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From the Rector's Desk

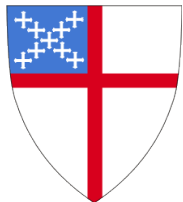
FOR 14 years now I have had the pleasure of serving God and the people of St. James's as the rector of this wonderful and faithful parish. Through the years I have been humbled by the generosity of so many; a generosity of spirit, abilities, and resources. As I am sure you know, this is the time of year when we ask for commitments from all of you for the upcoming calendar year in the form of a stewardship pledge. We need to do this so that the finance committee and vestry can put together a budget to maintain the ministries that we undertake at St. James's.

It is not only this parish's generosity and faithfulness in financial giving that is inspiring, it is your willingness in offering up your time and abilities. On a typical Sunday morning there are over 70 people involved in organizing and delivering inspiring liturgy, fellowship opportunities, and education. From our dedicated choir, healing team, readers, acolytes, lay Eucharistic ministers, and altar guild to our greeters, ushers, coffee hour hosts, sandwich makers, and teachers (not to mention one of the finest collection of associate and assisting clergy that can be found anywhere). It's not only on Sundays – any day of the week you will find the parish house abuzz with activity. The number of you that help make outreach, fundraising, and fellowship events the successes that they are is an example to the rest of us of what is possible when we put our hands where our hearts are.

Likewise, there are a variety of ways that we contribute our money to support God's missions through St. James's. In addition to your annual pledge, we donate items to monthly outreach projects and support groups beyond our parish, such as A Hand Up, Loaves and Fishes, and the Hartford Catholic Worker. We support the Episcopal Church in Connecticut and the work of the wider church. We accomplish all of this and more through the faithfulness of you, the members of this parish. I acknowledge and celebrate your generosity.

We have freely received many gifts with which God has blessed us. While stewardship, generosity, and faithfulness are year-round, in fact, lifelong endeavors, this is the time of year when we look to the financial health of our parish and its ministries. If you have not already filled out your pledge card by the time you receive this newsletter, please do so faithfully and prayerfully so that we can continue to serve God and others together.

Your Brother in Christ,

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

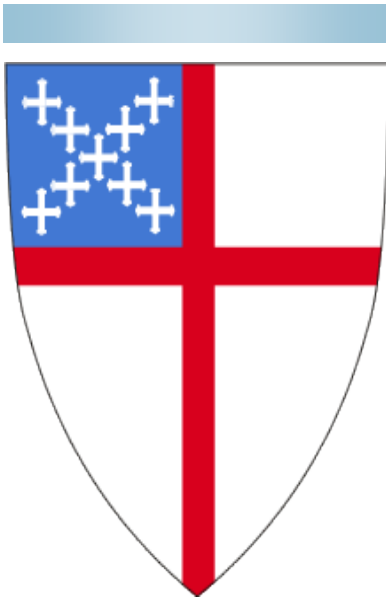
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Highlights in November

- **Friday, November 4** Dinner & Auction in the parish hall, 7pm
- **Friday, November 4** Choristers perform Hansel & Gretel at Hoffman Auditorium, 8pm
- **Sunday, November 6** Second performance of Hansel & Gretel, 2:30pm
- **Sunday, November 13** Youth Group meet for Commando Church! Dinner first at 5:30pm
- **Sunday, November 20** "Celebration of the Spirit" service at Convention Center in Hartford, 10:30am
- **Thursday, November 24** Holy Eucharist in the chapel for Thanksgiving Day, 10am
- **Sunday, November 27** First Sunday of Advent, Stocking Stuffers after 9:30 service, and UTO Sunday



Vestry Corner

Treasurer's Report—September 2016

Current Position: At the end of September the Church's finances remained positive vis a vis the budget. Year To Date Total Income exceeded the budgeted amount by \$907. Expenses Year To Date were \$16,741 less than the budgeted amounts. As a result, the Church's Net financial

position after the first nine months of 2016 was a positive variance from budget of \$17,648.

"One verse in every six in the first three Gospels relates, either directly or indirectly, to money. Sixteen of our Lord's 44 parables deal with the use or misuse of money. A loving, joyful, liberal giving to the Lord's work is an acid test of a spiritual heart, pleasing to God." William E. Allen, Alliance Witness magazine.

