

# JOY To The WORLD

Merry Christmas &  
Welcome to St. James'!

## This Week at St. James'

### Saturday, December 24 Christmas Eve

3:30 pm Eucharist Children's Pageant

6:30 pm Eucharist Contemporary Music

9:00 pm Special Music

9:30 pm Eucharist Traditional Music

### Sunday, December 25 Christmas Day

10:00 am Casual Eucharist Christmas Carols

Monday-Rector's Day Off

Tuesday

7:45 am Centering Prayer-Zoom

10:30 am Dive Deeper Adult Bible Study Zoom

Wednesday

6:00 pm Evening Prayer

Thursday

5:00 pm Centering Prayer-Zoom

Friday

7:45 am Centering Prayer-Zoom

### Sunday, January 1-New Year's Day

7:30 am Lessons & Carols

10:00 am Lessons & Carols

11:00 am New Year Celebratory Brunch in the  
Parish Hall! All Welcome!

Special Reminder: The Parish Office & Staff will  
be working reduced hours 12/26-12/31.

Please leave a message at 315.685.7600, email  
stjamesskanparishoffice@gmail.com or  
make arrangements should you need to enter  
the church during this week.

Thank You for Sharing Christmas with St. James' !

Merry Christmas to all families including those visiting this holiday! It is my hope that everyone feels comfortable here at St. James'. The people of St. James' come from diverse background and lifestyles. It is the love of Jesus that brings everyone together in both worship and programming. Whether you have been to St. James' for years, a few times, or if this is your first visit; you are a cherished child of God and always welcome. This past year was filled with challenge and loss as well as loving miracles. St. James' clergy and staff have worked hard this year to provide Christmas worship that fills you up with hope and love through four unique services.

Worship will be in-person and all Christmas Eve worship will be live-streamed as well on Facebook.com/StJamesSkaneateles.

Everything you need to follow the service is printed in the bulletin and up on the screens. Greeters are available to answer your questions during services. There are blue welcome cards in each pew that make it easy to leave your contact information. Should you wish, fill one out and drop it in the offering plate or give it to one of the greeters. Thank you for joining worship services here at St. James'. Your presence makes this Holy season even more special. Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!

Becky Coerper

Senior Pastor

Stay Connected! Send your email to the  
Parish Office or [laura@stjameskan.org](mailto:laura@stjameskan.org)



[StJamesSkan.org](http://StJamesSkan.org)



### Merriment at Merriman Circle!

St. James' is committed to serving the community and those marginalized and in need. The holy spirit abounds in the ministry serving the Auburn Rescue Mission at Merriman Circle. These families are starting anew and some experiencing kindness, love and support for the first time. St. James' provides food, clothing, and activities to simply get to know these tremendous people and their children. There are activities to participate in each month and things are quite flexible. The main goal is to keep the "circle of love" around these special families so they thrive! If you would like to learn more, check out the Getting Involved printed guide at the welcome table in the St. James' building or contact Nancy Lee at [balsamrosesoap@gmail.com](mailto:balsamrosesoap@gmail.com)



### Mark Your Calendars!

Racial Justice & Reconciliation Commission is sponsoring the below programs. To learn more about RJRC, visit [StJamesSkan.org/Get-Involved/social justice](http://StJamesSkan.org/Get-Involved/social%20justice).

**January 8-All Services: Guest preacher**

Dialogue Sermon with the Rev. Euclid Mogisho

**January 31- 7pm: Monthly Discussion Series** on Zoom with Bishop Jennifer Baskerville-Burrows in Parish Hall

**February 12-4 PM: Monthly Discussion Series**

Presenter Artist Arthur Hutchinson

(the artist for the Harriet Tubman mural in Auburn)

