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news from St. James's

From the Rector's Desk

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Hopefully, by now, you have all received your annual "Mark Your Calendars." If not, I am sure you will soon. This year's calendar is full of fun, interesting, educational, and important happenings — everything from our annual FallFest and Christmas Tree sale to a very important program entitled "Sacred Ground," with many musical, educational, mission, and fellowship opportunities in between. Of course, there are many liturgical celebrations listed as well. It is my hope that every one of you will find the things that speak to you and participate as fully as you are able.

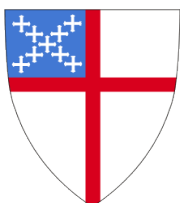
There are a number of reasons that I bring this up. The first and most obvious is to encourage all of you to know what is going on in the life of our parish. The second, is to help you avoid what happens so often, when people tell me that they would have loved to participate in an event if they had only known about it. Now you know. But my real motive in writing this today is to discuss what I believe is at the very heart of what makes St. James's, St. James's. That is: "Community." When people ask me to describe this parish, one of the first things I almost always tell them is that "it is a parish that likes itself." What I mean by this is that I believe the people of St. James's feel good about who we are, what we do, and what we are becoming. Unlike so many parishes, we are blessed with very little conflict and infighting and tend to agree on the importance of following the example and words of Jesus in helping the less fortunate, praying together, learning together, gathering in worship, fellowship, mission, and outreach, and so much more. The key word being—"together."

It is when we journey with each other that we are most effective in living out our own baptismal covenants and participate in the many powerful ways the spirit of God moves in our lives. As we see so very clearly in scripture, God very clearly created us to live, love, and learn in community.

It is through your generous financial support and participation that we are able to do all that we do. I look forward to a year full of us individually and communally living into and sharing the love of Jesus.



Bob



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

Sept/Oct 2023

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Highlights in Sept/Oct

- **Wednesdays, Sept 6/Oct 3**
Healing Prayer Service, 6:30pm
- **Sunday, Sept 10** Regular service schedule returns (8 & 9:30) followed by annual Fall Picnic at 11am
- **Monday, Sept 11** Monday Music & More returns, 4-5:15pm
- **Sunday, Sept 17** Coffee Hour returns in conjunction with the Volunteer Fair, 11am
- **Sunday, Sept 17** Youth Group Event, 5pm
- **Saturday, Sept 30** FallFest, 5-8pm
- **Sunday, Oct 8** St. Francis Sunday and Blessing of the Animals, 9:30am
- **Sunday, Oct 8** Confirmation & Sacred Ground classes begin
- **Sunday, Oct 15** Youth Group Event, 5pm
- **Sunday, Oct 15, 22** Coffee Hour Forums, 11am
- **Sunday, Oct 29** Fauré Requiem, 5pm

From the Assistant Rector

DEAR St. James's Family,

This fall, our community begins what is likely to be one of the most transformative journeys that we will make together as sojourners with Jesus. I invite you to prayerfully consider participating in the Sacred Ground program, a film and readings-based dialogue series on racial justice that is grounded in faith.

I love how our faith family stands up for love, peace, and justice, with a deep desire to move more intentionally into how we give, serve, and heal as followers of Jesus. I saw it unfold after church on a Sunday in January, when we gathered to read Martin Luther King Jr.'s Letter from a Birmingham Jail together in the Parish Room. It was a privilege to be in that space of awe, reflection, and heartbreak with you. And it was obvious in the discussion that many of you saw the prophetic nature of King's observations on race and how his words still cry out for reconciliation today.

Our faith tradition doesn't necessarily see prophets as just old men with long beards from long ago predicting the future. Indeed, prophets are anyone from the past or the present who holds a mirror up to us and reveals a truth – usually a painful or inconvenient truth – about our shared human condition. Responding to King's prophetic voice on that day, many of you asked when St. James's would get around to offering the Episcopal Church's Sacred Ground series, allowing our community to do the difficult but important work of looking at the history of racism in our community, our nation, and our church.

The time is now.

