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news from St. James's

From the Rector

Dear Siblings in Christ,

I don't know about you, but I have had a very busy/eventful/fun summer. Thanks to the people, lay leadership of St. James's, and some wonderful and faithful clergy colleagues, I was able to step away from my responsibilities as rector of St. J's and take a time of sabbatical – a time away to rest, recharge, reconnect and explore.

During my sabbatical, Priscilla and I visited our grandchildren (and their parents) at the beach in North Carolina. I walked The Camino de Santiago from the French frontier with Spain in the Pyrenees across Spain to the Fisterra on the Atlantic Ocean – once considered the end of the world - all in about 640 miles. Afterwards, Priscilla met me in Spain and we spent two weeks visiting a number of cities in Portugal and Spain and exploring some of the cultures and cuisines of these two fascinating countries. Upon our return home we traveled to North Carolina for a small family reunion and the very special opportunity to baptize my youngest granddaughter, Channing. My time away from St. J's ended with a week of serving as chaplain during a session of "Kids Camp" at Camp Washington – definitely not sabbatical or vacation but nonetheless fun.

While my time away was most everything it needed to be, I was excited to get back to St. James's. It is always a good sign when at the end of an extended time away from work you are excited to return. My return was made extra special by the addition of two new members to the St. J's team. Michelle Horsley has joined us as Organist and Director of Music, and The Rev. Robert Lofberg as our new Assistant Rector. Please read their letters in this newsletter to get to know more about them. Priscilla and I could not be more excited or pleased with how quickly the team has come together as we enter the new program year.

We have many fun, faithful, and life affirming programs and events planned for this year, not to mention Sunday mornings filled with Spirit driven music, preaching and liturgy. While I could begin listing all that will be offered from Fallfest, the Auction, and a Youth Mission Trip, I will ask you instead to read and listen as announcements are made in church and online – I would hate for you to miss anything that you might have found worthy of your time.

With all that said, my greatest hope for the program year is that you will attend and participate as much as you and your family schedules allow, making our walk with Jesus and one other a priority.

Peace,




Sept/Oct 2024

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Highlights in Sept/Oct

- **Sunday, Sept 8** Regular Service Schedule Returns followed by Fall Picnic, 9:30am
- **Monday, Sept 9** 3Ms (Monday Music and More) begins, 4-5:15pm
- **Sat/Sun, Sept 14, 15** Camp Washington Youth Event
- **Sunday, Sept 15** Coffee Hour Forum on *The Camino*, 11am
- **Mondays, Sept 16, 23, 30** The Gospel of Mark Weekday Bible Study, 12:15 to 1pm
- **Sunday, Sept 29** Small Group Discussion on *The Spirituality and Struggles of Being Busy*, 11am
- **Saturday, Oct 5** Fallfest, 5-8pm
- **Sunday, Oct 6** St. Francis Sunday & Blessing of the Animals, 9:30am
- **Sunday, Oct 6** Diocesan Youth Event, 4-8pm
- **Sunday, Oct 20, 27** "Storytime" Coffee Hour Forums, 11am
- **Friday, Oct 25** "PipeScreams!" (Ghost Stories, 6pm; Organ Concert, 7pm)

From the Assistant Rector

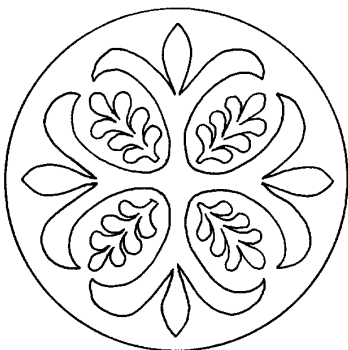
DEAR St. James's Parish,

I am overjoyed to be able to join you as the new Assistant Rector at St. James's Episcopal Church and thrilled to join this community in this role. This opportunity comes to me after years of discernment, prayer, and preparation within the Church's ordination process. In these first few weeks at St. James's I have been struck by how bonded and loving this community is. Your warm welcome speaks to the caring and creative approach to the gospel you have thoughtfully developed. I am eager to share with you more about my journey toward ordination and my hope for how I can contribute to the community in this role.

