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WANT TO GET INVOLVED?

Welcome to St. James' Episcopal Church Skaneateles! The Bible recommends to all that "God has given each of you a gift from his great variety of spiritual gifts. Use them well to serve one another." 1Peter 4:10. Getting involved at St. James' is easy and the best way to connect to a loving, faith-filled community. This guide includes a diverse assortment of vital volunteer and paid opportunities organized by areas of interest. There is something for everyone!

Each opportunity has a brief description, estimated time commitment and a contact person who can answer questions. As St. James' has navigated the pandemic, many of these ministries have become hybrid which means participation could be in-person as well as virtual. All are encouraged to explore any area you find interesting! Feel free to contact Laura Posecznick at laura@stjameskan.org or 315-685-7600 with any questions or just to chat about finding something that fits your time, talent and purpose!

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St. James' offers four unique worship services: Sunday 7:30/9/10:45am and Wednesdays 12pm. It takes a dedicated team of staff, clergy and volunteers to make these services happen each week. St. James' Church understands that worship is an action. Liturgy, prayer and worship become more meaningful by your participation. There are numerous ways to be a part of worship services both in-person, virtual or "behind the scenes". Training is available for any position and grace abounds for all since the only one who is perfect is God!

Acolytes

The word "acolyte" means attendant or follower. Acolytes at St. James' perform the significant ministry of preparing the church for worship, participating in the flow of the liturgy, and assisting the clergy at the altar. Serving as an acolyte provides a unique opportunity for youth and adults to learn more about the "who, what, why, when and how" of the time-honored Episcopal liturgy.

Time required: 1 to 2 hours, once a month, at the 7:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m., 10:45 a.m. Sunday worship or other special occasion worship.

Training is provided for any interested youth (12 or older) or adult.

Contact: Mother Pilar Parnell
pilar@stjameskan.org

Ushers

Truly there is nothing more important than greeting everyone who enter the red doors for worship with the warmth and love of God. St. James' ALWAYS needs ushers. Primarily they are required for Sunday worship services (7:30 a.m., 9 a.m., 10:45 a.m.). There are also special services such as weddings, funerals, and holidays. This vital ministry includes greeting, distributing bulletins, counting people for attendance, guiding communion flow, and the overall center of info for parishioners with questions. Training is available at any time.

Time required: 1-1.5 hours one Sunday a month

Contact: Nicole Bova
nicole@stjameskan.org



Altar Guild

St. James' Altar Guild is a dedicated group of women and men who prepare the church for Sunday worship, as well as special services such as weddings and funerals. The Altar Guild is an essential ministry necessary to make sure each service is ready from filling candles to setting the communion table. Currently there are 4 teams each with a leader. Each team is responsible for one weekend of services a month. This includes setting up prior to Sunday, cleaning and resetting after each service and then clean up at the end of the last Sunday service. As with any ministry, the more hands the more flexible scheduling can be. There is a huge need for substitutes and additional hands for holidays such as Christmas and Holy Week. There are many seasoned members who are more than willing to show you the ropes. Serving on Altar Guild gives you the opportunity to learn more about Episcopal liturgy and, perhaps more important, get to know others better.

Time Required: 45 minutes for set up prior to Sunday and then one Sunday morning a month. Special services require additional times but are planned well in advance. Schedules are flexible.

All you need is a love of worship services!

Contact: Corinne Buterbaugh
corinnebuterbaugh@gmail.com
Bill Buterbaugh
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Eucharistic Ministers/Visitors & Lectors/Readers

Now that full communion has been restored, Eucharistic Ministers (chalice bearers) are needed in all services. The new method actually utilizes two Eucharistic Ministers are required for each paten (bread). One holds the common cup and one holds the cup for intinction (dipping). Ideally, each Sunday service needs 4 Eucharistic Ministers. Training is provided by clergy and certifies one for 3 years. Because this position interacts with so many people, safe church training is also required every 5 years. Including lay people in worship is a key part of our faith creating a richer more meaningful service. One easy way to participate is to become a Lector (reader). Each worship service has the opportunity to read scripture, psalms and prayers. All readings are sent ahead of the Sunday and schedules are made out for each month to help with any planning. You can even choose a service time you prefer.

Time Required: Once or twice a month for either Eucharistic Minister or Reader.

Training is available -all you need to be is willing, attentive and dependable.

