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Dear Good People of St. James's,

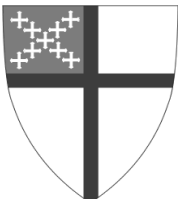
As I look back on 2015, it becomes abundantly clear that while we participated in many new, exciting ventures, 2015 was most especially a year of living in community faithfully. St. James's has proven over many years to be a spiritual home of many thoughtful, prayerful, and generous people. For this I thank God every day.

That said, there are a few highlights I would like to point out. In the area of fellowship, we created a new event called, The Taste of St. James's Brunch, showcasing once again, the fine culinary skills of many members of the congregation and everyone's willingness to partake. This past summer, Michael Curry was elected the 27th Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church at the 78th (meets every 3 years) General Convention held in Salt Lake City, Utah. Michael has already proven to be an extraordinary leader and the perfect person to lead the Episcopal Church into the future.

Back at home, we embarked on a new venture, exploring new and creative ways of being church at St. James's. We are calling it, St. James's 20/20: Envision Our Future. Many of us met in small groups to share our thoughts and dreams for our mission and ministry at St. James's, affirming much of what we already do and coming up with lots of new and exciting ideas. Also this fall, many of us found ourselves watching news from the unfolding refugee crisis, torn between looking away from the pain and suffering and a crushing need to come up with a helpful response. This began our journey together as we work with the people of St. John's to hopefully host a refugee family in the near future.

In 2015 the vestry and I changed both Curtis and Priscilla's titles to better reflect their ministries and responsibilities. Curtis is now Associate Rector, reflecting our much shared liturgical, pastoral and leadership responsibilities. This is a rare advancement for a priest so new and young but greatly deserved. The job of Director of Religious Education has grown and evolved dramatically over the years prompting us to change Priscilla's title to Director of Youth and Family Ministries. In her role here at St. James's, Priscilla works with the children of all ages on a weekly basis and spends time supporting the families of this parish regularly in new and creative ways. These two combined with the faithful Cheryl Batter, our parish administrator, the talented Vaughn Mauren, our organist and choirmaster, Randy Martini, our sexton and Heidi Cotter, our financial secretary plus a cadre of gifted Associate Clergy, and strong lay leaders gives me the opportunity to work with some of the finest people in the church today. Thank you to all of you who make serving here a pleasure and I look forward to seeing what the future holds.

Faithfully,



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

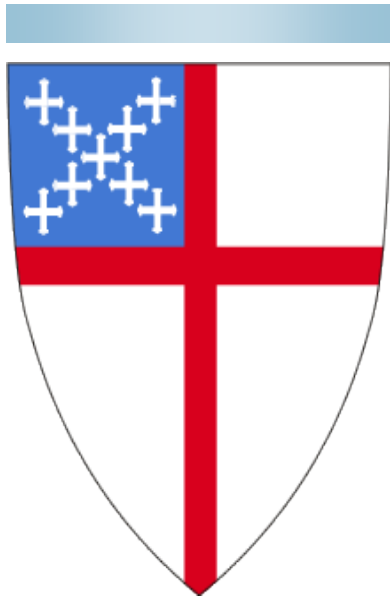
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## Highlights in February

- Shrove Tuesday Pancake & Potluck Supper, February 9 at 5:30pm
- Ash Wednesday, February 10 service schedule inside
- Second Sundays: Youth Group at 5:30pm on Sunday, February 14
- Sundays in Lent: Lent Event, Soup Supper, and Compline, beginning Sunday, February 14 at 6pm



## Vestry Corner

The Vestry Nominating Committee and St. James's welcomes the following new and existing members of our Vestry and Officers for 2016:

Michael Sherrill	<b>Senior Warden</b>	<b>Term Ending 2017</b>
David Dynowski	<b>Junior Warden</b>	Kathy Bolt
Kimberly Lytle	<b>Clerk</b>	Ben Parish
Harry Meyer	<b>Treasurer</b>	Michael Shuey
		Judith Stahl
<b>Term Ending 2018</b>	<b>Term Ending 2019</b>	<b>Delegates to the Convention</b>
Diane Duva	Sam Paul	Michael Sherrill
Barbara Rua	Leslie Toutain	David Dynowski
Carolyn O'Sullivan	John Walsh	
Robert Smith	Abby Fisher Williamson	

