



Welcome to Lent!

A Season of Repentance and Reflection

The biblical word that we translate to 'repentance' is metanoia, which in Greek means 'turn around.'

When the Church calls us to repentance, we are asked to reflect on where we are, to turn ourselves around, and turn our whole being toward God. The sign of ashes on our foreheads at the start of our Lenten journey, reminds us that we come from God and return to

God, but in-between we are regularly turning to God and being turned by God.

Take time this season to reflect on where you are, and how you are being called to turn away from the emptiness of power, prestige, and possessions, and toward our loving, liberating, and life-giving God.

Holy Week Schedule

Sunday, March 24 – Palm Sunday

9 a.m. Mini-Saints & Saints in Training

10 a.m. Combined Worship*

Monday, March 25

2 p.m. Advent Music & Meditation

6 p.m. Dramatic Reading of the Gospel of Mark*

Tuesday, March 26

6 p.m. Tenebrae*

Wednesday, March 27

Noon Healing Eucharist

6 p.m. Evening Prayer*

Thursday, March 28 – Maundy Thursday

6 p.m. Service begins in the Parish Hall*

8 p.m. Overnight Watch

Friday, March 29 – Good Friday

Noon Ecumenical Stations of the Cross

Begins at St. Mary's Church Skaneateles

3 p.m. Worship*

Saturday, March 30

2 p.m. Children's Easter Egg Hunt

8 p.m. Great Vigil of Easter*

Sunday, March 31 – Easter Sunday

7:30 a.m. / 9 a.m.* / 11 a.m.*

Upcoming Schedule

Tuesday, February 13 – Shrove Tuesday

5:30-6:30 p.m. Pancake Supper

Wednesday, February 14 – ASH Wednesday

Holy Eucharist & Imposition of Ashes

7 a.m. / Noon / 7 p.m.*

Sacrament of Reconciliation – Prayer Room

9–11 a.m.

Ashes to Go

2–4 p.m.

Friday, February 16

6 p.m. Stations of the Cross

Vestry Retreat at Christ the King

Sunday, February 18 – Lent I

7:30 a.m. Rite I Eucharist

9 a.m. Rite II Eucharist with Choir*

10:45 a.m. Contemporary Worship with Band*

*Live-Streamed on facebook.com/StJamesSkaneateles



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Lent: A New Season and New Liturgical Practices



With the coming of a new liturgical season comes new practices in our liturgical worship. During the season of Lent, here are changes that we'll be introducing. We hope that they offer a new way to experience the Holy this season. As always, we welcome your feedback, and if you have any questions or comments, you can contact Fr. Joe at fatherjoe@stjamesskan.org.

Enriching Our Worship, Prayer I & Post-Communion Prayer at 9 a.m.

Starting on Ash Wednesday (February 14), we will use Eucharistic Prayer I from the Episcopal resource *Enriching Our Worship*. The prayer is suitable for Lent because it recalls humanity's tendency toward sin yet emphasizes God's grace and goodness. The Prayer also features the familiar anamnesis called *The Mystery of Faith*. The Post-Communion Prayer will also change back to the one we did during Advent, helping to remind us of the connection between these two preparatory seasons.

The Great Litany

A tradition dating back to the first Book of Common Prayer in 1549, the Great Litany will be chanted on the First Sunday in Lent at our 9 a.m. worship. The Litany takes the place of the Opening Hymn, Song of Praise, and Prayers of the People on this day. It offers the people the chance to not only repent of our shortcomings and ways we have missed the mark, but also to pray for all of the injustice, war, disasters, and other calamities facing our world. Please note that the Litany is chanted in Elizabethan English, so it may sound unusual!

History of Music Lenten Study Wednesdays at 5 p.m.

*"When in our music God is glorified...":
Music and Christianity in Context*

Whether we consciously think about it or not, music is almost inextricable from our experience of the Divine during our worship together. It's not just true for Episcopalians, or even Christians: sung liturgy is part of the ritual of every major religious tradition, all over the world.

This five-week Lenten study takes its inspiration from Fred Pratt Green's hymn "When In Our Music God is Glorified" (#420 in the hymnal). Each of the five verses of the hymn will serve as the departure point for our weekly discussions, from the history of sacred music to the instruments we use for music-making. Join us on Wednesdays from 5-6 in the parish hall – and don't worry, Justin won't make you sing (unless you want to!).

The Penitential Order

Some of you may come from traditions that observed the Confession of Sin at the beginning of the worship rather than in the middle. The Penitential Order was introduced in the 1979 Book of Common Prayer as a way of connecting to these, often older, traditions. For the 7:30 and 9 liturgies during Lent, we will begin with the Penitential Order, which starts with Jesus recalling the greatest commandment, the Jewish Shema, and continues with the communal Confession of Sin. The Kyrie (Lord, have mercy) follows. This custom gets the Confession out of the way, so that we may focus the rest of worship on our prayers and praises of God.

New/Old Sanctus

Some of you may remember when the Sanctus (Holy, Holy, Holy) was sung at Rite I worship or in the days of the 1928 Book of Common Prayer. This Lent we are introducing/re-introducing one of those classic renditions at our 9 a.m. liturgy. The juxtaposition of this older language with the more modern Enriching Our Worship Eucharistic Prayer may stir us up a bit this season but in the best of ways!



Stations of the Cross

Each Friday during Lent, the Stations of the Cross will be prayed in the sanctuary at 6 p.m. This prayerful worship is led by lay people (sign-up today!) and takes a short while but is a powerful experience. We will be praying the Overcoming Racism edition of the Stations, using images created by Janet McKenzie expressly for this practice. Pick a Friday between February 16 and March 17 to come to the sanctuary to pray, or you can walk the Stations yourself on a Sunday morning, as they will remain in the nave of the sanctuary throughout the season.

Week 1: "When, in our music, God is glorified...": Why is music such an important part of Christian worship?

Week 2: "And did not Jesus sing a psalm that night?": Christianity and Music from the early church to the Reformation

Week 3: "So has the church in liturgy and song...": Sacred Music in Western Christianity from the Reformation to the Present

Week 4: "...a new dimension in the world of sound...": The future(s) of Church Music

Week 5: "Let every instrument be tuned for praise!": An introduction to the organ

Embracing Lent

By The Rev. Joe T. Mitchell

It's that time of year again. It's the time when we put down the chocolate or sodas, pick up a book of meditations, and hold our tongues to make sure no Alleluias escape our lips during church services. Yes, brothers, and sisters, it's time for Lent.

If you're like me, then you may find it all too easy to get gloomy during Lent. Some of our favorite hymns are put to bed ('Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones', anyone?), and our services are filled with the language of penance; you'll notice this as we pray The Great Litany on the first Sunday in Lent and The Penitential Order each Sunday thereafter. Yet Lent is not a time meant for self-loathing or anguish, rather it is a time for us to open ourselves up to intentionally listen for what God is doing in our lives and what God might be calling us to do with those lives. How you go about this is entirely up to you.

