

Welcome to St. James' Church Skaneateles!

St. James' is a vibrant, open, joyful, fun-loving community of faith. We are intentional about growing in relationship with God and one another, about caring for the earth God created, and about serving the needs of the world God loves. Whether you are passing through the area, in town for a while or looking for a spiritual home, we are delighted to welcome you. Your presence at worship makes everything better! This Summer we are offering two worship services: Rite I spoken service at 7:30 a.m. and 10 a.m. Rite II service Lakeside (weather permitting). This newsletter contains the scheduling, programs and news for the whole summer at St. James'. For more complete and detailed information, we encourage you to visit our website StJamesSkan.org or any questions can be directed to our Parish Office at 315-685-7600.

A Little Bit About Lakeside Worship

St. James' is blessed to be located on the shore of the spectacular Skaneateles Lake. This allows us to offer a unique way to worship that is outside staring into the calm and spiritual waters of our amazing lake! Lakeside Worship runs June 22 to September 14 and is each Sunday at 10 a.m. unless the weather is inclement then services will be inside. Music will alternate between traditional hymns and contemporary praise band selections.

We encourage you to bring your own chair or blanket. We do have about 40 chairs that we like to offer elderly, physically challenged or those walking by who decide to join us. There is a welcome cart at the top of the hill on the sidewalk complete with bulletins and activities for children. Also, if you are new to St. James' and want to connect with Mother Pilar, please fill out a blue welcome card found on the cart as well. If you have never experienced worship outdoors, please take a Sunday (or two) to visit St. James' Lakeside this summer!

Summer Schedule

Sunday

7:30 a.m. & 10 a.m. Worship

Tuesday

7:45 a.m. Centering Prayer Zoom 9:15 a.m. Staff Meeting 10:30 a.m. Dive Deeper

Wednesday

12 p.m. Midweek Worship

Friday - Parish Office Closed 7:45 a.m. Centering Prayer Zoom 1:15 p.m. Sandwich making for homeless

Parish Office Hours

Monday-Thursday 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

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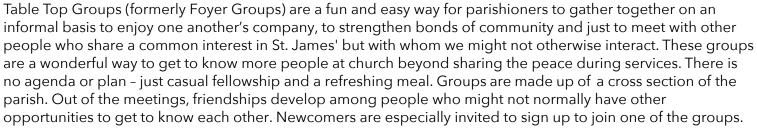


Prayer Teams are available at the Lakeside Service during Communion. Also, everyone can all offer a listening presence to each other and reach out with love. If you are in need of a loving ear, contact the Parish Office 315.685.7600 or Nancy Graham at 315.317.0138.

NEW Table Top Groups will Begin in Late Fall

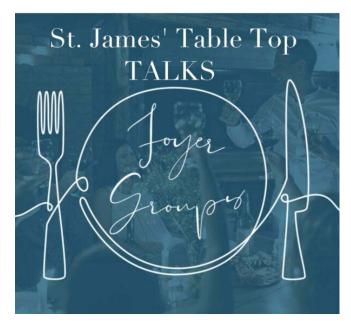
Consider becoming a part of a group and join in fellowship fun. Visit stjamesskan.org/table-top-talks.

What Exactly are Table Talk Groups?





Those listed on our long term prayer list: Patrice Spalding (sister in law to Molly snd Bill), Lauren Jevis (daughter to a dear friend), Michele Miller (friend of Dan Johnson), David Austin (brother of Rick), Carolyn (sister of Barb Ozminkowski), Kim Dubois (friend of Jean Beeles), Mary Beth Grau, 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), 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 inlaws), 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), Joyce Thomas, 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, 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).





A Letter from Mother Pilar, Changes this Fall!

Dear St. James',

It is hard to believe that I have been with all of you for almost a year, but it has been the greatest joy to have spent this time growing with all of you! As I got settled here at St. James', the vestry and search committee made me aware that at some point we may need to think about the pace of Sunday mornings and how it is feeding our church body spiritually. As we know, being part of Christian community isn't just about our individual needs, but is about our collective formation and fellowship.

Some areas that needed to be addressed were

- Including children in worship
- Adult formation
- **Fellowship**

For the past 10 months, I have discerned with the staff and the vestry how to best approach changes to accommodate these needs. After many discussions with our staff, musicians and vestry, and of course with lots of

prayer, we will be moving our service times beginning this Fall as we begin the next program year. Beginning in September, we will be implementing the following schedule:

7 a.m. Rite I, Holy Eucharist 8:30 a.m. **Rite II, Holy Eucharist**

> (Mini-Saints Sunday School Class will take place during this time)

Fellowship Coffee Hour 9:45 a.m.