## Stewardship 2016—Thank You!

The following parishioners have pledged thus far for 2016

*New pledgers are in italics*

Doug & Ann Cooke, Ron Coons, Eric & Deborah Ross, Bill & Judith Thompson, Ron Ward, Gale & Donna Mattison, Bob & Betsy Smith, Mike Shuey, Roberta Cosby, Edie Booth, Taffy Wilcox, Rafael & Elizabeth Gallegos, Chuck & Meredith Willson, Ken & Eileen Jackson, Borden & Ann Painter, Bob & Lynne Holloway, Jeff & Janet Kendall-Lankin, Carol McDermott, Bidwell S. Fuller, Susan S. Cooley, Cynthia B. Clifford, Kenneth & Susan Gutierrez, Dean & Kathy Bolt, Diane Mack & Robin Gilmartin, Bryan & Terry Wysong, Elizabeth Cloud, Charlie & Lee Klippel, Hope Lennartz & Solange Rossignol, *Jocelyn Ehn*, Michael T. Goupil, Ray & Liz Payne, John & Brenda Barrows, Jane Borden, Connie Duva, Myrtle Corsillo, Richard & Margaret Brown, Bob & Claire Burnett, *Gao-Ya & Susannah Chen*, Joyce E. Runge, Stephen & Fran Cobb, Janet Tanner, Tom & Rachael Desmond, Mary Ann Haar, *Bob Duncan & Chuck Kinney*, Kimberly Goodrich, Robert & Nancy Jo Hoffman, Larry & Peg Howard, William & Betty Knorr, David & Virginia Kramer, Judy Lawes, Travis & Kimberly Lytle, Ted & Ronnie Newton, Nancy C. Barker, Ben & Martha Parish, Sam & Michele Paul, Michael & Hilary Sherrill, John & Anne Walsh, Chuck & Jeanne Bennett-Russo, Steve & Lois Schneeberger, Barbara Ulrich, Jon & Geraldine Smalley, Frank Lundborg, Laura J. Ahrens, Alex Smith & Christine Pina, David & Priscilla Thomas, Ann Kazarian, Peter & Gertrude Thompson, Stephan & Lesley Toutain, Elly Brazell, Mayrita Trojanowski, John & Cheryl Wadsworth, Paul & Diane Duva, Doug Compton, Mark & Cheri Evans, Bernie Wilbur, Sandra DeCelles, Bruce & Molly Loudon, Paul & Jo Mangiafico, Jonathan & Cheryl Pease, Norman & Joan Kayser, Amelia O. Ramsey, Chuck & Laura Coyne, Bill Whitaker & Kimberly Parsons, Chris & Christina Wilson, Lynne Lumsden & John Harden, Dean & Ann Uphoff, Bill & Judith Stahl, John & Frances Bergquist, Robert & Bette Kelly, Michael & Linda Fournier, Gertrude B. Carver, David & Samantha Dynowski, Gregory & Judith Hock, Donna Kluciewicz, Joseph & Jennifer Long, Robert & Renée McCue, Donald & Margaret Romanik, Karen Ericson, Richard M. Wenner, *Sherrie Sharp*, Bob Skenderian, Sara Barroll, Colin & Heather Swales, Irene Wiggins, Curtis Farr & Antonio Rocha, Bob & Priscilla Hooper, Harry Meyer, *David & Sara Hadden*, Rick & Caren Bradley, Peter & Anna Ciccone, DJ & Jeanne DiGiacomo, Adam Fisher & Abby Williamson, *Nick & Lauren Forcello*, Mark & Cindy Welch, James & Carolyn O'Sullivan, Douglas Howard, Laura DeLaCruz, Hugh & Jan Whelan, Tom & Rita Neal, Ruth Abramson, Mary Coppage, Grace Crooks, Sue Nelson, Ian & Janet Duncan, David & Joyce Jackson, Rocco & Jamie Urso, Joan Laskowski, Stephanie Hobart, Joey Meyer & Eleanor Michael, Bill & Nora Harris, Edwina Bosco, Emily McMurray, Kenneth & Kelly Keough, Marilyn Jones, Carol B. Hunt, G. Paolo Villa, David & Amy Messinger, John & Rachel Granquist, Nancy O. McIntyre, Nicholas Busse & Barbara Rua, Patrick Coll & Bonny Slim, Chan & Barbara Schiller, Mark Moyle, David & Barbara Teed, Bill & Diane Dyckman, Hunter & Debra Morton, Leon Fraser & Marilyn Tomlinson, Deirdre Penland, Tim Galante & Tammi Flowers, Derrick & Kristen Kirsch, Peter & Chris Peterson, Helen G. Fenn, John & Machele Rosenlieb, Audrey Lamy, Louise Strillacci, Bruce & Lee Adams, Eddie Jacovino & Elizabeth Porter, Michael & Beverly Fitzsosa, Daniel & Ellen Dollar, Mark Keen, Jonathan Lewis, *Sara & Harry Marotto*, Jane Good, Jonathan & Catie Oakleaf, Matthew Pinckney & Liisa Kuhn, *Gloria Bachorowski*, Christopher & Louise Keesling, Barbara Novak, Greg & Jen Jacobs, Bob Fawber, Russell & Jennifer Butts, Tony & Kerri Raissian, Mark & Michelle Stafford, *Terry & Kathy Sofrin*, Hugh MacGillis & Susan Ritz, Natalie Mascolo, , Rob & Jessica Healy, Eunice Heinlein, Rob Vietzke & Kate Robinson, Bob & Betsy Curtler, David & Michelle Colburn, Karen Licht, Scott & Ruth Lawlor, David & Jennifer Lemanski, Matt & Liz Schott, John & Elizabeth Waterman, *Robert C. Bausmith*, Sally Mullane, and David Marshall.



