



HOLY WEEK & EASTER

Palm Sunday, March 20

*Holy Eucharist & Sung Passion at 10AM
(No 8 o'clock service)*

Holy Tuesday, March 22

*Holy Eucharist & Healing Service 11:30AM
Mozart Requiem 7PM*

Holy Wednesday, March 23

*Holy Eucharist/Breakfast, 7AM
Bible Study in the Parish Room 12NOON*

Maundy Thursday, March 24

*Foot-washing, 6:30 PM
Agape Supper with Holy Eucharist, 7PM*

Good Friday, March 25

*12noon Liturgy at St. James's with St. John's
7PM Liturgy at St. John's with St. James's
1PM New Testament Reading & Vigil in the Chapel*

Holy Saturday, March 26

7:30PM Easter Vigil, Christ Church Cathedral

EASTER DAY

Festal Eucharist at 10AM

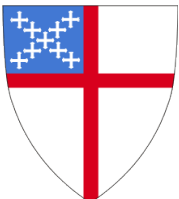
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Highlights in March

- Sundays, March 6 and 13, Lent Event, Soup Supper & Compline
- Second Sunday, March 13, A special Rhythms of Grace at 4pm with pizza dinner to follow / Youth Group at 6pm for Lenten Series
- Palm Sunday, March 20, Easter Basket Event at 11am
- Holy Tuesday, March 22, Mozart's Requiem sung by the St. James's choir and guest soloists with orchestra at 7pm in the church
- Easter Sunday, March 27, Festal Eucharist at 10am in the church



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

From the Associate Rector

DEAR Ones,

Of all the questions I receive from outsiders of our tradition (and insiders), probably one which requires the most explanation is: "Is there confession in the Episcopal Church?"

Yes, there is confession in the Episcopal Church. Every Sunday (except during Eastertide and other occasions) we engage in corporate confession: "Most merciful God, we humbly confess that..." In addition to this weekly occurrence, we have in our prayer book "The Reconciliation of a Penitent" on page 447, commonly called "Confession."

While you will not see confessional booths in many Episcopal churches, I would imagine that if you ask any seasoned priest, she or he would tell you that they have exercised this rite on more than one occasion. I think though that there are many misconceptions about confession, and these are worth clearing up.

First, confession has little to do with achieving forgiveness. "Well then what's the point?" you may ask. My favorite theologian, Robert Farrar Capon, has a little to say on this:

"Confession has nothing to do with getting ourselves forgiven. Confession is not a transaction, not a negotiation in order to secure forgiveness; it is the after-the-last grasp of a corpse that finally can afford to admit it's dead and accept resurrection. Forgiveness surrounds us, beats upon us all our lives; we confess only to wake ourselves up to what we already have... We are not forgiven, therefore, because we made ourselves forgivable or even because we had faith; we are forgiven solely because there is a Forgiver."

At the root of our Christian faith is the proclamation of *good* news that God is loving and merciful; death, though an inevitable part of life, does not have the last word because resurrection follows. God is not bitterly waiting for an apology, but like the Forgiving Father of the Parable of the Prodigal Son, God eagerly awaits those reconciliatory moments.

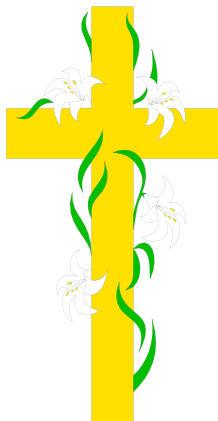
Confession is a ministry of renewal, healing, and comfort. Like serious physical wounds, spiritual ones rarely heal properly without giving them attention. And in sharing with a confessor (a priest or bishop, in our tradition), we not only give our spiritual wounds attention, we allow the community of faith to support us in our healing.

In the remaining season of Lent, I encourage you to contemplate the practice of confession. Read through the Reconciliation of a Penitent and, if you are so moved, find a confessor and know that everything discussed in the rite is completely confidential.

It is often said of confession that "All may. None must. Some should." I'll add to that because not only should some confess, but all of us would benefit from at least some self-examination. This rite is one possible avenue. And as the rite is concluded, the confessor will say:

"Abide in peace, and pray for me, a sinner."

We are in this thing together. I hope for you a peace-filled Lent and an exuberant Easter.