I did not grow up in a dyed-in-the-wool Episcopalian family. While my grandparents had a vital connection to the church, it was not something that shaped my childhood. It wasn't until my sophomore year of high school, when I stumbled across a small group of students gathering to reflect on scripture, that I first contemplated what a life oriented towards God could mean. This reflection began in high school but continued through college and into the first few years as a young professional. At this time, an Episcopal priest named Peter Moore gave me an opportunity to serve in a unique context. He founded FOCUS (The Fellowship of Christians in Universities and Schools), an inter-denominational para-church organization that offers New England boarding school students on-campus small groups, retreats, and summer programs. FOCUS offered me an extraordinary context to continue my discernment while engaging students with similar conversations. Initially, I thought I would take this role for a few years and head to seminary. However, I truly fell in love with the work. As it turned out, I led FOCUS's New England boarding school ministry for 13 years. There, I led small groups and camps, trained and recruited staff and volunteers, and worked to create safe, open, and dynamic contexts where students could ponder the mystery of the Christian faith. Much of the ministry ethos I developed was forged during this time with students. I have found that God's care and comfort are for all people at all times. As we walk with Jesus, we may discover that we are more broken than previously thought, yet the love and embrace of God through Jesus Christ is inexhaustible and worthy of a lifetime of exploration.

I carried this conviction through my studies at the Berkeley Divinity School at Yale and into my ordination process. I also hope to bring that ethos into my work at St. James's. I hope my Youth Ministry experience can contribute to St. James's commitment to a healthy and dynamic space for youth. Bob and I have begun to plan this year's mission trip to Ecuador through PACH (Partners for Andean Community Health). Since so much of my spiritual journey has involved engaging with scripture, I am also eager to share this experience with the community. Beginning with a three-week exploration of the Gospel of Mark, I hope to offer engaging conversations centered on biblical texts. I am also eager to provide some engaging Adult Forums alongside Michelle and Bob throughout the program year. Finally, hospitality deeply enriches my family life regularly. My wife Nicole, whom I hope many of you have already met, and I always hope to fold people into our family by welcoming them into our home, especially to the dinner table. This kindness has been offered to us repeatedly, and we find it is often the ground from which community, trust, and joy spring. I hope that our hospitality can be grafted into the life of St. James's in such a way as to create a warm welcome for those seeking a community in West Hartford.

Thank you again for your warm welcome into the St. James's community. I am honored to have the opportunity to serve and grow as a deacon and priest. I look forward to meeting each of you and hearing more about what St. James's means to you. I genuinely believe that as we share openly with one another, we can experience God's love in our midst.



Faithfully yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bob". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

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.*



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 almost as many kids 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.

In August and September, we will explore Old Testament stories with the kids. We are learning the stories of Jonah, of Abraham and Sarah, of Moses, of Isaiah, of Joseph, the books of 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. In October, we will be studying Jesus's parables. Children love these stories and I am looking forward to exploring these stories with them.

Also beginning September 9, is the return of Mondays Music & More (3Ms). At 3Ms, children age 3 through third grade learn Bible stories and learn beautiful music. This is a program on most Monday afternoons from 4 to 5:15. I am very excited to work with Michelle Horsley, our new Director of Music. Michelle has some creative, fun ideas for the program, as well as bringing experience working with children and understanding how all children learn in different ways. I am very excited to see how 3Ms evolves under Michelle's leadership. Michelle and I 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.

For our middle school and high school students, we have two fun events coming up. First, on September 14-15 is the Youth Event at Camp Washington. This is a fun-filled weekend with an opportunity to reconnect with friends from camp and make new friends as well. Join us at this event, especially if you have experienced Camp Washington before. Cost is \$30 per child. Go to campwashington.org to register. On October 6, St. James's will be hosting the Diocesan-wide Youth Group on the Move! at our church. High school and middle schoolers from around the diocese are invited to St. James's for a great evening. More details to come in the next few weeks.

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 a 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,

A handwritten signature in cursive that reads "Priscilla". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the text "Your sister in Christ,".

From the Organist & Director of Music

DEAR community of St. James's Episcopal Church,

This is my first newsletter as your new music director! It is an honor to be here, following Alan Murchie's illustrious tenure. He leaves very big shoes to fill!

