



# WEEKLY

Week of January 12, 2025

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



*Dear St. James' Family,*

I want to take this time to thank you for an unbelievable Christmas season here at St. James'. The Christmas Eve worship services were beautiful and inspiring! There are too many of you to thank

individually, however I want to highlight that our families, musicians, choir, altar guild, and staff provided a deeply meaningful and spiritual experiences for all who entered our doors or viewed online. I can honestly say that this Christmas Eve was the best Christmas Eve I have had in seven years of ministry. It was filled with the love of God, joy of the Holy Spirit, and hope of what is possible in the year ahead. The 4PM Family Christmas Eve service blew me away and truly was something special for adults and kids alike. If you did not get to see it, do visit our Facebook page to view the recording. Another amazing part of Christmas is watching so many volunteering help fill candles, reset sacraments and linens and set things up for the next service. It felt as if the hope of the world was all held in our walls and it was palpable. I feel blessed to be a part of St. James' and lead worship surrounded by all of you! As we enter this new year, I am looking forward to what is ahead for us and I am truly grateful for each of you!

Yours in Christ,

*Mother Pilar*

Diversity Book Club Today at 12pm in the Lakeside Room

Sign Up Online to Bring in some Goodies for Coffee Hour

## Weekly Schedule

### Sunday January 12

**Preacher: Rev. Toppie Bates**

9:00 a.m. Rite II Eucharist w/Organ & Choir \*

**9:00 a.m. Mini-Saints/Saints in Training Sunday School**

**10 a.m. Fellowship Coffee Hour**

10:45 a.m. Contemporary Eucharist w/ Praise Band \*

**12pm Diversity Book Club in Lakeside Room**

### Monday

9:30 a.m. Yoga

### Tuesday

7:45 a.m. Centering Prayer Zoom

9:15 a.m. Staff Meeting

**10:30 a.m. Dive Deeper Bible Study Zoom**

### Wednesday

**12 p.m. Healing Eucharist\***

6 p.m. Midweek Music Online Only\*

6:30 p.m. Choir Practice

### Thursday

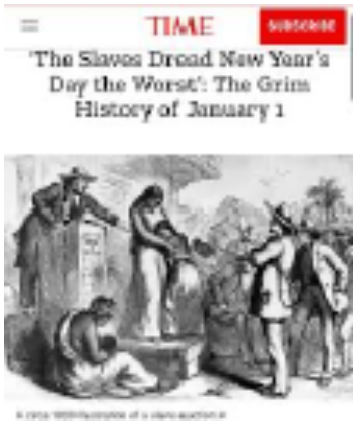
9:30 a.m. Yoga

**Friday-Rector Sabbath/Office Closed**

7:45 a.m. Centering Prayer Zoom.

**1:15 p.m. Sandwich Making for Homeless in Kitchen**

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### Did You Know? By Emma Cowley

Before the Civil War, on January 1st, New Year's Day was a time of heartbreak for many enslaved people in the United States. Within the African-American community, it was often called "Hiring Day" or "Heartbreak Day," a description used by abolitionist journalist William Cooper Nell. On New Year's Eve, enslaved individuals spent the time waiting in fear of being rented out by their current masters to someone else, a practice that was both common and profitable in the antebellum South. This could lead to the separation of families and further displacement. Some enslaved people were auctioned off, while others were bound by contracts that began in January. These transactions were carried out privately among families, friends, and business contacts, with enslaved people being transferred in town squares, on courthouse steps, or even along roadsides. To learn more check out this Time Magazine article: <https://time.com/5750833/new-years-day-slavery-history/>

**Looking for a way to remember a loved one or express gratitude?** Consider donating (suggested donation: \$55) for flowers for a Sunday during the year. Your name and the occasion will be noted in the Weekly. After church, the arrangements are disassembled and taken to parishioners who need a little cheer. To donate flowers, contact the church office.

*May You Shine the Light of Christ in the New Year!*



**Let's keep it going: Support the Skaneateles Ecumenical Food Pantry!** This winter, the food pantry requests donations of: **canned stews and hearty or chunky soups, small (no larger than 32 oz.) vegetable oil, 100% fruit juice, and unscented baby wipes.** Leave items in the container outside the sacristy. Questions? Contact John Buterbaugh (buterbaugh2010@gmail.com) or Corinne Buterbaugh (corinnebuterbaugh@gmail.com).

