



the OPEN DOOR

news from St. James's

From the Rector's Desk

Abundance and Gratitude

Dear Members of the St. James's Community,

The theme of the 2023 stewardship appeal is "Abundance and Gratitude." As we reset as a community, this is a time to reflect on the abundant blessings at St. James's and in our lives and to give thanks. For years, the generosity and faithfulness of so many have allowed the parish to support inspiring worship, music, pastoral care, Christian formation, and mission/outreach work. This year, we know that you will join us in responding with the same dedication. Due to the realities of the past couple of years, the parish finds itself facing a unique budget challenge that is our opportunity to make a statement rooted in gratitude.

Through recent disruptions in our common life, some families and individuals drifted away and have not returned, which has impacted parish finances. At the same time, we are welcoming new members of all ages. As we build for the future of St. James's, we continue to invest in children's programs, mission, and fellowship. We have also made staffing decisions to hire a new Assistant Rector and create the position of Associate for Music and Education. From life-giving preaching and music to transformative teaching and outreach, the ministry of these staff members benefits all of us in countless ways. If we are going to answer God's call to celebrate and serve the Good News of Jesus Christ, we need to be able to support all of these commitments.

Consider our abundant blessings. With gratitude, please give to the fullest measure that your situation allows us to ensure that our St. James's family continues to thrive, grow, and serve God and God's people. We hope to see 100% parish participation in our stewardship program. Be prayerful. Be thoughtful. Be generous. As you figure out what you are being called to give, ask how you can offer thanks to God in the spirit of "Abundance and Gratitude." Stewardship is how we use the blessings that God has given us to carry out God's work in the world.

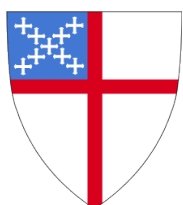
To make a pledge for 2023 please visit stjwh.org/pledge or use this QR code to submit an online pledge as quickly as possible so we can be confident in our moving forward with the exciting plans to celebrate our abundant gifts in 2023.

Thank you for your faithful generosity,

The Rev. Bob Hooper, Rector



Mr. Ted Newton, Sr. Warden

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

Nov/Dec 2022

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Highlights in Nov/Dec

- **Sunday, Nov 6** All Saints' service followed by Stewardship Brunch, 10am (no 8am service)
- **Saturday, Nov 12** Auction & Dinner in the Parish Hall, 6pm
- **Sunday, Nov 20** Farmington Valley Chorale Concert, 4pm
- **Thursday, Nov 24** Thanksgiving Day Holy Eucharist, 10am
- **Sunday, Nov 27** Christmas Bag Mission Project, 11am
- **Thursday, Dec 1** Nativity Walk, 5:30pm
- **Dec 3-11** Christmas Tree Sale
- **Sunday, Dec 4** Advent Lessons & Carols Service, 10am /Christmas Caroling, 5pm
- **Saturday, Dec 10** CONCORA Concert, 3pm
- **Friday, Dec 16** WH Women's Chorale Concert, 7:30pm
- **Sunday, Dec 18** St. James's Christmas Concert, 4pm
- **Christmas Eve & Day Schedule** (inside)

Services are livestreamed every Sunday. Sign up for weekly emails to receive links and more information.

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From the Assistant Rector

DEAR St. James's Family,

After my first two months with you, I can say this: I love how we gather at the table. From the annual picnic in the community garden to the Women of St. James's lunch to sandwich-making on Sundays, it's clear that this is a community committed to following Jesus Christ's way of love – and his way of food.

During my recent coffee hour series "I Was Hungry: Theological Reflections on Food, Justice, and Mission," I talked about why it is hard to conceive of Jesus' ministry without food. It is at the table that our savior not only invites our community to be part of God's transformative story but calls on us to welcome the stranger, feed the hungry, and love our neighbors. Our faith is grounded in the community made by Christ who feeds us, and who calls us to feed others.

Christians often hold up water and light as the quintessential elements of Jesus' presence. But in the Gospel of Luke, which has provided the lectionary heart of this year's worship, references to eating and food are far more pervasive ingredients. The Jesus of Luke seems to be always going to a meal, at a meal, or coming from a meal. In fact, Luke contains 10 significant meals where Jesus presents a big helping of teachings about God's radical, countercultural love.

As we prepare our hearts and tables for the upcoming holiday meals, I wanted to offer these three meditations on food and faith. Hopefully, they will nourish your prayer life during Advent.

