

HAPPY Easter



St. James' Weekly Newsletter Special Easter Edition
March 31, 2024

Upcoming Schedule

Sunday, March 31 Easter Sunday*

7:30 a.m. Easter Eucharist

9:00 a.m. Easter Eucharist with Organ/
Choir

11:00 a.m. Easter Eucharist with
Contemporary Music

Monday, April 1 Parish Office Closed

Tuesday, April 2

7:45 a.m. Centering Prayer-Zoom

10:30 a.m. Dive Deeper Bible Study

Wednesday, April 3

12:00 p.m. Healing Prayer

6:00 p.m. Evening Prayer

Thursday, April 4

5:00 p.m. Centering Prayer-Zoom

Friday, April 5

7:45 a.m. Centering Prayer-Zoom

Saturday, April 6

9:00 a.m. Holy Conversations

Sunday, April 7

7:30 a.m. Eucharist Rite I

9:00 a.m. Eucharist with Organ/Choir

9:00 a.m. Mini-Saints & Saints in Training

10:15 a.m. Coffee with Border

Companions of NY - Parish Hall

10:45 a.m. Contemporary Eucharist with
Praise Band

**After the last Easter Worship, please feel
free to take a flower or plant from the
window wells ONLY to someone in need.*

Welcome, everyone, to this glorious Day of Resurrection!

And a very special welcome to those of you who have chosen to celebrate today with us at St. James'! To learn more about us, or to let us know how we can serve you best, please fill out a blue newcomer card and place it in the alms basins or give it to one of the clergy. We are thrilled to share this holy day with you!

It's amazing, isn't it, how every single year Jesus wins?! Every year we tell the story once more. We feel our hearts break when he is betrayed and when he dies. We wait in the dark with him when he is held in the grip of death. Every year looks like this might be the one where he doesn't pull it off, but Jesus proves everybody wrong year after year after year. He wins again. God wins again. Love wins again. Each year preachers are tasked with telling the story of Easter for the umpteenth time and trying to come up with some deep theological point, something new that's gonna hit home, something catchy that's gonna make you folks who haven't been here in a while say, "Man, I've been missing out! I'm coming back next week!" We sort of treat Easter Sunday like our Super Bowl, one big day to blow all y'all away! But the truth is, no matter what the preacher says, Jesus still wins. No words from a human tongue can fully articulate the power of an empty tomb and a rhetorical question "Why do you look for the living among the dead?" Year after year it happens. Death is conquered. We are free. Christ has, once again, won the victory.

In spite of the fact that we hear the same story each year—albeit told from a different point of view depending on our gospel—it is a story worth hearing again because it is a story we need to hear. We need to hear, when a loved one dies tragically and suddenly, that death does not have the final say. We need to hear, in a world of mass shootings and starving children that love, not fear, always wins. In a world of freed Barabasses, we need to hear once more how the one executed saved all of us (and them). We need to hear this story again.

Christ is alive, brothers and sisters! He is loose on this world! Love is loose! The way of the cross has been transformed into the way of love. Once more hope rises from the tomb, so that our own emptiness may be filled, filled with the Good News that no power on earth, no flame, no sword, no peril, not even death itself, can or ever will separate us from the love of God!

It may be a story that we hear year after year. It may be one that preachers keep trying to give a new spin. But it's a story we need to hear, so that we can know its truth for our own lives, so that we can witness and practice resurrection ourselves. The Lord is risen, indeed. Alleluia!