I look forward to many introductions over the coming months and I am very touched by your warm welcome. Thank you for your patience as I learn your names and get acquainted with this vibrant, large community! I'm thrilled to be here.

For now, I'll introduce myself a bit: I live on the first floor of one of those 100-year-old houses in Hartford's West End. I share my space with a truly comical amount of houseplants and my dear cat, Norman, who wandered in off the streets several years ago. My last position was as the music director for Trinity Episcopal Church (Hartford) and of The Choir School of Hartford, which is a non-profit organization for kids aged 8-18, offering intensive music education rooted in the Royal School of Church Music (RSCM). While at Trinity and the Choir School, I led several chorister tours to NYC and held other large-scale choral programs - Haydn's *Missa Brevis* in F, Runestad's *The Hope of Loving* in collaboration with Ekklesia Contemporary Ballet, Kodaly's *Missa Brevis*, Pergolesi's *Stabat Mater*, *Lessons & Carols* featuring under-represented composers, *Birdsong*, and Ramirez's *Missa Criolla* in collaboration with Chorus Angelicus, etc. From 2020-2024 I was also the Dean for the Greater Hartford Chapter of the American Guild of Organists, which does a tremendous amount of work in the area to provide organ scholarships, project grants, concert series, continuing education, and conferences.


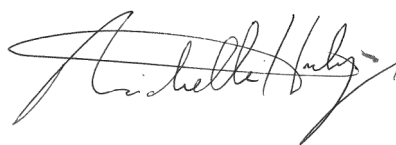
Most recently I took a 10-week solo journey this summer, recognizing the once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to have a couple months for travel in between jobs. The trip began in Europe, but was mostly spent in Central and Southeast Asia (Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Malaysia, Indonesia, Vietnam, Thailand, India) I got to hear chant in the Orthodox churches of Georgia/Armenia, hike with some friendly moms in Kyrgyzstan, go birding near the Tien Shan mountains, play gamelan music in Indonesia, and trek through very remote villages in the Himalayas, among many other exceedingly memorable experiences. I feel extraordinarily grateful and, needless to say, I was very glad to return to my friends, cat, kitchen, comfy bed... If you're also a person who is fascinated by other cultures, I'd love to hear about it.

As for this coming music season at St. James's, we've got exciting stuff cooking! The music events we're planning for the 2024-2025 season are lovingly and carefully conceptualized to celebrate the wonderfully intergenerational community at St. James's; new collaborations with other musical ensembles and organizations; and to honor beloved, traditional choral works while also being intentional about programming musical diversity, with attention toward music of other cultures and folk traditions, as well as music of under-represented composers. In many ways, we hope to reach deeply within and beyond these walls!

Throughout these past few weeks of beginnings at St. James's, I have felt such gratitude for the building blocks that are already being laid. I am grateful for Bob Hooper's enthusiastic "yes's" and equally for his honest discernment. I'm grateful to Priscilla Hooper for her vibrant sundresses and even more vibrant generosity of spirit. I thank Rob Lofberg for his collegial warmth and genuinely collaborative nature. I thank Cheryl for her administrative help and her fabulous flexibility as we establish new systems. And, with deep admiration, I thank Alan for all the work he has done here in recent years, despite post-Covid challenges, to continuously curate a welcoming, skillful, and engaged musical community of all ages. And, outside professional connections, I am simply grateful to call him my friend. Thank you, dear siblings in Christ at St. James's, for your kind gestures of hospitality and welcome as we begin this journey together. Blessings truly abound!

On the following page, you'll find our events for the fall season. Please mark your calendars and join us!

Soli Deo Gloria,



LITURGY

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.

1 Like the mur - mur -
2 To the mem - bers
3 With the heav - ing

AND MUSIC

Important Dates

Sunday, September 8
Regular service schedule resumes and choir returns

Monday, September 9
Monday Music & More (3Ms) resumes with Michelle Horsley and Priscilla Hooper

Sundays, October 20 and 27
Storytime Coffee Hour Forum led by Michelle Horsley

Friday, October 25
Ghost Stories at 6pm followed by PipeScreams! at 7pm

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*

Upcoming...



presents the 33rd annual

PIPESCREAMS

a wild, family-friendly
Halloween organ concert

OCTOBER 25

6PM GHOST STORIES

7PM ORGAN CONCERT



St. James's Episcopal Church

West Hartford

more info at: www.HartfordAGO.org



free admission!