For some Lent is a time of fasting and penitence. We give up things that we know we should live without anyway, such as the aforementioned chocolate or soda. By doing so we remind ourselves that the things of this world are not all that we are about; in fact, it is the very reason that we mark the beginning of Lent with the imposition of ashes on our foreheads. Ash Wednesday reminds us that the stuff of this world is nothing when compared to the goodness of God. It is that goodness, not our stuff, upon which we should rely, and by remembering our own mortality, as well as the fickle nature of our material possessions, we can better live in the assurance that we are beloved children of God.

While many give something up during Lent, others take on a new venture. This year I am reading James Cone's book *The Cross and the Lynching Tree*, which is especially poignant as we pray the Stations of the Cross each week. Perhaps you are interested in taking on Bible study through our Dive Deeper Tuesday Zoom group, or one of our three Centering Prayer gatherings?

Moreso than an outward fast, Lent calls us especially to an inward fast. As Isaiah reminds us, the fast God requires is a humble spirit, that we may "loose the bonds of injustice ... let the oppressed go free ... share your bread with the hungry, and bring the homeless



poor into your house." (Isaiah 58: 1-12) How can we spend this season resisting the temptations of the world, which draw us toward power, prestige, and possessions (the same three temptations Jesus experienced in the wilderness)?

By fasting, prayer, study, and new spiritual practices, we create space during this season in which God may take up residence and we may prepare our hearts and minds – and indeed, our very souls – for Resurrection.

May you embrace all that this season has to offer and to teach you.



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LENT 2024

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
THIS LENT, UTO INVITES YOU TO NOTICE THE LITTLE THINGS THAT MANY OF US TAKE FOR GRANTED BUT DEPEND UPON IN OUR DAILY LIVES. EACH DAY WE INVITE YOU TO NOTICE AND GIVE THANKS FOR ONE ITEM. CONSIDER THE PEOPLE INVOLVED, PERHAPS THOSE THAT CREATED IT, DESIGNED ARTWORK FOR IT, OR CONTRIBUTED TO IT.			FEB 14 ASH WEDNESDAY GIVE THANKS FOR ASHES & FIRE.	15 CONSIDER & GIVE THANKS FOR ELECTRICITY.	16 CONSIDER & GIVE THANKS FOR MEDIA - TV, PODCASTS, ETC.	17 CONSIDER & GIVE THANKS FOR LAUNDRY - SOAP, MACHINES, ETC.
18 1ST SUNDAY OF LENT CONSIDER & GIVE THANKS FOR PRAYERFUL SPACES.	19 CONSIDER & GIVE THANKS FOR BATHS & SHOWERS.	20 CONSIDER & GIVE THANKS FOR CLEAN TEETH - TOOTHPASTE, DENTIST, ETC.	21 CONSIDER & GIVE THANKS FOR THE ABILITY TO CHECK THE WEATHER.	22 CONSIDER & GIVE THANKS FOR CARING FOR A PET OR ANIMALS IN YOUR YARD.	23 CONSIDER & GIVE THANKS FOR THINGS THAT HELP YOU SEE.	24 CONSIDER & GIVE THANKS FOR CRAFTS & HOBBIES YOU ENJOY.
25 2ND SUNDAY OF LENT CONSIDER & GIVE THANKS FOR PASSING THE PEACE.	26 CONSIDER & GIVE THANKS FOR YOUR TO DO LIST.	27 CONSIDER & GIVE THANKS FOR DISHES & THE ABILITY TO CLEAN THEM.	28 CONSIDER & GIVE THANKS FOR THOSE WHO TAKE CARE OF YOUR TRASH.	29 CONSIDER & GIVE THANKS FOR YOUR BREAKFAST & ALL THAT WENT INTO IT.	MAR 1 CONSIDER & GIVE THANKS FOR PHONE CALLS & TEXT MESSAGES.	2 CONSIDER & GIVE THANKS FOR COFFEE, TEA, OR YOUR FAVORITE DRINK.
3 3RD SUNDAY OF LENT CONSIDER & GIVE THANKS FOR PARTICIPATING IN COMMUNION.	4 CONSIDER & GIVE THANKS FOR WAKING UP ON TIME.	5 CONSIDER & GIVE THANKS FOR COOKING &/OR BAKING.	6 CONSIDER & GIVE THANKS FOR PAYING BILLS.	7 CONSIDER & GIVE THANKS FOR YOUR CLOTHES AND SHOES.	8 CONSIDER & GIVE THANKS FOR YOUR LUNCH AND ALL THAT WENT INTO IT.	9 CONSIDER & GIVE THANKS FOR INTENTIONAL DOWNTIME ACTIVITIES.
10 4TH SUNDAY OF LENT CONSIDER & GIVE THANKS FOR ONLINE CHURCH.	11 CONSIDER & GIVE THANKS FOR MUSIC & MUSICIANS.	12 CONSIDER & GIVE THANKS FOR THE ABILITY TO RECYCLE THINGS.	13 CONSIDER & GIVE THANKS FOR YOUR FRIENDS.	14 CONSIDER & GIVE THANKS FOR MODES OF TRANSPORTATION.	15 CONSIDER & GIVE THANKS FOR BOOKS YOU LOVE & WRITERS.	16 CONSIDER & GIVE THANKS FOR A SPECIAL ITEM THAT BRINGS YOU JOY.
17 5TH SUNDAY OF LENT CONSIDER & GIVE THANKS FOR HYMNS AND PSALMS.	18 CONSIDER & GIVE THANKS FOR SOMEONE WHO HELPS YOU TODAY.	19 CONSIDER & GIVE THANKS FOR YOUR DINNER AND ALL THAT WENT INTO IT.	20 CONSIDER & GIVE THANKS FOR MAIL- THOSE WHO SEND IT & DELIVER IT.	21 CONSIDER & GIVE THANKS FOR YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD.	22 CONSIDER & GIVE THANKS FOR GROCERY SHOPPING.	23 CONSIDER & GIVE THANKS FOR TIME OFF (SLEEPING IN, STAYING UP, ETC.)
24 PALM SUNDAY CONSIDER & GIVE THANKS FOR SPECIAL SERVICES.	25 CONSIDER & GIVE THANKS FOR COWORKERS OR TEAMMATES.	26 CONSIDER & GIVE THANKS FOR TRADITIONS YOU LOVE.	27 CONSIDER & GIVE THANKS FOR ANY MEDICINE YOU TAKE.	28 MAUNDY THURSDAY CONSIDER & GIVE THANKS FOR MEALS WITH FRIENDS.	29 GOOD FRIDAY CONSIDER & GIVE THANKS FOR THINGS THAT HAVE ENDED.	30 HOLY SATURDAY CONSIDER & GIVE THANKS FOR GARDENS.

HAPPY EASTER! CONSIDER & GIVE THANKS FOR THE NEW LIFE YOU SEE AROUND YOU!