- **"Jesus said to them, 'I am the bread of life.'"** – **John 6:35**. As Episcopalians, we believe that when we approach the Lord's Table together, we should be [reflective, repentant, and "in love and charity with other people."](#) With that in mind, take a moment to reflect on what the Holy Eucharist means to you? How do you approach the table? How does the Lord's Supper nourish you to put your hands on the plow to do God's good work? From Oregon to South India to Ghana to Connecticut, my work with feeding ministries has made me realize that God's mission doesn't invite the poor, the forgotten and the hungry to join us at the table. Rather, in God's mission, we have the privilege of joining them as they sit with Jesus. The Eucharist at its most profound leads us into feeding the hungry. I am in awe at how at Jesus' most harrowing hour, he offered us a meal. When you are fed with the spiritual food of Christ's sacrifice, made present in the bread and wine, how are you being called to feed the most vulnerable among us?
- **"Feed my sheep."** Find a few minutes to read [John 21](#), where the resurrected Christ waits, making breakfast for the disciples on the sea shore. "Come and have breakfast," Jesus says to them as they come ashore after a frustrating night of fishing. I love that breakfast invitation. It's spiritual comfort food -- a peanut butter and jelly sandwich for the soul. Jesus then turns to Simon Peter and asks the disciple three times if he loves him. "Of course I do," Simon Peter says. "Feed my lambs," Jesus responds. "Feed my sheep." The call for the church to feed the hungry as part of God's dream for us cannot be any clearer. When you read it, what word or phrase speaks to you? How does the text comfort you? How does it challenge you? Let the words live through you as an expression of the love that you have for Jesus.
- **"And remember, I am with you always."** – **Matthew 28:20**. Take time at a meal, either during the grace before you eat or silently during the meal, to invite the Holy Spirit to dine with you. When we give thanks at a meal, we're remembering that God is in the midst of us. We're also expressing gratitude for our abundance. We are also asking to be guided. How will you show the infinite reach of God's loving embrace to those in need as an expression of your meal-time prayers? You can also connect the creation story of Genesis to the coffee beans in your morning coffee or the apple you eat for a snack. As Zen master Thich Nhat Hanh wrote of a grain of rice, "one second of mindfulness and concentration allows us to see that this grain contains the whole world—the rain, the cloud, the Earth, time, space, farmers. Everything." Every bite of food reminds us that God's act of creation is still ongoing and giving us life. How are we going to be part of that life-giving story by putting food on the table of hungry families and fighting the root causes of food insecurity in our community?

Let me know if you would like to talk further about any of these reflections. I thank God that we are walking together and reflecting on these questions of mission together. You are in my prayers.

Joe +

St. James's Center for Family Ministries



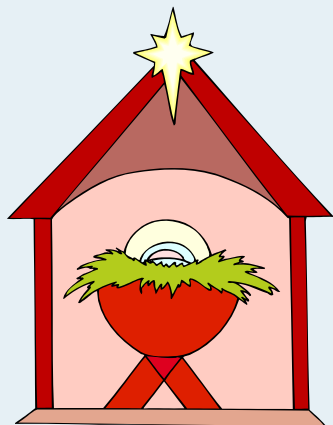
*Nurturing your children's
spiritual life from birth
through high school*

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

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

Nativity Walk Thursday, December 1 from 5:30 to 6pm

*Outdoors on the front lawn
of St. James's in conjunction
with the West Hartford
Holiday Stroll!*



THERE is so much going on here at St. James's, I am not sure where to start! October was full of fun things for kids including Mondays, Music & More (3Ms) where we painted with spaghetti, plastic forks and shaving cream. At Kids for Christ (KFC) on Sunday morning, we continued our study of the Parables of Jesus. There was an intergenerational book group on the graphic novel, *When Stars are Scattered* by Victoria Jamieson and Omar Mohamed, AND youth group that evening! A special thank you to Abby Waterman who helped organize the games for youth group.

Coming in November, there is more 3Ms on November 7, 14 and 28. No class on November 21 for our Thanksgiving break. In KFC on Sunday morning, we will learn some classic Old Testament lessons, Abraham and Sarah, the Prophets, Esther, and David and Goliath. Coming in Advent to KFC is the study of the themes of Hope, Peace, Love, and Joy. On Sunday, November 20, we will have another Youth Group Games Night from 5:30 to 7. I hope you come to some or all of these fun activities.

Just like last year, on Thursday, December 1, we will participate in the Chamber of Commerce's Holiday Stroll! This is a great opportunity to reach out to the greater West Hartford community with what I call an outdoor progressive live nativity. The way it will work: we will have four different scenes that groups will visit, led by a guide that tell them the story as they go. The last scene will be what pageant enthusiasts call the "tableau" or the scene in the manger with Mary, Joseph, Baby Jesus, the animals and all!

I will be reaching out to some of our middle and high school age kids to see who is able to be some of the major parts in the Nativity Walk. I am excited to do this again this year as it was so well attended last year. Mark your calendars and plan to attend!

I am super excited to announce that the singers from 3Ms will be singing on Christmas Eve at the 5:00 service. This will be such a treat to hear our youngest singers joyfully proclaiming the birth of Christ! We will have 3Ms on Monday, December 5 as usual, from 4 to 5:30. On Monday, December 12 and 19, we will meet from 4 to 5 with just the music portion, preparing us for singing on Christmas Eve. There will be no 3Ms on December 26 or January 2.

Also in December, there will be Caroling with the Youth Group on Sunday, December 4 from 5 to 6:30. We will go caroling for about an hour around the church neighborhood then come back for hot chocolate and cookies. This is open to anyone in the congregation who would like to carol. Please join us.

So, that gets us to January! In January we have a hymn sing on MLK Sunday, January 15, which will feature the 3M Singers, and there will be more KFC and youth group as well!

As always, I keep you and your families in my prayers. I am so happy that I get to learn and grow with our younger parishioners every week. Thank you for sharing them with me!

