

The Spirit of St. James'

August Spirit 2024



Saying Hello & Goodbye

For over a year, St. James' has been in transition. From Rev. Dr. Becky Coerper's retirement announcement to the arrival of interim rector Father Joe Mitchell to upcoming arrival of Reverend Pilar F. Padrón Parnell, St. James' has stayed steady with hearts listening to the Holy Spirit. These next few weeks will be filled with mixed emotions. While many are excited for Mother Pilar's arrival, we are all going to miss

Father Joe and Kristen as they have touched us all. There will be opportunities to say good-bye as well as welcome in the coming days. Be sure to watch the weekly newsletter and e-blasts for important information. Below you will find the tentative scheduling for St. James' worship, programming and events. If you have questions, please be sure to contact the Parish Office.

Upcoming Schedule

Wednesday, August 21

Worship 12:00 p.m. Healing Service with Father Joe

6:00 p.m. Evening Prayer

Sunday, August 25

Worship 7:30 a.m. / 9:00 a.m. / 11:00 a.m.

12:30 p.m. Farewell Party for Father Joe & Kristen Mitchell (Parish Hall)

RSVP by August 18 online or with the Parish Office the number in your party and if you are gluten free.

Tuesday, August 27

Father Joe & Kristen move out of the Rectory

Wednesday, August 28

Worship 12 p.m. Healing Service with Rev. Dr. Chuck Stewart

6 p.m. Evening Prayer

Mother Pilar & Family Move into the Rectory

Sunday, September 1

Worship 7:30 a.m. Rev. Dr. Jim Corl

10:45 a.m. Rev. Toppie Bates

No 9 a.m. worship this Sunday

Sunday, September 8-Kick Off Sunday

Worship 7:30 a.m. / 9 a.m. / 10:45 a.m.

9 a.m. Mini-Saints & Saints in Training Sunday School Classes

Reverend Pilar F. Padrón Parnell, New Settled Rector first Sunday

Sunday, September 15

Worship 7:30 a.m. / 9 a.m. / 10:45 a.m.

9 a.m. Mini-Saints & Saints-in-Training

Sunday School Classes

3 p.m. Meet & Greet Party for Mother Pilar & Family



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Thank you Lakeside Set Up Crew!

Be Seeing You

By: *The Rev. Joe T. Mitchell*

“Brothers and sisters, the work of an interim time, an in-between time, is to loosen our grip.”

I offered up those words in my very first sermon at St. James’ on September 3, 2023. I talked that day about Simon Peter and his insistence on maintaining the status quo because he was terrified at the prospect of Jesus having to suffer and die. Jesus, however, rebukes Simon Peter and even calls him Satan; that is, an adversary. Maintaining the status quo ain’t Jesus’ style. He understood the movement of the Spirit and God’s ever-unfolding dream for the world, which is all about discernment that leads to transformation.

There’s that word again! Discernment. We use it a lot in the Church, most often for those entering the ordination process, but the truth is that discernment is a gift God gives to all of us. Each day is an opportunity to discern, to listen for where the Spirit is leading us, to find, as Frederick Beuchner once wrote “where your deepest desire and the world’s deepest need intersect.” On that warm late summer’s day on the lakeside, I invited y’all to accept the Spirit’s invitation to discern who it was that God was calling you to be, to discover your deepest hopes and dreams as the Body of Christ in this time and place, and to not only be transformed by that holy work but to listen for who was being called to join you in it.

You accepted that invitation, St. James’, and you’ve done the work! I am extremely proud of your Search Committee and Vestry, who have called a priest to serve among you with grace, wisdom, and humor. I am grateful to Marcia Watt and Colleen Gannon, the Search chairs, whose patient listening during the Office Hours sessions led to the creation of the best parish profile I have ever seen! I also wish to thank Susanne Rynkiewicz, Bill Spalding, and Doug Smith, who have served as Wardens during this interim time and guided the Vestry through their own discernment and led them to firmly and confidently issue the call. Well done, thou good and faithful servants!

One of the greatest gifts of this parish is your staff. They make the job of your priests so much easier! Thank you to Nicole Bova, who transitioned into a brand new role as Parish Administrator during this time and has been phenomenal at it. To Mo Allyn for their courage in preaching and for the wisdom, intentionality, and gentleness they bring to teaching – the Church needs more like you! To Justin Oei, for agreeing to bring back the Easter Vigil this year, and for using your talents to introduce Evensong to St. James’ – you’re a gift! To Michael Larkin for your dedication to leading the St. James’ Praise Band and collaboration on combined worship. To Nick Kilkenny and all the Tech Team volunteers, who put in so much work behind the scenes to make online worship run smoothly. To Deacon Chuck Stewart, for proving once again that deacons are the model and inspiration for us all. To Laura Posecznick, for, well, everything you do to make this church run – take good care of yourself and let others do the same! And to the unsung heroine of St. James’, Nancy Graham, whose incredible love for the people of this parish has moved me on more occasions than I can count – every single church needs a Nancy Graham!

When I was approached by (then-Canon, now-Bishop) Carrie Schofield-Broadbent to serve amongst you as Interim Rector I was hesitant. Nothing personal, I swear! Having been a part of an interim staff before, I knew how hard this work could be. Who was I to follow a much beloved Rector and lead a staff and congregation through their season

of grief and growth? That’s actually how I knew this was a call from God! Too often in my own life those things at which I first balked turned out to be exactly where God was calling me to be. What an incredible gift this interim time has been! Truly, St. James’ was a healing balm for Kristen and me in ways that you will never know, and we are both so very appreciative to all of you for welcoming us into your homes, your church, and your lives.



