

Whoever you are, wherever you find yourself
in your journey of faith, you're always

Welcome!

Socially Distant but Spiritually Connected



Weekly Newsletter for
May 2, 2021



St. James' Is On the Move-Help is Needed!

Check In/Info Teams:

9am Worship in the Nave

In order to have people come into the church for 9am Worship, we need volunteers to check people in with safety protocols. Three people are required for each service.

10:30am Worship Outside in the Park

The weather will break! We will be outside and have been approved through September. St. James' needs ushers/safety teams to help with worship outside assisting people with social distancing, offering, etc.

If you are interested in helping us include people inside the Nave or Outside, please contact Laura Posecznick (laura@stjameskan.org) or Melissa Thompson (melissa@stjameskan.org).

Outside Worship Set Up & Take Down Team

Beginning mid to late June, St. James' will be moving outside to the park to worship. Volunteers are needed to put out chairs and music equipment such as speakers etc. Set up would be required Sundays around 9:30am to be ready for the tech team & musicians by 10am. And then put things away at the close of service. This team is crucial to worshipping outside. The Village has approved us through September so many wonderful Sundays are ahead if we can get help. Many hands make light work! If you are able to join this team, please, contact Laura Posecznick at laura@stjameskan.org.

Thrift Store Needs Volunteers!

One of the community's greatest treasures is the St. James' Thrift Store. This marvelous store offers so much to people who need items at a discount. Please remember to donate clothes-all ages, housewares, and other necessities Monday & Tuesdays. Cashiers are in dire need to work and serve Thursdays-Saturdays 1-4pm. If you can donate some time, please contact Susan Gibides at 315-253-4331.

Spirit Articles for Mid-June

are due May 15th: Please think about writing articles about ministries, sharing your positive stories, anything fun going on this summer and email Laura Posecznick at laura@stjameskan.org.

Sunday, May 2, 2021

- 9:00am Worship w/ Contemporary Music
- 10:30am In-Person Worship-
Register Online
- 11:30am Saints in Training Zoom

Monday-Rector's Day Off

Tuesday

- 7:45am Centering Prayer-Zoom
- 10:30am Adult Study Dive Deeper on
Sunday Readings w/ Chuck
Stewart-Zoom
- 12:10pm Midday Music w/ Michael Larkin

Wednesday

- 12:10pm Midday Music w/ Kip Coerper
- 6:00pm Evening Worship Online
- 6:30pm Virtual Prayer Room-Zoom

Thursday

- 12:10pm Midday Music w/ John Helgren
- 6:15pm Centering Prayer-Zoom

Friday

- 7:45am Centering Prayer-Zoom

Sunday, May 9, 2021

- 9:00am Worship w/Contemporary Music
Preacher: Meredith Kadet-
Sanderson
- 11:30am Saints in Training Program-
Zoom

Sunday, May 16, 2021

- 9:00am Worship w/Traditional Music
Preacher: Rev. Chuck Stewart
- 11:30am Saints in Training Program
Zoom

Rev. Becky & Kip on Vacation
Until May 21st

All Online Worship & Music can be viewed
LIVE on
[Facebook.com/StJamesSkaneateles](https://www.facebook.com/StJamesSkaneateles)
& Saved/Stored on
[StJamesKan.org/Worship-Videos](https://www.StJamesKan.org/Worship-Videos)

Re-Opening Task Force

St. James' Re-Opening Task Force has been actively working to provide Facts, Resources and Assistance regarding Covid-19 safety protocols and recommendations. This team of experts in their individual fields have done the leg work for you. Updated information can be found on <https://www.stjameskan.org/st-james-health-center/> every day. This group is helping the St. James' Staff make the best practices as we re-gather for in-person worship. Their main message right now is to encourage everyone age 16 years and older to get the FREE Covid-19 Vaccine. Be sure to visit our website or YouTube Channel to view the St. James' Vaccine Info Series. Below are some FACTS about the Vaccine.

FACTS ABOUT THE COVID-19 VACCINE YOU CAN COUNT ON

✓ **The vaccine is extremely effective against getting COVID-19 disease** Two doses of the Pfizer or Moderna vaccine is are >94% effective. The primary reasons that COVID infections are decreasing so dramatically are because of the rising number of people being vaccinated and the large number of people who now have immunity after having COVID disease. You want to be a member in the first group!

