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- **Sunday, Nov 10** Storytime Intergenerational Concert, 5pm
- **Saturday, Nov 16** Fall Auction & Dinner, 6pm
- **Sunday, Nov 17** Solisti Orchestra & Hall Choral Concert, 3pm
- **Sunday, Nov 24** Farmington Valley Chorale Concert, 4pm
- **Thursday, Nov 28** Thanksgiving Eucharist, 10am
- **Saturday-Sunday, Nov 30-Dec 8** Christmas Tree Sale (see inside for sale hours)
- **Sunday, Dec 1** Christmas Bags Mission Project, 11am
- **Sunday, Dec 8** Coffee Hour Forum, 11am
- **Sunday, Dec 15** Ave Maria, Christmas Concert, 5pm
- **Christmas Eve & Day Service Schedule (see inside for details)**

From the Rector

Dear Siblings in Christ,

A few Sundays ago, I shared a quote from Pope Francis regarding prayer and the call to be A *Community of Prayer in Action*. Pope Francis states what I believe is the very essence of the power of prayer. He reminds us that “we pray for the hungry and then we feed them, that’s how prayer works.” I believe that this is exactly what we at St. James’s are doing as we try to listen to God and turn that conversation, that prayer, into action. Every time we gather in worship, we pray for the hungry and those who suffer, and then we spend a great deal of time, creativity, resources, and yes, money, feeding and addressing the needs of those who need our help. This is prayer in action. There are so many examples of this in our life together: Praying over meals, in choir, at a meeting of the Women of St. James’s, and in Sunday School, just to name a few. But it doesn’t stop with the prayer – that is only the beginning – it is followed with many types of actions and efforts. Prayer is a conversation between us and God and our communities.

At a time when the greater Church is struggling for relevancy – and when the important work that God calls us to do is getting done less and less – St. James’s continues to be a resilient and loving community in action. In action, we are investing in children’s programs, mission, and fellowship. This year we prayerfully have welcomed Robert as Assistant Rector and Michelle as Organist and Director of Music to join our ministry team. Their talents and faithfulness is seen and felt in so many ways, from life-giving music and inspired preaching, to transformative teaching and outreach, their ministries benefit all of us in countless ways. But the cost of these commitments to personnel, program, worship and mission is substantial. Achieving this goal requires the best of all of us, asking us to come together to invest in the work of this community. I pray that by coming together, we are making a difference in our lives and the lives of so many we may never know.

In scripture, the faithful set the example of prayerfully and actively using what we have been given, in times of abundance and scarcity, to not only expand our relationship with God, but to light the way of grace, mercy, and hope for others.

Prayerfully and with love, please give to the fullest measure that your situation allows; to ensure that St. James’s continues to thrive, grow, and joyfully be Jesus’ eyes, ears, hands, and feet in the world. We hope to see 100% parish participation in our stewardship program. I know you will be prayerful, thoughtful, and generous.

If you have not already done so, you can pledge now by visiting stjwh.org/pledge2025 or use this QR code below to submit an online pledge or send in your pledge card as soon as possible.

Thank you in advance for your thoughtfulness and generosity in this vital aspect of our lives together.

Peace,



From the Assistant Rector

DEAR Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I am writing this letter to you, having just finished distributing this month's Foodshare boxes to families around West Hartford. This was my first experience with the Foodshare crew, which is hard at work every third Thursday morning of the month. We spent the morning driving around town, delivering boxes of groceries and fresh vegetables to those who are struggling to get by. It was striking to see firsthand that many of our neighbors, who live just a few blocks away, live with significant needs.

This experience coincided with the last weeks, during which both our lectionary readings and our Monday bible study have consistently provided us with readings from the Gospel according to Mark. I found one verse ringing in my ears as I delivered boxes around town. Jesus says, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick; I have come to call not the righteous but sinners." The self-sufficient are liable to miss the value of Jesus' work. Jesus's mission of care and restoration is directed to those in need. That includes us. Yet, many of us have the opportunity to be on the giving side of any helping equation. We may need gentle reminders, from time to time, that while we are called to go out and love and serve our neighbors, we are those who have been helped beyond measure. We must engage in the work of Jesus from a position of solidarity. We are those who have been loved and served by Jesus. Therefore, we love and serve with gratitude and joy.

