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# the OPEN DOOR

news from St. James's

## From the Rector's Desk

Dear Sisters and Brother in Christ,

In her book, "How to Lead When You Don't Know Where You Are Going," Susan Beaumont speaks of the seasons in the lives of both organizations and people which she refers to as "liminal experiences." Those in between times. Those times after we have been separated from the way things used to be with their familiar patterns, rules, and structures, but have not yet begun a new way of being. For instance, a couple having their first child. During pregnancy they are no longer just a couple, but not yet parents. This is a time of concern and excitement; a time of danger and creativity. Think of the Israelites in the desert, walking away from Egypt, but not yet settled into the Promised Land. Many lived in slavery under Egyptian rule, however, their bellies were full and life had the security of being predictable.

As I have been reading Beaumont's book, it has become very clear to me that we are now living in a liminal time. We no longer have the predictable patterns of the way it once was, and we do not yet know what life will be like down the road. Life in the shadow of COVID-19 has its obvious dangers, and others less obvious. It has also been a time of great creativity and ingenuity. We are discovering new ways of being both Church and family. Many of us have explored old talents and found new ones, while at the same time coming face to face with our own insecurities and failings.

For me, this is a time when the Spirit of God is very present; present in the generosity of people both in spirit and in kind: monetary gifts to help those struggling, and quick phone calls and emails to check in. The Church has been changing since its first gathering on the shores of Galilee, but that change for many of us seems to have accelerated in the past couple of decades. Now we have moved into warp speed, while, at this very moment, seemingly standing still.

The thing is, we don't know what life looks like on the other side of this time in the desert. The Church, like all aspects of our lives, will be profoundly changed by this season. The question is, will we be a part of a new and creative time; a time when we go beyond our old patterns and discover new, exciting, and faithful ways of being Church? Or, will we idly stand by and watch as the Church morphs into something displeasing to God, one which neglects to serve the people in our care?

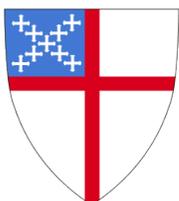
If I were a betting man—in this case I am betting my life on it—I would bet on the side of the faithful, generous, and loving people of St. James's. For nearly 18 years now, I have been humbled by what we can do when we lean into something together—and the future will definitely be something we will need to lean into.

One thing my life has taught me, is that together and with God we can accomplish anything. So, in the meantime, stay in and stay safe; be gentle with yourself and each other, and know that you are a Beloved Child of God.

We don't know where we are going, but together we will get there faithfully and in God's name.

Blessings,

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



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## Highlights in May/June

All events and services are canceled or postponed until further notice.

Join us for online Morning Prayer with Service and Conversation at 10am and KFC for children at 9am every Sunday! Just sign up for weekly emails by going to the St. James's website: [www.stjameswh.org/resources/newsletter-subscribe](http://www.stjameswh.org/resources/newsletter-subscribe).

All are welcome and encouraged to attend!

## From the Assistant Rector

**G**REETINGS St. James's! It is an honor and a joy to be your new Assistant Rector. I wanted to take this opportunity in *The Open Door* to tell you a bit more about myself and my spiritual journey to where I am today. The practice of telling one's spiritual "autobiography" is an ancient one indeed! Perhaps the first autobiography of Western literature that we know about is a work called *The Confessions* by Saint Augustine of Hippo (354-430 AD). In this work, Augustine tells the story of how he went from being a young, ambitious anti-Christian professor of rhetoric who thought the Bible was nonsense, to being the Christian Bishop of a town called Hippo in North Africa. Augustine's effort to look back on his life and tell the story of how he became a passionate and faithful Christian produced one of the most famous works of Western literature, philosophy, and theology. Sharing one's "testimony" can be a powerful way to connect with God and see how the Holy Spirit has worked in your own life. Now, while I'm very hesitant to suggest that my own spiritual story shares the depth and thoughtfulness of Augustine's, I am grateful for any opportunity to share my story with anyone who wants to listen! I ask that God grant me a clear, honest and faithful heart so that I may share with you the words that God needs you to hear at this time.