Blessings,

Curtis +

Youth Update

Mark your calendars for our youth group event on March 13! We will join others in the parish room for the evening's Lent event: the discussion on the book "Bad Boy," a soup supper, followed by Compline. Make sure to read the book ahead of time.

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

Youth Group Second Sundays

March 13

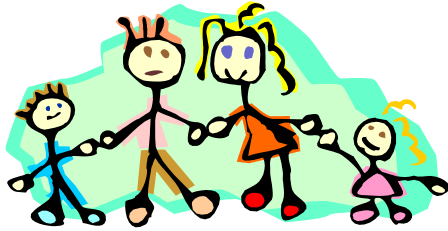
**Lent Event at 6:00pm
Soup Supper at 7:00pm
Compline at 7:30pm
Depart at 8:00pm**

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



Bring a Friend to Church 2

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

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. We will have a special and expanded service on March 13 for Lent with a pizza dinner to follow. Please email Priscilla Hooper at prishooper@aol.com or phone the parish office if you will be attending.

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.



Bring a Friend to Church 3

It's March here at St. James's! It may be still cold outside, but here at church, things are warming up! We got off to an early start with Lent beginning on February 10 this year. That means that by the time you are reading this newsletter, we will be half way through Lent. Wow!

For a special Lenten opportunity, we will have an intergenerational Lenten book study on March 13. I have chosen the book, *Bad Boy* by a memoir of the life of Young Adult author, Walter Dean Myers. In his memoir, Myers tells of his life growing up in Harlem in the 1940s. He wrote more than 100 books including picture books and nonfiction. He was awarded the Coretta Scott King Award for African-American authors five times. "*Bad Boy* paints a picture of a boy in love with words, an avid reader, and later an enthusiastic writer, but also one whose quick, violent temper kept him in constant trouble." In the book Walter describes a conversation he is having with God, "I wanted to hear a big voice on the phone say, 'Yea, verily, this is me God. It's all good, my man, and will be ultracool in the end.'"

I thought this book, which would be appropriate for middle schoolers and up, would be a great opportunity to discuss the various challenges that people face growing up. In this book, Myers is in many ways, his own worst enemy, plagued by a violent temper. He is also in an environment that is not necessarily conducive to developing his unique gifts for writing and reading. I am hoping that we can discuss how we might relate to Walter Dean Myers, what traits we share and how we might use our God given gifts to their full potential. That is quite a lot to discuss! Please read the book and join us for the discussion at 6 p.m. on March 13 and for a soup dinner and compline to follow. *Bad Boy* available here in the West Hartford Public Library system, and I have some copies of the book and have them available for purchase after church for \$10. My thought is that this could be an awesome opportunity for families to read a book together, and for our church family to have some great discussions! This event will be our youth group offering for the month of March.


Also on March 13, Rhythms of Grace will take place at 4:00 p.m. If you have young children and have not ever experienced a Rhythms of Grace Eucharist, please join us. Although designed for children and families with special needs, it is completely appropriate for all families with young children. If you are interested in joining us, please drop me a quick email or call, so I can be sure to have enough supplies for the group. Any and all are welcome!

As always, we will continue with the Sunday school during the service for preschool through elementary school. This is working out quite well, and I am thrilled with the *Living the Good News* curriculum we purchased in the fall.

So, that is about it! During these cold and snowy months, make sure that you make church and Sunday school a priority for you and your family. You will be glad you did.

Your sister in Christ,

Priscilla



Just for KIDS God's Plan

Jesus was resurrected from the dead. He appeared to his disciples, and he told them about the plan of God.

On the blanks in the first section, write the words that fit the definitions. Transfer those letters to the numbered lines in the second section. Read the Scripture verse. Unscramble the circled letters to finish the sentence at the bottom of the page.

- Water that falls from the sky
- Birds lay them in nests
- A newly hatched hen
- Bloom in the spring
- A caterpillar transformed
- Dirt mixed with water

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6. Dirt mixed with water

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Jesus has _ _ _ _ _ !

Answers: rain, eggs, chick, flowers, butterfly, mud
 "Jesus said, 'I am returning to my Father and your Father, to my God and
 Jesus has risen!"

From the Organist & Choirmaster

PLEASE invite your family, friends, neighbors and acquaintances to St. James's on **Tuesday, March 22 at 7PM** for our choir's performance of Wolfgang Amadé Mozart's *Requiem*. I am excited beyond measure to prepare this masterpiece of the sacred choral literature with our choir, and thrilled that we can present it in its full conception with orchestra and guest soloists.

