



WEEKLY

Week of May 4, 2025

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

Dear St. James'

As we continue our commitment to year-round stewardship, this week will mark the first of several Sundays we will spend honoring the ministries of St. James'. This Sunday we will begin by celebrating



our children and creation care ministries. At our 9am service this week, our children will lead our worship and share songs with us. In lieu of our regular prayers of the people, our prayers will honor Creation Care. At our 10:45 worship our focus will only be on Creation

Care. Tree saplings will be available after both services. In the weeks to come we will honor pastoral care, the RJRC with services of Racial Reconciliation, outreach, music, and the Thrift Shop. This is a fabulous way for us to recognize all the ways we are the hands and feet of Jesus in this world. It also provides us space to support one another in the vast and different ways we each feel called to live out our baptismal covenants. I am hopeful that as we honor these ministries you may feel called to join one of them or explore how you may live your faith more deeply!

Yours in Christ,

Mother Pilar



CreationCARE Ministry -St. James' Eco-Ministry
Contact Joan Johnson at forevergardner@yahoo.com

Online Sign Up to
Donate or Volunteer
Month of
Community Service
(See Flier)

Pick Up
Free Tree Saplings
after 9am &
10:45am Worship
from Bartlett Tree
Services

Weekly Schedule

Sunday May 4

Preacher: Rev. Pilar Padrón Parnell

7:30 a.m. Rite I

9:00 a.m. Rite II w/Organ & Choir *

10:45 a.m. Contemporary Praise Band*

Monday

9:30 a.m. Yoga

Tuesday

7:45 a.m. Centering Prayer Zoom

9:15 a.m. Staff Meeting

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

Wednesday

12 p.m. Healing Eucharist *

6 p.m. Midweek Music/Online Only

Thursday

9:30 a.m. Yoga

6 p.m. Adult Bible Study-Lakeside Rm

Friday-Office Closed

7:45 a.m. Centering Prayer Zoom

1:15 p.m. Sandwich Making for Homeless

Saturday

10 a.m. Funeral for Jeff Havenmeyer*

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*Worship Live-Streamed
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Easter Season Bible Study: The Radical Love of Jesus

Christ is Risen! Celebrate the new church season by joining the St. James' Easter Season Bible study: **"The Radical Love of Jesus," at 6 p.m. May 1, 8 and 15 in the Lakeside Room.** The study is presented by the Racial Justice and Reconciliation Commission (RJRC). Light snacks will be served.

The sessions are as follows:

May 1: The Good Samaritan: Not the Sunday School version

May 8: Peacemakers vs Peacekeepers

May 15: Reuniting with the Real Jesus

The sessions are based on the thoughts and writings of theologian Howard Thurman's (1899-1981) "Jesus and the Disinherited," sermons by the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. (1929-1968), theologian John Dear's "The Gospel of Peace," and theologian Jim Wallis' "The False White Gospel."

A Letter from Cindi Fowler-Leader of the Mini-Saints

The Minis enjoy singing our opening worshipful songs and they listen and watch intently to the Bible story of the day as it is told in the center of our circle on the rug. This year after Christmas we introduced new stories focused on Jesus' ministry which took place near the sea of Galilee. We heard how he called his "friends" to follow him, how he healed many people and calmed the stormy waters. The children seem to relate easily to the stories. The "wondering" questions, for me, are the richest part of the storytelling. The leader always asks open questions to conclude the story designed to help children focus on Jesus' humanity and to connect with how the people in the story are feeling. Two weeks ago we laid cloaks and palms on the "road" to Jerusalem. When we "wondered" how Jesus felt when all the people were shouting "Hosanna" to him, a couple children said "happy" or "excited, and one perceptive five year old replied, "nervous." This past week featured Jesus' Last Passover, which tells briefly about the crucifixion and that "God did an amazing thing. God made Jesus alive again." During our wondering questions one child immediately questioned..."Is this in real life?" and "Does God make people alive again now?" Big, deep questions for little ones and for us. It is such a privilege to experience God together with this precious group! This summer we will be seeking more helpers and offer a training to allow more parents and adults to assist in this amazing class! Watch for these training communications!