I grew up in a semi-religious household. Most of what I know about my family's religious traditions comes from my two grandmothers. My dad's mom is a faithful Catholic who attends Mass almost every day. I often went to Mass with her and watched the movements of the priest, heard the story of Jesus, and looked at the art and imagery in the church. I was baptized in a Catholic church on Cape Cod when I was a baby and apparently I started crawling towards the altar. My grandma considered it an omen.

My mom's mom is Jewish. I grew up with a strong sense of Jewish identity which was formed through the family meals we had at my grandma and grandpa's house. Every year we celebrated the major Jewish holidays of Yom Kippur, Rosh Hashanah and Passover (also called Pesach). At Yom Kippur, we would gather as a family and break the fast with delicious bagels, kugel (a traditional baked noodle casserole), and salmon. On Rosh Hashanah, we would celebrate the new year with apples and honey (a symbol of the sweetness of the new year). And on Passover - a very important holiday - we would gather to read the prayers and hear the story of Israel's liberation from slavery in Egypt. We would also taste different foods from the Seder plate. On the plate were parsley, haroset (a sweet honey-apple mixture), a bitter herb like horseradish, romaine lettuce, an egg and the shank bone of a lamb. Each food is a symbol of something important in the Exodus story. Food and meals are central in Judaism - does that remind you of anything we do in church?

After I graduated from college, I felt the urge to explore these two religious traditions I came from - Catholicism and Judaism. I was deeply inspired by a German, Jewish theologian named Martin Buber. I wrote my senior thesis about his ideas on Zionism - the 20<sup>th</sup> century movement to found a Jewish state in the Middle East. He inspired me to ask this life-changing question: *is God, the God of the Bible, the God of Israel, the God which Jews and Christians both believe in...is this God even real?* I wanted to know the truth about God - was God real or not? But I felt conflicted: part of me wanted to believe God was real, but part of me was suspicious of my desire. Would I make God real in my mind because I *wanted* God to be real - would I end up simply deluding myself? I soon learned that believing in God isn't an easy thing at all. I also learned that a popular agnostic view of God - that people believe in God because it brings them comfort - isn't really true. For me, the idea that God really did exist was so strange, so big - with so many questions attached - that it scared me rather than comforted me. Is this what the Bible means when it talks about the "fear of God"? I also learned that this kind of fear - the fear of the enormous mystery and strangeness of God - isn't actually a bad thing. It's a big part of following the God of Israel.

So after my time at Princeton, I spent a year in Sweden studying the Hebrew Bible, the Talmud (ancient commentary on the Bible by the rabbis) and Jewish philosophy. I started to develop a personal relationship with the God of Israel by praying and reading the Hebrew Bible. I felt like I was getting to know someone, even though I still felt some fear and doubt about this strange new "person." After Sweden, I felt another calling: to learn about Jesus. Back in high school, I had a very inspiring Latin teacher who was a priest. During my senior year of high school he took us to Rome - a trip that changed my life, although I didn't know it at the time. The beautiful churches, paintings, and sculptures which depicted Jesus had always stuck with me. Something about seeing Jesus in these beautiful works of art made me feel like Jesus was real. Maybe Jesus was someone I wanted to become friends with? I wanted to know the truth about Jesus: was he really God, the God of Israel in human flesh?

This question led me to study the New Testament and early Christian theology at Oxford in England. But after several months studying the New Testament and asking myself and others whether these stories were true (especially the ones about the Resurrection!), I realized that the only way I would know if Jesus was really God was to speak directly to him, as I had done with the God of Israel.

# From the Organist & Choirmaster

Dear Parishioners,

Well past midnight on March 12, 1918, in York, England, Herbert Howells sat at a desk, wide awake, composing one of his greatest organ works. This wasn't how he planned to spend the night, but following dinner with fellow composer Edward Bairstow, he retreated to his guest quarters and in minutes, it became very clear that he wouldn't be getting any sleep that night.

At approximately 8:30 pm, three bomb-laden German airships arrived over the Yorkshire coast. These airships, or Zeppelins as they were known, had been ordered to attack the City of Leeds. However, bad weather and primitive navigational capability led them way off course. After the first airship bombed the villages of Hull and Pocklington, the remaining two Zeppelins drifted above the British countryside, lost, casually scattering their bombs and terrifying everyone below.

