



# the OPEN DOOR

news from St. James's

## From the Rector's Desk

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I am writing this letter on Oct 27, which happens to be the day before my 57th birthday. Not sure if it's my birthday, the weather, Covid-19, the presidential election, or all of the above, but I find myself in a reflective mood. I won't bore you with all of my thoughts at this time, but I do want to share a few. I, as I assume all of you, have found 2020 quite challenging. My family has been lucky to have all retained our jobs and our health, unlike so many others. Nonetheless, 2020 has taken its toll. The stress and anxiety that we are all experiencing seems to be increasing and has affected so many areas of our personal, family, and common lives. As I sit in my office at St. James's, I am deeply concerned about the physical, mental, and spiritual health of our members, this year's stewardship campaign, what services will and should look like as the weather gets colder (while gathering indoors still does not feel safe), and just the little things we and our children are missing.

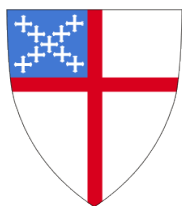
On a side note - I cannot imagine what it would be like in the Hooper house if we still had school-aged kids at home. I am incredibly impressed by everything I see families doing to help navigate the current situation.

All that said, and somewhat surprisingly, I am filled with a sense of gratitude and hope as I reflect on my life and the many blessings I have received. A great deal of this I can attribute to you – the wonderful people of St. James's and to my family. The privilege and blessing to serve a parish like this for so many years is nearly unheard of in the Church today. Both the spiritual and financial generosity of the people of St. James's over the years have allowed us to weather many storms and to thrive, while trying to stay true to God's call to be heralds of the Gospel in word, and more importantly, in deed. I know that, while my concerns are many, the people of St. James's will continue to be the folks they have always been.

While the political environment, the pandemic and so much more have stressed the system at home and at church, God continues to be good. I know this because I know you and each day I am reminded of that fact.

So, as we move forward please be patient; we are doing our best as I know you are. If you have not sent in your pledge card please do so, and if you did not receive one please let us know and we will happily get you one. We have a number of things happening in the next few months so stay tuned. This includes weekly Zoom morning prayer each Wednesday at 8:00. The link will go out in the proceeding Thursday's weekly Open Door and will be available on our website. There will also be an online forum with St. John's entitled "Sacred Ground": Looking at Race and Faith. The details will be out soon. That's just two of the many things we will be doing in the near future. Again, stay tuned and join us. Speaking of joining us – Outdoor services Sundays at 10:00 as long as the weather allows.

Be Well, Be Safe, and remember that God is Good – All the Time.




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

Nov/Dec 2020

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## Highlights in Nov/Dec

- **Sundays in Nov/Dec** Spiritual Eucharist @10:00am.
- **Confirmation Classes** continue. See schedule on page 2.
- **Celtic Contemplative Walk** Sunday, November 15 @ 12:45.
- **Christmas Tree & Wreath Sale is Back!** December 5 through 13.
- **Virtual Christmas Pageant!** See page 4 for details.

We continue to offer Morning Prayer at home, as well as online worship on YouTube every Sunday. We will also continue to offer a 10am spiritual eucharist on Sundays. In addition, we now have Morning Prayer via Zoom at 8am every Wednesday beginning November 4! A link will be provided in the weekly email, newsletter, and bulletin. See page 10 for details. KFC for children at 9am also continues 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). Livestream Sunday services will be available soon. Be sure to check the website for updates.