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15TH - **FAURÉ REQUIEM** (5:00PM)

(HELD OFFSITE AT LINCOLN THEATER, THE HARTT SCHOOL OF MUSIC)

The choirs of St. James's, St. Patrick-St. Anthony, Chorus Angelicus, and Gaudeamus are teaming up to form a mass choir of 70+ voices in a performance of Gabriel Fauré's Requiem. This is the final concert of the Ode to Joy Festival at The Hartt School of Music and the choirs will be accompanied by a chamber orchestra that includes Alan Murchie on piano! Free admission.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 25TH - **PIPESCREAMS!** (6:00PM GHOST STORIES, 7:00PM ORGAN CONCERT)

St. James's will be hosting this year's PipeScreams, which is a wild, family-friendly Halloween organ concert (now in its 33rd year) hosted by the Greater Hartford Chapter of the American Guild of Organists and emceed by Michelle Horsley. Each year, this popular event features organists of all ages sharing spooky musical selections interspersed with theatrical bits and special effects. The program will begin with treats and ghost stories told around a bonfire outside, hosted by Chion Wolf (of NPR/CT-Public's *Audacious with Chion Wolf*). Free admission.

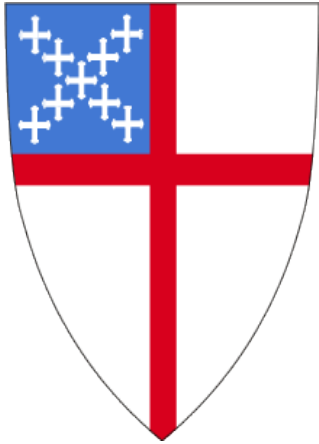
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 10TH - **STORYTIME** (5:00PM)

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 major 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.)

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15TH - **AVE MARIA** (5:00PM)

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 choirs for this most special, musical celebration of the season.

Vestry Corner



Treasurer's Report / January—June 2024

Summary of Current Position:

Through June, the church is short of its budget by \$30,228. Income and expenses both contributed to the shortfall as income is \$19,109 below budget, primarily due to lower than

projected pledge payments. Expenses are 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 (+)	\$454,923	474,033	19,109 Below plan
Expense (-)	493,146	482,027	11,119 Above plan
<i>Net</i>	-38,222	-7,994	30,228 Negative variance to budget

Income: Year-to-Date (YTD) actual income is \$19,109 below budget (or 4.0% below budget). Last month, income was \$29,440 or 6.8%, below budget. The following components impacted the income position through the end of June: Regular Contributions (Current-Year Pledges, Prior-Year Pledges, Seasonal Offerings and Unspecified Offerings) ended the month \$36,665 below the \$334,690 budget, or 10.9% below budget. Last month, Regular Contributions were \$43,912 below budget. Most of the shortfall in Regular Contributions is due to Current Year Pledges which are \$31,912 below budget (or 10.0% below budget), an improvement from last month's \$39,980 shortfall. A review of the pledge payments is underway. Facilities Income: Actual income of \$44,048 is \$3,603 greater than the budgeted amount of \$40,445. Last month, facilities income was \$746 greater than budgeted. Special Contributions, General Purposes: The primary component in this category is the Rector's Appeal contributions. At the end of June, actual receipts were \$14,300 higher than projected, a small reduction from May's overage of \$14,500. A review of the pledges has begun to assess the bucketing of pledge payments which may also impact the current shortfall in the current year pledges.

Expenses: YTD expenses are \$11,119, or 2.3%, above budget. As of end of June, expenses were \$8,600, or 2.6%, higher than budgeted. A few key expense categories in terms of their contribution to the overall variance through the end of June are: Property: \$4,157 over budget, caused by Gas expenses which are \$5,700 above budget. Personnel: \$5,490 over budget. Last month, Personnel was \$5,300 above budget. Components of the personnel expenses are being reviewed.

Mission

Annual School Supply Drive Update

Thank You!