Sacred Ground is part of "Becoming Beloved Community," The Episcopal Church's long-term commitment to racial healing, reconciliation, and justice in our personal lives, our ministries, and our society. This series is open to all. Participants are invited to walk back through history and peel away the layers that have contributed to the challenges and divides of today – all while staying grounded in our call to live in faith, hope, and love.

Starting October 8, the sessions will be held from 5 to 6:30 pm on the first and third Sunday of every month, with the exception of a couple of Sundays before holidays such as Christmas. For parents of kids participating in Confirmation classes or youth group, most Sacred Ground gatherings will take place at the same time as those events. The idea is to make it as easy as possible for adults to attend Sacred Ground, while limiting the number of back-and-forth trips between home and church. Youth and adults will be invited to come together for dinner after each session.

With a lot of help from Tom Rouse, who brings his experience leading Sacred Ground "dialogue circles," Bob and I are developing the curriculum for this 11-part series running into April. The foundation will be documentary films and readings that focus on Indigenous, Black, Latino, and Asian-Pacific American histories as they intersect with European American histories. During the bi-weekly sessions, we will gather in small groups to have respectful, open-hearted discussions, to learn, and to grow as we seek the "sacred ground" where we can truly honor the truth that every human being bears God's divine image.

Ask anyone who has participated in a Sacred Ground dialogue circle and they will tell you how they have walked away forever changed and recommitted to our Baptismal Covenant to respect the dignity of every person.

The series is prophetic in nature. It is also a commitment to develop, nurture, and exercise the agape love that Alan and I discussed during this year's Lenten coffee-hour series on The Four Loves. To quote MLK:

"But the end is reconciliation; the end is redemption; the end is the creation of the beloved community. It is this type of spirit and this type of love that can transform opposers into friends. The type of love that I stress here is not eros, a sort of esthetic or romantic love; not philia, a sort of reciprocal love between personal friends; but it is agape which is understanding goodwill for all men. It is an overflowing love which seeks nothing in return. It is the love of God working in the lives of men. This is the love that may well be the salvation of our civilization."

This work requires a commitment. The good and difficult work of Sacred Ground is not something that can be accomplished by occasionally attending meetings. Attendance is important. Registration is required. I ask all who commit to participating to make attendance a priority.

If you would like to make this journey with us over the coming months, visit stjwh.org/sacredground to register. For the most part, all you need to participate are a compassionate heart, an open mind, and an internet connection to watch the films and read some of the materials between meetings. You will also need to get your hands on the books *Waking Up White* by Debbie Irving and *Jesus and the Disinherited* by Howard Thurman, which are available as e-books, audiobooks, and physical books; both titles are also available at the West Hartford and Hartford public libraries.

If you have any questions or want to talk further about this opportunity, please don't hesitate to reach out to me or Bob.

Faithfully yours in Christ,



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 the Rev. Alan
Murchie and art with
Priscilla Hooper.*



In most years, when I write my September/October newsletter, I am looking forward to reconnecting with all the young families at St. James's. In past summers, the attendance at the summer services was small, with families busy with other fun summertime activities. This year, that is not the case at all. Except for the last two Sundays of August, I had as many or more children at Kids For Christ, KFC, this summer than I have in the academic year. This has been a very joyful surprise for me. I think there are probably several factors that contribute to this, but I won't bore you with my thoughts on this. I am just thankful for all of those families that made a commitment to bring their children to church this summer. As I have said in the past, making church a priority when your kids are little helps them to make those relationships that support them later in life.

This past summer, we have been exploring Old Testament stories with the kids. We heard the stories of Jonah, of Abraham and Sarah, of Moses, of Isaiah, of Joseph, the books of the Proverbs and Psalms. We talked about why we study these stories and we made some gross estimates about how many people have heard these stories in the thousands of years they have been told. From after Labor Day until Advent, we will be studying Jesus's parables. Children love these stories and I am looking forward to moving on to New Testament stories this fall.

Also coming in September, is the return of Mondays, Music & More (3Ms). This is a program on most Monday afternoons from 4 to 5:15. At 3Ms children age 3 through third grade learn Bible stories and learn beautiful music taught by our very own, the Rev. Alan Murchie. We are thankful that recently retired WHPS

elementary school teacher Louise "Ms. Lou" Strillacci will return in a supporting role. If you are interested in your child participating in this program, please email me at education@stjameswh.org.

