



# the OPEN DOOR

news from St. James's

## From the Rector's Desk

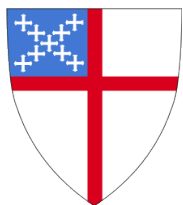
Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

This year's stewardship theme is, "Participating in God's Mission." Quite frankly, that should be the theme of church in general. While the fall stewardship program needs to focus on the financial aspects of mission, budget, and finances, it is also necessary to look at the many ways that we as a parish, together and individually, participate in God's mission. As faithful Christians, we are called to go beyond our immediate lives and daily concerns into the wider world: the wider world with all its joys, sorrows, triumphs, and pains. Here at St. James's, we have many programs and activities that help us do just that. While I know many of you are deeply involved in much of this, I hope we can all come together to more fully participate in serving our community and beyond.

I would like to take a few minutes to focus on an important part of the work we do as we walk together faithfully, which is teaching our children and youth, through word and example, the importance of participating in God's mission. For many of our kids, life can be a very sheltered experience, avoiding (intentionally or unintentionally) the needs and suffering of others. To provide our kids with the opportunity to learn of a world outside of their daily experience is powerful; and is why we do things like the youth mission trip. This past summer a group of adults and teens traveled to the Andean mountains of Ecuador to work with a medical mission (Partnership for Andean Community Health or PACH) bringing much needed care to indigenous people in their small communities—far beyond the normal reach of many. Not only did our kids do a great job in helping and engaging with so many, I believe and hope that they learned a lot about themselves and the world beyond.

It is not only in far off and very different locations that these needs exist. There is great need right at our very doorsteps and around the corner; people living lives very different from our own with much to offer as well as many unmet needs. For this reason, on the weekend of November 23rd and 24th, Priscilla and I, along with other volunteers, will help our youth participate with Journey Home in addressing the needs of the homeless in the Hartford area. This will take the form of collecting household goods and furniture and setting up an apartment for a family who has recently lived in a homeless shelter. Please stay tuned for more information and ways that you can help, as we walk the way of Jesus with our kids and each other.

Peace,

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

Nov/Dec 2019

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## Highlights in Nov/Dec

- **Sunday, Nov 3** All Saints' Eucharist, 10am; Stewardship Brunch, 11:30am; Rhythms of Grace, 4pm
- **Thursday, Nov 7** Greater Hartford Prayer Breakfast, 7:15am
- **Sunday, Nov 17** United Thank Offering Ingathering, 9:30am
- **Sunday, Nov 17** Coffee Hour Forum, 11am
- **Sat or Sun, Nov 23 or 24** Youth Group joins with Journey Home to help the homeless
- **Thursday, Nov 28** Thanksgiving Eucharist, 10am
- **Sunday, Dec 1** Stocking Stuffers, 11am; Rhythms of Grace, 4pm; Lessons & Carols, 5pm
- **Friday, Dec 13** Christmas Angelicus, 7:30pm
- **Sunday, Dec 15** Coffee Hour Forum, 11am; Youth Group 5pm
- **Tuesday, Dec 24 & Wednesday, Dec 25** (see inside for schedule)

# From the Assistant Rector

**D**ear Community of St. James's,

I want to tell you the story of how this newsletter article came to be. I had zero sense of what I wanted to write, but had an absolute deadline of October 15 so that Cheryl could get my article printed on the page you see in front of you. So on the 14th, with the kids entertained at a library Halloween party with our nanny, I set up at a coffee shop to help my brain settle on a topic. I made several attempts, but nothing was really getting anywhere. Until I looked up and noticed that the man seated across from me had set his book down, and it was some seriously nerdy theology reading. So I asked him about it, and we began a conversation. He is a pastor at a church nearby that was founded in the last few years, and when he learned that I am a priest, his next question surprised me. It wasn't a "work" question about my church on a local or institutional level—he asked me about my experience of being called to become a priest. And he shared his own story of how he became a pastor. We talked for almost an hour, sharing our stories, talking about our families, and the joys and challenges of ministry.

Eventually I had to leave to get back home, and I left the coffee shop without writing my article. But as I drove home, I realized that what had taken place over coffee was my article.

As I drove home I realized that the words I wanted to write to you looking ahead to November and December were there in that conversation I had with a complete stranger at a coffee shop. His first question about my story, my life, reminded me of the power of stories in a world that's much more comfortable with logistics and data.

And we don't want to skip out on stories because the ones we tell as a church in November and December are so good. Stories are the reasons I love All Saints' Day, Advent, and Christmas. There are so many opportunities in these celebrations to connect with the stories of what God was up to in the lives of real, ordinary people, and to pay attention afresh to what God might be up to in my own life. Many of the saints lived messy, complicated lives, and in many cases were not especially well-behaved. These are the best parts of their stories, but so often they get skipped.

And in December, the stories of anticipation and joy leading up to the Incarnation are ones we think we know, but there's more to the tale than we usually see in our nativity scenes.

