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news from St. James's

From the Rector's Desk

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

I don't know about you, but I am really looking forward to fall and the new program year at St. James's. With the reopening of all events (fingers crossed) and the welcoming of our new Assistant Rector, the Rev. Joe Rose and his wife, Heidi, into our community, it is looking like it will be a faithful, fun, and fruitful season.

We have a full calendar of things lined up from regular and faithful worship to wonderful music events, fantastic fellowship, community outreach opportunities, life giving mission opportunities, and inspiring educational offerings. The only thing we need to make all of this happen, and to be faithful to God's call as a community, is YOU.

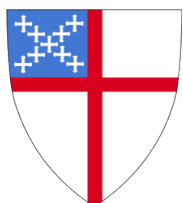
I am very pleased and excited to announce that the Rev. Joe Rose will be joining us on September 1, and he and Heidi will be moving to West Hartford from West Cornwall shortly before then. Joe and Heidi have served as co-executive directors at Trinity Retreat Center for the last six years. Prior to that, Joe had a 23-year long career as journalist. He and Heidi have two adult daughters, Una who lives in Seattle, and Eleanor who lives in Amherst, Massachusetts.

Joe brings years of experience with him to St. James's, a mature faith, an excitement for ministry and mission and a really nice spirit that will make him a fantastic addition to our community. I know that you will help Priscilla, the vestry and me welcome Joe and Heidi to West Hartford and to St. James's.

A letter from Joe introducing himself more fully is located on the following page.

Lastly, much thought, time and effort is put into our communications, and some redesign is in the works to better communicate all that St. James's has to offer you and the wider community. So, please stay up to date on all that is going on so you don't miss out. Most importantly, I hope to see you and yours on Sunday mornings.

Your brother in Christ,

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

Sept/Oct 2022

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Highlights in Sept/Oct

- **Sunday, September 11** 8 and 9:30 service times resume followed by fall picnic
- **Monday, September 12** Monday Music & More Begins, 4-5:30pm
- **Sunday, September 18** Youth Group Event, 5:30pm
- **Sundays, September 18 and 25** Coffee Hour Forums, 11am
- **Saturday, October 1** FALLFEST 2022, 5-8pm
- **Sunday, October 2** St. Francis Sunday Blessing of the Animals, 9:30am
- **Sundays, October 9 and 16** Coffee Hour Forums, 11am
- **Sunday, October 23** Intergenerational Book Study, 11am
- **Sunday, October 30** All Saints' Evensong, 5pm

If you are still unable to join us for in-person worship, we continue to offer livestream worship on our YouTube channel every Sunday at 9:30am. Sign up for weekly emails to receive links and more information on services and upcoming events. Just go to: www.stjameswh.org/resources/newsletter-subscribe.

From the Assistant Rector

DEAR beloved community of St. James's, Greetings! My name is Joe Rose and I am overjoyed to be joining you in September to serve as your new Assistant Rector. Through my prayers as well as some great conversations with Bob and my time with many of you during my visit earlier this summer, I feel a strong sense of call to St. James's. When Bob and I first met to discuss this possibility, he asked me to describe my theology in one word. My answer: "Community." When I preached at St. James's in June, it was inspiring to learn of the intentionality, creativity, and love that you bring to living the Gospel of Jesus Christ as a community. My wife, Heidi, and I were also moved by your incredible hospitality. Heidi told me that St. James's instantly felt like home. Yes, it did.

For the past six years, Heidi and I have served as co-executive directors at Trinity Church Wall Street's retreat center in West Cornwall, CT. At Trinity Retreat Center, my work included, among other things, leading multigenerational retreats and camps, sharing in the preaching and liturgical life, and developing a creation care ministry that featured a "Good News Garden" farm and a sanctuary for rescued donkeys. In May, I graduated from Yale with a Master of Divinity and a diploma in Anglican Studies. In June, after returning from a pilgrimage in Canterbury, England, I was ordained as a transitional deacon in the Episcopal Church in Connecticut. I previously served a 15-month internship at St. Johns New Haven. I received my Clinical Pastoral Education training at the VA Hospital in West Haven.