# From the Assistant Rector

Confirmation 2020/2021

**D**EAR all,

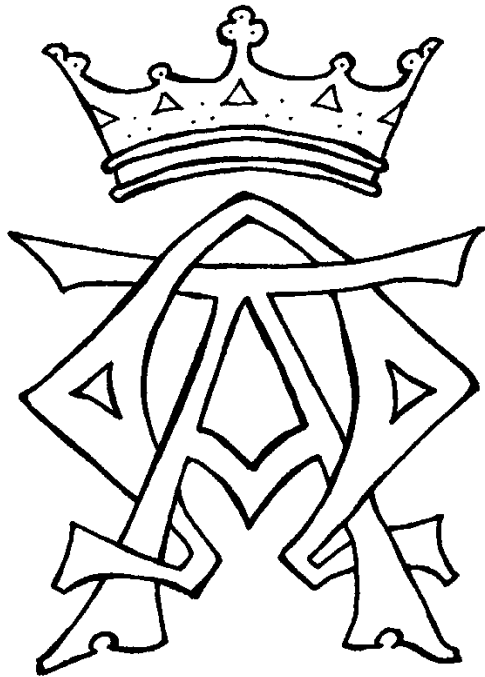
Confirmation Class has had its first three meetings and we have a great class of 9 students, plus our talented assistant teacher, Nora Willson! Nora is helping me lead the potential confirmands in exploring what it means to make a public affirmation of Christian faith and a reaffirmation of Baptismal vows. We have talked about what the Gospel is, why it's essential to see Christianity as an outgrowth of Judaism, and what evil is. These have been riveting discussions and I am continually impressed by the level of depth and curiosity the students bring to class. Even in tough times, they are remaining intellectually and spiritually curious and engaged! This past class, the students signed the official, framed Confirmation Commitment Pledge, which will hang somewhere on the church grounds. In the pledge, they promise to attend Confirmation sessions, help fundraise for their mission trip in Summer 2022, be involved in Holy Week services, memorize a psalm at least 10 verses in length, attend Confirmation service even if they are not confirmed, and participate in planning the service itself. I look forward to more exciting and thoughtful discussions with the group as we near the holiday season and Advent.

In other news, I have been talking with several of our senior men and women on the phone and they continue to face the challenges of Covid with hope and honesty.

Please stay tuned for news on the adult education offering with St. John's - "Sacred Ground," a film-based dialogue series on Race and Faith.

In Christ,

*Tim*



## Confirmation 2020-21

**Classes held outdoors or in the Parish Hall from 3:00-4:30pm.**

### Class Schedule

*Schedule is subject to change.*

#### **Class #4**

Sunday, November 1

#### **Class#5**

Sunday, November 15

#### **Class #6**

Sunday, November 29

#### **Class #7**

Sunday, December 13

#### **Class #8**

Sunday, January 10

#### **Class #9**

Sunday, January 24

#### **Class #10**

Sunday, February 7

#### **Class #11**

Sunday, February 27

#### **Class #12**

Sunday, March 7

#### **Class #13**

Sunday, March 21



Bring a Friend to Church 2

# From the Organist & Choirmaster

Dear Parishioners,

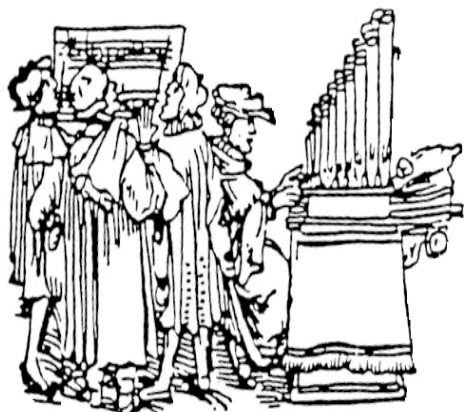
As we enter the final weeks of the 2020, I am glad to report that our weekly handbell choir rehearsals continue to find success. Our youth handbell choir meets from 5:15 -6:30pm on Wednesdays, followed by the adult handbell choir from 7-9pm. Both groups have enthusiastically embraced handbell ringing and I've had an equal amount of fun leading the groups.

For a while, especially over the summer, the question of when we resume singing has been on everyone's mind. I think we are still wise to hold off on singing indoors until public health experts give the green light. Even now, health professionals at Yale University School of Medicine suggest that the air inside gathering places such as ours be replaced three or more times an hour when occupied by groups. This reinforces the need to mitigate the risk from a highly contagious, airborne virus. Anything we can do to lower the risk is a help.

Bob, Tim and I currently find ourselves in a holding pattern as we wait for the final pieces of our webcasting equipment to arrive from overseas. While the cabling and one camera are already in place, the two PTZ cameras at the front of the nave are needed to finish the project and begin livestreaming. These cameras could arrive any day now, or they could take a few more weeks – the shipping estimate is unknown even to our contractor. But once these cameras are in place, we will have a better sense of how to plan liturgy for the months ahead.