Father Joe Mitchell, Interim Rector

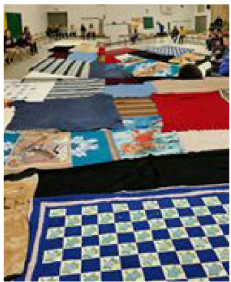


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Witness to Injustice

The KAIROS Blanket Exercise in the USA



Experiential program to be held at St. James' Episcopal Church, Skaneateles **Witness to Injustice, a unique three-hour interactive group educational experience presented by Neighbors of the Onondaga Nation and the Syracuse Peace Council will take place at St. James' Episcopal Church, 96 East Genesee St., Skaneateles, Saturday, April 13 from 9 a.m. to noon.** The program is free and open to the public. Registration is required as space is limited. The program is sponsored by St. James' Racial Justice and Reconciliation Commission. Witness to Injustice uses an experiential, participatory model to share the disturbing history of what Indigenous Peoples have experienced through colonization with a focus on the experience of the Onondaga Nation and other Haudenosaunee Peoples. 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. Witness to Injustice was created in collaboration with KAIROS Canada (<https://www.kairoscanada.org/>) and involves facilitation by Onondaga Nation citizens and non-Indigenous allies. KAIROS is a non-profit, ecumenical organization in Canada, working with people of faith or conscience all over the world for ecological justice and human rights. KAIROS unites Canadian churches and religious organizations in a faithful ecumenical response to the call to "do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God" (Micah 6:8). **Please register by April 12 -ONLINE (Link on StJamesSkan.org) OR PARISH OFFICE.**



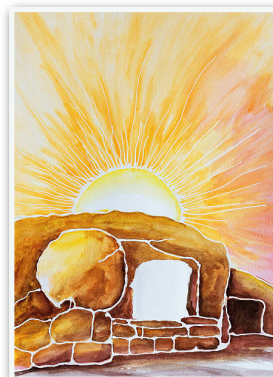
Thank You from the Rector Search Committee!

A huge thank you to everyone who completed our Survey or attended Office Hours to provide input on St. James' and share their thoughts on our search for a new settled Rector. We received valuable feedback which the committee has incorporated into our Parish Profile. The committee is working hard to complete the Parish Profile and related documents required by the Office of Transition Ministry and expects to submit these for Vestry and Diocesan approval in early April. Please continue to watch the Weekly and Website for updates.



Did You Know? By Emma Cowley

During the era of segregation in the United States, particularly in the Jim Crow South, systematic racism extended even to the simple pleasure of being able to enjoy vanilla ice cream? In many places, Black Americans were not allowed to enter ice cream parlors and/or other shops that served ice cream even though it was legal for them to enter and purchase vanilla ice cream. It was a privilege that some white Southerners didn't believe Black people deserved to have. "Vanilla" and "whiteness" were associated with purity, therefore it was a privilege and not everyone could enjoy it publicly. Then this odd tradition came about that on July 4th, some places would begrudgingly serve vanilla ice cream to Black patrons as a symbolic gesture of supposed equality albeit hollow and insulting. However, when Black Americans were denied vanilla ice cream due to segregation, they turned to butter pecan, a flavor that became popular in their communities. This shift was a direct response to the racial restrictions, making butter pecan a symbol of resilience and cultural adaptation. Its rich taste and accessibility helped it become a staple with an African-American culinary traditions. (Source: <https://www.dailydot.com/irl/butter-pecan-ice-cream/>)



CreationCare of St. James' Episcopal church is celebrating the 54th Earth Day, April 22, 2024 and the 150th Arbor Day, April 28th, 2024. Both of these planet healing organizations work tirelessly through the years to stop deforestation, spraying poisons on agriculture, fouling the air with CO2 and oceans with trash. They also have programs in force all through the year to replant trees, eliminate use of poisons, stop use of fossil fuels, and new laws against trash dumping in oceans. Every living human can benefit by learning how they can to support these efforts or future generations will suffer. ReUse and ReCycle. **St. James' is giving away Sunflower Seeds on Sunday April 28th.** The Sunflower is also the national flower of the Ukraine who are battling for life and freedom from a foreign aggressor. Planting sunflowers in your yard benefit the birds, bees and environment while standing as a beacon of hope and remembrance for God's Creation and the Ukraine people.

**How do we protect our environment?
Educate & Motivate!**

This Spring St. James' CreationCARE team is offering several programs that are designed to spark your interest and hopefully inspire you to become an active steward of the environment. St. James' is blessed to have parishioners who specialize in gardening, planting, lake preservation, and sustainable living. Let's take advantage & make a difference in our community.