As one season ends another begins. My prayer is that you will carry the lessons learned during this interim time, from the good work and insights of Holy Conversations to the realization that you can, in fact, change, and that God is still praised and you’re still ok. Welcome Mother Pillar as you welcomed Kristen and me. Love her and her family as you loved us, and let them love you back!

As I’ve said in the past, all priests are interims. It’s just a matter of how long we stay. Whether it’s one year or 20, all priests eventually do leave. But the people, the Body of Christ, remain. Remember who you are and whose you are. Love fiercely, serve the poor, preach with abandon, and in all things trust in the One who has called you into this community of faith, and who is transforming you more and more into the likeness of Christ.

The Episcopal Church is, after all, a small church. No doubt our paths will cross again one day, so I will not say goodbye. Rather, I offer this one final blessing:

*May the road rise to meet you.
May the wind be always at your back,
May the rains fall soft upon your fields,
and the sun shine warm upon your face.
And until we meet again,
may you be held in the palm of God’s hand.*

Joe+



Dear St. James,'

July 28, 2024

It is with deepest gratitude that I accept the call to serve as your next rector. I grew up in the Diocese of Central New York and St. James' is a community that the Holy Spirit placed on my heart several years ago and I have felt called to serve this beloved community for several years now. Your commitment to Christian formation, particularly with children, outreach, and collaboration with each other and the wider community, all joyously done so in the name of Jesus, has drawn me to you. I am looking forward to all the ways God will call us to be the hands and feet of Jesus in this world and I pray that this time of transition is one that is filled with wonder and excitement.

I want to extend my deepest thanks to the Search Committee, Vestry, Staff, and clergy of St. James' that have given of themselves in this interim time and have discerned with me in this process. There is no doubt that this transition required extra hours in your day and time away from your families. We are blessed by your commitment to this beloved community. I also want to thank your families who have noticed your absence as you have helped in this process. They are blessings to all of us.

My ministry with all of you will begin on September 4, 2024. My first Sunday officiating will be September 8, appropriately Kick Off Sunday! As we get settled, I look forward to meeting all of you and introducing you to my husband, The Rev. Scott Parnell, whose call in the Diocese of Central New York will be announced in the coming days, our children, Charlene (5) and George (2.5), and our loving beagle Belle, who is the princess of the family.



As you close your time with Father Joe and prepare yourselves for this next phase in parish life, please know that you are in my prayers. Please keep me and my family in your prayers as well. May God's blessings be upon you now and always!

Yours in Christ,
Mother Pilar+

A Time to Reflect and to Look Ahead!

Do the dog days of August still exist? Is there time in today's world to sit on a front porch with an iced tea and just let our minds wander? Or maybe time on the end of a dock, watching a sunset and letting the beauty of the moment fill our being?

As we prepare for the future of this St. James' Parish, maybe these quiet August moments are a time to reflect and lock down what St. James' means to us.

Why do I attend services at St. James'?

What do I love about St. James'?

Why do I feel so welcome here?

Who has personally made a difference to me?

What special moments have occurred here?

A wedding? A baptism? One special sermon at a lakeside service?

Walking out of a Christmas eve service into new fallen snow?

Or an infinite number of very personal reasons why St. James' is special to each of us!

Now, let's look ahead! We will say goodbye with much gratitude and love to Father Joe and Kristen! They, too, have created some of those special moments for each of us!

This September, we welcome Mother Pilar and her family to St. James' and our Skaneateles community making this fall special! What new outreach programs will exist in 2025? How will our church grow and flourish in 2026? How will you change, flourish and grow in the years ahead as a grateful member of St. James'?

There is much to appreciate and much to look forward to this upcoming season. Thank you and blessings as you prayerfully consider your active participation at St. James'.



National Voter Registration Day

September 17, 2024

#VoteFaithfully

Tuesday, September 17th, is National Voter Registration Day, a chance to celebrate our democracy by encouraging voter registration!

In 2020, U.S. Census data revealed that 1 in 4 eligible Americans are not registered to vote. National Voter Registration Day aims to spread awareness and help thousands register who might not otherwise. We must get folks registered to vote on time to participate in the fall election. Use National Voter Registration Day's resources to register yourself and promote registration in your community.

Are you registered to vote?

Have you checked your voter registration status?*

www.nationalvoterregistrationday.org

*For a myriad of reasons, it is important to confirm your voter registration status.



Learn more about election engagement with the Office of Government Relations and Episcopal Public Policy Network.



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Volunteer at the Thrift Shop to Make a Difference in the Community!



Hours are:

Monday & Tuesday

receive donations only 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

Retail Shopping Hours

Tuesday 1-4 p.m.

Wednesday-Saturday: 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

PHONE: 315-685-5060

For over 55 years, St. James' Volunteers have organized and managed the St. James' Thrift Shop in Skaneateles Village. Its mission is to provide local families with limited resources, goods and clothing at low prices. Families in crisis receive free household goods and clothing. The money earned from the sale of consigned and donated items supports charitable causes and St. James' ministries. Over the last two years, many updates have been allowing this small shop to yield huge rewards that are shared with local charities each month. Thousands of dollars are donated each month helping so many. It is a powerful experience to be a part of such a wonderful ministry.

The Thrift Shop is located in the basement of the Masonic Temple on Genesee Street between State and Jordan streets.

As with any business, there is a lot of work required to keep things running. This store is maintained and operated by unpaid volunteers. If you want to donate some time each month to help maintain this treasure and vital ministry, please visit the shop or call (315) 685-5060 during open hours.