Income & Expense Summary:

Category	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	YTD Variance	Total Annual Budget
Income (+)	557,051	556,144	907 Over budget	770,500
Expense (-)	556,078	572,819	16,741 Under budget	770,500
<i>Net</i>	17,515	4,864	17,648 Positive variance to budget	0

Income: At September 30, Year To Date Regular Contributions (Current and Prior Year Pledges, Seasonal and Unspecified Offerings) exceeded the respective budgeted amounts by a total of \$8,003. Facilities Income was \$2,998 below budget at September 30 and Special Fundraising also was below budget (by \$3,867) primarily due to the cancellation of the Strawberry Festival on Memorial Day.

Expense: Major contributors to the May Expense results were the following:

Property: Year To Date Property expenses as of September 30 were \$18,555 under budget due primarily to less than budgeted charges for gas, insurance, general maintenance and lawn care as well as the savings realized on snow removal costs during the winter months. Personnel expenses continue to exceed budget primarily due to the unanticipated extra payment for Clergy and Lay Life and Health Insurance made in February. All other expense categories were minimally either over or under budget, the net amount being a \$2,511 positive variance to budget.

From the Associate Rector

LAST month I called on us to develop an answer for a different question, “Why Church?” but perhaps I should have begun with a different question.

When I interviewed for this position, I sat down with the wardens and asked them a question.

“Who is Jesus for St. James’s?”

To be honest, I cared more about their initial reaction than I did their answers. “Who is Jesus?” is not the type of question most people ask or answer often, if ever—we certainly do not spend much time dealing with the question so directly. That being the case, I thought that by asking “Who is Jesus for St. James’s?” I would learn something about how this congregation encounters Jesus in a personal, transformative way.

With the confirmation class underway—my second time teaching—I decided to reexamine the Confirm Not Conform (CNC) curriculum. This twenty-session guide through Christendom is truly an excellent resource. Church history, theology, the Bible, the Book of Common Prayer...CNC covers everything. One aspect that I think is lacking is ample time to learn about this Jesus fella. Granted, there are dozens of connections to Jesus in the curriculum, but you can never get enough Jesus, right?

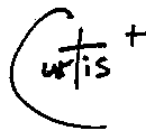
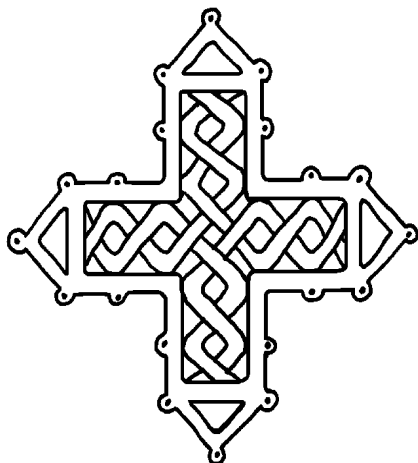
I decided to inject more Jesus into our year by planning a number of activities that have us play-acting, drawing, and otherwise studying Jesus’s life and teachings. Over the course of the year, we will attempt to describe who Jesus is for “Swaggy St. James’s,” the chosen name of our group. So far, from *one* story about Jesus, we established that he is, “a reliable, helpful, aware peacemaker.”

As we learn more about Jesus, and more about how differently Mark, Matthew, Luke, and John describe him, our picture of Jesus will grow more and more dynamic.

Challenge yourself to pick up the Bible and open to the gospels. Find a copy of the New Revised Standard Version, the New International Version, or even The Message. Start with Mark (he’s the shortest), move on to Luke (he’s a better storyteller), spend time with Matthew (he’s a bit more academic), and pray through John (lots of stuff going on there). Keep a pad of paper nearby, and jot down things you notice about Jesus.

You will find that Jesus is so much more than who any film portrayal or sermon could ever explain. Who is Jesus for you? The way your answer evolves may surprise you.