My path to ordination was a circuitous one. I am a native of the Pacific Northwest, where I was raised on the banks of the mighty Columbia River, amid central Washington's fruit orchards and farmlands. My conversion experience involved a gradual discovery of God as a teenager and in Army basic training at Ft. Benning, Georgia. The week after I turned 20, I was baptized at the Episcopal Church in my hometown. I went to college at Central Washington University, studied abroad for a year in Northern Ireland, and decided to become a journalist. With journalism, I saw an opportunity to pursue a faithful vocation, giving voice to the voiceless, holding the powerful accountable, and helping my neighbors understand complex issues that affected their lives. Heidi and I met while working at a small-town newspaper. I worked as a journalist for 23 years, including at Wired magazine and The Oregonian in Portland, before feeling called to ministry. I began discerning a call to priesthood shortly after accepting the call to my retreat center ministry. Heidi and I have two daughters – Úna, 28, who lives in Seattle, and Eleanor, 22, who lives in Amherst. In my free time, I enjoy mountain biking, listening to vinyl records, reading, and going on walks with Heidi. We are excited to start exploring Elizabeth Park and other parts of West Hartford on our walks.

I'm looking forward to sharing more of my story with you and hearing each of your stories as we walk together as a lived expression of Jesus' story. After attending a recent staff meeting at St. James's to plan programming into 2023, I couldn't wait to get started. The plans for worship, music, teaching, and putting your faith in action revealed a community that is alive and filled with a strong sense of mission. I'm excited to start partnering with Bob, Alan, your incredible staff, and all of you to be co-creators with God in the good work that you do in West Hartford. Two of my great ministry passions are feeding the hungry and living into our baptismal vow to "strive for justice and peace among all people," respecting "the dignity of every human being." I'm excited to go deeper with you on those topics at the Feeding Ministry forum "I Was Hungry": Theological Reflections on Food, Justice, and Mission in October. I am also devoted to family ministries, creation care, and ministries of healing and reconciliation. As a fan of pop culture, I also enjoy exploring where the sacred and the secular intersect. I think searching for God's presence and love in places where we don't normally look is a valuable spiritual practice. At Trinity Episcopal Cathedral in Portland, Oregon, I started the "alt.liturgies" ministry that offered worship services using contemporary music from acts as diverse as U2, Billie Holiday, David Bowie, and Radiohead.

In the message to newcomers on our website, St. James's offers a welcome that reveals our inclusivity, faith, and commitment to multigenerational discipleship. It also describes our community as "fun-loving." That's powerful. That is, indeed, good news. In community, we find joy, because there is so much joy in doing the transformative, life-giving work of following Jesus. I believe that a faith community that loves fun is open-hearted, prepared to celebrate God's love for all people, and willing to keep growing in how we share that awesome love. A community that loves fun as it walks with Jesus also takes to heart Paul's letter to the Philippians, in which "joy," "rejoice," and "be glad" appear a combined sixteen times. With joy, we are more resistant to fear as we navigate challenging times and discern together where God might be calling us next.

I will join you on September 1. As I think about how I have been called to St. James's, I feel privileged that I will get to gather, pray, and grow with you as a deacon and as a priest. I look forward to hearing about how you experience God's love at St. James's. I look forward to sharing in God's work of changing lives in our community and beyond. And, yes, I look forward to having fun with you.

Faithfully yours in Christ,

The Rev. Joseph Rose



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**

(9:00 during the summer)

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



Bring a Friend to Church 5

I HOPE that everyone reading this newsletter had a restful and rejuvenating summer. I know that Bob and I did. We went to Oaxaca, Mexico during part of July and August, did some small projects around the house, and took time to take some nice walks around Connecticut. As we head into September, there are several events for youth and family that we are planning here at St. James's.

The first event is the End of Summer Popsicle Social for families with young children. This event takes place on **Monday, August 29 at 5:30 pm** outside of the Walden Street entrance to the church. If you have young children, this is a chance to get together, have a popsicle, and reconnect with church friends. It should be a good time for all!

On September 18, all middle school and high schoolers are invited to a Back-to-School youth group from 5:30 to 7. We will play some fun outdoor games and end with a cookout. Please mark your calendars and plan to join us!

In October, I am planning a high school and middle school evening of Flashlight Tag. More information to come as it becomes available.

As far as Sunday mornings go here at church, we are still looking for acolytes. If your child is third grade or older and interested in serving in this role, please contact Deb Morton at debra.morton@comcast.net.

