



HAPPY
Easter



St. James' Newsletter Special Easter Edition April 20 & 27

Upcoming Schedule

Sunday, April 20 Easter Sunday

9:00 a.m. Eucharist with Traditional Music

11:00 a.m. Eucharist with Contemporary Music

Monday, April 21 Parish Office Closed

Tuesday, April 22 Parish Office Closed

7:45 a.m. Centering Prayer-Zoom

10:30 a.m. Dive Deeper Bible Study-Zoom

Wednesday, April 23 Parish Office Closed NO Healing Service

Thursday, April 24 Parish Office Open 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Friday, April 25-Rector's Day Off

7:45 a.m. Centering Prayer-Zoom

Sunday, April 27

7:30 a.m. Eucharist Rite I

9:00 a.m. Eucharist with Traditional Music

9:00 a.m. Saints in Training Sunday School

10:00 a.m. Children's Ministry-Music Practice in Chapel

10:45 a.m. Eucharist with Contemporary Music

Sunday, May 4-Children Ministry & CreationCARE Sunday

7:30 a.m. Eucharist Rite I

9:00 a.m. Eucharist with Traditional Music

NO Sunday School/

Kids will be leading 9 a.m. Worship

10:45 a.m. Eucharist with Contemporary Music

Happy Easter & Welcome to St. James' Episcopal Church Skaneateles!

Easter is always a wondrous and hopeful time of year.

St. James' greatly appreciates sharing Easter and everyday with you whether you choose to worship in-person or online. I encourage you to visit our website StJamesSkan.org for upcoming events, access bulletins, ministry offerings, and simply learn how to connect with fellow parishioners serving the needs of the local community. Within this special edition newsletter, you will find all the details of the upcoming months including our new Summer Schedule found on page 3.

If you are visiting today, welcome! You will find everything you need to worship either in the bulletin or on the screens at the front of the church. Feel free to fill out a blue welcome card in the pew pocket or online on the contact page to let us know how St. James' can connect with you.

Thank you for sharing this joyous day!

You are all in our prayers as you journey in faith as a blessed and precious child of God.

Mother Pilar

St. James' Rector





You're Invited to Celebrate 75 Years of the St. James' Thrift Shop!

Come recognize and honor The St. James' Thrift Shop on Sunday, June 8 during the 9 a.m. worship service with a celebratory reception in the Parish Hall at 10 a.m.

The St. James' Thrift Shop is a totally volunteer-based organization that provides clothing and essentials to those in need as well as runs a retail shop where the proceeds go back in to the local and global charitable organizations. This small group of volunteers has made an immense difference in the community for 75 years.

Please come celebrate this major milestone with the Thrift Shop volunteers, charitable organization representatives, and fellow supporters.

*Sunday, June 8, 2025 at 9 a.m. with
Celebratory Reception at 10 a.m.
in the Parish Hall.*



St. James' Diversity Book Club Next Discussion will be May 18 at 12 p.m. in the Lakeside Room.

Zoom is available.

Compelling and sensitive, this book presents a vivid picture of the "Black Wall Street" in the Greenwood neighborhood of Tulsa, Oklahoma, and the day it was destroyed. In *Black Birds in the Sky*, the Black community comes to life, not solely as "victims," but as the people they were before the incident -- smart, resourceful people pursuing the American dream despite the obstacles. Author Brandy Colbert spares none of the horror of Black residents killed by their White neighbors or run out of town, their property destroyed or stolen. By giving voice to witnesses who are still alive in 2021, she underscores that the past is really still with us. By sharing quotes from Black survivors as well as White allies, she emphasizes that this extraordinarily terrible event happened to ordinary people, just minding their own business. The result is thought-provoking in addition to being emotionally resonant.

Be sure to check out the Book Nook in the rear of the church to see what other books are available to borrow.

For more information visit

stjameskan.org/st-james-diversity-book-club/



May begins St James' Month of Community

Service! Donation Day will be May 31 from 10 a.m.-12 p.m. We will be collecting for: Interfaith, Merriman Circle, Samaritan Center, Chapel House and requesting volunteers to bake and deliver goodies and people to write and send cards to shut-ins. Check out the list of requested donations we are focusing on this month. Feel free to bring items in before donation day and place in bin outside the Parish Hall. If you have any questions, please contact Beth Quattrociocchi at 607.727.9827, Chris Davis at 315.751.5412.