Your Brother in Christ,



High School Formation

**Sunday Mornings,
11-11:45**

**Sunday, November 6
Stewardship Brunch at
11am—No Formation**

**Sunday, November 13
Where Do You Stand?**

**Sunday, December 4
Meet Your Mentor**

*All High School Formation
Classes will be held in the
Youth Room unless
otherwise noted.*

Youth Group In November

Sunday, November 13

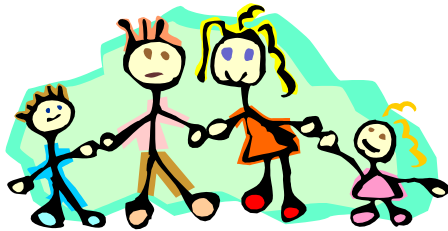
**Commando Church!
Flashlight tag in a
darkened church. A
youth group favorite!
We'll begin with dinner
in the dining room at
5:30.**

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



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St. James's Center for Family Ministries



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

Rhythms of Grace

Sunday, December 11

*Our next Rhythms of Grace
will be held in December.
Please mark your calendar
and plan to join us for a
worship and faith formation
experience for children and
families here at St. James's.
Rhythms of Grace is
normally held every second
Sunday of the month.*

**KFC (Kids for Christ)
Sundays at 9:30**

*Young children age 3
through elementary school
are welcome to gather in the
narthex (main foyer) for
Sunday School. They return
during the Peace.*



Bring a Friend to Church 4

Wow, It's November! That came around really fast this year. It seems like we just got started back at school and sports and other fall activities and here it is November...That being said, I always love this time of year; even though the days get shorter, there are so many fall activities to take part in. It is also fun to look toward the holiday season with great promise and excitement.

Which brings me to the pageant. As many of you know, the Christmas pageant is a big part of how we celebrate Christmas at St. James's. It is a wonderful way to experience the joy of Jesus's birth and to see some pretty adorable St. James's children as well. This year, we will be doing the pageant a little bit differently, but more on that to come in the December newsletter.

So, what is going on in November? Lots of activities. During church, we will continue with KFC--Kids for Christ. The children are learning so many great parables of Jesus, from the parable of the mustard seed to the parable of the one leper who returned to thank Jesus and many more. After church I will continue to offer activities when there is an adult forum. Know that all children are welcome to attend--preschool through middle school.

Recently, I received an article, "No Battle Hymns for this Christian Mother" by Taffy Wilcox's daughter, the Rev. Melissa Wilcox. In this article she talks about the famed Tiger Mother by Amy Chua who got so much press last year.

As it said in this article, this book touched a real nerve in American culture. Do we modern American parents cater too much to our children's needs? Do they need more discipline and less explanation? Do they need higher standards and less emphasis on self-esteem? Do they need more manners and less technology?

Wilcox pointed out that as Christians, we probably approach child-raising differently. Choices that our friends have to make over what musical instruments our children should play or if they are old enough for sleepovers doesn't define us. As Christians we give our children many gifts one of which is we help them discover their gifts and, ultimately, their vocations.

She says and I agree that, "the less we schedule our children, the more time they have to discover what it is they feel called to be—not just do. Allowing them free time to play, or walk, or just hang out in their rooms, may create the space they need to discover who they are and who they are called to be. As Christians, we might try to show them a variety of ways to be faithful: to live into God's world as a servant."

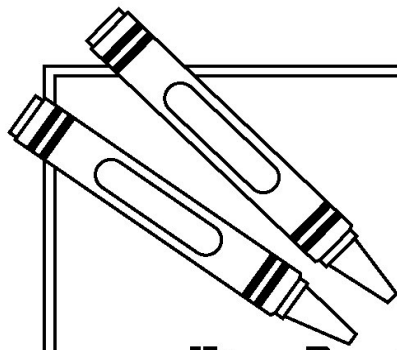
She adds that, finding a vocation does involve discipline but it also involves: "a cultivation of virtue—patience, generosity, listening, sharing, and love."

I am thankful—in this month of Thanksgiving—to say that I feel blessed to be a part of the St. James's family. I believe that we do a pretty good job of nurturing our children and giving them the guidance they need to develop their vocations. For that I am eternally grateful.

Wilcox concludes: Raising children is a long-term exercise in humility and generosity. Thank goodness, we in the church community don't have to go at it alone.

To that I say, "AMEN!"

Your Sister in Christ,



Just for KIDS

King David's Prayer of Thanksgiving

Thanksgiving is a special time to thank God for all He has given us.

Use the code to fill in the missing words from a portion of King David's prayer from 1 Chronicles 29:10-13 (NIV).