Remember, serving as an acolyte is a fun way to serve God and play with fire at the same time!

Also starting this September: Monday Music & More. The Rev. Alan Murchie and I will offer a program for children

three-years old through third grade starting September 12. In this program we will explore themes for several weeks through singing, art, games and movement. We had a blast at the trial run in June and are really excited about this new program which takes place Monday afternoon from 4 to 5:30. If you have a child or know a child who is interested in joining the group, email me at education@stjameswh.org.

In June when we put together the "Mark Your Calendars" it was so exciting to see how much we have planned for the upcoming months. It has been a long time since we have been able to announce so many activities at St. James's-- so come and join us! As we head into fall 2022, please know that all of you are in my prayers as we venture forth.

Your sister in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Priscilla'. The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

From the Associate for Education & Music

Our Summer With Mendelssohn: A Synopsis and Playlist

A number of folks who weren't able to join us have asked if I might offer a synopsis of our recent summer dive into the life and music of Felix Mendelssohn. Of course, I'm delighted to do so, and to report on a wonderful Wednesday-evening experience together. While making trips to and from a table filled with enticing snacks (from homemade parmesan crisps to smokehouse almonds and lemon hummus), we've enjoyed catching up, spending time with friends old and new, and savoring the incredible music and life story of one of history's greatest musical figures. From the masterpieces he somehow produced at age 16 to the oratorios and symphonies of his final flourishing, we've taken a fascinating musical journey through England, Scotland, Wales, Italy, Switzerland, stopping along the way to see the composer's paintings and sketches and to hear his endlessly colorful music. We've followed him into the enchanted forest, where he has brought to life sprites, royalty, young lovers, witches, druids and more, all through music. And finally we've followed him into the inner, mystical world of an ancient prophet and a first-century apostle, into the heart of their respective pilgrim journeys as servants of God.

Finding his voice

We began by taking a look at who and what formed Mendelssohn and how he found his distinctive sound. With bankers on both sides of the family, and with a famous-philosopher grandfather, young Felix (and sister Fanny) had an enviable musical upbringing that included lessons with well-known composers, access to a house orchestra on Saturdays, and Sunday dinners with regular visitors such as the poet Goethe. This at least in part helps to understand how Felix became the most precocious genius in Western music history, writing symphonies at 12, an opera at 15, and universally-acknowledged masterpieces at 16.

- Rondo Capriccioso <https://youtu.be/nFdM-lqv-QA>
- Overture to A Midsummer Night's Dream <https://youtu.be/uBf7Q6X2FmE>
- Octet <https://youtu.be/c55CEgQYP0U>

Painting

As a "graduation" gift, Mendelssohn was given a three-year journey through major European destinations in England, Scotland, Switzerland, France, and more. Over this time, the young composer cultivated his impressive skills as a watercolorist and landscape painter; musically, he sketched his immortal evocations of Scotland and Italy for piano solo, orchestra, and solo voice.

- Scottish Symphony II. Vivace non troppo <https://youtu.be/hUdd4CUNStU>
- Italian Symphony <https://youtu.be/G8QPDx6Nhic>
- Venetian Gondola Song <https://youtu.be/XunJ4CCVK8M>

Innovating

Mendelssohn was an old-fashioned composer who revered Bach, Handel, Haydn, Mozart and Beethoven. He revived interest in Bach and championed the music of Schubert. One snide critic noted his "fondness for the dead." Yet at the same time, Mendelssohn was an important and bold innovator, especially in two areas: he broke open concerto form, and, most important, he invented the tone poem, the single-movement, representational orchestral genre that in many ways defined Early Romanticism.

- Violin Concerto in E Minor https://youtu.be/W2qpDt4f7_E
- Piano Concerto in G Minor <https://youtu.be/2GGx8TRWFVA>
- "Hebrides" Overture <https://youtu.be/MdQyN7MYSN8>
- Calm Sea and Prosperous Voyage <https://youtu.be/7VUz-PZx528>

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EDUCATION



AND MUSIC

Important Dates

Sunday, September 11

Regular Service Schedule
Resumes and the Choir Returns
from Summer Hiatus

Monday, September 12

Monday Music & More
Program Year Begins!