Chapel House :

Laundry Detergent liquid or pods
Dish Soap & Sponges

Rescue Mission:

Body Wash, Dish Soap, Spray Cleaner, & Laundry Detergent

Interfaith Works:

Highlighters (any color), Dry erase markers (black preferred)
Colored pencils (12 pack)

Samaritan Center:

Toilet paper, Shampoo, & Deodorant



A Letter from Mother Pilar

Dear St. James',

Happy Easter to all of you! With the end of Lent and the sure signs of Spring, my heart is feeling joyous and grateful. As we transition into the end of our program year, I want to highlight the exciting things we will be celebrating in this Easter Season.

May/June-Honoring the Ministries of St. James'

As a continuation of our focus on year-round stewardship, we will spend the month of May celebrating a few of the different ministries of the church that show the breadth of our outreach, care for the environment, commitment to our children, and the work of our social justice ministries. We are hoping this will encourage you to find ways to engage in all the ways we are called to serve. During the month of May, we will honor these ministries through prayers, blessings, and the welcoming of guest preachers.

May 4-Creation Care and Children's Sunday

We will honor creation care in our prayers and celebrate our children who will show us some of the work they have done in class to end their program year.

May 18-Racial Justice and Reconciliation Sunday

This Sunday we will hold a service of Racial Healing and Reconciliation. The RJRC is offering a post Lenten Bible Study-"The Radical Love of Jesus" focusing on Bible verses used in the book, *The False White Gospel* by Jim Wallis. Thursdays at 6 p.m. in the Lakeside Room. May 1-The Good Samaritan: Not the Sunday School Vision, May 8- Peace Keeper vs. Peace Maker & May 15-Reuniting with the Real Jesus. All welcome to attend even if you missed the first presentation.

June 1-Month of Community Giving

This Sunday we will have a special blessing and prayer for the goods collected on May 31st from 10 a.m.- 12 p.m. in the main church.

Celebrating The St. James' Thrift Shop's 75 years of Service

On Sunday, June 8th, we will gather to celebrate the Thrift Shop's 75th anniversary. At the 9am service this Sunday, we will honor ministries that the Thrift Shop has supported through its donations over its time of ministry, followed by a festive celebration and coffee hour in between the 9am and 10:45 services. Please join us in celebrating this momentous occasion!

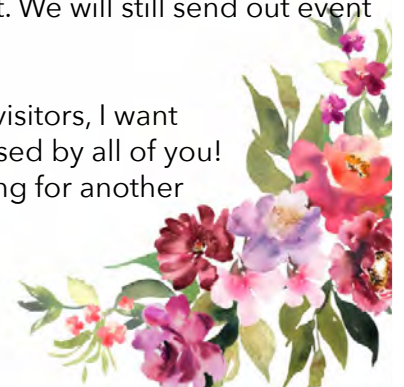
Summer Services and Housekeeping

Beginning June 22, we are moving to TWO services only: 7:30 a.m. & 10 a.m. The 7:30 a.m. service will be in the sanctuary, followed by a 10 a.m. outdoor service on the lawn lakeside. Our 10 a.m. service will alternate between hymnody and praise music on a weekly basis. Simplifying our worship schedule this summer will allow for our staff and musicians to take the vacation time they need and for us to catch up on the administrative tasks that need tending to.

In addition to this, our Summer Spirit will serve as our informational packet for visitors this summer. We will be taking a break from our traditional weekly newsletters until the end of August. We will still send out event and worship reminders.

As we enter the end of our program year and prepare to welcome our summer visitors, I want to thank all of you for a glorious first year of ministry here at St. James'. I am blessed by all of you! This summer we will focus on Sabbath rest, worshipping in the Sun, and preparing for another wonderful year of worship in our community.

*Yours in Christ,
Mother Pilar*





From Laura Posecznick (Interim Children's Ministry Director)

This program year has been such a rewarding experience for me as I have been teaching your children and watching them bloom! At the beginning of the year, many were shy and reserved. Now, there is no stopping them! The Saints in Training are able to recall all the lessons we have done, recite the Lord's Prayer, and fully engaged participating in worship services. With the help of Mother Pilar, the Saints in Training class have been trained in most of the jobs during worship and will be incorporated with adults in the coming months. This is a huge accomplishment! St. James' is realizing the true family of God "walking the talk" of every person no matter age is a cherished member.

