



# the OPEN DOOR

news from St. James's

## From the Rector's Desk

Dear Siblings in Christ,

In Matthew 25, Jesus tells a powerful story of what it means to live a life of faith:

"Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink?... And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these... you did it to me'" (Matthew 25:37-40).

This passage reminds us that our faith is not only about what we believe—it is about how we live. We encounter Jesus not just in prayer and worship, but in the faces of those in need, in acts of compassion, and in moments of service.

This summer, Priscilla, Rob, and I will be taking a group of teenagers to Ecuador on a mission trip that brings this Gospel truth to life. We will travel far from home, not to sightsee or relax, but to serve—walking alongside the vulnerable, assisting a medical team with PACH (Physicians for Andean Community Health), and listening deeply to the lives and stories of others. In doing so, they will learn what it means to see Jesus in those who are often overlooked, and to reflect Christ's love through their own actions.

Having led many mission trips over the years, I can tell you they are about much more than just helping others—they are about transformation. Teenagers return from these experiences changed. They gain perspective, courage, empathy, and a deeper connection to their faith. They begin to understand that faith is not passive; it is active, alive, and world-shaping. They come back ready to serve not just for one week in the summer, but in their daily lives—with their friends, in their schools, and throughout their communities.

As a community of faith, we invest in these experiences because we believe in the power of young people to lead lives of faithful service. We believe that when they serve, they grow. When they step out of their comfort zones, God steps in. And when they love boldly, they become living witnesses to the Gospel.

If you are able, would you consider supporting our youth with a financial gift toward the cost of this opportunity? Your generosity will help cover travel, supplies, meals, and ensure that every student who feels called to serve has the chance to go—regardless of financial barriers. Every gift, big or small, helps move this mission forward. You can donate online at <https://square.link/u/xtQacPJL>, by check with "Youth Mission Trip" in the memo line, or by using the QR code at the bottom of this letter.

Please keep our youth and their leaders in your prayers as they prepare for this life-changing experience. May they go forth with open hands and hearts, and may they return filled with stories of God's presence in unexpected places.

Yours in Faith and Hope,



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



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### Highlights in May/June

- **Saturday, May 10** Annual Choir Dinner, 5:30pm
- **Sunday, May 18** Youth Group, 5pm
- **Sunday, May 18** Solisti Orchestra & Conard Choral Group Concerts, 3pm & 7pm
- **Monday, May 26** Memorial Day Strawberry Festival, 9:30am
- **Sunday, June 1** Collaborative Chorister Evensong at Trinity College, 5pm
- **Pentecost Sunday, June 8** Jazz Eucharist, 10am followed by brunch
- **Trinity Sunday, June 15** Recognition Sunday; summer schedule begins, one service at 9am followed by Lemonade on the Lawn

## From the Assistant Rector

**D**EAR St. James's Community,

I write to you in the wake of Holy Week. As the dust settles from a busy week of services, I find myself reflecting on my first Holy Week as a priest. I am especially grateful to have shared this experience with a community like St. James's. Throughout this journey, you have been unwaveringly supportive, forgiving, and merciful as I have stepped into this new ministry. While this has been my personal experience, I realize that such kindness is deeply rooted in the character of this community and is reflected in the very virtues and graces we encountered as we walked together with Jesus to the cross and were reminded once again of the mystery of his resurrection.

Holy Week is framed by Maundy Thursday and Easter Sunday. I had the privilege of preaching on Maundy Thursday and was struck by how both sacraments—Baptism and the Eucharist—come together in that service. While Jesus does not directly baptize his disciples on Maundy Thursday, he washes their feet and reminds them that they are “already clean,” recalling their baptism even as he heads to the cross and institutes the Lord's Supper, saying, “This is my body.” At our baptism and at the Lord's Table, we are incorporated into the body of Christ. Baptism is a one-time, decisive inclusion into the Church and into the embrace of God. At the Lord's Table, we are continually and repeatedly infused with grace as we encounter the real presence of our Lord. What a stunning pattern of life this is! Through it, we are regularly and deeply rooted in the way of grace and love.