Singing & Arts for Children held
every Monday from 4-5:30pm

Sundays, September 18 & 25

Forums at 11am with the Rev.
Alan Murchie on the Gospel of
Luke

Sunday, October 30

All Saints' Evensong with the
St. James's Choir at 5pm

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**

Reconciling

It was Mendelssohn's dear friend, the great composer Robert Schumann, who best captured the essence of his distinctive contribution to music history. In Schumann's words, Mendelssohn "alone had the gifts to reconcile the contradictions of his time." Was it a secular age or was it mystical? Were form and structure determinative, or were flights of fancy? Schumann's insight stands: Early Romanticism embraced all of those things, and so did Mendelssohn.

- Scherzo from A Midsummer Night's Dream <https://youtu.be/sUm41WqTix8>
- Song Without Words, Opus 102 #5 <https://youtu.be/pAOBGoJuisA>
- Song Without Words, Opus 67 #2 <https://youtu.be/ZzK4tbcJ87k>
- Chorus: He Watching Over Israel, from Elijah <https://youtu.be/DeVmJs2x3TQ>

Calling All Who Love To Sing!

Choirs at St. James's 2022-2023

THIS past Sunday, I was delighted to spend time after the 9:00 service with Mary and Lewis, new to West Hartford and to St. James's. They've just moved from Greenville, South Carolina, where they loved their local Episcopal parish. Lewis is 4 and Mary is his mom. I asked Lewis what he liked to do at church and he said "I like to sing." I told him, "Well, you've found the right place!"

St. James's is a singing parish. I've been delighted to serve as celebrant for the past few weeks, to be in the aisle for the first hymn and to hear everyone in the congregation sing from much closer up. Even more fun has been to *see* everyone sing- it's really a whole-body activity, and if the hymn resonates, it shows all over our faces and even in the movement of our bodies.

We also sing throughout the week, enjoying each other's company, building family, praising God and, most of all, knowing the unique and irreplaceable joy of making music together. Please take a look at the options below and join us!

The St. James's Choir

St. James's is blessed with a superb choir. After a wonderful Lent, Holy Week, Eastertide and Day of Pentecost together, I can't say enough good things about this joyful, nimble, multi-generational team. I think the best way to capture this group's special magic is with vignettes: moments such as Nora Dynowski's return after time away in school and the gasps that greeted her; Ben Dollar's smile and energy as he joined us for Holy Week while performing in his high school's production of Footloose; John and Samantha Kramer's extraordinary double duty as singers and violinists; descants learned on the spot, liturgical choreography changing at the last moment, flowers sent to members who were out sick; an end-of-year choir dinner that was filled with laughter and joy.

Wednesday evenings 7:00-8:30

Girls' and Boys' Choir

The best way for me to know more about this long-established, well-loved group has been simply to hear about it from the choristers themselves! Here's what I've learned. Choir is great for all of the following reasons: friends, great music, learning how to sing (and how to sight-sing), choir dinners, ribbons and medallions, cassocks and surplices, Evensongs, choir events, and summer's highlight: choir camp! This choir is designed for trebles aged 9 through high school (or, for boys, when your voices changes and you become a tenor or bass).

Wednesday afternoons 5:30-6:30; choir dinners 6:30-7:00 as scheduled, followed by full choir 7:00-7:30

Monday Music and More

New this year, this program is designed for our youngest singers. Priscilla and I have designed a program in two groups for children ages 3-8. Each group meets either with me (for singing) or with Priscilla (for art, storytelling, movement and more), and then we swap! Groups are formed by age: 3-5 in the "cherub choir" group and 6-8 in the "junior choir" group. We held a sneak preview in early June and it was wonderful. Please in touch with Alan or Priscilla anytime for more information.

Monday afternoons 4:00-5:30.

Peace and blessings,

Alan

Mission

Hartford Catholic Worker Food Bags

ST. JAMES'S continues to partner with Hartford Catholic Worker to provide 30 bags of food twice a month for families facing food insecurity in the Hartford area.

Each bag contains:

2 cans of tuna,
1 jar of mayo, 1 can of soup,
1 box/bag of pasta, 1 jar of pasta sauce,
1 can of beans,
1 jar of peanut butter, 1 jar of jelly.

