

Let there be Peace on Earth



Special Christmas Weekly Newsletter for December 24 & 31

And let it begin with me.

This Week at St. James'

Sunday, December 24 Christmas Eve

3:30 p.m. Christmas Family Eucharist with
Children's Pageant

6:30 p.m. Christmas Eucharist with
Contemporary Celtic Music

9:00 p.m. Christmas Eucharist with
Traditional Organ & Choir

Monday, December 25 Christmas Day

10:00 a.m. Christmas Eucharist with
Christmas Carols

Tuesday, December 26

7:45 a.m. Centering Prayer -Zoom

10:30 a.m. Dive Deeper Bible Study

Wednesday, December 27

12:00 p.m. Healing Eucharist

6:00 p.m. Evening Prayer

Friday, December 29

7:45 a.m. Centering Prayer -Zoom

Sunday, December 31-New Year's Eve

10:00 a.m. Lessons & Carols

Rev. Toppie Bates

11:00 a.m. Celebratory Brunch

Special Reminder: The Parish Office & Staff will be working reduced hours 12/25-1/1. Please leave a message with the parish office or make arrangements should you need to enter the church during this week. Father Joe will be away Dec. 29-Jan.13.

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Merry Christmas & Welcome to St. James' Episcopal Church Skaneateles!

Thank you for sharing Christmas with St. James'! This parish is filled with people from diverse backgrounds and lifestyles. It is the love of Jesus that brings everyone together in worship, ministry and programs. 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 joy and wonder through all four unique services.

Each Christmas Eve worship will be live-streamed on Facebook.com/StJamesSkaneateles for those who are unable to join us in person. Please let us know who you are by making a comment or prayer request online. There are Greeters for each service to answer questions. If you are new to St. James' and would like to connect and learn more about all that is offered, please take a moment to fill out a blue welcome card located in each pew. These cards with your contact information can be dropped in the offering plates. This special Christmas Weekly is filled with key worship and programs coming up in the next few weeks and months. More complete information can be found on our website StJamesSkan.org. Thank you for joining worship services here at St. James'. Your presence makes this Holy season even more special.

St. James' Family



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Look What's Coming!

Dive Deeper Bible Study each Tuesday at 10:30 a.m. on Zoom -if interested contact Rev. Dr. Chuck Stewart at cnstewartstyr@gmail.com.

Children's Ministry: Saints in Training ages 7-12 & **Mini-Saints Young Children & Worship** ages 3-6 meet on Sundays at 9 a.m.

Healing Eucharist Wednesdays at 12 p.m. in the Nave

Episcopal 101 is BACK beginning January 17 on Wednesdays at 5pm

Who's In Charge: Church Structure & Hierarchy

Why Are You Wearing a Dress: An Explanation of Church Vestments

My Purse Is On Fire: Thuribles, Chalice, and Other Fancy Church Objects

When Do I Cross Myself: Manual Acts and When/How to Do Them

Introduction to Imbolc & Celtic Eucharist on Sat. Feb. 3 10am-12:30pm

Lenten Series will begin on February 21-March 20 on Wednesdays at 5pm



Bishop DeDe Duncan-Probe Teaching the Eucharist to the Saints in Training Class

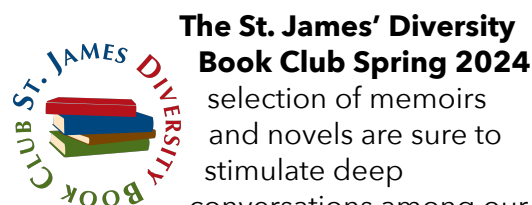
2024 Annual Meeting Announcement

The St. James' Episcopal Church will hold its 206th Annual Meeting on Sunday, February 4 directly following the 10:45 am worship. The State of the Parish, Slate of Vestry Candidates, and the 2024 Budget will be presented. The Warden and Vestry positions will be voted upon.



Updated Parish Directories are Available in the Parish Office

Be sure to pick one up! If you notice an error, please notify the Parish Office in order to correctly update your listing.



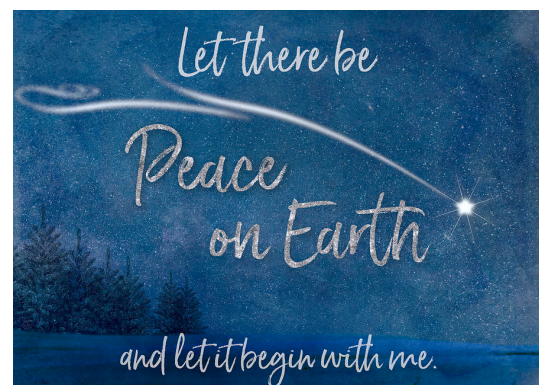
The St. James' Diversity Book Club Spring 2024

selection of memoirs and novels are sure to stimulate deep conversations among our readers on contemporary issues affecting people in our local community and across the globe. The first discussion is Feb. 11, 2024. Subsequent dates are March 17, April 21 and June 2. The discussions are held Sunday's at noon in the Toppie Bates Lakeside Room and take place over tea, coffee and sweet goodies. As always, people are welcome to join the discussions even if they have not had a chance to read the books. Watch for the Diversity Book Club Spring 2024 flier in early January. The Diversity Book Club is an outreach program of St. James' Racial Justice and Reconciliation Commission.