On Good Friday, the tone shifts dramatically. We are confronted with the agony, rejection, and loss that our Lord experienced. Good Friday dispels any temptation to sentimentalize our celebrations; it compels us to face the reality that grace and love are never cheap. They come through the divine choice to enter fully into human suffering and loss. Good Friday leaves us with the altar stripped, the lights dimmed, and a reverent silence. I find it spiritually vital not to rush through the darkness and silence of Good Friday. As we ponder the suffering and darkness that our Lord willingly embraced, we are profoundly humbled and left in silence.

Finally, I was overjoyed to have the honor of celebrating the Eucharist on Easter morning. It is because of the resurrection that we can experience the living presence of Jesus Christ at the Lord's Table today. I was moved on Easter morning when I said (as the celebrant does every Sunday) in the Eucharistic prayer, “Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you.” In that moment, a profound claim is made: our tradition holds that we meet our risen Lord at this table. Christ is alive and is encountered in the breaking of bread. As we partake together, we receive the very body of our Lord and are transformed to become more like him. We are, therefore, a eucharistic community, patterned in the ways of Christ and empowered to express his presence to the world. I am convinced that the love and grace I have experienced as a new priest in the St. James's community are directly connected to the fact that we are a eucharistic community. We live Easter morning every Sunday, and increasingly, every day of the week. We are a community that lives into faith, hope, and love. Let's continue in this way!

Faithfully yours,

**St. James's Mission  
Youth Team  
Car Washes**



**Saturdays  
from 10-1:00pm  
May 17, 24 & 31  
June 7 & 14**

**Come support our high  
school mission team as  
they prepare for their  
mission trip to Ecuador!**

# From the Organist & Director of Music

Dear St. James's Community,

**A**s summer awaits and we wrap up our first program year together, I'd like to express my deepest gratitude for the musical community here and to offer a glimpse of what happens behind the scenes on any given week:

Every Monday around 4:00pm, children begin arriving with their parents - the kids often dashing in ahead of the adults and racing down the stairs, where Mrs. Priscilla and Miss Lou are already hosting a variety of crafts and games. Building blocks, doll houses, watercolor palettes, and packets of colored markers are quickly opened up, with kids gravitating toward different activities. Evie, Emily, and Haddie will likely want to show me their rainbow drawings. Mae and Charlotte often have wonderfully off-topic comments or stories to share. Rory is always excited to serve me plastic toy meals, with elaborate explanations of each. Liam and Max often enjoy more solitary constructions with building blocks, where they can focus on their corner creations. After everyone signs in on the board and wraps up their initial projects, we make our way into the hall. Everyone forms a circle so we can all stretch and warm up our voices. Sometimes we'll do memory and musical improvisation games, where each child contributes a unique pattern - either pitched or rhythmic - and we all celebrate the wildly creative individual bits. Then we'll learn songs - often with invented choreography or body-rhythm components. This year we've memorized 12 songs from all over the world. Then the kids have a brief snack time of pretzels - which always involves the kids trying to balance the pretzels on their noses to form "pretzel glasses" - followed by a discussion activity with Priscilla back in the classroom.

Then, about an hour later, the cloisters are again ringing with the sounds of little ones exiting and entering as the children leave and the choristers arrive. They race down the stairs into their respective rehearsal room: a circle of chairs next to an upright piano. Their sign-ins are hardly ever a plain signature, but rather elaborately scribbled smiley faces, self-identified nicknames, little jokes and nonsenses. As they gather, Father Rob leads a game of sorts, with Lyla assisting intuitively. When everyone is gathered, the choristers pull out their choir folders and we begin our rehearsal. In addition to learning repertoire, we spend a good deal of time developing musicianship. Sometimes this means short notational exercises where the kids are coached in composing 4-8 measure phrases. Often it will mean taking turns reading and practicing new rhythmic values or solfege dictation (with hand symbols). Sometimes we do sight-reading, where the kids (individually, in pairs, or all together) sight-read rhythms or melodies. Mack and Walter usually team up to figure stuff out. Wesley and Camden often have little scrapes from their basketball or soccer practice previously that day. Wes always has urgent, enthusiastic questions. Gideon is quite focused and often shares unique, funny observations, much like Camden. Laurel has a huge, beautiful voice and often needs to be reminded to calm down. Louisa often looks like she's distracted, with her feet on the chair, but learns quickly and is a strong singer. Porsche is relatively quiet and focused. Lyla is always observant and quickly jumps to the aid of anyone who might be falling behind. At the end of rehearsal, Father Rob will often lead a short discussion before snack distribution, which concludes our time together.