I am struck by the multidimensional nature of St. James's ministry. We are a church committed to serving our neighbors, and we are shaped weekly by holy scripture, sacred music, and the Eucharist (the Great Thanksgiving). As we come to Jesus, we rediscover the everlasting love with which we have been loved. We are reminded that our neighbors are our brothers and sisters. From that standpoint, we strive for the well-being of our neighbors and a more just and peaceful society.

As a new member of the St. James's community, I can say that there are countless gifts within this church. These gifts are the men and women who are shaped by love and committed to the renewal of our world. I am immensely grateful to be grafted into this wonderful community. I know I will be continually reminded of the work Jesus has done for me and the work I am called to in this world.

With gratitude,



St. James's Center for Family Ministries



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

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

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

Mondays Music & More

A fun program for children ages 3 to third grade every Monday from 4 to 5:15pm during the program year. Music with Michelle Horsley and art with Priscilla Hooper.



WOW! It's November! That came around really fast this year. It seems like we just got started back at school and sports and other fall activities and here it is November... That being said, I always love this time of year; even though the days get shorter, there are so many fall activities to take part in. It is also fun to look toward the holiday season with great promise and excitement. Which brings me to the pageant. As many of you know, the Christmas pageant on Christmas Eve at 5pm is a big part of how we celebrate Christmas at St. James's. It is a wonderful way to experience the joy of Jesus's birth and to see some pretty adorable St. James's children as well.

Each year starting in September, I begin to plan for the pageant. Planning for the pageant involves talking to parents to see what children are going to be around this year for Christmas Eve, assessing the ages of those who enjoy public speaking, and figuring out the best way to make the most of our talented singers. This year, with the guidance of Bob, Michelle and I began thinking about ways we can use the pageant that we created last year, and add some more singing with our growing Mondays, Music & More group (3Ms), and our growing group of choristers. Michelle and I are just beginning to think about all the possibilities, but I am excited to have her input on this wonderful event.

The pageant is exciting but we are also doing some exciting work during KFC—Kids for Christ—during the 9:30 service. In September and October, we did an in depth study of the parables of Jesus. The parables are such easily accessible stories for children. Kids get it. The last Sunday in September we were learning about the Parable of the Unforgiving Servant, when a third grader said, "If God forgives us, we should forgive others!" Out of the mouths of babes....

In October and continuing into November the children that are a part of our 3Ms group have been learning songs and creating art to be a part of our Storytime Event which takes place on Sunday, November 10 at 5pm. This is certain to be a wonderful intergenerational music event, pairing the wisdom of children's books with choral repertoire and spiritual reflections. When Michelle and I began working on this event this summer, we were careful to choose books that were each published in different decades, with the hopes of making the event relevant for all generations. I hope that everyone puts this event on their calendars and brings other "children at heart" to enjoy it.

Finally, I am thankful—in this month of Thanksgiving—to say that I feel blessed to be a part of the St. James's family. I believe that we do a pretty good job of nurturing our children and giving them the guidance they need to develop into fine young people on a spiritual journey. For that I am eternally grateful.

Your sister in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Priscilla". The script is cursive and elegant.

From the Organist & Director of Music

DEAR Siblings in Christ,

We are a couple months into a very full season of music together! In September we resumed our weekly rehearsals of the children's choir (during "3M's"), the choristers, and our adult choir. We also have a plan for our younger singers to be featured every other Sunday in worship, which has been wonderful! At the end of the month, our adult choir also collaborated with other choral and instrumental ensembles in a performance of the Fauré Requiem at the Hartt School of Music, conducted by Gabriel Löfvall, with Alan Murchie at the piano.

In October we hosted the Greater Hartford Chapter of the American Guild of Organists' epic Halloween spectacle PipeScreams, featuring 11 different organists of all ages, performing spooky selections in a fully-decorated sanctuary, complete with theatrical bits, special effects, costumes, etc. and preceded by ghost stories around a bonfire, led by Chion Wolf (of CT-Public's radio show, *Audacious with Chion Wolf*).

