



WEEKLY

Week of April 21, 2024

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



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 years to replant trees, eliminate use of poisons, stop use of fossil fuels, and new laws against trash dumping in oceans. Every living human needs to learn and do whatever they can to support these efforts or there will be none of us living here. ReUse and ReCycle. The CreationCARE ministry is handing out Sunflower seeds this Sunday, April 21 to remind us to better care for our world. Everything starts with small choices each day. More on CreationCARE on page 2.

Weekly Schedule

Sunday April 21

Preacher: Rev. Joe T. Mitchell

7:30am Rite I Eucharist

9:00am Rite II with Organ & Choir

10:45am Contemporary Eucharist with Praise Band

12pm Diversity Book Club

Monday

9:30am Yoga

Tuesday

7:45am Centering Prayer Zoom

10:30am Dive Deeper Bible Study

Wednesday

12:00pm Healing Eucharist

6:00pm Evening Prayer*

Thursday

9:30am Yoga

4:45pm Centering Prayer-Zoom

Friday

7:45am Centering Prayer Zoom

1:30pm Making Sandwiches for Safe & Warm Homeless Program

Saturday April 27

9am Mindfulness Training I

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

Diversity Book Club
Meets TODAY at
12pm
Lakeside Room

Episcopal 101
Begins
May 1 at 5pm
in the Parish Hall

**Register to Attend
Protecting Our Planet and Health,
One Meal at a Time.**

**Presented by Dr. Marybeth Carlberg
on May 4 at 9:30am**

Enjoy coffee, tea, and a stupendous view of our beautiful lake while hearing how eating less meat is healthy, crucial to curb climate change, cruelty-free, and deliciously doable! Bring a friend, then tour our lovely town and visit sites, shops, and eateries. St. James' Episcopal Church, 9:30 am-11am in Lakeside Room, 96 East Genesee St., Skaneateles, NY. Seating is limited so **please register at mbarlberg@hotmail.com or contact the Parish Office at 315-685-7600.**

**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 & hopefully inspire you to become an active steward of the environment.

April 21-TODAY EarthDay Sunflower Seed Packets

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 -REGISTER ASAP!

May 12

Mother's Day Flowering Hearts & Butterflies

May 17-18

Native plant sale at Baltimore Woods

May 19

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

CreationCARE Kicks Off Spring Season! Great 16 person turn out for the first meeting of the St. James' eco-ministry. There are programs and information that will be shared by this group throughout the upcoming spring season. The goal is to get the word out that taking care of our environment is our responsibility and every small action makes a difference. **The next meeting of CreationCARE is May 5, 12pm in the parish hall.**

WAYS TO REDUCE WASTE

Cindy Mangomini



The theme for 2024 EarthDay is the unwavering commitment to end plastics for the sake of human and planetary health, demanding a 60% reduction in the production of ALL plastics by 2040.

You can make a difference! Do you enjoy working with children? St. James has a long standing relationship with the families and children that live at Merriman Circle, run by Auburn Rescue Mission. Right now the Recreation Director, Rosemary Radley, could use some **extra help for an hour with the kids after school from 4-5pm on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Fridays.** The kids play games, color, sing, etc. Please consider helping out one day for one hour, maybe a couple times a month. No preparation needed, only a love of being with kids. Please let Nancy Lee (315-256-8196) or Nancy Graham know if you can volunteer.





St. James' Racial Justice and Reconciliation Commission joins Safe and Warm Coalition

*"For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat . . .
" Matthew 25: 35*

More than 242 children in Cayuga County were without permanent shelter during the 2022-23 school year, the most recent statistics available from the New York State Department of Education. The numbers reflect only the children whose families self-reported their living situations to the public schools, allowing their children to receive educational services under the federal McKinney-Vento Act.

During the annual count of unsheltered people in January, the Housing and Homeless Coalition of CNY

found a 75 percent jump in people sleeping outside in Cayuga and Onondaga counties and a 400 percent jump in the number of people living on the streets in Oswego County. Moreover, hundreds of families and individuals are living in shelters and/or in motels across Central New York due to an acute shortage of affordable, permanent housing.