Thank You Rector Search Committee!

St. James' Thanks the incredible work of the Rector Search Committee (Colleen Gannon and Marcia Watt Co-Chairs, Bill Spalding, Doug Smith, Susanne Rynkiewicz, Nancy Corl, Jeff Davis, and Erik Samhammer! This will be an exciting new phase of the journey of faith. There are many details to tackle over the upcoming weeks. Be watching for more communications on Father Joe's farewell celebration and Mother Pilar's welcome. When you get time, do extend a warm thank you to the members of the Search Committee-this process takes an immense amount of time and work. They did a fantastic job!



TABLE TOP FELLOWSHIP!
(aka Foyer Groups) will be starting again in the fall - Hooray !

SEVEN Table Top groups of 6 met for 3 months this spring, generating fellowship opportunities that would not have happened without intentional groups being formed. People have enjoyed meeting and sharing time with others they may have only shared the peace.

“In order to be in community with one another, we need to respect the sacred bond that is facilitated during mealtimes.....Eating with friends and strangers alike is one of the fastest ways to break down the barriers that separate us.” As we welcome each other into our homes, we share the same love and fellowship that Jesus did with his disciples, that ‘hospitality extends to all’.
 (paraphrased - Kristen Leigh Mitchell)

In September we will reorganize the Table Top groups and start again for another 3 months, getting to know more people. And groups will continue to be an intimate size of six people.

If you were not able to join in March and would like to start in September, just let the office know or Nancy Graham 315-317-0138 before September 1st.

We will get new group names to you early in September.

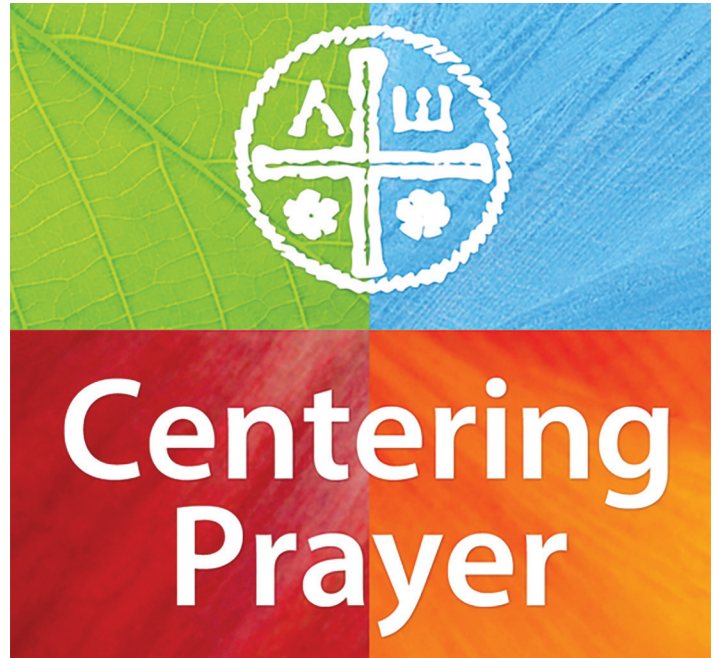
A nice addition will be to invite our new rector and her husband one time to your group.



ST. JAMES' HEALING EUCHARIST

Wednesdays at 12 p.m.

Father Joe Mitchell introduced this service to St. James'. It will continue through September 4. Join us for a midday service of the Holy Eucharist with the Sacrament of Unction at Noon on Wednesdays. Come and pray with us and spend your lunch break with Jesus!



CENTERING PRAYER

Tuesdays & Fridays 7:45-8:30 a.m. ZOOM

Centering prayer is a part of the ancient Christian contemplative tradition that has seen a resurgence in the last 50 years.

It is a silent prayer that can be done alone or in groups that seeks to “open our awareness of God who is within us” (Thomas Keating, a chief spokesperson and architect of Centering Prayer). All are welcome to join.

This group meets on ZOOM Tuesday and Friday mornings 7:45-8:30 a.m.

Meeting ID. 867 8552 3729

Passcode PRAYER

If you have questions, please contact Cindy Bright at cgbright1@gmail.com.



DIVE DEEPER

Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m.

This Group meets weekly to discuss and study the readings for the coming Sunday.

It's a great way to get deeper into the lessons you hear on Sundays.

Contact Deacon Chuck Stewart at cnstewartyr@gmail.com for the Zoom link. We will send the readings by email in advance.

St. James' Offers Traditional Organ & Choir Music Sundays at 9 a.m.

All are welcome to lift your voice and sing to the Lord!

Join the Choir!

The beginning of the choir season is fast approaching, and you are invited to join us! The first choir rehearsal of the year will be on Wednesday, August 21 at 6:30 p.m., with our first service on August 25th. While we welcome all voice parts, we especially need more tenor and bass voices. Our repertoire spans from Gregorian Chant to 21st century compositions and everything in between.

The ability to read music is strongly recommended, but it is by no means required – if you can match pitch, we've got a place for you! Contact Justin Oei at justin@stjames-skan.org or more information or come to a rehearsal on Wednesday nights.



Justin Oei, St. James' Organist Choirmaster

Join St. James' for Contemporary Worship Sundays at 10:45 a.m. featuring the St. James' Praise Band!

The 10:45 "come as you are" service features contemporary Christian worship music, performed on acoustic and electric instruments. The band rehearses at 6:30pm every Wednesday evening. We are always looking for new singers and players. If you play bass, drums, guitar, percussion, keyboards, banjo, mandolin, accordion, harmonica, flute, strings, xylophone or trombone, please consider being part of the worship band.