5:00pm, November 10 - Storytime

This is a first-of-its-kind, intergenerational music event that will connect the timeless wisdom of beloved children's books (Frog and Toad, Miss Rumphius, The Rainbow Fish, Runaway Bunny, Goodnight Moon, etc.) with choral works by Jake Runestad, Jonathan Dove, David Hurd, etc. and theological reflections for children and adults of all ages as we honor the child that lives within us all. And yes, you are encouraged to bring your teddy bear.

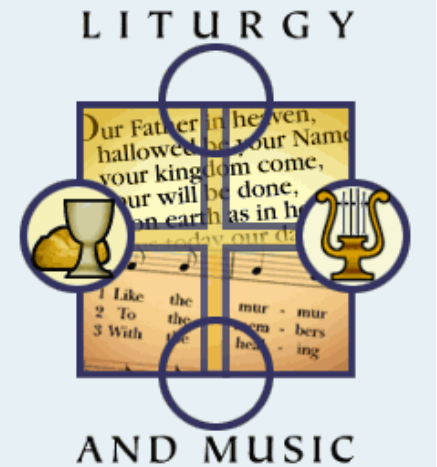
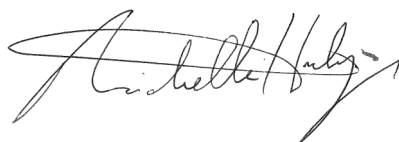
5:00pm, December 15 - Ave Maria

For our Christmas concert this year, we will be focusing on Mary, the mother of Jesus, with choral and organ repertoire written exclusively by female composers. Works by Abbie Betinis, Anna Lapwood, Hildegard von Bingen, Rosephanye Powell, etc. will be presented by our adult choir, choristers, and children for this musical celebration of the season.

Members of our choristers and adult choir will also be joining the Farmington Valley Chorale in a concert called [Pedal Points](#), hosted here at St. James's on Nov 24th, which features a Haydn Mass as well as movements from Bernstein's Mass and McClure's Caribbean Mass. Then, in early 2025 we will be hosting a concert of the [Yale Whiffenpoofs](#) on February 6th and then a unique concert on February 23rd called [Let There Be Light](#) which will be a Lessons & Carols-esque telling of the Creation, with choral and organ music for each of the 7 days, in collaboration with a digital projection artist who will create video displays for each (light, sky, plants, sun/moon, water/sky, land animals, etc.) which will be projected onto each of the 7 ceiling panels in the sanctuary during the concert.

These special events are representative of our values at St. James's, with our commitment to musical excellence, focus on intergenerational offerings, honoring of beloved traditions, as well as our open-minded listening of God's call to sing a new song and embolden our collaborative, creative potential within this community. Events like Storytime and PipeScreams aim at reaching the larger community and engaging many generations, both in the production and attendance. Our involvement in the Fauré Requiem and Pedal Points comes from our desire to collaborate with other ensembles and reach beyond these walls to do large-scale music programming. We are excited to host touring, award-winning ensembles like The Whiffenpoofs and we are also thrilled to honor our tradition of a Christmas concert (Ave Maria), this year prioritizing under-represented female composers as we honor Mary, the mother of Jesus. We also aren't afraid to try more experimental, multimedia projects like a collaboration between our choir and a digital artist for Let There Be Light, creating something that has never been done before! We hope you'll join us. Bring a friend!

Soli Deo Gloria,



Important Dates

Sunday, November 10
Storytime Intergenerational
Concert, 5pm

Sunday, December 15
Ave Maria, Concert at 5pm

Christmas Eve, December 24
Christmas Pageant & Eucharist,
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*

Free admission

featuring the St. James's Adult Choir,
Choristers, and Children's Choir,
with special guests

an intergenerational music event pairing the wisdom of children's books
with choral repertoire & spiritual reflections