10 a.m. **Available: Adult Formation Session-Optional**

> **Saints in Training Sunday School Fellowship in Parish Hall**

Holy Eucharist, Rite II, Contemporary 10:45 a.m.



This new schedule will allow for fellowship and relationship building between the different services and for the spiritual formation of everyone. It will take some adjustment, but I am confident that this will ultimately be lifegiving for our parish. As we begin to build curriculum for the Fall, our adult formation will likely be grouped into 4-6 week sessions focusing on different components or spiritual development. If there has ever been anything you want to learn about, now is the time to send me an email with those things you are curious about!

In addition, this change in service times will allow our older children to participate in our worship services at both the 8:30 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. as acolytes, readers, ushers and more. This will be a gift to all of us and I expect everyone to encourage our children and parents in this new emphasis. It is our belief in the Episcopal Church that our baptism is full initiation into the life of our parish. This means our children are full members qualified to participate and are very much needed for our expression of faith in worship.

I fully believe that this next year will be filled with joy and growth. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out! Thank you!

Yours in Christ.

Mother Pilar

From Justin Oei, former Organist/Choirmaster

Two years ago I was called to be the Organist and Choirmaster at St. James' Church in Skaneateles, New York. Freshly minted with my undergraduate degree from William & Mary and ready to begin my new journey as a graduate student at Syracuse University, I was excited to take on my first permanent church job - or so I thought. As I prepare my next phase, I remember the old adage that God's favorite joke is when one of us humans says that we have a plan. Earlier this year I was ready to settle down, complete a second master's in music education, and teach in New York for a while, happily growing the program at St. James', when two colleagues of mine asked me if I would consider discerning with a parish in Virginia. Trusting that the Holy Spirit would guide me, and that if this opportunity was truly of God, that God would make it work out, I took a leap of faith and applied to this new parish - and in less than two weeks, I begin a new ministry with The Falls Church in Northern Virginia, a place that, like Central New York, is equally one of my adopted homes. God has made so much clear to me in these past two months. In this season of my life, it is clear that I am called to a bivocational life: part-time service in the church coupled with secular employment (in my case, teaching elementary/middle school music). God also made it clear that perhaps my call to St. James' was not the long-term position I had planned, but rather an intentional interim ministry. Now, I don't say this because I'm leaving under duress. Rather, I say this because it has become clear that what I was called to do was to help the choir regain some of their confidence as singers, inspiring them to push themselves and to do things differently than the way "things always were done." I can now see the reason God put me in this parish was not for me to build my ideal choral program (as much as I tried to do that for a while) - but rather to see and love and honor these folks as best as I could, to rebuild a music ministry that was authentically St. James', and to prepare them for the future after some past trauma that had not been fully addressed. And so, despite not being here nearly as long as I thought I would and not checking off my "bucket list" items with the St. James' choir, I leave with the sense of peace that can only be described as, and brought on by, a personal and professional sense of fulfillment. I may not have accomplished all I wanted to accomplish, but I did accomplish everything God needed me to do in this phase of my ministry. I also leave with a marked sense of excitement for the possibilities at The Falls Church: discerning how we can better involve children in musicmaking, areas of strength and growth for the music ministry, and ways in which our congregation can leverage music and the arts to bring people into a closer relationship with God.

Dear St. James',

Thank you, from the bottom of my heart, for your send-off on June 22nd. I will always carry a bit of St. James' with me. It has been such a blessing to be part of this community for the past two years - there is something truly special about this place and the infectious joy that abounds here! I hope you can know how much you have all touched me. I think back to what +Skip said when welcoming me during the announcements on my first Sunday here: "I hope that just as your ministry feeds us, that our ministry might feed you." This has proven true time and time again not just in the literal breaking of bread (though there's been plenty of that!) but in all that we have seen together as fellow Christians on the way. I arrived as one of three "interims" in August 2023 (the irony was that I was the only one in that wave that didn't have "interim" attached to his title when hired). And I know that between Mo, Joe+, and myself the three of us definitely shook things up a good deal. Some of those things we tried worked out well, others, maybe not so much. Thank you for your trust and willingness to try new things (especially the choir - I know how much I pushed you!). I am carrying so many wonderful memories with me as I leave you, and please don't hesitate to stop by and say hello should you find yourselves in the DC area. With all my love, and wishing you every blessing today and always.