The St. James' Racial Justice and Reconciliation Commission (RJRC) has joined the efforts of the United Ministry of Aurora, The Quaker Meeting of Poplar Ridge and the Harriet Tubman AME Zion Church of Auburn to offer respite care to people who are homeless in Cayuga County. It's called Safe and Warm. The project offers safe space every Friday afternoon from 3 to 5 p.m. in the Harriet Tubman Church where people can grab a hot beverage, snacks or simply hang out.

Safe and Warm also includes an outreach component in which some 100 bag lunches are prepared and delivered to families and individuals living in motels in the Auburn area. The lunches are prepared at St. James. Ten people from St. James church underwent training and are volunteering regularly for this program.

"On a personal level, Safe and Warm has touched me to my core," says Molly Spalding, a member of St. James' RJRC. "I have a brother who is homeless and with whom I have no contact, so I can't help him. This program is enabling me to touch others who are in a similar or worse situation."

Food for the program has been obtained through donations from Wegmans and Apple Acres in Lafayette as well as through monetary donations, including a donation from the St. James Thrift Shop.

"Participating in the Safe and Warm initiative has had a monumental effect on me," says Kathy Ploufe, a member of St. James' RJRC. "My Spiritual growth has intensified. It has aided my understanding of the reasons behind homelessness. At first I was afraid to engage in this program because of my incorrect impressions of people in our community who are homeless and poverty-stricken. Helping the homeless is not only a compassionate act but also one that can have a profound impact on society. By providing support to those in need, we foster a sense of community and social responsibility."

YOU CAN HELP

Help make 100 bag lunches at St. James' WEEKLY -Fridays 1:30pm

Donate nonperishable food items

(bread, creamy peanut butter, jelly, wrapped snacks)

Become trained to staff the Safe and Warm physical site in Auburn

Help deliver lunches to people living in motels in Auburn

Monetary donations can be made to the

"Harriet Tubman Liberation Foundation"

with Safe and Warm in the comment section of the check

This is a tax deductible gift as the Foundation is a Section 501(c) 3 charity.

For more information, contact Meg Osborne at mhosborne7@gmail.com or call the Parish Office at 315-685-7600.



St. James' Church Skaneateles
Month of Community Service
May 2023



**DONATION
DROP-OFF**

Saturday, May 25
10:00am-12:00pm
St. James' Church

If you can't bring your donations to church on this day, please drop off to church prior to May 26.

May is St James' Month of Community Service.

There are many opportunities to donate to a charity, participate in a project, make deliveries and acts of kindness. Projects & Donation Item Sign Ups are EASY & ONLINE !

This May the focus will be on projects/donations for:

Chapel House in Auburn	SS Peter & John Soup Kitchen
Interfaith Works	Three Sisters Community Garden
Matthew House	Merriman Circle (Rescue Mission)
Habitat for Humanity	Ronald McDonald House
Samaritan Center	Skaneateles Food Pantry
The Thrift Shop	Projects to help local parishioners

How do you get involved? Visit StJamesSkan.org-click on the banner for Community Service which will link directly to the online sign up. If you have any questions, please contact Beth Quattrociocchi at 607.727.9827, Chris Davis at 315.751.5412, or leave a message on the church voicemail at 315.685.7600.

Two ways to serve: Donate or Volunteer Time! There are lists of vital items for several local charities. Also, there is information on organizations that are ALWAYS in need of volunteers. Sign up to Volunteer in May or ANYTIME! Any help makes a difference!

Thank you!