CODE	1 = everlasting	6 = honor	11 = ruler
	2 = exalted	7 = kingdom	12 = thanks
	3 = glorious	8 = LORD	13 = things
	4 = God	9 = O	14 = wealth
	5 = head	10 = praise	15 = you

" _____ be to _____, _____, ...
(10) (15) (9) (8)

from _____ to _____. ...
(1) (1)

Yours, _____, is the _____;
(9) (8) (7)

_____ are _____ as _____ over all.
(15) (2) (5)

_____ and _____ come from _____;
(14) (6) (15)

_____ are the _____ of all _____.
(15) (11) (13)

Now, our _____, we give _____,
(4) (15) (12)

and _____ your _____ name."
(10) (3)

"Praise be to you, O LORD, ... from everlasting to everlasting. ... Yours, O LORD, is the kingdom; you are exalted as head over all. Wealth and honor come from you; you are the ruler of all things. Now, our God, we give you thanks, and praise your glorious name."

From the Organist & Choirmaster

AFTER the 9.30 service on Sunday, October 9, the boy and girl choristers of St. James's Choir left for a four-day retreat/choir camp. The initial idea for this retreat came to me when a chorister mentioned that this year only, students in West Hartford would enjoy a five-day weekend surrounding Columbus Day, thanks to Yom Kippur. As an Episcopalian, the idea to spend Yom Kippur on Nantucket was organic. Luckily some friends of mine – the Haydens (themselves Episcopalians and admirers of choir programs) – donated the use of their summer home in Sconset for our enjoyment.

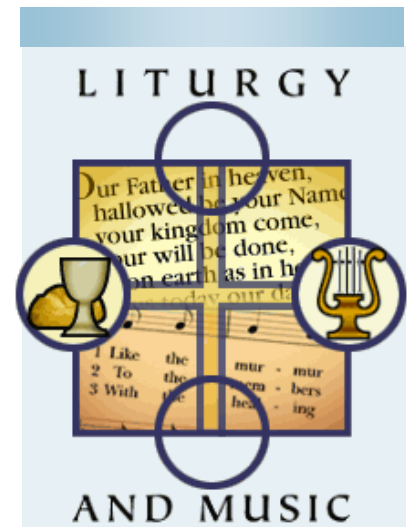
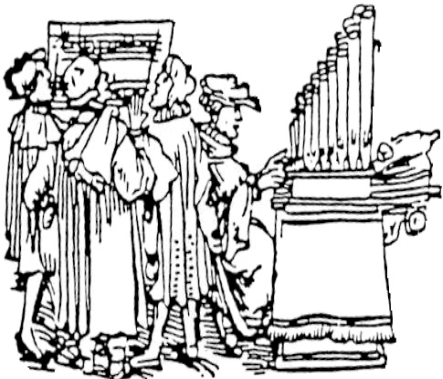
We were very fortunate to have Fr. Curtis Farr and Meredith Willson help lead the retreat. Before we drove the choristers to Hyannis we had heard rumors of impending ferry cancellations; gale force winds were reaching the safety limits for passage on the Steamship Authority's car ferries. All of the fast ferries were already cancelled, and as it turned out, we were the only ferry allowed to make the voyage after 2pm that day. And once out on the high seas, it really became obvious why. In all my years of making that trip, I've never felt such powerful winds and high waves. The boat rocked quite dramatically, with waste bins overturning and food spilling off of shelves in the refectory, but if the choristers were ever nervous, they didn't let on despite many reversed decisions to accept Dramamine.

Once on island we made our way through high winds and the flooded streets of town. We arrived at the house in Sconset and settled in with take-out from Pi Pizza (not a typo, but instead a delicious double entendre!) We also enjoyed two cakes, which Meredith baked in honor of Curtis's 30th birthday.

Staying at the Hayden's home gave us a special opportunity to simulate historic life on the island. Build in 1870 and filled with antiques, sailing memorabilia, and maps of Nantucket, it was easy to connect with the history we sensed all around the island and on visits to the Whaling Museum and Nantucket's "Oldest House." Everywhere we went we discussed the history of life on Nantucket and the lifestyle that went with it. I think the choristers were surprised to learn that whaling expeditions could last up to five years and that the men who operated those ships were still able to preserve their relationships with families back on shore. The choristers were also interested to see some of the crafts and folk-art which developed on Nantucket while the men worked out on sea. The Whaling Museum includes stunning examples of scrimshaw (whale bone etchings, carvings, and sculpture) and Nantucket style basket making. However the highlight of our visit to the Whaling Museum was the interactive whaling demonstration where we learned about the incredibly brutal and difficult life of a whaler.