Your sister in Christ,

From the Associate for Education & Music

Lo, He Comes With Cloud Descending: Advent in Word and Music

ADVENT is really two seasons in one: It is a season of expectant anticipation as we prepare for the arrival of our long-awaited Savior among us, yet it is equally a season of watching and listening for Christ's ultimate return as the one who will restore all in all. Uniting these two Advents is an atmosphere of reflection, of longing, of boundless hope, and of incipient peace. We reflect this atmosphere in the season's anthems, hymns and carols. This article offers a playlist for advent that ranges from Renaissance polyphony to contemporary carols.

First Advent

•Sandström: *Lo, how a rose e'er blooming* <https://youtu.be/86-ulHbApOM>

Contemporary Swedish composer Jan Sandström creates a shimmering, ecstatic, quasi-orchestral effect in this setting of the well-known 16th-Century carol. Working with the original harmonies, he adds continuous layers of sound as the soprano soars up to the carol's end, evoking both the holy infant and the one who bore for us this "flower, whose fragrance with sweetness fills the air."

•Bach: *Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland* <https://youtu.be/K2ANMpDoRow>

Bach invites us into the dark, into the hush and into a posture of reverence, reflection and awe. In this organ setting, Bach poignantly decorates the minor-hued melody that moves ever upward in its longing, in its pleading and in its hope.

•Gibbons: *This Is The Record of John* <https://youtu.be/a9pE5vrgBHQ>

English composer Orlando Gibbons wrote at the peak of the musical Renaissance, a time known for delight in the word. English translations of scripture were a new and welcome phenomenon. Is Gibbons delighting in a bit of Renaissance wordplay as he sets the word "plainly" anything but plainly? He sure is! His point is to underscore the Baptist's role in preparing the way for the One who has come, the one who will exalt every valley and make every rough place smooth.

•Mendelssohn: *Ave Maria* <https://youtu.be/LPJ5OvxhEcq>

This lush setting of the Elizabeth's prophetic words to Mary combines grace and beauty with, in its middle section, a palpable sense of Advent hope and urgency.

Second Advent

•Thomas Tallis: *Audi, media nocte* <https://youtu.be/TMuUZ1wNv3w>

This hauntingly beautiful motet alternates flowing sections for full four-part choir with an ancient chant. This gives the work a timelessness and a certain austerity that echoes the words of Jesus that traditionally open the Advent season: "Keep awake! Be ready. Watch and wait."

•Bach: *Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme* <https://youtu.be/EzicPeW7GFO>

Somehow, Bach manages the impossible in this music, offering a sense of peace and longing yet at the same time an air of majesty, of expectancy, of preparation, of welcome — of all that is still to come as we await Christ's promised return and the kingdom joy and peace he brings.

•Lo, He Comes With Clouds Descending <https://youtu.be/z2j3rGfoLCA>

The great hymn of advent beautifully weaves images of the first Advent together with the second as we both remember Jesus' sacrificial love and await his return "on clouds descending" and his glorious, "endless reign."

Best wishes and abundant blessings in this holy season.

Alan

EDUCATION



AND MUSIC

Important Dates

Sunday, November 6

All Saints' Service with full choir followed by Stewardship Brunch, 10am

Sunday, December 4

Advent Lesson & Carols Service, 10am

Sunday, December 18

Christmas Concert with the St. James's Choir, 4pm

Saturday, December 24

Christmas Eve

Holy Eucharist with Children's Choir, 5pm

Music Prelude, 9:30pm

Choral Eucharist, 10pm

Jubilate Deo!

O be joyful in the Lord all ye lands;
serve the Lord with gladness and come before his presence with a song. *Psalms 100:1*



St. James's Christmas Concert: Sunday, December 18 at 4:00

Tchaikovsky's *Nutcracker*, Vaughan Williams' *Greensleeves* and much more!

THE choirs of St. James's are excited to offer a rich array of music for the season in a concert on Sunday afternoon, December 18, at 4:00. The program will include music for two pianos, music for violin, *a cappella* Christmas classics, traditional carols with organ, and the reading of beloved seasonal poems.

This article is a "sneak peek" with a glimpse at the musical delights we have planned along with notes on the program. Read on, and be sure to reserve tickets for you, your family and friends. They will be available on Sundays and in the office starting in November and will cost just \$10.

Suite from "Nutcracker" by Peter Ilyich Tchaikovsky

The concert begins with a suite of pieces from Tchaikovsky's ballet score *Nutcracker*, perhaps the ultimate Christmas classic. Pianists Alan Murchie and Thomas Tarutin will play the work in its two-piano version at two beautiful Steinways: a black model A and a brown model L. The suite includes the *Dance of the Flowers*, *Trepak*, *March*, *Dance of the Mirlitons*, *Dance of the Sugar-Plum Fairy*, and more.

The story is well known: A young girl is given a fanciful toy nutcracker in the shape of a small man by her godfather at a family tree-decorating party. After going to bed, the girl thinks of the nutcracker and slips downstairs to see and hold it again. It springs to life as a handsome young prince, who whisks the girl off to his homeland, which is a child's delight filled with confections and whimsy.