New Get Involved Ministry Guides Available on the Welcome Tables!

Looking for ways to serve in 2024-how about volunteering in a St. James' ministry? There are many opportunities open to all ages and abilities. If you don't know how to begin, contact Laura Posecznick at laura@stjameskan.org.





St. James' Music & Children's Ministry are teaming up for Pedals, Pipes and Pizza Saturday, Jan. 27 from 10am to 2pm. Children of all ages are invited to see what is behind the pipes (safely from video), as well as watch & learn the sounds of all the keys, buttons and pedals. There will be a Music Petting Zoom where children can explore and play a variety of instruments. And of course there will be pizza and games to burn some energy! The world needs more music and musicians. Bring your child or children to this Fun & Free Event! Any questions, please contact Mo Allyn, Interim Director of Children's Ministries at mo@stjameskan.org.



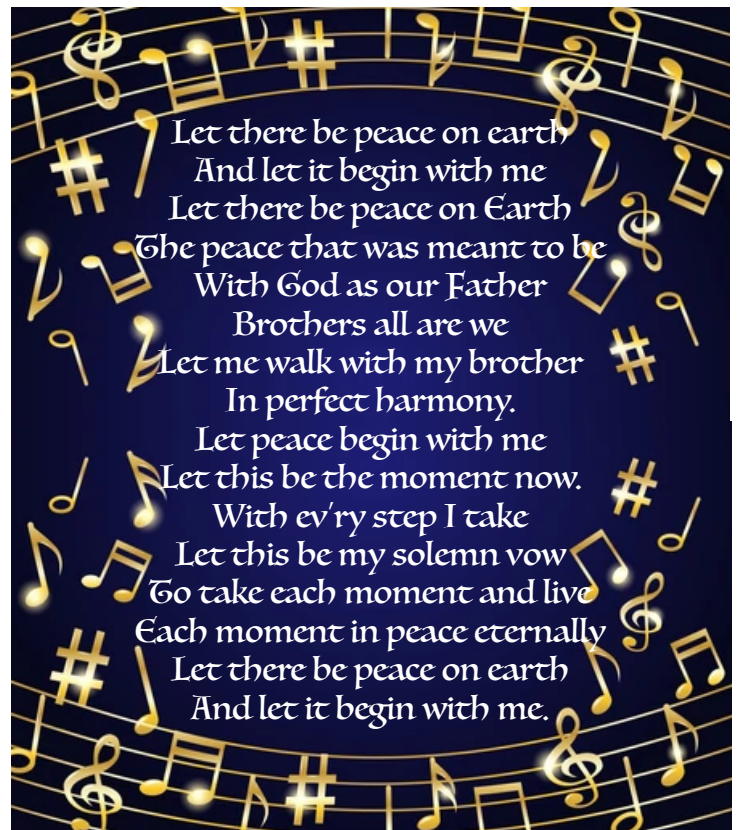
Thank YOU! To all who made the Christmas services special this year! Thank you to the incredibly talented & dedicated choir & worship band led by Justin Oei, Organist/Choirmaster and Michael Larkin, Director of Contemporary Music & Technology. Hats off to the patient and diligent tech team to bring Christmas worship to those who can't be here in person. Thank you to Father Joe for his inspirational message and the staff who organize and execute all details behind the scenes. AND a huge thank you to the Altar Guild led by Corinne & Bill Buterbaugh who transform the Nave with decorations that evoke Christmas joy & love! St. James' hopes that everyone who is a part of Christmas worship this year feels the love of God and thoughtful care that goes into each service. Your continued support of time, talent and treasure are very appreciated. If you have a desire to make a donation, please use an envelope in your pew pocket or scan the QR code on the back page of this newsletter to donate online. Merry Christmas and may you have a blessed new year!



Rector Search Committee-"Office Hours" Sunday, Jan. 14-8:15 a.m.- 10:15 a.m. in the Parish Hall

The Rector Search Committee will be in the parish hall in between services on Sunday, Jan. 14 to listen to parishioners' who wish to share their experiences at St. James' and characteristics they feel are vital in a new settled rector. There will be light refreshments and coffee. The committee is looking to you, the St. James' Family, to help guide them in this process. Additional information and opportunities for parish input will be provided in January.

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



St. James' Prayers

For those expecting a child: Christopher & Erica Richards (family of Donna Richards), Travis & Stephanie, Victoria Spalding (daughter of Bill & Molly Spalding)

Those who are sick and in need of prayer: Nancy Gillooly, Lucille Horne (sister-in-law of Meg Osborne) Janet Rundle (relative of Bill Spalding), Sandy Fillingham, Rick Burton, Mary Scott, Ed Cole, Christine Posecznick (sister-in-law of Laura), Susan Scholl, Suzy Jones, Bill & Ginny Pfau

Those listed on our long term prayer list: Valerie Family, Ed, Eileen, Eddy, Courtney and Tony Garastina (friends of Joan Johnson and family), Ben, David and Gretchen (grandchild of Joan Johnson and her son and wife), 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), Robbie Clark (brother of Kristina Abbott) Adam Newlin (bother of Molly Spalding), Joe & Sali Hazzard (family of Kathaleen Underwood), Lois Laxton, Bob Madden (brother-in-law of Carolyn Legg), Tara Covert-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), 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, 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: Arden Mumford (Barb Carmody's sister)

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