



# WEEKLY

Week of December 22, 2024

Whoever you are, wherever you find yourself in your journey of faith, you're always **WELCOME** at St. James'!

*The altar greens for Advent have been lovingly donated by Jim and Nancy Mion in thanksgiving for their two young grandsons - Liam and Declan.*

Dear St. James' Family,

As we enter this holy Christmastide, I invite you to find ways to worship, slow down, and let go of things that keep you from enjoying this season with sense of awe in God's glory. As we gather for worship on Christmas Eve, we are beginning a twelve-day season of Christmas in which we celebrate God made manifest to us. A time when we remember God's promise to be with us in our humanity-our pain, our joys, and our sorrows. For some this is a joyous time and for others it is a time of grief. Wherever you find yourself, know that God loves you and that God is with you in all things. I invite you to share in God's peace by beginning this holy season with the worship of God. We have three unique experiences to participate in. Our 4PM service, is our family service. This year we are focusing on it being a service for the families; led by our families. Children will be invited to be a part of the action, see things up close, and lead worship. Our 7PM Celtic Christmas will be led by our praise band. It will be a time of joyful celebration. And our 10PM service will be a traditional service with organ and choir. Be sure to come early at 9:30PM for special prelude music. I hope to see you all there!

Yours in Christ,

*Mother Pilar*

## Weekly Schedule

### Sunday December 22

**Preacher: Rev. Pilar Padrón Parnell**

7:30am Rite I Eucharist

9:00am Rite II Eucharist w/Organ & Choir

**9:00am Mini-Saints/Saints in Training Sunday School**

**10am Fellowship Coffee**

**10:15am Pageant Practice**

**10:45am Contemporary Eucharist w/ Praise Band**

### Monday

9:30am Yoga

### Tuesday -Christmas Eve

**4PM Family Christmas Service with Pageant**

**7PM Christmas Worship with Contemporary Celtic Music**

**9:30PM Special Christmas Music Prelude**

**10PM Christmas Worship with Organ & Choir**

**Wednesday-Friday Christmas/ Parish Office Closed**

### Sunday December 29

**Preacher: Rev. Pilar Padrón Parnell**

**10am Lessons & Carols**

**-in person only**

**StJamesSkan.org**

\*Worship Live-Streamed

Be sure to plan ahead-parking can be tricky on Christmas Eve

Save your Christmas Cards for Craft Use Next Year! Drop off at Church!

## Christmas Eve At St. James'!

There is nothing quite like Christmas at St. James'! This year will be extra special with Mother Pilar officiating at all three services. Below is a description of all the services. Be sure to plan ahead—street parking is a premium on Christmas Eve. Carpool, drop off, and park on Leitch Ave. are all good options. Bring your family and invite your friends! If you can't be with us in person, please tune in on [Facebook.com/StJamesSkaneateles](https://www.facebook.com/StJamesSkaneateles).



Family Christmas Worship with Children's Pageant—this service is designed for families of all sizes and shapes. Youth are active participants in both the pageant and worship! It is a great, family friendly (crying babies welcome!) service to kick off Christmas Eve.



Christmas Worship with Contemporary Celtic Music—this lively service features contemporary Christmas liturgy with the joyful Celtic sounds of the Praise Band & Special Musical Guests. You will surely be smiling like the Irish when you leave!



Traditional Christmas Worship with Organ & Choir—this is our traditional Rite II Christmas worship full of the rich liturgy many grew up with accompanied by the inspirational sounds of the organ & St. James' choir. Come at 9:30pm to listen to the special music performance prelude.

**Merriman Circle Christmas Party was fun for all even in the cold! Thank you to Nancy Lee & Christina Stavenhagen-Helgren and all who volunteered to put some Christmas cheer and smiles on wonderful families!**



InterFaith Works in Need of Basic Home Supplies for over 400 incoming Refugees. Some of the most-needed donation items are bed sheets (twin & full), curtains (any size but really helps if you include measurements), hygiene products, blankets and afghans, cleaning products, school supplies, pots & pans, and bikes. Only new bedding! Drop off in blue bin outside Parish Hall.