Feel free to attend a rehearsal, or email Michael Larkin, Director of Contemporary Music and Technology at StJamesSkanMusic@gmail.com.



Michael Larkin, Director of Contemporary Music & Technology

I Play the Notes
As They Are Written,
But It Is
God
Who Makes
The Music
Johann Sebastian Bach



Sharing with the Community

St. James' loves to share its space with the community. A few organizations that utilize room space include some wonderful opportunities for parishioners. Check them out for you or your family!

Registration is now open for our **FALL session!**

10 weeks of new music and learning 9/9-11/17

*Mixed-Age classes: ages 0-5

*Babies classes: ages 0-6 months

*Rhythm Kids: ages 4-8



sign up today!
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BlueBird Music Together

(parish hall)

bluebirdmusictogether.com

director@bluebirdmusictogether.com

(315) 427-6985

Weekly music and movement classes for children, and the adults who love them.

Skaneateles Lake Association

(lower level next to the Toppie Bates Lakeside Room)

skaneateleslake.org

Frank Moses – Executive Director

frank.moses@skaneateleslake.org



Together, we can protect Skaneateles Lake.

Whether you live on it, play in it, look at it or drink from it, Skaneateles Lake is your lake, and you can help keep it pristine. The Skaneateles Lake Association is the only non-profit organization solely dedicated to keeping Skaneateles Lake clear and pure.

Your support is vital to our lake's survival.

The SLA is focused on directly addressing many of the greatest threats to the quality of our lake, including invasive species prevention, harmful algal bloom research and monitoring, milfoil control and hemlock protection, just to name a few.

ATTENTION!

Play2Learn Skaneateles
Fall 2024

Mondays: 9:20-10:20 & 10:55-11:55

Tuesdays: 9:20-10:20 & 10:55-11:55

Wednesdays: 9:20-10:20

Fridays: 10:20-11:20

*Our Multiage Art & Sensory Play Groups are beneficial for children ~18 months- age 6!

Play2Learn Tot Skaneateles

(across from the choir room in the park-side hallway)

play2learntot.com

Play2LearnTT@gmail.com

(315) 382-3725

Play2Learn offers caregiver & child classes, camps, and events, to promote learning & socialization during the early childhood years. Multiage Art & Sensory Play Classes Early Language & Sensorimotor Class for Baby's First Year.

St. James' Offers Safe & Confidential Space for AA & ALANON. Visit their website for meeting information.



Alcoholics Anonymous®
aa.org

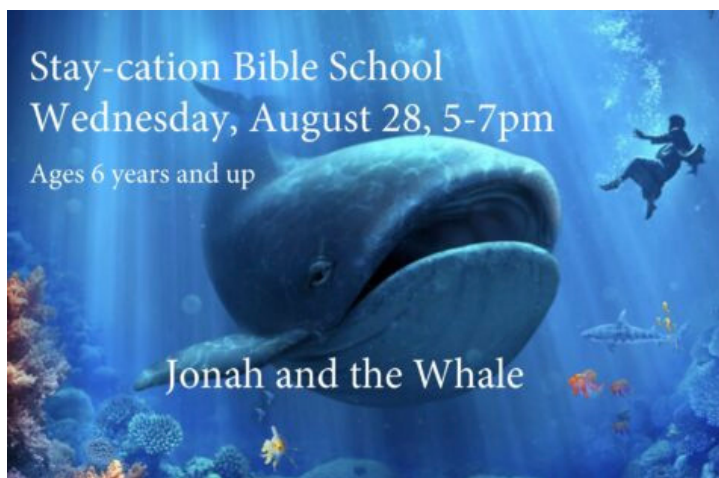
Children, Youth

Letter from Miss Mo, Director of Children, Youth & Family Ministries

Hi, everyone!

I've enjoyed getting to know the families at St. James. I look forward to continuing to be in the community with you all. Through this transition, I am again grateful for Laura's groundwork for our children and youth. I look forward to working closely with Mother Pilar on all the new programming. For now, though, please look at all the exciting existing programming coming up!

On August 28, we will head to First Presbyterian Church for a Jonah and the Whale-themed Stay-cation Bible School. This program is perfect for elementary-age students and their families, offering an excellent opportunity for spiritual growth and fun. Parents can drop their children off at 5:00 p.m. and pick them up at 7:00 p.m.



We will kick off our Sunday school year on September 8 with Mini-Saints and Saints in Training at 9:00 a.m. and a brunch at 10:00 a.m.

This year, our Mini-Saints and Saints in Training (SIT) programs will explore the lives and teachings of Jesus, the disciples, and the saints to inspire children to live out their faith daily. The programs will be held from 9:00 to 9:45 a.m., focusing on specific weekly themes and concluding with communion. Additionally, our youth have been invited to join the First Presbyterian Youth Group, which provides an opportunity for community building on Sunday evenings at the First Presbyterian Church. More details to come!

In October, we have exciting Halloween activities planned for all ages. The Stay-cation Bible School Harvest Party at First Presbyterian Church is designed for our elementary children, offering fun and safe festivities. Our youth group will also head to Auburn for a trunk-or-treat event, followed by movies and a pizza night at St. James. These activities are not just about having fun but also about building a strong sense of community. For the Stay-cation Bible School schedule, we have the following dates: October 6 for "Jesus Visits Mary and Martha," October 13 is a break (Indigenous People's Day), October 20 for "Jesus Heals a Disabled Woman," and October 27 for "Jesus Heals a Blind Man."