### St. James' Honors Religious Life Sunday on January 26. What is Religious Life Sunday?

The General Convention of The Episcopal Church approved resolution 2022-B004, "Foundation of Religious Life Sunday," to be held each year on the 3rd Sunday of Epiphany. This observance focuses efforts to tell all Episcopalians and Anglicans about the monastic and Christian Communities and what they offer the church. Visit: [www.religiouslifesunday.net](http://www.religiouslifesunday.net)

**Collect For Monastic Orders and Vocations (BCP, p. 819)** O Lord Jesus Christ, you became poor for our sake, that we might be made rich through your poverty: Guide and sanctify, we pray, those whom you call to follow you under the vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience, that by their prayer and service they may enrich your Church, and by their life and worship may glorify your Name; for you reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

**Coming Up at St. James'!**

**Sunday, Jan. 26**  
Religious Order Sunday-a day to honor the many orders serving God in the Episcopal/Anglican Faith.

**Sunday, Feb. 2**  
One Service! 10 a.m. /Brunch & Annual Meeting: 11 a.m. (see page 3 for details)

**Sunday, Feb. 16**  
Bishop DeDe Duncan-Probe Visitation

**Tuesday, Mar. 4:** Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper 6 p.m.

**Wednesday, Mar. 5:** ASH Wednesday 7 a.m. / 12 p.m./ 7p.m.

**Wednesday, Mar. 26:** Mother Pilar's Celebration of New Ministry at St. James' with Bishop DeDe Duncan-Probe



### **St. James' Looking for a Media Engineer!**

St. James' is in need of another media engineer to enable us to continue live-streaming worship and programming. Experience with audio visual technology is helpful but not required. Training is provided. If you are seeking another way to earn a little money and spread the word of God-please contact Michael Larkin, Director of Contemporary Music & Technology at [stjameskanmusic@gmail.com](mailto:stjameskanmusic@gmail.com).

### **LEND A HAND: 2 hours of your time makes a BIG difference to our neighbors in need**

For 20 years, St. James parishioners have volunteered to prep food and serve on the last Saturday of every month at the soup kitchen at Sts. Peter and John Episcopal Church on Genesee Street in Auburn.

Since the pandemic, the soup kitchen has offered "to go" meals. Here's what they need from St. James:

2 people to prep (9 to 11 a.m.) and 2 people to serve (11:15 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.)

Each month, our pool of volunteers receives an email asking if they can volunteer. If you can help, simply reply with the number of people and the desired shift. No long-term commitment required. Work once a month, a few times a year, or just once. It's easy: To be added to the list of volunteers (ages 13+), contact Corinne Buterbaugh ([corinnebuterbaugh@gmail.com](mailto:corinnebuterbaugh@gmail.com)).

### **10 a.m. Coffee Hour will Continue!**

The Advent Season Fellowship Coffee hour was a huge hit. Thanks to the generosity of Kelly and Andy Ellerton and Dan & Susan Spencer, we will be continuing. We will need your help to keep us well-stocked with goodies. There is an online sign up where you can let us know when and what you can bring. Cookies, breads, brownies, and fruit seem to be big hits! We also like to have some gluten free options as well. You can sign up for a week or just bring in your items and we can freeze them for use each week. If you have any questions, contact the Parish Office. Thank you all for sharing your "baked goods" to allow for some fellowship bonding.

### **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 11 am

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

The 2025 Vestry Slate being presented is:

**Junior Warden - John Devins  
Members -**

**1 year term John Buterbaugh**

**3 year term David O'Neill**

**3 year term Kris Perkins**

**3 year term Kathy Ploufe**

Candidate Biographies are on separate flier on the welcome tables



### **St. James' Table Top Talk Groups News Update**

New Table Top groups will start again toward spring but for now invite people you have met in the Table Top groups over the last 2 sessions and/or include someone new to church. Sharing meal time will help to pass the cold winter

months and build our church family connections, as we welcome each other with love and care.

If you have any interest or questions, ask Nancy Graham, [nancymgraham4@gmail.com](mailto:nancymgraham4@gmail.com) or 315.317.0138

### **What are Table Top Talk Groups (former Foyer Groups)?**

These groups are a fun and easy way for parishioners to gather together on an informal basis to enjoy one another's company, to strengthen bonds of community, to meet new members and just get to know other people who share a common interest in St. James' but with whom we might not otherwise interact.

There is no agenda or plan - just casual fellowship and a refreshing meal. Groups are made up of a cross section of the parish. Out of the meetings, friendships develop among people who might not have any other opportunity to meet and get to know each other.

## St. James' Prayers for Week of January 12, 2025

**In our parishes, we pray for the people** of Trinity Episcopal Church in Camden and the people of St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Camillus and their priest, the Rev. Jon White. **In the Episcopal Church, we pray for the people** of the Diocese of Central Pennsylvania and their bishop, the Rt. Rev. Dr. Audrey Scanlan. **In the Anglican Communion, we pray for the people** of the Anglican Church of the Province of West Africa and their primate, the Most Rev. Jonathon Hart.

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

**Those who are sick and in need of prayer:** Gerri Snyder (mother of Wendy Osborne), Margrif family (niece of Susan Spencer), Fay Melling (friend of Kathaleen Underwood), Gretchen, Martha, Cynthia, Lou, and Theresa Rose (Joan Johnson's in-laws), 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

### 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 January 19

Isaiah 62:1-5

1 Corinthians 12:1-11

John 2:1-11

Psalm 36:5-10