## Did You Know? By Emma Cowley

Black Archives, a multimedia platform focused on celebrating the Black experience, has collaborated with Most Incredible Studio, the first Black-owned creative studio for LEGO art, to honor Black roller-skating culture. Founded in 2015 by Renata Cherlise, Black Archives is dedicated to "telling Black stories through the lens of Black memory and imagination." This focus on nostalgia inspired their latest project with Most Incredible Studio, titled How We Roll, which features a limited-edition roller skate made from LEGO bricks. Accompanied by a deep dive into the history, cultural significance, and artistry of roller skating in the Black community, this collaboration captures the rich legacy of an enduring tradition.



# ANNUAL MEETING

**Administrative Housekeeping Notices**  
**2025 Pledge Envelopes are located in the rear of the church.** Please pick yours up as soon as possible. We will only leave these out for 2 weeks (not including Christmas). After that, they will be in the Parish Hall. If you have an issue or would like pledge envelopes, please contact Nicole Bova, parish administrator in the Parish Office.

**The Parish Office will be CLOSED**

**December 25-27 & December 31 & Jan.**

**1.** Please note that the staff will be working from home much of the time December 25-Jan. 3. For any questions, please email Nicole, Laura or Mother Pilar. If you need to enter the church, be sure to check ahead that it is open.

**St. James' Annual Meeting- February 2, 2025-11 a.m.**

The St. James' Episcopal Church will hold its  
**209th Annual Meeting on**

**Sunday, February 2, 2025-Time 11 a.m.–Parish Hall**

**There will be only one worship service at 10 a.m. with the Annual Meeting directly following in the Parish Hall. Brunch available during meeting.**

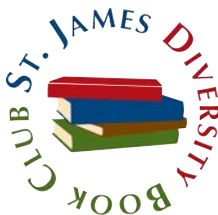
Voting for Vestry Candidates Begins at 11am

The State of the Parish & the 2025 Budget will be presented. Warden and Vestry positions will be voted upon.

In addition to nominations by the Nominating Committee, nominations may be made by written petition of fifteen (15) "members in good standing"\*as defined by St. James' By-Laws (see below) The petition must also be signed by the Nominee. Nominations by petition shall be submitted to the Chair of the Nominating Committee (Doug Smith) at least twenty-one (21) days prior to the Annual Meeting, but not more than thirty (30) days prior. (Accordingly, the dates for submitting nominations by petition for 2025 are January 12-20.)

**\*Definition of Members in Good Standing:**

*Any member of the congregation above the age of eighteen (18) years provided that such person shall be a stated worshiper in the Church, that such person should be an active Communicant of this Parish (receives Communion at least three times per year), and that such person shall contribute to the support of this Parish (with time, talent and treasure).*



**Next Discussion for Diversity Book Club  
January 12 -12PM**

What does it mean to declare the United States a "Christian

Nation?" Does such a declaration contradict the Establishment Clause of the First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution? Is such a declaration in keeping with what Jesus taught? What is the church's role in the discussion? These are some of the questions that will be explored in a **discussion of Jim Wallis', *The False White Gospel: Rejecting Christian Nationalism, Reclaiming True Faith and Refounding Democracy.***

Copies of *The False White Gospel* are available through the Skaneateles Library. Contact Andrea Snyder, Skaneateles Library Assistant Director | Adult Services Librarian (andrea@skanlibrary.org or 315-685-5135).



**Thank you to the Ellerton's & Spencer's for hosting all the fellowship coffees for Advent! These were a huge success! We will be looking to add some more fellowship coffee time in the New Year!**

## St. James' Prayers for Week of December 22, 2024

**In our parishes, we pray for the people** of Grace Episcopal Church in Baldwinsville and their priest, the Rev. Joseph Hannah, and the people of St. David's Episcopal Church in Barneveld and their priest, the Rev. Naomi Sorwar-Randall. **In the Episcopal Church, we pray for the people** of the Diocese of Central Florida and their bishop, the Rt. Rev. Justin S. Holcomb. **In the Anglican Communion, we pray for the people** of the Church of the Province of Uganda and their prime bishop, the Most Rev. Stephen Kaziimba.