Did You Know? By Emma Cowley Beyoncé has come out with a new country album called 'Cowboy Carter' and there are some Black History Lessons we can learn from it.- Beyoncé pays homage to Linda Martell, the first Black woman in country music to release a major album in 1970. Martell was also the first Black woman to perform at the Grand Ole Opry.- 'Cowboy Carter' pays homage to the 'Chitlin Circuit', the historic network of venues established in the 1930's. This circuit provided safe spaces for Black entertainers to showcase their talents in the face of segregation and racism. - In the song "Texas Hold 'Em" the banjo is being played by Rhiannon Giddens, who has been instrumental in highlighting the

African-American and Caribbean history of the banjo and Black contributions to early country music. - Beyoncé's album cover features her wearing a 'Cowboy Carter' sash, a nod to rodeo queens, who sport similar attire from contests like Miss Rodeo Texas. These figures, along with cowboys and cowgirls, shaped rodeo culture, highlighting the legacy of black rodeos and reclaiming their place in western history. - Beyoncé covers Paul McCartney's 'Blackbird' which was written in honor of the Little Rock Nine, a group of Black students who faced discrimination and segregation after enrolling in the all white Arkansas high school in 1957.



Powerful program Witness to Injustice held at St. James' on April 13. A group of over 25 people got to listen, learn and experience the trauma of the American Indian people. 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.

Outstanding Music at Syracuse University

Everyone from St. James' is warmly invited to come to either or both of these two concerts, and **free parking** is available on campus in the quad lot for both events.

The Theodicy Jazz Collective is playing a program of sacred Jazz as one of the Malmgren Concerts at Hendricks Chapel on April 28th at 4pm.

According to their website, "Theodicy Jazz Collective is arguably the nation's foremost liturgically based jazz ensemble, having led services and workshops at venues such as Washington National Cathedral, Canterbury Cathedral, and Oxford and Yale universities. The Theodicy Jazz Collective was formed at Oberlin Conservatory in 2006 and grew during residency at the Yale Institute of Sacred Music from 2008 to 2012. The band creates and leads services for a multitude of churches. The ensemble incorporates sounds from the traditions of jazz and gospel music and rhythms from Latin America and Africa.

Sunday, April 28th at 8pm in Crouse College at Syracuse University, Justin Oei is presenting his first graduate organ degree recital, including the premiere of a new work for organ by Elizabeth Bishop. Other selections on the program include music by Bruhns, Bach, Demessieux, and Franck.



PHOTO CREDIT: Three Sisters Corn Husk dolls created by Antoinette "Toni" Scott, Seneca Nation artist and Cultural Presentationalist.

Corn, Beans and Squash —Oh My!

How can you help:

Pray for this garden and the spiritual growth of all who are involved.

If you have a child in grades four through six, please speak with Mo Allyn about getting your child involved with this project. It will be a rich and rewarding experience for your child.

Watch for a list of needed items not be covered by donations. The list will be coming soon.

For more information, contact Judy Holmes judyholmes76@gmail.com, or Mo Allyn mollyalyn6@gmail.com.

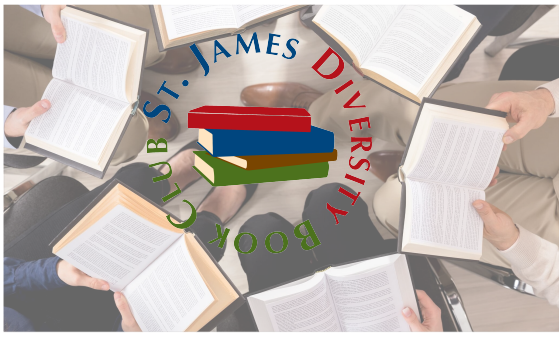
Starting in May, children from St. James' and Merriman Circle will be learning to plant a Three Sisters Garden using techniques developed by the Haudenosaunee hundreds of years ago.

It's called the St. James' Church and Merriman Circle Three Sisters Community Garden and it is made possible through the collaborative efforts of the Rescue Mission at Merriman Circle, St. James' Racial Justice and Reconciliation Commission and St. James' Creation Care ministry. Volunteers from St. James' have been meeting with Rescue Mission staff for several months to plan the garden. Many of the supplies are being donated through the generosity of those who support the Rescue Mission at Merriman Circle.

But, the project is more than playing in dirt and planting seeds. It is about children from both St. James' and Merriman Circle getting to know each other. In the process, children and their adult chaperones will learn about the Haudenosaunee legacy of caring for this land and their knowledge of how plants interact with each other and with people. The indigenous belief system is rooted in the connectedness between all living creatures—plants, animals, insects, people—with the air, water and land. Non-indigenous people have much to learn from indigenous wisdom and creation care. That is the goal of the Three Sisters Garden.