And so, this November and December, I invite you to try two things:

1. Some time near All Saints' Day, take some time to learn more about a saint of the church. The calendar of the church year is a great resource, and you can find it online here: <http://satucket.com/lectionary/Calendar.htm>, or in books such as Lesser Feasts and Fasts or A Great Cloud of Witnesses. Choose a saint, either someone you've never heard of, or someone very familiar, and learn about his or her life. Start with church resources, but sometimes secular resources will paint a more colorful picture! What do you learn?

2. On Advent 1 of this year, we will begin Year A of the Lectionary cycle, with gospel readings from Matthew. During Advent, we will hear Matthew's account of the birth of Jesus, which differs significantly from the one in Luke typically read at Christmas services. It also focuses its attention on Joseph, rather than on Mary. Read Matthew's account of the Annunciation and birth of Jesus. What is it like to imagine the story from Joseph's perspective? How would he tell the story? What might the story sound like from yet another perspective? Spend some time imagining.

I am grateful for the newsletter articles I didn't write today, because they made space for story and connection with a new colleague and friend. I hope that this story will help you to listen for the stories all around you in your life, and to help you connect more deeply with the stories of our faith.

With love,

Charlotte +

## After Church Events November/December

**Sunday, November 17**  
Coffee Hour Forum, 11am  
*Political Division*

**Sunday, December 1**  
Stocking Stuffers, 11am  
*Intergenerational Event*

**Sunday, December 15**  
Coffee Hour Forum, 11am  
*Immigration and Refugees*

## Youth Events November/December

**Saturday or Sunday  
November 23 or 24**

The youth and a group of volunteers will pair up with Journey Home to help the homeless! Date to be determined. Check your bulletins.

**Sunday, December 15**  
Youth Group Dinner & Activity, 5-7pm



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# From the Organist & Choirmaster

Dear Parishioners,

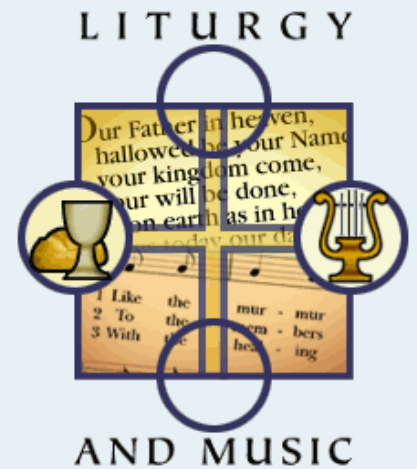
Concerts at St James's began its third season October 22nd with a sold-out performance by VOCES8, the world-famous British a cappella choir. The concert sold out more than a month in advance and the group's masterclass at Conard High School was attended by nearly 500 students. And, over 500 people attended the concert! Student groups attending the concert hailed from local high schools, Trinity College, Miss Porters School, and the Hopkins School. Huge thanks are due to everyone involved, especially our volunteer ushers!

The season of Advent begins with Lessons and Carols on Sunday, December 1 at 5pm. Our amazing choir will be accompanied by guest organist Benjamin Straley. This traditional service is not only a favorite among St James's members and visitors, but a cherished service amongst choristers. The meaning of Advent takes on a particular poignancy these days, reminding me of a favorite verse from Isaiah: "Prepare ye the way of the LORD; Make straight in the desert A highway for our God."

Following our Advent Carols Service, the next concert features Chorus Angelicus and Gaudeamus, a regional audition-only treble choir accompanied by professional altos, tenors and basses. Founded in 1991 by Paul Halley, Chorus Angelicus is Connecticut's premier treble choir, each year performing concerts throughout our state and abroad. Now under the direction of Gabriel Lofvall, Chorus Angelicus performs a series of Christmas programs called "Christmas Angelicus." This popular tradition features the phenomenal choir, narrator John Dankosky, marimba player Andrew Thomson, artistic director Gabriel Lofvall, and myself as organist. Tickets are only \$25 and may be purchased at the door. I hope you will join us Friday, December 13th, at 7:30pm.



We are also excited to announce that acclaimed mens choir Chanticleer will perform here on Saturday, October 10, 2020 at 7pm. Tickets will go on sale at the end of October 2019 on eventbrite.com. Look for the link on our website.