Interestingly, Tchaikovsky didn't think much of the story and was ready to decline a request to set it as a ballet. What changed his mind? Most poignantly, it was the death of his beloved sister that changed his mind as this rather slender tale became for him a rich celebration of childhood and the magical world that children so naturally see and inhabit. Children, and in particular one very imaginative, open-hearted young girl (who may well stand for his sister) stand at the very center of this story. They are its heartbeat, and that was rare in its time.



Fantasia on "Greensleeves" by Ralph Vaughan Williams

John Kramer will play this celebrated, beautiful work by the great English composer who wrote so much for the church. We associate the tune with the Christmas poem "What child is this who, laid to rest on Mary's lap, is sleeping?" It's a quintessential English melody that, in its misty and grey-hued modality, evokes the simplicity of a countryside vignette while seeming to suggest and evoke something more: the baby who lies in such "mean estate" is none other than the incarnate God, a newborn king inviting "loving hearts" to enthrone him.

Carols by Mendelssohn, Rutter, Harold Darke, and many more

Finally, of course, the centerpiece of the concert is the choir's offering of beautiful, beloved carols both old and new, some with organ, some *a cappella*; all offering us a glimpse into the heart of the ultimate mystery of God's birth among us as one of us, born, as the carol *Hark! the herald angels sing* tells us so poignantly, "to raise the sons of earth; born to give us second birth." Don't miss it!

Alan

Advent Lessons & Carols

Service at 10am

4 December 2022

We Invite you to celebrate the most beautiful time of the year with us on Sunday, Dec 4 with an Advent Lessons & Carols Service w/Eucharist. Come and experience the peace and joy of Advent!

NO 8:00 SERVICE



ST. JAMES'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
1018 FARMINGTON AVENUE
WEST HARTFORD CENTER
WWW.STJAMESWH.ORG

CHRISTMAS AT ST. JAMES'S

CHRISTMAS EVE, SATURDAY, DEC 24

HOLY EUCHARIST WITH CHILDREN'S CHOIR, 5PM

MUSIC PRELUDE, 9:30PM

CHORAL EUCHARIST, 10PM

CHRISTMAS DAY, SUNDAY, DEC 25

HOLY EUCHARIST WITH CAROLS, 10AM



St. James's Episcopal Church
1018 Farmington Avenue, West Hartford Center
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ST. JAMES'S

Christmas

CONCERT

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18
4:00PM

TCHAIKOVSKY'S SUITE FROM "NUTCRACKER"

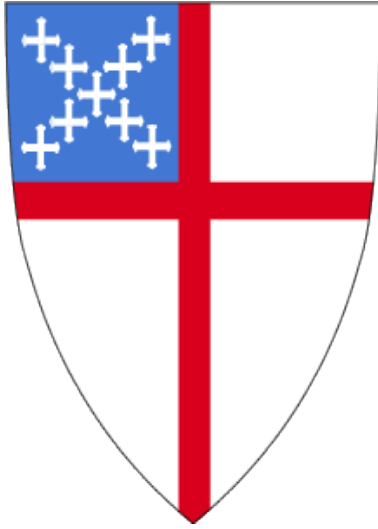
FANTASIA ON "GREENSLEEVES" BY R. VAUGHAN WILLIAMS

CAROLS BY MENDELSSOHN, RUTTER, DARKE & MORE...

1018 Farmington Avenue
West Hartford Center



Tickets: \$10
860-521-9620



Treasurer's Report: January—September 2022

Summary of Current Position: The church ended September with a deficit relative to budget of more than \$50,000. As of the end of August, the budget was in a deficit position of 47,000. The items driving the deficit continue to be pledges that have come in slower than expected and higher than projected property and personnel expenses.

Income & Expense Summary:

Category	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	YTD Variance
Income (+)	\$594,311	612,369	18,058 Below plan
Expense (-)	654,305	621,420	32,885 Above plan
<i>Net</i>	(59,994)	-9,051	50,943 Negative variance to budget

Income: Year-to-date (YTD) actual income is \$18,058 below budget (or 2.9% below budget). At the end of August, income was 2.6% below budget. The following components impacted the income position through the end of September: Regular Contributions (Current-Year Pledges, Prior-Year Pledges, Seasonal Offerings and Unspecified Offerings) are \$27,103 below their \$425,736 budget (or 6.4% below budget). Current-Year Pledges, the largest item in this category are \$24,000 below budget. At the end of August, Current Year Pledges were \$22,600 below budget. During the first couple of weeks of October, pledges were received which will help to close this gap. Contribution statements will also be sent.

Expense: YTD expenses are currently \$32,516, or 5.3%, above budget. As of the end of August, expenses were 5.9% above budget. The two expense items impacting the results continue to be the Property and Personnel categories:

Property: Currently \$18,337 above its \$93,776 budget. The Gas bill is \$8,800 higher than budgeted on a year-to-date basis and has exceeded its full year budget. As mentioned in prior reports, this is due to higher costs after the expiration of our gas contract with Direct Energy. General Maintenance and Repair is \$2,500 above budget (down slightly from the figure as of the end of August), electric is \$2,000 higher than projected, and Property & Liability Insurance is almost \$5,500 above budget. **Personnel:** Is \$10,715 above budget.