This is an ongoing mission, please continue to give the items listed above. Bring them to the church during office hours or place them in the blue bin outside the cloister doors. If donating money is more convenient, please send checks to St. James's, add "Hartford Catholic Worker" in the memo line and we will shop for you.

Volunteers Needed at the Grace Church Food Pantry

GRACE Episcopal Church, Hartford, has a long-standing food pantry program for the community of Parkville, called *A Place of Grace*. The pandemic has greatly increased the number of participating families. The need has doubled over the last 2-3 years and increased by 25% in the past 3-4 months. Over 200 families receive food weekly from this Grace Church program.

Volunteers are needed. There are two types of jobs that need to be filled: one requires physical strength and involves lifting 10-15 pound small pallets of groceries. This occurs at Grace Church on Wednesdays from 9:00 – 12:00. The other volunteer opportunity is greeting and assisting people through the "grocery-style aisles" of the pantry as they select the various food items they need. Again, this is held at Grace Church from 9:00 – 12:00 on Thursdays.

Please consider volunteering at A Place of Grace. Contact Ruth Mitman if you can help with this valuable program. (860-561-1594 or mitmangroup@comcast.net)

School Supply Drive Thank You!

THANK you to all who contributed backpacks and school supplies for children and families in the Greater Hartford area who are helped by the local shelters and pantries we serve. Your generosity will help many children begin the new school year with confidence and a smile.

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 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, 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, 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.

Remember, it's never too early to begin thinking about Christmas—it will be here before we know it! Please begin ordering or bringing your donations to the church in October. Thank you for your continued generosity!

A Reflection By Doug Compton

Why I Do What I Do At St. James's

AT a very early age, I started going to church every Sunday. It was expected that I would join Mom for the weekly 9am service. There were times in high school when I went to the Catholic Church in the morning and my school's service in the afternoon. As an adult, my Catholic upbringing continued to send me to church every Sunday and all holy days. I was on church "auto pilot" for most of my life as an obligation to Mom. In the initial stages of my spiritual journey, there was little purpose other than to make Mom happy and my personal spiritual journey.

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After the early death of a priest who I adored, I stopped going to church for the first time in my life. It took me about six months before I discovered that I was missing something in my life. It was time to explore someplace other than the Catholic Church to live out my faith. Kathy, my wife, was an Episcopalian, so I headed there with the intention of trying out several other denominations. It only took one service to know I had found a new home when I visited St. James's Episcopal Church in West Hartford.

As I was leaving after the service, an older gentleman introduced himself. This was first time in all my years of attending church someone approached me to have a friendly conversation. He asked me if I would like to come down to the kitchen and help make sandwiches. Why? How many? For whom and what's a church doing making sandwiches? I had never heard of any church that I attended making an effort to "feed the hungry". The following week, the same gentleman, Steve Cobb, asked me once again to join them in the kitchen-this time to make casseroles. The first week, we made 240 bologna sandwiches; the second week, we made enough Tuna Noodle casseroles to feed 100 people, perhaps more importantly, I was making friendships within the church community. This was the start of a new chapter in my spiritual journey: church now had a new purpose by engaging with the local community in a meaningfully, hands-on and understandable way.

I soon learned:

- More than 400,000 people in CT are nutritionally deprived
- More than 120,000 of them are children
- 1 in 6 kids in CT go to bed hungry on a regular basis
- 32% of the residents in Hartford live below the poverty line

So, what could possibly be more meaningful than finding ways to feed those in need? Not just sending a check, not just talking about it, but direct action meeting a REAL need.

I continued heading to St. James's and then to the kitchen for several months, increasingly becoming more excited about the feeding ministries provided by the church. Selling my collection of hardcover thrillers, Easter lilies, poinsettias at Christmas, and mums, apples and pies in the fall. I became active in raising money for more food which went directly to folks living in local shelters and to stocking food pantries. Then the church developed a vegetable garden; the produce is distributed by Hartford Catholic Worker in a very underserved part of the City of Hartford. Planting, weeding, and harvesting, I became aware that **Religion was no longer a passive spectator sport for me, as my Rector, Bob Hooper likes to say.** Now church had a clearer purpose, and I had a ministry. Soon, I became a lector, then I was asked to become a vestry member, all the while meeting more people in the St. James community, learning more about my faith, and finding additional ways to engage with the community. Until Covid hit, I was serving the casseroles that we made on Sunday to the homeless in Hartford on Monday. Now the ministry had faces, and for the first time I was interacting with folks experiencing homelessness as people came into Loaves and Fishes, a Hartford food pantry, for what was probably their only real meal of the day. The need was so obvious and overwhelming.