It has been wonderful to see many of you at our weekly outdoor service. We all miss our indoor gatherings, and I particularly miss playing familiar hymns and hearing the congregation sing. Time does still seem to fly, so I hope we may resume our regular life together before too long.

Please know that all of you are in my thoughts and prayers. If there is any particular hymn you would like to hear on the YouTube service, send me an email to [music@stjameswh.org](mailto:music@stjameswh.org) and I will make it happen! Have a wonderful Thanksgiving, Advent and Christmas!



## Important Dates

**Wednesdays in Nov/Dec**  
Handbell Choir rehearsals  
from 5:15 to 9pm

## ***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*

Bring a Friend to Church 3

# 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).*



Bring a Friend to Church 4

**A**S we head into November and December, there is a lot of activity for children here at St. James's. In KFC-to-go 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, Solomon and Esther before we head into Advent. During the four Sundays of Advent we will explore the ideas of Hope, Peace, Joy & Love. We will also offer the weekly book readings, as well.

After much thought and prayer, I am excited to announce that we will offer a Virtual Christmas pageant this year. With the incredible skills of Christine Waterman and Nora Willson, we are in the process of creating the script. I won't bother to explain all the technical aspects, but these talented young women are putting together a combination of Zoom recordings, self-recordings and photo montages. This recording will also include music by the bell choirs and solos led by Vaughn Mauren. We will set up the video to premier at a certain time on Christmas Eve so everyone can watch the pageant at the same time. It will also be available after the premier.

One positive aspect of this type of pageant is that more people will be able to get involved. If your child would like to take part in the pageant, email me at [education@stjameswh.org](mailto:education@stjameswh.org) and let me know. The details are still being ironed out, but my thought is that I would have some set times when costumes could be

picked up at church, there will be a few recordings that take place with social distancing at the church, some will record themselves at home, and the youngest members that want to participate will be photographed in costumes and be a part of the photo montage.

As a final note, I am trying to look at this Advent as an opportunity for all of us to actually, slow down because it is Advent. We can be relatively certain that things will look different this year. Maybe we can re-embrace old traditions like lighting a family Advent wreath every evening, eating together when possible, praying together as a family. For my part, I will be providing resources for families for Bible readings each week, a suggestion of activities to do together, and prayers as well. It is my hope that these will be helpful to you and your family. Please know that all of you are in my prayers as we come to the end of the year 2020.

Your Sister in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Priscilla'.



**The prophet Isaiah foretold the birth of Jesus Christ. Isaiah knew that Jesus would be called a peacemaker, but that He would also be called by other names.**

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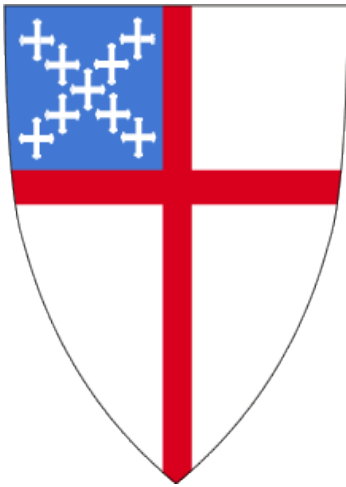
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### Isaiah 9:6, NIV

Answer: And He will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.



## Treasurer's Report / January-September 2020

**Current Position:** The Church's total Income for the nine months ending September 30, 2020 was \$52,085 less than the budgeted amount and expenses were \$22,256 under budget. As a result, the Church's net financial

position at the end of September, 2020 was a negative variance to budget of \$29,829.