I am super excited to report that we will return to the Christmas Pageant at the afternoon service on Christmas Eve! I am exploring some creative new ways to do the pageant this year, and am please to announce that Carolyn O'Sullivan and Melissa Bowman are on board to help with this. More to come about the pageant, very soon....

In closing, I was reminded this summer as we studied Isaiah of the saying, "A little child shall lead them." Please know that we have some amazing people of faith in this beautiful place—of all ages and sizes. As we all hunker down for the busyness that is back to school time, and the beginning of an new program year, let's not forget to thank God for the blessing of our lives here together at St. James's and make the most of the incredible opportunities offered here!

Your sister in Christ,

From the Associate for Education & Music

MUSIC AT ST. JAMES'S

~ A Fall Preview ~

~ CHOIRS ~

My favorite summer emails are the ones that start "Interested In Choir," whether from singers or from parents of singers. And fortunately this summer I got several of those! We look forward to a great new season with our three choirs, and we continue to welcome new members.

Junior Choir (Monday Music and More) Mondays 4:00-5:15, ages 3-8

We were delighted to welcome 20 young singers in the first full year of our new program called Monday Music and More. This is a collaborative program that involves art, storytelling and craft projects with Priscilla Hooper and Louise Strillacci alongside singing in two groups: ages 3-5 and ages 6-8. The younger children sing spirituals and traditional songs, while older children begin to hold music and vocalize in preparation for our chorister program. Interested? Come join us!

Choristers Wednesdays 5:30-6:30, Ages 9-15

This group of remarkably gifted young singers sang throughout the past year both on their own and as members of our larger St. James's Choir. They achieved a threshold moment in joining four other local choirs in a Festival Evensong at Trinity College. We look forward in the coming year to collaborating regularly with our Adult Choir and to another appearance at Trinity. All who participate in the program are offered instruction in sight-reading alongside singing; we also explore the meaning of the words that composers have set. Interested? The only requirement for this group is ability to match pitch ("carry a tune") or interest in developing the ability!

Adult Choir Wednesdays 7:00-8:30, Ages 16+

We anticipate another wonderful year together singing Fauré's sublime Requiem, together with a Christmas Concert, Evensongs, and more. We will make a first appearance on the annual Ode to Joy festival at Hartt School on Sunday afternoon, September 17, with cellists Darrett Adkins and Christopher Hill. We'll sing Mendelssohn's Verleih uns Frieden, one of eight cantatas Mendelssohn wrote as a young man, in a program celebrating musical precocity. We cap our fall season with an extended prelude on Christmas Eve featuring music of Buxtehude and Charpentier.

~ EVENTS ~

Music of Remembrance Sunday, October 29 at 5 PM

19th-Century French composer Gabriel Fauré is known for a number of things: his consummate gift for melody, his career as organist, and his development of a shimmering, coloristic, light-filled "French sound" alongside his friend Camille Saint-Saëns. All are on full display in his signature masterpiece, the Requiem, Opus 48. We will perform it as Fauré first conceived it, with organ, for his own choir in its cozy gallery. The program will feature two additional Fauré masterpieces: the Elegy for Cello and Piano, and the motet Cantique de Jean Racine.

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EDUCATION



AND MUSIC

Important Dates

Sundays, October 15 & 22

"Jesus in Music & Art"
Coffee Hour Forums at 11am

Sunday, October 29

Fauré Requiem and other
Fauré Masterpieces sung by the
St. James's Choir, 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. *Psalms 100:1*

Dedication of Chapel Organ Sunday, November 19 at 4 PM

For many years, parishioner Ron Coons enjoyed practicing on a beautiful, versatile house organ, a Rodgers digital organ once owned by an organist and organ-builder. Last fall, in anticipation of moving, Ron arranged for the organ to be installed in our chapel. We are fortunate indeed: the organ is a gem. It is suitable for a wide range of repertoire alongside hymn and service playing. I was delighted to play it for the first time at our service on Thanksgiving morning; this year, I look forward to offering a brief concert dedicating it and giving thanks for it. It's a terrific small organ and, among much else, it offers a warm practice spot in the winter! Music will include some of Ron's favorites, including a joyful Bach work and Mendelssohn's majestic Sonata #3.