This is the second year that the choir will present a special musical offering on Tuesday in Holy Week - previously we performed the *Requiem* of Gabriel Fauré.

For so many reasons, the *Requiem* is an extraordinary accomplishment for Mozart. Though it is one of his most recognized works, it remained largely unfinished at the time of his death. As Mozart lay dying at the cruel age of 36, he scrambled to sketch out the thematic material for the Sequence portion of the Mass - choral movements which set to music excerpts of the *Dies Irae* text and serve as the Requiem Proper. The very first movement (Requiem Aeternam) is the only such portion to be completed by Mozart: he finished both the choral lines and orchestra parts with his own hand. The "Kyrie Eleison" was completed by Mozart in the choral parts only, and from then on, only bits and pieces. His autograph manuscript for the "Lacrymosa" sketches out the orchestral introduction and abruptly stops after the eighth bar. It is here that Mozart quite literally ran out of time.

Within a day of Mozart's death, his widow Costanze quietly arranged for one of Wolfgang's students to finish the score. Having received only half the commission fee upfront, she was keen to deliver the completed manuscript and take payment of the final portion. But this did not work out as planned, and the score was returned to Costanze in only a slightly more completed state.

Finally, Franz Xaver Sussmeyer obtained the score and finished the incomplete Kyrie and Sequence. He then added remaining parts of the Ordinary - a Sanctus, Benedictus, Agnus Dei, and Communion. Some of these movements were entirely composed by Sussmeyer, while the final fugue of the Communion is reused from the Kyrie.

Despite having been completed by another composer, Mozart's Requiem is a work of staggering genius and remains one of the most frequently performed large-scale choral works. Our own Mary McCue will sing the soprano solos, and she will be joined by mezzo-soprano Kaarin Phelps, a recent graduate of the Hartt School. Both our tenor and bass soloists, Andres Moreno and Dean Murphy, are current students at the Yale School of Music where they are working toward a Master's Degree in Opera Performance. Many thanks to David and Virginia Kramer, and Bill Whitaker, for helping to put a top-notch orchestra together!

See you there!



LITURGY



AND MUSIC

Important Dates

Tuesday, March 22
Mozart's Requiem at
7pm in the church
sung by members of the
St. James's Choir and
guest soloists with
orchestra



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 or dross2631@gmail.com.

Bring a Friend to Church 4

Performed with orchestra
Vaughn Mauren Conductor
Mary McCue Soprano
Kaarin Phelps Mezzo-Soprano
Andres Moreno Tenor Dean Murphy Bass
A performance of Mozart's
enduring masterpiece, the
Requiem. Dramatic and fiery
choral writing combined with
moments of great tenderness,
beauty, and sublime passion.

Wolfgang Amadé Mozart Requiem

Saint James's Choir

Tuesday in Holy Week - March 22, 2016 at 7.00PM

Saint James's Episcopal Church - West Hartford Center



1018 Farmington Avenue - Parking in the rear
info@stjameswh.org - (860) 521-9620

From the Seminarian

WE'RE a few weeks into Lent, which, if you're like me, means you're tired of hearing about Lent. At this point you've undoubtedly heard that Lent is a time for self-reflection and introspection, giving up or adding on in order to see yourself for who you are and who you want to be. You've probably heard that Lent is not about practices that seem like nice forms of self-help, but that aim at coming closer to God. You've probably heard as many different suggestions of things to take on from as many people with whom the subject has come up. And so you probably don't need someone else suggesting something to try or telling you how to experience the season in a deeper way. Just a word of warning, that's exactly what I'm about to do. But before you put down the newsletter, I would ask that you have a little more patience. I'm not trying to make you feel like there is more you have to do during this season, but want to offer you a practice that has shaped my spirituality, my relationship with others, and, ultimately where I find God.

I was walking with a friend through the snow-covered streets of New Haven, talking about how we make it through the stress, pressure, and anxiety of graduate school. While we both realized that we don't do it particularly well, she offered a bit of insight that wouldn't have come to me: "When I begin to feel things slipping out of control, or when I feel myself out of balance, getting angry or frustrated," she said, "I try to notice something new. I try to see something in a new way. Something simple. Maybe the way the person I'm talking to and who is frustrating me holds their head or moves their hands when they talk. Maybe it's the particular gait of a friend that I've never taken note of before. Or maybe it's the way light plays off of that tree out front of the Divinity School differently in the wintertime." Those words have stuck with me. Noticing as a spiritual discipline. That's something I can do. That's something I can incorporate in my day, not making new demands on my time, but helping to ground me in the course of a semester that gets busier and busier.