Holy Week: A Lived Experience

For many folks the Christian experience is one in which we remember the actions of Jesus regularly, however, they can sometimes feel like little more than just that, remembrances. True, Jesus said to do many things to remember him and show others that we are his disciples (the sharing of a holy meal, loving one another as Jesus has loved us, baptizing, etc.), but what makes Holy Week different is that it is not done just to remember Jesus. It is a real moment in real time. It's NOT just a memorial!

Holy Week is a lived experience. The late-4th century pilgrim Egeria wrote extensively about her own trip to the Holy Land during the season of Lent, and what she found was not simply services done to remember Jesus' final days but daily prayers and liturgies in which regular folks walked with Jesus through his agony and glory. For example, Egeria noted that the Bishop of Jerusalem sat atop a donkey and rode down the Mount of Olives on Palm Sunday, embodying the actions of Jesus. The same was true on Maundy Thursday, when the Bishop washed the feet of the city's poor. And on Good Friday the people walked the Via Dolorosa, the path through Jerusalem that

leads to Golgotha, taking each agonizing step along the way with their Lord. This was no mere commemoration of a past event.

This was a very real experience, and Christians in the Orthodox (eastern) and Catholic (western) traditions continue to walk with Jesus through the Washing of Feet on Maundy Thursday to the Stations of the Cross on Good Friday and the first moment of Resurrection at the Great Vigil of Easter. As Episcopalians, we are inheritors of these traditions.

We call this the Paschal Triduum, one worship spread over the course of three sacred days. The worship begins with the Maundy Thursday liturgy, continues with the walk with Jesus on Good Friday, and concludes with the celebration of Christ's resurrection at the Great Vigil of Easter on Saturday night. While it may be exhausting for some – especially clergy – it is and incredibly powerful experience.

So join us as we gather together to hear the story, to pray, to wash feet, to break bread, and to experience the glory of these holy days with our Lord!



Palm Sunday

We mark the beginning of Holy Week with a combined worship at 10 a.m. on Sunday, March 24. Weather permitting, we will gather for the Procession of Palms in the lakeside area, or the parish hall if the weather is bad. We will waive our palm branches – and some may make crosses out of them – and hear again the agonizing story of Jesus' Passion. Why do we hear how the story ends at the start of the week? The real answer is because people stopped attending worship on Good Friday! Nevertheless, we hope you'll join us!



Holy Monday

Throughout this calendar year we are reading the story of Jesus' life, death, and resurrection from the first canonical Gospel, Mark. However, this story was not originally read, but it was performed as a dramatic reading in town squares. In that spirit, we will hear a dramatic reading of the Gospel According to Mark on Holy Monday at 6 p.m. in the sanctuary. The reading will also be livestreamed. The translation used will be that of Dr. Preston H. Epps, former Professor of Greek at the University of North Carolina.

Holy Tuesday

Lent can often feel like a dark season, with its long readings and grueling fasts. Yet we know that in the midst of all kinds of darkness, the light of Christ continues to shine. Join us this evening at 6 p.m. in the sanctuary for the liturgy of Tenebrae. A St. James' Holy Week tradition, Tenebrae (which comes from Latin for 'darkness') finds its origins in the evening liturgies of monastic communities leading up to the Paschal Triduum. Like those monks, we gather in the dark, reflecting and anticipating Christ's final days.

Holy Wednesday

Sometimes we just need something simple, yet reliable. That is exactly what Evening Prayer at 6 p.m. offers. This hybrid liturgy is lay-led and has a devoted congregation both in the sanctuary and on Zoom. If you've never tuned in before, Holy Week is the perfect time to start!





Maundy Thursday

This is the last night of Jesus' life. The name comes from the "mandate" that Jesus gives to his disciples to love one another, and to show that love by washing each other's feet. This night also marks Jesus' Last Supper, which was not a Passover seder, but rather something new that Christians would emulate in the centuries after. On this night we gather in the parish hall at 6 p.m. for an Agape Meal, also known as a Love Feast. This simple meal of olives, nuts, cheeses, soups, and breads not only resembles the Last Supper, but it helps prepare our bodies and souls to endure what Jesus is about to go through. It even gradually evolved into our celebration of the Holy Eucharist! When the meal concludes, we seamlessly move into our worship, just as Jesus and his disciples did, washing one another's feet as we sing and hear the story once more. Afterwards, we will process into the sanctuary to celebrate the Holy Eucharist and witness the Stripping of the Altar, calling us back to Jesus' arrest. The reserve Sacrament will be set upon the Peace Altar, which will serve as our Garden of Gethsemane, and you will be invited to sit and pray in the nave for as long as you wish. This vigil watch will continue throughout the night, so be sure to sign up and come sit with our Lord for an hour.



Good Friday

A Skaneateles tradition in recent years has been the ecumenical Stations of the Cross, which will begin at Noon on this day beginning at St. Mary's. Join our sisters and brothers in Christ as we walk our own version of the Via Dolorosa, recalling Christ's final steps together. Later in the day, at 3 p.m., which was the hour that Jesus died, we will gather in the sanctuary to pray the liturgy for this day, in which we hear the Passion story once again and have the opportunity to offer our own individual devotions at the cross.



Holy Saturday

As the sun sets on Jesus' sabbath rest in the tomb, we gather at 8 p.m. to mark the Great Vigil of Easter, the most solemn and holy liturgy of the Christian tradition. The liturgy begins outside the church doors with the Lighting of the First Fire. The Paschal Candle, which symbolizes the light of Christ, is processed into the dark sanctuary as the ancient prayer known as the Exsultet is chanted. By candlelight we hear the story of God's power in creation, the redemption of the children of Israel out of Egypt, and new life being brought to dry bones. Still in the dark we will gather around the waters for Holy Baptism and the renewal of our own baptismal promises, and with the shout of "Alleluia!" the lights will come on and Easter's dawn will break as we share the first Eucharist of the season of Resurrection! You don't want to miss it!



Easter Sunday

There's nothing like Easter at St. James'! Join us on this Day of Resurrection at any of our regular three liturgies:

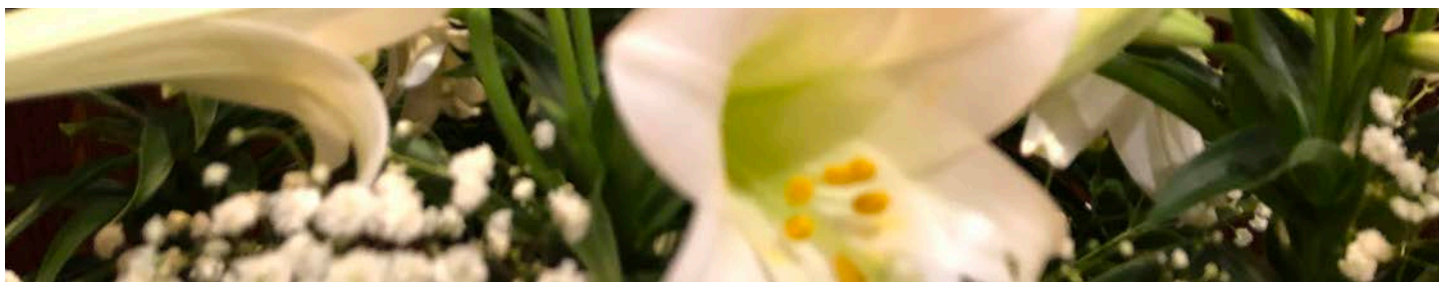
7:30 a.m. (Holy Eucharist, Rite I)

9 a.m. (Holy Eucharist, Rite II with Choir)

***11 a.m.** (Contemporary Holy Eucharist with Praise Band)

*Note the time change for the late morning liturgy!