**Advent Lessons & Carols**  
**Sunday, December 1 at 5pm**  
Sung by the St. James's Choir with  
guest organist Benjamin Straley

**Concerts at St. James's**  
**Friday, December 13 at 7:30pm**  
**Chorus Angelicus and**  
**Gaudeamus**  
"Christmas Angelicus"

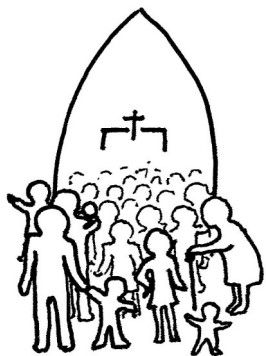
**Saturday, October 10, 2020**  
**Chanticleer, 7pm**  
Tickets available at the end of  
October 2019

## ***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 9:30**

*Young children age 3 through elementary school are welcome to gather in the narthex (main foyer) for Sunday School. They return during the Peace.*

## **Rhythms of Grace**

*A different kind of worship for children and families set in the Anglican Tradition! Our next services will be held on **Sundays, November 3 and December 1 at 4pm** with Priscilla Hooper.*



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**A**s we head into November and December, there is a lot of activity for children and families here at St. James's. In KFC or Kids' Liturgy on Sunday mornings, we have been exploring many of Jesus' parables—the Good Samaritan, the Lost Sheep, the Mustard Seed, the Prodigal Son and many more in September and October. Children have begun to see Jesus' theme of God's unending love for us. In November, we will be studying some Old Testament lessons: Abraham and Sarah, Jonah, and Samson before we head into Advent. During the four Sundays of Advent we will explore the ideas of Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love.

On Sunday afternoon, November 3, we will celebrate All Saints' Day with a program we are calling, "The Saints Come Alive!" At this program, four wonderful parishioners will present the stories of Absalom Jones, Hildegard, St. Francis, and Prudence Crandall. If you don't know who all these people are, then join us for a fun early evening! We will meet at 4 p.m., our actors will do their presentations, then we will move into the chapel for a Rhythms-of-Grace style Eucharist followed by a pizza dinner. All are encouraged to attend. A small donation per family will be requested to cover the cost of the dinner. RSVP to me if you would like to attend.

In December we will have another Sunday late afternoon program for families on the first Sunday of Advent, December 1. We will make Advent wreaths for each family, followed by a Rhythms-of-Grace style Eucharist. Please let me know by mid-November if your family will attend so I can plan accordingly.

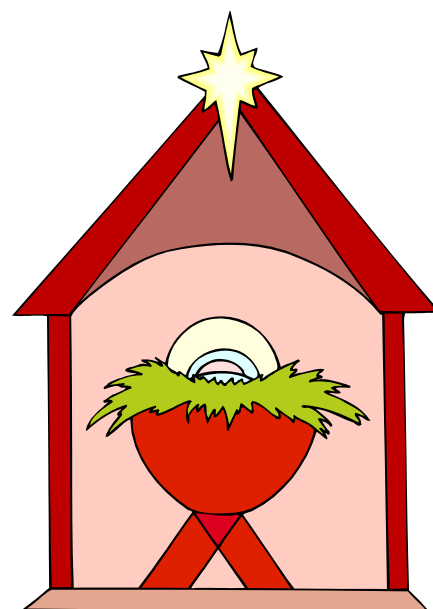
Also in December is the much beloved Christmas Pageant and rehearsals. **Rehearsals are on Sundays December 8, 15 and 22.** We will make a few small changes to the pageant from last year, written so beautifully by Charlotte and Nora Willson. If your child would like to

be a part of this wonderful event, please let me know. I love this new script for the pageant. The story of the nativity is told from the view of the animals in the manger. It is a lot of fun and gives more children a chance for a speaking part. One of my favorite things about the new script is that we can have a variety of ages and aren't too stuck in gender roles. It was a wonderful pageant last year and I am sure it will be this year as well.

As we enter the season of Advent, please remember to make church a priority for your family. Sometimes it is difficult to get out of the house on a cold Sunday morning, but the warmth and love found at St. James's makes it all worth the effort.

Your Sister in Christ,

*Priscilla*



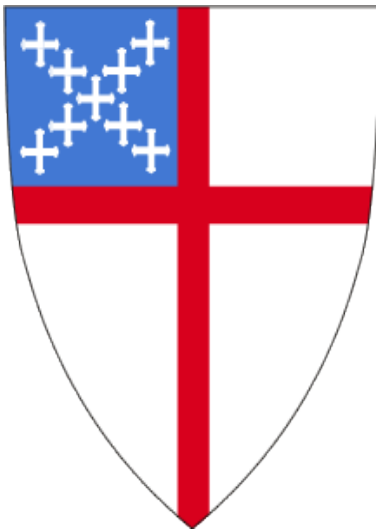


# Saints Alive!

A child-centered evening  
of learning  
about the lives of four  
Holy Women and Holy Men  
in celebration  
of All Saints' Day

Join us Sunday, November 3 @ 4 pm  
for creative storytelling, worship & pizza  
RSVP @ [prishooper@aol.com](mailto:prishooper@aol.com)

A small donation for the pizza is requested  
for each family.



## Treasurer's Report—September 2019

**Current Position:** For the first nine months of 2019 the Church's finances were positive vis a vis the budget. Total income for that period was \$5,418 more than the budgeted amount and expenses for the nine months were \$15,247 less than the budgeted amounts. As a result, the Church's net financial position at the end of September, 2019 was a positive variance to budget of \$20,665.