I know the season is long past, but I think this spirituality of noticing bridges the gap between Lent and Epiphany. The intentional act of seeing a new and fresh detail, a contour of life not previously noted, can be a special kind of revelation, its own epiphany. To try to notice something new every day is not an onerous task. It's not easy. I struggle to be that attentive when I'm in the mindset of just getting things done, but when those moments occur, I am never left wishing I had just rushed by.

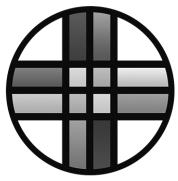
In the few days between Ash Wednesday and the first Sunday of Lent, I went running along the river below East Rock here in New Haven. Near the end of the run that I had fit in between two meetings—decompressing from one and steeling myself for the other—I crossed a bridge over the Mill River and looked out to see a heron sitting in the bend of the river. I had crossed this spot a few times a week for the last year and a half, and had even seen the heron before. But this time I decided to stop, to watch how it moved, how its head cocked at every new sound. And then suddenly I saw it strike. Then strike again, and come up with a fish gleaming in its mouth. The heron gulped it down, oblivious to my presence. As I noticed all of this, I realized how much life there is outside of my little bubble, how much there is in the world that I don't understand, and don't get to experience when I fail to pay attention.

At this point, you may be wondering where the spirituality is in all of this. For me, coming into contact with God is the end of a process that starts with noticing. To notice something is to appreciate it for what it is, on its own terms rather than preconceived expectations. To really see something in that way is the starting point of having sympathy for it, feeling with it. Just as my friend uses her noticing to calm her frustrations through putting herself in the place of the other, so every time I notice something new I step a little outside of myself and appreciate the other in a new way. And that sympathy forms the most direct path to love. As I come to see the world around me and the communities I am in new lights, I come to know their quirks and nuances, and to appreciate them more and more. That is a spiritual practice. For me, to experience God is to experience a world knit together in those bonds of affection, and those bonds form best when each side of the relationship can see the other.

So there you go: my spirituality of noticing (you'll notice that it's not mine at all—I owe it all to that good friend who gave me words for it). I offer it not as another demand to place on you, but as an invitation to experience Lent in a different way. I challenge you to take note, to see something new, and to see if you can leave that experience unchanged. I challenge this community of St. James's to see itself in new ways; to notice something new in the midst of the familiar; to be reminded of how much beauty there is in this eclectic, quirky, and loving community.



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.

March Mission:

We continue to collect toiletries during the month of March for our annual Easter Basket event to be held on **Palm Sunday, March 20**. We will fill close to 200 baskets and bags for women, men, and families in local shelters. Please donate full-sized, or even family-sized: shampoo, conditioner, moisturizer, body wash, toothpaste, deodorant, and soap, as well as smaller personal care items such as razors, toothbrushes, combs, and nail kits. 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. Join in the fun of sorting and packing these items into beautiful basket arrangements on **Palm Sunday, March 20** after the 10:00 service. Please involve your children! There will be no Christian or Adult Education that day.



Palm Sunday Spring Flower Sale

THE spring flower sale will be held on **Palm Sunday, March 20** after the **10:00**

service. Plants for sale will be of a spring variety and will include daffodils, Easter lilies, tulips, and hyacinth. Brighten your home

and garden with some beautiful spring flowers while supporting outreach here at St. James's. All proceeds will benefit the St. James's Feeding Programs.



Some Mission Opportunities

Refugee Hospitality (*in cooperation with St. John's*)

Contact Volunteer Coordinator Ann Cooke: dougann@comcast.net

- Housing
- Welcome committee
- Transportation
- Health care
- Education and Cultural orientation
- Employment
- Finance

Trinity School Hartford (*Jen Scanzano, Principal*)

principal@trinityday.org

- Individual tutoring in language arts and math skills
- Third grade classroom volunteer
- Fourth grade classroom volunteer
- Breakfast and student games
- Holiday volunteer
- School events and development

Hartford Catholic Worker

www.hartfordcatholicworker.org

- Tutoring
- Mentoring
- Food drive

Feeding programs

- Food collection
- Two-hundred Identical Sandwiches
- Casseroles (Loaves & Fishes and South Park Inn)