Prayers for the People of St. James'

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

Those who are sick and in need of prayer: Sherry Yellot, Briana (close friend of Dan Johnson's granddaughter), Denise Eamer (daughter of Kathaleen Underwood), Elaine Easton (friend of Darwin Parker), Patti Allis, 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, Ginny Pfau, Rachel Luziani

Those listed on our long term prayer list: Kaiden (grandson of Jean Beeles), Valarie family; Ed, Eileen, Eddy and Courtney and Tony Garastina (friends of Joan Johnson and family) Rachel Luziani, Ben, David & Gretchen (grandchild of Joan Johnson, her son & wife), Adam, Lexi & Theodore Gates, Doris Lanning (mother of Jim), Kelly Ryan, Sara Talley (granddaughter of Nora & Jim Brown), Sara Jones, Jacob Matlby (son of Kelly Ryan & Mike Spaces), Ed Blum, Matt Bates (son of David & Toppie), Robbie Clark (brother of Kristina Abbott) Adam Newlin (brother of Molly Spalding), 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, 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, 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), Gwen Birchenough, Sharon & Pat Gannon, Jennifer Carson (niece of Linda Lavery), Tricia McMurdy (friend of Nancy Austin), Ingrid McMurdy, Ella (friend of Ingrid), Noelle (daughter of Ingrid)

Those who have died: Phyllis Lerowick (mother of Ellen Kluge), Tony & Connie Johnson, Lucille Horne (sister in law of Meg Osborne), Bill Pfau, Arden Mumford (Barb Carmody's sister)

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

Add Email Prayer Chain, please contact Corinne Buterbaugh at corinnebuterbaugh@gmail.com

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Centering Prayer

St. James' is expanding its Centering Prayer offering from two to three sessions each week. Centering prayer is a part of the ancient Christian contemplative tradition that has seen a resurgence in the last 50 years.

It is a silent prayer that can be done alone or in groups that seeks to "open our awareness of God who is within us" (Thomas Keating, a chief spokesperson and architect of Centering Prayer).

**Tuesday & Friday mornings:
7:45 – 8:30 a.m.**

Pastoral Care Resources Always Available

Paul writes these words of wisdom to inspire our varied ministries at St. James': Be kind to one another, tender hearted Ephesians 4:32

Stephen Ministers

Winter is often a season where sadness or anxiety creep into our day. Just a reminder that St. James' offers pastoral resources such as Stephen Ministers who are available to listen and care to anyone hurting.

Communion Prayer Stations

Each Sunday during 9 & 10:45 a.m. worship services offer trained lay leaders who will listen and pray with and for you. These prayers are always confidential and can offer comfort as you navigate the stresses of life.

Prayer Chain

At St. James' we believe in the healing power of the Holy Spirit through prayer. If you or a loved one is in need of prayer, please contact the Parish Office where the Prayer Chain prayer ministry leader will deliver an email prayer chain to lift you in immediate prayer. If you would like to join the Praying team, contact the Parish Office as well to lend your strength to those in need.

Pastoral Home Visit

Caring parishioners and clergy can take communion to anyone in our church family and keeps trainings current for those who are already sharing the Eucharist with those not able to come to church. This is a great way to stay connected whether you or a family member is homebound for a short while or long term.

If you are looking for pastoral care, please reach out to Nancy Graham, Pastoral Care Coordinator at 315-317-0138 or Father Joe Mitchell, Interim Rector in the Parish Office 315-685-7600.



PRAYER SHAWLS

St. James' prayer shawls are low and we are looking for people to knit or crochet.

There is plenty of yarn in the drawers in the back of the church and Mary Brady, prayer shawl coordinator, will gladly offer any help if needed.



St. James' Church Skaneateles Settled Rector Search

Rector Search Committee Update: A message to the Parish from Colleen Gannon and Marcia Watt, Co-Chairs

We are honored to have been asked by the Vestry to co-chair the Rector Search Committee and to be engaged in the important work of selecting our next Rector. The search committee is committed to engaging in a thorough, thoughtful and prayerful process of discerning our next Rector.

In November, the committee met with Canon Tom Ferguson, our Diocesan Transition Minister, to review the Diocesan Guidelines for conducting the search for our new Rector and to gain a clear understanding of the committee's role in this process. The committee's work is divided into three phases:

PHASE 1: Data gathering and assessment of the parish to develop a comprehensive "Parish Profile" that clearly communicates who we are as a parish, our various styles of worship, our ministries and mission, and the characteristics and skills that we seek in our next rector;

PHASE 2: Development and planning for the search process; and

PHASE 3: Discernment through evaluation and assessment of the candidates.

The committee is meeting twice a month to carry out this important work.

Committee Members

Colleen Gannon and Marcia Watt, Co-Chairs

Parish Representatives:

Colleen Gannon, Co-Chair

Marcia Watt, Co-Chair

Jeffrey Davis

Erik Samhammer

Vestry Representatives:

Nancy Corl

Susan Rynkiewicz (Senior Warden)

Bill Spalding (Warden)

The first task of the Rector Search Committee ("RSC") is to engage in a period of self-study, during which we gather historic and current data and reflect on the future ministry goals and mission of St. James'. Input from the parish is vitally important to this task. The information gathered will be used to create a "Parish Profile" to be used in the search for our next Rector. It is essential that this Profile clearly communicates:

- who we are as a parish;
- our various styles of worship;
- our ministries and mission; and
- the characteristics and skills that we seek in our next rector.

The RSC has provided multiple opportunities for input including: 2 In-Person "Office Hours" in the Parish Hall. Additional "Office Hours" were held via Zoom – RSC to assist our "seasonal" residents and online worshippers to share their input. The online parish survey was distributed on January 28 and will be available for 2 weeks. Once the committee finishes gathering its data a detailed St. James' Parish Profile will be created and placed into all the appropriate communication channels seeking interested candidates. This process can seem long but be assured the committee is working very hard to move through the phases as swiftly as possible without sacrificing quality or overlooking any important step.

All updates on the transition are communicated in the Weekly Newsletter and on StJamesSkan.org/Transition. Do not hesitate to reach out to any Committee Member with questions or concerns.