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*"There is nothing we have; nothing; that is not a gift. Everything we are and everything we have is founded in the loving generosity of the Creator. When we know this, not just in our minds but in the depths of our hearts, then life takes on a whole new meaning. Then we have a whole different perspective about our time or our talents or our treasure, our bodies, our minds, hearts – everything that we are and everything that we have – takes on a completely different perspective." Bishop Carl A. Kemme*

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### Income & Expense Summary:

| Category    | YTD Actual      | YTD Budget     | YTD Variance  | Total Annual Budget |
|-------------|-----------------|----------------|---|---------------------|
| Income (+)  | \$545,003       | \$597,088      | \$52,085<br>Under Budget  | \$809,304           |
| Expense (-) | \$572,096       | \$594,352      | <b>\$22,256</b><br><b>Under Budget</b>                          | \$809,300           |
| <i>Net</i>  | <b>\$27,093</b> | <b>\$2,736</b> | <b>\$29,829</b><br><b>Negative</b><br><b>Variance to Budget</b> | <b>+4</b>           |

**Income:** For the nine months period, Regular Contributions (Current and Prior Year Pledges, Seasonal and Unspecified Offerings) in total were \$37,541 less than budget. The breakdown of this amount shows that Current Year pledges were behind budget by \$24,928 and Prior Year Pledges, Seasonal and Unspecified Offerings totaled \$12,613 less than budget. Income from outside groups using the Parish Facilities was \$10,505 under budget. Special Contributions were \$2,902 less than budget.

**Expenses:** Major contributors to the January – September expense results were the following: Property: Property expenses for the period were \$7,183 under budget. Maintenance supplies, lawn care and snow removal were \$5,133 under budget. General maintenance expenses were \$2,336 over budget and utilities were \$4,700 under budget. Personnel: Personnel expenses were \$137 under budget for the nine month period. All ten of the remaining expense categories were under budget by the aggregate amount of \$14,936. The monthly Treasurer's report is intended to show how the Church's financial performance during the year is tracking with its budget forecast. The report does not account for the Paycheck Protection Program loan proceeds of \$70,314.77 that the Church received on May 12, 2020 because those monies were not included in the Vestry approved budget for 2020. The period for spending the PPP loan proceeds will expire October 30, 2020 and thereafter the Church will apply for forgiveness of the entire amount of the loan.



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# Christmas Tree & Wreath Sale

beautiful trees | wreaths | in various sizes

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Dec 5-13, 2020

M-F 4-7/Sat 9-6/Sun 12-6

1018 Farmington Avenue

West Hartford Center

contactless credit card payments only.





# Mission

## St. James's Cares

*Jesus said to him the third time, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, "Do you love me?" And he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep" - John 21:17.*

**W**E are excited to announce that St. James's has created a new program in this time of great need. We will be partnering with our friends at The Hartford Catholic Worker to provide meals to 20 families (4 people each = 80 dinners) in the North End of Hartford each week for the foreseeable future.

We have named this program "St. James's Cares." Thank you to those of you who have already donated. If you would like to help support this new and important ministry, please send a check to St. James's with "St. James's Cares" in the memo or donate through PayPal on our website and designate the same. We are also looking for bakers to make dessert to be added to the meals. Items that work best are individual portions, such as cookies and brownies. If you would like to bake something, please contact Bob Hooper at [rector@stjameswh.org](mailto:rector@stjameswh.org).



## Stocking Stuffers

### Update on Where We Are

**T**HANKS to the awesome generosity of the St. James's family, we have already packed 109 bags with warm socks & toiletries, for delivery to The Open Hearth Men's Shelter. Considering the challenges brought on by COVID isolation, we are so grateful for the many donations and helping hands that have made this year's mission a success. A special thanks to the girl scout troop led by Abby Williamson and Adam Fisher who filled 24 bags. And to Susan Gutierrez for managing the Pick-and-Pack effort. And to all of you who shopped our Amazon Wish List or dropped off donations at the church. And to the dentists who generously donated toothbrushes and toothpaste. THANK YOU!

If you still have Pick-and-Pack bags, a reminder that we will be manning a drop off at St. James's on Friday, November 13 and Saturday, November 14 from 9-11. You can also drop off your completed bags before then at St. James's during office hours.

The bags will be delivered to The Open Hearth the week of November 16, along with 2 big boxes of toiletries that will be kept at the shelter and distributed as needed.