THANK you to all who helped with this year's annual drive for children and families. We filled a total of 170 backpacks with school supplies (a record). We also had an enormous amount of supplies donated this year, too much to count. The backpacks and supplies were delivered to the families served by Grace Church Food Pantry, The Bridge Family Center, Hartford Catholic Worker, and social workers at West Hartford's Morley School. Because of your generosity, many children began the school year better prepared.

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.

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, 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.

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

Regular Service Schedule & Parish Fall Picnic

THE regular service schedule resumes on **Sunday, September 8** with services at 8:00 in the chapel and 9:30 in the church with the choir. We'll gather after the 9:30 service outdoors for the annual fall picnic. There will be plenty of food and all are welcome. Beverage and grilled foods will be provided. If you are able, bring a dessert or salad dish to share with the group. Invite your friends!



FOOD TRUCKS - ZIP LINE - DJ

SEPT. 14-15 MUCH MUCH MORE!

AGES 12-17

COST: \$30

REGISTER HERE:

[HTTPS://CAMPWASHINGTON.CAMPBRAINREGISTRATION.COM](https://campwashington.campbrainregistration.com)



Email khandlong@campwashington.org with any questions!
Camp Washington | 190 Kenyon Rd, Lakeside, CT 06758 | (860) 567-9623

Diocesan-Wide Youth Group on the Move!

Sunday, October 6

ALL high school and middle school students throughout the diocese are invited to a youth event at St. James's on **Sunday, October 6**. We'll share stories, enjoy games, music, food, and fun! A great way to make new friends and become part of a big CW Youth Group.

Coffee Hour Forums & Small Group Discussion

Sundays at 11am

September 15—Forum

“Walking the Camino de Santiago (The Way of St. James)”

Join the Rev. Bob Hooper to learn about his trek across Spain this past spring.

September 29—Small Group Discussion

“The Spirituality and Struggles of Being Busy”

Are you balancing a dual income household with very busy kids? Please join Bob Hooper for a conversation for parents of young and school-aged children who struggle with work/life balance. We are not going to solve any problems (sorry) but hopefully come to an understanding that you are not doing this alone, and help find some joy and perspective in the busyness. This is a one-time opportunity for now, but hopefully a chance to explore what it would look like to continue the conversation. The discussion will be held in the Parish Room. Childcare provided.

October 20 and 27—Forums

“Storytime”

Join St. James’s Organist and Director of Music, Michelle Horsley, for a glimpse into the intergenerational music event on November 10 that will connect the timeless wisdom of beloved children’s books with choral works of various composers.

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

Fourth Friday Family Night

September 27 and October 25 at 5:15pm

Fernridge Park in West Hartford or Parish Hall

Family nights will meet **Fridays, September 27 and October 25 at 5:15pm** at

Fernridge Park in West Hartford (567 Fern St.) for a pizza dinner and outside play for the kids. If the weather is chilly or wet, we will meet in the parish hall. 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, kerriraisian@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.



ST. JAMES’S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MARK

Please join us for a three-week exploration of Mark. Themes will include:

- What is a ‘Gospel?’
- Mark’s unique perspective on Jesus’s identity.
- The contemplation of suffering and glory in the life of Jesus and his followers.

MONDAY SEPTEMBER 16TH, 23RD, 30TH FROM 12:15-1PM

PARISH ROOM - BRING A BAG LUNCH!

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 beginning at 8:00 a.m. 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. Light refreshments are served. **The discussion group will meet on Saturdays, September 14 and 28; October 12 and 26.** Daniel Dollar chairs the group. Interested? Contact him at danielmdollar@gmail.com.

St. James’s “Embrace” Ministry

WE have begun a new ministry and are looking for volunteers to provide pastoral support to members of our church family. Please consider joining the Embrace Ministry to invite 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. Contact Susan Ritz (860-904-8588) or Marilyn Thomlinson (860-372-1193) for further information.