On All Saints Sunday, Miss Mo will organize a unique program for adults and children at the Saints-in-Training class. If you want to present a saint to the class, you can contact Miss Mo. For example, this year, Miss Mo will share about Joan of Arc, offering an inspiring and educational experience to deepen the children's understanding of the saints. The schedule for the Saints-in-Training class is as follows: November 3 will feature activities and stories about saints; November 10, there will be no class in observance of Veterans Day; November 17 will focus on the parables of the Lost Sheep and Lost Coin; and finally, on November 24, the class will explore the Parable of the Prodigal Son.

In December, we have a lot to look forward to! We will start our Lenten Study series, offering meaningful sessions to prepare our hearts for Christmas. Our Christmas Pageant will be a joyous celebration with community participation and festive cheer. Mo's private lesson students will perform the prelude, setting a delightful tone for the live pageant. We have multiple rehearsals to ensure everyone is well-prepared, and beautiful costumes will bring the nativity story to life. Please confirm your participation so we can provide you with the details.

Additionally, our youth will serve as acolytes at the kids' service, adding a special touch to the event. Let's make this Christmas one to remember! Finally, please remember that on December 29, there will be no class due to the Christmas and New Year holidays.

Planning for the 2025 school year is already underway.

The upcoming programming will provide enriching and spiritually rewarding experiences for children, youth, and their families. I am genuinely excited about the opportunities for community building and personal growth. Thank you for your ongoing support and enthusiasm as we embark on this journey together. Let's make this a year filled with faith, joy, and meaningful connections.

In faith and community,
Miss Mo



& Family Ministries



Calling All Families!

Enjoy God's Creation Paddling the Cayuga-Seneca Canal
Thursday, August 22 Begins at 9 a.m.

Families and youth eight years and older are invited to a paddling fellowship event along the Cayuga-Seneca Canal, Aug. 22. The event is free; kayaks, lifejackets and paddles are included. A picnic lunch will be provided at the end of the paddle. You may also bring your own kayak or canoe. We will meet at St. James at 9 a.m. and carpool to the paddle site.

We will be guided on our tour of the historic canal by John Kenny, owner of Canal Side Experiences, 706 Waterloo Geneva Road, Waterloo, NY (about a

30-minute drive from St. James Church).

The tour is a program of the Erie CanalWay National Heritage Corridor, designed to get New Yorkers out on the water to enjoy the canal system and the beauty of nature.

Come join us. Please register for the event with the Parish Office or email:
Mo Allyn at mollyallyn6@gmail.com or
Judy Holmes at JudyHolmes76@gmail.com by no later than Aug. 19.

Sunday School Begins September 8!

9 a.m. Lower Level

Mini-Saints (3-6yrs) led by Cindi Fowler & Kristen Baleno

This class curriculum is Young Children in Worship, a Montessori style learning environment. Children learn Bible stories and how to recount them using the wooden figures and pieces the teacher used. It is a quiet and peaceful space that builds the foundation of worship and relationship with God.

Saints-In-Training (7-12yr) led by Mo Allyn & Helen O'Neill

This fun and interactive class mixes videos, music, games, and crafts to help each child build a relationship with Jesus. This room is a blend of high energy play and contemplative lesson learning. Saints in this class connect as friends and also as children of faith. Fill Out a Registration Form and Return to Miss Mo or the Parish Office-(will include separately)

Volunteer in Children's Ministries

Throughout the year there are opportunities to assist with children's programming and events. St. James' always adheres to Diocese Safe Church requirements. Children and youth are the future and it is everyone's role to provide love and support. Please consider joining the group of volunteers who can assist in classrooms or events. All volunteers require Safe Church Training (lasts 5 years). Training can be done online or in-person. There is a session coming on September 29 at 1 p.m. with lunch provided. To sign up, please contact the Parish Office at 315-685-7600 or Laura Posecznick at laura@stjameskan.org.

Personal Prayer at Communion

Remember during the 9 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. there are prayer ministers available to listen and pray for your own intercessions or for those you love. There is great strength and power when we pray together. If you need additional pastoral assistance, please contact Nancy Graham at 315-317-0138.

Student Prayer

Dear Jesus, you who promise to be with me always, I pray that you would be with me at home today as I do my school work. Please help me to do my best, help me not to feel alone, and help me to be patient with my family. Give me joy this day and thank you for loving me from head to toe. Amen

INTERFAITH WORKS NEEDS SUPPLIES!

There are many new refugee families legally arriving into the Syracuse area. They come with very little. One main priority is to provide education to these families so there is an ongoing need for back-to-school supplies:

BACKPACKS
BINDERS
PAPER (LINED & BLANK)
WRITING MATERIALS: (PENS, PENCILS, MARKERS)

Please feel free to drop off new school supplies in the blue bin outside the parish hall. If you have any questions, please contact Carol Murphy at 315-727-5202.



St. James' Eco-ministry, CreationCARE offers resources, facts, and opportunities to help be good stewards of this blessed planet Earth. If you want to become part of CreationCARE to offer programming or other insights, please contact Joan Johnson (forevergardener@yahoo.com) or the Parish Office 315-685-7600).



St. James' Children's Ministry REGISTRATION 2024-2025
Mini-Saints (3-6 years old)
&
Saints in Training (7- 11 years)

Child's Name/Age/Grade: _____

St. James' Youth Program: _____

DOB (We send bday cards): _____

Parent/Guardian: _____

Address: _____

Home Phone/Cell Phone: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Emergency contact (name & phone #): _____

Please list any severe allergies or medical conditions: _____

At times throughout the year pictures or video may be taken and displayed in the Sunday School room, on the St. James' website, in a St. James' church service, or on the St. James' Facebook page (no names will be included), or published in the local newspaper. Videos may also be included in DVDs for St. James' use & enjoyment.