**March 5 -All services: Guest preacher**

The Rev. Alicia Dixon-Garrard

**March 12-4 PM: Monthly Discussion Series**

Presenters: Dr. Philip Arnold & Sandy Bigtree, on the Doctrine of Discovery

**March 26-All services: Sacred Ground Closing Worship**

Guest preacher at all services

Elder Melody Smith-Johnson

10:45 AM music by

Black Celestial Choral Ensemble of Syracuse University



### St. James' had an incredible Christmas Giving Season-Thank YOU! St. James' Delivered

- 55 Christmas card baskets filled with treats.
- 20 Angel Tree Prison Fellowship gifts
- 25 stars for Meachem Elementary children
- 20 gifts for Sudanese children
- 35 gas cards for Skaneateles Outreach
- 45 sets of Pajamas for Merriman children
- 15 welcome baskets for 'new Americans'
- 8 large food baskets to our former refugee families who are now Americans and were from Bosnia, Afghanistan and Sudan.
- 100 Stuffed Toys to Guatemalan children of a seasonal worker who comes to Skaneateles

Because of your generosity so many children and families will have a much better Christmas season. Thank you so much and know you all made a big difference both locally and beyond. If you would like to join the Outreach team or have an idea of how to help other local charities or families, please contact the Parish Office at 315-685-7600.







St. James' Stephen Ministry offering training this new year to add to St. James' team. Over 20 years ago Stephen Ministry began at St. James', an ecumenical and international training program for pastoral care. Stephen Ministers have become an important part of this church's pastoral care because these individuals work with St. James' clergy to reach more people. It enhances our pastoral outreach where many instead of a few are offering God's love and care in intentional ways. Everyone has the Holy Spirit within and this program allows you to spread God's love in a tangible way to local parish family members. St. James' is prayerfully encouraging you to consider the 50 hour training over a course of several weeks starting in January, possibly on Zoom and in person. Please contact Becky or Nancy Graham at 315.317.0138 if you are interested in learning more or to sign up for training.

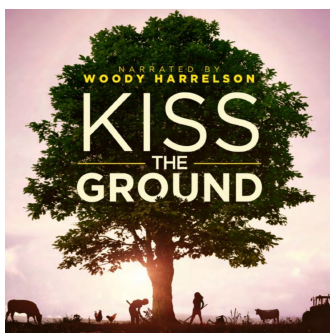
#### Children's Ministry at St. James' in 2023

Saints in Training had a wonderful time creating the Christmas Pageant this year. It was so special to have so many young faces overjoyed to make a program to make this Christmas extra special. Class will continue Sunday, January 8 at 9am where the children will continue to explore Epic Bible Stories through videos, games, crafts and discussion. This group continues to grow! As we move into the New Year St. James' Children's Ministry is looking to restructure the hybrid class a bit adding in children coming up for communion. So many exciting things coming this new year. Be sure to visit [StJamesSkan.org/sunday-school-saints-in-training](https://StJamesSkan.org/sunday-school-saints-in-training) for upcoming schedules, resources, and fun at home activities. For more info regarding Saints-in-Training, contact Laura Posecznick at [laura@stjameskan.org](mailto:laura@stjameskan.org).

#### New Year's Brunch

**Sunday, January 1, 2023 at 11am**  
**RSVP Online at [StJamesSkan.org](https://StJamesSkan.org)**

St. James' Vestry is sponsoring a Champagne Celebratory Brunch in the Parish Hall directly following Jan. 1, 10am Worship. Please come and enjoy some warm fellowship to kick off the year. Food items are not required. Optional donation at the door will be available to offset the cost of the food. Let's make this a big, fun, party!



Sponsored by St. James' Ecoministry CreationCARE-there will be a **zoom discussion to be held on Sunday January 29 at 7pm on the film *Kiss the Ground*** featuring Woody Harrelson. You can watch the movie on Netflix, Amazon video, and Youtube. For the zoom information, please contact the Parish Office at 315.685.7600.

**New Year's Resolution to Dive Deeper into the Bible?** Join St. James' Tuesday Zoom Adult Bible Study at 10:30am. This lively discussion focuses on the upcoming Sunday readings. Led by Rev. Chuck Stewart, a diverse group dives deeper sharing their perspectives and help each other strengthen their faith. You can join in every Tuesday or when you have time. It's a great way to be ready for Sunday. If you would like to join this group, please email Chuck Stewart at [cnstewartsy@gmail.com](mailto:cnstewartsy@gmail.com).