Of course a choir camp would not be complete without rehearsals, so we spent the bulk of each morning at Sconset Chapel, perfecting the chorus parts of Hansel and Gretel. I can say with confidence that the Gingerbread Children's chorus has never sounded better in another production of this popular opera by Engelbert Humperdinck. The choristers will be performing it with Opera Connecticut on November 4 and 6 at Hoffman Auditorium. They will be joined by many talented artists, including Anthony Laciura, an operatic tenor who over his career has appeared on the stage of the Metropolitan Opera for over 850 performances. But most people know him from Boardwalk Empire, Martin Scorsese's prohibition-era HBO series starring Steve Buscemi. Anthony appeared on every episode of the series in the role of Eddie

Kessler, butler to Nucky Thompson (Buscemi). You can read more about this opera production and buy tickets at www.operaconnecticut.org. Please come and support our choir! We definitely recommend the Sunday performance.



Important Dates

Friday, Nov 4 at 8pm
Sunday, Nov 6 at 2:30pm
Choristers perform
Hansel & Gretel at
Hoffman Auditorium.

Sunday, November 6
All Saints' Sunday
One service at 10am
followed by the
Stewardship Brunch



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

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Mission

Christmas Stocking Stuffers

Annual collection of men's socks and toiletries

HELP MAKE a difference at Christmas for the men at two area shelters – the Open Hearth and Salvation Army. St. James's Outreach has been collecting warm socks and toiletries for the men at the Open Hearth and the Salvation Army shelters in Hartford since 1989. During the month of November, we will continue collecting men's socks and toiletries for this mission project. Join us on the **First Sunday of Advent, November 27** after the 9:30 service at which time we will stuff the stockings. This is one of the most appreciated mission projects as your stuffed stockings are often the only holiday gift these men receive.

Requested stuffer items are: **sample-size (small)** personal care products such as pocket combs, chapsticks, toothpaste, tooth brushes, deodorant, shaving cream, skin cream, nail files, nail clippers, shampoo, disposable razors and sample size soaps. **Please NO MOUTHWASH.** We are also collecting **warm, thick men's socks**. We could also use some candy canes to add an additional holiday touch to the socks. Please bring your donations to the church and place them at any of the entrances to the building. Thank you!

Christmas Toy Collection

BEFORE we know it, the Christmas season will be upon us and with that comes the annual toy collection for children in the Hartford area. Toys, games, and fun gifts are needed for children of all ages from toddlers to early teens. These gifts will then be delivered to various churches who will then deliver them to the families in need. Bring your **unwrapped** gifts to the church and place them at any of the three entrances to the building. **Deadline is Sunday, December 4.** Gift certificates for early teens are a great gift as well. Thank you for making Christmas a happier time for these children and families!

Food Pantry Ongoing Needs

FOOD Collection/West Hartford Food Bank: Please continue to bring your food donations, which are distributed to the SJ feeding programs and West Hartford Food Bank. Remember to check expiration dates! We cannot accept expired items. **Most needed items:** Pasta sauce, canned fruit, canned tuna, baked beans, canned pasta (Spaghettios), peanut butter, and rice.

Angel Tree 2016

COMING soon: The 2016 St. James's Angel Tree! This annual program provides Christmas gifts and personal messages for local children whose moms or dads are incarcerated, and we are expecting close to 60 children again this year. How can you help?

- **Pick an Angel tag** off the Angel Tree, purchase & wrap the gift on your tag (suggested cost is \$25). The Angel Tree will be in the cloister on November 27 and December 4. **Wrapped gifts must be returned to the church by December 11.**
- **NEW this year:** Angel Wings! Don't have time to shop but still want to help a child? Drop off a \$25 Angel Wing donation on November 27 or December 4, and our shoppers will purchase and wrap an Angel Tree gift for you.
- **Want to help even more?** We need Angel Tree Callers beginning November 15 to help contact the families for gift suggestions and confirm addresses for drop off.
- **We also need Angel Drivers** to deliver the wrapped gifts to the families before Christmas.