In 2023, the jail ministry distributed 96 Jesus Calling Devotional books to inmates at the Cayuga County Jail. This resource, along with Recovery Bibles, served as the foundation for weekly meetings with inmates by Jail Minister. This ministry consists of 10 individuals from five churches in Skaneateles and Auburn. St. James' will be hosting a presentation by the Cayuga County Sheriff Brian Schenck on May 16 about the new recovery and support

programs that have been implemented in the jail over the last two years. More details will follow.

St. James' participates in a second jail and prison ministry through Prison Fellowship called "Angel Tree". Church partners help connect incarcerated parents to their children by buying Christmas gifts on the parents' behalf. This past Christmas, over 50 St. James' parishioners purchased, wrapped and delivered gifts to 19 children in 10 families.

In Honor of Black History Month We Remember Notable Syracusans Who Blazed the Trail

Rev. Jermain Loguen and his wife, Caroline, were conductors on the Underground Railroad. Known all over the Northeast as the Underground Railroad King, the Loguen's helped upwards of 1,500 enslaved peoples to freedom.



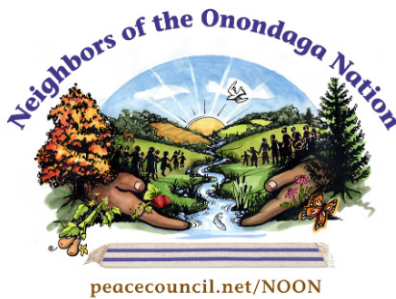
The Loguens' daughter, Sarah Loguen Fraser (born Sarah Marinda Loguen) was the first female African American to graduate from the Syracuse University College of Medicine. She was also one of the first African American female physicians specializing in obstetrics and pediatrics.

Onondaga County sent at least 30 African American soldiers to fight in the Civil War, including several who fought in the famed Massachusetts 54th Colored Regiment, including James Jameson, George Washington, and George Alexander. 10 of the men are buried at Oakwood Cemetery.

Syracuse Stars player, Moses Fleetwood Walker, was the first Black man to play professional baseball. He did so in 1884, playing for the Toledo Mud Hens, and later the Syracuse Stars. After Moses, professional baseball was segregated until Jackie Robinson broke the color barrier in 1947.

Syracuse Nationals star Earl Lloyd was the first African American to play professional basketball in the NBA. On October 31, 1950 Lloyd took the court for the Washington Capitols. He was picked up by the Syracuse Nationals in 1952, after serving in the Korean War. Lloyd played 6 seasons with Syracuse, helping lead them to the League Championship in the 1954-55 season. Lloyd was inducted into the Naismith Hall of Fame in 2003.

Witness to Injustice



This April (date TBD), the RJRC will host the program "Witness to Injustice" in the Parish Hall. A project of the Neighbors of the Onondaga Nation/Syracuse Peace Council, "Witness to Injustice" is a unique three-hour interactive group educational experience. It uses an experiential, participatory model to share the disturbing history of what Indigenous Peoples have experienced through colonization.

The program seeks to foster truth, understanding and respect between Indigenous and non-Indigenous peoples in the part of the world now known as the United States, especially in the territory stewarded by people of the Onondaga Nation and other

Haudenosaunee peoples. It was created in collaboration with Kairos Canada and involves facilitation by Onondaga Nation citizens and non-Indigenous allies.

Debra Rose Brillati recently participated in "Witness to Injustice" and found the experience moving, difficult, powerful, and important. "The participation by Onondaga Nation

citizens was most moving to me," Brillati said. "Their witness, their music, their language, and their spirit made everything we were learning that much more meaningful." Brillati hopes for broad participation both within and outside the parish. "Come and be changed," she said. "Come and be a neighbor."



Did You Know? By Emma Cowley

Did you know Lily Gladstone became the first Indigenous Person to win a Golden Globe for Best Actress? Gladstone is the star of *Killers of the Flower Moon* and plays an Osage woman whose husband is part of a murderous conspiracy. Gladstone's background is Blackfeet and Nez Perce and she grew up on the reservation of the Blackfeet Nation in Montana, so when it became time



for her acceptance speech she paid tribute to the Blackfeet Nation by delivering part of her acceptance speech for best performance by an actress in a motion picture drama in Blackfeet. Congratulations, Lily Gladstone!

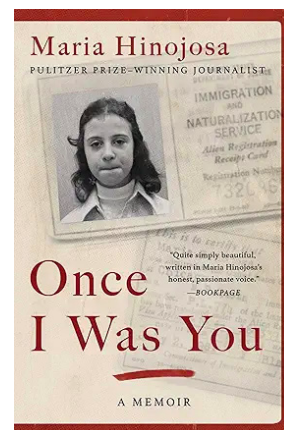


Syracuse University running back Ernie Davis, also known as "The Elmira Express," helped lead Syracuse to the school's only national title in 1959. He became the first African American player to win the Heisman Trophy in 1961.

Diversity Book Club

March 17: *Once I Was You: A Memoir of Love and Hate in a Torn America* (2020) by Maria Hinojosa

Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist Maria Hinojosa (<https://www.latinousa.org/team/maria-hinojosa/>) shares her experiences growing up Mexican American on the South Side of Chicago. Her story is juxtaposed against the stories of migrants seeking asylum in America today. "Hinojosa's book is as much a manifesto as it is a memoir," writes Fernando Santos in a *New York Times* book review on Sept. 15, 2020. "The narrative is chiseled by points of convergence between her own story and the history of immigration in this country." (<https://www.nytimes.com/2020/09/15/books/review/maria-hinojosa-once-i-was-you.html>)



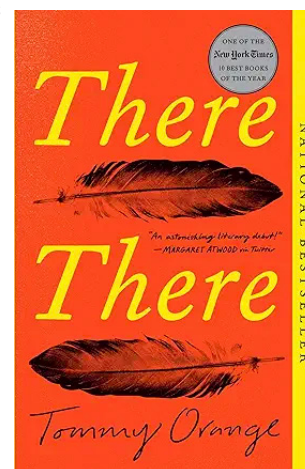
From the publisher: "An urgent call to fellow Americans to open their eyes to the immigration crisis and understand that it affects us all, this honest and heartrending memoir paints a vivid portrait of how we got here and what it means to be a survivor, a feminist, a citizen, and a journalist who owns her voice while striving for the truth."

Hinojosa will be the guest speaker for the Friends of Central Library Gifford Lecture Series on March 19 at the OnCenter Crouse Hinds Theater in Syracuse. Group ticket rates are available at \$31 for a minimum of 10 tickets. The Diversity Book Club will facilitate the purchase of a block of seats if there is sufficient interest.

April 21: *There There* (2018) by Tommy Orange

The critically-acclaimed *There There* is an unflinching look at lives of urban Native Americans. "With a literary authority rare in a debut novel, it places Native American voices front and center before readers' eyes." — Fresh Air, NPR.

