



# WEEKLY

Week of December 3, 2023

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



Advent I is this Sunday, December 3 and with the change of the liturgical season will come changes during worship. Father Joe has creatively reworked the liturgies, bulletins and slides to a simpler format to follow.

- Sunday Bulletins at 9:00 only with references to the Hymnal for congregational singing & New Eucharistic Prayer.
- The Psalter will continue to be printed in the 9:00 bulletin, but for other readings we encourage you to either use the screens or the liturgical readings sheets located in the back on the sanctuary.
- The 10:45 liturgy will no longer include physical bulletins and there will be New Responses, Creed, and Prayers.
- Both the 9:00 and 10:45 liturgies will continue to utilize slides in a new format for the benefit of worshippers both in-person and online.

For a more complete explanation of all the new changes, please check out the Spirit Newsletter.

Giving & Angel Tree  
Gifts Due Today  
December 3

Embodying Faith  
Adult Study  
Wednesday at 5pm  
Parish Hall

## Weekly Schedule

### Sunday December 3

**Preacher: Father Joe T. Mitchell**

7:30am Rite I Eucharist

9:00am Rite II Eucharist w/Choir \*

10:45am Rite II Eucharist w/Band \*

**12:30pm Inspired by the Holy  
Land Parkside Room**

Tuesday

7:45am Centering Prayer Zoom

10:30am Dive Deeper Bible Study

Wednesday

12:00pm Healing Eucharist

5:00pm Embodying Faith Lent Study

6:00pm Evening Worship \*

Friday / **Rector's Day Off**

7:45am Centering Prayer Zoom

### Sunday December 10-Advent I I

7:30am Rite I Eucharist

9:00am Rite II Eucharist w/Choir \*

10:45am Rite II Eucharist w/Band \*

**12:30pm Holy Land Pilgrims  
Presentation Parish Hall**

\*Worship Live-Streamed On  
[Facebook.com/StJamesSkaneateles](https://www.facebook.com/StJamesSkaneateles)

**Office Hours 9-3pm**

**STJAMESSKAN.ORG**

St. James' Holy Land Pilgrims  
Share Their Stories, Art & Pictures  
2-PART SERIES  
NEW FORMAT  
Begins TODAY at 12:30pm

The Pilgrims wanted to have as many members at the presentation as possible so it is now a 2-Part Series.

Part 1-Inspired by the Holy Land  
By Chris Baker

December 3 at 12:30 will be in the Parkside room examining the Baker's experience and how it corresponds with the artwork on display.

Part 2-Holy Land Pilgrims  
Presentation

December 10 at 12:30pm in the Parish Hall will have a visual presentation & stories from multiple St. James' Pilgrims. Now more than ever it is interesting to hear and see the powerful images Jerusalem holds. This pilgrimage deeply affected each person.

Any questions, please feel free to contact the Parish Office.

# Mark Your CALENDAR



**December 3:** Holy Land Pilgrims Visit & Art-Chris Baker  
12:30pm-Parkside Room **NEW LOCATION**

**December 6:** Advent Series: Embodying Faith Wednesdays 5pm

**December 10:** Holy Land Pilgrims Visit & Presentation  
12:30pm-Parish Hall **NEW**

**December 13:** Advent Series: Embodying Faith Wednesdays 5pm

**December 17:** Angel Tree Party at PlaySpace 3:30pm

**December 17:** Music & Meditation 2pm-**NEW TIME**

**December 20:** Advent Series: Embodying Faith Wednesdays 5pm

**December 21:** Blue Christmas Worship 4:30pm

**December 24:** NO Morning Advent IV Services

**3:30pm** Family Christmas Eve Eucharist with  
Children's Pageant

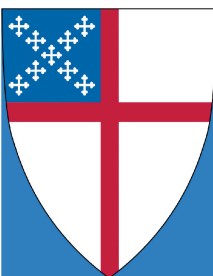
**6:30pm** Celtic Christmas Eve Eucharist with  
Contemporary Music with Worship Band

**9:00pm** Christmas Eve Eucharist with Traditional  
Organ & Choir Music

**December 25:** Christmas Eucharist & Carols 10am

**December 31:** Lessons & Carols 10am & New Year's Celebratory  
Brunch to Follow.

**Questions on any program or worship service, please contact the Parish Office or Visit [StJamesSkan.org](http://StJamesSkan.org) to learn more.**



St. James' Church  
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**Settled Rector Search**

The Vestry has appointed the seven members of the Rector Search Committee, consisting of three Vestry members and four representatives of the Parish, and has charged the committee with conducting a thorough, thoughtful, and prayerful search and evaluation of qualified candidates for the position of Rector of St. James'.