# ST. JAMES'S 2020 ENVISION OUR FUTURE

## ST. JAMES'S 2020 UPDATE:

**O**VER the course of the fall, we heard many ideas for improvements we might make to the St. James's facilities, as well as visions for new opportunities for growth as a faith community. The two mesh nicely into overarching plans for St. James's future. What follows is a general discussion of some of these projects. Over the next few months the leadership of the parish will review these ideas and make recommendations for how we should proceed in Transforming Our Future, and advancing St. James's participation in God's Mission.

One of the most common suggestions was to increase our visibility within the wider community – have St. James's be the place where things are happening. This would also lead to an increase in the diversity of our congregation, another common hope. Programmatically, this could include hosting cultural, social, musical, and literary events such as organ/choral recitals, discussions around social justice, and Adult Education offerings. Updating our facilities would enable such events to run more smoothly and present our community in a better light. These include, but are not limited to, the much-needed refurbishment of the organ as well as updating of the kitchens, dining room, parish hall, and bathroom facilities. Additional improvements to the A/V systems as well as air-conditioning in the dining room and parish hall would give speakers and performers a better platform for their offerings. The addition of digital displays and improved signage would allow visitors and newcomers to better find their way around our facilities.

The older youth of the parish suggested a program for tutoring and mentoring their middle-school peers. Updating the teen room to give it more of a coffee house feel would go a long way to making the space work for this type of program. Other suggestions to utilize this space would be to provide job counseling and assistance for teens, and an expansion of multi-generational programming.

Partnering with West Hartford or Hartford non-profits to create new outreach opportunities is another suggestion, as well as expanding our feeding programs. Our main kitchen is currently not up to health codes, and as such we are currently very limited as to the programs we can run out of that kitchen. In addition, new or reorganized storage would be helpful for any new outreach/mission projects. Did you know we have already begun a new program involving feeding? We are now a distribution center for a program run between Food Share and the Town of West Hartford, to provide boxes of food to senior residents who qualify.

Another suggestion that would benefit from an updated kitchen and storage space is to provide inexpensive dine-out options for certain groups in the community: teens, young adults, singles, and the elderly.

A desire to have St. James's more accessible to the handicapped and elderly, adds considerations to the bathroom renovations and the possibility of reworking some of the pews in the front of the sanctuary to allow for wheel chairs. Another idea is to purchase or lease a parish van. This could also help our parish connect better with members who are ill or cannot get to church regularly or easily, as well as facilitate youth events and outings.

A few additional ideas that were mentioned would benefit from many of the facilities changes outlined above: Take community gardening and related education out to the community, paint the sanctuary and improve the lighting, ensure proper care of the Memorial Garden, and add solar panels and LED lighting.

Additional ideas that would not require facilities updates are:

- Sponsor a refugee family.
- Re-start dinner groups.
- Use a work crew of members to do "light work" (eg., painting) to spruce up church's appearance.
- Consider aligning timing of different services and events to make the time commitment more efficient and predictable.

In closing, thank you to everyone who participated in vision meetings this fall. None of this will be possible without the participation of all of us, as we Transform our Future.

*St. James's 2020 Update: Envision our Future Communication Committee*

# From the Associate Rector

**D**EAR Ones,

How do we remain devoted to God's mission of total reconciliation for all of creation amidst real diversity of belief and culture?

This question is at play in many ways today. From the crowded Republican field of presidential candidates to their democratic potential opponents (and all of the rhetoric that pours forth from debates, speeches, and advertisements). And in ecclesial terms, in the recent statements from Anglican primates regarding desired sanctions against the Episcopal Church for our recent changes to canon defining marriage as not solely a union between a woman and man.

As usually happens, heated comments breed more heated comments and everyone winds up feeling justified and pissed off.

There has got to be a lesson for us "on the ground," some insight we might glean for the sake of bettering our own lives and relationships.