Vestry Nominations 2023

THE 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: Jerrod Bowman, Doug Compton, Ruth Mitman, and Loretta Waldman. 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 22, 2023**. Nominations not submitted as set forth will not be allowed from the floor at the annual meeting.

Mission

Hartford Catholic Worker Food Pantry

ST. JAMES'S is currently asking for bi-weekly donations for the following items for the Hartford Catholic Worker: tuna fish, mayo, peanut butter, jelly, pasta sauce, bags or boxes of pasta, canned soup, and canned beans (black, red, pinto, etc.). Donations can be left at the cloister door Monday through Friday 9:30a-4p. If you are dropping off after hours, please place donations in the rubber bin in front of the cloister door! Monetary donations are also accepted to help purchase these items. Just note "HCW Food Pantry" in memo line.

Christmas Gifts for Parkville Children

ONCE again, St. James's will be assisting Grace Episcopal Church, Hartford by purchasing Christmas gifts for the children of Parkville. At the end of October, we received the names of families who use the Food Pantry at Grace. Each family listed the names and ages of their children plus a 'Wish List' of gifts from each child. Members of St. James's purchase a couple of gifts for each child and return them unwrapped to the church. They will be delivered to Grace Church for distribution. This is a wonderful outreach ministry that is easy to do and means so much to so many. Please contact Ruth Mitman if you are able to help. Phone: 860-561-1594; Email: mitmangroup@comcast.net.

Christmas Bags

Collection of men's socks and toiletries

HELP MAKE a difference this Christmas season for the men at area shelters. St. James's Outreach has been collecting warm socks and toiletries for these men in the Hartford area since 1989. During the month of November we continue to collect men's socks and toiletries for this mission project. Join us on **The First Sunday of Advent, November 27** after the 9:30 service to help fill the bags with toiletries and other goodies. This mission project is greatly appreciated as your Christmas bags are often the only holiday gift these men will receive.

Here is a list of what we need:

Men's heavy boot socks (no dress socks), travel-size shaving cream (3 oz), travel-size shampoo (3 oz), travel-size deodorant, travel-size toothpaste, small combs, chapstick, disposable razors, and bars of soap. Items can be found at good prices at Target, The Dollar Store, or online at Amazon. Your purchases can be either delivered (if you purchase online) or brought to the church. We could also use some candy canes to add an additional holiday touch to the socks. Thank you for your generous support.



Poinsettia Plant Sale

Sunday, December 11



DOUg Compton will have poinsettia's this year for purchase on **Sunday, December 11** after both services. There will be 4", 6", and 8" pots. They sell out quickly so plan ahead. Proceeds benefit the St. James's Feeding Ministry.

Around the Parish

All Saints' Sunday & Stewardship Brunch

November 6 at 10:00



WE will celebrate the Feast of All Saints' on **Sunday, November 6** with one service at 10am. There will be no 8:00 service this day. Our Stewardship Brunch will be held afterwards in the parish hall. Please bring your pledge cards with you that day, if you are able. Let us come together and celebrate the generosity that is St. James's. All are welcome! **Note:** Daylight Saving Time Ends on November 6. Set your clocks back one hour on Saturday, November 5.

St. James's Auction

Buy tickets at Coffee Hours and in the Parish Office:

\$40 for single tickets

\$350 for VIP table of 8 with early entry

Please Donate Auction Items by Nov 1

See Judith Stahl for more info -- jbstahl4@gmail.com



**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 6PM
PARISH HALL**

Wednesday Morning Eucharist

Every Week at 7:00am in the Chapel

HOLY Eucharist is celebrated every Wednesday morning in the chapel at 7:00 followed by breakfast in the parish room. We hope to see you there!

Thanksgiving Day Eucharist

Thursday, November 24 at 10am

WE will celebrate Thanksgiving Day with Holy Eucharist at 10am in the chapel on **November 24**. Let us gather on this day in celebration and thanksgiving for all of God's many blessings!



NATIVITY WALK
AT ST. JAMES'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

As a part of the holiday stroll, join us for a four-scene outdoor nativity walk. A new way to experience the Nativity

DECEMBER 1. 5:30 TO 6 P.M
1018 FARMINGTON AVENUE
WWW.STJAMESWH.ORG

Fall Cleanup

Saturday, November 12

THIS year's fall cleanup of the outdoor grounds will take place on **Saturday, November 12** beginning at 9:30am. Rain date is November 19. Please bring a blower if you have one, rakes and gloves. Please lend a hand if you are able.

Coffee Hour Forums

Sundays at 11am

December 4 and 11

"The Spirituality of Advent"

The Rev. Alan Murchie will lead a discussion on the blessed season of Advent. All are encouraged to attend.

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



Christmas Caroling

**Join us for Christmas Caroling
in the neighborhood!**

**When: Sunday, December 4
at 5:00 pm**

We will meet at church and carol around the neighborhood. Weather permitting, we will have hot chocolate on the Walden St. porch after caroling

This event is sponsored by the youth group, but open to the entire congregation.