Christmas Concert Sunday, December 17 at 4 PM

Our Christmas Concert will mix traditional seasonal readings and poems with beloved carols from our choirs. We will open, as we did last year, with a seasonal work for two pianos; this year we have chosen Bach's Brandenburg Concerto #4 in the duet arrangement by Max Reger. John Kramer will play; Brian Joy will sing Gounod's Ave Maria, and we will close with David Willcocks' glorious setting of Mendelssohn's Hark, the herald angels sing. Ann Uphoff and Jonathan Lewis are signed on as readers once again. Mark your calendars!

Jesus in Art and Music: A Two-Part Coffee Hour Forum

Sundays October 15 and 22 at 11am

In his oratorio Paulus for choir and orchestra, Felix Mendelssohn tells the story of the apostle Paul in arias for solo voice, and in choruses such as How Lovely Are The Messengers, sung regularly here at St. James's. To set the story of Paul to music, one needs to attempt capturing something that is, to some degree, ineffable: the moment on the way to Damascus when a young Paul encounters the risen Jesus. It's a mystical encounter. Can the risen Jesus be given a conventional melody to sing? Is it appropriate for a male to sing the "part" of Jesus in such a moment? Mendelssohn decided to set the moment of encounter in a striking passage for three-part female chorus, in the remote key of F-sharp minor. The orchestra is suddenly silent and the three women sing. It's an unlikely moment in the piece, yet it feels quite natural when it happens. The young composer was doing something quite bold: He was attempting to "paint" this moment in music, to show us something that is ultimately beyond our knowing.

Visual artists have of course done the same: Rembrandt famously shows us a very human Jesus with warm, classically Semitic features. His Jesus comes beautifully to life and reminds us that the human Jesus was a rabbi, a friend, companion, brother and son. This portrait of Jesus contrasts considerably with those offered by da Vinci, Michelangelo, Caravaggio, El Greco and Bernini, among others. Join us after the 9:30 service on October 15 and 22 as we reflect on images created by visual and musical artists that show us something of who Jesus was and is. What is our own portrait of Jesus and how might it be enriched and informed by these images?



Alan

SILENT MOVIE NIGHT

WITH
JASON ROBERTS
ON THE ORGAN

The HUNCHBACK *of* NOTRE DAME WITH LON CHANEY

FRIDAY
NOVEMBER 3
7PM

ADMISSION IS FREE



ST. JAMES'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
WEST HARTFORD

1018 Farmington Avenue
stjameswh.org



FALLFEST

Saturday
September 30

5 - 8 PM

Everyone is Invited

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

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VOLUNTEER at stjwh.org/fallfest23



SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Sundays from 5-6:30pm

October 8 and 22

November 5 and 19

December 3

January 7 and 21

February 4 and 18

March 3 and 17

Sacred Ground

A Film-Based Dialogue Series on Race & Faith

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, and canned soup. 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.

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. We filled 128 backpacks with tons of supplies and delivered them to the Hartford Catholic Worker and Grace Church Hartford Food Pantry. 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 26** 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!

Around the Parish



Healing Prayer

First Wednesday Evening of the Month

ON Wednesdays, **September 6 and October 4**, at 6:30 p.m., join us for the monthly Healing Prayer service in the main church. The service for those who are sick or in need of healing will be based on the contemplative and poetic "Iona Healing" liturgy from the Iona community in Scotland. We will offer prayers for healing of body, mind, spirit, relationships, grief, and all parts of creation. All are welcome! If you are unable to attend, send the names of people you would like mentioned in prayer to the Rev. Joe Rose at assistant@stjameswh.org.

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

October 15 and 22

"Jesus in Art & Music"

Join the Rev. Alan Murchie in October for a two-part coffee hour forum exploring Jesus in Art & Music. We will reflect on images created by visual and musical artists that show us something of who Jesus was and is. More information can be found in Alan's article on page 5.