Vegetable Garden

- Weeding
- Delivering
- Harvesting

A Hand Up—www.ahandupinc.org

- Donate
- Pick-up
- Deliver

Foodshare Sr. Pick-up

Friends of St. Vincent's School for

Handicapped Children—Port-au-Prince, Haiti

www.friendsofstvincents.org

Church by the pond

Contact Volunteer Coordinator Ann Cooke: dougann@comcast.net

- Pack lunches
- Worship

Sacred Time

A Lenten Series for 2016

6:00 Lent Event/7:00 Soup Supper/7:30 Service of Compline

February 28

TIME TO PRAY

The Rev. Curtis Farr

Lent Event in the Parish Room

UNDERSTANDING daily prayer practices across the Abrahamic traditions. The Rev. Curtis Farr moderates and interfaith panel featuring Imam Sami Shamma, Rabbi Dena Shafer, and the Rev. Richard Maxwell.

March 6

FAITHFUL FEASTING

Mark Evans

Lent Event in the Parish Room

EXPLORING faith practices in what, how, and when we eat. An interactive and collaborative session where our chef for the evening, Mark Evans, leads and guides us as we roll up our sleeves to chop, dice, and mince in making food our prayer.

March 13

BAD BOY

Priscilla Hooper

Lent Event in the Parish Room

DISCUSSING Walter Dean Myer's memoir about life as a child in 1940s/50s Harlem, Priscilla Hooper facilitates this all-ages one-time book discussion. Read the book ahead of time.

Weekday Offerings During Lent

Morning Prayer at 7am in the chapel

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday

Tuesday Holy Eucharist/Healing, 11:30am in the chapel

The Women of St. James's soup luncheon follows in the dining room

Wednesday Holy Eucharist, 7am in the chapel

Followed by breakfast in the parish room

Wednesday Bible Study, 12 noon in the parish room

A Bible study on the lectionary. Bring your Bible, and if you wish, a bag lunch.

Around the Parish

Adult Education in March/April

Small groups and forums at 11am

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!

April 17

TRANSFIGURATION: TRANSGRESSING GENDER IN THE BIBLE

Peterson Toscano

Coffee Hour Forum in the Dining Room

Biblical Dramatist, Activist, and Quaker Peterson Toscano will present his one-man show called Transfigurations: Transgressing Gender in the Bible. Peterson joined us this summer for an evening performance, which was attended by more than 50 people from St. James's and the West Hartford community. He uses humor and thoughtful historical/theological analysis to paint vivid pictures of well-known (and lesser-known) biblical characters. Be there!

Monthly Group Meetings

Women's Evening & Men's Discussion Groups

JOIN the women of the parish and guests for a potluck supper on **Thursday, March 10** 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.

JOIN the men of the parish and guests for a discussion group on **Saturdays, March 12 and 26** beginning at 7:45am in the parish room. Various religious topics are discussed and refreshments are

Daylight Saving Time



DAYLIGHT Saving Time begins on **March 13!** Remember to turn your clocks ahead one hour on Saturday evening, March 12.

Bring a Friend to Church 8

From the Arbor Society

"For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." Matthew 6:21

WE often hear this well-known passage from Matthew 6:21 during our annual stewardship season when we count our blessings and give of our treasure.

The principle of stewardship also calls us to look beyond our yearly gifts and become lifelong caretakers of God's blessings. For some, this may include giving in a manner that will have a positive and deep impact for years to come.

One way to exercise this type of "perpetual stewardship" is through the Arbor Society. The Society recognizes parishioners who have given – or plan to give – to the St. James's Endowment Fund. Parishioners may do this through monetary donations at any time, or by naming the Fund (or St. James's) in their will or as a beneficiary or partial beneficiary of their IRA or life insurance policy. Margie Mair, a long time parishioner who died in 2015, is a recent example of someone who did this and whose foresight and generosity will greatly benefit St. James's for years to come. No matter the size of the donation, it's a way to give "a gift that keeps on giving."

Because of gifts of all sizes over the years, the Endowment Fund has grown to the point that it now provides about 15% of St. James's annual budget - over \$120,000 in recent years. This is a significant contribution to the welfare of the church! Without income from the Fund, many ministries, programs and events that make St. James's special simply would not exist.