One thing for sure is that we commit to working through such differences together. This requires really listening to those whose views oppose ours (or seem to). If you've ever had a conversation in which your point of view was ignored and replaced with someone's preconceived notion of your thoughts, you are probably nodding your head.

There is too little listening, especially regarding religion and politics, but about anything really. And why don't we listen? Because we've spent literally our whole lives becoming who we are. We only know and believe what we know and believe because in our lives we have come to know and believe it. It is thus a great feat of humility to be with someone with whom I disagree and remember that they are not failing at becoming me. They have not failed to attain my wisdom, knowledge, experience, values, etc.

If this realization causes you a great metaphysical crisis, remember to show yourself the same patience I am suggesting we show each other.

So I return to my initial question: How do we remain devoted to God's mission of total reconciliation for all of creation amidst real diversity of belief and culture?

I don't know, but let's find out, shall we?

Your brother in Christ,

Curtis +

## Youth Update

### Youth:

**Mark your calendars for our youth group event on Valentines Day, February 14!**

**If you haven't filled out a survey for youth events, please do so!**

## Youth Group Second Sundays

**February 14**

**Dinner at 5:30pm  
Activity at 6:30pm  
Prayer at 7:20pm  
Depart at 7:30pm**

**Do your homework early and invite a friend!**

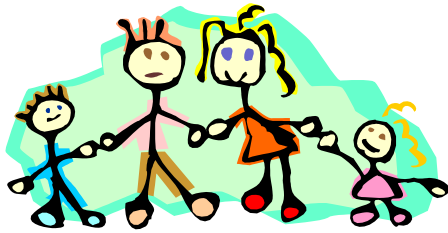


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# St. James's Center for Children and Families



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

## Rhythms of Grace

**Sunday, March 13**  
**(There is no Rhythms of Grace in February)**

*A worship and faith formation experience for children and families is held at St. James's Episcopal Church in West Hartford on the second Sunday of each month at 4pm.*

*The service, which is between an hour and an hour and half, involves storytelling, therapeutic play and Holy Communion. The roots of Rhythm of Grace are in the Episcopal tradition, but all are welcome.*



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It is February! Winter is well underway, the days are noticeably longer than they were in January, the chili-cook off has come and gone, as well as the annual meeting. It always seems that I just finish telling you what is going in January when I write my February newsletter. So I decided to share a little bit of what we do each week with our new Sunday school curriculum. Using the *Living the Good News* curriculum has been really great. I like the fact that the children are learning the same lesson that is being preached in the big church to the adults. My hope and prayer is that families will take a few minutes to talk about the Gospel reading after church, reinforcing what we learned and how we can use what we learned to bring Jesus out to the wider world. It makes me so happy when a child tells me about a connection they make from the Gospel to their own life. These little epiphanies are the sparks that ignite the fire of a life of faith. Keep bringing your children to church and Sunday school! We have had over 25 children in Sunday school for the last few months, which is amazing!

One more thing I would like to share is that I begin each week by singing this song. Although my husband says the theology is a little shaky, I like it anyway and sing it with vigor each week. Hopefully your children will come home and share it with you.

The song and its motions go like this:  
"I am the church. (Point to yourself.)  
You are the church. (Point to everyone else.)  
We are the church together. (Hold hands with the people on each side of you.)  
All of God's people, all around the world, yes, we're the church together.  
The church is not a building. (Clasp your fists together.)

The church is not a steeple. (Pull out your pointer finger for a steeple.)

The church is not a resting place. (Rest your head on your hands like you are napping.)

The church is the people." (Hold hands with the people on each side of you.)

As most of you know, I love working with the children of this parish. I love helping them to know God's love and to learn the stories of our people. This song, however, is one of my favorites not only because of the words, but the actions that reinforce the words. It is the same way with our new curriculum. We read the Gospel story each week and reinforce the message either through art, or games, or music, or a combination of the three.

So, as we continue in this season of Epiphany, we can learn a lot from this precious little song that we in Sunday school sing each week. It can help us to remember to proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ loud and long, to not let our voices be silenced. We must all, like the children, when we sing the words, "We are the church together," reach out to our neighbors and take their hands. Working together we can get the job done!

So, in this season of Epiphany, I pray that we remember to celebrate the small epiphanies, as well as the great ones. Talk to your children about what they learned in Sunday school and remember the words of the little song we sing every Sunday. "We are the church together." Let's grab our neighbors by the hand and get to work. Truly, there is much work to be done, and we the church, as the heart, hands, and feet of Jesus, can do it! Alleluia!