Justin









St. James' Summer 2025 Spirit Newsletter

Staffing Update for the Fall

Dear St. James',

With the departure of Mo Allyn and Justin Oei this year, we are preparing for staffing additions this Fall. For several weeks now we have been advertising for a new Director of Youth and Family Ministries, as well as an Organist/Music Director. We have not received any applications yet, but I am hopeful that by August a path forward will be clear. We are exploring all options for our youth and family ministry-lay, ordained, and curate. Our organist position is more straight forward, but I know that God is preparing the right people for both these positions. The vestry and I will keep you posted as we begin interviews and hire for these positions.

In addition to these staffing additions, we will be welcoming a seminarian. John Gillmeister will be with us August-May as part of his academic preparation for ordination. John will be preaching regularly and shadowing me and others in areas where he feels he needs to grow. His bio follows. Please let me know if you have any questions and share our applications with anyone you may know who is qualified!

Yours in Christ, *Mother Lilar*





A Little More About John

John Gillmeister is a third-year seminarian attending Colgate Rochester Crozer Divinity school nearby in Rochester. John's spiritual journey begins as a child being brought up by his mother and father with the help of his maternal grandmother, who instilled in him a deep love of the Lord and a passion for loving people. After graduating from Oneida High School, John initially attended Alfred University, where he played football and was a part of their BAFA fine arts program. Halfway through his junior year, John felt "the road" calling to him and toured in a band extensively throughout the United States. John and his friends jumped in a 15-passenger van and played punk rock music from Massachusetts to California and back. When the band he played in broke up, John

returned to school and graduated from SUNY New Paltz with a BA in Art History. Feeling unsure whether he should pursue a career as a teacher or go in a different direction, John's aunt Alice encouraged him to get a job working with people with intellectual and developmental disabilities, a field that was constantly under-served and required patience and compassion. John decided to follow his aunt's advice while he planned his next move. This decision catapulted John into his career in human services. Over the past 12 years John has worked as a Direct support professional, Employment specialist, a Residential Program manager, and now as a Care manager, helping individuals and families navigate their services and supports by identifying providers and healthcare services that enrich lives and promote independence through the Office for People With Developmental Disabilities (OPWDD). In 2018, John discerned a call from the Holy Spirit to pursue discernment for the priesthood. John felt illequipped, unqualified and resisted this call as long as he could. Only relenting when he says "God ran me down and I was just too tired to run anymore." John has progressed through the discernment process and is a Postulant for Holy Orders, seeking Ordination to the priesthood. John currently holds a 3.98 GPA at Colgate Rochester Crozer Divinity School and has received his Level 1A Clinical Pastoral Education Certificate. John's passion for ministry focuses on the immeasurable grace, mercy, forgiveness and love God offers to all people through his Son Jesus Christ. No one is excluded from that unfathomable love and there's a calling for all God's children to embrace that love and responsibility to share it with everyone we meet, both inside the church walls and out in the community so the Holy Spirit can work through us in our everyday lives.

How Do I Keep My Child Entertained in the Summer? Advice from The Thoughtful Parent

Old-Fashioned Classics

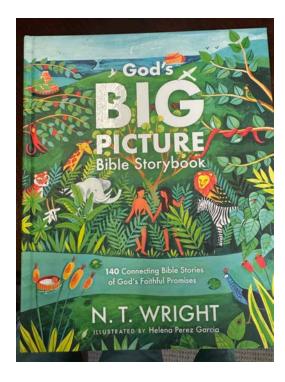
Lemonade Stand – This can turn into a great lesson in entrepreneurship (earn extra money for treats). But you can also use it as a great example of charity as well by supporting Alex's Lemonade Stand to end childhood cancer.

Shaving Cream Extravaganza – When my older son was a toddler, this was one of his favorite activities. Anything that can keep a toddler occupied for more than 10 minutes is a miracle in my book. We often spread the shaving cream on a slide in the backyard. Fun!

Mud Pie Kitchen – OK, I admit I haven't done this yet. But it's on the top of my list. My little guy loves mud and earthworms so I think this is a must this summer. This is one of the best classic summer outdoor activities for toddlers.

Board Games/Card Games – All the classic ones are still great. We love Monopoly, chess, and checkers. Some popular newer ones include Wits and Wagers, Bounce Off or Cat Crimes.