In addition to the feeding ministries, St. James's provided other ways to actively engage the surrounding community by providing toiletries, socks, and school supplies for folks in living in shelters. What's more important than a meal and a pair of dry, warm socks? The basic necessities of life we take so much for granted became the focus of my new ministry, and this opportunity was given to me through the church. Jesus did not sit in the temple all day—what did he do? He reached out into the community; he fed people; he cured people; he cared for the outcasts within the community. As found in scripture: Feeding the less economically secure is part of serving one another, and as we serve others, we are serving Christ. *I was sick and you took care of me, I was hungry and you gave me something to eat (Matt 25:36).*

And finally: *Suppose a brother or sister does not have any clothes or daily food and one of you tells them, "Go in peace! Stay warm and eat heartily." If we do not provide for their bodily needs, what good does it do? In the same way, faith by itself, if it does not prove itself with actions, is dead (Jas 2:14-17, 26).*

How can you engage in community outreach? The need is there. Head to church and learn how to become active in your faith community.

Around the Parish

Coffee Hour Resumes in September

SUMMER is winding down, and coffee hour will soon be returning after the 9:30 service. The new sign-up is live and has lots of dates to choose from. Hosting is easy, fun, and will make you very popular. Who doesn't like hot coffee and treats? Please contact Loretta Waldman with any questions at lwaldmanster@gmail.com. Sign up at: <https://stjwh.org/coffee>.

Regular Service Times Return

Sundays at 8 and 9:30

OUR regular Sunday schedule (8:00 in the chapel and 9:30 in the church) will resume on **Sunday, September 11** followed by the fall picnic in the courtyard. The St. James's Choir also returns from summer hiatus. Hamburgers, hotdogs, chips, beverages, and condiments will be provided. Parish members who are able are asked to bring a salad or dessert, folding chairs or a blanket. Additional chairs will be available for those who need them. All are welcome, so invite someone to join you!



Wednesday Morning Eucharist

Every Week at 7:00am in the Chapel

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

Coffee Hour Forums

Sundays at 11am

September 18 and 25

"The Gospel of Luke"

The Rev. Alan Murchie will lead a class discussion on Luke's Gospel.

October 9 and 16

"I Was Hungry": Theological Reflections on Food, Justice, and Mission

Join the Rev. Joe Rose for an education class on the theology of feeding ministries.

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

Blessing of the Animals

St. Francis Sunday, October 2

BRING your beloved pets with you to the 9:30 service on **Sunday, October 2**. The clergy will bless the animals during the service, which will be held outdoors under a tent on the Walden Street side of the church. Coffee and other refreshments will be served after the service. All animals are welcome!

Childcare will be available in the nursery. The 8:00 service will be held in the chapel without animals.



Celtic Worship at St. John's

EXPERIENCE worship in the Celtic tradition every first Sunday of the month from October through June at 4:30pm at St. John's Church in West Hartford. Chant, silence, prayer, and music from around the world are incorporated into the service. Our first meeting of the season will take place on **Sunday, October 2**. All are welcome! Meetings offer a choice to attend in-person or join in using the Zoom format. Check bulletins and weekly emails for more information regarding the October meeting.



FALLFEST

Saturday
October 1
5 - 8 PM

Everyone is Invited

Pig Roast, Music, Local Craft
Beverages, Food & Games
for all Ages
& A Seasonal Farm Stand

ST. JAMES'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
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Come Join Us For The Harvesting

THE St. James's outreach vegetable garden continues to produce a wonderful bounty of fresh vegetables! We meet each Wednesday morning between 8:00 to 9:45 to harvest from the garden. Join us picking peppers, tomatoes or cucumbers off the vine or snipping leaves of lettuce or collards. We can use help with minor weeding anytime during the week. We also need drivers to deliver each week's bounty to the Hartford Catholic Worker House at 18 Clark Street in Hartford by 10am. Please add your name to the schedule in the Cloister. Questions? Contact Chuck Russo voice or text 860-685-0079 or email cmrusso2118@gmail.com. Accepting donations from your garden by 9am every Wednesday in cloister.