## 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

### Moving Forward Update

*We continue to make plans for indoor worship together when it is safe to do so. This reminder update is meant to give you an idea of what is happening now, and what might happen next.*



**W**ORK continues to bring the St. James's community together in whatever ways are possible both now and into the future. Our driving goal is to provide for the spiritual life of all parishioners. Here is what we know:

For now we continue to have Morning prayer at home, which can be found on the homepage and in weekly email, and a YouTube video service each week. We will also continue to offer the Outside @10:00 spiritual eucharist on the Walden Street side of the church, weather permitting. We have also added Wednesday Morning Prayer via Zoom at 8am beginning November 4 with the Rev. Tim O'Leary. Look for the links in weekly emails or by going to the website. Click the Discipleship tab then Morning Prayer via Zoom. This schedule will continue until we have the ability to "live stream" church services, followed by CDC-regulated in-person services when that becomes safe. Once we get live streaming up and running, we will continue this as a regular offering. **This means anyone who cannot physically attend church for any reason will always be able to participate.**

| Now                                 | Later in the Fall     | When Safe          |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|
| Sunday YouTube Service & MP at Home | Live Streamed Service | In-Person          |
| Wed. MP at 8am                      |                       | Also Live Streamed |



That is a lot of information – here are some **Frequently Asked Questions** to clarify what we are planning:

#### **How can I go to church right now?**

Each Sunday there will be a YouTube video service and an outdoor spiritual eucharist offered at 10am. The videos remain on YouTube so you can watch or re-watch anytime you like. We have also added Wednesday Morning Prayer at 8am via Zoom. Links to these services can be found on the website and in weekly emails. Please look for the weekly emails for details and what is happening when.

#### **What is “live streaming”?**

Live streaming is not a recorded video, but a real-time video feed broadcast from the church during a live service. In the short-term these services will not include parishioners in attendance, but when that is determined to be safe, there will be in-person services that will also be live streamed for those who cannot attend.

#### **How do I access the live stream broadcast?**

When available, access will be as easy as going to our website and clicking on the Livestream button on the home page. There will be no need to navigate Zoom or Facebook or any other program. You can use a computer, laptop, tablet, phone, or any other device that can access the internet.

#### **Will I be able to watch these videos at a different time, after the service?**

Yes, these broadcasts will be recorded and available on YouTube after a brief delay. Perhaps the day after the service. Links will be available on the website for Livestream and YouTube services.

#### **When will it be “determined to be safe” to have in-person services?**

We do not have a specific date for in-person services. We will continue to monitor the public health situation and take steps slowly and carefully, erring on the side of safety and not rushing to meet any particular date. Please be patient as we make these decisions with great care and attention to detail.

#### **Are specific supplies needed before we can have services in-person?**

YES! We need Clorox disposable wipes, or any other equivalent non bleach-based wipes. Greatly appreciated donations may be dropped outside the cloister entrance to the building. Thank you!

#### **How will in-person services be different than they were before?**

There are several ways we know of, and likely some we have not figured out yet. We will follow all CDC guidelines for religious services. Precautions will include:

- **Communion:** In the near-term there will be no communion. The bishops have advised us not to have communion in its traditional sense and that seems prudent. Instead we will continue to use the service we have been using for the videos. It is an Adapted Version of Eucharistic Prayer B, for a time when gathering with bread and wine is not possible.
- **Symptom checks:** Please consider your health, and the health of your family members before you decide to attend church. If you have a fever, cough, have spent time recently where the virus is circulating, or have any condition that puts you at higher risk of contracting severe Covid-19, please choose not to attend in-person services. Live streaming will be available for anyone who cannot or should not attend services.
- **Music:** There will be no singing at services right now. Scientific studies have shown that singing increases the range that individuals project particles and has been a major factor in super-spreader events. Vaughn has been working with the Handbell Choir and continues to offer beautiful instrumental music for the online service and soon available livestream services.
- **Social distancing:** This will require limited (1 out of every 3 pews) and likely assigned seats. Ushers will direct you to the next available pew so that we can accommodate as many attendees as possible. Seating will start at the front of the church and move backwards. Please accept your seating assignment and any other direction from the ushers without question. They will be specially trained to keep everyone as safe as possible.
- **Face masks:** Face coverings will be required for all attendees. A dedicated group of parishioners has been busy sewing masks to provide to anyone who needs one. Please wear your own face covering if you have one available that works well for you.
- **Passing the Plate:** Offering plates will be placed at the entrance for donations. If you are one of the many parishioners paying your pledges by mail during these times, please continue to do so. If you have not tried this solution, please consider it. Contributions should be mailed to St. James's Episcopal Church, 19 Walden Street, West Hartford CT 06107.
- **Timing:** To allow for proper seating, we will ask you to arrive 15 minutes prior to service time. There will likely be only one service each Sunday.