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

Volunteer Fair

Sunday, September 17

THE Volunteer Fair will be held on **Sunday, September 17** after the 9:30 service in the parish hall in conjunction with the first coffee hour of the season. Committee and ministry heads will be on hand with information regarding their respective groups and to answer any questions. Please come to the parish hall that day and see where you may like to lend your time and talent at St. James's! Coffee and refreshments will be served, and all are encouraged to attend.

Fourth Friday Family Night

September 22 and October 27 at 5:15pm

Family nights will meet on **Fridays, September 22 and October 27** at 5:15pm at either Fernridge Park in West Hartford (567 Fern St.) or in the parish hall at St. James's. We will enjoy a pizza dinner activity for the kids. Kerri will bring the pizza, and the cost will be approximately \$10-15 per family to cover the pizza. You should bring your own drinks, and please feel free to bring a side dish/dessert of your choice. If you'd like to attend, please email Kerri, kerriraissian@gmail.com to be added to the Evite list. Friends and family are also welcome, just please indicate them on the Evite RSVP so we can order enough pizza.

CHEF Ministry

For Expanding/Changing/Evolving Families!

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.

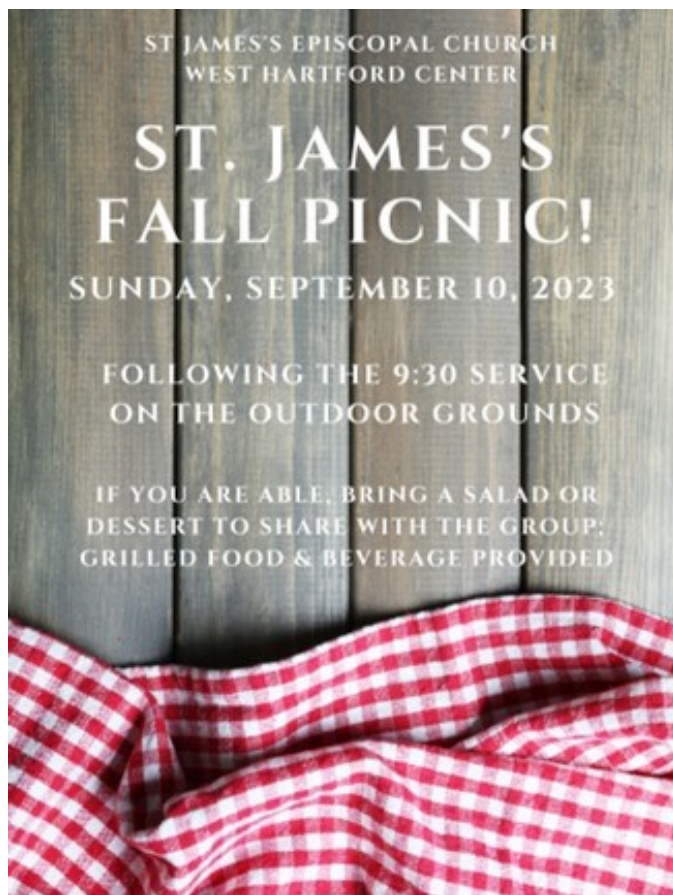
Coffee Hour is Back!

Coffee Hour will be returning on **Sunday, September 17**. Volunteers are needed each Sunday to prepare the coffee, bake and/or buy snacks, set up before, and clean up afterward. A second person makes hosting twice as much fun, so invite a spouse, partner, or friend to join you and make it a team effort. Hosts will receive instructions ahead of their assigned shift. Can't host but want to contribute a baked good, fruit, or other food item? We welcome your participation! We've added a third sign-up slot this year just for that. Please indicate what you are bringing in the "My Comment" section of the sign-up so the host(s) can plan accordingly. Thanks in advance to everyone for your faithful support of our Sunday fellowship. Questions? Contact Loretta Waldman at lwaldmanster@gmail.com. Sign up at www.stjwh.org/coffee.