Please check one of the following:

Yes, my child's picture/video may be displayed/published in the weekly newsletter or on the St. James' website.

No, I do not wish to have my child's picture/video displayed or published.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

A New Approach for October's Month of Community Service

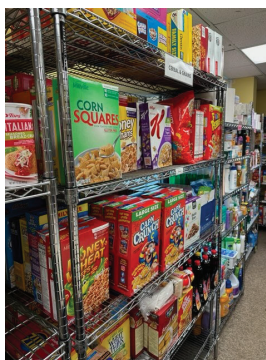
Starting Oct. 4, "Giving with a Purpose" will address specific local needs

During the month of October, we will focus on the needs of the Skaneateles Food Pantry clients. Each month, the pantry serves 85 to 90 families or households. It is open Tuesday mornings and Thursday evenings. These households must live in the Skaneateles Central School District and may visit the pantry once per week. Just more than 30% of the families served are Spanish-speaking, primarily workers at local dairy farms. Other groups of food pantry clients: elderly individuals, including several veterans, and families with young children.



Each Sunday, we ask that the congregation bring one of the following items:

- Canned Black Beans
- Canned Fruit
- 2 pound bag of white rice (not instant)
- 32 oz bottle of vegetable oil
- Maseca, (Walmart's Great Vaule brand Masa Instantanea de Maiz)
- Box of Pasta



Simply bring your donation to the front of the church, before or after service, and place in the baskets provided.

We hope you will join us in "Giving With a Purpose"

GOOD TO KNOW:

Tops Market provides day-old bakery items, and meat, poultry, and dairy products near their expiration date. During the growing season, local farmers donate produce. Other Items are donated through annual food drives sponsored by the Scouts, Rotary Club, and postal carriers or collected by local churches, such as St. James'. The food pantry also purchases non-perishable foods from the Central New York Food Bank, Amazon, Walmart, and dollar stores.

On April 14, the Auburn Citizen published an article "No One Goes Hungry in Auburn: Church Soup Kitchen Marks 20 Years" by David Ward, director of the soup kitchen. To access the article, go to https://auburnpub.com/life-entertainment/no-one-goes-hungry-in-auburn-church-soup-kitchen-marks-20-years/article_feb3f802-f81e-11ee-bc52-230252b939fd.html?utm_medium=social&utm_source=email&utm_campaign=user-share

Non-subscribers can access one free article each month.

Want to help? To be added to the volunteer list (ages 13+), contact Corinne Buterbaugh (corinnebuterbaugh@gmail.com). You'll receive an email each month asking if you wish to volunteer. Some people volunteer almost every month; others help occasionally.

Auburn Soup Kitchen Celebrates 20 years by Corinne Buterbaugh

In 2004, Saints Peter and John Episcopal Church opened its doors to feed the hungry of Auburn every Saturday noon. Former parishioner Ginny Stehle jumped in, recruiting St. James parishioners, colleagues at (then) Welch Allyn, and even her sisters to help. She was so successful at enlisting volunteers that, before long, St. James' was asked to work the last Saturday of every month because it usually sees the largest number of patrons. When Ginny moved to North Carolina a few years later, she asked Corinne Buterbaugh to take over organizing the St. James' crew. Things hummed along—with St. James' providing about 10 volunteers each month—until March 2020.

COVID significantly increased the need for meals, and Sts. Peter and John expanded from one day a week to four: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Saturday. The soup kitchen also switched from serving lunch in the parish hall to preparing "to go" meals. In 2023, they served 38,411 meals. Community support remains strong. Bakeries and grocers donate breads and pastries, and the soup kitchen works with the Food Bank of CNY to obtain reasonably priced food. Local foundations, companies, churches, and individuals provide financial support.

In addition to supplying volunteers, St. James' donates to the soup kitchen from its outreach budget and through the St. James' Thrift Shop. We have also collected items, such as cleaning supplies, for the soup kitchen during past community service months. Volunteers find it incredibly rewarding to help neighbors in need, whether they are senior citizens, families with young children, individuals struggling with mental illness or addiction, or others. Since 2004, more than 80 St. James' parishioners have volunteered at the soup kitchen.

Here are just a few memories of St. James' parishioners at the soup kitchen:

- Jim Brown serving patrons an extra slice of tomato in their salad because he remembered certain individuals really like tomatoes.
- Gay Hembach handing out pears picked from trees growing in the yard of the late Mimi Bryan.
- Mark Kulik, Dan Pajak, the late Brad Wirth, and others upping the culinary quality of the menus.
- The late Bob Morse opening countless cans with the industrial opener but refusing to have anything to do with canned beets.



Did You Know? *By Emma Cowley*

Did You Know? As Labor Day approaches, let's honor and recognize 8 Black Women Labor Leaders who improved working conditions, wages, and rights for America's workers, frequently at significant personal sacrifice. For decades, Black women have led the fight for labor rights, improving conditions for all American workers. Historically excluded from many well-paying jobs, they have taken on much of the essential yet difficult work that supports our economy, often without the protections other workers receive.

Dorothy Boulder: In 1968, she established the National Domestic Workers Union, organizing these workers on an unprecedented scale in the U.S. The union educated workers on how to negotiate for higher wages, vacation time, and other benefits. She also mandated that all members register to vote, giving them a stronger voice both in their workplaces and in Georgia's policy decisions.