✓ **The COVID vaccine is very safe and well tested.** Covid-19 vaccines were tested in large clinical trials to make sure they met safety standards. The Food and Drug Administration and the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices independently reviewed all of the safety data before approving and recommending these vaccine. In addition, since over 100 million doses of the COVID-19 vaccine have already been given in the US, even extremely rare reactions (such as anaphylaxis) are well understood, and safeguards have been put in place.

✓ **You cannot get the COVID disease from the vaccine.** The vaccine does not contain any live or even weakened COVID virus particles. It consists of manufactured mRNA which instructs our cells to make part of a protein, which in turn, triggers our body's immune response to COVID-19. After receiving the vaccine, it is not unusual to experience mild COVID-like symptoms (fatigue, headache, body aches, low grade temperature, chills, diarrhea, etc). These side effects are a sign that your body is responding appropriately to the vaccine.

Vaccination will not only save you from this very serious disease, but will protect the most vulnerable people around you, such as the elderly, cancer patients, people with chronic diseases and immune deficiency. It also, will allow our church family to gather more safely. With these goals in mind, we will be communicating COVID vaccine information to the St. James family on a regular basis.

[Walk-ins are now accepted at 16 mass vaccination sites in NY State for people 16 and older.](#)
[The State Fairgrounds is one of them. ID and insurance info is required.](#)

If you need help signing up or have any questions, contact the Parish Office 315-685-7600 and someone from the Task Force will reach out to you.



May 2021 is St. James' Month of Community Service

St. James' is being creative with Community Service Day during the pandemic. It is now a MONTH! Below are opportunities to make a difference in the community. Times to complete projects are flexible. The key is to do things safely for the health of all.
Please practice social distancing and masking.

The best way to sign up is to add your name online-
Visit <https://www.stjameskan.org/may-2021-community-service-month/>

or

leave a message on the church voice mail, 315.685.7600
or contact Nancy Graham 315.317.0138, nancy@stjameskan.org

Once you have signed up, you will be contacted with the specifics about the project you have requested.
We will make it very easy for you!

Projects can be done anytime during the month of May

***Items may be donated Saturday, May 15th, 10:00am -2:00pm drop off in front of church**

PROJECTS-OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE & ITEMS TO DONATE ARE IN GREEN

Bake muffins or cookies for 'Our Friends at Home' and deliver - 6 people names and addresses will be provided

'Baskets of Goodies' for our service organizations - Fire Department, Post Office...

***donate packaged snacks or sweets, 6 people to deliver filled baskets**

Chapel House in Auburn (men's transitional shelter) - 4 people for meal

prepare part of a meal (entree, green salad, 3 loaves of bread, dessert)

delivered Saturday, May 15th, contact Corinne Buterbaugh at corinnebuterbaugh@gmail.com, 571.215.6693

***donate twin sheets, washable twin blankets, towels**

Interfaith Works -

***donate -hygiene products - toothpaste/brush, shampoo, deodorant**

Laxton's Begonia plants - 6 people

bring a bloom to a neighbor or St. James card included deliver 6 or more plants, pick up at Laxton's or church, any day after May 22nd

Matthew 25 Farm - as many people as possible help with planting any Saturday, send email to Matthew25farm@yahoo.com

Matthew House in Auburn, spring gardening - 4 people

Merriman Circle (Rescue Mission)

***donate empty shoe boxes with detachable lids for shoebox float parade**

Ronald McDonald House

***donate pajamas - infants to adults, any size *donate bottled water, granola bars**

Samaritan Center

***donate - bar soap, deodorant, sunscreen (most needed items)**

Skaneateles Outreach, Saturday morning, May 15th - 4 people clean out the loan closet for future relocation

Spring Outside help for St. James' parishioners - 6 people or 3 families

Lia Bates - outside spring cleaning

Sandy Fillingham - yard work and put away winter clothes

Gay Hembach - settle her porch and put in screens

Thinking of You Cards or Calls names and phone number/addresses provided

Thrift Shop - volunteer monthly for 2-3 hours, or when you are able to help

Monday and Tuesday - 10:00am- 2:00pm, help with donations

Wednesday - Saturday - 1:00-4:00pm help customers in the shop

Please consider offering your care and support to our church family or outreach in our community.

We are uplifted when we give to others. This is a great opportunity to share God's love.