Please email Jane Good at 4JaneGood@gmail.com if you'd like to help, or call Jane at 860-670-0950, or Barbara Schiller at 860-651-7332.

Around the Parish

Christian Formation at St. James's *Sunday at 11am*

November 13

TOUR ST. JAMES'S

Learn about the past and present life of this community as you tour the space and learn about how our facilities support our ministries.

Fall Leaf Clean-Up *Saturday, November 19*

WE could use your help! We will gather at St. James's for our annual leaf and grounds clean up on **Saturday, November 19 from 9am to 1pm.** Bring your rakes, blowers (if you have one), and wear your gloves. Many hands will get the job done quicker. Refreshments will be provided.

Celebration of the Spirit

Sunday, November 20 at 10:30am

Connecticut Convention Center, Hartford

NOW is the time to celebrate what the Holy Spirit has done and is doing in our midst! On **Sunday, November 20**, our annual convention will conclude with the Celebration of the Spirit at the Connecticut Convention Center beginning at 10:30am. We will gather together with two-thousand of our sisters and brothers from all over the church to pray, sing, and commune together as we worship God, and the Most Rev. Michael Curry, Presiding Bishop will proclaim the Good News. You will have the opportunity to take part in two Ministry Network Workshops offered from 1-2pm and again from 2:30-3:30pm. Attendance is free but you must register in advance as space is limited. **Note: Morning Prayer will be offered at St. James's at 9am, but no regular 8 and 9:30 services.**

All Saints' Sunday & Stewardship Brunch

Sunday, November 6

WE will celebrate Holy Eucharist on All Saints' Sunday, November 6 with one service at 10am followed by the annual Stewardship Brunch in the dining room. This is an important time each year when we gather to celebrate God's gifts, the generosity of the parishioners of St. James's, and enjoy a tasty brunch. Please bring something to share with the group, if you are able. **Note: There is no 8:00 service.**

Monthly Group Meetings

Women's Evening & Men's Discussion Groups

ALL women of the parish and guests are invited to a casual evening of good food and fellowship on **Thursday, November 10** beginning at 6pm in the parish room. Bring something to share with the group. For more information, contact Sue Nelson, 860-232-8157.

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

Daylight Saving Time Ends

DAYLIGHT Saving Time will end on **Sunday, November 6**. Don't forget to turn your clocks back one hour Saturday evening, November 5.

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Thanksgiving Day Eucharist

Thursday, November 24 at 10am

WE will celebrate Thanksgiving Day with Holy Eucharist at 10am in the chapel. Let us gather on this day in celebration and thanksgiving for all of God's many blessings. A great way to begin Thanksgiving Day.

Parish Office Closings

THE parish office will be closed for the Thanksgiving Holiday, **Thursday and Friday, November 24 and 25.**

Readings and Registry

Sunday Lectionary

20th Sunday after Pentecost, Oct 2

Lamentations 1:1-6; Psalm 137

2 Timothy 1:1-14; Luke 17:5-10

21st Sunday after Pentecost, Oct 9

Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7; Psalm 66:1-11

2 Timothy 2:8-15; Luke 17:11-19

22nd Sunday after Pentecost, Oct 16

Jeremiah 31:27-34; Psalm 119:97-104

2 Timothy 3:14-4:5; Luke 18:1-8

23rd Sunday after Pentecost, Oct 23

Joel 2:23-32; Psalm 65

2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18; Luke 18:9-14

24th Sunday after Pentecost, Oct 30

Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4; Psalm 119:137-144

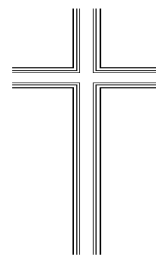
2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12; Luke 19:1-10

Baptisms

October 23, 2016

Wesley Alexander Otto, son of
Jennifer Lynn Otto

Logan Alexander Vera, son of
Eduardo Vera and Jenelle Lyn Robida
Grandson of Audrey Lamy



November Parish Birthdays

Children and Youth

Jack Keough, 1
Sam Sadler, 1
Christine Waterman, 1
John Kramer, 2
Ian Sieklucki, 7
Quinn Ciccone, 9
Violet Long, 11