FALLFEST

Saturday
October 5
5 - 8PM

Everyone is Invited

Pig Roast, Live Music,
Local Craft Beverages,
Food & Games for all Ages

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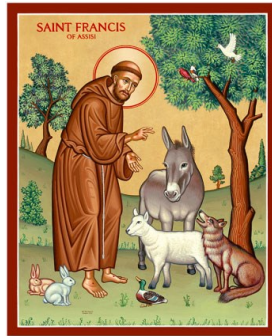
Good News Garden

Wednesdays 8:30-9:30am. We could use more helpers on Wednesdays from 8:30 to 9:30am to help with the harvesting of the garden. If Wednesday doesn't work, meet up with us to weed after the services on Sunday. We have delivered lots of produce to The Hartford Catholic Worker, and have also sent produce to Grace Episcopal this spring and summer. Donations from your gardens are most welcome and should be dropped off in the cloister, Wednesdays by 9am. Questions or to join the team, please contact Cheryl Wadsworth, cherw173@gmail.com.

Blessing of the Animals

St. Francis Sunday, October 6

BRING your beloved pets with you to the 9:30 service on **Sunday, October 6!** 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.



Coffee Hour is Back!

Sundays beginning in September

SEPTEMBER 15 marks the return of our Coffee Hour fellowship and our first Coffee Hour Forum. Volunteers are needed that Sunday, and throughout the school year, 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. If you can't host, please consider contributing a homemade or store-bought baked good, fruit, or other food item. 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.



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.

Chalice Bearers Needed

Volunteer to Host!

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.

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!

Registry and Readings

Deaths

Kent Scott Moyle

August 4, 2024

Baptisms

Declan Thomas Murray—July 21, 2024

Son of Austin and Catherine Murray

Parish Birthdays

Children and Youth

SEPTEMBER

Graham Horowitz, 2
Colette Barber, 2
Luke Lemanski, 2
Vera Millium, 2
Jack Adams, 4
Riley Morriss, 8
Natalie Moore, 12
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
Henry Stevens, 16
Camden Jacobs, 17
Amelia Hart, 21
Grayson Isselee, 22
Ava Reynolds, 22
Jacob Campbell, 23
Cole Stevens, 23
Tate Fagan, 24
Penelope Collin, 25
Rory Raissian, 25

Parish Prayer List

Those in our parish family

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

Those in our extended parish family

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, Janet, Sue & Claudia, Larry, Gretchen, Denise, Jocelyn, Forrest, Laticia, Suzanne.

Those Serving in the Military

Andrew Clark

Sunday Lectionary

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost, September 1

Song of Solomon 2:8-13; Psalm 45:1-2, 7-10
James 1:17-27; Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost, September 8

Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23; Psalm 125
James 2:1-10, [11-13], 14-17; Mark 7:24-37

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost, September 15

2 Samuel 7:1-14a; Psalm 89:20-37
Ephesians 2:11-22; Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost, September 22

2 Proverbs 1:20-33; Psalm 19 or Wisdom 7:26-8:1
James 3:1-12; Mark 8:27-38

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost, September 29

Esther 7:1-6, 9-10; 9:20-22; Psalm 124
James 5:13-20; Mark 9:38-50

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost, October 6

Job 1:1; 2:1-10; Psalm 26
Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12; Mark 10:2-16

Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost, October 13

1 Job 23:1-9, 16-17; Psalm 22:1-15
Hebrews 4:12-16; Mark 10:17-31

Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost, October 20

1 Job 38:1-7, (34-41); Psalm 104:1-9, 25, 37b
Hebrews 5:1-10; Mark 10:35-45

Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost, October 27

1 Job 42:1-6, 10-17; Psalm 34:1-8, (19-22)
Hebrews 7:23-28; Mark 10:46-52

Women Of St. James's



October 2024

MARK your calendars—we begin a new program year on **Tuesday, October 8** with a salad buffet luncheon in the dining room at 12pm. The guest speaker is the Rev. Bob Hooper, rector, who will speak on his recent sabbatical, which included a trek along the Camino de Santiago (The Way of St. James) in Spain. 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 (booklets will not be mailed).*** Below is the schedule for October. Please share the information with your friends and neighbors!