Contact: Nicole Bova
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Music at St. James'



St. James' Church is blessed to have the most glorious music ministry. From traditional organ hymns to inspirational praise music, St. James' offers sounds that come straight from the Holy Spirit. Volunteers led by the talented Organist/Choirmaster & Director of Contemporary Music & Technology showcase the talent that abounds within our community. There is always room for more. If you would like to play and instrument or lend your voice to either the choir of the band, please contact the parish office or a musical staff leader.

Traditional Organ & Choir

The purpose and mission of the St. James' Chancel Choir is to provide quality spirit-filled music for the praise and worship of God. The choir lends itself to many special services but its main focus is Sunday morning 9:00 a.m. Rite II worship. The choir is made up of all volunteers and led by Justin Oei, Organist/Choirmaster. Rehearsals are at 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. on Wednesday evenings. An audition and the ability to read music are NOT necessary - you just have to enjoy the process of singing, working together and worshipping with others. Join us for the church year, some of the year or perhaps just for Advent or Easter.

Time Required: 6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m. Wednesday Rehearsal & Sundays 8:15 a.m. warm up for 9:00 a.m. worship.

Contact: Justin Oei justin@stjameskan.org





Audio Visual Worship Technology

Over the past five years, St. James' has invested in its technology. This investment allows worship, programming, music, prayer, and fellowship to literally reach people wherever they are. Each week three worship services are live-streamed online. As you can imagine, managing sound for both the choir and worship band in addition to recording three worship services is challenging. St. James' is building a trained team to spread the workload. Although some experience with audio engineering or videography is welcome, it is not necessary to be a part of the team. Training is provided. *Time Required:* 30 minute set up prior to any service. Services run 1-1.5 hours And 30 minutes after for clean up. Flexible schedule available.

Contact: Michael Larkin, Director of Contemporary Music & Technology
stjameskanmusic@gmail.com

Contemporary Worship Band

The Worship Band leads a variety of music from hymns to popular songs with a focus on contemporary Christian music at the Sunday 10:45 a.m. service. The band is made up of volunteers from the congregation that meet Sunday mornings at 10:00 a.m. to warm up for service and rehearse weekly at 12:00 p.m. Sundays when worship is done. The band is always looking for individuals who can play instruments. Please know there is flexibility with schedules and often special services offering unique opportunities to perform. Join in when you can.

Time Required: Sundays; 10 a.m. -12:40 p.m.

Contact: Michael Larkin, Director of Contemporary Music & Technology
stjameskanmusic@gmail.com



Pastoral Care

More than ever, St. James' strives to stay connected with those in need; sick, homebound, grieving, or in crisis. St. James' has vibrant and diverse pastoral opportunities for anyone to share God's love with others. Most volunteer opportunities below require nothing more than kindness and time but know there is training and guidance available for all opportunities.

Eucharistic Visitors

These loving people take communion to individuals outside of the church. Training is required. Once trained, you are able to take and administer communion to a parish member who is unable to attend church.

Time Required: 1 hour of training-length of visits depend on the individual usually 20 minutes to 1hr. Number of visits can be determined by each individual.

Contact: Sister Marie Patricia Hughes
315.702.3757

Healing Prayer

Private and confidential prayer is available during communion or following services at the Peace Altar. Anyone may request prayer for any concern.

Contact: Michael Brown 315.256.6863

Parish Nurses

Parish Nurse ministry is to promote health, healing and wholeness for God's people in mind, body and spirit. Nurses provide health education and advocacy for parishioners.

Contact: Nancy Corl 315.252.8490
Jean Gannon 315.673.9905

Pastoral Card & Altar Flower Ministry

Altar flowers and cards are delivered/sent to people who are sick, saddened by loss, lonely, or in need of friendly contact. At any time, St. James' needs volunteers to write & send a card or make a flower local delivery after all worship services Sundays.

Time required: 15 minutes to 1 hour as needed

Contact: Cards: Emma Cowley
emmacowely24@gmail.com
Flowers: Margie Amberge
315.567.1115





Prayer Chain

St. James' encourages everyone to pray and when there is a large group, the power is amazing. When a need is known and permission given, a prayer request goes to the St. James' email prayer chain, to the Wednesday evening service and names may also be listed in the weekly and monthly newsletters. A request for ongoing prayer with the prayer chain can be made known to Corinne Buterbaugh or clergy on Sundays or phoned into the church office: 315.685.7600.

Time Required: personal choice

Special skills needed: A desire to pray for people in need who have requested our prayers.