St. James's Moving Forward Task Force

## Wednesday Morning Prayer

*Beginning November 4 at 8:00*

**W**E will now be offering Morning Prayer at 8 o'clock every Wednesday morning on Zoom! Here is the Zoom link:

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84540556178?pwd=VERYN29XWjJvYTh0UDNOZ3RpdIkvUT09>

Meeting ID: 845 4055 6178  
Passcode: 693330

You will find the page for Morning Prayer on the website by clicking the Discipleship tab then Morning Prayer via Zoom. It will also be included in the weekly emails. Please let Tim know ahead of time if you would like to be a reader for any service. (tim.st.james.assistant@gmail.com).

## Priscilla's Read-Alouds!

**H**ERE is a continuation of the children's book Read-Alouds we have been doing since the spring. Enjoy! A complete listing can be found on the website.

Somebody Loves You Mr. Hatch by Eileen Spinelli  
<https://youtu.be/03B8ZO-PAXl>

The Bad Seed by Jori John  
<https://youtu.be/FrniAlgPfXo>

Enemy Pie by Derek Munson  
<https://youtu.be/FWsCvTY7tpI>

Stand Tall Molly Lou Mellon by Patty Lovell  
<https://youtu.be/f75vCHWkhKE>

Ana and the Sea Star by R. Lynne Roelfs  
<https://youtu.be/sQlVAQ1IVvQ>

The Invisible Boy by Trudy Ludwig  
<https://youtu.be/y5CBnkE6xhU>

Spork by Kyo Mclrear  
<https://youtu.be/Kt9f3tgIRXg>

The Can Man by Laura E. Williams  
<https://youtu.be/EOLGmRlwAKE>

The Book with No Pictures by B.J. Novak  
<https://youtu.be/cmLq7KCcWUg>

The Day You Begin by Jacqueline Woodson  
<https://youtu.be/q1hCwFE4lVI>

Bring a Friend to Church 10

## Seamen's Church Institute

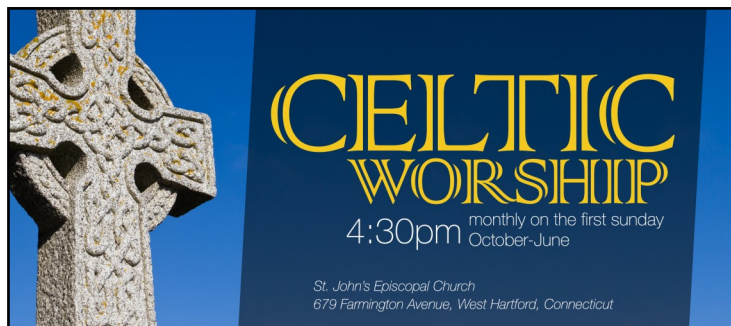
*Save Your Christmas Cards!*

**P**ACKAGES with knitting and other items continue to be delivered to the seamen despite the ongoing pandemic! So, we ask that you please continue to save your Christmas cards this year as they are always a lovely addition to each package. You may drop your cards off at the church anytime during parish office hours. Thank you!

## Men's Discussion Group

*Second and Fourth Saturdays*

**A**LL men of the parish and guests are invited to a discussion group on **Saturdays, November 14 and 28; December 12 and 26** beginning at 8:00am (Dec 26 is tentative). 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.



**C**ELTIC worship will be held on **Sunday, November 1** at 4:30 pm using Zoom, an interactive video and telephone conferencing tool. This month we will celebrate the theme "**Remembrance**" with a reflection, prayers, poetry, and music. Plus community sharing afterwards!