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,

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



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.*



The Tulsa Massacre on tap for next installment of St. James' **Diversity Book Club**. **The critically acclaimed Black Birds in the Sky: The Story and Legacy of the 1921 Tulsa Race Massacre by Brandy Colbert**, is the next installment

of the Spring 2025 Diversity Book Club at St. James'.

The discussion will be held at at **noon on May 18, 2025** in the Toppie Bates Lakeside room. All are welcome to attend even if you have not read the book. For almost a century, the Tulsa Massacre was denied and covered up by the white people who murdered more than 300 black residents and burned their homes and businesses. City officials buried the story and few survivors talked about it out of fear for their lives. Please join us for this important discussion of a piece of our history.



What a Glorious Easter! Thank you to everyone who made it so special: Altar Guild, Parents, Volunteers, Kids, Staff & Clergy! The Easter Egg Hunt was a huge success-over 90 Kids attended! Way to Go St. James'!

Coming this May & June !

- May 11-Mother's Day & Recognizing Pastoral Care/ Last Sunday School Classes
- May 18-Racial Justice & Reconciliation Sunday
- May 31-Month of Community Service Donation Day 10 am-12pm
- June 1-Recognizing a Successful Community Service Month & Donations
- June 8- Celebrate & Recognize St. James' Thrift Shop 75 Year Anniversary/Last Choir Sunday
- June 15-Father's Day/2025 Graduates Recognition
- June 22-First Sunday on Summer Schedule 7:30am Rite I in Nave & 10am Lakeside

Did You Know? By Emma Cowley

Black musicians played a fundamental role in the origins of country music, shaping its sound, instrumentation, and rhythms. Their influence can be traced back to the 19th and early 20th centuries through the blending of African and European musical traditions in the American South.

1. **The Banjo** - Originally an African instrument brought to America through the transatlantic slave trade, the banjo became a central instrument in early country music. Enslaved Africans crafted and played early versions of the banjo, influencing white musicians who later incorporated it into folk and country styles.
2. **Blues and Field Hollers** - The melodic and lyrical structures of country music were deeply influenced by Black musical traditions, particularly the blues, work songs, and field hollers. The storytelling and emotional depth found in country music owe much to these Black traditions.
3. **Fiddle and String Bands** - Black and white musicians often played together in the South, exchanging techniques and styles. Early string bands, which shaped country music's sound, often featured Black musicians who brought syncopation and improvisation to their performances.
4. **Influential Black Artists** - Musicians like DeFord Bailey, a harmonica player and the first Black star of the Grand Ole Opry, helped establish country music as a commercial genre. Other lesser-known Black musicians, including Arnold Shultz (who influenced Bill Monroe and bluegrass music), played crucial roles but were often overlooked in mainstream history.
5. **Gospel and Spirituals** - Many elements of gospel music, rooted in Black church traditions, found their way into country music's vocal delivery and themes of hardship, faith, and perseverance. Despite their contributions, Black artists were often excluded from mainstream recognition in country music's early history. However, their impact remains undeniable, shaping the genre's sound and continuing to inspire artists today.



St. James' Prayers for Week of May 4, 2025

In our parishes, we pray for the people of Christ Episcopal Church in Manlius and their priest, the Rev. Timothy Hannon, and the people of St. John's Episcopal Chapel in Marathon and their priest, the Rev. Thomas Margrave. **In the Episcopal Church, we pray for the people** of the Diocese of Vermont and their bishop, the Rt. Rev. Dr. Shannon MacVean-Brown. **In the Anglican Communion, we pray for the people** of the Church of Ireland and their prime bishops, the Most Rev. John McDowell and the Most Rev. Michael Jackson.

For those expecting a child: Emily & David Hart (daughter of Laura & Terry Posecznick),

Congratulations on the Birth of: Charles John Adams (Charlie) was born Monday 4/21 (grandson of Becky & Bart Goodell)

Those who are sick and in need of prayer: David Allyn, George (husband of Barbara Kay), Jennifer Evans, 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).

All who have died:

If you would like to be added...

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

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

Questions: Contact the Parish Office at 315.685.7600.

Office Hours: Monday-Thursday: 9am-3pm

Readings Sunday May 11, 2025

Acts 9:36-43

Revelation 7:9-17

John 10:22-30

Psalms 23