, March 9 and 23; April 13 and 27**. Light refreshments are served. Daniel Dollar chairs the group. Interested? Contact him at danielmdollar@gmail.com.

Registry and Readings

Baptisms

Abigail Shea Chambers—January 7, 2024
Daughter of Tim Chambers & Molly Bennett

Luke Matthew Redman—February 11, 2024
Son of Matthew & Kathryn Redman

Parish Birthdays

Children and Youth

MARCH

George Keating, 1
 Jillian Moore, 7
 Walter Bowman, 9
 Alexander Bullard, 13
 McAllister Raissian, 15
 Sanai Fraser, 24
 John DeLibero, 26
 Nicolette Howland, 26
 Darcy Leichsenring, 27
 Calvin Meyer, 30



APRIL

Halsted James, 1
 Greta Leichsenring, 5
 Maisie Accetta, 6
 Cole Ware, 6
 Jackson Isselee, 7
 Liam Jacovino, 12
 Patrick Keough, 12
 David Daniels, 13
 Savannah Corrigan, 15
 Charlotte Meehan, 19
 Eve Brzozowski, 26
 Ryder Morton, 26
 Max Ware, 26

Parish Prayer List

Those in our parish family

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

Those in our extended parish family

Jenifer, 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, Janet, Sue
 & Claudia, Larry, Gretchen, Denise, Jocelyn, Forrest, Laticia.

Those Serving in the Military

Andrew Clark

Sunday Lectionary

Third Sunday of Lent, March 3

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

Fourth Sunday of Lent, March 10

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

Fifth Sunday of Lent, March 17

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

Palm Sunday, March 24

Isaiah 50:4-9a; Philippians 2:5-11
 Mark 14:1-15:47; Psalm 31:9-16

Easter Sunday, March 31

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

Second Sunday of Easter, April 7

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

Third Sunday of Easter, April 14

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

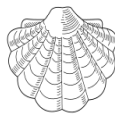
Fourth Sunday of Easter, April 21

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

Fifth Sunday of Easter, April 28

Acts 8:26-40; 1 John 4:7-21
 John 15:1-8; Psalm 22:24-30

Women Of St. James's



March/April

Tuesday, March 5

The Rev. Curtis Farr

"Sabbatical in the South: A Pilgrimage to Understand
 Our Legacy of Slavery"

Lenten soup lunch

Tuesday, March 19

Dr. Ruth Mitman

"Ageism: How It Impacts All of Us"

Lenten soup lunch

Tuesday, April 2

Sarah Taylor, Botanist

"Native Plants of Connecticut"