April 14

12PM CreationCARE Meeting

April 21

Earth Day Sunday-Sunflower Seed Packets for Everyone

April 28

Tree Saplings for Parishioners In Honor of Arbor Day
Sponsored by Bartlett Tree Experts

May 4

9:30-11am ConsciousCooking
by MaryBeth Carlberg Presentation

May 12

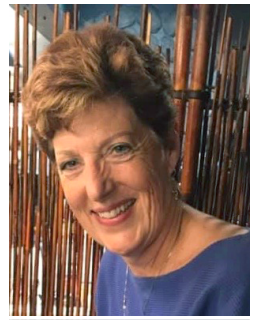
Mother's Day Flowering Hearts & Butterflies
With Love from the Children at St. James'

May 19

Small potted plants to add to your gardens.
Given by Paxton's Florists

**Coffee, Tea and Conversation
with Border Companions NY**

Advocate St. James' Racial Justice & Reconciliation Commission welcomes Dale Avers, retired faculty from Upstate Medical University, who will present a discussion of Border Companions NY, an outreach ministry of All Saints Church, Syracuse, Sunday, April 7 from 10:15 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. in the parish hall. Coffee and tea will be provided. Since her retirement from Upstate Medical University, Avers has worked to support and advocate for migrants in Central New York and at the southern border. She was part of a church-led mission trip to the southern border in 2019, where she visited camp Montomoros near McAllen, TX. There she witnessed the resilience and hope of people who have fled their native lands as well as horrific living situations they endured. Border Companions NY was established as a result of that visit and has raised more than \$25,000 for direct-relief services at the U.S. northern and southern borders. Border Companions also supports a number of front-line organizations working at the southern border, including Border Kindness, Team Brownsville, the Sidewalk School and others, all of which provide food, clothing, medical care, shelter and education to asylum seekers.



A Concert for Haiti



**TO SUPPORT AN ANNUAL MEDICAL
CLINIC IN PAULETTE, HAITI**

**SUNDAY APRIL 7
3:00 P.M.**

**PEBBLE HILL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
5299 JAMESVILLE RD, SYRACUSE**



St. James' Prayers for Week of March 31

For those expecting a child: Amanda Martin (daughter of Michele Lytle), Christopher & Erica Richards (family of Donna Richards), Travis & Stephanie, Tyler & Chloe Blum.

Congratulations on the birth of Brinley Elizabeth to Victoria Spalding (daughter of Bill & Molly Spalding)

Those who are sick and in need of prayer: Deng Mawien (Nancy's Sudanese Grandson), Danielle Barber (Marie Hughes niece), Amanda Martin (daughter of Michele Lyle), Sue Palen, Sean Arliss (grandson of Sharon & David Arliss-Jonathan's son), Bill Hoad's wife (friend/ former colleague of Joan Johnson), Jennifer Watt (sister of John Watt), Briana (close friend of Dan Johnson's granddaughter), Elaine Easton (friend of Darwin Parker), Patti Allis, Sandy Fillingham, Rick Burton, Mary Scott, Ed Cole, Christine Posecznick (sister-in-law of Laura), Rachel Luziani.

Those listed on our long term prayer list: Susan Scholl, Suzy Jones, Ginny Pfau, Janet Rundle (relative of Bill Spalding), Denise Eamer (daughter of Kathaleen Underwood), Sherry Yellot, Terry Askey Cole & Larry Cole, Sue Newlin (mother of Molly Spalding), 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, 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), 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 McCurdy, Ella (friend of Ingrid), Noelle (daughter of Ingrid).

Those who have died: Doris Lanning (mother of Jim Lanning), Rev. Simon Hoare (friend of Nancy Graham's from Ripon, England), 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).



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2024 St. James' Vestry

Wardens

Bill Spalding (2023-2025)

Doug Smith (2024-2026)

Vestry Members

Margie Amberge (2022-2025)

Michael Brown (2022-2025)

John Devins (2024-2027)

Beckie Hidy (2024-2027)

Judy Holmes (2023-2026)

Marie Hughes (2023-2026)

Tara Covert-Lanning (2024-2026)

Carol Murphy (2024-2027)

Diane Steckel (2022-2025)

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