On Wednesdays, the adult choir rehearses in the large rehearsal space underneath the sanctuary. The anthems are displayed on wooden stands and the music schedule is written on the white board. Often singers will arrive early to warm up their voices. The adult choir is a bit of a misnomer as we also have 5 pre-teen and teenage members, which is a wonderful opportunity for our youngest to dig into advanced repertoire they may otherwise never be exposed to in school. We go through music relatively quickly and sing through a variety of anthems from Anglican favorites of Vaughn Williams, Byrd, Tallis, Stainer, Stanford, etc. to modern works, folk songs, spirituals, etc. Rehearsal closes with announcements and a prayer



## Important Dates

**Saturday, May 10**  
Annual Choir Dinner  
5:30 pm

**Sunday, June 1**  
Collaborative Chorister  
Evensong, Trinity College, 5pm

**Pentecost Sunday, June 8**  
Jazz Eucharist at 10am followed  
by brunch in the Parish Hall  
(No 8:00 Service)

**Trinity Sunday, June 15**  
Final Sunday with the choir  
before summer hiatus

## 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**



after lifting up things that are on our hearts that evening. On occasion, we'll meet up afterward for drinks or snacks somewhere nearby. In the adult choir, you'll find the most welcoming and generous people, including many who have extensive experience singing in ensembles, studying music in college, etc. You'll find current and retired music teachers as well as board members for some of the most revered music organizations in our state. It is a fantastic, skilled group of singers and I consider myself the luckiest music director to work with them twice a week.

In addition to our 3 resident choirs (children, choristers, & adult choir), our spaces are frequently ringing with the sounds of numerous other choirs which rehearse or concertize here, from the Hartford Chorale putting together large-scale symphonic works to Music Together, with dozens of mothers and babies clapping out rhythms and simple songs in the Parish Hall on weekday mornings. There's also a fair amount of piano students and organ students as well as organists from our community who come through every week to practice and learn.

And of course there's Sunday, which is just a small representation of what happens here at St. James's.

It has been an absolute joy and honor to join the vibrant St. James's family - to meet all these fabulous singers and music enthusiasts of so many ages and backgrounds, and to witness the growth that happens each week. For as much as we use our newsletters, social media posts, e-blasts, and worship announcements to highlight the special music events that happen here - and there are so, so many -

it is also important to celebrate the weekly routines where we see children stretching their wings and singing their first solos, choristers mentoring each other in solfege, friendships built and new repertoire learned among the adult choir, etc. What a blessing indeed. Thank you.



Soli Deo Gloria,

*Michelle Huby*



The background of the poster is a photograph of the interior of Trinity College Chapel. The view is from the back of the sanctuary, looking down the central aisle towards the altar. The pews are made of dark wood and are decorated with red lampshades. The floor is polished and reflects the light. In the background, there is a large, ornate pipe organ with many pipes and a colorful stained glass window above it. The architecture is Gothic, with high vaulted ceilings and large windows.

# Collaborative Chorister Evensong June 1st 5:00pm

featuring choristers from St. John's (West Hartford),  
The Choir School of Hartford (Hartford),  
St. James's (West Hartford), Trinity-on-the-Green  
(New Haven), Church of Christ UCC (Newington),  
Chorus Angelicus (Torrington), and St. Paul's (Norwalk)

Free admission

Trinity College Chapel  
300 Summit St. Hartford

# 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 Michelle Horsley  
and art with Priscilla  
Hooper.*

## **Youth Group on Sunday, May 18**

*Invite your friends to join  
you from 5 to 6:30pm for  
dinner and activity.*

**H**APPY Easter! As the weather warms up here in Connecticut, there are some great things happening for children at St. James's and Camp Washington. On May 18, from 3 to 6, is the Camp Washington Open House. This is an opportunity for those considering Camp Washington this summer to take a look, meet some staff and see the amazing place and people that make Camp Washington so special. Another great event for kids at Camp Washington is Night Star Watch, a weekend retreat that takes place from May 30-31. This is open to kids from 12-17 and seems like a great weekend. Register for the Open House or Night Star Watch on the Camp Washington website, [www.campwashington.org](http://www.campwashington.org).