**The Rector Search Committee members are:**

Colleen Gannon and Marcia Watt (Co-Chairs),  
Nancy Corl, Jeffrey Davis, Susan Rynkiewicz,  
Erik Samhammer and Bill Spalding.

The Search Committee will begin meeting regularly this month and will be working with Canon Tom Ferguson, our Diocesan Transition Minister, throughout the search process. The Vestry thanks Colleen and Marcia for agreeing to lead this committee and thanks all of the committee members for committing to undertake this very important work on behalf of the Parish.

## Did You Know? By Emma Cowley

Now that it's Christmas shopping season let me introduce you to PJ's For the Culture! PJ's For The Culture is a Black family-owned sleepwear company, founded in 2021. Led by the dynamic mother and son



duo, Vanessa and Dallas Streeter, PJs For The Culture aims to provide representation for minority families seeking comfortable and stylish pajamas.

PJs for the Culture is a line of sleepwear featuring relevant BIPOC images. Their family created the sleepwear line because they could not find matching pajamas for Christmas that resonated with them. Representation is so important and we don't always realize during the holiday season different cultures and races are not represented in merchandise, decorations or media.

<https://pjsfortheculture.com/>



**AND Did You Know?** The Black Artist Collective is hosting the 3rd annual **Snowmies: Holiday Market on Saturday, December 9, 2023 inside the Salt City Market** on South Salina Street from 11:00am to 5:00 pm. This is a one day only "Shop Local" event that features Black and Brown makers, crafters and creators. Mark your calendars to do some Christmas shopping and support the Black and Brown community this holiday season! <https://saltcitymarket.com/events/snowmies-holiday-market/>



**Save the date to join the InterFaith Works' Round Table of Faith Leaders** for prayers for peace in the Middle East, Ukraine, Sudan and Congo. This event is free and open to the public, and refreshments will be served following the program.

**Tuesday, December 5 – 7:00 p.m**

**Storer Auditorium**

**Onondaga Community College campus**

4585 West Seneca Turnpike (Parking Lot 4)  
Syracuse, NY 13215



## IT'S EASY TO LEND A HAND

For almost 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.)
- 2 people to serve (11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.)

Each month, our pool of volunteers (ages 13+) an email (or text, if preferred) asking if they can volunteer. If you can help, simply reply with the number of volunteers and the desired shift. Work once a month, a few times a year, or just once. It's easy: To be added to the list of volunteers, please contact Corinne Buterbaugh ([corinnebuterbaugh@gmail.com](mailto:corinnebuterbaugh@gmail.com)).

**NEW OPPORTUNITY:** The soup kitchen needs one volunteer to pick up day-old baked goods at Wegman's in Auburn on the last Saturday of every month and deliver them to the soup kitchen by 8:30 a.m. If you're interested in making a big impact with a small amount of time, please contact Corinne Buterbaugh ([corinnebuterbaugh@gmail.com](mailto:corinnebuterbaugh@gmail.com)).

## Are you looking for a unique way to stay connected this Advent?

Join the social media campaign #AdventWord to help create a worldwide, online Advent calendar!

Take a picture or make a post to your social media account with the word of the day (for example: #wind on December 3), as well as the #AdventWord.

You can then do a social media search for all posts with the word and see how Christians all over the world are marking this holy season!

Be sure to follow all of our social media accounts this Advent to see our own contributions to #AdventWord!

# AdventWord

DECEMBER 3-25 **2023**

3 **WIND**

4 **HIDDEN**

5 **PRESENCE**

6 **PEACE**

7 **GRACE**

8 **WATCH**

9 **AWAKE**

10 **GLORY**

11 **HERALD**

12 **VALLEY**

13 **TRUTH**

14 **PATIENCE**

15 **HASTEN**

16 **BEGIN**

17 **SPIRIT**

18 **REPAIR**

19 **GIVE**

20 **DREAM**

21 **LAUGHTER**

22 **QUENCH**

23 **PONDER**

24 **COVENANT**

25 **LIGHT**

[adventword.org](https://adventword.org)



# Advent & Christmas

## Saints in Training & Mini-Saints

Advent is about preparing ourselves for Jesus coming into the world. We relive the story about what happened leading up to Jesus' birth, and we remember too that Jesus is coming again someday. God did amazing things leading up to Jesus being born in that stable. St. James' Children's Ministry shows youth the wonder of the Advent & Christmas season.

### What Do the Candles Mean?

**The first candle, called the "Prophet's Candle,"** symbolizes hope. The Old Testament prophets, especially Isaiah, waited in hope for the Messiah's arrival.