From the publishers: Tommy Orange's wondrous and shattering novel follows 12 characters from Native communities, all traveling to the Big Oakland Powwow, all connected to one another in ways they may not yet realize... Together, this chorus of voices tells of the plight of the urban Native American — grappling with a complex and painful history, with an inheritance of beauty and spirituality, with communion and sacrifice and heroism."



The book earned the National Book Critics Circle John Leonard Prize, the Center for Fiction First Novel Prize, the PEN/Hemingway Award and was one of *The New York Times'* 10 Best Books of the Year.

A Saint Once Among Us: Absalom Jones

In each issue of *The Spirit*, the St. James Racial Justice and Reconciliation Commission will spotlight an individual recognized in the Episcopal Church's Lesser Feasts and Fasts who also represents cultural, gender, or ethnic diversity. The following is summarized from a biography presented to the General Convention of the Episcopal Church in 2022.

Absalom Jones was born enslaved to a wealthy Anglican planter in 1746. The planter recognized Jones's intelligence and ordered that he be trained to work in the house and taught to read. When he was 16, Jones moved to Philadelphia with his "master" and joined St. Peter's Church. In 1784, he was freed.

Jones left St. Peter's and began worshipping at St. George's Methodist Episcopal Church. The congregation applied for membership in the Episcopal Diocese of Pennsylvania. In 1794, it was admitted as the African Episcopal Church of St. Thomas. Bishop William White ordained Jones as a deacon in 1795 and as a priest in 1802.

Jones was an earnest preacher. To him, God acted on "behalf of the oppressed and distressed." But it was his constant visiting and mild manner that made him beloved



by his congregation and by the community. St. Thomas Church grew to more than 500 members during its first year. Known as "the Black Bishop of the Episcopal Church," Jones was an example of persistent faith in God and in the Church as God's instrument. He died in 1818 and is celebrated by the Church on February 13.

St. James' Cooking Classes for Kids

St. James' has provided years of support for the Auburn Rescue Mission at the Merriman Circle location in Auburn. Over the past years, volunteers have been assisting with numerous activities and crafts for kids. This year the St. James Cooking Classes for Kids began in January. This monthly class on the third Thursday of the month is designed to have kids learn how to make simple recipes working in teams of two. We will be helping the "chefs in training" learn about and prepare healthy foods. The cooking classes will help to build self-esteem and improve social skills as the "chefs" have fun as they create a delicious snack or small meal.

We are looking for volunteers to help us with this exciting program, the kids are looking forward to it. Nancy Lee is coordinating the program. Volunteers do not have to do any preparation, just come to Merriman Circle and assist. Do you like to cook? Do you enjoy working with children? Do you have a fun recipe to share? The classes will be held the third Thursday of the month from 4-5:30 p.m. We are also looking for cooking supplies for the "chefs" to use such as measuring and mixing tools.

Please contact (call, text, or email) Nancy Lee if you would like to volunteer or donate supplies. Maybe you have some helpful ideas to share as well. We look forward to hearing from you. Nancy Lee
balsamrosesoap@gmail.com
315-256-8196



Nine members of the RJRC have volunteered to help host at the Harriet Tubman AME Zion Church in Auburn for "Safe and Warm"

Between 3 and 5 p.m. on Fridays the church is open for anyone to come in for coffee, tea, snacks, etc. At the present time the program is sponsored by the United Ministry of Aurora, Poplar Ridge Quaker Meeting, members of the Skaneateles Presbyterian Church and St. James' Thrift Shop. It is hoped that other churches in the Auburn area will open their doors for similar programs.

Auburn Alumni Hall of Distinction announces seven 2024 inductees

Gary Mann, Auburn High School Class of 1999: A program manager for Rescue Mission, providing case management and support to families trying to transition out of homelessness. He also worked with the Auburn Housing Authority on Merriman Circle, a supportive housing complex for homeless single women and families. Mann is an accomplished musician as well, releasing three albums and touring nationally.



Help stock the food pantry!

Want to support the Skaneateles Ecumenical Food Pantry? Pick up an extra item or two when you grocery shop and bring it to church. Leave items in the basket outside the sacristy.

The pantry always needs cereal; granola; 100% fruit juice; canned black beans; 32 oz. containers of vegetable, canola, or corn oil; canned fruit (any kind, especially applesauce); and liquid laundry detergent.

Questions? Contact Corinne Buterbaugh (571-215-6693 or corinnebuterbaugh@gmail.com) or John Buterbaugh (703-638-0941 or buterbaugh2010@gmail.com).



HELP! We need your muscle (& 90 minutes of your time each month)

Because the candelabras used at certain services – Christmas, Easter, funerals, weddings, and baptisms – are quite heavy, Altar Guild needs younger members to join our ranks.

Each week, our Altar Guild members prepare for Sunday services and the Wednesday noon liturgy: setting the altar and credence table, filling candles with liquid paraffin, and other essential tasks. Although traditionally the domain of women, St. James Altar Guild warmly welcomes men and women.

Team members generally serve on Saturday mornings (once a month – for 30 to 45 minutes) and one Sunday morning a month – before or after the service they normally attend. Total time commitment is about 90 minutes a month.

Although “altar stuff” has a mysterious reputation, serving on Altar Guild is not rocket science. You will be trained, and teamwork is the name of the game!

To learn more, contact Corinne Buterbaugh (571-215-6693 or corinnebuterbaugh@gmail.com).

Have a couple hours to lend a hand to your neighbors?

Every Saturday since 2004, the soup kitchen at Sts. Peter and John Episcopal Church on Genesee Street in Auburn has served lunch to as many as 200 of our hungry neighbors. For almost all of those 20 years, St. James' parishioners have volunteered to prep food and serve on the last Saturday of every month.

Since the pandemic, the soup kitchen has offered “to go” meals and requires fewer volunteers than it did previously. Here's what they need from St. James:

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

Each month, our pool of volunteers (ages 13+) receives an email asking if they can volunteer. If you can help, simply reply with the number of people and the desired shift. It's easy: To be added to the list of volunteers, contact Corinne Buterbaugh at corinnebuterbaugh@gmail.com.



Cayuga County Habitat for Humanity invites you to our annual fundraising event at The Emerson Pavilion on March 9 from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m.

Online registration is available through our website:
<https://www.cayugahabitat.org/hooley-for-habitat-registration-form/>

OR you can mail the form below with payment to
P.O. Box 1903, Auburn NY 13021.

The evening will be full of Irish fun, music, photo booth, karaoke and leprechauns!

☐ Yes, I would like to attend the Hooley for Habitat Event

Name _____

Street Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

☐ I cannot attend, but please accept my donation of \$ _____

Please return this form in the provided envelope.

Make check or money order payable to: Cayuga County Habitat for Humanity

For more information, contact Marie Hughes at 315-702-3757



____ Tickets @\$100 each _____

____ Tables of 10 @\$900 each _____

Please accept my donation _____

Total Amount Enclosed _____

Thank you for your support!