Please RSVP to Priscilla at Prisahoopergmail.com



ST. JAMES'S WEST HARTFORD

Christmas Cookie Sale!

Support St James's by purchasing a Christmas Cookie Tin. Each tin container is filled with 24+ assorted holiday-cookie favorites made by a team of St. James's bakers and is artfully packaged. These make wonderful gifts! The tins cost \$25 and can be pre-ordered on Sundays, Nov. 13, 20 and 27 in the Parish Hall after both services. Cookie pickup will be on Sunday, Dec. 18 after both services. Pre-ordering and payment at the time of order (cash, check or credit card) is required. Questions? Please contact Heidi Rose at rosefamily@gmail.com.



Celtic Worship

November 6 and December 4

EXPERIENCE worship in the Celtic tradition every first Sunday of the month from October through June at 4:30pm. Chant, silence, prayer, and music from around the world are incorporated into the service. Our next meeting will be held on **Sunday, November 6 indoors at Hartford International University, 77 Sherman Street, Hartford, CT.** All are welcome! On November 6 we will celebrate "Sacred Feminine: St. Brigid of Kildaire," with a reflection, prayers, poetry, and music. Plus, community sharing afterwards! There is no Zoom offering for this

Men's Discussion Group

Second and Fourth Saturdays

A group of men from Saint James's Church and a few from other churches meet twice monthly on the second and fourth Saturdays for an hour and a bit more beginning at 8:00 AM 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, November 12 and 26; December 10.** Light refreshments are served. Daniel Dollar chairs the group. If you are interested, contact him at danielmdollar@gmail.com for more information.

Christmas Flowers

GIVE 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 can be found in the narthex and front of the church, the cloister, and in the chapel beginning **Sunday, November 27.** Please return your envelopes to the parish office no later than **Monday, December 20.** A list of those loved ones so honored or remembered will be included in the Christmas bulletins.

Greening of the Church

CALLING 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 **Friday, December 23 at 9am.** Your help is very much appreciated!

Holiday Parish Office Closings

THE parish office will be closed **Thursday and Friday, Nov 24 and 25 for Thanksgiving; and closed Monday and Tuesday, Dec 26 and 27, and Friday, Dec 30 for Christmas.** Parish office will be open Wednesday and Thursday, December 28 and 29 from 9am to noon.

2022 Annual Reports

ANNUAL reports are due in by **Thursday, January 5, 2023!** All reports will be bound together in one booklet for distribution for the annual meeting to be held on **Sunday, January 22, 2023** following the 9:30 service. Please email your reports to the parish office at info@stjameswh.org. Annual Reports will be available one week before annual meeting on Sunday, January 15.

*St. James's
West Hartford...*

Christmas Tree Sale

DECEMBER 3-11, 2022

MON-FRI | 4-7 PM

SAT | 9 AM-6 PM

SUN | 12-6 PM

**Accepting cash, check,
credit cards, and Venmo**

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Registry and Readings

Baptisms

Laila Marie Chacra—September 18, 2022
Daughter of Robii Abouchacra & Natalie Gioscio

Eve Elizabeth Brzozowski—October 9, 2022
Daughter of Neil and Cassie Brzozowski

Thomas Henry Baier—October 30, 2022
Son of Kevin and Kaelea Tewksbury

Hazel Shelton Dellaripa—October 30, 2022
Daughter of Christopher & Michaela Dellaripa

Lora Damon Giuffrida—October 30, 2022
Daughter of Jeffrey Giuffrida & Lydia Damon

Wrenly Leo Ernest-Jones—October 30, 2022
Son of Nate & Laurie Ernest-Jones

Parish Birthdays

Children and Youth

NOVEMBER

Jack Keough, 1
Christine Waterman, 1
John Kramer, 2
Quinn Ciccone, 9
Emily Jacovino, 9
Chloe Lovin, 10
Jude Reynolds, 10
Violet Long, 11
Lara Swales, 11
Brayden Tyler, 14
Meadow Tweedie, 20
Trey Keating, 24



DECEMBER

Wrenly Ernest-Jones, 3
Lewis Baier, 4
Laurel Raissian, 4
Ethan Sheldon, 8
Joshua Campbell, 10
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, Frank, Elly, Chuck, Sue, Will, Tom, Chris.

Those in our extended parish family

Jenifer, Nancy, Jeff, Carol, Christina, Jean, Jeff, Karen, David, Quinn, Joanie, Teresa, Audra, Ann, Patricia, Carrie, John & Rita, Tavern, Mohan, Larry, Barbara, Hudson, Guy, Stephen, Clark, Sydney, Clare, Leo, Denise, Javier, Susan & Gordon, Kristine & Noel, Janet, Annelise, Sue & Claudia, Larry, Gretchen, Denise, Jocelyn, Forrest.

Those Serving in the Military:

Andrew Clark, Ed Vera, and Justin Hagemann.