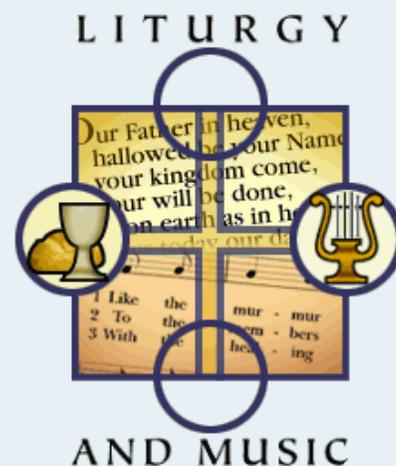
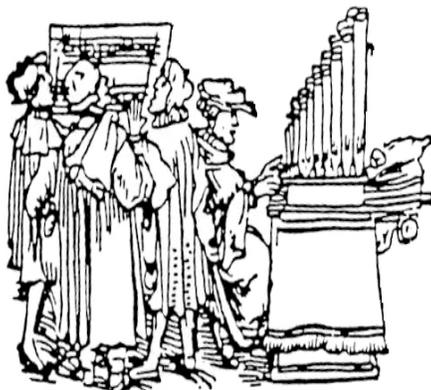
The sound of distant bombs kept Howells awake until sunrise, so in one sitting, he composed his Rhapsody in C sharp minor - an extraordinarily inspired, beautiful, turbulent and triumphant work of music.

Aerial bombing raids certainly represent the worst of humanity. The casual bombing of Guernica during the Spanish Civil War inspired Pablo Picasso to paint his anti-war masterpiece, Guernica.

Picasso, Howells, and so many others prove that some of our best work is born out of difficult times. But for choirs and musical ensembles all around the world, this time is different; we cannot make music together because it may result in additional illness and suffering.

So I find myself reflecting upon the privilege of shared music making. Prior to the current shutdown, choral music was ubiquitous. We have church choirs, school choirs, community choirs, small ensembles, specialty choirs, concert choirs, symphonic choirs, and many more. I believe that church choirs like ours are the most remarkable because we represent the continuance of a purpose-driven choral tradition dating back to the middle ages. Our tradition is not only aesthetic but community based. The community is the foundation for our gathering.

I do not know when our choir will gather again, but history tells us that difficult times are never permanent. I also know that when we gather again, our choir will be stronger.



## Concerts at St. James's

Coming in October!  
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**Saturday, October 10 at 7pm**  
Be part of the experience when the acclaimed "orchestra of voices" makes its debut at Concerts at St. James's! Tickets on sale now:  
<http://stjameswh.org/about/concerts-at-st-jamess/2019-2020-season>

## *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 9:00**

*KFC (Kids for Christ) is meeting on the Zoom platform at 9 in the morning on Sundays during this time of physical separation. A few days before, a KFC Announcement goes out with a link to the Zoom format and more information. If you are not receiving this announcement, please email me and I will get you added to the list. My email: [education@stjameswh.org](mailto:education@stjameswh.org).*



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**A**S I deal with the Covid-19 virus in my own way, in my home separated physically from my students and staff at Morley and my friends and fellow parishioners at St. James's, there is one thing I have learned. Words matter.

For the last few weeks, I have been doing my KFC (Kids for Christ) to go, on the Zoom platform. I have had a great turnout, with about 35 children present each week. In each session, we each get to tell if we are thankful, and if so, what are we thankful for. It has been an amazing comfort that many of the answers to the questions are the same—Legos, my family, video games, my pets—but there have also been answers of: I am thankful to be healthy. I am thankful for all the medical workers who are keeping us safe. I am thankful that I have shelter and food. These words matter; the children are telling us that they understand that this is a scary situation. I am happy that when we are together on Sunday mornings, they know it is ok to share their fears and frustrations. Their words matter to me, and I am honored that they share them with me.

In my role as a teaching assistant at Morley, I have been on many Google Meet Ups, mostly with my favorite first grade class. This morning during one of these times, the children were all sharing how much they missed their fellow classmates and how much they loved each other. What a wonderful experience for these young people. Up until now, most first graders I have known take for granted their relationships with friends at school. I have a feeling that these young children might not. Their words to one other matter because they are expressing how important they are to each other. What a gift.