### Income & Expense Summary:

Category	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	YTD Variance	Total Annual Budget
Income (+)	\$590,026	\$584,608	\$5,418 Over Budget	\$819,404
Expense (-)	\$598,556	\$613,803	\$15,247 Under Budget	\$821,396
<i>Net</i>	<b>\$8,530</b>	<b>\$29,195</b>	<b>\$20,665 Positive Variance to Budget</b>	<b>-\$1,992</b>

**Income:** From January through September of 2019, Year To Date Regular Contributions (Current and Prior Year Pledges, Seasonal and Unspecified Offerings) were \$9,351 more than the total of these four budgeted income sources. Current Year Pledges were \$12,090 ahead of budget. However, income from outside groups using the Parish Facilities was \$1,827 less than budget. Special Contributions were \$112 less than the budgeted amount.

**Expense:** Major contributors to the January – September results were the following: Property: Total Property expenses for the period were \$1,002 less than budget. Utility expenses (Electricity, Gas and Water) were under budget by a total of \$1,808. The remaining Property categories were over budget by the total amount of \$805. Personnel: Personnel expenses were \$2,153 under budget for the nine months. Of the remaining expense categories, eight were under budget and two were over, the net amount being \$12,093 under budget. However, \$10,000 of this amount was due to a difference in timing between the budget and the actual payment of Audit expense. Had the Audit and Lay Life & Health Insurance expenses been paid as they were budgeted, the Positive Variance to Budget for the January through September period would have been only \$6,186.

## Vestry Nominations 2020

**T**HE Vestry Nominating Committee welcomes suggestions, from members of the parish, of persons who they believe would be fine members of our vestry and officers (Senior and Junior Warden, Treasurer and Clerk).

### Vestry members must be:

1. committed to Jesus Christ;
2. regular in attendance at public worship;
3. participants in the life and ministry of the congregation;
4. solid financial supporters of our ministries;
5. be willing to commit to regular attendance at monthly meetings (the 3rd Tuesday), annual vestry retreats, and to serve as liaison with committees or programs within the parish.

The members of this year's Nominating Committee are: Bob Burnett, Rob Duncan, Matt Schott, and Meredith Willson. The Nominating Committee will publish its nominations in the January issue of *The Open Door*.

In accordance with the by-laws of the church, any member may submit a petition to include any other member for inclusion on the ballot as a candidate for the vestry or as an officer. The petition must be signed by the nominating member, not less than three additional members of the parish and agreed to by the signature by the nominated member. All petitions are to be submitted to the Clerk no later than two weeks prior to the annual meeting to be held on **January 26, 2020**. Nominations not submitted as set forth will not be allowed from the floor at the annual meeting.

## Mission

### Christmas Stocking Stuffers

*Collection of men's socks and toiletries*

**H**ELP MAKE a difference at Christmas for the men at two area shelters — the Open Hearth and Salvation Army. The St. James's annual Stocking Stuffer mission is underway! Every year, the St. James's family generously donates warm socks and toiletries to local shelters for men. Our Donation Board is available after church in the cloister — please come pick a coupon or two! Just a reminder that we need heavy men's socks (not dress socks) and travel-sized toiletries (~3 oz.), not the tiny hotel samples. Please check the Donation Board for updated needs — we do not need toothbrushes, and are not collecting mouthwash. Drop your purchases in the Stocking Stuffer Donation box in the cloister. We will also have a Stocking Stuffer Tote Board to keep you updated on our counts and needs. Our family-friendly stuffing event will be held after the 9:30 service on December 1, and will be even MORE family-friendly this year! If you have questions, please contact Jane Good at 860-670-0950 or 4janegood@gmail.com.

### Angel Tree 2019

*Collection for the Hartford Seminary*

**T**HE St. James's annual Angel Tree event is taking a little twist this year: we are partnering with the Hartford Seminary to provide toys, books, and games to local children and families in need. Last year, their Toy Drive served 2,000 children in the Hartford area! This year, Angel Tree gifts **will not be wrapped**, and will be delivered to the Seminary for distribution. The Angel Tree will be available in the cloister on **Sunday, November 3**, with all gifts due back by **Sunday, November 24**. Once again, we'll also have Angel Wings available, for folks who want to help but don't want to shop — we'll do the shopping for you! If you have any questions, please contact Jane Good at 860-670-0950 or 4janegood@gmail.com.

### Food Pantry Ongoing Needs

**T**HE WH Food Pantry is in most need of the following items: Canned fruit/applesauce, canned tuna, cold cereal, peanut butter, rice, pasta and sauce. Please bring your donations to the church and place them at any of the entrances to the building. Remember to check expiration dates!