If you are interested in making the Arbor Society a part of your future plans - or learning more about it, please talk with any of us on the Endowment Fund Committee. The committee helps ensure the Fund's monies are secure and are invested appropriately, and educates parishioners about the importance of the Arbor Society. Or you may contact the church office (info@stjameswh.org) for a brochure with more information, or review the brochure in the (section name) on the church's web site (www.stjameswh.org).



Readings and Registry

Sunday Lectionary

Fourth Sunday of Lent, March 6

Joshua 5:9-12; Psalm 32

2 Corinthians 5:16-21; Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

Fifth Sunday of Lent, March 13

Isaiah 43:16-21; Psalm 126

Philippians 3:4b-14; John 12:1-8

Palm Sunday, March 20

Liturgy of the Palms

Luke 19:28-40; Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

Liturgy of the Word

Isaiah 50:4-9a; Psalm 31:9-16

Philippians 2:5-11

Luke 22:14-23:56 or Luke 23:1-49

Maundy Thursday, March 24

Exodus 12:1-4, (5-10), 11-14; Psalm 116:1, 10-17

1 Corinthians 11:23-26; John 13:1-17, 31b-35

Good Friday, March 25

Isaiah 52:13-53:12; Psalm 22

Hebrews 10:16-25 or Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9

John 18:1-19:42

Holy Saturday, March 26

Job 14:1-14 or Lamentations 3:1-9, 19-24

Psalm 31:1-4, 15-16; 1 Peter 4:1-8

Matthew 27:57-66 or John 19:38-42

Easter Sunday, March 27

Acts 10:34-43 or Isaiah 65:17-25; Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

1 Corinthians 15:19-26; John 20:1-18 or Luke 24:1-12

Deaths

Thursday, February 4

Margaret "Joan" Morcom

Transfers Out

Thursday, February 4

Mathew and Kristen Connolly

to St. James Episcopal Church, Farmington, CT

Easter Monday

THE parish office will be closed on **March 28** for Easter Monday.

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, Betsy, and Gertrude.

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, John, and Bret & Ginny.

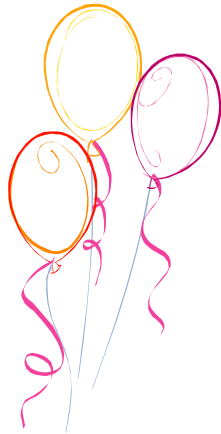
Those Serving in the Military:

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

March Parish Birthdays

Children and Youth

George Keating, 1
Riley Poulakos, 2
Timothy Stahl, 2
Charlie Lewis, 4
Margaret Adams, 6
McAllister Raissian, 15
Ellis Brown, 20
John DeLibero, 26
Helen LaPointe, 27
Calvin Meyer, 30
Madeleine Schott, 30
Henry Ross, 31



Easter Preparations

JOIN Mary Ann Haar in the church on **Saturday, March 26 at 9am** to help prepare the church for Easter Sunday. Many hands are appreciated and not a lot of time is required to arrange the flowers and help with other preparations. Any amount of help you can give is greatly appreciated.

Bring a Friend to Church 20

Women Of St. James's Programs for March 2016



Tuesday, March 1

Joyce St. Germaine

Learn about Palm Reading/A Fun Activity

Friday, March 4

World Day of Prayer—CUBA

Prayer Service & Lunch (BYOL) at 12 noon

St. James's Dining Room

Tuesday, March 8

Francie Bergquist, Artist

Which Came First—The Chicken or the Egg?

Tuesday, March 15

Ronni Newton, Managing Editor, WE-HA.com

Who, What, When, Where, in West Hartford

Tuesday, March 22

Michelle Colburn, Audiologist

Can You Hear Me Now?

Tuesday, March 29

Trip and Tour of the Noah Webster House

Jennifer Matos, Director

Defining the Dictionary

World Day of Prayer—CUBA

Friday March 4 at Noon

JOIN with others from around the diocese for this special prayer service prepared by the World Day of Prayer Committee of Cuba and the Word Day of Prayer USA Committee. The theme for this year's service: *Receive Children, Receive Me*. The service will be held at St. James's in the dining room. Please bring a lunch with you. For more information, please contact the parish office. All are welcome.

Spring Rummage Sale 2016

Friday and Saturday, May 6 and 7



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The Reverend Dr. Molly O. Louden	Priest Associate
The Reverend Dr. Borden W. Painter	Priest Associate
The Reverend Elsa P. Walberg	Priest Associate
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