As some of you know, my mother got sick in early February. I went to see her in Dallas the first week in March. I am extremely thankful that I went when I did, because Covid-19 reared its ugly head soon after I returned home. On St.

Patrick's Day at noon, my mom, Lucy Long Welch, died peacefully at home. With my sister, Charlotte, and her husband, Tom, by her side. She was a beautiful beloved child of God, who loved Jesus like nobody's business. I was privileged to call her my mother. I am sure that I will write more about her in the months to come. You will get sick of hearing about her. But remember what I said I learned in this time? Words matter.

In the past few weeks since my mom died, I have had many friends checking in with me to see how I am doing. I have had great conversations with friends, old and new, sharing words of comfort. These words matter so much. They give me comfort in this time when I could really use a hug. Thank you.

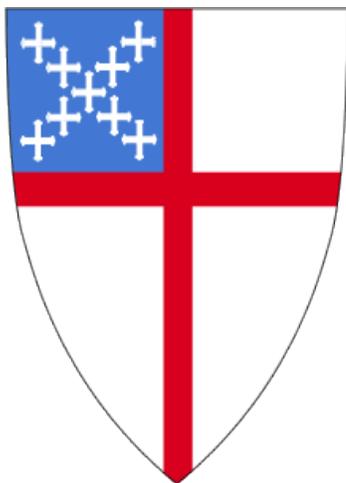
This week, I received in the mail, from my stepdad, a Book of Common Prayer and Hymnal that I had given to my mother in 2000 for Christmas. I wrote in the front of it: "To my mother, who has truly taught me by example to live out my own baptismal covenant. To proclaim by word and example the good news of God in Christ. To seek and serve Christ in all persons, and to strive for justice and peace, and to respect the dignity of every human being."

No truer words have I ever said. I am so thankful that back in 2000, when I had an eleven year-old, a six year-old, and a four year-old, I took the time to tell my mom what a difference she had made in my life. Words matter. If I have one prayer for you in this weird time, it is to use words to heal and to help each other. Tell people how much you love them.

Your Sister in Christ,

A handwritten signature in cursive that reads "Priscilla".

# Vestry Corner



## Treasurer's Report / January-March 2020

**Current Position:** For the first three months of 2020 the Church's finances showed a negative variance to the budget. Total Income for that period was \$11,220 less the budgeted amount and expenses for the three months

were \$4,967 less budget. As a result, the Church's net financial position at the end of March, 2020 was a negative variance to budget of \$6,253.

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*“What I'm trying to do here is get you to relax, not be so preoccupied with getting, so you can respond to God's giving. People who don't know God and the way he works fuss over these things, but you know both God and how he works. Steep yourself in God-reality, God-initiative, God-provisions. You'll find all your everyday human concerns will be met...The place where your treasure is, is the place you will most want to be, and end up being.” (Luke 12:29-34 message translation by anonymous author.)*

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### Income & Expense Summary:

Category	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	YTD Variance	Total Annual Budget
Income (+)	\$231,566	\$242,786	\$11,220 Over Budget	\$809,304
Expense (-)	\$184,899	\$189,866	\$4,967 Under Budget	\$809,300
<i>Net</i>	<b>\$46,667</b>	<b>\$52,920</b>	<b>\$6,253</b> <b>Negative variance to budget</b>	<b>+\$4</b>

**Income:** For the first three months of 2020 Year To Date Regular Contributions (Current and Prior Year Pledges, Seasonal and Unspecified Offerings) in total were \$5,839 less than budget. Current year pledges were just \$88 less than budget whereas Prior Year Pledges, Seasonal and Unspecified Offerings totaled \$4,960 less than budget. Income from outside groups using the Parish Facilities was \$2,271 under budget. Special Contributions also were under budget by \$2,724.

**Expenses:** Major contributors to the January-March expense results were the following: Property expenses for the period were \$4,187 less than budget due primarily to savings of \$4,206 on utility expenses. Snow removal costs for the period were just \$180. Personnel expenses were \$65 under budget for the three month period. Of the remaining expense categories, six were under budget and four were over, the net amount being \$1,826 over budget.