Storytime

Priscilla Hooper
Director of Children's Ministry

Michelle Horsley
Director of Music



Nov. 10th at 5:00pm

teddy bears and blankets are encouraged

St. James's Episcopal Church - West Hartford

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Ave Maria

Dec. 15 at 5:00pm

Christmas music by female composers

with works by Lapwood, Powell, Betinis, McDowell, Wallen, Bingen

presented by the choirs of St. James's Michelle Horsley, Director of Music

freewill offering

Christmas

AT ST. JAMES'S

**CHRISTMAS EVE
5PM PAGEANT
& EUCHARIST**

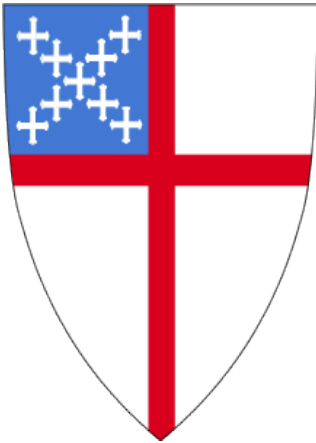
**9:30PM MUSIC
PRELUDE**

**10PM CHORAL
EUCHARIST**

**CHRISTMAS DAY
10AM HOLY EUCHARIST
WITH CAROLS**



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



Summary of Current Position:

Through September, the church is short of its budget by \$39,166, an improvement from the \$56,800 shortfall through the end of August. Income and expenses both contributed to the shortfall as income is \$15,822

below budget, primarily due to lower than projected pledge payments. Expenses are \$23,344 higher than budgeted due to property and personnel expenses that are higher than budgeted.

Income & Expense Summary:

Category	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	YTD Variance
Income (+)	\$642,929	658,751	15,822 Below plan
Expense (-)	741,816	718,472	23,344 Above plan
<i>Net</i>	(98,887)	(59,721)	39,166 Negative variance to budget

Income: Year-to-Date (YTD) actual income is \$15,822 below budget (or 2.4% below budget). As of the end of August, income was \$36,300 or 6.0%, below budget. The following components impacted the income position through the end of August: Regular Contributions (Current-Year Pledges, Prior-Year Pledges, Seasonal Offerings and Unspecified Offerings) ended the month \$26,888 below their \$456,417 budget, or 5.9% below budget. At the end of August, Regular Contributions were \$47,300 (or 11.5%) below budget. Most of the shortfall in Regular Contributions is due to Current Year Pledges which are \$19,620 below budget (or 4.5% below budget), a significant improvement from last month's \$41,450 shortfall (10.6% below budget). Contribution statements were sent out after last month's vestry meeting. Another round of contribution statements will be sent during the second half of November.

Facilities Income: Finished the month \$2,570 above budget, an improvement from the \$138 below budget as of the end of August. The variances each month are due in part to the timing of payments received.

Special Contributions, General Purposes: The primary component in this category is the Rector's Appeal contributions. At the end of September, actual receipts were \$8,800 higher than projected, a reduction from August's overage of \$11,400. This variance is expected to decrease as we progress through the remainder of the year.

Expenses: YTD expenses are \$23,344, or 3.2%, above budget. As of end of August, expenses were \$20,500, or 3.2%, higher than budgeted. A few key expense categories in terms of their contribution to the overall variance through the end of August are:

Property: \$5,037 over budget, similar to last month's overage of \$4,950. with Gas and Electric more than \$10,270 above budget. At the end of August, Gas and Electric were \$9,800 over budget. **Personnel:** \$16,712 over budget. At the end of August, Personnel was \$15,180 above budget. Components of the personnel expenses are being reviewed.

Vestry Nominations 2025

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: Bob Bausmith, Ellen Dollar, Kim Hart-Kindelberger, and Judith Stahl. The Nominating Committee will publish its nominations in the January 2025 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, 2025**. Nominations not submitted as set forth will not be allowed from the floor at the annual meeting.

Mission & Outreach

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 the Parkville section of Hartford. At the end of October, we will receive the names of families who use the Food Pantry at Grace. Each family will list 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. Last year, parishioners from St. James's contributed over 700 Christmas gifts to the children of Parkville! 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 willing to help. Phone: 860-561-1594 or Email: mitmangroup@comcast.net

Christmas Bags

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 months of October and November we will collect men's socks and toiletries for this mission project. Join us on **The First Sunday of Advent, December 1** 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, small combs, chapstick, travel-size toothpaste, toothbrushes, 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. Bring your donations to the church during office hours or on Sundays.

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, and canned hearty stews.** Donations can be left at the cloister door Monday through Friday 9:00a-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.