**The second candle, called "Bethlehem's Candle,"** represents faith. Micah had foretold that the Messiah would be born in Bethlehem, forging a connection between King David and his coming descendant whose kingdom and throne would be established forever.

**The third candle, called the "Shepherd's Candle,"** symbolizes joy. To the shepherds' great joy, angels announced that Jesus came for humble, unimportant people like them, too.

**The fourth candle, called the "Angel's Candle,"** represents peace. The angels proclaimed that Jesus came to bring peace on earth—He came to bring people close to God and to each other again.

**The fifth candle, called "Christ's Candle,"** represents purity and light. It is placed in the middle of the wreath and lit on Christmas Day, commemorating the arrival of the Light of the World.



### Upcoming Schedule

Saints in Training & Mini-Saints  
Classes Sundays at 9am

December 3

December 10

December 17

December 24-No Classes

3:30 Family Christmas Worship & Pageant

December 31-No Classes

January 7-Epiphany

January 14-No Classes

January 21

January 28

### Questions or to Volunteer in Any Class Contact

Mo Allyn at [mo@stjameskan.org](mailto:mo@stjameskan.org)

Cindi Fowler at [cynthiafowler29@gmail.com](mailto:cynthiafowler29@gmail.com)

Laura Posecznick at [laura@stjameskan.org](mailto:laura@stjameskan.org)

With the pageant filming behind us, **Saints in Training** will be diving back into the Life of Jesus focusing on the Reason for the Season! Miss Mo will use her interactive curriculum to keep everyone engaged. There will be new surprises and old favorites like the Saints Advent Calendar. With Father Joe's new worship format, services are running a bit longer so Miss Mo is adding a musical component to the end of class around 10am for all ages. She will be teaching songs, ukulele, and lots of other fun movement activities all in the Saints Room.

**Mini-Saints class** will be exploring (hands on) Advent. These particular classes are extra special for the Montessori based curriculum Young Children in Worship. This is one of the best ways to deepen your child's excitement and true understanding of the season.

# St. James' this Advent & Christmas

## Advent Music & Meditations

### Sunday, December 17 at 2pm-NEW TIME

In the build-up to Christmas, sometimes the busy-ness of our lives obscures our experience of the wonder and mystery of the Incarnation. **Join us in the main church at 2pm on December 17th** for an hour of contemplative music and readings as we enter the final week before the wonderful celebration of the Incarnation of Jesus Christ. This program will feature both traditional and new interpretations of familiar carols and hymns as well as readings and prayers to focus our hearts and minds providing space for stillness in a time and culture that so often passes us by. Free and open to the public, donations gratefully received to support future musical offerings at St. James'.

### Blue Christmas: A Eucharistic Service of Healing & Hope Thursday, December 21 at 4:30 pm

While the Christmas season is often one of joy and celebration, there are many of us for whom this time of year is quite difficult: those who have suffered losses of loved ones, of relationships, and of employment. If you are someone for whom this holiday season is especially hard, or if you are experiencing any particularly heavy feelings of loss, we invite you to join us. On this shortest day of the year, as the darkness feels so long and heavy, we gather in the stillness of candlelight to pray, chant, hold silence, and break Bread together. May this time provide space for you to sit with your pain, give it to God, and hear again the Good News of the hope that is born for us at Christmas.



## Advent Series: Embodying Faith

**Led by Kristen Leigh Mitchell, M.Div.**

**Wednesdays at 5pm Nov. 29, Dec. 6, 13, 20**

We live in a cultural context where mind & body, sacred & secular, and heaven & earth are perceived as being separate from one another. Old cultural messages we inherited from Western Europe - particularly during the Enlightenment - continue to confuse our ability to experience the inherent connection between our spiritual and our material lives. Advent is a season that invites us to make room for the incarnate Christ, who entered through birth into the messy, complicated world of human life and death, and preached the good news that the Kingdom of God was already in our midst. In this class, we will explore some of the most common inward and outward barriers to experiencing and embracing the fully embodied faith of Jesus within our current cultural context.



### Family Christmas Eve Worship Sunday, December 24 at 3:30pm

This service is designed for families and children featuring youth as ushers, Eucharistic ministers, readers, and musicians. This beautiful kick off to Christmas includes the new Children's Pageant and in-person group performances.

### Christmas Eve Worship with Celtic Contemporary Music Sunday, December 24 at 6:30pm

Christmas Eve Eucharist featuring the St. James' Worship Band. This year the contemporary music selections will fill the church with the sounds of a Celtic Christmas.

### Christmas Eve Worship with Traditional Organ & Choir Music Sunday, December 24 at 9:00pm

Christmas Eve Eucharist featuring the St. James' Choir led by Justin Oei, Organist/Choirmaster.