Camping (backyard or elsewhere) – Even if you are not into camping in the forest, you can set up a tent (real or made of sheets) in the backyard. Camping is one of those classic outdoor summer activities that kids still love. Bring in some books, snacks, card games and make an afternoon of it.



Wonderful Children's Bible with Colorful & Amazing Illustrations. The author is a friend of Mother Pilar. She highly recommends this book for school age children. It is available on Amazon.



Everyday Outreach: An Easy Way to Make a Big Difference, Right Here in Skaneateles

Despite Skaneateles' reputation of being affluent, our community is home to individuals and families who need help putting food on the table. The Skaneateles Ecumenical Food Pantry was established by St. James' and other area churches in 2001, as part of our ongoing outreach ministries.

Pantry hours were recently expanded (by an hour each week) to meet increased demand. New hours: Tuesdays 9 to 11 a.m., Thursdays 6 to 7:30 p.m.

Every month, the pantry needs cereal, 100% fruit juice, vegetable oil (no larger than 32 oz.), canned fruit (any kind), and diapers (any size, including adult).

Supporting the pantry is easy and (relatively) inexpensive. Pick up an extra item or two when you shop and bring it to church. Leave them in the basket outside the sacristy.

You can also purchase items through the pantry's Amazon wish list: https://tinyurl.com/skanwishlist

Prefer to make a monetary donation? Send to Skaneateles Ecumenical Food Pantry, PO Box 901, Skaneateles, NY 13152 or via paypal: https://www.paypal.com/donate/?hosted_button_id=SBSWRVBEZKX7L

Want to do more? Volunteers, especially those with basic conversational Spanish skills, are always needed. Contact Corinne (corinnebuterbaugh@gmail.com) or John (buterbaugh2010@gmail.com) Buterbaugh to learn more.

New Extended Skaneateles Food Pantry Hours Tuesdays - 9 to 11 a.m. Thursdays - 6 to 7:30 p.m.



A Message from Deacon Chuck Stewart-Needs of El Salvador Parish

San Marcos is a small parish in Izalco, a poor part of El Salvador where there are many challenges. Some of us have been there several times. They just contacted me for financial help in building a fence to protect their church from local criminals. They ask for help in buying 197 feet of fencing and 33 posts. They will provide the labor. If you can make a small donation to this project the folks there would be very appreciative.

Make your check payable to St. James' and mark it "San Marcos." Your generosity will help provide safety for these faithful people.

Congratulations to the St. James' Thrift Shop on 75 Years!



St. James' Episcopal Church

JUMBLE SALE

SALE DAY -SATURDAY, AUGUST 2, 2025 9 A.M. - 4 P.M.*

LOCATION: PARISH HALL ST. JAMES' CHURCH
96 E. GENESEE STREET
SKANEATELES, NEW YORK 13152
*Do not arrive early. No Saving Items. All Sales Final.

Contact

Beckie Hidy: 315-430-5743 or Tara L. Covert 585-943-5498

DONATION DROP OFF ONLY SUNDAY, JULY 27-FRIDAY, AUGUST 1

No early drop offs accepted.

REQUESTED SALE ITEMS Furniture, Toys, Tools, & Housewares

*ALL ITEMS MUST BE IN GOOD CONDITION
NO CLOTHES, BOOKS, ELECTRONICS, EXERCISE EQUIPMENT

PROCEEDS FROM SALE GO TO ST. JAMES' MINISTRIES

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THREE SISTERS GARDEN CLUB MERRIMAN CIRCLE

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Join us for gardening, stories and crafts at the St. James'-Merriman Circle Three Sisters Garden Club. The dates are listed below.

The garden club is open to children living in Merriman Circle housing.

PROGRAM DATES





ALL EVENTS SCHEDULED AT 3:30 PM

June 26: Stories, gardening and crafts

July 10: Stories, gardening and crafts

July 17: Stories, gardening and crafts

August 7: Stories, gardening and crafts

August 14: Stories, gardening and crafts

August 21: Celebrate the harvest with special guest Perry Ground, a Turtle Clan member of the Onondaga Nation of the Haudenosaunee Confederacy who will present "Stories from the People of the Longhouse"



Get Involved Ministry Guides Available at Welcome Tables! Looking to Get Connected & Serve?