Registration is also still open for Camp Washington this summer. I have mentioned many times that I think that summer church camp can be one of the most formative experiences in a young person's life. Please take advantage of this incredible resource. You will be glad you sent your child. Need-based scholarships are available.

Here at St. James's we will have Youth Group on Sunday, May 18 from 5 to 6:30. We have had a really great turnout this year for youth group and I am so happy with the connections being made. If you have a fifth grader through senior in high school, please join us!

Back by popular demand, is our Fourth Fridays Family Pizza parties. They will get together for pizza, a movie and some time of fellowship on Friday, May 23.

If you are starting to plan for your fall schedule, please think about having your child join us for our weekly program called, Mondays, Music & More! From 4 to 5:15 on most Mondays, children ages three through eight gather at church to learn music and art. This has been a wildly successful program and has provided the whole parish with an opportunity to hear these amazing young singers on Sunday mornings.

In June, Bob, Rob and I will be taking our Youth Mission Trip to Ecuador. Please keep all of us in your prayers as we continue to raise funds and as we travel from June 27 to July 5. Speaking of summer, I hope that when you and your family are not traveling, that you join us for church on Sunday mornings. Summer services tend to have smaller attendance but are just as joyful!

Your sister in Christ,

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





## Mission & Outreach

### Easter “Baskets” Update

*Toiletry collection for Easter Mission*

**E**ACH Lent we prepare Easter “baskets” for 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. On Palm Sunday we filled and assembled 165 Easter bags with large-size toiletries after the 9:30 service, which were delivered to men, women, and families served by My Sister's Place and St. Elizabeth's. Thank you to all who donated toiletries and helped with assembly and delivery. A very special thank you to Judith Stahl who, once again, superbly spearheaded this much appreciated mission project!

### Food Pantry Needs—please note additions

**A**S we are expanding our feeding ministry to include new communities, St. James's is asking for donations for the following items for local food pantries: tuna fish, mayo, peanut butter, jelly, pasta sauce, bags or boxes of pasta, canned hearty stews, oil, masa harina (instant corn flour), rice, dried beans, cereal, shelf stable milk (like Parmalat) and sugar. Donations can be left in the cloister Monday through Friday 9a-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 “Food Pantry” in memo.

### St. James's “Embrace” Ministry

**T**HE Embrace Ministry invites people into God's love through acts big and small. Weekly phone calls, cards/letters, friendly visits to those unable to leave home, or help with light chores or transportation are all ways we may be of help. If you are a parishioner or know of a parishioner who may benefit from our ministry, please contact Susan Ritz (860-904-8588) or Marilyn Thomlinson (860-372-1193) for further information.

### Chef Ministry

**C**HEF Ministry for expanding/changing/evolving families! This is chance for the St. James's family to help “feed their sheep”. Thank you to all of the wonderful volunteer chefs who cook on demand. If you know of any family that is welcoming a new family member (not just a birth!) or having a life event where they might need a bit of support (taking care of a loved one, dealing with a loss, etc.) please let Martha Parish know so that CHEF Ministry can reach out and provide a meal or three. Please email or text so a member of our church family can help out and ease the burden. [mach1goon@gmail.com](mailto:mach1goon@gmail.com), 978-505-1333.

## Around the Parish

### Lemonade on the Lawn

*Get Ready! Lemonade on the lawn will soon be back*

**S**UMMER is coming, which means Lemonade-on-the-Lawn will soon be back. While this Sunday fellowship is more casual and laid-back, we still need your help. As you map out your plans for vacations, weekends away, and other summer fun, please find a Sunday or two on your calendar to host Lemonade-on-the-Lawn. This is a family-friendly ministry in which kids and adults can participate, and an easy, fun way to support our parish community and serve others. The first Lemonade-on-the-Lawn is scheduled for **Sunday, June 15**. The link to the sign-up will be posted in our weekly newsletter soon, so be watching your inbox. Whether you've hosted in the past or are thinking about signing up for the first time, thank you. Your contributions are appreciated. Any questions, contact Mary Goeldner at [marykirkkg@gmail.com](mailto:marykirkkg@gmail.com).