Fourth Friday Family Night

*September 23 and October 28 at 5:00pm
Fernridge Park in West Hartford*

OUR Family Nights continue every fourth Friday of the month, **September 23 and October 28**. We will meet at Fernridge Park in West Hartford for a pizza dinner and outdoor activity for the kids. Feel free to bring a side dish of your choice. In the event of inclement weather, family night will be canceled. It's a great opportunity to get together with church friends and let the kids get to know each other better, too. We ask for a donation of approximately \$5-10 per family to cover the cost of pizza. If you'd like to attend, please email Kerriraisian@gmail.com and she can put you on the Evite list to RSVP.



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. Past discussions have focused on thoughts from Marcus Borg's "The Heart of Christianity: Rediscovering a Life of Faith. The next meetings will be held **Saturdays, September 10 and 24; October 8 and 22**. Light refreshments are served.

Bob Hoffman chairs the group. If you are interested, contact him at 860.614.3861 for further information.

Mark Your Calendar...

Fall Dinner & Auction, Saturday, November 12

THE St. James's Fall Dinner & Auction returns on **Saturday, November 12**. Preparations are currently in the works, so check your bulletins and weekly emails for future updates on this year's theme and time of event. Volunteers will be needed! Please begin thinking about how you can lend your time and talent in making this important fundraiser a success.

Registry and Readings

Baptisms

Gabriel Luke Keczkemethy—July 31, 2022

Son of James and Jillian Keczkemethy

Nicolette Sophie Howland—August 28, 2022

Daughter of David and Sara Howland

Zachary Pentz Tewksbury—August 28, 2022

Son of Kevin and Kaelea Tewksbury

Parish Birthdays

Children and Youth

SEPTEMBER

Colette Barber, 2
Luke Lemanski, 2
Vera Millium, 2
Jack Marzi, 3
Jack Adams, 4
Riley Morriss, 8
Maren Harwood, 10
Natalie Moore, 12
Grover Gaupp-Iscoe, 15
Mazzy Gaupp-Iscoe, 15
Caroline Pfadenhauer, 22
Malakai Rodriguez, 23
Nicholas Urso, 25
Natalie Forcello, 28
Hadley Jacobs, 28
Raveyn Garrow-Cooke, 29
Kaiser Messinger, 30
Katherine Pfadenhauer, 30
Emory Regan, 30
Louisa Smith, 30

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

Louise Keesling

July 27, 2022



OCTOBER

Roman Tagliarini, 3
Leonardo Collin, 4
Katherine Morriss, 7
Charlotte Burns, 11
Theodore Serpi, 11
Ivan Garrow-Cooke, 13
Loic Toutain, 15
Camden Jacobs, 17
Amelia Hart, 21
Jacob Campbell, 23
Cole Stevens, 23
Tate Fagan, 24
Penelope Collin, 25
Rory Raissian, 25

Sunday Lectionary

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost, September 4

Jeremiah 18:1-11; Psalm 139:1-5, 12-17
Philemon 1-21; Luke 14:25-33

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost, September 11

Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28
Psalm 14; 1 Timothy 1:12-17; Luke 15:1-10

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost, September 18

Jeremiah 8:18-9:1; Psalm 79:1-9
1 Timothy 2:1-7; Luke 16:1-13

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost, September 25

Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15; Psalm 91:1-6, 14-16
1 Timothy 6:6-19; Luke 16:19-31

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost, October 2

Lamentations 1:1-6; Psalm 137
2 Timothy 1:1-14; Luke 17:5-10

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost, October 9

Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7; Psalm 66:1-11
2 Timothy 2:8-15; Luke 17:11-19

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost, October 16

Jeremiah 31:27-34; Psalm 119:97-104
2 Timothy 3:14-4:5; Luke 18:1-8

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost, October 23

Joel 2:23-32; Psalm 65
2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18; Luke 18:9-14

Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost, October 30

Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4; Psalm 119:137-144
2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12; Luke 19:1-10

Women Of St. James's

Join Us In October!



MARK your calendars—we begin a new program year on **Tuesday, October 4** with a salad buffet luncheon at 12:00 in the dining room.