Your sister in Christ,

## From the Organist & Choirmaster

CALL me off, but I love our penitential seasons! While most of us spend Advent in anticipation of Christmas, I am quite content with adding a fifth Sunday of Advent, or even a sixth. The same is true for Lent. Musically, there is something about these seasons that inspires choral composers to write exquisite music. With specific regard to Lent, they write music that probes deeply into the complex theology and emotion of Christ's time in the desert and eventual crucifixion, bringing scripture alive and making it seem less about what happened in a different time and place, but instead more relatable.

Though plainsong or plainchant is not a Lent-specific, we sing it more often in Lent because its simplicity reflects other themes and traditions we use to remind us of what's essential and what's not. Plainchant is simpler in its musical construction than other forms of chanting: it utilizes just one note at any given time. It is some of the earliest church music, dating back to the first centuries after Christ's death. Its roots go back even further to music from the Synagogue and the Greek modal system. Though the Greeks invented the first system of musical notation, their method was lost somewhere in the first millennium A.D., and music was disseminated vis-à-vis aural practice and experience. With plainchant a system of musical notation was revived and bears a strong resemblance to the one we use today.

Please join us again in this season of Lent on Sunday evenings for Lent event, soup supper, and Compline, where you can hear members of our choir sing plainchant.



## From the Seminarian

I HAVE been thinking much about time—especially the lack of it. I constantly feel like time is one of the scarcest resources in my life. There is always more to do, more to read, more projects to take up, more obligations. In pushing time to its limits, trying to make the most of my days and my hours, there are difficult choices about what gets cut and what stays in. One of the easiest things to cut is the time I spend in prayer. Who has time to pray? One of the downfalls of a God who is always there, who offers the same grace, hope, and love now and always, is that it is hard to have the sense of immediacy about a life of faith that I have about the rest of my tasks.

For years I have been trying to find the practices, attitudes, and life balance that will allow God to be present, and for me to be aware of that presence in the course of the everyday. I am always looking for “the thing” that will make it all click, that will resolve the unsolvable puzzle of balancing my life. While that one cure-all may never come, I do believe there are ways I can live my life, structure my days, and go about every activity that can cultivate an awareness of God's presence. And through those attitudes and practices, time can become sacred.

This Lent, we as a community will be exploring some of these questions. In our Lenten series, we will look at the idea of sacred time through a number of different practices and perspectives. Over four Sundays (February 21-March 13), we will hear different perspectives on this topic, enjoy a simple supper, and celebrate Compline together. The first week we will look at “Making a Rule of Life,” rethinking the monastic practice of arranging time. From there we will consider the different faith traditions (Jewish, Muslim, and Christian) and their practices of daily prayer. We will then think about time and its connections to food and rituals around it. And finally, we will finish the series with a book study for the whole family.

We will look closely at our lives, reflecting on ways our daily rhythms and routines can make space for heightened awareness to the presence of God. I hope that together we may use this Lent as a time to intentionally move closer to seeing our lives and time as opportunity for perpetual prayer.



## LITURGY



## AND MUSIC

### Important Dates

#### February 10

Ash Wednesday Service  
at 7pm with the full St.  
James's Choir

#### Tuesday, March 22

Mozart's Requiem at  
7pm in the church.  
Sung by members of the  
St. James's Choir



#### Help Send Choir to England!

We continue to raise funds for our England Trip by selling Stop & Shop cards! You can purchase these at face value, and we earn money because Stop & Shop donates 5% of your purchase to help fund our choir trip. You can also donate cards back to St. James's feeding ministries. Use your cards for gift giving as well! Ellen Dollar and Deb Ross will be available at coffee hour each week with cards. Or contact them at [5dollars@comcast.net](mailto:5dollars@comcast.net) or [dross2631@gmail.com](mailto:dross2631@gmail.com).

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# Everyday Christians—Sam Paul

**Interview by Priscilla Hooper**

*In this new series, we get to know members of St. James's a little better by asking them about how they came to be part of the community and how their faith informs their daily life and work.*

**Sam Paul** is on the board of directors of A Hand Up, a 501(c)(3) not for profit organization that helps people who are transitioning to independent living. A Hand Up picks up donated furniture and household goods to help people establish their new homes. It is entirely staffed by volunteers and was started in 2005 by former parishioner, Rosemary Cleaves, and parishioners Robin Gilmartin and Diane Mack.

## **Tell me a little about yourself.**

I am Sam Paul, married for 19 years to my wife, Michele, father of Nicholas, 16, and Lucy, 14. I grew up in Granby and was a member of Trinity Episcopal Church in Tarriffville. When Michele and I were newly married, we were looking for a church to raise our children—we came to St. James's between Rectors John Mitman and Bob Hooper.