There are only 3 more class days for Sunday School. The year has flown by and to celebrate, **the kids will be leading worship on May 4 at 9 a.m.** including reading and music! I highly recommend attending that special service! Also, to showcase all we have done, Helen O'Neill has been capturing each class in pictures and we will be posting them in the hallway. Last class day will be Sunday, May 11-Mother's Day.

St. James' is actively searching for a permanent Children & Family Ministry Director to take the baton and carry this program to new levels. Thank you to all who have supported me and the kids this year! It does take a village including parents, clergy, staff and the whole parish family. A special thank you to Cindi Fowler the amazing leader of the Mini-Saints. Her gifts are boundless and these children are building a wonderful foundation for their faith journey. Also, Helen O'Neill, Kristen Baleno, and Mercedes Quinn for assisting in classes keeping things safe and in control.

More than any other year, I can honestly say there was immense growth and leadership coming through each child. The future is bright as these kids will be leading our world and I bet they will straighten things out as they are grounded in the faith and strength of God.

I will keep you all informed on the progress of the new director search. I wish you all the best spring and do create memories this summer!

Happy Easter Blessings!

Laura Posecznick



Safe and Warm, our lunch making and delivering project to the homeless in motels in Cayuga County is celebrating one year of weekly deliveries on Friday afternoons. It has grown from 50 meals to 150 plus additional sandwiches per week. The lunches now include two fruits and a cheese stick along with PBJ's. We also distribute personal care items, warm winter hats and gloves and feminine sanitary supplies, because these products are not covered by any checks these families receive.

If you would like to help with this ongoing work, there are several ways to do so: 1. Come by the church on Friday afternoons at 1:15 PM to help put lunches together 2. Volunteer to go out and help with the delivery 3. Donate Peanut butter and Jelly or a Wegmans, TOPS or BJ's gift card. Food is our only real expense. 4. Donate personal care items or sanitary supplies such as soap, toothpaste, shampoo, deodorant etc. A basket is located outside of the church office for these items. Questions? Please call Linda Lavery 315- 439-8923

Calling All 2025 Graduates! Each year St. James' wants to celebrate all who are graduating from High School, College, Trade School, or certificate program. Please send Laura Posecznick the name of your 2025 graduate, degree/certificate, and where they are graduating from. You can email this info to laura@stjameskan.org or call the Parish Office at 315.685.7600.



This year, we are going to resurrect a fundraiser of years past-The Jumble Sale! We need volunteers and products to sell! The event will be held in our parish hall, on August 2nd. We are taking items that are in good condition. We will not be taking treadmills, old computers, clothes, and books. If you are interested in being part of the organizational committee or volunteering on the day of, or have questions, please contact Beckie Hidy, beckiehidy@gmail.com.



Want to Know the Scoop on Upcoming Worship & Programming! This will be the first summer that there will not be weekly newsletters. All information will be emailed out, found on StJamesSkan.org, and announced during worship. The website home page has a rotating banner that features all upcoming important items. You may also call the Parish Office during office hours Monday-Thursday 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Thank you for allowing the staff a break to focus on the new program year. Any questions, feel free to reach out to Laura Posecznick at laura@stjameskan.org.



More Volunteers Wanted to Join the Lakeside Crew! Each week beginning June 22-the Lakeside Set Up Crew bring out the equipment and chairs required to make outside worship possible. Many hands makes light work and allow people flexibility. If you would like to join this fun and vital ministry, please contact Laura Posecznick at Laura@stjameskan.org.





St. James' Eco-ministry CreationCARE will be honoring Earth Day on Sunday, April 27 by handing out our sunflower seed packets. Sunflowers are symbols of positivity, vitality, and spiritual growth, representing joy and optimism. Their

ability to face the sun is associated with loyalty, faithfulness, and connection to the divine. CreationCARE members shared some of this love and positivity with our church neighbors First Presbyterian Church.