### Opportunities to Host Coffee Hour

**C**OFFEE hour has become a beloved part of our parish tradition. Please help to keep this tradition alive by volunteering to host or contribute baked goods. It's an easy lift, and Liz and Mary are happy to help if you've never hosted before (the hardest part is figuring out where to find things; the rest is fairly simple). Just click on the link to the online signup sheet in the weekly email or go to [www.stjwh.org/coffee](http://www.stjwh.org/coffee) to sign up. If you have any questions or want to offer additional baked goods on a week that already has volunteers, please reach out to Liz Normand or to Mary Goeldner at [marykirkkg@gmail.com](mailto:marykirkkg@gmail.com).

### Good New Garden

**T**HE greenhouse has been producing a harvest of collards, Swiss chard, lettuce and herbs every few weeks now. Snap peas and bush beans have germinated there in one bed. Cattle panels trellis



is installed outdoors and snow peas planted along south side. Garden team is meeting every Wednesday at 9am to harvest and plant. Consider saving clean grocery produce bags or buying quart/gallon bags and donating to our Good News Garden for packaging harvests. We welcome newcomers to join us: email Cheryl Wadsworth, [cherw173@gmail.com](mailto:cherw173@gmail.com).





**PENTECOST**  
**SUNDAY**  
**JUNE 8**  
**JAZZ EUCHARIST 10:00am**



## Come and Enjoy Time in the Memorial Garden...

*And pick a few weeds!*

**A**TTENTION all gardeners! The Memorial Garden Crew is looking for help in maintaining this beautiful garden! A team of weeders rotates on a bi-weekly basis June through September to weed and do some light pruning. You decide which day of the week to weed. This usually takes no more than an hour or two of your time. If you are willing to help, please sign-up online using the QR Code. If you are unable to access the link, kindly see or email Claire Burnett at [claireburnett@comcast.net](mailto:claireburnett@comcast.net). Volunteers will receive detailed instructions via email and/or by scheduling a walk through the garden with Claire after a 9:30am service. Thank you for considering helping with this important ministry!



## Fourth Friday Family Night

*May 23 and June 27 at 5:30pm*

**F**amily night will meet on **Fridays, May 23 and June 27** at 5:30pm at St. James's! We'll gather in the Parish Hall at 5:30 and have pizza while we play a movie for the kids. We'll send an Evite for RSVPs as we get closer to the date. If you're new to 4th Fridays and want to be added to the list, please email Liz Normand ([e.julia.ernst@gmail.com](mailto:e.julia.ernst@gmail.com)). All are welcome, and please bring a friend!

## Strawberry Festival

*Memorial Day, May 26*



**W**E KICK OFF the unofficial start to summer with lots of strawberries during the Memorial Day Parade in the town of West Hartford on **Monday, May 26 beginning at 9:30AM**. The Festival will be held on the front lawn of St. James's Church and everyone is invited to stop by and enjoy delicious strawberries piled high on tasty shortcake. Hot dogs, chips, lemonade and bottled water will also be sold. All proceeds benefit the St. James's Feeding Programs. Extra hands are appreciated in helping with setup, sale, and cleanup. If you are interested in volunteering for this event, please phone the parish office at 860.521.9620 or email: [info@stjameswh.org](mailto:info@stjameswh.org).

## Men's Discussion Group

**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, May 10 and 24; June 14 and 28**. Light refreshments are served. Daniel Dollar chairs the group. Interested? Contact him at [danielmdollar@gmail.com](mailto:danielmdollar@gmail.com).

## ANNUAL STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL!

**MEMORIAL DAY AT 9:30 ON THE LAWN**

**COME EARLY AND GRAB A SPOT  
TO WATCH THE PARADE!**

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## Conard/Hall Solisti Orchestra & Choral Group Concerts

**I** GIOVANNI Solisti West Hartford Camerata Spring Showcase will be held at St. James's Church on **Sunday, May 18** beginning at 3pm. The Conard High Choral Group will also give a concert on **May 18** at 7pm at St. James's. Admission is free. All are welcome!