Tuesday, October 8

The Rev. Bob Hooper
*Salad Buffet Luncheon—
Please bring a dish to share*

Tuesday, October 22

Social hour and fellowship
*Bring a sandwich with you.
Dessert will be provided.*

September/October 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9:30 AM Holy Eucharist, Rite II w/ Baptism & Livestream—Church 9:30 KFC (Kids for Christ) - PH 11:00 AM 200 Identical Sandwiches 11:00 AM Lemonade on the Lawn	2 LABOR DAY / POC 7:00 AM AA Group - DR 10:00 AM AA Group - DR	3/1 7:00 AM AA Group - DR	4/2 7:00 AM AA Group - DR 7:00 AM Holy Eucharist—Chapel 5:30 PM Chorister Rehearsal 7:00 PM Adult Choir Rehearsal	5/3 7:00 AM AA Group - DR 10:00 AM AA Group—DR	6/4 7:00 AM AA Group - DR	7/5 7:00 PM AA Group—DR No AA 5:00 PM FALLFEST
8/6 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 AM St. Francis Blessing of the Animals—Outdoors 9:30 KFC (Kids for Christ) - PH 11:00 AM 200 Identical Sandwiches 11:00 AM Fall Parish Picnic—Courtyard 11:00 AM Lemonade/Coffee—Outdoors 4:00 PM DIOCESAN-WIDE YOUTH EVENT	9/7 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	10/8 7:00 AM AA Group - DR 12:00 PM Women of St. James's Luncheon—DR	11/9 7:00 AM AA Group - DR 7:00 AM Holy Eucharist—Chapel 5:30 PM Chorister Rehearsal 7:00 PM Adult Choir Rehearsal	12/10 7:00 AM AA Group - DR 10:00 AM AA Group—DR	13/11 7:00 AM AA Group - DR	14/12 7:00 PM AA Group—DR Camp Washington Youth Fest
15/13 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 Forum—PH 11:00 AM Coffee Hour—PH Camp Washington Youth Fest	16/14 COLUMBUS DAY POC 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	17/15 7:00 AM AA Group - DR 7:00 PM Vestry—PR	18/16 7:00 AM AA Group - DR 7:00 AM Holy Eucharist—Chapel 10:30 AM Holy Eucharist—McAuley 5:30 PM Chorister Rehearsal 7:00 PM Adult Choir Rehearsal	19/17 7:00 AM AA Group - DR 10:00 AM AA Group -DR 10:00 AM FOODSHARE	20/18 7:00 AM AA Group - DR	21/19 7:00 PM AA Group—DR
22/20 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 & 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 AM Coffee Hour—PH 11:00 AM Coffee Hour Forum—PH 4:00 PM CONCORA—Church	23/21 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	24/22 7:00 AM AA Group - DR 12:00 PM Women of St. James's Luncheon—DR	25/23 7:00 AM AA Group - DR 7:00 AM Holy Eucharist—Chapel 5:30 PM Chorister Rehearsal 7:00 PM Adult Choir Rehearsal	26/24 7:00 AM AA Group - DR 10:00 AM AA Group—DR	27/25 7:00 AM AA Group - DR 5:15 PM Fourth Friday Family Night—Fernridge Park or Parish Hall 6:00 PM PIPESCREAMS! - Church Diocesan Convention	28/26 7:00 PM AA Group—DR Diocesan Convention
29/27 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/ Baptism & Livestream—Church 9:30 KFC (Kids for Christ) - PH 11:00 AM Coffee Hour—PH 11:00 AM Small Group Discussion—PR 11:00 AM Coffee Hour Forum—PH	30/28 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	29 7:00 AM AA Group - DR	30 7:00 AM AA Group - DR 7:00 AM Holy Eucharist—Chapel 5:30 PM Chorister Rehearsal 7:00 PM Adult Choir Rehearsal	31 All Hallows Eve 7:00 AM AA Group - DR 10:00 AM AA Group—DR		

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The Reverend Molly F. James	Priest Associate
The Reverend Canon John L.C. Mitman	Priest Associate
The Reverend Dr. Borden W. Painter	Priest Associate
The Reverend Joan P. Phelps	Priest Associate

The Staff

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Michelle Horsley	Organist & Director of Music

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Harry Meyer	Assistant Treasurer
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Tyler Smith	Junior Warden
Kerri Raissian	Clerk
Michael Sherrill	Treasurer

Term Ending 2025

Bob Bausmith, Ellen Dollar
Kim Hart-Kindelberger, Judith Stahl

Term Ending 2026

Chuck Kinney, Ruth Mitman
Barbara Rua, Bill Thompson

Term Ending 2027

Doug Compton, Joey Meyer
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