Luncheons will be held every other Tuesday, and on occasion a speaker will be scheduled. Look for the Women of St. James's booklet in your mailbox coming in September. Below is the schedule for October 2022. Please share the information with your friends and neighbors!

Tuesday, October 4

Salad Buffet Luncheon
Please bring a dish to share

Tuesday, October 18

Bag Lunch
Bring a sandwich with you.
Dessert will be provided.

September/October

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30 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 Coffee Hour —PH 5:00 PM All Saints’ Evensong—Church	31 All Hallows Eve 7:00 AM AA Group - DR 10:00 AM AA Group - DR			1 7:00 AM AA Group - DR 10:00 AM AA Group—DR	2 7:00 AM AA Group - DR	3/1 5:00 PM FALLFEST 7:00 PM AA Group—DR
4/2 8:00 AM Holy Eucharist, Rite II—Chapel 8:35 AM 200 Identical Sandwiches 9:00 AM Holy Eucharist, Rite II w/ Livestream—Church 9:00 AM KFC (Kids for Christ) - PH 10:15 AM Lemonade on the Lawn 10:15 AM 200 Identical Sandwiches 10:00 AM HE w/Blessing of the Animals 10:00 AM Kids for Christ (KFC) - PH 11:15 AM Coffee & Refreshments Outdoors	5/3 Parish office closed for Labor Day 7:00 AM AA Group - DR 10:00 AM AA Group - DR 4:00 PM Monday Music & More	6/4 7:00 AM AA Group - DR 12:00 PM WOSJ Luncheon—DR	7/5 7:00 AM AA Group - DR 7:00 AM Holy Eucharist—Chapel 10:00 AM HE—Hughes Conv. Home 5:30 PM B&G Choir 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal—CR	8/6 7:00 AM AA Group - DR 10:00 AM AA Group—DR	9/7 7:00 AM AA Group - DR	10/8 8:00 AM Men's Discussion Group - PR 7:00 PM AA Group—DR Bishop Ian’s Farewell Event—Camp Washington
11/9 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 Parish Picnic—Courtyard 11:00 AM Coffee Hour Forum—PH	12/10 Parish office closed for Columbus Day 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	13/11 7:00 AM AA Group - DR	14/12 7:00 AM AA Group - DR 7:00 AM Holy Eucharist—Chapel 5:30 PM B&G Choir 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal—CR	15/13 7:00 AM AA Group - DR 10:00 AM AA Group -DR 10:00 AM FOODSHARE	16/14 7:00 AM AA Group - DR	17/15 7:00 PM AA Group—DR Bishop Consecration at 11:00am at the Hartford Convention Center
18/16 8:00 AM Holy Eucharist, Rite II—Chapel 9:30 AM Holy Eucharist, Rite II w/ Baptism & Livestream—Church 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 Coffee Hour Forum—PH 5:30 PM Youth Group Event	19/17 7:00 AM AA Group - DR 10:00 AM AA Group - DR 4:00 PM Monday Music & More—CR 6:30 PM EfM—PR	20/18 7:00 AM AA Group - DR 12:00 PM WOSJ Luncheon—DR 7:00 PM Vestry Meeting	21/19 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	22/20 7:00 AM AA Group - DR 10:00 AM AA Group—DR 10:00 AM FOODSHARE	23/21 7:00 AM AA Group - DR 5:00 PM Fourth Friday Family Night—Fernridge Park	24/22 8:00 AM Men's Discussion Group - PR 7:00 PM AA Group—DR
25/23 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 Coffee Hour—PH 11:00 AM Intergenerational Book Disc.—PR 11:00 AM Coffee Hour Forum—PH	26/24 7:00 AM AA Group - DR 10:00 AM AA Group - DR 4:00 PM Monday Music & More—CR 6:30 PM EfM—PR	27/25 7:00 AM AA Group - DR	28/26 7:00 AM AA Group - DR 7:00 AM Holy Eucharist—Chapel 5:30 PM B&G Choir 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal—CR	29/27 7:00 AM AA Group - DR 10:00 AM AA Group—DR	30/28 7:00 AM AA Group - DR 5:00 PM Fourth Friday Family Night	29 7:00 PM AA Group—DR

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The Reverend Barry W. Miller	Priest Associate
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