Regular Service Times Return

Sundays at 8 and 9:30

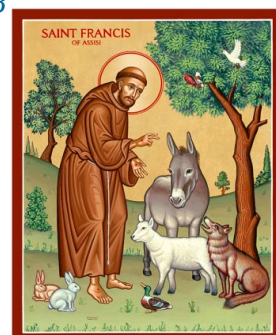
OUR regular Sunday schedule (8:00 in the chapel and 9:30 in the church) will resume on **Sunday, September 10** followed by the fall picnic in the courtyard. The St. James's Choir also returns from summer hiatus. Hamburgers, hotdogs, chips, beverages, and condiments will be provided. Parish members who 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!



Blessing of the Animals

St. Francis Sunday, October 8

BRING your beloved pets with you to the 9:30 service on **Sunday, October 8!** 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.



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, September 9 and 23; October 7 and 21.** Light refreshments are served. Daniel Dollar chairs the group. Interested? Contact him at danielmdollar@gmail.com for further information.

Registry and Readings

Baptisms

David Robert Daniels and Kayleigh Beth Daniels

July 16, 2023

Son and daughter of Dustin and Kristen Daniels

Parish Birthdays

Children and Youth

SEPTEMBER

Graham Horowitz, 1
Colette Barber, 2
Luke Lemanski, 2
Vera Milliun, 2
Jack Adams, 4
Riley Morriss, 8
Maren Harwood, 10
Natalie Moore, 12
Grover Gaupp-Iscove, 15
Mazzy Gaupp-Iscove, 15
Caroline Pfadenhauer, 22
Natalie Forcello, 28
Hadley Jacobs, 28
Raveyn Garrow-Cooke, 29



Katherine Pfadenhauer, 30
Emory Regan, 30
Louisa Smith, 30

OCTOBER

Charlotte Racine, 2
Roman Tagliarini, 3
Katherine Morriss, 7
Charlotte Burns, 11
Theodore Serpi, 11
Wyatt Chenault, 12
Ivan Garrow-Cooke, 13
Katherine James, 16
Camden Jacobs, 17
Amelia Hart, 21
Grayson Isselee, 22
Jacob Campbell, 23

Parish Prayer List

Those in our parish family

Jeffrey, Greg, Elsa, Michael, Elly,
Chuck, Sue, Will, Tom & Chris.

Those Serving in the Military

Andrew Clark

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.

Sunday Lectionary

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost, September 3

Exodus 3:1-15; Psalm 105:1-6, 23-26, 45c
Romans 12:9-21; Matthew 16:21-28

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost, September 10

Exodus 12:1-14; Psalm 149
Romans 13:8-14; Matthew 18:15-20

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost, September 17

Exodus 14:19-31; Psalm 114
Romans 14:1-12; Matthew 18:21-35

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost, September 24

Exodus 16:2-15; Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45
Philippians 1:21-30; Matthew 20:1-16

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost, October 1

Exodus 17:1-7; Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16
Philippians 2:1-13; Matthew 21:23-32

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost, October 8

Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20; Psalm 19
Philippians 3:4b-14; Matthew 21:33-46

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost, October 15

Exodus 32:1-14; Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23
Philippians 4:1-9; Matthew 22:1-14

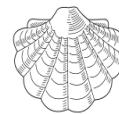
Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost, October 22

Exodus 33:12-23; Psalm 99
1 Thessalonians 1:1-10; Matthew 22:15-22

Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost, October 29

Deuteronomy 34:1-12; Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17
1 Thessalonians 2:1-8; Matthew 22:34-46

Women Of St. James's



Join Us In October!

MARK your calendars—we begin a new program year on **Tuesday, October 3** with guest speaker The Rt. Rev. Laura J. Ahrens, Bishop Suffragan of CT. This will be a salad buffet luncheon in the dining room at 12pm. Luncheons will be held every other Tuesday, and on occasion a speaker will be scheduled. ***The WOSJ booklet will be distributed on the cloister table and in the parish office (booklet will not be mailed).*** Below is the schedule for October. Please share the information with your friends and neighbors!