**You can use a desktop computer, a laptop computer, or a mobile device to join the video and audio of our service at this link:**

Join the Zoom Meeting -

By web: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82181672559>  
Meeting ID: 821 8167 2559

By telephone: 1 646 558 8656 US (New York)

## Celtic Contemplative Walk

*Sunday, November 15*

**When:** Sunday, November 15, 2020 we meet at 12:45 PM. We set off walking promptly at 1 PM and plan to return about 2 PM.

**Where:** Tanager Hill Preserve - Simsbury Land Trust - GPS address is 164 East Weatogue Street, Simsbury, CT. Park in the Tanager Hill Parking Lot of the Simsbury Land Trust. Celtic Community friends will be there to meet you. For detailed directions contact Wesley at [wesleywinterbottom@hotmail.com](mailto:wesleywinterbottom@hotmail.com).

**What to bring:** Rain gear as forecast may indicate. Appropriate foot gear for walking on trails through the woods, paths across fields, and a modest incline at the beginning of the walk. You may also wish to bring water and insect repellent.

**Who:** Wes Winterbottom of our Celtic Community will lead the group.

## Registry and Readings

### Baptisms

**Liam Robert Jacovino**  
Son of Eddie Jacovino &  
Liz Porter

### Deaths

**David Jackson**  
*September 15, 2020*

**Jan Bonner**  
*October 16, 2020*

**Tom Desmond**  
*October 19, 2020*

## Parish Birthdays

*Children and Youth*

### NOVEMBER

Jack Keough, 1  
Christine Waterman, 1  
John Kramer, 2  
Ian Sieklucki, 7  
Quinn Ciccone, 9  
Emily Jacovino, 9  
Chloe Lovin, 10  
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  
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, Walter, Frank, Elly, Chuck, David, Sue, Will, Ed, Tom, 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, Cathleen, Denise, Javier, Susan & Gordon, Kristine & Noel, Janet.

### Those Serving in the Military:

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

## Sunday Lectionary

### All Saints' Day, November 1

Revelation 7:9-17; Psalm 34:1-10, 22  
1 John 3:1-3; Matthew 5:1-12

### Twenty third Sunday after Pentecost, November 8

Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25; Psalm 78:1-7  
1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; Matthew 25:1-13

### Twenty fourth Sunday after Pentecost, November 15

Judges 4:1-7; Psalm 123  
1 Thessalonians 5:1-11; Matthew 25:14-30

### Christ the King, November 22

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24; Psalm 100  
Ephesians 1:15-23; Matthew 25:31-46

### Thanksgiving Day, November 26

Deuteronomy 8:7-18; Psalm 65  
2 Corinthians 9:6-15; Luke 17:11-19

### First Sunday of Advent, November 29

Isaiah 64:1-9; 1 Corinthians 1:3-9;  
Mark 13:24-37; Psalm 80:1-7, 16-18

### Second Sunday of Advent, December 6

Isaiah 40:1-11; 2 Peter 3:8-15a;  
Mark 1:1-8; Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13

### Third Sunday after Pentecost, December 13

Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11; 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24  
John 1:6-8, 19-28; Psalm 126; or Canticle 15 (or 3)

### Fourth Sunday of Advent, December 20

2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16; Romans 16:25-27; Luke 1:26-38  
Canticle 3 or Canticle 15 or Psalm 89:1-4, 19-26.