## Christmas Toy Collection

**C**HRISTMAS is right around the corner and we will soon be collecting toys for children and youth in the Hartford area. Toys, games, and fun gifts are needed for children of all ages from toddlers to early teens. Gifts will then be delivered to various churches who will then deliver them to the families in need. Bring your **unwrapped** gifts to the church and place them at any of the entrances to the building. **Deadline is Sunday, December 8.** Gift certificates for early teens are a great gift as well. Thank you for making Christmas special for these children and their families!

## Around the Parish

### Coffee Hour Forums

*Sundays at 11am*

**November 17**

**Political Division**

**December 15**

**Immigration and Refugees**

*Forums are held in the parish hall (unless otherwise stated) and refreshments are provided.*

### An Evening In Venice

*Fall Auction—Saturday, November 16*

**T**HE 2019 St. James's Auction, "An Evening in Venice," will be held on **Saturday, November 16 at 6pm!** Tickets are now available and going fast! There are about 40 tickets left, so do not wait until the last minute to reserve your seat. Also, please remember to bring your checkbook to the auction! We will be able to help you more quickly at the end of the evening as we only have one credit card machine. If you would like to volunteer, reserve a ticket, or have questions about the auction, please contact Kerri Raissian, kerriraissian@gmail.com or Meredith Willson, meredithwillson@gmail.com. We hope to see you there!

### Small Group Discussion

**T**HE Community of Hope small group seeks to create communities steeped in spirituality to serve others through compassionate listening. Our first meeting will be held on **Sunday, November 10** after the 9:30 service in the parish room and will continue to meet monthly. *"It's about the skills and the practices of spiritual life that prepares each one of us to be open to the other...to look for Christ in the other person...to serve them and in humility provide ministry to them.—The Rev. Dr. Helen Appelberg, Founder of COHI.* Open to all who are interested.

## Greater Hartford Multi-Faith Prayer Breakfast

*Thursday, November 8*

SAVE the date! This year's annual multi-faith prayer breakfast will be held on **Thursday, November 7** from 7:15—8:45am at the Artists Collective, 1200 Albany Avenue, Hartford. A light breakfast is served at 7:15 with program at 7:25.

Rabbi Donna Berman, Executive Director, Charter Oak Cultural Center, is the guest speaker. Rabbi



Berman was named one of Hartford's 12 most influential people by Hartford Magazine. There is no cost for the event, but freewill offerings are greatly appreciated. Please register by going to: <http://ghpb.weebly.com>.

**Note:** There is supervised parking behind The Artists Collective building. Bob and Nancy Hoffman will be in attendance and will watch for St. James's members in an effort to seat you together.

## Thanksgiving Day Eucharist

*Thursday, November 28 at 10am*

**W**E will celebrate Thanksgiving Day with Holy Eucharist at 10am in the chapel on November 28. Let us gather on this day in celebration and thanksgiving for all of God's many blessings.

## Celtic Worship at St. John's

*Sundays, November 3 and December 1*

**E**XPERIENCE worship in the Celtic tradition every first Sunday of the month from October through June at 4:30pm at St. John's Church in West Hartford. Chant, silence, prayer, and music from around the world are incorporated into the service. A beautiful way to worship on a Sunday afternoon. All are welcome!

## Men's Discussion Group

*Second and Fourth Saturday of the Month*

**A**LL men of the parish and guests are invited to a discussion group on **Saturdays, November 9 and 23; December 7 and 21** beginning at 8am in the parish room. Various religious topics are presented and refreshments are provided. All are welcome!

## Daylight Saving Time Ends

**D**AYLIGHT Saving Time will end on **Sunday, November 3**. Don't forget to turn your clocks back one hour Saturday evening, November 2.



## All Saints' Sunday & Stewardship Brunch

*Sunday, November 3*

**W**E will celebrate Holy Eucharist on **All Saints' Sunday, November 3** with one service in the church at 10am followed by the Stewardship Brunch in the parish hall. If you are able, please bring a breakfast casserole to share with the group. A time to gather for good food and fellowship, and celebrate the generosity that is St. James's. All are encouraged to attend!

## 2019 Annual Reports

**A**NNUAL reports are due in by **Thursday, January 2, 2020**! All reports will be bound together in one booklet for distribution one week before the annual meeting which will be held **Sunday, January 26, 2020** following the 9:30 service. Please email your reports to the parish office at [info@stjameswh.org](mailto:info@stjameswh.org). Final annual reports will be available one week before annual meeting on Sunday, January 19.

## Christmas at St. James's

**Christmas Eve**  
**Tuesday, December 24**  
Pageant & Eucharist, 5pm  
Music Prelude, 9:30pm  
Choral Eucharist, 10pm

**Christmas Day**  
**Wednesday,**  
**December 25**  
Holy Eucharist w/ Carols,  
10am



**First Sunday of Christmas**  
**December 29**  
Holy Eucharist, 8 & 9:30am

## Fourth Friday Family Night

November 22

**C**OME to Family Night on **Friday, November 22!** We'll enjoy a pizza dinner in the parish hall with a child-friendly moving afterwards for the kids. Feel free to BYOB and/or bring a side dish of your choice. This is a great opportunity to get together with church friends and let the kids get to know each other better, too. We ask for a donation of approximately \$5-10 per family to cover the cost of pizza. If you'd like to attend, please email Abby.Williamson@gmail.com or Kerriraissian@gmail.com and they will put you on the Evite list to RSVP.