Try

- Ushering
- Reading
- Serving Chalice
- Acolyting
- •Lakeside Crew
- Mowing/Lawn Care

Join

- Altar Guild
- CreationCARE
- Racial Justice & Reconciliation Commission
- Jail Ministry
- Choir
- Praise Band
- Thrift Shop

AND SO MUCH MORE! There is something for everyone! Contact Laura Posecznick to learn more-laura@stjamesskan.org.

Looking for a fun, low impact Summer activity for you or your child? Something that can help to launch and maintain a life-long passion and pastime? Then St. James' staff musicians Dr. Nicholas Kilkenny and Michael Larkin want to share their love of music and technology with you. Nick and Michael are offering music lessons for voice, guitar, bass, ukulele, drums, trumpet,



trombone, and piano. If enough students are available, they hope to form classes for guitar, recording, songwriting, public speaking, and voice acting. To learn more, email us at Studio@LakefrontMusic.com.





Join the Altar Guild! This crucial ministry is in desperate need of new volunteers. St. James' is a busy church with many services and programs. The Altar Guild prepares and "sets the table" for every worship. The more volunteers allow for a flexible schedule and light load. No experience is required. You only need to be willing. The Altar Guild is for women and men! This ministry is perfect for families. If you are interested in learning more, please contact Bill or Corinne Buterbaugh (corinnebuterbaugh@gmail.com) or Mother Pilar.

Safe Church Training is required for all ministry volunteers. There is an online option as well as inperson class. This training is vital to keeping our St. James' family safe. This training certification will need to be renewed in 5 years. Please check with Laura Posecznick (laura@stjamesskan.org) or Mother Pilar to sign up for your training.

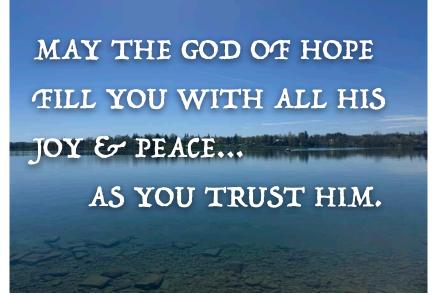


Loving God and Loving Others Serving God through Serving Others

JUMBLE SALE

AUGUST 2, 9 A.M.- 4 P.M.

The Jumble Sale is making its return this year! The sale will be held in the Parish Hall. Requested sale items include furniture, toys, tools and housewares. All items must be in good condition. Please, no clothes, books, exercise equipment or electronics. Donations may be dropped off only Sunday, July 27 through Friday, August 1 (times to be announced). If you have large items to donate, please do not bring to the church as construction on the rectory will restrict our ability to receive them. Please do not arrive early on sale day. We are unable to save items and all sales are final. There will also be a pie sale. Pie pans are available... please see Carol Murphy or Marie Hughes. We sincerely appreciate your donations as all proceeds will benefit St. James' ministries. For more information, contact Beckie Hidy at 315-430-5743 or Tara Covert at 585-943-5498.





CreationCARE Fast Facts Exploring GREEN Banks and Credit Cards

Based on the International Energy Agency's Net Zero by 2050 Roadmap Report, the science is clear - **any**

amount of lending to new fossil fuel projects (with the exception of phasedown) is not compatible with the goals of the Paris Agreement. Starting in 2024, there has been particular attention to new lending and will be highlighting instances where this is in violation of a bank's own policies. Check your bank's Score and/or look for a new Green Bank to replace yours.



Attention: The Rectory (home next to church) ______ is under construction.



Repairs to the inside and outside of the Rectory will be ongoing for the upcoming months.
Please stay out of the

driveway and back lawn. This is a construction zone and needs to be kept free of people and cars for everyone's safety. Thank you for your cooperation!

CALLING ALL BAKERS!



Want to help make the Jumble Sale on August 2 a roaring success? Why not bake a pie? We are looking to have a great bake sale as part of the event, and there are 40 pie pans ready for willing hands to fill. (Mother Pilar & the Vestry have taken the first 10!) So ask, and you will receive one nine-inch pie pan with your favorite pie for others to enjoy. The goal is to have 50 pies to sell on Jumble Sale day with the proceeds going to the operating budget. Thank you for considering sharing your deliciousness with all of us at St. James'. Pie tins are available from Marie Hughes (mphughes3139@gmail.com) or in the Parish Office.

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Judy Holmes (2023-2026)

Marie Hughes (2023-2026)

Tara Covert-Lanning (2024-2026)

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