Nancy Corl's 80th Birthday Celebration

Hello FAMILY + FRIENDS!!!

Please join us to celebrate
Nancy Corl's 80th Birthday!

Saturday, February 24
Noon – 3 p.m.

St. James Episcopal Church,
Parish Hall
96 Genesee St., Skaneateles

Snacks, a buffet lunch and
cupcakes will be served. Cards
are welcome, but the only gift
requested
is your company!

To assist us in planning please
RSVP online (preferred)
or call / text Jamie Corl at
(917) 673-6240.

Mission of Miracles



If you've been following the Mission of Miracles on Facebook, you may get the impression it's a giant party. In truth, there have been some good times with old friends.

On Wednesday, between departure from Syracuse and arrival at the hotel, we were on the move for about 10 hours.

On Thursday, the whole group of 17 spend about nine hours setting up for the mission. My subgroup is in the picture breaking down large bottles of prescription drugs into small bottles for the patients. Others were arranging all the vision supplies.

We were surprised, at dinner, to be visited by Azucena, her sister and Azucena's little girl. I've known Azucena and her whole family, from Santisima Trinidad, for more than 20 years.

On Friday, the group went to the beach, as you've probably seen. I spent two hours at the Diocesan office. The pictures are of the chapel and of a little garden inside the offices.

Bishop David and I talked about the situation in the country, especially the upcoming elections. Although the country is supposed to be safer under the current oppressive regime, David told me of a recent attack, apparently on a parishioner in the eastern part of the country.

There is a real need for clergy in the Diocese. Several priests have retired or died recently. The first four graduates of the Diocese school, which has been in place for about five years, will be ordained to the priesthood in April. He plans to have another two-year program for people called to the permanent diaconate.

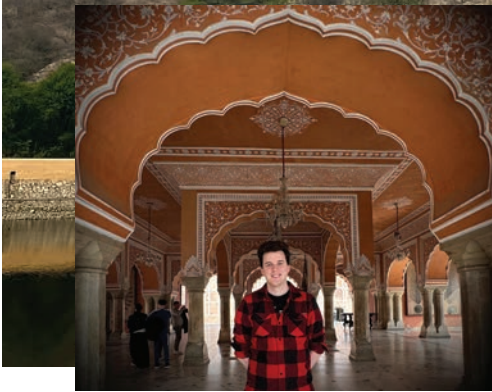
We also talked about potential future workshops on mental health and social issues with the clergy and the people and the community. These would, potentially, involve members of our Diocese.

I was also able to catch up with Taty Brizuela, that works for the Diocese. She earned her Licenciada in Economic Geography A couple years ago. I've known her for 26 years, since she was four years old. I hope I've been helpful to her in her academic success. She travels every week to distant parts of the country to give workshops on self-esteem, domestic violence, etc. with grade, school, children, and with parents, at times.

More to come from the Rev. Chuck Stewart and the members of the Mission of Miracles team about all the medical cases, people they met, locations they visited and memories they made.



John Buterbaugh Returns to Sri Lanka in 2024 – The Adventure Continues



John Buterbaugh, member of the Young Adult Service Corps spent a year in Sri Lanka as part of this program returning March 2023. St. James' parish helped support John through donations and prayer. The Young Adult Service Corps is a ministry for Episcopalians ages 21-30 who are interested in exploring their faith in new ways by living and serving in communities around the worldwide Anglican Communion. Applicants must have a high degree of maturity and possess a faith commitment, the willingness to be a

humble guest, and the ability to be an authentic companion. A few weeks ago, John returned to Sri Lanka to visit his friends in Colombo and begin a new journey traveling through regions in India and the amazing countryside. John Buterbaugh is a gifted storyteller. His detailed blog makes you feel as if you are walking with him. Be sure to check out his blog on <https://yascinsrilanka.wordpress.com/2024/01/23/return-to-colombo-january-2024/>



St. James' Table Top Talk aka Foyer Groups

What Exactly are Table Top Talks/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.

Newcomers are especially invited to sign up to join one of the groups.

We will start with each small group of six to eight people meeting once a month.

Your group decides on the day and time, beginning in March and ending in May, meeting in homes or at church in the Lakeside Room.

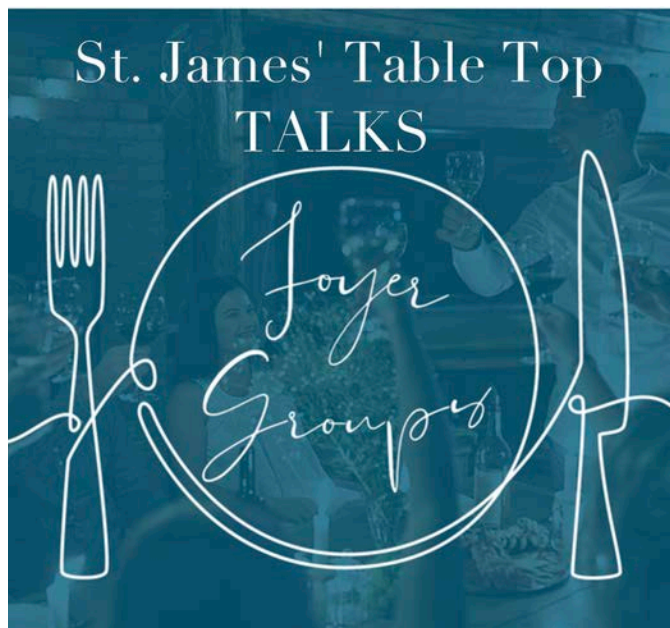
Generally, the host/hostess provides the main entree and each person or couple brings one part of the meal.

Some groups may decide to discuss a book or article, while others gather for a purely social experience. The choice of available options is limited only by the group, but the main idea is for the gatherings to simply focus on fellowship, a refreshing meal and relaxed conversation.

In the past St. James' had Foyer Groups for many years and there has been interest expressed for some time. With the pandemic over, it is a wonderful way to get to know more people at church beyond sharing the peace.

Sign up by calling the office or on a sign up sheet in the rear of the church (coming soon).

If you have any interest or questions, ask Nancy Graham, nancymgraham4@gmail.com or 315.317.0138



Mindfulness Training beginning in April for 3 Saturday mornings from 9:30-11 in the Parish Hall

What is Mindfulness? It is living in the present moment. Essentially, it means being (intentionally) more aware and awake to each moment and being fully engaged in what is happening in one's surroundings – with acceptance and without judgment. This awareness can be of life as it is, yourself as you are, and other people as they are. It is awareness of one's internal states and surroundings. Mindfulness can help people avoid destructive or automatic habits and responses by learning to observe their thoughts, emotions, and other present-moment experiences without judging or reacting to them.