Contact: Corinne Buterbaugh
corinnebuterbaugh@gmail.com



Prayer Shawl Ministry

Shawls are knitted and crocheted to provide comfort to anyone in need. A knitting pattern and yarn are provided to anyone with the time and ability to knit. When a prayer shawl is completed, it is blessed at the altar and soon delivered to someone in need. The warmth of these colorful shawls provides the feeling of God's loving embrace.

Time Required: TBD

Special skills needed: ability to knit

Contact: Mary Bradly 315.685.1009



Pastoral Care (Stephen Ministry)

St. James' pastoral care team assist Father Joe Mitchell to reach more people with care than clergy can reach by themselves. Pastoral care enhances the outreach by creating a "caring ministry explosion" where many, instead of a few, are offering God's love and care in intentional, systematic ways. Extensively trained people offer confidential, weekly, one-on-one care to those dealing with illness, loss, or other difficulties. If you are interested in becoming a part of the pastoral care team, let Nancy Graham or Father Joe Mitchell know and we will answer any questions you may have. Training programs will be scheduled about once a year. St. James' has offered the full and abridged training focusing on listening.

Time required: approximately 1 hour weekly.

Special skills needed: Willing to reach out to others with compassion and committed to being a listening support.

Contact: Nancy Graham 315.317.0138





Youth & Children's Ministry

St. James' Children, Youth and Family Ministry is growing seeking a new director. With the growth in the program over the years, there are now two separate Sunday School classes: Mini-Saints & Saints in Training. New curriculum, new initiatives such as Kids Communion, Confirmation preparation & Game Nights. Middle & High School Youth Group is partnered with the First Presbyterian Church. The Children's Ministry team is actively looking for new fun, faith filled activities. With Mother Pilar joining St. James', all areas of Children's Ministry are expanding to meet the needs of "today's families". Volunteers for classrooms and events are always appreciated. Each classroom adheres to Diocesan Safe Church practices and all volunteers who help with children must complete safe church training. You are invited to visit any class or please speak to one of our teachers. Exciting days coming for the children & youth at St. James' focusing on bringing all ages into the church service as active participants side by side with adults. Families of all sizes and shapes are celebrated at St. James'.

Saints in Training Sunday School-Sundays 9am

Ages 7-12 years

September-May

This ever expanding children's ministry has developed into a fun, inviting, energetic and interactive way to learn about faith. This year's curriculum will take our Saints through the life of Jesus. Digging Into the Life of Jesus leads kids in walking in Jesus' footsteps from his birth to his resurrection and ascension. Kids don't just learn about the historical Jesus; they get to know him personally. They'll discover that Jesus is a real person—a real friend—who makes a difference in their lives today.

This year Saints in Training is incorporating children's yoga, music & movement, and more! There are opportunities for classroom helpers throughout the year. Sign ups will be available. Also, as Christmas approaches, there will be rehearsals and filming times for the creation of this year's Christmas pageant. For more information about Saints in Training, **email Laura Posecznick at laura@stjameskan.org or call the Parish Office 315-685-7600.**





Mini-Saints Sunday School -Sundays at 9am

Ages 3-7 years

September-May (visit StJamesSkan.org for schedule)

New Mini-Saints Curriculum Featuring Cindi Fowler

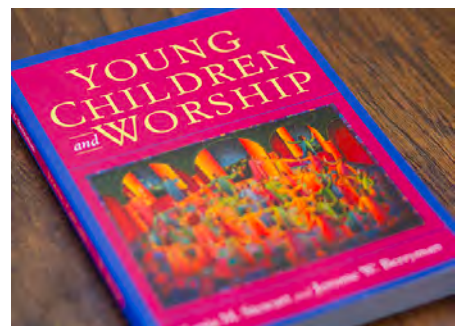
With the growth of children over the past few years, St. James' wants to meet the needs of community families. A children's commission has worked for months and decided that one main piece is that the class size is too big to make an impact on all ages. Cindi Fowler, St. James' parishioner felt the holy spirit move her back in to share her gift of teaching young children the joy of a life of faith. This Montessori style program has been used all over the country and provides a wonderful faith foundation. The class will be in the newly refurbished "former nursery room" on the lower level. There are opportunities to assist in this class and hopefully inspire others to be trained in this special curriculum.

If you would like to register your child, or I earn more about the program,

please contact Cindi Fowler cynthiafowler29@gmail.com or Laura Posecznick at laura@stjameskan.org.