The fun is scheduled to start May 9 around 4pm (timing will depend on interested families' schedules) with stories and the planting of the first of the Three Sisters—Sister Corn. That meeting will be followed with planting of Sisters Bean and Squash on May 23. The children will then meet weekly to maintain the gardens, learn more indigenous stories and harvest the fruits of their labors. The harvest will be used in the children's cooking classes at Merriman Circle led by Nancy Lee.

Diversity Book Club



Diversity Book Club Spring Season

Next Discussion will be held Sunday, April 21 at Noon in the Toppie Bates Lakeside Room (directly following Sunday 10:45 a.m. worship)

Diversity Book Club explores urban Native-American identity Award-winning novel "There There" is the April selection

Critically-acclaimed author Tommy Orange, an enrolled member of the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes explores identity and what it means to be an urban Native American in *There There*, the next installment of the Diversity Book Club spring series. The discussion will be held April 21 at noon in the Toppie Bates Room. Light refreshments will be provided. All are invited regardless if you have read the book.

A finalist for the 2019 Pulitzer Prize, "*There There*" tells the story of 12 characters from Native communities as they travel toward the Big Oakland Pow Wow. Their lives intersect in unexpected ways as the novel builds towards its searing climax.

"Tommy Orange's debut novel *There There* feels like a reflection of my own childhood and presents a well-needed dialogue on the urban Indigenous identity," wrote Krystyna Printup (Tuscarora, Turtle Clan) for "A Gathering of the Tribes" online magazine in 2018. "*There There* is a powwow in itself, a gathering of nations, of tribes, of ideas; a celebration (or in this case tragedy). Orange has successfully presented to us a new voice for the contemporary Native community and the Urban Native generation."

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

In February 2024, Orange published *Wandering Stars*, a follow-up to *There There*. *Wandering Stars* follows the descendants of a Cheyenne survivor of the 1864 Sand Creek massacre, catches up to the present day and moves into the aftermath of *There There*.

The Diversity Book Club is presented by St. James' Racial Justice and Reconciliation Commission.

April 21
There There
Tommy
Orange



June 2
If Beale Street Could Talk
-James
Baldwin



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Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere.
Martin Luther King, Jr.

St. James' Prayers for Week of April 21, 2024

In our parishes, we pray for the people of St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Camillus and their priest, the Rev. Jon White, and the people of Trinity Episcopal Church in Canastota. **In the Episcopal Church, we pray for the people** of the Diocese of Southern Virginia and their bishop, the Rt. Rev. Susan B. Haynes. **In the Anglican Communion, we pray for the people** of the Anglican Church of Australia and their archbishop, the Most Rev. Geoffrey Smith.

For those expecting a child: Danielle and Johannes Helgren & Lucia and Taylor Flowers (Johannes and Lucia are children of Christina and John Helgren), Amanda Martin (daughter of Michele Lytle), Christopher & Erica Richards (family of Donna Richards), Tyler & Chloe Blum.

Congratulations to the birth of: Isla Wren Kinlay Blum (daughter of Travis & Steph Blum)

Those who are sick and in need of prayer: Danielle Barber (Marie Hughes niece), Amanda Martin (daughter of Michele Lytle), Sue Palen, Sean Arliss (grandson of Sharon & David Arliss, Jonathan's son), 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, 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)

If you would like to be added...

Prayer Lists above, please contact Nancy Graham at nancy@stjameskan.org.

Birthday List Announcement, please contact Laura Posecznick at laura@stjameskan.org

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

E-Blast database to receive updates and news, please contact Laura Posecznick at laura@stjameskan.org

Questions: Contact the Parish Office at 315.685.7600. **Office Hours: Monday-Thursday 9am-3pm**

Readings Sunday, April 28

Acts 8:26-40

1 John 4:7-21

John 15:1-8

Psalm 22:24-30