Abigail Capone, 12
Brayden Tyler, 14
Trey Keating, 24
Matthew Gutierrez, 26
Madeline Ross, 26
Sarah Granquist, 29

Parish Prayer List

Those in our parish family:

Jeffrey, Greg, Justin, Joan & Elsa, Ann, Michael, Michelle, Audrey, Margaret & Richard, Ruth, Anne, Brian, Natalie & Harry, Stuart, Olivia, Walter, Frank, David, Liz, Jon, Elly, Justin, Tom, Betsy, Jenine, Melina & Family, Lucy, Joanne, Jeanne & Chuck, David, Sue, and Hope.

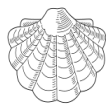
Those in our extended parish family:

Maria, Kevin, Mary Ann, Jenifer, Nancy, Jeff, Carol, Christina, Jean, Jeff, Jennifer, Karen, Bea & David, Robert, Sarah, David, Patricia, Ryan, John, Quinn, Arroll, Chris, Joanie, Teresa, Alvin, Karen, Audra, Parker & Cynthia, Ted, Olivia, Ann, Kara, Patricia, Jonathan, Kate, Carrie, Dan, Derrick, Family of Nancy, Grace, Kyle, John & Rita, Betsy, Judy, John, Bret & Ginny, Barbara & Family, Tavern, Danielle & Cynthia, Robert, Mohan, Bev, and Lisa.

Those Serving in the Military:

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

Women Of St. James's November Programs



Thursday, November 3

UTO Luncheon and Eucharist, 12-3pm
St. James's Church, West Hartford
The Rt. Rev. Laura Ahrens to Preside

Tuesday, November 8

Vaughn Mauren, Organist & Choirmaster
St. James's Church
Choir Trip to England (and Business Meeting)

Tuesday, November 15

Shari Cantor, Mayor of West Hartford
Growth and Change in Our Community

Tuesday, November 22

Thanksgiving Break—No Luncheon

Tuesday, November 29

Lynda Lullaly Hunt, Author
Fish in a Tree

Thank You!

OUR fall rummage sale held in October was another success! Thank you to all who donated unwanted treasure and who help with the setup and cleanup. We are grateful and could not do it without your help. Mark your calendars for our spring 2017 rummage sale to be held May 12 and 13.

Fall Ingathering and Service of Thanksgiving *Thursday, November 3*

A SPECIAL service of thanksgiving for the United Thank Offering will be held on **Thursday, November 3** at St. James's Church. Registration begins at 11:30am with a luncheon at 12:00. A program with guest speaker follows lunch at 12:45. Holy Eucharist and the presentation of the United Thank Offering in the church at 1:30 concludes the event. The Rt. Rev. Laura Ahrens will celebrate and preach. All are welcome to attend.



United Thank Offering *Fall Ingathering—Sunday, November 27*

THE United Thank Offering is a ministry of the Episcopal Church. Every coin from every Blue Box and Blue Envelope is given away in grants. Every cent you give, representing your thankful prayers today, is the dream for tomorrow's life and gives hope to people all over the world. Please continue to fill your boxes or make a donation by check and place it in the envelopes which can be found in the church and chapel.

Then join others on **Sunday, November 27** for the fall ingathering at the 9:30 service when we will offer our prayers and monetary gifts for the needs of those around the world.

Please make checks payable to the Women of St. James's with UTO in the memo line.

Seamen's Church Institute

THE SCI 2015 Annual Report came late this year – probably because the Institute had a busy year.

For example – Chaplains visited 8,840 seafarers on board 1,390 ships at the Ports of New York and New Jersey. Chaplains for the inland waterways and the Gulf of Mexico visited 556 vessels and met or assisted 2,897 maritime workers. Great work done for those who work for all of us but are largely unseen.

AND, of course! 22,281 knitted gifts were received and distributed to mariners working away from home over the Christmas holidays. Please notice that 22,281 – just goes to show how important each bit of knitting is – one more mariner received a gift because of that 1. Knitting from here continues to go to Port Newark; new knitters always welcome – easy patterns! With the holidays coming up, please remember to save your Christmas cards so notes may be included with all gift packages.

Fran Cobb

Bring a Friend to Church 10

St. James's Episcopal Church

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