Deaths

Norman Kayser
Sept 5, 2022

Sunday Lectionary

All Saints' Sunday, November 6

Daniel 7:1-3,15-18; Psalm 149
Ephesians 1:11-23; Luke 6:20-31

Twenty Third Sunday after Pentecost, November 13

Isaiah 65:17-25; Canticle 9
2 Thessalonians 3:6-13; Luke 21:5-19

Christ the King, November 20

Jeremiah 23:1-6; Canticle 16
Colossians 1:11-20; Luke 23:33-43

First Sunday of Advent, November 27

Isaiah 2:1-5; Romans 13:11-14
Matthew 24:36-44; Psalm 122

Second Sunday of Advent, December 4

Isaiah 11:1-10; Romans 15:4-13
Matthew 3:1-12; Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19

Third Sunday of Advent, December 11

Isaiah 35:1-10; James 5:7-10
Matthew 11:2-11; Psalm 146:4-9 or Canticle 15

Fourth Sunday of Advent, December 18

Isaiah 7:10-16; Romans 1:1-7
Matthew 1:18-25; Psalm 80:1-7, 16-18

Christmas Eve and Day, December 24 & 25

Isaiah 9:2-7; Titus 2:11-14
Luke 2:1-14(15-20); Psalm 96

The Holy Name, January 1

Numbers 6:22-27; Galatians 4:4-7;
Luke 2:15-21; Psalm 8

Women Of St. James's

November/December



Tuesday, November 1

Luncheon hosted by Cindy Welch
Program: Hosting a WOSJ Luncheon—A Refresher

Tuesday, November 15

Harvest Buffett Luncheon
Please bring a dish to share

Tuesday, November 29

Please bring a bag lunch (*dessert and beverage provided*)

Tuesday, December 13

Holiday Buffet Luncheon
Please bring a dish to share

Holiday Hiatus: December 27

November

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 All Saints' Day 7:00 AM AA Group - DR 10:00 AM AA Group—DR 12:00 PM WOSJ Luncheon—DR	2 7:00 AM AA Group - DR 7:00 AM Holy Eucharist—Chapel 10:00 AM AA Group—DR	3 7:00 AM AA Group - DR 10:00 AM AA Group—DR	4 7:00 AM AA Group - DR Diocesan Convention	5 7:00 PM AA Group—DR Diocesan Convention
6 All Saints' Sunday Daylight Saving Time Ends 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist, Rite II w/ Livestream—Church (no 8am service) 10:00 AM KFC (Kids for Christ) - PH 11:30 AM 200 Identical Sandwiches 11:30 AM Stewardship Brunch 4:30 PM Celtic Worship	7 7:00 AM AA Group - DR 10:00 AM AA Group - DR 4:00 PM Monday Music & More—CR 6:30 PM EfM—PR	8 7:00 AM AA Group - DR	9 7:00 AM AA Group - DR 7:00 AM Holy Eucharist—Chapel 5:30 PM B&G Choir 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal—CR	10 7:00 AM AA Group - DR 10:00 AM AA Group—DR Auction Setup	11 7:00 AM AA Group - DR Auction Setup	12 No AA 8:00 AM Men's Discussion Group - PR 9:30 AM Fall Cleanup 6:00 PM Dinner & Auction—PH
13 8:00 AM Holy Eucharist, Rite II—Chapel 9:30 AM Holy Eucharist, Rite II w/ Livestream—Church 9:30 AM KFC (Kids for Christ) - PH 11:00 AM 200 Identical Sandwiches 11:00 AM Prepare for Loaves and Fishes 11:00 AM Coffee Hour —PH	14 7:00 AM AA Group - DR 10:00 AM AA Group - DR 4:00 PM Monday Music & More—CR 6:30 PM EfM—PR 11:30 AM Serve for Loaves and Fishes	15 7:00 AM AA Group - DR 12:00 WOSJ Luncheon—DR 7:00 PM Vestry Meeting	16 7:00 AM AA Group - DR 7:00 AM Holy Eucharist—Chapel 10:30 AM Holy Eucharist—McAuley 5:30 PM B&G Choir 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal—CR	17 7:00 AM AA Group - DR 10:00 AM AA Group -DR 10:00 AM FOODSHARE	18 7:00 AM AA Group - DR 7:00 PM FVC Rehearsal—Church	19 7:00 PM AA Group—DR 2:00 PM FVC Rehearsal—Church
20 8:00 AM Holy Eucharist, Rite II—Chapel 9:30 AM Holy Eucharist, Rite II & Livestream—Church 9:30 AM KFC (Kids for Christ) - PH 11:00 AM 200 Identical Sandwiches 11:00 AM Coffee Hour—PH 4:00 PM Farmington Valley Chorale Concert—Church 5:30 PM Youth Group Event	21 7:00 AM AA Group - DR 10:00 AM AA Group - DR 6:30 PM EfM—PR	22 7:00 AM AA Group - DR	23 7:00 AM AA Group - DR 7:00 AM Holy Eucharist—Chapel 5:30 PM B&G Choir 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal—CR	24 Thanksgiving Day Parish Office Closed 7:00 AM AA Group - DR 10:00 AM AA Group—DR 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist—Chapel	25 Parish Office Closed 7:00 AM AA Group - DR 5:00 PM Fourth Friday Family Night—Fernridge Park	26 8:00 AM Men's Discussion Group - PR 7:00 PM AA Group—DR
27 Advent I 8:00 AM Holy Eucharist, Rite II—Chapel 9:30 AM Holy Eucharist, Rite II w/ Livestream—Church 9:30 AM KFC (Kids for Christ) - PH 11:00 AM Christmas Bag Mission Project—PH (coffee and refreshments served)	28 7:00 AM AA Group - DR 10:00 AM AA Group - DR 4:00 PM Monday Music & More—CR 6:30 PM EfM—PR	29 7:00 AM AA Group - DR 12:00 PM WOSJ Luncheon—DR	30 7:00 AM AA Group - DR 7:00 AM Holy Eucharist—Chapel 5:30 PM B&G Choir 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal—CR			