## St. James' Prayers for...

**Those who are sick and in need of prayer:** Chip Hanna (son of Marsha Johnson), Denise (Kathaleen Underwood's daughter), John Sidor (brother of Kathaleen Underwood), King Sidor (nephew of Kathaleen Underwood), Devin Moore, Karen Hoyt, Jean Zingaro (sister of Marie Hughes), Meg Sullivan Strocko (friend of Terry Askey-Cole), Marie Keegan (mother of Colleen Smith), Marilyn Garofalo (mother of Chris Davis), Mary Beth Grau, Amy Allyn, Bill Spalding, Myah Hyde (granddaughter of Nicole), Elaine Plogman (mother of Dave), Alexander Sturdivant (friend of Nancy and Rick Austin), Lois Umble (aunt of Barbara Kay), Linda Hawley, Mary Bradley, Ed & Mary Kay Cole, Nick & Linda Rossi.

**Those who are expecting a child:** Kristianna (daughter of Nicole Hyde), Katie (Mary Beth & Pinky Grau daughter)

**Those listed on our long-term prayer list :** Don Evans, Lucy Elkovitch, Griffin Palen, Mary Perva (friend of Barbara Kay), Jackie Gage, Greg Norton, Jim Lanning, Sandy Fillingham, Tom Wood (brother of Suellen Sager), Kathy Ploufe, David Avery (nephew of Jim & Nora Brown), Nicole Hyde, Marie Bundy, Dick & Dot Pitman, Karen Jester, Kathy & Kurt Reilley, Jude Ker, Don Evans, Hannah Vrooman, Melinda & Pete Hawley & family, Michael Brown, Tacy Chantler (sister-in-law of Carrie), Roxanne Soprano, Margie Amberge, Jeff Havemeyer, Landon (grandson of Jean Beeles), Cathy Valentine, Sammy Birchenough, Karen & Dave Price, Adrian Coker (nephew of Michael & Danielle Larkin), Olson-Bang Family, Kirsten Juhl (daughter of Nancy & Jim Corl), Barbara Coyne (sister of Nancy Lee), Mary O'Neill, Travis & Steph Blum, Darwin Parker, Mary Scott, Gar Smith, Joyce Berry, Mimi Bryan, Bob Doolittle, Lisa Mitchel (friend of Nancy Harris), David Ball (friend of Nancy Harris), David George, Ella (friend of Ingrid McCurdy), Noelle (daughter of Ingrid McCurdy), Linda Morse, Danae Hidy, Alberto Fry, Ann Bestor (mother of Donna McNerney), Cheryl & Bob Ripley, Henry McMahon (Jane Gilly's brother), Loretta Newman, Doris Buss, Belva Morton (mother of Kathy Ingiani), David Bates, Helen Dayal, Scholl family, Patrick & Jonathan Arliss, Jason Weston (son of Susan Gibides), Abbi Bennett (granddaughter of Jim & Nancy Corl), Ann Merrill, Ginny Pfau, Gwen Birchenough, Sharon & Pat Gannon, Jenifer Carson (niece of Linda Lavery).

**Those who have died:** Leora Chilson (mother of Melinda Hawley), John "Larry" Vienne (father of Matthew Vienne), Fred Scholl, Carol & Ron Ackles, Mary Wajda (friend of Barbara Kay), Joan DeMaio (cousin of Marie Hughes), Grace Hepford (mother of Marcia Watt), Bettye Robbins, Charlie McElroy (husband of Anne), Paul Newlin (father of Molly Spalding), James O'Neill.



### Annual Meeting Announcement

The St. James' Episcopal Church will hold its 207th Annual Meeting on Sunday, February 5th immediately following the 10:45 am service in-person & on zoom. The State of the Parish and the 2023 Budget will be presented. Warden and Vestry positions will be voted upon.

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