# Spotlight

## Mike, Joe and Olivia Shuey Do It All!

**A**NYONE who attends church on Sundays probably knows the Shuey family. They sit in front of the left-hand side facing the altar. They are all there in the pew, most Sundays, that is unless, Joe and/or Olivia are acolyting, or Olivia is working in the nursery.

The Shueys have been members of St. James's since they moved here in 2006. As an aside, I mentioned to Olivia that I remember when my oldest son, Robby, worked in the nursery, Olivia was a toddler there. "Yep, I have come full circle," said Olivia.

I asked Mike how they first got involved at St. James's. "It probably was coffee hour. It was Meredith Willson who was walking around signing everybody up," Mike said. Later on, Mike and the kids took over getting people to sign up for coffee hour, no small task. Even though he has passed that duty on to Diane Duva, he still comes in occasionally and cleans out the coffee system.

In addition to coffee hour, the Shuey family are regulars at making sandwiches. When I asked how they got involved with that, Olivia said that she thinks they just went down when Bob invited everyone at announcements.

Coffee hour was also what also led to one of Olivia's other rolls at St. James's. She has helped the Women of St. James's with the rummage sale. "I was walking around coffee hour getting people to sign up when the women who runs the rummage sale asked me to help. Now I just ask them if I can help," said Olivia.



Away from St. James's, Mike works at United Health for Optum IT Group. Joe is graduating from Hall High School this June, and is going to Bryant University in Rhode Island in the fall to study business. Olivia, is a freshman at Hall High School. She played soccer in the fall and was going to play tennis this spring. "Maybe next year," said Olivia.

Both Olivia and Joe credit their father with their active participation in church. "I basically said, you have to get involved," said Mike.

When Joe leaves for college in the fall, the new acolytes are going to have to fill his shoes. When I asked if they had any advice for new acolytes, Joe said, "The biggest thing is to look at what the people who know what they are doing, and follow them. Look at the crucifer." Olivia said, "And ask questions. Don't just do what you think is right. Don't be shy."

I asked both of the Shuey kids what they have gotten out of their involvement at St. James's. "I would say the biggest thing for me is the fact that I can talk to adults. Most of my friends can't," said Olivia.

Joe said, "I have respect for Bob and the church as a whole, and all the people behind the scenes that make it go. The altar guild and the choir, and also I have gotten a sense of dependability, that I have a roll there."

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

## From the Assistant Rector

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I started going to Latin Mass at a beautiful Catholic church. And I also decided I wanted to *become* a Christian! If Jesus was really God, if Jesus was really alive, then I would only discover this by going to church and receiving the Eucharist. After all, Christians claim that the Eucharist is the actual body and blood of Jesus. So the Eucharist would be the best place to explore if Jesus was truly God. I received my first Holy Communion in St. Benet's Chapel in Oxford, in April of 2015.

Thus began my life as a Christian! But maybe I was already a Christian before that. I don't really know. All I know was that I felt, more and more, like I was getting to know a real person, a person who was alive and who talked with me, cared for me, guided me, celebrated with me, mourned with me and taught me. This person was, and still is, Jesus. It was exciting and disorienting at the same time!

I became an Anglican/Episcopalian about a year after I left Oxford. I can talk more about that another time - and the huge influence of Rowan Williams on my spiritual life. For now, I simply ask for God's blessing upon you all during uncertain times. In the Bible, people who follow God are often unable to understand what's going on in their lives and where God is - they are confused and disoriented. Sometimes it seems like God has fallen asleep and isn't paying any attention to us. In these times, we feel the urge to say: "Wake up, God!" Our strange and, some might say, foolish hope is that there will come a time when we will look back and see how God was at work in our lives. And things will be made clear to us.

In Christ,

*Tim*

## Mission

### Face Masks for the Community

*Have you been sewing face masks or would you be willing to?*



**O**NE way we can prepare to get back together is to make enough face masks for the entire congregation, kids included. (And if we shouldn't need masks, they will make a wonderful donation in the community.) If you haven't tried making masks, there are good online tutorials, like "How to make a Face Mask" at Joann.com and at [www.craftpassion.com](http://www.craftpassion.com). Fabric and interfacing to serve as a filter are available for pickup from Close to Home (Glastonbury) and Joann Fabrics, among others. If you are unable to locate elastic, email or call Betsy Curtler ([bcurtler@richmond.edu](mailto:bcurtler@richmond.edu) or **860-519-5915**). Be sure and wash your fabric prior to sewing masks to prevent shrinkage.