## Advent Lessons & Carols

Sunday, December 1

**B**EGIN Advent by attending the annual Lessons & Carols service on the **First Sunday of Advent, December 1** at 5pm. The service is approximately one hour and open to all. Invite someone to join you!

## Christmas Flowers

**G**IVE Christmas flowers in honor or in memory of loved ones! Just fill out and submit a flower envelope with your name request along with your donation. Flower envelopes will be located at the end of the pews in the church and chapel, and will be available beginning **Sunday, November 24**. Please return your envelopes to the parish office no later than **Monday, December 16**. A list of those loved ones so honored or remembered will be included in the Christmas bulletins.

## Greening of the Church

**C**ALLING all able-bodied men and women to help with St. James's annual greening of the church. Come and share in the preparations of the sanctuary for the coming of our Savior Jesus Christ. Please join Mary Ann Haar in the church on **Sunday, December 22 after services at 11am**. Your help is very much appreciated!

## Holiday Parish Office Closings

**T**HE parish office will be closed **Tuesday, December 24 through Wednesday, January 1**. The parish office will reopen on Thursday, January 2.

## Registry and Readings

### Baptisms

**September 29**  
**Emerson Ezell Ahearn**  
*Son of Allison Ahearn*

**October 20**  
**Greta Anne Leichsenring**  
*Daughter of Ryan Leichsenring and Anne Trevethick*  
**Kaiser Edward Messinger**      **Bryson Drew Tagliavini**  
*Son of David and Amy Messinger*      *Son of Drew and Amber Tagliavini*

### Deaths

**Petra Shearer**  
*September 8, 2019*  
**Roberta S. Cosby**  
*September 15, 2019*

### Transfers Out

**Marshall Kearns**  
*October 21, 2019 to*  
*St. Mary's Episcopal Church*  
*High Point, NC*

## Sunday Lectionary

**All Saints' Sunday, November 3**  
Daniel 7:1-3, 15-18; Psalm 149;  
Ephesians 1:11-23; Luke 6:20-31

**Twenty Second Sunday after Pentecost, November 10**  
Haggai 1:15b-2:9; Psalm 145:1-5, 18-22  
2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17; Luke 20:27-38

**Twenty Third Sunday after Pentecost, November 17**  
1 Isaiah 65:17-25; Canticle 9  
2 Thessalonians 3:6-13; Luke 21:5-19

**Christ the King Sunday, November 24**  
2 Jeremiah 23:1-6; Canticle 16; Colossians 1:11-20; Luke 23:33-43

**First Sunday of Advent, December 1**  
Isaiah 2:1-5; Romans 13:11-14; Matthew 24:36-44; Psalm 122

**Second Sunday of Advent, December 8**  
Isaiah 11:1-10; Romans 15:4-13  
Matthew 3:1-12; Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19

**Third Sunday of Advent, December 15**  
Isaiah 35:1-10; James 5:7-10  
Matthew 11:2-11; Psalm 146:4-9 or Canticle 15

**Fourth Sunday of Advent, December 22**  
Isaiah 7:10-16; Romans 1:1-7; Matthew 1:18-25; Psalm 80:1-7, 16-18

**Christmas Eve/Day, December 24/25**  
Isaiah 9:2-7; Titus 2:11-14; Luke 2:1-14(15-20); Psalm 96

**First Sunday after Christmas, December 29**  
Isaiah 61:10-62:3; Galatians 3:23-25; 4:4-7; John 1:1-18  
Psalm 147 or 147:13-21

## Parish Birthdays

### Children and Youth

#### NOVEMBER

Jack Keough, 1  
Christine Waterman, 1  
John Kramer, 2  
Ian Sieklucki, 7  
Quinn Ciccone, 9  
Emily Jacovino, 9  
Violet Long, 11  
Lara Swales, 11  
Lily Owens, 12  
Brayden Tyler, 14  
Trey Keating, 24  
Sarah Granquist, 29



#### DECEMBER

Laurel Raissian, 4  
Oliver Woodward, 4  
Harry Lewis, 5  
Joshua Campbell, 10  
Braden Flowers, 12  
Zoe Pinckney, 14  
Jacob Ciccone, 18  
James DeLibero, 18  
Rowan Guerraz, 21  
Andrew Stafford, 23  
Emily Lemanski, 25  
Ethan McCue, 29

## Parish Prayer List

#### Those in our parish family

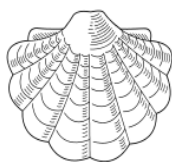
Jeffrey, Greg, Elsa, Michael, Margaret & Richard, Ruth, Walter, Frank, Elly, Tom, Betsy, Chuck, David, Sue, Will, Meg, Ed, Tom, David, Nancy, Chris & Louise.