St. James's "Embrace" Ministry

THE Embrace Ministry invites people into God's love through acts big and small. Weekly phone calls, cards/letters, friendly visits to those unable to leave home, or help with light chores or transportation are all ways we may be of help. If you are a parishioner or know of a parishioner who may benefit from our ministry, please contact Susan Ritz (860-904-8588) or Marilyn Thomlinson (860-372-1193) for further information.

Chef Ministry

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

Around the Parish

All Saints' Sunday & Stewardship Brunch

November 3 Beginning at 9:30

WE will celebrate the Feast of All Saints' on **Sunday, November 3** with one service at 9:30am followed by the Annual Stewardship Brunch in the parish hall. There will be no 8:00 service this day. If you are able, please bring a breakfast item or casserole to share with the group. Bring your pledge cards with you! Let us come together and celebrate the generosity that is St. James's. All are encouraged to attend. **Note:** Daylight Saving Time ends on November 3. Set your clocks back one hour on Saturday, November 2.

Winter Coat Collection

Gently Used or New Coats

DURING (and heading into) the winter season, Doug Compton will be collecting gently used or new winter coats for those in need. You can begin bringing your coats to the church during parish office hours or on Sundays. Let's help keep our neighbors warm this winter. Thank you!

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 9 and 23; December 14 and 28**. Light refreshments are served. Daniel Dollar chairs the group. Interested? Contact him at danielmdollar@gmail.com for further information.

Good News Garden

THE end of our Good News Garden beds and harvesting is expected at some point this October or early November. We're doing a no-till approach which allows more nutrients and organisms to enrich soil during winter. The greenhouse allows us to extend the season a bit for tomatoes, peppers and basil and also to start spinach, chard, collards and other hardy crops which will grow under hoop cloths with little water after temperatures drop into 20's. Come have fun cleaning up the beds or tending the greenhouse with us! Contact Cheryl Wadsworth, cherw173@gmail.com, to join in.

Hall Solisti/Camerata & Conard Choral Group Concert

SOLISTI Orchestra and Conard Choral Group will give a fall concert on **Sunday, November 17** beginning at 3pm at St. James's Church. The program will feature the West Hartford Camerata, Conard High School Solo Choir, and the Hall High School Choraliers. A featured performance of "Illuminare" by Elaine Hagenberg will also be presented. Admission is free.

Farmington Valley Chorale Concert

Sunday, November 24 at 4pm

THE Farmington Valley Chorale will perform their fall concert at St. James's Church on **Sunday, November 24** at 4pm. Their program is entitled, *Pedal Points*, featuring Hadyn's Great Organ Mass plus contemporary Mass settings. Guest organist: Nathaniel Gumbs. Tickets can be purchased by email at: info@farmingtonvalleychorale.org or at the door.

Coffee Hour Forum

Sunday at 11am

December 8

"Ave Maria"

Come learn about the female composers presented in this year's special Christmas music offering! Music director Michelle Horsley will offer an insightful, inclusive presentation on these under-represented artists as well as the history of specific seasonal favorites as we ready our hearts (as well as our ears!) for Christmas.

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

Coffee Hour Hosts Needed

THANK you to everyone who helped get Coffee Hour up and running this fall by signing up to host or contribute baked goods and treats. If you have not yet volunteered, please consider doing so. Only two people have signed up so far to host or help in November, December, and January. As a host, you and a partner make the coffee, bake and/or buy snacks, set up before, and clean up afterward. Helpers support the hosts by bringing one or more homemade or store-bought baked goods, fruit, bagels, or other food item. The job comes with instructions. Questions? Contact Loretta Waldman at lwaldmanster@gmail.com. Sign up at www.stjwh.org/coffee.

Grease
is the word
at the 2024 St. James's Auction!



Saturday, November 16
6pm
in the parish hall

Join us for a retro 1950s-themed celebration with dinner and the biannual fundraising auction.

TICKETS: \$40/person or \$350 for a VIP table of 8
Tickets on sale starting October 5.

WE NEED AUCTION ITEMS!

Tickets, gift baskets, gift certificates, handcrafted items, homemade treats, curated experiences, visits to local attractions, professional services, getaways....and any other fun ideas you have!