## **How did you get involved with A Hand Up?**

I think one of the appeals of St. James's was the commitment to outreach. I hadn't been there long when I met Rosemary Cleaves [founder of A Hand Up] and she would just suck you in to one of the 30 or so programs she ran by herself. First, I was a driver, then I was asked to be on the board in 2009 or 2010. I have been doing deliveries ever since.



## **Why were you attracted to A Hand Up?**

I think that the most effective outreach programs are the most simple. Most people that I know in the area, West Hartford, Farmington, Avon, Granby are happy to donate. They just need a channel. As much satisfaction as I get out of deliveries, it also feels good to help people feel good about helping people.

Also, when I was growing up in Granby recycling was a new concept. They had these bins at the transfer station for cans, bottles, and newspapers. I would volunteer there and help people unload their cars. We tried to make it real easy. There was an appeal for me to keep stuff out of the landfills.

## **You were nominated for an award at UPS for your volunteer work at A Hand Up. Tell me about it.**

The award was from the Casey Foundation. Every year, within all of UPS, a UPS employee gets this award. Because I was nominated A Hand Up got a \$1000 grant. Plus I got my mug on the website. I don't think anyone else in my office can say that.

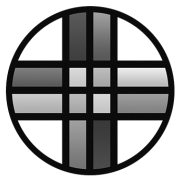
## **How does working at A Hand Up affect you?**

It has been gratifying knowing we have helped so many. We made 161 deliveries in 2015 and we had 236 donor events. I enjoy helping people. I work with a lot of students from Northwest Catholic High School as a part of their campus ministry, they come and spend at least one day of volunteering with us. I was talking to a class and I got sort of choked up explaining what we do. Later at school, the campus minister asked the students to name one of their heroes, one of the kids said me.

I am happy to act as a role model for kids and adults to help others when we have an opportunity to do so.

The Epistle from James 2:14-17, "What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, and one of you says to them, 'Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill,' and yet you do not supply their bodily needs what is the good of that? So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead." That [reading] is something I think of every day.

## Mission



ST. JAMES'S  
**MISSION  
COMMISSION**

### Ongoing needs:

Food Collection/West Hartford Food Bank: Please continue to bring your food donations to the wagon in the cloister or the bins located around the church. Donations are distributed to the SJ feeding programs and West Hartford Food Bank. Remember to check expiration dates! St. James's and The WH Food Bank will not accept items that have expired dates. Please see our website for specific needs.

**In January:** The annual **Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service** was a big success! Thank you to all who volunteered their time and talent in serving our community.

### January/February Mission:

We have kicked off our annual Operation Fuel Campaign! Please make your check out to St. James's Church with "Operation Fuel" in the memo-line and place it in the collection basket on Sunday, or mail your offering to the church.

### Coming in March:

We will be collecting toiletries in February and March for our annual Easter Basket event to be held on **Palm Sunday, March 20**. Start shopping early and place your items at any of the entrances to the church. This annual mission project is very much appreciated by our friends in need who don't always have the means to purchase personal hygiene products. More information will be forthcoming in the bulletins and March newsletter.



## Operation Fuel 2016

**O**PERATION Fuel is a private, nonprofit organization that provides emergency energy assistance to state residents who cannot pay their utility bills and do not qualify for government assistance, or have exhausted their benefits and have nowhere else to turn.

One in five Connecticut households cannot afford energy, but the other four can change that! You can be part of the change; give the gift of heat and light. **Please make your check payable to St. James's Church, with the notation "Operation Fuel" on the memo line.** Thank you for your warm-hearted response to this outreach mission.

## Around the Parish

### Adult Education in February/March

*Small groups and forums at 11am*

#### February 7

#### **WHO WANTS TO BE AN EPISCOPAL MILLIONAIRE?**

**Mark MacGougan**

*Coffee Hour Forum in the Dining Room*

On February 7th, Mark MacGougan will host Who Wants to Be An Episcopal Millionaire, a game show experience that will be as educational as it is humorous. Mark is known for his great sense of humor, and this will surely be a forum you will not want to miss.

#### February 21, 28 and March 6

#### **JUST EATING: PRACTICING OUR FAITH AT THE TABLE**

**Mark Evans**

*Class in the Adult Education Room*

These discussion-based sessions will engage participants in developing a better understanding of the relationship between our Christian heritage and our food. Drawing on Jesus' story and the rituals of the Christian faith, this class examines bodily and earthly health, food access, and how food is used for relationship and hospitality.

#### March 13

#### **SAMARITANS TODAY: CHRISTIANS AS RACE TRAITORS**

**Christopher Doucot**

*Coffee Hour Forum in the Dining Room*

Chris Doucot of the Hartford Catholic Worker will speak on a topic connected to his upcoming book on Samaritans Today: Christians as Race Traitors. If that title makes you excited OR uncomfortable (or a little of both), this forum is for you!