## Wednesday Morning Eucharist

**H**OLY Eucharist is celebrated every Wednesday morning in the chapel at 7:00. We hope to see you there!

## Registry and Readings

### Parish Birthdays

#### *Children and Youth*

#### **MAY**

Addison Leonard, 5  
Cole Gallagher, 6  
Wesley Regan, 6  
Jane Waterman, 6  
Owen Wills, 7  
Frances O'Sullivan, 11  
Anya Fisher, 13  
Lyla Fisher, 13  
Wesson Bowman, 14  
Audrey Forcello, 21  
Amanda King, 22  
Callum Wills, 22  
Addison Stafford, 28  
Hannah Sheldon, 30



#### **JUNE**

Nolan Leonard, 1  
Vaughn Smith, 2  
Abigail Waterman, 4  
Andrew Lawrence, 5  
Thomas Baier, 7  
Camden Barber, 9  
Ruth Conca, 11  
Dillon Hinkson, 28

## Parish Prayer List

#### **Those in our parish family**

Jeffrey, Greg, Michael, Elly, Chuck, Sue, Will, Tom, Chris, Rachael, Eileen, Nancy Jo.

#### **Those in our extended parish family**

Jeff, Joanie, Teresa, Audra, Ann, Patricia, Carrie, John & Rita, Tavern, Mohan, Barbara, Hudson, Guy, Stephen, Clark, Sydney, Clare, Leo, Denise, Javier, Janet, Sue & Claudia, Larry, Gretchen, Denise, Jocelyn, Forrest, Laticia, Suzanne, Karen, and Karen.

#### **Those Serving in the Military**

Andrew Clark

## Sunday Lectionary

#### **Third Sunday after Easter, May 4**

Exodus 34:29-35; 2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2  
Luke 9:28-36, [37-43a]; Psalm 99

#### **First Sunday of Lent, March 9**

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

#### **Second Sunday of Lent, March 16**

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

#### **Third Sunday of Lent, March 23**

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

#### **Fourth Sunday of Lent, March 30**

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

#### **Fifth Sunday of Lent, April 6**

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

#### **Palm Sunday, April 13**

Isaiah 50:4-9a; Philippians 2:5-11  
Luke 22:14-23:56 or Luke 23:1-49; Psalm 31:9-16

#### **Easter Sunday, April 20**

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

#### **Second Sunday of Easter, April 27**

Acts 5:27-32; Revelation 1:4-8;  
John 20:19-31; Psalm 118:14-29 or Psalm 150

## Women Of St. James's May 2025



**T**HE Women of St. James's invite you to attend the 144th Episcopal Church Women Annual Meeting, Diocese of Connecticut, and luncheon on **Thursday, May 29** at the Aqua Turf, 565 Mulberry Street, Plantsville (Southington) from 9am to 3pm. The guest speaker will be the Rev. Susan Lee, Ph.D. This is a cherished time to reconnect with old friends, forge new relationships, and come together in worship as we celebrate the impactful work of the Episcopal Church Women in Connecticut. There is a suggested donation of \$25. The lunch options include a choice of salmon, chicken, or vegetarian lasagna. RSVP to Lisa Levy with your choice of meal! [levy@trinitynewhaven.org](mailto:levy@trinitynewhaven.org)

This concludes the 2024-25 program year. The WOSJ will be on summer hiatus until October. Look for their 2025-26 program booklet in September.