More About Young Children & Worship

Sonja Stewart and Jerome Berryman wrote *Young Children and Worship* as an exciting method for introducing three- to six-year-olds to the wonder of worship. Their approach, which integrates religious education and worship, has been presented at numerous workshops and training sessions. Based on the authors' experiences, the methods described here will be invaluable to teachers helping children understand and appreciate worship. *Young Children and Worship* is a program curriculum that presents a joyful way for children to worship God. *Young Children and Worship* move children through the entire Bible, from "The Creation" to "Pentecost" with several parables included. It invites children and adults to experience the wonder and mystery of God through a unique storytelling format and multi-sensory materials. Colorful felt underlays set the scene for wood figures to play out the stories and allow children to expand their imagination. Textures of the various materials used and the wondering questions, allow even more senses to be stretched and developed. The figures, buildings, mountains and other tangible materials stimulate the visual and imaginative senses of all ages.





Cooking & Serving

Making and delivering meals to those in need is an incredible gift. It may seem small, however so many struggle with life's challenges that preparing a warm, nutritious meal is often neglected. If you enjoy cooking or just hanging out, these ministries are for you!

Martha's

This fun and lively group prepare meals for individuals and families suffering from illness, loss, or just temporarily unable to cook for themselves. The food is prepared, packaged, labeled with a prayer, a list of contents, and stored in the church freezer. You don't even have to be a great cook. There are lots of jobs such as shopping, set up, and clean up. Everyone works together. The Martha's meet on a week day morning for 2 or 3 hours.

Time required: The Martha's divide up the responsibilities, shop for the food, make labels, and gather in the parish hall kitchen to stock the freezer. Usually meet once a month, during the day.

Contact: Christine Delmonico

315.685.8672 / 315.559.2119



Reception Ministry

Volunteers provide a reception for bereaved families and friends following funerals and memorial services. People may volunteer to bring a food item for the buffet, help set up before the funeral or help with clean up after the reception. Opportunities are open for any and all volunteers. *Time required:* 2 hours before /after the reception
Special skills: available on short notice

Contact: Connie Tuttle 315.263.0786

St. James' Meals on Wheels

People prepare a comfort food for someone who would welcome a meal during a time of need. An entrée is prepared for 2 - 4 people, labeled with the ingredients and delivered to a family. *Time required:* Up to you and is cooked in your home.

Special skills: soups, casseroles, and gluten free food are most often requested

Contact: Dot Pitman 315.685.6968



CreationCARE

CreationCARE (formerly EarthWorks) is the environmental ministry of St. James', founded on the belief that we have a moral responsibility to be stewards of God's Creation. CreationCARE is dedicated to fostering ecological practices that will lessen our impact on the earth. Through prayer, discussion, education, and action, members seek ways to create an earth-friendly environment within their personal lives, their communities, and the world. We are eager for all people interested in improving the environment to participate in our events.

Time required: Help with events promoted and communicated by the church.

Contact: Parish Office 315.685.7600

Diversity Book Club

An offshoot of the RJRC, the Diversity Book Club meets for casual discussions in the Toppie Bates Lakeside room over a few refreshments. The books chosen to read help to expand and challenge perceptions in a safe and non-judgmental environment. Anyone can attend and be sure to check out the Book Nook in the back of the church to pick up a good read. **Contact: Judy Holmes judyholmes76@gmail.com & Meg Osborne mhosborne7@gmail.com**



Racial Justice & Reconciliation Commission

This group of active volunteers meets regularly and is committed to sharing important information to St. James' Family regarding Racial Justice. This Commission shares resource material on StJamesSkan.org and "Did you know?" articles in the weekly newsletter helping to share facts and insights. *Time required:* Monthly meetings 1-2 hours plus sponsored programs & events.

Contact: Debra Rose Brillati

debra_rose@live.com

Meg Osborne

mhosborne7@gmail.com



St. James' has an active and passionate congregation. There are lots of opportunities to make real differences in the local community. Hard to believe there are those suffering from hunger, abuse, poverty, and addiction so close to home here in Central New York. Be assured that St. James' has been serving key local agencies for years knowing all participation and resources donated reach those most vulnerable. All are encouraged to join in any of the outreach efforts coordinated by St. James'.