#### 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, Wensley Barker IV, Julian C. Barker, Andrew Huntsman, Ed Vera, and Justin Hagemann.



## Women Of St. James's

### November/December Programs

#### Tuesday, November 5

Sister Dolores Liptak, RSM, PhD, Prof. Emerita  
Holy Apostles College and Seminary  
*Hartford Sisters of Mercy: Following the Path set by Catherine McAuley & Franes Warde Since 1852*

#### Tuesday, November 12

Chief Gregory Priest, West Hartford Fire Department  
*Journey of a Fire Chief*

#### Tuesday, November 19

Angela Shenk, Marketing Specialist, Elmwood Senior Center  
*Programs for Seniors*

#### Tuesday, December 3

Tricia Rowold, Coord./Cert. Trainer, Fidelco Guide Dog Foundation  
*Guide Dog Training*

#### Tuesday, December 10

Secret Santa—Bring a \$10 Gift to Exchange!  
*Holiday Buffet & Punch*

#### November 26, December 17, 24 & 31

No Meetings  
*Thanksgiving, Christmas & New Year Hiatus!*

## United Thank Offering

### Fall Ingathering—Sunday, November 17

**W**E can be agents of change in the world through the United Thank Offering (UTO), a ministry of the Episcopal Church. Through UTO, men, women, and children nurture the habit of giving daily thanks to God. These prayers of thanksgiving begin when we recognize and name our many daily blessings. Every cent you give is the dream for tomorrow's life and gives hope to people all over the world.

Please continue to fill your boxes or make a donation by check (payable to the Women of St. James's w/UTO in memo line) and place it in the envelopes which can be found in the church and chapel. Join us on **Sunday, November 17** at the 9:30 service for our ingathering!

## Seamen's Church Institute

**I**N response to a recent shipment of knitting to SCI, we received a note of thanks: "We received an awesome package; it is apparent, every stitch comes with love. We do not take our volunteers for granted. We deeply value our faith-based communities. We feel blessed to have your support of this important ministry. Thank you for all you do." Another package from St James's is about ready to go – awesome also! And if there are knitters out there who would like to be involved in this, please let me know. Also, remember to hold on to the Christmas cards you receive and give them to us after you have enjoyed them. We cut them up for enclosure cards for packages for seamen.