## May/June

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b> 8:00 AM Holy Eucharist, Rite II—Chapel 9:30 AM Holy Eucharist, Rite II w/Livestream—Church 9:30 KFC (Kids for Christ) - PH 11:00 AM Coffee Hour Forum—PH 11:00 AM 200 Identical Sandwiches <b>5:00 PM Collaborative Chorister Evensong at Trinity College</b>	<b>2</b> 7:00 AM AA Group - DR 10:00 AM AA Group - DR 5:30 PM Chorister Rehearsal	<b>3</b> 7:00 AM AA Group - DR	<b>4</b> 7:00 AM AA Group - DR 7:00 AM Holy Eucharist—Chapel 7:00 PM Adult Choir Rehearsal	<b>1/5</b> 7:00 AM AA Group - DR 10:00 AM AA Group—DR	<b>2/6</b> 7:00 AM AA Group - DR	<b>3/7</b> 7:00 PM AA Group—DR <b>9:00 AM Companions Meeting—PR</b>
<b>4/8 PENTECOST SUNDAY</b> 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 10:00 AM Jazz Eucharist—Church 11:00/11:30 AM 200 Identical Sandwiches 11:00 AM Coffee Hour—PH 11:30 AM Brunch—PH	<b>5/9</b> 7:00 AM AA Group - DR 10:00 AM AA Group - DR 11:30 AM Serve for Loaves and Fishes 5:30 PM Chorister Rehearsal	<b>6/10</b> 7:00 AM AA Group - DR	<b>7/11</b> 7:00 AM AA Group - DR 7:00 AM Holy Eucharist—Chapel 7:00 PM Adult Choir Rehearsal	<b>8/12</b> 7:00 AM AA Group - DR 10:00 AM AA Group—DR	<b>9/13</b> 7:00 AM AA Group - DR	<b>10/14</b> 8:00 AM Men's Disc Group-PR <b>5:30 PM Choir Dinner (No AA) - PH</b> 7:00 PM AA Group—DR
<b>11/15</b> 8:35 AM Prepare for Loaves and Fishes / Prepare for South Park Inn 9:00 AM Holy Eucharist, Rite II w/ Livestream—Church 9:30 AM Holy Eucharist, Rite II w/ Livestream—Church 9:30 / 9:00 AM KFC (Kids for Christ) - PH 10:30 / 11:00 AM 200 Identical Sandwiches 11:00 AM Coffee Hour —PH 10:30 AM Lemonade on the Lawn 6:00 PM EFM Graduation—Church	<b>12/16</b> 7:00 AM AA Group - DR 10:00 AM AA Group - DR 11:30 AM Serve for Loaves and Fishes	<b>13/17</b> 7:00 AM AA Group - DR 7:00 PM Vestry—PR	<b>14/18</b> 7:00 AM AA Group - DR 7:00 AM Holy Eucharist—Chapel 10:30 AM Holy Eucharist—McAuley	<b>15/19</b> 7:00 AM AA Group - DR 10:00 AM AA Group -DR <b>10:00 AM FOODSHARE</b>	<b>16/20</b> 7:00 AM AA Group - DR	<b>17/21</b> 7:00 PM AA Group—DR
<b>18/22</b> 8:00 AM Holy Eucharist, Rite II—Chapel 8:35 AM Prepare for South Park Inn 9:00 / 9:30 AM Holy Eucharist, Rite II & Livestream—Church 9:00 / 9:30 AM KFC (Kids for Christ) - PH 11:00 AM 200 Identical Sandwiches 10:30 AM Lemonade on the Lawn 11:00 AM Coffee Hour—PH 3:00 PM Solisti Orchestra Concert—Church 5:00 PM Youth Group 7:00 PM Concord Choral Group—Church	<b>19/23</b> 7:00 AM AA Group - DR 10:00 AM AA Group - DR	<b>20/24</b> 7:00 AM AA Group - DR 7:00 PM Vestry—PR	<b>21/25</b> 7:00 AM AA Group - DR 7:00 AM Holy Eucharist—Chapel 10:30 AM Holy Eucharist—McAuley	<b>22/26</b> 7:00 AM AA Group - DR 10:00 AM AA Group—DR	<b>23/27</b> 7:00 AM AA Group - DR 5:30 PM 4th Friday Family Night—PH	<b>24/28</b> 8:00 AM Men's Disc Group-PR
<b>25/29</b> 8:00 AM Holy Eucharist, Rite II—Chapel 9:00 / 9:30 AM Holy Eucharist, Rite II w/ Livestream—Church 9:00 / 9:30 AM KFC (Kids for Christ) - PH 10:30 AM Lemonade on the Lawn 11:00 AM Coffee Hour—PH 11:00 AM Strawberry Prep—Kitchen	<b>26/30 Memorial Day—Parish Office Closed</b> 7:00 AM AA Group - DR 10:00 AM AA Group - DR <b>9:30 AM Strawberry Festival—Outdoors</b>	<b>27</b> 7:00 AM AA Group - DR	<b>28</b> 7:00 AM AA Group - DR 7:00 AM Holy Eucharist—Chapel 7:00 PM Adult Choir Rehearsal	<b>29</b> 7:00 AM AA Group - DR 10:00 AM AA Group—DR	<b>30</b> 7:00 AM AA Group - DR	<b>31</b> 7:00 PM AA Group—DR

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