St. James' Month of Community Service

Each October and May, St. James' puts forth a huge effort to make a difference in the local community. A number of charitable agencies are contacted to find out what specific items are needed. Donations are collected in October and May. Sign up is easy. A complete list of opportunities and items requested for donation is provided online. People sign up for what they can do. Projects are flexible and can be scheduled at your convenience anytime within the month. Each project may seem small but the total group of activities is very impressive and makes a massive difference in the lives of those suffering locally.

Time Commitment Required: There are 2 months of community service a year, May and October.

**Contact: Christine Davis 315.751.5412,
Beth Quattrociochi 607.727.9827
Carol Stott 315.254.7293**



Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms. Peter 4:10-11



Cayuga County Jail Ministry

Ellen Kulik and Cindy Bright are members of an Ecumenical Jail Ministry at the Cayuga County Jail, located on County House Road in Auburn. Teams of 2 visit the men and women at the jail to offer prayer, song, support, devotionals, and study of the Bible. Our goal in visiting the incarcerated men and women is to offer the presence of Christ to them. Besides their GED program, our group meetings are the only programming available at the jail. The goal is to help them turn towards the Lord and move towards recovery.

Opportunities:

- We need more volunteers willing to visit the men at the jail. Currently we have only one female volunteer visiting the men.
- We are looking for people willing to serve as a penpal with men and women incarcerated at the jail who are lonely and have very few visitors. You will only share your first name with the inmates. Guidelines will be provided.

Time Commitment Required: 30-60 minutes every 1-2 weeks.

Talents or Interests Helpful: For Pen Pals: Letter writing (hand written or typed), empathy, desire to reach out to those in need. For visitors: Ability to suspend judgment; and willingness to pray out loud with others and lead discussion about the Bible, faith, and struggles.

At Christmas time, St. James' offers an opportunity to buy gifts for children with incarcerated parents. This is the Angel Tree program that brings joy to so many children locally in Auburn.

Contact: Cynthia G. Bright cgbright1@gmail.com
315.416.4041



Auburn Rescue Mission

A year-long discernment process in 2015 led St. James' to identify three areas of vulnerability in which St. James' is called by God to serve: affordable housing, mental health and supporting youth locally. Putting these into action, St. James' is partnering with the Auburn Rescue Mission..

St. James' volunteers have continued to be a big part of the success of the Merriman Circle location of the Auburn Rescue Mission. Volunteers support a variety of activities by assisting the staff during activities, and planning crafts. The activities include the End of the School Year Party, Harvest Party, and a Christmas Party. Mo Allyn and John Helgren teach a music program on 3 Thursdays of each month, excluding the third Thursday.

For 2024, on the third Thursday of each month, St. James will be offering simple cooking activities to the children of Merriman Circle. Nancy Lee is coordinating this activity. We will need volunteers to help assist. Children will be asked to sign up for the cooking activity ahead of time. Tools and ingredients will be supplied. Please join us and volunteer to assist, no cooking experience needed, just a love for kids.

Time required: events & programs vary

Contact: Nancy Lee balsomrosesoap@gmail.com
315-256-8196



Cayuga County Habitat for Humanity

Auburn Habitat for Humanity has volunteer opportunities every Friday and Saturday. You can make a difference locally!

Time required: Depends on projects/Flexible

Special skills: None; training and tools are provided.

Contact: Marie Hughes

mphughes3139@gmail.com

InterFaith Works

InterFaith Works of Central New York, through education, service and dialogue, affirms the dignity of each person and every faith community and works to create relationships and understanding among us. St. James' works to support the refugee relocation efforts of InterFaith Works. To learn more about how you can help,

Contact: Carol Murphy 315.727.5202

Christmas Gift Baskets

Baskets are created from Christmas cards by Lois Laxton, then filled with candy and prepackaged treats, and delivered to our "Friends at Home" as well as local first responders.

Contact: Card baskets - Lois Laxton

315.685.6427

Christmas Giving Tree

Express the spirit of Christmas by reaching out to the less fortunate. Each year, gift tags are put on small Christmas trees in the rear of the church requesting a particular gift for the children at the Auburn Rescue Mission, Meachem Elementary School, refugee family, or Skaneateles neighbor (through Skaneateles Outreach). Simply take the gift tag; buy, wrap and label the item, and bring it back to St. James on the designated date.