## Monthly Group Meetings

*Women's Evening & Men's Discussion Groups*

**J**OIN the women of the parish and guests for a potluck supper on **Thursday, February 11** beginning at 6pm in the parish room. Bring something to share with the group if you decide to attend. Great food, wine, and fellowship for all.

**J**OIN the men of the parish and guests for a discussion group on **Saturdays, February 13 and 27** beginning at 7:45am in the parish room. Various religious topics are discussed and refreshments are provided.

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# In the Season of Lent

## Shrove Tuesday

### Potluck & Pancake Supper

*February 9 at 5:30pm in the Dining Room*

**D**ON'T miss out on this year's annual Shrove Tuesday Potluck & Pancake Supper—Mardi Gras style! If you are able, bring a Cajun dish or another favorite dish, or a dessert to share with the group. Pancakes and beverage will be provided. The evening begins at 5:30 and is held in the dining room. A great way to begin the Lenten season with friends and family. This event is open to all so invite a friend!

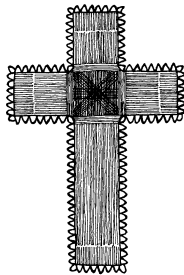


## Ash Wednesday Services

*February 10*

**7am** Holy Eucharist with the Imposition of Ashes in the chapel followed by breakfast in the parish room.

**12:10 & 7pm** Holy Eucharist with the Imposition of Ashes in the church.



## Sundays in Lent

*February 14-March 13*

*6:00 Lenten Event/7:00 Soup Supper*

*7:30 Service of Compline*

**E**ACH Sunday during Lent we will have a Lent event at 6:00 followed by a soup supper at 7:00 in the parish room. We will conclude the evening with a service of Compline at 7:30. This is a beautiful way to begin each work week during Lent. All are welcome, so invite someone to join you.

## Parish Office Closings

**T**HE parish office will be closed **Monday, February 15** for President's Day.

Bring a Friend to Church 9

# Readings and Registry

## Sunday Lectionary

### Last Sunday after the Epiphany, February 7

Exodus 34:29-35; Psalm 99

2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2; Luke 9:28-36, [37-43a]

### First Sunday of Lent, February 14

Deuteronomy 26:1-11; Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16

Romans 10:8b-13; Luke 4:1-13

### Second Sunday of Lent, February 21

Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18; Psalm 27

Philippians 3:17-4:1; Luke 13:31-35

### Third Sunday of Lent, February 28

Exodus 3:1-15; Psalm 63:1-8

1 Corinthians 10:1-13; Luke 13:1-9

## Parish Prayer List

### Those in our parish family:

Jeffrey, Greg, Justin, Joan & Elsa, Ann, Michael, Michelle, Audrey, Claire, Nicole, Margaret & Richard, Ruth, Anne, Brian, Natalie & Harry, Stuart, Olivia, Walter, Frank, David, Liz, Jon, Elly, Justin, Tom, and Betsy.

### Those in our extended parish family:

Maria, Pam, Kevin, Mary Ann, Jenifer, Nancy, Jeff, Ashley, Carol, John, Christina, Jean, Jeff, Roger, Mario, Jennifer, Leslie, John, Justin, Karen, Bea & David, Heather & Bryan, Robert, Sarah, Claudia, David, Patricia, Bob, Jessie, Ryan, Dick, Linda, John, Quinn, Arroll, Chris, Joanie, Rob, Teresa, Dave, Alvin, Karen, Bob, Audra, Parker & Cynthia, Ted, Olivia, Brent, Kaitlyn, Ann, Kara, Henry & Irene, Patricia, Jonathan, Kate, Carrie, Josh & Yvette, Dan, Derrick, Family of Nancy, Grace, Kyle, John & Rita, Betsy, Judy, and John.

### Those Serving in the Military:

Andrew Clark, Michael P. Clarke, Wensley Barker IV, Mark Ulrich, Julian C. Barker, Andrew Huntsman, and Ed Vera.