Completed masks, clean and in sealed plastic bags, can be left in the designated box outside the church cloister, **any time after April 26**. So that we'll have a general idea of how many will be available, please email or call Betsy with an estimate of how many you'll sew.

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## Toilet Paper & Paper Towel Collection

**R**ESPONDING to requests from those in need and the agencies that serve them, the outreach focus again this year for June will be the ever-popular toilet paper and paper towel collection.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, toilet paper and paper towels have become valuable items, and agencies are especially in need. Your contribution of rolls of toilet paper and paper towels will be distributed to individuals who come to the soup kitchens, food pantries, and to Hartford area shelters. Please place your donations at the **cloister entrance** to the church. Remember, the emphasis is on quantity, not quality. Thank you!

## Food Pantry Ongoing Needs

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

## Around the Parish

### Men's Discussion Group

*Second and Fourth Saturdays*

**A**LL men of the parish and guests are invited to a discussion group on **Saturdays, May 9 and 23; June 13 and 27** beginning at 8:00am. Various religious topics are presented for discussion. The group is currently meeting in an online format. If you would like to join the group in a virtual discussion, contact Bob Hoffman at [nanbob57@comcast.net](mailto:nanbob57@comcast.net).

### Memorial Garden Needs Your Help



**A**TENTION all gardeners!! The Memorial Garden Crew needs your help, and we all need to spend time outside during this quarantine! In order to maintain this beautiful garden, we need a team of weeders on a bi-weekly basis beginning in June to come in and weed and also do light pruning. This usually takes no more than an hour or two of your time. If you are willing to help, please sign-up on line at: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050A4EAFAB23ABF58-stjames>. If you are unable to access the link, kindly email Claire Burnett at [claireburnett@comcast.net](mailto:claireburnett@comcast.net). Volunteers will receive detailed instructions via email. Thank you!!

## Free Zoom Workshop

*Healthy Home Office Ergonomics vs. Pandemic Spinal Fatigue*

**D**ID you have to move your office home during the pandemic? Have you noticed new aches and pains after your home office day? Are you having a hard time sleeping at night? Enjoy the free, 20-30 minute workshop with a local ergonomics expert to see how you can battle pandemic spinal fatigue by optimizing your home office ergonomics and incorporating some key stretches.

Dr. Jessica Tagliarini, West Hartford resident, co-owner of Tagliarini Chiropractic, and long time member of St. James, will cover what is pandemic spinal fatigue in a free Zoom workshop open to all St. James's parishioners and their families on **Saturday, May 9th at 11am**. Learn how to help your spine survive this quarantine while working from home with this 20-30 minute workshop. Optimizing your makeshift home office space can be as little as a few tweaks and can provide eye opening health benefits. Ultimately, improve your fatigue, muscle aches and stamina to get through the day at your new workspace for the duration of the pandemic. Dr. Tagliarini's Ergonomics Checklist will guide you through easy things you can do to make your time spent sitting at your desk more comfortable, and how to improve your space for your spinal health.

It doesn't stop at your desk! Dr. Tagliarini will demonstrate helpful neck, lower back, and wrist stretches that you can incorporate not only at the end of your day, but throughout your day, and why they are beneficial to circulation, brain function, and joint health. Have a question for Dr. Tagliarini? Come prepared with your symptomatic questions that could be related to pandemic spinal fatigue. Participants, ideally be sitting at your home office to get the most out of the workshop. To attend, type in the following zoom link into your browser on Saturday, May 9th at 11am:

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/72778645362?pwd=UVdXQjhZR1VKMWZ4NEg5TlpaNWNQdz09>

Meeting ID: 727 7864 5362

Password: 5v2ZcW

## Summer Service Schedule and Parish Office Hours

**W**E currently do not know when we will resume services, nonetheless, we would like to remind you that the summer service schedule will go into effect beginning **Sunday, June 14** with one service at 9am in the church. There will be no 8am service in the chapel during the summer. The parish office will be closed on Fridays during the summer months beginning June 19. Office summer hours will be Monday—Thursday from 9am to 4pm. Please keep in mind, this is pending further updates.