Soup lunch

Tuesday, April 16

Annual Meeting & Spring Buffet

Please bring a dish to share with the group

March/April

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| 31 EASTER SUNDAY (no 8am service) 10:00 AM Festal Eucharist, Rite II w/ Livestream—Church 10:00 KFC (Kids for Christ) - PH 11:00 AM Easter Egg Hunt for kids & Reception for our newly confirmed teens | 1 Parish Office Closed 7:00 AM AA Group - DR 10:00 AM AA Group - DR | 2 7:00 AM AA Group - DR 12:00 PM Women of St. James's—DR | 3 7:00 AM AA Group - DR 7:00 AM Holy Eucharist—Chapel 5:30 PM Chorister Rehearsal 7:00 PM Adult Choir Rehearsal 7:00 PM Healing Prayer Service—PR | 4 7:00 AM AA Group - DR 10:00 AM AA Group—DR | 1/5 7:00 AM AA Group - DR | 2/6 7:00 PM AA Group—DR |
| 3/7 8:00 AM Holy Eucharist, Rite II—Chapel 8:35 AM Prepare for Loaves & Fishes 9:30 AM Holy Eucharist, Rite II w/ Livestream—Church 9:30 KFC (Kids for Christ) - PH 11:00 AM 200 Identical Sandwiches 11:00 AM Coffee Hour Forum 11:00 AM Coffee Hour—PH 5:00 PM Confirmation Class 5:00 PM Sacred Ground Class | 4/8 7:00 AM AA Group - DR 10:00 AM AA Group - DR 11:30 AM Serve for Loaves & Fishes | 5/9 7:00 AM AA Group - DR 12:00 PM Women of St. James's—DR | 6/10 7:00 AM AA Group - DR 7:00 AM Holy Eucharist—Chapel 5:30 PM Chorister Rehearsal 7:00 PM Adult Choir Rehearsal 7:00 PM Healing Prayer Service—PR | 7/11 7:00 AM AA Group - DR 10:00 AM AA Group—DR | 8/12 7:00 AM AA Group - DR | 9/13 8:00 AM Men's Disc Group-PR 7:00 PM AA Group—DR |
| 10/14 8:00 AM Holy Eucharist, Rite II—Chapel 8:35 AM Prepare for Loaves and Fishes 9:30 AM Holy Eucharist, Rite II w/ Livestream—Church 9:30 KFC (Kids for Christ) - PH 11:00 AM 200 Identical Sandwiches 11:00 AM Coffee Hour—PH 11:00 AM Coffee Hour Forum—PH 5:00 PM Choral Evensong | 11/15 7:00 AM AA Group - DR 10:00 AM AA Group - DR 11:30 AM Serve for Loaves and Fishes 4:00 PM Monday Music & More | 12/16 7:00 AM AA Group - DR 12:00 PM Women of St. James's—DR 7:00 PM Vestry—PR | 13/17 7:00 AM AA Group - DR 7:00 AM Holy Eucharist—Chapel 10:30 AM Holy Eucharist—McAuley 5:30 PM Chorister Rehearsal 7:00 PM Adult Choir Rehearsal | 14/18 7:00 AM AA Group - DR 10:00 AM AA Group -DR 10:00 AM FOODSHARE | 15/19 7:00 AM AA Group - DR | 16/20 7:00 PM AA Group—DR |
| 17/21 8:00 AM Holy Eucharist, Rite II—Chapel 8:35 AM Prepare for South Park Inn 9:30 AM Holy Eucharist, Rite II & Livestream—Church 9:30 KFC (Kids for Christ) - PH 11:00 AM 200 Identical Sandwiches 11:00 AM Coffee Hour —PH 5:00 PM Sacred Ground Class 5:00 PM Lenten Hymn Sing—PH 5:00 PM Youth Group | 18/22 7:00 AM AA Group - DR 10:00 AM AA Group - DR 4:00 PM Monday Music & More | 19/23 7:00 AM AA Group - DR 12:00 PM Women of St. James's—DR 7:00 PM Vestry—PR | 20/24 7:00 AM AA Group - DR 7:00 AM Holy Eucharist—Chapel 10:30 AM Holy Eucharist—McAuley 5:30 PM Chorister Rehearsal 7:00 PM Adult Choir Rehearsal | 21/25 7:00 AM AA Group - DR 10:00 AM AA Group—DR 10:00 AM FOODSHARE | 22/26 7:00 AM AA Group - DR 5:15 PM Fourth Friday Family Night—PH | 23/27 8:00 AM Men's Disc Group-PR 7:00 PM AA Group—DR |
| 24/28 (No 8am service on Palm Sunday) 8:00 AM Holy Eucharist, Rite II—Chapel 9:30 AM Holy Eucharist, Rite II w/ Livestream—Church 9:30 AM Sung Passion & Eucharist, Rite II—Church 9:30 KFC (Kids for Christ) - PH 11:00 AM Easter Basket Event—PH 11:00 AM Coffee Hour—PH 5:00 PM Youth Group | 25/29 Holy Monday 7:00 AM AA Group - DR 10:00 AM AA Group - DR 4:00 PM Monday Music & More | 26/30 Holy Tuesday 7:00 AM AA Group - DR | 27 Holy Wednesday 7:00 AM AA Group - DR 7:00 AM Holy Eucharist—Chapel 5:30 PM Chorister Rehearsal 7:00 PM Adult Choir Rehearsal | 28 Maundy Thursday 7:00 AM AA Group - DR 7:00 AM Holy Eucharist—Chapel 6:00 PM Light Supper & HE—PH Followed by stripping of the altars | 29 Good Friday 7:00 AM AA Group - DR 12:00 PM GF Liturgy—Church 1:00 PM NT Vigil—Chapel 7:00 PM GF Liturgy—Church | 30 Holy Saturday 7:00 PM AA Group—DR 9:00 AM Easter Prep—Church 7:30 PM Easter Vigil—Christ Church Cathedral |

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| The Reverend Alan C. Murchie | Assoc. for Education & Music |
| The Reverend Canon Douglas T. Cooke | Priest Associate |
| The Reverend Molly F. James | Priest Associate |
| The Reverend Canon John L.C. Mitman | Priest Associate |
| The Reverend Dr. Borden W. Painter | Priest Associate |
| The Reverend Joan P. Phelps | Priest Associate |

The Staff

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| Priscilla Hooper | Director of Family Ministries |

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The Vestry

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