Contact:

Meachem School - Connie Tuttle

ctuttle1@twcny.rr.com

Prison Fellowship Angel Tree-Cindy Bright

cgbright1@gmail.com

Refugee & Auburn Elementary-

Nancy Graham 315.317.0138

Merriman Circle-Carol Stott 315.254.7293

Skaneateles Outreach-Michele Keller

315.685.0427



Soup Kitchen at SS Peter and John, Auburn

This soup kitchen feeds as many as 150 of our hungry neighbors every Saturday, 52 weeks a year. St. James sends volunteers on the last Saturday of the month. Some work preparing food (chopping vegetables, making sandwiches) while others serve and clean up. This is a fun, rewarding way to reach out to our community.

Time required: 2 hours (although we will contact you each month to see if you can help, you work only when it's convenient for you—no need to change your plans or arrange for a substitute).

Special skills: A willingness to help and a smile. Must be 14 years of age or older and wear a hat.

Contact: Corinne Buterbaugh 315.685.0859

corinnebuterbaugh@gmail.com





St. James' Thrift Shop

This amazing little shop has been serving the community for over 50 years. It is completely run by volunteers. Donations come from the community, volunteers take in the merchandise, price it, organize it and sell it! The Thrift Shop also provides clothing for those in need at no cost. All funds raised at the shop are put back into the business or given to St. James' ministries to help fund the work of God.

Donations are accepted on Monday and Tuesday between the house of 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. Shop retail hours are on Wednesdays-Saturdays 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. The St. James' Thrift Shop is open on Sundays only through the Dickens Christmas Season. There is a shortage of volunteers due to covid who are willing to work during the retail times. Each shift is only 3 hours and if you could give of your time, cashiers or assistants to the cashiers are truly needed especially during holiday times. The St. James' Thrift Shop takes both cash and credit cards now! It is all very basic and easy! Training is available and responsible youth are more than welcome to work with an adult. If you love to work with the community and be a part of the bustling downtown Skaneateles life, this is the volunteer opportunity for you.

Time Commitment: 3 hours a month

Contact: Barbara Burton 719.641.6672



A photograph of St. James' Church, a Gothic Revival style church with a prominent steeple and a patterned roof, surrounded by lush green trees. The title "Weddings & Funerals" is overlaid in white text.

Weddings & Funerals

With Mother Pilar Parnell now firmly leading St. James', weddings and funerals are back to the normal pace at St. James'. This church continues to be the choice of many couples looking to be married. Weddings large and small happen throughout the year. Due to the large number and diverse logistics required, it is helpful for clergy to have assistance to make each wedding both special and organized. Each wedding at St. James' requires a wedding assistant to help interface with the photographers, videographers and families. The assistant is at both the rehearsal and wedding from set up to close up. Also, greeters/ushers are needed to help inform guests of safety protocols, hand out bulletins, answer questions and be the "face" of St. James'. Greeters only need to attend for the beginning of the rehearsal & wedding service. Weddings are throughout the year and volunteers can choose the ones that work for their schedule. If you have an interest in serving as a Wedding Assistant or Greeter, please **contact Parish Office at 315.685.7600.**

Funerals are a part of life and at St. James' they are treated with respect, dignity and care. As with weddings, each funeral is unique. Worship participants such as ushers, readers, acolytes, and eucharistic ministers are often needed. Some families choose a reception in the Parish Hall. Receptions require food preparations and onsite set up and clean up. If you are able to assist with any funeral reception, please **contact Connie Tuttle 315.263.0786**





St. James' Staff

The Rev. Pilar Padrón Parnell, Rector

The Rev. Dr. Chuck Stewart, Deacon

Laura Posecznick, Operations & Communications Director

Nicole Bova, Parish Administrator

Michael Larkin, Director of Contemporary Music &
Technology

Dr. Nicholas Kilkenny, Assistant Director of
Contemporary Music & Technology

Justin Oei, Organist-Choirmaster

Nancy Graham, Coordinator of Pastoral Care

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Monday–Thursday 9 a.m.–3 p.m.

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ST. JAMES' VESTRY

2025

Doug Smith Senior Warden
(2023-2026)

John Devins Junior Warden
(2025-2027)

John Buterbaugh
Vestry Member (2025-2026)

Beckie Hidy
Vestry Member (2024-2027)

Judy Holmes
Vestry Member (2023-2026)

Marie Hughes
Vestry Member (2023-2026)

Tara Covert-Lanning
Vestry Member (2024-2026)

Carol Murphy
Vestry Member (2024-2027)

David O'Neill
Vestry Member (2025-2028)

Kris Perkins
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*God has given each of you a gift from his great variety of spiritual gifts.
Use them well to serve one another. 1Peter 4:10*



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