Our pastoral care team received training from Mary McGrath in the fall and everyone thought it was very helpful. Others have asked if we might offer it to our church community so we are offering it to anyone interested in becoming more 'mindful' in your everyday life.

The trainer is Mary McGrath, a licensed Marriage and Family Therapist and a practitioner of Dialectical Behavioral Therapy (DBT). She has extensive training in the skills to increase mindfulness and practices it in her everyday life.

The class is limited to 20 people so please sign up by calling the office or let Mary McGrath or Nancy Graham know you are interested.



Centering Prayer: Tuesdays, Fridays, & Thursdays on Zoom

St. James' is expanding its Centering Prayer offering from two to three sessions each week. Centering prayer is a part of the ancient Christian contemplative tradition that has seen a resurgence in the last 50 years. It is a silent prayer that can be done alone or in groups that seeks to "open our awareness of God who is within us" (Thomas Keating, a chief spokesperson and architect of Centering Prayer).

Tuesday and Friday mornings
7:45-8:30 a.m.

Contact Pam Stewart at
pjstewart50@verizon.net

Thursday evening 4:45-5:30 p.m.
Contact Dan Fisher at 315-256-5167

CREATION CARE

Our mission is to engage the Skaneateles Lake community in watershed protection and ecosystem restoration by converting properties to deep-rooted native perennial plants, filtering increasingly frequent polluted runoff from intense rainfall events and providing habitat to native insect and bird populations that are both seeing steady declines in numbers.

A 2023 study reveals that “at least 38% – and as many as 60% – of the pollinators targeted by the survey are at risk because they are rare or declining. For bees, up to 24% of the species may be at risk and an additional 11% are considered possibly extirpated or known only from historical records”.

Gardening for the 21st Century would help! “In the past, we have asked one thing of our gardens, that they be pretty. Now they have to support life, sequester carbon, feed pollinators and manage water.”
– Doug Tallamy



We are pleased to introduce ourselves to you and our world of regenerative agriculture and native landscapes – where what we do supports the health and beauty of what’s around you, and in your kitchen – and ultimately you. It’s what you eat, the water you drink, the places your children and grandchildren play and the delight you feel when you see beautiful butterflies eating as well as you do.

We are Doce Lume Farm and we grow and sell organic vegetables, fruits and herbs. We grow and sell local native plants. We grow and sell local native plants and can design beautiful gardens for you with them. We also grow vegetable and herb gardens. There are many perennial meadow plants with which we can design and install meadows in your landscape. Our staff appreciates the chance to advise how what we all do on the land impacts water quality and thus the quality of life.

Welcome to our world and this journey. We hope that you will share it with us.

*Janice Wiles retired in 2016 from a long career in biodiversity, land and water conservation to become a grower of plants native to CNY, vegetables and herbs. All are welcome to visit the demonstration meadows, gardens and production farm on East Lake Rd; please call or email to schedule: (240) 626 5209 / docelumefarm@gmail.com



BUY GIFTS THAT MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

Buy a summer farm box subscription from Doce Lume Farm in Skaneateles and get a free native shrub and this **PROMO** code: *EXCLUSIVEFARMBOXSUBSCRIBER*.

Your purchase not only gives you weekly or biweekly boxes of healthy food, it also goes toward growing perennial plants for stream/lake protection, stewardship education and organic food deliveries to people in need.

GrowingForSkan.com



Dive Deeper Bible Study 10:30 each Tuesday on Zoom!

These studies involve an interactive group of parishioners discussing the upcoming Sunday readings.

For Zoom Meeting Information, please contact the Rev. Chuck Stewart at cnstewartsyr@gmail.com.

St. James' Parish Administrator Nicole Bova

With all the changes happening at St. James', it is important for everyone to know where to go to get questions answered. Nicole Bova, Parish Administrator Extraordinaire is available in the Parish Office Monday-Thursdays 9 a.m. -3 p.m. each week. Often she is also here on Sundays assisting on the tech team or in a children's ministry class as she has 5 children! (Yes, we do not know where she gets the energy!)

Below are possible topics you have questions on occasion, and Nicole is your contact for all of these!

- Bulletins & Slide Editor
- Building/Room Reservations
- Worship Schedule
- Program Schedule
- Connect you to a ministry leader
- Directory keeper
- Assists with scheduling appointments for Father Joe
- Offering plate security process and weekly count
- Financial Giving/Pledges
- Tax or Giving Statement information
- Member of the Finance Committee as Accountant
- Worship Participant Scheduling
- Copier/mailings
- Paper/Kitchen/Cleaning Supply purchaser

AND SO MUCH MORE!

We all know it is easy to ask the first staff member you see Sundays or at worship services. The hope moving forward is for you to go to the right person for your questions preferably during the week. Best results come when you call, leave a message, email or pop in during the week to ask questions Sundays are generally a blur for both clergy and staff and we tend to feel awful forgetting something important said to us in passing.



**You can reach Nicole by
calling the office at
315-685-7600 or email her at
nicole@stjamessskan.org.**

She will also receive emails from parishadministrator@stjames-kan.org. As always, remember your “Gratitude Sandwiches” when interacting with Nicole or anyone at St. James’. Everyone is working very hard to serve you and the Lord with love, care and respect.





EASTER FLOWER DONATION

Each year St. James' decorates the Nave for Easter with the bountiful beauty of flowers. These flowers are possible from donations from the congregation. If you would like to donate to these flowers, please fill out the form below or the Easter Flowers envelope in the pews. Be sure to print clearly and designate in Memorial or in Thanksgiving. Forms and envelopes can be dropped in the offering plate, dropped at the Parish Office or mailed to St. James'.

Be sure to keep your payment and form or envelope together. If you are paying with a check, please make sure you write EASTER FLOWERS in the memo line. **Donations must be received to the Parish Office by March 24, 2024, to be included in the Easter Flower Insert.**

2024 Easter Flowers Donation Form

Donor's Name: _____

Donor's Phone: _____

Total Donated: _____

Cash _____ Check _____

In Thanksgiving For: (Print Name(s) Clearly)

In Memory Of: (Print Name(s) Clearly)

The poster has a light blue background decorated with stylized Easter eggs and bunny ears. The eggs are in various colors: teal with white flowers, pink with blue polka dots, and yellow with white stripes. The bunny ears are white with pink inner linings. The text is centered and reads:

ST. JAMES' **EASTER** **EGG HUNT**

**SATURDAY MARCH 30, 2024
2 PM-3 PM**

Join us for a very special Easter Family Event! There will be plenty of prizes and an egg-hunting activity for children! We will be outdoors, but in the event of poor weather, we will be indoors.

96 E GENESEE ST, SKANEATELES, NY 13152
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2024 St. James' Vestry Warden

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Doug Smith (2024-2026)

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John Devins (2024-2027)
Beckie Hidy (2024-2027)
Judy Holmes (2023-2026)
Marie Hughes (2023-2026)
Tara Covert-Lanning (2024-2026)
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Diane Steckel (2023-2026)

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