*Fran Cobb*

# November / December

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1 Advent I</b> 8:00 AM Holy Eucharist Rite II—Chapel 8:35 AM 200 Identical Sandwiches 9:30 AM Kids for Christ (KFC) - PH 9:30 AM HE & Sacrament of Healing—Church 11:00 AM <b>Stocking Stuffers Event—PH</b> 3:00 PM Rhythms of Grace—DR <b>5:00 PM Advent Lessons &amp; Carols</b>	<b>2</b> 7:00 AM Morning Prayer 10:00 AM AA Group - DR	<b>3</b> 7:00 AM AA Group - DR 7:00 AM Morning Prayer 12:15 PM WOSJ Luncheon—DR	<b>4</b> 7:00 AM Holy Eucharist/Breakfast 10:00 AM HE—Hughes 5:00 PM Junior Choristers 5:15 PM Treble Choristers 6:30 PM Choir Dinner—DR 7:00 PM Adult Choir	<b>5</b> 7:00 AM AA Group - DR 7:00 AM Morning Prayer 10:00 AM AA Group - DR	<b>1/6</b> 7:00 AM Morning Prayer	<b>2/7</b> 8:00 PM AA Group—DR <b>Advent Quiet Day</b>
<b>3 All Saints' Sunday / 8 Advent II</b> 8:00 AM Holy Eucharist Rite II—Chapel 8:35 AM Prepare for Loaves and Fishes 9:30 AM Kids for Christ (KFC) - PH 9:30 AM HE & Sacrament of Healing—Church 11:00 AM Coffee Hour—PH / 200 Iden. Sand. 11:00 AM Pageant Rehearsal—Church 4:00 PM Handel's Messiah—Church 8:30 AM 200 Identical Sandwiches 10:00 AM Kids for Christ 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist Rite II—Church 11:30 AM Stewardship Brunch—PH 4:00 PM Rhythms of Grace	<b>4/9</b> 7:00 AM Morning Prayer 10:00 AM AA Group - DR <b>11:30 AM Serve for Loaves and Fishes</b> 6:30 PM EFM—PR	<b>5/10</b> 7:00 AM AA Group - DR 7:00 AM Morning Prayer 7:00 PM Samaritans Group—PR 12:15 PM WOSJ Luncheon—DR	<b>6/11</b> 7:00 AM Holy Eucharist/Breakfast 5:00 PM Junior Choristers 5:15 PM Treble Choristers 6:30 PM Choir Dinner—DR 7:00 PM Adult Choir	<b>7/12</b> 7:00 AM AA Group - DR 7:00 AM Morning Prayer 10:00 AM AA Group - DR	<b>8/13</b> 7:00 AM Morning Prayer <b>7:30 PM Christmas Angelicus—Church</b>	<b>9/14</b> 8:00 AM Men's Discussion Group - PR 8:00 PM AA Group—DR
<b>10/15</b> 8:00 AM Holy Eucharist Rite II—Chapel 8:30 AM Prepare for Loaves and Fishes 9:30 AM Kids for Christ (KFC) - PH 9:30 AM HE & Sacrament of Healing—Church 11:00 AM 200 Identical Sandwiches 11:00 AM Coffee Hour —PH 11:00 AM Pastoral Care Meeting—PR 11:00 AM Coffee Hour Forum—PH 11:00 AM Pageant Rehearsal—Church 3:00 PM Solisti Orchestra Concert—Church	<b>11/16</b> 7:00 AM Morning Prayer 10:00 AM AA Group - DR 6:30 PM EFM—PR	<b>12/17</b> 7:00 AM AA Group - DR 7:00 AM Morning Prayer 12:15 PM WOSJ Luncheon—DR <b>7:00 PM Vestry Meeting—PR</b>	<b>13/18</b> 7:00 AM Holy Eucharist/Breakfast <b>11:15 AM Holy Eucharist—McAuley</b> 5:00 PM Junior Choristers 5:15 PM Treble Choristers 6:30 PM Choir Dinner—DR 7:00 PM Adult Choir	<b>14/19</b> 7:00 AM AA Group - DR 7:00 AM Morning Prayer 10:00 AM AA Group - DR <b>10:00 AM FOODSHARE</b>	<b>15/20</b> 7:00 AM Morning Prayer	<b>16/21</b> <b>6:00 PM FALL AUCTION &amp; DINNER—PH (No AA)</b> <b>8:00 PM AA Group - DR</b>
<b>17/22 UTO Ingathering</b> 8:00 AM Holy Eucharist Rite II—Chapel 9:30 AM Kids for Christ (KFC) - PH 9:30 AM HE w/Sacrament of Healing—Church 11:00 AM Coffee Hour Forum—PH 11:00 AM 200 Identical Sandwiches 11:00 AM Coffee Hour —PH 11:00 AM Pageant Rehearsal—Church	<b>18/23</b> 7:00 AM Morning Prayer 10:00 AM AA Group - DR 6:30 PM EFM—PR	<b>19/24 Christmas Eve (POC)</b> 7:00 AM AA Group - DR 7:00 AM Morning Prayer 12:00 PM WOSJ Meeting—PR 12:15 PM WOSJ Luncheon—DR 7:00 PM Vestry Meeting—PR 5:00 PM Pageant & Eucharist—Church 9:30 PM Choral Prelude 10:00 PM Choral Eucharist—Church	<b>20/25 Christmas Day (POC)</b> 7:00 AM Holy Eucharist/Breakfast <b>10:00 AM HE w/ Carols—Church</b> 11:15 AM Holy Eucharist—McAuley 5:00 PM Junior Choristers 5:15 PM Treble Choristers 6:30 PM Choir Dinner—DR 7:00 PM Adult Choir	<b>21/26 Parish Office Closed</b> 7:00 AM AA Group - DR 7:00 AM Morning Prayer 10:00 AM AA Group - DR <b>10:00 AM FOODSHARE</b>	<b>22/27 Parish Office Closed</b> 7:00 AM Morning Prayer	<b>23/28</b> 8:00 AM Men's Discussion Group - PR 8:00 PM AA Group - DR
<b>24/29 (No Coffee Hour on Dec 29)</b> 8:00 AM Holy Eucharist Rite II—Chapel 9:30 AM Kids for Christ (KFC) - PH 9:30 AM HE w/Sacrament of Healing—Church 11:00 AM Coffee Hour—PH	<b>25/30</b> 7:00 AM Morning Prayer 10:00 AM AA Group - DR 6:30 PM EFM—PR	<b>26/31 (New Year's Eve)</b> 7:00 AM AA Group - DR 7:00 AM Morning Prayer	<b>27</b> 7:00 AM Holy Eucharist/Breakfast 5:00 PM Junior Choristers 5:15 PM Treble Choristers 6:30 PM Choir Dinner—DR 7:00 PM Adult Choir	<b>28 Thanksgiving Day (POC)</b> 7:00 AM AA Group - DR 7:00 AM Morning Prayer 10:00 AM AA Group - DR 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist—Chapel	<b>29 Parish Office Closed</b> 7:00 AM Morning Prayer	<b>30</b> 8:00 PM AA Group - DR

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<b>The Reverend Canon John L.C. Mitman</b>	<b>Priest Associate</b>
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