December

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 7:00 AM AA Group - DR 10:00 AM AA Group—DR 5:30 PM Nativity Walk—Outdoors	2 7:00 AM AA Group - DR	3 7:00 PM AA Group—DR 9:00 AM—6:00 PM Christmas Tree Sale
4 Advent II No 8:00 service 10:00 AM Advent Lessons & Carols Service w/ Eucharist, Rite II & Livestream—Church 10:00 AM KFC (Kids for Christ) - PH 11:30 AM 200 Identical Sandwiches 11:30 AM Coffee Hour Forum—PH 12:00 PM—6:00 PM Christmas Tree Sale 4:30 PM Celtic Worship 5:00 PM Carol Sing—West Hartford Neighborhood	5 7:00 AM AA Group - DR 10:00 AM AA Group - DR 4:00 PM Monday Music & More 4:00—7:00 PM Christmas Tree Sale	6 7:00 AM AA Group - DR 4:00—7:00 PM Christmas Tree Sale 7:00 PM CONCORA Rehearsal—Church	7 7:00 AM AA Group - DR 7:00 AM Holy Eucharist—Chapel 4:00—7:00 PM Christmas Tree Sale 5:30 PM B&G Choir 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal—CR	8 7:00 AM AA Group - DR 10:00 AM AA Group—DR 4:00—7:00 PM Christmas Tree Sale	9 7:00 AM AA Group - DR 4:00—7:00 PM Christmas Tree Sale	10 8:00 AM Men's Discussion Group - PR 9:00 AM—6:00 PM Christmas Tree Sale 3:00 PM CONCORA Concert—Church 7:00 PM AA Group—DR
11 Advent III Poinsettia Plant Sale after both services 8:00 AM Holy Eucharist, Rite II—Chapel 9:30 AM Holy Eucharist, Rite II w/ Livestream—Church 9:30 AM KFC (Kids for Christ) - PH 11:00 AM 200 Identical Sandwiches 11:00 AM Prepare for Loaves and Fishes 11:00 AM Coffee Hour Forum—PH 12:00 PM—6:00 PM Christmas Tree Sale	12 7:00 AM AA Group - DR 10:00 AM AA Group - DR 11:30 AM Serve for Loaves and Fishes 4:00 PM Monday Music & More—CR 6:30 PM EfM—PR	13 7:00 AM AA Group - DR 12:00 PM WOSJ Luncheon—DR 4:00 PM WH Women's Chorale Rehearsal—Church	14 7:00 AM AA Group - DR 7:00 AM Holy Eucharist—Chapel 5:30 PM B&G Choir 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal—CR	15 7:00 AM AA Group - DR 10:00 AM AA Group -DR 10:00 AM FOODSHARE	16 7:00 AM AA Group - DR 7:30 PM WH Women's Chorale Concert—Church	17 7:00 PM AA Group—DR
18 Advent IV 8:00 AM Holy Eucharist, Rite II—Chapel 9:30 AM Holy Eucharist, Rite II & Livestream—Church 9:30 AM KFC (Kids for Christ) - PH 11:00 AM 200 Identical Sandwiches 11:00 AM Coffee Hour —PH 4:00 PM Christmas Concert—Church	19 7:00 AM AA Group - DR 10:00 AM AA Group - DR 6:30 PM EfM—PR	20 7:00 AM AA Group - DR 12:00 PM WOSJ Luncheon—DR 7:00 PM Vestry Meeting	21 7:00 AM AA Group - DR 7:00 AM Holy Eucharist—Chapel 10:30 AM Holy Eucharist—McAuley 5:30 PM B&G Choir 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal—CR	22 7:00 AM AA Group - DR 10:00 AM AA Group—DR	23 7:00 AM AA Group - DR 9:00 AM Greening of the Church	24 Christmas Eve 5:00 PM Holy Eucharist w/ Children's Choir—Church 9:30 PM Music Prelude 10:00 PM Choral Eucharist 7:00 PM AA Group—DR
25 Christmas Day 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist with Carols, Rite II Livestream—Church (No Coffee Hour)	26 Parish Office Closed 7:00 AM AA Group - DR 10:00 AM AA Group - DR	27 Parish Office Closed 7:00 AM AA Group - DR	28 PO 9-12 7:00 AM AA Group - DR 7:00 AM Holy Eucharist—Chapel	29 PO 9-12 7:00 AM AA Group - DR 10:00 AM AA Group—DR	30 PO Closed 7:00 AM AA Group - DR	31 New Year's Eve 7:00 PM AA Group—DR

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