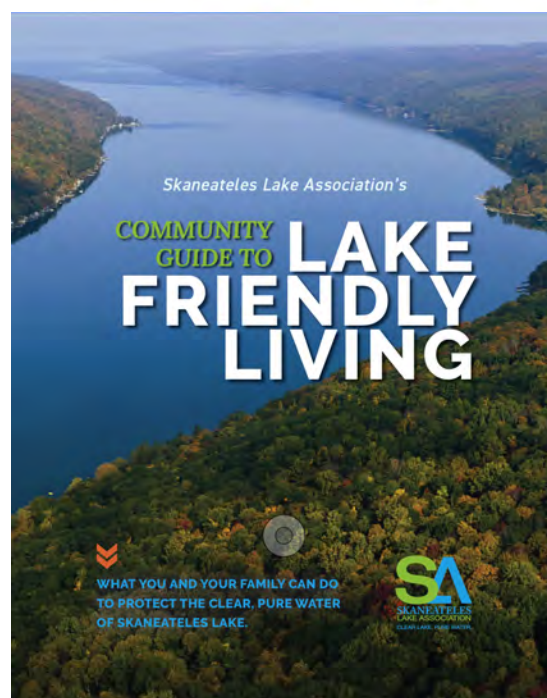
CreationCARE Fast Facts

This small bag reminds us to RECYCLE. Information on Recycling is online at Onondaga Soil & Conservation Dept. at ocswcd.org The above bag is about 4 1/2" and it Re-Used 3 RECYCLED bottles! Bags the size of 16" x 16" Re-Use about 16 - 20 bottles! Information on how to Recycle in Onondaga County with rules & practices can be found online at Onondaga Soil & Conservation Dept. at ocswcd.org.

Be sure to follow the Skaneateles Lake Association to find out how you can help keep our lake clean. The SLA is always sharing the latest facts, programs and challenges facing Skaneateles Lake and the community. St. James' is proud to share space with Frank Moses of SLA. The Community Guide to Lake Friendly Living has all kinds of tips on how you can help protect the lake in your daily life. Also visit skaneateleslake.org for more information.



On Sunday, May 4, CreationCARE ministry will provide tree saplings from Bartlett Tree Experts after the 9 a.m. & 10:45 a.m. Worship Services. These tree saplings will be available for all who would like to plant trees on their home properties. Rich Croft of Bartlett Tree Experts will be on hand to answer questions about planting as well as ecological reasons for planting trees during our climate concerns. CreationCARE is St. James' environmental ministry. The mission is to focus on our responsibility to care for all natural resources, be responsible stewards of God's creation, and share the importance of caring for creation with others. If you would like to learn more about environmental issues and resources, please visit stjameskan.org/creationcare/.





The Dive Deeper Bible Study meets weekly on Tuesdays at 10:30am to discuss the readings for the upcoming Sunday. It's a great way to get deeper into the lessons you hear on Sundays. Contact Deacon Chuck Stewart at cnstewartsyr@gmail.com for

the Zoom link. Readings are provided by email in advance.

May 18 at 4 p.m. in the Sanctuary of Pebble Hill Presbyterian Church-A Choral Collaboration featuring St. James' Episcopal Church Choir & Pebble Hill Church Choir and Special Solo Performances.

Free Admission. Donations are welcome and will be equally divided between church music departments. Bring a friend! Pebble Hill Presbyterian Church is located at 5299 Jamesville Rd, Syracuse, NY 13214



Yes, A Tree Did Fall on the Rectory! About a month ago while taking down a very old and very dead tree (ironically to prevent falling on the rectory) accidentally took a bad break and fell on the rear of the rectory. No one was hurt however extensive damage was caused to the Parnell home as well as crushing Father Scott's new car. Unfortunately, the process of insurance coordination and repairs will be quite long and extensive. Mother Pilar and family will be staying in a Skaneateles rental property until the end of August when we pray they can move back into a repaired home. As you can imagine, this has been stressful and added a lot of added work to the staff and Mother Pilar. Thank you for your prayers and support as we navigate this large project.

Thank You Father Scott Parnell for the informative Lenten Program on Leviticus!

In case anyone missed it, please visit St. James' Youtube channel- <https://www.youtube.com/@st.jamesepiscopalchurch979> for recorded



Did You Know? By Emma Cowley

Did You Know? As a person who loves ranch dressing and puts it on everything, I had no idea who created it. Steve Henson invented ranch dressing in the 1950s while working as a plumbing contractor in remote Alaska. As the camp's cook, he needed a way to make meals more enjoyable for his crew, so he created a creamy dressing using buttermilk, herbs, and spices. The dressing was a hit, and after moving to California, he and his wife opened Hidden Valley Ranch, where they served it to guests. Its popularity led to mass production, making ranch dressing one of the most beloved condiments in the U.S. today.