### 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

## November/December 2020

| Sunday   | Monday   | Tuesday  | Wednesday  | Thursday   | Friday  | Saturday   |
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| <b>1 All Saints' Day</b><br>9:00 AM KFC (Kids for Christ)—Via Zoom<br>10:00 AM Spiritual Eucharist                     | <b>2</b><br>7:00 AM AA Group - DR<br>6:30 PM EFM—PR  | <b>3/1</b><br>7:00 AM AA Group - DR  | <b>4/2</b><br>7:00 AM AA Group - DR<br>8:00 AM Morning Prayer via Zoom<br>5:15 PM Handbell Choir Rehearsal/Trebles—PH<br>7:00 PM Adult HB Choir Rehearsal—PH                                 | <b>5/3</b><br>7:00 AM AA Group - DR  | <b>6/4</b><br>7:00 AM AA Group - DR   | <b>7/5</b><br>9:00 AM Christmas Tree Sale  |
| <b>8/6</b><br>9:00 AM KFC (Kids for Christ)—Via Zoom<br>10:00 AM Spiritual Eucharist<br>12:00 PM Christmas Tree Sale   | <b>9/7</b><br>7:00 AM AA Group - DR<br>11:30 AM Serve for Loaves and Fishes<br>4:00 PM Christmas Tree Sale<br>6:30 PM EFM—PR | <b>10/8</b><br>7:00 AM AA Group - DR<br>4:00 PM Christmas Tree Sale                            | <b>11/9</b><br>7:00 AM AA Group - DR<br>8:00 AM Morning Prayer via Zoom<br>4:00 PM Christmas Tree Sale<br>5:15 PM Handbell Choir Rehearsal/Trebles—PH<br>7:00 PM Adult HB Choir Rehearsal—PH | <b>12/10</b><br>7:00 AM AA Group - DR<br>4:00 PM Christmas Tree Sale   | <b>13/11</b><br>7:00 AM AA Group - DR<br>4:00 PM Christmas Tree Sale<br>Stocking Stuffer Drop Off | <b>14/12</b><br>8:00 AM Men's Discussion Group - Virtual Meeting<br>9:00 AM Christmas Tree Sale<br>Stocking Stuffer Drop Off |
| <b>15/13</b><br>9:00 AM KFC (Kids for Christ)—Via Zoom<br>10:00 AM Spiritual Eucharist<br>12:00 PM Christmas Tree Sale | <b>16/14</b><br>7:00 AM AA Group - DR<br>11:30 AM Serve for Loaves and Fishes<br>6:30 PM EFM—PR                              | <b>17/15</b><br>7:00 AM AA Group - DR<br>7:00 PM Samaritans Group—PR<br>7:00 PM Vestry Meeting | <b>18/16</b><br>7:00 AM AA Group - DR<br>8:00 AM Morning Prayer via Zoom<br>5:15 PM Handbell Choir Rehearsal/Trebles—PH<br>7:00 PM Adult HB Choir Rehearsal—PH                               | <b>19/17</b><br>7:00 AM AA Group - DR<br>10:00 AM FOODSHARE  | <b>20/18</b><br>7:00 AM AA Group - DR   | <b>21/19</b>   |
| <b>22/20</b><br>9:00 AM KFC (Kids for Christ)—Via Zoom<br>10:00 AM Spiritual Eucharist                                 | <b>23/21</b><br>7:00 AM AA Group - DR<br>6:30 PM EFM—PR  | <b>24/22</b><br>7:00 AM AA Group - DR  | <b>25/23</b><br>7:00 AM AA Group - DR<br>8:00 AM Morning Prayer via Zoom<br>5:15 PM Handbell Choir Rehearsal/Trebles—PH<br>7:00 PM Adult HB Choir Rehearsal—PH                               | <b>26/24</b><br>Parish Office Closed<br>Thanksgiving Day<br>Christmas Eve<br>Virtual Christmas Pageant!<br>7:00 AM AA Group - DR | <b>27/25</b><br>Parish Office Closed<br>Christmas Day<br>7:00 AM AA Group - DR                    | <b>28/26</b><br>8:00 AM Men's Discussion Group - Virtual Meeting (tentative)   |
| <b>29/27</b><br>9:00 AM KFC (Kids for Christ)—Via Zoom<br>10:00 AM Spiritual Eucharist                                 | <b>30/28</b><br>Parish Office Closed<br>7:00 AM AA Group - DR<br>6:30 PM EFM—PR  | <b>29</b><br>7:00 AM AA Group - DR   | <b>30</b><br>7:00 AM AA Group - DR<br>8:00 AM Morning Prayer via Zoom  | <b>31</b><br>New Year's Eve<br>Parish Office Closed<br>7:00 AM AA Group - DR   |   |  |



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