AUCTION DONATIONS DUE NOVEMBER 3

CONTACT KERRI RAISSIAN AT [KERRIRAISSIAN@GMAIL.COM](mailto:kerriraiissian@gmail.com)

Thanksgiving Day Eucharist

Thursday, November 28 at 10am

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

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!

Chalice Bearers Needed

Serving as a chalice bearer, who provides the Cup of Salvation to parishioners during Communion, is a meaningful and different way to participate in and experience our Sunday morning Eucharist. And we need a few more people to fill out our ranks, so our rotation can be about once every six to seven weeks. If being a chalice bearer is something you think you might like to experience yourself, or you have questions about what it entails, please contact Tom Rouse at thomasarouse@yahoo.com or (860) 351-5560 to learn more about the opportunity.

Saturday, November 30 -
Sunday, December 8

ST. JAMES'S ANNUAL
Christmas
TREE SALE

Mon-Fri 4-7 / Sat 9-6 / Sun 12-6
Cash, Credit Card, Check accepted

West Hartford Holiday Stroll

Thursday, December 5

ENTER into the holiday spirit by attending the Holiday Stroll on **Thursday, December 5** from 5-8pm in Blueback Square, West Hartford Center. The 37th annual classic New England-style holiday stroll features food samples from area restaurants, activities for kids, live music, a holiday tree and menorah lighting, and so much more. Stroll the streets and take in the beautiful window displays. The event will be held rain, snow or shine

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. Envelopes will be placed in the church and the narthex, outside the chapel entrance, and on the cloister table, and will be available beginning **Sunday, November 24**. Please return your envelopes to the parish office no later than **Monday, December 16**. A list

Poinsettia Plant Sale

Sunday, December 8

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

Greening of the Church

CALLING all 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 the 9:30 service**. Your help is very much appreciated!

Holiday Parish Office Closings

THE parish office will be closed **Thursday and Friday, Nov 28 and 29 for Thanksgiving**, and closed for the **Christmas holiday, Tuesday, Dec 24-Friday, Dec 27; New Year's Eve, Dec 31 and New Year's Day, January 1**. Regular office hours will resume on Thursday, January 2.

Registry and Readings

Baptisms

Chloe Ann & Charlotte Rose Cote—September 1, 2024

Daughters of Timothy and Stevie Cote

Jameson David Cook—September 22, 2024

Son of David and Nicolette Cook

Nathan Carl & Devin Kenneth Czaporowski—September 22, 2024

Sons of Stephen and Nicole Czaporowski

Samuel Bennett Novak—September 29, 2024

Son of Jonathan and Abigail Novak

Luna Grace Maguire—September 29, 2024

Daughter of John and Nazly Maguire

Andrew Joseph Lawrence—September 29, 2024

Son of Eric and Margaret Lawrence

Bruce Phillip Szymanski—October 13, 2024

Son of Thomas and Kathryn Szymanski

Luca Damon Giuffrida—October 27, 2024

Son of Jeffrey Giuffrida and Lydia Damon

Parish Birthdays

NOVEMBER

Jack Keough, 1
John Kramer, 2
Quinn Ciccone, 9
Emily Jacovino, 9
Evelyn Normand, 9
Chloe Lovin, 10
Jude Reynolds, 10
Violet Long, 11
Lara Swales, 11
Thaddeus Normand, 12
Brayden Tyler, 14
Trey Keating, 24
Kayleigh Daniels, 29



DECEMBER

Wrenly Ernest-Jones, 3
Lewis Baier, 4
Laurel Raissian, 4
Ethan Sheldon, 8
Joshua Campbell, 10
Jacob Ciccone, 18
James DeLibero, 18
Rowan Guerraz, 21
Andrew Stafford, 23

Parish Prayer List

Those in our parish family

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

Those in our extended parish family

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

Those Serving in the Military

Andrew Clark

Sunday Lectionary

All Saints' Sunday, November 3

Wisdom of Solomon 3:1-9; or Isaiah 25:6-9; Psalm 24
Revelation 21:1-6a; John 11:32-44

Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost, November 10

Ruth 3:1-5; 4:13-17; Psalm 127
Hebrews 9:24-28; Mark 12:38-44

Twenty-sixth Sunday after Pentecost, November 17

1 Samuel 1:4-20; Psalm 16
Hebrews 10:11-14 (15-18) 19-25; Mark 13:1-8

Christ the King, November 24

2 Samuel 23:1-7; Psalm 132:1-13 (14-19)
Revelation 1:4b-8; John 18:33-37

First Sunday of Advent, December 1

Jeremiah 33:14-16; 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13
Luke 21:25-36; Psalm 25:1-9

Second Sunday of Advent, December 8

Baruch 5:1-9; or Malachi 3:1-4; Philippians 1:3-11
Luke 3:1-6; Canticle 4 or 16

Third Sunday of Advent, December 15

Zephaniah 3:14-20; Philippians 4:4-7
Luke 3:7-18; Canticle 9

Fourth Sunday of Advent, December 22

Micah 5:2-5a; Hebrews 10:5-10; Luke 1:39-45, (46-55)
Canticle 15 (or 3) or Psalm 80:1-7

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

Women Of St. James's November/December 2024



Tuesday, November 5

The Rev. Robert Lofberg, Assistant Rector
Stumbling Upon Faith, Hope, and Love
(Bring a bag lunch)

Tuesday, November 19

Christopher Fisher, Photographer
South Africa
(Harvest Buffet Luncheon)

Tuesday, December 3

Holiday Cards for the Elderly
(Bring a bag lunch)

Tuesday, December 17

Ms. Michelle Horsley, Organist & Director of Music
A Pebble, a Sandwich & a Feather
(Holiday Buffet Luncheon)