Matthew 28:5-7 - But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. He is not here, for he has risen, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay."

Those who are sick and in need of prayer: Dan Johnson, Harry Peltz, Bonnie Stavenhagen (mother of Christina), Sarah & Justin (son & daughter-in-law to Susan Gibides), Katy (niece of Kathy Ploufe), Jim & Nora Brown, Joy Pajak (Eva's mother in law and Dan's step mother), Lois Laxton, Sandy Fillingham, Patrice Spalding (sister in law to Molly and Bill), Lauren Javis (daughter to a dear friend), Michele Miller (friend of Dan Johnson), David Austin (brother of Rick), Carolyn (sister of Barb Ozminkowski), Mary McKenna (friend of Mary McGrath), Kim Dubois (friend of Jean Beeles), Sharon Gannon.

Those listed on our long term prayer list: Donna Richards, Chris Richards, Michael Brown, Tracy Feocco, Linda Hawley, Pat Brown, Jason Weston (son of Susan Gibes), Kathy Ploufe, Pam Stewart, Ann Wolfe, Suellen Sager, Danae Hidy (daughter of Beckie & Brian Hidy), Emily Thomas, Chuck Davis (brother of Brian Davis), Iris Ramos (mother of Alberto Fry), John Spear, Jim & Patrick Malvaso (Marie Hughes' brothers), Nicole Hyde, Margrif family (niece of Susan Spencer), Matt & Lori Andrews (friends of Joan Johnson), Martha, Cynthia, Lou, and Theresa Rose (Joan Johnson's in-laws), Joan Johnson, Ken Roffo (Katelyn Roffo's father), Andy & Dorothy Pierce, Sue Palen, Henry (friend of Carolyn Legg), Ginny Pfau, twin children Morgan and Robert (children of Gubla & Sofie Jantzen), Helen (sister of Brian Davis), Laila (great niece of Brian Davis), Bud Evans (brother of Don Evans), Peter & Sharon Andrus (friends of Terry Askey Cole), Erik Withey, Joyce Thomas, Ed Cole, Steve Giocondo (father of Sara Jones), Vera Foehl, Rick Burton, Sean Arliss (grandson of Sharon & David Arliss), Susan Scholl, Suzy Jones, Sherry Yellot, Terry Askey Cole & Larry Cole, Sue Newlin (mother of Molly Spalding), Kaiden (grandson of Jean Beeles), Ben, David & Gretchen (grandchild of Joan Johnson, her son & wife), Kelly Ryan, Jacob Matlby (son of Kelly Ryan & Mike Spaces), Robbie Clark (brother of Kristina Abbott), Adam Newlin (brother of Molly Spalding), Tara Covert Lanning, Darwin Parker, Jude Ker, Linda Lavery, Judy Santillo & Ann Malvaso (sister's of Marie Hughes), Helen Burlingame (sister of Brian Davis), Marilyn Garofalo (mother of Chris Davis), Dot Pitman, Alexander Sturdivant (friend of Nancy & Rick Austin), Marie Bundy, Griffin Palen, Don Evans, Linda & Nick Rossi, Tacy Chantler (sister-in-law of Carrie Chantler), Euclide Mugisho & family, Roxanne Soprano, Cathy Valentine, Linda Morse, Danae Hidy, Alberto Fry, Belva Morton (mother of Kathy Ingianni), David Bates, Helen Dayal, Scholl family, Patrick & Jonathan Arliss, Jim Corl, Kirsten Juhl (daughter of Jim & Nancy Corl), Gwen Birchenough, Pat Gannon, Jennifer Carson (niece of Linda Lavery), Tricia McMurdy (friend of Nancy Austin), Ingrid McCurdy, Ella (friend of Ingrid), Noelle (daughter of Ingrid).

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2025 ST. JAMES' VESTRY

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 John Devins (2025-2027)

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 Beckie Hidy (2024-2027)
 Judy Holmes (2023-2026)
 Marie Hughes (2023-2026)
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