Prayers for Week of May 2, 2021

In our parishes, we pray for: The people of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Chittenango and their priest The Rev. Dr. Leon Mozeliak. The people of Christ Episcopal Church, Clayton, and their priest The Rev. Lisa Buby.

In our Companion Diocese, we pray for: The people of Cristo Rey, Bajo Lempa, Usulután, and their priest, The Rev. Antonio López.

In The Episcopal Church, we pray for: The people of the Diocese of Kansas and their bishop, The Rt. Rev. Cathleen Chittenden Bascom.

In the Anglican Communion, we pray for: The people of The Episcopal Church in Jerusalem & The Middle East and their bishop, The Most Revd Michael Augustine Owen Lewis.

Congratulations on the Birth of: Gideon Davis Eriksen to Meryl & Gregg Eriksen

Those who are sick and in need of prayer: Randy Harris, Anne Merrill, Mary Beth Grau, Joyce Thomas, Chris Baker, Lisa Mitchell (friend of Nancy Harris), David Ball (friend of Nancy Harris), Lia Bates, David George, Beth & Scott Dewolf, Adrian (nephew of Danielle & Michael Larkin), Dot and Dick Pitman, Sharon Gannon, Sandy Fillingham

Those listed on our long-term prayer list: Mary Ann Vogt (David Jarvis' sister), Elise Pajak, Kris Perkins, Fred Scholl, Carrie Buck, Michael, Kathy Hall (Kelly Hall mother), Jeff Havenmeyer, Ava (cousin of Mary Blum), Ella (friend of Ingrid McCurdy), Noelle (daughter of Ingrid McCurdy), Cathy Valentine, Bob and Linda Morse, Danae Hidy, Cheryl (daughter of Vera Foehl's) Mimi and George Bryan, Roxanne Soprano, Cheryl Speno, Dan Spencer, Alberto, Al Poppen, Sue Spalding, Nicole Hyde, Linda and Nick Rossi, Ann Bestor (mother of Donna McNerney), Cheryl & Bob Ripley, Bettye Robbins, Henry McMahan (Jane Gilly's brother), Dianne Vitkus, Helen Jean Steimack, Reed Wilson (grandson of Linda & Jim Hawley), Loretta Newman, Clint Woodford, Doris Buss, Connie Austin, Belva Morton (mother of Kathy Ingianni), David Bates, Helen Dayal, Greg Knupp, Brooke Scholl, Patrick & Jonathan Arliss, James, Patrick & Jean (siblings of Marie Hughes), Jason Weston (son of Susan Gibides), Kimmie, Abbi Bennett (granddaughter of Jim & Nancy Corl), Ann Merrill, Griffin Palen, Ginny Pfau, Gwen Birchenough, Mary Fiorini, Pat Gannon, Rosanne Relfe, Ashely, The Scholl Family, Barbara Libbie (mother of Jeff Davis), Kevin, Jenifer Carson (niece of Linda Lavery.

We bless the holy name for all the servants departed this life:

Want to add a name to the prayer list? Please contact Nancy Graham at nancy@stjameskan.org.

Want to add a name to the email prayer chain? Please contact Corinne Buterbaugh at corinnebuterbaugh@gmail.com.

To add a name for birthday blessings, please email Rev. Becky Coerper at Becky@stjameskan.org.

Forward Day by Day Devotionals Available. If you would like a hard copy of these devotionals, please contact Nancy Graham at Nancy@stjameskan.org or leave a message on the Parish Office phone at 315-685-7600.

Wanted a Small College Size Refrigerator for a parishioner in need. If you have one or can donate a new one, please contact Nancy Graham at Nancy@stjameskan.org or phone at 315-317-0138.

Small Sewing Machine in Built -In Table FREE to anyone in need. This sewing machine is in excellent condition but requires two people to carry as it is sturdy and heavy. If you are interested, please contact Nancy Graham at nancy@stjameskan.org or Laura Posecznick at laura@stjameskan.org.

St. James' Needs 100 People to Subscribe to Our YouTube Channel
For St. James' to be able to have an easier to "Google" YouTube Channel name and include a logo, YouTube requires 100 people to subscribe. Currently there are 53 people subscribing. WE NEED YOU! Subscribing is easy and FREE! When you watch a St. James' Video Stored on StJamesSkan.org/worship-videos click the red Subscribe button. THANK YOU!

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StJamesSkan.org

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Readings for the Sixth Sunday of Easter

Acts 10:44-48

Psalm 98

John 15: 9-17