## Christmas Flower Offering 2023

Christmas is Coming! St. James' is working hard to prepare the extra special decorations.

Please consider donating for the flowers, decorations and music for the Christmas season.

The best way to donate is to write a check to St. James' Church with **memo line of "Christmas Flowers"** along with the bottom half of this sheet containing the names of your loved ones you wish to honor.

There will also be Christmas Flower envelopes in the pew pockets in church.

Be sure to clarify those "in honor of" or "in memory of" and print clearly.

**Please send all names to the Parish Office by December 17th.**

If you have any questions, please email [stjamesparishoffice@gmail.com](mailto:stjamesparishoffice@gmail.com)  
or call the Parish Office at 3315.685.7600.

St. James' Episcopal Church, 96 East Genesee Street, Skaneateles, NY 13152

Donator Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

In Honor Of: \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory Of: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount Donated: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

St. James' thanks you for all your generosity in helping make Christmas special.

## St. James' Prayers for Week of December 3, 2023

**In our parishes, we pray for the people** of Emmanuel Episcopal Church in Norwich and their priest, the Rev. Steve White, **and the people of** St. John's Episcopal Church in Oneida and their priest, the Very Rev. Arthur N. Smith. **In the Episcopal Church, we pray for the people** of the Diocese of North Dakota and their bishop, the Rt. Rev. Thomas Clark Ely. **In the Anglican Communion, we pray for the people** of The Church of North India (United) and their moderator, the Most Rev. Bijaya K. Nayak.

**For those expecting a child:** Christopher & Erica Richards (family of Donna Richards), Travis & Stephanie, Victoria Spalding (daughter of Bill & Molly Spalding), Erin and Tyler Underriner & Carley and Chris Gause (children of Cindy & James Bright).

**Those who are sick and in need of prayer:** Ben, David and Gretchen (grandchild of Joan Johnson and her son and wife), Bill & Ginny Pfau, Adam, Lexi and Theodore Gates, Doris Lanning (mother of Jim), Sara Talley (granddaughter of Nora & Jim Brown), Sara Jones, Jacob Matlby (son of Kelly Ryan & Michael Spaces), Ed Blum, Matt Bates (son of David & Toppie), Lucille Horne (sister-in-law of Meg Osborne), Janet Rundle (relative of Bill Spalding), Sandy Fillingham, Rick Burton, Mary Scott, Ed Cole, Nancy Harris, Christine Posecznick (sister-in-law of Laura), Robbie Clark (brother of Kristina Abbott), Adam Newlin (brother of Molly Spalding), Joe & Sali Hazzard (family of Kathaleen Underwood)

### Those listed on our long term prayer list:

Jessika Mary Ploufe and her baby girl, Kinsley Jo Hargett (daughter and granddaughter of Kathy), Suzy Jones, Spruce Reddick (sister-in-law of Nancy Graham), Lois Laxton, Bob Madden (brother-in-law of Carolyn Legg), Tara Lanning, Merz family (family of Dan Johnson), Darwin Parker, Jude Ker, Edith Palmer (mother of Sue Palen), Sue Palen, Nicole Hyde, Helen & David O'Neill, 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), Susan Scholl, Helen Burlingame (sister of Brian Davis), Betty Hunt (mother of David Peebles), Joan Johnson, Marilyn Garofalo (mother of Chris Davis), Virginia Williams (mother of Carolyn Ebner), Dot Pitman, Alexander Sturdivant (friend of Nancy & Rick Austin), Marie Bundy, Darwin Parker, Linda Hawley, Frank Ives, Griffin Palen, Don Evans, Linda & Nick Rossi, Melinda & Pete Hawley, 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), Barbara Coyne (sister of Nancy Lee), Mary O'Neill, Travis & Steph Blum, Gar Smith, Bob Doolittle, Lisa Mitchel (friend of Nancy Harris), Linda Morse, Danae Hidy, Alberto Fry, Henry McMahon (brother of Jane Gilly), Loretta Newman, 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, Abbi Bennett (granddaughter of Jim & Nancy Corl), Kirsten Juhl (daughter of Jim & Nancy Corl), Pat Corl (sister of Jim 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)

### Those who have died:

Pat Deles (mother of Sherry Bettis Wiley), Eleanor Underwood (sister-in-law of Kathaleen), Ralph Zingaro (brother-in-law of Marie Hughes), David Spencer (son of Susan & Dan), Ken Harris (brother of Randy), Mia Sherwood (sister of Martha Stiles), Ann Merrill (mother of Linda Arthur), Cheryl Ripley (wife of Bob)

### 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 for Sunday, December 10

Isaiah 40:1-11

2 Peter 3:8-15a

Mark 1:1-8

Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13