**For those expecting a child:** Emily & David Hart (daughter of Laura & Terry Posecznick), Katie Grau-Zavaleta and Antonio Zavaleta.

**All Families of every size and shape as they prepare for Christmas this Advent season. May their days be filled with anticipation of the Christ Child and the true meaning of Christmas.**

**Those who are sick and in need of prayer:** Linda Hawley, John Spear, Jim Malvaso (Marie Hughes' brother), Pat Brown, Pam Stewart, Emily Thomas, Chuck Davis (brother of Brian Davis), Jean Clark (sister of Kathy Ploufe), Dan Johnson, Iris Ramos (mother of Alberto Fry), Kathy Ploufe, Nicole Hyde, Sharon Gannon

**Those listed on our long term prayer list:** Liam, Ryan Weston, Joan Johnson, Mary Beth and Pinky Grau, Sarah & children Christopher & Joseph (daughter of Martha Stiles), Carolyn Edwards, Louise Stevens, Bob Temple, Ken Roffo (Katelyn Roffo's father), Judy Reilly, Andy & Dorothy Pierce, Dianne Vitkus, Sue Palen, Lori Irvin, Theresa Wilson (friends of Joan Johnson), Henry (friend of Carolyn Legg), Sophie and Lucas Jantzen, Ginny Pfau, twin children Morgan and Robert (friend's of Joan Johnson), Helen (sister of Brian Davis), Laila (great niece of Brian Davis), Bud Evans (brother of Don Evans), Mindy Gilbert, Peter & Sharon Andrus (friends of Terry Askey-Cole), Hayden Withey, Erik Withey, Dave and Jason ( friends of Barbara Kay), Joyce Thomas, Christine Dengler ( sister-in-law of Kathy & Mark), Ed Cole, Steve Giocondo (father of Sara Jones), Vera Foehl, Sandy Fillingham, Rick Burton, Sean Arliss (grandson of Sharon & David Arliss), 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), Kathy & John Dote (sister & brother-in-law of David & Helen O'Neill), Linda Lavery, Judy Santillo & Ann Malvaso (sister's of Marie Hughes), Patrick (brother of Marie Hughes), Helen Burlingame (sister of Brian Davis), Betty Hunt (mother of David Peebles), Marilyn Garofalo (mother of Chris Davis), 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 Havemeyer, Sammy Birchenough, Adrian Coker (nephew of 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 Ingianni), 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, Pat Gannon, Jennifer Carson (niece of Linda Lavery), Tricia McMurdy (friend of Nancy Austin), Ingrid McCurdy, Ella (friend of Ingrid), Noelle (daughter of Ingrid), Christine Posecznick (sister-in-law of Laura).

**All who have died:** John (Jeff) Havenmeyer, Marlene (Bishop DeDe's mother in law)

### If you would like to be added...

Prayer Lists above, please contact Nancy Graham at [nancy@stjameskan.org](mailto:nancy@stjameskan.org).

Birthday List Announcement, please contact Laura Posecznick at [laura@stjameskan.org](mailto:laura@stjameskan.org)

Email Prayer Chain, please contact Corinne Buterbaugh at [corinnebuterbaugh@gmail.com](mailto:corinnebuterbaugh@gmail.com)

E-Blast database to receive updates and news, please contact Laura Posecznick at [laura@stjameskan.org](mailto:laura@stjameskan.org)

Questions: Contact the Parish Office at 315.685.7600.

**Office Hours: Monday-Thursday: 9am-3pm**

### Readings Sunday December 29

Isaiah 61:10-62:3

Galatians 3:23-25; 4:4-7

John 1:1-18

Psalms 147 or 147:13-21