Nannie Helen Burroughs: As a suffragist, educator, and organizer, and a mentor to Rev. Martin Luther King Jr., she merged labor reform with the voting rights movement. In 1921, she created the National Association of Wage Earners, a labor union for Black domestic workers. Additionally, she founded the National Trade School for Women and Girls to combat labor exploitation through education, enhancing working conditions and expanding career opportunities for Black women.

Melnea Cass: Often referred to as the "First Lady of Roxbury," community organizer and activist, she offered social services, professional training, and labor rights education to empower Boston's most vulnerable workers.

Clara Day: As an information clerk at Montgomery Ward, she was frustrated by the segregation of white and Black employees, which motivated her to seek change. Clara Day started organizing her co-workers at Montgomery Ward in 1953 and subsequently took on several roles with Teamsters Local 743. She was also instrumental in founding the Coalition of Labor Union Women and the Teamsters National Black Caucus.

Anna Arnold Hedgeman: A civil rights activist, educator and writer who helped organize the March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom, she advocated for equal opportunity and employment.



Dora Lee Jones: Dora Lee Jones helped found the Domestic Workers Union in Harlem in 1934 in defiance of New York City's "slave markets".

Maida Springer Kemp: Kemp, a labor organizer in the garment industry, made history in 1945 as the first Black woman to represent the U.S. labor movement internationally. She remained dedicated to advocating for civil rights and women's rights throughout her life, both in America and abroad.

Rosina Corrothers Tucker: Tucker helped establish the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters, the nation's first predominantly Black labor union along with The International Ladies' Auxiliary Order.



St. James' Fourth of July Fellowship Picnic





Say It with Flowers – Altar Flowers, that is!

Parishioners are extremely generous donating money for flowers, greens, and plants at Easter and Christmas. Although flowers the rest of the year aren't as elaborate as during major festive seasons, Flower Guild members arrange fresh flowers or "fall bounty" (pumpkins) every Sunday throughout the year except during Lent (when we have curly willows) and Advent (evergreens).

Please also consider donating for flowers one other week during the year.

What better way to honor the memory of a loved one or give thanks for a child or grandchild, a wedding anniversary or milestone birth day, or another special occasion? Your donation

(suggested amount: \$50) covers the cost of flowers, which are purchased from Fleur de Lis and arranged by Flower Guild members (Mary Bradley, Bill and Corinne Buterbaugh, Lois Laxton, Dot Pitman, Diane Steckel).

After the last service each Sunday, Margie Amberge rearranges the flowers into smaller arrangements that are taken to parishioners who are ill, experiencing difficulties or loss, or celebrating a milestone.

To donate, please contact the church office to provide the date and name of the person(s) or occasion being honored/remembered.

Questions? Contact Dot Pitman at 315-685-6968.

NEW! A No-Obligation Way to Learn More About Altar Guild

Serving on Altar Guild is a highly rewarding ministry. Because members work in teams, it's also a great way to get to know people.

Want a no-obligation way to see if Altar Guild is something you'd be interested in? We invite you to shadow an Altar Guild team for about 90 minutes one weekend this fall to learn more.

If you're interested in shadowing an Altar Guild team, contact or Bill or Corinne Buterbaugh (corinnebuterbaugh@gmail.com or 571-215-6693).

About Altar Guild

Each year, our devoted Altar Guild members prepare the altar for more than 220 services. This involves setting the altar and credence table, filling candles with liquid paraffin, washing and ironing linens, and other behind-the-scenes but essential tasks.

Team members generally serve on Saturday mornings (once a month – for about 45 minutes, usually beginning at 8:30) and one Sunday morning a month – before or after the service they normally attend. You don't have to switch services (unless you want to!).

Each team is responsible for one weekend a month. Total time commitment is no more than 90 minutes a month. We are FLEXIBLE. Several members are away for the winter.

As our current Altar Guild members age, the next generation of men and women must step up.



St. James' Prayers

For those expecting a child: Ciara and Brian Perkins (son of Kris & Dick Perkins), Danielle and Johannes Helgren & Lucia and Taylor Flowers (Johannes and Lucia are children of Christina and John Helgren), Erin and Michael Valentine (son of Cathy Valentine).

Congratulations on the birth of

Daisy Michele great-granddaughter of Donna Richards and Walker James & Rhett Carver Dundon family of Judy Bettis.

Those who are sick and in need of prayer:

Bud Evans (brother of Don Evans), Nick Rossi, Reed Wilson, Jennifer Valentine, Bill Stinson (Uncle of Carolyn Legg), Peter & Sharon Andrus (friends of Terry Askey-Cole), Hayden Withey, Erik Withey, Sophia Soprano (granddaughter of Roxanne), Sean Holt, Helen O'Neill, Joyce Thomas, David Jarvis Invenio, Frank Ives, Christine Posecznick (sister-in-law of Laura).

Those listed on our long term prayer list: Joyce Thomas, Brian Hidy, Corinne Buterbaugh, Christine Dengler (sister-in-law of Kathy & Mark), Ed Cole, Steve Giocondo (father of Sara Jones), Vera Foehl, Sandy Fillingham, Rick Burton, Amanda Martin (daughter of Michele Lytle), Sue Palen, Sean Arliss (grandson of Sharon & David Arliss, Jonathan's son), Susan Scholl, Suzy Jones, Sherry Yellot, Terry Askey Cole & Larry Cole, Sue Newlin (mother of Molly Spalding), Kaiden (grandson of Jean Beeles), Ben, David & Gretchen (grandchild of Joan Johnson, her son & wife), Kelly Ryan, Sara Talley (granddaughter of Nora & Jim Brown), Sara Jones, Jacob Matlby (son of Kelly Ryan & Mike Spaces), Ed Blum, Robbie Clark (brother of Kristina Abbott) Adam Newlin (brother of Molly Spalding), Tara Covert Lanning, Merz family (family of Dan Johnson), Darwin Parker, Jude Ker, Edith Palmer (mother of Sue Palen), Nicole Hyde, Kathy & John Dote (sister & brother-in-law of David & Helen O'Neill), Linda Lavery, Judy Santillo & Ann Malvaso (sister's of Marie Hughes), Jim & Patrick (brother's of Marie Hughes), Helen Burlingame (sister of Brian Davis), Betty Hunt (mother of David Peebles), Joan Johnson, Marilyn Garofalo (mother of Chris Davis),

Are You Being Called to Serve During Worship?