## Baptisms

*Sunday, January 10*

**John Douglas DeLibero**

*Son of Anthony and Laura DeLibero*

## Deaths

*Friday, January 15*

**Bidwell Fuller**

## Transfers Out

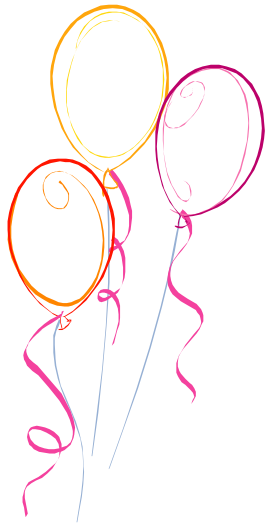
*Monday, January 11*

**Sue Beeghly** to Holy Trinity Anglican Church, Plainville, CT

## February Parish Birthdays

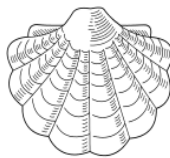
### Children and Youth

Francesca Galante, 1  
 Ali Colburn, 3  
 James O'Sullivan, 4  
 Billy Teed, 4  
 Bianca Ciccomascolo-  
   Barry, 12  
 Clara Capone, 14  
 Danielle DiGiacomo, 16  
 Kallie Guerraz, 16  
 Joseph Duva, 19  
 Makenzie Gallagher, 20  
 Nate Meyer, 21  
 Nicholas Paul, 21  
 Jessalyn Kirsch, 23  
 Gwendolyn Wills, 23  
 Eleanor Duva, 26  
 Olivia Shuey, 26



## Women Of St. James's

### Programs for February 2016



#### Tuesday, February 2

Cindy L. Rodriguez, Author for Young Adults  
*When Reason Breaks*

#### Tuesday, February 9

Shrove Tuesday/Mardi Gras  
*Luncheon provided by Clergy and Staff*

#### Tuesday, February 16

Marisol Cruz St. Juste, Nutritionist  
*The Benefits of Green Smoothies*

#### Tuesday, February 23

The Rev. Curtis A. Farr  
*Lenten Reflection*

*Looking Ahead:*

#### Tuesday, March 1

Joyce St. Germaine  
*Learn about Palm Reading/A Fun Activity*

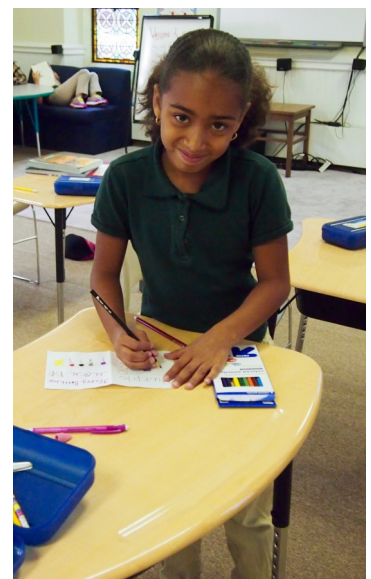
## Around the Diocese



**T**RINITY Academy is an independent co-ed tuition-free elementary school located at Trinity Episcopal Church in Hartford. Currently 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grades with 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grades to follow. They have small classes and provide individual attention with tutoring and small groups in a safe and nurturing community. School starts at 8am and ends at 5pm and provides a healthy breakfast, hot lunch and snacks. They focus on academics, the arts, literacy and critical thinking. The schools mission is to prepare students for future success by helping them develop the strong core skills needed to grow socially, emotionally and spiritually. They are now accepting 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade students for the 2016-2017 school year.



Trinity Academy is always looking for volunteers to help make a difference. Please contact the school for more information at 860-251-8337, [development@trinityday.org](mailto:development@trinityday.org) or visit our website at [www.trinityday.org](http://www.trinityday.org)



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<b>The Reverend Curtis A. Farr</b>	<b>Associate Rector</b>
<b>The Reverend Canon Douglas T. Cooke</b>	<b>Priest Associate</b>
<b>The Reverend Dr. Molly O. Loudon</b>	<b>Priest Associate</b>
<b>The Reverend Dr. Borden W. Painter</b>	<b>Priest Associate</b>
<b>The Reverend Elsa P. Walberg</b>	<b>Priest Associate</b>
<b>The Reverend Terry M. Wysong</b>	<b>Priest Associate</b>

### **The Staff**

<b>Heidi Cotter</b>	<b>Financial Secretary</b>
<b>Cheryl C. Batter</b>	<b>Administrator</b>
<b>Nathan Bourne</b>	<b>Seminarian</b>
<b>Priscilla Hooper</b>	<b>Director of Family Ministries</b>
<b>Randall Martini</b>	<b>Sexton</b>
<b>Vaughn Mauren</b>	<b>Organist &amp; Choirmaster</b>

### **The Vestry**

<b>Michael Sherrill</b>	<b>Senior Warden</b>
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<b>Kimberly Lytle</b>	<b>Clerk</b>
<b>Harry Meyer</b>	<b>Treasurer</b>

#### **Term Ending 2017**

**Kathy Bolt, Ben Parish  
Michael Shuey, Judith Stahl**

#### **Term Ending 2018**

**Diane Duva, Barbara Rua  
Carolyn O'Sullivan, Robert Smith**

#### **Term Ending 2019**

**Sam Paul, Leslie Toutain  
John Walsh, Abby Fisher Williamson**