November/December

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>1 First Sunday of Advent</p> <p>8:00 AM Holy Eucharist, Rite II—Chapel 9:30 AM Holy Eucharist, Rite II w/ Livestream—Church 9:30 KFC (Kids for Christ) - PH 11:00 AM 200 Identical Sandwiches 11:00 AM Christmas Bags—PH 12:00 PM Christmas Tree Sale</p>	<p>2</p> <p>7:00 AM AA Group - DR 10:00 AM AA Group - DR 4:00 PM Christmas Tree Sale 4:00 PM Monday Music and More 5:30 PM Chorister Rehearsal</p>	<p>3</p> <p>7:00 AM AA Group - DR 12:00 PM Women of St. James's Luncheon—DR 4:00 PM Christmas Tree Sale</p>	<p>4</p> <p>7:00 AM AA Group - DR 7:00 AM Holy Eucharist—Chapel 4:00 PM Christmas Tree Sale 7:00 PM Adult Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>5</p> <p>7:00 AM AA Group - DR 10:00 AM AA Group—DR 4:00 PM Christmas Tree Sale 5:00 PM West Hartford Holiday Stroll</p>	<p>1/6</p> <p>7:00 AM AA Group - DR 4:00 PM Christmas Tree Sale</p>	<p>2/7</p> <p>7:00 PM AA Group—DR 9:00 AM Christmas Tree Sale</p>
<p>3/8 Second Sunday of Advent</p> <p>8:00 AM Holy Eucharist Rite II—Chapel 8:30 AM Prepare for Loaves and Fishes 9:30 AM Holy Eucharist, Rite II w/Livestream—Church 9:30 KFC (Kids for Christ) - PH 11:00 AM 200 Identical Sandwiches 11:00 AM Stewardship Brunch—PH 11:00 AM Coffee Hour Forum—PH 12:00 PM Christmas Tree Sale</p>	<p>4/9</p> <p>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 and More 5:30 PM Chorister Rehearsal</p>	<p>5/10</p> <p>7:00 AM AA Group - DR 12:00 PM Women of St. James's Luncheon—DR</p>	<p>6/11</p> <p>7:00 AM AA Group - DR 7:00 AM Holy Eucharist—Chapel 7:00 PM Adult Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>7/12</p> <p>7:00 AM AA Group - DR 10:00 AM AA Group—DR</p>	<p>8/13</p> <p>7:00 AM AA Group - DR 7:30 PM West Hartford Women's Chorale Concert—Church</p>	<p>9/14</p> <p>7:00 PM AA Group—DR</p>
<p>10/15 Third Sunday of Advent</p> <p>8:00 AM Holy Eucharist Rite II—Chapel 8:35 AM Prepare for South Park Inn 8:35 AM Prepare for Loaves and Fishes 9:30 AM Holy Eucharist, Rite II w/ Livestream—Church 9:30 KFC (Kids for Christ) - PH 11:00 AM 200 Identical Sandwiches 11:00 AM Coffee Hour—PH 5:00 PM Storytime Intergenerational Concert—Church 5:00 PM Ave Maria, Concert—Church</p>	<p>11/16</p> <p>7:00 AM AA Group - DR 10:00 AM AA Group - DR 12:15 PM Weekday Bible Study—PR 11:30 AM Serve for Loaves and Fishes 4:00 PM Monday Music and More 5:30 PM Chorister Rehearsal 7:00 PM Hall High Choral Concert—Church</p>	<p>12/17</p> <p>7:00 AM AA Group - DR 12:00 PM Women of St. James's Luncheon—DR 7:00 PM Vestry—PR</p>	<p>13/18</p> <p>7:00 AM AA Group - DR 7:00 AM Holy Eucharist—Chapel 10:30 AM Holy Eucharist—McAuley 7:00 PM Adult Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>14/19</p> <p>7:00 AM AA Group - DR 10:00 AM AA Group -DR 10:00 AM FOODSHARE</p>	<p>15/20</p> <p>7:00 AM AA Group - DR</p>	<p>16/21</p> <p>7:00 PM AA Group—DR 6:00 PM Auction & Dinner—PH (No AA)</p>
<p>17/22 Fourth Sunday of Advent</p> <p>8:00 AM Holy Eucharist Rite II—Chapel 8:35 AM Prepare for South Park Inn 9:30 AM Holy Eucharist, Rite II w/ Livestream—Church 9:30 KFC (Kids for Christ) - PH 11:00 AM 200 Identical Sandwiches 11:00 AM Coffee Hour—PH 11:00 AM Greening of the Church 3:00 PM Solisti Orchestra/Conard Choral Group Concert—Church 5:00 PM Youth Group</p>	<p>18/23</p> <p>7:00 AM AA Group - DR 10:00 AM AA Group - DR 12:15 PM Weekday Bible Study—PR 4:00 PM Monday Music and More 5:30 PM Chorister Rehearsal</p>	<p>19/24 Christmas Eve—POC</p> <p>7:00 AM AA Group - DR 12:00 PM Women of St. James's Luncheon—DR 7:00 PM Vestry—PR 5:00 PM Pageant & Eucharist—Church 9:30 PM Music Prelude 10:00 PM Choral Eucharist—Church</p>	<p>20/25 Christmas Day—POC</p> <p>7:00 AM AA Group - DR 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist with Carols—Church 10:30 AM Holy Eucharist—McAuley</p>	<p>21/26 POC</p> <p>7:00 AM AA Group - DR 10:00 AM AA Group—DR 10:00 AM FOODSHARE</p>	<p>22/27 POC</p> <p>7:00 AM AA Group - DR</p>	<p>23/28</p> <p>7:00 PM AA Group—DR</p>
<p>24/29 First Sunday after Christmas</p> <p>8:00 AM Holy Eucharist Rite II—Chapel 9:30 AM Holy Eucharist, Rite II w/ Livestream—Church 9:30 KFC (Kids for Christ) - PH 11:00 AM Coffee Hour—PH 4:00 PM Farmington Valley Chorale—Church</p>	<p>25/30</p> <p>7:00 AM AA Group - DR 10:00 AM AA Group - DR 12:15 PM Weekday Bible Study—PR 5:30 PM Chorister Rehearsal</p>	<p>26/31 New Year's Eve—Parish Office Closed</p> <p>7:00 AM AA Group - DR</p>	<p>27</p> <p>7:00 AM AA Group - DR 7:00 AM Holy Eucharist—Chapel 7:00 PM Adult Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>28 Thanksgiving Day—POC</p> <p>7:00 AM AA Group - DR 10:00 AM AA Group—DR 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist—Chapel</p>	<p>29 POC</p> <p>7:00 AM AA Group - DR</p>	<p>30</p> <p>7:00 PM AA Group - DR 9:00 AM Christmas Tree Sale</p>

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