Tuesday, October 3

The Rt. Rev. Laura J. Ahrens
Salad Buffet Luncheon—
Please bring a dish to share

Tuesday, October 17

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

September/October

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 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 11:00 200 Identical Sandwiches	2 7:00 AM AA Group - DR 10:00 AM AA Group - DR 4:00 PM Monday Music & More	3 7:00 AM AA Group - DR 12:00 PM Women of St. James's—DR	4 7:00 AM AA Group - DR 7:00 AM Holy Eucharist—Chapel 6:30 PM Healing Service—Chapel	5 7:00 AM AA Group - DR 10:00 AM AA Group—DR	1/6 Parish Office Closed 7:00 AM AA Group - DR	2/7 7:00 PM AA Group—DR
3/8 8:00 AM Holy Eucharist, Rite II—Chapel 9:30 AM Holy Eucharist, Rite II w/Livestream—Church 8:35 AM Prepare for Loaves and Fishes 9:30 AM Holy Eucharist, Rite II w/ Blessing of the Animals—Outdoors (Coffee & Refreshments) 9:30 KFC (Kids for Christ) - PH 11:00 AM 200 Identical Sandwiches 11:00 AM Lemonade on the Lawn 5:00 PM Confirmation & Sacred Ground Classes	4/9 LABOR DAY COLUMBUS DAY Parish Office Closed 7:00 AM AA Group - DR 10:00 AM AA Group - DR 11:30 AM Serve for Loaves and Fishes	5/10 7:00 AM AA Group - DR	6/11 7:00 AM AA Group - DR 7:00 AM Holy Eucharist—Chapel 5:30 PM Chorister Rehearsal 6:30 PM Healing Prayer—Church 7:00 PM Adult Choir Rehearsal	7/12 7:00 AM AA Group - DR 10:00 AM AA Group—DR	8/13 7:00 AM AA Group - DR	9/14 8:00 AM Men's Disc Group-PR 7:00 PM AA Group—DR
10/15 8:00 AM Holy Eucharist, Rite II—Chapel 8:35 AM Prepare for Loaves and Fishes 8:35 AM Prepare for South Park Inn 9:30 AM Holy Eucharist, Rite II w/ Livestream—Church (Blessing of Students & Teachers) 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 Annual Fall Picnic—Courtyard 11:00 AM Coffee Hour Forum—PH 5:00 PM Youth Group	11/16 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	12/17 7:00 AM AA Group - DR 7:00 PM Vestry—PR 12:00 PM Women of St. James's—DR	13/18 7:00 AM AA Group - DR 7:00 AM Holy Eucharist—Chapel 10:30 AM Holy Eucharist—McAuley	14/19 7:00 AM AA Group - DR 10:00 AM AA Group -DR 10:00 AM FOODSHARE	15/20 7:00 AM AA Group - DR	16/21 7:00 PM AA Group—DR
17/22 8:00 AM Holy Eucharist, Rite II—Chapel 8:35 AM Prepare for South Park Inn 9:30 AM Holy Eucharist, Rite II w/ Baptism, Chorister Recognition & Livestream—Church 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 Volunteer Fair & Coffee Hour—PH 11:00 AM Coffee Hour Forum—PH 5:00 PM Youth Group 5:00 PM Sacred Ground Class	18/23 7:00 AM AA Group - DR 10:00 AM AA Group - DR 4:00 PM Monday Music & More	19/24 7:00 AM AA Group - DR 7:00 PM Vestry—PR	20/25 7:00 AM AA Group - DR 7:00 AM Holy Eucharist—Chapel 10:30 AM Holy Eucharist—McAuley	21/26 7:00 AM AA Group - DR 10:00 AM AA Group—DR 10:00 AM FOODSHARE	22/27 7:00 AM AA Group - DR 5:15 PM Fourth Friday Family Night	23/28 8:00 AM Men's Disc Group-PR 7:00 PM AA—DR
24/29 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 5:00 PM Fauré Requiem—Church	25/30 7:00 AM AA Group - DR 10:00 AM AA Group - DR 4:00 PM Monday Music & More	26/31 All Hallows Eve 7:00 AM AA Group - DR	27 7:00 AM AA Group - DR 7:00 AM Holy Eucharist—Chapel	28 7:00 AM AA Group - DR 10:00 AM AA Group—DR	29 7:00 AM AA Group - DR	30 No AA 5:00-8:00 PM FallFest

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