St. James' offers many unique worship services to provide the most rich and inclusive opportunities to explore and honor God. These services and programs require other hands such as readers, crucifers, acolytes, eucharistic ministers, and ushers. St. James' is looking to expand its volunteer teams. There is no obligation to serve each Sunday. You can be trained and offer your own preferred schedule. If you have only attended worship from the pews or online, we welcome you to try becoming an active participant. You may discover the Holy Spirit being spread through your service. If you would like to speak more, please contact Laura Posecznick at laura@stjameskan.org.

Safe Church Training Options

Online: Contact Laura Posecznick

In-Person: September 29 at 1 p.m. (lunch included)

Safe Church training for all church volunteers is required by the Diocese and is verified by yearly audits. Thank you for your cooperation!

Call the Parish Office at 315-685- 7600 or Laura Posecznick laura@stjameskan.org to sign up.

Dot Pitman, Alexander Sturdivant (friend of Nancy & Rick Austin), Marie Bundy, Linda Hawley, Griffin Palen, Don Evans, Linda & Nick Rossi, Tacy Chantler (sister-in-law of Carrie Chantler), Euclide Mugisho & family, Roxanne Soprano, Cathy Valentine, Jeff Have-meyer, Sammy Birchenough, Adrian Coker (nephew of Sean Holt, Michael & Danielle Larkin), Mary O'Neill, Bob Doolittle, Lisa Mitchel (friend of Nancy Harris), Linda Morse, Danae Hidy, Alberto Fry, Doris Buss, Belva Morton (mother of Kathy Inganni), David Bates, Helen Dayal, Scholl family, Patrick & Jonathan Arliss, Jason Weston (son of Susan Gibides), Jim Corl, Kirsten Juhl (daughter of Jim & Nancy Corl),Gwen Birchenough, Sharon & Pat Gannon, Jennifer Carson (niece of Linda Lavery), Tricia McMurdy (friend of Nancy Austin), Ingrid McCurdy, Ella (friend of Ingrid), Noelle (daughter of Ingrid).

For those families in law enforcement from New York State, North Carolina, and around the country whose dedicated loved ones died in the line of duty.

Those who have died: Brian Schneider (son of Marilyn and Tom), Cynthia Schultz (cousin of Dan Johnson), Dorothy McMaster.

If you would like to be added... Prayer Lists above, please contact Nancy Graham at nancy@stjameskan.org. Birthday List Announcement, please contact Laura Posecznick at laura@stjameskan.org. Email Prayer Chain, please contact Corinne Buterbaugh at corinnebuterbaugh@gmail.com. E-Blast database to receive updates and news, please contact Laura Posecznick at laura@stjameskan.org

Questions: Contact the Parish Office at 315.685.7600.

Beginning September 4:

Office Hours: Monday-Thursday: 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

Frequently Asked Questions

SAFE CHURCH

Our parish and our diocese are committed to the safety and well-being of the adults and children who make up our beloved community. When we are baptized, we vow to "seek and serve Christ in all persons" and "respect the dignity of every human being." These vows are reflected in the Safe Church policies we have developed to prevent sexual abuse, exploitation and harassment in our churches and diocesan programs.

- 1 Who should be Safe Church trained?**
All clergy, licensed lay ministers, and most parish leaders and volunteers, including vestry members are required to maintain up-to-date Safe Church certification.
- 2 Where and how can someone be trained?**
Initial training should be on-site. Look for info about upcoming sessions or scan the code to contact Deb Denny. Individuals must be re-trained every 5 years. Re-training can be completed online or on-site.
- 3 How can I learn more about Safe Church or report a concern?**
Scan the code to visit our diocesan Safe Church page and connect with our intake officers.



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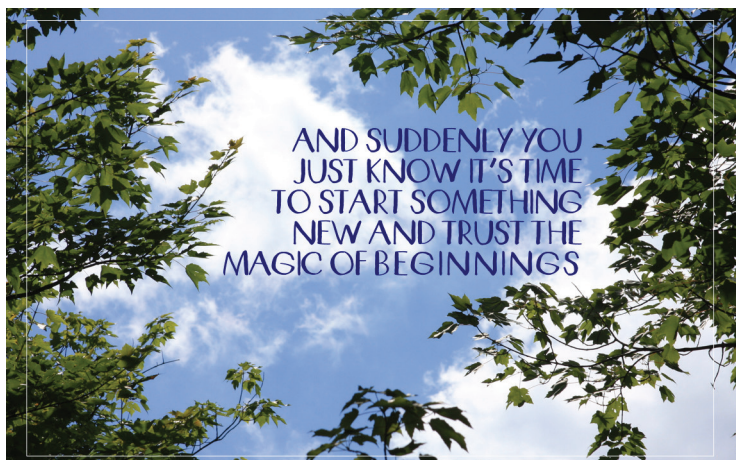
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