We resume regular office hours after Labor Day, and return to two services on Sunday, September 6. Have a blessed summer!

## Registry and Readings

### Deaths

**Ruth Abramson**  
March 21, 2020

**Hugh MacGillis**  
April 20, 2020

**Larry Howard**  
April 7, 2020

### Parish Birthdays *Children and Youth*

#### MAY

Trevor Garrow-Cooke, 3  
Ryan Kirsch, 3  
Evie Messinger, 3  
Alex Vietzke, 3  
Amelia Neal, 4  
Addison Leonard, 5  
Luke Bedingfield, 5  
Cole Gallagher, 6  
Bridget Marceau, 6  
Jane Waterman, 6  
Wesley Regan, 6  
Faith Messinger, 7  
Owen Wills, 7  
Frances O'Sullivan, 11  
Anya & Lyla Fisher, 13  
Wesson Bowman, 14  
Madison Montgomery, 14  
Audrey Forcello, 21  
Connor Montgomery, 22



Callum Wills, 22  
Charlie Tapley, 26  
Addison Stafford, 28  
Cornelia Mazingo, 29  
Theo Tewksbury, 30  
Jackson Bedingfield, 30

#### JUNE

Ben Carrier, 1  
Nolan Leonard, 1  
Joseph Shuey, 1  
Vaughn Smith, 2  
Abigail Waterman, 4  
Olivia Lapointe, 5  
Camden Barber, 9  
Ingrid Dynowski, 9  
Clare Tapley, 11  
Nik Thomalla, 12  
Jennifer Brown, 16  
Bowden Swales, 17  
Wesley Otto, 19  
Nicholas Tagliarini, 20

## Parish Prayer List

### Those in our parish family

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

### Those in our extended parish family

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

### Those Serving in the Military:

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

## Sunday Lectionary

### Fourth Sunday of Easter, May 3

Acts 2:42-47; 1 Peter 2:19-25  
John 10:1-10; Psalm 23

### Fifth Sunday of Easter, May 10

Acts 7:55-60; 1 Peter 2:2-10  
John 14:1-14; Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16

### Sixth Sunday of Easter, May 17

Acts 17:22-31; 1 Peter 3:13-22  
John 14:15-21; Psalm 66:7-18

### Seventh Sunday of Easter, May 24

Acts 1:6-14; 1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11  
John 17:1-11; Psalm 68:1-10, 33-36

### Day of Pentecost, May 31

Acts 2:1-21; 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13  
John 20:19-23 or John 7:37-39; Psalm 104:25-35, 37

### First Sunday after Pentecost, June 7

Genesis 1:1-2:4a; 2 Corinthians 13:11-13  
Matthew 28:16-20; Psalm 8 or Canticle 13

### Second Sunday after Pentecost, June 14

Genesis 18:1-15, (21:1-7); Romans 5:1-8  
Matthew 9:35-10:8 (9-23); Psalm 116:1, 10-17

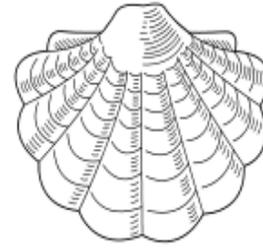
### Third Sunday after Pentecost, June 21

Genesis 21:8-21; Romans 6:1b-11  
Matthew 10:24-39; Psalm 86:1-10, 16-17

### Fourth Sunday after Pentecost, June 28

Genesis 22:1-14; Romans 6:12-23  
Matthew 10:40-42; Psalm 13

## Women Of St. James's



**A**LL remaining programs for this year have been canceled. We will not hold our annual meeting on May 5, and the Mystery Tour scheduled for May 19 has also been canceled. We will be working on scheduling programs for the upcoming 2020-21 season, and look forward to joining together once again. Booklets for the new program year will be mailed out in September, and you may also go to the St. James's website for information on the WOSJ as well as the schedule of programs.

We wish you a safe and blessed summer.

## Spring Rummage Sale Canceled

*Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the WOSJ have canceled the spring rummage sale. Please look for details regarding the fall rummage sale coming in October 2020. We hope to see you then!*



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